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News of the extended Goodwin Family

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WELCOME FAMILY

If you are reading this, it means that you are possibly related to **Franklin, Solomon and Theophilus T. Goodwin** of VA, NC, SC, GA and/or AL, or have expressed an interest in the activities of The Goodwin House Foundation, Inc. (d.b.a The Goodwin History Society).

We, at The Goodwin History Society, want to welcome any Goodwin kin and other interested persons to participate in our endeavor. While we are concentrating on Franklin Goodwin and his descendants, we want to include the history of all members of the extended family, believing that we must come from a central root. Please see our Mission Statement on page four.

We are especially interested in getting to know other organizations of Goodwin families. We hope to reduce duplication of research efforts by exchanging information. Also, if you have research results that you would like archived for the future, we will provide controlled storage facilities. The Goodwin family is huge and there may be no way to gather all information into one location, but that is our dream.

REUNIONS

Goodwin (John W. & Nellie Crosslow line) Sunday 10 June 2001 10 - ?, Deerlick Park in Douglasville GA., covered dish. Contact Tammy Haygood 770-893-3279 or Angie Cortez 770-725-6496.

Parsons-Martin (Theophilus T. Goodwin line): Sat. 21 July 2001 at Hueytown Community Center, 10-5, Hueytown, AL. Contact Janice Martin 205-497-7633.

Goodwin, William & Mary Turner-Vaughn, Elias & Nancy- Sullivan, Daniel & Jennie Griffin (Theophilus H./Henry Goodwin line): Sunday after Labor Day 9 Sep 2001 at Bealand Park Recreational Center, Greenville, Butler Co AL.

Childers-Childress 20th Annual Meeting, 4-6 Oct 2001, Radisson Suites Inn, Augusta, GA. Contact Bob & Jo Ann Childers bob265617@aol.com.

OPEN HOUSE

The Goodwin House and grounds are now open to visitors on the third Sunday of each month. Most of the time historian/genealogist Albert Martin will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions. Records, artifacts and photographs will be on display. Hours 1:00 till 4:00 o'clock unless other arrangements are made. Note that the graveyard is always open to visitors.

Bring your things to share and or donate. Hope to see you soon.

PROGRESS REPORT

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY -

Stats: 1050 documents in data base*
 674 photographs* (All on zip disks)
 93 books/notebooks
 2 reels of microfilm
 65 Cds
 8596 individuals in the data base*
 * Many more awaiting processing.

Donations received;

-Checks/cash - Joan & Don Lewis in honor of their mother Margaret Cheshire Dickerson, Jamie Steckel, Charles D. Steckel, Chester L. Steckel

-Archives - Alan Caldwell, Sandra Goodwin, George Goodwin, Albert Martin, John & Helen Goodwin, Evelyn Shafer, Elisabeth Darlow,

- **HELP-** we need - Family Trees, books, obituaries, birth announcements, photos and other detailed information on our family. (Does not have to be a known relation to Solomon.) Originals preferred but copies acceptable. Assume we have nothing!

GRAVEYARDS -

- **Goodwin/Hall** - Routine maintenance continues and we are progressing slowly with the rock lined paths. Fence repair work is badly needed but that takes money.

- **Guess** - 100'x100' with four identified Guess graves and about 20 stone markers. Plan to finish clean up and mapping this summer. Fence is in bad shape and missing in places.

- **Solomon Goodwin Jr.** - Only two identified graves, Solomon Goodwin Jr & Sarah Elizabeth S. Goodwin Rea. Several stone markers. Mapping started, hope to start cleanup this summer. Needs to be fenced.

- **Nancies Creek Church** - Goodwin/Dodgen section badly overgrown and needs clearing and mapping. Graves of Emily & Eli Dodgen, several Reeves, Starling Goodwin (unmarked) & several iron markers under the overgrowth and leaves.

HOUSE - The kitchen area is being renovated.

GROUNDS - Spring flowers are blooming and are beautiful. Clean up work parties were held March 17 & 24. Everyone is invited to bring yard tools and help get wooded area cleared and usable. Newsletter out too late for these but call Lynda at 770-455-1940 to help at future sessions.

2000 GHF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CATEGORY	IN*	OUT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance			(\$1074.02)**
Cemeteries	35.00	00.00	205.92
Archives	495.00		
Copies, Ink, Paper		289.26	
Books, CD's, Etc.		269.02	
Other		221.11	(645.02)
Overhead	744.00		
Newsletter		254.71	
Society Dues		155.50	
Other		104.00	(544.82)
Ending Balance			(\$975.92)

*all income from donations

**Deficits carried by Albert Martin

-TAX STATUS -

The Goodwin House Foundation Inc.(d.b.a. - The Goodwin History Society) is a Georgia not for profit organization and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under provisions of 501a IRS classification. We have been unable, to date, to acquire 501c status. Therefore donations are not tax deductible by the donor. Please help anyway! We are still trying to obtain a 501c status and will keep you posted on our progress.

HISTORY

1860'S AND THE CIVIL WAR

-Feb 1861 - Georgia and other states secede from Union and form confederacy.

