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William/ Richard vs. Tristram

Why should Dodges from one line be interested in Dodges from the other line? We have had this question asked of us and there are several reasons, not the least being that we all should be interested in what is going on with all Dodges and we should all be striving to the best of our ability to help all Dodges, no matter what their line.

We DO have genealogy that links Tristram to the brothers William and Richard, back in England. It has not been proved but when that time comes, we believe we will find that they were at least second cousins if not first!

Recently, we have found genealogy that lists the grandparents of William and Richard. We looked at this with much doubt because we saw no

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The leaves crunched beneath our feet, and that pungent aroma assailed us as we walked through the woods out to what once was an island in Dodgeville Pond, Massachusetts. It was a beautiful fall day and we were stepping back in time.

We had come to see for ourselves, the place where Martha Dodge a descendent of Richard, (David, Samuel, David, Daniel, Richard, Richard) had met and married George Dodge, a descendent of Tristram (John, Nehemiah, Ezra, Israel, Israel, Tristram) (See front page article in the last Dodge Journal.)

We were met at the Public Library by Gil Bagley, the first person to contact us, newsmen and photographers, and the Town Crier, who read a greeting. We were then taken to Dodgeville, which still bears



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that name although it is part of Attleboro. The small general store very graciously offered coffee to those in our group and very soon we crossed the street for the access which is between two houses. This was reminiscent of the access to the Dodge Cemetery on Dodge's Row in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Within minutes we were on the 'island' amid the old cemetery stones of this family long gone from this place. The gorgeous fall colors were in full array. Swans glided on the lake in front of us. Peace reigned supreme in this little bit of Dodge earth tucked away from the world.

The Historic Society of Attleboro had worked to clean

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MASSACRE OF AMERICAN CREW

Capt. George W. Dodge (Ephriam, Ebenezer, Phineas, John, Richard) followed the sea for 8 yrs. whaling and as an officer of the ship "Gay Head, New Bedford". After that he shipped as first officer of the bark Superior, but his wife persuaded him to stay home. He became involved in the livery business at Manchester, NH and then in the boot and shoe business. From the History of Henneker, NH, we read the following:

"Reports have been received that the crew of the New Bedford whaling ship Superior have been massacred in a horrible manner by the natives of Treasury Island, in the Salomon group near New South

Wales. The Superior left New Bedford in June, 1857, and came to anchor on Treasury Island in September last, when she was attacked by the savages, and the captain, with 25 of the crew were cruelly massacred. The remaining six were taken prisoners. Subsequently three of them were released, by the efforts of Capt. Slater, of the English ship, Ariel. When Capt. Woods was shipping his crew four years ago, Mr. George W. Dodge of this city, now of the firm of James & Dodge, shipped as first officer in the Bark Superior, and made arrangements with the expectation of going on the voyage. He had been two years with Captain Wood and knew him to

be a noble man of great energy and character and spotless reputation, and having a love for the sea, resolved to sail under the old Captain, and share his fortunes. But the friends of Mr. Dodge protested against the enterprise, and were so persistent in their opposition that an opportunity for business being presented here, he abandoned the project, and reluctantly informed the captain that he could not accompany him. The result, then unforeseen, had caused no small degree of sadness in the heart of Mr. Dodge for the fate of his highly respected commander, and unspeakable joy that he has escaped such a terrible death. "

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 proof. We just found out that the grandparents, John Dodge and Agnes Lamb are listed as such in "History of the Dodge, Berry, and Allied Families by Roy L. Dodge, call number E7.D665. (Newberry's call number) It is located at the Newberry Library in Chicago. There may be other copies in other libraries around the country.

The Dodge Family Association is in the process of adding to their Board of Directors a new member who descends from Tristram. They would like to have more members on the Board of Directors that descend from the Tristram line. If you have any interest in being on this board, please send your resume to the address in the masthead at the top of page.

If any of you are planning a trip to England for genealogy research, we believe that Taunton, England is the place to look for records on a Tristram/William-Richard connection.

