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Goodrich Family Association Web Site Has a New Look

~Delores Goodrick Beggs and Matthew Goodrich

Have you seen our new look? Our web site, www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org was recently updated by Webmaster Matthew Goodrich. All our favorite features are still there, and some new ones added to make it easier to view and navigate. Take a test run.

Additional changes are in the works for the future as the compilation of the new Goodrich Family Association Genealogy progresses. Plans call for marking genealogies that have new or updated information; viewers will know at a glance that additional information is available.



New Goodrich Family Genealogy Compilation in Process

Not since The Goodrich Family in America, edited by Lafayette Wallace Case, 1889, has there been a new compilation of the Goodrich Family in America in one place. We are in process of doing so now. Admittedly, the family has grown considerably since the Case book was published. Creating the new genealogy is an undertaking of immense proportions and will take unflagging dedication and countless hours of work researching, checking, verifying, and sourcing. Are we up to it? We think so. We have a plan. We have begun.

New to our compilation is the addition of female Goodrich lines, which were excluded in the Case book. We are adding those to the new genealogy, along with many new finds and additional generations, verified with sources.

The Case book missed many families because information was incomplete. We need everyone's help. Send your family information for inclusion, together with your sources, to us at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com.

Our goal is to have a new Goodrich Genealogy as accurate and inclusive as possible, all in one place.



Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield MA

~Kay Waterloo, Editor

While on a recent business trip with my husband, I had the opportunity to steal away some time to visit the Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield, MA where I discovered a wealth of research opportunities. Although I had been to the Athenaeum many years ago, as one might expect I learned that they had several newer and searchable historical collections on their computer system that I hoped might help me break through my long-standing "brick wall." My primary goals for this trip were to discover:

1. The parents of my great great great great grandfather, Moses Goodrich (1752-1823)
2. The maiden name of Moses' wife, Asenath (ca 1759-1831)
3. The parents of Asenath

I would have been thrilled to accomplish any of the above objectives, but it was not to be – at least not on this trip – as I had only one full day available in my schedule to spend at this state-of-the-art library. What I did discover was a treasure trove of sources that anyone researching in Western Massachusetts would deem indispensable. In addition, the staff, especially those in the Local History Department, is one of the friendliest and most helpful I have come across in my 30 years of genealogy research.

To prepare for this trip, I had to update my genealogy program in order to print a family group sheet for Moses and Asenath, as well as for each of their 7 children who, at least until adulthood, resided in Pittsfield. Although I had quite a bit of information on all of them, I highlighted each area where information was lacking, whether birth, church, marriage, census, or military. I needed to fill in the spaces of their lives to make the picture of this family as complete as possible. I also contacted the Athenaeum several weeks in advance to learn their hours, the parking situation, nearby hotels, and what resources they had which would benefit me in my quest. One of our own GFA members had told me of the Master Index to the Edward R. Knurow Collection, which is available only at the Athenaeum, and only in person, not online. I learned as well, that the Athenaeum has indexes to the Berkshire Histories (Volumes 1-113), the Elmer I. Shepard Collection and the Rollin H. Cooke Collection (Volumes 1-66). And these are only the tip of the research iceberg at the Athenaeum.

Perhaps a little information on each of these collections will entice you to visit the Athenaeum to research **your** Massachusetts ancestors.

The Berkshire Histories, Volumes 1-113

This collection is referred to as the “BFHA and Beyond Berkshires” database and is a master index to over 400 volumes indexed by the BFHA (Berkshire Family History Association). I might recommend that you search this collection first since there is some cross-referencing to other collections.

The Edward R. Knurow Collection, Books 1-69

Through his position as an employee of the US Natural Resources Dept. in the Pittsfield District of western Massachusetts from roughly 1946-1976, Mr. Knurow explored areas that few others had ever seen. In some of these old towns he discovered graveyards, abandoned buildings, even traces of roads that weren't on existing maps. He then consulted early town records, printed books, and newspapers, among other things to research those discoveries. Over the years he collected literally a room full of binders, maps, photos and boxes. Most of his original collection is now in the possession of the Athenaeum with the full index available in both computer database and book form in the library.

