



# DODGE FAMILY JOURNAL

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## DNA REPORT

From Harry Erwin and Jeff Erwin

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**PLEASE, PLEASE,** contact us with your change of address when you move. With the mailing of every Journal, we have at least 2-3 returns that the Post Office will not forward. This means that we have to use more postage to resend the Journal IF the Post Office has supplied us with the new address.

We have the same request for those of you who have email addresses. It seems that email addresses change like the weather.

If you are a member and receive your Journal by email, it is very important to send us any change of email address.

We are also trying to maintain a larger list of Dodes to whom we can send notices of new items on our web site or any other information that we deem pertinent to Dodes as a whole.

Also, if you are willing to receive your Journals by email rather than by hard copy, please let us know.

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For years, Harry Erwin and his son Jeff have been trying to trace their ancestor, Walter R. Dodge, who married Mary Reece.

Harry is very knowledgeable re: genetics, and has been monitoring the DNA results for those in our DNA project.

A few months ago, we had several members of our DNA project who were Tristram descendants by previous DNA results, but were still mysteries, upgraded to the full 67 markers.

When the results came back, Harry Erwin wrote us the following:

"The 67-marker data has come in for the Obediah Dodge/ Betsey Morrell mystery. Obediah is \*very\* close

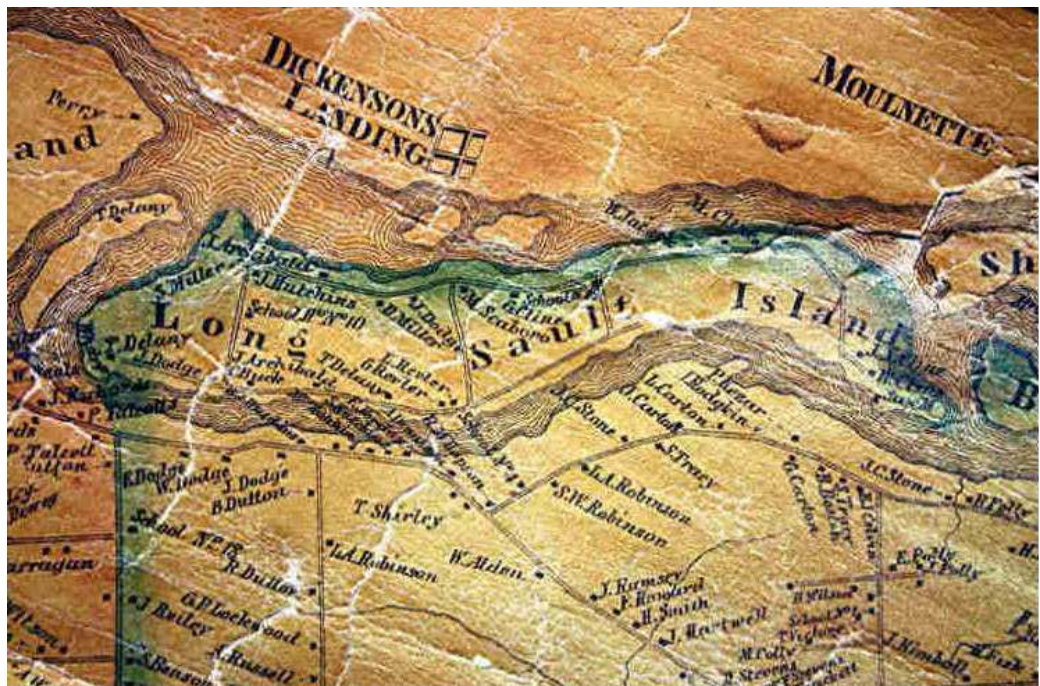
(1 locus away) to the David Dodge mystery--and he's about 3 loci away from me, which is the Walter R. Dodge/ Mary Reece mystery. That suggests the David Dodge who married Maria Cole is probably the brother or first cousin of Obediah Dodge, and a brother, first, or second cousin of Walter Dodge and a whole bunch of other Dodes, including Shubal Dodge.

Having two lines with separate paper trails to before 1800 and one locus apart in that time is \*very\* useful. To be one locus away from someone for whom the last common ancestor was born about 1775, implies that both lines have experienced quite low mutation rates. Using 67-locus data,

I would expect a divergence rate of about 1 mutated locus per three generations, with mutations occurring \*independently\* over the possible lines, so most people sharing a common Y-chromosome ancestor born in the second half of the 18th century would have about \*4\* differences. The large cluster with 3 or less differences implies a common ancestor at that time. Having two mysteries going back to 1800 \*one\* locus apart then suggests one or the other may preserve the ancestral sequence.

