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## Dr. Joel Nyberg, local Civil War historian, author and lecturer, publishes new book based on local Civil War soldier's diary

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All photos in this article were provided to DFA by Dr. Nyberg.

**LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Dr. Leonard Joel Nyberg, Jr., (pictured in photo on the right) has been working on two new Civil War books, and one will be fresh from the printer and available this week. If you are visiting Lisbon during the Lisbon Lilac Festival, look for “Joe” and his book at the Lisbon Historic Railroad and Museum and also on Main Street at the Lisbon Area Historical Society display booth.

*The Diary of Civil War Private Richard Dodge, 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers*, by Dr. Leonard J.

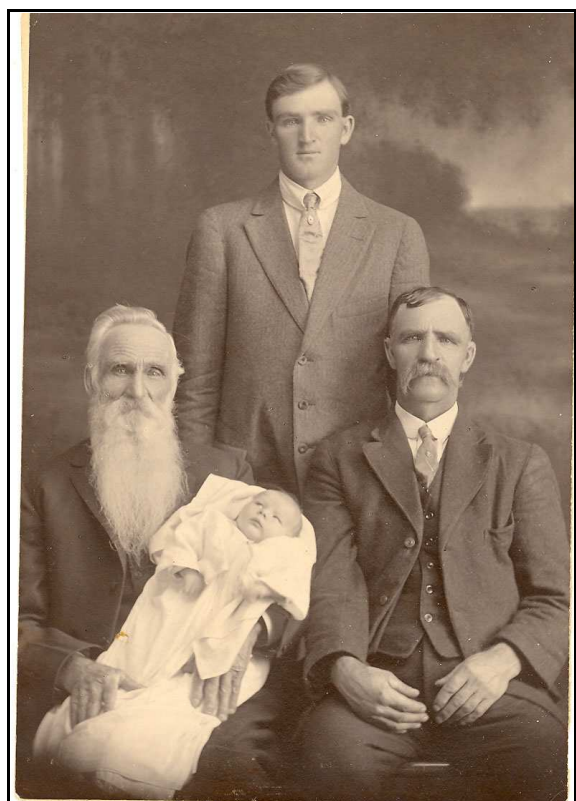
Nyberg, Jr. and published by Railroad Street Press, St. Johnsbury, VT, is based on the 1863 diary of Richard Dodge, a Lyman native with many descendants in the area. Nyberg was actually working on another book, *Civil War Veterans Buried in Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, New Hampshire*, when he learned about Dodge's diary. He scanned the diary for references of soldiers mentioned in the book he was writing, but the more he read, the more fascinating the diary became especially since Dodge fought in the Battle of Port Hudson. Nyberg put his other project aside and started to concentrate on a book dedicated to Dodge's diary, and now he has published a 235-page compilation taking readers on the path of Richard Dodge and his regiment and enhancing the story with copies of the pages from Dodge's 1863 diary along with images and notations from Nyberg's years of Civil War research and period collections.

Nyberg's great grandfather, George Byron Bennett, served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Rhode Island Cavalry from 1861-1865, and the family was in possession of Bennett's Civil War artifacts. When Nyberg was a young



boy, his grandfather presented him with George Byron Bennett's cavalry saber as a birthday present after wrapping it in newspaper and carrying it on the bus from Cranston to Providence, Rhode Island. Nyberg became a student of his great grandfather, and over the years it grew into Nyberg becoming a serious student and collector of anything to do with Civil War soldiers. It's no wonder that Richard Dodge's diary appealed to Nyberg. Dodge describes the boredom of camp life and tells of fiddling, whiskey punch, hunting alligators, taking the trolley, and before his regiment knew it they were right in the middle of a critical battle to break the Confederate stronghold of Port Hudson and control

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Clarence Dodge (standing), Richard Dodge seated and holding Fred Dodge (still living) and Kenneth Dodge.

Descendants of Richard Dodge who came to MA in 1638. The parents of Richard who appears in this photo were James Dodge and Nancy Foster.