The Rollin H. Cooke Collection, Volumes 1-66

Rollin Cooke (1843-1904) was a banker – and a collector of genealogical materials. Sources for his collection were primarily church and cemetery records of Berkshire County and bordering towns in New York, Connecticut and Vermont, but included newspaper entries, tax lists, and death records, to name just a few. Mr. Cooke copied this collection

into ledgers, and gave those ledgers to the Athenaeum, which in approximately 1940 allowed the Works Progress Administration to transcribe the manuscripts into 66 volumes. Indexing of those volumes was completed by 1991. This collection also is searchable on the library's computers. When searching this collection, remember to experiment with various spellings of the names you are researching. Also, the volumes' page numbering may not be in order, so keep this in mind when viewing the volume and page numbers. Looking forward or backward to find the page you are looking for might be necessary.

The Elmer I. Shepard Collection

Elmer Shepard was a professor of mathematics who researched and documented early Berkshire families through both published and unpublished sources, most notably Berkshire County Registry of Probate. The collection consists of 41 drawers of Mr. Shepard's 50,000 3x5 cards, one for each individual, including as much information about that individual as Mr. Shepard could collect. It could be considered a "heads of family" index as opposed to an every name index.

I researched the above collections on the computer in the Local History Department and found them extremely easy to access. Once a name is found in the index (e.g., "Goodrich/Moses"), there will be one or more references to a Volume and Page. Since the collection has been digitally scanned, you can then go to that volume and page to see the exact document or page from the collection. For my Moses I discovered him on muster rolls, payroll lists, on a list of highway workers from 1773, on a list of the Militia Train Band in 1768, and in a Pittsfield Town Record stating "*April 6th agreed with Moses Goodrich to keep his wives Mother @ \$1 the week commencing March 15th 1819.*" Too bad in that last reference the record didn't mention the name of his wife's mother! But I did find Asenath on a membership list for the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield having joined in 1821. Moses, Asenath and their children were listed in the Cooke Collection, Pittsfield Families, but again, no reference to the parents I was looking for.

In addition to the computerized collections I have described above, The Athenaeum has an outstanding list of even more collections available on microfilm or in their manuscript collection. Some of them are:

- Town of Pittsfield Original Papers
- Pittsfield Tax Records
- William Williams Collection
- Brown Collection
- Shays Rebellion Papers
- Berkshire County Court of Common Pleas Records 1761-1859
- Berkshire County Probate Records beginning in 1761
- Massachusetts Vital Records – to 1850 (books & microfiche)
- Holbrook Microfiche of many towns' vital records
- Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the Revolution
- Dwight Collection
- Corbin Collection
- Additional miscellaneous records for NY, CT, VT, ME, NH, and RI

To search the catalog of the Athenaeum, visit their website at <http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.org/> where you can click on “Catalog.” Another link will give you their hours, phone numbers and directions.

Sadly, in my one day of research, I fear I have just scratched the surface of the resources available at the Athenaeum. I hope to travel there again before the end of the year and spend several days delving into Pittsfield and Berkshire County history in hopes of fulfilling those goals I had set for myself before I left home. I have a hunch that given sufficient time at the Athenaeum, I will succeed!



A Runaway Goodrich Bride

~Delores Goodrick Beggs

Bert E. Goodrich, b. Nov. 1874, was the son of an 1867 national figure skating champion and showman, but the public ceremony Bert was to star in on Thursday, 26 April 1900 was disastrously unscripted.

Bert waited with an audience of 200 paid guests, all attired in “old” 1850’s apparel, at the Home clubhouse for what had been billed as “An Injiana wedding of 1850,” Englewood Circle No. 23 GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) fund-raising entertainment featuring the wedding of Bert Goodrich and 17-year-old Viola Robinson.

They waited. Bert arrived early. The bride never showed up for the scheduled 9 p.m. ritual.

The audience became impatient as time wore on. The bride’s mother was present, but all she could add to the mystery of the bride’s whereabouts was that Viola had left home several hours earlier for a local friend’s house with the avowed intent of having her hair coiffed.

In a brave effort to have the show go on, the anxious GAR women persuaded Bert to participate in a mock ceremony with the bridesmaid, Miss Rosa Cowden. But the minister, Rev. Mr. Albert Mc Calla declined to participate in a pretend ceremony.

The event came to be scheduled when Viola confided to her lifelong friend, Mrs. S. M. Howell, of her engagement to Bert, and that they had delayed the wedding because the groom’s mother, Mrs. E. T. Goodrich, was ill. Mrs. Howell, Vice President of the GAR circle, suggested the public wedding and Viola agreed.

