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Frank L. Dodge A descendent of Richard

John Joshua Dodge, pictured below, was the son of Erasmus Downen Dodge and Martha Jane Gee Dodge. One more child (Della) was born to this marriage before Martha died in 1881. Erasmus married Laura Ella Tyson, and 9 more children were born. John Joshua is from the Tristram Dodge line. Do you have any more photos, of John, or any of his siblings? Please contact us here at the office.

While going through some of the items that have been sent to us during the past several years, two photos were found: One of Frank L. Dodge d. Dec. 4th 1929, and the other one of Atherton Thayer Curtis b. Sept. 20th, 1833 and d. Oct. 21, 1908. They are not marked as to the donor, and they were sent to us before we had the help that we now have.

Immediately, the information was sent out to our 'crew' and Chuck Dodge was the first to respond with added information. He found Frank (at varying ages) in several census reports.



Frank was Franklin Luke Dodge, son of Hervey Dodge and Angeline Stevens. His grandmother was Elizabeth Dane and two of his uncles, Nathan and Samuel, carried Dane as a middle name. One of his brothers was Ezra Bradstreet Dodge, and Chuck reminded us that on our web site, we have photos from an Arkansas photo album which contain the surnames of Dodge, Curtis, Stevens, Porter, Mitt, and Osborn.

The photos are part of this family and it's extended family. Many are not labeled and if you can identify any, please

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Letters from Henderson N. Dodge, Civil War Soldier Written to one of his sisters

Henderson's Company, 'G', 10th Regiment M. V. M., which was the Greenfield volunteers of Massachusetts was formed and activated in early 1861. Greenfield is the largest town in Franklin County and just up the road from Deerfield.

*Washington, Aug 11th 1861
Dear Sister:*

How do you do? All well at home? I wish I could see you today for I am lonesome here.

I had to work pretty hard for I had to get dinner for one hundred men. We had toast for dinner, which liked to have melted me. I have to cook now, but wish I did not for I am sick of it. Salt jerk and salt pork all of the time, and I get so sick of it that I cannot eat. I wish that I could have some of your ginger cake to eat tonight. It would taste so good to me.

We have changed our camp three times since I received your letter, which was last Monday. I wrote to Nelson yesterday. I want you to write every



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Henderson N. Dodge (listed as Nathaniel in our data base) was a descendent of Tristram Dodge. These letters are being published in the Journal because they are especially poignant at this time when so many of our young men are fighting in Iraq.



*Sand In My
Shoes*

by
*Stephen Allen Dodge
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We are trying to find a male descendent of Benjamin Dodge who married Tabitha Dodge, with the surname of DODGE. To this end, a notice was put on the home page of our website in the hopes of aiding in this search.

We have not received any information on a male Dodge descendent but did receive an e-mail from Joan Sickles who wrote: "I am a descendant of Seth Dodge b 1765 m. Deborah Lawrence in Bennington, Vermont. Here is a little bit of information:

From the Bennington Historical Museum: Early Inhabitants, File card on Dodge, Seth, s of John and Elizabeth, r 1786-1806, Prop Rec B-2 pp 7, 2, 334,339,346 Bennington census 1800

Warning Out: (**This translation appears to be a bit in error. See the latter

one from the book.) State of Vermont To Either Constable of the Town of Bennington in sd. County - Greeting - In the name and by the authority of the Freemen of said State you are hereby Required to Warn John Dodge, Mrs Dodge his Wife, Seth Dodge, Reuben Dodge, Ellis McGuines & Lester Dodge, Sons and Daughters to John Dodge and Elizabeth or Betsey Mint to Depart this Town Immediately given under our hands this 3d. July 1786

Thomas Abel

Henry Walbridge

Joseph Willoughby (Select Men)

Bennington 4th July 1786 Served the within by leaving an Attested Copy at the last and usual place of abode of the within named persons....Fees LO.3.0 Attest David Robinson Constable

** Vermont Warnings Out - Bennington County, VT - Town Records, Vol B

(1787-1856), originally called "Book of Records No. 3"; FHL 0027814.p 7, 03 JUL 1786 - Dodge, John, and wife, and children Seth, Reuben, Ellis McGuines, and Ester."

