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The more money we can save by not sending hard copy Journals, the better we will be able produce a John Branch genealogy in the next couple of years.

It's been 119 years since Robert Dodge presented his book *Tristram Dodge and his Descendants in America* and 101 years since Theron Royal Woodward presented *Dodge Genealogy, Descendants of Tristram Dodge*. Thanks to the Dodge Family Association, Jim Bailey, Norman Dodge and others, today we have returned to commemorate their history. We are proud to continue our Dodge Genealogy with this new addition. Tristram Dodge was among the original fifteen settlers and their families that settled on Block Island, Rhode Island around 1660. Of his four sons, Israel is on record as purchaser and settler of land in Connecticut in 1694. John, Tristram Jr., and William Dodge, remained on Block Island and became progenitors of a very numerous race whose descendants can now be found in every State, City and Town across the United States. Many of Tristram's descendants lived and worked in the New York area for well over 200 years. It must have been a pleasure to hear Ossian Euclid Dodge, the famous vocalist, perform one of his many concerts during the 1860's, or to share the busy cobblestone streets with the famous ship carver Jeremiah Dodge, or perhaps stroll along the gas lamp lit flagstone sidewalks to

listen to Captain James R. Dodge of the Doughty Guards Brigade Band, perform along the Brooklyn waterfront. I would like to include a speech that Reuben Rawson Dodge of the William/Richard line presented during the first recorded reunion of The Dodge Family in America, held at Salem, Essex Co., Massachusetts, on July 10, 1879. "Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Kinsman, ? The records of families constitute the framework of history, and are auxiliaries to science, religion and especially civilization. The ties of

kindred are the golden links in



the chain which ties families, states, and the nations together in one great bond of humanity. Everything, therefore, which pertains to the history of our family should be carefully recorded and preserved for the benefits of those who are to follow us. He who collects and preserves his own family history, is not only a benefactor in his way, but will deserve and receive the grateful thanks of all future generations. He confers a

priceless boon upon those whose names and achievements are thus rescued from oblivion, and preserves the experience and wisdom of ages for the emulation and admonition of posterity. ? Permit me to say, I have no sympathy with those who care not whence they come, or have no interest in the generations which are to succeed them. I have to thank Barbara Dodge of the Dodge Family Association, who planted the seeds to get me started with this Genealogy. With her help, I have connected my family to Tristram Dodge, 11 generations of forefathers

and over 350 years of history. As we walk the land that our fathers worked, cried, prayed and died on, it is our aim to keep their memories alive. Hopefully this book will introduce the idea to others to get involved with genealogy and then, perhaps, we can repair some broken branches that we

have encountered. Our families past will never be forgotten. *Stephen Allen Dodge 2008*

In August of 2003, I boarded the ferry Manitee for the one hour ride from Pt. Judith, Rhode Island to New Shoreham, Rhode Island, located on Block Island, the home of Tristram Dodge. The Island

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SAND IN MY SHOES

by
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Seth George Dodge,
my 5th cousin, 5 times removed.

Seth George Dodge was born on April 22, 1821 in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York. He was one of fifteen children of Erastus Dodge and Melissa Morgan. Seth also fathered many children. He had a total of 22; ten with his first wife, Lovenia Braden, and twelve children with his second wife, Marriah Jane Davidson.

At age 17, while living in New York, Seth joined the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. In 1848, under it's President, Brigham Young, he removed to Salt Lake City, Utah, and at the direction of Mr. Young, he helped built roads, bridges, forts and organized a militia around Salt Lake City.

During the spring of 1852, Seth Dodge and about a half a dozen families under the direction of Madison D. Hambleton removed from Manti, Utah and headed north for the purpose of establishing a new colony. They located on both sides of a stream just below where Mount Pleasant is now situated. At first they erected a sawmill and commenced cutting timber and sawing lumber for the purpose of building their homes. Within a few months, homes were completed and a fair crop of wheat was raised. During the summer of 1852, the County Court created a Precinct for the benefit of the settlers and a School District was created. The settlement was called Hambleton after their leader.

On July 9, 1853, a band of Indians made an attempt to attack the sawmill at Hambleton and retreated when fired upon. The attacks became frequent well into the summer season. The Indians would crawl on their bellies in the creek bed during the night to steal horses, cattle and food from the settlement. After a settler was injured during one of the Indian attacks, reinforcements were called in to fend off the savages. A fierce and bloody battle fol-

lowed and six warriors were killed. Seth Dodge and the few settlers could not protect Hambleton from the savages once the reinforcements left town so they decided to abandon the settlement and move six miles south to Allfreds Settlement. While the settlers were rushing to Allfreds Settlement for shelter, their homes, wagons, the sawmill and lumber were burnt to the ground by the savage Indians.