Vermont Research

For those of you who are researching ancestors in Vermont, you may write to the following address to have a search done. You really need to have a town in mind and I think, also, a year. They charge \$7 per search (for example: \$7 for a marriage, \$7 for a birth, etc.) which is quite reasonable. They told me on the phone that they have all of the Vermont Vital Records since those started being kept.

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Please keep us informed of any successes you have with your research.



Tombstone on the Island in Dodgeville Pond marking the graves of Martha Ann Dodge and George Henry Dodge.

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 up this cemetery which had been used as a hangout for teenagers in the community. Their cleanup efforts were very apparent on this day. We spent quite awhile there brushing leaves from stones that lay on the ground, reading inscriptions, taking pictures, visiting with those who had taken care of this place so well. All too soon we had to leave and continue our Dodge Search meeting Jim Bailey in Providence, RI.

Jim took us to a Cemetery in North Providence which contained a number of Dodge families, several of them related to the Attleboro Dodos, including Seril, the inventor of goldplating for costume Jewelry.

We are now working on making as many ties as possible to the names

Earl & Jim Bailey in N. Providence



found at this cemetery

We also visited the Seril Dodge House in Providence. Soon, we will have many interesting photos posted from these cemeteries posted on our

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Norman Dodge of Seattle, WA, Victor Bonneville, author of the lead article in our July-August Journal, Gil Bagley, member of Attleboro Historic Society



From left: Gil Bagley, Earl Dodge, Larry Fitton, Jamie Merolla, Sun Chronicle Staff Writer and Keith Norstrum photo editor/photographer, Sun Chronicle, James Hanley, publisher/editor of My Backyard.



Barbara's Byline

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As I sit here at my computer, my mind starts to wander. I turn around in my chair to face the wall of windows behind me. Eagerly I search for signs of movement in the remaining leaves on the big cottonwood tree, for I have become a WindDancer and wind is my partner in the dance.

The leaves are blowing today, and as I turn back to face the computer, I am thinking of all this wonderful wind just going to waste.

Ah . . . but I cannot concentrate, for I know what is going on outside and within a few minutes, I am off to one of my fields. In these fields the wind flows smoothly without turbulence and joins me as I fly in loops, figure eights, and power dives. At other times I leisurely try to trace the outline of the clouds and rejoice in their beauty.

By now, you may be smiling, or even laughing out loud. Perhaps you think I have entered my second childhood. I assure you, however, that this is not just child's play although children are certainly capable of experiencing the elation of making this type of kite dance on the wind. With each gust, the ever changing pull of the kite is a force unlike anything I have experienced before. Although I have learned to brace with my feet apart, there are times when it pulls me across the ground.



Courtesy of WindDance & Seattle Air Gear

My kite is a soft airfoil and is supported by a network of bridle lines. It is controlled by two lines, one for each hand. To turn clockwise, I pull on my right hand. As I fly, I can feel every gust and eddy of the wind. I cannot see with my eyes the ever changing shape of the wind, but I can feel it instantly through my kite.

I could go into a very long descriptive mode here, but if you are interested in learning more, browse to <http://www.seattleairgear.com> and you will find all the information you can handle!

The kite is easy to pack . . . just roll it up, slip it into its tube and squash it down into the corner of a suitcase. No matter where I travel, if there is wind I can unroll my kite and in five minutes once again feel the wonderful surge as the wind sweeps it upward.

Our son, Calvin and two of our grandchildren, Caleb, age 8 and his sister, Hannah, age 16, each have their own. Sometimes, we all go together and for two hours or more, we experience this wonderful way to be outside, get exercise, enjoy each other's company, and experience Dancing with the Wind. We look forward to the time when we can fly tandem.

Together we fill the sky with color. Calvin's and mine are the green of early spring leaves. Hannah's is the yellow of summer daisies. Caleb's is soft sky blue. They all have wing tips that are fuchsia and black.

