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2. Costs of paper, envelopes, and printer toner have also risen dramatically.
3. We do not want to raise dues to cover these additional expenses and think that if a good number of

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A HERO OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT

By Diane Randlett (reporter)

It was a night detail; a small band of men were given orders to locate land mines, a job that was too risky during the day due to enemy fire. Probing the ground, a wire was tripped by the soldiers. In a blink of an eye, there was an explosion. Shrapnel shot into the dark and into them. "It was awful," said Royall Dodge. "Ten o'clock at night, six to eight of us were searching when the explosion happened and pieces of metal went everywhere. Two died and one guy died the next morning. I felt shock and blur when it first happened."

Private First Class (PFC) Royall M. Dodge was drafted from his East Boothbay, Maine home and placed into the harsh mountainous and barren valley terrain of Korea

in 1952. Shortly after his arrival, he was sent on a mission that would change his life mentally and physically forever.

"The land mine explosion happened in November. I was lucky that I got back. Two to three of the fellows didn't. I spent 18 months in the hospital, starting in Korea, being moved to Tokyo Army General, Ft. Devons Hospital for a year and finally in Waltham hospital with a bone infection in my leg. I had osteomyelitis; they had a hard time clearing it up. I was discharged in April 1954," said Dodge.

The Forgotten War as it is referred to; World War II and the Vietnam War overshadowed the Korean War. Korea, a peninsula in the Asian North Pacific, was in the center of

Chinese, Russian and Japanese sailing routes. Japan dominated Korea until WWII, when Communist Russia took military action to take control of the unstable North Korea and the U.S. attempted to assist President Syngman Rhee, a Princeton graduate, to lead his people in South Korea against the communist insurgency.

Russian allied Northern Korea invaded U.S. allied South Korea, which was not militarily prepared. The United States under President Harry S. Truman then ordered a major air strike in retaliation. The U.S. having used the atom bomb in Japan earlier realized this wasn't the answer and sent ground troops to achieve victory. In 1953, a Korean army-

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William Henry Dodge Diary—Part V

March 20, 1862 It is real March weather today, the wind blows from the north, and is of course cold, mixed with snow. This evening I am to be married to Christina Zook = a young lady of amiable disposition, and unexceptional character, of undoubted virtue, and what comprehends all == a Christian. I love her with a pure and disinterested love. She, I believe, will make a good wife, and a kind and affectionate mother to you, my son. I think it is for our mutual good, and I hope you may never reflect unkindly upon me for it. I don't think you will ever have just occasion to. By this step, we will soon have a home where I can be with you more and enjoy your

love and society. The skies begin to look a little brighter for me and I am greatly encouraged by our future prospects. As soon as we can we will move to ourselves and then we can arrange our things our own way.

December 26th, 1863 Today I have reached my 30th birthday and I am astonished at the swiftness in the flight of time. Many strange incidents have transpired since I last took a retrospective view of my life. A sketch of them may be of service to you should you read and profit by the observations in after life.

On the 16th day of last August, being so fully impressed with

the duty I volunteered in the service of the U.S. as a soldier for three years. I left my business in the full tide of prosperity, gave up my office, and went into the ranks without asking for office. I assure you it was with the purest of motives I took this step. Nothing but an imperative sense of duty would have induced me to sacrifice all the comforts of home, business and political prosperity and endure the hardships and privations a common soldier has to endure. Well, I did so, and if after so long a time, I have lived to regret the step I hope you will pardon me.

Soon after our muster in and
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you will try receiving your Journals electronically, you will REALLY LIKE IT! Several of our members already receive their journal electronically .

The question then arises, WHAT will we use our dues for, if not for paper, envelopes and postage? Not everyone will choose to receive their Journal via email, and NOT EVERYONE HAS A COMPUTER OR INTERNET ACCESS! So we will still be using paper, envelopes and stamps for many of our members.

We have finally finished our big 2 volume Tristram Dodge Genealogy and it is now at the printers. We will apply any extra money from dues to the cost of printing.


