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*From the desk of Faith Dorothy Dodge Nelson  
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Fall is in the air. Actually, it arrived in Kansas City about mid-August, and I had to unpack my electric blanket before the end of the month. September got warm again, and I can't seem to decide if I it will be hot or cold. During the day, the temperature is up in the 80's, but at night it drops to the 50-60 degree range. It reminds me of Colorado, but with humidity. We've harvested a bumper apple crop, baking apple muffins, apple pancakes, apple fritters, and apple sauce; we've even given away about 40 or 50 gallons of apples. Also, our annual church picnic was yesterday, and that always signals the arrival of fall. I'll be packing away my sandals and grabbing a sweater before we head to my son's soccer game this afternoon.

I had a pleasant surprise last week. My son told me that two ladies were on my doorstep, wanting to speak to me. As I walked to the door, I was rehearsing in my mind how to politely get rid of the intruders on my busy morning. However, they weren't peddling anything at all. They apologized for bothering me, and informed me that they used to live in my house, and were in town for a 50th high school reunion, having just come straight from the airport. They wondered if I would mind letting them walk around on the property.

Now, we are very fortunate to have a couple of acres of land less than ten miles from the down town. We purchased this home—a white, Cape Cod-style house—in 1993 after falling in love with it. We were charmed by the old-fashioned, classic style of the home, and its large yard that included a field, a creek, and woods is a perfect setting for children...although Home Depot is right across the street, we are surrounded by woods on the other three sides and have been visited by deer, foxes, raccoons, groundhogs, and even an owl and a wild turkey. When we sit on our back deck, we have total privacy. The man who sold us the house had lived in it for thirty years, since he was two years old, and the two ladies at my door had grown up in it before him, from about 1948 until 1960.

I invited my guests in, and what fun we had as we wandered through the house together! I enjoyed listening to them reminisce about the life they knew in these walls. They told me which improvements had been made while their family was here, and they described a rural neighborhood quite different from the one of today. Listening to their stories, I could picture the goats, cattle and turkeys owned by their neighbor, a "gentleman farmer" as they called him. I could see the gravel road in front of the house and imagine their father flashing the porch light as their older sister sat parked with her date in the end of the driveway. I discovered they actually used that old well which is now covered up, and even grazed horses in the field. It was nice to discover that these ladies fondly remembered their childhood, right where my own children are now growing up.

The little bit of history which these ladies shared with me helps me have a better idea of my place in the world. Understanding history gives me a sense of what is really important: to cherish the richness of my heritage, to remember the brevity of my time on earth, and to make those few short years count for something good. I always gain at least a small measure of understanding when I read the Dodge Journal. This issue features excerpts from the diary of William Henry Dodge -- that Civil War era lawyer who was left to rear his young son alone after the death of his wife. Also featured is the diary of a young boy in Massachusetts during the early 1800's. As you read these accounts, I hope you too, will be enriched from your glimpse into your Dodge heritage.

If you will look at the other side of my letter, you will see an order sheet that has a list of some of the items from the Dodge Family Store. We are having a Christmas in October sale and the prices have been reduced for this Journal only. Remember that our prices include FREE SHIPPING. Also on the other side is a reminder regarding dues. If you have a date on your envelope (beside your name) that is earlier than 11/1/2008, then it means that your dues either are due now, or will be before the next Journal appears in your mail box. We look forward to receiving those dues so that we can continue sending our very newsy Journals every two months.

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# The Dodge Family Store Christmas in October SALE

We cannot take credit cards. On receipt of your check, your order will be in the mail.

ITEM	PRICE	SALE PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Current Dues (\$20 PER YEAR)</b>	\$20	SEE BELOW ***	
<b>Blue Men's Tie with 2 stripes and Coat of Arms in Gold.</b>	\$25	\$18	
<b>Membership pin</b> - beautiful- DFA membership pin is made of hard enamel that will last a lifetime	\$10	\$5	
<b>Coat of Arms Patch in color</b> - 3 studs for attaching to garment or to sew on garment. Specify.	\$10 each or 3 for \$25	\$8 each or 3 for \$20	
<b>Essex Co. Genealogy</b> by Joseph Thompson Dodge	\$50	Not on sale	
<b>1998 Update Genealogy</b> by Robert Livingston Dodge. Descendents from both the Dodge groups and mystery lines	\$50	\$30	
<b>Report of The Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America- 1879</b> (250th Reunion of Dodge Family) This book is a little gem of information as to what was said at that reunion. This was before anyone knew that there were 2 Dodge lines in this country.	\$16	\$12	
<b>The Lands of Richard Dodge</b> , Successive owners of his "Pioneer Home" by Louis A. Dodge An interesting little booklet for anyone who descends from the John Branch.	\$6	\$4	
<b>From Our Hearth and Home Recipe Book</b> Approximately 300 recipes from our Dodge Members all across the country, You can see a photo of the cover on our website.	\$12 or \$10 for 3 or more	\$10 each or 3 or more \$8 each	
<b>Painting of Halliday Hill House.</b> Commissioned painting of "Halliday Hill House" in Offerton, Stockport, England. Frame this and it would make a great gift!	\$25	\$15	
<b>Tithe Map of Offerton, Stockport</b> , England showing Halliday Hill House and Lands nearby. When framed this makes a unique gift.	\$10 each or 3 for \$25	\$8 each or 3 for \$20	
<b>Dodge Coat of Arms</b> - This is a 16" x 24" color poster of the Dodge Family Coat of Arms. Suitable for framing.	\$10 each or 3 for \$25	\$8 each or 3 for \$20	
<b>Coffee Mug</b> containing the Dodge Coat of Arms in color	\$15	\$10	
<b>TOTAL for this order</b>			

\*\*\* dues are \$20 for one year. If you are behind in your dues (look at the outside of the envelope that your Journal was mailed in) \$20 will make you current until November of 2009.

I am behind on my dues and I understand that this \$20 will make me current until November of 2009.

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