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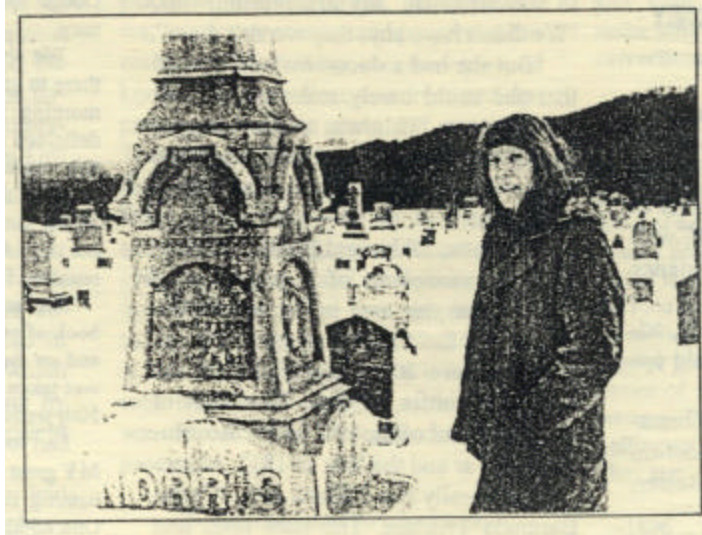
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THE CEMETERY LADY

Nancy Dodge of Colebrook, New Hampshire is known as the Cemetery Lady because she spends hours in local cemeteries cataloging information on tombstones and has published three books on the subject.

She is a local history and family buff and does workshops and lectures. She does not know how she came to be an authority but it is very evident that because of her interest in recording who is buried where, she has become one!

The upper New England area is very difficult because a lot of records were never made or were burned or lost as many of our members who are trying to find lost ancestors can attest.



Nancy Dodge, known in Colebrook, NH as the Cemetery Lady, says, "I'm sort of a local history and family buff."

Nancy says that in many cases the only evidence that somebody lived there is that they died there and have a gravestone.

"The cemetery is a gold mine of information in any community. It outlines families, occupations, and often shows military service. I love cemeteries. They're quiet and peaceful.

"When someone comes to me for help, usually it's someone from a distance who has managed to follow their ancestors back. At that point, they look at a census and discover this ancestor was born in Grafton, N.H., or

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MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH DODGE BY HIS SON , MARTIN DODGE, A.M

Presented at the 36th Annual Reunion of the Canfield Family, June 26, 1915, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Part 1

This is the thirty-sixth reunion of the Canfield Family. The Dodge Family has had but two. One in 1879 at Salem, Massachusetts, and one in 1896 at Worcester, Massachusetts.

The first was attended by about one thousand members of the Dodge family from all parts of the United States and resulted in the publication by Joseph T. Dodge of Madison, Wisconsin, of the *Genealogy of the Dodge Family from 1629 to 1994* - a volume of 447 pages. The second was attended by a smaller number and was followed by the publication of the second volume of the *Genealogy of the Dodge Family, 1629 to 1898*, by the same author--a volume of 220 pages.

At the first reunion, Ruben Hawson Dodge, of Wilkinsonville, Massachusetts, made the following explanatory remarks: "It has been thirty years since I began to study and collect the records of the Dodge family, with a desire of obtaining an authentic genealogical

history of the names of those who had distinguished themselves within the past two hundred and fifty years, since our FIRST ancestor landed at this City of Salem. Today I seem to be standing on sacred ground, where my remote ancestors lived, wept, prayed, and died.

"The many fields and brooks I love to wander among, turn me back to the time since ten generations have passed away, and today we have returned to commemorate their history one of the oldest New England families.

"Not a few of its members have been brilliant. I feel proud to be able to point out a few who are now present in this hall, viz: to Senator Augustus C. Dodge, a son of General Henry Dodge, late Senator in Congress from Iowa, and for many years had a seat side by side with his distinguished father: who was also several years Minister to Spain, and whose public life has been well known for the past quarter of a century, as the founder of Iowa and Wisconsin.

"To General Grenville;M. Dodge, of Council Bluffs Iowa, the gallant soldier, and well known in many fields of battle during the late rebellion, a native of Danvers, in this County of Essex.

"To Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Dodge, the President of Madison College, Hamilton, N. Y., so well and long known, a native of Essex County.

"To Major Ben. Perley Poore, the well known Washington correspondent of some of our most popular New England journals (or newspapers); and finally to our honored presiding officer at this meeting, the Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, so long and favorably known as one connected with every benevolent object, who has made our name one of which we should have a just pride.

"I repeat: Today, we have of this generation, with us in this hall, a few of the name who have made their mark

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are requesting that you send in to us, the line you are from: ie. **William, Richard, or Tristram**, and if you don't know your line, then send in the **earliest ancestor** you know of, with **birth/death, and/or place of residence if known**.