A Chicago Tribune article dated 28 April 1900, reports Bert visited Mrs. Howell before the scheduled ceremony date and was informed that he was expected to pay the minister’s fee. He objected. Viola was unhappy with his refusal. He afterward changed his mind and agreed to be responsible for the minister fee.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, the runaway bride’s mother, later reported receiving a letter her daughter sent from a friend’s house in Elkhart, explaining she felt going to stay with her friend was the easiest way of getting out of marrying Bert., Mrs. Robinson said her daughter had mentioned

earlier she considered Bert's refusal to pay the minister fee mean, and had a mind not to marry him; but the mother thought that issue had been resolved.

There is no indication Bert ever married. The 1900 census shows he was 25 the time of the wedding that wasn't, and still living with his parents, Erastus T. and Elise M. Goodrich in the Chicago, IL boarding house his mother ran. The 1910 census shows him still living with his parents, and also a younger sister, Laura, ("daughter" of E. T. on census) about whom no other information is known. In the 1930 census, his mother and sister are no longer listed, and Bert, age 58 and a machinist, and his father Erastus T. age 83, an auditor, are still living together in Chicago, IL.

Bert's father died 19 Oct. 1933 in the Illinois Mason Home Hospital. Erastus Timothy Goodrich, LWC2641, was a son of Erastus Hickman Goodrich of New York, a jeweler.

Sources:

Case, Lafayette Wallace, M. D., *The Goodrich Family in America*, Fergus Printing Company, Chicago, IL, 1889, p. 132, 230

The Chicago Tribune, Saturday, 28 April 1900, p. 16

Illinois #37593 Death Certificate, Erastus Timothy Goodrich

U. S. Federal Censuses, 1850 New York; 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, all Illinois.



A Sampling of Early Goodrich Marriages

~Compiled by Delores Goodrick Beggs

A wedding was an attractive feature of pioneer life – the people married young. There was no distinction of rank and very little of fortune. On these accounts, the first impression of love generally resulted in marriage. The family establishment cost but little labor, nothing more.

~ Illustrated History of Indiana, 1879, DeWitt C. Goodrich

Wethersfield, Hartford Co., CT Marriages 1739 – 1799, Rev. Frederick W. Bailey, 1898

1. **Goodrich, Honor** m. 18 May 1749 Charles Whiting – Note: originally written as Honor Perrin, then modified with 'Goodrich, not Perrin'
2. **Goodrich, Lydia** m 10 May 1790 Daniel Graham of Suffield
3. **Goodrich, Mehetabel** m 05 June 1799 Daniel Francis
4. **Goodrich, Hosea** m 08 Nov 1784 Elizabeth Waterman of New London
5. **Goodrich, Joseph** m 01 Dec 1785 Rhoda Wolcott
6. **Goodrich, Jemima** m 21 Dec 1783 Simeon Dupee
7. **Goodrich, Sarah** m 18 Aug 1787 Elisha Robbins

Illinois: Illinois Marriages, 1790 – 1860, online database, Ancestry.com

1. **Goodrich, Lemuel** married Hellen Wright 1 Jan 1843 in Stephenson, Illinois
2. **Goodrick, Joel** married Rachel Ann Corrington 23 Jun 1836 in Morgan County, Illinois
3. **Goodrick, William A.** married Maria Auger 24 Dec 1841 in Christian County, Illinois

Eastern New York: 1777 – 1834, online database, Ancestry.com

1. **Goodrich, Dr. Charles Sidney Jones** married Mary Gardner 14 June 1829,
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rev. Butler
2. **Goodrich, Josiah B.** married Mary Dater 9 Sep 1827
3. **Goodrich, George**, married Julia Coldwell in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 21 Apr 1831,
Rev. Welton

Connecticut pre-1870 Records (Barbour Collection), Branford, Vol. TM3, p. 156

1. **Goodrich, Goodridg, Goodridge, Goodritch, Eli** married Elisabeth Fry Parker of New Haven 23 Dec 1837 in New York City by Rev. M. Knap

Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700, p. 115

1. **Goodridge**, Daniel married Mary Ordway 16 Nov 1698 in Newbury [ASBO p. 90]

Acadia French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection) 1670, Ancestry.com database

1. **Goodrick, Lulu** married Gilbert Kelly, Victoria, Acadie (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick)



Goodrich Surname DNA Project, including special promotion

~Delores Goodrick Beggs

Our Goodrich Surname DNA Project continues to grow. We now have a total of 38 members, including some new ones. Our Project site has been updated with new information, including the Y-DNA chart, the mtDNA page and the Patriarch page. An interesting new development is a close match at Y-DNA67 markers between two participants of different surnames; this rarely happens, and we are exploring possibilities.

