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Those Talented Dodges !

Cemetery Stones

On each trip to New England we try to get photos from cemeteries that are not yet on our web site.

This year, we visited 4 cemeteries on the North Shore. William and Richard settled in what is now Salem, and their descendants moved out into the surrounding towns.

We visited the cemetery in Rowley, but unfortunately we were not aware that there was more to it than we saw and as a result we got only 2 photos there. Next year, we will try to remedy that unless one of our members who lives in Massachusetts can go there and photo them for us.

Next, we visited 2 cemeteries in Ipswich. A small one was right off of Rt. 1A, on Old Farm Road. We found just a few there. Then we went to the Old Burying Ground in Ipswich, and armed with a printout sent to us by a member, we began searching for the

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Each year when we take a trip to New England, we try to visit one or two Dodge families and we are always impressed by the great skills that Dodges possess.

This year was no different when we visited Fred and Jean Dodge of Deerfield, New Hampshire and Harry and Myrtle Dodge of North Conway, New Hampshire.

Fred Dodge is on our Board of Directors and he and Jean live in a beautiful old farm



Fred Dodge with a restored sleigh

house (photo top right) which, in spite of his 85 years, he keeps in tip top shape along with the 330 acres that accompany it.

Aside for caring for that very large property, in his spare time he buys and renovates old sleighs and carriages. He has many very old tools that were used years ago and Norman Dodge knew the names of all of them because they are tools like the kind that his father used many years ago.

Harry and Myrtle live in a house that he built many years ago that abuts the Mt. Washington National Park. At age 82, Harry still downhill skis and

is waiting anxiously for the first snow. Harry makes molds for toy soldiers and using those molds plus original molds that

he has been able to acquire, he makes toy soldiers and paints each one by hand. He uses a brush with just 3 hairs for painting eyes and buttons on their uniforms.

It was very difficult picking out which photos to include in this Journal. If you would like to see the rest of the photos, you may view them in glorious color on our web site: www.dodgefamily.org/NE_2003. If you want to view this Journal in color, and/or print it in color, go to www.dodgeoffice.net. Please note that this is a DIFFERENT web site than our dodgefamily.org web site.

The photo below shows Harry Dodge outside his Toy Soldier shop. There are more toy soldier photos on page two.



Harry W. Dodge by his Toy Soldier Shop

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SAND IN MY SHOES

by Stephen Allen Dodge

Stephen Allen Dodge is the caretaker for an elderly aunt, taking care of her house, making repairs that are needed, and seeing to it that his aunt gets the medical care that she needs.

She is now terminally ill and has been in the hospital and recently moved to a nursing home.

Stephen is emotionally exhausted dealing with this as it is so very hard for him to see his aunt this way. He also has a job and a family (wife and two children).

I am sure that he would appreciate any e-mail notes and/or cards showing support.



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Dodge stones. We were quite successful getting most of them. One very interesting one was for Abigail Cogswell who had been married to Abraham Dodge. Abraham and Abigail lived in the very house in Ipswich which now resides in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. After Abigail died, Abraham married Bethiah Staniford.

We visited the Wenham cemetery and could not believe the numbers of Dodges buried there. There is one very old part on a hill, under many trees and a lot of the stones in that area are very difficult to read and some are illegible, so we know we probably did not get photos of every Dodge stone there.

We visited the Hamilton Cemetery

and again, were assailed by the name DODGE. There were also many stones that had different surnames but the wife was listed as being a Dodge. We took photos of everything we could find and the result of all of our cemetery visits was over 500 photos. Of course, a good number of them are of the same stone taken at different angles. Since we don't live there we wanted to be as sure as possible that we would have at least one fairly good photo of each stone.

After arriving home, it was discovered that on the stones made of polished granite, it is extremely difficult to read the names and dates.

While in New England, we also drove to Deerfield, Massachusetts with the idea of photoing stones in Deerfield Cemeteries and in Sherburn cemeteries. However, we went first to the Deerfield Historical Museum and never got out of it until three o'clock in the afternoon. We got a lot of info altho much of it may be info that we already have. Unfortunately, we could not find anything on some of the mystery Dodge families from the western part of the state.

