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Luther Palmer Dodge Parentage

We have received information that would lead us to believe that we may need to change the parentage for Luther. We have had him listed as a son of Joel P. Dodge of the Tristram Dodge line. The new information we have received says that his father was not Joel, but Joel's brother, Thomas. We are putting this in our Journal in such a prominent place in the hopes of receiving input from one or more of you who may have substantiating information regarding Luther's parentage.

Jeff Griffin has written to us, the following:

"There were apparently three genealogy books on the Dodge family according to a letter written by Benton Dodge of Cleveland OH in a letter to Mrs. Addie Miller on 8/9/1934. This letter was included in what appears to be "from

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Eileen Dodge has been spending some time surfing the internet to see what she could find for our Dodge genealogy mysteries. In mid February, she found a Selwyn Dodge who was a son of James S. Dodge of New Hampshire. They eventually moved to Methuen, Massachusetts and owned a store there.

Aha, we thought! Since we have no Selwyn Dodes in our known Dodge data bases... there must be a connection ... so it was sent off to Chuck Dodge to solve.

We were very surprised to find out that there was no connection at all, and in fact, the names were spelled differently. (see article below) In the process, Chuck discovered the ancestry for Selwyn

Dodge of the Blind Dogs fame.

Selwyn's parents were Edgar S. Dodge, b. in Vermont, a farmer in Michigan, and his wife Esther who was born in Germany. In the Michigan census for 1900, it lists Edgar as being 43, Esther as being 36, Selwyn, is age 7, and an adopted son, Frank, is 14.

Chuck found out that the parents of Edgar were William C. Dodge, a farmer in New Hampshire, and Mary Centre, from Vermont. Edgar had two siblings: George E., and Wealthy C. According to the 1860 Michigan census, George, who was the oldest, and Edgar, who was the youngest, were born in Michigan and Wealthy, the middle child, was born in New

Hampshire.

Selwyn's great grandparents were Simeon Dodge and Martha P. Fairfield, and g.g. grandparents were Simeon Dodge and Mary Balch.

For those of you who keep your Journals and might want to refresh your mind on the Blind Dogs story, we had a front page article on Selwyn in our May-June Journal for the year 2002.

This Dodge line goes back to William Dodge who was the very first Dodge to arrive in this country in the year 1629.

We are so happy that we have been able to solve this mystery for Lt. Col. John Kevin Dodge of Virginia and Lois Dodge of Michigan.

James Smith Dodge and his son, Selwin

James S. Dodge was born in 1826 in New Boston, N. H. He and his family lived for a time in Andover moving to Methuen in the 1860s. In 1866 he purchased Samuel Webster's grocery business which was lodged in the Methuen Company Store building at 42-46 Hampshire Street. Dodge's business prospered and in 1879, he erected the store at 271 Broadway where he and his son Selwin catered to a large trade. In 1891 they installed electric lighting and in 1893 they employed 7 clerks and kept 4 teams. An advertisement in the 1896 directory declared them to be dealers in fine groceries, teas, coffees, spices, hardware, cutlery, farming and garden tools, seeds, lawn mowers, King Ar-

thur flour, a variety of choice dairy products, and Moxie Nerve Food. James was a prominent member of the community as was his son Selwin who served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and a member and officer of the Republican Town Committee. James died August 3, 1906.

271 Broadway was built in 1879 for James S. Dodge by local builder M. G. Copp. Earlier buildings on this site, including the so-called Hoyte House, were torn down and parts removed at this time. James S. Dodge and Son, Grocers, were located at 271 Broadway until 1901, when the building was purchased by Edward F. Searles. In 1904 Searles moved the J. G. Frederick house from the south

side of Park Street and added it to the Dodge building, which for a time was known as the Turnpike Hotel. Subsequent occupants/owners included the Methuen National Bank and the Methuen Hotel and Tavern. The building originally housed an Odd Fellows Hall, which according to the newspaper, was frescoed by the firm of Austin and Blake of Haverhill and decorated in a very fine manner. This room was in use until the Odd Fellows built their own building at 57 Hampshire Street in 1899.