Recently I have worked with some folks who had hit blank walls in their family record searches. When the records just don't materialize, it is helpful to at least see what your DNA matches may be; this enables you to focus your search in the direction of any connections shown.

We are looking for additional test participants, especially from the different branches of the immigrant Goodrich brothers, William and John, and also among Goodridge and other variant lines. We would like to record Goodrich DNA test results from all lines.

Contact me at any time for more information, or if you have difficulty ordering your test, at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com.

NEW! Special DNA promotion available now for new Goodrich Project members: Y-DNA37+mtDNA for \$119. (The regular project price is \$248 – a reduction of more than 50%!!) This special promotion is available June 9, 2009 through June 24, 2009, and to new Goodrich DNA Project members only. Kits ordered in this sale must be paid for by June 30, 2009.

To receive this special pricing, you must place your kit order on our

Goodrich Surname DNA site, <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich>. This is your opportunity to skip past the Y-DNA12 and Y-DNA25 tests and get the best Y-DNA Genealogical test on the market in addition to an mtDNA test for an extremely reduced price!

Contact Delores at gfagenealogy@yahoo.com with any questions or for assistance placing your order.



Goodrich Hollow Cemetery and the Shaker Village

~ Carl J. Hoffstedt

Do you ever wonder how many cemeteries in the United States have the name Goodrich? In visiting the Find-A-Grave website (www.findagrave.com), 13 cemeteries are currently listed; however, there is one duplicate and one shown with zero burials. Five cemeteries do not have anyone with the name Goodrich buried there. Two of the cemeteries are in Goodrich, North Dakota and are probably named after the town that was founded by F.H. Goodrich, a Northern Pacific Railroad civil engineer. He was in charge of construction in the area per the North Dakota Historical Society. Four of the cemeteries are in Michigan.

This article's cemetery focus will be the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery in Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Hancock is in western Massachusetts and borders with the state of New York. Hancock is in the Taconic Mountain Range which extends into Vermont.

The March 2009 Goodrich Gospel contained an article by Michelle Hubenschmidt on pages 9-12, which mentions the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery and Elijah Goodrich, the father of Jesse Goodrich, and his line of ancestry. Elijah Goodrich (1724-1791) can be found on page 52 of "The Goodrich Family in America" book edited by Lafayette Wallace Case. Elijah had twelve children – Elijah (1754-1847), John, Jeremiah, Jesse, Solomon (1761-1841), Marjory, Daniel, Uriah (1767-1845), Justus (1769-1842), Jonah, Mercy and Lucy, and resided in Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Goodrich Hollow Cemetery was established in 1791 and since Elijah Goodrich (1724-1791) died on October 3, 1791, he might have been the first burial with the cemetery being named after him as he set aside ½ acre of his property for burial purposes per a land document. A schoolhouse was also on Elijah's property. Per Bette Hartman, the cemetery can be accessed by taking Highway Route 22 out of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, which abuts the Massachusetts border and the town of Hancock. Go east on route 22 into Massachusetts to Goodrich Hollow Road and come to a fork in the road and turn left and follow the fork to the cemetery on the right. Currently, the cemetery ground is mossy and has some fern and grass that grow throughout the small cemetery. The gravestones are old but in good condition with some grime accumulated over time. It is a quiet and peaceful resting place as it sits on a wooded mountain along a dirt road.

An 1876 map for Hancock, found on the US Genealogy website (www.usgenweb.org), shows Goodrich Hollow Cemetery to be south of Hancock but no direct road, probably because of the mountains. After the fork in the road, the cemetery location is shown along with homesteads for J. H. Conklin, C. B. Goodrich and Solomon Goodrich. J. H. (John Huntin) Conklin married Mary

Goodrich who was the daughter of Elijah (1788-1853) and the granddaughter of Elijah (1754-1847). Elijah (1788-1853) married his first cousin Polly Goodrich who was the daughter of Uriah Goodrich (1767-1845). This occurrence where Goodrich cousins married can be found in other places in the Case book. C. B. (Clark Burdick) Goodrich was the son of Justus Goodrich (1769-1842). Solomon Goodrich was probably Solomon P. Goodrich (1813-1897), the son of Solomon Goodrich (1761-1841) since the map was from 1876.

