

LUCILLA GOODMAN

Born in Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, England, Lucilla's father, William Goodman, was an Englishman who married newly-widowed Susanna Norton of Kettering, Northamptonshire, in 1830 when her four-year marriage to David Devonshire ended with his death, leaving her with two small sons, four-year-old Wickes & three-year-old David. The following year, in 1831, their first son, John S. Goodman, was born.

In 1832 William Goodman, his wife, Susanna, son John, and William's sister, Alice, departed Liverpool as steerage passengers and all arrived May 5 at Ellis Island.

The family apparently settled in Zanesville, Ohio, where Lucilla ("Lucy") was born in January 1833 and Alice Goodman—now wife of Richard Seal—delivered daughters, Anna in 1834 and Mary in 1837. The 1850 Census locates the Seal family in Galena, Illinois, hence their inclusion here.

When the 1850 Census is taken, William & Susanna Goodman are still living in Falls township, Muskingum County, Ohio. The family has been largely reunited and their household includes the two sons born to Susanna's first marriage, Wickes & David Devonshire, along with Lucy, brothers John Norton, Henry, Robert Paul, Charles Harper Slaughter, Lewis, William, and sisters Susan and Alice Mary. Her elder English-born brother, John S., 19, is absent; he is identified as a gardener and enumerated in the household of gardener John Barnard in another part of the township. While her half-brothers, Wickes and David are 24 and 22, respectively, Lucy—at age 17—is the eldest of the nine Goodman siblings at home. Though the 1832 ship manifest identifies William as a carpenter, the "Occupation" field for head-of-household, William, reads "None," Wickes Devonshire, "Laborer," and all others blank. In a rural farming community with both parents in their mid-40s, five siblings under the age of 12, the three youngest 1 to 5 years old, Lucy's role is easy to imagine.

The 1860 Census reveals that William's occupation is now "Farmer," that he and Susanna have combined assets of \$1,400, and that 13-year-old Alice is the only daughter at home. David Devonshire, at 32, Robert, Charles, Lewis, and William Goodman aged 19 to 11, are all likely hands on the farm. Wickes Devonshire, John, Henry, Lucy, and Susan Goodman—their ages ranging from 34 to 22, are elsewhere, now living their adult lives.

In the 1860 Census Lucy, now 27, surfaces in Galena, in the household of her 52-year-old widowed uncle, Richard Seal, County Clerk, and an Irish housemaid. Lucy's aunt Alice died in 1853. Richard Seal's daughter, Anna, lived in Galena with her Welsh-born husband, Walter Ford, and their first child had been born the previous year, in 1859. Little is recorded of Anna's sister, Mary Seal, though she, too, lived in Galena.

By the 1870 Census Richard Seal had attained the position of County Judge with real estate valued at \$1,500 and personal assets of \$7,000. No servant is listed, but Lucy remains with him and her occupation given as "Housekeeper."

The 1880 Census records that Judge Richard Seal, age 72, is retired and his unmarried niece, Lucy, age 47, remains the “House Keeper.”

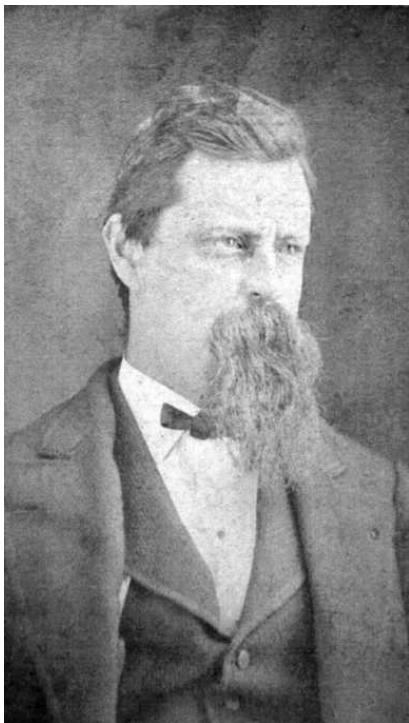
Nearly all records of the 1890 Census were destroyed by fire, so the next available record is the Census of 1900. Had the 1890 record survived, it would not have included Richard Seal as he died at 80 years of age, January 19, 1888.

The 1900 Census indicates that Lucy, age 67, her cousin Anna Seal and husband Walter Ford, both age 66, were living together on Bench Street in West Galena township. Walter, listed as head of the household, is a Bank Cashier and no occupation is given for Anna. Lucy’s occupation, however, is “Capitalist,” in accordance with instructions from the booklet “Instructions to Enumerators”:

163. Many a person who does not follow any occupation still has an income. In that case indicate the source of the income. ... Report a person who receives his income, or most of it, from money loaned at interest, or from stocks, bonds, or other securities, as a “capitalist.”

[<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1900/1900-instructions.html>]

Both her parents, siblings John, Henry, Susan, Robert, half-brother Wickes Devonshire, and the uncle whose home she’d shared till his death, all deceased, whatever inheritance and savings she’d accrued provisioned her livelihood.



Judge Charles Harper Slaughter
Goodman*

After the death of Judge Seals in 1888 and her incorporation into her cousins' household, Lucy traveled a bit, and seems to have been especially close to her brother, Charles, an attorney in Albany, Missouri, who became a judge in 1882. Visits to her brother Charles and his family are documented in the *Albany Ledger*, of Albany, Missouri, in 1900; 1903 and March 1905 to her niece, Charles' daughter Gertrude, now Mrs. R. A. Millen, who lived in King City, Missouri. The visits with Gertrude were likely associated with what may have been a seasonal practice of wintering in a warmer climate. An April 1905 item notes that Lucy spent the winter with Charles and went to Kansas City before returning to Galena and similar items appeared in February & April 1909. She was sufficiently known to the community that her death was reported in the same Missouri newspaper in February 1910.

• photo date unknown; <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/17119627/person/18363030808/media/8e5fee0c-9bb8-428a-bef0-ec89323d002> [accessed 6/15/2021]

A very pleasant social affair occurred on Thursday afternoon of last week when Mrs. C. H. S. Goodman received a large number of friends from half past 2 until six o'clock at her home on South Polk street, complimentary to her guest, Miss Lucilla Goodman, of Galena, Illinois. Refreshments were served. About seventy ladies called during the afternoon. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. G. W. Shepherd.

Albany Ledger, Albany, MO., 9 March 1900

Died at Galena, Ill.

Judge C. H. S. Goodman of Albany last Saturday morning received a message from Galena, Ill., stating that his only sister, Miss Lucilla Goodman, had died of apoplexy at her home there on Friday night at 9 o'clock. Miss Goodman was 77 years old, and was born in southern Illinois, but had lived at Galena for over fifty years. She was known to many of the citizens of Albany, having visited at the Goodman home here at intervals for the last twenty or thirty years.

Albany Ledger, Albany, MO., 24 Feb 1910