Seth Dodge remained in Utah until April 2, 1877, when he moved his family to Smithville, Arizona. Seth George Dodge was an influential figure in shaping the American West.

It was a sad morning in Smithville, Arizona on November 3, 1882. Seth and his son, Joshua, had just returned from town with a wagon full of winter supplies. Joshua was unhitching the horse team and Seth was pulling the cover off the wagon. Seth's gun got caught on one of the hooks attached to the cover, causing it to fire. The bullet entered Seth in his left side traveling upward, his son caught him as he yelled, "I am a dead man" and died moments later in his son's arms. He was buried four days later in Pima, Graham County, Arizona Territory.



Would YOU like to help direct the Dodge Family Association?

We are looking for resumes from members who think they might like to be a part of our Board of Directors.

Attending board meetings has been a problem to many people but our President, Norman E. Dodge, is looking into different ways of holding board meetings; possibly conference calls; possibly through something as simple as e-mail; possibly through a website such as Meetings.com.

We hope that some of our younger members will give serious thought about this opportunity to serve our Association and help direct its future.

If you are interested, please send your resumes to our office, either by email or by snail mail. We will direct them to the proper person. Over the coming year, we hope to receive a good quantity of resumes from interested members.

Our address is:
The Dodge Family Association
10105 W. 17th Place
Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

In
Memory



Robert Pope Dodge died November 15, 2008 in Colorado Springs. He was the son of Pope Yeaman Dodge and Virginia Titus Dodge, a descendant of Tristram Dodge. He was a veteran of WWII. A devoted family man, he will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Natalie, and others who knew him.

Laura Inez Losefsky, died after a long illness on Christmas day, 2008. She was the daughter of Harper Howland Prentice and Myra Lillian Dodge, descendant of John Dodge through his son William. She was an aunt and cousin to many of our members. Laura was a long-time member of the Dodge Family Association and traveled on one of our tours to England. She was active in her community and church and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Leslie H. Dodge died Dec 30, 2008 in Massena, New York. He was born Nov 15, 1919 in Kenmare, North Dakota, the son of George M. and Mary (Steele) Dodge. His DNA was responsible for proving that our mystery SHUBAL DODGE belonged in the Tristram Dodge line. He served in the US Marine Corp during WWII. After the war he was a self employed dairy farmer, retiring in 1978. He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

John Everett 'Jed' Duckworth died January 2, 2009. He and his wife, Susan Dodge Duckworth have been long-time members of the Dodge Family Association. Sue was on our last trip to England and Scotland. Jed had been very ill for several years and had recently moved from Concord, New Hampshire to Boothbay, Maine. The afternoon of January 2nd he had run some errands and died within 20 minutes of returning home. In addition to Sue he leaves a son, Jason and daughter, Robin.

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The View From My Window



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FINALLY, the Tristram Dodge 2 volume Genealogy books arrived. They came in a truck that looked like it was a block long, therefore it was unable to back up into my driveway so the that books could easily be put in my garage.

The driver confidently loaded one pallet of books, 1000 lbs he told me, onto his hydraulic cart. He started to pull it into my driveway. My driveway is not smooth but bumpy with the old type of asphalt that was here when Earl and I moved to this house in 1974. That was over 35 years ago and I believe the driveway was put in when the house was built in 1954.

He tried 3 times to pull his cart up the drive and finally told me he would have to leave them out there at the edge of the drive (really, the edge of the street!) That is a good 50 or more feet from the garage door! I pictured myself carrying one box at a time to my garage from the street. Panic ensued causing me to offer to **PUSH** while he pulled. 'OK', he said... 'if you are sure.' I was **SURE!** I went out to the middle of the street on the opposite side of this huge pallet of book boxes. 'Are you ready?' he asked. I replied 'yes', and pushed hard while he pulled with all his might. We got that pallet within 15 feet of the garage door before he had to stop...and I did not mind the rest either! He left it there and went back for the other pallet. 'This is lighter,' he informed me, 'only about 900 pounds'. Again I went to the middle of the street and this one we were able to push farther than the first one. He bent over, panting, for a couple of minutes, and then he went to the first pallet again, and said he wanted to get it closer. I pushed and he strained and between us we were able to move it another 6 feet or so.