Selwin's mother was Sarah Beard, and his grandparents were Benjamin Dodge and Mary Smth. This Dodge family was from William's brother, Richard.



Sand In My Shoes

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I received the following helpful e-mail from Richard L. Bush of California.

“ Mr. Dodge - This email is written in response to your column “Sand in My Shoes” in the Vol. 20, Issue No. 2 of the Dodge Family Journal. I also am a descendent of the Seth Dodge who married Deborah Lawrence in Bennington, VT.

The following information might be of some value to those interested in the process of “warnings out” as widely used in Bennington and other communities in New England.

Newcomers who were not related to or otherwise known to someone already established in a community were usually “warned out” by its selectmen. Once the newcomer’s bought land, started a business, began practicing a trade, or otherwise demonstrated that they would not be a burden on the community, the warning out was a “dead issue.” Hundreds if not thousands were warned out but very few were actually forced to leave. So, it is inappropriate to assume that the basis for the warnings out was a criminal background, involvement in a civil dispute, or some other serious matter. Although it was true that Seth Dodge did formally protest being taxed to support the Bennington Congregational Church, this occurred much later. The two volume work “Vermont Warnings Out” by Alden M. Rollins, Picton Press, Camden, ME, provides a general background on the process of “Warned Out” plus transcriptions from early town records throughout Vermont. The information regarding John Dodge and his family is on pp 7 and 8 of Vol. II.

There is considerable uncertainty regarding John Dodge and his family having lived in Shelburne. Other than the marriage of his daughter Tabitha to Benjamin Dodge in nearby Greenfield, there appears to be no record of John Dodge having been a resident of Shelburn or Deerfield or any other community in Franklin Co., MA. John’s brother Amos definitely lived there and his brother Daniel probably did. But if John did, he

probably stayed there no more than a few years and then moved back to Colchester. From there he moved to Willington in Tolland Co., CT (1779 – 1782); then to Brattleboro in Windham Co., VT (duration unknown) and then on to Bennington Co., VT in 1785 (1st land purchase). For anyone interested in the Dodges of Franklin Co., MA, I would recommend Vol. II of “A History of Deerfield, MA” by George Sheldon, New Hampshire Publishing Co., Deerfield, MA, 1972. There were a number of Dodges in Franklin Co., MA, specifically the families of Samuel Dodge and William Dodge who came there from New Hampshire, who do not appear to be descendents of Tristram Dodge. It is conjecture on my part that Benjamin Dodge might be related to them.

I hope the above might be of use to one or more of my Dodge cousins. Best wishes to all “on the Journal staff.” Richard”

I also received this e-mail from Elizabeth Cord:

“The Rutland Herald, Vermont. October 4, 2003, By Mark Bushnell... Unwelcome Wagon rolled often to cast out ‘transients’. Think of it as the precursor of those bumper stickers you still see sometimes: “Welcome to Vermont. Now go home.” In the state’s earliest days, new arrivals often received that message, or at least the legal equivalent of it. It came delivered by the sheriff or town constable and ordered a person to leave town.

It was called a “warning out.” As inhospitable as it might seem, it was mostly a legal technicality to keep towns solvent. Towns usually didn’t care if the person actually moved on.

By warning someone out of town, the selectmen in the late 18th and early 19th century could ensure that the community would never be legally required to support that person. In those days, human services (or overseers of the poor, as they would have said then) were funded and administered at the local level – as they were to some extent until the 1960s.

One February day in 1779, the Legislature mandated that towns care for their own. That same day, the Legisla-

ture passed another law excluding certain transients from receiving such aid. Towns, the law stated, could withhold help from any newcomer who was “not of a quiet and peaceable behavior” or who, in the selectmen’s opinion, was likely to “be chargeable (i.e. become a financial burden) to such town.”