We will now be able to start our next project which will be to put in CD format our John Branch Genealogy which consists of well over 50,000 descendants of William and Richard Dodge, sons of John Dodge of Middle Chinnock, Somerset, England.

These two projects are vital to our members because both the Joseph Thompson Dodge Genealogy, "Dodges of Essex County" and Theron Royal Woodward's "Tristram Genealogy" are very out of date now because of the many thousands of Dodge lines that have been added to both data bases. Norman Dodge has worked diligently since 1998, first putting all the data from the Dodges of Essex County into an electronic data base, and then doing the same thing with the Woodward Tristram Genealogy.

After those two projects were finished, he started working on extending the Dodges lines that were in those books. He corrected errors that were in both books. He added information from the 1998 History Update by Robert L. Dodge. In recent years, he has been helped greatly by his wife, Eileen, and Chuck Dodge, and Jim Bailey two of our Board members, who have worked to clear up many mysteries. Numerous people have been helped by these three people and they continue to work constantly to make sure our data is correct while at the same time continuing to add more

Dodge descendants as they are found.

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For those of you who decide to go electronic, we are deciding the best way to let you know when your dues are due since you will not have an 'envelope' that shows your dues due date. 

(Hero of Korean Conflict -Cont'd from page 1)
stice or ceasefire was accomplished.

Unlike the letter Royall Dodge received informing him of his being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952, this letter dated November 2008 was a welcome sight. It stated, The State of Maine is continuing the process of recognizing its veterans who were wounded in combat and awarded a Purple Heart with the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal.

Dodge, his wife Eleanor, daughters Sandra and Brenda and three grandchildren were present for the Augusta Veterans Day celebration held at the Cole Transportation Museum on Tuesday, November 11.


Dodge, an accomplished ship joiner and carpenter, now 56 years into the future from the Kum Wha valley explosion, is still dealing with reminders of the war such as floating bone fragments, an ankle that doesn't do exactly what he wills it to and partial sight in his left eye.

Dodge can, however, see that his experience was an invaluable one that gave him a chance to see some of the world and to realize how much he loves his family and home. "It would be a good thing for everyone to serve; boys when they are 18 to serve for two years and college students once out of college to serve; everybody would know what's going on. It is a good experience for everyone, the training and discipline is tremendous. You meet a lot of people from all walks of life and see a little bit of the world," said the veteran.

The honorees of the day included 11 other Purple Heart medal recipients whose certificates read as Dodges:

The Silver Star Honorable Service Medal is presented to PFC Royall M.


Dodge in recognition of his honorable service in the Armed Forces of our country and for his award of the Purple Heart for wounds received during the Korean War. We the citizens of the State of Maine, express our sincere appreciation for his courage and his willingness to serve our state and nation. We are proud of him, and grateful to him for his commitment to the defense of freedom; Signed Governor John Baldacci and Major General John W. Libby.

Mr. Dodge is a member of the Masons and is awaiting the birth of his first great-grandchild, due in March. 



Beyond
the
Brick

LONGSTANDING MYSTERY SOLVED!

Samuel Wilson Dodge was born about 1808 in New York. He married Margarethe Hastings of New York and their first four children were born in Genesee County, New York. The following five children were born in Wisconsin. While Eileen Dodge was attempting to connect this family up to a known Dodge line she discovered, in the John File, the family of Josiah and Phoebe (Wilson) Dodge living in Genesee County, New York. Josiah and Phoebe had two other sons: Leander, born in 1802 and Josiah, Jr., born in 1810. Another clue to connecting this family is that while Josiah, Sr. and Phoebe died in Genesee County, New York, Leander and Josiah, Jr. moved to Wisconsin, as did Samuel. 

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The View
From
My Window



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In readying the items in our Dodge Library for pickup by Norman and Eileen Dodge later this week (they will be taking them to New England where they will be placed in a library or museum), I came across a small photo album that I had prepared several years ago. Since we have many new members since that time, I decided to re-run the column that I wrote for the July-August 2000 Journal. We sure would like to know how these items fit into the Dodge family.

