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From the desk of Faith Dorothy Dodge Nelson
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During the summer, when I'm not teaching my children, I do the two things I cannot accomplish the rest of the year: completing some home repair projects and reading a couple of books. I began this summer reading a book entitled *Boundaries*, by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. The authors advocate building good boundaries, or fences, in one's life. Good fences, they said, help me define my responsibilities, cause me to take ownership of them, and free me of concerning myself with what isn't my business. Good fences, in other words, give order to life.

My primary summer project, interestingly enough, has been the repairing and re-staining of our white picket fence. Roughly, it stretches 200 feet, about 400 pickets total. Built originally in 2002 and painted the following summer, our fence was in poor shape after seven years of hard Kansas City weather. We have had to power wash and hand scrape each picket. Sections of the rail and pickets that were affected with wood rot had to be removed and replaced. The entire fence, it turned out, needed re-staining on both sides.

The job has proven larger than I imagined it would be, but fortunately I have had the help of some of the children. Working steadily at the project for about four weeks, we have only lost a few days due to rain or excessive heat. With a little selective touch up, I think we will finish up tomorrow, just in time for us to turn our thoughts to the waning days of summer and the upcoming school year.

This summer has marked several milestones in our house. Our older daughter graduated from college, while our younger daughter completed high school with plans to head off to college in the fall. Also, Joe and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in early July. It was a joy to have all eight of our children present at a reception given for us at church. The youngest, 5-year-old Andrew, will be starting kindergarten this fall. For the first time in 24 years, I will not have a preschooler in the house. One more milestone will be saying goodbye to our oldest son as he leaves home for good. Josiah is heading to California to attend Pepperdine University, pursuing a MFA in screenwriting.

Milestones may be a cause for joy, like a graduation or anniversary, or a time of poignant sadness, like the moving away of a beloved child. Ultimately, they simply mark where we are in the journey of life, reminding us of the direction in which we are going. I'm happy with where I see my children heading. When my oldest son packs his car and heads off, I'll stand at my white picket fence and wave goodbye.

Faith

P.S. Be sure to check out the other side of this letter, and fill out the form for the New England Reunion, if you are going to attend. You may also renew your dues, give a gift membership, and/or order a set of the new Tristram Genealogy. Send ALL correspondence to: 10105 W. 17th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215

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The New England Dodge Family Reunion
will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM at
the Tides Restaurant and Pub, Nahant, Massachusetts.



The address is 2 Wilson Rd # B, Nahant, MA 01908-1017 and the Tel. No. is: (781) 593-7500. Lynnway and Lynn Shore Drive will both take you to the Lynnway Rotary. Nahant Drive is in the middle of the Rotary and it takes you out on the spit to the Tides Restaurant. If you will 'Google' the restaurant name you should get a link that you can click on that says "Get Directions". The map that you will see when you click on link shows clearly the

Lynnway Rotary and Nahant Drive.

The Luncheons are \$20 each. We look forward to seeing you at this reunion. Make YOUR reservation by filling out the form below. Reservations need to be received by September 15, 2009 at The Dodge Family Association, 10105 W. 17th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215.

There are no strangers at a Dodge Family Reunion. When you arrive you will be greeted by friendly faces and warm handshakes. When you leave, you will be leaving friends behind. Come early and enjoy visiting with others. Look over genealogies, photos, and other items, that will be brought by those attending. Be sure to bring anything that you think would interest other Dodes.

**A FEATURE OF ALL of our Reunions is:
A SEARCHABLE DATA BASE**

Norman and Eileen Dodge, the caretakers of our massive genealogy data bases will be there to help you with your genealogy. Bring what you know of your ancestry and let Norman or Eileen see if they can find YOUR Dodge line.

Dear Dodge Family: I plan to attend the Dodge Family Reunion at the Tides Restaurant in Nahant, MA of September 19. I enclose my check for _____ meals. The names of those I am bringing with me are listed below.

Other things of interest:

- ◆ I wish to order _____ copies (2 volumes each) of the new Tristram Genealogy. I am enclosing \$_____ (\$110 per set including shipping VIA MEDIA MAIL)
- ◆ I am enclosing \$_____ to bring my dues up to date.
- ◆ I am enclosing \$20 for a gift membership for: _____

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