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## Air Force Staff Sgt. Mike Dodge - Artist Sketches Lighter Side of Life

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### Addresses, Addresses, Addresses

We want to bring to everyone's attention the importance of sending us your change of address when you move. When your Journal is returned to us because the forward time has expired, we have to pay the postage again in order to send it to the new address.

When you have a change in your e-mail address, please let us know that also. Recently, we sent out an update regarding new items on our Dodge website, and had over 100 returns because the e-mail address was no longer valid. Not only is it time consuming for us to have to delete each invalid address, but it also means that you do not get the new information. We care not able to put everything in the journal and we use e-mail to inform you about interesting new additions to our web site and in some cases, new genealogy information.

We will appreciate so much your help in these two areas.

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — A satellite sticking out of a mobile home and an alien wrangler riding an orbiting satellite. These are two examples of images people might see weekly when they pick up the base newspaper, The Satellite Flyer, thanks to cartoonist Staff Sgt. Mike Dodge from the 50th Space Wing's plans and programs section.

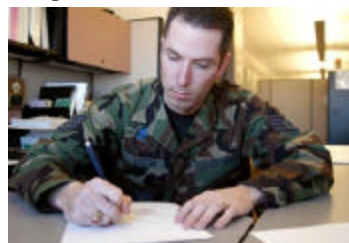
From the time he was able to hold a pencil firmly in his hand, he said he has been fascinated with putting his ideas to artwork.

Now he uses his artwork to express his sense of humor of everyday life at the satellite-flying base.

"Most of the time there is a subliminal message behind my art," said Dodge. "I don't want to be known as a wise guy. My drawings reflect my sense of humor not my feel-

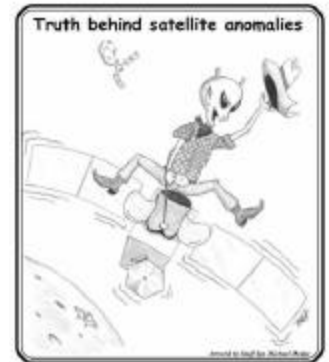
ings toward a particular subject."

He first started out by tracing the designs and characters in coloring books. After a while he did not need to trace anymore, but caught on quickly to shapes.



"Learning to see the shapes in my head was a key to leaning how to draw," said Dodge. "I was just able to do it."

Over the years his artwork has made its way around the world with his military career. Most of the time he has drawn caricatures for friends, people leaving his unit or retiring, or for special occasions.



An example of Staff Sgt. Mike Dodge's artwork. Dodge is assigned to the 50th Space Wing's plans and programs section at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, and his work appears in

"You can spend a hundred dollars on a plaque and another hundred on a present," said Dodge. "But the gift that really lights up their eyes is the drawing of them I spent my personal time in creating."

The military offers him a variety of people and backgrounds to choose from for his sense of humor.

Dodge said he strongly feels that no matter what his drawing may speak of, there is always going to be someone who is offended by the message. He realizes that he lives in a military world of many backgrounds and ideas.

"There's always one person who will be offended by the message of my art. Everybody has his or her own ideas of what's funny," he said. "Hopefully, my artwork is found more humorous than offensive."

So far the plaudits outweigh the naysayers.

### Family Members of Dodges serving in the Armed Forces

- Sr. Airman Kyle D. Hill, US Air Force
- PFC Matthew Charles Ross, US Army
- Terry Jacobson, US Army National Guard Active Reserves
- Roy Stigers, US Army National Guard Active Reserves.
- Major David Dodge, US Airforce
- Lt. Commander Joshua H. Gates, US Navy
- SPC Jonathon Heintzman, Engineer
- Chemical Weapons Specialist - Barry Patrick Dodge, US Army -
- MSGT Tracy Dumas, US Air Force
- Capt. Chris Haines, US Air Force
- MSGT Gary Cobb, US Air Force
- MM1st Class Gary Noblit, US Navy
- GSgt, Edwin Holloway, US Marine Corp
- Sgt. Mary White, US Army Nurse Corp

