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DODGE LISTS On the Internet

We have had some confusion over Dodge Lists on the internet. This is where someone can go and post a request asking for information on their genealogy.

We want to make it **VERY PLAIN**, that we have **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING** to do with the Dodge List on Roots Web that is hosted by David Sylvester!

Several of our members have become angry because of the way that list is handled and have become irate at us. We have had much explaining to do. This takes a lot of our time when we need to be concentrating on other things that will benefit the Dodge Association. We have our own genealogy request list which you can sign up for from our home page on: www.dodgefamily.org.

So, **PLEASE**, if you become irate with the Dodge Rootsweb list, just don't use it! Use **OUR** list instead.

W. C. Dodge and Breech Loading Firearms

Stephen Allen Dodge sent us a sheaf of papers from the Scientific American, mid 1800s. Several Dodges were mentioned in these papers, and we will try to include one item with each Journal. For your interest, we have chosen W. C. Dodge. He lived in Washington D.C. and we do not know how he fits into the Dodge family. If you know please contact us.

W. C. Dodge was a proponent of breech-loading firearms. In a letter published Jan. 9, 1865, W. C. extolled the virtues of using cast iron for these firearms, and the Scientific American took exception, writing that 'cast iron was not the best material for cannon,' and adding 'material for heavy ordinance is not yet definitely solved.' February 24, 1865, W. C. wrote another letter addressing the fact that other countries were ahead of us in finding new materials for heavy ordinance and in August of 1865, W. C. writes "Breech Loaders Triumphant" in

which he refers his crusade of the adoption of breech-loading fire-arms and how it was met with serious opposition and treated with absolute contempt by many, and his efforts were denounced as fanatical and in bad taste.

He writes that sine then the French government has adopted them for their entire army, and the English government has advertised for proposals for changing all it's guns to breech-loaders and even our own government has now adopted them.

In his letter he makes this statement; "So the world DOES move in spite of the old 'fogies' Whose turn is it to laugh now?"



We found the above item on the internet . Note the price! **ITEM B592 - EXPERIMENTAL REMINGTON ROLLING BLOCK, FULLSTOCK**

(3 BAND) MILITARY RIFLE, utilizing the W.C. Dodge Patent No. 113, 408 (of April, 1871) improvement to the rolling block. 35" barrel. .43 caliber. Finished "in the white," metal will clean exc. to mint (mostly accumulated grease and grime from years of storage). The Remington markings on the tang were removed (only vestiges still visible) very likely at the time of its experimental assembly. Bore about perfect. Full stock exc. condition. Shows no wear or use. The rolling block distinctly different than anything seen on any other of these famed actions and identical to that in the patent drawing (copy to purchaser). Also see the drawing used to illustrate page 281 of Remington Rolling Block Pistols by Landskrom. Believed the only known specimen....1950.00

The letters and inventions will be on our web site under **HISTORY**.



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DNA FUND

From time to time, a Dodge will contact us about receiving help with the cost of a DNA test. Now there is a way for you to help with the cost of this test for a less fortunate Dodges.

Familytreedna.com has set up a method for this to happen. If you will browse to <http://www.familytree dna.com/contribution.html> you will see that it is self-

explanatory and easy to use. You can either use a credit card OR print a form and send it in with a check. This is a way that almost everyone can help because contributions can be as small or as large as you choose. Even a \$5 or \$10 contribution will help.

Our administrators will be the only people who can access this fund so you do not need to be concerned about 'just anybody' being able to take the money for their DNA test.

When we are contacted by someone who would like to have their DNA tested but cannot afford the whole cost, we can make a judgement about how much help to offer depending on the amount of money available in the fund. We do hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to help a fellow Dodge, thus possibly making it easier for him to find his ancestry.



SAND IN MY SHOES

by
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Letter from the Thirteenth Brooklyn Regiment; Camp Crook, Suffolk, Va., July 13, 1862

To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle:

Wednesday night a scene seldom to be witnessed and never to be forgotten occurred. A funeral at any time is sad enough, but, one at night under the circumstances in which it occurred is still more sad.

Our Hospital Steward, T. T. Dodge, who had been sick some two weeks, died after some considerable suffering, on Tuesday night about nine o'clock, from a disease of the heart. All that could be done under the circumstances was done for his comfort, and his bereaved friends may be assured that nothing was neglected either by physicians or nurses to preserve his life, and make the last moments of the dying soldier as easy as possible.