I must end this column now, for I hear the whooshing of the wind, and I must heed the call. **Barbara**

Around the World - Tasmania

The Otago, the only ship that Joseph Conrad was ever to command, lies rotting on the banks of the Derwent River in Tasmania. A feature about how Josef Korzeniowski, who was later to become the author of *Lord Jim* and *Heart of Darkness*, attained his first command; how he was spurned in love in Mauritius; and how he gave up the sea; to become one of the greatest writers in the English language. Illustrations include historic portraits of Conrad, the Otago then and now, the ad in *The Hobart Mercury*, where she was eventually sold in 1936 to **Harry Dodge**, the Hobart ship breaker for 1 Pound.

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web site. In the meantime, you can read about Seril and the Costume Jewelry of Providence by putting the name 'Seril Dodge' into your search engine. You will find a number of places to which to browse.

From Providence, RI, we traveled to Sutton, Massachusetts where we were met by Robert Houser who is interested in the history of Sutton. He contacted us via e-mail a few months ago regarding Rueben Rawson Dodge. Rueben was very interested in his families genealogy and wrote a number of booklets regarding different aspects of it. The Association has an original booklet of his regarding the genealogy of the Rawson family. Rueben was one of the people who attended and spoke at the 250th Dodge Reunion that was held in 1879.

In the year 2004, Sutton will be celebrating it's 300 year anniversary and there will be special events held all year. Reuben's house is still standing and in use on the Keown Orchid



and farm. We visited this Orchard and were given a wagon ride through the varied kinds of apple trees.

In the kitchen of

this house is a very interesting way of getting water. It is collected in a barrel in the kitchen then travels down to the cellar and is pumped up through the plumbing in the house. It was quite unique but we decided that we would not want to get our water in that fashion.

The next stop was in New Boston, New Hampshire where once again, we visited the cemetery and videotaped many of the Dodge stones, also making a visit to the Whipple Free Library

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From the Pen of: Passepartout by Craig Dodge



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Well, the sale of my father's house has gone through. It feels kind of weird to think that should I go back to Zimbabwe for whatever reason, I will not be able to walk around the house which provided me with so many memories, some good, some bad.

Wherever my father moves to and whichever house he buys from now, will I think result in me feeling a bit of a guest, that I am in someone else's house.

This is not something that I should concern myself with too much. The only constant is change and we must adapt with it. It would be ludicrous to expect my father to hold on to his house just because I (who has left home and even continents) have memories of the place. This is especially true with the difficult political situation in Zimbabwe at the moment. Mugabe is threatening to lift the amnesty which covers the leaders of the previous government and make them stand trial.

This action, should he carry it through, will have dire consequences, as investor confidence, both foreign and internal will erode further. Zimbabwe currently has the fastest shrinking economy in Africa, quite an achievement considering some of the African economies.

For me and my family here in Australia, our quality of life continues to improve. When we arrived in February we stayed with a friend of my wife's mother. We then moved to our own place after a couple of weeks and now we have moved again. In the meantime I have been very busy seeing GPs, neurologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, community nurses, etc., etc.

Our current home (where we intend to stay for some time) is purpose built for a wheelchair which makes life very much easier for me. Further it has 3 bedrooms giving us space to expand. Having arrived with little more than we could carry, the house is still on the

spare side but bit by bit it becomes a little more like home every day.

My neighbour is from Bosnia, he and his family came out here some time back. He has had it harder than me, when he arrived he could only speak Croatian and German. He came here specifically because his son has muscular dystrophy and he says that for disabled people it is the best country in the world, because they are so aware of the needs of disabled people.

Certainly I can agree with that, the government has put into place a number of measures to help people like us. I recently attended a 4 week course teaching us the skills we need to find work (how to write a résumé, cover letter, interview skills etc.). My gripe at the time was that it seemed geared for someone less disabled than myself, but I have since been put into touch with another Quango that takes the process a step further in that they seek out the job that best suits me and my needs and I only join the process at the interview stage.