It was news to us that this family had at one time been in Vermont. We wondered WHY they were 'warned out'

of the town. Tim Abel, another of our genealogists, e-mailed the following:

"Based on what I've been able dig up, John and Elizabeth moved to Shelburne, MA about 1770. It is here that Benjamin married Tabitha and brought her back to Colchester in 1773. John and Elizabeth then moved to Bennington, VT, where John was admitted a freeman in 1797. The Warning Out dated 1786 seems odd here. Was he a squatter allowed back in after he purchased property? I also doubt that Elizabeth's last name was Mint. This must be a mis-transcription. Benjamin and Tabitha joined them in Bennington a year later, and Benjamin was admitted freeman in 1799. Benjamin and Tabitha moved to Cortland County, NY in 1814.

I believe that Elizabeth's last name was indeed Dodge- and I think she is Benjamin's aunt, which makes the cousin connection between Benjamin and Tabitha. I would further suggest that Ellis McGuinness is a son-in-law of John's, the husband of one of his daughters (which one?), and that Lester should be Esther, an unmarried daughter.

People were warned out of towns for a number of reasons. Most often it had to do with alleged crimes or civil disputes. Recall that a young Isreal Dodge was warned out of New Shoreham for an alleged sheep-stealing incident, being the reason he removed to Montville. Sometimes the civil dispute was rooted in religious intolerance within communities. If a selectman had a dispute with a non selectman, guess who had the upper hand on the town council? What is odd is that John and his entire family were ordered out, presumably for some infraction, or maybe just because they were Baptists in a Congregational town. But then a decade later, he, son Seth and Son-in-law Benjamin were elected freemen of the town."

(Henderson Dodge - Continued from page 1) week, Tell Laura I want she should write to me too and I will answer her as often as I can. I have not received an answer yet from her, but hope I shall soon.

I had a revolver ball shot through my hat last night by one of the pickets, but it did not scare me much for I have as many lives to be killed as to live. I had the pleasure of trying it on him pretty soon after. How he run for I said to him that I have got a popgun and a Bowie knife to fight with.

Tell Lydia she must write soon for I want to hear from her very much. Tell father to write to me.

The thermometer stands at one hundred and fifteen (115), which is hot for a northern man to stand. I stand it as well as most of them do, but if I get home you had better believe I shall stay there and not fight for the Union any more. They may fight as long as they please and be darned I don't care how long.

I must bid you good-bye now. Direct as before.

*Henderson N. Dodge
Washington, DC*

Care Col. H. S. Briggs

*Near Centerville, VA.
Oct 17th 1863*

Dear Sister:

I thought I would write you a line and let you know where we are. I am well and hope this will find you the same.

We left Bristow Station last Tuesday and marched to Warrenton Junction. From there we started back to Washington and here we are Near Centerville in line of battle all ready for the enemy. I hope they will see fit to fight us here for I think we can whip them, but I am afraid they will not try it.

The Thirty Seventh got back today from New York and I am glad of it, but I must close in a hurry for the mail goes out in five minutes.

Write soon. Good Bye.

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The View From My Window



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In the weeks before we left for California, I had been redoing our front yard in order to make it easier to take care of. It is fairly large and has 3 slopes making it not the easiest thing to mow. We also have a lot of bagweed/ bindweed. Bindweed has roots that go down 3-5 feet in the ground and so is very difficult to kill even with a weed killer.

I went on the internet to see if I could find suggestions on how to get rid of that obnoxious weed permanently, and found a site that had lots of suggestions that people had sent in. Eagerly, I read the first suggestion...and there it was in black and white ...'If you have bindweed, the best thing to do is to MOVE!'

