

3756 Knox St.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
September 8, 1987

Dear Friend,

It has often been said that genealogists are a patient lot. I sincerely hope that is true because I have been terribly amiss at not answering your correspondence about the Goodenough Family.

I know that when you wrote you hoped to hear back right away and have your family lines extended. How frustrating for you not to hear anything. I really do apologize and hope that you have not been turned off from genealogy entirely because of my seeming lack of interest.

The reason my correspondence is so far behind is numerous but the biggest reason is genealogy is a hobby of mine, not my profession, and time to work on it has to be squeezed in among family, part-time work, and volunteer work. There hardly seems to be enough days in the week.

Over the past several months things have improved. Many of my prior responsibilities have ended and I can finally pick up where I left off.

In the hectic couple of years past I was able to keep up publication of GOODENOUGH'S GHOSTS but on a slower publication schedule. If you are not a subscriber I hope you will consider it because it is the best way I know to expand your family lines.

Now as I struggle to answer all my past correspondence and try to fit as many families as possible into the ever-growing Four Generation Charts Files I am eagerly awaiting the 350th Reunion of Goodenoughs in Sudbury. I hope, you too, are planning on attending.

Please don't give up on me because of my terribly slow reply. I really would love to hear from you again.

Good luck to you on your genealogical endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Carol Goodenough*

Carol McWain Goodenough

*I have prepared a query for you to go in the next issue of Ghosts. I hope it will help you find your lines. I believe one of my subscribers has the line of Elizabeth to Ephraim but I couldn't locate it when I checked. Perhaps it will surface after all the family group charts are put together.*

3756 Knox St.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
March 3, 1988

Dear James,

Thank you for your letter informing me that you will be unable to attend our Reunion this summer. I appreciate your interest and will keep you on our mailing list.

I am enclosing Goodenoughs Ghosts information. A subscription to the publication will keep you the most current on family findings. Perhaps you would also like to share your lineage charts.

Sincerely,  
Carol Goodenough

21 February 1990

Mr. James F. Blauer  
418 Pirate Road  
Newport Beach, California  
92663

Dear Mr. Blauer:

Received your nice note regarding the Goodenoughs and your own Lucy. With quick perusal of my records, I don't think she is in them. But, as you probably know, Massachusetts was the home of the emigrant Goodenoughs.

For further help, perhaps you could contact the following Goodenough genealogists:

Gary Glead  
525 Butler Road  
Bakersfield, California 93304

Martin L. Christie  
2540 Hawthorne  
Merced, California 95340

Donald Goodenough  
17 Buckingham Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08618

These people have all been very helpful, and are collecting Goodenough information in their files. Donald Goodenough is collecting for the Association. I understand that you have been sent a copy of Goodenough Ghosts by Carol Goodenough. It is well worth joining. We are all going to be meeting up in Sudbury, Mass. again this year. July, I believe.

I'll keep your letter in my files, and if anything does come up, I'll be sure to write.

Sincerely,  
*Rowena R. Billos*  
Rowena Robinson Billos (Mrs. Livio)  
29 East Cooper Avenue  
Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

*Goodenough*

MAY 30, 1991

DEAR *Janes*,

I DIDNT REALIZE THAT THERE WERE SO MANY GOODENOW'S GOODENOUGH'S AND GOODNO'S IN THIS STATE SO THIS LETTER WILL BE COPIED TO BESENT TO ALL OF YOU.

