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## A Brick Wall Family from the Tristram Dodge Line

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUNT ERNESTINE!

Neal Dodge from China, Maine, has helped us greatly in straightening out one of the problems we had with two John Dodes. That was mentioned in "Beyond the Brick Wall" in the Jan/Feb 2009 Journal .

Neal's Aunt Ernestine Munro Dodge Dodge (that is not a mistake) will be 100 years old on March 30, 2009. Neil has given her a membership in the Dodge Family Association.

Ernestine was born in New Harbor, Maine. For many years she has hosted a Dodge family reunion at her home in East Boothbay which was previously Neil's grandfather's house. Her first husband was Harry Ambrose Dodge. She was, at that time, Ernestine G. Munro. They married March 20, 1940. They had one daughter, Mary Frances who was born Jan. 19, 1941 (she is now editor at Boothbay Register). Harry

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Sometimes, people who are not members of DFA help us by sending information of pictures.

We found out that Nancy Hannon, who is in the DAR in Texas, was a descendant of Daniel Dodge who married Irena Rowley. This is a family that is in our mystery file and DNA from a descendant has proved that this is a Tristram Dodge line.

Nancy was so kind as to send us four pictures of ancestors from this Dodge line.

Israel Rowley Dodge was the son of Daniel Dodge and Anna 'Nancy' Blyndenburgh. He married Mary Frances Sublett and they had 9 children.

Thadeus Lewis Dodge is the person who wrote a letter way back in 1879 to the First Dodge Family reunion in America that was held in Mechanics Hall, in Boston, MA.

It is so neat to see what he looked like. He was a son of Israel Rowley Dodge and Mary Frances Sublett. He married Octavia Frances Gordon and they had 3 children.

In the Jan/Feb Journal, our "In Memory" column had the obit of Lester Dodge. He was the Dodge descendant from this family who contributed DNA to help prove that this family descended from the Tristram Dodge line. The family ended up in Kentucky.

The first ancestor we have

for this family was Daniel Dodge who was born abt. 1758 in Hartford, CT, and died 4 Oct 1781 in Flatbush, Long Island, NY.

He married Irena Rowley 4 Feb 1780, Lyme, New London Co., Connecticut. They had only one son before Daniel died. That son was Daniel R. C. Dodge. Obviously, the 'R' must have been for Rowley, but what was the 'C' for? If we knew, that might be a clue.

Nancy was able to join DAR based on the Revolutionary War Record of Daniel's father, Daniel.

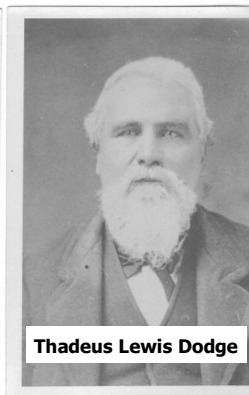
*Ed Note: See bottom of page 6 For information in obtaining a copy of Thaddeus's letter.*



Israel Rowley Dodge



Mary Frances Sublett



Thadeus Lewis Dodge



Octavia Jane Gordon

## The John S. Dodge Story

I came across the following story quite unexpectedly on the internet on the New York Times site. I sent it to Eileen to see if she could find anything about John S. Dodge. She sent this information back:

My research shows that the person of John S. Dodge is John Somes Dodge, Jr., born about 1843 in Tremont, Han-

cock Co., Maine. (John file)

The 6th Mass. Infantry did not fight at Bull Run (I personally checked this out) - it was the 5th Infantry. The first battle of Bull Run, in which the 5th Mass. Infantry participated took place 12 July 1861. John Somes Dodge would have been about 18 years old - not 15 years old at that time (in that he was born about 1843). I did check, and John Somes Dodge was part of that

unit-the 5th Mass. Inf.

Regarding Co. G, 11th Maine Infantry.... a John S. Dodge, age 22 signed up for the Infantry on 6 Nov 1861 in Tremont, Maine - that would place this particular John S. Dodge as born about 1839. However, I believe his age to be in error and I do believe it to be John Somes Dodge. John entered as a 2nd Lieutenant.

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**SAND IN MY SHOES**

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A funny thing happened while re-searching that I would like to share with our readers.

I occasionally frequent Moravian Cemetery on Staten Island to gather family information. This cemetery is located about a mile from my hometown of Midland Beach, so many people resting there were known to me.