It is noted that Joseph Goodrich, another son of Uriah (1767-1845) went west to Wisconsin and founded the town of Milton and Milton College.

Mary Ann Goodrich married John H. Conkling according to the Case book, page 143. This appears to be a misspelling. The family descendants spell it Conklin and that spelling is shown on the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery gravestones and the name is spelled Conklin in the 1860 and 1870 US census records. Per deeds, Elijah's (1724-1791) property was sold to Mary Ann in 1849 by her father, Elijah (1788-1853), excluding the cemetery and schoolhouse property. Mary Ann sold the property to her husband, John Conklin in 1858, saying that it will henceforth be known as the Conklin Farm per Bette Hartman, a Conklin descendant.

On the 1876 Hancock map, further to the south of Goodrich Hollow, the Shaker Village can be found. The Shaker Village land was donated from a Daniel Goodrich per historical research. The 1876 map does not show a direct road from Goodrich Hollow to the Shaker Village. The Shakers were members of the United Society of Believers religious sect started in England about 1706. In 1774, the leader Mother Ann Lee (1736-1784) brought a group to America. Members of the society were called Shakers because their intense emotions caused them to quiver and shake during religious exercises. Apparently married people could join the society but they no longer remained a couple as the men lived with the men and the women lived with the women. People in the society could neither marry nor have children, as the society was kept alive by converts, which eventually led to its demise. Society members were the first producers of commercial seed in the U.S. and also invented the circular saw, cut nails, a washing machine, flat brooms, and first metal pen points. The fine furniture items, produced by early Shaker communities, are prized by collectors per the World Book Encyclopedia.

The following Goodriches were listed as Shaker Village members per Christian Goodwillie, curator, as provided to Michelle Hubenschmidt. The women and men were listed separately. The list may not contain all of the possible Goodriches and some of the dates conflicted with dates in the Case book.

SHAKER VILLAGE GOODRICHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>DOD</u>
Anna Goodrich	6/14/1739	8/2/1822	Benjamin Goodrich	2/17/1741/42	
Anna Goodrich	*	**	Daniel Goodrich, Sr.***	12/10/1738	3/11/1807
Casandana Goodrich	9/8/1769	6/1/1848	Daniel Goodrich, Jr.	4/10/1765	8/22/1835
Eunice Goodrich	10/9/1761	8/1/1858	David Goodrich	7/22/1747	2/19/1802

Hannah Goodrich	3/10/1752		Edward Goodrich		1796
Hannah Goodrich	4/27/1763	2/9/1820	Ezekiel Goodrich	8/13/1749	
Hortensia Goodrich	6/22/1777	9/27/1819	Jeremiah Goodrich	11/16/1757	6/30/1810
Lorena Goodrich	6/14/1722	2/4/1835	Joshua Goodrich		5/16/1854
Lucy Goodrich			Nathan Goodrich	9/21/1745	3/11/1806
Nancy Goodrich			Valentine Goodrich****	9/13/1767	
Sarah Goodrich		7/1798			
Urane Goodrich					

DOB = Date of Birth

DOD = Date of Death

* Could be 4/30/1761 or 6/4/1762

** Could be 9/22/1816? Or 1/1 1821

*** Daniel can be found on page 78 of the Case book

**** Valentine left the Shakers at the age of 21

Daniel, Sr. (Benjamin, David, William “the Elder”) may have been the one to donate the land, as many of his family were members of the Shaker Village. From the “Hancock Shaker Village ” A Guidebook and History by John Harlow Ott published in 1976, page 14 states “On August 3rd, a later meeting was held at the home of Daniel Goodrich, Sr. in Hancock (whose house was on the present site of the Village Trustee House).” From page 16, “By August 1784 the Young Believers at Hancock and West Pittsfield had begun to lay the foundation for the first meeting house only a short distance from the house of Daniel Goodrich.” Daniel Goodrich’s daughter, Casandana, became prominent in the Shaker Village. Page 21 states, “Elder Nathaniel Deming who had been Elder Calvin’s associate since November 1793 became first in the Hancock ministry with Eldress Casandana Goodrich standing opposite in the sisters’ order.”