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF MY NAME IS PAULA (GOODENOW) RABOY AND I LIVE IN TEHACHAPI, CA. I AM A MEMBER OF THE GOODENOW FAMILY ASSOCIATION AND I KNOW THAT A GOOD MANY OF YOU THAT WILL RECIEVE THIS LETTER MAY NEVER HAVE HEARD OF US. IN 1994 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A FAMILY RE-UNION IN ANAHEIM. FOR ALL OF YOU THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN YOUR BACK GROUND AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE TO ME AS I WILL ANSWER ANY AND ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS IF I CAN. I STARTED TRACING MY ROOTS SOME 16 YEARS AGO AND BELIEVE ME THE DEEPER I GOT INTO IT THE MORE INTERESTING IT BECAME WE HAVE A BACKGROUND THAT ANY ONE COULD BE PROUD OF AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OF OUR RELATIONS BECOME A PART OF IT. WE HAVE TRACED OUR LINEAGE BACK TO 1511 IN ENGLAND AND IN 1988 WE GATHERED IN SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS TO CELEBRATE THE 350TH. RE-UNION OF OUR FOREFATHERS FOUNDING OF THAT TOWN. WE HAVE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND CAN HELP ALL OF YOU TRACE YOUR LINE BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS. WE HAVE OUR OWN NEWSLETTER THAT COMES OUT 4 TIMES A YEAR AND IS VERY INFOR- MATIVE IN REGARD TO OUR LINES. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED BY-LAWS AND MEET EVERY TWO YEARS IN PLACES OF INTEREST TO ALL CARRYING THE NAME. NEXT YEAR WE WILL MEET IN MANHATTAN KANSAS AS THERE ARE A GOOD MANY PLACES OF INTEREST RE- GARDING OUR FAMILY TIES. ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS GET TOGETHER JUST WRITE AND I WILL SEE THAT YOU GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO PLAN THE TRIP. I AM REALLY INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM ALL OF YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT. IN FACT SOME OF YOU DONT LIVE SO FAR FROM ME AND I DIDNT EVEN REALIZE THAT THERE WERE ANY RELATIVES BEYOND MY OWN IMMEDIATE FAMILY IN THIS STATE. I TRULY HOPE THIS LETTER PICQUES YOUR INTEREST AND THAT YOU WILL CONTACT ME AND PLEASE BELIEVE ME I DO NOT WANT ANYTHING FROM ANY OF YOU AND THIS IS NOT SOME QUACK LETTER TO PULL ANY ONE INTO ANYTHING IT IS SIMPLY A LETTER TO INTRODUCE MYSELF IN THE FOND HOPES THAT WE CAN GET TO KNOW MORE OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY. SINCERELY,

PAULA RABOY-  
P.O. BOX 6347  
TEHACHAPI, CA 93582-6347

*Paula Raboy*

Aug 1 1991

dear mr. Blauer,

Recieved your letter and it is one of two out of 50 that i mailed out that responded. I know your dilema as when i started i was in the same place i couldnt seem to get answers any where about any of my family. I am happy to hear you would like to come to the re-union as I can pretty much gaurantee that you should be able to find your entire line. one of our members his name is Duane Goodno has a computer that has any and all the lines going back to 1511. I can tell you that you are a descendant of a Thomas Goodenow goodenough. He was one of three brothers and a sister who came to this country in 1638 and he is the one who changed the spelling of the original name out of England. there are 14 Goodnoughs and they all live in the east or the new England states. There is one that lives in New Hampshire which is as close as you can get to Vermont and she might know something about the line. I know they were in Vermont because my husband and I went there last year for a reunion and they have some places with the same names still on them. Her name is Cynthia l. Goodnough (her husband must carry the name) address 26 Horne st. New Hampshire 03820. I have a complete computer sheet on all the people that attended the first reunion but because i am knee deep in several projects right now and I have that sheet out all the time to look things up i cant seem to find it but when i do I will try to see what i might be able to find on your line.

I just wanted to answer this so that you didnt think I was some fly by night character popping into your life from out of nowhere. Lte me know if this Cynthia can help you if not I will try to find Duanes address because I am sure that he can come up with something. sincerely,

Paula Raboy  
P.O. Box 6347  
Tehachapi, Ca. 93582

Sincerely,  
Paula and Sam

Nov. 22, 1991

James Blauer  
418 Pirate Rd.  
Newport Beach, Ca. 92663

Dear James,

Just a note to keep in touch I hope by now you have gotten in touch with that Cynthia I told you about just curious as to whether she was able to help you or not?

WE JUST GOT BACK FROM THE BRITISH ISLES AND WHILE THERE WE WERE ABLE TO GO TO THE AREA FROM WHICH OUR FOREFATHERS CAME. WE HAD A FUN DAY THERE AND THOUGH IT WAS SUNDAY AND ALL RESEARCH OFFICES WERE CLOSED WE DID GET THE ADDRESS OF THE PLACE TO WRITE AND GET ANY AND ALL INFORMATION MIGHT BE AVAILABLE ON THE ENGLISH BACKGROUND. I HAVE JUST BEEN SO BUSY I HAVENT HAD TIME TO GET TO IT YET. I HAVE A STACK OF CORRESPONDENCE HERE AND THAT IS WHAT I AM DOING TODAY TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE PILE. I AM HOPING THAT I CAN GET SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE WHEN WE HAVE THE RE-UNION HERE.

