Welcome to the Second (All) Goodhind Family Reunion

Saturday, June 29, 2013

10 Hitching Post Rd, Amherst, MA Home of Peter & Laurel Goodhind

Welcome! Welcome!

It's been 14 years since the last Reunion was held on Saturday, June 19, 1999 at Look Park in Northampton, MA. Sadly, since then, we have lost several elder members of our large family...but we have also welcomed a few new additions!

This is our second <u>All</u> Goodhind Family Reunion. What do we mean by "All?" Well, it means that most of the Goodhinds in New England descend from one of 5 brothers who came to this country from Great Britain in the mid-1800s. They were all papermakers.

Back in 1999 at the first Reunion, we were able to bring descendants of 3 of the 5 branches together for the first time in at least a hundred years! (One of the branches, descended from Frederick Goodhind, has died out completely). This time, we have done even better!

While many of us are descended from RICAHRD GOODHIND (father of Murray Sr.), we also have descendants here of elder brother HENRY GOODHIND, namely: Bob Goodhind, his son Alan, grandson Jon, and cousin Ken Condon.

The 3rd branch of the family is represented by Cindy Palmer, her husband Ted, and cousins Sue Polumbo and Sally Andrews. They are descendants of brother JOHN GOODHIND, who eventually settled in Springfield, MA.

Please Welcome Joan and Pat!

And today, for the first time, we welcome Joan (Goodhind) Mekal, her sister Pat (Goodhind) Boissonneault, and their husbands Ed and Joe. Joan and Pat are descended from a 4th brother, JAMES THOMAS GOODHIND. Joan and Pat were born and raised in Holyoke. Now retired, they spend much of the year in Florida. Their father Charles Goodhind was a city police officer. What's important to note is that they have met virtually no

other Goodhinds to date! So, please take the time to say "hello" to them both. They've both been looking forward to this day!

Oldest and youngest

An important item at any family reunion is to acknowledge the eldest and the youngest family members present today. Our senior member today is Bob Goodhind, who is 87. The youngest member is Jadzia Hawkins, who is less than 3 weeks old today!

Gettysburg 150th anniversary (in just 4 days!)

On July 3, 1863, 21-year old Richard Goodhind, a private in Company G of the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry faced the single most dangerous day of his young life. On that hot, humid morning, his regiment faced off against deeply entrenched Confederate soldiers across the mostly-wide open farm land known as Spangler's Meadow at Gettysburg, PA.

If he had not survived that day, many of us would not be here today. Last year, Tim and Sue Goodhind visited this battlefield and took photos of the area. He has brought these photos today and can describe for you what happened that horrible day when nearly ½ of the regiment was killed or wounded.

In 1879, the survivors of the regiment dedicated this very first regimental monument at Gettysburg below.



A little bit of Goodhind History

Ann Norman was born in the little Devon town of Cullompton, England on Jan. 10, 1810. William Goodhind was born on June 18, 1811. They married on July 29, 1829. William was a papermaker. They eventually moved their family (supposedly by walking beside an ox-cart carrying their belongings) to the Kent town of Dartford, about 200 miles away. 15 children came in all, 5 of whom immigrated to America.

- 1. WILLIAM Goodhind was born on Nov 25, 1829. A papermaker, he married and had children.
- 2. JAMES was born on Feb 6, 1832. He died at 3 yrs old.
- 3. **HENRY** was born on Aug 22, 1834. A papermaker, he married, immigrated to America, and had children. Became a US citizen.
- 4. FREDERICK was born on Aug 19, 1836. A papermaker, he married, immigrated to America. Became a US citizen. His line has died out.
- 5. MARY ANN was born Feb 16, 1839. She married and had children.
- 6. JAMES THOMAS was born Jun 7, 1840. He married but wife and child died. He immigrated to America, re-married and had children. Became a US citizen. Died in a paper mill accident at age 39.
- 7. RICHARD was born Nov 26, 1842. He immigrated, fought in Civil War, married twice and had children. Also a papermaker and a US citizen.
- 8. THOMAS was born on Sep 22, 1844. He died at 2 years old.
- 9. MARTHA was born Jan of 1846. She married twice.
- 10. TOM was born Nov 27, 1847. A papermaker, he married and had children.
- 11. GEORGE was born Sep 27, 1849. A millwright, he married and had children.
- 12. SARAH was born Feb 14, 1852. She never married and died at age 93.
- 13. JOHN was born on Oct 28, 1853. A papermaker, he married, immigrated (returned to England for several years) and had children. He never became a US citizen.
- 14. ELIZABETH was born on Nov 10, 1855. She married and had children.
- 15. ALFRED was born on AUG 14, 1858. He died at 4 months old.

The brothers above listed in red are the 5 brothers who came to America.

Researching the Goodhind Family

We have had the good fortune to have direct contact with David Goodhind in England, a descendant of (10.) TOM, a brother papermaker who never came to America. David has provided us a great deal of indispensible information about the family.

Another researcher, Rev. Malcolm McQueen of San Antonio, TX, a descendant of the eldest brother (1.) WILLIAM, has also given us a unique historical perspective of the family.

Recently, we were contacted by Valerie Wright, a descendant of a Goodhind sister, (14.) ELIZABETH. Valerie has provided amazing stories and photos about someone who was previously just a name on a list of siblings! Her accounts provide us a new level of family detail.

So do you want to know more? You can!!

www.goodhind.us

We have a family website! And it has the WHOLE story as we know it, including the names, dates and photos! It is constantly being updated and expanded. But that happens ONLY with your help. Keep us updated on the births, marriage and deaths in your family. See the *Contact Us* page on the website for details. Or contact Tim at *tim@goodhind.us*.

Here today, we have several documents and at least one book which take the family history back through the generations BEFORE William and Ann. Be sure to check them out.

...and THANKS to Peter and Laurel Goodhind and his parents Art and Barbara Goodhind!

We should all be sure today to thank our hosts, Peter and Laurel for volunteering their house and yard for this Reunion. Through Peter, Amherst College has supplied tents, tables, linen, dishes, utensils and other equipment to make this day a success!

Special thanks to Art and Barbara Goodhind for the hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken today! We all appreciate your generosity and kindness.

And if the weather cooperates, you can thank anyone you like!