We can try constructing a rooted tree based on each of the two to see what it says

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On this map, look at the left end of Long Sault Island. There you can see the homestead notated of J. Dodge. Then look south, across the river from the Island and you will see three Dodge homesteads notated. They are for a K DODGE, W DODGE, and J DODGE. Both Shubal and John Elson (or Hanson) Dodge were in this area. The J. Dodge on the Island COULD be John Elson Dodge, whom we believe might be a son of Shubal. The three that are across the river, might be John Elson jr., his brother and William. BUT WHO is K DODGE?



**SAND IN MY SHOES**

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**Dodge Ball**

I am corresponding with DFA member, Karen Wisniewski, of Dearborn Mi., Karen is asking for our readers help in solving a piece of our genealogy puzzle. Karen writes:

My husband's ggggrandmother was Prudence Dodge, born in 1854 in Michigan, she was the daughter of Brewer and Waity Dodge. How proud my husband was to have found out this fact, and how proud he was to be accepted into the Dodge Family Association.

Prudence Dodge married Richard Eades in 1875 in Ruby, St. Clair, Michigan. A newspaper headline announces the birth of a son to Richard Eades in 1876. The marriage between Prudence and Richard appears to be very short lived.

In the 1880 Macomb County, Michigan census, I find four year old Harry Eades, living with his grandparents, Brewer and Waity Dodge on their farm. There is no listing of little Harry's mother or father on the farm. Further search finds that Prudence Dodge Eades married a William Dillingham in 1878 in Sanilac, Michigan and it appears that Richard Eades also remarried around 1880.

Prudence Dodge and her new husband, William Dillingham have a child, Charles M. Dillingham in 1879.

In the years between 1880 and 1900, it appears that Harry Eades became Harry Ball and had moved up near Petoskey, Michigan. With him in this area is Merton Charles Ball, born 1879 with the same birth date as Charles M. Dillingham.

When did these two half brothers, Harry Eades & Merton C. Dillingham, sons of Prudence Dodge, meet, move away together and why did they change their name to Ball?

On Harry's certificate of marriage in 1905, he lists Prudence Dodge and George Ball as his father.

The day Harry registered for the WWI draft, a person named George Henry Ball registered that same day and at the same office with Harry.

**Could this be a non-related family that Harry decided to call his own?**

**Who raised Harry?**

**Did Harry and Merton, in their adventures and employment in Northern Michigan meet up with this family and decide to "adopt" the Ball name?**

Any help would be greatly appreciated, Thank you in advance.  
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*Ed Note: This Dodge line is a John Branch line.*

*We have another Dodge-Ball mystery that is also a John Branch line by DNA.*

*We do not know if there is any connection between that mystery and this mystery.*

*If you can help us, please contact Stephen at the email address that is by Stephen's picture.*



Eileen's Trivia

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**TIMELINE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES 1650 – 1900**

In case you ever wondered why a large number of your ancestors disappeared during a certain period in history, the list below might help. Epidemics have always had a great influence on people, which weakened families and communities.

Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area. Knowing when and where epidemics occurred can help explain changes in your ancestors' behavior.

Tuberculosis, first known as phthisis or consumption, has been recognized as a leading cause of American deaths for as long as records have been kept. Anthropological evidence suggests that it was present in Native American populations before European contact.

Tuberculosis became particularly noteworthy during the nineteenth century, when it accounted for almost a quarter of all North American deaths. The disease struck all classes of Americans. After the Civil War, Tuberculosis came to be seen as a particular problem of cities.

In addition to wide spread Tuberculosis, some of the major epidemics in the United States are listed on the back of the accompanying cover letter. There are far too many to fit in this Journal. Even this very large list does not purport to be a complete list of epidemics and pandemics.

*(continued on the back of Faith's letter)*



The photo above is of Harry Ball. I imagine that the woman in the photo is of his wife.

Does this man look familiar to any of our readers?

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# The View From My Window



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In 2004, Earl and I went to Colorado Collie Rescue, and got a second Collie, Dani, to go with our collie, Lassie, whom we had already rescued from the local dog pound.

