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Association Election

The Goodrich Family Association held its historic first election of officers in February. We are pleased to congratulate these newly elected officers:

President – Delores Goodrick Beggs

Vice-President – Matthew Goodrich

Treasurer – Kay Waterloo

All members were sent a copy of the Goodrich Family Association by-laws. If you are a member and did not receive a copy of these by-laws, please contact Kay Waterloo.



Joyce Goodrich



It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of our Trustees, Joyce Goodrich. Joyce was deeply involved in the creation of the original Goodrich Family Association with George Farrell, our founder, in the 1980s. As her obituary below demonstrates, Joyce was quite an accomplished woman. She will be dearly missed, not only by her family, but also by those of us who have worked with her in this Association for the past few years.

Alice Joyce Goodrich, Ph.D.

Dr. Joyce Goodrich passed away on January 2, 2009 in New York after suffering a stroke. She had been undergoing treatment for cancer for the past few months. Born in Chicago, IL on February 21, 1929, she was the eldest child of Grant and Alice Gammeter Goodrich. She graduated from the Milwaukee Downer Seminary High School in 1947, received her undergraduate degree from Sarah Lawrence College in 1952 and later a doctorate in Parapsychology from Union Graduate School, Yellow Springs, OH in 1974. She lived in New York for 40 years.

For three decades, Joyce was Director of the Consciousness Research and Training Project teaching the process, use and practice of the LeShan approach to psychic healing. Paranormal healing and eclectic meditation courses were offered by CRTP as introductory and advanced levels across the country.

She is survived by her sister, Adele Goodrich, brothers, Grant Goodrich and Peter Goodrich and their families, cousins and many friends across the country.

The Consciousness Research and Training Project team are planning a memorial service in New York. A private family service will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Memories of Joyce

Joyce and I became acquainted during the Goodrich Family Reunion more than 20 years ago. We stayed in touch thereafter. In addition to our interest in the Goodrich family, we shared lots of discussions about our common vocation, psychology. Her work in non-traditional healing was especially interesting. I do miss our (mostly phone) conversations but miss even more her presence as a very bright and caring friend. ~ *Dave Goodrich*

Joyce Goodrich was a real friend and mentor to me after George Farrell's untimely demise just as we were restarting the Goodrich Family Association. Joyce dove in and actively procured new Goodrich records for my use, lists of Goodrich connections, and shared her remembered history. Joyce went so far out of her way to gift me with the insight and tools I needed to help make the Goodrich Family Association thrive. I miss her. ~ *Delores Goodrick Beggs*



Two New Trustees

We are pleased to introduce our two new Trustees, Michelle Hubenschmidt and Stephen Goodrich. Each of them has written his or her own biography shown here.

Michelle Hubenschmidt ~

I was born and raised in the Detroit, Michigan suburbs and have three younger siblings, two nieces and one little nephew. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelor degrees in History and Education, and Cambridge College in Boston with a Masters in Education. I have taught classes in Japan and Michigan. I currently teach Advanced Placement History, Advanced Placement Government, Honors History, Honors Government and Honors Economics in a small rural Florida community for the last eleven years.

I stumbled into genealogy quite by accident. Three years ago, I needed to brush up on some Civil War knowledge before I taught the topic to my AP History class. While watching a U of M football game (and studying, of course), I came upon a Michigan Civil War roster and noticed one of my maternal grandparents' names, Rynex, who married my great grandmother, Grace Goodrich (1902-1980). That discovery led me on the genealogy journey and with the Rynex line complete, the last two years have focused on my Goodrich line.

That Goodrich line descends from William (1621-1676); John (1653-1730); Jacob (1694-1746); Elijah (1724-1791); Jesse – my Revolutionary Patriot (1759-1852); Rufus (1787-1843); Daniel T (1811-1885); William P. (1836-1914); David J. (1862-1937) and Grace (1902-1980). These lines have migrated from Hancock, Massachusetts (with Elijah) to Washington County, Pennsylvania (Jesse) to the central Ohio counties of Knox, Morrow and Marion, with Rufus generations then mostly settling in Steuben County, Indiana.

I have acquired multiple binders of documents, vitals, land docs, war files and look forward to sharing that information with the Goodrich community.

Stephen Dean Goodrich, Ph.D. ~

I am a native of rural Wells, Minnesota, earned a B.S. Chemistry at North Dakota State University and a Ph.D. Polymer Science at the University of Akron, and have been engaged as a scientist-chemist specializing in synthetic materials-biomaterials, in academic and industrial settings, for the past 21 years. In 2007, I participated in the Goodrich Surname DNA Project and found I descend from Ensign William¹ Goodrich.

While working for my Ph.D. in Akron, I saw an old copy of *The Goodrich Family in America* by Lafayette W. Case, but was not able to place my 2-g-grandfather Stephen B. Goodrich in it. The connection of my 2-g-grandfather to the Goodrich ancestry was made by Sharon, a part-time researcher in Ithaca, NY I hired to search the Cornell University Rare Manuscript Collection. She found, in entries that were made in the year 1827, baptismal dedications with birth dates of three baptized children in the archives of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, including: Harvey Greenleaf Goodrich, Stephen Beriah Goodrich, and Elizabeth Minerva Goodrich; all children of Josiah Goodrich. Harvey Greenleaf Goodrich, born May 3, 1817, matched the date of birth for Harvey⁷ Goodrich #2104. Stephen Beriah Goodrich was born on October 7, 1821, matching my 2-g-grandfather, and the father, mother and daughter also matched. So my line is: Stephen⁷ Goodrich #2105 (*Josiah⁶, Stephen³, Stephen⁴, William³, Ephraim², William¹*).

