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Your Dodge Association at Work

The Dodge Family Historic Document Preservation Project

During the last part of October, I was able to fly to California with a special project in mind. I carried with me 39 old Dodge Documents which Earl had purchased for the Dodge Association a number of years ago.

These documents date to the 1700 - 1800s and a number of them can be tied directly to Dodges in our first Dodge Genealogy by Joseph Thompson Dodge.

It is indeed a thrill, after reading about a particular Dodge in the Genealogy, to see before you that person's signature.

The time in California was spent scanning these documents. Many of them were too large for one scan so they needed to be scanned in pieces and reassembled with photographic software in the computer.

Once again, I was overly optimistic, because although I had allowed almost 4 days to complete this AND three other projects, this project took almost all of that time, even requiring late night hours (or should I say, early morning hours). Toward the end of my time there, the over sized documents had to be left in pieces to

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Your Dodge Family Association is a thriving organization because of those who willingly give time and energy to make it the best that it can be.

This includes our President Emeritus, Robert L. Dodge who spent years collecting genealogical information from Dodges, compiling, and editing our new 1998 Dodge Genealogy, and who even now is collecting more information for the next Dodge Genealogy book.

It includes several people who are involved in entering the information from all of our genealogy books into the computer.

It includes those who are involved in collecting new information from both new and old members who have not sent us their information before. This information, no matter how slight, is added to our ever growing data base.

It includes the designer of our Web site, dodgefamily.org, and those

in our Association who are always willing to try to help another person of Dodge lincency who is trying to find a lost ancestor.

It includes our current President, Everett Dodge, and those on the Board of Directors who work to make things run smoothly, many of whom travel great distances in order to attend Dodge reunions around the country.

It includes those who are always on the alert for articles about Dodges, in magazines, newspapers, etc.

It includes those newest members who willingly get together their genealogies and send them in to us so that we may be better able to find those missing links.

In the last two months, several missing links have been found because of new information that has been collected.

There is nothing quite so rewarding as being able to tell someone that we have found their Dodge line, or that we have found a relative of theirs.

Since our Dodge

Association has had its web site, our Association has been growing by leaps and bounds.

Recently, two people contacted us about help with their line. After a few e-mails, it was evident that these two people were both researching the same Dodge line. We were able to inform each of them that they had an unknown relative. They were elated and so were we! The article at the bottom of the page is about an 'ancestor in comon' with these two NEW MEMBERS. Yes! They joined the Association!

We are urging each one of you, if you have NOT already sent to us your genealogy information, NO MATTER HOW INCOMPLETE IT MAY BE, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. And . . . you don't want to miss the next genealogy book, do you?

The more that we receive, the better chance there is of helping someone else, and that is what our Dodge Family Association is all about; helping Dodges!

Obituary of Rufus Clemons Dodge

(because of limited space, we are printing only parts of the obituary)

"Dodge - In this city, Friday morning, March 5, 1886, Rufus C. Dodge, aged nearly 75 years.

"But two months have passed since the grim messenger of death visited the Dodge household and took away the beloved wife of him who now lies buried beside her. The list of pioneers that long ago commenced to decrease by the inexorable law of life, is now nearly finished, and only a few survive, that are known to aught but history. Of the above named the husband and wife mentioned were perhaps as widely known as any we could mention, and their departing has left a blank much greater than usual, never to be filled . . .

"Mr. Dodge was born in Smithfield, Madison County, N.Y. April 1, 1811 and therefore lacked but a few days of 75 years. His mother died when he was about 14 years of age - then the family circle was broken and he went out to learn his trade-blacksmithing and has cared for himself and others ever since. He was married June 11, 1835 to Miss Rebekah S. Foster, a sister of Dwight and Edward Foster-early settlers of Fort Atkinson-at her father's home, Augusta, Oneida County, New

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be reassembled later as time permits.

We now have 2 CDRoms which contain the scans of these old documents. We ALSO now have a NEW arm of the Dodge Family Association. That is: **The Dodge Family Historic Document Preservation Project.**

We now will accept **old** documents such as land deeds, marriage/death certificates, war records, letters, etc.

If YOU have anything of this sort that you would like to have preserved for posterity and shared with others, please send those items to me at the Dodge Family Association. I will take care of the scanning and will return them to you in a timely manner.