We had just returned from Brigade Drill, though the hour was late, after being dismissed for 15 minutes, we were again re-assembled to the beat of drums, and ordered to report with side arms only.

To the subdued notes of the drum we marched single file to a flat outside camp and formed a hollow square in four ranks around the grave, a detachment of the 25th Militia joined on our left.

Presently the roll of muffed drums accompanied by the sounds of the fife playing the Dead March, broke the solemn stillness and the escort with the body slowly approached and entered the square. As the body entered our lines, the coffin draped in the dear old Flag, every head was uncovered and a death-like stillness prevailed. After some fitting remarks by our Chaplain, Rev. D. C. Haines, and a prayer, the coffin was lowered into the grave amidst the deep roll of the muffed drums.

What scene could be more solemn or calculated to leave a deep and lasting impression on the minds of those present? The closed ranks of silent, uncov-

ered men, the chaplain, surrounded by other officers, standing by the open grave, the rows of rebel mounds just visible in the gloom, and the tall dark trees rising above our heads, while the flashing lightning in the North threw a fitful gleam now and then in the scene, the burning woods lit up the southern sky with a murky red, and the setting crescent moon, low in the West, scarce shedding any light, added still more impressiveness to the solemn scene.

The soldier's last tribute paid, the volleys sounded, the Benediction pronounced and the grave filled up, I stood with folded arms looking upon the scene, my heart filled with the tenderly solemn thoughts that naturally crowded it. I was well overcome, when looking up I saw shining through the dense branches a single star, one little star only, but it was enough to open visions of that bright hereafter, where there is no darkness, and neither sun nor stars are needed to give light, and my heart instinctively prayed that my death be like the righteous, and my last end be like his. I recalled to mind the words with which I had tried to comfort the dying man but a few days before, that death was the doorway to bliss, where we but prepared for the messenger, and that it really was but small matter whether we were called at home, or far away from it. Still it is very sad to be called upon to lay down one's life so, in a strange land, so far from all one loves, is it not? We all returned silently to our tents. How solemn the burial of our young soldier, so far from family and friends! Who can measure the solemnity of the tens, yes, hundreds of thousands of such burials that have been preformed. God be praised that it is in a worthy cause that all this distress is endured. Signed: H

From the Brooklyn Public Library.
Brooklyn Eagle Newspaper.



About the middle of March, Steve spent a day cleaning up an abandoned cemetery on Staten Island where the Dodge/Dupuy family is buried. He says that it is overrun with growth and many stones can hardly be accessible.

He also wrote that he found an article on Miss Elizabeth M(ayo) Dodge, Soprano, from Newburyport,

Massachusetts who sang throughout Europe about 1905, and then returned to give concerts in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts between 1906 – 1911. We are happy to report that she was the mother of our DFA member Gladys Van Naults and descends from the Richard Dodge line. (Richard, Richard, Daniel, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Silas, Rufus) Elizabeth was the daughter of Rufus Silas Dodge and Caroline Bartlett Smith. Look on our website under History/Biographies.



Don Dodge of Munhall, Pennsylvania sent the following item which he found on The Winthrop Society web page. This would be the fleet that brought William Dodge to Massachusetts in 1629.

“Now in this year 1629, a great company of people (The Higginson fleet) of good rank, zeal, means and quality have made a great stock, and with six good ships in the months of April and May, they set sail from Thames for the Bay of the Massachusetts, otherwise called Charles River, viz. the George Bonaventure, of twenty pieces of ordnance, the Talbot, nineteen, the Lion's Whelp, eight, the Mayflower, fourteen, the Four Sisters, fourteen, the Pilgrim, four, with 350 men, women and children, also 115 head of cattle, horses, mares, cows and oxen, 41 goats, some conies (rabbits), with all provision for household and apparel, 6 pieces of great ordnance for a fort, with muskets, pikes, corselets, drums, colors, and with all provisions necessary for a plantation for the good of man. Other particulars I understand no more of than is written in the general histories of those countries.”

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The View From My Window



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First of all, I have been doing some reworking of our web site to make things work a little more efficiently. In the process, I have come across some photos that I had forgotten about. One of these is a collage of faces from the family of Frank Monroe Dodge. Frank was a brother of Walter Lewis Dodge, whose family is pictured at the bottom of page 4. There are many photos on our web site. To find them, browse to www.dodgefamily.org and click on the word 'Photographs' in the group of links that appear on every page.