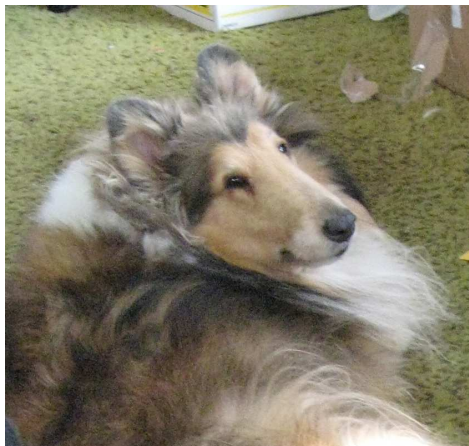
Dani was abt. 4 1/2 yrs old and had been rescued from a house where there were 46 dogs living in appalling conditions. Colorado Collie Rescue had received 12 collies from this house, and Dani was the last one to be adopted.

We took Lassie with us so that Lassie and Dani could get to know each other on the way home.

In early November last year, Dani started to show signs of being sick. I took her to the vet, and had numerous tests done including an ultrasound. Nothing showed up except 'mega-esophagus'. That is a condition in which the esophagus has a pouch that collects the food and many times the dog loses that food, sometimes as late as 4 hours later. It helps some, if the dog is fed from an elevated food dish.

I thought 'I can handle taking care of this', but as time went on, and she began to lose vast amounts of weight, it became clear that something else was wrong.

On December 28, I took her to the vet in the hopes that there would be some miracle diagnosis and she would be cured from whatever the problem was. I had several ideas as to what we might try next.



My beautiful Dani. 2000 - 2009

Instead, the doctor told me that she believed Dani had some kind of cancer that they had not been able to find. She could not offer me any hope and told me Dani was in pain and discomfort from the constant vomiting. In addition, her body had begun to use muscle in order to sustain itself.

I had to make that terribly painful decision of euthanasia. I stayed by her side and told her I was sorry that I could not do more. I had tried as hard as I could to make her better. I held her until it was over and left in tears.

Instead of four big dogs, I now have three and another link with the past I shared with Earl is gone.

Barbara



## Raindrops and Reflections

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There is snow on the ground. While it melts a little more every day, there is sure to be another snow storm around the corner. I admit I have not seen so many snow falls in one season. Having spent most of my life growing up in Missouri, we could only expect snow between the first and last months of the year on most occasions; there have been a few exceptions.

When I went to college in Mississippi, however, the world seemed to stand still if a few flurries circled the skies. I remember southern friends exclaiming in wonder and excitement if the dust on their cars lasted long enough for them to write messages on their back windows. Now, however, I watch it snow, sit, melt, and snow again. It has snowed since October, and I hear it can snow through Spring.

I have a happy disposition that draws me to excitement for each coming season. In Missouri, this was easy. The winters were cold and snowy, the springs full of new life in budding trees and blooming flowers, the summers were hot and humid, and the falls were crisp and dry and full of autumn colors. I could anticipate each season with delight, knowing full well that it would do its part to be what it was meant to be. But when I moved to Mississippi for school, I was disappointed and starved for my seasons. Summer lasts until No-

vember down there, with a week of Fall, two months of a mild Winter, and then Summer again. Flowers bloom all year round, and it is always humid. I wonder, then, what Colorado has in store. I lived here of course, when I was little. And we've visited family and friends at all times of the year. But I wonder, will the seasons change? Will they have their unique personalities, displaying their wondrous gifts, or will they fade into a couple undecided seasons?

Yes, I am ready for Spring, or Spring as I know it. I want Spring showers, trees in full bloom, daffodils and tulips and hyacinths, and new green life. Perhaps it is me hoping for something new, fresh, and beautiful. These snowfalls are becoming old. As the cold deadness of winter melts away, life can start afresh. I do not believe that Spring is just a gateway between the snow and the sun of summer, but God's reminder of a new life in Him. It is a good reminder, so I hope that this year the snow will melt, and we will have a glorious Spring. .  
Susannah

## In Memory



Barbara Elliott passed away Christmas week of 2009. We remember Barbara when she accompanied us on one of our early Dodge Tours to England. She lived in Massachusetts originally and while there, taking care of her husband, she managed to attend every New England Dodge Reunion. After her husband died, she moved to Florida and she always hoped to go on one more England tour or to attend one more New England Reunion. We received a phone call in late December, from Barbara's son who told us that Barbara had passed away right around Christmastime. We send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her family during this time of their sorrow.

Deborah Dodge Cowper has been a member of DFA for many years and always enjoyed receiving the Dodge Journal. We received notice that she had died and we want to extend our sympathies and prayers to her family.

