

SUMMARY – May 2026 issue of GOODENOWS' GHOSTS (Vol. 44 #2 pp 25-48)

FRONT COVER

Photographs of the grave of Sibil Arms Goodnow Whitney at the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan, KS.

2026 GFA REUNION

Final Preparations for the 2026 Reunion in Kansas City by David Pendleton, 2026 Reunion Coordinator

- Summary of each day's schedule
- Food at the Reunion (2 group dinners)
- Famous K.C. BBQ joints
- Other things to do in the K.C. area

Pre-Registration Form

Silent Auction or Raffle Planned for 2026 Reunion

Image of T-Shirt for 2026 Reunion

2026-27 GFA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Isiah Chrouser, grandson of GFA member Cathy Farmer Lear, has been awarded a GFA Scholarship and will be majoring in computer science at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. He is a Thomas Goodenow descendant. The Scholarship essay written by Isiah Chrouser is preceded by an introduction by GFA Scholarship Oversight Committee Chair David Pendleton.

ANONYMOUS DONOR WILL MATCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH AUG 1, 2026

Since 2007, the GFA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM has aided 22 college students (all related to a GFA member/members) with financial support to pursue higher education. An anonymous GFA member has pledged to **MATCH BY 100% EVERY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GFA SCHOLARSHIP FUND THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2026**. This is a chance for your contribution to make double the impact, and your name will be added to the Honor Roll. Instructions on how to give may be found on page 33. **PLEASE MAKE A GIFT WHILE THIS MATCH IS ACTIVE!**

TREASURER'S REPORTS for 2025

Profit and Loss, Jan - Dec 2025 (The GFA ended the year with a net income of \$355.76)

Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 2025

SEEKING INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS FOR A GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

By Christine G. Roberts, GFA Information Manager

Help ensure the accuracy of lineage information posted on our webpage. Contact Chris Roberts at chrisgoodenough4@gmail.com.

SUDBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES GFA MEMBERS TO A LECTURE on June 18, 2026 by Francesco Bucella, SHS Director and Archivist.

The topic: "The Rice Family during the Revolution." Both the Rice family and Goodenows were among the settlers of Sudbury, MA, in 1638. More than a few GFA members

may have a Rice ancestor as well, so this topic may be relevant. To register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rice-family-during-the-revolution-tickets-1986806399424>

DAR TO HONOR LOCAL CONNECTIONS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
(reprint of article published by the *Manhattan (KS) Mercury* on 11 April 2026).

As part of the America 250 celebration, members of the Polly Ogden Chapter (Manhattan, KS) of the Daughters of the American Revolution researched a local cemetery to identify anyone with connections to the Revolutionary War. One person so identified is Sibil Arms Goodnow Whitney (1788-1873). Sibil's father, Josiah Arms, has been recognized by the DAR as a "true Patriot"; during the War for Independence, his Vermont inn served as a headquarters for Ethan Allen and his men. Sibil's first husband was Maj. William Goodnow (1781-1828, a Capt. Edmund descendant). The couple had six children, and one of their sons, Isaac Tichenor Goodnow, became an early settler of Manhattan, KS. Sibil moved there toward the end of her life, and lies buried in the historic Sunset Cemetery there.

DAR HONOR CEREMONY, May 3, 2026

By Kathy Dzewaltowski, Project Director, Polly Ogden Chapter (Manhattan, KS), National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

On May 4, 2026, Sibil Arms Goodnow Whitney (1788-1873) was among several women honored as a "true daughter of the American Revolution" during a **wreath-laying ceremony** at the historic Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan, KS. The ceremony was open to the public and was enhanced by the participation of a color guard from the Sons of the American Revolution.

WILLIS WARD COOPER, THE GOODENOW FAMILY, AND THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN KANSAS CITY (Part 2)

By Christine Banvard-Fox, GFA Life member

Several members of the Goodenow family played roles in the Kansas City textile and hosiery industry from 1901 through the mid-20th century. Three men, descendants of Capt. Edmund Goodenow, are profiled in this article: J. Frank Goodenow (1877-1955), his brother Fred Ira Goodenow (1870-1936), and their father, Decatur H. Goodenow (1844-1923). J. Frank founded two companies, the Goodenow-Brookfield Knitting Co. (1909-1919) and the Goodenow Textiles Co. (1920-1964). At the latter company, J. Frank installed his brother as President and his father as Vice President. In 1929 the company built a modern, worker-oriented factory in Kansas City, on the former site of the brothers' homes. The firm was sold in 1952 to long-time executive James Lenaghan, who moved operations out of Kansas City. ***(Some descendants of James Lenaghan are expected to attend part of the 2026 GFA Reunion.)***

ERRATA - IMPORTANT CORRECTION

An error was discovered in CHART B that was printed on page 16 in the February 2026 issue of Goodenows' Ghosts (Vol. 44 #1, p 16). The generation number 10 was omitted from the names Fred Ira and Julian Frank; as a result, the eleventh generation was erroneously identified as the tenth generation.

Below is the corrected chart.

CHART B

Capt. Edmund **Goodenow**¹ Capt. John² Edmund Edward³
Samuel⁴ Edmond⁵ Isaiah⁶ Edward Edmund⁷ Jacob⁸ Decatur
Henry⁹

Fred Ira Goodenow¹⁰ (1870-1936) - no offspring

Julian Frank Goodenow¹⁰ (1877-1955)

Julia¹¹ (1905-1977)

Willis Arthur¹¹ (1908-1996)

Julian Frank Jr.¹¹ (1914-1994)

Elizabeth Ann¹¹ (1916-1999)

Fred Ira II¹¹ (1921-1984) [husband of the late Margaret
(Gruenthal) Goodenow, GFA member
and GFA President from 1990-1992.]

FAMILY EVENTS

Pendleton, Cady marries Jack Snyder (2 Feb 2026). Cady's parents are GFA members David and Barbara Pendleton. Cady received a GFA Scholarship in 2015-16. She (and her father) are descendants of Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

Goodenough, Daniel W. Jr. – obituary. (22 Jan 1939-3 Mar 2026) A Princeton-educated minister, theologian, and long-time teacher and leader in the Academy of the New Church, he and his wife Ruth raised five children, four of whom survive him. He and Ruth are buried in the Bryn Athyn Cemetery, in Bryn Athyn, PA. He was a Thomas Goodenow descendant.

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