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A William Dodge Mystery

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Paintings, photographs, tintypes, etc.

We are wondering if anyone has any paintings of the early Dodges (before Photography was invented)

We would love to have jpg copies of such items for our website. We can also use tintypes and photographs in jpg format.

DNA Gedcom Files

Those of you who have submitted DNA for our DNA project, can upload a Gedcom file through Familytreedna.com. This file then can be seen by others who have submitted DNA in the Dodge Group.

For privacy reasons, all records of individuals listed in the GEDCOM file who were born in 1905 or later are HIDDEN by default. You can also add your results at www.Ysearch.org, the FTDNA sponsored public database. When going to the Y-DNA Matches tab on your personal page, you will see an explanation and a link for the upload.

William Dodge was listed by Joseph T. Dodge in 1898 as a "Miscellaneous" family. Over 100 years later and despite the efforts of many researchers, it would seem that this is still a fair classification. William's parentage is as vague now as it was then.

Named by JTD as the son of a man who died of lockjaw in 1760 and Mary Cately, William was born in Mansfield, CT, 5 September, 1758. Reportedly William was given by his mother to a Mr. Levins who was an innkeeper. It is unknown if this gentleman actually raised William. Information on the Dodge site indicates something slightly different. It states that as a baby William was given to a Mr. Jonathan Nichols and was em-

ployed by Mr. Levins.

Further research has failed to link William to Mr. Levins or to Mary for that matter. JTD's source for his information is unknown but it would seem that it was incomplete enough for him to avoid positively naming William's father.

On 4 May, 1777, at the age of 18, William enlisted from Connecticut to serve in the Revolutionary War. His pension file indicates his company was commanded by Captain Benjamin in a regiment led by Colonel Prentiss. William served until April 1780 when he was discharged in Springfield, NJ.

One of the next records of William is that of his marriage to Lydia Nichols, 11 July, 1781 in Mansfield, Windham, CT. Lydia was the daughter of Ben-

jamin and Lydia Upham Nichols. She was born 23 February 1753, in Mansfield, Windham, CT. As noted in JTD, William and Lydia had at least eight children: Abigail, John, Lydia, twins Chester and Sylvester, Clarissa, Fanny and Polly. Abigail and Lydia married brothers, Adonijah and Ariel Edwards, who were the sons of Adonijah and Mary Searle Edwards. Unfortunately, tracing the lineage of William and Lydia's children has not offered up many clues as to William's parentage.

William can be found in the 1790 census in Mansfield, Windham, CT, with Lydia and their children. He may also be the William Dodge

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Letters From the Past

Our Association is truly blessed in having several super genealogist volunteers! One of these people, Eileen Dodge, always ends her e-mails with "Remember those from whence you came." With that phrase in mind, we are including two letters from the past and they are presented here exactly as written.

The first letter was found in the archives of the Litchfield, Connecticut Historical Library in the fall of 2003 by Diana and Dave Smith. The letter is from Lucy Roberts Dodge who was writing to brothers and sisters living in the Litchfield Connecticut area and it was posted from Lafayette, New York, where Lucy was living with her husband Ira Dodge whom she married about 1811.

Lucy's sister, Hannah Roberts is Dave's 4th great grandmother. She married Hezekiah Dodge who was an uncle of Ira Dodge. Ira's parents were Ezra and Mary (Foote) Dodge, Ezra being a brother of Hezekiah.

The letter refers to Ira Dodge traveling to Ohio to visit a brother whom Diana and Dave believe was Siebred Dodge who went to Akron, Summit County, Ohio, and is buried there. There was a long story on Siebred in this Journal in the summer of 2004.

Some clarifications in the letter are:

Sister Mason refers to Lucy's sister, Chloe Roberts, who married Harmon Mason. **Brother Thompson**, refers to Lucy's sister, Mabel, who

married Hezekiah Thompson. **Daniel and family**, refers to Lucy's brother, Daniel, who married Mabel Easton and remained in Litchfield.

