



**DNA Project Report**

We have exciting news. Our DNA Project has just connected to our established immigrant Goodrich lineage with a perfect 25 marker match, an ancestry that was thought to be a separate branch, and was at a blocked wall. This is one of the most significant values of DNA testing, showing connections not previously known, and jumping blocks to connections.

Our Goodrich Surname DNA Project continues to grow. We are currently awaiting test results for our new participants.

At present we have two different lineages established, one Goodrich and one Goodrick. We look forward to establishing additional branches, or alternatively, connecting them. A rough estimate shows that there could be at least ten Goodrich immigrant branches including those from New England and Virginia; possibly eleven. We will find out as participant results are added to our DNA project. We need more test participants in order to establish additional branches or connections.

If you would like to be a test participant in our Goodrich DNA project, please contact me for further information at [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com). Test participants must be male, of direct Goodrich or variant lineage. Women and males of female Goodrich descent can get a male Goodrich relative to participate for them. We want to establish all our branches.

Good news for those considering DNA test participation is a group price reduction in the Y-DNA25 test our project uses, to only \$148.00 (plus \$2.00 - \$4.00 shipping costs). New from our project sponsor, Family Tree DNA, is the announcement of the highest resolution DNA test offered in the world, 66 markers. This new test is also currently available.

- Submitted by Delores Goodrick Beggs, *Goodrich DNA Project Group Manager*

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**GFA Website**

If you have not visited our new website, [www.GoodrichFamAssoc.org](http://www.GoodrichFamAssoc.org), please do. Our Webmaster, Matt Goodrich, reports that he has entered data through generation 5 from Case's book, which reflects approximately 1514 people; he will soon begin entering Generation 6 data. You will want to check the index to see if your ancestors are there. This is a tremendous, labor-intensive undertaking and we thank Matt for his dedication to detail in accomplishing this task. Thank you, Matt.

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**Research Tip**

If you are lucky enough to have ancestors who lived in a small town that has its own local newspaper, you are lucky indeed. Some twenty years ago I discovered the Marengo Republican News in the town of Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. Back issues, dating to the 1860's, were stored there, whether in print or on microfilm, in their tiny, dark basement. I made many trips to this little office to scour those newspapers and films, and discovered articles, both lengthy and

one-liners, regarding my Goodrich ancestors: obituaries, marriage notices, advertisements, and chatty items such as that describing Elias Goodrich’s (along with his sister, Abbie Treat) trip to “the State of New York, where they have been visiting among the scenes of their early childhood.” This item led me to many discoveries, in particular the location of his brother, Moses Smith Goodrich, who died in New York not long after Elias’ visit. Newspaper items can help fill in the voids and often lead you on new paths for your research. In today’s research, many old – as well as current - newspapers can be found on the Internet. Your first step might be to visit [www.Cyndislist.com](http://www.Cyndislist.com) , click on Newspapers on her main page, and browse through the links to see what is available. You should also find out what newspapers might be available to you on microfilm through interlibrary loan. As exciting as it might be to zero in on your ancestor’s name in a newspaper database/index on your own home computer monitor, there is nothing like scanning the actual newspaper to get a feel for the community where your ancestor resided. Those old newspapers reported more than births, deaths and marriages, as the above example of Elias Goodrich’s travels demonstrates.

-Submitted by Kay Waterloo

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**Brick Wall Vital Records**

Many years ago, two of our trustees, Carole McCarty and Kay Waterloo, visited the Pittsfield, MA Town Hall, and transcribed the following from the Town Records, pg. 101:

- Children of Moses Goodrich and Sena [Asenath] his wife Rec: Mar. 5, 1823}
  - Elizabeth, Born April 11, 1783 & died Oct. 1, 1785
  - Elizabeth, Born Nov 30, 1784
  - Moses, Born Nov. 2, 1786
  - Abner, Born May 2, 1788
  - Elijah, Born Feb. 19, 1790
  - Charles, Born Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19, 1793
  - Lois, Born March 24, 1799

Moses is the “brick wall” in their Goodrich research. If you have brief transcripts or “brick wall” you would like to have considered for inclusion in a future issue of this newsletter, please email them to Kay Waterloo, [kmw328@aol.com](mailto:kmw328@aol.com). However, submission of information does not guarantee publication. You must list a source for any transcripts to be mentioned.

