



Collection Summary

Title

Goddard Historical and Genealogical Society

Date

1977-2013

Extent

7 archival boxes

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Name of Creator

Goddard Association of America/Goddard Historical and Genealogical Society

Biographical History

The Goddard Association of America began in 1977 with 19 families (28 persons) for the preservation and publishing of Goddard and Goddard-related families' history. The organization published *Goddard Book*, volumes I and II as well as *The Goddard Newsletter* (1977-2013). The organization gathered information related to the Goddards back to the immigrant and then continuing as far back as possible. Members submitted "Ancestral Records" showing their direct Goddard lineage and tracing back to the immigrant ancestor when possible. The society became an interchange of genealogical data as well as a repository for the history of the Goddard families who came mainly from North Wiltshire, England. Other families came from France, Germany, Ireland, and Wales. Many of the families immigrated to Colonial America settling in New England and Virginia and then spreading out throughout the United States and Canada. In addition to publications, the society held meetings referred to as the Goddard Association Convocation or the Goddard Gathering throughout the country. Over the years, the society collected books, compiled family histories, published genealogical pamphlets, and audio tapes. Later the organization became known as the Goddard Historical and Genealogical Society. After the society closed, the materials were kept in a storage facility. The organization donated their society holdings to the Midwest Genealogy Center in 2019.

Scope and Content

This archival collection contains genealogical charts, forms, family histories, genealogical research, photographs, audio, video, and computer files related to the Goddard family in America. The records were submitted by members to the Goddard Association. Among the charts and forms are "Ancestral Records" that provided biographical information about the applicant as well as their Goddard lineage traced back to an immigrant ancestor. Several of the immigrant ancestors were identified and



information about their descendants were grouped together when possible. The organization collected other information such as obituaries and newspaper articles written about Goddard family members. Copies of articles from genealogical periodicals and pages from books relating to the Goddard family provide connections between the family and the history of the areas where they lived. Other documents in the collection include copies of Census records, vital records, wills, and transcribed documents. Photographs detail the Society gatherings and events held throughout the country.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 10 series.

Box 1

Series 1, Family Histories

Folder 1, *Diamonds, The Goddards of DeKalb County, Georgia* by Janice G. Goddard, 1988

Folder 2, Dorrance Sibley Goddard recollections

Folder 3, *Limbs of the Goddard Tree*, draft

Folder 4, *The Story of William Goddard, Son of Giles, Sen.. and Mary Goddard* by Charles

Folder 5, *A Tribute to Norwegian Parents: Ambjorn and Olive Urness: The First Three Generations in America*, edited by Matthew L. Figi, 1985

Folder 6, *The Two Goddards of Southern New Mexico* by Richard E. Magee, Jr. F. Putnam, 1993

Folder 7, Oral history notes, Charles Wilbur Goddard

Folder 8, *The Descendants of John Caddy*, draft

Folder 9, Goddard family name

Item 1, *The Name and Family of Goddard*

Item 2, *The Goddard Story*

Folder 10, Morton, Markham and Marie E. Covington, "Our Thomas and Goddard Families in America, Part II: Our Goddard Family," *Mort's Relations*, Vol. 5, No. 3, 1971.

Series 2, Charts and Forms

Folder 1, Family group sheets for descendants of Charles Goddard

Folder 2, Family group sheet for descendants of George Goddard

Folder 3, Descendants of William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles

Folder 4, Descendants of William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles, cont.

Folder 5, Descendants of William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles, cont.

Folder 6, Descendants of William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles, cont.

Folder 7, Descendants of William Goddard and Elizabeth Miles, cont.

Folder 8, Descendants of William Goddard of Green County, PA

Folder 9, Descendants of William Goddard of Sullivan County, TN

Folder 10, Index to family group sheets

Folder 11, Misc. family group sheets

Folder 12, Misc. descendency Charts

Box 2

Folder 13, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms



Folder 14, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms, cont.
Folder 15, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms, cont.
Folder 16, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms, cont.
Folder 17, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms, cont.
Folder 18, Goddard Association Ancestral Record forms, cont.

Series 3, Goddard family research by location

Folder 1, Canada
Folder 2, England
Folder 3, England, Coat of Arms
Folder 4, England, Isle of Man
Folder 5, England, Leicestershire
Folder 6, England, London
Folder 7, England, North Wiltshire
Folder 8, England, North Wiltshire, cont.
Folder 9, England, North Wiltshire, cont.

