



THE DODGE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year!

I hope your family had as lovely a Christmas and holiday season as mine did. It was a Christmas that was practically perfect in every way. All my children were home, we had a happy time, a load of good food, and we even had snow on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. This picturesque photo was taken early on Christmas morning.



Now all my older children have left, the younger ones are back in school, and I have been working on packing away all those Christmas decorations. In fact, I thought two days ago when I took down the garland from my picket and the wreath from my front door that I had finally finished. Then I happened to glance above our living room French doors and saw the row of paper nutcrackers there. Sigh! I'll get a chair and pull those down later today, and then perhaps I'll be finished with Christmas decorations until November.

It's a typical focus this time of year to look back at where we've been and forward at where we hope go in the coming months. At our house, we did get our picket fence repaired and repainted, and we also got a trench drain installed in our basement, as well as partially finishing one room down there as a bedroom. Of course, there were many things I had hoped to do that didn't happen. As in any older home, we have an ongoing need for repairs and repainting. And with chagrin, I remember that I had resolved to lose about twenty pounds last year. I guess I'll just move all those uncompleted goals to this year's "To do" list. One thing is certain, there is always more work to be done.

I find tending to the needs of immediate concern helps me to keep the uncertainties of life in perspective. And our nation faces many uncertainties these days. We stand at the brink of a complete change in our health system. The threat of terrorist strikes is a very real one. Technological advances occur at a dizzying speed, calling in to question whether the way of living we take for granted today will exist in the future. Every day, it seems, I hear predictions of economic upheaval or even collapse in the very near future. However, during the Middle Ages, people thought that the year 1000 would signal the end of world.

Humans have only partial success at predicting the future, and I certainly don't have the ability to know what my future holds. I'm just going to trust God with the future, and concentrate on what I am responsible for: my own family and home. That's more than enough to keep me busy.

Faith Nelson

P.S. Be sure to read the back of this letter which contains the rest of the story that is in Eileen's Trivia Column on page 2 of the Journal. Also, there is important information there about resumes needed for those interested in becoming members of the DFA Board of Directors.

*From our home to yours
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(continued from Eileen's Trivia Column on page 2, right column)

1657 Boston: Measles
1687 Boston: Measles
1690 New York: Yellow Fever
1713 Boston: Measles
1729 Boston: Measles
1732-33 Worldwide: Influenza
1738 South Carolina: Smallpox
1739-40 Boston: Measles
1747 CT, NY, PA, SC: Measles
1759 North America: Measles
1761 North America & West Indies: Influenza
1772 North America: Measles
1775 North America (especially hard in New England):
1775-76 Worldwide: Influenza
1788 Philadelphia & NY: Measles
1793 Vermont: Influenza and a "putrid fever"
1793 Virginia: Influenza
1793 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever
1783 Delaware (Dover) "extremely fatal" bilious disorder
1794 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever
1796-97 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever
1798 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever
1803 New York: Yellow Fever
1820-23 Nationwide: "fever"
1831-32 Nationwide: Typhus
1841 Nationwide: Yellow Fever (especially severe in South)
1847 New Orleans: Yellow Fever
1847-48 Worldwide: Influenza
1848-49 North America: Cholera
1850 Nationwide: Yellow Fever
1850-51 North America: Influenza
1852 Nationwide: Yellow Fever
1855 Nationwide: Yellow Fever
1857-59 Worldwide: Influenza
■1860-61 Pennsylvania: Smallpox
1865-73 Philadelphia, NY, Boston, New Orleans, Baltimore, Memphis & Washington DC:
Recurring epidemics of Cholera, Smallpox, Typhus, Typhoid, and Scarlet Fever & Yellow Fever
1873-75 North America & Europe: Influenza
1878 New Orleans: Yellow Fever
1885 Plymouth, PA: Typhoid
1886 Jacksonville, FL: Yellow Fever

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