



DNA Results

The DNA results for Ralph Dodge who lives in New Zealand, and has a paper trail that takes his ancestry back to Offer-ton, Stockport, England, are now back and it is quite clear that he belongs to the same family line that the Tristram descendants belong to. This would mean that somewhere several hundred years ago, Tristram descendants and Ralph Dodge had a common ancestor. This is exciting news as it proves the connection to Stockport, England. On the wall of St. Mary's church in Stockport, is a tablet for Robert Dodge (see pg. 6), and in the yard outside are markers, for a John Dodge and a Hannah Dodge of Halliday Hill. On the other side of the church, is a marker for two Dodge children.

DNA results from Mark Dodge of Wiltshire, England are also back and he is definitely in the William/Richard Dodge line. This means

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The last will and Testament of Rufus Dodge of Winfield in the County of Herkimer & State of New York.

We do not know how this Rufus family fits into a Dodge line. Can you help place this family? Please contact us here at the office.

First. I commend my soul to God, who gave it, hoping and trusting in his mercy for pardon and acceptance, through the merits of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

I direct my Executors herein after named, to pay all my just debts, and funeral expenses.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally if she shall survive me, one equal third part of all my personal property after the payment of my just debts, and funeral expenses.

Item - I devise and bequeath, unto my said wife Sally, the one equal third part of all my real estate wheresoever the same may be, to have and to hold, to her for and during her natural life - And my will is, that the above devises and bequests to my said wife Sally, are and shall be taken in staid of and in lieu of all right and claim of Dower, which she may have in any and every part of all my estate.

Whereas I have heretofore freely and voluntarily given, and delivered in property & money, to my son Rufus Dodge one thousand dollars - to my son Saunders Dodge seven hundred dollars - to my son Caleb Dodge two hundred and fifty dollars, and to my son Gideon Dodge two hundred & fifty dollars, to my Daughter Rebecca now the Wife of her unworthy husband Archibald Catlin two hundred dollars, and to my Daughter Sally now the Wife of Isaac

Johnson two hundred dollars, and my will is, that the aforesaid gifts shall not hereafter be considered as constituting any part of my estate, or the said donees held in any manner accountable for the same, and this solemn declaration is made, that no misunderstandings may hereafter arise, on that subject.

Item. As to the rest and residue of all my estate, after satisfying the above devises, bequests, and charges, my will is, and I devise and bequeath unto my three sons, Abram Dodge, Daniel Dodge & William Dodge, each in sevralty, so much, and such share thereof as shall be of the value of two hundred and fifty dollars each share, to have and to hold to them in sevralty, and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. As to the rest and residue of all my estate after satisfying the above devises, bequests & charges my will is, and I devise & bequeath, to my son Rufus Dodge, his heirs, executors and administrators a share thereof which shall be of the value of four hundred and fifty dollars, on the trust & confidence & for the purpose, and to the intent following, that is to say, to have and to hold the same, and to permit my said daughter Rebecca, now the Wife of the said Archibald Catlin, to receive and take the rents and profits thereof during her coverture with the said Archibald Catlin, for her own sole and separate use, notwith-

standing her said coverture, and without being in any wise subject or liable to the debts of the said Archibald Catlin, and in no wise subject to his intermeddling therewith, and her receipt alone from time to time, to be a sufficient discharge for the same - and on the decease of the said Archibald Catlin, or other dissolution of the said coverture, to convey the same to my said Daughter Rebecca and her heirs forever, at such time as she shall request the same: - but if my said Daughter Rebecca, shall die during her coverture with the said Archibald Catlin, then and in such event to convey the same to each person or persons as my said daughter Rebecca, during her life, shall by a writing, signed by her in the presence of three credible witnesses, they attesting the same, under their hands, have appointed, and in such manner and for such purposes & intents as she shall in such writing have directed and appointed, but if she shall have died without making such appointment, then to convey the same to such child or children of my said Daughter Rebecca, as shall survive her, to have and to hold, to them & their heirs forever in equal shares; and if at such the decease of my said Daughter Rebecca she shall not leave any child or children her surviving nor have made such appointment in writing as

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SAND IN MY SHOES

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Henry Hobart Dodge

(David, Ezra, Ezra, Israel, Israel, Tristram) Henry Hobart Dodge, born Feb 4, 1830 at Pompey Hill, Onondaga County in New York State was the nephew of Sebried Dodge. After spending his early years working on the family farm, Henry and his hometown buddy, Victor Birdseye, traveled to New York City to begin the study of law.

