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Caleb & Karen

*From the desk of Karen Joy Dodge Thiessen
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Faith Dodge Nelson, your regular "letter writer" is in Minneapolis as she drove a group of young people from her church in Missouri to a Minneapolis church where they are ministering for a couple of weeks. It falls to me, her sister, to write the cover letter for this issue of the Dodge Journal.

At the store today, I noticed a large "back-to-school" section, already laden with every implement and gadget a student might want or need for the coming school year. I have always enjoyed perusing this section and picking up whatever looked interesting for my own children. New crayons

and colored pencils always made the list, even though we had scores of the things already at home. But for the first time in 25 years, I won't be shopping for pencils or notebook paper. You see, our youngest child, Caleb, graduated from high school this past May. He now gets to sing that little ditty that I remember singing the last day of school each year, you know the one . . . "No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks" (and not just for the summer either.) He is on to bigger and much better things as an apprentice with a wonderful software company. I am on to pushing my cart through the aisles of Target, looking at all the school supplies and wondering where all the years went.

Last Sunday, while mowing the lawn, I happened upon the area of grass right next to the driveway where Caleb parks his car. Something caught my eye on the pavement there, next to his 1993 Saturn. As I took a closer look I was surprised to see something which I had totally forgotten. It was Caleb's own little hand print and childish scrawl forever immortalized in the now hard cement. I remember now, how fourteen years ago, when the driveway was repaved, I took him out to make his own little imprint. Big sister Hannah's handprint was there too.

The week before, I had been painting a large room in our house. The closet area, I remembered, was last painted when I was expecting Caleb. That room, which now serves as Caleb's computer area, aka Geek Central, was once decorated with blue curtains with little bears and his baby crib. (alright, so the curtains only came down the previous week, but it was still a little bittersweet.) I will always remember the time when he was just a toddler and I could not find him. In a panic, I searched every room of the house. Every room except his little closet that is. I was seriously thinking about alerting the police that my little boy was missing, but first, I checked his nursery. There he was, on the floor next to his crib, curled up on top of some laundry, sound asleep. Relief washed over me and I called Joshua and Hannah (our other children) to alert them to Caleb's safety, and also to take a gander at how cute he was sleeping on the floor.

Where indeed have the years gone. My child-rearing years seem to be at an end and I wonder what lies ahead. Make no mistake, I know that my children still need me. Who else will help them get super glue out of their computer parts, or pick them up at Walmart when they can't start their car? Still, though, I miss the days when they were little, when they believed everything I said, when I read to them and made them eat their breakfast. (in Caleb's case, rarely succeeding).

Relationships become more dear as we age. Every memory becomes sweeter. Maybe that is why grandparents have so much fun with their little ones. They know the days are fleeting and the time is short. I hope you know that too, and that you will take the time to enjoy all the loved ones around you . . . while there is yet time.

Karen

P.S. Be sure to look at the other side of this letter where we have listed the Dodges from Canada who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice in WWI. If you have a Dodge ancestor whose name needs to be added, please contact us.

We are offering copies of the 1998 Dodge Genealogy history update by Robert Livingston Dodge for only \$15.00 a copy pp. This is your opportunity to purchase copies for family members and/or any libraries in your area. We can ship them directly to the Library if you send the address/es along with your check.

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Clifford Thomas Dodge b. March 18, 1895, died April 08, 1917, aged 23; Corporal; 16419; Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment) Division: 7th BnHe is buried in **ARRAS ROAD CEMETERY**, Pas de Calais,France, ROCLINCOURT, France; Grave Memorial Reference I. A. 25. Commemorated on Page 229 of the First World War Book of Remembrance.

Clifford was the son of Thomas and Annie Dodge, of 1678, Broadway West, Vancouver.

ROCLINCOURT is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, a little east of the road from Arras to Lens and Lille. The cemetery is on the west side of the main N17 road from Arras to Lens, about 6 kilometres north of Arras, and north of the village of Roclincourt. The cemetery was enlarged in 1926-29 by the concentration of 993 graves from a wide area mainly North and East of Arras. There are now over 1,000 First World war casualties commemorated in this site which covers an area of 4,084 square metres. It is enclosed on three sides by a stone rubble wall, and against the road by a retaining wall. Old dug-outs exist under the North-East corner and on the South-West boundary.

Lineage - Unknown. .

Francis Everett Dodge, b. April 1, 1893, died October 12, 1915 age 21; Private, Army; Service Number 73128; Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment); Division 28th Bn.; He is buried in **KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY**, Belguim; Grave Memorial Reference K. 41. Commemorated on Page 12 of the First World War Book of Remembrance.

Francis was the son of Capt. Frank E. and Mary J. Dodge, of Hantsport, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY is located 8 kilometres south of Ieper on a road leading from the Kemmelseweg (N331), connecting Ieper to Kemmel. From Ieper town centre the Kemmelseweg is reached via the Rijselsestraat, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and straight on towards Armentieres (N336). 900 metres after the crossroads is the right hand turning onto the Kemmelseweg (made prominent by a railway level crossing).

On reaching the village of Kemmel the first right hand turning leads onto the Reningelststraat. 600 metres along the Reningelststraat lies the right hand turning onto Nieuwstraat. 500 metres along the Nieuwstraat on the right hand side of the road lies the cemetery. Information courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Lineage - Unknown.

George Tomlinson Dodge died on November 27, 1918. Rank: Captain (Quartermaster) Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment) 87th Bn; Military Service: Force: Army; Unit: Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment); Division: 87th Bn. Commemorated on Page 398 of the First World War Book of Remembrance. Information courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Burial Information: **VALENCIENNES (ST. ROCH) COMMUNAL CEMETERY**, Nord, France; Grave Reference: I. E. 28. **VALENCIENNES (ST.ROCH) COMMUNAL CEMETERY** is situated on the north-east side of the town, about 1.5 kilometres from the centre. It is on the north side of the road to Bruay-sur-L'Escaut.; Awards: M C

Lineage - Unknown.

William Edward Dodge, born March 16, 189, William died September 27, 1918 , aged 29; Private; Service Number 3030291 ; Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) Division: 54th Bn. He is buried at **QUARRY WOOD CEMETERY, SAINS-LES-MARQUIONII**, Pas de Calais,France. Grave Memorial Reference II. C. 34. Commemorated on Page 398 of the First World War Book of Remembrance. Information courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

William was the son of Henry Thomas and Sarah Ann Dodge, of Belmont, Ystradmynach, Cardiff, South Wales.

Sains les Marquion is a village approximately 12 kilometres north-west of Cambrai and 2 kilometres south of the Arras to Cambrai road (D939).The **QUARRY WOOD CEMETERY** lies at the end of an access path to the left of the D15 road heading towards Havrincourt, about 2 kilometres from the village.

If you can help us with the ancestry of any of the men listed above, please contact Norman Dodge at: NEDodge@aol.com or Eileen Dodge at: EDodge1946@comcast.net

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I wish to order one of the Tristram Genealogy 2 vol. Sets for \$110.00 pp.

I have enclosed _____ to bring my dues up to date.

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