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## SAND IN MY SHOES

by  
Stephen Allen  
Dodge

*John Wood Dodge 1807-1893  
From a collection received from  
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John Wood Papers 80-498  
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John Wood Dodge (*John, Samuel,  
Samuel, William, Tristram*)

Among Miniature Painters, the name of John Wood Dodge might stand in the very front rank. Without technical training or advantage of early instruction in Art, he became by the forces of native genius, an artist whose work won the highest admiration of all competent judges. He never, in the whole course of his life, received any instruction from a teacher. His art seemed to come to him by direct endowment from the almighty and his first works manifested his remarkable skill.....James H. McNeily

John Wood Dodge, portraitist and photographer, was born in New York City, the son of a goldsmith and watchmaker and his Canadian-born wife. John Wood Dodge was apprenticed to a sign painter, under whom he began to copy, then paint, original miniatures. When his apprenticeship ended, he rented a studio and studied at the National Academy of Design.

He exhibited there from 1830 to 1838, and was elected an associate member in 1832. His exhibition piece was a por-

trait of his cousin, Mary Louise Dodge, whom he had married on December 13, 1831.

Dodge's account book begins in 1828. His standard price for a miniature was \$11.50. By 1831 it had risen to \$25, and a few years later, with his increasing fame, reached \$75.

In 1838 he left for the South, primarily for health reasons, but also to find an area with fewer competitors.

For the next two years, he spent most of the winters in Huntsville, Alabama. In May 1840 he arrived in Nashville, where he worked until 1861. He also made frequent trips to other southern cities to paint and exhibit his work.

In 1842 and 1843 John did life portraits of Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay. The pictures enjoyed an extensive sale. In 1845 he bought a large orchard in Tennessee and in order to pay for it, John executed a series of large dioramas, which he exhibited with illumination at Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans, Louisville, New York, and Hartford.

After 1850 John spent more time at his "fruit ranch" in Pomona, Tennessee and worked in Nashville during the winters. Increasingly, photography impaired his business, and tinting photographs became an important part of his operation.

A Unionist, John Wood Dodge left Tennessee in 1861 and arrived in New York destitute. He did an ink drawing of George Washington which he intended as a correction of Gilbert Stuart's standard image. It sold reasonably well. In May 1865 he had a sitting from President Andrew Johnson, and the resulting portrait sold well in photographic form.

About 1869, John Wood Dodge moved to Chicago, where he produced mostly photographs, large oil portraits, and still lifes. In 1874-75 he was vice-president of the local academy. In 1889 he returned to Pomona, where he worked in various media until shortly before his death of pneumonia on December 15, 1893, at age eighty-six.

*(To be continued )*

## Kings County, Canada

One of our DFA members, Stephen McClary, has compiled all of the Dodges of Kings County, Canada. Recently he sent us the results of his work: Marriges, Cemetery records, and Census. We cannot put all of this into the Journal however, you can find them in PDF format on our web site. Just click on the words "The Canadian Connections" in the list of links that is on every page.



We also heard from Phil Vogler who is a contributor to Canadian Roots Web. He writes: Greetings from cold, snowy, windy, ice bound Nova Scotia. We have a new resource tool online for Kings County, Nova Scotia. The URL is:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/nsk-ings2/index.html>

The work is by Jack Duggan of Ottawa, Ontario. I noticed quite a few Dodges in what is posted now. The site will continue to grow and in the future will have data from Annapolis County.

*Ed Note: This is set up somewhat differently from the work of Steve McClary. However, both of these items are useful. We look forward to other counties being added to this web site.*



Portrait miniature of Robert W. Woods by John Wood Dodge, A. N. A., inscribed, signed and dated Nashville, 1845. According to Dodge's account book, he painted 25 miniatures of Woods.