Once my Goodrich ancestry was proven, I became more active in seeking some of its missing components. Some of the genealogical exercises included: 1) a study of the Revolutionary War service of six ancestors in my paternal ancestry involved, including Captain Stephen⁴ Goodrich; 2) seeking proof of the maiden surname of Dorothy _____, the first wife of Stephen⁴ Goodrich, postulated by one of her descendents in 1999 to be Dorothy⁵Treat (1731-1811); 3) finding the missing dates of birth and death for Lois Bidwell, wife of Stephen⁵ Goodrich; 4) learning more about the second wife of Stephen⁴ Goodrich, Hannah Ann (Reynolds-Story-Smalley) Goodrich; and 5) trying to find the means by which the brothers John¹ and William¹ Goodrich entered America and ultimately Wethersfield, Connecticut.

I also try to stay current on research conducted by others, including recent Y-DNA population density analyses revealing the origin of the ancient ancestors of Ensign William¹ Goodrich, and even more recent developments in extending the known Goodrich ancestry in England prior to the 16th century.

I enjoy the opportunity to apply scientific and intuitive deduction to genealogical problems as an adjunct to the ongoing search for vital records required to prove potential solutions.





Photo of Descendants of James Goodrich and Celinda Payne

~John B. Lomax



Do you recognize any of the people in the above photo? This is a very old photo and I would like to see if anyone can help identify some of the people in it. It probably would have been taken in central Illinois.

- #4 ??? possibly my mother, Edith Britton, b Dec 1896??
- #6 probably Julia Ann Goodrich Humphreys (1843-1911)
- #8 Harriet (Hattie) Garnet Goodrich Kerns (1853-1937)
- #10 Julia Ann Colwell Goodrich (1812-1905)
- #11 Emeline Hoyt Goodrich Little (1849-1909)
- #17 Nellie Little Britton (1869-1958)

If #4 is indeed my mother, then this photo was taken in about 1900. Whether the photo is of a Goodrich reunion or some other family group, I am unable to determine; I've labeled it as a Goodrich reunion because of the presence of Hattie, Julia, and Emeline. I remember both Aunt Hattie and Grandmother Nellie quite well, hence my identification of them. I have newspaper photos of Julia Ann and Emeline associated with their obits that match this photo, hence their identity is also well established. A photo identified as being Julia & Charles Humphreys taken before 1908 is only a fair match to #6, hence the uncertainty of ID. [John B. Lomax]

They are all descendants of James Goodrich (1770-1842) and Celinda Payne (1772-?). James was born in Wethersfield, CT and died in Bradford Co., PA.

The children of James and Celinda Goodrich were: Silas N. B. (1791), James (1793), Clark H. (1794), Keziah (1796), Rebecca (1803), Betsey (1805-1880), George (1809-1880), and Harriet L.

(1810-1855). [Note that both Silas N. B. and Clark H. were in Jerseyville, IL in the 1850 census, close enough for their families to attend a 1900 reunion in Christian Co., IL.]

The children of George Goodrich (1809-1880) and **Julia Ann Colwell** (1812-1905) were: Mary Elizabeth (1832-1909), James Henry (1835-1872), Sarah Rebecca (1837-1910), George Welton (1839-1864), Celinda Paine (1841-1878), **Julia Ann** (1843-1911), Charles Hamilton (1846-1926), **Emeline Hoyt** (1849-1909), **Harriet Garnet (Hattie)** (1853-1937), Laura (1855-abt.1915).

The children of Emeline Hoyt Goodrich and Eli Slawson Little were: **Nellie** (1869-1958), Herbert (1871-1877), Oliver Cyrus (1875-1946), Laura Charlotte (1881-1918), and Jennie (1886-1949). (Nellie was my grandmother and she raised me after my mother died when I was 3. [John B. Lomax]).

I have a good photo (without the numbers) that I am happy to share with anyone. My email is jblomax@sbcglobal.net.



AOL Forever?

~ Carole McCarty, GFA Trustee

There is something to be said for keeping the same email address for years and years. Most of us have bowed to the various Internet providers when new services came to town, or new plans were offered. My sister, Kay, however, has remained steadfast in her loyalty to AOL and has had the same email address – her first and only – for at least seventeen years. Much as I have tried to coax her to update and drop AOL and all its idiosyncrasies, she didn't. Every time AOL dropped her while she was online, she still held on. What a testimony to her patience!

Now for the story. Kay had posted a query at least twelve years or so ago with McHenry County IL Genealogical Society. As it happened, she rarely, if ever, heard from anybody about our elusive ancestor, William John Meehan. No connection was ever made with the few who wrote to her hoping for a BINGO! Last week, out of the blue, she received an email from Jason, a much younger fellow. It seemed Jason's email was full of excitement and hope since he too was researching the same WJM. He indicated he had information perhaps taking us across the water to "Mother Ireland." Wow! What a day that was!

Would you believe that Jason's mother and 2 aunts live in the same town as my sister has for fifteen years and they had never known about each other? It only took 2 days for my sister and our newly found second cousins to meet over lunch and share family stories. We've had conference calls and exchanged photos. There is a family-sharing website called www.Geni.com on which we are now painstakingly adding ancestors to this new family tree Jason set up. There is a strict privacy policy in place so that only invited family can view our information.