Lucy Roberts Dodge's parents, John and Hanna Preston Roberts, are buried in Pompey, New York in the Old Dodge Cemetery. Ira Dodge's parents, Ezra and Mary, are also buried there. Hannah and Hezekiah Dodge are both buried in Jacksonville Cemetery, Lysander, Onondaga County, New York.

*Lafayette June the 9
Dear Brother and Sisters,
The time has arrived for me to write you a few lynes. The news I have to write you is sorrowful. Mother has left this world of sorrow. She died last*

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SAND IN MY SHOES

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My Eleven Year Old

This past Christmas, I drove my aunt Cecelia to the airport as she was going to spend the Holidays with her son, Joseph & family in Oklahoma. My 11 year old daughter Nikki joined us and during the ride she overheard us talking about aunt Cecelia's granddaughter named Heather. On the ride home from the airport Nikki asked me about Heather. I told her that she is your second cousin and went on to tell her that I had never met auntie's family from Oklahoma but maybe in the near future, we may.

A few days later, Nikki came to me with a letter that she had written to Heather. She had questions such as; what class are you in and what school do you go to? What's your favorite doll? Do you like hip hop music? Do you date yet and is your brother a brat like mine?

It was only then that I told Nikki, Heather's age of 27. For some reason, Nikki believed Heather to be a younger cousin, more around 11 yrs old. I asked if she would like to rewrite her letter and she said no, its fine, send it. Well, Heather got a kick out of the letter and they now keep in touch regularly.

Last month, Nikki asked me about the articles that I write in the Dodge Family Journal. She asked, Who reads them? Are they all relatives of ours? Where do they live and do I actually know the people that read them? While doing my best to answer her questions, I suggested that she find out for herself. She loves to send and receive letters to and from our distant cousins and I told her she could reach many of them right here in our Journal. Go ahead and write her, I'm sure she'll be delighted to hear from you.

Here is Nicolette's letter to you.

Hello, my name is Nicolette Dodge, my friends call me Nikki.

I'm 11 and in the 5th grade. I have 2 cats, gotta love them, 1 St. Bernard dog, I love it, and 2 guinea pigs, love them too. I like Hip Hop music and go to dance lessons every week. Hope to

hear from you:

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Also, I think my 14 year old son, Gregory, would enjoy hearing from you.

Hi everybody, my dad's making me write this. I'm 14 and I'll be in High School next year. Hope to hear from you. Send to Gregory Dodge, same address as my dumb sister.

Ed note: Let's not disappoint these young Dodges. They are part of the future of the Dodge Family Association. Perhaps one day, one of them will have enough interest in their heritage to be willing to serve on our Board of Directors.



(Letters from the past - Continued from page 1) November. She lived with sister Mason through her sickness. She was unwell two months. Her limbs swelled very bad sometime before her death. I hope she is in a world where troubles never come and where no pain is felt.

Her funeral was attended at the school house. The words of the text were "Blesses are the dead, that dye in the Lord." I was there a few days after she heard of the death of brother Thompson. She asked me if I had a letter from Connecticut. She had her reason, but a few hours before her death.

Dear sister, I feel to mourn with you death is in our land. He takes our friends that are near to us. The ties are strong to each other, but must be broken one day.

Dear sister, write me a letter and write about the situation of your family and about brother Daniel. Your friends here are well. Ira has gone to the state of Ohio to visit a brother. We are very lonely here. If I could see you, time would pass sweetly away. It would be like the days of youth to me, tho' I have gray hairs on my head. I have no more news to write you. Only to tell that we have had a long, cold storm that had almost destroyed the corn on the earth.

Dear sister, write as soon as you get this letter.

Lucy Dodge.



The next letter here is exactly as written. We do not know who sent this letter to us. If it was you, please let us know. It is from a Malissa Dodge written to a friend, Clarrisa.

