

# THE GOBLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## GOBLE FAMILY REUNION - 2013

We are beginning to make plans for the 2013 Goble Family Reunion. According to our bylaws this event should be held in the eastern part of the United States. We normally do this during the summer months so families with children can attend.

Since the earliest Gobles started out in Boston, Charlestown and Concord, Massachusetts and Morristown, New Jersey perhaps there would be some interesting researching to be done in the area.

Let us know if you would be interested in a **Goble History Tour**? If we have enough interest in something like this we could possibly rent a bus. But, we'll need to hear from you!

One of our cousins, Brian Valentino of New Jersey, has graciously volunteered to host the reunion in Long Branch, New Jersey which is in Monmouth County. No decision has been made as yet, so we are looking for comments and suggestions from our members on this special event.

Please fill out the attached questionnaire and return it to: Barbara Volker, 684 W. Stuart Avenue, Fresno, California 93704. Or you can leave your comment on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/259543309607/>. We need to know who is interested in attending so we can finalize our plans.

Life has recently gotten in the way of production of our newsletter. We're sorry for the delay. Expect our next letter in April!

## BIRTHS

**Abigail Marie (14) Goble<sup>1</sup>** was born June 27, 2011 to of Ryan E. (13) and Desiree Perrara Goble. Below Abigail is pictured with her Grandfather, Michael L. (12) Goble. Another addition to the Thomas Goble tree. CONGRATULATIONS!



## GOBLE BOOK

I have been working on a grand Goble Book for two years now, and am finally making some progress. Computer problems have taken their toll and caused significant delays. However, as I proceed I want to make sure the published record is as near to accurate as it can be. So, once again I ask for recent changes and/or corrections. I plan to include a GEDCOM with the book so that the record can be kept by all who want to continue the research. I wish I could tell you when it will be completed, but I don't know right now. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. This is a very large task! Evelyn

<sup>1</sup> Provided by Grandpa Michael Goble.

## MY JOURNEY TO ALDINGBOURNE by Roy Goble

Every day for twenty-five years I worked side by side with my father (Ernest Goble, 1922-2006) at our family real estate company. It was an honor to spend that time with him, and I am thankful for the many things he taught me about business, life, and family. Dad battled Parkinsons for over a decade before he finally breathed his last in 2006. It was a great loss for us all, and there was a void in my life. So many questions to ask, so many things to learn, but he was gone. I was grateful that he was in a better place with a renewed spirit and body, but I still felt a profound sense of loss.



he had also gone to a Goble Family Reunion with his wife Anita. But I had not been particularly interested when he was alive. Going through the notes somehow brought me closer to him.

It struck me that this was a story left unfinished. My Dad never did find out what his true lineage was, so along with my siblings we vowed to find out. Eventually we hired a professional genealogist to help. He helped us sort through the truth from family legend, and we eventually got back to about 1790 or so. But progress was slow and we hit a roadblock after that.

Then I heard about the Goble DNA project. I submitted my markers to see if that would help us break through the logjam. Thankfully, it did. Although we still don't know exactly where the linkage is, we found out that we are indeed cousins to the many folks who trace their genealogy back to the Puritan and Massachusetts Bay Colonist Thomas Goble.

Earlier this year at a conference in Hawaii I met a fascinating man by the name of Pete Greig. Pete is from Southern England. In a casual way I smiled and said so was I ... though removed by some 400-years! He asked where exactly, and I mentioned both Westergate and Aldingbourne. He laughed and said that he drove past Westergate almost every day to and from work! Impulsively he invited me to visit sometime.

Going through his things I found stacks of notes about our family genealogy. I knew he had done some research, traveling back to Oklahoma and Ohio on different occasions. I knew

On the flight home from the conference I asked my wife D'Aun about going to Southern England and visiting the old family sites. She had enough of traveling and begged off the trip. Then it struck me that the really wise thing to do was to bring my son Jedd. Not only is he a great traveling companion, but he's a professional videographer and is almost as interested in history as I am. A few weeks later it struck me that we should also have my son-in-law Kevin Carey join us. A perfect father-son trip.

So a few months later with cameras packed and high hopes for a grand adventure, I flew to London with Jedd and Kevin. Pete met us at the airport and we headed to the little village of Burpham to stay in a B&B that was once owned by Squire Goble in the 1700's.



Burpham is a mere 10 miles or so from Westergate and Aldingbourne. Westergate is a modern suburb now, complete with strip malls and gas stations. But Aldingbourne retains the feel of an older, slower time. Amidst vast tracks of open space are a few homes and they surround the thousand-year-old parish St. Mary the Virgin. It was here that Thomas Goble married Alice Brookman in 1619. Fifteen years later they moved to America.