We do all scanning at 600 dpi resolution and save them in jpeg format at a very mild depression. We also scan both sides of most of the documents even though in many cases there is nothing on the back. After the scanning, they will be stored on CDs and placed in our Dodge Family Archives.

The CDs hold 640 MB and that means a LOT of documents can be put on one CD.

I **URGE** you to take advantage of this new branch of our Association.

Barbara

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DID YOU KNOW?

“William J. Dodge”, (Richard¹,Richard²,Richard³,Richard⁴,Richard⁵,Ananiah⁶)“of North Searsport, MA, aged 84 yr., and blind, was led before the assembled group.

“I have long sighed for such a meeting as this of the great family, whose advance embraced this continent. I have prayed that, though long blind, I might be spared to feel the presence of this great assembly ere I died. I rejoiced to hear read the circular call and then at once resolved to come, if living, no matter how feeble, or how great or toilsome the journey.”

He wept with emotion as he spoke in earnest tones to the intense and sympathizing silence of the assembly, recalling the image of ancient Simeon.

That he had passed his long life in remote exile from his brethren and kinsfolk, and had grown blind waiting for this hour. He offered his heartfelt thanksgiving to his generous Father for permitting him to be here at last, and before he passed into eternity. He had reared a numerous family and fifty grandchildren, each with their large families. He prayed God’s blessing on the originator, the officers, and all who took part or attended this meeting, which, to himself and he trusted to all, was the most cherished and memorable in their lives. ‘

(Taken from Report of the “Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America” by Robert Dodge, 1879.)

Dodge Family Library

We have received some new additions to our Dodge Family Library.

A camera reproduction of the **1777 New England Primer**, given by Col. Robert L. Dodge. How times have changed! Because of the season, here is the first part of a rather long poem entitled Dr. Watt’s **Cradle Hymn**.

“Hush my dear, lie still and slumber,
holy angels guard thy bed,
Heavenly blessings without number,
gently falling on thy head.
Sleep my babe, thy food and raiment,
house and home thy friends provide,
All without thy care or payment,
all thy wants are well supply’d
How much better thou’rt attended,
than the Son of God could be,
When from heaven he descended,
and became a child like thee.
Soft and easy is thy cradle,
coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birth-place was a stable,
and his softest bed was hay. . . “

Alice Dodge Wallace sent to us some very old newspaper clippings regarding General Grenville Dodge whose Historic home is in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The newspaper articles are from the **World-Herald of Omaha, 1973** and the **Des Moines Sunday Register, 1969.**

Undoubtedly, we will be scanning in these articles before the newspaper deteriorates any further.

Who Was Elvy Myrle (Dodge) Nielsen? A Brief family History of My Sister, by Calvert Dodge was sent to us by Calvert. He also sent to us **A Nation Without Prisons** Published in 1975, a book authored by Calvert.

We received a booklet from Joseph V. Dodge, and written by him in 1975, entitled **The Killers of Judge Dyer, Granite, Colorado Territory 1875**. This is the story of a true happening here in Colorado, and there are photos of some of the places I have been, such as South Park, and Leadville.

A young boy whom Earl befriended at a Southern Gospel program last spring, found a **VERY OLD Dodge wheel hub** out on his families farm and presented it to Earl with **GREAT** pride. That has also been donated to the Dodge Association and now sits on a shelf in our office.

Each item that is sent to us helps to preserve the Dodge Family History for those who will follow in the future. **Thank you** one and all for your kind thoughtfulness.



I want to impress upon you, the members of our Association, how important it is to preserve every scrap of history you have about your family.

This is the reason that I am now ready to scan in old documents. It is **NOT** that I am looking for something else to do. It is only that I feel the **urgency** of working on this project after viewing the very old documents that belong to the Association. It was very clear that they were going to deteriorate even more than they already had, if they were made accessible for research. I also knew that they needed to be available to any Dodges who would like to view them.

This presented a problem until I remembered that one of our members had a CDRom writer. This was why I made the trip in October; to see that these documents would be preserved.

I learned the best way to scan old documents like this, and when I saw how many could be stored on a CDRom, I decided that this would be an excellent way to store items of this type along with old photographs. I decided to make the opportunity of having old records and pictures scanned for preservation, available to members of our Association.

My son, Calvin, and I went in together to purchase a CDRom writer, and it now resides here in the Dodge Family Office.