Henry graduated in 1849 from St. John's College, NYC, and later removed to Perrysburg, Ohio where he finished his preparation for the practice of law in the offices of John C. Spink and James Murray, early Perrysburg attorneys. Henry was admitted to the bar in 1855. In 1857, Henry married Sarah Hodge Wilkinson and had 3 children, Carolina 1857-1859, Mary E. 1859-1898 and Frederick 1861-1932, Frederick was a general agent for the Block Bros. Tobacco Co. out of Wheeling, WV.

Henry was working with Spink & Murray in 1858 when Spink suddenly died, he then became a partner with Murray until Murray was elected to Attorney General of Ohio in 1859. In 1860 Henry worked for the law offices of James R. Tyler and in 1869 he became partners with the law office of Edison Golt. Henry was elected Judge of the Common Pleas Court in 1877, where he remained for 10 years with marked distinction. Henry was never happier than he was with his family, he was a member of the Catholic Church, and was very strong in his religious beliefs.

After retirement in 1887, Henry partnered with John W. Canary in Bowling Green, Ohio, and remained there until Dec. 1897 when failing health returned him back to Perrysbury. Here, he thought he might retrieve his health surrounded by the familiar scenes, in his homestead, on the banks of the beautiful Maumee River.

On Monday, May 16, 1898 at about 3 PM, after a lingering illness of several months, the life of Hon. Henry H. Dodge came to a peaceful close. Just days earlier, Mr. Dodge seem to be in better spirits and health than he was for some

months. He and Mrs. Dodge visited relatives in Bowling Green where he had a most enjoyable time. On Friday May 13, 1898 Henry was stricken with paralysis from which he would not recover, Henry sank rapidly until death 3 days later came as a happy release. Henry H. Dodge died peacefully at home. His funeral was the largest ever held in Perryburg, Ohio.

The Wood County Sentinel wrote the following: "The death of Judge Dodge, breaks the connecting link between the pioneer lawyers of Wood County and the present active membership. At the time of his death, Judge Dodge was the Dean of the Wood County Bar. Up until a year or so ago, when ill health came upon him, he was one of its recognized leaders. Ripe in experience, rich in education, logical in argument, he was a power before court or jury as those who preceded him to the great beyond".

The Wood County Democrat pays the following tribute: "Politically he was an ardent democrat of the Jackson School and his counsel and assistance was always eagerly sought by and freely given to his co-laborers in the cause of the party whose principles he espoused. He was always courteous and manly in his demeanor, warmly cherished friendship, and detested treachery with all the force of his strong mind.

He enjoyed the highest esteem of all who were favored by his acquaintance, and he will be greatly missed by the bar and in the everyday walks of life. It can truthfully be said that mankind has been ennobled and the world made better by the life of Henry H. Dodge, who has gone to rest with the universal respect of the people among who he has labored, and who were witnesses of the honor and uprightness of his daily life".

The members of the Hancock County met to pay tribute to the memory of Judge Dodge. Col. Bope and Judge Taylor were called upon to speak on the life of the deceased, to which they responded in touching and eloquent terms both as to his services as a lawyer and judge and his quiet and unassuming character as a citizen. The following resolutions were then reported:

"Whereas, The Hon. Henry H. Dodge,

for many years a member of the bar of Wood County, Ohio, and for 10 years a Judge of the Common Pleas Court within and for the district embracing Hancock County, by the providence of the almighty God has passed away.

"And Whereas, a meeting of the bar of Hancock Co. has been called to pay tribute to his memory, therefore, be it resolved, 1st., that in the death of hon. H. H. Dodge the bar has lost one of its foremost members. 2nd., Resoled that by his death, full of years and of honors, we are moved to express our appreciation of his nobility of character as a man, his faithfulness as a judge, his honesty as a lawyer, his worth as a citizen and his kindness as a friend. In the death of Judge Dodge we deplore what we know to be the inevitable and tender our sincere tribute to his worthy memory. 3rd., That while we deplore his death, we rejoice that he has lived to a ripe old age, and has contributed so much for our mutual improvement and the betterment of the bar. 4th., We extend to his widow and children our most heartfelt sympathies in this day of their bereavement. 5th., That a copy of these resolutions and the proceeding of this meeting be sent to the widow and be spread upon the journals of this court. signed: E. T. Dunn, Thomas Meehan & Jason Blackford, Committee.

Henry Hobart Dodge was buried at Fort Meigs Cemetery in Ohio.

