

## GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – MAY 2024 (VOL 42 #2, pp. 25-48)

Cover: Image of hand-drawn map of historic Baldwinville, MA, hometown of Charles Allen Goodnow, who built an illustrious career in the railroad industry. His photograph is an insert in the upper left corner; his father's home is marked in the upper right corner. The image was created by GFA member Virginia E. Strahan, a graphic designer; her article on C.A. Goodnow, her great-great uncle, appears in this issue of *Goodenows' Ghosts* (pages 39-42).

### 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), which will occur during the Business meeting at the Goodenow Family Association 2024 Reunion, scheduled for 9 am - 12 noon PDT on Thursday, July 18. Contact GFA President Shawn Doyle at [shawndnlb@aol.com](mailto:shawndnlb@aol.com) or 775-825-6342;

### Latest Details about the 2024 GFA 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 optional Farewell Breakfast will occur on Sunday morning, July 21.) 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! The reunion hotel is the Best Western SureStay Plus (775-384-5007). The schedule for the Official program is printed, and registration fees and costs for the group dinners are listed.

A Pre-Registration Form is included, to be submitted by mail or email. Final Registration Forms will only be sent to Pre-Registrants. The deadline to pre-register is June 1, 2024.

**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 [hcutlercfpe@verizon.net](mailto:hcutlercfpe@verizon.net)

Reunion attendees are also reminded to submit a recent photograph, short biography and lineage to the Immigrant Goodenows, for the Reunion booklet. Send to Hal Cutler at [hcutlercfpe@verizon.net](mailto:hcutlercfpe@verizon.net) or by mail to 163 Landham Road, Sudbury, MA 01776-3156.

T-Shirts will be available for purchase. Please visit <https://www.customink.com/g/usc0-00cv-5jc2> to view the colors and sizes available. If possible, please place orders on that site and pay there. It is also possible to place an order on that website but elect to pay by check, sent to the GFA Treasurer, Robert W. Goodnow, Jr., 130 Old Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 01730-1317. The

T-Shirts will be delivered to the Reunion hotel at the beginning of the Reunion week.

## QUERIES

GFA member Garry Goodenough recalls reading about a man named Goodenough being hanged in Carson City, NV, during the late 1800s. Though he has searched, he has been unable to locate the source that reported that incident, and requests help. (As the upcoming Reunion is in Nevada, and a side trip to Carson City is planned, confirmation of this event would be of significant interest.)

## 2024/25 GFA Scholarship Awarded to Emily Prus

Emily Prus, daughter of GFA Life members Jeffery Goodnow Prus and Hilary Drummond Prus, is the recipient of the GFA Scholarship. She will attend Villanova University and plans to major in psychology. A summary of her stellar high school career and extracurricular activities is included. She is a descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund.

## Scholarship Essay by Emily Prus

The essay that Emily Prus submitted as part of the Scholarship application is printed. [One photograph]

The More Generations that Pass ... the More We Stay the Same? By Garry Goodenough, GFA member Struck by the resemblance between Franklin Lincoln Goodnow, whose photograph that was printed in the February issue of *Ghosts*, and his own grandfather, Arthur Roscoe Goodnow, the author explores the intriguing ways in which physical resemblances, personality traits and other characteristics can persist across generations. Both of those ancestors, plus a third, current GFA Life member Russ Goodenough, all descend from Samuel Goodenow Jr., grandson of the Immigrant Thomas. [Two photographs]

## Westward Wagons by Russ Goodenough, GFA Life member

A sweeping history of members of the Goodenow family in America (since 1638), this book is available through Amazon.com. Author Russ Goodenough has pledged to donate a share of his royalties from book sales to the Goodenow Family Association. [One photograph]

## A Returning Member Recounts Corresponding With *Ghosts*' Founder

Image of a hand-written note from returning member Sharon Goodenough Pauley, which accompanied her dues payment. She states she was corresponding with Carol McWain Goodenough, founder of *Goodenows' Ghosts* (originally *Goodenoughs' Ghosts*) prior to the publication of its first issue, dated Winter 1981. Sharon Pauley is a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas Goodenow.

## Goodenough "Pop-Ups" in the News

GFA Life member Paula Raboy submitted a copy of an article published on April 22, 2024, in *The Bakersfield Californian*, which mentions Troy Goodnough, sheriff in Monroe County, MI, in relation to an auto accident. Three other Goodenoughs mentioned in online news during April include Mike Goodnough (boyfriend of actress Valerie Bertinelli), and two college athletes, Caeden Goodnough (Lacross team member at SUNY-Canton) and Lydia Goodnough (named Player of the Week by the Maine College Baseball & Softball Association). [4 photographs]

## A Tribute to William (Bill) Samuel Groener (5 Feb 1936-1 Feb 2024) by Laurice Groenier McCord

Bill Groenier was a long-standing "outlaw" member of the Goodenow Family Association (i.e., a member through his spouse who was the Goodenow descendant). Despite that status, he contributed greatly to the GFA, volunteering his time and expertise as a co-editor of *Goodenows' Ghosts* (1996-2006), and as Information Manager (from 2004 through 2020). This biography by his daughter, GFA

member Laurice McCord, provides personal details and milestones of his life. Bill's wife (and Laurice's mother) Janet Groenier was a descendent of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund. [7 photographs]

Charles Allen Goodnow, *Life of a Railroad Man*, by Virginia E. Strahan (and honorary co-author Christine Banvard-Fox)

The author is a GFA member and is a great-great niece of Charles Allen Goodnow (1853-1918), whose life history came to light only relatively recently. She documents C.A. Goodnow's life and career as a prominent figure in the railroad industry during the 19th and early 20th centuries. A tri-fold display on him was brought to the 2022 GFA Reunion in Springfield, IL, primarily created by GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox. Both C.A. Goodnow and author Virginia Strahan are descendants of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund Goodenow. [5 photographs]

Railroad Technology During C.A. Goodnow's Time

Explanations of the role of a "Telegrapher" and how that invention and its practitioners resolved the "Train Math Problem." That problem arose when a single track had to accommodate trains going in opposite directions. Thanks to the depot operators and telegraphers, the system that was developed ensured that trains were safely routed.

One more bit of trivia about Charles Allen Goodnow

As a high official with the railroad company that was laying tracks over the Rocky Mountains, C.A. Goodnow had the authority to name several stations. In Fergus County, Montana, he referenced his home state of Massachusetts and assigned names like Amherst, Danvers, Hanover, Hoosac and Ware. The town of Ruth, in Washington state, was also named by C.A. Goodnow.

## FAMILY EVENTS

Obituary of Alma Marjorie Goodnow (1922-2023) of Concord, NH; she and her late husband, Leslie H. Goodnow, were GFA members for at least 20 years, until 2014. Her husband was a descendant of Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

Obituary of Kathy Jezek (1942-2024), resident of Tacoma, WA; GFA Life member and Coordinator (with her late husband, Jim) of the 2002 GFA Reunion in Seattle, WA,. She was a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. [One photograph]

Inventory of Good\*\*\*\*\* Family Bibles held by The Daughters of the American Revolution

Submitted by GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox, this registry lists family Bibles from individuals bearing the family name held by D.A.R. chapters in California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Standard Inserts:

Membership Update

Did you know that *Goodenows' Ghosts* is available electronically?

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