"Good morning Clarrisa. I have long ben watin for an oppourtuny to write you. We arrived here the forth of July and had a good journy and good health. I should tell a little about our journy as you want to I should. We went through Cleaving (Cleveland) and Eleria (Elyria). We staid to Lyddias wensday nite. The next mornin we went to old Mrs. Abbas. The swamps were verry bad but there was aplenty tarven. There was twenty five tarvens in twenty seven miles. Some muds holes we darse not wride for fear of turning over. We went a foot and waded in the mud and water up to our belts. We past therty one lakes before we got to Mr. Bentons. We crost twenty six rivers before we got to the buck horn. The first one was grand river. The last one was fox river. We saw pritty places and some that is not so pritty. It is fine country hear andaplenty of fine people hear. We saw some such spokes as Celinda gave Maryette. Clar-risa there is enough folks hear but they are a great wase apart. We went to camp meeting the next week after we got here. You tell Maryett I have not forgot-ten her yet and shal writ to her nex one I wrte to. Abren lived in Aurroria when we came here but he has moved in the hous with uncle Ale now. Uncle Ale say if Silveter ever comes into his hous he will cick him out because of a letter he wrote back here after he went home. Ce-linda and Altha will tell you the rest of the news. You must kiss Martha and Nel-son and the baby for me. I want you should write soon. Tell George and Betsy write soon. This from your most affectunatie friend Malissa Dodge I want you should write what the babes name is."



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The View From My Window



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Back in February of 2005, I got a note from one of our members, Brenton Dodge who lives in Missouri, in response to my column on 'aprons'.

He wrote "Barb, I could see my mother and grandmother with whom I lived during my growing-up years in Scarborough, Maine, using their aprons in a similar manner for almost everything you mentioned. As I recall there was only one place to get those wrap-around aprons. The Women's Missionary Society at church made them to sell as a fund-raising project. I now occasionally look for them in stores but do not find them. My grandmother would be 124 years old this year if she had not died in 1952. Mom died in 1987 at 76 years of age. I am 78.

At our house, Gramma did the cooking [feeding seven of us three meals a day, for we seldom "ate out" except for the monthly church dinners] and Mom did the laundry and housecleaning. Oh, the memories. From time to time I sit at the computer and write stories of the way things used to be."

I, Barbara, also think of the way things were as I was growing up.

Monday was 'washing day' and I don't know why, but I HATED to come home from school at lunch time and find my mother doing laundry! Was it because I was not the center of attention because she was busy?

She cooked pies, cakes, rolls, and cookies for people in our town, Weston, Massachusetts. This is how she supported us along with working in the school cafeteria. I never knew we were 'poor'. Life seemed so slow compared to today. Was that because I was still a child?

After Earl and I were married and had a family of 7 children, the time still seemed to be 'slow and easy'. I spent my days sewing, cooking, and still had time to take a bike ride almost anytime I desired. Money was tight, and I had the use of the car one morning each week in order to do the shopping. It required a lot of planning. All the 'loss

leaders' of the various stores were noted, and if they were something we could use, a point was made to travel to each of those stores for those items. Of course, I also had a list of the things I HAD to purchase. Everything was done from 'scratch'. No mixes entered our home ... until we moved to Colorado and then, try as I might, I have never been able to make a 'scratch cake'!

Back to the present...our daughter, Karen Thiessen and her youngest son, Caleb, age 13, took an extended trip east before ending up in South Carolina for the wedding of her oldest son, Joshua. They visited many of the historic places in the east including Washington, DC, and Plymouth, Boston, Lexington, Concord, etc., in Massachusetts, and of course, they had to visit the place where I grew up, Weston. They walked around my little house and the school that I attended. I wish I had been with them so that I could have told them the stories that went with these places and others in the area. I have a video that I made several years ago when Earl and I went there. It is on a VCR tape and has lots of traffic noise in the background. I know how to transfer it to my computer in order to make a DVD, but I wish there was some way to take out the background noise, without taking out the narrative. I would like to give a DVD of this tape to each of our children.

