

Summary – AUGUST 2026 issue of Goodenows' Ghosts (Vol. 44 #3, pp 49-72)

Association News

From the President (Shawn Doyle)

From the Treasurer (Bob W. Goodnow, Jr.)

Editor's Remarks (Carol Baxter)

Membership Update

4 new members

1 address change

Invitation to Zoom virtual meeting – Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, 4pm Pacific / 7pm Eastern: contact GFA President Shawn Doyle (shawndnbl@aol.com) to be sent the link or to request to participate by phone.

2026 GFA Reunion Highlights (Part 1) *By David Pendleton, Reunion Coordinator*

Thirty-two Goodenow relatives attended part or all of the Reunion in Kansas City, from July 27-August 1. An "Early Bird" portion (Monday through Wednesday afternoon) included visits to several museums and historic sites in both Kansas and Missouri. The official portion of the Reunion started with a Welcome Dinner on Wednesday, July 29, and ended with a Farewell Dinner on Saturday, August 1. Between those dates, GFA Life member Christine Banvard-Fox shared a Powerpoint presentation on Kansas City Goodenows; the Business meeting convened; several members made presentations about ancestors of interest; and the group visited additional museums and two cemeteries. After the Farewell Dinner, GFA President Shawn Doyle was presented with the Association's Distinguished Service Award, and Reunion Coordinator David Pendleton, and his wife, Barbara, were presented with a unique woven bowl from South Africa (brought by and presented by Stan Goodenough, GFA Life member from South Africa). 16 photographs document some of the highlights.

"Another Steamboat Incident...but with Goodnow Connections!"

One of the Reunion's "Early Bird" activities was a visit to the Steamboat *Arabia* Museum, displaying the remains of a steamboat and its cargo that sank in 1856 in the Missouri River. A year earlier, in 1855, a different steamboat, the *Hartford*, had run aground near a newly-established Kansas settlement, co-founded by Isaac Tichenor Goodnow (1814-1894), and named "Boston." The *Hartford*'s stranded passengers were invited to join the settlement and they agreed -- if the town would be renamed "Manhattan." It was, and Isaac Goodnow went on to co-found Kansas State University, and served as the state's first Superintendent of Public Instruction. [Isaac was a 7th generation descendant of Capt. Edmund.] (NOTE: The GFA's 3rd Biennial Reunion, in 1992, met in Manhattan, KS, home of the Goodnow House State Historical Site.)

GFA Scholarship Begins Its Twenty-First Year, *By David Pendleton, Chair, GFA Scholarship Oversight Committee*

Official notice, eligibility requirements and instructions for high school students who will graduate in 2027 on how to apply for a GFA scholarship to support the costs of their higher education.

GFA Scholarship Fund Report, *By Bob W. Goodnow, Jr., GFA Treasurer*

Fund-raising results were positively impacted by a matching fund challenge offered by an anonymous GFA member. The Fund now has a positive balance of \$11,742, thanks to the extra match of \$3,860. After \$1,500 checks are sent to freshman Isiah Chrouser and sophomores MacKenzie Angel and Luke Mittelstet, the total balance will be \$7,242.00.

Scholarship Donor Honor Roll

Supporting Donors: 11 contributors of up to \$99/year

Founding Donors: 7 contributors of \$100/year

Heritage Donors: 2 contributors of \$250/year

Legacy Donors: 11 contributors of \$500/year

Scholarship Fund Campaign

Donations may be made by check, via VENMO and via PayPal. New IRS regulations now allow contributions up to \$5,000 per person per year. Giving Levels: Supporting (up to \$99); Founding (\$100/yr.); Heritage (\$250/yr.); Legacy (\$500/yr.).

“The Goodenow Family and the Textile Industry in Kansas City (Part 3): The Children of J. Frank Goodenow, Sr.” *By Christine Banvard-Fox, GFA Life Member (and GFA Recording Secretary)*

This article traces the lives and careers of the five children of Julian Frank (J. Frank) Goodenow Sr. (1877-1955) and his wife Caroline Horter Goodenow (1882-1967). J. Frank’s parents, Decatur Henry Goodenow and Viola Foote Goodenow, were distantly related, each descending from one of the 1638 immigrants: Decatur⁹ from Capt. Edmund Goodenow¹ and Viola⁹ from Thomas Goodenow¹ — meaning all the descendants of J. Frank¹⁰ carry this dual Goodenow ancestry. The five children were **Julia**¹¹ (1905-1977); **Willis Arthur**¹¹ (1908-1996); Julian Frank Jr. **“Jay”**¹¹ (1914-1994); **Elizabeth “Libby”**¹¹ (1916-1999); and **Fred Ira II**¹¹ (1921-1984). All except the youngest built careers in the textile or garment industry, reinforcing the family’s deep ties to that business sector in Kansas City. (Fred Ira II¹¹ pursued a career in the aerospace industry; his wife, Margaret Gruenthal Goodenow, served as the second president of the Goodenow Family Association, from 1990-92). With 5 photographs/images.