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**George’s Words**

Occasionally, we will highlight items that our founder, George Farrell, wrote for those earliest Goodrich Gospels from the early 1980’s. This issue repeats an article George named:

***Our Forefathers Really Didn’t Talk So “Funny” After All!!***

*“When reading ancient manuscripts, wills, etc., it is common to find the following words and abbreviations: ye, yt, yere, ys, etc. It is not yt yy couldn’t spell or yt yy talked much differently than we do. There was a different sound assigned to the letter “Y” when used at the beginning of*

*certain words. It was very close to the sound we assign to “th” today. Hence, ye = the, yt = that, yere = there, ys = this, yy or yey = they, etc. The letter “y” found in the middle or end of a work carried about the same sound as we use today. This may help you struggle through older writings, although it doesn’t fully explain the sound of a word like “yet” which probably sounded much like “thet.” In fact, such pronunciations still can be heard in some areas of the Appalachians.” From The Goodrich Gospel, Vol. #2, No. 1 & 2, Spring-Summer 1981.*

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**Goodrich Family Association Research Resources**

In addition to the new files regularly being added to our website at [www.goodrichfamassoc.org](http://www.goodrichfamassoc.org), the following resources are available to assist Goodrich and variant spellings researchers:

A limited number of copies of the fine reprint of the 1889, **The Goodrich Family in America** edited by Lafayette Case, are still available at \$45.00 per book. This is a quality book with quality binding. To order your copy, send your check, made out to Dr. Joyce Goodrich, to her at:

Dr. Joyce Goodrich  
315 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021

**The Descendants of William Homer Goodrich of Wethersfield, Connecticut through his 6<sup>th</sup> Great Grandson William Homer Goodrich of Beerston, New York**, compiled by Victor Burton Goodrich, complete with four appendices is available by request, paper copies only. Contact: [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com)

**Genealogy of Goodriches of Sharon, CT**, compiled by Lindy Allen from the Goodrich deeds and probate of Sharon, CT from the beginning of the records until about 1840. Available by request. Contact: [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com). For more details, please see interview with Lindy Allen on page 13 of this newsletter.

Look-ups are available for the following:

**George W. Farrell**; indexed collection.

**Victor B. Goodrich, Delaware County, NY**; notes.

**Descendants of William Isaac Goodrich**; manuscript of Carl Hoffstedt.

**Zebulon Goodrich, New York & Pennsylvania Records**; records of V & J Goodrich.

One name only per request; must be accompanied by known facts about the ancestor. Send request to [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com).

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**Thanks**

We extend our thanks to Vernon & Janet Goodrich for making available their New York and Pennsylvania records of Zebulon Goodrich, and to Carl Hoffstedt for offering his manuscript, *Descendants of William Isaac Goodrich* for look-ups. Please see the listing in the above item.

**Surnames**

Just as a reminder, the surnames being researched by the GFA are all variations of Goodrich, Goodrick, Goodricke, Goodridge, Gutteridge, Guttrick, etc. In the will of John Goodrich, the name is spelled three different ways.

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**Email Address Correction**

The correct email address to reach the Goodrich Family Association is now [gfagenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:gfagenealogy@yahoo.com). If you come upon [Gwfgood@aol.com](mailto:Gwfgood@aol.com) , we would appreciate a correction.

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**Allen County Public Library, Ft Wayne, IN**

Last month Carole and I met in Ft Wayne, Indiana to research at the world-renowned Allen County Public Library, a site that we consider to be the second best library for genealogical research in the country. ACPL is famous for having created PERSI (Periodical Source Index), the largest subject index to genealogical and historical periodical articles in the world. PERSI is widely recognized as being a key resource for genealogical researchers. There are more than 1.8 million index entries from nearly 10,000 periodicals. Additionally, ACPL has a collection of many thousands of books focused primarily on United States research. There is a bank of computers with which one can search numerous databases such as Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com There are additional computers for searching the library’s catalog and PERSI.

ACPL has been undergoing a massive remodeling which should be completed by the end of this year. In the meantime, they have relocated to what used to be the old Ayres Department Store. Carole and I were skeptical that we would have access to the complete collection of books, microfilm/fiche, computers, PERSI, and other resources. We were pleasantly surprised to find that everything we had access to on our previous visits was still there at this temporary location. In fact, what used to be closed shelves, meaning we previously had to order books up and only three at a time, were now open shelves. We were able to browse to our hearts content through the orderly shelves, which covered more than half of the third floor (the genealogy floor), the other half being taken up by their microfilm department. We also noticed that the ever-helpful staff was readily available to assist in any way necessary, and it was reassuring to see their familiar faces. There were also numerous large tables for our use, some of which had electrical outlets for computer usage.

Parking is adequate with 2 parking garages across the streets, and a select few spaces right outside the library in their lot. If you are lucky enough to arrive early, you won’t have to walk too far.

The plan for ACPL is to close sometime during December and be relocated back to their previous address at 900 Webster Street. If you are planning to visit the library before the relocation, here is some information you will need:

Address: 200 East Berry Street; the Genealogical Department is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The other floors are used for typical library departments such as Fiction, Non-fiction, Reference, Children's, etc

Phone: 260-421-1200

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. except Memorial Day through Labor Day

Website: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>

You might want to check out their website even if you aren't going to pay them a visit. It is verrrrrry interesting.