Earl and I also went to the wedding in South Carolina but first we went to Savannah, Georgia and spent a wonderful day by the river. Then we went to Hilton Head, South Carolina to visit with our nephew, John Skiotis, and his family: Marie-C, his wife, Jacob, age 10, Jordan and Joshua, twins age 8, Hannah, age 5, and little Noah, age 2. We had never met the children and I had never met Marie-C, so this visit was a delight. They are missionaries to the moslems.

While in Hilton Head, I visited on the phone with Waldo Dodge who has lived there for 20 years after moving there from the North Shore of Massachusetts.

We enjoyed our trip, but somewhere in past time, it seems that we must have grown a bit older as we have never been so tired and were very, very, happy to arrive home. Our three dogs were ecstatic to see us again.

(Tunbridge, VT.) Stop Thief!!

Stolen from the subscriber on the night of the 25th of August, a dark Bay mare, five or six years old, small breach near the left flank, the cheek on the left side higher than common, trots all, of a small size, low carriage, black main and tail; had on when taken an almost new saddle, double welted, an old bride tied to the bits on one side with a leather string; shod before. Whoever will apprehend said thief, so that he may be brought to justice and return said property, or give information, shall receive a handsome reward and all charges paid by Ammi Dodge, Tunbridge, Vt., 30 Aug. 1808.

Ammi Dodge, born about 1773 in Vermont married Polly Howe, born 1773 in Vermont. They raised ten children: Lorana (1798), John Eastman (1799), Lydia (1802), Thomas Eastman (1804), Milton (1806), Mary or Polly (1807), Charles Ammi (1809), Elizabeth (1812) and Miriam (1812) who are presumed to be twins, and Albert (1815). We are looking for the parents of Ammi Dodge. By the way, history does not tell us if Ammi's horse was ever returned.



This family descends from John Dodge, the father of William and Richard, through his son, Michael who stayed in England. The photo is of Albert Charles Dodge and his 1st wife, Edith, with their children, Evelyn and Kathleen. This photo belongs to DFA member David Dodge of Wiltshire, England. David contributed DNA to our DNA project and the results prove that he is also descended from John Dodge, probably through his son Michael.

(William Dodge—Continued from page 1)

listed in the 1800 census in Arlington, Tolland, CT census but that is not verified. Sometime before 1805 William had moved his family to Rodham, Jefferson, NY where he, Lydia, Reuben and Laura Tremaine, Aaron and Sally Loomis, Nathaniel Nichols, David Cory and Nathaniel Crook were noted as original members of the Congregational Church. In 1810 his household was counted in the Rodham, Jefferson, NY census.

Still residing in Rodham in 1818, William filed for a pension for his Revolutionary service. He was required to provide details of his service and list any underage children, of which he had none at that time. Lydia was listed as “infirm” and 67 years old. William gave his occupation as farmer and also provided an accounting of his belongings to indicate he had no income other than from farming. The inventory included among other things an old wagon, one old wooden clock, two small looking glasses, several items of tin and earthenware, five pails, a fire hook, fire shovel, fire tongs, six knives and forks, one old table and “some” garden vegetables. Many items were labeled as “old” which seems to indicate that William and Lydia were not well-to-do and did indeed need the pension allotment he was entitled to.

William’s pension file includes two unusual items. One is a letter written in 1938 by a Mrs. E. C. Johnson, of South Dakota, who requested information about William 1758 and also about William of Hillsboro, NH who had sons named Perley, John, Jacob and William as well as one daughter Annis. Another letter in the pension file dated 1936 is from a Ralph D. Johnson of Detroit, MI, who named himself as a great-great-great-grandson of William 1758. Mr. Johnson’s letter appears on the Detroit Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. William was eventually awarded a pension of \$8.00 per month. Efforts to locate either of these Johnson families have been unsuccessful.