For several years we have had a photo of four children on our web site. We did not know who they were...only that someone had written on the photo "Dodge Children cared for by Grandma Roth". We featured the photo in at least two of our Journals over the years without any response. The note with the photo also said that it was taken sometime between 1851-1900. The Photographer was 'Krips' of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was found in antique store in Fredericksburg, KY.

Just before our Nov/Dec Journal was mailed out, we received an email from DFA member, Donaldson Dodge. A family member had sent him the photo from our web site or journal. Donaldson did not know how he missed this when it was originally in the Journal.



Barbara, Norman and I have spent countless hours and months doing research to find a connection for the Mystery File Rufus Dodge, born 1760 in Massachusetts, to the John branch of the Dodge family.

Various persons, such as Tim Abel and Bill Kuehning offered their research to assist us. We used wills and biographies as well as civil registries and census records for much of our information. Rufus and his progeny are mentioned in the Joseph Thompson Dodge genealogy book published in 1894 and again in the Robert Livingston Dodge genealogy book, published in 1998. He was listed as a mystery Dodge in both books.

Irrefutable proof of the connection we have made is not available to us at this time but in addition to the modalities mentioned above, name familiarity passed down through the generations, places they were living at a given time, when, where and to whom they were married, to mention just a few, were some of tools we used in making this decision.

We have decided, and believe, that Rufus Dodge, born in 1760 in Massachusetts and died 14 March 1838 in Winfield, Herkimer Co., New York is the son of Rufus Dodge (1735/6 – 1804) and Elizabeth Dodge (1735/6 - 1835).

Rufus, Jr., (1760) married first an unknown woman and had the following children: Gideon in 1782; Caleb in 1784; Rufus III, in 1795; Sally in 1796; and Rebecca (date unknown but she is mentioned in his will).

Rufus Jr. married second, Sarah Jones. They had the following children: Saunders in 1803; Amanda in 1804 who died in 1812; Daniel in 1810; and William in 1812.



These children were part of his families ancestry. They were the grandchildren of William Dodge and Mary Mapes Dodge. When William died, Mary started to write in order to support herself and her two sons, James Mapes Dodge and Harrington M. (Mapes?) Dodge. You undoubtedly recall that Mary Mapes Dodge penned the story, *Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates*.

We now ask for some clarification on the birth dates of the older children in this photo. The birth dates cannot be correct if the picture was taken circa 1886.

The children from the left are Karl, Josephine, Fayelle, and Kern. The birth date for Fayelle is probably correct, as is, probably, the approximate date of the photo:

but the birth date for the older children cannot be correct. We look forward to receiving correct information on this family.

Donaldson also sent a photo of James Mapes Dodge and his wife, Josephine Kern Dodge. They certainly appear to be a very contented couple. We also have a photo on our website of Kern Dodge as an older man. The photo is of "The Mayor and his 'Cabinet', The Bulletin Almanac and Year book for 1933." If you are interested, it can be found at: [www.dodgefamily.org/Photographs/MiscellaneousPhotos/images/KernDodge.jpg](http://www.dodgefamily.org/Photographs/MiscellaneousPhotos/images/KernDodge.jpg)



James Mapes Dodge & Josephine Kern Dodge Circa 1912

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about that branch of the Tristram Dodes.

It looks to me like there was a family tragedy about the time of the Revolutionary War that resulted in a large number of closely related Dodes spread over the New York area, none of whom wanted to remember their common ancestor."

*Ed. Note: we suggested that perhaps the problem was a family split between Patriot Sympathizers and Torie sympathizers.*

Jeff Erwin responded to that:

"There were two types of "Tories", as the Patriots put it, during the Revolution:

1. Actual militant supporters of the British. (Like Stephen Dodge)
2. The vast majority: neutrals and pacifists. Most were Quakers or Baptists in the Colonies, or merchants. These people traded with or rejected both sides. Some Quakers were lynched for their pacifism. This particular branch of Tristram's tree includes both denominations. Walter Dodge, for instance, was an abolitionist and a "free thinker" from the testimony of his grandson.

There is, of course, the classic "Brother vs. brother" dynamic-- one brother (poss. Obediah Dodge's father) could have been a patriot and the other or others neutral. This could have led to tensions and the falling apart of the family tree."

Eileen also donated her thoughts on Harry's suggestion

"Harry's Dodge ancestor, Alfred Edgar Dodge, born 19 Jan 1866 changed his name to Edwin Eugene Erwin. Then came Calvert Richard Erwin in 1895, then Harry Richard Erwin in 1923 and then on to the Harry Erwin, Jr. we know in 1947.

