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## COLORADO IN AUGUST

**A**re you willing to travel to Colorado in August to attend a Dodge Family Reunion? Judy and Ralph Dodge of New Zealand sent us a FAX asking for more detailed information because they plan to come.

We are already planning for this very special reunion.

It will be held at our home, which also houses the office of the Dodge Family Association, on Saturday, August 22, 1998.

During the 5 preceding days we will be involved in some interesting side trips with the Prestons.

If anyone coming to the reunion wants to take part in any of these trips, we will need to know how many days you will be here so that we may plan transportation.

There will not be any charge for the reunion and as of now, we do not plan to make any charge for any of the day trips.

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## Old Photo Album found in Florida

Jim Bishop (not a Dodge) of Florida, found an old photo album in an antique store. It contained a number of photos of Dodges that were taken by various Vermont photographers.

Jim sent the original album to the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier. They paid Jim just what he had paid for the album, and he donated the mailing fee. He kept the privilege of selling copies of the pictures to interested parties. He charged a VERY SMALL fee for each picture.

The Dodge Family Association has purchased copies of these pictures and they were sent to us in 'jpeg format' which

means that they are easily incorporated into our picture data base on our computer.

They are very interesting and we are listing the names of those included. If any of these names are familiar to you, PLEASE let us know, and send us whatever information you have on that particular person.

- Dodge, Artemisia Kelton
- Dodge, William;wife and son
- Dodge, A. Jackson and wife („Snow)
- Benton, Mrs. Cordelia Dodge
- Benton, Albert
- Dodge,Susan (Templeton)
- Dodge, Charles - brother to Zilp
- Davis, Charles (son of Parley and Cynthia Dodge Davis)
- Davis, Andrew (son of Parley and Cynthia Dodge Davis)

Cove, Zilpha Dodge

It would be wonderful if some of these photos could be attached to known Dodges that are in our Association, so please do a little digging and let us know what you find out.

### England, Wales, and Ireland in May of 1999.

We have started working on arrangements for the next Dodge Family Tour. It will be during the month of May, 1999.

If you are interested in joining us for what will surely be a wonderful time, please write, call, or e-mail us, and we will add you to the mailing list for this event.

## CALIFORNIA REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS

The Southern California Dodge Reunion was held the 24th of January and was a GREAT success.

We had the largest group we have ever had, including a number of first timers.

Those attending had a great time visiting with others, comparing

notes on genealogical information, and just getting to know one another. Many of them visited together until late afternoon.

These reunions are such highlights in our Association and we would urge each one of you to try to get to a reunion near you.

We will be working this year to get a reunion started in the southeast.

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## New page up on the Website

We will be opening a new area in the website. It is still under construction BUT soon you may go there to check it out.

This new area will only be open to members of the Association and to that end, we are giving you a password in this Journal. The password will change with each Journal, so you will need to watch for a new password each time you receive a Journal.

When finished, this area will contain the Dodge lines that are contained in the Dodges of Essex County by Joseph Thompson Dodge and those contained in the Tristram Genealogy.

You will be asked for a name and a password. For your convenience we set up one word to be used both times and that word is: **ESSEX**

Among those who attended the Southern California Dodge Family Reunion were those in the picture at the right.

From the left: Calvin Dodge of Colorado, son of Earl and Barbara, and helper with computer hardware and software problems at the Dodge Family Association office; Barbara Dodge, author of Barbara's byline, and caretaker of the Dodge data base; Earl Dodge, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association; and Tom Dodge, Webmaster of our Web Site, 'dodgefamily.org'. This picture was taken in the backyard of the home of Margaret and Bob Williams of El Cajon, California Association members. Margaret is Earl's cousin, and the niece of Robert Dodge, President Emeritus of the Dodge Family Association. You will see a picture of her on the last page of this Journal.

## DODGES FROM NEW ZEALAND TO VISIT U.S.

Ralph and Judy Dodge of New Zealand, are planning to visit our country in August, and are planning on attending the Colorado Dodge Family Reunion.

This is the first time they have visited here, and they have FAXed us for information on the best way to travel, places to stay, things to see, etc.

You might be able to host these New Zealand Dodges to in your home and show them the sights in your area.