Anything any of our members can do to help us by photoing cemetery stones and digging up information for us would be very much appreciated. We have quite a few Dodge families in the western part of Massachusetts and they are from both the Tristram line and the William/Richard lines making it more difficult to try to find where they fit. If you go to a cemetery, please take photos of any Dodge stones there, and not just the ones pertaining to your personal family.



Above is a painting that was done by Frank Allen Dodge, an uncle of Harry W. Dodge.

Southern California Reunion January 24, 2004

Col. Robert L. Dodge notified us that the Southern California Reunion will be held at the Marine Air Station Miramar Officers Club Saturday, January 24, 2004. All reservations MUST be made to Col. Dodge by January 19, 2004, including your choice of menu.

The reunion time is from 10 AM to 3 PM with our meal being served at noon. The meal choices are Cobb Salad or Marinated Sirloin Steak, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Carrot Cake. The cost for the meal is \$17.50. Early notice of other necessary meal choice will be appreciated. Vegetable (non meat)

The New England Reunion for 2004 will be held on Saturday, October 2 at the 1640 Hart House, and you may find information on other reunions on our web site.

If you are planning a reunion next year, send us the information and we will post it for you and put it in our Journal.



Above: Harry Dodge in his Toy Soldier Shop, showing how he makes the lead for the casting of the toy soldiers, left.

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*The View
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My Window*



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The other day, while riding in my car and listening to the radio, I heard a local talk show host discussing with a caller, the subject of shoes. They grew up in the 50s so for them the memories of shoes was totally different than mine...so I thought...'now, there is a subject I can talk about'.

When I was born, children were expected to wear high top shoes all through their babyhood so that they would not acquire weak ankles and bowed legs. I still wore them at the age of three. My family visited my father's folks down in Mobile, Alabama at that time, and I have been told by my mother that while we were there, there was a little girl about the age of 5, who came with her parents to visit us. When she saw my shoes, she announced to her parents: "I want a pair of shoes like that li'l Yankee gal has." Try to hear that sentence in a strong southern accent. (drawl)

All during my school years, right up through 9th grade, the only shoes I had for everyday was "a good, sturdy pair of oxfords." Do you remember those? Most children wore them...ugly, brown, lace-up shoes ... but they WERE sturdy! My one other pair of shoes were black Patient Leathers with a strap across the instep and these were only for Sunday.

Finally, in 10th grade, I was allowed to have a pair of saddle shoes. I was so proud of those because now I had what the other kids had. My shoes, along with 1 dress and 2 each of skirts, blouses, and sweaters, was the extent of my wardrobe. How times have changed!

When my children were born, all in the 50s, I still made sure that they wore high top shoes for the same reasons that I wore them as a baby, but by the time they were 3 yr. they did not wear them anymore.

Today, as I look at all the little folks at Church each Sunday, I ALWAYS think of shoes! This may seem strange, but it is a fact. Even the newest of infants

have their feet attired in the cutest forms of footwear and NONE of them have high tops. All of the little ones seem to be able to walk just fine when the time comes, and none of them appear to have 'bowed legs'.

Times change and with them people's ideas sometimes change. This is one area where the changes are just fine.

Barbara

Excerpts from "The Dodge Family: The story of two northern Trinity stage stops: The American House and The New York House"

by Viola Karrer

sent to us by Henry Dodge, CA

PART THREE

The Dodges were hard working people. They took care of travelers, raised cattle, farmed, mined, collected toll and raised their family. Three of the girls eventually married and left the ranch, but the daughter Ella and son Wilber stayed on and helped to run the ranch.

In July, 1897, Wilber, Ella and a hired man, Mr. Peterson, were harvesting hay from the New York field. They had hauled one load that day and Wilber was busy greasing the hubs on the wagon getting ready to go back for another load in the evening when late that afternoon a wagon came through with a man and a woman riding and a young man walking ahead, wearing a hat with a flag on it, a rifle over his shoulder and a pistol on his hip. They stopped to water their horse at the stream that went under the road a short distance from the Dodge place.