This article was started as the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery, but since the Shaker Village was in the same area, it was of interest. The Find-A-Grave website shows 51 people buried in Goodrich Hollow Cemetery and 22 have the name Goodrich. All burials are shown on the website. There are 10 Conklins including John Huntin and Mary Ann Goodrich Conklin. The Goodriches are all connected to Elijah (1724-1791) and his wife Margaret Gillet Goodrich as their ancestors per Bette Hartman. She and Michelle Hubenschmidt have visited the Goodrich Hollow Cemetery.

The following poem has no known author but perhaps could be called “A Graveyard Poem”:

Dear Ancestor,
Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor,
The place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder as you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.



The Pioneering Vision of Melville and Mary Goodrich

~Peggy Nelson



My great-grandfather, Melville Jerome Goodrich, son of David and Alzina (Huling) Goodrich (descendant of William and Sara Goodrich of Wethersfield), was born in New Berlin, New York 7 Aug. 1852. At 27, he met and married Mary Alice Rhinehart in Peoria, Illinois. He was a Methodist minister and idealist who never found his pastoral niche as he sought to live a life in line with his beliefs.

Most of the information in this article is taken from *The Story of My Father*, written by my great-aunt, Myrtle Goodrich Herzman in her 72nd year. Other information comes from my historical research into the Colorado Cooperative Colony, a turn-of-the-century utopian community, and the Gunnison Tunnel, a water reclamation project where Melville worked and subsequently lost his life.

The Goodriches were married for 27 years. They had nine children. Four died before the age of 18 – a testament to a precarious era when vaccines, food, and fuel were scarce. By the time they met, Melville had preached in several churches, but never stayed long. Whether this was due to the lack of a decent salary or wanderlust will never be known. Their first child (1880) was stillborn and their second child lived only one year before succumbing to “brain fever.” It was after these heartbreaks that they traveled by wagon train to Geneva, Nebraska. In Geneva, Melville secured a brief pastorship, but in 1884, they moved again to homestead with three other families in Imperial, Nebraska. Myrtle remembers living in a two-room dugout. Although her little sister May was born there in 1886, it was David’s birth in 1888 that Myrtle remembers best:

There was a terrible cyclone that ripped the roof off of our dugout. Poor mother was in labor for David, but she had us children get under the beds...mother told

us that the cyclone had brought us our little brother in a basket. (Herzman, p. 3).

These were hard times for the Goodriches. They endured a grasshopper infestation that devastated their crops. Myrtle remembers mush and milk for meals and often going to bed hungry. For fuel they burned buffalo chips. Although Melville would preach in neighboring towns, his pay was mainly in food or chickens. In lieu of shoes, the children tied gunnysacks around their feet in the winter.

In 1890, the family moved to Denver, Colorado where Mary's mother and brother lived a comparatively comfortable life. Myrtle fondly recalls the abundance of food, warmth, and generosity they experienced there. However, the panic of 1892 hit Denver hard and had a devastating effect on the Goodrich family. People were walking the streets and begging for jobs and food. They had moved into a small apartment, and although Melville begged for any kind of work, little was forthcoming. It was winter, and fuel was costly. The children became ill. Baby Alzina was sick with "membranous croup," and was saved from choking to death only when her mother "in desperation reached into her throat and pulled out the membrane" (p. 6). Myrtle reported that her father never lost heart, but went around singing and whistling... "before we went to bed, he would tell us marvelous stories and sing songs. Whenever one of us were ill, he would try to soothe us by rubbing our foreheads or would wrap us in a blanket and sit before the fire and sing us lullabies."

After the panic ended, Melville accepted a pastorate in Idaho Springs and the family prospered for a short time. However, there were philosophical differences. Melville refused to preach things he didn't believe. This was his last job as a minister. After a brief stint as a miner in Freeland, Colorado, the family joined Melville's brother and became members of the Colorado Cooperative Colony. Equality and service, rather than greed and competition, was the philosophy of this utopian community. Its practical aim was to bring water from the San Miguel River to the top of the Tabaguache mesa for farming purposes. Myrtle remembers the move and how thrilled she was to be riding "on the high freight wagons drawn by eight large horses." At the colony, everyone worked and earned equal shares towards the communal property. There were dances and dramatic shows that delighted the Goodrich girls, especially Myrtle, who was, by all accounts, a bit of a flirt.

