

Goodrich Gospel

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In remembrance:

George W. Farrell

11/17/1925 – 12/20/2005

Founder of the Goodrich Family Association in the 1980's. He reactivated the Goodrich Family Association in June, 2005.

We send our heartfelt condolences to George's wife, Genevieve M. Farrell, and his children Arthur, Thomas and Mark Farrell and his grandchildren. George's untimely passing has touched us all. He will be sorely missed.

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In answer to your question:

Yes, the Goodrich Family
Association will continue.

George Farrell had an intense dedication to the research of Goodrich Family History and a diligent desire that the correct history be compiled. We all know how hard George worked to get it right.

George was famous for his newsletters. The Goodrich Gospel has been widely read and is well remembered. So it is with a bit of trepidation that I edit this issue of the newsletter in memory of our friend and Association founder. There was only one "Cousin George."

-Delores Goodrick Beggs

Genealogist/Historian, Goodrich Family Association
Administrator, Goodrich Surname DNA Project

Remembering

There are people we meet in our lives who make such an impression on us that, even though we might not be in touch often, we will never forget. George Farrell was one of

those people. I first met George when he created the Goodrich Family Association in the early 1980's. Since we shared an interest in Goodrich Family research, he and his beloved Ginny graciously invited two of my sisters and me to his home for lunch. At one point, one of my sisters choked on a piece of shrimp. As if it were a normal occurrence, George very calmly walked around to the other side of the table and gave my sister the Heimlich Maneuver! I will never forget him and his kind and gentle manner in that emergency. George also had a special talent for motivating people. In October, he tracked me down while I was attending a genealogical conference in Illinois, called me on my cell phone, and persuaded me to take on the duties of Treasurer of GFA. How could I - or anyone, for that matter - refuse George? I will miss his humor, his kindness, his admirable tenacity, and his dedication to this organization. He had an indomitable spirit and zest for life that I won't soon forget.

Kay Waterloo, GFA Treasurer
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Although I knew George for around 20 years we were face to face only for a few days. That was a truly memorable occasion, the reunion of the Goodrich Family Association. We stayed in touch by email and phone (lots of long conversations). Like a close rather than distant cousin. Although he was a person with a tremendous breadth of knowledge, what stood out was his fantastic knowledge of the Goodrich Family. And he had met so many of us. Must have been his life long passion.

I feel that we share an obligation to continue George's commitment to our family history.

Dave Goodrich
Trustee

I first met George in the 80s when my sister and I decided to reproduce The Goodrich Family in America, ed. by Case which our great grandfathers had been involved in producing and publishing in the late 1800s. George created a code which could be used to make corrections and additions to the contents and we included a number of blank pages at the end of the book for this purpose along with a copy of the code.

I understood George, whose mother was a Goodrich, was entering Goodrich history into a computer in hope of producing an updated and modern Goodrich history. This went on for some 20 years. At some point, his associate, a genealogist in upstate New York passed on. I lost track of George for some years as he had moved. My curiosity caused me to track him down. My purpose was to learn the state of the Goodrich Family Association which he had developed earlier and whether he still wanted me to send information I gleaned from those people who wrote us to purchase the Case book on the family. He decided to activate the work again and in a few months created a whirlwind of activity, leading to the organization we have now.

To have lost him at this point is so very sad, but with the organization he created and arrangements made to pack and ship the materials from his years of research to Delores Goodrick Beggs, a genealogist who agreed to work with the material, organize and add to it to finally help bring the family history in as complete a form as possible up to the present, and perhaps even go further back into our English history, we may be able to

fulfill his vision. He loved history and would be so pleased to have his work brought to fruition in the future at the level of excellence which he so highly respected.

Dr. Joyce Goodrich
Trustee

Dedicated, devoted, determined...those are the words, that from my short acquaintance with George Farrell, best describe the originator of the Goodrich Family Association back in the 80s. Therein lies the challenge before the Goodrich Family Association, to pick up where George left off, catalog what he saved for us and move forward with the plans he had for this group. We need help to spread the word about our organization so that we can reach as many other Goodrich family members as possible.

Carole McCarty
Trustee

In my Grand-Uncle Max's family group sheets he cites the "**Goodrich Gospel**" by George Farrell as a source several times throughout his notes. I meant to ask George if he remembered ever conversing with Max about the Goodrich family but I never did. –

Matthew Goodrich
Trustee

I too was a member of the old Goodrich Family Assn starting in the early 1980s and have all those old wonderful newsletters. His presence will be missed.

Pamelyn P. Bush
Member

I was so impressed with George's efforts to get the organization going, and his willingness to learn all about publishing a first class newsletter!" I would loved to have met him at a family reunion some day.

Margaret Goodrich Hodge
Member

Email Address Correction: The correct email address to reach the Goodrich Family Association is now gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. If you come upon Gwfgood@aol.com we would appreciate a correction.

New Trustee: We want to introduce our new Trustee, **Matthew Goodrich**. Matt is working hard to format a set of Standards for our upcoming Goodrich Family Association Web Page. I asked Matt for some information about himself to share:

I was born in 1960 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
I have lived in Colorado for the better part of my life. Most of my working life I have been an aircraft mechanic.
When I joined the USAF in 1978 I was given the job of crew chief on C-130 Hercules aircraft and sent to Alaska for the first 2 years of my enlistment. I have wanted to go back there since the day I left. Incredible place, if you ever get the chance to go do not pass it up!
After getting out of the Air Force, I attended a school in Broomfield, CO. which gave me the education and hours I needed to take the FAA written and practical exams to obtain an Airframe and Powerplant license from the FAA. I received my license in 1984. From there I went to work for Lockheed Georgia Company in Marietta, GA., and worked there for almost 3 years.