That evening, Wilber and Ella went back to the New York field to camp for the night and get another load of hay the next morning. They used the old road on the east side of the river which they maintained for their private use. Apparently, the man in the wagon had taken the same road, as they could see where someone had been hauling hay.

When they got there, they discovered that someone had climbed over the fence and had taken some hay. They followed the scattering of hay down the road and found the people who had

passed the ranch earlier. Those people had set up camp and their horses were busily eating the hay. Since it was late, Wilber and Ella went back to their camp. After breakfast the next morning, they went to where the people were camped and Wilber went up to the man and told him that he wanted a dollar for the hay. The man said he had not taken any hay. Wilber called him a liar and a thief. The boy made a run for the tent and Wilber told his sister, Ella, to watch out as the boy was going for a gun. Ella, was an expert shot and had her rifle ready. According to Ella, when she looked at the tent, the boy had his pistol pointed at her, so she shot him in the leg which made him drop his pistol. The father came over and handed Wilbur a dollar and asked him not to start shooting.

It was a Mr. Tracy who had taken the hay. He headed south and stopped at Trinity Center to sell a few things from his wagon at Pete McDonald's store. He said that they were traveling for his wife's health and his son was 20 yr. old. Mr. McDonald took up a collection to help the family get to Weaverville so the boy could get help for his knee.

As soon as they got to Weaverville, they filed charges of assault with intent to commit murder against Wilbur and Ella. The case was heard in Justice Court. Mr. Tracy was the only witness. Mrs. Dodge testified for Wilbur and Ella which added some humor when she was asked by the attorney how she came to notice that the young man was carrying a pistol when he passed her place. She said, "Well, sir, I'm an old toll keeper. I have lived on that road and collected toll for 18 years. I have seen and settled with everybody that went through there during that time and I never saw a person that felt so big as this young man. This young fellow went past there with a flag on his hat, a gun on his shoulder, a pistol on his hip, and he stepped out as if an overcoat wouldn't make a vest for him." Ella pleaded self defense and Wilber denied assaulting anyone. The case was bound over to Superior Court but Mr. Tracy left the county and did not leave a forwarding address, so the case was dismissed.

The Dodge's continued to operate the ranch which was a favorite stopping place for all that traveled the road in those days.



Otis Alanson Dodge

A package arrived at the office. Upon opening it, we discovered a hand written book entitled "Short Records and Reminiscences of the Dodge and Beede Families of the Waites River Valley of Vermont by Otis Alanson Dodge 1902.

The first thing that we realized was that THIS must have been the O. Alanson Dodge who did the botanical sketches that are on our website (under Photographs) Those sketches were sent to us a year or so ago by someone who purchased them at an antique store and immediately wrote us to see if we knew who O. Alanson Dodge was. She also sent us the photos and we put them on the web site in the hopes that someone would answer the question posted there: Who is O. Alanson Dodge?

What is sad here, is that one of our members, Cleo A. Dodge, of California, died and whoever was taking care of his mementos, etc., sent this book to us. It is sad because we hate to hear of the loss of a member but also because he never asked us for help with his genealogy so he probably never knew that th author/ancestor of the book he owned, was an artist who had botanical interests.

Hopefully this sad tale will prompt some of you who have not given us your Dodge genealogy, to do that as soon as possible. We are glad to try to help you find your Dodge ancestry if you do not already have it, but also, those of you who know what your ancestry is, may very well have a bit of genealogy or biographic information that will help us solve some of our mystery Dodge genealogy.

In memory of Cleo and all of his ancestors, we have typed here the PREFACE all written in the hand of O. Alanson Dodge in 1902. All poetry quoted are by Thomas Gray.

"Preface

I have somewhere heard it said, that the man who was always worrying about his ancestry, usually had no ancestors worth worrying about.

Perhaps it has been this thought; that there lacks some person of distinction or notoriety among his forefathers, that has kept back many a man from the labor of recording and compiling his own family history. Certain it is that the simplest records of most families are lamentably incomplete; and even these are trusted too frequently to a memory, a public record, of a decaying tombstone. Such has been the case in my family; and under many difficulties have I found these few and meager accounts.