OK...so we can't/don't want to move ... what is the next best thing? Put the front yard, as much as possible into a front yard patio! We now have some walls done with Windsor Block, and a flagstone patio about 19x46. Later this spring there will be things done to make it much more homey such as planting a couple of trees, building planters for flowers, getting a bird bath,



installing benches, etc.

As I was working out in the yard, it certainly brought back memories of Weston, Massachusetts where I grew up, and how I followed my father around outside as he built REAL stone walls, dug gardens, etc. I usually tried carrying stones to help him although I was about 5-6 at the time.

Other memories popped into my mind also, such as the hundred or so baby chicks he would get each spring.

They were kept on our side porch in a large box that was under lights to keep them warm. There was a feeder and water dish in the middle, much like what can be seen at such displays now at fairs, stockshows, etc. When they got big enough, he would move them to the large chicken coop near the back of our yard. Working with my father really instilled in me a love of working outside and although he eventually left, my love for outside work did not.

Our oldest son, Earl, also loves to work outside. He is adept in construction of anything made with wood and being a latent artist, he incorporates some artistic effect into anything he builds, even the planters on my new patio.

The view below is from the left front of our property. The trees are Aspen and should give a nice Colorado effect in the spring when they leaf out. Come by and visit us. *Barbara*



(Frank L. Dodge - Continued from page 1) let us know.

The day after we discovered the buried photos here in the office, Earl came in with a signed photo of Frank L. Dodge, and a printed biographical sketch which he had purchased on EBAY. How interesting that this should come in within a day of the other photos being found.

Frank(lin) L. Dodge was a Representative from the First District of Ingham County, Ohio being the youngest member of that body at the time he was elected.

In the Bio, it mentions a DANE ancestor of his who was the framer of the ordinance for "The Northwest Territory" and it also says that the Immortal Webster, (that would be Daniel Webster), gave great praise for the foresight he displayed in

incorporating into its measures a clause prohibiting Slavery.

Frank(lin) was educated in the Oberlin, Ohio schools until the age of 14 when he became engaged in railroading and traveling, making Cleveland his headquarters. In 1871 he went to Eaton Rapids and worked with his brother, William, in the hotel business for 2 years. In 1876, he took up the study of law under Hon. Isaac M. Crain. He had a remarkably retentive memory, and in 2 years had mastered facts, Doctrines and principles that are usually learned over a 3 year period.

After admission to the Bar, he was taken into partnership with Isaac Crain which at once introduced him to a wide practice. He was a partner until Mr. Crain died in 1881. While working at that firm, Franklin was the chief researcher of the published work, "The Railroad Laws of the State of Michigan, with a Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court relative to Railroad Corporations"

Franklin was identified with the movements and interests of the Democratic party, being nominated and elected to his position of Representative from the First District of Ingham County, Michigan. He was young and was elected over an experienced Republican, in a county usually giving the job to a Republican. He was elected by a majority of 300, the largest majority ever given to any candidate from this district. He was clever and skillful, admirable and diplomatic in his replies to opponents when introducing bills, and an adroit leader of the minority. Some of the bills he introduced were among the most important of the legislative session, as regards their direct influence for the correction of abuses in the execution of laws. Among them were bills to provide for fire escapes from hotels and appropriation of \$1500 for 2 years to aid in maintaining police and fire department in Lansing.

You may read all of the bio on our www.dodgeoffice.org from the BIOGRAPHIES link.