July/August 2000

“They lay in my hand . . . these little bits of someone’s life; four tiny tintypes; two pieces of paper each containing a bit of hair; a poem from an old newspaper about a baby who had died . . . each time the word ‘baby’ occurred in the poem it had been crossed out and the word Johnny had been written in the margin; the joys and sorrows of someone’s life now contained in one small envelope.



The blonde bit of hair was marked, Alvin - 14 months. The dark bit of hair was simply marked Almissa. There were no names on the tintypes . . . a man, a woman, a boy and a girl.

The envelope that contained these precious bits of the life of someone long gone, was included in the box of receipts, documents, and school papers that had been sent to us by Wayne Dodge, Washington, D.C.

Most of these items have a connection to John Tuttle, who proves to be related to Dodges. There are several signed re-

ceipts, each for \$4.00, that were bequests from a will of John Tuttle Sr. to each of his grandchildren for the purpose of each of them purchasing a Bible. Two of the receipts were signed by Joseph and Luke Dodge who were sons of Thomas Dodge and Mehitable Tuttle. Surnames of other grandchildren were Tuttle, Whipple, and Stacy. John Tuttle Jr. was the executor of the will. From this one box of paper items we have been able to pretty well reconstruct some of the genealogy of Mehetable Tuttle and understand better the connection of Dodges to these various surnames.

Thomas Dodge was b. 1 Jan 1762, in Hamilton, MA, the son of Luke Dodge and Hannah Whittredge. Thomas married Mehetable Tuttle. Until now, we did not know the name of her father. John Tuttle the executor of the will, would have been the brother of Mehetable and uncle to the Dodge children. We also have found names of some of Mehetable’s siblings.

Are the children in the tintypes Alvin and Alissa? Or . . . is the boy Johnny? We may never know the answers but we do know that we have protected the loss of any more of this information by storing it on a CD.

Our Dodge Family Historic Preservation Project was started for the exact purpose of saving items like this for posterity and it is a vital part of our Association.”

AND NOW

With the death of Earl last November 7, I and my daughters have had to go through many boxes of items that were important to him. Letters from his mother, cards from family members and friends, index cards with itemized trip expenses for all of the vacations we had, clippings of letters he wrote to the editor of the Rocky Mountain News, Sunday School lessons that he had prepared...and the list goes on and on. Each time I delve into another box to try to sort things, again I am overcome with grief for that life I once had.

I wonder if the mother of little Johnny, felt that way about things left behind after he died. I have never lost a child but I can empathize because of the loss of my husband. By the time you receive this, the 1st year anniversary of Earl’s death will have come and

gone and we will be into the season of Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Earl’s birthday was the day before Christmas so this time of year will always be an extra poignant time for me.

I often wonder if, when I die, my children and grandchildren will go through boxes of things that I have not been able to part with and wonder why in the world I kept some of those things. I guess that does not matter. What matters is that they are important to me as the boxes of memorabilia Earl saved were important to him. *Barbara*



(William Henry Dodge Diary-Cont’d from page 1) on the 10th of September, 1862, I was detailed to Clerk in the adjutant’s office. In the organization of a new regiment a great deal of work belongs to this office. Yet I did it all setting up frequently until 11 or 12 o’clock at night, and without extra pay. But I was anxious to work and merit something better. On the 13th of November following, I was placed in the Jr. M. Dept. as Clerk in that place when all the reports were in a bad condition. By steady application an continued industry, I flatter myself that everything was brought to rights, at least I received the unqualified approbation of the officers and employers. I was also at the Battle of Fort Wayne, Cane Mill, and Prairie Grove.

I continued in this employment until the 12th of July, 1863. An order had previously been issued from the War Dept. prohibiting soldiers from being Clerks and appointing citizens to that place, unless a soldier would go simply as an extra duty man, with pay 13 dollars per month, while citizen Clerks would be paid 75 dollars per month. This I regarded a piece of gross and unpardonable injustice.