Some of you have been so kind as to send notes regarding the death of my dog BEAR, whom I wrote about in the Nov/Dec. Issue of the Journal. In this issue, I want to introduce LASSIE, a beautiful purebred (I believe) collie that I adopted about a month ago at our local animal shelter. It was difficult to go to the shelter because there are so many wonderful dogs waiting to find that special someone who will take them home with them. I could have easily taken 7-8 of the dogs home with me if I had the land necessary for them to run and play. I was going to look at each one of them separately, outside in the play area, but it took so long just to look at two that I decided I would not look at all of them. I would be torn even more as to which to choose.

I have always loved collies and while growing up, I thought that someday I would raise collie dogs...that was until I was smitten with my first Malemute. I have had Malemutes for years, but now I think that I probably should go with a less powerful dog. Samdog is powerful enough. I don't think I could handle two as powerful as he. So...I came home with Lassie. Earl named her as soon as I brought her in the house, but we do believe that that was her name as she immediately responded to it.

She is a extremely lovable dog and she loves to be outside. She and Sam dog are finally starting to play together.

It is thought that she is about 6 years old and we cannot imagine her original family not looking for her. There must have been extenuating circumstances that we do not know about.



She had on a rather expensive, but very old and worn, rolled leather collar; however, no tags. Now she is micro-chipped, as is Samdog. They love to take me for a walk each day. We usually go to the lake up the street, where they pull me around as fast as my legs can go.

On another subject; there are so many things on dodgefamily.org that are interesting: biographies, history, photos, some links to other sites that have information about Dodges, DNA information with color coded charts for both John Branch and Tristram Branch

Dodges who have been DNA tested. Only the kit number and the genealogy line is available for viewing. That is all that is needed to view relationships... both real and possible.

Cemetery stone photos and lists of a few cemeteries that do not have photos attached are also on our web site.

There are OLD documents there that Tom Dodge of California helped me to scan a few years ago, and we finally have someone who took us up on our offer to type the text for those, and several are now ready on the web site.

We also have a brand new member who is working on typing the text in the old English wills, and by the time this Journal arrives in your mailbox, there should be at least two available for viewing. Those of you who live in England, especially those who live in Stockport, should be interested in these wills as they are all Dodges from that area.

Well, it appears a storm is blowing in; wind gusting to 75. A good day to be inside a warm home, but before I sign off:

Official announcement: a definite mutation exists between descendants of Richard and those of William.

Barbara



John Winslow Dodge, front row, left, and his five sons. Back Row: George Everett, Sherwood Fayette, Elmer Ellsworth, and Herbert Raymond. Sitting beside John in the front row is Benjamin Earl. Benjamin was the son John had with his last wife Elizabeth Lamb. This family descended from our mystery family of John Dodge and his wife, Ruth Ruddock. DNA has proved them to be from our John Branch line through Richard, but we have not yet been able to find the connection.



Eileen's
Trivia Corner
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My name is Eileen Dodge. My husband, Norman is the author of the Genealogy Request Column. We live in Seattle, Washington. I am sure I have met many of you as Norman and I regularly attend both the Southern California reunion and the Northeast reunion.

The idea for this column has arisen out my interest in how and why my ancestors lived and worshipped. I hope the trivia that I offer will be of interest to you.

When visiting very old grave yards you might notice a tombstone inscription such as: Judith, **CONSORT** of William. At other times you may see written: Judith, **RELICT** of William. The word consort meant that her husband, William, was alive when she died. The work Relict meant that she was William's widow when she died.

Some of our ancestors wore **BANDOLIERS**. A bandolier was a little wooden case covered with leather containing the charge of powder for a musket and fastened to a broad band of leather. The person who was to use the bandoliers wore the leather bands around his neck.

BONESET: A willow-like plant, usually found in swamps whose leaves were used frequently in pioneer days as a medicine or as a tea. Its name came from the Indian custom of making splints from it for the setting of bones.

If you have the occasion to read vital statistics you may find a cause of death listed as **DROPSY**. Dropsy is a retention of water in the tissues and cavities of the body which can be caused by liver disease, heart disease, kidney disease, etc.

COOPER: A person who made casks, barrels, wash tubs, pails, butter churns and other wooden vessels. A "dry cooper" made containers which would not hold liquids.