St. Mary the Virgin is a beautiful old church. It has architecture going back to the Normans. Pete showed us where Cromwell's forces would have ripped out the alter (you can still see the damaged foundation), and Kevin noticed a list of Church

Wardens going back to the 1500's that included "Allan Goble" in 1670.



But what struck me is how little the church had changed in the last 400-years. The same baptismal and Saxon era font is still being used. The same Norman arches exist and the same beautiful Consecration Crosses are painted on the walls. The same carvings on the front door exist, indicating those who

had gone to Jerusalem and back. Even the bells in the bell tower are the same, having been placed there just a few years before the Goble-Brookman wedding. It stunned me to think that those bells would have rung on their wedding day.

Coincidentally, a few ladies were in the church decorating for a wedding. They were so kind and truly interested in why we had come to visit. I wondered aloud what the church might have looked like for the wedding 400-years ago, and one kindly older woman said, "Much like it does now that we've decorated it. The flowers would have all been the same because they are all local plants, and the layout hasn't changed." How perfect was our timing that we could see the church decorated thus?



At one point we had the church all to ourselves ("Lock up when you leave, dears. And enjoy your time!"). I sat there in silence, relishing the moment with Pete and my two sons. Pete suggested we pray

and I thought that was a wonderful idea. Now, you must understand that Pete is no ordinary man of prayer; he is the founder of the 24-7 Prayer movement that is sweeping across Europe. So when he prays, you truly sense the presence of the Spirit.

And what a prayer he gave that day. He spoke of the importance of faith handed down generation to generation, of the power of family, of the foundation that Thomas and Alice created for our lives today. His strong voice conveyed the mystery of love between fathers and sons, and the significance of honoring all those who have gone before us.

In the midst of the prayer, I thought of my father. I missed him. He would have been so happy to be here with us. Then I noticed my son, his eyes closed and head bowed, and I thought ... Dad is here. He is part of this. His presence felt as real as if he had his arm around me. I smiled as I whispered, "And someday, Dad, we'll be together again, invisibly sitting beside Jedd and his son, relishing the beauty of family."

The void that I have felt since Dad's earthly time came to a close was largely filled that day. I still miss him, of course, but the time in Aldingbourne – a place my Dad had never seen or even heard of – made me realize just how present he really is today. It was a healing trip, a time of renewed understanding, and a moment of quiet reflection in a hectic world. I am thankful for that and eager to return soon.



To see more of Roy's photographs go to: <http://www.junkyardwisdom.com/2011/07/13/aldingbourne-west-sussex/>

Thank you all for sending your stories and events for the newsletter. Please keep them coming! Email to [GobleNews@comcast.net](mailto:GobleNews@comcast.net) or snail mail to: Evelyn Goble Steen, 36 Lake Meade Dr., East Berlin, PA 17316

OBITUARIES



**Jeannette Woollen**, 90, of Niceville, Fla., passed away Wednesday, **July 20, 2011**, at her residence.

Jeannette was born July 31, 1920, in Earlville, Ill., a daughter of the late J. Ward Goble and Ada Wise Goble.

Jeannette served in the [United States Navy WAVES](#) as a Petty Officer 2nd Class during World War II.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Maj. (Ret.) Elmer H. Woollen; her son, Don Woollen; sisters, Doris Peterman and Betty Goble; two brothers, Donald Goble and Raymond Goble; and daughter-in-law, Deborah Woollen.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Woollen of Niceville, and Stan Woollen of Highland Beach, Fla.; one grandson, Eric Woollen and his wife, Suzie, of Coconut Creek, Fla.; one granddaughter, Laura Cahn and her husband, Aaron, of Alexandria, Va.; and a number of nieces and nephews. (Thomas Goble Tree)

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**Mark A. Goble**, 29, of Columbus, passed away Monday, **July 25, 2011**, surrounded by his loving family. Mark was born in Columbus, OH, on December 9, 1981, to Donald E. and Melissa (Smith) Goble Jr. and is preceded in death by his grandfather Donald Goble Sr and grandmother Barbara Hartman. Survivors include his mother, Melissa (Mike) Smith-Delong; father, Donald E. Goble, Jr; daughters, Hayley, Larricia, Monica; brother, Christopher Goble; aunts, uncles, niece, nephew, cousins and many friends. (*Unknown Relationship*)

**Published in the Columbus Dispatch on July 27, 2011**



**Mildred Mae Goble**<sup>2</sup>, age 96, passed gently from this life on Saturday, **June 11, 2011**.

Born June 24, 1914 to Louis and Leah Matheny of Girard, KS, the family moved to Pittsburg in 1924. Married in 1942 to Granville Corban Goble of Weir

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents, her husband G. C. Goble, a son John Corban Goble and her brother, Glen Matheny.

