

## SUMMARY OF ARTICLES IN THE FEBRUARY 2026 ISSUE OF GOODENOWS' GHOSTS (Vol. 44 #1)

Message on the front cover: GOODENOWS' GHOSTS intends to transition to all-digital delivery (to the extent possible). We will continue to mail issues to members who cannot convert, but the goal is to vastly reduce costs.

Highlights in this issue include:

### 2026 GFA Reunion

Details about the upcoming GFA Reunion in Kansas City, and a Pre-Registration form. The Four Points by Sheraton, near the Kansas City International Airport, will be our headquarters. A Group Rate of \$112/night (plus fees and taxes) is available if reservations are made by June 30. Make your plans soon - for the Official portion (Wed, Jul 29-Sat, Aug 1), the "Early Bird" portion (Mon, July 27-Wed, July 29), for the entire week, or just a day or two. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

#### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - GFA 2026 REUNION

July 27-29 (Early Bird) and July 29-August 1 (Main Program), Kansas City, MO

\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to attend all or part of the Early Bird activities at Kansas City, MO (July 27-29, 2026).

\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to attend all or part of the Main Reunion Program at Kansas City, MO (July 29-August 1, 2026).

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 David Pendleton by USPS at 16024 W. 80th St., Lenexa, KS 66219-2028  
or by email to [pkujayhawk@gmail.com](mailto:pkujayhawk@gmail.com)

### Two Chances to Revel in Goodenow-Adjacent History

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, in Sudbury, MA, a "**Sudbury Witness House Tour**" conducted by the Sudbury Historical Society. There are several homes built prior to 1776 that are still standing in Sudbury; the tour will visit many of them, including the Read/Goodnow House, built in 1770 by Joseph Read and bought in 1780 by John Goodnow, a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, a **wreath-laying ceremony** at the Historic Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan, KS, conducted by the Polly Ogden Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Sibil Arms Goodnow Whitney (1788-1873) is being honored as a "true daughter of the American Revolution." Her first husband, Maj William Goodnow, was a descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund.

### The Goodenow Family Association's Scholarship Initiative

The GFA's Scholarship program awarded its first scholarships in 2007, and since then, 21 students pursuing higher education have received support from the Goodenow Family Association. Due to an expansion of the program (from a previous maximum of 2 years of support to 4 years of support), a Scholarship Fund has been created.

Information included: the “Honor Roll” listing the GFA members who have made donations; the current balance in the Scholarship Fund; instructions on how to contribute to the Scholarship Campaign; a brief history of the program; and a list of the past and current recipients of the Scholarship. The 2026 recipient will be announced in the May issue of *Goodenows’ Ghosts*.

Please consider making a donation -- it’s a most worthy cause.

### **GFA Virtual Meeting**

All are invited to a GFA Virtual Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, April 12 at 4 pm Pacific Daylight Time / 7 pm Eastern Daylight Time. Contact the GFA President, Shawn Doyle, if interested.

### **FEATURE ARTICLES**

#### **C.C. Goodnow (1845-1905), Mayor (and Scofflaw)**

Charles Chapman Goodnow was born in Massachusetts but eventually settled in the town of Pipestone, Minnesota. In 1883, while Mayor of Pipestone, he broke federal law by squatting on land in a nearby Indian Reservation, and several other Pipestone citizens joined him. In 1887, federal troops arrived in town to enforce the laws. C.C. Goodnow was a descendant of the Immigrant Capt. Edmund Goodenow.

#### **William R. Goodnough, Civil War Veteran**, by Christine Banvard-Fox

Born in Hartford, CT, on Leap Year Day (February 29) in 1832, he undertook a treacherous journey at the onset of the Civil War, making his way from New Orleans to Cincinnati. There he joined the 6th Ohio Voluntary Infantry and served until June 1864 (the Confederacy had surrendered on May 26). He worked as a printer, typographer and newspaperman. He never married, but a visit from a nephew, documented in a publication of the National Home of Volunteer Soldiers (Leavenworth, KS) allowed the author to discover that, at birth, he was named Waldo. He died in 1915, age 83, and is buried in the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, KS. He was a descendant of the Immigrant Thomas Goodenow.

#### **GFA Information Manager’s Job – Solving Genealogical Puzzles**

An example of a query handled by Christine Goodenough Roberts, the Association’s new Information Manager; from the fragmented information available, C.G. Roberts was able to provide lineage information leading back to the Immigrant Thomas Goodenow. The woman who sent the query is trying to continue the family genealogy started by her late mother.

Christine Goodenough Roberts also requests that members re-submit any updated family information sent between 2020 and 2025. Her email address is <chrisgoodenough4@gmail.com>.

#### **Willis Ward Cooper, the Goodenow Family, and the Textile Industry in Kansas City (Part 1)**, by Christine Banvard-Fox

Several Goodenows pursued successful careers in the Textile Industry, through marriage connections and independently, beginning in the late 1800s. Willis Ward Cooper (husband of Anna Elvira Goodenow, a Capt. Edmund descendant) helped launch the Black Cat hosiery brand in Kenosha, WI, a business line that eventually evolved into Jockey International. His influence drew several Goodenow relatives into the rapidly expanding Midwestern textile and hosiery industry. Research later confirmed that many descendants of Jacob Goodenow (8th generation Capt. Edmund descendant) also joined companies that grew out of S.T. Cooper & Sons (a company founded by Willis Ward Cooper’s father), strengthening these ties. The Goodenow Textile Company in Kansas City, founded by Julian Frank Goodenow, represents another branch of this shared legacy, and will be explored further in the next installment.

**FAMILY EVENTS**

Goodnow, Susan Mae (13 Feb 1963 - 4 Oct 2025) her husband, Rew Goodnow, is a GFA Life member.  
Goodnow, Barbara Jean (21 Nov 1952 - Mar 2025) a Capt Edmund descendant.

**The Directory of GFA Life and Family Members, 2025-2026**

(As of 31 January 2026, the member count is 142, in 40 states and 5 foreign countries.)

And the regular features such as Membership Update, messages from GFA officers, reminders about benefits available to GFA members, and items for sale.