He was finished! I signed for the books. He took his hydraulic cart and left. I looked at the two BIG pallets of books sitting out in my driveway. I looked at the sky. It was clear blue and I thought 'I will wait until tomorrow to

get these in the garage.' **THEN**, I recalled how fast the weather can change here. I was exhausted already. How could I move all these boxes that weighed about 37 lbs each? 258 books of each volume divided by 6-7 books in each box...well...you figure out how many boxes there were! **WHAT TO DO?** I thought of my grandson, Caleb Thiessen. 'AHA,' thought I, 'I will call and see if he will come to help me get these in the garage.' It was after the noon hour and Caleb had to be home by 1:30. I assured Karen (his mom) that I would have him back in time. I went to pick him up and brought him back with me. Actually it took only 25 minutes to get them moved. Caleb did more than I, and it reminded me that my son, Calvin, when I comment on how easy it seems to be for him to lift something heavy, tells me "male upper body strength, Mom".

It took more hours than I can count to get the books ready for all those pre-orders that had come in. Finally, 3 days later, I got the last of those mailed. Thanks to the US Post Office that has a pickup service, I did not have to cart them all to the Post Office. It was well over 600 lbs of books that were mailed out. Most went Priority Mail but several multiple orders went via Media mail and that required cutting down boxes to the size needed. The last night that I needed to work on this, and fortunately near the end of this monumental job, the xacto knife slipped and sliced my finger pretty good. I thought I could finish the last package, but alas, the blood pouring out prevented that so it was upstairs to bandage it. Several thick gauze pads later, the bleeding slowed. (I am on an aspirin a day to prevent strokes and that does not help blood clotting AT ALL!) I finished up the packaging job the next morning.

Speaking of changeable Colorado weather, I woke yesterday morning to about 10 inches of snow and it was still snowing. Later in the morning it almost stopped. I shoveled off the back patio so that the dogs would not pack it into ice, and I shoveled the front steps, 18 in all. Today the sun was out but it is very bold and not much has melted. Usually it melts very fast, within a day or so. But who knows what will come tomorrow!

Barbara



Beyond the
Brick Wall
by
Eileen Dodge

Three years ago I posted a request in the Mystery column asking who was the father of John Dodge, born 23 Dec 1782 in Edgecomb, Lincoln Co., Maine.


In his genealogy book, Joseph Thompson Dodge (JTD), on Pg 170 said that this John Dodge married Lydia Hale Pettingell in Northport, Maine or Newburyport, Massachusetts. JTD further went on to say that John's father sent him to Newburyport to learn the mason's trade from his uncle Daniel.

Neal Dodge of South China Maine said he believed that information was incorrect and that he had the correct answer. He took me to Edgecomb and Damariscotta to show me the books done by Christina Dodge Huston on every person in Lincoln County Maine. I was left with no resolution, as her information was confusing and inaccurate.

Further investigation revealed that John, the mason, married first, Sarah 'Sally' Dodge and after her death married Sarah's sister, Eunice Dodge. Norman and I found cemetery records for Edgecomb that shows John died 12 Jan 1857 and is buried with both his wives. Further investigation lead us to determine John's parents were Zachariah Dodge and Sarah 'Sally' Somes.

The problem was that we had a different John, born 1783, listed with Zachariah and Sally. So we had to move the John born in 1873 to the Mystery File and put the John born 23 Dec 1782 as the son of Zachariah and Sally.

The John that we moved to the Mystery File was the one who married Lydia Hale Pettingell. This John was a soap maker by trade and was blind for several years before his death.

Norman and I looked every where we could think of to find the parents of John the soap maker, and then this winter, just before Christmas we looked at the death records in Newburyport and found the proof that Neal had claimed so long ago. John Dodge died 1 Jan 1870. It listed his parents as William and Nancy Dodge. We do not know who this William and Nancy Dodge are. Hats off to Neal Dodge for helping us to correct this inaccuracy. 

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has changed much, yet arriving in the harbor and looking at the landscape, it is easier to picture what our ancestors must have seen. A small Island, located probably ten to twelve hours from the nearest land mass, covered in forests, and inhabited by a small group of Narragansett Indians. Upon leaving the ferry, I couldn't help but wonder if Tristram and his sons had walked upon the same area, and felt a feeling of amazement that we are able, 400 + years later, to walk upon the same ground. I ventured to the site of land that was given to Tristram, although I am sure it doesn't look like what he saw. I went to the Island Cemetery, where generations of my ancestors are buried. I traveled to the Cliffs, and gazed out at the same site they saw. I wondered if Tristram could have imagined this when he settled here. Did he ever wonder what the children of his children would see? Did he imagine that the family would grow to the size it is today, and participate in so much of the history of this country? On the ride home, I said a special thank you to Tristram and his children. I then thought about what a pilgrim to this place in say, 2103 would think about his ancestors. Hopefully, the same sense of pride and wonderment will follow the future generations of Dodge descendants. James Bailey 2008.