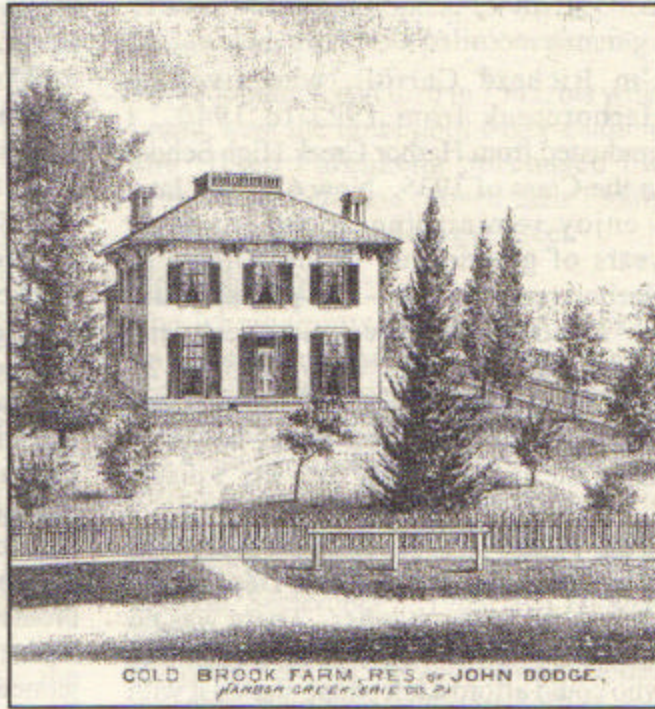
From the Harborcreek Historical Society, Harborcreek, Pennsylvania, a photo and story of a historical landmark, Cold Creek Inn. John Dodge was a son of Nehemiah Dodge and Sarah Wood and was from the Tristram Dodge line.

The Dodge House

John Dodge and his wife "Betsy" came from the Corning, NY area, around 1823-25, and settled in Harborcreek. He died 1844 and she died in 1861.

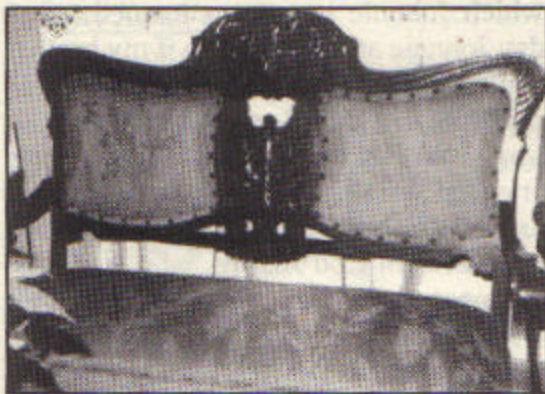
A few years after the death of his father, John Dodge Jr. and his wife Mima had the stately home we now call "The Dodge House" built. It is said that to build the house, 30 horse-drawn flatbed wagons were used to haul 165,275 bricks from a brickyard near North East, PA.

John Dodge Jr. gave the home to his son Edwin J. Dodge (1845-1919). Edwin married Isabella Moorhead (1848-1888). Her father was Joseph M. Moorhead (1816-1905) and her grandfather was Col. James M. Moorhead (1793-1881) who owned the property upon which Harborcreek's first log schoolhouse was built.



Print from 1876 Historical Atlas

When Edwin died, his daughter Mary (1880-1977) took over. Mary was a spinster and turned the Dodge home into a boarding house known as "Cold Brook Farm." She couldn't run it alone so she asked her younger sister Anna (1883-1973) and her husband Ed Maryan, to live with her and help run the boarding house. Mary Dodge eventually signed the house over to the Maryans. In the 1930's the Maryans ran the house as a tourist home, calling it the Cold Brook Inn. □



"Love seat," now owned by Dorothy Szymecki, was originally from the Dodge House.

This beautiful well maintained property on Buffalo Road, in the Village of Harborcreek, is one of Harborcreek's landmark "Treasures."

**Earl's
Pearls**
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We have just returned from our annual trip west. We visited my sisters, Nancy Skiotis and Virginia Campbell and spouses in Phoenix area and then stayed in San Diego area through Saturday, January 24, where we took in the Dodge Family Reunion and the Annual Meeting of the Dodge Family Board of Directors. We also attended the 75th birthday for cousin Margaret Williams, one of the early members of our Association.

The Reunion, as usual, was great. Attendees came from Arizona, Colorado, Washington and a number of California communities. Col. Robert L. Dodge presided. Brief comments were made by Pres. Everett J. Dodge, Secretary Earl F. Dodge, Barbara V. Dodge, and Norman E. Dodge. Several new members were present and all enjoyed a delicious meal and extensive fellowship at the Miramar Base.