As it turns out, I pored through my Meehan notebooks seeking to add validity to the location where Jason thought he had found our guy with parents and siblings. Although I may need to point him in another direction, the enthusiasm is still there and growing in the excitement of finding new cousins and excited researchers.

If you have read Dick Eastman's online newsletter lately, he wrote very convincing advice for his readers about getting a new email address with one of the host email providers that will not likely be bought or moved, such as has happened to local servers like insightbb.com, my.fairpoint.net and many others. He recommends free email providers such as Yahoo, Gmail or hotmail.

After the events of last week, now I'm not so sure...

CaroleMcCarty, one of our Trustees, is also the President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. The above article was Carole's President's Letter in the March/April Issue of the ISGS Quarterly. She kindly agreed to have it published here in the Gospel, also. The "Kay" she refers to is her sister, Kay Waterloo, GFA Treasurer and Quarterly Editor.



Goodrich Surname DNA Project

~Delores Goodrick Beggs

The Goodrich Surname DNA project has grown to 35 members. We are seeking more project participants for both the male y-DNA group and the mtDNA group.

World Families has been redesigning our DNA web site, and improving access to the features. Navigation is by clicking tabs across the top. The important pages to view are the yDNA Results page, the mtDNA page and the Patriarch page, all of which are updated from time to time. If you haven't looked lately, visit our Goodrich DNA web site at:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich>

The benefit of DNA testing is in the connections found. The actual laboratory testing is done by Family Tree DNA. In some cases the test results may provide a jump over a brick wall to connections, such as the startling connection of the Thomas Goodrich of Virginia line to the William Goodrich of Wethersfield line. I would like to see more Thomas of Virginia descendents test, to further verify this connection. Would like to include test results from all the first and second generation sons of Ens. William of Wethersfield.

I would also like to see more test participants from other branches of the Goodrich family tree, and variant spellings of the name - Richard Goodrich of Guilford, William Goodridge of Watertown, and miscellaneous, as yet unconnected, "orphan" branches.

Interested persons can contact me at gfgenealogy@yahoo.com for information how to join the Goodrich Surname DNA Project while taking advantage of the very nice group rate discount pricing.



The Mayflower Society

~Franklin E. Smith III

Dear cousins and Mayflower applicants,

My name is Franklin E. Smith and I am the Governor of the Los Angeles Colony of Mayflower Descendants, and I have many Goodrich related cousins. The first known marriage was between Enoch Smith and Ruth Goodrich Oct 25, 1732, and they had ten children (this line has not been fully researched). A couple of generations later, Bailey Goodrich married Eunice Smith in Sandisfield 1801. They moved to upstate New York and had eight children with many descendants migrating to the Michigan area. My Smith line also goes to Michigan where a few generations later Ora H. Goodrich married my great-grandfather's sister Lillian P. Smith in 1899.

I have been asked to describe the Mayflower application requirements, and it is a lot easier than many people think. The Mayflower Society numbers about 35,000 members out of an estimated 35,000,000 descendants. To be a Mayflower member you must have solid source documentation which is reviewed by Mayflower genealogists in depth.

The easy part is that we put out a set of books called the Five Generations Project (Silver Books) of all the Mayflower passengers with known descendants for the first five generations. Most genealogical libraries have these books and many large public libraries also have them. For some reason used copies of these books sell for a lot more than buying them new, and when one considers that new copies are often revised and expanded, its kind of odd that anyone would want an out of date used one. You can buy them direct at <http://www.themayflowersociety.com/bie.htm>.

I have two Mayflower lines, but they are both descended through name changes. This means that most descendants don't have single name change descent. Every generation can be a name change and there are people who have gone through a dozen name changes before reaching their Pilgrim.

As a twelfth generation Mayflower descendent, I only had to provide source documentation for seven generations, and then the Silver Books provides the rest of the source documentation. You need as many birth, death, and marriage certificates as you can find, but census data along with land and probate records can be used if they clearly show a connection to the next generation. If you have census data, then you can often find vital records from the area the census was taken, but those records don't always still exist and that's when you have to collect probate and land records.

I learned genealogy by going to the Mormon Family History Center in Los Angeles. These centers are all over the world and are free to use. They have computer and microfilm access resources that are too many to list in this article. https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page. Note: They are currently expanding their online resources to a level comparable to [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0>

When you get into a really tough spot, and you can't find the source data in an area you know is the right place and time, then you can look up the local historical society and see if they have any records that can help you. One of the new tools in Genealogy is Y-DNA comparison, and I am in a Project for Smith ancestors from the Northeastern United States. I have six matches on this site with two that don't know their genealogy, but they have the advantage of knowing where they are going and what to look for. <http://www.familytreedna.com/>

I hope this has helped you. You can find more Mayflower information at www.lacolony.org and Smith/Goodrich data (searchable books) at a companion site www.lacolony.org/rs.html.

Good luck.

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Finding the Parents of Dinah (Bishop) Goodrich

~ Michelle M. Hubenschmidt, M.ED, NBCT

Any Genealogist will say that one of the greatest obstacles is determining a wife's maiden name and/or her parentage. I have single-mindedly and with dogged determination set out to resolve the parentage of Dinah Bishop, wife of my Revolutionary patriot, Jesse Goodrich.