Moravian Cemetery has a Kiosk system and it's very user friendly. The Kiosk is located in a small shanty away from the cemetery business offices, so while researching, you never have to bother any of the employees. You just go to the Kiosk room and type the deceased name that you are researching and the Kiosk will print out a detailed map directing you to the plot that you are interested in.

One day last August, while visiting Moravian to do some research, I glanced out the window and noticed a Priest standing outside the Kiosk room. I went out and asked him if he needed to locate a deceased and he said "yes, I do" so I stepped aside to allow him access the Kiosk. He was having a little trouble operating it, so I offered to help. The name of the deceased he was searching for wasn't appearing in the listing on the Kiosk. We tried different variations in the spelling of the name but still no name appeared. I have a friend Charlie Quigley that works at the cemetery, I told the Priest to continue searching the Kiosk and I would go find Charlie to ask for his assistance. I drove around the cemetery and located Charlie standing behind a funeral that was taking place. He said there was a problem with the burial that he was tending to and I could not retain his help at the moment.

I returned to the Kiosk and continued to help the Priest find his lost loved one. Finally, before heading off to the main office for assistance, I asked the Priest for the death date of

the deceased that he was searching, figuring that maybe we can find them that way.

His reply was, "She died Monday", I was shocked and surprised and said "Did you say Monday".

He said "Yes, I am to do the Grave-side Services but I got lost in the Funeral Precession getting here". I went on to explain to him that this Kiosk was for locating graves and plots of our past decessate and that he would have to visit the main office to locate current burials. I directed him to the main office and the cemetery personnel lead him to the plot where the families of the deceased were glad to see his arrival.

Little did I know that the earlier problem my friend Charlie was having, was that the Priest was missing from the graveside services that he was tending to. The Priest was with me all along.



**W**e received the following email and would like to share it with you.

"My name is Grant Everett Dodge. My Grandfather John Everett Dodge sent me the information on your website and I think it is a great website. I don't know if you guys have members or exactly how everything works that you do. But I am interested in getting involved and helping out in any way I can. I am currently in the Army as a Military Police Officer, Staff Sergeant E-6 and have served in Iraq in support of Operation Iraq Freedom from June 2006-June 2007. I would also be interested in tracking my family back. Thanks and let me know if there is something I can do or be a part of."

Ed note: Grant's grandfather, John Everett Dodge, has been on our Board of Directors for several years. This is a Tristram Dodge family. This kind of participation is what we need to keep our Association growing.

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**LETTER FROM BOARD MEMBERS, DIANA AND DAVE SMITH.**

**Dear Dodge Cousins and Friends –**

Dave and I share your excitement over the new Tristram Dodge book. We remember first hearing about it three years ago, although members like Norman Dodge and Jim Bailey had been working on it much longer. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Norman and Jim for your contribution, dedication and tireless efforts to create as perfect a history of the Tristram branch as possible.

Dave's great-great grandmother's maiden name was Dodge, but it took us many years to discover her lineage and in doing so, have discovered 'family' through our DFA association.

Not all families can boast an association that stretches around the globe and we want to thank all the DFA members who have given so generously of their time, energies and talents to make this a wonderful family organization. Thus this letter:

Please help! We need you to get involved and here are some ideas:

- Join or renew your membership... this is the most important support you can offer.
- Create a reunion for Dodges in your part of the country
- Come to a reunion organized by others in your area
- Volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors of DFA.
- Email Barbara at our office with ideas or suggestions for articles in the newsletter.
- Communicate with other Dodges in your town.
- Send your family pictures or genealogy data to Norman or Jim.
- Send gravestone photos to Barbara, Jim, or Norman. With explanation of who and what Cemetery you are photographing

Still in doubt? Just send your resume to Barbara and we will find a volunteer job for you!

We would love to hear from you. This is your family, your organization. We need your help to make it the best!!!

## The View From My Window



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First of all, may I ask all of you who received a set of the 2 vol. New Tristram Genealogy, if in your box there was a book that you did not order. I sold a book on Ebay entitled "The Worst of Prohibition" and I pulled it at the same time I was packing up Tristram Genealogy Volumes. Therefore, when I discovered that I could not find the book anyplace, I thought perhaps I inadvertently included it in a Tristram Genealogy shipment. Please contact me if you have that book.