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Tombstone in Lyman, NH of Richard Dodge

(Richard Dodge Diaries, Cont'd from page 1) of the Mississippi River, a vital link for troops and supplies.

Dr. Nyberg wrote about his great-grandfather in his first publication, *George Byron Bennett, 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry 1861-1865*, published in 2007. He is also a member of the NH Camp #5 and RI Camp #7 SUVCW (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and has written articles for both groups' newsletters. ❧❧❧

Dr. Nyberg contacted The Dodge Family Association about this book and the diaries of Richard Dodge. He wrote:

“On several occasions I have personally followed his footsteps through Louisiana and along the Mississippi to Camp Mansfield, Camp Parapet, Springfield Landing, Port Hudson and beyond. I have walked where he walked, visited the points of interest that he writes about in his diary; I have ridden on the same tracks that he rode on when he traveled from New Orleans to Carrollton, Louisiana. When I pass the tombstones of his friends I feel that I know them. I was very pleased and honored to be able to bring Richard and his comrades, along with their Civil War activities, back to life and I know that his immediate family appreciated the work that I have done.

“I have attached a photograph (bottom of page 1 of this Journal) of four generations of the. The photo is courtesy of

Dr. Joel Nyberg's note, continued.

Richard's great granddaughter Doreen Kaspszak. The photograph also appears in Andrea M. Fitzgerald's comprehensive book, *Personal Traces*, published in 2005 by Sherwin Dodge. The picture includes: Clarence Dodge, Richard Dodge, Fred Dodge (still living) and Kenneth Dodge. I met Fred at my book signing during the Lisbon Lilac Festival where there was a large contingent of Dodges in attendance.

“The picture (top right) was taken at a public presentation that I made recently which focused on Private Richard Dodge and was sponsored by the Lisbon Area Historical Society <http://www.lisbonareahistory.org>. The people in the photograph are identified as (left to right) - Shirley Peterson and Lillian Guay, great great granddaughters of Richard Dodge, myself, and Sue Carlson and Doreen Kaspszak, great granddaughters of Richard Dodge, I am holding the Dodge diary and my next book to be published later this summer.

“The last photograph is of the book cover front, spine and back. (below)



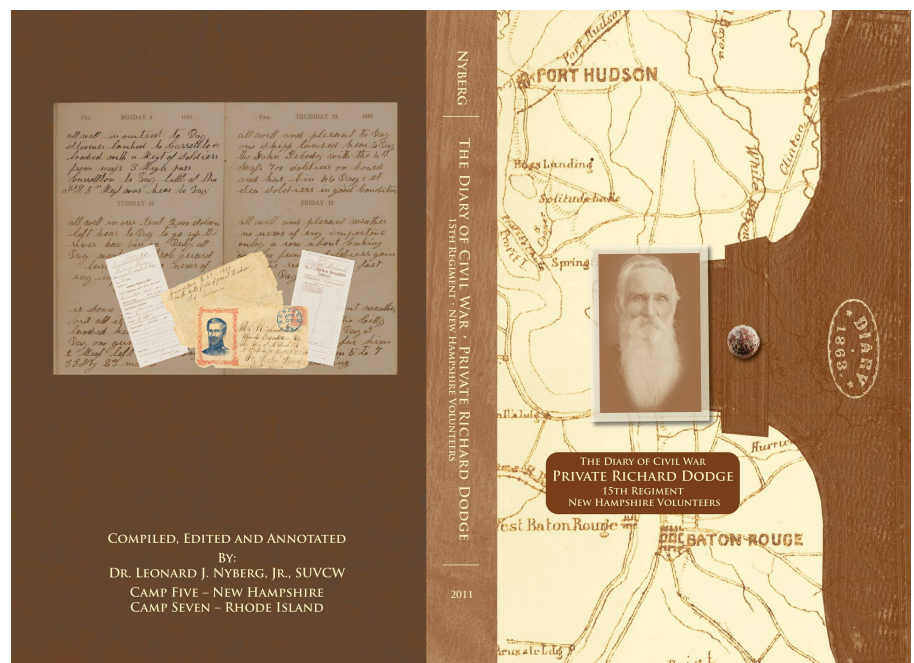
Richard's brother, Isaac Dodge was assigned to the 13th New Hampshire Regiment and is buried in nearby Dalton, NH. Richard is buried in Lyman.

