

The Goodrich Family History Part 1 – In the Lime Business

For this month's family history, we are featuring the Goodrich family. We came across the Goodrich family while researching the Holton family and wanted to learn more. We will begin with Philip Goodrich. He married Ellen Porter/Potter.

There were several references found for Philip and Ellen in the *Essex Record*. On May 26, 1881 the paper printed "Mr. Goodrich has exhibited some newly-burnt lime, which, when slacked, bears the appearance of white lead." This description makes more sense when accompanied by another article from the *Amherstburg Echo* from August 28, 1908 which says "PHILIP GOODRICH who many years ago was in the lime business in Anderdon and was among the best known residents of that township, is very sick at the home of his son-in-law, James Holton." It was just a few days later that the *Essex Free Press* reported "Philip Goodrich died of dropsy last Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Holton. He had been in failing health for three of four years. The deceased was born in Kentucky in March 1831, and was accordingly 77 years and 5 months of age at the time of his demise."

Philip and his family appear in the 1881 Census and it records Philip's origin as 'African' while his wife Ellen is listed as English. Their children are also listed in this Census including Candice, Henry, Ellen, Martha, Anna, Albert, Norris, and Emmie. Not mentioned on the 1881 Census is Margaret, but she is mentioned in the 1871 Census. Ellen's obituary provides more details and says "At six o'clock a.m., Tuesday, June 8, Mrs. Ellen Goodrich died in Cleveland, O., at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bryant. The deceased was born in Liverpool, England 72 years ago, and came to America when seven years old. In 1856, in Detroit, she married the late Philip Goodrich whose death was chronicled in these columns but ten months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich lived on the first concession of Anderdon, near the stone

quarry for many years where he engaged in the lime business and also in light farming. Some 18 months ago the family removed to Colchester North and subsequently to Malden. The deceased had been ailing for a long time. She was the mother of nine children of whom but five survive. They are Henry now in Mexico; Annie, Mrs. Jas. Holton, of Amherstburg; and Albert, Norris and Amy (Mrs. Wm. Bryant), all of Cleveland. These with five grandchildren and many friends mourn their loss and revere her memory. The subject of this obituary had been a member of the first Baptist church of Amherstburg since 1886. The remains were interred in Cleveland.”

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 2.