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The importance of our DNA Project

The article on James Shaw Dodge was sent to us by a new member, Louise Geist. She writes: "This was written by my grandfather, James Shaw Dodge, 1846-1923. He was a physician, lawyer and Judge in Indiana. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic at the age of 17 to fight in the Civil War. This letter was written to the officers and comrades of Elmer Post #37."

We would like to receive more articles about other Dodge ancestors. We will publish them in this Journal and will also put them on our web site under either, History, or Biographies depending on what they are about. This article will go in the Biography section.

Please take advantage of this outlet for sharing the stories or your Dodge ancestors. Their exploits and feats should not be forgotten

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We are excited about this new tool in tracing ancestors.

The DNA test is based on the male "Y" chromosome and that is how matches are made.

It does not require a blood sample, but instead uses swabs from the mouth.

You may think "I already know my Dodge line, why should I be tested?" The answer is easy. You should be tested in order to help others. Here is a supposition"

Suppose that one of our Mystery Dodges had a brother that his descendents do not

know about. Suppose that brother was in our William/Richard, or Tristram data base.

Now, suppose that a descendent of this brother with the known Dodge line decided to be DNA tested.

Suppose that at some point, a descendent of the mystery Dodge did the test also in hopes that this test would at the least, point him to a Dodge line and thus he could narrow his search area.

When the result came back it would show firstly, a match between that mystery descendent and one of the two Dodge lines, but more importantly, it would link the mystery Dodge to the descendent of the known line who had also had the DNA test. At this point the descendent from the mystery

Dodge line would have an even closer match and would point to the probable parents of his mystery ancestor. This would allow him to really focus on his search, looking for proof of that 'lost' child.

A real example would be the following: Leslie Dodge who descends from Shubal Dodge. Record can be found for Shubal in New Hampshire, Vermont, Canada, and Massena, New York but no one has been able to find anything at all prior to Shubal as an adult. We don't know Shubal's parents but he very likely had siblings. We have no idea to which Dodge line

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First Experience of a Soldier by James Shaw Dodge

Comrades: The writer of this sketch first enlisted as a volunteer soldier in the war for the preservation of the Union, on June 22n,1863 as a recruit in Co. M 3rd Ohio Vol. Cav., and joined the regiment on the 17th day of September in the same year, while near Rossville gap, in the Chickamagua valley, and was given the horse, arms and accouterments belonging to David Kyle, a member of the same company, who was then sick.

Wholly inexperienced in the use of arms, unused to horses and not acquainted with any member of the company, excepting four other recruits equally ignorant and inexperienced. On the 18th of September we were moved to



Ried's bridge across Chickamagua creek, while Wilder's brigade of the same division was moved farther on the Union left to Alexander's bridge. After considerable fir-

ing on our left, the rebel advances attacked our brigade and attempted to carry Reid's bridge. The writer, wholly without previous experience or drill, remained with his command which held the bridge until some time after dark, taking part in charge and counter charge, not knowing half the time whether he was with his company or not, but managing to remain with the boys wearing the blue uniform. During our efforts to hold this bridge the writer took part in no less than four distinct cavalry charges with drawn saber.

After dark on the night of the 18th, our cavalry was moved to the extreme left of

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SAND IN MY SHOES

by
Stephen Allen Dodge

The latest word on Stephen

We wrote to Stephen to find out how he was doing and received the following reply:

“Hi, Barb - There's something wrong with my eyes, I have a pain in both of them, so I haven't been on line lately. I am going to get them checked. I will need some time off from the column.

I am doing a lot of work at my aunt's house, it is listed as a one family so I am removing the 2nd kitchen upstairs and other major jobs that have to be done in order to sell the house. sorry again and will get back. Steve”

We are sad that for the present at least Stephen will not be able to write his column, but he says he will get back to it, and we look forward to that. I am sure that prayers for the condition of his eyes would be appreciated and if you would like to write him a word of encouragement, his e-mail address is under his byline.