Small image of a boat, likely a shallop, as mentioned in the text.



We thought it very appropriate to start this article on page 1, with the forward written by Stephen Allen Dodge, a Tristram descendant, and then add the forward written by another Tristram Descendant, Jim Bailey, regarding reminisces of his trip by ferry to New Shoreham, Block Island. Jim is also one of the authors of this genealogy and he and Norman Dodge worked long and hard for several years to make this genealogy finally become a reality. **We take this opportunity to THANK both of Jim and Norman for their dedicated service.**

We have pictured the front covers of both volumes on page 1 of this Journal. A colorful Dodge Coat of Arms, pictured on the left at the bottom of the column, is on the back of the title page.



Tristram, and the other families who left Massachusetts, sailed for Block Island in a Shallop. Pictured above is a Shallop at Sail, mid 1600s.

This 2 volume set is beautiful and should be in the library of EVERY descendant of Tristram Dodge. It would make a wonderful gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, a birthday, an anniversary, etc. We have less than 190 sets left and urge each of you who have descended from Tristram Dodge, to order your set today while they are still available. You may do that by sending your check for \$110 to The Dodge Family Association. Postage is included in the price.

Password change for members only area of our Web Site is:
 Password: patchesthecat

In an Ebay store, if it is still available, there is a photo of Edwin H. Dodge Jr. as a very young child. He was a descendant in the Tristram Dodge line thru his son, Israel. Our records show that his grandfather was Erastus Dodge 1807-1873. Two of Edwin's children were born late enough that they still might be alive. Paul E. Dodge was born in 1947 and his sister Dora was born in 1939. Neither one is a member of our Association. If you know either of these people, please let them know about this photo of their father as a little child. You should be able to find it on Ebay by doing a search for the name, Edwin H Dodge. The following text is taken directly from the Ebay site.

"For your consideration is a charming ca. 1901 cabinet card portrait of happy little Edwin H. Dodge Jr., who lived to be 101 years old! Written on back side in beautiful old handwriting is "Edwin H. Dodge Jr. Merry Christmas to Aunt Lisa from Edwin." This photo was taken by Hewitt of Corning N.Y. Edwin was the only son of Edwin H. and Martha J. Rogers Dodge who had what appears to be a large dairy operation in Hornby, and prosperous too as Edwin's clothing is beautiful. According to his WWI draft registration he was blue eyed and blond and in this photo he has long blond curls. By his exact birth date and age here, this photo had to have been taken in 1901. When grown, he married, was a farmer, had children, at one time worked for the Corning-Painted Post School district, and was active in local Corning area organizations. This photo was a random "rescue" at a show this past year, and I can't remember where I bought it, and have no idea who owned it all these years. The photo measures 5 1/4" x 3 5/8", with decorative gray embossed mat board measuring 8" x 6". It is sharply detailed, impeccably clean and unscathed, adhering tightly to the mount....The back side is likewise nice and clean with identification written in pencil in 19th century style handwriting. It's much nicer and brighter than my photo came out and you'll be well-pleased with everything about it.



Kernels by The Colonel

Col. Robert L. Dodge

CONSIDER THIS:

William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963, was called the 'Schoolmaster of the Nation' by President Lincoln. Mr. McGuffey said: 'The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology.'

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 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: 'Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him (Proverbs 2:3).' **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.

It is clear from history that the Bible and the Christian faith, were foundational in our educational and judicial system. However in 1947, there was a radical change of direction in the Supreme Court.

In 1963, the Supreme Court ruled that Bible reading was outlawed as unconstitutional in the public school system. The court offered this justifi-

cation: 'If portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could and have been psychologically harmful to children.'

In 1965, the Courts denied as unconstitutional the rights of a student in the public school cafeteria to bow his head and pray audibly for his food.

In 1980, Stone vs. Graham outlawed the Ten Commandments in our public schools. The Supreme Court said this: 'If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments were to have any effect at all, it would be to induce school children to read them. And if they read them, meditated upon them, and perhaps venerated and observed them, this is not a permissible objective.'