Also, if anyone has an **E-MAIL** address, or a **FAX** number, we would appreciate these also.

We are going to include this information in our data base, and from now on when we print a Dodge Family Roster, those items will be included.

We have a number of people who are interested in corresponding with others in their line. This is **ESPECIALLY** true for the Tristram line. We also have a number of people who don't know what their line is, but **DO HAVE** a name or an area of the country from whence they sprang. We believe that information like this might be very helpful to those looking for family.

Your cooperation in this matter will be very much appreciated.



We give high KUDOS to **Charles Dodge of Sherman, Connecticut**, for his willingness to help where he can in

seeking information on ancestors of Dodges. Take note of the 2nd item in the Genealogical Help Column.

Those of you who search genealogical records on-line, and have a little extra time, can help in that area.

If we all pitch in and do what we can to help those who are still looking for ancestors, I believe that there will be a lot more ties made to the past.

Barb Dodge

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Coos, N.H. A lot of their family came from here. Great migrations went to the Midwest from here.

"A woman came to my door one day out of the blue, - had driven here from Milwaukee. She wanted to know what I could tell her about the Chandler family in Stewartstown. My first reaction was, 'We didn't have any, they weren't here.'

"But she had a document with a word that she could barely make out. It said Stewartstown. This was a case where a family had come after one census and left before the next, and I never knew they were here.

"Marietta, Ohio, and Beloit, Wisconsin were transplants of large groups of people from this area in the mid-1800s. So people from that area have tons of ancestors here. It's also very close to the Canadian border, so there was a lot of movement out of the US, for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

"This really is a difficult area. It's the Bermuda Triangle. The state lines and the line between Canada and the US have shifted in fact and in people's minds. You get records that you hope to find here, but they're in Quebec. People have lived in the same house all their lives but they're said to have lived in New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec.

"I had hunted for one of my relatives in a graveyard for a long time. Someone said, 'Well, did you look in a certain cemetery in Quebec?' So I went, and there they were, in what they thought was Vermont.,

"Twenty years ago I was going on a trip, and I got an old suitcase out. You know, suitcases collect all kinds of Garbage? In there, was a scrap of paper that said, in childish print, 'My grandparents were William French and Ann Cooper and they came from England.'

"That set me off, and I've been working on it ever since. It's a non-ending thing. Everyone has two parents and then two more parents. I've got 8 six-times-great grandparents graves within 15 miles of me. So my family has been here a long time."

Ed. note: We have written to Nancy about speaking to us at our N.E Reunion which will hopefully be held sometime in September of this year.



Barbara's Byline

WOW!!! This time it happened to **US!** or I should say Earl. We travelled to San Diego, CA to attend the southern California Dodge Reunion the last Saturday of January.

We always go early so that Earl can be there to greet people as they come in. This morning was no different, and we were delighted to see some newcomers attending this reunion.

After a bit, one of these people started laying out items that she had brought with her on our display table that we have at all reunions for this purpose.

She said to Earl, "I have brought this book of genealogical work that I have done, and on the cover is a large photograph that was taken of my great grandparents on their 50th wedding anniversary."

Earl looked at it and said, "but those are **MY** great grandparents," and then he started naming some of the others in the picture. One of his uncles who died back in 1954, was there as a 16 yr. old. Lewis Dodge, Earl's grandfather, was there also, along with a daughter who had died at the age of about 15 from TB. Earl's Uncle Ed and father were not in the photo because at this time they were 3 yrs. and an infant. About 9-11 of Earl's extended family who live in the San Diego area, were attending this reunion also. Can you imagine this lady's happiness to find out that attending a reunion that she thought would not provide her with many clues, actually provided her with a very large extended family.

Robert and Ed Dodge and Virginia Murphy, Earl's uncles and aunt, all children of Lewis Dodge, and siblings of the 16 yr old uncle in the photo, another line of Dodges who are double cousins to Earl's line, and live in the Seattle area, are also related to this lady. Two Dodge brothers married two Farwell sisters. Earl comes from one brother, and the Seattle Dodges come from the other brother.

I was tickled to be able to name a number of the people in the picture because I had seen pictures of these people as children (as they were in this picture) at the home of Earnest and Ruth Dodge in Seattle, many years ago.

How many times in this column have I encouraged you members of our Association to attend the reunions whenever possible? You can **NEVER** tell when something this special will happen to you!

GENEALOGY IN THE COMPUTER AGE - Part Two

by Clyde A. Dodge

WORLD WIDE WEB INFORMATION

As the Internet aged, and computer developments resulted in faster machines, it became possible to utilize graphic information as well as the written word for presenting information. Graphics consume considerably more of a computer's resources such as disk space. It is necessary to have a Modem that can transmit data hundreds of times faster than the old 2400 bits per second standard. Of course, you can still use the older slower modems, but you will spend hours just waiting for your computer to receive a graphic message and more hours waiting to see what the message looks like. The latest modem speeds include 14,400 and 28,800 bits per second. There are also modems running at 57,600 bits per second, but they are more expensive and source computers running at that speed are still rare.