Ed note: This is the end of the diary of William Henry Dodge. William’s son was so important to him that he left this diary for him and because of that, we have had the opportunity to glimpse into the past and the types of things that many people had to deal with in the 1800s. There were no bale outs for these people, yet look at the wonderful country they managed to build for us.

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This unknown Dodge girl was photographed in Boston. Can you identify her? If so, please let us know.

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.

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

Their Dodge line is: (Carlton, Ephriam, Ebenezer, Phineas, John, John, Richard)

The photo of the unknown Dodge girl at the top of this column is part of the photo group associated with this family.

There are many other photos on our web site of family members.

Browse to: http://www.dodgefamily.local/Photographs/John_ElizaDodge_Gilchrist/John_ElizaDodge.shtml



FRANCES SAFFORD DODGE

THIS AND THAT

We receive many newspaper clippings from our members. We have chosen three of those items to include in this column.

The Dodge House in Boulder, Colorado, was constructed in 1895 by Dr. Horace Dodge, a man who had fought in many of the major battles of the Civil War, from Bull Run and Fredericksburg to Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He did not study medicine until the last days of the war and he moved to Colorado in 1871. He was a charter member and later, president of the Colorado Medical Society. He was professor of clinical medicine at Colorado Medical School and served as Chairman of the committee that raised funds for the building of Colorado General Hospital. The house is at 590 Pine Street and is sometimes included in historic Boulder houses open for tour.



George W. Dodge is President of the Arlington Historical Society. Arlington Cemetery is the final resting place for more than 340,000 soldiers, presidents, and other distinguished Americans. Arlington County officials approved a 4.3 acre land swap with the federal government that will allow the cemetery to add as many as 3,440 burial sites which will allow burials to continue until 2060. George Dodge said, "It's not just a cemetery now; it's a shrine. It's a shrine to valor and the sacrifices American men and women have made. Given the space constraints, there are only a finite number of days or years it can stay open, so acreage becomes an issue. You can trace the history of this country through all the interments there. It's like a walk through history. If it's cut off at some point, you're going to lose that."

Capt. Frances Safford Dodge, who is buried in Arlington Cemetery, was in command of about 200 black soldiers who were sent into the Guadalupe's by Col Edward Hatch, in January 1870. Riding through rain and sleet, they encountered Mescalero rancheria (temporary habitation) in what was considered one of the most inaccessible regions of the Guadalupe Mountains. The Apaches fled taking refuge on a nearby peak as the troops approached, but 10 Indians were unable to get away and were killed. The soldiers confiscated ponies, robes, bows, and arrows.

Born at Danvers, Massachusetts on September 11, 1842, Frances Safford Dodge served in the Civil War as Private and Corporal, 23rd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, October 9, 1861-December 19, 1863. Appointed First Lieutenant, United States Colored Cavalry, December 20, 1863, and the promoted through the ranks to Brigadier General, January 23, 1904. Retired by operation of law on September 11, 1906.

He was brevetted February 27, 1890 for action against hostile Indians at Colorado, September 29-October 1, 1879. He received the Medal of Honor, March 22, 1898, for "most distinguished gallantry" against Indians near White River Agency, Colorado, October 2, 1879. He served in North and South Carolina, 1861-63, in Virginia, 1863-64, Texas, 1864-65, and after the Civil War at various posts throughout the West. After his retirement, he served as Director, American Surety and Trust Company. He died in Washington, D.C. on February 19, 1908 and was buried in Section 3 (Grave 1874) of Arlington National Cemetery. His wife, Mary Hunt Dodge (1847-1931) is buried with him.



GENEALOGY REQUESTS COLUMN

by Norman Dodge
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This is fall time and we had a great Reunion in Salem, Massachusetts. Forty-three people attended and the setting was very lovely. Victoria Station was the name of the restaurant where the Reunion was held, a beautiful setting dockside on the Salem wharf. I asked for a new person on the East coast to head up the reunions held in Massachusetts. Cabot Dodge volunteered and said he would like to see the Reunions continue. He may become the coordinator of many Reunions in the future. I hope to see many of you at the Reunion in San Diego at Miramar, January 24, 2009.