In 1904, Myrtle and her sister Rosalia obtained work in Montrose, leaving only three children at home. To make additional money, the family moved to Lujana, Colorado. Melville worked on the Gunnison Tunnel, one of the first big water reclamation projects in this country. Workers blasted and dug their way through the walls of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison (now a National Park) to bring water from the Gunnison River to the surrounding area – a huge and dangerous project that took many lives.

One evening Melville was at the top of a shaft, sending meal buckets down 365 feet to the workers below. It was dusk, and the lighting was poor. He had a cataract in one eye and could not see well. He reached out to grasp hold of the cage, but miscalculated. He fell on to the car and down the length of the shaft. He lived for two days before dying of internal injuries. He was 54 years old. This was a mere two months after the death of his son, Frank, who had died from a fall on the ice.

There is much more that could be said about this family, their trials and joys and their travels and adventures. The Goodriches were pioneers fueled by the vision of independence and collective prosperity. Their example of fortitude and strength is an inspiration to all of their descendents.

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Family History Library News

~ Terrie Hanley

Thousands of books are now digitized and online through the Mormon Church's website <http://familysearch.org>. When it comes up, click on the "search records" tab just below the picture of the tree in "FamilySearch." When that opens, click on "historical books," type in Goodrich in the surname box, and click on "Search."

There will be several books that pop up containing info on the Goodrich Line. All the words in blue type are hyperlinks to take you to the page you want. I learned something new (to me) that our line is connected to the Mayflower through marriage – a Goodrich girl married a John Ely. Of course, Lafayette Case's Goodrich Family in America book is there, but there are many more reference books listed – and all digitized.

They have been scanning and digitizing books for the past several years at the Salt Lake Library, but have just recently brought them on line. There are thousands more to go, but at least the Goodrich line is well represented.



Family Information Comes Out Of The Blue

~Lynn Alber

You never know when information will lead you to family members in the past. I received an e-mail on February 23rd saying, "Hello, my name is Robin and I have been helping a friend with his family tree. I am trying to locate parents of Salina Jane Goodrick who married Henry Stephens 25 April 1860 in Warren Co., IN. If you look on Ancestry census 1910, Warren Co., Pike Township you will see your Nathan with wife, Florence. Next household is William Stephens with wife, Emma, who is Emma Ware. I was hoping to see Salina's name on your RootsWeb tree to tie them all together, but she isn't listed. Do you know anymore about Salina?"

I proceeded to go to my Ancestry tree to see what information I had. I realized that Salina was in the same cemetery as other Goodrick family members but I did not have her on my list. Daughters are hard to find if you don't know their married name. In the cemetery, she has Goodrick as her middle name, so I knew she had to be a daughter of a Goodrick in this cemetery. I then checked out two male Goodricks buried in this cemetery, who were of the right age to be her father. Sure enough, I found him, and found a census to support her as his daughter.

I then sent the following e-mail: "Thank you, Robin, for bringing Salina Jane Goodrick to my attention. I had no information on her until you contacted me. I did some research and she is the

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daughter of George W. Goodrick b. 1/25/1812 VA and d. 4/25/1875 Warren Co., IN. Her mother was Elizabeth Bocoock b. 1809 OH and d. 12/3/1881 Warren Co., IN. You will find her with this family on the 1850 census. I will add her information to my tree tonight. George is the son of Benjamin Goodrick in Ohio. Lynne Alber.”

Robin and I have been sending e-mails back and forth and I have invited her to my tree so she can see where Salina Jane Goodrick fits into the family. With Robin’s information, I have found Salina’s grandson, with a picture of him and lots of information. He lived in Kokomo, Indiana, where other family members of mine lived.

Henry & Salina Jane (Goodrick) Stephens had a daughter, Gertrude Elatia Stephens b. 3/16/1876 West Lebanon, Warren Co., IN, d. 19 Dec.1967 West Lebanon, Warren Co., IN.

She married 2/28/1903 Thaddeus S. Crow b. 11/5/1878 Warren Co., IN. They had a son, Walter Emmet Crow b. 10/15/1904 West Lebanon, Warren Co., IN, d. 8/28/1969 Kokomo Howard Co., IN. This is the person I have pictures of.