“Elizabeth ‘Libie’ Eustace (Mrs. Fred Ira Goodenow)”

A brief biographical sketch of Iowa-born Elizabeth “Libie” Eustace (1868-1940), who married Fred Ira Goodenow¹⁰ (1870-1936); the couple had no children. A pre-marriage cabinet card photograph of Libie is reproduced, taken by a photographer in St. Paul, MN. Prior to her death, she whispered a suspicion that she was being poisoned. The Reunion group visited her grave on Saturday, August 1st. 1 photograph.

“A Reunion, A Legacy, a Forever Home” *By GFA member Gail Goodenow*

Gail Goodenow attended the first Goodenow family reunion in 1998 in Sudbury, MA; the location of the 2026 GFA Reunion prompted her to attend her second (but not last) family gathering. Now living in St. Louis, not only was the Kansas City location convenient, but the schedule included a visit to the National World War I Museum and Memorial ... and she had long wished to donate her maternal grandfather’s WWI photographs and documents there. The materials were enthusiastically accepted by the Senior Curator and now have a permanent home. She described the experience as deeply meaningful and gratifying. Gail is a 12th generation descendant of the Immigrant Edmund. 1 photograph.

“A New Book by Ross McCurdy is on the Horizon”

GFA Life member Ross McCurdy (12th generation descendant of 1638 immigrant Thomas Goodenow) is researching and compiling a book on the *Descendants of James & Abigail (Camp) Minard, Quakers of Ulster County, New York*. The couple had “a flock of children”, with descendants scattered across the continent. The book is expected to be published incrementally, one child at a time, with Ross nearing completion of the fourth child’s lineage.

“Another Goodenough Author - Capt. Bob Goodenough!”

GFA Life member Capt. Bob Goodenough (13th generation descendant of 1638 immigrant Thomas Goodenow) has published *The Ironton Ferryman* (Amazon, \$25.95, 135 pages, June 2026), a historical biography of Captain Sam Alexander, who piloted the tiny Ironton Ferry across Michigan’s Lake Charlevoix narrows from 1890 to 1941. The book blends historical research with family archives, documents and photographs, and an appended memoir about summers in Charlevoix, MI. The author himself has piloted the Ironton Ferry since 2005. With 2 images.

“Kelly Goodnow, Pickleball Pro”

At just 13, Kelly Goodnow of Phoenix, AZ, signed with the Professional Pickleball Association (PPA) in early 2025, becoming one of the youngest signed professionals in the sport’s history. She quickly broke into the global Top 100, and on June 14, 2026, became the youngest gold medalist in PPA Tour history at age 14. She now attends school online to accommodate her professional schedule.

Kelly’s father, James Goodnow, is the youngest known CEO of a major U.S. law firm. Her mother, Erin Goodnow, is a former journalist and co-founder and CEO of Going Ivy, a nationwide college admissions consulting firm. 1 photograph.

FAMILY EVENTS

Piper Regan McCurdy – birth announcement of 15th generation descendant of the Immigrant Thomas. She was born in late February 2026 and is a great-grandchild of GFA Life member Ross McCurdy. 1 photo.

William George Goodnow (20 Nov 1932-12 Jul 2023) unconnected (he was adopted by his stepfather, Walter Strickland Goodnow). Survived by his nephew, a former GFA member. 1 photo.

Gordon A. Hamilton (15 Mar 1935-20 Jan 2026) an 11th generation descendant of Capt. Edmund descendant, GFA Life member; co-administrator of the GFA's DNA project. Survived by his wife and a son. 1 photo.

Susan Carol Hidalgo (14 Jun 1943–2 Apr 2025), a dual 12th generation descendant of Capt. Edmund and Thomas, and granddaughter of J. Frank Goodenow¹⁰ of Kansas City – she was a GFA member in 2013 and 2014; her son, Michael Marvin Mastin, attended parts of the 2026 GFA Reunion in Kansas City. 1 photo.

Martha Crosier Wood (29 Dec 1937–16 May 2026), a 12th generation descendant of the Immigrant Thomas and GFA Life member. Survived by her husband, their two children and three grandchildren. 1 photo.

Reminder: GFA Digital Database Is Now Available

Items for Sale – Order Form

Updated Digital Database Order Form

GFA Membership Application/Renewal and Digital Database Order Form