**If anyone is interested in purchasing a book they can contact me directly at: [nyberg1@roadrunner.com](mailto:nyberg1@roadrunner.com) - the price is \$20 plus \$4.95 shipping; I would be happy to sign copies if so desired.**

Thank you for your interest,  
Dr. Joel Nyberg

*Ed Note: Both Richard and Isaac are listed on our website in our Military pages for the Civil War.*

*We wish to extend our Thanks to Dr. Nyberg for contacting us about the book he has written regarding Richard Dodges Diaries.*



# The View From My Window



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The question has arisen: "What is the purpose of the Dodge Family Journal?" Earl started it back in the 1980s as a way of informing DFA members of some of the things past Dodes have accomplished and over the years we have had many such items in the Journal. We have also asked you to send us any items regarding your families and/or ancestors that you think might be of interest to other Dodes. Some of those are on our web site and at one time or another, all such submissions have been included in a Journal.

Today, we continue to use the Dodge Family Journal as a platform to publish interesting articles on Dodes.

If someone goes on the internet and searches for the name Dodge, one of the first links that appears is the one to our web site.

The article about the Diaries of Richard Dodge on page one of this Journal, is something we would have never known about if we did not have our website, [dodgefamily.org](http://dodgefamily.org). The author searched on Google and found us.

During the 1990s, we requested WWII stories from members who had been in the service. We had a good number of stories sent to us and all were published in our Journals. Now, many of those who submitted articles are no longer with us.

Recently, my daughter, Faith, and I were going through the hundreds of photos that I have, and in looking at the many photos of Dodge reunions, I saw face after face that are no longer here.

The same thing happened when I looked at pictures that were taken on Dodge Tours to England.

The years fly by. I am sure it is the same for each of you. Babies become children, children become adults and we wonder where the time has flown! Now, my grandchildren have children and time keeps marching on.

During my years of being involved in The Dodge Family Association, I have

had the opportunity to visit many areas connected with the DODGE families, both in this country and in England.

Some of the highlights during these years have been: **the cellar hole** that is still visible on the land that once belonged to Edward Blanchard Dodge who was my husband's great grandfather; **Dodge Row cemetery** in Beverly that is on land that was given by the original Richard Dodge who came here in 1638 and that holds the graves of many Dodes who died in the 1600s and 1700s; **St Simon Island** and the church there that was pastored by Anson Phelps Dodge, grandson of that great philanthropist, William Earl Dodge, whose statue stands outside of the New York Public Library (and, yes, I have seen that also); the **graves of Dodes** in the woods at Attleboro, MA, where a John Dodge descendant married a Tristram Dodge descendant.; **the old Dodge cemetery** on Isleboro that overlooks the ocean. On the way to that cemetery (to which we had to walk) we passed a BOARDMAN cemetery. Boardmans intermarried with Dodes from Isleboro (Tristram Dodge descendants all); Many other places and various Dodge members were visited also.

I also had the opportunity to help my husband, Earl, conduct Dodge tours to England.: **the church at Middle Chinnock** that was the parish church for John Dodge of Middle Chinnock who is the progenitor of the largest group of Dodes in this country; **the church in East Coker** which was the parish church of Richard, son of John and in which at least two of Richard's children were baptized; **Halliday Hill House** in Offerton, Stockport, which is an ancient Dodge ancestral home which goes back to at least the 1400s and **St. Marys** which is the parish church in Stockport, England, that has tombstone slabs with Dodge names as part of the walkway outside, and has the plaque for Robert Dodge of Halliday Hill on the wall by the Dodge Pew.