"Some musings regarding the four men who share a close DNA - in chronological order:

"Shubal born in 1774 married Hannah and moved from Vermont to Saint Lawrence County, New York.

"Obediah Dodge born in 1787 married Betsey Morell - stayed in New York as far as we know.

"It is possible that Shubal and Obe-

diah are brothers - maybe first and last sons in a family....but I think more likely first cousins.

"This is just a guess, but I believe that Obediah was first in Rensselaer County (which by the way, is next to Vermont where Shubal is reportedly from) - he named a son, Rensselaer. It was not uncommon in those days to name a child after the town or county in which they were born (case in point, Orange Dodge who was born in Orange County Vermont) - we know that Obediah moved to Jefferson County (which by the way, is next to Saint Lawrence County where Shubal ended up).

"David E. Dodge born 1790-1799 (?) married Maria Cole and was born and died in New York though they were in Ohio when their first son was born.

"Walter R. Dodge born 1803 married Mary Reese and seems to have moved from New York to Ohio, then Pennsylvania and back to New York again.

"It is possible that David E. and Walter R. are brothers - they are relatively close in age as well as having moved for a brief time from New York to Ohio then back to New York. David and Walter both died in Chautauqua County New York."

*Ed Note: Thus, we now have new thought in regards to a number of our mystery Dodes who descend from Tristram via DNA results.*

*Also, we want to congratulate Jeff Erwin and his wife on the new member of their family, Zorah Jensen-Erwin who was born on 22 Dec 2009.*

### Mary's Method

Over the years Mary Dodge became increasingly interested in a scientific approach to bowing. She traveled to France to study the suspended bow arm technique and even enrolled in chiropractic school to learn about the interaction of the body's muscles and bones.

She believed making music was very mechanical - all about proper posture, balance and strength. She placed weights on parts of the violin or bow arm so the student would gain strength quickly and feel the correct force and balance. Mary wrote extensively on the subject believing that every child had music in them - if the child just used proper technique, the music

would come out.

During her career Mary Dodge produced many outstanding musicians including former Sagebrusher, Ruth Saunders Leupold, who went on to become an assistant concert master with the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra; Glenn Reeves, a principal violist of the Oregon Symphony; Oregon Symphony violinist Marion Fox; and Robert Mann who helped found the Julliard String Quartet.

The above story is about Mary Dodge who was the 2nd wife of Nathan Prentiss Dodge of Grants Pass, Oregon.

In the last Journal, we had an item about Nathan Prentiss Dodge but we did not have room for a story about his wife, Mary. We thought it only fair to include the above story about her. It was taken from [www.opb.org/programs/oregonexperience/programs/26-Sagebrush-Symphony/slideshows/18](http://www.opb.org/programs/oregonexperience/programs/26-Sagebrush-Symphony/slideshows/18)



On November 28, DFA members from Arvada, Colorado, Terry and Mindy Dodge, with their daughter Lauren, flew to Philadelphia, PA for the purpose of Lauren having a much needed operation at Children's Hospital. The operation was to be December 2nd.

We sent out the news to those who receive their Journals by e-mail, giving them the web page that Children's Hospital set up for Lauren. We were so pleased that many of those Dodes who received that information, did sign on and leave messages for Lauren.

On December 4, we received the following message:

Thank you so much for posting the carepage on the DFA! It was so wonderful to have Dodes from all over the U.S. write notes. Lauren absolutely loved it. She really enjoys checking all the messages and seeing all the love and support she has!

Thank you for all the prayers. God really has been faithful and my rock during this very stressful time."

Mindy Dodge

*Ed Note: Lauren is now doing very well and is back at church.*



**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**  
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This fall and winter have been very productive. Jim Bailey and I have been checking the Dodge Family Genealogy thru the first 6 generations and many new records and changes have come to light.

The Dodge website has been updated and in some cases the ancestry for some has changed.

Some time ago, someone sent me 4 pictures titled 100\_1238 2. The stones are quite readable and they are John Dodge Family. Arthur Murray Dodge born in NY City and died in Simsbury Connecticut. I think the cemetery is in CT. I need the person who sent them to me to identify themselves, and I need the name of the Cemetery. You may reach me at nedodge@aol.com.

**Gideon G. Dodge** was born about 1824 in Herkimer Co., New York., and died 3 March 1896 in Utica, Oneida Co., New York. His parents are unknown. He was a stone and brick mason. The 1880 US Census shows his father was born in New Jersey and his mother in New York.

Gideon married, about 1844, Nancy Maria Rulison, born about 1826 in New York. She was the daughter of Martin Rulison and Anna Herder.

