

GOODENOWS' GHOSTS – FEBRUARY 2025, VOL. 43 #1, pp 1-24

Cover: Image of Charles Davis Goodnough, ca. 1885.

An Invitation – all are welcome to attend the next GFA Virtual Meeting (via Zoom or by phone), which will occur on Sunday, April 13, 2025, 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.

Goodenow Family Association Scholarship Honor Roll (as of 15 February 2025) Levels of giving are:

- Supporting up to \$99/year (4 donors)
- Founding \$100/year (3 donors)
- Heritage \$250/year (1 donor)
- Legacy \$500/year (5 donors)

Total contributed to date: \$3,492.00 (includes a 20% match made by GFA Treasurer Bob Goodnow Jr.)

Goodenow Family Association Scholarship Fund Campaign

- Significant changes in the GFA Scholarship program were adopted at the 2024 GFA Reunion:
 - o Increasing the scholarship amount for students attending a 2-year school (from \$750 per year to \$1,000 per year; maximum per student would be \$2,000 and maximum for 2 students supported simultaneously would be \$3,000).
 - o Extending grant eligibility for students at 4-year schools from 2 years to 4 years (\$1,500 per year for 4 years; maximum per student could reach \$6,000 and maximum for 4 students supported simultaneously would equal \$15,000).
- Donations to support these enhancements and to shore up GFA's reserves for Scholarships may be made by check, via VENMO and PAYPAL. (Contributions are not tax-deductible, as the Association is not a non-profit).

Mail-Bag

The GFA has gained two new members, and both sent background material that is printed.

Draft Business Meeting Minutes – Summarized: 18th Goodenow Family Association Biennial Reunion, Reno, NV (July 18, 2024 and July 20, 2024) by Christine Banvard-Fox, GFA Recording Secretary
GFA President Shawn Doyle called the Business meeting to order on Thursday morning, July 18, 2024. Reports were presented by the Elected Officers and then by the Appointed Officers. A Nominating Committee was appointed, a By-Laws Review will be undertaken, and the 2026 GFA Reunion coordinator was approved: Dave Pendleton, of Lenexa, KS; the Reunion site was also approved: Kansas City. The main business of follow-up meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2024, was the election of officers; other miscellaneous matters were discussed before the meeting was adjourned.

Daredevil GFA Septuagenarian Proves – It's Never Too Late!

GFA member Virginia E. Strahan turned 75 in September 2024, and celebrated with a tandem sky-dive. She plans to jump again when she celebrates her 76th birthday. A photograph shows her having a blast over the Massachusetts terrain.

Reunion 2025 Planning Continues – You Have a Say, by H. David Pendleton, 2026 GFA Reunion Coordinator

The 2026 Reunion Coordinator, Dave Pendleton, presents a list of 15 specific historic or significant sites in or near to Kansas City that could be incorporated into the next GFA Reunion, either during the Early Bird portion, or the official program. He lists the top choices of those who responded have chosen so far, and requests that more readers send their top 3 choices to him by email.

Sudbury in the Spotlight – A New Book!

The hometown of the Goodenows is featured in a book by Jane H. Sciacca, a historian from Wayland, MA (once part of Sudbury, MA). Enslavement in the Puritan Village reveals that slavery did not only exist in the American South. Even the personal journals of Sudbury's long-time minister, Rev. Israel Loring, reveal that he owned slaves, as did other townsmen. One Mary Walker Goodenow is recorded as inheriting a slave named Sambo from her first husband, and he remained her slave even after her marriage to Capt. John Goodenow.

Sudbury in the Spotlight – On YouTube!

A three-part video documentary on Sudbury's history (The Birth of an American Town, by filmmaker Andrew Rakich) can be viewed for free on YouTube. Andrew Rakich grew up in Wayland, MA (the neighboring town to Sudbury) and is fascinated by America's colonial history. He has also produced a series of films on King Philip's War (1675-76), an uprising which almost wiped Sudbury off the map. "The Sudbury Devil" is Rakich's first feature film; its main character is named Isaac Goodenow, a fictional colonist possessed by demons.

Union County (Oregon) Pioneer Charles Goodnough, by Robert C. Bull, GFA Life member

[Part One] The author is a resident of La Grande, OR, and the subject of this biography, Charles Goodnough, is his great great uncle. Charles was born in Vermont in 1833 and came west to Oregon in 1856, 3 years before Oregon became a state, joining a brother who had arrived in 1852. A third brother later also moved to Oregon. The three of them became quite successful businessmen. The photograph on the front cover of this issue is of Charles Davis Goodnough, a nephew of Charles Goodnough; he is also the great-grandfather of the author, Robert C. Bull. Part One ends in 1872.

Newest Future GFA Member

GFA Life members Christine Banvard-Fox and Marc Fox welcomed their first grandson, Brice Fox Stephens, born in late January 2025. Brice's parents are Seneca Fox Stephens and Matthew Wade Stephens. Brice joins twin sisters Ember and Elora, now nearly age 2. Brice is a 13th generation descendant of Capt. Edmund Goodenow. His great-grandparents were Ted and Ginny Banvard (Ted was the author of Goodenows Who Originated in Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638 A.D.)

Family Events

Virginia Doyle (30 Oct 1930-22 Oct 2024): GFA Life member, and mother of GFA Life member Shawn Doyle. She noticed a tiny advertisement about the Goodenow Family Association in *Yankee* magazine that led to their participation in the 1996 trip to England sponsored by the GFA; both became Life members and GFA officers. Virginia was born in Sacramento, CA, was a high school math teacher for many years, and had genealogical expertise. She served as the GFA Database Manager from 2000-2012. A Thomas Goodenow descendant, she is survived by one son and one daughter, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

Rodney Philip Hake (14 My 1932-21 Apr 2024): GFA member, with his wife Avis, from 2002-2022. Born and educated in Minnesota, he served in the Air Force and was posted near Kansas City, MO. There he met and married Avis. The couple moved to Minnesota, but after both had retired, they became Arizona "snowbirds." He is survived by his wife Avis, a daughter and a son, and two grandchildren. His wife was descended from both the Immigrants Capt. Edmond Goodenow and Thomas Goodenow.

Directory of GFA Life and Family Members (2024-25)

With map of U.S.; total members = 162, including 2 in Australia; 3 in Canada; 1 in the Philippines, 3 in South Africa, and 3 in the U.K. In the U.S. the states with the greatest number of members are California (19), following by New York (18) and Massachusetts (13).

Standard Items:

Association News

From the President

From the Treasurer

Editor's Remarks

Membership Update

Reminder: if this issue is marked "Past Due", it's time to renew your membership for 2025!

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