Is not this failure to put on paper the record of the humble deeds, and the data of those by whom we and our kin received the life which we enjoy, a modest sham?

Why should we wait for one of our family to attain distinction or acclamation before we write of the quiet and modest lives of those who have passed beyond the shadowy gates of life, and left only with us the memory of themselves?

Their lives have attained their full earth by stature. Why forbear to write down their deeds before memory fails or time effaces?

"Nor you, ye proud, impute these to the fault, If memory o'er their tomb no trophies raise, where through the long drawn aisle and fretted vault, The pealing anthem swells the note of praise

"Can storied urn or animated bust, Back to its mansion call the fluted breath? Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust, Or Flattery soothe the dull cold ear of Death?

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene, The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear. Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

The Almighty God that gave life and being to mankind, is no respecter of persons; and without regard for the high or lowly estate of the individual, declared that the great trophy of existence – the Crown of Life – should be the prize of him who remained faithful to his duty and service till death, and to none other.

Tell me then, you who scorn the

man because he lacks renown, why should I desist from recording the name and history of my ancestor because he is one of that great number which the world commonly calls "the masses"?

It has been my purpose in collecting these few facts to perpetuate as far as possible for the future descendents of this family a record of their ancestors, a simple folk who lived among the wild mountains of Vermont when that state was in a semi-inhabited condition; and when the crudest means of living was a necessity.

"Let not Ambition mock their useful toil, Their homely joys, and destiny obscure: Nor Grandeur hear with a disdainful smile, The short and simple annals of the poor."

Groton, Conn. June 16, 1902 Otis Alanson Dodge



Inside this book are various letters, newspaper clippings, etc. The oldest letter, posted from Newbury, Vermont in 1923, has a TWO CENT stamp! This was sent to O. A. Dodge at 4314 Bryant St, Oakland, California.

Also included is the marriage announcement for Otis Alanson Dodge and Mildred Etta Graves, m. Wednesday, Oct. 2d, 1904 at Lyndonville, Vermont. Their home address was 14 Cottage Street, Groton, Connecticut.



If you have ties to this family or can help us tie this family into a known Dodge line, please let us know.



Fred Dodge with one of his restored carriages.

Earl's Pearls

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375th DODGE ANNIVERSARY TOUR

More members have signed up for this great tour, June 15-July 3, than ever before at such an early date. We have room for thirteen more family members. If you want to come you would be wise to sign up now. I suspect we will be filled up long before the April 15 reservation deadline. Just send the names of those coming and \$250 deposit per person. We will send you more information and a great British Tour Guide which shows most of the sites we will visit. What a thrill to be in the home area of William and Richard Dodge exactly 375 years after William set foot on American soil.

NEW ENGLAND REUNION

Once again we enjoyed a wonderful Dodge Reunion at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts. We were actually the first group to use this facility after its extensive renovation by the new owners. The food was even better this year and the staff really made things nice. Attendees came from Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Washington and England.

At least eight people were attending



for the first time. The day before the reunion a Board of Directors meeting was held in the beautiful new Hamilton-Wenham Library. Blanche Dodge Day arranged for use of the library. Her daughter, Nancy is on the staff there. A meal and fellowship time at a local restaurant was enjoyed by the directors.

The photos here were taken by Bob and Lucy MacLeod. They both have Dodge ancestry and are related to one of the new Hart House owners.

OUR HERITAGE

Anyone who visits the Massachusetts cemeteries, particularly those on the North Shore., can see vivid reminders of what a significant role Dodges played in the settling of America and winning its Independence via the Revolutionary War. In Hamilton we saw four gravestone markers of Dodges who were Minutemen in that conflict. The grave of Jonathan Dodge is there too-he led one of the units that marched overland at night to help others in the battle of Lexington and Concord. The many Dodges from the North Shore who participated included Charles Dodge, my direct ancestor. One of the few Americans wounded in that running battle was a Dodge. American Dodges, like those of other nations, love their homeland and stand willing to defend it when necessary.

