

The Goodrich Family History Part 2 – Exhibition at the Anderdon School

As mentioned, Philip and Ellen's children include Candice, Henry, Ellen, Martha, Margaret, Anna, Albert, Norris, and Amy/Emmie. They will be discussed next. There was no available information for Candice or Henry, but there are several documents for Ellen.

According to her death record, Ellen H. Goodrich passed away due to consumption on March 12, 1888, in Anderdon at the age of 24. This record also reveals that Ellen was not married and worked as a school teacher. The informant listed on this record is Ellen's brother Henry. Further details are shared in her obituary from the *Amherstburg Echo* which says "Miss Ella K. [Ellen] Goodrich, who has been ill with consumption for a year past, died on Monday last. Miss Goodrich taught school No. 3 Sandwich, until last June, and since that time she has been confined to the house, and since last August was unable to leave her bed. She was a most patient sufferer. The funeral took place from the Baptist church, on Tuesday, and was largely attended."

Ellen's sister Martha, the next child of Philip and Ellen, was born circa 1865 in Anderdon. In June 1876, she is mentioned in the *Amherstburg Echo* as part of an exhibition given by the children of the Anderdon School who were taught by Miss Landonia Williams. The presentation was given in the Temperance Hall in Amherstburg on June 22nd and although no details about the performances are shared, the article does say that it was quite successful with the net proceeds being \$36. The article does mention the children who performed including "Martha Goodrich, L. Harris, S. Brown, J. Hawkins, C. Goodrich, L. Christian, S. Christian, A. Christian, L. Lott, and S.F. Stokes, and Masters F. Brooks, V. Hawkins, J. Brooks, Goodrich, H. Jones, J. Alexander, J. Lott and Henry Stokes." Just over a decade later, Martha passed away on June 23, 1888 in St. Clair, Michigan. At this time, she was single, working as a Domestic and her middle name is listed as Sveinda. The informant was Martha's brother Albert. A brief obituary

for Martha appears in the *Amherstburg Echo* which says “The remains of the late Miss Martha L. Goodrich were brought to her father’s in Anderdon, from St. Clair, Mich., on Sunday last, and the interment took place in the cemetery, after service in the Amherstburg Baptist Church, Rev. A.J. Holt officiating.

As mentioned, the next child of Philip and Ellen named Margaret appears in the 1871 Census, but this is the only reference to her. The census lists her as 2 years old, meaning she was born in 1869. Because she is not mentioned on any other Census records, it is likely that she sadly passed away at a young age, but this is not confirmed.

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 3.