HOPE YOU HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING AND KEEP IN TOUCH LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU FOUND OUT IF ANYTHING.

SINCERELY,

PAULA RABOY  
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Jan. 25, 1992

Dear Cousin Jim,

Well thank heavens the holidays are behind us and hopefully now we can get on to some serious business. The past two days I spent believe it or not getting my paper work in order and putting it all in files with family names on it so that from here on out when I get inquiries I should be able to go to a specific file and come up with an answer. In fact yesterday I wrote to a fellow in Missouri who was looking for a relative that turned out to be one of my great uncles sons. What a thrill to be writing to some one who is actually pretty closely related.

One question how long have your line been in California? Part of my job will be to show how long some of the family has been in this state where they all settled and what they did? This would be a great help to me. Also if you could give me dates and names now I think I can give you some sensible answers or at least suggest some one that can. How is that for getting my act together? I had made up my mind that I was going to get started on a book about the history of the Goodenow's in relation to me and I am determined to stick to it.

Trouble with me is I am so busy with club life, children, and grandchildren and my own life that I have to keep putting off diferent things because I just dont have time to get them all done. I have spent this entire day just getting caught up on my correspondence and with another letter or two I will at least be caught up for another day or two.

I have some letters I want to write to trowbridge England because all the old records of the family there are available I just have to get started on it. There are a couple of other avenues I wanted to pursue and I have to get going on them also.

Hope to hear from you soon.

As ever

Paula Raboy

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Tehachapi, Ca. 93582

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Dear Jim,

It has been awhile since I have heard from you. As for the itinerary for the re-union that should be forth coming from Donna any day now. Everything is moving along smoothly for the re-union and I thank god that the earthquake hit now and not when so many people will be in for that. As for the Nixon library we figured people could kind of do that on their own as the library has a mini bus that will pick any one up that wants to go and bring them back we did have it on originally but decided that we could discuss that upon arrival. Regan is on the way to Fillmore and so we have the buses rented and will make the stop on the way. We also have Don Goodenough going to be the speaker for the dinner in Fillmore and he will tell us all about the family and their history since the 1800.s. We are going to have several I hope interesting speakers talking about different branches of the family and by in large it should be very successful.

We have well over fifty families committed to attend and a lot of them from this side of the map that havent attended the ones held in the New England area. WE will also be discussing the going to England for the 360th reunion. If you havent been there it is like stepping back in time and so beautiful peaceful and serene.

Well I really need to address several other letters yet so will sign off looking forward to meeting you at the reunion.

Sincerely,  
Paula Raboy



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August 14, 1994

James F. Blauer  
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Dear Mr. Blauer,

You have contributed to our newsletter GOODENOWS GHOSTS in the past through submission of queries or otherwise. And for that we thank you. Perhaps you received the hoped for reply; perhaps the information was not available. Whether you did succeed or not I think you will be interested in an exciting new development.

The Association is about to publish the first major book containing the descendants of the immigrant family: GOODENOWS WHO ORIGINATED IN SUDBURY MASSACHUSETTS 1638 A.D.

It is an attractive, illustrated book with a gold lettered cloth cover, 952 pages in length with index, contents, a major bibliography and other features. It contains the names of about 17,000 related persons with much biographical text.

This limited edition will sell for \$60 including postage until publication, but will be priced at \$75 plus \$3.50 for postage and packaging upon publication about September 15th.

Please order by check from:

Miriam Colvin  
101 4th St NE  
West Union, IA 52175

(telephone 1-319-422-3945)

If you know of others who might be interested please let Miriam know their names and addresses.

Sincerely,

*Ted Banvard*

Theodore J. Banvard  
Corresponding Secretary and  
Author of GOODENOWS 1638 AD

Feb 24, 1995

Dear James F. Blauer,

Since you are an owner of GOODENOWS WHO ORIGINATED IN  
SUDBURY MASSACHUSETTS 1638 A.D., we thought we should advise  
or remind you of the Goodenow Family Association and its  
privileges. It is particularly timely right now when the  
first issue of the year of GOODENOWS' GHOSTS is about to be  
mailed out.

Theodore J. F. Banvard  
Corresponding Secretary  
Goodenow Family Association