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he belongs.

When Leslie's test comes back, it should point to Tristram or William and Richard...BUT... what if Shubal had brothers whom we have in our data base of known DODGES, and what if one of their descendents decides to be tested for DNA, when his test came back, it would show a match to Leslie's DNA and the descendents of Shubal would then be able to place their ancestor, not only in a known Dodge line, but in a known Dodge family.

Presently, we have descendents being tested from the following mystery Dodge lines:

Irene Bruce Dodge; Shubal Dodge; Walter Dodge who m. Mary Reece; Hezekiah Dodge whose descendents

built many of the buildings in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. There are others also. We even have a couple of English DODGES who are being tested and when more of those DODGES sign on, there may well be matches over there, and may even be links to one of our two known American Dodge lines, for after all, they all came from England.

We have one Dodge who is from the Tristram Dodge line who has been tested but we need more in order to have a good DNA data base for matches. We have a few DODGES from the DODGES lines of Richard and William but we need all Dodge sur-named males to participate.

We have 4 DNA kits that were handed out at the New England Re-union that have not been turned in yet and we urge those DODGES to PLEASE get your sample taken and sent in. It is PAINLESS process.

Each DNA kit is numbered and that number is assigned to the name of the person to whom it was given. It is very important, when you receive your kit, to finish the process.

The DNA Scoreboard as of Dec. 2:

- Number of members registered: 20
- Samples out but not returned: 10
- Samples waiting shipment to lab: 1.
- Samples at lab being processed: 7*
- Results received from lab: 3
- William/Richard results received: 2.
- Tristram results received: 1.
- Unknown DODGE received: 0.
- William/Richard matches: 2.
- Tristram matches: 0.
- Unknown DODGE matches: 0.
- *Number of 12 marker tests being up-graded to 25 marker tests: 1

Imagine, if you will, the thrill of someone who has searched long and hard for their missing ancestor to finally, through the DNA process, find at least a partial answer.

Many of you have been helped by our wonderful genealogy crew in finding your link to one of our Dodge lines. Now, YOU can do something in return that may help someone else find their link too.



This photo is possibly of a Marietta Dodge who was born in Maine with a possible birth date of 1845. Her father, Elias Dodge did a “brisk business in Real Estate” in

Portland, Maine. Any help in placing this family would be appreciated.

**Sacramento Union
Saturday July 20, 1912**

**SNAKE CAUGHT IN CAGE.
Rattler Is Greedy and Cannot Get Out
Where It Came In.**

CHICO (Butte Co.), July 1912 -

It is sometimes bad form to eat too much. And there are times when to violate this rule of good manners proves fatal. A big rattlesnake which crawled in a rabbit cage on the ranch of James DODGE near Forest ranch last week is dead today because he let his greed get the best of him.

Mr. Dodge had two white rabbits in a wire cage near his home. A rattlesnake came along and feeling hungry crawled into the cage, killed and ate one of the rabbits and slaughtered the other for breakfast. The snake tried to leave the cage but could not get out owing to the increased proportions of his body which had been bulged out with the hearty meal. Dodge found the snake and avenged the rabbits' deaths.

(Sent to us by Phil Slinger)

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The View From My Window



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When I awoke this morning, the day after Thanksgiving, too tired to get up immediately, I flipped on the TV for a bit and the talk was about 'Black Friday' which evidently is what the Friday after Thanksgiving is called ... something I did not know. It got that name, I assume, because the stores hope to have a whopper Christmas season of selling, thus giving them great profits...i.e. putting them into the black.

Watching the people on the screen standing in long lines in toy stores took my mind back to about 1947-1948 when I was 13. That is the year I started earning money by baby sitting, and I had a job every Saturday night from about 5 p.m. to midnight, earning 35 cents an hour. With my new found wealth I wanted to get my little brother, who was 5 1/2 years younger than I, something really special for Christmas.