We are now working on an update to the John File. If you see something wrong on the Dodge website please let us know. Please send any additions or changes to Norman E. Dodge 2004 Lashi Street SE Olympia, WA 98513 or nedodge@aol.com.

Last month, while doing some genealogy research, Linda Scott discovered an error in our database. We had the same person in the John file and Tristram file. I gave the assignment of checking out this problem to Eileen Dodge and Jim Bailey. After much research and careful consideration, it was decided that the information in the Tristram file was in error. I have now corrected our files.

The Mystery of Elizabeth 'Betsey' Dodge and James Bennett of Massachusetts. James Bennett, III was born about 1704 in Groton, Massachusetts. He married, about 1743, Elizabeth 'Betsey' Dodge. Her birth date, birthplace and parents are unknown. In some of the records the surname was spelled Bennet. James and Elizabeth had eight children, all born at Reading, Massachusetts: Sarah, born 1745; Thomas, born 1750; William, born 1754; James (date unknown) served in the Revolution; Elizabeth, born 1761; Joseph, born 1765; Jacob (date unknown) went to New Boston, New Hampshire; Jonathan (date unknown), and Stephen (date unknown).

The Mystery of Luther Dodge of New York and Anne Daniels of Vermont Luther Dodge was born 23 July 1825 in Herkimer County, New York. His parents are unknown. In 1850 Luther married Anne Daniels, a native of Vermont. Their first two children were born in New York: Mary in 1853 and William in 1855. In 1856 Luther and Anne moved to Goodhue County, Minnesota where four more children were born: Martha in 1858, Hattie in 1865, Lillie E. in 1868, and Luther A. in 1870. Luther moved his family to Kansas March 16, 1871 where their last child was born, John Francis in 1874. Luther was the first settler in Reno County, Kansas. He owned 117 acres, fifty-one in cultivation, twenty acres fenced with wire, and a small orchard. He specialized in the raising of fine cattle, of which he had twenty-three head, twenty-five hogs, and two horses. He raised good corn crops every year. He was a prominent citizen of Hutchinson, Kansas and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Of Luther and Anne's children we have no further information except for the last two children. Luther A. married, and had a daughter named Hazel, born 1898 in Texas. Luther married a second time to Daisy Eunice Witherow. Their children were Walter Clifford, Quincy A., Laura Anne and Ina Mae. Luther and Daisy moved around a lot and were in Oregon in 1910, Washington in 1920 and California in 1930. Luther and Daisy both died in Nevada County, California in the 1950s. Luther's son, John Francis married Agnetta, the daughter of Swedish immigrants. They lived in Kansas all their lives and had four children: Vernal Franklin, Homer, Earl C. and Velma F.

The Mystery of Thomas C. Dodge of Vermont and Cynthia H. Hall of New Hampshire Thomas C. Dodge was born about 1821 in Vermont. His parents are unknown. Cynthia H. Hall was born about 1831 in Salem, New Hampshire, the daughter of Israel W. Hall and Polly Stickney. Thomas and Cynthia's families

moved to McLean County, Illinois where they were married on 6 September 1850. Thomas and Cynthia had four children, all born in McLean County: Israel W., born in 1851; Thomas Eldridge, born in 1853; William H., born in 1855; and Alice, born 1858. Thomas C. was a physician and died 3 October 1858. After his death Cynthia married John P. Morrison.

Thomas Eldridge Dodge married Jane Ann 'Jennie' Piatt on 6 March 1878 in McLean County, Illinois. Jane was born in 1858, the daughter of James L. Piatt and Elizabeth Lee. Thomas and Jane had four children, all born in McLean County, Illinois: Fred Lee, born 1879; Charles William, born 1882; Rosamond G., born 1884; and Iris B., born 1894.

Fred Lee Dodge married Margretta Jung, who was born in Germany. They had one child, Doris Hazel, born in 1918 in Pine City, Minnesota.

