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Introduction: Treat in Taunton Manor Rolls vs. Goodrich in Felsham Manor Rolls

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As mentioned in the June, 2016 issue of the Quarterly,¹ the Felsham Manor rolls 1378-1452 have been searched recently in an attempt to find further information about the Felsham Goodrich ancestry published by Ernest Flagg in 1926 (Figure 1).

GOODRICH. William Goodrich¹ of Wethersfield was son of John Goodrich^a, of Bury St. Edmunds, co. Suffolk, Clothier, whose will is dated April 14, 1632. In it he mentions two sons named William the elder and William¹ the younger. His wife's name was Margery^a. His father was

2. William Goodrich^b of Hessett, b. abt. 1570. Will dated 1631. He was perhaps son of

3. Adam Goodrich^c of Felsham, b. abt. 1540. Will dated 1596-7. His father was

4. Robert Goodrich^d of Felsham, b. abt. 1515, exec. 1554. Inherited homestead in Felsham, in subsidy at Felsham, 1568. He was son of

5. John Goodrich^e of Felsham, b. abt. 1490. On subsidy, 1523. Will, 1554. He was probably descended from Robert Goodrich of Felsham who was on subsidy of 1327.

FIGURE 1: Felsham Goodrich ancestry proposed by Ernest Flagg in 1926.²

The Goodrich entries seen in the Felsham Manor rolls provide less detailed information than the Felsham wills dated 1475-1597; especially the later Felsham wills dated 1554-1597 cited by Flagg, which coincide with the proven portion of the Felsham Goodrich ancestry.³

In these later wills, in particular, the testator named one of his sons as the principal heir who acquired the family property in Felsham, as shown correctly by Flagg for generations (5 to 4)⁴ and (4 to 3)⁵ in Figure 1. Conversely; in the will of testator John Goodrich in 1475, he stated only that he preferred that one of his children acquire his property,⁶ and in the will of testator John Goodrich in 1503, he stated his preference that son John acquire his property before any other.⁷ Extending the Felsham Goodrich ancestry to William Goodrich of Hessett would require that his marriage to Margaret Richardson at St. Peter parish in Felsham on 07 November 1568⁸ be considered in placing William Goodrich-Hessett as a son rather than a grandson (Figure 1) of Robert Goodrich-Felsham.

As described in the fourth article in this issue, two of the Felsham Goodrich wills: John Goodrich, Chaplain of Felsham (20 May 1423; proved 09 Jun 1424) and Rose Goodrich, widow of Felsham (02 Aug 1470; proved 27 Nov 1470),⁹ are believed to be named in the Felsham Manor rolls in 1412-1449. John Goodrich, Chaplain is also likely the Sir John Goodrich, Priest mentioned in the 18 Mar 1467 will of Felsham neighbor Baldwin Cocksedge, who is yet another plausible ancestor.

For orientation and comparative purposes, a presentation of the proven vs. plausible ancestry of the immigrant Richard Treat (1584-1669), ancestor of many descendants of Ensign William Goodrich (1622-1676), published by the late historian Robin Bush in 1999¹⁰ is presented in the third article. In the case of the Treat ancestry, though the records offer more detail for genealogical connections, there is the challenge of more coexisting families in the larger, multi-village Taunton Manor.

Basic Feudal Land Tenure Terms

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LAND (old acres; 4 old = 1 modern): hide/carucate (120), virgate (30), ferling (7.5), dayne (?), curtilage (house yard).

MESSUAGE: dwelling house with outbuildings and associated land.

HERIOT: death duty a tenant paid to the lord of a manor; often in currency of valuable livestock.

BONDLAND: manor land which commonly had ancient dwelling tenements and was held by a customary fine and rent with the payment of heriots and performance of other customary services.¹¹

OVERLAND: manor land that typically had no dwelling places, and though held by a customary fine and rent, tenants paid no heriots or performed other customary services.¹¹

DEMISE: to convey a property or estate by will or by lease.

COPYHOLD: a form of landholding involving the tenancy by non-freemen of tracts of land, including bondland and overland, belonging to the manor of the feudal lord¹² in accordance with the customs of the manor, which could vary in different manors.¹³ The copyhold tenant could not sell, bequeath or otherwise convey his property by deed, but rather could surrender the land in the customary court of the lord of the manor into the possession of the lord for the use of the person who was to acquire the property. The only evidence the copyhold tenant had regarding the property was the copy of the transaction of the customary court.¹⁴ The requirement that property transfer take place through the manor court benefits genealogical research when manor rolls are available, yet it may have precluded drafting of wills.

FREEHOLD: ownership of an estate held and sold or bequeathed at will by the customs of the manor, yet not under the control of a lord, by persons who possessed the rights of a free man under the Magna Carta.¹⁵ In this case, transfer of property could take place outside of the manor court and so not be found in surviving manor rolls, yet the ability to bequeath property directly favored drafting of wills which revealed all surviving family members of the testator. Freeman status in the American colonies was superseded by the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

KNIGHT SERVICE: military duties performed in return for payment, typically in the form of land. Military services could include: deployment in wars or military expeditions, riding and bodyguard services, guarding the castle, and others. To obtain knight service, a lord could enfeoff (*grant a fief to*) one knight directly, or to a man who procured multiple knights.¹⁶

KNIGHT'S FEE: the land allocation considered necessary to support a knight and all his required resources. The knight's fee could vary widely depending on the nobility-military status of the recipient and the relative quality of land being allocated, making the determination of an average knight's fee a long-sought yet difficult task, yet in one known published instance of available data the knight's fee of nearly 500 11th-century knights from the Domesday Book was about 1.5 hides (180 acres).¹⁷ Price inflation later caused the knight's fee to increase, the number of knights to drop, and more knight service performed by persons of increasingly rural vs. professional military experience.¹⁸

SCUTAGE: a means by which a knight could commute the military service that he owed his lord by making some form of payment, though tenants could not refuse required military service.¹⁹

SOCAGE: a form of land tenure in which the tenant lived on his lord's land and in return rendered to the lord a certain agricultural service or monetary rent.²⁰

AMERC: penalty by monetary fine.

SEISE: legal possession.

ALIENATE: a legal transfer.

FEALTY: loyalty; particularly to the lord of the manor.

DISTRAINT: the seizure and holding of goods or property in order to obtain satisfaction of a claim.

Proven vs. Plausible Treat Ancestry in the Taunton Manor Rolls

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The ancestry of immigrant Richard¹ Treat (1584-1669), as published by John Harvey Treat in 1893, was: **Richard¹ Treat (Robert, Richard, William, John)**, after a search he described as follows:²¹

I HAVE compiled a pedigree of the family in England, for six generations, as best I could from the scanty probate, manor and parish records. There are doubtless some errors. I can trace the family back without any difficulty for four generations to Richard Trott. Beyond that point there is a difficulty. There are no parish registers before 1538, and no wills at all relating to our branch of the family. The Taunton Manor Rolls are our only sources of information. There is a calendar, not complete however, quite well preserved, from 1450–1666, but in the present condition of the records it is utterly useless. It would require months of search and great expense to find the documents indexed. As this was a matter of no great importance, I did not feel like undertaking the work. Have thought best to give all the names of Trott found in the calendars between 1450 and 1573, in order to show our authority, in the absence of direct proof, for regarding John and William Trott as the founders of our family, they being the only Trotts in Taunton Manor, and their names having been common ones in the family. The names are in Latin :—John, William, Richard and Robert.