Like most, the Case book lays my foundational work and research. Though not always accurate, he points in a general direction to begin. The details are sparse: Jesse Goodrich was born 28 Oct 1759 and died 21 Sept 1852; married 16 Jan 1782 to Dinah Bishop and they had nine children. That's it, nothing more.....good luck on your journey ma'am.

This two-year odyssey has not conclusively proven who Dinah Bishop's parents are, however, I believe I have narrowed it to two candidates through some systematic research and a combination of tangible and circumstantial evidence located in the Berkshire Athenaeum Library in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and the Hancock Shaker Community just outside of Pittsfield and Hancock Massachusetts. They are Talmage Bishop (16 May 1734-1796) and his brother John Bishop (Nov 1742-Nov 1828). My stronger suspicion leans towards John since Jesse and Dinah have a son that they have named John Bishop (3 Nov 1791-27 Aug 1865).

Let's begin with her husband, Jesse, who in his own right has a fascinating story. Jesse is the son of Elijah (Jacob³, John², William¹) and Margere (Gillett). As an interesting side note, I have been to their burial grounds, Goodrich Hollow Cemetery in Hancock, and her headstone reads Margere, though secondary sources state Margaret. Jesse, like many of his generation, joins the Revolutionary cause and enlists with the Berkshire Co. militia under Col. Benjamin Simon and heads to Fort Ticonderoga.¹ Documents uncovered at the Berkshire Athenaeum Library reflect John is also a member of this regiment, therefore, the two men would have known each other.² It is quite possible that Jesse meets Dinah through this friendship after the war.

For two decades Jesse and Dinah stay in the Berkshire county area of Massachusetts, and raise a family.^{3,4} By 1810, I find they have moved to Morris Twp, Washington County, Pennsylvania as farmers.⁵ The 1820 census reveals the same, however the 1830 enumeration does not reflect Dinah. An initial letter to the Washington County Historical Society two years ago proved fruitless in that they had no documentation for that time period. However, I continued contact and research with those folks and I received a pleasant surprise the week before Christmas. They had indeed found a short obituary for Dinah which read, "Died on the Wednesday past Dinah Goodrich, consort Jesse Goodrich sen."⁶ Her death date on the calendar for that year is 6 July 1828 but a burial location is unknown, at this time. Somewhere between 1830-1840 I find a large number of Goodriches have migrated from Pennsylvania over to the central Ohio counties of Knox, Morrow and Marion.⁷ Jesse is now probably aged and infirmed, takes up residence with his

daughter, Elizabeth, who married War of 1812 veteran, Henry Armstrong and is living in Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio.⁸ He stays there until 1852. A little sleuthing finds that he is buried in Centerburg Cemetery along with Elizabeth and Henry Armstrong as well as John Bishop Goodrich and his wife. As of yet, I have been unable to find an obituary or probate for Jesse, which strikes me as odd. Through other historical studies I know that the country revives its interest in the Revolutionary War when the memoirs of George Robert Twelve Hewes are published, detailing his involvement in the Boston Tea Party, subsequent siege of Boston, events leading to and the Revolution. The country sets out to find other aging veterans and print their stories. Jesse lives to 1852 which would make him 92 at his passing; surely there must be something written at the time of his passing and I have just missed it. But, persistence will pay off and I will revisit the area.

I also received a probate copy for John Bishop Goodrich, slightly hopeful for any information on my objective that too, proved fruitless. If anything, I am curious to know what happened to the land that Jesse owns in Knox County after his death. I have a copy of the plat map of 1857, which, even after his death in 1852, clearly shows his name. It is probable that this is the homestead that he is living on with his Armstrong son-in-law. Several visits to the Marion, Morrow and Knox counties have produced results, but not all that I need. I am in process of determining who inherits this land.

While researching Jesse and Dinah's children, I stumbled on incredible stories that provide insight into Jesse's life. The Goodrich family is very proud of its ancient England past connecting them to many of the first founding families to the New World. These stories are restated again and again in many of the local and county histories I have read through wherever Jesse's children resided during the 1880's. Jesse voted for George Washington and his last vote is cast for Zachariah Taylor. This is indicative that Jesse is a landowning, over-21 man of some wealth in 1789, which was the voting requirement of the time. It is interesting to note that both Washington and Taylor are soldiers before politicians, the former with the Revolution and the latter in the Mexican War. Therefore, can it be surmised that perhaps Jesse also voted for Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans (War of 1812) and William Henry Harrison, famous for his role in the Battle of Tippecanoe? Both men earned hero and worship status within their times. From that same historical source, retold from Louis and Lloyd Goodrich, sons of Goodwin Benedict that they were regaled through their childhood of Grandpa Jesse's trying times in the Revolution. Those stories were repeated in the Harrison County Iowa books:

“ Now the veteran grandfather of these boys, at the age of eighteen, in the Revolution, marched hundreds of miles through the woods and over mountains, elbows out and feet tied in rags; most of the time no shoes or hat; occasionally days at a time passed without food. The only cause he knew was liberty, the only friend that Jesse knew was his dear old mother in Connecticut (should be Mass.) who as often as opportunity presented, sent him a pair of shoes and socks, with the other garments, always adding a bundle of bullets which she had moulded (sic) to help on the struggle for freedom later on. Their fathers, too, had spent many weeks and months in defending the rights of the new Republic against Britain and her pirates on the high seas in the War of 1812.”⁹

As with most oral traditions that are passed down through generations, there are probably some stretched truths, however, one can make several inferences from the above passage. First, Jesse's mother, Margere could read and write, she made bullets for her son, which is actually a common practice at this time, she is sending care packages through a courier or post somehow. The story does illustrate what many of us have been told through the years, and that is the difficult plight and suffering that the Rev soldiers endured to gain our freedom. I have been to the Hancock area and Berkshire mountains, have driven the side roads to Fort Ticonderoga and can attest that it is indeed a hundred miles of mountainous and valley terrain that Jesse would have spoken of to his children.

