

## GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – AUGUST 2023 (VOL. 41 #3, pp 49-72)

On the Cover: John Bannister Goodenough 1923-2023 (Nobel Prize Laureate. He holds a Lithium-Ion battery, his breakthrough invention that has made possible much of 21st century technology.)

### Association News

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Editor's Remarks

An Invitation – all are welcome to attend the next GFA Virtual Meeting (via Zoom or by phone), scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 2 p.m. PDT/5 p.m. EDT. Contact GFA President Shawn Doyle; further details are also on the GFA's website and Facebook page.

### GFA 2024 Reunion in Reno – Planning Continues

The dates for the 2024 Reunion are Monday, July 15 through Saturday, July 20, 2024. An “Early Bird” portion will run from Monday through Wednesday afternoon. The Official program begins with a Welcome Dinner on Wednesday, July 17, and concludes with a Farewell Dinner on Saturday, July 20. The Reunion Coordinators, Hal and Betsey Cutler, plus Shawn Doyle, welcome input from members regarding family connections to the area. Further details, including accommodations and costs, to come. (Two photographs)

### GFA Scholarship Announcement for 2024/25

Eligibility requirements and Application deadlines for High School seniors.

### George Alfred Goodenough, 1868-1929

The subject of this article was a professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois in Champaign, author of several books and articles on technical subjects such as thermodynamics. He was also involved with the Big Ten athletic conference as a faculty representative. His relation to the Immigrant Goodenows is unknown at present. Adapted from a display about him brought to the 2022 Reunion in Springfield, IL, by GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox. (Three images)

### DNA Connection to British Goodenoughs Still Eludes Us

The GFA has been unsuccessful in identifying living Goodenow descendants in England, though the Goodenough surname has not disappeared there. The first attempt to find a DNA match was in 2008. Beginning in 2021, another effort was made, spurred by a British couple, of which the wife's maiden name was Goodenough. Alas, the test results of the male Goodenough relative recruited (from an all-male line) matched one of the British lines identified in 2008, but did not match the DNA collected from Goodenows descended from the Immigrants of 1638. (Two images)

### Lucene Leonette Goodenow, Artist and Mother of Artists

Lucene Goodenow was the mother of the three artists profiled in the May issue of *Ghosts*, Julian, Girard and Earle Goodenow. She was an artist herself, but was most noted for marrying an American of Japanese descent, Kyōhei Inukai (also an artist), in 1910. Thanks to GFA Life member Dennis Goodno, who reported that the artist named Girard Goodenow was featured on an episode of PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*, for bringing the family's story to light. Lucene is a descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund. (Five images)

### The Goodenough Surname: Goodenough or Goodinowe? It doesn't matter! By Jenny Duford, U.K. Genealogist

Jenny Duford worked for the GFA for a few years, researching the family history in Britain, and in her retirement has remained a wonderful resource. Recently, GFA member Garry Goodenough inquired about the origins of the Goodenow surname, and Jenny's response is printed. (One image)

### Different Spellings of the Surname

Twenty-two spelling variations are shown, taken from page 493 of [Westward Wagons: An American Family Journey](#) by GFA Life member Russ Goodenough.

## A Milestone Birthday Celebration in South Africa

GFA Life member Stan Goodenough turned 80 years old on July 7, 2024, and his family and friends helped him celebrate in style. Descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. (Three photographs)

## Family Events

Obituary of Jacqueline B. Goodenow (1928-2022) – widow of Life member Robert Harmon “Bob” Goodenow, a descendant of Capt. Edmund. (One photograph)

Obituary of Edward Goodnow Martel (1927-2023) – brother of GFA member George Martel; named in honor of his uncle who had drowned in 1916 while trying to rescue another boy and subsequently received (posthumously) the Gold Medal for Bravery by the Boy Scouts of America. Descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. (One photograph)

Postscript: Edward Goodnow Martel’s oldest son, Wayne Alan Martel, has died, on 26 Feb 2023, just 10 days after his father.

Two Tributes from GFA Member George Martel, Older Brother of the late Edward Goodnow Martel

- 1) George shares the reason that his mother, Eddith Ruth Goodnow Martel, chose to name her second son Edward Goodnow Martel -- in honor of her twin brother, Edward Samuel Goodnow, who had drowned at the age of 16 while trying to rescue another boy. The Gold Medal from the Boy Scouts and a photograph of Edward Samuel with a friend will be donated to the Boy Scouts of America National Museum. (One photograph)
- 2) George is making a \$50 memorial gift to the Goodenow Family Association in honor of and as a tribute to, his brother, Edward Goodnow Martel.

John Bannister Goodenough: Lithium-Ion Battery Inventor and Nobel Prize Recipient (25 July 1923-25 June 2023)

Though not a GFA member (his older brother, Ward Hunt Goodenough, was), John Bannister Goodenough was a giant in the fields of chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. He worked at a research lab at MIT for 24 years, then became a noted professor at Oxford and later at the University of Texas at Austin, working even at 100 years of age. In 2019, at the age of 97, Goodenough received the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, along with two other researchers. He and his wife had no children. Two lines of descent from the Immigrant Thomas. (Two photographs: One in article, one on front cover)

John Bannister Goodenough’s Notable Relatives: A Family of High Achievers (Five photographs)

Father: Erwin Ramsdell Goodenough (1893-1965) – professor of History of Religion at Yale; author; father of six children.

Older brother: Ward Hunt Goodenough (1919-2013) professor of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania; father of four children.

Younger brother: James Hinchman Goodenough (1926-2021) – publisher, Vice President and Treasurer of Cleworth Publishing; father of four children.

Younger sister: Hester Vanneman Goodenough Caldwell (1928-2018) – educator at the Putney School, Vermont; mother of four children.

Half-sister: Ursula Wiltshire Goodenough – (1943- ) professor of Biology; taught first at Harvard, then at Washington University in St. Louis, MO; mother of five children.

Half-brother: Daniel Adino Goodenough – (1944- ) professor of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School.

John Milton Goodenow of Ohio

John M. Goodenow (1782-1838) is listed at the top of the list of Ohio Electors supporting the Democratic Ticket of Martin Van Buren for President and Richard M. Johnson for Vice President, in the election of 1836. Van Buren and Johnson won their first term, but not a second term. Goodenow’s life and accomplishments are summarized. Descendant of the Immigrant Capt Edmund Goodenow. (One image)

## Queries

A member of Ancestry.com contacted GFA member Christine Goodenough Roberts and is interested in re-uniting photographs dating from the 1800s with a relative of the individuals in the photographs. The photographs are of the Gardner family; Belle Gardner (b 1869) married L. Grant Goodnough (1863-1933) and they resided in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. L.Grant Goodnough is a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas.