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GRAPES OF WRATH? NO! A DREAM COME TRUE

Lewis Dodge had moved his family from Newton, Massachusetts to Rhode Island, where he built a new home.

Imagine, coming home from visiting relatives to find that your home had been destroyed by fire. This would be very discouraging to many folks, but to Lewis Dodge, it was the chance to follow his dream - that of moving to California. Following is the story in the words of Edward Dodge of El Cajon, California.

"It was November 1923 when my dad packed up his family and started out for the Golden State. The first night we camped in Pennsylvania, and our 1922 Dodge Touring car broke down. This meant that a new car had to be found. We had a lot of camping gear including cots and a tent. It was 'quite cool' for camping that time of year, and we camped every night.

I don't think we made 200 miles in

any day. We crossed the Mississippi River at St. Louis. It was the first muddy river I had ever seen. The bridge was one mile long and we thought we would never get to the end of it.

The next stop was Dodge City, Kansas. It was raining, and we stayed there several days, living in a hotel. waiting for the rain to stop. There was no camping in the rain. I did not see Matt Dillon and Chester was not there either!

We headed west from Dodge City. There were all kinds of roads (two ruts in the mud) following the railroad track. Take your pick! We picked the wrong one and got stuck down to the axles. It took several men with a rope tied to the front of the car to get us out. There were other cars behind us waiting to pass.

As we came to Colorado, it got **COLD**. At Trinidad we turned south to Raton, New Mexico, then to

Albuquerque. In the campground, there were fires of Eucalyptus wood, the odor of which I can still recall.

We crossed the sand dunes of Arizona on a plank road with turnouts every half mile so someone else could pass. It was about 7 miles long, and some of it is still there.

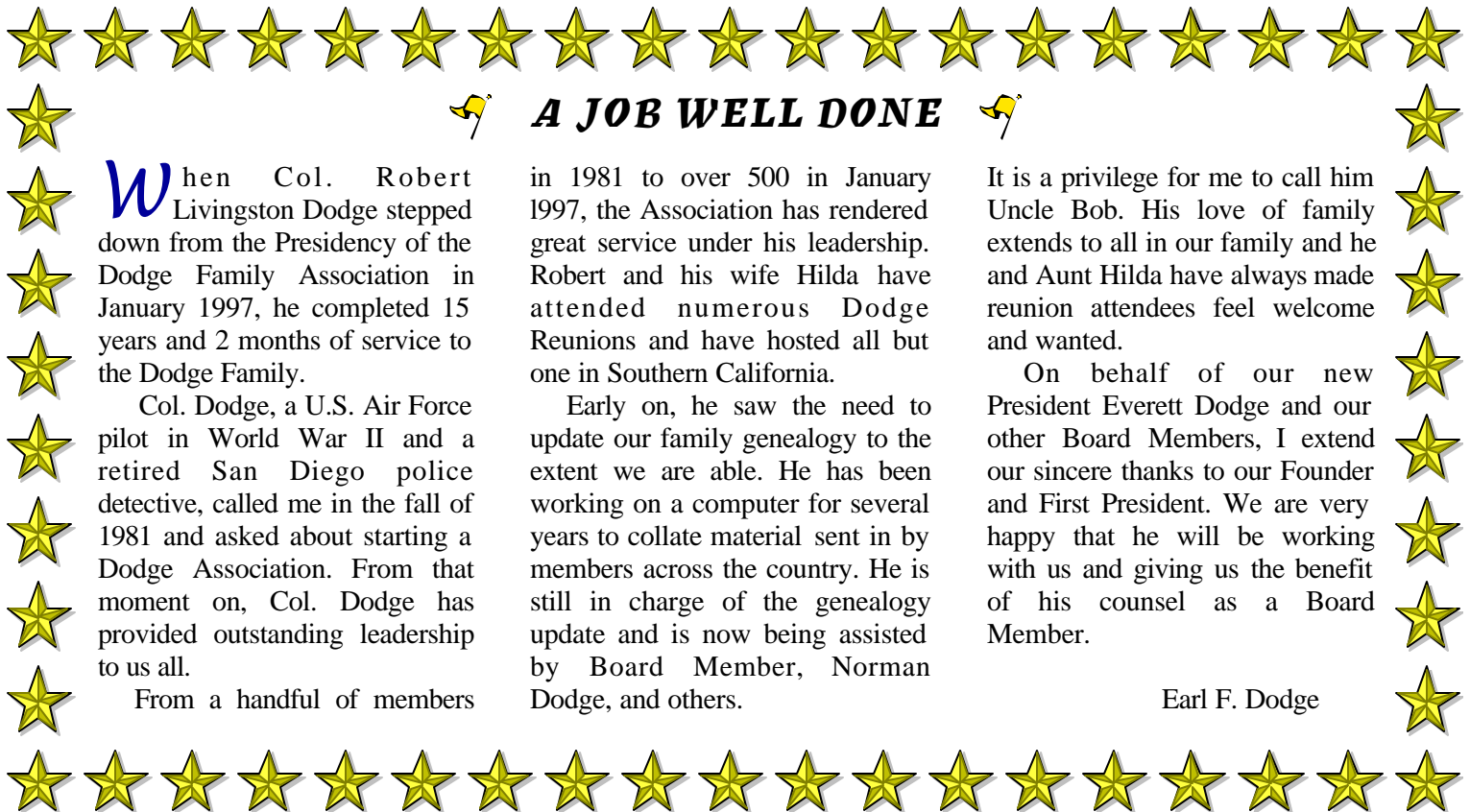
Our next stop was Yuma, Arizona. From Yuma, through the Imperial valley, up over the Mountains to San Diego.

Going down the Alpine grade, we broke down, but with repairs we made it to a campground at Balboa Park, by Roosevelt High School, where we stayed for a few days. We then moved to Kensington Park where we lived until father built a house for us.

I worked with him for four years learning the trade, becoming the third generation of carpenters in our family as far as I know.

In 1926, I got my first car, a Model

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A JOB WELL DONE

When Col. Robert Livingston Dodge stepped down from the Presidency of the Dodge Family Association in January 1997, he completed 15 years and 2 months of service to the Dodge Family.

Col. Dodge, a U.S. Air Force pilot in World War II and a retired San Diego police detective, called me in the fall of 1981 and asked about starting a Dodge Association. From that moment on, Col. Dodge has provided outstanding leadership to us all.

From a handful of members

in 1981 to over 500 in January 1997, the Association has rendered great service under his leadership. Robert and his wife Hilda have attended numerous Dodge Reunions and have hosted all but one in Southern California.

Early on, he saw the need to update our family genealogy to the extent we are able. He has been working on a computer for several years to collate material sent in by members across the country. He is still in charge of the genealogy update and is now being assisted by Board Member, Norman Dodge, and others.

It is a privilege for me to call him Uncle Bob. His love of family extends to all in our family and he and Aunt Hilda have always made reunion attendees feel welcome and wanted.

On behalf of our new President Everett Dodge and our other Board Members, I extend our sincere thanks to our Founder and First President. We are very happy that he will be working with us and giving us the benefit of his counsel as a Board Member.

Earl F. Dodge

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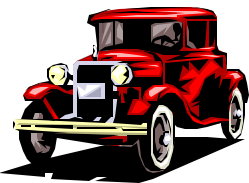
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T Ford Roadster with a mother-in-law seat in the rear. I put 100,000 miles on it before it wore out.

In 1927 I married Gertrude O'Connell and continued working in construction. Our first child, a daughter, was born in 1929, and she was followed by a son born in 1930, while we were living in Pacific Beach.

By 1930, the country was heading into a depression. There was little construction going on, and things were slow with not very many jobs to be found.



In 1931, I got a job working for the San Diego and Arizona Railroad at \$4.00 a day. Room and board was \$1.00

a day, as we lived with a work crew.

I helped to rebuild a tunnel that was burned out in Mexico, and needed all new timber, as well as a bridge and a tunnel to bypass one that had caved in. That was in Carrizo Gorge. The bridge was 185 feet high, and 75 miles east of San Diego.

In 1935 I returned to San Diego and continued to work in construction. I bought property in El Cajon and built a house where we lived for 25 years. Our youngest son Henry, was born there in 1935.

My daughter, Margaret, became a nurse, and both of the boys went into the service.

In 1960, I suffered a heart attack. At that time, I was in the construction business. My doctor told me that if I knew when to quit, I might live 510 years, so I quit.

Later, I took on the job of being maintenance person and manager of the Valley Gun Club, a public shooting range, where I worked for 11 years.

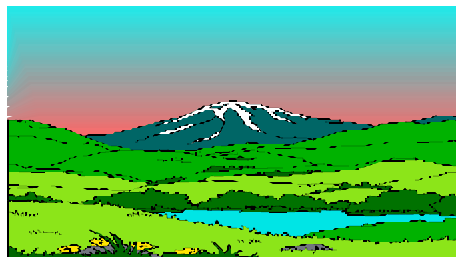
In 1972, I retired, and now live in a Mobile Home park. The last 20 years, we spent the summers in Northern

California. fishing, and camping in Trinity County. We were hosts at Preacher's Meadows for several years, and we made several trips over most of the west.

At last count, we had 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren."

Ed Note: Edward Lewis Dodge was born June 29, 1908, in Medford, Massachusetts, the third child of Lewis Henry Dodge and Edith Farwell Dodge. He went to school in Newtonville, Massachusetts through the 8th grade. The family moved to Rhode Island in 1923, the same year that he built a new home there that subsequently burned. He is a tenth generation from William Dodge who came to Salem in 1629. The fourth child of this family was Earl Farwell Dodge, the father of your Editor. He died when his son, Earl Jr, was only 13, and he was too young on the trip west to remember any of it, so Earl never heard this story until his Uncle Ed told it at a Dodge reunion in San Diego, several years ago. It meant a lot to him because it was partly the story of his own father also. After the move to San Diego, Lewis Henry Dodge built many houses, some of which are still standing.

Edward's wife, Gertrude, died in 1995.



VERMONT'S PART IN INDUSTRY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Vol. 8, pg. 369-1940 OBTAINED 1995-Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, VT

The Rev. John A. Dodge of Monkton, in 1818, invented and constructed the first sewing machine. He never attempted to manufacture it because of the opposition of Journeymen, tailors, and because, as a pastor, his time was not his own.

Sent to us by Becky West Rutledge, VT



Once again, we have changed some of our software. If anyone finds an error in their address, name, or dues due date on the envelope, please let us know. We **THINK** that we have all errors taken care of but something might have slipped through.

RECIPES! Remember, in the last Journal I said that they would be ready by the end of April??? Little did I know that we would receive close to 150 and may top 200 before they all are in. I have been working on them, I really have! I have almost all of them in the computer and many of them in the proper format, but still have work to do on them. They will definitely be in the mail by the end of May. To that end, I need to let you know that if you want to receive these recipes you will need to request the number of copies you wish and we are going to have to charge for each set in order to cover the cost of the printing, postage and packaging. We don't know yet how much that will be. It depends on how many recipes we end up with. We realize that some of you who purchased the cookbook may not be interested in adding more recipes to it, plus even though I was going to keep track of everyone who bought copies, and the number of copies they purchased, it has been impossible for me to find the time to do that.

At present, I am working 2 days a week as a courier for the firm for which our son Calvin is dispatcher and computer man. I also have started giving piano lessons and have 4 students more or less! I am just finishing up a class in piano pedagogy with finals in 1 1/2 weeks.

Earl and I are leaving the day after Mother's day to take a trip to Kansas City to see our daughter Faith, and her family including the new baby, born last December, and then on to Canton, Illinois, to visit Earl's sister Virginia and her husband, Larry. We will be gone 7 days. A week after we get back, it is Piano recital time. I need to make sure my students are prepared, and myself also.

Yes, Time flies when you're having fun!!!



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 II

REUNIONS

Sunday, June 29, the 42nd annual Dodge Memorial Society Picnic will be held in the town of Scott, Cambria, Wisconsin, Columbia County. Time is "Noonish". Chicken BBQ, pop, coffee, and ice cream will be served. For more information, call Marion Lloyd 414-348-5596 or Sherry Bornick 608-742-4067.

Norman and Eileen Dodge of Seattle, WA, are pleased to announce that the 1997 Northwest Dodge reunion will be held in Seattle on **Saturday, July 12**. It will be a potluck affair as it was two years ago and in the same place. A photo album of the 1996 Dodge Family Heritage Tour will be available for viewing courtesy of Norman and Eileen Dodge and a video of the tour will be available for viewing courtesy of Barbara and Earl Dodge. Our past president, Col. Robert Dodge and his wife Hilda will be coming up from southern California to join us. Everyone is welcome. We hope you will make this reunion to meet new family members and re-establish old friendships. Precise details on time and location (with a map) will be sent to those living in Washington and Oregon closer to the reunion date. Others who are interesting in attending may write to us at the Journal for the information.

The New England Reunion will be held on **Saturday, September 27**, at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts. There will be a time of fellowship starting at 10:30 A.M. with the meal at noon. More particulars will be sent to those in the New England area as the time draws closer. Others interested in coming, may contact us here at the Dodge Journal and we will send the information to you also.

For those of you who enjoy
browsing Web sites - try this one!

[http://www.choicemall.com/
dodgeindustries](http://www.choicemall.com/dodgeindustries)

When Joseph Dodge was twenty-four years of age in 1836, he married Hanna P. Canfield, the only daughter of Henry and Rachel Canfield. She was born 7 December, 1818, in Canandaigua, the county seat of Ontario County, N.Y., where the Canfields then lived. So my father and mother were both born in the Empire State, but slightly separated by time and space, or circumstances or conditions of life. They were both of pure blooded New England stock - Puritans of the Puritans.

The Dodges were from Salem and Beverly, Mass., and the Canfields were from Milford, Conn. Both families can trace their lineage back to the most ancient times. Their names are older than the English language. More than eighteen generations ago the superior standing of both families in England was recognized by the Government. This measures a period of more than six hundred years.

I have stated that my mother was an only daughter. She was not, however, an only child. The family was large - ten children, all boys but one. Their names Hiram, Barton, Tyrus, Nathan B., Charles H, Hannah P, George Woodward, Henry Jr, Henry K, and Albert Benjamin.

In 1821 Henry Canfield moved with his family from New York to Ohio and settled at Bridge Creek in Auburn, Geauga County where he built what afterwards came to be known as May's mill. This was the first mill built in the township. His large and growing family attained an eminence in the community not surpassed and Probably not equaled by any other. Many in number, pure in blood, high in character, strong and vigorous in their physical development, they were diligent in business and successful in their undertakings. Although finally diminished in number and many of them scattered to distant places where they fought the good fight and finished the course, their history like the path of the just, is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Into such a family my father married. None of his own people ever settled in

the community, and he seems to have been entirely and permanently separated from all his kith and kin. I never heard him say that he had a relative in the world. Actuated by the thought that the chain of descent might be broken, which has so often happened in so many families, he made an endorsement on a leather pocketbook which was found among his personal effects. The endorsement fixes the time and place of his birth and is shown on the last page of this memorial. He seems to have said in effect, to his father-in-law, what Ruth said to her mother-in-law, Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people, shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." And so it was. In life they were united and in death they were not divided. When my grandfather, Henry Canfield, died, my father bought the homestead farm--100 acres--located two miles south of the center of Auburn, and my father and mother both lived and died in the same house where my grandfather and grandmother had lived and died before them. They all lie buried in the cemetery at the center of Auburn.