Box 3

Folder 10, England, North Wiltshire, cont.
Folder 11, England, North Wiltshire, cont.
Folder 12, England, Suffolk
Folder 13, France, Goderville

Series 4, Goddard research by family name

Folder 1, Albert Goddard
Folder 2, Alvin Carroll Goddard
Folder 3, Andrew Goddard
Folder 4, Andrew O. Goddard
Folder 5, Benjamin Goddard (wire maker)
Folder 6, Benjamin Goddard (1745)
Folder 7, Benjamin Goddard (1824)
Folder 8, Bessie Goddard
Folder 9, Brigham Harrison Goddard
Folder 10, Burton Goddard
Folder 11, Charles Goddard
Folder 12, Daniel Goddard
Folder 13, Daniel Goddard, cont.
Folder 14, Edward Goddard
Folder 15, Eugene James Goddard
Folder 16, Georgia Anna Goddard
Folder 17, George Goddard (1836)
Folder 18, George Goddard (General)
Folder 19, George Henry Goddard
Folder 20, Giles Goddard
Folder 21, Hapgood Goddard
Folder 22, Harrison Goddard
Folder 23, Hugh Goddard
Folder 24, James D. Goddard
Folder 25, James Mason Goddard
Folder 26, John Goddard (cabinet maker)



Box 4

- Folder 27, John and Mary (McTier) Goddard
- Folder 28, John and Mary (McTier) Goddard, cont.
- Folder 29, John and Mary (McTier) Goddard, cont.
- Folder 30, John J. Goddard
- Folder 31, John M. Goddard
- Folder 32, John W. Goddard
- Folder 33, Joseph and Deborah (Treadway) Goddard
- Folder 34, Joseph and Elizabeth (Jordan) Goddard
- Folder 35, Joseph and Frances (Glasscock) Goddard
- Folder 36, Joseph Hill Goddard
- Folder 37, Martin Goddard
- Folder 38, Mary Katherine Goddard
- Folder 39, Moses Goddard
- Folder 40, Nathaniel Goddard
- Folder 41, Oscar Goddard
- Folder 42, Robert Hastings Goddard
- Folder 43, Books about Robert Hastings Goddard
 - Item 1, *New England Visionaries* by J. North Conway
 - Item 2, *Congressional Recognition of Goddard Rocket and Space Museum Roswell, New Mexico with Tribute to Dr. Robert H Goddard, Space Pioneer, 1882-1945*
 - Item 3, *Robert H. Goddard: The Roswell Years* by F.C. Durant, III
 - Item 4, *Roswell Museum and Art Center: Guide to the Collections*
- Folder 44, Roy Dallas Goddard

Box 5

- Folder 45, Sampson Goddard
- Folder 46, Solomon Goddard
- Folder 47, Thomas Goddard
- Folder 48, William Goddard (of Green County, PA)
- Folder 49, William and Elizabeth (Miles) Goddard
- Folder 50, William and Elizabeth (Miles) Goddard, cont.
- Folder 52, William Casey Goddard
- Folder 53, William Lidderdale Goddard
- Folder 54, Misc. Goddard families
- Folder 55, Misc. Goddard families, cont.
- Series 5, Other Goddard topics
 - Folder 1, Goddard Bride
 - Folder 2, Goddard Church
 - Folder 3, Goddard College
 - Folder 4, Joseph A. Goddard Company
- Series 6, Documents
 - Folder 1, Census records
 - Folder 2, copied journal articles and book pages relating to Goddard family
 - Folder 3, copied journal articles and book pages relating to Goddard family, cont.
 - Folder 4, copied journal articles and book pages relating to Goddard family, cont.
 - Folder 5, Obituaries and memorial cards



Folder 6, Newspaper articles

Folder 7, Vital records

Series 8, Goddard Association records

Folder 1, Correspondence

Folder 2, History of the Goddard Association

Folder 3, Goddard Gathering, 1996

Box 6

Series 9, Photographs

Florence and Wilbur Goddard (digital photos and documents)

Folder 1, Goddard Association Convocation, Kansas City, MO, 1981

Folder 2, Goddard Association Convocation, 1982

Folder 3, Goddard Association Convocation, Wichita, KS, 1984

Folder 4, Goddard Association Convocation, Knoxville, TN, 1986

Folder 5, Goddard Association Convocation, San Diego, CA, 1988

Folder 6, Goddard Association Convocation, Akron, OH, 1990

Folder 7, Goddard Association, 1992-1995

Folder 8, Goddard Association Convocation, Des Moines, IA, 1996

Folder 9, Goddard Association, 1998-1999

Folder 10, Goddard Association, 2001

Folder 11, Goddard Association Convocation, Nashville, TN, 2002

Folder 12, Goddard Association Board Meeting, Ardmore, OK, 2003

Folder 13, Goddard Association Convocation, St. Louis, MO, 2004

Folder 14, Goddard Association, 2005

Folder 15, Goddard Association Convocation, Hartford, CT, 2006

Folder 16, Goddard Association Convocation, undated

Folder 17, Goddard Gathering group photographs, various years

Folder 18, Misc. photos

Box 7

Series 10, Audio, video, and computer files

Item 1, Reel to reel audio tapes (5)

Item 2, VHS (3)

Item 3, Cassette tapes (7)

Item 4, 3.5 inch computer disks (41)

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed within file folders.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Howard Davis Goddard

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Related Items

- Harms, John W., *The Goddard Book*.
- The Goddard Newsletter
- Goddard, William Austin, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward Goddard, 1833*.
- V.G. Johnson Collection

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- "Goddard Genealogical and Historical Society Records." Email from Howard Goddard, past President of the GH&GS, 2019.
- Harms, John W., "Addresses given on three different occasions," Goddard Historical and Genealogical Society archival collection (MGC-1202).
- "Introducing the Goddard Newsletter," *The Goddard Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 1-2.