With all of that said about Jesse Goodrich, let us turn our attention back to his wife Dinah and her parentage.

The Berkshire Athenaeum Library in Pittsfield, Mass is a treasure trove of genealogical material, much of which is digitized for easy access. It is known as the Knudrow system, named so for the gentleman who

spent years pouring over original land documents, town meetings and subsequently creating volumes of notes, books then digitizing them. Simply type in your name and hundreds or thousands of digitized documents appear for easy viewing.

First thing to do is print out a list of every Bishop living in the Berkshire area in 1780, which is the approximate time that Dinah and Jesse are married. I did find one notation of an existing land transaction document for Jesse and Dinah Goodrich in North Adams, for the early 1780's; however a digitized version of that land record did not exist on the system and I could not locate the hard copy. This is unfortunate in that the grantor of the land is not listed. Could that grantor be Dinah's father?

With systematic and time consuming process of elimination using dates of birth, death, etc., I narrowed my focus to a handful of men, then with further research shifted attention to Talmage and John Bishop.

The father of these men is Theophilus Bishop (13 Jul 1711). In 1766 a land grant is given to Benjamin Goodrich by the General Court (of King George II) for the area of Hancock, Massachusetts. This land grant is probably given to Benjamin for services rendered in the French and Indian War, but I have not substantiated that as of yet,¹⁰ although I did find a document stating Talmage had served in the French and Indian War with the Connecticut Militia. One document found describes the land grant, petitioners and a map of the area. Theophilus is mentioned on several land deeds thereafter as being one of the original thirteen petitioners on the Goodrich Grant.¹¹ There being fourteen petitioners on this grant, division of land would number in the hundreds of acres, though I was unable to ascertain just how many acres were in the original grant or how many acres were ceded to each petitioner.

A land deed recorded on 6 April 1767 reflects Theophilus deeding to Talmage an amount of land for 50 pounds sterling.¹² Further documents show a land deed from Theophilus to both Talmage and John Bishop which led me to assume these men were brothers and receiving distribution of inheritance from their father.¹³ But, if anything, this reflects that the men owned land in the Hancock area where Jesse Goodrich lives.

Dinah is married in 1782 at Goodrich Hollow, which is the Elijah Goodrich homestead. Her potential birth might fall between 1760 and 1765, which assumes a marrying age of 17 to 22.

Talmage Bishop is married to Louise Burr on 23 Sep 1758 and common sources on Ancestry and One World Tree reflect three children known:

Ann b. 14 May 1760
Lois b. 29 May 1761
Burr b. 27 Jul 1763

Louise Burr is only 23 in 1763 and it is probable that she birthed more children after, albeit undocumented, which leaves an open possibility for Dinah between 1763 and 1765.

John Bishop and Mary Pierce married 2 Oct 1763. Again, using the common sources:

Joab b. 22 Aug 1764
John b. 16 Dec 1766
Asa b. 6 Aug 1769
Johanna b. 16 Aug 1770
Sarah b. 27 Jul 1780

It is possible Dinah's birth could fall in 1765 for this family.

Another indication is that Jesse and Dinah's first-born daughter is named Sarah, who is the wife to Theophilus, and possibly Dinah's grandmother. Jesse and Dinah have a son, Goodwin Benedict, who is named after Jesse's grandmother Benedicta Goodwin. And as mentioned they have a son named John Bishop. These two pieces of evidence point to an adherence to specific naming patterns.

I then attempted to track the probate records for Theophilus, Talmage and John Bishop, which would indicate any distribution of inheritance to children, hoping to find Dinah Goodrich listed anywhere. The Berkshire Athenaeum did not have records for Theophilus. Records indicated that Talmage and John both become Shakers.

During the time period of the late 1780's and 1790's America is swept with a religious revival known as the Second Great Awakening. It is a movement away from the "old" religions of Puritanism, Anglican and Congregational, and the formation of the "new" religions that espouse a more personal connection to God. These new religions are the Baptists, Methodist, Millerites, Mormons and many of the lesser-known religions that have since disappeared. The Shakers are one of these new religions, founded by Mother Ann Lee who comes to the Hancock area in the 1780's converting many Goodriches and Bishops to her growing flock. A visit to the Hancock Shaker Community in Hancock, Mass (just a few miles from the Goodrich Hollow Homestead) finds an original Goodrich home, to which I received a private tour. I went on a Sunday for my visit and consequently could not do any research into their records, however, this home and land is donated to the Shaker community by Daniel Goodrich who reforms to the faith. Elijah Goodrich also has a son named Daniel, but I am unable to verify if the two Daniels are the same. If they are, this Daniel would be brother to Jesse.