Second: on the far right of this page, you will see an article about Martin Dodge who was involved with the Railroad. Eileen, found the information at my request because Earl had purchased the item that is pictured at the bottom of that column which I will be selling on Ebay. I wanted to know who Martin was so that I could include it in the description for the Ebay writeup.

Third: We have several animal refuge places here in Colorado and they are having a hard time feeding and caring for animals because of the economy. A few years ago, Earl and I visited one that is east of Denver in Hudson, Colorado. The name is *The Wild Animal Sanctuary*. They are "America's Premier Sanctuary For Large Carnivores."

They have an "Adoption" program and I looked it over and decided that at least for one year, I would adopt a wolf. It should be no surprise to you that I chose a wolf since everyone knows how much I love dogs. The cost is \$20 a month, and I figured I could handle that. It will care for the food each month for this wolf. His name is Shoshone and he is a white wolf. Of course, I imagine that others might adopt him also but all the money goes to a worthy cause.

They have some adorable baby wolves as one of the rescued wolves was pregnant when they got her. They have a picture of those adorable babies on one of the pages on their web site; <http://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org/>

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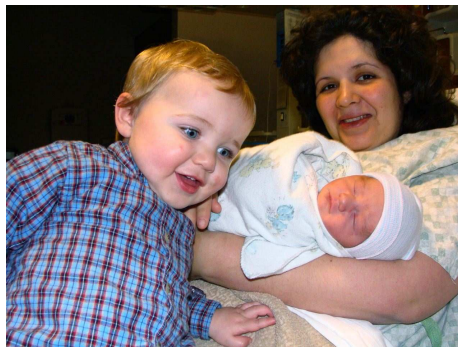
I received a framed picture of Shoshone and 5 tickets. Each ticket can be used by one adult or by 2 children. My hope is that when Grandson Joshua and his family move back here from Oklahoma City, where Josh is learning to become an FAA person (He will be stationed in Longmont, Colorado) that some day we five adults along with Benji and his new baby brother who will be born before they come back in April, will be able to travel out to Hudson to see the lions, bears, wolves, tigers, etc.

Barbara



Grandson, Joshua Thiessen and Great Grandson, Benjamin. If you still have your Nov/Dec Journal from 2007, on the front page there was a picture of Earl holding Benjamin when he was newborn. Here is what he looks like now, and Earl would have LOVED him to pieces.

UPDATE: Benjamin has a baby brother, Joseph Caleb Thiessen, born March 26.



Benjamin Joshua, Joseph Caleb, and Mom, Rebekah Rose Thiessen. Joshua passed his FAA evaluation, and abt. April 4, the family will be moving back here to live with my daughter, Karen Thissen and her family while he starts his FAA job in Longmont, Colorado.

## Did you know?

That vast network of paved roads that afford easy auto travel today in the United States was the dream of an Auburn man. Here is his history:

Martin Dodge, youngest son of Joseph and Hannah Dodge, was born May 27, 1851 at the corner of Bartholomew and Auburn Center Roads in Auburn, Ohio.

During his boyhood on the family farm, he attended the district school and when he was 17, he began to teach in one of them. He taught during the winter for 8 years. During this time, he attended Hiram College for 4 years and also Buchtel College in Akron for a year.

When he was 25, he studied law in Cleveland and was admitted to the bar and was a prominent attorney in the area for several years.

In 1891, he was elected to the Ohio Legislature and served for 10 consecutive years.

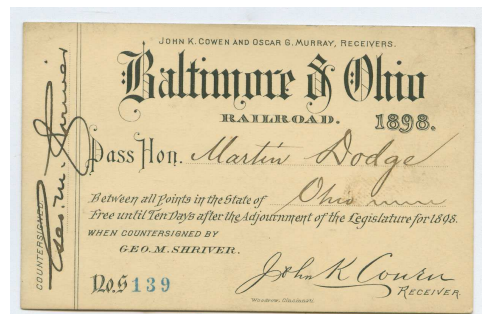
He was one of the Republican leaders in the House and also served 4 years in the Senate.

In 1893, Governor William McKinley, named him President of the Ohio Road Commission.

When McKinley became president of the United States, he appointed Dodge to the office of Public Road Inquiry in Washington.

Dodge organized a "good roads train" and toured the nation going to every state. In each state, he supervised the building of a mile of "object lesson road".