The MS society is fantastic here as well, helping meet a lot of needs and providing support and counselling. I shudder to think what my life would be like in either Zimbabwe or the UK had we stayed in either of those places.

I had an... 'interesting' experience the other night. I gave myself my injection, which was more painful than usual and 5 minutes later I began to feel really awful. Another 5 minutes and I was on the floor and Les was phoning for an ambulance. When the ambulance arrived (albeit another 5 minutes) I was beginning to suspect the 'attack' was passing. Nonetheless the medics took me in to hospital. Les suspected that I had hit a vein (it is supposed to be a subcutaneous injection), she was absolutely right so no harm was done. It happened to be a very busy night at the hospital and as I clearly was not critical (improving all the time in fact) I got shunted to the bottom of the list. By the time I got seen (6 hours later) I was 90% better and checked out and headed for home.

So that was my fun for the day, not something to want to repeat. It was enough to ensure that I will always be more careful about my injection site.



Kernels by The Colonel Col. Robert L. Dodge

LYON'S WHELP (from the internet)

Lord Admiral Buckingham instituted a class of warships named the Lion's Whelps. There were ten of them built, the First Lion's Whelp in the late 1620s. They were named First Lion's Whelp, Second Lion's Whelp, and so on. The Fourth went down off Jersey. The Fifth was also lost with 17 men on board. The Seventh exploded off Suffolk due to negligence in the powder-store. The Tenth was built by Robert Trancmore of Shoreham, ended her sailing days, and "sold by candle" on 19 Oct. 1654.

As one sees, there are many British ships with the name, Lion's Whelp. The most famous and may have been the First Lions/Lyon's Whelp was invested by Lord Admiral Howard as his contribution in backing the El Dorado "entrada" (expedition) to Guiana, S.A. organized by Sir Walter Raleigh circa 1594. The Lion's Whelp was listed in the Raleigh privateering fleet in 1595. The Lion's Whelp was sent to the Low Countries by Lord Cobham. Following Raleigh's voyage, the Lion's Whelp returned to West Indies in 1596-97 captained by Henry Reynolds. The Lion's Whelp saw action at Cadiz in 1596, most probably captained by Henry Gifford, knighted for this action. In 1601, Lord Admiral Howard sold the Lion's Whelp to the state. She was refurbished and was serviceable until 1625. During this time, James I gave the Lion's Whelp to Lord Admiral Buckingham for a planned expedition to discover the Northwest Passage to Asia; however, the Lion's Whelp did not sail and was not heard of again.

COULD THIS BE THE LION'S WHELP THAT BROUGHT WILLIAM DODGE ALONG WITH THE SPRAGUE FAMILY, AND OTHERS TO SALEM IN 1629? This is conjecture, not to convince, but to interest everyone so that some may further investigate and report on our Lion's Whelp.

Earl's Pearls

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First I want to acknowledge special gifts to our Association from Frederic Dodge of New Hampshire, and Phil Slinger and Ian Dodge of Wisconsin.

Special gifts above and beyond our dues will help us build an endowment that can be used to provide additional programs for our members. Such gifts can also be in memory of a loved one and all will be acknowledged in the Journal.

Please read my letter enclosed with this issue. We want to keep our dues as low as possible but to do that we need EVERY MEMBER paying their dues on time. Please check the label on your envelope. That date will tell you the date you are paid to. If your label says 11-2000 or earlier your dues are due or will be before our next Journal. If you have not paid for two or three years please add money for those years.

We are looking forward to the Southern California Dodge Family Reunion on Saturday, January 20 at Miramar Naval Air Base. The numbers attending this gathering grow each year and we hope you can be with us. We already have a date, October 20, 2001, for our next New England Dodge Reunion at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Six of our nine Dodge Family Board members were in Ipswich for a meeting on the day before the reunion on October 21. Norman Dodge reported great progress on entering Dodge genealogical data into the computer.

This beautiful special 15th Anniversary Button was prepared for this New England Reunion. If you could not attend, you may obtain this historic button.