The Mystery of Darius and Rhoda Dodge of New York Darius Dodge was born about 1808 in New York. His parents are unknown. He married Rhoda (maiden name unknown). The 1850 US Census in Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania shows the family as follows: Darius, age 42 and Rhoda, age 42, both born in New York. Darius, age 16, Pardon, age 13, Rhoda, age 11, Clinton, age 9, Loren, age 5, and John, age 1 all born in Pennsylvania.

Loren is the only person of that family to be found after 1850. In the various census records his name is spelled variously Loren, Loran, Loron. In the 1860 US Census in Ophir, LaSalle County, Illinois Loren can be found living in the household of Edmund Dodge, age 60; Sarah Dodge, age 68; and Delia Dodge, age 40. It is unknown what relationship Loren has to these Dodes.

In the 1880 US Census in Weston, McLean County, Illinois we find Loren, age 36, whose occupation is listed as a butcher; Lizzie J. age 32, born in Massachusetts; Nellie V., age 13, born in Illinois; and Cora E., age 8, born in Illinois.

On 17 August 1861 Loren P. Dodge enlisted for service in the Civil War,

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enrolling in Company B, 12th Illinois Infantry. In 1883 Loren applied for and received a Civil War Pension and in 1890 his wife applied for and received a widow's pension. At a later date Homer W. Hall applied for and received a guardianship pension for Loren's children.

The Mystery of Samuel Dodge and Sally Bogart of New York and New Jersey Samuel Dodge was born about 1797. His parents are unknown. On 30 December 1815 in Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey Samuel married Sara 'Sally' Bogart. Sally was born 19 October 1797, the daughter of Cornelius J. Bogart and Hester Mahitable Rose. Samuel and Sally had two children that we know of: Cornelia Emeline, born 3 June 1826 and Hetty Maria,

born 7 August 1828, both in New York City.

Cornelia Emeline married Jacob Earl on 31 July 1845 in New York City. Jacob was born 31 March 1813 in Schraalenburgh, Bergen County, New Jersey, the son of Peter Earl and Elizabeth Demarest. Jacob and Cornelia had four children born in Bergen County, New Jersey: Cornelia, born in 1848; Nelson, born in 1850; Spencer, born in 1860; and Sarah, born in 1862.

Hetty Maria married John R. Cooper. John was born 19 July 1827, the son of Kirch Kuyper and Eva Huyler, Dutch immigrants. Note the changed spelling of the surname Kuyper to Cooper. John was a blacksmith by trade and occasionally a Dutch Reformed Minister. John and Hetty had one child, a daughter name Christina, born in 1851 in Bergen County, New Jersey.



Kernels by The Colonel

Col. Robert L. Dodge

CONSIDER THIS:

- Of the first 108 universities founded in America , 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first: Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number one was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures. **Of all the contributors to this University at its beginning, Daniel Dodge gave ¼ of the donations.** For over 100 years, more than 50% of all Harvard graduates were pastors!
- John Adams, our second president, who also served as chairman of the American Bible Society, said in an address to military leaders, We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and true religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'
- Oct. 12, 1816, our 1st Court Justice, John Jay, said "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian Nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."
- In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: 'The congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools.'
- John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams, was the sixth U.S. President. He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role. On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, 'The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.'



Do these Dodge women look familiar to any of you? This photo was sent to us by a descendant of Newland Dodge and Mahalia Jane Smith. This is a mystery family that we have been unable to find anything about. Newland might have been a middle name or it might have really been Newman, or some other derivative of the name 'Newland'.

There is a record of a Mahalia Jane Smith marrying a Newland Dodge January 1, 1834, but so far the proof has not been found for that marriage. We post this photo here and on our web site in the hopes that someone might recognize one or all of these women.

They are sisters...don't they look like it? Their names are written on back but we are not sure which names go to which lady. However, they are written this way: Minerva (Dodge) Berry, Vinia (Lavina Ann Dodge) Leonard, Amanda Jane (Dodge) Bradshaw.