Shaker records in the Berkshire Athenaeum record that both Talmage and John, with their wives, convert to the faith and live and die within the community.¹⁴ Unfortunately, before becoming a member, one must divest themselves of all possessions, including land. Is it possible that the earlier land deed I found with Jesse and Dinah for 1782, records this event? Once Talmage and John are divested of assets there would be no need for probate records within the Shaker community, and other Shaker records (the few I have researched) provided no indication of who their children or family were. There are a great deal of Goodriches who join the Shaker communities in Berkshire and just over the border in New York State. There is also a Shaker repository available for further research.

Another small bit of circumstantial evidence is that between 1800 and 1810, there is a migration of folks out of Hancock and into Washington County, Pennsylvania, which is where Jesse and Dinah set up farming in Morris Twp. A quick review of the census records finds a number of Bishops also in the area.

Although there is not any direct evidence of Dinah's parentage, and perhaps there may never be, however, I believe that the summation of circumstantial evidence alludes to the probability of John Bishop or lastly Talmage Bishop.

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11. Middle Berkshire Registry of Deeds – Pittsfield Book B p224
12. Ibid
13. Ibid Book A p281; Book B p225; Book B p227; Book C p324
14. Knudrow p658 details the story of conversion for Talmage



Brothers of Jesse (1759 – 1852) Goodrich

~ Carl J. Hoffstedt

While doing genealogy research for Trott Brook Cemetery in Anoka County, Minnesota, one of the people served in the Civil War period as part of Hatch's Division. Captain John S. Cady was killed in the Sioux uprising and I wondered where he was buried. Other Cadys were buried in Anoka County cemeteries. Based on information from the Anoka County Historical Society that he was buried in a cemetery in Moravia, Cayuga County, New York, I searched the US Genealogy website and eventually found him buried in the Moravia or Dry Creek Cemetery. I then looked for Goodriches in that cemetery and found some. I was able to match the gravestone inscriptions with the Goodrich Family in America information for Daniel Goodrich found on page 87. Daniel was the son of Elijah Goodrich (1724-1791) on page 52. Elijah had 11 other children including John and Jesse.

Other members of the family buried in the Moravia Cemetery are as follows:

Esther (Adams) Goodrich, wife of Daniel, p. 87

Calvin Goodrich, son of Daniel & Esther, p. 87

Stephen Goodrich, son of Daniel & Esther, p. 87 & 148

James A. Goodrich, son of Daniel & Esther, p. 88

Nancy Jane (Lester) (Powers) Goodrich, wife of James A., p. 88

Hannah (Richards) Goodrich, 1st wife of Lyman who was a son of Daniel, p. 87

Lucy Goodrich Brigden, daughter of John & Susan, p. 86

Goodriches, buried at Moravia, who I have not been able to connect to the book are: Aaron (d.1868) & Affable (d.1879), Goodrich, Joel (d.1891) & Civilla (Ells) (d.1908) Goodrich, and Samuel N. (d.1912) & Julia A. (d.1925) Goodrich.

One of my aims is to connect Goodriches in Minnesota to Goodrich Family in America. John (1755-) and 1st wife, Susan Hamblin, (p. 52-85) had a son Jeremiah (1804-1844) with his 1st wife being Sophriana Melandy, p. 86 & 143. Jeremiah and Sophriana had a son, William A. (1827-1894), p. 144. I was able to add his children to my Family Tree Maker file. More research is needed to find their descendants as most of the children were born in Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.

Descendants of William A. Goodrich

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM A.9 GOODRICH (JEREMIAH8, JOHN7, ELIJAH6, JACOB5, JOHN4, WILLIAM (THE ELDER) EPHREM3, JOHN2, WILLIAM1) was born January 14, 1827 in Bainbridge, Chenango County, New York, and died April 16, 1894 in Staples, Todd County, Minnesota. He married ELIZA PICKARD April 12, 1846. She was born Abt. 1827 in Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.

More About WILLIAM A. GOODRICH:

Date born 2: January 14, 1827

More About ELIZA PICKARD:

Date born 2: Abt. 1827

Children of WILLIAM GOODRICH and ELIZA PICKARD are:

- i. CHARLES H.10 GOODRICH, b. July 1847, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York.
More About CHARLES H. GOODRICH:
Date born 2: July 1847
- ii. NATHAN GOODRICH, b. October 1848, Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York.
- iii. WILLIAM GOODRICH, b. 1851, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.
- iv. WILLIAM GOODRICH, b. 1854, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.
- v. EMELINE GOODRICH, b. 1856, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.
- vi. JAMES GOODRICH, b. 1858, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.
- vii. FRANKLIN GOODRICH, b. September 1860, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois.
- viii. GOODRICH.
- ix. GEORGE GOODRICH, b. 1866, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois; d. 1875.
- x. GOODRICH.
- xi. GOODRICH.
- xii. JEREMIAH GOODRICH, b. 1872, Hadley, Pike County, Illinois; d. 1878.

In looking for a non-Goodrich, I was able to find additional Goodriches. Jesse (1759-1852) and Dinah (Bishop) Goodrich are found on p. 86. The above information can be added to the previous article by Michelle Hubenschmidt regarding Jesse and Dinah (Bishop) Goodrich.



Dusty Old Newspapers

~ Kay Waterloo

We genealogists are always looking for sure-fire leads to guide our research. One of the most successful research tools I have found for learning about my late 19th century relatives is their local newspaper. And one of the best newspapers I have run across is the Marengo Republican News in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois.

