

GOODENOWS' GHOSTS

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

On July 19, 2020, several members of the GFA Executive Committee (elected and appointed officers) met via Zoom. Main take-away: the current GFA Officers agree to continue serving until the re-scheduled GFA Reunion takes place in July 2021.

GFA Scholarships Announcement for 2021/22

Description, Eligibility Requirements and Application Instructions, open to High School seniors who plan to continue their education at a 2-year or 4-year college and who are the children or grandchildren of GFA members.

Updates from the 2020/21 Scholarship Winners

Katie Goodno took two online classes through Baylor University during the summer, and is heading to its campus in Waco, TX, in late August.

Brian Pendleton will be heading to Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO, which is opening in mid-August and will be conducting regular classes.

Donna and Chuck Peterson – An Appreciation

A message of thanks, from GFA President Shawn Doyle, to the 2020 Reunion Coordinators, Donna and Chuck Peterson, for their work and efforts in planning the July 2020 reunion in Springfield, IL. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Reunion had to be postponed; the Petersons' efforts will come to fruition at the rescheduled reunion, July 25-31, 2021.

A Goodnow Brothers Elementary School? Officials recommend new school to be named for three brothers killed in Civil War

The City Code of the town of Marlborough, MA, specifies that all new schools, parks, streets or public buildings under its jurisdiction must be named for deceased Marlborough veterans. Three brothers from Marlborough -- Andrew, Charles and Theodore Goodnow -- enlisted, served and died during the American Civil War (1861-65). A new Elementary School has been built in Marlborough and will open in September; the proposed name is the Goodnow Brothers Elementary School. Each brother is briefly profiled, as is their one brother who survived the war, James H. Goodnow.

Pedigree and Progeny or Ancestors and Descendants, by Bill Groenier, GFA Information Manager

An explanation and history of the "Lineages" section which has been featured in *Goodenows' Ghosts* since 1995, with occasional breaks. Specific milestones and highlights are listed, as well as a plea to new members to submit names of their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, to help link them to the family tree.

Deane Berg, Goodenow Descendant and Whistle-Blower

Deane Berg, the daughter of GFA member George Martel, shared the story of her ground-breaking and successful lawsuit against Johnson & Johnson for negligence in selling a

product that increases the risk of developing ovarian cancer. After being diagnosed with ovarian cancer at an unusually young age and with no known risk factors, she began studying medical texts to try to determine what might have caused her cancer. To her horror, she discovered that talcum powder use was linked to ovarian cancer, and, as a long-time user of Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder, she agreed to be a plaintiff brought against the company. The trial was held in Sioux Falls, SD, in 2013. The jury ruled in her favor, though awarded her no damages. Since then, over 20,000 victims of ovarian cancer and mesothelioma have brought lawsuits against J&J, and just recently, J&J agreed to remove its talc products from store shelves in the U.S. and Canada. The article is based on a phone interview between Deane Berg and Newsletter Editor Carol Baxter.

Things to Do and See in Ventura County, California – The Ranchos, by Russ Goodenough, GFA Life Member, Coordinator of the 2022 (2023?) GFA Reunion

California will be the site of the 18th Biennial GFA Reunion (in either 2022 or 2023, tbd); Reunion Coordinator Russ Goodenough has been educating readers about different facets of the state in a series of articles. This installment describes four “ranchos” (land grants) made during the years that Spain and Mexico governed the territory. The fates of these ranchos vary – one is a National Historic Landmark, another is now a University campus, and the other two are engaged in farming.

GFA Reunions – Past and Future

Chart showing locations from the 1st reunion (Sudbury, MA) to the 18th (Ventura County, CA), as well as two extra overseas trips (South Africa in 2003; Wiltshire, U.K. in 2007).

Family Events – Three members of the Bradle-Rippon family lost within 10 months. They descend from the Immigrant Capt Edmund Goodenow

Obituary of **Barbara L. Bradle**, long-time GFA member (7 Oct 1928 - 27 Feb 2020)

Obituary of **James J. Rippon, Jr.**, GFA member from 2003-2015 (6 Feb 1948 - 15 Nov 2019)

Obituary of **Mary Jean Rippon** (16 Oct 1966 - 26 Apr 2019)

Mail Bag

Snippets revealing experiences from mid-March early August during the Coronavirus quarantine. From a cross-section of the country, via GFA officers' emails.

Kathy Truesdell (CA)

H. David Pendleton (KS)

Bob W. Goodnow (MA)

Hal Cutler (MA & FL)

Shawn Doyle (NV)

Kristin Peterson (OH)

Hilton Baxter (PA)

Bill Groenier (TN)

Christine Banvard-Fox, M.D. (WV)

Queries

Ricki Lee Bryant (rickibryant@hotmail.com): Seeks information about Daisy Winifred Goodnough, Alfred Henry Goodenough or family ties to Bellevue London or London, England.

Wendy Neal Furs (wfurs@earthlink.net): Seeks information about Abigail, the wife of David Goodnow (1752-1809). David was a 5th generation descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

Carol Rodet (via cbanvard19@gmail.com, GFA's Facebook administrator): Seeking to determine Sophia Goodenow's descendency from one of the Immigrant Goodenows; Sophia was born in 1798 and married Walter Robie in 1820.

Robert Goodnow (bojuvol2@gmail.com): Seeks lineage information on Goodenow descendant Ruth L. Mirick (1886-1966) of Princeton, MA. Her husband was George H. Mirick (1885-1953).

Lineages:

Goodenow, Artemas, descendants of (203 entries)

Goodnow, Salmon, descendants of (194 entries)