He was instrumental in obtaining Federal Aid and wrote the first bill introduced in Congress asking the federal government for support for the building of good roads through the United States. Certainly, Mr. Dodge was one of the Township's noteworthy citizens.



(John Dodge Story - Continued from page 1)

Regarding the 2nd Regiment, District of Columbia - he entered as a Sergeant. There is no date posted for his enlistment.

Now for the story in John S. Dodge's words:

John S. Dodge's Story

He Claims to Have ferreted out the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy. From the Chicago Record

John S. Dodge claims to have made some very interesting history which had never been published. He enlisted at the age of fifteen years in the Sixth Massachusetts, one of the three-month regiments and was wounded and taken prisoner at the first battle of Bull Run. After his release he recruited Company G, Eleventh Maine Infantry, and was made Lieutenant. He resigned from this company to become a member of the Second Regiment, District of Columbia, which was organized to furnish President Lincoln with a body Guard. When this regiment was disbanded, he entered the Twentieth Massachusetts, and in the battle of the Wilderness was shot in the head. After his recovery, he served until September, 1865. All this, Mr. Dodge says is a matter of record, but his service under L. C. Baker, Chief of the Secret Service, furnished some incidents which he says have never seen print.

"While I was in the Second Regiment, District of Columbia," he said, "I became acquainted with Payne, who was in the conspiracy to kill Lincoln. A man in my regiment had married Payne's sister, and I became acquainted with the people who met at Mrs. Surratt's through him. I had known Booth before this in Boston. I went to the Surratt house frequently in a social way, and happened to overhear talk about a plan to kill Lincoln.

"I reported the matter to Baker, the Chief of the Secret Service, and he took me to Mr. Dana, the Assistant Secretary of War. Dana took me to Stanton and Stanton had me see Lincoln. When I told the President what I had heard, he ridiculed the idea. "Why," he said, 'I don't believe any-

body hates me enough to want to kill me.'

"Although the President paid no more attention to it, I was detailed to work on the story and follow it up. We had heard of a plot to abduct the President and deliver him to the other side in Virginia. I went into Virginia via Harper's Ferry, but found the abduction scheme had been abandoned.

"The night the President was assassinated, I met Booth in the National Hotel, where he was staying, and where I went every evening to see if he was around. When I met him, he asked me if I was going to see Laura Keene. I said I thought I would, and he answered: "yes, I would go if I were you. You will see something interesting.' During the trial of the conspirators I did not appear, although Judge Holt who prosecuted for the Government, explained in his speech that 'a witness in the military service would have been called to establish the guilt of all the conspirators if the Government had not been convinced that the proof was strong enough without his testimony."

The New York Times, Published August 19, 1894

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Ambrose Dodge was born in MASS, March 8, 1902. He was the son of Frank and Loretta Dodge. Frank and his wife moved to MASS, perhaps, Malden, from Middleton, Nova Scotia, year unknown. Frank died when Henry was 6 months old and Loretta was pregnant with daughter, Mary, born March 10, 1903. Loretta moved to Johnstown, NY, to be near her cousins, last name, CRIPPEN (Loretta's maiden name was CRIPPEN). Loretta died when Harry was 15. Harry went to Union College in Schenectady, NY and graduated from Albany Pharmacy school. He later worked and became part owner of Kerst's Drug Store, 401 Union St. near the College in Schenectady. Harry died in 1948 in NY, possibly in Glenville near Schenectady. Ernestine married her second husband, Frank S. Dodge who was born Sept. 26, 1915. They had a son, Munro Dodge, born Sept, 22, 1953. He had a son, Alec Munro Dodge born April 19, 1992. Any information on ancestors of Frank Dodge from Middleton, Nova Scotia would be appreciated.

Except from "Awaiting the Heavenly Country" by Mark S. Schantz

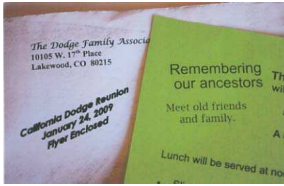
The following is taken from the book, "Awaiting the Heavenly Country" by Mark S. Schantz. And was sent to us by DFA Board Member, Martha Wilkerson.