In the summer of '87 Continental Airlines was hiring in Denver and I landed a job with them and returned to Colorado.

In 1999 I bought my first computer and was hooked. I decided then and there that I wanted to make a living doing something with computers.

A year later, after who knows how many books, I took the plunge into the world of IT. Have been there ever since and couldn't be happier.

Right around that same time is when I came into possession of some pedigree charts and family group sheets that a Grand-Uncle had done during the course of his life. I was hooked instantly. Unfortunately, I was too busy learning the IT trade to pursue my family history with much vigor. I now have a lot more time to pursue my genealogical interests and I am loving every minute of it.

In addition to genealogy, my interests include hunting, fishing and competitive shooting. I especially love trap shooting.

I am looking forward to working with my fellow trustees and members to make this associations web site something we can all be proud of, and something George would be proud of as well..

Regards,
Matt Goodrich

DNA Report by Delores

Our Goodrich Surname DNA Project continues to grow. I am happy to report that we currently have 8 participants. Three surname variations are included.

I am excited to report that our early results show our first lineage (Goodrick/Goodrich) from one ancestor and his two wives. We also now have our first match (Goodrich/Goodrich), which I have hopes will grow into another lineage, or even a proven patriarch immigrant line when more test results are returned.

The results progression goes match (12-marker test)/lineage (two 25-marker matches)/immigrant patriarch (two-25 marker perfect matches). We are still seeking our first patriarch.

We need more test participants, any Goodrich name variants, with straight male lineage back to the oldest known ancestor. If you are interested in becoming a test participant, please contact me at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. Please include a brief male lineage (and wives) to receive information how to order your test with our group discount. The test is a simple cheek swab done in the privacy of your home.

Privacy: Rest assured that I am committed to protecting the privacy of test participants. Test participants will not be identified by name. They can check the results page by kit number or test identification number to see how their results compare with others on the chart posted there.

Goodriches of Interest:

George Farrell told me he had a photograph of the USS Goodrich, one of only two U. S. Navy ships named in honor of a father and son. The USS Goodrich was commissioned

April 24, 1945. The ship completed fifteen deployments to the Mediterranean and earned a number of awards before her decommissioning in 1969.

The ship was named in honor of Rear Admiral Casper Frederick Goodrich, USN, former Commander-in-Chief Pacific Squadron, who died in 1925, and his son, Lieutenant Casper Goodrich, USN, who was killed in a gun turret explosion in 1907.

More information is to be found at:

<http://www.destroyer.org/uss-goodrich/>

Searchable Goodrich Genealogy Link:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/>

Are you searching for New England area information? This site is a veritable smorgasbord of CT and MA Goodrich data, the majority of which is transcribed Barbour records. For example, the Wethersfield, CT records include seven single-spaced pages of Goodrich listings!

Just scroll down past My Family and Middlesex County Brick Walls, and select from the amazing long list of locations and so forth.

Goodrich Family in America Book:

We are receiving inquiries whether the fine reprint of The Goodrich Family in America, edited by Case, published in 1889, is available. A limited number of copies are available at \$45.00 per book. Send check to:

Dr. Joyce Goodrich
315 E. 68th St.
New York, NY 10021

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If you have a genealogy link to share, or information about an interesting Goodrich, please send the information to us at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your name and email address.

Newsletter format:

In an effort to make the Goodrich Gospel more accessible to all, I propose pasting it inside an email like this one is instead of sending it as an attachment. This format will

enable us to additionally send larger print format if needed, and perhaps archive on our upcoming web site.

If you need larger print, please request at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com with your name and email address.

If you wish to be removed from the newsletter mailing list, please send a request to us at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. Please include your name and email address.

Membership Application

The Goodrich Family Association

1/12/2006

Membership is open to all variant spellings of the Goodrich name and other interested persons for the purpose of furthering research of the Goodrich families and working together as a community to determine the national and worldwide connections therein

Check one:

___ Individual: First year @ \$30.00 Subsequent @ \$20.00

___ Three years @ \$60.00

___ Family: First year @ \$35.00 Subsequent @ \$25.00

___ Three years @ \$75.00

___ Voluntary donation for start up expenses _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Family membership includes spouse at same email address. Each shall have one vote. Student family members away at school will receive newsletters if email address is furnished. Dues are calculated from first day of month enrolled. Reminders will be sent prior to expiration.

Data may be submitted at any time.

Name: _____

(Last, First, Middle, please print and include spouse name for family memberships)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____ Student _____ Student _____

___ Yes, I wish to receive the free quarterly Goodrich Family Association newsletter at my e-mail address _____. (The newsletter is by email only.)

___ Returning member from the original Goodrich Family Association?

___ I am an active researcher. ___ I am mostly interested in history of the family.

___ I will consider serving as an officer, trustee, committee member, or chairperson.

___ Am willing to do look-ups? What areas? _____

_____ Please do not list name and address in membership list. (email address only)

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Print this form and mail the completed form, together with your check payment (made out to “Goodrich Family Association”) to: Goodrich Family Association, c/o Kay Waterloo, 328 Linden Ridge Trail, Greenwood, IN, 46142-9228. Please, no cash.