

## GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – NOVEMBER 2023 (VOL. 41 #4, pp 73-96)

On the Cover: Harold Chester Goodenough (1897-1915); he died at age 17 from typhoid fever and rested in an unmarked grave for over a century... but that's no longer the case (see article on pages 82-83).

### Association News

From the President  
From the Treasurer  
Editor's Remarks

An Invitation – all are welcome to attend the next GFA Virtual Meeting (via Zoom or by phone), scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2024, 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.

### Plan to Be at the GFA 2024 Reunion in Reno, Nevada

The Official program of the 2024 GFA Reunion kicks off on Wednesday, July 17, with a Welcome Dinner, and concludes with a Farewell Dinner on Saturday, July 20. An "Early Bird" portion will run from Monday, July 15, through Wednesday afternoon, July 17, 2024. All are welcome to attend all or part of this, the 18th GFA reunion. A Pre-Registration Form is included, to be submitted by mail or email. (One photograph)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – GFA 2024 REUNION**  
**July 15-17 (Early Bird) and July 17-21 (Main Program), Reno, NV**

I/we plan to attend all or part of the Early Bird activities at Reno, NV (July 15-17, 2024).  
 I/we plan to attend all or part of the Main Reunion Program at Reno, NV (July 17-21, 2024).

Name (primary registrant) \_\_\_\_\_  
Others attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in party: Adults (13 yrs +) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

***No money is due at this time.***

Please send this form to Hal Cutler by USPS at 163 Landham Road, Sudbury, MA 01776-3156  
or by email to [hcuttercfpe@verizon.net](mailto:hcuttercfpe@verizon.net)

### A Geographic Quirk

It is a surprising fact that Reno is 86 miles farther west than Los Angeles. (One map)

### Reminder to Family Members:

Time to renew membership for 2024. Cost is \$25 if received by December 31, 2023, or \$30 if received later. Payment options include:

Via Venmo: @Goodenow-1638, and send a follow-up email to [treasurer@goodenowfamily.org](mailto:treasurer@goodenowfamily.org)

Via Paypal: request an invoice for your dues payment by email to [treasurer@goodenowfamily.org](mailto:treasurer@goodenowfamily.org)

By check: use the Renewal Application form on the back cover of the November 2024 issue of Ghosts; make the check payable to "Goodenow Family Association"; mail both the form and check to Robert W. Goodnow, Jr., 130 Old Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 01730-1317

## GFA Scholarship Announcement for 2024/25

Eligibility requirements and Application deadlines for High School seniors. Application requests must be received by the Scholarship Oversight Committee chair by December 31, 2023; completed applications are due April 1, 2024; decision will be announced by April 15, 2024.

## Past Scholarship Recipients

Chart with names and hometowns of past scholarship winners.

## Donna Mae Lucas Peterson, 1942-2023

The subject of this article was a charter member of the Goodenow Family Association. Married to Charles "Chuck" Peterson since 1967, they raised two sons and managed a successful farm in Kingston, IL. She was a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas Goodenow, but also belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. She and her husband were the Reunion Coordinators for the most recent reunion, in 2022, in Springfield, IL, and both had faithfully attended almost every GFA reunion over the years. Included are several tributes from GFA members who met her at past GFA reunions. (Two photographs)

NOTE: A memorial fund has been established at the Kirkland (IL) Historical Society in Donna's honor. Make checks payable to the Society and mail to Kirkland Historical Society, 309 South 5th Street, P.O. Box 337, Kirkland, IL 60146 ATTN: Jean Klock. Please write "Donna Peterson Memorial" on the memo line.