ENGLISH HERO



Speaking of patriotism one of the British heroes of World War II was Major John Dodge. As the war was coming to a close Winston Churchill commissioned Major Dodge to seek out and bring to trial those German military personnel who tortured and killed many captured British soldiers. Some German officers, especially those in the air force, treated British captives fairly, but others such as the S.S. used brutal methods and did not even stop at massacres in several instances. A movie was made about Dodge's activities and I hope to soon be able to write an article on him. If any of our members in the U.K. can supply any data on him I will be most grateful.

ANNIVERSARY GOAL

By June 29, 2004, 375th Anniversary of William Dodge's arrival in Massachusetts, we hope to have 1,000 member units around the world. A number of members have sent in new memberships

recently and we thank them. Each new member receives a Membership Certificate, information on materials available and some back issues of the Journal as well as a welcome letter telling them who gave them this fine gift.

Enclosed with this mailing is a special anniversary application. Please think of at least one family member who is not yet in our association and give a gift membership. Cost is only \$20. HERE IS A SPECIAL OFFER FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. ANYONE SENDING IN THREE NEW GIFT MEMBERSHIPS MAY CHOOSE A MAN'S TIE, COAT OF ARMS OR 250TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK. ANYONE SENDING IN FIVE GIFT MEMBERSHIPS MAY CHOOSE TWO OF THOSE THREE ITEMS OR A COPY OF THE DODGE FAMILY GENEALOGY UPDATE BOOK.

By meeting our 1,000 member goal we will involve more family in gathering genealogical data, get to know more Dodges (including possibly some relatives we did not know about) and maintain the present dues level for some years to come. PLEASE SEND IN AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER NOW! THANKS.

THIS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO A DODGE MEMBER

A wealthy woman wanted to have a family genealogy published to raise her social standing in her circle of friends. She hired a professional genealogist who scoured records for months and finally composed a most impressive volume. He encountered one serious problem. One member of the family had been executed for murder. He was determined to be honest without losing his large fee.

He finally came up with this about the man: "He occupied the chair of Applied Electricity in one of our largest state institutions".





GENEALOGY REQUESTS COLUMN

by Norman Dodge
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Again, Greetings from Hot Seattle. Seattle has seen no rain since the 8th of July. Except for one day on the 15th of September, the blue skies continue.

If you are a Tristram Descendant and you want your data included in our new book get it in soon; **before** December 1st. Jim Bailey and I have over 600 pages already.

Any one with knowledge about any of the genealogy requests below, please contact Norman: nedodge@aol.com, Barbara: barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net or Jim Bailey: dodgeri@cox.net

A recent request is for the Parentage of Augustus Dodge b. 24 Sept 1796 in Herkimer Co., New York.

1. AUGUSTUS¹ DODGE was born September 24, 1796 in Newport, Herkimer County, New York, and died March 28, 1879 in Pike, New York. He married HANNAH DARBEE October 20, 1819 in Rockland, New York, daughter of SAMUEL DARBEE and HANNAH KIMBALL. She was born November 07, 1799 in Rockland, New York, and died June 02, 1884 in Pike, New York. The children of AUGUSTUS DODGE and HANNAH DARBEE are: **i. Daniel** b. July 15, 1820, Gainesville, NY d. Oct. 20, 1886, Sharon Centre, PA; **ii. Abigail M.**, b. May 26, 1822, Gainesville, NY, m. Luther C. Robinson, March 10, 1847; **iii. Eliza Ann**, b. Dec. 15, 1836, Pike, NY, m. Vernon Griffith.

Here is a request for another Augustas with just a slightly different spelling.