"Americans faced the deaths of their children not only with eyes moistened by tears but also with hearts steeled by optimism. Take, for instance, the case of Salem, Massachusetts, resident **Pickering Dodge**. Following the death of his infant son, Dodge labored during some of his "leisure hours" over the winter of 1841 to produce a memorial volume entitled "A Tribute to the Infant Dead" for his wife, Anna. He presented it to her on the occasion of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. The volume contained transcriptions, each done in a steady and meticulous hand, of 185 poems and literary pieces on the subject of death. He included with this thick volume a table of contents with the names of the poems and their page number, each neatly labeled. It is difficult to conjure the image of a grieving parent, sitting in the bitterness of a New England winter, working with compulsive neatness on such a massive instantiation of loss. Completing the volume, though, may have afforded Dodge a way to gain control of what was clearly an uncontrollable situation. And, on the dedication page, he sounded a note of hope. "We look upward with the eye of faith and confidence," he wrote to Anna, "to that happy Paradise, where he now rests pure and spotless in the presence of his God" The presumed innocence of children and their certain place in the world to come offered solace to parents seeking to make sense of their tragedy."

Ed. Note: This can also be found in the notes we have for Pickering in our online data base.

Passwords for members only area of our Web Site are:  
 User Name: dodgefamily  
 Password: patchesthecac

The Dodge Family Association had it's annual southern California reunion January 24, 2009. The attendance of 33 Dodges and spouses from around the western states met at the Officers Club, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, San Diego for three hours of family sharing and good food.



A highlight of the meeting that created much excitement was the presentation of the new "Tristram Books", hard-bound and full letter page size. People poured over these publications and acknowledged the tremendous work of Jim Bailey and Norman Dodge in the compilation and proof-reading of the extensive information.

Many folks had success stories in their personal genealogical research that was encouraging to all in pursuit of elusive ancestors. The general gathering was preceded by a Board of Directors meeting of 6 members.



Beyond the Brick Wall by Eileen Dodge

Linda Scott has been attempting to solve the Mystery Dodge line of Asa Dodge, b. 10 Jun 1771, d. 29 Jun 1856 in Glen, Montgomery, NY and Mary "Polly" Leach, b. 17 Oct 1774 in Glen, Montgomery, NY, d. 23 Mar 1841 in Glen, Montgomery, NY. Here is what she has found out so far. Linda writes:

I learned that there was a Rufus Dodge who died in Glen, N.Y. and was buried in the Glen-Rural Grove Cemetery. His gravestone lists his DOD as 24 Jan 1804 in 70th year, which makes his DOB around 1734. Also buried in this cemetery is his wife, Elizabeth who died on 22 Dec 1835 at the age of 101 years and 3 months, which makes her DOB around 1734, also. Lastly, the 2nd son of

Asa and Polly, Phineas died 18 Oct 1830 in his 34th year (DOB around 1796) and was buried here as well. This tells me that there must be some sort of relationship between this Rufus Dodge and Asa Dodge and his family. Asa and Polly were buried in the Wyckoff Cemetery.

Next, I looked through the DFA databases to see if I could find a Rufus Dodge married to an Elizabeth with both being born around 1734. I found two potential Rufus Dodges with a DOB within the right range, however only one of those was married to an Elizabeth. That Rufus Dodge was the son of Richard Dodge and Sarah Tuttle. I found though, that DFA had his death date as 25 Feb 1776 in Smithfield, Madison Co., NY and buried in the Peterboro Cemetery. Before I crossed him off my list, I decided to look to see if I could find the cemetery records online. I found that there were two possible cemeteries with the name Peterboro in their names in Madison County and their records were both available on RootsWeb's freepages. Both cemeteries have Dodges in them, but there was only one with a Rufus Dodge. And he appeared to be the Rufus Dodge who was the son of Francis Dodge. His gravestone indicated that he died 25 Feb 1829 in his 41st year, making his DOB around 1788. So the only Rufus Dodge buried in either of these cemeteries was from the wrong generation.

Since I was unable to find any record of the Rufus Dodge (b. abt 1734) in any of the cemetery records, I began to question the 1776 date given for his death. If this Rufus did not die in 1776, and instead died in 1804, then he should show up at least in the 1790 and 1800 census records. So, off I went to check out these two census records. The 1790 census for New York shows three Rufus Dodges, one in Coxsackie, Albany County, a second in Canajoharie, Montgomery County, and the third in Mohawk, Montgomery County.