*Picture taken from: <http://www.portrait-miniatures.com/>*

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## The View From My Window



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One of our members by the name of Richard Dodge (we have several members who bear that name) e-mailed me to say that he had always wanted 7 children but his wife did not like that idea. He asked me what it was like to have that many children. I responded that I thought this might be a column item, so for what it is worth, here it is.

When I was a young girl growing up in Weston, Massachusetts, my dreams of the future were to marry and have 9 children; 7 boys and two girls. As it was, I had 3 girls and 4 boys. Our youngest son was an adopted child and I always felt that he was given to us to replace the one we lost through miscarriage.

During my childhood, we lived in a different type of society than we live in today. Even in the 50's when all of my children were born, the world was a different place. They were free to roam at will and in the summer often would be gone from morning until suppertime. I never worried about them, as I also had been allowed to roam our small town of Weston.

We had only one car which Earl used for his job, so if I wanted to go anyplace, it meant I walked. Five miles was my outside perimeter for walks...anything within that circle was game. I had a goodsized baby carriage and I would put the 2 or 3 youngest in that and the others would walk. It seemed that they always had to pick up a stick or some other interesting object to carry along with them.

When we lived at Columbia Point, Boston, we were just a few walking minutes away from the beach and park and that was a place we went to many times. I would take a book and read while the children played.

In Indiana, we walked from Winona Lake to Warsaw, a distance of 3 miles. In Kansas City, Missouri, we walked every day in the summer to a local pool where we had swimming lessons ...

mine were for lifesaving.

When we lived in Kalamzoo, Michigan, the children were all older and in school and I would take a bike ride each day in the good weather.

At least once a month we would have a spur of the moment picnic which meant cooking an enormous amount of fried chicken to take with us, and while it took an hour or more to cook the chicken, it was gone in 20 minutes once we started eating.

I did not work outside our home but did lots of sewing, cooking from scratch ( I never used a cake mix until we moved to Colorado and I was unsuccessful, due to the altitude, in making any cake from scratch!), working in my garden in the summer, and other things too numerous to mention.

After supper each night, Earl doled out one or two pieces of candy to each child and we would settle down to watch Leave it to Beaver, My 3 Sons, Bonanza, or other similar programs.

I always felt safe and content at night when our family was once again all under one roof .

We took two vacations each year...one to California and one to Massachusetts. We always drove straight through to each place. Calvin told me a few months ago, that as we would drive through the night, he always felt so secure knowing that mom and dad and siblings were all safe and warm in the car. That touched me because I had not known that he had felt that way.

Seven children...and in spite of some stressful times, they provide some wonderful memories.

Barbara



*(Mike Dodge, Artist - Continued from page*

"Although Sergeant Dodge's humor and artwork are quite unique, I think it's on target and exactly what we need to add a little levity to our week," said Master Sgt. Rico King, 50th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant. "I frequently get feedback applauding his work." (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

*Ed Note: Thanks to Nancy Friess for telling us about this web site and article.*

The following was a description given on Ebay about a Family Bible that was for sale. Does anyone know who these Dodges were?

"The first page reads "PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY THRU MRS. ALLEN R. THOMPSON TO MR & MRS DODGE - MAY 22, 1831". The next page has these inscriptions: "ROZILLE DODGE WAS BORN NOVEMBER THE 11, 1846 AT THE PINT (?) IF BANKS (?) - LOVY ANN DODGE - LOVE WAS BORN NOVEMBER THE 15, 1846". The next page reads "LUCY DODGE WAS BORN THE DAY OF FEBRUARY AT 2 O'CLOCK IN THE YEAR 1833 - WILLIAM DODGE WAS BORN JANUARY THE 4TH, 1835 - MY WIFE DIED MARCH THE 11, 1835 - MY SON DIED JULY THE 14, 1835".