I began my genealogy journey in the late 1970's while living in Aurora, Illinois, a short hour's drive from my ancestors' home in Marengo. When I discovered the Marengo Republican Newspaper, they were still housing their old issues and older-yet microfilmed issues in the basement of their tiny offices. They were kind enough to let me tote my spiral notebooks and pens down to that dusty, dingy, damp and dimly lit cellar to search for any tidbit about my Goodrich, Meehan, Miller and associated families. Oh, the goldmine I unearthed! Each and every issue of this chatty paper was filled with names, dates and places that would eventually lead me to exciting discoveries. One of the most intriguing items was regarding a trip that my great, great grandfather took to New York with his sister – oh, but I'll let you follow along on my journey by relating some of the articles I discovered and what I did or could learn from them. Mind you, these are only a small fraction of the articles I found. The first article was in the Marengo Journal; the rest are from the Marengo Republican News.

January 27, 1872

Mrs. J. G. Vawter has sold her house and lots to Mr. E. J. Goodrich of Evanston. The price realized is \$1900. Mr. Goodrich will take possession the first of April. *(This brief item tells me Elias and Lucia lived in Evanston, Illinois prior to April 1872. I read the 1870 Census for Evanston, Cook Co., Illinois and found Elias age 40 lumber merchant, Lucia age 30 keeping house, and children Ella age 12, Walter age 9, and Estelle age 1, along with Ella Marvin*

seamstress, Frank Knowles lumber merchant, Augusta Davis servant and John Doss servant. I later discovered that children, Ella and Walter, were Elias' children by his first wife, Ann Dennison. I also where Elias and Lucia were born).

December 21, 1972

Goodrich means to keep himself before the public "about these days." Besides distributing a large amount of printed matter, his goods and prices keep him well advertised. He has customers from all parts of the county. Only last week he sold a bill of \$250.00 to a Woodstock man and his trade from that direction is quite large. We are confident that there is not a finer Furniture Store or better stock of furniture to be found outside of the larger cities. Such an institution is certainly a credit to our town and should be, as it is, liberally patronized. Be sure and call on him, you can't miss his place for he has just had a new sign painted on his windows. *(This tells me that Elias is a hard-working, successful businessman.)*

February 22, 1873

Born: Saturday February 15th to the wife of E. J. Goodrich, a son. *(Vital statistics here.)*

May 17, 1873

E. J. Goodrich shook the Marengo dust from his feet Wednesday morning, for a trip to the state of N. Y. on business matters. *(This may seem to be business-related, but actually, I later discovered it was a trip of a more personal nature – see next article.)*

May 17, 1873

Mrs. W. A. Treat took leave of her family and friends Wednesday morning for a visit to Oswego, N. Y. expecting to be absent 3 or 4 weeks. *(This is the article I mentioned at the beginning of this essay. Just one sentence, but look at what I later discovered. Abbie was Elias' sister. Why is she going to NY also? And at the exact time as Elias? Many years after first reading this article in the MRN, I met another Goodrich, Bob Goodrich of Traverse City, Michigan who is descended from Elias' brother, Smith Goodrich, about whom I knew nothing. Bob is also an avid genealogist and was planning a research trip to Oswego, NY where Smith had resided. I mentioned these MRN articles about Elias AND Abbie traveling to NY and suggested perhaps they were traveling to visit their brother. I asked Bob to check at the courthouse for a death record for Smith around the date of Elias' visit. He did, and lo and behold! Smith had died in 1875 and his "brother, Elias," was named as executor of his estate. I assume, therefore, that Elias and Abbie traveled to NY two years earlier to visit Smith, either because he was already sick, or just to finalize Elias being named in Smith's will as executor. This confirmed the relationship between Elias and Smith. I love this detective work!)*

May 9, 1874

Mr. E. J. Goodrich is building a nice picket fence in front of his brick residence on West Washington St. It improves the looks...very much, so much, that E. J. doesn't want to sell out. *(This item places the family home on W. Washington Street. On one of my many trips to Marengo, I searched for this house to see if it looked at all like a photo I have of Elias standing in front of his home by a flagpole. It was the same house.)*

1885 issue

Mrs. W. A. Treat entertained the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society. *(Does this mean that Abbie, and perhaps Elias, were Methodist? Could check church records.)*

1888 issue

Married: H. Walter Davis and Estelle E. Goodrich at residence of clergyman Rev. J. N. Hutchinson... (*This clergyman's name could lead me to church records for others in the family.*)

And then there are some longer articles that have lots of interesting familial connections one can search. As follows:

Friday, May 5, 1893

QUIETLY WEDDED

At the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock Mr. James A. Meehan of Chicago, and Miss Bessie E. Goodrich, of Marengo, were united in marriage by Rev. C. W. Thornton. The happy event was witnessed by Edgar Goodrich and Mrs. Stella Davis, brother and sister of the bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Goodrich, of this place, and a young lady of many personal charms and accomplishments. She has grown to young womanhood's estate here, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know her, and they are not a few. The groom is employed as an engineer on the Illinois Central road in Chicago, running from the city to the World's Fair grounds, and is an industrious, wide-awake young man, worthy the lady of his choice.

They will make their future home in Chicago, departing therefore on the 3:50 train Tuesday afternoon.