The 1820 Rodham, Jefferson, NY census was the last one William was counted. He and Lydia were living alone and were both counted as 45 and over. A move to Richland, Oswego, NY would take place sometime after

this census count and before William’s death 18 May, 1828. Lydia’s death took place sometime after 18 October, 1823, when William applied for an extension to his pension. Lydia was listed as “sick most of the time.” Both are buried in the Pulaski Cemetery, Pulaski, Oswego, New York, but neither have headstones remaining if there were any originally. Two of William’s children also settled in Oswego County. Chester and his wife, Martha Cone, and Polly and her husband Samuel Adams.

William and Lydia’s many heirs are now scattered across the country and an ongoing project has been to locate a male heir that might be willing to participate in the Dodge DNA project.

William seemed to have left little behind to guide researchers to his beginnings. It may be that a DNA sample may be the 21st century answer to the 19th century question of who was William 1758’s father. *~~~~~*



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In the 1920’s my grandfather, Lewis H. Dodge, moved his family from Massachusetts to California. One son, Clarence, was married and remained in Malden, Mass. My dad, Earl Farwell Dodge, Sr., moved back to Massachusetts after finishing school in the San Diego area, living with Clarence and his wife Gertrude. Through Gertrude he met Dorothy Harris his future bride.

Until 1959 Uncle Clarence was the only close relative of my dad whom I knew. That year my family and I made a trip to California. We called my Uncle Edward who insisted that Barbara and I, and our children (5 at that time) stay at their home. While there we got to meet my Uncle Robert and Aunt Virginia and cousins as well. In subsequent years we made many return visits, staying first with Uncle Ed and Aunt Gert and later with their daughter Margaret Williams and her husband Bob.

In the fall of 1981 Uncle Bob called to ask me what I thought of having a Dodge Family Association. I thought it was a great idea and on November 16

we opened a bank account with Robert serving as President, me as Secretary-Treasurer and Aunt Virginia as a Board Member. Due to the business failure of one publisher, we were delayed in getting the JTD Dodge Genealogy reprinted. Finally, we three advanced the needed funds and we were repaid as the books were sold.

I am sharing all this to pay tribute to Col. Robert Livingston Dodge, our Founder and first President of our Dodge Family Association. The three of us could not foresee how this small beginning would mushroom into an Association that now has over 800 membership units representing over 1,300 adults in a number of countries.

We have many newer members who may not have met Robert L. Dodge. Col. Dodge, a World War II Bomber Pilot stationed in England and who flew on the last raid over Germany before its surrender, was, for years, a member of the committee which visits the Air Force Academy to make suggestions for improving the facility and the training given there. He serves on the staff of Congressman Duncan Hunter to oversee recommendations for service academy appointments.

We owe Robert much for his vision for a family association and his labors to actually make it a reality. We salute you, Colonel Bob, and promise to do our best to continue the good work you began almost 25 years ago. *~~~~~*

REUNION NOTICES

A reunion of descendants of Wilbur Caleb Dodge is being planned for the weekend of August 6, 2006, in Oneonta, NY. Organizers are Robert E. Dodge’s daughter Barb Weigel (585-289-8971) and Pauline Dodge Baker’s daughter Beverly Daley of Oneonta (607-432-0876). The photo of this family was in the March-April Journal on page five.

The New England Reunion will be held September 16 at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The cost of the meal will be \$22.50 and the choice will be New England Baked Chicken or New England baked Scrod.

To access members only area of our website.
User Name: dodgefamily
Password: coker

Majority Tree for the Tristram Dodge line.