Richard Adams rnadams@cableone.net writes: I am looking for my mothers birth parents whom I believe to be Annie Alexander Bowman (mother) and Capt. Augustas Erastus Dodge (father). Augustas was married to Annie (Plural Marriage) sometime between 1887-1898. He was 41 years older than Annie. Annie's mother was not pleased with this marriage so my mother was adopted out to John Henry and Harriett Mikesell, who lived in Summit County ,Utah. Annie and Augustas were back together again after the birth of my mother and had another

baby, a boy. Annie died in Ogden,Utah, sometime between 1900 and 1902. Because this was a birth of a plural marriage couple, there seems to be no trace of the marriage, birth, or adoption on the Utah State records. This is as close as I can put this puzzle together from my own research but I would like to verify and am hoping that someone in the Dodge family be able to help me. My mother's given name was Arberella by those who adopted her, and Arberella was supposedly the name of the midwife that brought her into the world (Arberella Shepard). I think that Martha Calvert Dodge, the third wife of Augustus Erastus Dodge, was the mother of Annie Bowman, which makes married to both the mother and the daughter.

JodyWilson, JodyWils@aol.com, writes: Amanda Jane Dodge was born 06 Dec 1848 in IL. She was the third child of a Mr. Dodge and wife, Mahala Jane ? Dodge, b. ca 1813 in PA or IN. Census records of children list father's birthplace as NJ, OH, or MA. Mahala later married James E. Green and after he died, John West. The children of Amanda and Mr. Dodge were: **1.**Lavina A. Dodge, b. Jan 1835, married Joseph F. Leonard; **2.** Sabrah Dodge, b. ca 1842, IL, married (1) James Stephens, (2) Peter Bess; **3.** Amanda Jane Dodge, b. 06 Dec 1848, IL, married (1) George Hammel I, (2) Peter Bess, (3) Josiah Bradshaw; **4.** Sarah G. Elizabeth Dodge, married James W. A. Burton; **5.** Francis Marion Dodge, b. ca 1853, IL, married Mary Jane Ives; **6.** Minerva Dodge, b. ca 1854, IL, died young. A possibility for Mr. Dodge is Newland Dodge who married Mahala/Mehala Jane Smith, 1 Jan 1834, Wayne Co., IN. This fits perfectly with the birth of Lavinia in 1835. *Bill Kuehnlng of the DFA has been able to help Jody a bit, but this may take someone going physically, to the courthouse to look up records. This is something Jody cannot do as she has MS. All help is much appreciated.*

Bill Kuehnlng Dodge's ancestry we at one time thought we had resolved, but now his dodge lineage is in our Mystery file of Dodges. The farthest back we can trace on his lineage is to a

Co., New York. The next link back is a Rufus Dodge from, we think, Vermont or Mass who died in Winfield, New York.. This Lineage is in Our J.T.D. book Pg. 411 Original or Pg. 447 in reprint. We have been unsuccessful in finding this Rufus. Anyone with any ideas please contact Bill. E-mail Kuehnlng@adelphia.net

Theron Royal Woodward shows Tristram Dodge, b. about 1696, on page 102 in our existing Tristram Dodge book. His conclusion was that this Tristram Dodge was a son of Jeremiah Dodge. Both Jim Bailey and myself concur that the ages of this Tristram and his family does not fit, so we have made Tristram Dodge who married Sarah Hawxhurst a son of Tristram Dodge and Dorcas Dickens. This has some problems too: too many Tristrams!

Carol Collins of Portland sent a package by US Mail concerning another line of Dodges that so far Chuck and I believe ties into David Dodge listed as #800 with a wife of Tamar Wakefield and son of Mark Dodge #455, whose wife is Susannah. Susannah's last name is unknown at this time. David R. (for Record) Dodge ties into this line also. Chuck suspected this line back in March 2003, but only when Carol's material came in did we put it all together.

I am desperately looking for the parents/ancestors of Theodore (maybe Middle name of Smith)Dodge. Have no birth date, no birthplace, no death date, and no death place. Sorry but he left the family in Nebraska to "seek his fortune in the West" & was never heard from again. He may be the son of Renaldo but no proof. This Theodore m. Mary Elizabeth (or Marie Elisabeth) Maillard Bedard before 1893. Mary had a son from a previous marriage & together they had Gail Leona Dodge b. Mar 18, 1893 in Norfolk NE.I have combed the Nebraska records & nothing shows up. Any one with any information, I will be forever grateful. Theodore is the grandfather of my husband's 1st cousin who is 85 years old. I would love to present her with the info re: her grandfather. Thanks. Marlys: Momarlys@cs.com