The earnest good wishes and Godspeeds of a host of friends follow the newly-wedded couple to their home in the Garden City. May their married life be a happy one. (*James & Bessie are my great, grandparents.*)

1895 issue

A DEED WORTHY OF MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. James Meehan, nee Bessie Goodrich, live in the station house at Conway Station, near Oak Park, on the Wisconsin Central. Looking out one day last week, she noticed that the main switch was open, and the limited Express nearly due. She ran out to change the switch, but was unable to do so. She ran back to the station, locked her baby in the house, took a red shawl and ran up the track and flagged the train just in time to avoid running into the open switch. The conductor asked her what was the matter, and she told him the switch was wrong and she was unable to change it. A brakeman was sent ahead and set it right. The limited had about 600 passengers, and the escape from a horrid accident was wholly due to Bessie's watchfulness. (*That's my Great-grandma for you!*)

And finally, here are what are probably the most important articles – obituaries, which, in this newspaper, were typically flowery tributes to the deceased, and as such, are a wealth of information.

September 25, 1908

ELIAS J. GOODRICH

Elias J. Goodrich passed away at his home in this city on Thursday afternoon, September 17, 1908, aged 72 years, 6 months and 17 days. The funeral was held at his home on Saturday, Rev. W. M. Embree officiating. The pallbearers were his comrades in the war of the rebellion, as follows: D. W. Hewitt, David Redpath, N. F. Colver, E. G. Gissett, Marlin Bigilow and A. Schwater, and the burial was in the Marengo cemetery. There were many present at the funeral to sympathize with the bereaved family and show their esteem for one whom they had known for many years. E. J. Goodrich was born in Augusta, Michigan, February 28, 1836 and when a young

man came to Marengo, where he married in 1854, and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Ella Pettibone and Walter Goodrich of Council Bluffs, Iowa. When the war broke out he was one of the young men who left their wives and children and responded to Abraham Lincoln's call "to arms" and enlisted in Co. A, 95th Ill. Inf. And faithfully served his country until the Angel of Peace once more hovered over the nation. Shortly after the close of the war he went to Evanston, where he remained several years. It was while residing there that he was married to Miss Lucia Morrill, who survives him with two sons and three daughters as follows: Edgar and Ernest of this city, Mrs. George Bates and Mrs. Irving Hungerford, also of Marengo, and Mrs. James Meehan of Chicago. All of his children were present at the funeral except Mrs. Pettibone of Council Bluffs. In the early seventies, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich returned to Marengo and for some time he was engaged in the furniture business, but for some years he was unable to attend to any business, and enjoyed himself with his friends and family. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Mrs. Wm. Benjamin of this city, Mrs. W. A. Treat of Evanston, and Mrs. Marvin of Iowa.

Of a religious disposition, he held to a liberal interpretation of the Bible and, although he held tenaciously to his theories, he cheerfully conceded to others their right for other thoughts of the future world. He was well-informed as to the world's doings and it was a pleasure to converse with him upon the events of the day.

To a remarkable degree did he manifest his affection for his home and its inmates, finding his chief joy in contributing to the happiness of them all. In his death his wife realized the loss of a companion whose sympathy was manifested in all her burdens. His children mourn the counsel of one whom they had learned to consider as excellent. The community, a citizen whose aim was to live so that others should be helped upward by his influence. The family have the sympathy of all in this time of their sorrow.

We desire to thank the kind friends who assisted us during the illness of our father, and also those who sent so many beautiful flowers. Each and every one please take this as a personal letter to yourself and felt that your thoughtful kindness was appreciated. Mrs. E. J. Goodrich and family. *(I about cried when I read those testimonies about my great- great-grandfather.)*

Friday, December 3, 1915

BODY BROUGHT TO MARENGO

The remains of James A. Meehan were brought to Marengo Wednesday for interment in the City Cemetery.

Mr. Meehan died on Monday last of pneumonia at his home in Chicago. He was 44 years of age.

Mr. Meehan grew to manhood in this city. On May 2, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Goodrich, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Goodrich, a well-known Marengo resident.

Directly after the marriage they moved to Chicago, Mr. Meehan having since been employed as a locomotive engineer in the train service on the Rock Island Road.

He is survived by the widow and three children, Edgar and Lyndon of Chicago, and Mrs. J. F. Morgan who resides in the state of Kentucky.

Thus, I encourage all genealogists to learn what the local newspaper was in your ancestor's hometown. Find copies of it, whether bound, on microfilm, online, or even a CD. Take your spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, computers, tape recorders, or whatever you find useful to transcribe the material – just DO IT! You will not be sorry.

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“Brick walls are there for a reason; they let us prove how badly we want things.”
~From The Last Lecture, given September 18, 2007, by Dr. Randy Pausch, a Carnegie Mellon University Professor who died at age 47 of pancreatic cancer on July 25, 2007.



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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

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***NEW:** *Goodrich Index to Newspapers Published in Rochester, New York, 1818 – 1887*, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County

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



Clara Beth

~ contributed by Edward O. Goodrich, M.D., FACS

There was a Los Alamos fireman named T. Goodrich who, with his wife lived on a ranch south of Santa Fe. His wife told me this story, and I believe it is true. T. was originally from Michigan, so we both figured that we were probably distant cousins. T. had custody of his family Bible, which contained records of many of his family's births marriages and deaths, as is customary.

His wife's aunt, a true Southern lady, had come to Santa Fe to visit them. Discovering T.'s Bible, the more the aunt read, the more absorbed she seemed to have become. Finally, she looked up at her niece, just short of shock, and said "Cora Beth, you done married a Yan-kee!"



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