This tree was done for us by one of our members, Harry Erwin, who presently is teaching at Oxford College in England. He also did one for the John Branch and we MAY have that in the next Journal. The numbers are the percentage of the trees supporting each relationship. Example: 64% of the trees associate David Dodge/Maria Cole mystery closely with the William Dodge mystery from

Kentucky. 99% of the trees support a connection of the three mysteries--two Kentucky and one in Canada. **The presence of Tristram/Tristram lines on both subtrees suggests either duplicated mutations, statistical error, or inaccurate records.**

Those of you who have submitted your DNA for the Tristram Dodge line can see where you fit in this tree by your ancestry. There are several things to look at here. The item at the top of the chart appears to be placed in the wrong Tristram family. It would seem, according to this tree, that it should be a Tristram, William line. Note what Harry says about this. (in bold italics above)

Stockport, England, DNA participants are at the bottom. In between these two points are various family groups.

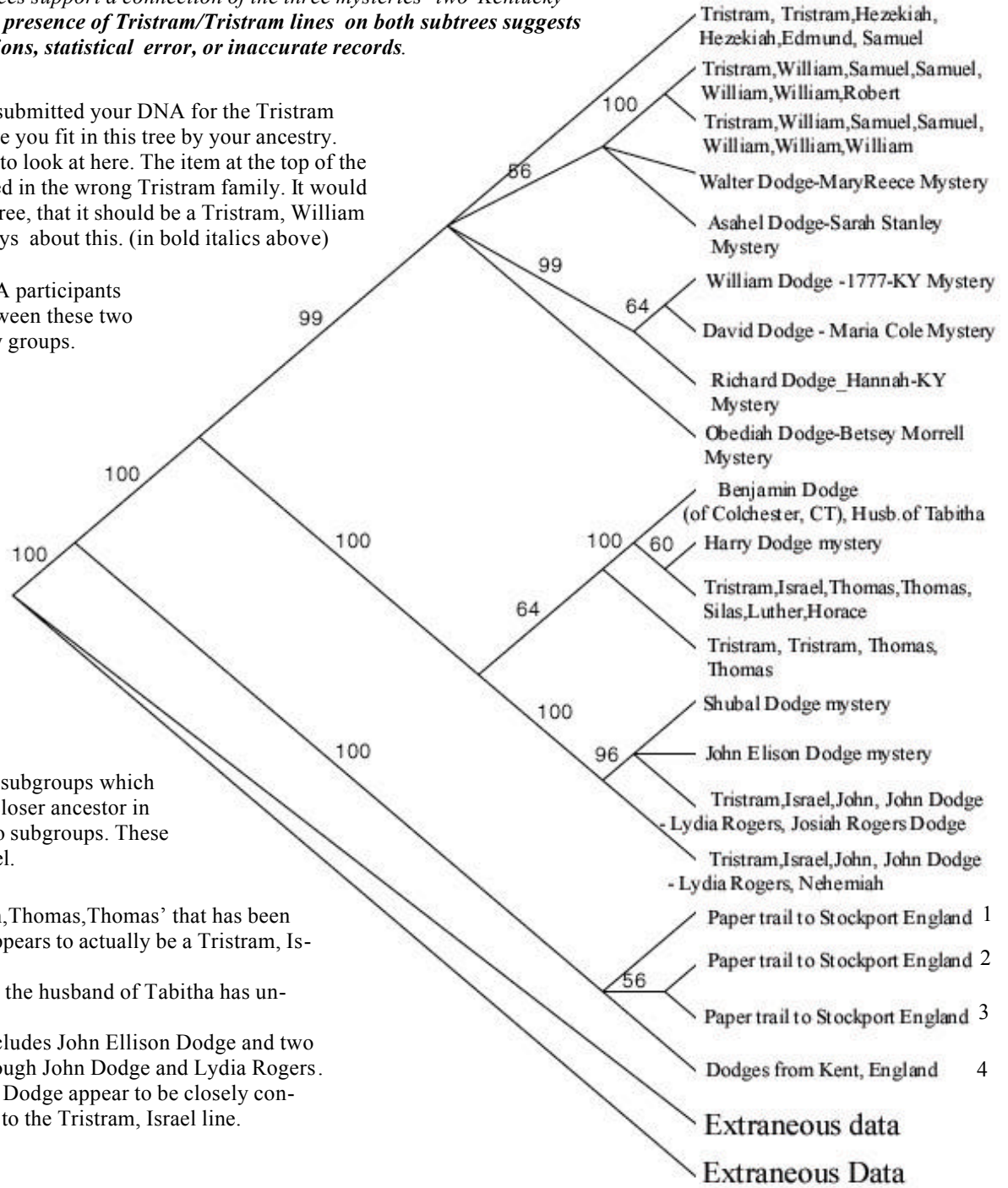
Working our way down the chart...After the first item, there are 2 sub-groups of 4 people each, whose ancestry points to a common Tristram ancestor because of a mutation they have in common. This can also be seen in the table on our website.