*(Those who serve - Continued from page 1)*

AE2 Desiree Mowry, US Navy  
Lt.s Col. Mark Day, US Infantry  
Spc. Kevin Dodge, US Army  
Major Robert Jakcsy, US Air Force  
Cheryl Winnett Jarrett, US Navy  
Sgt. Anthony Duff, US Navy  
SR Airman Nathan Tuttle

In the May-June Issue of our Journal, we will list the names of those who have served in the past plus any more names we receive of those now serving.

We end with a message from Marcia Greene Hawthorne, Curator/Caretaker of The Thomas Dodge House in Port Washington, Long Island, NY - "I don't have anyone in my family in Iraq, thank God. However, I would like to tell you that The Thomas Dodge House has a candle in the window lighted all day and all night, every day and every night, to witness my prayers and those of countless numbers worldwide who also have put a candle in the window for peace.

## From the Pen of: Passepartout

by Craig Dodge

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Another chapter in the life of our section of the Dodge family has come to a close. My sister was for awhile the only Dodge remaining in the central African country of Zimbabwe. She decided to emigrate to South Africa and today I received an email from her advising that she has arrived there. The situation in Zimbabwe has become unsustainable: Inflation officially at over 200% (unofficially double that), queues for bread taking 4 hours, petrol queues – all night and this is when those goods are available, albeit briefly! So, for the first time in 30 years there are no Dodges in Zimbabwe.

I moved there 3 weeks short of my seventh birthday and left shortly before I turned 30. Now I have lived in Zambia for 7 years, Zimbabwe for 23, England for 3 and Australia for 3. Somewhat migratory but I certainly have no plans to put myself through it again.

Back at home other beginnings are taking place – my daughter started school and is very proud of herself in her smart uniform and the convenience of having her school 300m away is something for which we are very grateful.

I am off to my first Parent-Teacher meeting next week and feel very proud of the fact.

Other beginnings include the fact that I fully expect to rejoin the labour force this month. This is an obviously important step for me personally as well as for our family. While it is not the ideal job, I can do no more than give it my best



Queue for petrol in Zimbabwe

shot and hope that something more comes of it.

So the really good news is that our transition to our new home and new suburb is falling into place more and more with each passing day. The building all around us is slowing down and I must say I am relieved – the feeling is much less pressured and normalcy begins to take root.



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I have mentioned previously the Stars and Medals of the First World War. To many people the terms and conditions of their award are confusing.

The first British medal issued was the 1914 Star, often referred to as 'The Mons Star'. It bore the date 1914 and 'Aug' 'Nov' on scrolls. It was approved in 1917, for those who served in France and Belgium on the strength of a unit between 5th August and midnight on 22/23 November 1914. Less than 40,000 were awarded. The Navy did not qualify for this medal.

In October 1919, the King sanctioned the award of a bar to be worn on the 1914 Star, for all those who had been 'under fire' between the above mentioned dates. This bar was sewn onto the medal ribbon, and consequentially easily lost. Some unscrupulous persons who did not qualify awarded the bar to themselves!

The 1914-15 Star, similar to the 1914 star, but bearing the dates 1914-15 was awarded to those who saw service in 'any theatre of war' between 5th August 1914 and 31st December 1915, unless they already qualified for the 1914 Star. Thus the Navy did receive it. Soldiers sent for garrison service to India for example, did not qualify as it was not a theatre of war.

The British War Medal was awarded to recipients of the 1914 and 1914-15 Stars and to those who commenced service after 31st December 1915, also for service in Russia 1919-20, and mine clearance at sea up to November 1919.

The Allied Victory Medal was issued to all who received the Stars, and to most recipients of the BWM.

To qualify, one had to be mobilised in any of the services. A similar medal was issued by all other allied governments. While Britain awarded no bars to this medal, the equivalent USA medal was issued and 38 bars were authorised. All these Victory Medals were suspended by a rainbow coloured ribbon, alluding to the biblical story of Noah, and the hope that 'it would not happen again' I leave you to your own conclusions!