The Ipswich Historical Society had on display, on June 19, President Reagan memorabilia from the collection of DFA member, Charlotte Dodge. This included many personal letters, etc. that Charlotte had collected over the years in correspondence with Reagan while he was still an actor..

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The View From My Window



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While putting chocolate sprinkles on my ice cream the other night, I was reminded that they were a very special treat when I was growing up in New England and they were, and still are, call 'jimmies' there.

Once in awhile on a Sunday afternoon, my father would have my mother and I get into his green Plymouth sedan, and we would go to Norumbega Park in Newton and feed the ducks. This was a big treat and I can still remember how excited I would be. My mother would be sure to bring some stale bread for this purpose.

Each time, I hoped so hard that daddy would stop at Brigham's, a tea room and that had wonderful ice cream. Once in awhile he did that, and then the question was asked, 'Barbara, do you want jimmies on your ice cream cone?' The answer was ALWAYS 'yes'. The person scooping out the ice cream would place it firmly on the cone (always a sugar cone) and then would turn the cone upside down to dip it into the container of jimmies thereby making the ice cream almost totally covered by these wonderful little chocolate pieces. They were actually chocolate back then and were much better than they are now, but I still like them. They are quite costly in the little containers in which they are sold, so when I get low on my supply, the next time we go to Massachusetts, I buy a 5 lb. container from Friendlys, a well known ice cream store there.

When I was little, there were not all the flavors of ice cream that there are today, or if there were, I certainly did not know about them. Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, and later on, Coffee ice cream were the main stays of the New England Ice cream world. I still remember when our local drug store in Weston had a new kind, Chocolate Chip. That was a real treat, especially covered with Jimmies.

Another memory regarding growing up in Weston, was the July 4th celebration. There was always a parade. My cousin, Myra, and my grandmother with

whom she lived, came from Cambridge where they lived in a small apartment. It was quite a trek for them. As I recall, they would have to take a street car, and then change to another street car in order to get to Watertown, and then would wait for the bus to Weston which only ran once each hour so the trip required some planning.

Myra and I were just 4 months apart in age so we enjoyed getting together. We would watch the parade, and then listen to some of the band music on the Weston Town Green. Then we would go to the School grounds where there was a carnival, and we would pitch pennies to try to win dishes. It was a big thrill to go home with my loot...dishes.

In the evening, there were wonderful fireworks over on the school grounds, and there was always a great place to sit in order to watch them. Since we lived right next door to the school we could walk over there and back home several times a day. We lived 1/4 mile from the parade route and 1 mile from the town so everything was in easy walking distance.

I e-mailed Myra today, so that I could make sure my memories were correct and she e-mailed back saying 'yes' and also said that she loved the times she went to Weston and the festive atmosphere around July 4. Barbara

(Rufus Dodge Will - Continued from page 1) afore said, then to convey the same to such of her brothers and sister as shall be living and to their heirs in equal shares, he the said Rufus to be one, and to retain & hold his part & share thereof to him and his heirs, and in the mean time, to keep and preserve the same in good condition, and if he the said Rufus Dodge shall at any time or times, during the continuance of the trust aforesaid, deem it beneficial to convert the same or any part thereof into money, and my said Daughter Rebecca consenting thereunto in writing by her subscribed, he may sell dispose of and convey the same, to any purchaser or purchasers, and the proceeds thereof shall be and remain with him the said Rufus, subject to, and upon the same trust and confidence, purpose and intent, as is herein above expressed and declared; - but notwithstanding such trusts and intents as are above set forth, my will is, that my

said Daughter Rebecca, shall and may at such time and times, as she shall in writing by her subscribed direct, take and receive all or any part of such trust estate, to and for her sole and separate support and maintenance.

And of such rest and residue as last aforesaid my will is, and I devise and bequeath unto each of my sons Caleb Dodge, Gideon Dodge, Abram Dodge, Daniel Dodge, and William Dodge, and to my Daughter Sally the Wife of the said Isaac Johnson, a share thereof to each of them, which shall be of the value of four hundred and fifty dollars, to have and to hold, to each of them and to their heirs forever in severalty.

Item: As to the rest and residue of all my estate, after satisfying all the above devises, bequests and charges, my will is, and I devise and bequeath to my son Rufus Dodge, and his heirs, executors and administrators, on the same trust and confidence, and for the same purpose and intent, as is herein above in that behalf set forth & declared, for the sole use and benefit of my said Daughter Rebecca, & to my sons Caleb Dodge, Gideon Dodge, Saunders Dodge, Abram Dodge, Daniel Dodge and William Dodge & my said Daughter Sally, the wife of the said Isaac Johnson, each of them a share thereof which shall be of the value of three hundred dollars, to have and to hold to each of them, and their heirs in severalty forever.