The first record of Trott in Taunton Manor in County Somerset is in Obridge, Staplegrove Hundred as early as ~1250 AD, and remained there until proven grandfather Richard Trotte, possible son of John Trotte, acquired properties in Otterford and South Trendle (later Trull) in 1526-1533. The ancestral line of Richard¹ Treat belonged to Pitminster parish and resided in Trull²² in the map.²³



The transfer of the Taunton Manor records from Taunton Castle to the Somerset Record Office from 1936-1940 facilitated the later rigorous study of the Taunton Manor records 1423-1640, indexed in the manor calendar (*surviving records go back as far as 1207 AD*), by the late historian Robin Bush, who published his findings in 1999.²⁴ William Trotte, an ancestor postulated in 1893, was found to have had only two daughters and so he was not an ancestor, and a calendar entry interpreted as Richard Trotte in Staplegrove in 1509 was found to be Richard Torre.²⁵

A Treat surname variant is first recorded in a Taunton Manor custumal in about 1250 AD, when Richard Trot was a tenant of 5 acres paying rent of 2 shillings per year in Taunton St. James parish in Staplegrove hundred, where he was required: “*to come to four harvest boomworks, to mow and make hay, to come to the rickmaking and the waterlete and to the corn rick in autumn and to hoe,*” in performing customary works for the lord specified by the custumal.²⁶

In the following Trotte/Treat entries for Taunton Manor, only records involving plausible or proven Treat ancestors are shown in full in bold font; the others in italics include only year, location, name and any readily-discernible genealogical information of potential interest in order to demonstrate number, frequency and locations of Trotte/Treat families and entries found by Robin Bush.²⁷

1432-3: Staplegrove, William Trocte (DD/SP 323/8)

1435-6: Staplegrove, Extent of Works, John Trotte (DD/SP 325/10)

1439-40: Staplegrove, 20s from John Trotte, Jr. for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland and half an acre of overland, by grant of Richard Soly (DD/SP 325/14)

1447-8: Staplegrove, 6s 8d from John Trotte for 1 dayne of overland in the tithing of Grasscroft by grant of John Bodynewel, to attract the rest of the tenement of said John, viz. 1 messuage with curtilage in the same tithing. And 10s from the said John for 6 acres of overland “ynlangforyerth” in the tithing of Pyrland, by grant of Robert Knight (DD/SP 325/19)

1454-5: Staplegrove, £4 from John Trotte for 1 cottage with curtilage containing 4 daynes of land in the tithing of Grasscroft which was of John Bodynewelle, and the said John first fined for 1 dayne of the said land to attract the rest (DD/SP 325/24)

1469-70: Staplegrove, 20s from John Trotte for (?) and 3 acres of overland called Sindercroft and 2 acres of meadow overland in the tithing of (?), by grant of Thomas Chappelyn, and 3s, 4d from the same John for (?) overland in the tithing of Staplegrove, by grant of William Lobbe (DD/SP 325/36; roll damaged)

1475-76: Staplegrove, 10s from John Trotte for 4½ acres and 1 rod of overland in Syndercroft in the tithing of Staplegrove, by grant of Henry Burgess (DD/SP 325/40)

1502-3: Staplegrove, 5s from William Trotte for 1 dayne of bondland in the west part of Chetecroft in the tithing of Holford, by grant of John Trotte, to attract the rest of the tenement and land of the said John, viz. 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland in the same tithing, heriot 1 cow, price 8s (Pipe Roll)

1503-4: Staplegrove, 28s, 4d from William Trotte for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland in the tithing of Holford, late of John Trotte, and the said William first fined for 1 acre of bondland to attract the rest of his lands and tenements (Pipe Roll)

1509-10: Staplegrove, William Trotte (Pipe Roll)

1526/7: Otterford, 42s, 8d from Richard Trotte for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland and 5 acres of bondland and 2 cottages with their appurtenances and 4 acres of overland in the tithing of Otterford by grant of William Boly (DD/SP 325/86)

1533-4: Poundisford, 107s from Richard Trotte for 1 messuage and half a virgate of bondland and 1 cottage with its appurtenances and 4 acres of overland in the tithing of South Trendle by grant of Hugh Howell (Pipe Roll)

- 1539-40** Otterford, 4d from **Richard Trotte** for license to demise at farm part of his common in the tithing of Otterford, viz. pasture for 30 castrated sheep to Hugh Howell, for term of the life of the said Hugh (DD/SP 325/97)
- 1541-2 Staplegrove, Johanna and Lucia, daughters of late William Trotte (DD/SP 325/99)
- 1547-8 Poundisford, 8d from John Trotte for 1 cottage lying in the middle of the way called Le Forge in the tithing of Leigh, by grant of John Skinner (DD/SP 325/105)
- 1554 Hull, William Trotte in tithing of North Trendle (DD/SP 85)
- 21 Sep 1565 Hull, William Trotte in the tithing of North Trendle (DD/SP 86)
- 28 Mar 1566 Poundisford, William Trotte in the tithing of South Fulforde (DD/SP 86)
- 23 Sep 1566 Poundisford, William Trotte in the tithing of South Fulforde (DD/SP 86)
- 25 Apr 1570** 1) Otterford, John Trotte for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland; 5 acres bondland and 2 cottages and 4 acres of overland in Otterford by grant of **Richard Trotte** his father on condition that he not transfer it to anyone not named Trotte
- 2) Poundisford, **Robert Trott** for 4 acres pasture of overland in Holemeade in the tithing of South Trendle, grant of William Willes, refers 3 S.G. fine 20 s.
- 3) Hull, William Trotte in the tithing of North Trendle, refers 15 S.G. fine 13s.
- 28 Sep 1571 Otterford, John Trotte in the tithing of Otterford (DD/SP 86)
- Mar 1572** 1) Otterford, John Trotte for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland and 5 acres of bondland and 2 cottages with appurtenances and 4 acres of overland in the tithing of Otterford by grant of **Richard Trotte**, his father, on condition that the said John not sell or surrender the premises to anyone not of the name of Trotte
- 2) Poundisford, **Robert Trotte** for 1 messuage and half a virgate of bondland in the tithing of South Trendle, formerly of Hugh Holwell, by grant of **Richard Trotte** his father, on condition that he do not sell or surrender the premises to any person not of the name of lez Trottes, refers 3 S. Gard. Fine 107s (father-son names are reversed in the 1572 entry; correct in 28 Sep 1571 entry)
- 3) Hull, John Trotte in the tithing of South Trendle (DD/SP 87)
- 30 Mar 1573** Poundisford, **Robert Trotte** for 3½ acres overland called Saymore in the tithing of Blackdon, by grant of Thomas Vincent, refers 2 Eliz. Fine 6s, 8d.
- 30 Mar 1574 Otterford, John Trotte in the tithing of Otterford, refers 22 S.G. (DD/SP 87)
- 18 Jun 1574 Hull, William Trott in the tithing of North Trendle (DD/SP 87)
- 18 Jun 1574 Hull, William Trott in the tithing of North Trendle (DD/SP 87)
- 27 Mar 1575 Poundisford, John Trotte in the tithing of Corfe (DD/SP 87)
- 14 Apr 1576 Poundisford, John Trotte in the tithing of Corfe, refers 14 Eliz.
- 08 Oct 1577 Hull, William Trotte to prosecute a plea of trespass (DD/SP 87)
- Mar 1579 Taunton Castle, William Trotte for a corn mill in the tithing of Hollway (DD/SP 87)
- 30 Sep 1580 Hull, William Trotte to prosecute a plea of debt (DD/SP 87)
- Mar 1583 Holway, William Trotte (DD/SP 88)
- 22 Apr 1584** 1) Poundisford, **Robert Trotte** for 2 cottages with curtilages containing (?) daynes in the tithing of South Trendle, formerly of Elena Ware, by grant of Richard Aplyn, refers 17 Eliz. Fine 2s.
- 2) **Robert Trotte** for 3 acres of overland called Stonydown, parcel of 12½ acres of overland called Stonydown next the land of Christopher Kevell in the south part, and a barn and parcel of the watering pit for beasts, in the tithing of South Trendle, by grant of William Herring, refers 3 Eliz. Fine 20s with 1 house and 9 ares of overland; fine for this 3s, 8d, also for 4 acres of overland called Stonydown in the tithing of South Trendle, late of Agnes Herring, by grant of William Herring, refers 17 Eliz. Fine 5s, 10d (DD/SP 88)
- 07 Apr 1587 Holway, Christopher Trotte in the tithing of Holway (DD/SP 88)