Now, it is up to YOU, the members of the Dodge Family Association to take advantage of this new help.

Listed below are just some of the old documents that have already been scanned and saved.

Richard Dodge by an Instrument Dated Dec. 1, 1703 A true extract from the Records, Attest John Pickering, Reg. (even though an excerpt, it is exceedingly old) and has to do with JTD, pg. 25, #10.

Another one relates to JTD, pg. 39, 117 viii Richard/Sarah, and JTD, pg. 67 #117. The year is 1741 and this is "their Act and Deed before Symonds Epes, Justice Peace (sic) signed by Richard Dodge and Sarah Dodge, and witnessed by Jacob Dodge and Paul Dodge.

The third one I will present here

relates to Skipper Dodge, JTD pg. 41, #36, 130 ix (and) pg. 74 #130. At the end of this document is written: "Mr. Skipper Dodge above named personally appeared & acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act & deed Before Mr. Bery Jones just. Peace" The date is January 15, 1768 and this is signed by Skipper Dodge with Barnabus Dodge and Edward Waldrom as witnesses.

Realizing how important these old documents are to all Dodges, has caused me to think about the possibility of scanning in those newer articles and photos that we have received over the past few years. Someday, those too will be old. Now is the time to save them for future generations. The only problem is **TIME!** I need more of it!

In a future column, I will let you know if I was able to acquire any more. (**TIME** that is!)

NOW - For the humor!

A couple of days ago I was in the kitchen, and suddenly I heard this awful wailing (to me) sound coming from a wall. I went over there and looked all around, all the time my mind working furiously wondering what that noise could be. Suddenly the noise stopped, and I thought "that sounded like a animal caught in the wall - I wonder how it could have gotten in there. We need to do something about getting it out." I became busy doing things; there was no more sound; so I forgot about it.

The next day, when I was sitting in front of my computer, now and then I would hear birds that I had never heard before and I thought "my goodness", they must have stopped off here on their way south". I looked outside both windows but I saw nothing, and both times the sounds suddenly stopped.

That evening, one of my dogs, Bear, started barking when the 'wailing' came from inside the wall again. I went out to see if I could solve the mystery, but I was unable to find from where that awful noise was coming because it stopped before I got there, but Bear was still nosing around.

The next day as I was straightening up a little shelf that I have on that wall, suddenly I realized that I was looking at a clock with birds on it. I thought "Good

Heavens. Earl thinks that we need ANOTHER clock in the kitchen. Where on earth does he expect me to hang it!" THEN - LIGHT DAWNS - THAT IS WHERE THE WAILING AND THE BIRD SOUNDS CAME FROM!!!! Is my age showing? I sure hope not!

Earl had purchased one of the newly advertised Audubon clocks at a local WalMart. . . to surprise me???

Life is ALWAYS interesting!!!!!!

Barbara

Boston Museum has a Dodge as chef.

Sidney Kindler, of Lynn, Massachusetts sent us a newspaper clipping from the Providence Journal-Bulletin about Jim Dodge, a well known master chef, becoming the chef of the Boston Museum. Jim studied in Switzerland and has worked around the United States.

We were especially interested in this because Norman Dodge of Springfield, Virginia has contributed two of Jim's cookbooks to the Dodge Family Library .

Thank you, Sidney, for sending us this article, and **thank you** Norman, for the contribution of the books to our Library.

NOTICE

For those of you who keep all of your Journals, please note that I erred in numbering the last Journal which came out in September 1998. On the top of the first page, where is listed the Volume and the number, it should have been No. 5. This Journal is the first one in Volume 15.

We also have a dedicated FAX line now. The no. is 303-233-2099.

Password
for the Genealogy on our Web site:
'essex'

This is case sensitive and is to be used in both name and password boxes. **In each new Journal, watch this spot for a new password. It will change each time.**



GENEALOGICAL HELP COLUMN

ANOTHER DODGE LINE?

Well . . . yes, and no! When William and Richard came to this country in 1629 and 1638, respectively, they left behind in England, a brother Michael.

Michael had a son, William, who DID come to this country. He settled in the Salem area where his two uncles lived. He was referred to as 'Coker William', this to differentiate him from his Uncle William, who was called 'Farmer William'.