Weston center was just a mile from our house and having no car, we always walked there for anything we needed. There was one grocery store (The First National Store), and one 5 & 10 cent store; a drug store, small Post Office, and a store that sold newspapers, magazines, and penny candy. There were a few other little stores also but Weston was a very small town at that time.

On one of my excursions to the 5 & 10 cent store that fall, I saw a beautiful light blue 'steam' shovel. The handle on the side really worked and made the shovel part go up and down and the cab turned around just like real steam shovels. I immediately thought that this would be the perfect gift for my brother.

He loved to spend hours digging on the banks of the little brook that ran across our yard under the pine trees and I knew this would be the perfect addition to his time spent there.

I forget the price. By today's stan-

dards it would seem very cheap indeed, but in 1948, people did not earn the money they earn today and the prices of things were not what they are today.

I asked the saleslady if I could put this on layaway and for many weeks afterwards I went in every Monday and paid 50 cents. The week before Christmas I was finally able to bring the steam shovel home.

Christmas eve, after my brother had gone to bed, I took it out of it's box and set it under the tree. I could hardly wait until the next morning when my brother would find it waiting there for him.

When morning came, I was not disappointed by his reaction. He thought it was really special and many times I saw him down by the brook, playing with his steam shovel.

I wish you a blessed Christmas Season and hope that you, also, have special memories that you can share with your families.

Barbara

(James Shaw Dodge - Cont'd from page 1)
the Union line and after forming were engaged in vedette duty the entire night. The fight opened about 9 o'clock Saturday morning the 10th of September, on our right, we were in the saddle before eight o'clock that morning and by ten o'clock were busily fighting to prevent the rebel cavalry from swinging around the Union left. From the time the writer for the first time in his life, on the morning of the 18th day of September 1863, saddled a horse until after midnight on the 21st of the same month, he neither slept or unsaddled his horse.

During these three days experience the writer saw Union men fall dead on every hand, saw them shot from their horses and knocked from their saddles with the saber, saw them killed by exploding shells and by saber thrust, and was all of the time himself so frightened that he could scarcely eat the scanty rations with which he was provided and yet did not know where to run or what to do, and these are undoubtedly the reasons why he re-

mained through the struggle.

When on the morning of the 21st, we found ourselves across the Tennessee River from Chattanooga, and were for the first time in forty eight hours told to unsaddle our horses, the writer spread his blanket and lay down and cried, cried just like a great big frightened boy for more than an hour.

During a saber charge on the enemy's right on the afternoon of the 19th. the writer met with an adventure that well illustrates the true comradeship of soldiers in battle; in this charge the writer unfortunately became engaged in a hand to hand encounter with a rebel soldier and was about to be unhorsed or killed by his adversary when his predicament was discovered by a comrade of the same company, John B. Vealey, who came charging through rebels and unions alike to his assistance and by one stroke of his saber over the head of the rebel released the writer from further danger in that particular quarter, and then said to me "Come boy, you better stick to me", and stick I did full as closely as I had found the "grey backs" could stick to me.

The comrade spoken of, John B. Vealey, although a member of the same company, had not spoken to the writer until the above incident occurred. He had served seven years in the regular army prior to his enlistment in Co. M. 34d Ohio Vol. Cav. In November 1861, and from the date of his last enlistment until after the battle of Chickamagua, he had persistently refused to either bunk or mess with any of his comrades, but expressed the utmost contempt for the volunteer, but after the battle of Chickamagua he and the writer were inseparable companions until his death which occurred at Selma, Alabama April 2nd, 1865.

While the writer became able during his two years and four months service to take part in a battle with less outward manifestations of fear, yet he never became wholly able to enter a skirmish or battle without a feeling that it were much better not to be here.

Respectfully Submitted, July 12th 1898, James S. Dodge



Kernels by The Colonel

Col. Robert L. Dodge

NOT OUR FRUIT ALONE

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island.

The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.

However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, More food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island.

He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered.

"His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice re-

buked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us. This is too good not to share.