Finally, All, the rest and residue, and remainder of all my estate whatsoever, not herein-before effectually disposed of, my will is, and I devise and bequeath the same, and every part and parcel thereof to my said sons, Rufus Dodge, in his own right & use, Caleb Dodge, Gideon Dodge, Saunders Dodge, Abram Dodge, Daniel Dodge, and William Dodge & to my said Daughter Sally the Wife of the said Isaac Johnson, and to their heirs and assigns forever, and to my said son Rufus Dodge, and his heirs and executors and administrators, on the same trust & confidence, and for the same purpose and intent, as is herein above in that behalf set-forth and declared, for

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The Sixth Dodge Tour to England was our best ever. We had the largest group and the most moving experiences of all the tours. Leaving the United States on June 15 we arrived at the



Some of our group at the old Roman City of Chester

Manchester Airport the following day. The Bullock Coach Company, and specifically Alan Bullock and Roger Wragg, met all the arrivals and got them safely to the first motel, a process that spanned many hours. The morning rain turned to afternoon sunshine and, in spite of little or no sleep on the planes, many gathered in the hotel gardens to get better acquainted.

Our stay in the Stockport-Manchester area for five nights gave us time to catch up on sleep while taking day trips to Chester and Wales. We spent two days touring Stockport. BBC TV covered our group both days as we toured the famed Staircase House, had a reception and luncheon tendered by the Mayor of Stockport and visited the famed Market. Sunday included the usual attendance at the morning service at St. Mary's Parish Church where generations of past Dodes worshipped.



Inside Halliday Hill House, Offerton. Lynn Dove, Karen Platts, Joanne Hajjar, Pearl Wilson, Barbara Pitman.

The Rector, Roger Scoones made us welcome and gave a fine sermon. I was asked to read one of the Scripture lessons and was able to bring greetings from the family to the pastor and members present.

That afternoon we toured Halliday Hill House, the famous residence once peopled by Dodes. Present residents Mike and Julie Wilson prepared a fine English Tea for us. How moving to once again see the home we helped to save from the highway bulldozer and which dates, in part to at least the 1400's.

We presented to St. Mary's Church, the Mayor of Stockport, St. Margaret's Church in Middle Chinnock, Julie and Mike Wilson, Eric and Pearl Wilson, the Ray Prestons, William Thornberrys, Roger Wragg and to Alan Bullock, historic bells from



St. Margaret's Church, Middle Chinnock, England

World War II. These bells were made from aluminum taken from German planes shot down in the Battle of Britain. They picture Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin. They were sold by the RAF families in WW II to help finance aid to families of airmen killed or wounded in that historic fight for freedom.

We spent several days in Scotland, marveling at Bamburgh Castle, touring Edinburgh, visiting the Royal Yacht Britannia and looking for the Loch Ness Monster (he or she stayed well hidden). Two nights at the Ballachulish in Glencoe, Scotland, provided the most spectacular scenic views one could hope for.

Heading south we arrived at the Royal Chase Hotel in Shaftsbury, a very comfortable stopping place that has been included in our last four tours. A visit to Bath included the beautiful Abbey and the

famed Roman Baths. The latter have added many exhibits and archeological finds not seen on our previous visit there.

June 29, our 375th Anniversary, found us arriving at St. Margaret's Church in Middle Chinnock, the Somerset home of John and Margery Dodge,



David and Ruth Dodge, England. David has already donated DNA.

their sons William and Richard who came to America in 1629 and 1638 respectively and of Michael who stayed in England. This church building is virtually the same as when our ancestors worshipped here. Rev. Michael Wynter, the Rector, conducted a moving and memorable service which Barbara recorded on video tape. Earl Dodge gave a historical presentation and led in prayer. The 25 Americans and one English tour member were joined by Dr. Alan Dodge, Association member who presided at the organ, other English Dodes and several members of St. Margaret's parish. As I recently watched the video I was moved to tears by remembrance of the joy of that occasion.

That evening our Anniversary dinner included Five English Dodge members of our Association: Mark Dodge, Brian Dodge, Trevor Dodge and David and Ruth Dodge plus two from Wales Geoff and Angela Dodge. Geoff spoke for our overseas members in thanking us for coming and including them. He also mentioned getting mail over forty years ago from Everett Dodge, our current President, who was seeking connections to his British roots.