She is survived by sons James E. Goble and Jeffrey P. Goble as well as six beloved grandchildren, Gretchen, Grant, Grayson, Corban, Clark and Andrew. Also surviving are three nieces and one nephew, Merry Quackenbush, Margaret Harden, Patty Duncan and Jack Kennedy. (*Southern Goble Tree*)

<sup>2</sup>Provided by Corban Goble

**Maxine Goble Echerd**<sup>3</sup> of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Taylorsville, died Thursday, **July 21, 2011**.

She was born August 14, 1924, in Alexander County, daughter of the late Oscar Cleo and Dolly Ann Warren Goble. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Rayford Echerd, whom she married December 25, 1946; a brother, Kelly Goble; two sisters, Pauline Goble Childers and Arcola Goble Johnson; and an infant brother and sister.

Those left to cherish their memories of Maxine include two sons, Ed Echerd and wife Phyllis of Richmond, Virginia, and Ned Echerd and wife Stephanie of Vancouver, Washington; three grandchildren, Katherine Randall of Baltimore, Maryland, Lara Echerd of State College, Pennsylvania, and Andy Echerd of Vancouver, Washington; two great-granddaughters, Allison and Leah Randall of Baltimore, Maryland; a sister, Ruby Goble Mitchell of Taylorsville; two brothers, Robert Goble and Elbert Goble, both of Taylorsville; a sister-in-law, Patty (L.C.) Echerd; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at East Taylorsville Baptist Church with Rev. Jamie Steele, Rev. Gary Jennings, and Rev. Elbert Goble officiating. Burial followed in the Taylorsville City Cemetery. (*Southern Goble Tree*)



**Alfred Virgil Goble**<sup>4</sup> died Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at Marshall North hospital. He was 60. An industrial electrician by trade, Alfred had been retired about 7 years when he had a heart attack. He was born in Blount County, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his Father Theodore (Pidge) Goble, Mother Mary Annie Beatrice (Hooper) Reed Goble; Brothers, Harold Dean Goble, James Michael Goble, Roger Dale Goble; Sisters, Olive Vae Goble, Willie Lozelle Goble, Annie Mozelle Goble. He was the Grandson of John William Sylvester and Celia Janie Ann Christian Goble and the Great Grandson of James Starling and Nancy Mae Langley Goble. Survived by his wife, Glenna Kirkland Goble; sons Jeremy Cisco of Grant and Mark Owen of Virginia; daughters Mindy Gervacio (Manuel Barboza) of Arab, Shasta Goble of Guntersville and Jennifer Shultz of Tennessee; step-children Maurice DeArmond of South Carolina and Justin Franks (Karri) of Grant; grandchildren Devin Cisco, Patrick Delgado, Tylin Gervacio, Caleb DeArmond, Miller DeArmond, Michael Bannister, Heaven Bannister, Matana Schultz, Graycin Shultz and Hatcher Ryan; brothers Joe Goble of Horton and Russell Gilliland of Knoxville, Tenn.; sisters Genia Baty of Attalla, Flonelle Pace of Decatur and Martha Muchler of Walnut Grove; and several nieces and nephews.

Alfred was an Eye Donor: his eye tissue has already helped restore the sight of two very fortunate individuals. Burial was at Cove Springs Cemetery near Walnut Grove. (*Southern Goble Tree*)

<sup>3</sup> Provided by Corban Goble

<sup>4</sup> Provided by Lillian Pace

**Elizabeth A. Goble**<sup>5</sup> age 97 of Coon Rapids, formerly of St. Paul. Passed away October 16, 2011, Preceded in death by husband, Charles L.; parents Frank & Elizabeth Winzenburg; siblings, Merrill, Howard, Jim, & Kathryn Houle. Survived by sons, Charles O. (Virginia), David R. (Mary Gail); 5 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Mass of



Christian Burial 11:30AM Monday, 10/24/11 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 7025 Halifax Ave, Brooklyn Center. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at church. Private interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. (Thomas Goble Tree)

**Cindy Ann Goble**<sup>6</sup>, 54, of Easton, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, Pa. She was the wife of the late Earnest C. Goble Jr., who died May 15, 2007. Born in Sussex, on Jan. 21, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Helen (Lukawitz) Elston. She worked as a nurse's aide in Easton. She is survived by three sons, Elvis of Palmer, Pa., Earnest of Clovefield, Pa., and Joseph of Easton, Pa.; sisters, Mary Mason of Stillwater, Ruth Elston of Newton, Barbara Kieffer of Frankford, Patricia McMickle of Andover, and Tina Hanrahan of Andover; brothers, Stanley Elston of Newton and Jack Elston of Oxford; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter Elston. (Unconnected Goble Tree)

**Betty Jean Goble-Hutchison**<sup>7</sup>, a long time resident of Wilton died on Oct. 9, 2011 at the age of 82. Betty moved to Wilton in 1970 with her husband Alfred (Al) and son John Goble. In Oct. of 2010 she had two major strokes and never recovered.