In the process of visiting these and other places in England, we made many friends over there, a number of them being Dodes.

The places I visited and the people I

met both in this country and in England are far too numerous to be able to mention all of them. I should write a book! ... and perhaps I will at least talk into my notebook and record my experiences, both with the Dodge Association, and my life growing up. I think it might be a nice gift for my children and grand children, accompanied with many photos of course. *Barbara*



## In Memory

We were saddened to receive the news that Anne Caroline Dodge Hooper died July 2, 2011.

Anne and her husband, Dale, were on several of our Dodge Tours to England. She cherished her friendships with Dodes in the Association and memories of the trips to England.

Both Anne and Dale sang and made trips to Estes Park, CO, and other places to join in musical productions. Anne also played the Viola.

They lived in Maryland until a few years ago when they moved to Estes Park, Colorado to be near their daughter, Joan.

Anne leaves her husband, Dale, and two daughters, Betsy Hooper and Joan Hooper, a grandson, and a sister Mary Cobb who is also a DFA member.

Her Memorial Service was held July 9, 2011 at which time a video of Anne's last musical performance was shown.

We will remember Anne fondly and miss her very much. *~~~~~*

**CORRECTION:** In the last Journal we listed the grandparents for Rowland Sever Dodge instead of his parents. He was the son of William and Alice's second son, William Herbert Dodge and his wife Ellen Ann Boardman.

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## World War I—those who fell to help keep England Free

**"Not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it. They suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all, and died."**



Thiepval memorial

*Opened on 31 July 1932 by the Prince of Wales, the Thiepval memorial was and remains the largest British war memorial in the world. The memorial contains the names of 73,357 British and South African men who have no known grave and who fell on the Somme between July 1916 and 20 March 1918. 150ft high and dominating the surrounding area, the memorial was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.*

Alfred Edmund Dodge ; Private 14655 16/07/1916 26 South Lancashire Regiment United Kingdom Pier and Face 7 A and 7 B. THIEPVAL MEMORIAL. Alfred was the son of 'the late John Dodge'

Charles William Dodge Private 25490 07/10/1916 Unknown The King's (Liverpool Regiment) United Kingdom Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C. THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

George Arthur Dodge; Corporal 7295 15/09/1916 31 Leicestershire Regiment United Kingdom Pier and Face 2 C and 3 A. THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

Alfred Dodge, Private G/24986, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) United Kingdom  
Alfred died March 23, 1918. He is buried at POZIERES MEMORIAL., Grave memorial reference Panel 16.



Bristol Arnos Vale Cemetery

Albert John Dodge Gunner 10373 23/03/1919 48 Royal Field Artillery United Kingdom JJJ. 150. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CEMETERY. Albert was the 'Husband of the late Frances Sarah Dodge.' *Albert's lineage was most likely John Dodge, Middle Chinnock, Somersetshire, England through his son Michael who did not come to America, altho his brothers, William and Richard did come. DNA testing of a descendant in the family ancestry of Augustus William Dodge, showed an exact match to DNA from the families of William and Richard.*



Pozieres British Memorial Somme France

Augustus Kenneth Dodge; Private tr/8/9436 31/03/1917 Unknown Training Reserve United Kingdom 13. 9. SHERBORNE CEMETERY. *Augustus was the son of Augustus William Dodge and Mildred Cooper. He would be a descendant of John Dodge of Middle Chinnock, probably through Michael who did not come to America.*



Sherborne Cemetery



Lillers Communal Cemetery

A. W. Dodge Driver 49041 03/05/1915 Unknown Royal Field Artillery United Kingdom III. A. 28. LILLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY



Ration Farm Military Cemetery La Chapelle-D-Armentieres

Ernest Edward Dodge Private 25527 25/03/1918 Unknown Hampshire Regiment United Kingdom Bay 6. ARRAS MEMORIAL. *Our world date base gives his middle name as EDWIN. He descends from John Dodge of West Coker.*