## Another mystery Dodge family

**William b. abt. 1777**

We have several Dodge mysteries which seem to have ties to Kentucky, with the families crossing over to Indiana and/or Illinois and then to Missouri.

Usually, when we get a request about yet another Dodge who is supposed to have come from this area, it spurs our genealogy crew into action to see what they can find. After everything seems to be found that is possible, it sits on a back burner until something new comes in that spurs us onward again.

In early March, we received a request from a new member asking for help in solving her husband's Dodge ancestry. Name similarities and family lore led us to Kentucky, and to what we thought might be a connection to another Mystery that we have had for a long time, that of William Dodge, b. 1777. The new mystery involved a Vincent Dodge b. 1841 according to a Missouri census.

Each time that we get a request like this, it is sent to all of our genealogy crew. There are usually 1 to 3 who show an interest in any one particular request, and that 1 to 3 people will change depending on the location of the 'lost' Dodge family.

This time, it was Tim Abel, Jim Bailey, (both descendants of Tristram) and Chuck Dodge, a descendent of Richard. Each person approaches a mystery from a different angle. Some being very proficient

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Earl's  
Pearls  
earl-



Throughout our Dodge Family history, the men in our family have answered the call to defend their native land. Peter Dodge won the family Coat of Arms for his services to England's king. Over 200 Dodges from southern New England responded to the call to arms in the American Revolution. Near the end of World War II, Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave British Major John Dodge the task of leading and bringing to justice those German officers who were guilty of abusive treatment of British men they had held captive.

Today, The United States, Great Britain and Australia and some 37 other nations are supporting the war in Iraq. Numerous Dodges are certain to be among the 250,000 personnel involved in that effort. Barbara will be listing all Dodges (that means people with Dodge ancestry-whatever their last name now) whom we know to be involved in this war. That listing will be available on our web site [dodgefamily.org](http://dodgefamily.org). In a family as large as ours there are bound to be diverse views on the need for this military campaign. What I say here is my own personal opinion and not that of our Association.

Near the end of World War I, Winston Churchill, then the First Lord of the British Admiralty, tried to persuade the British and American governments to aid the White Russians who were fighting the Communists. Both governments declined and the result was wide-spread Communist enslavement. In the early 1930s, Churchill was a voice in the wilderness when he urged action to stop Hitler while he could be stopped with a minimum of effort. America and Britain closed their ears again. The result was the Nazi plague. Had Churchill been heeded both times, some 30 to 40 million lives would have been spared.

Saddam Hussein does not have resources at his disposal equal to those of the Communists or the Nazis when they launched their drives for world conquest. However, he has the same mentality and the same desire to rule other nations. He uses the same type of terror to keep his own countrymen in line. If we ignore him as we ignored the previous threats to freedom, we will have to take action later when he is stronger and when the effort to do so will be much more costly in the lives of our young men.

By the time you read these words it is likely that most or all of the war will be over. Please pray with me that our Dodge family members and others involved from the coalition nations will be protected from chemical and biological attacks. We trust that, by the time our May-June journal is mailed, peace will reign in an Iraq that is truly free from tyranny.



*Kernels by The  
Colonel  
Col. Robert L. Dodge  
Col\_RLDodge*

### "DO NOT FORGET"

(Excerpts) by Ed Evans, MGySgt.,  
USMC (Ret.)

I sat in a movie theater watching "Schindler's List," asked myself, "Why didn't the Jews fight back?"

I sat in a movie theater, watching "Pearl Harbor" and asked myself, "Why weren't we prepared?" **NOW I KNOW WHY!** Civilized people cannot fathom, much less predict, the actions of evil people.

On September 11, thousands of innocent people were murdered because too many Americans naively reject the reality that some nations are dedicated to the dominance of others. Many political pundits, pacifists and media personnel want us to forget the carnage.

