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The Dodge Family Association is YOUR Family Association

ENDOWING FUTURE DODGE GENERATIONS

Dodges are usually very concerned about their children, grandchildren and succeeding generations. We try to endow them with values we feel are timeless and with all the knowledge we can impart about their family history and accomplishments.

Your Dodge Family Association is doing all it can to assist Dodges now and to guarantee that future generations will have access to the same kind of help. At our fall board meeting we agreed that we should establish an Endowment Fund to help guarantee that our work will be carried on when we are not here to do that work.

Board member Fred Dodge of Deerfield, New Hampshire gave the first gift to that fund. Barbara and I were privileged to give the second gift in

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No matter where in the world you live, The Dodge Family Association is YOUR Family Association, not only if your surname is Dodge but also if you have any Dodge as an Ancestor.

We are striving very diligently to collect all of the Dodge related genealogy possible. We also make the very best effort to ascertain that it is valid. We are constantly open to receiving changes and/or corrections. Our aim is to be THE place in the world for Dodge Genealogical information.

We now have many members world wide and as you undoubtedly noticed in our last Journal, we have a new column that will be in each Journal. We want to receive any stories from our international members that they think might be interesting items for this column. Please e-mail them either in the text or as attachments to: craig-dodge@hotmail.com. If you do not have e-mail, send them via

post to: Craig Dodge, 18A Davenport Rd, Karrinyup, Perth, Australia, WA6018.

When we receive genealogy for which we can find no connection in either the Tristram line or the William/Richard line, we keep it on file and try to keep in touch with the person who sent it to us. When we receive new genealogy, whether mystery or main lines, that genealogy is compared with everything we have already received. We have well over 150 mystery Dodges in our files.

Norman Dodge collects all the genealogy for our main data bases and Robert L. Dodge collects it for future books. Norman can be reached at nedodge@aol.com and Robert can be reached at Col_RLDodge@juno.com.

Please keep checking the Dodge web site and inform us of errors that you see. Also, please check your own family

lineage. Typos do creep in and we need all eyes to search. We will not be offended by your pointing out errors and we will endeavor to correct them soon when they are brought to our attention.

We do a number of other things besides collect genealogy, and one of those is the publishing of our Journal. We started out with 4 Journals a year, and are now publishing 6 Journals per year. In addition, most of the Journals are now 6 pages.

We solicit biographical sketches, life stories, and anything else our members think would be of interest to other Dodges, and publish them in our Journals as space allows.

Our Web Site has a vast amount of information on it and we receive many positive comments from those who access it. We are constantly in the process of posting

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The Dodge Name and Barbed Wire

from "A Monograph of Thomas H. and Eliza Daniels Dodge

by Ellery Bicknell Crane

privately printed Worcester, Massachusetts 1908

Mr. Dodge's Success in behalf of his clients for the last fifty years or more appears to be due in a great measure to his wonderful power of forecasting events, and a single instance need only be given to fully illustrate this wonderful mental capacity.

In 1855-6 he was engaged by Wahsburn & Moen Manufacturing Company of Worcester to investigate the subject of barbed wire then just coming into notice. The investigation

was made, and he reported that a great future awaited the invention, provided automatic machines could be made to manufacture the article, and he recommended a certain noted inventor be employed to invent and make such machines. This was done, and the same inventor invented, made and patented the machines, and Washbutn & Moen Manufacturing Company took an exclusive license under the patents to make and use said machines for

the manufacture of barbed wire. He then advised the company that there were at least three old patents on barbed wire, the control of which the Company must obtain in order to give them full control of the business. Said patents were controlled by a syndicate in the west, and the late Charles F. Washburn, then Treasurer and Secretary of Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, and Mr. *(My Ancestry -Continued on page 2)*

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Dodge visited Chicago to make an arrangement if possible for the control of said patents, meeting the representatives of the syndicate at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

After six weeks of laborious negotiations, night and day, the best, most favorable arrangement that could be made was as follows:

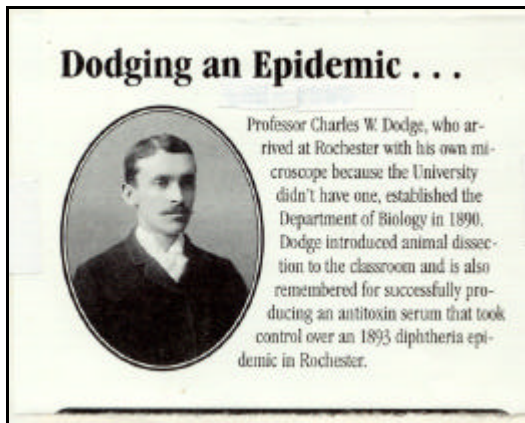
The owners of said old barbed wire patents would assign them to Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, and Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company were then to license them under said patents and under the patents of their machines for making barbed wire, and were also to sell them plain wire at cost, and both parties were then to manufacture and sell barbed wire. Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company were only to figure the plain wire that they made and used themselves at cost. All parties were then to keep a correct account of the actual profits realized in making and selling barbed wire, and such profits were a certain given times to be footed up, and one-half were to go to Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company and one-half to members of the syndicate.

As this seemed to be the ultimatum Mr. Washburn suggested to Mr. Dodge to get ready to return to Worcester that evening while he went to pay the hotel bills. Returning, Mr. Washburn found that Mr. Dodge had not made any arrangements for returning to Worcester that night, Mr. Dodge giving the reason that he was not satisfied with the arrangement, and that Washburn & Moen ought not to furnish the plain wire at cost; he was going to try to secure a better and more favorable arrangement, to which Mr. Washburn replied that it would be only labor lost, and left on the

Did You Know? From Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer: Marshfield, Vermont Washington County Vol. 4 pg. 219 - provided by Pauline Manosh

March 1797, Thomas McLoud, of Montpelier, and Sally Dodge, of Marshfield, were united in marriage by Joseph Wing, Esq.; of Montpelier, the first marriage in town. Joshua Pitkin, Esq.; was the first justice of peace, and Dec. 10, 1801, he married Ebenezer Wells to Susannah Spencer, the first marriage by a citizen of the town.

In 1805, a committee was appointed by the town to act in concert with the selectmen in purchasing a piece of ground for the burial of the dead, and the grave-yard near J. H. Eaton's was bought of Nathaniel Dodge.



The above clipping was sent to us by Charles Dodge of Sherman, CT. Does any reader know anything about the Dodge in this clipping?

8 o'clock evening train for Worcester; and Mr. Dodge requested the representative of the syndicate to go with him to his room, where the night was spent in earnest negotiation until half-past two the next morning, at which time Mr. Dodge had procured a written contract and agreement, signed by the representatives of the syndicate, giving Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company the right and privilege of charging one cent a pound profit in the manufacture of barbed wire, this being in addition to the previous profits agreed upon, and as the amount of plain wire used in the manufacture of barbed wire in a short time thereafter amounted to upwards of 20,000 tons per year, whereby Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company received upwards of \$400,000 profits per year on the plain wire alone, making in the next fourteen years thereafter, under this last arrangement alone, over \$5,600,000!

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items there, including vital records, pictures of cemetery headstones, articles written by Dodge Association members, etc. that are sent to us.

We sponsor reunions around the country and also encourage attendance at other Dodge reunions as we receive notice of those.

As you can imagine, doing all of these things requires a lot of time and effort on the part of many people.

How is it all done on dues of only \$15 per year? Our Association has been blessed with members who enjoy volunteering their time in many helpful ways. They work very hard to try to do the best they can for you, the members.

This is why your dues are so very important to us. We have worked at keeping them low so that many people will be able to afford to be members. When dues are not paid on time, we still keep that person on as a member because we consider them part of our 'family'. It is difficult, especially with rising postage costs, to continue to send out Journals, buy the needed office supplies, and pay the costs of our very important web site, when many people owe dues.

We hope this nutshell synopsis of our Association's work will help to jog your memory. If you are a lifetime member, the only thing on your envelope in which you receive the Journal will be your address. If you pay yearly dues, after your name will be a date and that date is when your dues are DUE. With your help in this matter, we look forward to the future with anticipation as we continue to grow and provide a bonding influence with all the Dodes world wide.

BERNARD OGILVIE DODGE,
b. Apr. 18, 1872, in Mauston,
Wisconsin, son of Eldrige Gerry
Dodge and Mary Ann Nourse, is
known for work on the genetics of
Neurospora. WHO WAS HE?

*Barbara's
Byline*

I thought you might like to see where much of the business of the Dodge Association is carried out. I say, 'much of the business' because there are people all over the world who help us by sending in interesting items for our web site and Journal and who help with genealogy. However, every group such as ours needs a place where records are kept, and where people can send in orders and can telephone to get information . . . and THIS is THAT place.