As the graphics age dawned, it was clear that new programming techniques would be required. The Macintosh computer dealt easily with graphics, but the IBM and compatible machines did not. A new language was devised to enable the latter to engage in graphic presentations. The Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) was the result. This programming language became the basis for the widespread use of the WORLD WIDE WEB. You have certainly noticed that almost every major advertiser puts a little note on the screen that you can go to a certain www site for more information. These addresses are known as URLs for Uniform Representation

Location. These are accessible through the on-line services mentioned above. They are also accessible via Internet Service Providers (ISP). These ISPs can be the same people who provide e-mail service, but since the equipment is more complex, it is more usual to find this access confined to fewer and larger groups. These groups have fees for initial setup as well as hourly usage rates. Also a browser such as NETSCAPE is needed.

The genealogist was not far behind. When pictures can be used to illustrate writings, it is advantageous to do so. And so it is that there are thousands of URLs dealing with genealogical information. One of the foremost of these is the Kentucky GenWeb Project, started up by a Jeff Murphy of Redmond, Washington. The idea was to provide a single entry point for all counties in Kentucky (120 of them) where collected databases would be stored. These databases would be indexed and cross-linked. Volunteers were found to coordinate the collection of databases and to organize the WWW site. The rapid success of the Kentucky project has led to the establishment of new projects for all of the other states, and thereby for every county in the country. There are plans for a world wide organization.

My sphere of interest was dictated by the fact that I discovered my gg grandmother in Oldham county, KY. My family had been looking for her for more than 100 years, without success. Thus you can see what an example of the kind of work a genealogist has available to him for research by taking a look at

<http://www.com/Heartland/3784/index.html>

and there are links at that URL to lead you to any or all of the other URLs for the State of Kentucky as well as for the United States GenWeb Project. It is probably too early to say what the final picture of Genealogy on the Internet will be. Computers have such large storage capabilities that eventually every known fact relating to people in Oldham County could be stored on disk and accessed by a simple visit to that URL. Wills, Family Bibles, Birth, marriage and death records, property ownership and transfers, and many other sources of genealogical data are possible additions.

Information found on the Internet is aided and abetted by the generation of CD ROM disks filled with some of the above data. Broderbund has created a full library of such disks. One of the features of the U.S. GenWeb project is that of volunteers owning some of these disks to do LOOK-UPS for you. If they find something in response to your inquiry, you would receive an e-mail message with all of the available details.

A lot of this might seem redundant with respect to the work of the Mormon Church. However, you can not access the Mormon records with your computer. In the first century of the new millennium, it may become possible to find records of anyone anywhere at any time in the past, so long as knowledge of them exists.

Interested persons are invited to contact the author at:

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The time has come for us to acquire more recipes to add to our cookbook, FROM OUR HEART AND HOME. We have many new members since we have published this book and as you know, it is in a 3 ring format so that we can add to it. All of the recipes that reach us by the end of March will be included, unless they are identical to something that is already in the cook book.

I am sure that you have come up with something new that you particularly like since we published. Remember that the recipes can come from any title. For example, a title such as Nestle's renamed something like "Martha's Crunchy Chocolate Cake". Of course, you can use a basic recipe, and Nut Muffin recipe that is in our present book.



source but cannot include a brand name in the Chocolate Crunch Cake, would need to be of course, it's even better if it's a recipe that you experiment as I did with the Banana Blueberry

We have had many recipients of the cookbook tell us how much they enjoy using it. I have tried many of the recipes and have been very happy with the results. **SO-O-O you all, SEND THEM IN!**



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in the world.

"What should we say of the many who were more or less distinguished through every generation?

"Today, let us make it a special object to have collected, if possible, and put into Permanent book form, the GENEALOGICAL and biographical history of our family name."

My father, Joseph Dodge, was born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N. Y. on the 15th day of May, 1812. That is now a deserted village not far from Rome, the county seat, which is situated in the upper valley of the Mohawk, about twenty-five miles from Oswego on Lake Ontario, and about seventy-five miles from Buffalo to the west.

He was born only seven years after the first white man had crossed the North American continent, and two years before the first white man had settled in Auhurn, Geauga County, Ohio, which was destined to be his future home by reason of his marriage into the Canfield family.

It was a time when the pioneer had ventured but little west of the Allegheny mountains, and in the western centers of civilization where millions now live surrounded by all that exalts and embellishes civilized life, "the rank thistle nodded in the wind and the wild fox dug his hole unscared."