James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: 'We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.'

Most of what you have read in the last 3 Journals in this column has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots. judicial system.

Cemetery Stones in England

Mark Dodge, a DFA member who lives in England, has taken photos of Dodge graves in the Cemetery at Fareham, Hampshire U.K. where Albion Dodge lived with his family. Albion came from East Coker, Somerset England. We have his ancestral line back to William Dodge and Catherine Arnold who married abt. 1816. This line had to have come from Michael Dodge, the brother of William and Richard. Unfortunately, no one in England has been able, yet, to prove any descendants of Michael although a good number of people believe they are his descendants.

Mark's DNA proves that he is CLOSELY related to the descendants of William and Richard in this country. David Dodge, and Geoff Dodge of U.K. also proved by their DNA that they are part of the same line.

The photos he sent will soon be on our website. 



GENEALOGY REQUESTS COLUMN

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In Olympia WA in the month of December we had 12 inches of snow. That does not seem like much to many of you who deal with several feet each winter, but here if we see more than an inch or two all the drivers go nuts. After Christmas everything warmed up, the floods came, and western Washington was cut off from the rest of the USA because 50 miles South of Olympia I-5 was flooded and I-5, I-90, and US- 2 were shut down over number of days. The only way in or out was by air or boat.

If you have information on the Mystery Families listed below please contact me by post at 2004 Lashi Street S. E., Olympia, WA 98513-9433, by e-mail nedodge@aol.com, or by phone at 360-493-2131.

The mystery of Daniel Dodge and Hannah van Whalen:

The ancestry of Daniel Dodge is unknown. We do know that he married Hannah van Whalen about 1770, probably in New York. Daniel and Hannah can be found in the 1790 US Census in Caughnawaga, Montgomery Co., New York. The census includes one male over 16 (Daniel), 3 males under 16, and 5 females (one of them Hannah). Daniel died sometime before 1800. In the 1800 US Census in Danby, Rutland Co., Vermont Hannah is the head of household. The census includes 1 female over 45 (Hannah), 3 males under 10, 3 males 16-25, 2 females 10-15 and 1 female 16-25. Only two of the children of Daniel and Hannah are known: Abraham, sometimes called Abram and Elizabeth.

Little is know about Elizabeth including her birth date, but we do know she married John Wilbur on 19 February 1804 in Danby, Rutland Co., Vermont. We do not know if John and Elizabeth had any children.

Abraham (Abram) was born about 1788 in New York and died 4 March 1864 in Mt. Holly, Rutland Co., Vermont. On 23 September 1805 in Danby, Rutland Co., he married Elsie Cook, the daughter of Daniel Cook. We do not have any information on the birth date

or birthplace of Elsie. Abraham (Abram) and Elsie moved to Durham Flats, Quebec Province, Canada shortly after their marriage and their first child was born there in. The threat of the War of 1812 caused them to return to Vermont, settling in Mt. Holly. Sometime between 1860 and 1870 the family moved to DeKalb Co., Illinois.

Their seven children were:

Thomas W. Dodge was born in 1809 in Durham Flats, Ontario and died 29 December 1893 in DeKalb, DeKalb Co., Illinois. On 6 February 1835 in Mt. Holly he married Elizabeth Conant, daughter of Levi Conant. They had three sons: Thomas Warren Dodge, born May 1838 and died 24 November 1929 who married Eugenia Eliot Upham, daughter of Gardner Upham; Rollin Dodge, born October 1841; and Lucian Dodge, born June 1843 who married Cora Unknown.

Eliza was born 22 July 1810 in Mt. Holly and died 22 April 1813.

Daniel Dodge was born 1 Jan 1813 in Mt. Holly and died 17 January 1875. He married Mindwell Frost, daughter of Benjamin Frost. They had four children: Abraham, born 8 February 1830 and died 4 July 1897 who married Mary M. Rhodes; Elsie Eley Ann Dodge, born 23 January 1834 and died 1874 unmarried; Lucius Dodge, born 28 February 1835 and died 18 June 1847; and Julia L. Dodge, born 6 August 1838 and died 9 July 1872, unmarried. Daniel and Mindwell moved to Sutton, Canada in the mid 1800s.

Hannah E. Dodge, born 1814, was a schoolteacher and never married.

Louise Dodge, born 22 June 1818 and died 22 February 1852, was a schoolteacher and never married.