We started out using what was called a 'family room'. It had been a bedroom while the children were still at home, and then became a sort of all purpose room that contained a day bed, desks, sofa, computers, TV and overflow furniture.

When Earl moved his office home in January of this year, there was even more overflow so we had our oldest son, Earl, a roofer and very exceptional 'handy-man', make our covered patio on the north side of our house, into another room.

As soon as that room was floored and walled in, I pulled in a bunch of the Earl's office furniture that was

piled up under a tarp in our back yard, and he set up office there. I realized very quickly that this Earl needed a LOT more space for all his 'stuff'.

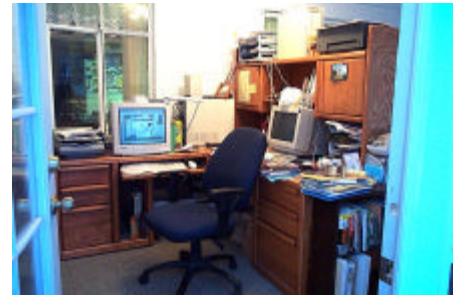
He had to go on a trip east and would be gone 6 days. "Aha", I thought! "I will put the Dodge Office out in the new room and move Earl's office into this large room while he is gone, and thus surprise him when he gets home.

The first 3 days were involved in moving furniture. Since both rooms were full, it was a lesson in logistics. All his stuff had to be moved into the dining room which adjoins the new room. The big outside patio door in the dining room had been taken out therefore the only difficult part was the weight of the furniture.

I purchased carpeting and friends came over that evening and helped me carpet the room. This was the end of day one! After 3 hours of sleep, day two began. The carpet needed to sit awhile until evening before much was moved in, so the day was spent in moving larger items from the dining room to the living room because they would not fit through the kitchen door. Thus, they had to be brought through the living room, and up the front hall and into the area where they would finally rest

On day 2, I moved all of MY stuff (i.e. Dodge Stuff). Boxes went into the new room on the carpet because they was not real heavy . The heavy stuff, I managed to move by shoving, and got it all into the kitchen and part of the dining room. By this time I was really wiped out, and I needed to rest a bit. This was Tuesday, and that evening, Calvin came at 4:30 and we moved my desk into the NEW room, and then moved in my computer, the Linux computer, phone, printers, scanner, supplementary power supplies, and all associated wires and cables. Earl's computer and the cable modem were left in what would now be Earl's office. This required cable and network wire between the two rooms since the computers are networked together through our Linux computer because that is how Earl and I both access the internet!

Of course, there were problems get-



New Dodge Office - view taken from open French doors that face the back yard.

ting everything to work together. There always are. Every 30 minute computer job seems to take 6 times as long as you plan for. Tuesday night ended for me, about one a.m. on Wednesday morning; and after 4 hours of sleep it was time to start in once more.

Wednesday - more moving off and on all day; a friend came over to help me move the last of the very heavy stuff into Earl's new office.

Thursday, was a day of sorting through the Dodge stuff and it was good to sit. It was snowing out and I really enjoyed being in my new office with



The sitting room end of our new office.

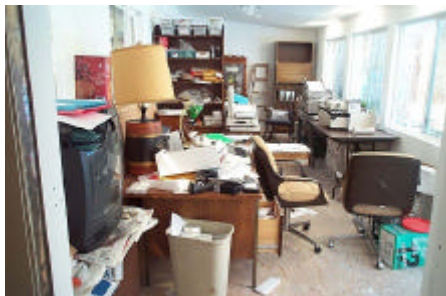
windows all along the back wall that look out into the yard.

Friday, required more organizing, and running channels for the wires so that they would not be hanging in mid air or laying on the floor to be tripped over.

This room is long and narrow - 26x10, with one end as office and the other end as a very bright and pleasant sitting room

Saturday is here as I write this! Earl comes home this evening. Will he be pleased? I leave you guessing as I am!

Barbara



Before moving Earl's Office our of new room!