I immediately ruled out the Rufus Dodge in Coxsackie, as he appeared to be too far away to be the right man. I was also able to rule out the Rufus Dodge in Canajoharie as he had only one free white male over the age of 16 in his household, which would be himself. And from my calculations, Asa, the son of the Rufus I was seeking,

would have been 19 and unmarried, so probably still living in his father's household.

This left Rufus Dodge from Mohawk. He had three free white males over the age of 16 in his household. This fit my presuppositions perfectly. The name just above his in the 1790 census was a Richard Dodge and while I cannot tell which Richard this is, the name Richard does appear in the Rufus and Elizabeth Dodge family line, as Richard was the name of this Rufus' father. Also, from my research I found that the town of Glen was totally inside the original town of Mohawk, which gives me one more reason to think that this is the right Rufus Dodge.

In the 1800 census of Montgomery County, NY, I found a Rufus Dodge in Minden, which could very well be the same Rufus who was living in Mohawk in the 1790 census, but I am not certain. Listed in the town of Charleston were Asa Dodge and also a Daniel Dodge. Now, according to Shirley Renfro there was a DNA match of her family line and that of Daniel Dodge, who married Elizabeth Sternberg of the DFA mystery file. Could this Daniel Dodge in the 1800 census of Montgomery Co. be him?

Another reason I think that there is a relationship between this Rufus Dodge and Asa Dodge is the naming patterns within these two families. First, Rufus Dodge, son of Richard and Sarah (Tuttle) Dodge, had a younger brother named Asa and several of Rufus' nephews had the names Rufus and Asa. Second, the Asa Dodge of Glen named two of his children Rufus, one of whom died in infancy.

I also researched Mary "Polly" Leach's family and discovered that her parents were Phineas Leach and Maricha, hence the addition of the Phineas name to this family line. Another interesting discovery was that Polly Leach was the 2C2R of Jane Leach, who married Warren Alexander Dodge, who also happens to be in the Mystery Dodge database.

In conclusion, I am fairly certain that the father of Asa Dodge was Rufus Dodge, son of Richard Dodge and Sarah Tuttle, b. 14 Mar 1734 / 1735 in Ipswich, Essex, MA, d. 24 Jan 1804 in Glen, Montgomery, NY and that his mother was Elizabeth Dodge, daughter of Francis Dodge and Sarah Dodge, b. 3 Mar 1736 / 1737 in Brookfield, Worcester, MA, d. 22 Dec 1835 in Glen, Montgomery, NY.





## GENEALOGY REQUESTS COLUMN

by Norman Dodge  
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All this month I have been waiting for a new roof for my house. Most of the month it has been raining and the temperature here in Olympia has been in the high thirties and low forties during the day and below freezing at night. Sure not normal for here.

We have added nearly 800 new names to the Dodge databases in February and March and have updated many more. Several folks have contacted Eileen or I about errors in our family data files. Thanks to each of you - keep your eyes open and your edit pencils poised for missing or incorrect data so we may make our files as accurate as possible. Please check your family file for accuracy. Remember all of the old mysteries we are still searching for too. I had a gentleman here in Washington contact me about his family and even though our information was recorded as given to us by his grandfather there were many changes and additions that needed to be made. Several people said their ancestor died in a Cemetery....no, they were buried in a cemetery but they died somewhere else.

### The Mystery of Mary A. Dodge and William A. Knight of New London County, Connecticut

**Mary and William** married on 31 Jan 1830 in Norwich, CT. Their parents are unknown. The family can be found in Norwich, CT in the 1830 US Census; in Stonington, CT in the 1840 US Census; in Hopkinton, RI in the 1850 and 1860 US Census. Mary and William had children, all born in CT: **Harriet M. Knight** 1832; **Mary E. Knight** 1835; **William F. Knight** 1841; **Adeliza Knight** 1845; **Frances M. Knight** 1848.