I will not be manipulated; I will not pretend to understand; I will not forget. I will not be influenced by so called, "antiwar demonstrators" who exploit the right of expression to chant anti-American obscenities. I will not be softened by the wishful thinking of pacifists who chose reassurance over reality.

I will embrace the wise words of Prime Minister Tony Blair who told the Labor Party conference, "They have no moral inhibition on the slaughter of the innocent. If they could have murdered not 7,000 but 70,000, does anyone doubt they would have done so and rejoiced in it?"

There is no compromise possible with such people, no meeting of minds, no point of understanding with such terror. Just a choice: defeat it or be defeated by it. And defeat it we must!"

I will force myself to: hear the weeping; feel the helplessness; imagine the terror; sense the panic; experience the loss; remember the hatred.

I sat in a movie theater, watching "Private Ryan" and asked myself, "Where did they find the courage?" **NOW I KNOW!**

**We have no choice. Living without liberty is not living.**

(Mystery Dodge - Continued from page 4)

in accessing census records, some by name association, some by land records, etc. We are so fortunate to have such conscientious people who are interested in working together to produce results.

It turns out that Jim Bailey had been working on this family for a year. His information along with that of the other researchers and the 2 family members, Sonja (Vincent) and Frieda (William), helped us to sort out a bit of this family and tie Vincent Dodge in to the William Dodge Mystery. Thus we picked up a good number of new members for this family group which we think may possibly be related to Rev. Josiah Rogers Dodge family group. (Tristram)

We do not have room here to show the entire process we went through in linking these two mystery families. We DO think that another mystery family, that of Richard Dodge and Hannah, may also be possibly related to these two mystery families. This Richard Dodge family is found in Union Co., Kentucky. If you have internet access, you will find info on this family at: [www.dodgefamily.org/Genealogy/Richard\\_of\\_Kentucky.shtml](http://www.dodgefamily.org/Genealogy/Richard_of_Kentucky.shtml).

To see information on William, browse to: [www.dodgefamily.org/Genealogy/William\\_1777.shtml](http://www.dodgefamily.org/Genealogy/William_1777.shtml)

Contact us if you can add any kind of information to these family groups.



**J**ohn Lewis Dodge (John Lewis, Jerial George, Jerial G., Josiah Rogers, John, John, Israel, Tristram) was born April 27, 1889 in Bolivar, Tennessee. He died June 19, 1916 in Mobile, Alabama. He played for the Philadelphia Phillies 1912 - 1913. He was 5' 11" and weighed 165 lbs.



*Courtesy of DFA member, Jim Bailey*



## GENEALOGY REQUESTS

by Norman Dodge  
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An amazing thing happened to me this winter on my way to the Dodge Family reunion in California. Linda, who lives in Lake Forest, CA, was having her car serviced and having nothing better to do, she went into an antique store to look around. On a shelf she found some portrait pictures from Kane, Pennsylvania & Keene, New Hampshire. There were names on four of the pictures. She thought the names Mildred, Estella, and Elva Dodge were very unusual. She recorded these names and went home and looked them up on the Internet. She was very surprised to immediately get two matches. Fortunately a DFA member, Kathleen Dodge, had put up my genealogy on World Connect. Another woman, Nancy Phillips, a cousin to a cousin had also done so. Linda contacted Nancy Phillips and Nancy contacted me by e-mail. I then contacted Linda and discovered I was only an hour's drive east of her location so I drove to her home. Because of this very unusual set of circumstances, I was able to get pictures of my fathers three sisters and their parents along with more pictures for a total of thirty. The person putting the pictures in the store was an estate dealer. He was contacted and told us these had come from a Farwell Estate. Because I was family, he said he would give me the pictures. He had stored these pictures for 5 years, finally deciding to put them up for sale in his antique store. This gave me pictures of my Farwell family which is my maternal grandmothers line. I have never met these Farwell folks other than 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins. Linda further told me that if Nancy had not replied, she would have tried to contact Kathleen. Be sure to mark your photographs with names and dates. You know who they are but others do not. A big thank you to Nancy & Kathleen.