Some of our Volunteers in the Field

Sandy Tibbetts	Jolene Dodge
Lew Dodge	Judy Ragan
Dan Driscoll	Willard Dodge
Gina Patterson	Tim Abel
Ray Dodge/Belguim	Dell Hill
Ray Dodge/CA	Don Kenney
Craig Dodge/Aus.	Kathy/Neal Dodge
Ginny Mcgee	Nancy Laybourn
Douglas Lorson	Phil Slinger

From the Pen of: Passepartout by Craig Dodge



Before I and my family made our recent, albeit long awaited, move to Australia, we spent a few months in Zimbabwe visiting family and friends for what will be the last time for the foreseeable future. (The distances involved and the organisation involved, not to mention the cost and disruption necessitated by such a trip make it prohibitive until such time as we are established in our new country and our little daughter (just turned 2) is a little older.).

We had the privilege of joining various other members of my family on a holiday in a town called Port Alfred in the neighbouring South Africa. During the month that we spent there, conversation naturally drifted to our upcoming move. As I was reflecting about the fact that we were going to be so far from our families, I was led to think of how Dodges have become spread so widely around the world. This meditation was deepened by the rather ironic fact that it was at Port Alfred that the original 1820 settlers arrived in South Africa, amongst whom were some of my ancestors. As I looked out onto the beach from the living room where we were staying, I pictured them getting off the ship onto that very beach, and surveying their new country, almost certainly with their hearts in their mouths. In the back of their minds would have been ringing all those doubts sown there by those who stayed behind. Had they done the right thing? Were the promises they had been given true?

I visited the Settlers Museum in nearby Grahamstown where there were displayed a number of photographs and paintings that they had acquired. As I gazed at them, I was suddenly struck with the thought that they were real people just like me. I had, since my interest in genealogy began, tried to learn more about my ancestors than just names and dates on a sheet of paper. Here were the faces that belonged to some of those names. The question suddenly arose in my mind: What makes people give up their home, their friends and family and undertake such a trip? I know my rea-

sons, but what were theirs. Our American cousins for the most part fled persecution, but that was not the case here. Then it occurred to me that many of their reasons were the same as mine, or at least the fundamental reason was the same: the dream of a better life.

During the time I spent in Port Alfred I had the opportunity to do a great deal of research. I came across the fact that one of my ancestors had gone hunting with a friend by the name of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick. Some of you may have read (or seen the movie of) his classic story of his dog Jock Of The Bushveld (if you haven't then do so - some time in the next week). Jock Of The Bushveld had long been a favourite of mine and the discovery led me to reread it. As a result, I came upon this quote, which for me, sums up the spirit of so many Dodges all over the world and all through time. The members of the Dodge Family Association (and many other historical associations) are, fortunately, trying to correct what he sees as the loss of history.

'There was a boy who went to seek his fortune. Call him boy or man; the years prove nothing either way! Some will be boyish always; others were never young: a few - most richly dowered few - are man and boy together. He went to seek his fortune, as boys will and should; no pressure on him from about; no promise from beyond. For life was easy there, and all was pleasant, as it may be - in a cage. 'Today' is sure and happy; and there is no 'tomorrow' - in a cage...

...But how recall the life when those who made it set so little store by all that passed, and took its ventures for their daily lot; when those who knew it had no gift or thought to fix the colours of the fading past: the fire of youth; the hopes; the toil; the bright illusions gone!.... And the half-dreamed sound of the tramping feet is all that is left of the live procession long since passed: the young recruits; the laggards and the faint; the few who saw it through; the older men - grave-eyed, thoughtful, unafraid - who judged the future by the battered past, and who knew none more nor less than man - unconscious

equals of the best and least; the grey-hued years; the thinning ranks; the summons answered, as they had lived - alone. The tale untold; and, of all who knew it, none left to picture now the life, none left to play a grateful comrade's part, and place their record on a country's scroll - the kindly, constant, nameless Pioneers!'

PURSUIT OF PEACE:

order sent waves of Loyalists to Canada - Descendents still touched by those who fled a young America.

- condensed from an article in the *Boston Globe* by Colin Nickerson and sent in to us by Robert L. Dodge, San Diego.

The first wave of the dispossessed arrived in the fishing port of Shelburne, Nova Scotia in May of 1783. Within a year, Shelburne ranked as a shipping center in league with Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. This brief boom owed everything to war that often resulted in vengeful politics.

Finn Bower, the curator of the Shelburne County Museum said: "Our settlers came fleeing for their lives from up and down the 13 former colonies, from the Carolinas to Boston."

Thousands of people who lived in what is now the United States, called themselves loyalists. Some were "pampered aristocrats", but not all! Their were many farmers, barrel makers, Harvard graduates, shipwrights, fishermen, etc. Some of the loyalists were slaves who escaped their slavery by throwing their lot with the British redcoats.