That same year, the selectmen of Windsor warned out 18 of the town’s residents on New Year’s Eve. In one case — involving an Amos Currier — the decision seemed quite personal. One thing for certain, the selectmen gave him time to pack his things. Usually, if the selectmen wanted you to go, you had 30 days to leave town, but as of 1804, Currier still hadn’t gotten the message. For whatever reason, the Windsor selectmen sent Currier south that year to Haverhill, Mass., where he presumably came from. He was sent in the custody of Samuel Russell, a town constable or deputy. Then, the Windsor selectmen got a surprising letter in return from Haverhill’s overseers of the poor. It read:

“The Pauper you have endeavored to throw upon us, we now return to you and hope he may reach you in as good condition as he left ... The person who brought him is in custody, and as he cannot get bail (he) must be committed to Prison to answer the law of our state ...”

Fortunately for Russell, he didn’t have to linger long in Haverhill’s jail. A note elsewhere in the same letter reported he had been released, having somehow scraped together the \$14.25 for bail. By passing the 1779 law, Vermont legislators were merely putting

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The View
From
My Window



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A lot of hard work goes into the Journal; picking interesting items ... trying to be fair in regards to having items about both Dodge lines ... keeping you updated on important things that are going on such as our DNA project, etc.

The Sand in My Shoes Column (page 2) is encouraging because it show us that you really do read the Journal and respond when you have something you want to share. This greatly encourages and inspires us to try to do an even better job for you, our members.

I have been in charge of our Dodge office since about 1997 As time has gone by, more people have become involved in sharing stories and other information on Dodges. This is wonderful as we could not do this all by ourselves!!!

In the process of acquiring other helpers and visiting Dodges here and there, I have acquired many friends.

The first person to volunteer was Tom Dodge who answered my plea for help with a web site. As I look back on what I did NOT know then, compared to what I DO know now, I can't help but think about how dumb I really was. Not only did he set up the web site initially, he spent, literally, hours on the phone trying to help me understand how scanning worked; pixels ... DPI ... adjusting the levels after scanning ... stitching items together that were too big to scan in in one piece ... I could go on and on. I had a terrible time understanding all this, and he was very patient. When I look back on that time now that I understand so well the different aspects of scanning in photos, documents, etc., I am amazed at myself and what I have been able to learn. Tom also came here and taught Earl the beginnings of MSWord. It was to Earl, (just as it had been to me) not easy.

Because of Tom's involvement, I got to know and love his Aunt Norma Ingram and visited her and her husband, Maurice, twice at their home in Washington State. I have a lovely pin that

was hers that she gave me to remember her by. The last time I was there, Maurice hugged me as I left, and said "everything has to come in threes." That was his way of telling me he wanted me to come visit again. Unfortunately, that never occurred as Maurice died within a year of my visit. Now, Norma's son is staying with her and helping her to take care of things with the hope that in the not too distant future, she will be able to move to upper Washington along the coast where her son's family lives.

Norman Dodge of Lone Pine, California, visited us and gave me a mug with my name on it and every time I use that mug, I think of Norman.

On one of our England trips, Brian Dodge gave me a lovely wooden jewelry box that he had made. On the top is an outdoor scene complete with squirrel done with inlaid wood...very beautiful indeed. Everytime I see it, I think of Brian.

In my office there is a bookcase with a glass front and in that are the many toy lead soldiers that were made by Harry Dodge in N. Conway, New Hampshire, and in the same room hangs a beautiful painting of a site in New Zealand painted by the sister of Ralph Dodge. It was given to the Dodge Family by Judy and Ralph on their visit here from New Zealand in 1998. Some of our members were kind enough to host them on visits to their communities. It was an unforgettable, memorable trip for them with many memories of American Dodges to take back home to New Zealand.

I could go on and on but will not as this column could not even contain the names of those whom we have visited. You know who you are and you are all very special to me. When I receive dues, e-mail, or other news from you, I can see what you look like in my mind. There are others of you whom I have talked to on the phone or with whom I have had many e-mail correspondences but once I have done that I feel that I know you also.

Those of you who have been (and will be) willing to give DNA in order to help those who have hit brick walls in their Dodge genealogy, are doing a service that is so very important. Three of our Mystery Dodge lines now point to Tristram and to another mystery

Dodge line, that of William, b. abt. 1777 in Kentucky. It will be a joyful day indeed, when we finally place all of these people into the proper place in our Tristram line.