-12 Apr 1861 - War starts between North & South

-26 Sep 1861 - Harris' Sons, Augustine(Gustin), 27 and Charles H.,15 along with W. A. Childress enlist in Wright's Legion Company K 38th Regiment, CSA.

-27 Jun 1862 - Charles H. is wounded in the battle of Cold Harbor, Richmond VA. He made it home and dies of his wounds 25 Jul 1862. His grave is located in the Goodwin/Hall cemetery.

-7 Sep 1862 - Captain Gustin is wounded at the second battle of Manassus, dies of his injuries and buried in Manassus.

-1863 - Richard Rea testifies that Solomon Goodwin, Jr. did not have the use of his hand and arm. (GHS D97-0229).

-5 May 1864 - Atlanta campaign begins. Army of the Ohio twenty-third Army Corps under the command of Major-General John M. Schofield with three divisions of infantry and one of calvary were ordered to "pass through Cross Keys and occupy

the Peach Tree road where intersected by the road from Cross Keys to Decatur"

-17 Jul 1864 - On the right with Hascall's division, which was about two miles distant, on the Sandy Creek and Buckhead road. Jul 18, the division marched in advance of the corps through Cross Keys to the old Peach Tree road at House's plantation, the enemy's cavalry falling back, skirmishing the whole distance. One regiment, the One hundred and twelfth Illinois Volunteers, was then sent south one mile to the forks of the Atlanta and Decatur roads, where later in the evening they were relieved by the Second Division." (GHS D00-0)

Sherman himself, traveling with units of the 23rd corps, spent the night of July 18th at the Samuel House plantation at Peachtree and Old Cross Keys Road (Now Ashford-Dunwoody). The House Plantation is located about two miles north of the Goodwin Farm. Schofield's troupes were camped out all along Peachtree to Briarwood Rd. (Now North Druid Hills). Soldiers camped on the grounds of the Goodwin farm and, as was typical of the Union troops, robbed and vandalized the house. On July 19, Sherman and Schofield's troops headed for Decatur via the Briarwood Road. Sherman obviously passed the Goodwin Home and may have stopped to refresh himself and horse from the Goodwin Well. He spent that night about six miles south of the Goodwin farm at the James Oliver Powell house situated on the west side of Shallowford (now Claremont) Road between North Decatur Road and Peachtree Creek.

Maxine Hollis told Albert Martin that her granddad (Henry Delonagh Guess) said his mother (Sarah Mellisa) told him Sherman's troupes came to the Goodwin House and took the old man and his brother (Harris ? & Starling ?) to a prison camp. Wife (Sarah Melissa Goodwin Flemming) was in bed with a new born (Lelia Bright Flemming) with no food and that the yanks brought a cow in to give her some milk.

-18 Jul 1864 - "On the 17th, in accordance with orders from corps headquarters, I left Crittenden's brigade of dismounted cavalry and the Twenty-third Indiana Battery in the interior works at Isham's Ford, and marched the remainder of the division to Sandy Springs Church, and thence on the Cross Keys road to Nancy's Creek, Reilly's brigade in advance. At the creek a considerable force of the enemy's cavalry was found in position and a lively skirmish took place, our advance driving the enemy and occupying with skirmishers the south bank of the creek and the ridge above it. The division encamped for the night on the north side of the creek, communicating on the left with the Army of the Tennessee, which came up abreast of us, and on the right with Hascall's division, which was about two miles distant, on the Sandy Creek and Buck Head road. July 18, the division marched in advance of the corps through Cross Keys to the old Peach Tree road at House's plantation, [two miles North of Goodwins on Peachtree Rd.] the enemy's cavalry falling back, skirmishing the whole distance. One regiment, the One hundred and twelfth Illinois Volunteers, was then sent south one mile to the forks of the Atlanta and Decatur roads, [Goodwins] where later in the evening they were relieved by the Second Division, which passed our camp at House's after our arrival there. Reilly's brigade in advance this day. July 19, division marched at 5 a. m. in rear of the

Second Division, taking the Decatur road until within a mile and a half of that town, when we filed to the right in rear of Hascall's division, taking the Atlanta road to Pea Vine Creek, on the north bank of which the division was encamped and intrenched, Cameron on left, Reilly on right, Barter and Byrd in reserve; the enemy's cavalry still in our front and skirmishing continually. 20th, the division moved forward toward Atlanta in advance of the corps, pushing in the enemy's cavalry, until we came upon the rebel infantry in position upon a ridge fronted by a small creek, three miles from Atlanta."

-1 Sep -17 Nov 1864 - Atlanta Occupied by Federal Troops

-1865 - North/South war over South lost

-(?) - Goodwin family returns to farm house which has survived. The war..

-2 Dec 1865 - Starling Goodwin still clerk for Nancies Creek Baptist Church.

-8 Apr 1869 - Harris deeded right-of-way to Georgia Air Line RR.

Family member situations

-At this time we do not have much information on what happened to the various family members during the battle of Atlanta. Some probably evacuated to other areas and some stayed put. We would like to hear any stories that you may have.