With obedience come blessings. My prayer for you today is that all your prayers are answered. Be blessed.

"What you do for others is more important than what you do for yourself", must be your motto.



Eldon Griffith Dodge has unknown ancestry. Who is he?



Louis Lycurgus Dodge

Ruth Larson of Pennsylvania sends us a lot of Dodge information that she finds while searching for her ancestor, David Dodge. We did not have any information on the following Dodge until Ruth sent this article. We have now updated our Tristram Data base.

Louis Lycurgus Dodge, son of Reville Chapman and Nancy Agnes Carrington Dodge. Information found in the Fenton Historical Library, Jamestown, NY:

Louis Lycurgus Dodge, L.L.B., L.M., of Minneapolis, Minnesotawas born at Waupun, Dodge Co., Wisconsin, 17 September 1858, the son of Reville Chapman and Nancy Agnes Carrington Dodge, and died in Minneapo-

lis, 27 August 1932.

He traced his descent from Tristram Dodge, who was in Newfoundland in 1647 and settled on Block Island in 1661., through John, 1644 -1729, David Britain, 1691 - 1764, of Colchester, Connecticut, who married Rebecca Yeoman; Amos, 1732 - 1779, whose wife was Mary Hull; Abimael, who was born in 1760? and settled in Canandaigua, NY; Warren, 1789 - 1848 whose wife was Roxy Blackman; and Revillo Chapman, his father, who was born at Pitcher, Chenango Co., New York, 5 April 1825, married at Waupun, 27 November 1855, Nancy Agnes Carrington (born at West Almond, Allegany, Co., NY, 2 April 1832, died at Minneapolis 28 October 1909, daughter of Rowland and Electra (Fosdick Carrington), and died at Waupun 26 January 1868.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and entered Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin., but left at the end of his Junior year. Later he studied law at the University of Minnesota, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897 and the degree of Master of Laws in 1898.

In 1881 he began work as a book-keeper in the employ of Winstone Brothers and was assigned to their railway construction work in Wisconsin, Dakota... and Montana...but three years later he was transferred to the main office of the firm at Minneapolis.

In 1928 he gave to the city of Waupun, Wisconsin. to be used as a park, the land on which his boyhood home stood. A boulder placed near the center of the park bears a bronze plate, on which is the inscription: "Dodge Park", from 1856 to 1865 the home of Revillo Chapman Dodge and his wife Nancy Carrington Dodge and birthplace of their son, who as a memorial to them dedicates it to public use in 1928.

He married at Livingston, Montana, 18 Sept. 1901, Mattie Elzama Chapman, born at Burlington, New York, daughter of Dorr and Sarah Amanda Thompson) Chapman, who survives him. They had no children.

Passwords for members only area of our Web Site have not changed

Earl's Pearls

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375th Anniversary Tour

Only eleven seats are now left on the 375th Anniversary Dodge Tour to England and Scotland. We are thrilled to be able to mark that Anniversary of William Dodge's arrival in America and the start of the Dodge Family in a new land by being, on that date, in his hometown in England.

The latest person to sign up found a great low fare to and from Manchester, England. If you want to come we will be glad to help you get a low fare and make other arrangements. The deadline for registration is April 15 so act now before all seats are taken.

Dodge Library

Earl and Barbara Dodge have purchased and donated to the Dodge Family Library the following books:

OLD NEW YORK- By William E. Dodge- Signed by the author

THE STORY OF NURSING by Bertha S. Dodge- Bertha was with us on the first Dodge Tour

SKINNERS'S BABY By Henry Irving Dodge

THE PLAINS OF THE GREAT WEST - By Col. Richard Irving Dodge
THE BLACK HILLS-BY Col. Richard Irving Dodge

GRACE H. DODGE - By Abbie Graham

QUEEN OF COWTOWN - DODGE CITY- By Stanley Vestal

TALES OF THE DODGE-PHELPS FAMILY- By Phyllis B. Dodge
PHELPS DODGE-A COPPER

CENTENNIAL- Supplement To Pay Dirt-Summer, 1981.