I want to give one more kudo to our genealogy team. They are just great and have solved many mysteries, the latest one being on page one of this Journal. Working together, we can accomplish so much and it is appreciated more than I can say. I just wanted everyone to know that!

Barbara

(Sand in My Shoes - Continued from page 2)

into words what was already established practice here. Before Vermont's constitution was written in 1777, early settlers – who were mostly from southern New England – generally used the English laws they had known in their former communities.

In colonial Massachusetts, the laws had been used both to exclude the poor and to keep out other "undesirables," including people of the wrong religion. But by the time the laws were implemented in Vermont, they were used mostly to bar people who might be a financial drain on the community. That was the case at least as early as July 1769, when Rockingham voters agreed that "all strangers who come to inhabit in said town not being Freeholders (i.e. property owners), be warned out of town."

The tricky business was defining who was a legal settler and who was not. The 1779 law offered various avenues for attaining "legal settlement." You were in, for example, if you had real estate worth \$100, had rented a place for at least \$20 a year for two years, or had paid taxes for two years. If you were a newcomer worried about being warned out, you could secure residency by holding town office for at least a year.

The use of warnings varied from town to town, depending on the selectmen's comfort with the practice, says researcher Alden Rollins in his 1995 book "Vermont Warnings Out." When new selectmen joined the board, Rollins found, a town's use of warnings often changed.

Though towns could no longer warn out undesirables after 1817, they continued to fight over who had to care for the poor.



(Luther Palmer Dodge - Cont'd from page 1) the Patterson booklet from Howard Miller, Concord TWP, OH 44077. This genealogy also shows the children of Thomas Dodge and Amanda Kingsley as Sophronia H. Dodge, Washington L. Dodge, Lorenzo Dodge, Luther Palmer Dodge, Amanda Dodge, Samantha Dodge, George Dodge and Cotton Dodge. The document indicates Thomas Dodge was b: 7/11/1788. The letter from Benton Dodge to Addie Miller states "I do find in this book, however one Abigail Dodge, daughter of Tabitha Dodge and Benjamin Dodge, born September 6, 1779. She was married February 23, 1797 at Bennington?, Vermont, to one Thomas Palmer. They had the following children- Sarah, Israel, Luther, Lyman, Amanda, Prosper, Norman."

Jeff also sent us the photoed pages from the Charles E. Stoaks work that backs up this claim and again, writes the following:

"Also, feeling pretty confident that Charles E. Stoaks work was thorough considering that it appeared that he was dedicated and probably traveled to get some of the information, I was rather confident that Luther Palmer Dodge was the son of Thomas Dodge and Amanda Kingsley."

Accordingly, the DFA has moved the genealogy of Luther Palmer Dodge from being a son of Joel Palmer Dodge to being a son of Thomas Dodge and Amanda Kingsley.



A Photo of a Frank E. Dodge. We have lost track of who sent this to us. There is also an envelope

The Littleton Historical Society and the Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton, Massachusetts, cordially invite you to the opening reception celebrating Hannah P. Dodge, Littleton's Eminent Educator and Citizen.

Join us as we honor the life of Miss Dodge, a distinguished educator, writer, painter, and activist.

The exhibit will feature her career as a pioneer in education and Littleton schools, as well as explore the many other aspects of community with which she was involved. her name can be found in archives of the Littleton Lyceum, Temperance Union, library and Baptist church among other organizations. Littleton schools of the nineteenth century will be highlighted.

The exhibit opens, Thursday, March 4, 2004 with a reception from 7-9 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum, 4 Rogers Street, Littleton, MA. The exhibit extends through May 9th during regular museum hours -- Wed. afternoon 1-4 p.m. and the second Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Hannah P. Dodge has been brought to light through research supported by grants from the Littleton Cultural Council, the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library and the Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, William P. Galvin.

Hannah's descent is John, Richard [d.1671], Richard [1643-1705], William [1678-1765], Richard [1703-1778], Capt. John [1740-1811], John [1761-, Barnabas [1795-1873], Hannah [1821-1896] Hannah's mother was Sarah Corning whose ancestor was Sarah Dodge [bef 1643-1726] daughter of the first Richard.