From Roots Web:

I am searching for the **descendants** of a man named Ebenezer (Eben) Dodge. I have nine stamped envelopes that were mailed to Eben Dodge, and one letter

written June 15, 1880 that was folded and stamped Jun 17 from Salem, Mass. The letter was sent to Eben via New London, New Hampshire. Three envelopes are addressed New London, New Hampshire; two envelopes are addressed Masison University.

**I would like the family to have this property!!!!** I will reveal that the letter was written by a brother of Ebenezer. The letter is stamped Jun 17 Salem, Mass. The brother that wrote the letter was James. If anyone has any ties to this family please let me know so that I can send the letter and stamped addressed envelopes to the proper family. It will be helpful for me if someone has this connection, that they verify it through some family names and states. I did not give all the details about what I have as I want the correct family to have the personal belongings. I am not sure how they came into the hands of my family. However I have a pretty good idea about it and will disclose the information to the Dodge family. Teddy Vial: tvial@hotmail.com

At the California reunion on Feb 1, 2003, I was asked by Nancy (Dodge) Ramage to see what I could find out about her ancestry. Since I would not be back home for over a week, I turned this over to Chuck, one of our genealogical helpers, and within 24 hours he came up with an answer. We think that Chuck is correct but will just need to lay it out to see how it fits.

Spring has arrived and new additions to our Dodge genealogy continue. Jim Bailey and I believe that Amos Dodge and Rachael Delong in our Mystery file belong with our Tristram folk. Amos, we believe, is another son of Samuel Dodge and Lydia Sprague.

Another long standing mystery is found in JTD on original pg. 415 (pg. 451 in reprint) in back of volume one. This William Dodge with a mother of Mary Cately and a wife of Lydia Nichols has never been traced back to his ancestry. Do you have information about this William?

Louise Valine Dodge is trying to find any one that might have a connection to Jesse Dodge. "His wife's name was Su-

san. Jesse (may have been James) was possibly born New York. Somewhere along the line he married Susan and they were in California in the 1860's. Have no idea of where they were married and have no maiden name for her. Jesse was born abt. 1828 and died Nov. 1896 in Jacksonville, Or. Susan Unknown born May 1833 died 1905 in Orland, California but there are no records. The state and also the and surrounding counties have been checked. She was buried in the Jacksonville cemetery with her husband. Her death cert. is from Oregon and does not have any information. Their child was Julia Dodge Jennings. She is my grandmother and lived in Burns, Oregon. She married John Henry Jennings. Mary Martha Cornelia, or Clementine, we believe lived in California. I really have hit a brick wall on Jesse and Susan. Any help would be appreciated."

We continue to look for the ancestry of John Dodge who married Sarah Banks Ives. This is a mystery that I have taken a personal interest in. We now have complete census on John Dodge who crossed the Cascade Mountains on the Oregon Trail to bring his family to Washington State in 1853. They settled in Mima Prairie just south of Olympia (Utica area), married Sarah Bank Ives in Pennsylvania and then started to move west. The matriarch of this family died two years ago at 101. This year because of a persistent stepdaughter, who lives in Cathlamet, Washington, we discovered John's parents were from Maine. This could belong to either Tristram or John as families from both moved to Maine.

A researcher hired by Adrienne Sherrin to research her Daniel Dodge who married Elizabeth Sternberg, found the following interesting tidbit. This is from the Ulster County, New York, Archives. "Levi Dodge, Under-Sheriff: On July 19, 1785 he was one of the signers to the Oath of Allegiance to State of New York. They have the original document there. By signing, these men declared their allegiance to the state and renounced their allegiance to the King of Great Britain. This was a very important document in the community and his signature indicated his importance."