Walter Emmet Crow, Grandson of Salina Jane (Goodrick) Stephens Photo courtesy of Lynne Alber

I have learned these past six years that when you share your family information, you will meet nice people who will have a lot of information to share with you that can help you with your family tree.



Some Fascinating Things on Old Tombstones

Anna Hopewell’s grave in Enosburg Falls VT
Here lies the body of our Anna,
Done to death by a banana.
It wasn’t the fruit that laid her low,
But the skin of the thing that made her go.
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In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania cemetery:  
Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.  
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, NY:  
Born 1903--Died 1942.  
Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the  
car was on the way down. It was.  
~~~~~  
In a Ruidoso NM cemetery:
Here lies Johnny Yeast.
Pardon him for not rising.



Goodrich Family Association Research Resources – More NEW Ones!

The fine reprint copies of the 1889, *The Goodrich Family in America*, edited by Lafayette Case, are no longer available. Persons who wish a copy may download it free from Google Books.

The Descendants of William Homer Goodrich of Wethersfield, Connecticut through his 6th 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: gfgenealogy@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: gfgenealogy@yahoo.com. For more details, please see the article by Lindy Allen on page 29 of Volume 2, Issue 4, September 6, 2006 of the GFA Newsletter.

Still Hill Cemetery, So. Glastonbury, CT Goodrich gravestone transcriptions and GPS taken 02 July 2007.

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, Michigan & Indiana; records of V & J Goodrich**
- **The Descendants of William Goodridge who Settled in Watertown, MA in 1634, Traced Through His Son Jeremiah**
- **Isle of Wight County Virginia Deeds 1750-1782**, William Lindsay Hopkins, Iberian Publishing Company, Athens, Georgia, 1995
- **Goodrich Family in Oregon, Ancestors and Descendants of Carmi Goodrich Who Crossed the Plains by Covered Wagon to Oregon Territory in 1845 with Short Records of Allied Families**, Van Valin, Minnie D., compiler, 123 pages.
- **Hancock Shaker Village**, Ott, John Harlow, Shaker Community, 1976
- **The Story of Milton Junction**, Fortnightly Club and Bowen Printing Co., Milton Junction, WI 1951
- **The Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut**, Ricker, Jacquelyn Ladd, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland
- **Early Settlers of New York State, Their Ancestors and Descendants**, Foley, Janet Wethy, Vol., 1 of 9, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1934
- **Genealogical Notes, or Contributions to the Family History of Some of the First Settlers of Connecticut and Massachusetts**, Goodwin, Nathaniel, Hartford, F. A. Brown, 1856
- **History of Old Rappahannock County Virginia 1656-1692, Chapter 5 (Bacon's Rebellion)**, Warner, Thomas Hoskins, Pauline Pearce Warner, Tappahannock, Virginia, Publisher

- **Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts**, Cutter, William Richard, A. M., Vols. 1-4, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, New York, 1908
- **Goodrich Index to Newspapers Published in Rochester, New York, 1818 – 1887**, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County
- **NEW! Marriage Records of the Second Church of Berwick, Maine, 1755 – 1857**, New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 74 (Oct. 1920)

*One name only per lookup request; must be accompanied by known facts about the ancestor. Send request to gfagenealogy@yahoo.com.



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With the support of our members, we are able to provide additional services such as access to our genealogist and our DNA Goodrich Surname project. The Goodrich Family Association maintains a presence on a number of subscription databases. We continually search for new Goodrich information, and records to prove it, such as NEHGS, Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Virginia Genealogical Society, Illinois State Genealogical Society, and others enabling us access to new and verified information to assist our members.

Goodrich Family Association members can request the Association number to take advantage of special discounted pricing for the acclaimed FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) Forum magazine, which includes research information, news in brief, state and historical society news, book reviews, and advertises the most complete calendar of genealogical events published anywhere.

Our NGS organizational membership (National Genealogical Society) serves to widen the bases we touch in our search for Goodrich information; the more we obtain, the more Goodrich researchers we are able to assist.

We have, as a community, built an organization to provide excellent support to those who research Goodrich and variant spellings of the name. But we can't do it alone. We need every member, all our volunteers, fresh ideas, and new visions to pursue. We need YOU!



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It may be the love of noble deeds,
Perchance 'tis pride, but he who reads
Of these who did and dared and died –
Then be it love or be it pride,
There is a link that seems to hold
Us bound to ancestors of old.

~Author unknown

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:

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