Today, the descendents of those who fled to Canada, are entitled by Royal Decree, to append the initials "U.E." for "United Empire" to their names. This is the only hereditary title recognized in Canada. Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have proclaimed an official day in honor of the loyalists and their contribution to Canadian History.

Ed. note: Many of the Dodges who left our country had descendents who came back to establish their roots here once again.

Earl's Pearls

Our first Southeast Dodge Family Reunion was a real joy for all who attended. Held at the Airport Holiday Inn in West Palm Beach, the gathering included a fellowship time with refreshments and a super dinner. The meeting after dinner featured a presentation by Mr. Tom Peeling, an editor of the Palm Beach Post newspaper on the life of President Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Peeling also display a part of his renowned collection of President Roosevelt memorabilia. Besides representing a number of Florida communities members were also present from Vermont, Georgia, North Carolina, Michigan and Colorado.

I attended a Political Items show at the same hotel prior to the reunion and was able to buy two beautiful E.P Dodge trade cards from a native of the North Shore area. Mr. Dodge owned a store in Hamilton, Mass. and the cards advertised that store. Barbara has displayed them on our web site.

Perhaps you read about the commotion over the theft of the Oscar trophies, statues given by the motion picture industry each year to people and films. Did you know that those were designed by a Dodge and for many years were made exclusively by his firm? Those Dodges are everywhere.

I was honored recently by the American Enterprise Institute with a two-page feature article in their monthly magazine. The Institute is a conservative think-tank whose spokesmen are often featured on news programs and panel discussion groups on television. If you would like a copy of the interview you can call me at (303)237-4947, E-Mail me at earldodge@home.com or drop me a note at our office.

We have a Dodge Family Library which includes books by or about Dodges. These are carefully preserved and will be available for reference to future generations. If you have any Dodge items such as books, items advertising a Dodge company or old photos of Dodges we would be pleased to accept them and see that they are well cared for.



GENEALOGICAL HELP

We have had so much going on in our genealogy department that we want to share that excitement with you. We are using this column for that purpose. If you have sent us genealogy that you want help with, do not despair just because it is not in this column this time. We are working on ALL mystery genealogy that we receive.

Two members of our Association have been searching for a number of years for their link to the Tristram line. MUCH research had been done but it seemed that all references for the person being researched had disappeared from the face of the earth.

Then . . . a non-member of our Association sent us information from the will of a spinster lady who died in the 1850s, and there was the name of the 'lost' person and his father plus names of the lady's other siblings. When we compared this new information to what we had in our Tristram data base, everything fell in to place.

Two other members sent us, at our request, the little bit of information they had about their father and/or grandfather. BECAUSE, in each case, they made mention of a sibling of their ancestor by first name, we were able to find in our records both of these genealogy lines - one going back to William, the first Dodge to arrive in this country, and the other to his brother Richard who arrived 9 years later.

Aside from these three members for whom we were able to provide all of their genealogical ancestry, we also have been able to help numerous other

members and non-members by providing information that takes them back one or two more generations.

More information on the descendants of Henry Dodge and Lourene Jolly has been found, with one of the descendants living only 4 miles from our office. More information on the descendants of David E. Dodge, father of David Elisha, has been found, and there are countless other bits and pieces that we have been able to connect with other genealogy that we have.

We have proof from vital records of Lincoln County, Maine, that Thomas Dodge who m. Phebe Silvester (true page 414 in JTD) is the son of Thomas Dodge who m. Lydia Dodge. Since they had large families, this has allowed us to add a lot of Dodge information that we didn't have, to our data base. We still have much more information to sift through, and we expect to make many more matches.

We want to point out to you, our readers, that the only reason we have had these and other successes, is because of people across the country who have helped by sending us genealogy; and we also want to point out to you that the SMALLEST BIT of what might be considered extraneous information may just be the piece that makes everything fit together.

We are on our way to becoming THE place for those with Dodge heritage to research their lost ancestors. Won't you PLEASE help us by sending to us anything at all that you have found regarding Dodges. It does not have to be in your family. Whatever it is, it belongs to some family out there who may contact us in the future.

A Reminder: In the last Journal, you were informed that you may now get a current Dodge Family Roster of our members by accessing our web server that is located here in our office. Some changes have been made since then making it easier for you to see what you want once you get there.