- 24 Apr 1588 *Holway, Christopher Trotte in the tithing of Holway (DD/SP 88)*
- 30 Sep 1589 *Hull, Crhistopher Trotte in the tithing of North Trendle (DD/SP 88)*
- 01 Oct 1590 *Nailsbourne/Otterford John Trotte; tithings of Kingston/Otterford (DD/SP 88)*
- 30 Mar 1591 Poundisford, Robert Trotte for 4 acres of overland called Stonydown, with all structures on premises; tithing of South Trendle, formerly of William White; grant of Nicholas Gibbs, refers 32 Eliz. fine 6s, 8d (DD/SP 88)**
- 23 Sep 1594 *Taunton Castle, Christopher Trotte for mills in tithing of Holway (DD/SP 89)*
- 09 Apr 1595 *1) Otterford, Henry Trotte, by grant of father John to hold to age 21 (DD/SP 89)*
2) Otterford, William Trotte by grant of his father John to hold to age 21, and
3) Otterford, widow Agnes Trotte to hold until William is age 21 (DD/SP 89)
- 08 Sep 1595 *Poundisford-Corfe, John Trotte by father John if mother Agnes dies (DD/SP 89)*
- 23 Mar 1597/8 *North Trendle, Christopher Trotte (DD/SP 89)*
- 07 Sep 1598 *Poundisford, John Trotte in tithing of South Fulford, from father William on condition he pay his sister Mary Smith 13s, 4d a year for life; also in tithing of Pitminster (DD/SP 89)*
- 22 Mar 1598/9 *Taunton Castle, Christopher Trotte and wife Dorothy; Holway mills (DD/SP 89)*
- (?) Sep 1599 *1) Hull, John Trotte, North Trendle 2 tracts from his brother Christopher Trotte*
2) Holway, John Trotte, 3 tracts from brother Christopher Trotte (DD/SP 89)
- 13 Mar 1599/00 Poundisford**
- 1) Richard Trotte for 1 messuage and half a virgate of bondland, 1 cottage with appurtenances and 4 acres of overland in the tithing of South Trendle formerly of Hugh Holwell by grant of Robert Trotte, his father, on condition that Honor Trotte, relict of the said Robert, hold the same for her widowhood, refers 14 Eliz. fine 107s, heriot 1 cow, price 153s 4d**
 - 2) Richard Trotte for 4 acres pasture of overland in Hollemore in the tithing of South Trendle, late of William Wills, by grant of Robert Trotte, his father, refers 13 Eliz. fine 10s, 8d**
 - 3) Richard Trotte for 4 acres of overland called Stonydown next the way part of lez pits to water his beasts, in the tithing of South Trendle, formerly of Agnes Herring, by grant of Robert Trotte, his father, refers 26 Eliz. fine 5s, 10d**
 - 4) Richard Trotte for 2 cottages with curtilages containing (?) daynes, in the tithing of South Trendle, late of Richard Aplyn, by grant of Robert Trotte, refers 26 Eliz. fine 2s**
 - 5) John Trotte for 3 acres overland called Stonydown, parcel of 12½ acres of overland called Stonydown, next the land of Christopher Kevell in the south and east parts and parcel of le watering pit, in the tithing of South Trendle, by grant of Robert Trotte, his father*
 - 6) John Trotte for 3½ acres of overland called Staymore in the tithing of Blackdon, formerly of Thomas Vincent, by grant of Robert Trotte, his father*
 - 7) John Trotte for 4 acres of overland called Stonydown, with all structures on the premises, and appurtenances, late of Nicholas Gibbs, in the tithing of South Trendle, by grant of Robert Trotte, his father*
 - 8) Honor Trotte, relict of Robert Trotte, for enrollment of a corrody, that Richard Trotte granted and confirmed to the said Honor, his mother, 1 messuage and half a virgate of bondland, 1 cottage with appurtenances, and 4 acres of overland in the tithing of South Trendle, formerly of Hugh Howell, for her widowhood, fine £3, 10s (DD/SP 89)**
- 10 Sep 1601 *Taunton Castle, Christopher Trotte, Holway mill once William Trotte (DD/SP 89)*

- 04 Apr 1604 Hull, John Trotte (DD/SP 90)
- 22 Mar 1604/5 1) Taunton Castle, Dorothy Trott, widow of Christopher Trott, for Holway Mill
2) Otterford, William Trott in tithing of Otterford (DD/SP 90)
- 14 Apr 1606 Taunton Castle, Christopher Trott for Holway mill from mother Dorothy on condition he pay £110 to his sister Dorothy and £60 to brother John (DD/SP 90)
- 15 Sep 1608 Otterford, Henry Trott in tithing of Otterford (DD/SP 90)
- 10 Apr 1609 Otterford, William Tratt in tithing of Otterford (DD/SP 90)
- Sep 1609 1) Otterford, William Tratt in tithing of Otterford
2) Henry Tratt for license to prosecute at the Common Law
3) Henry Tratt in the tithing of Otterford by grant of John Tratt
4) John Trott by forfeit grant of Henry Tratt who failed to pay £7 on 10 Apr 1609
5) Poundisford, John Trott for license to prosecute beyond this court
- 15-16 Mar 1610 1) Otterford, Henry Tratt in the tithing of Otterford by grant of John Tratt
2) John Tratt in the tithing of Otterford by forfeit grant of Henry Tratt
3) Poundisford, John Tratt in the tithing of Leigh by forfeit grant of John Butcher
4) John Tratt in the tithing of Leigh; surrendered rights of Thomas Dight and wife
5) John Tratt in the tithing of Leigh; surrendered rights of John Boucher and wife
- 11-12 Sep 1612 Poundisford, John Trott in South Fulford tithing; grant of father Willliam Trott
- 25-26 Mar 1613 Otterford, Leonard Tratt in tithing of Otterford by forfeit grant of William Tratt
- 30-31 Mar 1614 1) Poundisford, Philippa Tratt, widow of John Tratt; tithing of South Fulford
2) Christopher Tratt for 3 acres of overland called Stonydown, parcel of 12½ acres of overland called Stonydown, next the land of Christopher Kewell in the south and east of it, and parcel of the Watering Pit in the tithing of South Trendle, late of **Robert Tratt**, by grant of John Tratt, his father, on condition that the said Christopher fulfill the will of the said John Tratt. Pledges **Richard Tratt**, Robert Babbe. Refers 42 Eliz. Fine 3s, 8d
3) Also said Christopher for 4 acres of overland called Stonydown with all structures and appurtenances, in the tithing of South Trendle, formerly of **Robert Tratt**, by grant of John Tratt, his father, on the same condition, refers 42 Eliz. Rine 6s, 8d (DD/SP 91)
- 27 Mar 1618 Poundisford, **Richard Tratt** for 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland in the tithing of Duddlestone, formerly of Henry Wood and late of Johanna Wood, by grant of Henry Wood. Refers 12 James, fine 20s (DD/SP 92)
- 11 Sep 1618 Poundisford, **Richart Trotte** for license to demise at farm and dwell away from 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland in the tithing of Duddlestone, formerly of Henry Wood, from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel
29 Sep 1618 for the term of 10 years
- 26 Mar 1619 Poundisford, John Tratt for license to prosecute in a plea of debt (DD/SP 92)
- 16 Sep 1624 Staplegrove, Christopher Tratt in tithing of Grasscroft (DD/SP 92)
- 6-7 Sep 1627 1) Staplegrove, Christopher Tratt Jr.; Grasscroft; grant of Christopher Tratt Sr.
2) Christopher Tratt Jr.; Grasscroft; grant of his father Christopher Tratt Sr.
- 10 Sep 1627 Poundisford, John Tratt in tithing of Blackdon; late of **Robert Tratt**
Christopher Tratt for license to prosecute at the Common Law (DD/SP 94)
- 19 Mar 1629/30 Poundisford, **Richard Tratt** for enrollment that George Mortimer and Katherine his wife released and quit-claimed to **Richard** 1 messuage and 1 ferling of bondland, 4 acres of overland in Smallcroft, and 2 acres of overland in Stonydown in the tithing of South Trendle, late of George White Refers 42 Elizabeth, fine 3s, 4d (DD/SP 94)