Also available is a beautiful full-color picture of all those who attended from at least eight different states. This photo will be mailed first class in a protective container for only \$15.

Do you have anytime you would like to devote to helping our Family Association? Contact our office manager, Barbara Dodge. You may do this either through e-mail at:

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or by phoning her at (303) 237-4947

Charles Dodge of Sherman, CT, sent us a book, *Old Time New England*, a publication of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Vol. 77, No. 267, Fall/Winter 1999.

Starting on Page 5 is the intertwined story of the Seril Dodge homes in Providence, RI and the Brown family of Providence. There are some very nice pictures of Seril's houses.

Seril Dodge was the inventor of gold plated jewelry in Providence, RI. **Jim Bailey**, of Rhode Island has done much research for us, into Seril Dodge and now we are fairly sure that we have found his Dodge ancestors. Recently, we realized that we also have information on this Seril in the Barbor collection which was typed and sent to us by another DFA member, **Tim Abel** of NY, and is posted on our web site under "Vital Records".

This and That

When the Army Core of Engineers started digging tunnels through Diamond Head crater on Oahu, Hawaii, one of the four tunnels was named the Dodge tunnel. I do not know for whom it was named. *Robert Dodge, Hawaii*



William Dodge and Dodger

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and the Dodge Store which is not owned by Dodges now. New Boston is a very picturesque town and it was easy to see why so many Dodges chose to call this home. Below is the marker on the gate to the cemetery here.



To the memory of William A. Dodge and Pamela A. Spofford Dodge by their son and daughter, William H. Dodge D.V. Sc. Georgetta Dodge Mudgett 1939

Finally, we traveled to Ipswich to attend the New England Dodge Family Reunion. The reunion was great, and we met many Dodge decedents for the first time. Cousins found each other for the first time. Dell Hill who is one of our Vermont Researchers and Jim Dodge of California found out that they are second cousins. Jim's grandfather and Dell's Grandmother were siblings.

There were others also, who found that they were connected closer than they had previously thought.

Two Dodges who attended this reunion had their Dodge connections proved during this year, through the work of our Association. Frederick Dodge of Deerfield, NH and John Everett Dodge of Greenlawn, NY both had been searching for years for their link to one of the Dodge lines. Frederick and his daughter, Linda Dodge Bazeley go back to Richard and John Everett Dodge goes to Tristram.

Pictured at the left are two who attended for the first time. William Dodge and Dodger from Trenton, ME.

The weather in New England was outstanding, the colors were great, and the Reunion was fantastic. We urge you who could not make it this year to make a special effort to attend next fall.



GENEALOGICAL HELP

1. John Dodge. Born on 30 Dec 1808 in Utica Co., New York. John died in Mudd Bay or Mima, Washington on 19 Dec 1891; he was 82.

Also seen listed as Jonathan.

An interesting fact on John Dodge and Sarah Banks Ives: Exerpt taken from "Pioneer Reminscenses" page 357 discussing the Natchez Pass, Cascades, WA: "In the spring of 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Himes with their family of four children, George H, Helen Z., Judson W. and Lestina Z., and four other persons, Joel Risdon and his son, Henry, a youth of 12 years, Charles R. Fitch and Frederick Burnett, and the additional family of John Dodge, wife and five children, Robert Bruce, Francis Marion, Daniel, Samuel Ives and Desdemona, started across the plains to Oregon. The two families separated at the immigrant camp ground on the UImatilla River, the Dodge family going to Marion County, Willamette Valley, and the Himes family and the four persons mentioned went to Puget Sound, via Natchez Pass, 25 miles north of Mr. Ranier, in company with a number of other families and single men, the total number being 70-the first direct immigration to the Pudget Sound basin. Late in 1853 Robert Bruce Dodge left the Willamette Valley and settled in Mima Prarie; his parents and the remainder of the family soon followed him and settled in the same locality."