APRIL FOOL: The first day of April is April Fool's Day when, between the hours of midnight and midday, practical jokes are played on unsuspecting friends and relatives. Should the April Fool joker forget the

ruling, or lose track of the time, and play a prank after midday he or she is liable to be laughed at in turn and mocked with little rhymes like: "April Fool's gone past, you're the biggest fool at last!" or "April noddie's past and gone, you're the fool and I'm none!" The timing of this widespread custom may be a clue to its origins, indicating that it may have had its roots in the Roman festival of Saturnalia, or in the Feast of Fools in the Middle Ages, when the usual codes of conduct were overturned and respected figures or institutions were open to mockery.



We received the following information but tend to disbelieve it. Does anyone know of any proof that William and Richard had a brother, John, who came to this country and died here?

ID: I0051 Name: John (02) DODGE 1
Sex: M Birth: 1570 in Middle Chinnock (Somset) Parish of East Coker, Eng. Death: ABT. OCT 1635 in Parish of Middlechinnock, Somersetshire, England Note:

His will was written 2 April 1635, and proved 15 October, 1635.

An examination of the Parish Registry of East Coker, Somersetshire, England discloses the records of the birth of 4 children; William, Richard, Michael and Mary. these four children are also named in the 1635 will of John Dodge Sr. The will does not show Mary's married name. There also seems to be a son John Dodge, who went to America and died there before his father died. Therefore, he is not

named in his father's will. It is stated that his brother William carried the news of John Jr's death to his father early in the year of 1635, whereupon John Sr. wrote his last legal epistle.

According to H. F. Waters, Wrotham and Wrotham Heath, are almost side by side and just West of Maidstone in the County of Kent, England. Chinnock and Coker are neighboring parishes in the extreme South or Southeast part of Somersetshire, England. Halstock, in the County of Dorset, England, referred to in the will, is just over the county line South of these parishes.

Father: John (01) DODGE b: ABT. 1550: **Mother:** Agnes (Dodge) UNKNOWN b: UNKNOWN

Marriage: Margery (Dodge) UNKNOWN b: UNKNOWN in Halstock, County of Dorset, England; Married: 1600 in East Coker (Somersetshire) England. Children:

1. John (13) DODGE b: UNKNOWN
2. Richard (1) DODGE b: ABT. 1602 in East Coker, England
3. William (4) DODGE b: 1604 in East Coker, England
4. Michael (2) DODGE b: 1606 in East Coker (Somersetshire) England
5. Mary (1) DODGE b: 1608 in East Coker (Somersetshire) England

Sources:

1. Title: Genealogical Gleaning in England
Author: Henry F. Waters
Publication: 1901
Note: This was given to me by Lydia Dodge Boensch - lady@fia.net
Media: Book
Page: 448,449



On the left: The family of Walter Lewis Dodge. Bottom Row from the left: Zola Doris, Walter Lewis, Oliver, Grace Coles, Grace May; Standing: Hannah, Wilford, Melvin Lewis. Walter was a son of Baxter Dodge. (See View From My Window, page 3.)



Earl's
Pearls
earldodge@

Seventh Tour of England

A number of members from seven states have already shown an interest in possibly participating in the Dodge Family Tour taking place either in 2006 or 2007. We will soon be selecting places of interest we will see on this Tour in addition to Middle Chinnock and Stockport sites of special interest to Dodges. If you have any interest in possibly going with us please let us know by filling out the form at the bottom of the letter accompanying this issue.

Directors Elected

Everett J. Dodge, Frederick J. Dodge and Earl F. Dodge were nominated for three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Dodge Family Association at the annual meeting in January. Members voting since then have unanimously supported these choices.

Reunions

As mentioned previously the 2005 **New England Dodge Reunion** will be held on October 1 at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Likely the California Reunion will be held the third week of January, 2006.

Other Reunions: **June 2005, Scott, Cambria, Wisconsin** - contact Phil Slinger: pslinger@new.rr.com or at 301 Roselawn Blvd., Green Bay, WI, 54301 **July 2005, Hesperia, Michigan**. Contact James Dodge, 2770 Cleveland Road, New Era, MI 49460.

We will be glad to publicize any Dodge Reunion when we get the details. Many lasting friendships have begun at these family gatherings. We hope to meet you at one.