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Elizabeth Craumer, NH, and Geoff and Angela Dodge, Wales. Geoff will be sending in DNA.



Brothers, Brian and Trevor Dodge, England. One of them will be donating DNA.

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A number of those present shared their joy at finding out so much about their heritage and being on this historic trip. These included our daughter Barbara Pitman who was moved to find out she had so many relatives and such a memorable family history. It was hard for many to end that day. A nice post-script was that three of the male Dodes attending signed up for the DNA project not including Mark who did so before that event.



Mark Dodge, England, DNA match to William/Richard.

We left Shaftsbury to spend two nights in Portsmouth, pausing enroute to again see famed Stonehenge. Portsmouth is the United Kingdom's major naval base. It also boasts a Historic District which we all toured. Lord Nelson's Flagship Victory, the Warship Warrior, the wreck of the Mary Rose, four museums, a harbor tour and interactive military center kept us all busy for a day.

On our way back to Stockport we stopped to visit Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace and home of William Shakespeare.

Our Farewell Dinner was again held at the Bells of Peover Inn, so named because of the famed bells at the next-door parish church (we heard them played two years ago on Tour Number five). This Inn was used by General Eisenhower and by British Military leaders to plan the D-Day landings. American and British flags are both flown here every day of the year. We were joined by Ray and Muriel Preston, our esteemed coach driver, Roger Wragg, Alan Bullock and his family and by Rev. Roger Scoones and a friend from Poland.



Our youngest tour member, Michael Craumer

Rev. Scoones asked the blessing on the meal, and Robin Duckworth, Lynn Dove, Karen Burnette and Barbara Pitman presented two musical numbers.

Mr. Bullock and Mr. Wragg were made Honorary Dodge Family members (as were the two Wilson Couples and the Thornberrys when we visited Halliday Hill House). Again, a number present expressed deep feelings about the occasion and the family. Just before we left, Roger Scoones led the group in singing more verses of Frere Jacques than most of us knew existed. A speedy trip back to our hotel to get rested before plane departures on July 3 (some as early as 6 A.M.) concluded our Sixth Dodge Tour to England.

We are already thinking about Tour Seven which will concentrate quite heavily on Somerset and Cornwall in Southern England. This would be scheduled for either 2006 or 2007 depending on the degree of interest. If Journal readers would have a possible interest in going either year we hope they will let us know.



Our Coach driver Roger, and grandson, James at Caernarfon

Those on this Historic Tour included:

California:

Julie French, Dorothy Noon, Lynn Dove, Karen Burnette and Barbara Dodge, Barbara Pitman

Massachusetts: Joanne Hajjar

New Hampshire: Elizabeth, Daniel and Michael Craumer, Martha Altemus, Karen Platts, Susan and Robin Duckworth

New Mexico: Elizabeth Kwak

Ohio: Betty Bennington

Tennessee: William and Barbara Dodge

Texas: Gerald and Kathy Dodge

Washington: Norman and Eileen Dodge

West Virginia: Dale and Anne Hooper

England: Ruth Marchant

(Rufus Dodge Will - Continued from page 3) the sole use and benefit of my said Daughter Rebecca, to be equally divided between them.

I do hereby appoint my said sons Caleb Dodge, Saunders Dodge and Gideon Dodge, executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Rufus Dodge

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared, by the said Testator as, and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request, in his presence & in the presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses thereof.

Peter Chase

Jesse S Burgess

William Burgess

State of New York
Herkimer County
Surrogate Court

Be it remembered that on the 18th day of June 1838 the above last will and testament of Rufus Dodge deceased was admitted to probate and duly found as will of personal property, and probate thereof was thereupon granted upon and by the oaths and evidence of Jesse S Burgess & William Burgess two of the subscribing witnesses though the other subscribing witness not residing in the County of Herkimer and upon such proof taken it appears that said will was duly executed that the testator at the time of executing the same was in all respects competent to bequeath personal property and not under restraint which will & proofs and examinations so taken have been duly recorded in the proper Book for that purpose provided in the Surrogates Office. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 18th day of June 1838.

Ch. S. Benton, Surogate



Group outside Halliday Hill. Susan Duckworth, Martha Altemus, Anne/Dale Hooper & Norman Dodge

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We are back from the England Dodge Tour with many fond memories. Everyone had a wonderful time. The 24 people were from diverse backgrounds and with many beautiful and interesting places to visit there was something for everyone.

Now it is time to once again turn my attention to the Dodge Mysteries, Disconnected Branches and Broken Twigs.