Nelson Dodge, born 15 August 1822 and died 8 Oct 1822.

Martin Dodge, born 1824 married Martha Maria Priest, daughter of Ethan A. Priest.

The Mystery of Samuel Dodge and Sarah Harmon:

The ancestry of Samuel Dodge is unknown. Samuel was born about 1775 in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., Massachusetts and died May 1826 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., Illinois. In 1807 he married Sarah Harmon, the

daughter of Anan Harmon. Sarah was born 4 Oct 1777 in New Marlborough and died September 1825 in Fayette Twp., Ripley Co., Indiana.

Their seven children were:

Jerusha Dodge, born about 1809 in Maine, died 1858 in Illinois married William Johnson, Jr. William was given guardianship of Sarah and Benjamin Dodge (younger siblings of Jerusha) after their father's death, verifiable by court guardianship papers file in Switzerland Co., Indiana. William and Jerusha had two sons and two daughters.

Susannah Dodge was born 11 October 1810 in Massachusetts and died in Vernon Co., Missouri. On 2 January 1827 in Switzerland Co., Indiana she married John D. Sutton of Pennsylvania, son of John C. Sutton. Susanna and John had five daughters and three sons.

Sarah 'Sally' Dodge was born 14 February 1813 in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., Massachusetts and died 13 October 1892 in Nevada, Vernon Co., Missouri. On 2 August 1830 in Switzerland Co., Indiana she married Joseph Seaver, the son of Jacob Seaver. Sally and Joseph had two boys and two girls born in Warren Co., Indiana, and three boys and three girls born in Rock Island Co., Illinois.

Lucy Dodge was born about 1816 and died 7 July 1827.

Samuel Dodge, Jr. was born about 1818 and died about 1820.

Edward Dodge was born and died in 1821.

Benjamin Dodge was born about 1822 in Indiana and died 1877 in Cass Co., Missouri. On 22 November 1849 in Rock Island Co., Illinois he married Nancy Criswell of Indiana. Benjamin and Nancy had one son and three daughters, all born in Rock Island County. The family moved to Cass Co., Missouri about 1865.

The Mystery of Stephan A. Dodge and Rhoda A. Cospser

The ancestry of Stephen A. Dodge is unknown. Stephen was born about 1818 in Ohio and died 26 June 1902 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Michigan. In the census records he stated his parents were both born in Vermont. On 9 August 1837 in Knox Co., Ohio he mar-

ried Rhoda A. Cospser, daughter of David Cospser. She was born 24 February 1817 and died 28 July 1894 in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Michigan.

Their five children were:

James Porter Dodge, born about 1838 in Summit Co., Ohio and died 22 August 1879 in Abilene, Dickinson Co., Kansas. In 1857 he married Hannah Isbell, daughter of Charles Isbell. She was born 8 February 1835 in Ohio and died 6 May 1918 in Abilene. James enlisted in the Civil War on 12 August 1861, serving as a Sergeant in Company B, 8th Infantry Regiment Michigan, promoted to Full Sergeant 1st Class, promoted to Full Lieutenant 2nd Class, transferred to Company G, promoted to Full Lieutenant 1st Class, promoted to full Captain, transferred back to Company B and mustered out on 30 July 1865. James and Hannah had three sons: Charles I. Dodge, Walter Leroy Dodge and Frank Dodge.

Leroy M. Dodge was born about 1839 in Ohio and died 16 June 1862 in James Island, South Carolina. Leroy enlisted in the Civil War on 12 August 1861, serving as a Private in Company B, 8th Infantry Michigan. He was killed on 16 June 1862 in James Island, South Carolina.

Mary Jane Dodge was born about 1841. On 29 March 1859 in Greenbush, Clinton Co., Michigan she married Jonas P. Jewett. He was born about 1834 in Michigan.

Daniel C. Dodge was born about 1844 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co., Indiana. He married Hannah A. Unknown. Daniel enlisted in the Civil War on 2 August 1862, serving as a Private in Company D, 26th Infantry Regiment Michigan. He was wounded on 7 April 1865 at Farmville, Virginia and was discharged on 24 June 1865 in Philadelphia. Daniel and Hannah had four children: Nettie Dodge, Nellie Dodge, Minnie Dodge and Floyd Raymond Dodge.

Persis A. Dodge was born 18 March 1850 in Indiana. On 2 February 1867 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co., Indiana she married J. Milton Putnam. It is unknown if they had any children. She married second Nicholas van Dine who was born about 1853 in New York. They had one daughter.

