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# The Goodwin Gazette

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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 in some way have expressed an interest in the activities of The Goodwin House Foundation, Inc. (DBA the Goodwin History Society).

We, at the Goodwin History Society, are very pleased to welcome any Goodwin kin and other interested persons to 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

**June 10 2000 - THACKSTON/NORTHCUTT 33<sup>rd</sup>**  
Family Reunion: At Marion & Marie Robinson's 7334 Clito Rd. Statesboro GA 30461 912-587-5791. Covered Dish Lunch at 1:00. Contact Lucy Shaw Jesup GA 912-427-4689.

This is a branch from Ada Childress Northcutt daughter of W. A. & Permelia Goodwin Childress. Permelia is the daughter of Harris, son of Solomon.

**June 10 & 11 2000 -GOODWIN** Family Reunion: on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Rayburn & Ruby Goodwin's place on Lee road Come early to visit, lunch provided at 4:00 then visit 'till ??? on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Deerlake Park in Douglasville, GA. 10:00 until evening. Covered dish lunch at 3:00. Contact Tammy Haygood 770-893-3279 or Angie Cortez 770-725-6496.

This is the John W. & Nellie Crosslow Goodwin branch traced to 1850 in Milton County, GA. No connection has yet been made to Solomon, but we are still looking.

**July 15, 2000 - The MARTIN-PARSONS FAMILY**  
(Theophilus T. Goodwin Line) reunion will be held at the Hueytown Community Center 140 Oak Ave, Hueytown, AL, near Birmingham. 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P. M. Contact is Janice Martin 205-497-7633 or 205-326-6111;  
[JMarti8607@aol.com](mailto:JMarti8607@aol.com)

Come early to visit and share information before meal. Bring a covered dish for a shared lunch. Drinks and eating utensils will be provided.

The Parson, Martin and Goodwin families were close neighbors in South Carolina and in Alabama. There were several intermarriages, especially between the Joseph Parson and Theophilus T. Goodwin (Solomon's brother) descendants

There were several Parson links to the Martin family but so far none to the Frederick Martin line associated with Solomon Goodwin's line.

## PROGRESS REPORT

### ARCHIVES AND HISTORY -

Stats: 925 documents in data base\*  
 487 photographs\* (All on zip disks)  
 65 books/notebooks  
 2 reels of microfilm  
 60 Cds  
 6740 individuals in the Family Tree data base  
 \* Many more awaiting processing.

#### Donations received;

-Checks/cash - Virginia Hargrave Brown, Elizabeth Reeve Dreyer, Louise Stokes Harris, Marion Stokes Nabel, Mildred Guess Sticher, Mr & Mrs Richard H. Wood,

-Archives - Ron Goodwin, Louise Stokes Harris, Mr & Mrs Richard H. Woods, Jack Martin,

#### Some Needs and Wants:

**YOUR Family Trees, books, photos and detailed information on your family. Copies and or originals. Assume we have nothing!**

### GRAVEYARDS -

- **Goodwin/Hall** - The graveyard is looking good. Some plants did not survive the winter and will have to be replaced. Winter storm damage has been cleaned up. As rocks become available, we are lining the walkways. A small box monument has been partially reconstructed. This came with the graves from Nancies Creek Cemetery and it is unknown to whom it belonged. Major fence repairs and painting are still needed.

- **Guess** - About one half of the grounds have been cleared of underbrush and 22 of the known 32 graves uncovered. The fence is in bad condition and will have to be replaced. A detail map has been started.

- **Solomon Goodwin Jr.** - A large oak in the middle of this plot was struck by lightning and will need removing. There is no fence and the plot is badly trashed. Only rough mapping has been done.

**HOUSE** - Kitchen renovations are progressing with Jim Rule doing all the cabinet work.

**GROUNDS** - The yard is looking great, with the new sod and grass greening up nicely. The flowers suffered from the winter and drought but are still very pretty.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Goodwin House and grounds are now open to family and friends 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.

Bring your things to share and or donate. Hope to see you soon. Also note that the graveyard is always open to visitors.

**Plans** - Lynda Martin and her sisters want to share the wonderful, peaceful and ancient energies of this place with others. It is an excellent facility for small business brain storming sessions and a very special place for a wedding or small party. Call Jim Rule at 404-467-9370 for details and to book your space.

## -Communications -

The Gazette is our means of communicating with our many family members and friends. While we would really like to talk with each of you personally and often, that seems to be an impossibility. (Your phone calls and letters are very welcome, we (I) just can not initiate as many as we (I) would like.) Send us news of your part of the family, obituaries, reunion announcements, etc. and we will try to pass on the information.

Also please send us your email address so we may send you the Gazette a cheaper, faster way and conserve our scarce funds. Be sure to send address changes to assure proper delivery of your newsletter.

## -TAX STATUS -

The Goodwin House Foundation Inc.(DBA - 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 working on obtaining a 501c status and will keep you posted on our progress.

## HISTORY

Letter (GHF D97-0025) from Harris and Emily Goodwin in DeKalb County Ga to father, mother, brother, and sisters in Laurens SC. Note: ( ) indicate unreadable sections of the letter.