There is a HTML README file that you might like to look at, and we also have posted in pdf format the January-February Dodge Journal. You may print out copies for other Dodges that you might meet in your daily excursions.

Perhaps by the time you receive this Journal, we also will have there, a form for membership which you can print and have on hand for others you meet who have Dodge Ancestry.

To get to this web server, type:

<http://24.1.11.7/ftp> OR <http://c575204-a.whtrdgl.co.home.com/ftp>

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memory of Uncle Edward Dodge who passed away last fall. We can think of no finer way to memorialize a Dodge or other member of our Association than by a gift to this fund in their honor.

We do not have to wait until someone dies to help. Gifts in any amount will be most welcome.. Unless the donor requests anonymity we will list all donors and persons memorialized or honored by the gift. Of course the amount you give will remain confidential.

To help with the Endowment Fund send your check to:

Dodge Family Association
10105 West 17th Place
Lakewood, Colorado 802155

Please either mark a notation on the check with the word Endowment OR enclose a note telling us that it is such a gift. E.F.D.

Kernels from the Colonel

by Robert L. Dodge

THERE ARE MANY ERRORS IN THE DODGE FAMILY GENEALOGY 1898-1998.

We are collecting corrections for an ERRATA, would you please help! Send the corrections to me, Col_RLDodge@juno.com if you have not already done so or use my postal address:

Col. R. L Dodge
5960 Caminito Yucatan
San Diego, CA 92108

Correction: IN the last Journal, there was a poem by Dwight Dodge of Canada about Peter Dodge. Six lines from the bottom a word was inadvertently misspelled. That line should say: **“Through** all the years to present day”



The above picture is one of two that was an advertisement for a store owned by E. P. Dodge, Hamilton, MA. They were recently purchased for the Dodge Family Library.

What's in a Name?

by Clyde Dodge, Mountain View, California (arnie708@hotmail.com)

There is an old family story that my g-grandfather disagreed with his father over some unknown idea. This caused the son to change his name. He added an 's' to the name Hedden and was thereafter known as James Heddens.

It was this seemingly cavalier treatment of identity that has caused me to wonder where our names came from.

It just happened that I stumbled across a book (1) in the public library titled English Surnames by C.M. Matthews. (929.40942) A second book (2) titled "The Origin of English Surnames" by P.H. Reany bears the same reference number.

The first thing I did was to look up the name Dodge in the index. The first reference is to a list of surnames from men's Christian names. It seems that Dodge started up from Roger. It was called a PET-NAME in both books.

To go back to the beginning, Matthews notes that English surnames became fixed and hereditary in the period between the battles of Hastings and Agincourt. Before the conquest, the Anglo-Saxons had only one name, with second names beginning to appear

in the last century before the conquest. Before 1066, Everyone in England had a name like Cuthboerht or Leofwine or Ethelnoth. By 1266, most of these old names had disappeared. Thus it can be seen that while the Normans failed to impress their language on the English, they did impose their names.

This is not to say that Anglo-Saxon names were no longer used. The king who brought the house of Wessex to power was Ecgbeorht (Egbert). He named his first four sons in the old system, Aethelwulf, Aethelstan, Aethelbald, and Aethelbert, but his youngest son was named Aelfraed. These names were not used again. Aelfraed was of course, Alfred the Great, king extraordinaire.

By the end of the 10th century, the old taboos about reusing names was beginning to break down. Since names were not repeated, there was no need for a second name, but as the taboos died, there were many repetitions of the same name and so with this development second names appeared to enable a distinction between neighbors.

It can be seen that the name Roger

is Norman. We shall see how changes develop. The name Roger was the name of some of the richest and proudest of earls and barons. Reany notes that Roger is a Germanic name, coming from Normandy.

If we recognize that few second names were in use following the Norman conquest, it can be imagined that a pet-name offshoot of Roger became Dodge. Neither reference is clear on how this came about. (I can remember as a child being called Roger-Dodger.) One thing must be taken into account. Very few people could write. All names were passed orally. If a mistake in understanding occurred, one person could be called by a wrong name or by a variation of a personal name.

Thus it seems that direct knowledge of the Dodge name becomes murky at best, and improbable at worst. I do not have access to the Domesday Book, wherein the names of land owners were recorded at the behest of William the Conqueror. It is possible that reference could be found to a Rodger or a Dodge in that book. Beyond that, direct lineage must be labelled impossible.