Arrzas Memorial

G. Dodge; Rifleman 6149 27/03/1915 Unknown Rifle Brigade United Kingdom VIII. A. 15. RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, LA CHAPELLE-D'ARMENTIERES



Bagdad (North Gate) War Cemetery

G. Dodge ,Gunner 865132 28/12/1917 24 Royal Field Artillery United Kingdom II B. 7. BAGHDAD (NORTH GATE) WAR CEMETERY



Ploegsteert Memorial

George Bertram Dodge ; Private 3173 09/05/1915 29 London Regiment United Kingdom Panel 10. PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL

Joseph Dodge ; Private 58025 16/02/1919 35 East Yorkshire Regiment United Kingdom A. 3469. YEOVIL CEMETERY. *Joseph was most likely a descendant of John Dodge of Middle Chinnock.*



Yeoville Cemetery



Birmingham Yardley Cemetery

James Dodge ; Private 14849 26/02/1919 29 Worcestershire Regiment United Kingdom Screen Wall. E. 27040. BIRMINGHAM (YARDLEY) CEMETERY



Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty

J.J. Dodge; Sapper 67901 21/05/1918 Unknown Royal Engineers United Kingdom I. B. 13. HOUCHIN BRITISH CEMETERY

John Wilks Dodge; Rifleman 392449 22/04/1917 41 London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) United Kingdom X. B. 6. WARLINCOURT HALTE BRITISH CEMETERY, SAULTY



Houchin British Cemetery



Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille

Harry Dodge; Nationality: United Kingdom; Rank: Able Seaman; Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve; Unit Text: Anson Bn. R. N. Div.; Service No: KP/564 Harry died Mau 14, 1915. He is memorialized Panel 8 to 15, HELLES MEMORIAL



Helles Memorial

Private Leslie Harold Dodge served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on February 18th 1919, aged 21. He is buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, near Boulogne; Son of Arthur and Alice Dodge of Leicester.



Samuel's medals

Samuel Robert Dodge, master baker, served on the Clan McNaughton which went down in the Irish Sea 3rd Feb. 1915 after being torpedoed leaving no survivors or any trace of the ship. This was an armed merchant cruiser and it sank off the north coast of Ireland with the loss of all 261 on board. He was 40 yrs. old. He is memorialized at PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, ref. 10. Samuel was the son of John and Louisa Dodge, of Feltham, Middx.; husband of Frances Louisa Dodge, of 32, Rectory Rd., Little Thurrock, Grays, Essex Samuel's son, Edward Herbert Dodge, served in the 2nd World War.



Plymouth Naval Memorial



East Farleigh-St. Mary-Churchyard

William Dodge; Nationality: Service No: 280887; United Kingdom; Rank: Chief Stoker; Regiment/Service: Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke. William died June 9, 1918, age: 45 and is buried at EAST FARLEIGH (ST. MARY) New ground. 214. CHURCHYARD. He was the husband of Mary Jane Dodge, of 9, Invicta Cottages, Farleigh Hill, Tovil, Maidstone.

The British Commonwealth War Graves Commission is a great source on information on British Cemeteries for Fallen British Soldiers. For each cemetery, they list Cemetery Name, Country, Locality, Visiting Information, Location Information, Historical Information and the number of identified casualties. The web site is: <http://www.cwgc.org> You can sign up for their eletter, search their records, see videos, and a new History Section has been launched: North Africa 1940-1943.



**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**

by Norman Dodge  
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Summer has finally arrived. The weather is warm here in Olympia and gardens are starting to really grow.

Norman Duane Dodge has just put together his family history and published same with lots of biographical history. He can trace his ancestry back several generations to a David R. Dodge. Norman definitely descends from the TRISTRAM DODGE line. David R. Dodge is his brick wall. All that is known for certain is that David R. Dodge showed up alive and well March 20 1826 at the Lewis County, Kentucky courthouse and took out a marriage license to wed Nancy Kellum of that county. Norman's DNA shows a very close connection to the family of "Major" Oliver Dodge.(1745-1802). Any one with information please contact Norman E. Dodge [nedodge@aol.com](mailto:nedodge@aol.com).