--Submitted by Kay Waterloo

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### **Interesting Sites**

MSNBC has a website called Genetic Genealogy, where some of their reporters have detailed their DNA Testing experiences. [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3038411](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3038411)

Genealogy Look Up Forum has a group of volunteers to do genealogical lookups. Here is the website: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genealogylookup/>

Thanks to GFA member, Carl Hoffstedt, for providing the following Minnesota library research site. There is quite a bit of Goodrich information to be found here. One hundred sixty-three Goodriches on the burial list alone. <http://www.dalbydata.com/>

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### **Sharon, CT Research Available**

*An interview with Lindy Allen, by Delores Goodrick Beggs*

**Delores:** How did your Sharon, CT Goodrich search project begin?

**Lindy:** I do a lot of genealogy in my "spare" time, much of it at the Family History Center, and a lot on the computer. I am currently a member of the California Society of Mayflower Descendants (I proved descent to Edward Fuller of the Mayflower through my father's line), and the Daughters of the American Revolution (so far 5 Revolutionary War connections proven), and have been doing a lot of genealogy since about 1994. I got started on the Goodriches in depth when I found that my Nicholas Goodrich was connected to Sharon, CT and suspected that his name, Nicholas, must not have come from the CT Goodriches. I thought land records were my only hope since no children of Solomon Goodrich (except his daughter, Mary, born 1773) were listed in the Barbour Collection.

**Delores:** What was the scope of your Goodrich search?

**Lindy:** The project has taken me about 3 years, as I have gone through every Goodrich deed and probate from Sharon from the beginning of the records to about 1840.

**Delores:** What is different about your research?

**Lindy:** The land records (as I am sure you know) were the source for all of the Barbour records for Sharon CT. But, the ones that I have noted in my footnotes mostly include deeds that established family connections, and are not the births listed within the records used in the Barbour Collection. Apparently, the only place that births were registered was within the land record books, and those were the ones that are part of the Barbour Collection. Barbour does not include any other sources such as church records, nor did they read the text of deeds that establish family connections. And my line of Solomon<sup>4</sup> Goodrich and Betty (Pardee) Goodrich's children was listed in Barbour...all of the others I found came from deeds. Just to give you an idea, there were a number of deeds that dealt with iron ore rights passed down in David<sup>4</sup> Goodrich's family that gave me confirmation of a number of his grandchildren when they sold their rights years later. In some cases (as with Asa<sup>5</sup> Goodrich), I was able to confirm the connections with wills found in the probate records.

**Delores:** What were the limitations of your search?

**Lindy:** My manuscript deals only with proving my direct line through Solomon<sup>4</sup> Goodrich and Susannah Delamater, and although it does have a great deal of information on the other Goodriches in Sharon, my intent was only to prove my line using what information was available in the deeds, probate and church records. I decided that I must at least do a genealogy on these Sharon Goodriches since I knew I found connections that I am not sure others had found. My interest is primarily sharing the information I have found so that descendants of the various Sharon Goodriches can use it.

**Delores:** Thank you, Lindy. We appreciate your dedication to sourcing your research and sharing your valuable information with all of us.

**Note:** See the information elsewhere in this newsletter to access Lindy Allen's Sharon, CT Goodrich research.

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### **Living History – Organ Maker William Marcellus Goodrich**

William Marcellus Goodrich of Boston, b. 21 July 1777 – d. 15 Sept. 1833, left behind a legacy of history that continues to touch people today – the vibrant, tonal music produced for congregations by the organs he built. He built 38 organs during his lifetime. A few of the instruments remain in use today.

The largest Goodrich organ still in use is a tracker organ William Marcellus Goodrich built in 1825. This organ was later moved from North Attleboro to Wrentham, MA. It has 1086 pipes.

By 1915, when Trinity Church of Wrentham had grown to 75 people, the Goodrich pipe organ arrived at the church in two horse-drawn wagons.

Over the ensuing years, the instrument has been upgraded and maintained in fine shape and is expected to serve Trinity Church for many years to come. It remains an integral part of the church programs.

A digital portrait of William Marcellus Goodrich is part of the Joseph Muller Collection in the Music Division of the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts Digital Gallery.

For additional information about the organs of William Marcellus Goodrich, check online at:

<http://www.capecodago.org/Placement.html>

<http://digitalgallery.nypldigital/>

-Submitted by Delores Goodrick Beggs

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### **Interesting Tidbit**

The Goodrich surname is ranked 1765<sup>th</sup> in the frequency by the U. S. Census Bureau. This translates into .007% of the 2000 Census population being named Goodrich.

- Source: The U. S. Census Bureau

### **DISCLAIMER**

Though we have done our best to eliminate errors and omissions, we cannot guarantee information contained herein to be error free.



## The Goodrich Family Association Membership Application

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 desired type of membership:

**Individual Membership:** First year @ \$30.00 Subsequent years @ \$20.00/year

**Individual Membership:** Three years @ \$60.00

**Family Membership:** First year @ \$35.00 Subsequent years @ \$25.00/year

**Family Membership:** 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 (include spouse's name for family memberships)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Student e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 an occasional researcher.

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. (list e-mail address only)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this form and mail the completed form, together with your check made out to "Goodrich Family Association" to:

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c/o Kay Waterloo  
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Greenwood, IN 46142-9228

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