“Georgia dekalb            December the 13 th 1835  
 County                    "Dear father mother brother and  
 sisters god permits me the oportunity of dropping  
 you a few lines to let you know that me and family  
 are in moderate health which I desire to thank god  
 for his blessings hoping where these few lines comes  
 to hand they may find you all enjoying the happy  
 share of the Same blessings. I received your letter  
 that was dated the 25 of November which has  
 rendered me very unhappy to hear of mothers bad  
 health for it seems like it would be terross of sorrow  
 for me in this life if so ordered that we shant meet no  
 more in this world but I trust to the powers above  
 that we will have the pleasure of meeting in health  
 once more in this world if not the world to come I  
 have become in favor of getting to the new ( ) for I  
 believe if mother was to remove she would recover  
 her health completely. I have never got my own  
 consent til this last sumer and I have fully got my  
 content for good land can be had for a toleerable  
 good ( ). I wrote to you so soon as I received my  
 horse Stateing to you to come without fail and we  
 would buy land. I want you to be certain to so soon  
 as possible and we could buy and I will take all the  
 trouble of your moving upon myself and will see you  
 well first agin if I live and I never will leave you as  
 long as we live for I no the want of friends. Father  
 you can better your self considerable by selling and  
 moving so I don't want you to fail in coming and if  
 you cant come this winter let me no when you can  
 come and when ( ) be looking out for ( ) a place or  
 not. I think that mother would be Better if you  
 would move. I like the ( ) unction of this country  
 tolerably well ( ) so well as I do further out. I have  
 made a very good crop here of corn and cotton my  
 cotton was hurt by the ( ) frost. Solomon I want you  
 to come ( ) if possible and we will select a place  
 together I want See you all very bd So bad that I  
 cannot express it. I have herd from Starling Since  
 Walter (Ceeinector) brought me my horse. I have

swap away my horse for first rate filly for the  
 purpose of Raseing some colts. I want you to let me  
 no as soon as possible what to be doing whether you  
 can come or not this winter. I have nothing more  
 particular But (Remaining) your ( ) ( ) ( ). Emily  
 Sends her love and compliments to all the family.  
 Cousin Dodgen Send his complements to all the  
 family. My father in law send his respect to all the  
 family.

Harris Goodwin  
 Emily Goodwin

Dear Sisters I will Drop you few lines to let you  
 know that you are still in my Rememberance yet it is  
 the desires of my heart to be where we can see one  
 another more often than we do the very Sparcity of ( )  
 men in this country. ... Olly Dodgen Say if he was a  
 younger man he would marry Sarah at the risk of his  
 life. He has got half of the young men in this  
 country declaring they will come to see you both for  
 the ladies he never was acquainted with as fine folks  
 before but I don't often see much of him so farewell  
 Dear Sisters. Harris Goodwin  
 Emily sends her love and respect to you both.”

Letter (GHF D97-0031T) from Theophilus in  
 Alabama to his brother Solomon in Laurens Co SC.

December the 17 day 1834  
 dear Brother I once more imbras this oppertunity  
 of informing you that we are yet in land of the  
 living & injoying a reasonable portion of health  
 for which we ought to be thankful to the Great  
 Giver of all good hoping This will find you all in  
 the same state of health I received your letter by  
 hand of Mr Peirsons which gives me great  
 satisfaction. You wrote you wished me to inform  
 you something about our country. I have very  
 little to say about it at present either good or  
 bad. I and all the the children are very well  
 satisfied & tho we had a little brush of ague and  
 fever this fall but that is a thing of nothing you  
 no wish to know something about the water.  
 There seems to be a plenty all year to make out  
 with tho this branch goes dry in the summer but  
 still there is springs a plenty it appears to be a  
 land of plenty. as to this poor worlds affairs,  
 Religion seems to be very cold in our naborhood  
 at this time (turn over) I have to inform you of

the death of my son Solomon he lost his health on coming to this country and was very poorly all the spring and summer until the start of June then was confined to his bed and until the 16 day of July he departed this life and left a helpless family behind. Tho they are left in a christian land where we hope they will not suffer. Time fails and I come to close with subscribing my yours till death.

To Mr Solomon Goodwin      Theophilus and  
Laurens South Carolina      Nancy Goodwin

## EDITORIAL

I am sitting on the porch of the Goodwin House in a rocking chair typing this into my computer. Today is open house, but no visitors. The buzz of street traffic from Peachtree Road and the occasional train traffic from the back seem so out of place. Yet, I remember the same sounds through the seventy plus years I have been associated with this place. The noises seem louder but the traffic is hidden from view. The birds are singing, the squirrels are chattering and cat is stalking. How much like the old times it feels.

We are so indebted to my Grandfather Alfred Martin for rescuing the homestead from outside hands back in 1905 and to Aunt Elisabeth for saving the house from destruction in 1961. I often think how wonderful it would be if we could turn the clock back and have the house back on the hill, but the past can not be undone.

What is important now is to keep the house and cemetery for future generations of our family and others to have a solid connection with their past. My three daughters are the current owners and have dedicated their efforts toward this end. They are making financial sacrifices to protect this bit of our family history and could use some help.

Monies donated to the Foundation are used to do emergency repairs, restoration, cemetery and grounds maintenance. Funds are also needed to keep the archives and history. Unfortunately the IRS in its infinite wisdom did not grant us a C3 designation, so donations are not tax deductible at this time. When funds become available we will reapply. (Yes the IRS charges for application for tax free status, with no guarantees.) Please help if our efforts are of any value to you and yours.

## 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

## 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 Grave Yard and various other related Grave yards.*

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