The Board meeting saw the officers all re-elected for another year. They are: President Everett J. Dodge, Vice Presidents Robert L. Dodge, Frederick J. (Jim) Dodge and Norman E. Dodge, Secretary Earl F. Dodge and Treasurer C. Joseph Dodge.

Nominated for three year terms on the Board were: Blanche Dodge Day of Massachusetts, J. Everett Dodge of New York, Frederick J. Dodge of California and Norman E. Dodge of Washington. These nominations will be voted upon by the membership via mail ballots enclosed with this mailing.

Special Library Offer

The Board has voted to offer to send copies of the Dodge Genealogy Update by Col. R.L. Dodge to any U.S. or Canadian Library for a cost of only \$25 which is half the normal price of \$50. You can participate in this exciting project by sending the complete names and mailing addresses of as many libraries as you wish and including a

check for \$25 per library. We will include a note stating that this is a gift from you and from our Association. These can be public or private libraries, school or college libraries and the result will be that many thousands of people will be able to find out about our family. By the most conservative estimate there are at least 30,000 descendants of William, Richard and Tristram Dodge living in the U.S.A. today. Those living outside the U.S.A. may have the books sent to libraries abroad for a modest extra mailing charge.

Membership

We closed 2003 with 736 members, the highest level so far. Adding just 264 members between now and June 29, 2004 will enable us to reach our goal of 1,000 members by the 375th Anniversary of William Dodge's arrival in America. Most of us know of at least one other family member who is not yet a member. \$20 will give them a one-year membership with a handsome Membership Certificate, back issues of the Journal and a letter telling them that this is a gift from you. Barbara and I gave gift memberships last year and will do so again this year. Won't you join us in expanding our outreach in 2004.

Dodge Tour

The April 16 deadline for signing up for our 2004 Dodge Family Tour to England and Scotland is approaching fast. If you are planning to come with us on this historic trip please let us know now so we can plan well for you and give you the information you will want. Just \$250 per person will hold your place(s) and that is refundable through April 16 if circumstances change for you. If you need anymore Information, please contact us at earldodge@dodgeoffice.net OR barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net.

The photo on the right is marked Ardiel Ch, and we received it about April of 2002. Can anyone identify this photo. Who sent it to us?

(Henderson N. Dodge - Cont'd from page 2)

*H. N. Dodge
Co. G. 10th M.V*

Washington D. C

PS

Love to all.

*Father Chester, Coraetta, Herbie, Lydia,
Nettie & Randy*

*Kelleys Ford, Va.
Nov. 11th 1863*

Dear Sister:

I did not get a chance to send the letter when I wrote it so I will write another line. We have been in another engagement and I am all right. We only lost three men in all - one killed and two wounded.

Give my Love to all.

Good Bye.

Write soon and, if I have another fight, I will do the same.

*From Your Affectionate Brother
Henderson N. Dodge*

*H. N. Dodge
Co. G 10th M.V
Kelley Ford, Va.*

*to Mifs. L. A Dodge
Deerfield, Mass.*

Postscript: Dodge, Henderson N.; Corp.; 24; Deerfield; farmer; 5/18/61; 7/1/64; expiration of service, Newell says died at Fredericksburg of wounds rec'd. at Wilderness.





