

## ***GOODENOWS' GHOSTS***

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### **2019/20 GFA Scholarship Awarded to Lilly Anderson**

Scholarship Oversight Committee Chair H. David Pendleton announces that Lilly Anderson, a granddaughter of GFA members Thomas and Karen Goodno, is the recipient of the college scholarship. Aspirants must submit an essay as part of the application process; Lilly's winning essay is printed in full. Lilly's Goodenow Immigrant ancestor is Capt. Edmund.

### **URGENT: Temporary Vacancy – Chair, GFA Scholarship Oversight Committee**

An interim Scholarship Oversight Committee Chair is being sought, for the period of August 2019 through May 2020. Please contact GFA President Shawn Doyle ([shawndnlb@aol.com](mailto:shawndnlb@aol.com)) if interested.

### **Lucy Ellen Goodenough Vassar: A Dixon Icon**

By Bill Groenier

The former co-editor of *Goodenows' Ghosts* recounts two contacts with a former GFA member, Lucy Vassar, a long-time resident of Dixon, CA. Included are two short articles she had contributed for printing – one concerning Mary Goodenow of Northborough, MA, whose grave is located where she was scalped by Indians; the other a brief account of the self-inflicted death of one George S. Goodenough in about 1862 in Vacaville, CA – which appeared in the May 1998 and August 2002 issues of *Ghosts*, respectively. The final section of the article is the obituary of Lucy Vassar (20 Oct 1924-9 May 2018).

### **Family Events**

Obituary of Robert L. Goodenough (12 Dec 1935-9 Apr 2018), brother of GFA Life member Kathy Jezek; descendant of Thomas Goodenow.

Obituary of James Gilbert Jezek (29 Jan 1935-9 Dec 2017), husband of GFA Life member Kathy Jezek; descendant of Thomas Goodenow.

Obituary of Betty-Jane Lee (7 Jun 1920-31 Mar 2018), GFA member since 2001; descendant of Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

### **Brian Pendleton wins Chapter and State Sons of the American Revolution Competitions**

Contributed by GFA Life member H. David Pendleton (father of Brian)

Brian Pendleton, an Eagle Scout, was proclaimed the 2018 Eagle Scout of the Year by the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), after competing in and winning SAR scholarship competitions at both the chapter and state level, in March 2018. For the second consecutive year, Brian also won the local Delaware Crossing (Johnson County, KS) Chapter's Eagle Scout of the Year competition. Brian's Goodenow ancestry traces back to the Immigrant Capt. Edmund.

### **Planning for 2020 GFA Reunion**

Reunion Coordinators Donna and Chuck Peterson encourage members to save the dates of July 12-18, 2020, and plan to attend in the “Land of Lincoln”, Springfield, IL.

## **Horace Goodnow and His Observation Tower**

In 1890, near Keene, NH, Horace Loring Goodnow constructed a 35-foot-tall observation tower (Horatian Tower) atop Beech Hill, as well as a summer hotel. He hoped that these structures would draw people to his 300-acre vacation home subdivision, called Horatian Park. A visit to the tower became a popular pastime for locals and visiting tourists. Very few vacation homes were ever built and neither structure has survived to the present day. Horace Goodnow (1838-1911) was a descendant of Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

## **What to Do, See and Visit in Ventura County and Southern California**

By Russ Goodenough

The 2022 GFA Reunion will be held in Thousand Oaks, CA. The coordinator of that reunion, Russ Goodenough, is providing “preview” articles to highlight features and aspects of the state. This installment describes National Monuments and National Parks, museums, a Presidential Library, historic and scenic sites, sports stadiums, and more.

## **Scott Bill Hirst, Hopkinton (RI) Town Moderator**

This GFA Life member has four Goodenow lines originating with Capt. Edmund through his daughter Hannah who married Capt. James Pendleton. In the November 2018 elections in his hometown, he was elected to his seventh term on the Town Council and was also sworn in as Town Moderator. Signatures from Rhode Islands’ U.S. Senator Jack Reed, and two Hopkinton officials are reproduced.

## **Can You Put a Price on History? How About \$10,000?**

By Thos. Gregory Motta, BSA NCAC History & Archive Committee Volunteer Researcher

In 1917, four members of the Boy Scouts of America perished while attempting to save another person’s life, the first such tragedies since the founding of the BSA in 1910. Gold Honor Awards were created by the BSA to recognize these heroic acts and were presented to the four grieving families. (This history pertains to the GFA because one of the Boy Scouts who perished in 1917 was 16-year-old Edward Samuel Goodnow, who lost his life while trying to save a drowning friend; his parents were presented with a Gold Honor Award by the BSA, in recognition of his bravery. GFA member George Martel and his brother Edward Goodnow Martel, nephews of Edward, still possess that Gold Honor Award.)

This article details the fate of one of the other first four Gold Honor Awards, which had been presented to the family of 11-year-old Boy Scout George Gordon Seyfried. The medal had long been thought lost, but was recently rediscovered in the possession of the son of a nephew of the hero. That son, having no children and no connection to the BSA, agreed to sell the Gold Honor Award – for a reported \$10,000 – with the promise it will be publicly displayed and the medal’s history told to today’s Boy Scouts.

## **Lineages**

William Goodenow, Descendants of (through his first child, Sarah Goodenow, by his first wife, Chloe Staples).