Our Future

With over 800 members and many active helpers the Dodge Association is growing in numbers and in impact. Our future looks bright. We can make that future brighter by:

1. Enlisting our family members as members of our Dodge Family Association. Dues are still only \$20 and many who receive your gift will become active in our work.

2. Leaving a bequest to the Dodge Family Association. This will help guarantee that our children and grandchildren will have a vibrant family fellowship to serve them in coming years. If interested, contact us and we will show you easily this can be done. Bequests or special gifts can also be used to honor one or more family members.
3. Share any family genealogy and/or history you have with us. We will see that is preserved and what you share may help another member to learn more about their own family line.



*Kernels by The
Colonel
Col. Robert L. Dodge*

Today is mine, It is unique. Nobody in the world has one exactly like it.

It holds the sum of all my past experiences and all my future potential.

I can fill it with joyous memories or ruin it with fruitless worry. If painful recollections of the past come into my mind or frightening thoughts of the future, I can put them away.

They cannot spoil today for me. It is mine!
Anonymous

QUEST John Branch Line Seeking Relatives

Tired of struggling with the cold on the prairie, John and Eliza Dodge took their sons Charles E. Dodge and Carlton Dodge to the Los Angeles area, supposedly Glenwood, California.



Carlton & Charles taken as

John's brother Boynton, whose family stayed behind in Iowa, had come to Iowa from Henniker, New Hampshire in the 1850's. Boynton walked all the way from New Hampshire to Iowa. He brought with him a supply of sewing materials, thread, needles, to barter in exchange for lodg-

ing and food. He thought that carrying money would invite robbery.

Charlie was a playmate of our grandmother Ellen. We have a story recorded from family oral history, about the tool box that Ellen gave Charlie and the sled that he gave her one Christmas when they were little. And we have the recipe for gingerbread that they always made for holidays, a recipe that came with them from New Hampshire.

Photographs of Charlie taken at a studio in LA suggest to me that the families kept in contact into the 20th century so you may have some family his-

tory, oral or pictorial, about the Iowa Dodges.

To place us, let me give you some subsequent surnames. There were 9 descendants of Boynton and his wife Sophronia Dodge. Of the two sons, Arthur and John, only John (Merrill) had descendants and they were mostly in the Ellensburg WA area. The daughters' descendants obviously had different surnames due to marriage. If your ancestors spoke of their relatives in Iowa, they may have used surnames such as Rendleman (Ellen), Bartlett (Nettie), Dyer (Ida), Statzell (Evelina or Dena) or Kirkeberg (Bess).

If you think you might be descended from one of the sons of John and Eliza Dodge, who is pictured on the left, Carlton or Charlie, and you are interested in stories or pictures, let us know. Of the photos that we have, we have

made extra copies in print form or could send some by e-mail. Of the stories that Ellen told, we printed them and could send copies. Naturally, we would be interested in any photos or stories that you may have. Cathy Irvine davirv@netins.net Mary Gilchrist mary-gilchrist@uiowa.edu

Right: Ephriam Dodge, grandfather of John. For better views, on our web site, click on Photographs and then John_ElizaDodge_Gilchrist





**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS**

Spring is here and the Mysteries continue. Corydon Dodge m 8 Mar 1833 per NH VR's . No place listed for Lydia Hamblet. Corydon Dodge b. 02 November 1808, in NH or VT. His parents, we believe, are Samuel Dodge b. ca 1770 & Olive Ann Hoag b. 31 August 1776, in Newport, New Hampshire. Samuel had two brothers, names unknown to us. We are looking for ancestors to tie this in to our John or Tristram File.



Benjamin Dodge who married Sarah or Sally Loud is still a mystery. The claim is that Benjamin was b. November 04, 1778 in Beverly, MA. A thorough search of the Beverly records shows no Benjamin with this birth date. Ruth Larson, one of our members, found Benjamin and Mary Dodge on her One World Tree Disk that is put out by Ancestry.com. This mystery goes into Monroe Maine with several descendants. Many people claim that this Benjamin Dodge is the son of Edward Dodge b. Abt. 1865 in Beverly, MA & Mary Balch b. 20 May 1755 in Beverly Dau. of Joshua Dodge & Joanna. If this is so, then Edward Dodge was only a boy of 13 when his son Benjamin was b. No vital records so far have been found to support this theory. Sarah was b. in Portsmouth, NH on Oct 4 1782. I believe her Parents were Benjamin Loud And Deborah Green. I have left this file in our John Dodge File.