These books were all purchased on the internet. If you would like to help us expand the library with books by or about Dodges you may send a check designated to Dodge Family Library c/o Earl F. Dodge to our mailing address.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL

As of December 1, after cleaning our rolls for the year there are 735 members in our Dodge Family Association. If we can gain just 65 more this month we will close the year with 800 members. That will mean we have almost six months left to collect the additional 200 to reach our 1,000 member goal by June 29th, the 375 Anniversary of the Dodge Family in the United States.

Please sit down with pen and paper-think of your loved ones who are eligible for membership. Write their names and addresses and spouse's name on a sheet and send it to us with \$20 per name. We will send each One a membership packet and a letter telling them of your gift. What better Christmas gift that one which will enable your family members to know their heritage and get to meet others in their extended family.

Reunions

Make your reservation now for January 24th, 2004, when Dodges will gather for the 19th California Dodge Reunion at the Miramar Base north of San Diego. This is the oldest of the get-togethers begun by our Association and is always a time of great fellowship. The cost of the meal will be \$17.50.

October 2nd is the date for the 19th New England Dodge Reunion. It will again be at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich., Mass. People living in those areas will receive letters well in advance with details and a reservation form. If you live in those areas or normally attend, you will automatically be contacted. Others interested in possibly attending should send us a note and we will see they get all the information.

Christmas

Even though some organized groups are pressuring schools to sing only songs like Frosty the Snowman and many businesses are telling customers "Happy Holidays" Christmas retains, for most Americans, the meaning and joy the day inspires.



On behalf of all the members of the Dodge Family Association Board of Directors we want to wish each reader a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

May the message of the Babe of Bethlehem warm your heart again and your family ties become even more precious at this wonderful season.

Earl and Barbara Dodge

William Minnick contacted us looking for the family of his Marietta Dodge. (See photo on page 2). He then sent a CD of all of the photos he had in his Minnick Photo Album....BUT.... he also had two photos from a great aunt that were another Dodge line not associated with Marietta. Imagine our surprise to see that these photos were of the Alanson Hamilton Dodge family, a Tristram Dodge line. We have, on our web site, photos of an elderly Alanson and also his wife and grown daughter, Adah



Emory Dodge. Pictured here are photos of a much younger Alanson holding daughter, Lenora, and a younger photo of Adah.

We are so

happy to have these to add to our photo archives and will be adding them to our web page on the Alanson Hamilton Dodge family. Do you have old photos of ancestors for our web site?





**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**

by Norman Dodge
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The rain has finally returned Seattle to a semblance of normalcy.

The genealogy Brick walls continue. This month we feature some who have been mysteries for a long time and some who are new. Eileen my wife is helping me ... and I need help.

Two years ago we discovered the final resting place of my 2nd great grandfather Edward Blanchard Dodge. Through the efforts of two 2nd cousins, Pat Putnam in New Hampshire & Judy Ragan in California, we finally found his burial place.

When Judy went to Springfield, NH, I went to Concord NH. Let me say that

Concord New Hampshire is the place to go if you have ancestors from that state and you are looking for records. They are very cordial and have open records up to about 1900 and I believe that they have marriages up to 1949.

After Pat's discovery of where Edward was buried, Judy went to Springfield, Massachusetts. Besides taking pictures of the stone for Edward and his wife Laura, she scoured all the Cemetery records for Oak Grove Cemetery & Springfield City Center Cemetery. She listed a number of Dodges and Barbara posted this list on our website.

The first listings she did were for Oak grove Cemetery.

Hattie E. Dodge who d. Aug 10 1927 at age 58 & Harry W. Dodge who d. 30

May 1938 at 71 are together in a lot owned by Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Vanderburg. We have Harry in our data base as Harry Wainright Dodge. I am wondering if Hattie's name was Vanderburg? Chuck found the connection in 1920 census and it looks like they had no children. This one I know because Harry is my Great Uncle.