Next we have two more subgroups which appear to have an even closer ancestor in common than the 1st two subgroups. These groups are Tristram, Israel.

The 'Tristram, Tristam, Thomas, Thomas' that has been placed in this position appears to actually be a Tristram, Israel, Thomas.

Benjamin Dodge was the husband of Tabitha has unknown lineage.

The next subgroup includes John Ellison Dodge and two people who descend through John Dodge and Lydia Rogers. Shubal and John Ellison Dodge appear to be closely connected to each other and to the Tristram, Israel line.



The Stockport, England (1), has a paper trail that goes back to Samuel born 1727 in Offerton, Stockport, England and died 18 Feb 1789, Offerton, Stockport, England. The Stockport, England (2), is from a person still living in Offerton. He does not know his ancestry, but it is obvious that he connects to the 3rd one quite closely. Some research on his part would probably find that connection. The Stockport, England (3), is part of the same line as (2). This person now lives in Canada. Kent Dodge DNA (4) proved that they also belong to the Dodges from Stockport. Their known ancestry is back to John Dodge b 1761 and Elizabeth Tomsett b. 1762. We have photos on our website of Boughton Monchelsea that a DFA member who is a descendent in this line sent us after a visit to England last year.



**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**
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Seattle has had an unusual Winter & Spring so far. After two very dry years the winter season brought us a good snow load. Since the first of May it has been very dry and now, on the 23rd of May, we are making up for it with much needed rain.

I begin this month's column with a double Dodge mystery – that is to say that a Dodge male married a Dodge female and we do not have the ancestry for either of them. John Dodge, born about 1783 in Edgecomb, Maine married Sarah Dodge, born about 1785 in Edgecomb. To our knowledge they had only two children. The eldest, Gardiner, was born about 1825 in Edgecomb. He moved to California where he died in 1851. The youngest, Sumner, born about 1829, in Edgecomb married Eliza Pratt from Vermont. The family moved to Wisconsin where they raised seven children. Sarah died in 1844 and John married Eunice (unknown last name), born about 1779. John and Eunice had one son, Augustus S., born 1846. We are looking for the parents of John and Sarah and the descendants of Augustus. Pictures of the headstones for John, Sarah, Eunice and the memorial stone for Gardiner are on the DFA website under Cemetery Photos; Maine; North Edgecomb Cemetery, Rte. 27

Stephen A. Dodge, born 1818 in Ohio married Rhoda A. Casper, born 1817 in New York. Their children, James P. (1838) and Leroy M. (1839), were born in Ohio; Mary Jane (1841), Daniel C. (1844) and Persis A. (1850) were born in Indiana. In the 1870 and 1880 US census the family was living in Michigan. We are looking for Stephen's ancestors and information on the descendants of their children.