My mother was a Puritan and a Spartan. She taught by precept and example, the theory and practice of the most remarkable people that ever lived. She had the zeal of the Puritan and the fortitude of the Spartan. The high ideals of the one she combined with the practical wisdom of the other. Her watchwords were, patience, industry, frugality and economy, and these she followed as the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. She was the mother of seven children, all but one of whom grew to maturity. Like the Roman matron she regarded her children as her jewels and like the mother in Israel, "she riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household. Her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold

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GENEALOGICAL HELP COLUMN

Bernice Dodge, 1608 Parkview Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 has very sporadic information regarding Dodge ancestors. Specifically, she is looking for information on an **Undine Dodge Longo**. Some of the information of ancestors of Undine follow: Benjamin? Dodge, b. Sacco, ME, m. Plummer Webster. children were Walter m. Jessie ?, and Lawrence Elbridge Dodge m. Eva Davis. children; Elizabeth, and George G. Dodge m. Goldie Gaylord. children; Plummer Elizabeth m. Hugh Fosbroke, Undine m. Chris Bang, George Gaylord m. Gladys Dozier. Children; Undine Berenice m. Anthony Longo, Anthony Gaylord m. Inger Springer(1), Sonja(2). children Dianne Lee Dodge.

Benjamin was a wheat buyer in the market in either Chicago or Frontenace, MN. He operated a Section Gang during construction of Kansas Topeka RR. He was postmaster in Strong City, KS during a Cleveland Administration. He lived in Norfolk, VA for several yrs. prior to death. Lawrence was in real estate and developed cemeteries. George was an engineer and bought horses for the French Cavalry during WWI. He was an engineer in the construction of the Wright Memorial Bridge.

Marlene Macke, PO Box 1131, St. Marys, Ontario N4X 1B7 - E-MAIL: mmacke@execulink.com sent the following:



I wish to find the details of the family of **Mary Dodge** b. 20 April 1834, daughter of Wm.? Adam Dodge b. circa 1795 and Anna Karn b. 2 April 1808. Especially want details of Anna Karn's mother, Sarah Clemens m. Christopher Karn (orig. Kern) on 13 March 1785)

Becky West Rutledge, P O Box 443, Waterbury, VT 05676, tel:(802)244-6666 is still trying to find the parents of Moses Dodge b. circa 1797 in Bath, NH and died in Concord, VT on 10-5-1843. he m.(1) Susan Powers 10-29-1818 in Bath, NH. Children: John(John,2nd),Mary, Moses Jr. and Stephen Moses m.(2)Caroline Scales 9-13-1829 in

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the distaff. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for her household is clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry. Her clothing is silk and purple."

She was ambitious for the advancement of her children in knowledge and industry; but she knew and often said there was no royal road to

Bath, NH. Children: Hazen M, Adaline, Maryum, & Emmaline.

Sarah Chadwick, 86 Molly Court, Schenectady, NY 12309 Dodges, Conants, & Whites intermarried. Asa White b. 18 Aug. 1750 m. (cousin) Margaret Dodge. son Asa b. 18 July 1774, Monson, MA. She knows names and relationships but seeks information about the individuals, Conants included.

Frances L Dodge, and her daughter, **Donna Dodge Hare, 2802 Lynn St, Newport, Arkansas 72112-4905** sent in a sheet which her husband, now deceased had made up.

The earliest ancestor is **Henry Dodge**, 12-23-1813 to 2-28-1893, b. Elizabethtown, KY, lived in Beardstown, IL. m. Lourena Jolly 1833. There were 4 brothers, names unknown. In this line are a **Thomas Jefferson Dodge b. 1844**, (doctor) m. Caroline Atwater; His son, **Sherman Tecumseh Dodge, b. 1865 d. 1924**, was obviously named after General William Tecumseh Sherman. She is in hopes that there might be another Dodge with this person in their family tree.