**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**
by Norman Dodge
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Norman sends you all Greetings from Seattle:

Robert J. Dooley is looking for information on John Paul Jones and his wife Minerva Dodge and writes: John was born 1844, KY and Minerva was born 1849 also in KY. Minerva is the daughter of Joseph Curry Dodge born Feb 4, 1816 and Julia Ann Collins born Dec 22, 1816 both maybe born in Union Co., KY. One of their children was married to a JUDD and it is possible that it was my great uncle, Charlie Judd of Adair Co., Ky and the son of Milton William Judd and Sarah C. Floyd Judd also of Adair Co., KY. Charlie died in 1921 in Vigo Co., Terre Haute, IN and left a widow with the name Alice.. at the cemetery it says that Alice Ann Reeder is buried next to him.. still not sure where the Reeder comes from. I did find that Alice Judd (who was a widow and was married to a Judd) married John A. Nail in 1923.. This Alice Judd (born Aug 30, 1888 KY) was the daughter of John Paul Jones deceased born KY and Minerva Dodge also deceased born in KY. She widow 2 times when in 1924 she married Sam ... and again daughter of John Paul Jones and Minerva Dodge.. but her birth date was Aug 30, 1881 KY in this marriage. I am trying to find if Alice and Charlie had any children before his death in 1921. He was born 1890 Adair Co., KY. Any help would be appreciated.

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One of the Mysteries of our 1898-1998 Dodge Genealogy book begins on Pg. 75. It is listed as 408-1, Nathaniel Dodge b. Brookfield, MA as a son of Caleb Dodge. Christened 28 Mar 1762, d. Waterloo Co., Ontario, Canada, cir. 1858 m. a Polly Hover. Working with J. T. D. #408 in Volume 2 Orig. Pg. 489



The Photo on the left is of a TRUSTRAM DODGE family possibly from Canada. Who sent us this photo?

we find no Nathaniel listed as a son of Caleb. Caleb & his brother Josiah and his brother Joshua were in Brookfield, MA. The only Nathaniel that might possibly fit is the Nathaniel b. to brother Joshua. As shown in J. T. D. Orig. Pg. 124. Nathaniel m. Polly Hover in Canada. And has at least one son Owen b. 1818, m. a Mary Livergood. I have a problem here once again as I can find no family of Livergood but a family of Levagood does exist and I think this is the proper family name. I find one listing of Livergood on the World Wide Web. Anyone with more information please contact nedodge@aol.com

Another Mystery is Parker Dodge who is said to have died in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. He married Mary Ann Carter 18 years old OCT 1827 in Darien, New York, daughter of Seth CARTER and Almira BELDEN. She was born 10 OCT 1809 in Darien, New York, and died in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. They had a child Van Ness Dodge who was born 1828 in New York, and died in Fleming County, Kentucky. He married Elmira Sanford 3 MAR 1853 in Fleming County, Kentucky. She was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, and died in Fleming County, Kentucky. Anyone having information as to the Parents of Parker Dodge please let me know nedodge@aol.com

Some time ago I tied in Isaac A. Dodge listed in our 1898-1998 Dodge Genealogy book Pg. 669. I am told by Col. Robert Dodge that the Author of

this snippet, William Allen Dodge, claims this tie in is incorrect. I wish he would contact me again by e-mail and explain why. My copy of a Western Dodge Line by Violet L. Dodge Dyer is missing. My conclusions were based on her work. Bill when you read this please send me e-mail. My mail to you bounced. Also any biographical history you can provide will help. nedodge@aol.com

"James C. Dodge & his 4 brothers, descendents of Hezekiah Dodge b. 1731 on Long Island, NY, (probably from Tristram line), built stone buildings as contractors in the upper Hudson River valley near Poughkeepsie, NY, doing masonry projects, usually for New York and Massachusetts towns and cities including several churches. They did significant stone work in the 1890s at Vassar, Williams and Smith colleges. They worked on some projects together, and sometimes worked separately. With the depression, everything changed.

When James's descendent, Harold O. Dodge inherited Dodge Construction Company (founded in 1865 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts) he was a general contractor who began to use air compressors and heavy equipment in underground utility work in western Massachusetts. His son, Hascal O. Dodge took over the company when his father died. He recently sold the company and it's name.

Many of the stone structures built by James C. Dodge and his brothers stand today. The bell tower in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, built by these Dodes was made famous by artist Norman Rockwell.

Does anyone know of any more lineage of Hezekiah Dodge born 1731 to the Tristram Branch?" contact Barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net