Parish records of Pitminster and Otterford, expected to include entries of co-descendants of the proven grandfather Richard Trotte shown in the Taunton Manor rolls, were also shown at the end of the manor roll entries:²⁸

PITMINSTER

Baptisms (1544-1645)

Alice Trott d/o Robert Trott	03 Feb 1564/5
John Trott s/o Robert Trott	10 Sep 1570
Mary Trott d/o Robert Trott	06 Feb 1575/6
Agnes Trott d/o Robert Trott	17 Feb 1577/8
Tamsin Trott d/o Robert Trott	25 May 1581
Richard Trott s/o Robert Trott	27 Aug 1584
Christopher Trott s/o John Trott	07 Sep 1598
Thomasin Trott d/o John Trott	15 Feb 1599/00
Edith Trott d/o John Trott	17 Apr 1602
Honor Tratt d/o Richard Tratt	19 Mar 1615/6
Leonard Tratt s/o Leonard Tratt	20 Apr 1616
Joan Trott d/o Richard Trott	23 May 1618
Francis Trott s/o Leonard Trott	18 Aug 1618
Sarah Trott d/o Richard Trott	03 Dec 1620
Robert Trott s/o Leonard Trott	26 Sep 1621
Richard Trott s/o Richard Trott	09 Jan 1622/3
Robert Trott s/o Richard Trott	25 Feb 1624/5
Elizabeth Tratt d/o Richard	25 Jul (1627) ²⁹
Susanna Tratt d/o Richard	08 Oct 1629
Alice Tratt d/o Richard Tratt	16 Feb 1631/2
James Tratt s/o Richard Tratt & Alice his wife	20 Jul 1634
Katherine Tratt d/o Richard Tratt & Alice his wife	29 Jun 1637

Marriages (1542-1645)

Edmond Morcom & Alice Trott	15 Jun 1552
Nicolas Collin & Joan Trott	20 May 1593
Robert Babb, widower & Mary Trott d/o Robert Trott	07 Oct 1597
John Trott s/o Robert Trott & Edith Prist d/o Edith Prist, widow	23 Apr 1598
John Aplin s/o Richard Aplin & Agnes Trott d/o Robert Trott	26 Aug 1598
Leonard Trott of parish of Curland & Dunes Wayland d/o Robert Wayland	26 Dec 1611
Richard Trett & Alice Gaylard	26 Apr 1615
Robert Trott & Elizab. ___ffry	22 Jul 1622
Richard Midlam & Edith Tratt, widow	15 Jun 1639

Burials (1542-1661)

John Trott s/o Richard Trott	15 Oct 1544
Robert Tratt	15 Feb 1599/00
Thomasin Trott d/o John Trott	01 May 1615
Honour Tratt, widow	26 Sep 1627
John Tratt	07 May 1633
Alice Trott d/o Richard Trott	02 Aug 1633
Edith Tratt, widow	18 Jan 15(50) ²⁹
Elizabeth Tratt, widow	24 Feb 1656/7
Elizabeth Tratt	10 Nov 1659

OTTERFORD**Baptisms**

Richard s/o John Trotte	25 Jan 1571/2
John s/o John Trotte	03 Sep 1574
Leonard s/o John Trotte	08 Oct 1577
Joane d/o John Trotte	26 Dec 1581
William s/o John Tratt	14 Jul 1583
Thomas s/o John Tratt	15 May 1591
Susan d/o William Trott	19 Jun 1604
Elizabeth d/o Henry Trott	10 Aug 1623
Elizabeth d/o Leonard Tratt	20 Mar 1624/5
Susan d/o Henry Tratt	08 May 1625
Lauranna d/o Henry Trott	16 Sep 1627
Charity d/o Henry Trott	20 May 1630
Henry s/o Henry Trott	17 Feb 1632/3
Grace d/o Henry Tratt & Alice his wife	08 Nov 1635
Susanna d/o Henry Tratt & Alice his wife	18 Mar 1637/8
William s/o John Tratt & Susanna his wife	12 Jan 1639/40
John s/o John Tratt & Susanna his wife	10 Apr 1642

Marriages (1558-1655)

Richard Clenager & Agnes Tratt	17 Apr 159_
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Burials (1558-1655)

Joane Tratt, widow	14 Aug 1577
Susan d/o Henry Tratt	17 Mar 1632/3
_____ Deanes wife of Leonard Tratt	___ May 1633
Henry Tratt	___ Aug 1645

Constructing the Ancestry of Richard¹ Treat

From the manor rolls and parish records shown, Robin Bush attempted to construct the Treat ancestry, paraphrased below with annotations, for the ancestry of immigrant Richard¹ Treat only:³⁰

Richard Trot; held five acres in the Obridge tithing of Staplegrove Hundred in the parish of Taunton St. James in about 1250 AD. From him were possibly descended:

- a. *William Trotte, a tenant in Staplegrove Hundred 1432-3*
- b. **John Trotte**, possibly brother of William (see 1)
1. **John Trotte** (b. above); Staplegrove Hundred in 1435-6; probably died 1439/40 to 1447/8
2. **John Trotte Jr.** of Staplegrove Hundred 1439-40; Grasscroft, Pyrland tithings 1447-1455
3. **John Trotte** of Staplegrove tithing in 1469-1476; his probable children were:
 - a. *William Trotte; succeeded John Trotte in Holford of Staplegrove 1502-1504; died 1541-2*
 - b. **Richard Trotte**; possible younger son; left Staplegrove for Otterford, Trull 1526-1534
4. **Richard Trotte** (also 3-b); earliest proven ancestor; m. **Joan**; d. ~1570; had sons:
 - a. John the Elder (likely namesake was 3. John Trotte; buried at Pitminster 16 Oct 1544)
 - b. John the Younger who inherited his Otterford property
 - c. **Robert** who inherited his Trull property
5. **Robert Trotte** (also 4-c); proven ancestor; m. **Honour**; buried 15 Feb 1599/00; had sons:
 - a. John, surgeon of Pitminster; m. Edith Priest; will dated 11 Apr 1633
 - b. **Richard**, the immigrant of Wethersfield, Connecticut probably soon after 29 Jun 1637
6. **Richard Trotte/Treat** (also 5-b); bp. 1584; of Trull 1599/00; m. **Alice Gaylord**; d. 1669-CT.