Jim Crocker lived far in the woods,
a solitary place,
Where the bushes grew like whiskers
on his unrazored face,
And the black bear was his brother
and the catamount his chum,
And Jim he lived and waited
for the millions yet to come.

The hardships and privations or pioneer life still rested heavily on the entire community. Invention and machinery had not yet shortened the hours of labor nor lightened it, burdens, nor added much to its rewards - at least not in wages.

The division of labor and the application of machinery have since multiplied the producing power of labor by more than ten; and it is only by such means that it is possible for any community to have that great abundance of useful things in the midst of which we now live, and which minister so much to the common use of the common people.

Mr. Gladstone estimated the increased wealth in the world from 1800

to 1850 at more than the entire accumulation up to that time. Marvelous as this seems it is still more marvelous that during the last fifty years the wealth in this country has been multiplied by four or more. This great wealth has been produced by laying the hand of industry with its ten fold potency on the boundless and inexhaustible resources of our country which God and nature have placed within our power. Fortunate are we, happy our country and properous our countrymen in that our ancestors saw and knew these boundless resources and appropriated then to their and our uses. They did not go down to the sea in ships for their great wealth but turned their faces to the land with its limitless resources, and sought and secured the greatest wealth and prosperity ever vouchsafed a nation or a people. They turned their faces to the setting sun and to the course of Empire which westward took its way. The subject of this sketch was one of those who joined the great procession.

The road that passed his father's door,
He thought stretched on for evermore;
Through fragrant vales of tangled grass,
O'er many a misty mountain pass.
Out into wonders unexpressed,
Beyond the cloudlands of the West.
Through lands and cities of renown,
To where the mighty sun goes down.

And so he left his father's door
And said: "I will return no more."
He traveled forth beyond the bridge,
He climbed the lofty mountain ridge,
He passed the river and the town
To find out where the sun went down;
But when he sank at close of day
The sunset still was far away.

Ed. Note: Our Country has a Great Heritage. This is something we need to remember today. The month of February contains the birthdays of both George Washington, Feb. 22, and Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12. These dates are not recognized as individual birthdays anymore, but only as one day named President's Day.

Since our Dodge Family Journal is being issued during this month, we felt it was a very appropriate time to start this article about Joseph Dodge, a Wonderful Testimonial to a father by his son. Without the work that Joseph Dodge did in recording genealogical data for the generations to come, the Dodges would, today, be hard pressed to find the lines of Dodges from whence they sprang.

Thus, we start a series that will carry us through this year of 1997.



GENEALOGICAL HELP COLUMN

CORRECTION: In the September issue of the Journal, in a request from Shirley Dodge Renfro, there was an error in the spelling of the name RUFAS. It should have been RUFUS. Also, his age was given as 9, it should have been 19. If you keep your Dodge Journals, please make note in the September of these two corrections.

Phyllis Dodge Skuba is trying to find her father's family. He was Clark Charles Dodge of Connecticut. Thanks to the help of Charles Dodge of Sherman, CT, she has found the grave of her grandfather, who was also named Clark Charles Dodge, his first wife, and several of their children. They are buried behind the First Congregational Church of Kent, CT. In another part of the cemetery, was found another granite monument inscribed with the names of 5 of the children from the union between Clark and his second wife, Effie Leffingwell, who was Phyllis's grandmother. They are:

1896	Howard C. Dodge	1957
1897	Neta Dodge Hadden	1949
1899	Lillian J. Dodge	
1900	Warren J. Dodge	1952
1909	Wesley Dodge	1962

Another son, George is not listed here. He had a son "Daniel" who also had children. Clark Dodge Sr.'s mother was called Grandma Jory (sp?) and there was a family farm in Kent, CT. If anyone has any information about any of these Dodge's, the farm, or Grandma Jory, please contact Phyllis at **R1 Box 341 A, Unicoi, TN 37692. Tel. (423) 743-1967**

Herb Holland writes in to say that he has recently discovered that he is from the **TRISTRAM** line. He would love to correspond with anyone else on the following line:

Tristram, William b. abt. 1640 m. Sarah George, Samuel b. 9-19-1691 m. Elizabeth, Jeremiah b May 1716 m. Margaret Vanderbuilt, Jeremiah b. 10-15-1755 m. Sarah Frost, Samuel b. 10-6- 1775 m. Jane McIntyre, Eliz. Dodge b. 4-11-1812 m. Oramel Bingham, Evelyn Bingham b. 1850 m. Wm. Chas. Holland, Herbert Holland Sr. b. 3-16-1883 m. Mary Lane Bride, Herbert Holland Jr. b. 10-11-1924 m. Eliz. McAllister. Contact Herb at **Herb696@AOL.COM** or write to **12313 N. E. 35th St., Vancouver, WA 98682** Tel: (206) 256-3768