Sherman was a physician like his father, Thomas Jefferson Dodge. They had "The Dodge Sanatorium" in Keokuk, IA, but lived in Hamilton, IL. Sherman moved his family to Corpus Christi, TX where he had a large medical practice until his death.

He was a horticulturist at heart and grew exotic plants, trees, and gardens year round.

Mary Ellen Daniels, P O Box 11414, Carlsbad, CA 92018-1141 E-MAIL: PARKERME@AOL.COM wants to find the connection between Hezekiah Dodge, b. Long Island 1731, d. 1804, Coeymans, Albany Co., NY, Listed on page 101 of the Tristram Genealogy **BUT** the connection to Tristram was not found at the printing of the book. He was listed in there because they assumed, being born on Long Island, that he was from that line. Does ANYBODY know anything about Hezakiah? Does anyone else have him as an ancestor?

Bob Miller, 516 Cecelia Dr, Blackwood, NJ 08012-3860, discovered that his great grandfather was Stephen Blanchard Dodge, (Dodge, Gen. ref.#922F-Book #2-pg 545)

learning, and no easy place in life. That the load of life rests lightly only on those who have strengthened themselves by endurance to bear it. The yoke is easy and the burden light only to those who see that all things work together for good. Like the Spartan mother she knew that the defenses of life must be as the walls of Sparta, of men and not of bricks, and her children went forth in the

He wonders if anyone else if familiar with the Blanchard name?

William H. Dodge, 2723 N. Grant, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207. His great great grandfather was the father of Henry Dodge, Governor of Wisconsin. He divorced his first wife, Nancy Hunter, and married



Theodosia Lewis who according to family records was a widow. Does anyone know her maiden name?

Israel had an older brother, John, who was either a Major or a Colonel at the end of the Revolutionary War. He became an Indian Agent at Ft. Kaskaskia, Illinois Territory. While an agent, or shortly afterwards, he led a group of white men disguised as Indians on a raid to steal slaves from a plantation. Does anyone know what happened to John as a result of this crime?

Both John and Israel were involved in military campaigns and possibly were part of Gen. George Rogers Clark's Unit. Can anyone confirm this? Any information would be appreciated.

Beverly J. Shaw, 39103 N. Kendall Rd., Benton City, WA, 99320, E-MAIL Makuliman@AOL.COM writes that her great grandmother was Mary Jane Dodge b. 1850, Michigan. Her parents were **Nelson Dodge b. Canada, and Sarah Jane(?) b. Canada, 4-24-1812**. A close relative was Frank Dodge of Almont & Romeo, Michigan in the mid 1800s. How about a couple of our Canadian members trying to help with this?

William W. Sindel, 26540 Purissima Rd, Los Alton, CA, 94022 Tel: (415) 949-1517 EMAIL:BSINDEL@SERVER2.SRS.LMCO.COM is trying to locate the next of kin of **Horace E. Dodge III, SSN 366-20-9275**. It is believed that he is directly related to the Dodges of Automobile Manufacturing fame. His last known address was 16371 Matilda Dr., Los Gatos, CA in 1988 or 89.

Arthur Dodge, 12 Prince St, Marblehead, MA 01945 E-MAIL:ADAD1994@ AOL.COM wishes to find information on his g.g. grandfather Elijah Hoyt Dodge, b. 1925, Pittsfield,MA. Sons:Hoyt Elijah, Edwin Hoyt, Frank Howard.

battle of life like Abraham, not knowing whither he went. Her prayer, like that of the Hebrew parent was, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Her creed was salvation by works rather than by faith. Accordingly she always taught the maxims of life and the proverbs of wisdom. She never tired of saying that the stream can not rise higher than its fountain and that God helps those who help themselves.