

GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – NOVEMBER 2022 (VOL. 40 #4, pp 73-96)

On the Cover: Photograph of John T. Goodnough, his Distinguished Service Award, and the text on the cap he is wearing.

John T. Goodnough Receives GFA Distinguished Service Award

John T., as he is known, joined the GFA in 1993 and has been a faithful and active member since, having served as the organization's Vice President and President, and coordinating three different GFA Reunions. On October 16, 2022, via Zoom, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his service and in gratitude for his dedication to the collection, researching, compiling and publishing of information on Goodenow family members who served in the American Civil War (1861-65) and in World War I (1914-18). These initiatives have deepened our understanding and appreciation of previous generations and resulted in vital and valuable contributions to and insights into the family history.

Westward Wagons by Russ Goodenough Published

Russ Goodenough is a Life member of the GFA and a descendant of the 1638 immigrant Thomas Goodenow. After attending the 2018 GFA Reunion in Sudbury, MA, he became inspired to document his Goodenow ancestry and trace the family's history from England to Massachusetts to New York and westward. Though he concentrates on his family line, the vast majority of the book (of 500+ pages) covers the experiences common to all the family lines. The deeply researched book, which includes photographs and maps, is available from Amazon.com.

2022 GFA Reunion Business Meeting Minutes – Key Decisions Summarized

Submitted by GFA Recording Secretary Christine Banvard-Fox; this account covers financial commitments such as grants to organizations in Sudbury, MA, compensation for the newsletter editor, and the possible acquisition of indexing software; review and possible revision of the GFA's By-Laws; addition of a sixth generation to the GFA website; the offer of the mimeograph machine used in the early days of the newsletter's publication; raising the cost of digital database updates; continuation of Zoom meetings on a quarterly basis; committee appointments; nominations and election of officers for 2022-24; locations of reunions in 2024, 2026 and 2028; and recognition and thanks to the reunion coordinators (Donna and Chuck Peterson), the post-reunion trip to Morrison, IL ("Captain Bob" Goodenough), and those members who prepared and brought tri-fold displays or other items recognizing family ancestors with Illinois connections (see list that follows).

Tri-Fold Displays at the Springfield Reunion

Photographs of materials displayed in the meeting room at the hotel in Springfield, IL:

Col. Harold Plympton Goodnow (1872-1945), prepared by John E. Goodnow and Ann McNaughton; the Colonel was their mutual grandfather.

Cathy Taylor covered an entire table with her photograph collection, which included images of ancestors as well as previous GFA reunions.

"Love and War: The Civil War Letters of James Harrison Goodnow" brought to Springfield by Cathy Taylor

"Our Goodno Family: Stories My Mother Told to Me and Others Discovered by Me, 1475-2019" by Pat Archer

"Frank Lincoln Goodnow's Family" by Frank Bannon

"George Alfred Goodenough" by Christine Banvard-Fox

“Charles Allen Goodnow” by Christine Banvard-Fox and Virginia Strahan

“Illinois Goodenoughs” by Donna Peterson and Christine Banvard-Fox

Demographic Highlights of the GFA 2022 Reunion

Five sets of sisters attended the Springfield reunion; four families had 2 generations in attendance; one family had 3 generations in attendance; three individuals came from Canada; one individual came from South Africa; residents of 18 U.S. states attended; the total attendance was 46.

Intersection: Queen Elizabeth II and Simon Goodenough

One of the GFA’s British members, Simon Goodenough, shared his memories of witnessing Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation, an encounter with her at his school when he was 8 or 9; and his father’s assessment of the Queen (“an absolute poppet”) when he sat next to her at a luncheon.

Forty Years of GHOSTS, Part 4

Reprint of an Editors’ Comments column from the November 2005 issue (Vol. 23 #4) of *Goodenows’ Ghosts*, written by Jan and Bill Groenier, co-editors of *Ghosts* from 1996-2006.

A Walking Tour through Historic Goodenow, Illinois, 24 September 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The former town of Goodenow, Illinois, was founded in 1872 by George Washington Goodenow, a descendant of Capt. Edmund, making 2022 the settlement’s 150th anniversary. A historic Walking Tour was conducted on September 24, sponsored by the Crete Area Historical Society, with assistance from the Will County Historical Society. Two GFA members were able to travel to Goodenow and join the walking tour; Life member Christine Banvard-Fox summarized the highlights and provided photographs. The town prospered due to a railroad line, but was devastated by a cyclone in 1917 and suffered two major fires in the 1930s. It is now a rural enclave prized for its bucolic and peaceful setting, with a population of 76.

Pamela Peirce Seeks a Relative of Elizabeth Doggett Goodnow Wicks; she has photographs and other mementos to pass along to any interest Goodenow descendant

This family member’s profile was written by her granddaughter, Pamela Peirce. Elizabeth Doggett Goodnow Wicks (22 Dec 1874-8 Dec 1929) was a descendant of Capt Edmund. She and her husband, a Unitarian minister, settled in Indianapolis. There, the couple took in four foster children, adopting two of them. Pamela Peirce, the author, is the daughter of one of the foster children. She possesses photographs and other memorabilia related to Elizabeth, and wishes to offer the items a blood relation of Elizabeth.

Veterans’ Day Salute to Two Career Military Officers

John E. Goodnow (LtCol-Ret) and Purple Heart Recipient

A Capt. Edmund Goodenow descendant; he served in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart after being wounded in combat in 1968. He graduated from West Point and his military career stretched from 1967-1993. Post-retirement, he worked in higher education and on projects in Africa overseen by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Defense.

Gunnery Sergeant Gabriel Green, USMS (and future Veteran)

The attacks on New York City and the Nation’s Capital, on September 11, 2001, propelled a 10-year old Gabriel Green to vow to join the U.S. Marine Corps. Nine years later, he fulfilled that vow and he has served with honor across the world. The article was contributed by GFA member Laurice McCord, mother of Gabe Green and descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund.

Family Events

Obituary, A. Michael Prus (14 Sep 1930-18 Mar 2022), widower of Judith Goodnow Prus.

Obituary, Judith Goodnow Prus (28 Jan 1936-3 Nov 2011), descendant of Capt. Edmond.

Audit Committee Report

The audit committee met via Zoom on October 6, 2022; the committee members, Hal Cutler, Carol Baxter and Laurice McCord, reviewed the financial records and found all in good order.

2018-2020; Cash on hand as of 6/30/2020 = \$44,641.46

2020-2022; Cash on hand 6/30/2022 = \$50,702. 49

Association News

From the President

From the Treasurer

Editor's Remarks

Invitation to Zoom meeting on January 15, 2023, 2 pm PDT/5 pm EDT

Membership Update

Address changes reported

GFA Scholarship Announcement for 2023/24

Reminder: GFA Digital Database Is Now Available

Reminder to Family Members - Dues for 2023 should now be remitted!

Submit your Family Data for the GFA Database

Reminder - *Ghosts* is available electronically

Items for Sale – Order Form

Membership Application or Renewal (for 2023) & GFA Digital Database Order Form

Updated Digital Database Order Form