They will be here for a month but have not made plans yet as to when to arrive or leave, or even where to go. They are waiting for our suggestions as to what method of transportation to use, what places to see, where to stay, etc.

If you are interested in helping out in this area, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may send them suggestions as to travel.

**Lets give them a GREAT WELCOME!**

## NEW ROSTER

By the end of March we want to print a new Dodge Roster and we would like to include as many E-mail addresses, FAX numbers, phone numbers, and abbreviated Dodge lines as possible. If you are interested in having any of this information included, please get it in to us by the middle of March.

All members whose dues are current will receive a copy the roster. If you are uncertain as to when your dues are due, please call us at 303-237-4947 and if there is no answer call our message machine at 303-233-2099.

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SO, start now to think over the great benefits you will have by coming to Colorado and taking part in this very special reunion.

We will have information and prices from nearby motels and will be glad to send that information to you upon your request.

Saturday the 22th will be the last event, so those of flying in would be able to fly out on Sunday.

This will be a very special time, so plan now to take advantage of it.

**WE** look forward to seeing **YOU** in August, 1998.





**A**  
**MountainTop**  
**Experience**

It all started when a package arrived at our door. The return address was Norman Dodge - Springfield, Virginia.

"Aha," thought I. "Norman has sent the Dodge library another book or two".

Eagerly, I tore into the package to see what treasure it contained this time. The first thing I spotted was a framed picture of General Richard Irving Dodge. Then, I saw something small wrapped up in pink bubble packing.

I opened it and there in front of me was a picture of Sue Dodge on a tape case which contained one of her tapes.

Earl was gone on a trip, and I had planned on having a nice long soak in bubbles. This was perfect timing.

I hauled the boombox into the bathroom, gathered my book, "The Light and the Glory", my cup of hot tea, and my glasses, and my portable phone. Now I was ready to enjoy the next hour. I put on the tape, climbed into the sea of bubbles, grabbed my book, and leaned back prepared to enjoy the music AND read.

What I did not expect was to become **SO** absorbed with the singing on the tape that I would have to put the book down. As the voice soared with the beauty of the songs, so did my heart.

When my hour in the tub was over, I was so filled with delight at what I had heard that I decided to write to Norman right away but before I got started, I knew that I wanted to call him instead. I did

that, and he told me that Sue Dodge's husband, Amos Dodge, pastored a church in McLean, Virginia.

When I got off of the phone with Norman, I called our Dodge Association member who lives in McLean. Alas, all I got was an answering machine. I left a message and as I hung up, the thought came to me that it certainly wouldn't hurt anything to try information in McLean for Amos Dodge.

**Success!** I was given a number which I dialed thinking I would get a message machine at the church. Imagine my surprise when I recognized the voice that answered the phone. It was Sue herself.

After talking to her for a few minutes, I managed to convince her that I was for real. She told me that Amos is one of ten children, and they are all practical jokers. Also, she has 2 sisters-in-law whose names are Barbara Dodge. She thought I was one of them pulling a joke on her.

I told her that we would be traveling to Ft. Worth the weekend of February 6-7 in order to attend the 4 Gaither Homecoming concerts. She told me she would have a booth there where she would be selling her music, and that her 21 year old daughter would be there too, and that she was looking forward to meeting us.

Later that evening, I called Earl, and told him that I had talked with her on the phone. He was **PEA GREEN** with envy.

Sue sings at all of the Bill Gaither Homecoming concerts, and at many other concerts also. She has a large following throughout the south.

She got her start singing with the gospel group, The Speer Family, but left the group when she married Amos Dodge.

Amos pastors a Foursquare Gospel church in Mclean. Norman

sent us the add for the church that he cut out of a phone book. Earl and I traveled to Ft. Worth to attend those Bill Gaither concerts that were held February 6 and 7. **WHAT A MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE.**

It didn't bother us at all that the first evenings concert didn't get over until 11:30 p.m. Three hours of Southern Gospel music with a 15 minute intermission and then another hour.

We had the privilege of seeing and hearing many old time greats such as Vestal and Howard Goodman, Jake Hess, and Robert Arnold, a 93 year young man who still can sing a wonderful tenor. Truly Amazing!

We also had the opportunity of hearing new voices that we had not known of such as Bob Cain who sings in a gravelly blues type voice and intersperses his singing with a great trumpet, The Hayes family, Phil Cross and the Poet Voices, and many, many more.