Preceded in death by her first husband Al Goble. From her first marriage she is survived by their son John, Daughter in-law Janet, Grandchildren Laura, David and Karen and 6 Great Grandchildren. Betty was fortunate enough to fall in love again and in total she is survived by her husband Billy Hutchison, 5 children, 20 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren. (Thomas Goble Tree)

<sup>5</sup> Provided by Sue Skogen

<sup>6</sup> Provided by Robert Thompson

<sup>7</sup> Provided by Janet Goble

## GOBLE COUSINS MEET IN TEXAS



April 30, 2011, as a result of the Goble DNA Project, John Clayton Goble (11), and sister, Nada Goble Watrous (11) met Cousin David "Goble" Hightower (11). Also present were June Goble and Carol Hightower. We shared photographs, history and stories. We all now live in Texas within an hour's drive of each other.

John and David participated in the Goble DNA testing project and were contacted that they were a very close match; so finally we got together to meet.

Our common ancestor is Daniel Goble (5) 1722-1780. David descends from Daniel's wife Priscilla Cook and their son Benjamin (6) while John and Nada descend from Daniel's wife Rhoda Doud and their son Ebenezer William (6).

David was born a Goble, the son of Frankie Lee Goble (10); however, he was raised by a stepfather, hence the name Hightower. John and Nada's father was Clayton Ferguson Goble (10). There is definitely Goble family resemblance! His wife, Carol, has been an avid researcher and I'm sure we will, in time, share much more about our Goble roots.

We were all amazed at similarities and how our paths have crossed. Some examples:

David is an accomplished golfer. John and son, John Paul, play golf (no comment here).

David's occupation is currently in sales. Clayton Goble, John and Nada have all been in various types of sales.

John attended Abilene Christian College (now University) 1953-1957; years later, so did David! David and Carol lived in Abilene, Texas until 1969.

John is a church of Christ minister in Fort Worth, Texas while David has a Goble uncle and cousin who are also church of Christ ministers in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

John preached in Maypearl, Texas in 1958-59 where he met his wife, June. David and Carol's daughter currently lives in Maypearl. Nada lives just a few miles from Maypearl.

Nada's daughter, Donna and John were both born in the hospital in Waxahachie, Texas.

David and Carol's grandson was born at the same hospital.

It is really great that the DNA testing brought us together to discover more about the branches on our Goble tree which started in Indiana, took different paths down through the southern states; yet our roots grew into Texas! Thank you, Gobles for getting involved with this project!

by Nada Goble Watrous

## EAGLE SCOUT HONORS PHILIP CROWDER, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER<sup>8</sup>



What better day to honor Philip Crowder's service in the Revolutionary War than Friday, November 11, 2011, Veterans' Day? This year, approximately 100 friends and family gathered at the Crowder Family Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois to witness the re-dedication of Philip's gravesite.

Springfield Boy Scout Blake Brown is 16 years old, the same age Philip Crowder was when he signed up to serve in place of his older brother who was married and had a family. The small cemetery where Crowder is buried had become overgrown and was generally in need of some tender loving care. When Blake heard the story of Philip, he decided he wanted not only to clean up the cemetery, but to make it more visible so that others would want to know about Philip as well. Blake's Eagle Scout project included fixing the wooden steps, installing a new metal fence, two larger signs to mark the site, and putting up a flag pole.

The ceremony began with the mayor participating in a ribbon cutting, and continued with the Sons of the American Revolution presenting the Colors, the local VFW raising the flag, the Regent of the Springfield Chapter, NSDAR presenting Blake with a certificate and Janice Goble Caloia (Great, Great, Great, Great-Granddaughter of Philip Crowder) giving a brief history of Crowder's life and service.

Two local television stations and the [Springfield Journal Register](#) were there to report on the event. Blake can be proud of the difference he has made in the cemetery and in Springfield's history. It's reassuring to see our youth discover and appreciate the personal stories of sacrifice and dedication on which our Country was built.

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<sup>8</sup> Janice Goble Caloia

## GOBLE REUNION 2013 QUESTIONARE

**YES:** \_\_\_\_ I'm interested in attending the 2013 Goble Family Reunion in New Jersey

**NO:** \_\_\_\_ I will not be able to attend the 2013 Goble Family Reunion in New Jersey

**MY SUGGESTIONS:**

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**HOW MANY IN YOUR FAMILY WILL ATTEND?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A GOBLE HISTORY TOUR?** YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

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