We hope that some of the Dodge family will be able to view the exhibit.

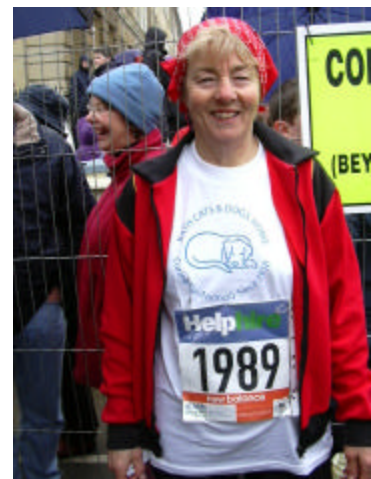
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A new member, Patrice (Dodge) Wade, has given us a large amount of information on her Tristram Dodge line. She also wrote the following via e-mail: "As I was looking through the web site, I came across a picture that I also have. It is in the photo section under the heading of Nebraska-Colorado Dodge Mystery. James A. Dodge in the first photo is the son of William O. Dodge. James was my grandfather's uncle. My grandpa was Millard Dodge, son of John F., son of Wm. O. Dodge. I have James' wife's first name but didn't have her last name until seeing this post. I have some questions about this family. Did they move from Lexington, NE to Colorado? Did he die there?..."

Needless to say, we were thrilled to be able to finally place this family in a known Dodge line. On that same page is a photo of a 'Wayne and Cassie—1908'. It looks like it may be a wedding photo. We do not know the surname. The only Wayne that we can find in this family line, is a son of Ernest Clyde Dodge who was not born until 1933. You may look at these photos by clicking on the PHOTO-GRAPHS link on any page on our web site and scrolling down to Nebraska-Colorado Dodge Mystery.

If you can help place Wayne and Cassie, please contact us.



Above: Ruth Dodge, wife of David Dodge of Warminster, England, ran the half marathon on March 14, for the Cats and Dogs Home. The weather was FOUL, but she did it in two and a half hours.



Kernels by The Colonel

Col. Robert L. Dodge

Laus Deo. [Lah-us Dee-o]

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the Washington monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less, but these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, comprised of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!" [Laus is Praise be and Deo means God]

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, "Laus Deo....Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with it's division into four major segments. From that vantage point. one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant...a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask ? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not and is not, in the Constitution. So, read on . . .

How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice. Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50

landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy ... "One Nation, Under God." You may forget the width and height of "Laus Deo", it's location, or the architects, but no one who reads this will be able to forget it's meaning, or these words: "Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."(Psalm 127: 1).

To see the the Laus Deo Poem by John Greenleaf Whittier and the Prayer by George Washington, browse to: <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/fnews/1062177/posts>



The above photo was sent to us with a photo of Frank(Lin) Luke Dodge. (See last Journal) Does anyone recognize this photo and do you know the relationship of this woman to Frank(Lin) Luke Dodge?

Earl's Pearls

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LAST CALL FOR TOUR

The April 15 deadline for signing up for the Sixth Dodge Tour to England and Scotland is approaching fast. We still have room for a few more family to come aboard the modern coach that will take us for 16 days to exciting and memorable spots.

The all-inclusive Tour Fee of \$3,125 covers all travel in Britain, 16 nights lodging, full English Breakfast and Dinner each day, admission to all places we visit, luggage handling, gratuities, etc. Everyone who has gone before has had an enjoyable trip and made life-long friends as well.

If you still have any questions or need help arranging your air travel to and from England just call us at (303) 237-4947 OR email us at earldodge@dodgeoffice.net. We will work hard to help make your trip possible and enjoyable.

MEMBERSHIP

We have set a goal of 1,000 members by June 29th, the 375th Anniversary of the Dodge Family in America. This goal is an easy one to reach IF each of us participates. Please think of all the loved ones you have with Dodge ancestry. If they are not members just list their names, spouse' name, full address and phone number and enclose \$20 for each one. We will send them a membership packet and a letter of welcome telling them of your gift. What boost it will be to announce on that date that we have passed the 1,000 member mark. I urge you as strongly as I know how to join us in reaching this goal. That 1,000 level will enable us to do more and to avoid a dues increase for some time to come. Let's make this a truly memorable anniversary.



