

GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – AUGUST 2024 (VOL. 42 #3, pp. 49-72)

Cover: Group photograph taken at the 2024 GFA Reunion in Reno, Nevada, on Saturday, July 20, 2024, following the Farewell Dinner and presentations by GFA Life members Russ and Carolyn Goodenough.

An Invitation – all are welcome to attend the next GFA Virtual Meeting (via Zoom or by phone), which will occur on Sunday, October 20, 2024, beginning at 2 p.m. Pacific time/5 p.m. Eastern time. Contact GFA President Shawn Doyle at shawndnlb@aol.com or 775-825-6342 to participate.

Changes to the GFA Scholarship Program, by H. David Pendleton, Scholarship Oversight Committee Chair: outline of items approved during the Business meeting at the 2024 GFA Reunion

- Increase from \$750/year to \$1,000/year for students attending a 2-year school.
- Extension of support for students attending a 4-year school: by maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, they can qualify for extension of scholarship (\$1,500/year) for 4 years, rather than only the first 2 years.
- A gap year (delaying enrolling in higher education for one year, subject to purpose of the gap year) will be allowed.
- Students from outside the U.S. will be eligible to apply.
- A Scholarship Fund is being instituted, to raise money for the expanded program and to avoid depleting the GFA's savings.

Goodenow Family Association Scholarship Honor Roll: Levels of giving are:

- Founding \$100/year
- Heritage \$250/year
- Legacy \$500/year (two donations have already been received at the Legacy level)

GFA Scholarship Begins Its Nineteenth Year

Eligibility criteria and application deadlines for high school students graduating in 2025 who intend to continue their education at an accredited 2-year or 4-year school.

List of Past GFA Scholarship Recipients

Inaugurated in 2007, there have been 19 total recipients between 2007 and 2024.

Goodenow Family Association Scholarship Fund Campaign

- The changes adopted at the 2024 GFA Reunion (chiefly, increasing the scholarship amount for students attending a 2-year school and extending grant eligibility for students at 4-year schools from 2 years to 4 years) would risk depleting the GFA's savings.
- An appeal will be made to members to shore up the reserves for Scholarships by making contributions (not tax-deductible).
- Levels of giving and recognition are: Founding \$100/year; Heritage \$250/year; Legacy \$500/year.

Goodenows Gather in Reno for 18th Biennial Reunion; 2024 Memories

A total of 47 Goodenow Family Association members traveled to Reno, NV, for the 2024 Biennial Reunion (July 15-20). Attendees came from 14 states, from Canada and South Africa. Descriptions and photographs of activities and group members are featured. Between the Welcome Dinner on Wednesday, July 17 and Farewell Dinner on Saturday, July 20, Business Meetings were convened, presentations were shared and sights/sites were seen. Thanks to Reunion Coordinators Hal and Betsey Cutler, with assistance from Shawn Doyle, a resident of Reno.

A summary of the official Minutes of the business meeting will be printed in the November issue of *Ghosts*.

GFA's Treasurer's Reports as Presented at the 2024 GFA Business Meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2024, in Reno, NV

The Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for the period July 2022 through June 2024, as submitted by Treasurer Bob Goodnow, Jr. during the Business Meeting, are printed.

Kansas City, Here We Come!!! Planning is already underway for the GFA Reunion in 2026 by H. David Pendleton, 2026 GFA Reunion Coordinator

The next biennial GFA reunion will be headquartered in Kansas City; Dave Pendleton highlights many attractions that the location offers.

Ancestral Whispers – Five New England Goodno Family Stories

Mary Anne (Goodno) Weisshaar and Terry Weisshaar, past GFA members, have released a new book based on nearly 30 years of research. It can be purchased from Amazon.com.

The Continuing Saga of Mike Goodenough and Actress Valerie Bertinelli

People magazine continues to cover the romance between actress Valerie Bertinelli and one Mike Goodenough.

Goodenow History circa 1637 A.D., by Robert A. ‘Capt. Bob’ Goodenough

The Goodnows who immigrated to North America left England in 1638; this essay explains several of the factors and conditions in England that likely led up to that decision.

Abe Lincoln at the intersection of two GFA Reunions

Springfield, IL, was the site of the 2022 GFA Reunion; it is the state capital but is also famous as the home of Abraham Lincoln. The site of the 2024 Reunion was Reno, NV, and the schedule included a visit to the nearby Donner Memorial State Park, the site where several California-bound pioneer families were stranded in blizzards during the winter of 1846-47, leading to starvation and possible cannibalism. A historian reveals that in 1846 Abraham Lincoln and his family were invited to join the caravan led by George Donner; Abe was tempted but his wife refused, and she won the argument. How would history have been altered had the Lincoln family agreed to join the Donner party? Instead, Abe’s destiny lay in the political sphere.

More 2024 Reno Reunion Experiences

GFA Reunion participants had the rare opportunity to watch the creation of a Medicine Buddha Mandala by a respected Buddhist monk visiting Reno.

Airports and airlines were in chaos as the GFA Reunion drew to a close, due to the faulty CrowdStrike update to computer systems. Three GFA members shared the complications and consequences they experienced as they headed home from Reno.

“Digging up” Ancestors of New GFA Member Scott Goodnough of South Haven, MI, by Christine Banvard-Fox, GFA Life member

New member Scott Goodnough had scant knowledge about his ancestry; GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox took on the challenge and was able to trace Scott’s lineage to the Immigrant Capt Edmund Goodenow; she also found obituaries of Scott’s great-great grandfather and great grandfather, which are printed.

Family Events

Goodno, Lloyd Ellsworth (1942-2023), brother of GFA member Tom Goodno; a Capt Edmund descendant.

Goodnough, Carles Walter IV (1950-2023), brother of GFA Life member Betsy Villasana; a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas.

Hillery, Lt. Col. Mary Jane (Larato) (1931-2024), mother of GFA Life member Thomas Hillery; a descendant of the Immigrant John.

Martel, George Eugene (1922-2023), GFA member since 2009; a Thomas descendant.

Standard Items:

Association News

From the President

From the Treasurer

From the Scholarship Oversight Committee Chair

Editor's Remarks

Membership Update

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