An attempt by the author to assign approximate lifetimes for each of the three *plausible and three proven ancestral generations, in the published suggested order if the Taunton Manor rolls are presumed to have recorded, as required by manor law, all of the copyhold generations, follows:

		<i>Richard 1210-1275 Staplegrove</i>	
		<i>~5 (?) Generations Staplegrove</i>	
		JOHN 1385-1447 Staplegrove	
		JOHN 1415-1475 Staplegrove	
		JOHN 1445-1503 Staplegrove	
<i>William 1475-1542 Staplegrove</i>		RICHARD 1495-1571 Otterford, Trull	
	<i>John 1535-1544</i>	ROBERT 1540-1600 Trull	<i>John 1545-1595 Otterford</i>
		RICHARD 1584-1669 Trull to CT	

In a similar manner, the Gaylard/Gaylord ancestry of Alice Gaylord, the wife of the immigrant Richard¹ Treat, was determined from the Taunton Manor rolls³¹ (*with approximate lifetimes; the ancestry of Johanna Sevenock was traced to John Sevenock: 15 acres in Poundisford 1423-24*).³²

Nicholas Gaylord (1525-1572); m. Johanna Sevenock who m2 Giles Alvin
Hugh Gaylord (1553-1614); m. Alice _____
Alice Gaylord (1594-1669); m. Richard¹ Treat

The Taunton Manor rolls appear to have recorded the transfers of copyhold property between successive generations of the Treat ancestry. Though there are no instances in which a direct father-son bequeath is noted in the records, as would be expected, in numerous instances the arrangement for the son to acquire the property on the part of the father is noted in specific detail.

One noteworthy exception is Richard Trott, who acquired properties in the Poundisford Hundred tithings of Otterford (1526-7) and Trull (1533-4) with no indication that the properties were owned previously by his father or other Treat relative, and furthermore none of his subsequent property acquisitions made mention of a grant by his father.

This is why the grandfather Richard Trott is considered to be the earliest proven ancestor in the ancestry of the immigrant Richard¹ Treat. However, what appears to be the eldest son of the grandfather Richard Trott was named John and died young, and so may have been named after his paternal grandfather John Trott of Staplegrove, whose apparent eldest son and heir of the properties in Staplegrove Hundred was William Trott, whose sole heirs were his daughters Johanna and Lucia.

Given the large number of Treat families and the frequent duplication of first names in different families, it would be very difficult if not impossible to assemble the ancestry of Richard¹ Treat without the customary transactional details in the Taunton Manor records, including notation of how the person who acquired a property was granted the rights to the property, which frequently reveals father-son relationships since a father is usually recorded as a father in the records.

The principal reason for discussing transactions of the Treat ancestry in the Taunton Manor rolls is to provide a reference for comparison and contrast with the records of Goodrich in Felsham Manor in the next article, which are very different in transactional detail. In fact; there is not a single purchase or sale of land by Goodrich in the available Felsham Manor rolls from 1378-1453.

It is for this reason that the rationale for inclusion of the full transcribed wills of John Goodrich, Chaplain of Felsham (1423) and Rose Goodrich, widow of Felsham (1470) in the June 2016 issue¹ will become apparent in the presentation of the Felsham Manor rolls 1378-1453 in the next article.



Proven vs. Plausible Goodrich Ancestry in the Felsham Manor Rolls and Wills

~ By Steve Goodrich, Ph.D.

Since the Felsham Goodrich wills 1475-1563 were first described in the December 2009 issue of the quarterly,³³ a means to find the 4-5 missing generations between John Goodrich of Felsham, whose will was dated 30 Nov 1475 and proved 17 Dec 1475,³⁴ and Robert Goodrich of Felsham, who paid a subsidy of 5s in the 1327 Felsham subsidy,³⁵ has been sought, though as was seen and understood by Flagg as early as 1926, only the wills from 1554-1563 involved proven ancestors.³⁶

It is noteworthy that a will record exists for the Felsham Goodrich ancestry, given the expectation that freehold ownership of property would be required to allow for the property to be bequeathed directly by a will without the intermediacy of the manor court of the lord. And if the property of potential Felsham Goodrich ancestors prior to 1475 was freehold, it would be possible that records of their land transactions would not be found in the 1378-1412; 1437-1452 Felsham Manor rolls available in the Bury St. Edmunds Branch of the Suffolk Record Office.³⁷

On Friday, June 10, 2016 the Felsham Manor rolls 1378-1412; 1437-1452 were searched for any Goodrich entries by Diana Spelman and her husband Tom,³⁸ who were able to search all of the manor rolls in a single visit. In the next paragraph, her discussion of their findings is presented first, followed by her verbatim presentation of the manor roll records. All speculations regarding the construction of a plausible Felsham Goodrich ancestry were produced by the author and Joseph Neilson, whose extensive compilation of Goodrich records in England from earliest times (*accumulated during his search for the ancestry of immigrant Thomas Goodrich of Old Rappahannock, VA prior to the confirmation by Y67 and Y111 Y-DNA tests in 2008 and 2011 and the L1019 Y-SNP test in 2012 of a Felsham Goodrich connection*)³⁹ was consulted for most of the records presented in the article in the December 2009 issue of the quarterly.³³

The very earliest roll, 1700/1/2, covers the years from 1378 to 1396 (with gaps). Tom examined this roll and says some MEMBRANES are in poor condition, with the handwriting very faint, but he managed to read most entries. Unfortunately, most of this roll records proceedings in the manor courts held for Thorpe Morieux and he found no entries for Goodrich or variants there. There are just two Felsham manor courts recorded here, one held in December 1382 and the other in August 1383, but the earlier court does include an entry relating to **John Godrych and Isabel his wife**, as the executors of Margaret or Margery (the Latin is abbreviated as *Margar'*, so could be short for either name) Baldeman. (They were involved in a court case, a plea of debt, with one John Atte Dych).

The second roll, which I examined, covers the years from 1402 to 1412 and records a more even mixture of courts held in both Felsham and Thorpe Morieux. Here I found mention of **John Goodrych/Goodrich senior in 1403 and 1408, and John Goodrych junior in 1412. The second court of 1412 records a particularly interesting entry, for this records that John Godrych chaplain was the son and heir of John Godrych deceased. There is also mention of John the chaplain's brother Geoffrey, also a chaplain.**

The third roll, which I also examined, covers the slightly later period of 1437-1453 and records courts held for Felsham & Drinkston, as well as Thorpe Morieux. **There is mention of John Goderych/Goderich(e) in 1439, 1440 & 1442, presumably the same John mentioned in 1451 and 1453. You will notice mention of a Richard Goderich in 1440, but I rather suspect this is a scribal error, for he appears recorded as John in the very next court regarding the same**

matter. Finally, we have one [Rose Goodrych](#) mentioned in 1449. (In passing, as you will see, I have noted mention of Baldwin Cocksedge on this roll, in case you can see anything of interest.)