Richard Syriac is to married a Dodge. Recently, while visiting with his wife's relatives in western Massachusetts, he contacted Barbara. He was quite impressed with our database and the amount of information we have. He provided us with his wife's Dodge ancestry back to Nathaniel who married Anne (or Anna) Hill. Prior to this, we had very little information on this family. Richard notes there are three Nathaniel Dodges in Brookfield, MA. He could not, without further research, say for sure if Caleb was the father of his wife's ancestor, Nathaniel. This also involves the Dodge-Petrie line shown in R.L.D. pg. 75.

GOOD NEWS! Chuck Dodge, our genealogy guru, took all of Richard's research and combined it with the information we had and solved the mystery of the three Nathaniel's in the Brookfield, MA. area.

Richard said he would be glad to help us with Dodge research while he is back east. So, taking him at his word, I gave him two research projects. By the end of the first day he had cleared up one mystery and the next day he found another family that ties back to the Tristram line! The following week he went to Leverett, Franklin Co. MA and turned up many Dodges. He has been contacting the clerks in western MA. towns and this has led to both of us doing a lot of census research.

Richard's research in Leverett led to Halifax, Windham Co., Vermont. Royal Dodge married Molley (or Molly) Whitney on Dec. 27, 1812. They had one child, David Newell Dodge, born Oct. 10, 1813. Royal's ancestry is unknown. The only other Royal Dodges I can find

are either in Maine or Mass. Please contact Norman if you have information on this Royal Dodge family.

Our research shows that Peter Ingerfield Dodge was born in Boston MA. The New England Historical Genealogical Society has a CD that lists baptisms, marriages and deaths for Boston churches. We have ordered a copy of this CD in the hopes it holds the clues to this mystery.

This past month a young woman e-mailed me with her Grandfather Dodge's name and his place of birth. She wanted to know if we knew her ancestry. I told her we had her family ancestry in our database and gave her a sample of what we had. She immediately replied that they were not her ancestors. So, I gave her one additional generation further back and she finally agreed that we indeed have her ancestry! She then supplied me with all the data she at that time. Her name is Kristian Dodge from Winfield, Cowley Co., Kansas. Note that this name is in R.L.D. on pg. 673 but is spelled Christian. Robert Everett Dodge, at the top of pg. 672, should be spelled Everette on pgs. 672 and 673. I believe William Allen Dodge, Jr. originally gave this data to Col. Robert Dodge.

A new mystery is the parents of Benjamin Dodge born 1788 and died in Monroe, Waldo, Co. Maine. He married Sally Loud. It is believed that he was born in Beverly, MA, but we can find no record.

Although we have several descendants, we continue to search for the parents of Shubal Dodge. He was probably born in Vermont or New York. DNA testing reveals he is from the Tristram line. There is a strong possibility that the family of John Ellison Dodge, another mystery, who lived in Massena, NY at the same time as Shubal may be related to him. We think that an unnamed daughter of Shubal was Judith who married an Ellison. If so, it would link these two families together with possibly more than one tie.

Another mystery is James H. (or N.)

Dodge born in Connecticut. He married Nancy Pierce on Jan. 3, 1835 in Ashford, CT. if anyone has information on his ancestors please contact Norman.

We also continue to search for the ancestors of Aaron & Lydia Dodge. Much time and effort has been put into this search trying to establish a father for them. They may have been born in Wiscasset, Maine in the late 1700s, later moving to New York. Aaron stayed in New York and Lydia married Gideon Ball IV and they moved to Steuben, Co. Indiana. DNA testing shows this line is William/Richard.



This is the plaque on the wall of St. Mary's Church in Stockport. It is for Robert Dodge of Halliday Hill, d. 1765, age 54 years.

We have a will for a Robert of Offerton, d. 1705 and we believe there is a connection between these two Robert Dodges.

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that he probably descends from Michael, the brother of William and Richard who stayed in England, or from a sibling of their father John. If someone in England could search for other members of John's family, it would be of great benefit to Dodges.

We have received an e-mail from a descendent of John Dodge of Kent whose grandson, John James David Dodge, went to Canada from England in 1951 then came to the States in 1964. We will be receiving the complete information on this line and hope that one of the two male Dodges still alive will be willing to do the DNA test.

We have also acquired a number of wills of Dodges in Offerton, the earliest dated 1580. That particular will appears impossible to read, but the others, dating from the 1600s look to be fairly comprehensible and when they are deciphered we will post them on the web site.