I just have a hunch that Earl and I will be traveling a little more often in order to attend some of these wonderful times that are held across the country.

And, Oh yes! We **DID** meet Sue Dodge and her daughter, Tara who will be marrying, in November, a grandson of the Goodmans.

We do appreciate, so much, those of you who send us items for the Dodge Family Library, and news items of interest. Without those of you who help us out in this fashion, our Dodge Journal would be much less interesting to read and my bubble baths wouldn't be anywhere near as enjoyable!

I also very much enjoy talking to our Association members on the phone. *Barbara*

## Dodges from Pima County, Utah

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### Lyman Dodge

Lyman was the youngest son of Seth and Lovina Brandon Dodge. He was born February 26, 1862 in Beaver, Utah. He was eighteen when, with his parents he came to Pima in 1880. He with the rest of the Dodge family played an important part in the growth of Pima.

Lyman helped his father build the Dodge home of white rock. (This house is still standing on the corner of 1st north and Southwest).

He married Amanda Reynolds on June 1, 1882. They became the parents of fourteen children.

Lyman spent his life doing carpenter work, blacksmithing, freighting and working at the mill in the Graham mountains.

He and Amanda were married for thirty-five years and all except one year when he worked in Morenci was lived in Pima. When he was 55 years old Lyman died of appendicitis June 24, 1917 in Globe, Arizona, leaving Amanda with six children still at home. (Her story is told in the Pioneer Women's Chapter of this book).

Will and his sister-in-law Mame Ransom were prominent in the production of drama. It is told in one scene Will had to eat a pie, so his wife with her keen sense of humor, baked a nice pie only using cottonseed for raisins. It was quite a surprise to her husband when he, on stage, tried to eat the pie. His lines were "Damn this pie, Molly". It was no effort to say it with emphasis that night.

In early 1900 the Ransoms, along with other Pima people, moved to Oregon. Will and Permelia lived there until Permelia's health failed and then

returned to Pima where she passed away in October, 1917.

Will lived to the ripe old age of 86. He was buried by the side of his wife. Will and Permelia were the Grandparents to the Art Woolsey family and Themas Rasmussen family, many still living in the Gila Valley.

Seth George Dodge, the father and father-in-law of the Dodge, Ransom and Batty families, was not to live long after arriving in Pima. While freighting from Willcox, his gun accidentally discharged killing him almost instantly.

Although his life here was short, the family remaining contributed so much to the growth and development of Pima and the Gila Valley that we, the citizens of Pima, owe a great deal to this good man.

Abraham M. Boswell, with his wife Hannah Dodge Boswell, were also with the Dodge family.

They too were from Toquerville, Utah. Hannah had two children from a former marriage. Her first husband was killed just before her daughter Cora (Follett) was born. Their son Thomas Batty was five years old when they left Toquerville. The wagon train stopped on the Buckskin Mountains while Hannah gave birth to a baby boy (Matt Boswell.)

The Boswell family's first home was a brush shelter with the wagon box set to the side.

That fall Hannah left her children in the care of Tom (Batty) while she fed the cane through the Sorghum mill for John Nuttall. Abe was working on a farm at Ft. Thomas. Later he built a log cabin on what is now the East Lot. In the summer they moved to Ft. Bowie where Abe had employment.

After moving back to Pima, he freighted between Bowie and Globe. Early in 1900 they joined the Ransoms when they moved to Oregon. The Boswell's by this time had a large family. Among the ones to be remembered by older residents of Pima are. Tom Batty, Matt and Fay Boswell, Cora Follett. Nechi (Hyde) Janie Weech.

Abe and Hannah Boswell were the parents of twelve children. One died in infancy, so they adopted another to make an even dozen. When the Boswell's moved to Oregon, only two of their large family remained in Pima, Tom Batty and Fay Boswell.

*(The information in this series was submitted by Larry Conklin, of California)*



Pictured from the left, Edward Dodge; his sister, Virginia Dodge Murphy, Dodge Association Board member; Judy Ragan, newly found cousin last year; and Margaret Williams.

Edward is Margaret's father and a brother of Col. Robert Dodge, President Emeritus of the Dodge Family Association.