George Dodge, born 1843 in Jefferson County, New York married Janet C. Smith, born 1850 in Bradford County New York. On 2 September 1871 their only child, Clark Charles Dodge, was born in Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut. On 20 November 1890

Clark married Mary Frances Thompson, born 15 May 1871 in Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Their union produced five girls: Frances, Edith E., Sarah J. (1891), Lillian Jeanette (1899), Marion (1910) and six sons: Lee A., Stuart E., George Henry (1892), Howard Clark (1896), Warren Jerome (1900), Wesley (1909). We are looking for the ancestry of George Dodge.

John Edward Dodge, born 10 May 1783 in Boothbay, Lincoln Co., Maine married Rhoda Tibbets, born 4 July 1791, also in Boothbay. They had four sons: Jason (1812), John E., Arthur, and Samuel. Unfortunately, as often occurred with many career sailors, John was lost at sea leaving a widow and young children. We are looking for the parents of John Edward Dodge and the descendants of their sons.

David Dodge, born about 1816 in Maine married Hulda (unknown last name), born about 1824 in New Jersey. Their children were, Anna (1847), David (1849) and Jason C. (Aug 1851), all born in Salem County, New Jersey. We are looking for the parents of David and the descents of Anna, David and Jason.

Taylor Dodge was born about 1802 in the United States. He immigrated to Ontario Canada where he married Almira, born about 1829 in Ontario. Their children, all born and raised in Tilbury East, Kent County, Ontario were: Sylvester (1846), John (1851), Taylor, Jr. (1854), Henry (1856), Rufus John (1860), Esther (1863), Mary (1864) and Sarah (1869). Rufus immigrated to the United States, settling down in Michigan. He married Mary Jane Hodge, born about 1874 in Michigan. Their seven children were born and raised in Wolverine, Michigan. We are looking for the ancestry of Taylor Dodge.

Granville Dodge was born about 1822 in Vermont. Census records indicate that while Granville was born in Vermont, both of his parents were born in New Hampshire. Granville married 22 December 1842 Lucy M. Conery, born about 1820 in New Hampshire. Granville and Lucy were parents to two sons: Charles M., born 1844 and Frank G., both born in New Hampshire. We are

looking for the parents of Granville.

We are still looking for the parents of Daniel Dodge and hoping there may be some new members who recognize this family. Daniel, born about 1775, possibly in New York married Elizabeth Sternberg from the Mohawk Valley. They immigrated to Ontario Canada around 1800, starting in Smithville near Niagara and then moving west to Oxford County. Their children were Sarah, Adam, Jesse, Joseph, Mary, Jane, Lydia and Permilia. Adam, born 1795 and Sarah were born in the US. Originally we thought Daniel and Jesse were from the Tristram line. However, recent DNA testing on this Family indicates they are from the John line. DNA testing has shown that DFA member William Douglas Dodge's line goes back to Jesse Dodge and Peggy Waters. DAF member Adrienne Sherrin Dodge's line goes back to Daniel and Elizabeth. The DNA markers for both families are virtually identical. I propose that Daniel and Jessie are brothers.

The David Dodge/Maria Cole mystery has now been proven by DNA to be from the Tristram line. DFA member, Gina Thomas Peterson, who descends from David and Maria, will be looking more closely in the Tristram Genealogy to solve this long-standing mystery. The DNA of Gina's cousin matches closely with DFA member, Stephen Allen Dodge, who writes the Sand In My Shoes column in our journal.

Another mystery that still is outstanding was written up in the 2006 Jan-Feb Journal. William Dodge, born about 1813 married Achsah Davidson, born about 1817. Their son, Rufus Monroe, and daughter Emeline Dodge were born in Stockbridge, Madison County, New York. In 1861 Rufus married Mary E. Bridge. They had three children: Forbes Monroe, William M. and Innis May. We believe that William is a son of Abraham Dodge and Sally Demott. Abraham was also referred to as Abram in some census records. While a very distant ancestor disputes that Abraham and Abram are the same person, two genealogists, not related to this family, have stated they believe that both names refer to one person. We are looking for proof that William is the son of Abraham/Abram and Sally.