Looking for ancestors of Benjamin Dodge b. 19 March 1754 who married Elizabeth Woodward in New York had a daughter Eleanor J. Dodge, b. 19 December 1808 in Mt. Hope, Orange Co., New York.



Much has happened this last two months here. We have updated many records in the John Dodge file using vital records from Massachusetts also historical records, sent to me by Martha Altimus from New Hampshire. Sarah Eaton's birth date has been found and she was b. in Reading, Middlesex Co., MA. Visit our web site to see if you have changes in your ancestry.



George W. Dodge b. ca 1834 m. Sarah Jane Unknown has been in our Mystery

file for some time. Thru several scraps Eileen has now connected this mystery up to the Tristram line. This was originally submitted by jofemme@yahoo.com



Last summer Richard Syriac picked up many vitals of Dodges in Western Massachusetts trying to trace his wife's lineage who was b. a Dodge back to John. One line he uncovered has been a mystery ever since. We trace the line back to Vermont where Royal Dodge and Molley Whitney m. 27 December 1812, in Halifax, Windham Co., VT. Royal was not found in the Vermont vitals but the marriage is recorded.



A new Mystery is John F. Dodge b. abt 1811 in New York. He died on 11 Jul 1884 in Wakelee, Cass Co MI. He was buried in Lilly Lake Cem, Newberg Twp, Cass Co MI—married three times. #1. Zelia Grinnell m. Mar 13, 1831, She died March 3, 1842; #2. Sarah DENEL Nov 22, 1851, she died Nov 8, 1853; #3. Mary S. Stephens ca 1858-1859 John DODGE deceased July 11, 1884. Cass Co., Michigan. This is a brick wall for Ardith. Contact her at: ahaas365@comcast.net



Asa W. Dodge b. 11 November 1819, in Clark Co., Missouri d. 21 Nov 1888, married first about 1840 & had one child, Samuel Thompson Dodge. He then married again to Ellen Amelia Billings and they had 8 children. We are looking for ancestors. Please inform the Dodge association if you have knowledge here.



Who are the Parents of John or Jonathan Dodge b. ca 1808 in New York who married Sarah Banks Ives, b Pennsylvania. This family has descendants near Rochester, Washington & Burien, Washington. We are looking for ancestors.



Who are the Parents of Norman Dodge b. 21 April 1810 in Oneida Co., New York d. 13 August 1889 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana and Debora (Press) Dodge his wife b. 17 September 1817, b. Gowanda, Cattaraugus Co., New York, and died 11 January 1843, in Rochester, Loraine Co., Ohio. See Dodge Family Book published in 1998 Pg. 697



Beyond
the
Brick
Wall

My name is Eileen Dodge. I am a volunteer genealogist for the Dodge Family Association. I have agreed to write the first findings in our new column entitled: "Beyond The Brick Wall"

GERALD ALBRIGHT DODGE:

While surfing the Web a couple of years ago I ran across two pictures of a small child marked Gerald Albright Dodge. The pictures had been given to the midwife who helped deliver him. Because we did not have his name in our database, the picture was put on the Dodge Family Association web site as a mystery. One day last month, while surfing the Web, I came across an obituary for Elaine Eleanor Dodge Davidson. It stated that a brother, Gerald Dodge, had preceeded her in death. I checked and could not find this woman in our database. Her sons were mentioned by by name and place of residence. On a hunch I took a chance, and through the white pages was able to contact one of her sons. He filled me in on the family and stated that indeed, the pictures we had on our web site were of his uncle Gerald. I found out that at the age 14 of Gerald Albright Dodge became ill with mumps which subsequently turned into meningitis. Gerald became bedridden and was cared for at home by his parents until his death in 1943. Gerald's ancestry is Tristram. You can see the pictures and learn more about Gerald Dodge on our web site.

DODGE CROSSOVER:

When a Dodge from the Tristram branch marries a Dodge from the John branch we call this a crossover. The instances of this are rare. However, this month Norman and Eileen Dodge discovered: On February 25, 1882 Sanborn Winchester Dodge of Newcastle, Lincoln County, Maine married Eva Lillian Dodge of Arcata, Hombolt County, California. Sanborn Winchester Dodge's ancestry is from Richard. Eva Lillian Dodge's ancestry is from Tristram.