Gideon and Nancy's children were all born in German Flats, Herkimer Co., New York: William in 1845; Delos M. in 1848 who married Ida C. Unknown; Hannah M., in 1851 who married Charles Goodale; Harriet in 1854 who married Dennison Casler; and Byron in 1857.

**Joseph Dodge** was born circa 1813 in Kentucky. His parents are unknown. By 1840 he was living in Lewis Co., Missouri where he raised his family.

He married, about 1838, Anna Maria, born circa 1817 in Kentucky. Her parents are unknown.

Joseph and Anna Maria raised four children: Isaac Newton in 1840; James W. in 1843; Martha T. in 1847 who married Charles Ragsdale; and John H in 1851.

Isaac married Betty M. Hill on 20 February 1868 in Saline Co., Missouri. Betty

was born in 1850 in Missouri, her parents are unknown.

Isaac and Betty raised eight children - the first four were born in Missouri: Lilly, Etta, Pinky and Brown. The next three were born in Oregon: Fannie, Bessie and Floyd.

The last child, Virgil Arthur was born in 1893 in Washington state and died in 1950 in California. He married Francis Arnold, who was born about 1895.

**Charles Knowlton Dodge** was born 16 April 1877 in Missouri, and died 12 July 1946 in Jefferson Co., Texas. His parents are unknown. He worked for the railroad as an engineer.

Charles married, about 1903, Lillian Smith, born about 1882 in North Carolina.

Charles and Nancy's sons were both born in Texas: Fred Knowlton Dodge on 13 Nov 1905 in Houston, who died August 1961 in Liberty Co., Texas and married Adelle Taylor; John Dodge, about 1909.

**Benjamin Dodge** was born circa 1745, and died in 1781. His parents are unknown. On the marriage record he was listed as being from Amherst, Hillsborough Co., New Hampshire.

Benjamin married, 30 May 1775 in Wenham, Essex Co., Massachusetts, Esther Perkins. She was born 1 January 1745/6 in Wenham, the daughter of Thomas Perkins and Elizabeth Fowler.

Benjamin and Sarah had two children, Joseph in 1781 and Esther.

Nothing is known about Esther's life.

Joseph died in 1865 in Castile, Wyoming Co., New York. He was a machinist and brought his family in 1823 to Perry and in 1825 to Castile, both in Wyoming Co., New York. He was a volunteer in the War of 1812.

Joseph married, about 1803, Mary Chase. She was the daughter of Joseph Chase and Elizabeth Dana. She was reportedly of Litchfield, Hillsborough Co., New Hampshire.

Joseph and Mary were parents of eleven children:

They were: Benjamin D. in 1805 who married Christina. They had six children and moved to Wisconsin; Abner C. in 1806 who married Polly Bouthwell; Mark in 1812; Joseph Jr. in 1813 who married Sarah Randall.

Mark and Sarah had five children and moved to Michigan; Horace in 1814;

Miles who married Sarah Stannard. They had seven children; Dexter who married Isabel. They had three children; Myron L. in 1829; Albert; Mary Ann; and Eliza.

**Noah Dodge** was born Abt. 1816 in New York. He married (1) Mary Unknown. She was born 1821 in New York. He married (2) Calista Eaton 31 March 1844. She was born 1826 in New York

Noah Dodge was in the 1850 US Census - Wilson, Niagara Co., New York. The 1880 census shows father born in VT, mother in CT.

Children of Noah Dodge and Calista Eaton were: Richard H. Dodge, born 01 May 1844 in Lockport, Niagara Co., New York and Francis Marion 'Frank' Dodge, born 11 August 1846 in New York; died 18 September 1902 in Wisconsin.

There were a number of descendants and below is the photo of one of them, Walter Scott Dodge, born 02 May 1894 in Wisconsin; died 23 November 1962. Walter was the son of Abby Dodge and Arthur Spriggle. He adopted the name DODGE because he was reared by his Dodge

grandparents.

**Eileen's note:** We believe that Noah Dodge and John Dodge who m. Sarah Ives are brothers. They both use the name Francis Marion



and Walter Scott! Additionally, we believe that Newell (or Newland) Dodge is also a brother to Noah and John. And HE has a son Francis Marion Dodge, born in 1853. Our information shows that Newell was born in Pennsylvania, while all the other of Noah's sons, and John Dodge, were born in New York. Even so, I believe he must be closely connected in some way due to name familiarity. Again, I have no proof of the connection - and I have long questioned Newell's birth place. ❧❧❧