In 1835 when John was 26, he married Sarah Banks Ives, daughter of Thaddeus Ives (28 Sep 1771-1839) & Hannah Cotton (26 May 1782-6 Aug 1865), in Susquehannah, Pennsylvania. Born on 27 Nov 1811 in Crawford Co., Pennsylvania. Sarah Banks died in Mc Lane, Washington on 29 Jan 1890; she was 78.

They had the following children:

- 2 i. Robert Bruce (1832-1907)
- 3 ii. Francis Marion Marion (1835-)
- 4 iii. Daniel (1837-)
- 5 iv. Samuel Ives (1843-)
- 6 v. Desdemona (1848-)

In the Vital Records for the town of Lee, Massachusetts, Berkshire County, there are listed children born to an **Asahel Dodge** and wife. There is no name for the wife. The children were: **Abraham**, b. 9-29-1780; **Asahel**, b. 11-23-1784; **Hannah**, b. 1-12-, 1776; **Heman**, b. 11-7-1782, **Samuel**, b. 5-29, 1792, and **Seymour**, b. 4-29-1778. Can anyone give us more information about this family?

We are in the process of putting all of the Massachusetts Vital Records that we have access to into Family Tree Maker thus allowing us to have an easily searchable data base. In the process, we have been able to add new information on known lines.

Ode to a Genealogist

Anonymous

They think that I should cook and clean,
and be a model wife.

I tell them it's more interesting
to study Grandpa's life.

They simply do not understand why
I hate to go to bed . . .

I'd rather do two hundred years
of research work instead.

Why waste the time we have on earth
just snoring and asleep?

When we can learn of ancestors
that sailed upon the deep?

We have priests, Rabbis, lawmen, soldiers,
more than just a few.

And yes, there's many scoundrels,
and a bootlegger or two.

How can a person find this life
an awful drudge or bore?

When we can live the lives of all those
folks who came before?

A hundred years from now of course,
no one will ever know

Whether I did laundry, but they'll see
our Tree and glow . . .

'Cause their dear old granny left for them,
for all posterity,

not clean hankies and the like,
but a finished family tree.

My home may be untidy,
'cause I've better things to do . . .

I'm checking all the records
to provide us with a clue.

Old great granny's pulling roots
and branches out with glee;

Her clothes ain't hanging out to dry,
she's hung up on The Tree.

Did you know? Abigail Harris Dodge, the wife of Major Oliver Dodge (Jonathan, David Britain, John, Tristram) who died at the young age of 57 yrs., in the management of her husband's estate "exhibited great prudence and foresight, the business of which frequently compelled her to go to Wilkes-Barre, a distance of 65 miles, always on horseback, and frequently alone. In 1806, while making one of these trips it became very dark. In passing a school house, she found the teacher and children crying, thinking the world was coming to an end. She pacified them explaining that the darkness was only an eclipse of the sun and would soon pass away." from "Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, 1170-1800 and

We received the following from DFA member, Ruth Larson:

I found what I feel is an interesting bit of history regarding the life of William Earl Dodge. The paragraph had been placed in a Tioga, Pa newspaper in 1840. It was contained in a booklet which was put together by a DAR member and was on the shelf in the Harrisburg, PA State library.

By W. E. Dodge on August 26, 1840: "To settlers of wild land in Richmond and Charleston Townships....to any settlers who will go on the land and make a settlement and clear in the course of four years 30 acres and make a road to it." "A deed of 50 acres each or \$1.50 per acre ... and will sell in lots of 100 acres to other persons at \$3.00. ..." "Apply to Thomas Stowel, Manchester Mills, Shippen Township, Tioga County."

From a booklet which listed items about the Mohawk Valley, NY was the following item: Death of Anna Sarah Dodge (daughter of William Irving and sister of Washington Irving) wife of Major Richard Dodge died 5/10/1808 age 38, burial Colonial cemetery, Johnstown, NY.

Ed: Richard Dodge (Samuel, Samuel, William, Tristram) WAS this Dodge. His grandson, Richard Irving Dodge, was a Colonel and on an expedition thru Wyoming, he named Devil's Tower.