William came to this country in 1665 upon promise (he said) of 10 acres of land from his Uncle William. 'Farmer William' gave him 16 acres in 1685, (Deeds, vol. 8, p. 163) and William's son, Capt. John Dodge gave him 5 acres after Farmer William died.

This 'Coker William' married Elizabeth Haskell, daughter of Roger Haskell, in Beverly, MA, July 10, 1665.

Various records have given the names of his children as: Mary, b. 12th May, 1667; Elizabeth, b. 13th April, 1670, m. Jona Herrick, 13th March, 1712; Miriam; Esther, bapt. 4th July, 1680; Margery, b 19th Jan. 1683, bapt. 14th

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York, on whose farm he had a short time previous, established his blacksmith shop. In 1836, he came to Hebron and worked one season in the mill and dam at that place, returning to the east for his wife and child with whom he returned in 1837. They came all the way with teams, accompanied by Robert Barrie and a family named Clements who left them at Milwaukee . . .

"They forded the river at Waukesha, and came to Hebron, camping the last time in Sullivan. The horses were so tired that when they got into a mud hole, they could not get out, but had to be lifted out . . .

"Mr. Dodge built his log house on the cross road near Wm. Whitney's and owned at one time over four hundred acres of land embracing the Whitney and Snell farms extending to the river, and land both sides the road down to the present residence . . .

"Less than a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Dodge celebrated their golden wedding, having lived together fifty years.

"The wife of his youth preceded him to the other life Saturday, December 26 last, so that they who had so long so affectionately and so helpfully lived together were not long separated in their deaths. They have left behind them a good name and an affectionate remembrance to their children and friends. The children, who with their companions were all present with the exception of Frances, (Mrs. West, deceased) are Dr. E. F. Dodge of Fond du Lac, Mrs. Wm. Cassier of Chicago, Charles of this city, Mrs. Brandon of Jefferson, Mrs. Lawrence of Kansas, Mrs. White and William now at home. May the Lord keep them blessing even in affliction and help them to honor the memory of their parents by following their example of a worthy life."

Sept., 1684; Michael, b. 11th Oct. 1685, bapt. 7th Nov. 1686.; Mercy, bapt. 17th Sept, 1688.

Nothing more is known of any of these children and their descendents. Since we have a number of Dodges who hit a dead end when they are trying to find their ancestors, we are thinking that it may be very possible that for some of them, their ancestors may have come from THIS 'Coker William.

Information about 'Coker' William is on page 28, #14, of the Genealogy by Joseph Thompson Dodge. We are in hopes that one or more of you who enjoy sleuthing, will help us find information about this Dodge and his descendents. If you do not have the necessary genealogy book, please contact us here at the Association and we will be happy to make a photo copy of this information and send it to you.

We hope that by putting this in our Genealogy Column, we will have new information to add to our ever growing data base.

If you have access to e-mail, you may e-mail any information to us at:

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OR send by regular US Post.

REUNIONS

Southern California

Once again we look forward to the Southern California Dodge Family Reunion that will be held at the Miramar Naval Base in San Diego. This is a special time for each attendee as they get to meet both old friends and new members of the Dodge Family.

We start at 10:00 to 10:30 with a special time of just plain visiting, browsing our table on which are put any photos, genealogies, letters, and other memorabilia that is brought by those attending.

Our lunch is served at noon, with more time after lunch for visiting. The only charge made is the cost for the lunch, \$15.00 per person.

We can promise that if you take the time to attend this reunion, you will remember all year the great time you had, and will look forward to the next one.

Southeast

We now have a member of our Association who is looking forward to hosting a Dodge Family Reunion in the eastern part of North Carolina.

For years, we have wanted to have a reunion in this part of the country. Now that this opportunity has arisen, we would like to take advantage of it

We are asking all of you who live in the southeast, to please let us know of your interest in attending this reunion, by sending in the form at the bottom of the letter which accompanies this Journal.

Based on the feedback that we get, we will plan to have a reunion in North Carolina sometime this next year. It would be AFTER May and before November. The time of year will depend upon the response we receive from those of you who express interest.

Dodge Tour - May 1999

We are excited about our 4th Dodge Family Tour to England in May of 1999. We urge any of you who have interest in possibly joining us on this tour, to let us know as soon as possible.

We have a great group of people who will be coming with us on this tour, and we can assure you that it will be a once in a lifetime experience.