--Harris Goodwin was 50/54 when the war started/ended and because of his age probably did not see military service. His wife Emily was 47/51.

--Son, Augustine(Gustin) was 27 at start of war and enlisted on 26 Sep 1861 in Wright's Legion Company K 38th Regiment, was promoted to captain and was wounded 27 June 1862 at the second battle of Manassus and died 7 Sept 1862.

--Daughter Jannetta was 23/27. She had married James Mitchell Reeve in 1858. She may have been the woman with a baby (James Harris born 1863) mentioned before.

--Daughter Permilia was 20/24. She had married William A. Childress, an Atlanta Physician 15 Nov 1858. William enlisted in Wright's Legion in 1861 and stayed on active duty until the end of the war. He was wounded four times but survived all to return home and continue his practice.

--Son Charles H. was 15 when he enlisted with his brother Gustin in Wright's Legion Company K 38th Regiment. He was wounded 27 Jun 1862 in the battle of Cold Harbor, Richmond VA. and died of his wounds at home 25 Jul 1862. His grave is now located in the Goodwin/Hall cemetery.

--Daughter Emily Frances was 13/17. She married John W. Grogan between 1864 and 1867.

--Daughter Lydia Ann Missouri was 11/15. She married Micajah Hall in 1870.

--Brother Starling was 57/61. He was secretary of the Nancies Creek Baptist Church during the war.

--Brother Solomon Jr was 61 and died in Atlanta 17 Feb 1863.

--Sister Sarah Elizabeth was 47/51 and was married to Hezekiah Cheshire.

-Sister Isabella A was 43/47 and was married to George W. Evins. George was in prison for murder at start of war but was conscripted, served in the CSA and was later discharged.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

When yours truly started this project many years ago, I had no inkling of how much work, time and money were involved. Locating living relatives is an on-going project that is not progressing very fast. Of over 200 names on our mailing list, we get occasional feedback and information and a very rare check. It makes one wonder if all the effort is really worth it or am I just accumulating a mass of data that no one will ever look at or really be interested.

It is amazing how little has come to the surface about Solomon Goodwin, his parents, siblings and family. The family was literate, active in civic activities, business endeavors and apparently financially stable. They owned hundreds of acres of land in DeKalb and Fulton counties. So far only six old letters have come to my attention, four from the 1830's and two from the Civil war. No old diaries have surfaced, nor photos from before the 1890's.

The financial summary shows that we operate on a very limited budget. This obviously reduces the amount of cemetery care and research that can be accomplished. There are over 200 names on our mailing list. A ten dollar donation from each would erase our debt and give us some operating money. A \$20 donation would allow hiring a crew to keep the cemeteries cleared and accessible. More could be used to buy reference materials, improve the archives, hire professionals to help with out of state research, hire a pro to get a better tax rating, get a computer system that would allow us to put photos and documents on line for all to have access, etc, etc.. The future of this operation rests in the hands of you, our family and friends.

I do enjoy meeting the challenge of the demanding research, finding and meeting new relations, working the jig-saw puzzle of intertwining families and events and sometimes solving a portion of the mystery of our family's past. I will continue to put in as many hours in building the archives and data base as is needed, but am limited in my financial contribution. Age is also becoming a factor, I will be 73 in April and do not have the energy or memory I once had.

Popular Goodwin Given Names

Why does it so difficult to find our ancestors? One reason is the abundant use of the same given name. Here are the top Goodwin given names form our data base in order of usage:

89	John and Johnnie	64	Mary
62	James	61	William
46	Thomas	27	George, Georgiana
25	Robert	24	Elizabeth
24	Nan, Nancy	23	Martha
22	Charles	22	Sara, Sarah
20	Solomon	19	Joseph
18	Henry	18	Theophilus
18	Frances, Francis	17	David
16	Samuel	15	Margaret
15	Ann, Anna, Anne	14	Richard
12	Jesse	11	Dan, Danial

MISSION

The mission of The Goodwin House Foundation, Inc. d.b.a. The Goodwin History Society shall be to;

a. Research, document, archive and preserve the historic documents and artifacts of the extended Goodwin Family

b. Document the history of the Solomon Goodwin Homestead and graveyard as now located at 3931 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA.

c. Document the history and development of the Brookhaven Community that developed from the original Goodwin farm.

d. Provide a central point for the extended Goodwin Family and other researchers to make contact for research and social activities.

e. Offer to all interested parties a shared history of a typical southern middle class family.

f. Assist in the preservation and restoration of the Historic Solomon Goodwin House the Harris Goodwin Graveyard and various other related Graveyards.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

- ▶ **Cemetery Guidebook**, a ten page guide to the Goodwin Family Cemetery and house by historian Albert Martin. Contains map, inscriptions, relationships and history.
Suggested donation.....\$5-\$10
- ▶ **Genealogy Charts and Research**, by special order and priced according to complexity, length and time needed to prepare.
- ▶ **Goodwin Gazette Newsletter**, A report of activities, history items, building, repair details and genealogy, issued periodically as time and energy permit
.....\$15/yr donation