### The Mystery of Smith Dodge and Lucetta Rhodes of Orange County, Vermont

**Smith Dodge** was born 18 November 1836 in Newbury, VT and died 24 March 1923 in Auburn, NH; his parents are unknown. **Smith married Lucetta Rhodes**, who was born 20 September

1837 in Groton, VT and died 19 November 1913 in Manchester, NH, the daughter of John Rhodes and Betsey Baldwin. **Smith and Lucetta** had one child, **Albert Ellsworth Dodge**, born 1 April 1862 in Groton, VT and died 14 January 1926 in Manchester, NH. **Albert** married first **Mary E. Richards**, born 4 November 1864 in New Boston, NH and died 21 December 1902 in Manchester, NH, the daughter of George Richards and Loramy Merrill. **Albert and Mary** had two children, both born in Manchester, NH: **Bertha May Dodge**, born August 1882 who married **George Frederick Tuxburg**; and **George Smith Dodge**, born 7 August 1891 who married 25 May 1912 in Manchester, NH, **Elizabeth Ann Blanchard**, the daughter of Edward Blanchard and Anna Sullivan. **George and Elizabeth** had one child, **Elizabeth M. Dodge** who married 12 October 1936 in Manchester, NH, Laurence Putnam. **Albert** married second, 7 November 1906 in Manchester, NH **Emma Piper Rollins**, born 1879 in Northwood, NH, the daughter of Daniel J. Piper and Sarah H. Legro. This was also Emma's second marriage. They had no children.

### The Mystery of Daniel Dodge and Hannah Van Whalen of New York

The birth date, birthplace and death place of Daniel is unknown; his parents are unknown. **Daniel** married **Hannah Van Whalen**, date and place unknown. **Hannah** was born about 1756 died 10 October 1852 in Mt. Holly, VT.

The family of **Daniel and Hannah** is found in 1790 in Caughnawaga, NY with **3 sons and 4 daughters**. In the 1800 US Census **Hannah** is listed as head of household in Danby, VT, showing **3 sons and 3 daughters**. We have information on only two children, **Abraham (Abram)** and **Elizabeth** who married **John Wilbur**. **Abraham (Abram)** was born in 1788 in NY and died 4 March 1864 in Mt. Holly, VT. He married **Elsie Cook**, daughter of Daniel Cook. **Abraham (Abram)** and **Elise** moved to Durham Flats, Quebec, Canada and stayed there until the threat of the war of 1812 when they returned to Vermont.

Their first child, **Thomas W.** was born in Durham Flats, Canada on 2 February 1809 and died 29 December 1893 in

DeKalb, IL. The other children were born in Mt. Holly, VT: **Eliza**, born 22 July 1810 and died 22 April 1813; **Daniel**, born 1 January 1813 and died 17 January 1875; **Hannah E.**, born 1814 was a school teacher and never married; **Louise**, born 22 June 1818 and died 22 February 1852 was a school teacher and never married; **Nelson**, born 15 August 1822 and died 8 October 1822; **Martin**, born 1824.

**Thomas W. Dodge** married on 6 February 1835 in Mt. Holly, VT to **Elizabeth Conant**, born 12 September 1807 in Townsend, MA, and died 23 March 1875 in DeKalb, IL, the daughter of Levi Conant. **Thomas and Elizabeth** had three children, all born in Mt. Holly, VT: **Thomas Warren** in May 1838; **Rollin** in October 1841; **Lucian** in June 1843. **Daniel** married **Mindwell Frost**, born 1813, daughter of Benjamin Frost and Lucretia Johnson. **Daniel and Mindwell** had four children, all born in Mt. Holly, VT: **Abraham II**, on 8 February 1830; **Elsie Eley Ann**, on 23 January 1834; **Lucius**, on 28 February 1835; **Julia L.** on 6 August 1838. In the mid 1800s **Daniel and Mindwell** moved to Sutton, Canada. **Martin** married first on 13 December 1854 in Mt. Holly, VT to **Martha Maria Priest**, born 26 January 1830 in Mt. Holly, VT and died 22 August 1861 in Mt. Holly, VT. **Martin** married second in 1874 to **Anna Chase**. **Martin and Anna** moved to DeKalb, IL.



The book that contains the letter by Thaddeus Dodge (pg. 1) is entitled *Report of the Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America*. At the time of this reunion, it was thought that all Dodes came from William or Richard of Massachusetts. At that reunion it was decided that a Genealogy needed to be put together. This job fell to Joseph Thompson Dodge and Robert Dodge. They quickly realized that Robert Dodge's ancestry from Tristram was a 2nd Dodge line. JTD and Robert Dodge both produced Genealogies for their respective lines. This 53 page hard cover book which ends with Thaddeus's letter, is full of interesting items, such as descriptions of William and Richard, speeches, letters, etc. It is available from us for \$16 ppd.