## Harold Chester Goodenough's Resting Place Is No Longer An Unmarked Grave; New Headstone Dedicated on October 14, 2023

Harold C. Goodenough, a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas Goodnow, died from typhoid fever in 1915 at the age of 17. His family resided in Fairmont, WV, and he was a popular high school student and star football player. He was buried in Woodlawn, the local cemetery, but no headstone was ever placed over his resting place. When this situation came to light through research by GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox, the Cemetery Board resolved to remedy the oversight, raised funds to have a headstone created, and a dedication ceremony took place on October 14, 2023. (Two photographs in the article, one photograph on the cover of the issue)

## Lizzie Goodenough's Diaries, 1865-75

Lizzie A. Wilson was born in 1844 and was orphaned in 1860. She went to work as a domestic for a family in Brattleboro, VT, and kept a series of diaries which now reside at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA. Those diaries provide a glimpse into working class life during that time span in 19<sup>th</sup> century America. In 1869 she married Henry Frazier Goodenough, but continued to work as a domestic and keep a diary. She and her husband had four children, and one daughter also kept diaries of her life in 1901 and 1903. Lizzie's husband was a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas Goodenow.

## More Goodenough Holdings in the American Antiquarian Society Collection (Worcester, MA)

An online search of the American Antiquarian Society Collection reveals eleven documents written by individuals whose surname is "Goodenough", published between 1776 and 1928. The book by Ted Banvard ([Goodenows Who Originated in Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638 A.D.](#)) is also listed (publication date: 1994).

## Goodnow's Wharf

On Boston Harbor's Harborwalk paved trail, the location of "Goodnow's Wharf" is identified by a site marker, the only indication of its prior existence. Now a photograph has surfaced, probably dating from the 1930s or 40s, proving that "GOODNOW'S LUMBER WHARF" did exist and must have

operated for about a century. The lumberyard's original owners were Luther Goodnow, Jr. (1811-1852) and his brother Joseph Goodnow (1813-1882), descendants of the Immigrant Capt Edmund.

#### Family Events

Obituary of Sarah Smith Goodenough (1839-1924), wife of Lyman Goodenough, descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. She lived in the state of New York.

Obituary of Webster Goodnow (1846-1906), of Worcester, MA, a descendant of Immigrant Capt. Edmund.

#### Goodenoughs Parasail in Mauritius!

GFA Life members Stan and Mary Goodenough, of Howick, South Africa, share photographs of a vacation excursion on Mauritius (an island country east of Africa in the Indian Ocean), thoroughly enjoying the experience of parasailing. Stan is a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas; his great grandparents, Herbert Delos Goodenough and Caroline Louisa Leonard Goodenough, served as missionaries in South Africa for 31 years, and some of their five offspring stayed on.

#### Tri-Fold Display on Illinois Goodenows

At the 2022 Reunion in Springfield, IL, several tri-fold displays on Goodenow ancestors connected in some way to the state of Illinois were set up in the meeting room. These were created by GFA members and have been featured in past issues of *Goodenows' Ghosts*. In this issue, a tri-fold display assembled by the late Donna Peterson is featured, highlighting aspects of her family's roots in Illinois and in farming. She was a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. Four sections focus on: The Lucas Farm being recognized for progress in 1949 (Donna's maiden name was Lucas); A Newsworthy Birth on the Peterson's Farm (a calf was born in April 2020 with a white mask-like marking, just as the Covid pandemic was making masks a common sight); Centennial Farms in the Lucas Family (recognition of two farms in DeKalb County owned by Lucas family members since 1872 and 1875); and sample Photographs from the tri-fold display. (6 photographs in total)

#### Queries

#1 – Seeking information on Sylvester Goodenow (1779-after 1860), a descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund; a peak in the Adirondack Mountains of New York is named for him (“Goodnow Mountain”).

#2 – Can it be confirmed or refuted that Mary Stone Walker Goodenow, second wife of Capt. John Goodenow (son of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund Goodenow) was bequeathed a slave named Sambo by her deceased first husband, Thomas Walker; and in her will, did she grant Sambo his freedom? Capt. John and Mary lived in Sudbury, MA ... so did a slave reside in Sudbury?

#### Tid-Bits

Unique and humorous epitaphs collected from cemeteries in the U.S., Canada and England.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!