*(Concerning) the survival of Felsham manor court records...*Some records were deliberately destroyed down the years (e.g. manor court rolls were targeted in the 1381 Peasants Revolt), while others were accidentally destroyed (e.g. in the bombing during World War II). Some records were preserved well, in dry, secure archives, either in public or private hands, while others were subject to damp or were eaten by mice etc. Some documents were kept, because they were seen as important to their owners, while others were simply thrown away as being old and of no relevance...It is impossible to say how or when the rest of the Felsham manor court records disappeared. Many manors have good series of rolls and court books, but these are usually of much later date; it's uncommon to find continuous series running before 1500 or 1600. Sometimes, nothing at all appears to survive until the 18th century or later. The emphasis here should be on 'appears to survive' - there is still material out there, in private hands, which is not on the radar of Record Offices, so one never knows what might come up for sale in the future!

REPORT OF FELSHAM MANOR COURT RESEARCH (BURY ST EDMUNDS RECORD OFFICE, SUFFOLK)

1) FELSHAM, THORPE MORIEUX COURT ROLL 1378-1396 [1700/1/1]

Thorpe Morieux Thurs before St Margaret 2 Ric II [July 1378] 1st court of William de Elmham Kt

Thorpe Morieux Mon after Annunciation BVM 2 Ric II [Mar 1379]

Thorpe Morieux Tues the morrow of St James 3 Ric II [July 1379]

Thorpe Morieux Sat in St Margaret 4 Ric II [July 1380]

Thorpe Morieux Thurs in Assumption BVM 4 Ric II [Aug 1380]

Thorpe Morieux Wed after Epiphany 5 Ric II [Jan 1382]

Felsham Tues after St Andrew 6 Ric II [Dec 1382]

- **John Godrych and Isabel his wife**, executors of the testament of Margaret [or Marjery] Baldeman are amerced 3d for a licence to proceed to agreement v John Atte Dych

Thorpe Morieux Tues before St Gregory 6 Ric II [Mar 1383]

Thorpe Morieux Sat before St Bartholomew 7 Ric II [Aug 1383]

Felsham Sat before St Bartholomew 7 Ric II [Aug 1383]

Thorpe Morieux Tues after St Thomas 7 Ric II [Dec 1383]

Thorpe Morieux Tues after All Saints 8 Ric II [Nov 1384]

Thorpe Morieux Thurs before St Gregory 8 Ric II [Mar 1385]

Thorpe Morieux Tues after St Matthew 9 Ric II [Sep 1385]

Thorpe Morieux Tues before St Peter in Chains 10 Ric II [Aug 1386]

Thorpe Morieux Sat after St Martin 10 Ric II [Nov 1386]

Thorpe Morieux Thurs before Annunciation BVM 10 Ric II [Mar 1387]

Thorpe Morieux Tues after All Saints 11 Ric II [Nov 1387]

Thorpe Morieux Fri vigil Assumption BVM 12 Ric II [Aug 1388]

Thorpe Morieux Mon the morrow of Holy Trinity 18 Ric II [June 1395]

Thorpe Morieux Mon after St Faith 19 Ric II [Oct 1395]

Thorpe Morieux Mon after Michaelmas 20 Ric II [Sep/Oct 1396]

2) FELSHAM, THORPE MORIEUX COURT ROLL 1402 - 1412 [1700/1/3]

MEMBRANE 1

Thorpe Morieux Tues after Michaelmas 4 Hen IV [Sept 1402]

MEMBRANE 2

Felsham Mon before SS Philip & James 4 Hen IV [May 1403]

- Essoins - include **John Goodrich senior** essoined [excused attendance at court] by William Arch
- **John Goodrich** querent v Stephen Bukke defendant in a plea of debt
- John Wryghte amerced 3d because he has not come to respond to James the servant of **John Goodrich** in a plea of debt

MEMBRANE 3

Thorpe Morieux Mon before Simon & Jude 5 Hen IV [Oct 1403]

Felsham Mon before Simon & Jude 5 Hen IV [Oct 1403]

- Stephen Buk amerced 3d for licence to proceed to concord (agreement) with **John Goodrych** in a plea of debt

MEMBRANE 4

Thorpe Morieux Fri before St Edmund the King 9 Hen IV [Nov 1407]

MEMBRANE 5

Thorpe Morieux Thurs vigil of St Thomas 10 Hen IV [Dec 1408]

Felsham Thurs vigil of St Thomas 10 Hen IV [Dec 1408]

- Inquisition: The jury, being sworn, viz Hugh atte Dyche, John atte Dyche, **John Goodrych senior** Henry Hoketon & Roger Blaxhale, present that John Chut died seised of one messuage & certain lands by service & rent of 12d pa and that Thomas is his son & heir being of full age &c.

MEMBRANE 6

Thorpe Morieux Fri after St Luke 11 Hen IV [Oct 1409]

Felsham Sat before SS Simon & Jude 11 Hen IV [Oct 1409]

MEMBRANE 7

Felsham Sat before St Bartholomew 6 Hen IV [Aug 1405]

Felsham Thurs in St Dionysius 6 Hen IV [Oct 1405]

MEMBRANE 8

Thorpe Morieux Fri before St Andrew 12 Hen IV [Nov 1410]

Felsham Sat before St Andrew 12 Hen IV [Nov 1410]

MEMBRANE 9

Thorpe Morieux Wed before St Gregory 13 Hen IV [Mar 1412]

Felsham Wed before St Gregory 13 Hen IV [Mar 1412]

Drinkston Wed before St Gregory 13 Hen IV [Mar 1412]

- John Change, a long time before he died, alienated to John Smyth of Thorp & **John Goodrych junior** all his messuage with all freehold land & tenements, on condition that Isabell his wife should have it for term of her life and after her decease it should remain to the right heirs of John Change, whose heir is John son of John Change & Isabell aged 2 years and more. This alienation was made fraudulently against the statute. The bailiff was ordered to seize the body of the said John his heir as if a ward of the lords, together with the lands & tenements. And the bailiff replied that he had seized him and transferred him to the custody of Isabel, but she had not come into court &c. Therefore, she was ordered to be at the next court. John Smyth & John Goodrych were also ordered to be at the next court. Now they have come and made fealty for the property, after it was judged that the alienation was made fraudulently.

MEMBRANE 10

Thorpe Morieux Thurs after St Luke 14 HIV [Oct 1412]

Felsham Thurs after St Luke 14 HIV [Oct 1412]

- **John Godrych** chaplain son & heir of **John Godrych**, now deceased, comes into court here & shows a certain deed of feoffment to him & Geoffrey his brother chaplain, made by the said **John** their father, of his freehold tenement which he held of this manor in Felsham by common service, as contained in the extent, and by knight service, which said deed was made scarcely 3 weeks before he died, as they have acknowledged in full court. And they say that the said tenement owes 21d annual rent. The court has judged that the said alienation was made fraudulently to the prejudice of the lords of the manor. Therefore it is ordered that **John Godrych** chaplain, son of **John Godrych**, as heir of his father should pay for homage and for relief as in chief.

NB There is a sewn-on portion at the bottom of this MEMBRANE containing, among other things, an entry relating to the above. However, it is mostly illegible, even with the use of ultra violet light. It seems to contain an abstracted version of the deed:

*..... a certain deed.... John Changhe to John Smyth and John Godrych. Know etc that I John Changhe have given etc to John Smyth of Thorp & **John Godrich** all my lands & tenements etc in fee etc which John Godrich It is ordered etc. And a day at the next court etc. To come with the said John Smyth on Wednesday next in the feast of St Gregory the Pope 13 Hen IV [Mar 1412]*

3) FELSHAM, THORPE MORIEUX, DRINKSTONE COURT ROLL 1437-1453 [1700/1/4]

MEMBRANE 1

Thorpe Morieux Mon after Translation of Edward the Confessor 16 Hen VI [Oct 1437]

Felsham with Drinkston Tues after Translation of Edward the Confessor 16 Hen VI [Oct 1437]

- **Baldwin Cokeshege** amerced 3d for default in suit of court

MEMBRANE 2

Felsham & Drinkston Tues after Translation of St Edward Confessor 17 Hen VI [Oct 1438]

- William atte Chirche released & quitclaimed to **Baldewne Coksegge** & heirs all his right in a certain pightle containing half an acre copyhold land & a parcel of meadow containing half a rood copyhold of Balden tenement with appurtenances in Falesham

MEMBRANE 3

Thorpe Morieux Sat after St Faith 18 Hen VI [Oct 1439]

Felsham with Drinkston Sat after St Faith 18 Hen VI [Oct 1439]

- Distrant is ordered upon **John Goderych** William Brundyssh & John Jentylman to make fealty to the lord for various freehold lands purchased of various men.