**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**
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Norman sends you all Greetings from Seattle. It is Spring and all the trees & flowers are blooming.

I am running again the request below since a member responded to me about this but I have mislaid her post and cannot retrieve it. I have no access into Canadian records. I need help in this area. Anyone willing to take this on please let Norman know.

We think there is a mix up in Nathaniels. 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 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.

However, I did receive the following information from a descendent of Nathaniel Dodge and Polly Hover:

"In answer to your main question, Owen Dodge died July 20, 1912 in Bowne Township, Kent County, MI at the home of his daughter Diana Dodge Walton, my great-great-grandmother. His obituary in the Caledonia, MI newspaper said that he was first married to Mary **Levagood**. Owen's death certificate (filed in Kent County, MI) gave his age as 94 years, 1 month and 27 days. It said he had been born in Canada to Nathaniel Dodge, who had been born in Boston,

Mass and Polly Hover who had been born in Pennsylvania.

A book of abstracts of Waterloo Wills showed Owen Dodge as the heir or Nathaniel Dodge, Carpenter of No. Dumfries Township, Waterloo Ontario.

I also have a copy of a census page of a Waterloo Township census taken about 1820. It lists a Peter "**Levegood**" and 4 lines later Nathaniel "Doge".

I have also seen the name as **Livergood**. In fact, Mary Levagood Dodge's death record in Kent County Death Records, Volume 1-1 lists her parents as Henry and Ann "**Livergood**" who were born in Canada West, as she was.

Owen Dodge and Mary Levagood named their first son (born 1842 in Waterloo) Nathaniel. He died in 1862 and is buried in Gaines Township, Kent County, MI.

Their second son was named Samuel. He was born in 1844 in Waterloo and died May 31, 1842 near Richmond, VA in the Civil War.

The third son was Owen Levagood Dodge. He was born August 1, 1847 in Waterloo and died September 12, 1935 in Freeport, Irving Township, Barry County, MI His obituary spells the middle name **Levagood**.

Anyone with more information please contact nedodge@aol.com

Patrice Dodge Wade from the central part of Nebraska contacted us and said she had her lineage back to Oliver Hazard Dodge and there she hit a brick wall. Well we were able to tie her in and complete her genealogy back to Tristram. She is a member and is tracing every lineage she can find in her family right up to present day. Her data alone will add 20+ pages to our NEW TRISTRAM BOOK.

There is much speculation on the ancestor of John Abner Dodge b. 3 Apr. 1877 in Pittsfield, Summerset Co., Maine. Frances Dodge has been struggling with this for some time. We thought this line was Tristram and tied it to Freeman E. Dodge b. in Islesboro, Maine. This proves to be erroneous because her husbands DNA is a perfect match for William/Richard lines. Can you help us? This Ancestor, John Abner Dodge, supposedly has a father named Freeman perhaps John Freeman Dodge. Contact with any information on this line of Dodges, Barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net or nedodge@aol.com



One of our big mysteries comes from one of our Vice Presidents, Capt. Jim Dodge. He is able to trace his Genealogy (See Pg 727 in RLD.) back to William Dodge b. about 1801 in Damariscotta Maine. Jim has spent many years researching this line and is pretty sure he is in the Richard/William line of Dodges.



One Mystery found some time ago shows as Wyman Dodge, (See RLD pg. 760.) and this ties in to JTD Pg 131. Wyman is the oldest son of Elijah Dodge III & Laurena Thayer. Elijah Dodge the III is b 6 Feb 1777. More work needs to be on this family searching records in New Hampshire.



One more Mystery is Reuben Dodge b. 19 Nov 1770 in Walpole, Cheshire Co., New Hampshire. Next his son Gardner Dodge b July 08, 1811, Walpole, Cheshire Co., New Hampshire married Fanny Graves in Rockingham, New Hampshire. We are looking for Reubens Parents.

CORRECTION

Please correct the Volume number listed at the top of the first page of the Jan/Feb 2004 Journal. It should be Volume 20.