I am unable to connect any of the following names to our known Dodge lines.

William A. Dodge d. 7 Nov 1915, at 57 yrs. 11 mos. b. Dec 1857, and is in same lot as Annie Elizabeth

Costello Dodge who d. 2 Feb 1938 of Uremia Poisoning. She was b.15 May 1863

A H. Dodge, who d. at 66 years, was buried 5 May 1903 and Ann B Dodge, whom I am guessing is his wife.

Daisy C. Dodge who died 21 Oct 1912 age 54 years is buried with her husband James Austin Dodge d.

25 Nov 1913, age 61. Note: lot is owned by Nellie V. Spofford. Perhaps Daisy C. Dodge was Daisy C. Spofford?

Aubrey P. Dodge d. 10 9 1928, b. Dec 1878 is in the same lot as his wife Elsie E. Kimball Dodge d. 25 Dec 1949, b. Maine 14 Aug 1879, also with son Gordon K. Dodge b. 19 Feb

1904 d. 18 Nov 1898. The 1920 Census shows them to have another son, Norman B. Dodge b. Abt. 1906.

Minnie L. Dodge is buried in Oakgrove Cem. Aug 24 1933, Age 42 Years. The Lot was owned by Hattie


L. Draper. I wonder if Draper is her maiden name. Per 1930 census Eileen determined that Guy F. Dodge b. abt 1887 is the husband & that they had two children, Raymond E. Dodge b. about 1918, Dorothy L. Dodge b. about 1920.

Most of the Dodges b. in Springfield City Center Cem. In Springfield, Mass cannot be tied in either, except for E.B. Dodge & his Wife Laura Josephine Woods.

Alfred C. Dodge d. 14 Jul 1036, b. abt. 1875/1876 in Connecticut. Wife, Minnie R. Dodge was b. abt. 1887/1888, d. 30 Oct 1946, at 69 yrs. His sister Edith who apparently never married lived with them. James O. Dodge a Methodist Preacher was his father and A. Maria was his mother he also had a brother. Walter. James O. Dodge's father was James Dodge, and Nancy Pierce. See our Mystery file for a complete listing. Please contact Norman Dodge or Barbara Dodge if you discover any ties.

Another Mystery is Samuel Dodge & Olive Putney. We are looking for Samuel's birth & his lineage. Contact Karen karenproc@aol.com or Norman Dodge nedodge@aol.com.

We are still looking for the ancestry of Hezekiah Dodge who m. Eleanor Hough. Hezekiah's descendents were stone masons and built many buildings, several of which are in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Just some of the names included in the descendents, are Samuel, Daniel, Joel, Amos, more Hezekiahs, Anson, Elijah, Hascal. There are also many girls. To see all this info, please go to our on line mystery file.

Evidently, another Dodge line has been found in this country. We received the following e-mail via our dodgegenealogyreuests on our web site. Here is the text: "We have been unable to find our Dodge line within the Dodge Family Association. Now there is new news from a "Certified Copy of an Entry of Death" from England. Mark Dodge died 3/19/1850 Hardington Mandeville, sub-district Coker, District Yeovil, County of Somerset at the age of 55. Mark's son Robert Washington Dodge emigrated to the USA in 1848 aboard the Wellington, with his wife Grace Apsey and son Theophilus. Robert was a ship builder who first settled in Ward NY, where his sons Willard Almond Dodge, Walter A., and George E. and daughter Mary Jane were born, and then moved to Virginia in 1872." If you can help with this Dodge line, please contact Cecilia Smith at: ptezitkalapeta@yahoo.com AND also barbdodge@dodgefamily.org, and nedodge@aol.com. It is important that Norman and Barbara know what is going on regarding the genealogy requests. 



Gerald Albright Dodge. This photo belonged to a mid-wife in New York. We would love to find his Dodge family.