MEMBRANE 4

Felsham & Drinkston Thus in St Agnes 18 Hen VI [Jan 1440]

Felsham 3 June 18 Hen VI [1440]

- To this court came **John Goderich** & Willam Brundyssh & made fealty to the lord, namely the said John for one acre and a half of freehold land and the said William for one acre & a half of freehold land lately of John Leveych
- Distrant is ordered on **Richard [sic] Goderich** because he has made an entry on the lord's fee, namely on the tenement called *Chittes*

MEMBRANE 5

Thorpe Morieux Tues in St Matthew 19 Hen VI [Sep 1440]

Felsham & Drinkston Tues in St Matthew 19 Hen VI [Sep 1440]

- Felsham: Further distraint ordered on **John [sic] Goderich** for making an entry on the lord's fee, namely on Chites tenement

Thorpe Morieux Mon before Corpus Christi 19 Hen VI [May 1441]

MEMBRANE 6

Thorpe Morieux Mon after St Faith 20 Hen VI [Oct 1441]

Felsham Tues after St Faith 20 Hen VI [Oct 1441]

MEMBRANE 7

Thorpe Morieux Thurs before St Simon & Jude 21 Hen VI [Oct 1442]

- Simon atte Brook, Thomas Shepherd Richard Godale, Ralph Waryn, Simon Brende, **John Goderyche** John Man, Thomas Pypere, Thomas Tayllour, Walter Bekesby, William Smyth & John Skoot trespassed in the lord's toft called *Thorpwode* with their un-ringed pigs. Therefore they are amerced 3d each

Felsham Fri before Simon & Jude 21 Hen VI [Oct 1442]

- **Baldewin Cogsegh** = member of the inquisition

Thorpe Morieux 19 March 22 Hen VI [1444]

- **Felsham Baldewin Cokeshegh** = member of inquisition

MEMBRANE 8

Thorpe Morieux Wed 12 May 23 Hen VI [1445]

Felsham Wed 12 May 23 Hen VI [1445]

- **Baldewin Coksegge** = member of inquisition

MEMBRANE 9

Thorpe Morieux Mon 11 Oct 24 Hen VI [1445]

Felsham Tues 12 Oct 24 Hen VI [1445]

Felsham Mon after St Faith 25 Hen VI [Oct 1446]

Thorpe Morieux Tues after St Faith 25 Hen VI [Oct 1446]

MEMBRANE 10

Thorpe Morieux Mon after St Luke 26 Hen VI [Oct 1447]

Felsham Tues after St Luke 26 Hen VI [Oct 1447]

- **Baldewin Coksegg** = inquisition

Felsham Sat vigil St Edward the King 27 Hen VI [Nov 1448]

Thorpe Morieux Sat vigil St Edward 27 Hen VI [Nov 1448]

MEMBRANE 11

Thorpe Morieux Mon St Edward 28 Hen VI [Nov 1449]

Felsham Tues morrow St Edward 28 Hen VI [Jan 1449]

- Names of those owing suit at the Felsham court: free tenants include **Rose Goodrych**; copyhold tenants include **Baldewin Coksegge**

MEMBRANE 12

Thorpe Morieux Mon Vigil St Edward Confessor 29 Hen VI [Nov 1450]

Felsham Tues in feast St Edward Conf 29 Hen VI [Nov 1450]

MEMBRANE 13Thorpe Morieux Tues in feast St Faith 30 Hen VI [Oct 1451]**Felsham** Thurs after St Faith 30 Hen VI [Oct 1451]

- **John Godrych** amerced 6d for default in suit of court which he owes

MEMBRANE 14**Felsham** Thurs 2 March 30 Hen VI [1452]

- Beatrice who was the wife of Thomas Berne, being present in court, surrenders a certain messuage & 12 acres of copyhold land in Bernes tenement with appurtenances in Felsham to the use of **Baldewin Coksegge & Dionise** his wife & Edmund their son & their heirs, and seisin is delivered to them, &c on condition that Baldwin, Dionise & Edmund should pay to Beatrice & a certain Roger Coteler 24 marks [in instalments].

- Nicholas Berne, son & heir of Thomas & Beatrice releases & quitclaims all his right to them.

Felsham Mon 31 July 30 Hen VI [1452]

- **Baldewin Coksegge** = inquisition

Thorpe Morieux Tues 1 August 30 Hen VI [1452]Thorpe Morieux Mon the morrow of St Mary Magdalen 31 Hen VI [July 1453]**Felsham** Mon morrow of St Mary Magdalen 31 Hen VI [July 1453]

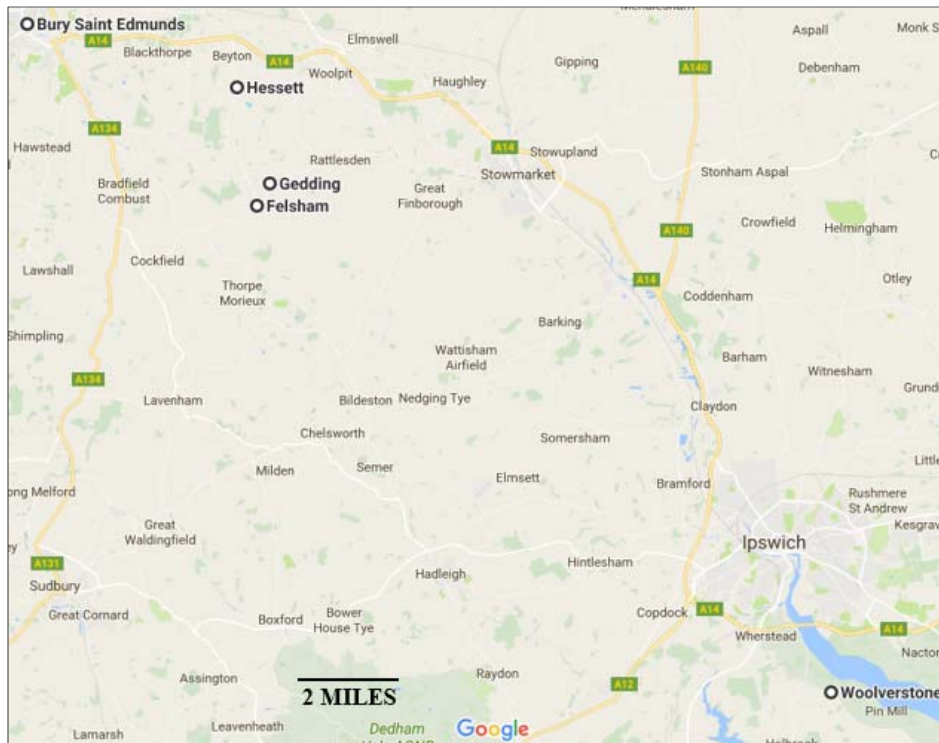
- **John Godrych** with other free tenants is amerced 4d for default in suit of court

Discussion

All potential Goodrich ancestral generations in the Felsham Manor rolls precede the earliest proven Goodrich ancestor, John Goodrich of Felsham, whose will was dated 20 May 1554 and was proven 08 Oct 1558 and bequeathed his property to his son Robert Goodrich of Felsham,⁴⁰ whose will dated 26 Jun 1563 and proved 22 Feb 1569/70 named principal heir Adam Goodrich of Felsham and third son William Goodrich of Hessett,⁴¹ who in turn are the known paternal grandfathers of immigrant Thomas Goodrich (1615-1679) of Old Rappahannock, VA, and immigrant brothers John Goodrich (1618-1680) and William Goodrich (1622-1676) of Wethersfield, CT. It is likely that unproven Goodrich ancestors represented by Felsham wills of John Goodrich (30 Nov 1475; proved 17 Dec 1475)³⁴ and John Goodrich (20 Aug 1503; proved 11 Sep 1503),⁴² will remain unproven indefinitely, and so by necessity any attempt to postulate an ancestry from the available Felsham Manor rolls can produce only plausible ancestors.

The Felsham Manor rolls Goodrich entries from 1382-1453, as described below:

- 1382, 1403 and 1408 entries mention **John Goodrich Sr.**, whose wife Isabel appears in 1382.
- Oct 1412 entry, Membrane 10, mentions John Goodrich, Chaplain son of late **John Goodrich Sr.**
 - Likely John Goodrich, Chaplain of Felsham; will 20 May 1423; proved 09 Jun 1424.⁴³
 - The will of John Goodrich, Chaplain-Felsham bequeathed to **John Goodrich the Younger**.⁴³
 - The will of John Goodrich, Chaplain-Felsham named Geoffrey Goodrich as executor.⁴³
 - Geoffrey Goodrich, Chaplain-Lavenham will 06 Jul 1423; proved 23 May 1424.⁴⁴
 - Also likely *Sir John Goodrich, Priest* cited in the 18 Mar 1467 will of **Baldwin Cocksedge**.⁴⁵
 - **Baldwin Cocksedge** cites a croft of 4 acres he purchased of Sir John Goodrich, Priest.⁴⁴
 - **Baldwin Cocksedge** names daughter Margery; possibly wife of **John Goodrich** (will 1475).
 - Entry states that the death of **John Goodrich Sr.** was recent.
- Mar 1412 entry in Membrane 9 mentions **John Goodrich, Jr.**
 - Likely **John Goodrich the Younger** in the 1423 will of John Goodrich, Chaplain-Felsham.
 - **John Goodrich** in 1439, 1440, 1442 entries is also probably **John Goodrich Jr./the Younger**.
- **Rose Goodrich** (Jan 1449) is probably **Rose Goodrich**, Widow of Felsham (will 02 Aug 1470).⁴⁶
- John Goodrich (1439, 1440, 1442, 1451, 1453 entries) is probably John Goodrich (will 1475).



Though it is understood that any proposed ancestors prior to John Goodrich of Felsham, whose will was dated 20 May 1554, are likely to remain only plausible and possibly never proven, an attempt was made to connect Robert Goodrich of Felsham who appeared in the 1327 subsidy and, most likely as a widower, appeared with son John Goodrich and daughter-in-law Margaret in the 1336 Felsham Feet of Fines⁴⁷ with the Felsham Goodrich ancestors whose wills were dated 1475-1563.

The result, which includes postulated dates of birth for the children named in the 1475-1554 wills based on the order they are named in the wills, is shown in the table below.⁴⁸ Fortunately, violations of the custom of the manor, regardless of tenure status of the tenant, were recorded with useful genealogical information, such as John Goodrich Sr. vs. Jr. and John Goodrich, Chaplain son of John Sr. Otherwise the Felsham Manor rolls could have had no Goodrich entries at all.

As was the case with the wills dated 1475-1554, what appears to be a single Goodrich ancestral heir per generation in Felsham (*with a possible exception of John Goodrich, Jr. and John Goodrich, Chaplain stated in 1412 that ended in 1424*) enhances the plausibility of the ancestry below.

				ROBERT 1280-1345 Subsidy 1327; Feet of Fines 1336						
				JOHN 1310-1375 wf-Margaret; Feet of Fines 1336						
				JOHN Sr. 1340-1412 wf-Isabel; Rolls 1382-1408						
John-Elder, Chaplain 1365-1424 Roll 1412; W-1423		Geoffrey, Chaplain 1370-1424 Roll 1412; W-1423		JOHN-Younger or Jr. 1380-1439 wf-Rose; Rolls 1412-1442						
				JOHN 1410-1475 wf-Margery; W-1475; Rolls 1449-53						
John 1435-1447 Inferred W-1475	Thomas 1438 #1W-1475	Agnes 1442 #2W-1475	William 1445 #3W-1475	JOHN 1449-1503 wf-Isabel; #4W-1475; W-1503	Isabel 1452 #5W-1475	Alice 1456 #6W-1475	Roger 1459 #7W-1475			
			Isabel 1474 #1W-1503	JOHN 1477-1558 wf-Johan; #2W-1503; W-1554	Robert 1481 #3W-1503	Margery 1484 #4W-1503				
			John 1502-1510 Inferred W-1554	ROBERT 1505-1570 wf-Elizabeth; #1W-1554; W-1563	Emma 1509 #2W-1554	John 1512 #3W-1554	Alice 1516 #4W-1554	Thomas 1520 #5 Will 1554	William 1523 Johan W-1558	
John 1532-1550 Inferred W-1563		ADAM 1536-1597 wf-Ann; #1W-1563; W-1597		Thomas 1540 #2W-1563		WILLIAM 1545-1631 w-Margaret; #3W-1563; W-1631	Emma 1548 #4W-1563	Elizabeth 1552 #5W-1563	John 1555 #6W-1563	
		JOHN 1568-1626 wf-Martha; #3W-1597				WILLIAM 1580-1645 wf-Barbara; #2W-1631	JOHN 1587-1632 wf-Margerie; #1W-1631			
		THOMAS 1615-1679 wf-Anne; to VA				WILLIAM 1609-1645 wf-Margaret; to MA	WILLIAM 1622-1676 wf-Sarah; to CT			

Goodrich Surname DNA Project: September, 2016 Update

~ By Steve Goodrich, Ph.D.

The Goodrich Surname DNA Project September 2016 roster now has: 70 Y-STR Y-DNA kits, 29 mtDNA kits, 41 Family Finder kits, one Big Y and three Y-Elite 2.0 Y-SNP tests (completed 3/28/2016) that include a Y463 Y-STR comparison of the three Y-SNP kits by YFull (completed 5/29/2016), and four YSEQ Felsham Goodrich panel Y-SNP tests completed so far.

To view FTDNA matches:

1. Login to your myFTDNA account.
2. On the top menu bar, find the Y-DNA, mtDNA, or Family Finder menu.
3. From the Y-DNA, mtDNA or Family Finder menu, select *Matches*.
4. Change level of matches and other adjustable parameters in the top section.
5. Matches will be displayed in the lower section of the page after adjusting parameters.
6. Help-top: *Resources / Learning Center / (Troubleshooting or Interpreting Your Results)*.
7. Goodrich Surname Y-DNA chart: <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/goodrich>

The new Goodrich Surname DNA Project display can now be seen at the following website:

http://goodrichfamilyassoc.org/dna/GFA%20Website%20083016_rev11.htm



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*

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