**NOVA SCOTIA TO MICHIGAN –  
MOSES DODGE**

Linda Dodge Gudakunst wrote asking for assistance in tracing her Dodge lineage.

Linda had very little information to give, but I was able to use the Internet to find some civil records.

John Dodge (1842 – 1922) and Susan Unknown (1943 – 1933) married and the only child we know of was Moses.

Moses, born 17 September 1882 in Nova Scotia, and died March 1946 in Michigan. He married 26 June 1905 in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to Elenora Patience Smith. She was born about 1884 in Canada, the daughter of Robert Smith and Emily Barrett.

Moses and Patience raised eight children – all born in Canada:

1. Wilfred, 1907
2. John Garfield, 3 Mar 1909 – 13 Mar 1990
3. Wallace Marvel, 25 Mar 1925 – 14 May 1994 in Brighton, Livingston Co. Michigan
4. Dorothy, 1914
5. Leander Green, 15 Aug 1916 – 8 Nov 1977 in Harper Woods, Wayne Co., Michigan

6. Clarence Seymore, 16 Jan 1919 –
7. Gerald P. 9 Jan 1922 – 24 Mar 1985 in Madison Heights, Oakland Co., Michigan
8. Daisy B., 1924



**NOVA SCOTIA TO MASSACHUSETTS – JOHN THOMAS DODGE**

This is about three generations of John T. Dodge; we need information on his ancestry.

**GENERATION 1:**

John Thomas Dodge was born about 1804 in Nova Scotia died 25 Nov 1862 in Somerville, Middlesex Co., Mass. He was the son of Samuel and Isabel. He married Sarah Ann Clarke. Their seven children:

1. John Thomas Jr, born 1831 in Nova Scotia, died 6 September 1900 in Somerville, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts
2. Albert H. Dodge, born 1833 in Nova Scotia, died 1 May 1904 in Everett, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts
3. Francis H. Dodge, born 1835
4. William H. Dodge, born 1837 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., Mass; died 25 December 1901 in Massachusetts.
5. Rebecca, born 1835 married on 1 September 1862 in Boston to R. E. Beers
6. Elizabeth J. Born 1847 in Watertown, Middlesex Co. Mass; and died 11 August 1905 I Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. She married George H. Shadwell
7. Alice Mary, born 1857

**GENERATION 2:**

John Thomas Dodge, Jr., born about 1831 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts married first, on 22 Aug 1855 in Watertown, Middlesex Co, Mass. to Susannah I. Church. She was born about 1835 in Nova Scotia, the daughter of Canfield Church.

Children of John and Susannah:

1. Mary B. BORN 19 August 1856 in Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
2. 2. John Dodge III, born 13 November 1857 in Watertown, Middlesex County, Mass.

John Thomas Dodge, Jr. married second, on 7 May 1881 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts to Hannah A.

Gordon. She was born about 1845 in Springfield, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of William and Elizabeth.

**GENERATION 3:**

John Thomas Dodge, III was born 13 Nov 1857 in Watertown, Middlesex Co., Mass. He married 31 Jan 1892 in Somerville, Middlesex Co., Mass. to Edith M. Barron. She was born 1856 in Boston, Suffolk County, Mass., the daughter of Oscar and Catherine.



**NOVA SCOTIA TO TEXAS – DAVID  
F. DODGE**

This family traveled from Nova Scotia to Texas via Ohio, Indiana and Colorado. We do not have the ancestry of David F. Dodge.

David was born 24 September 1827 in Nova Scotia and died 31 December 1904 in Wichita County, Texas. He married on 28 December 1856 in Hamilton County, Indiana to Susannah Weaver. She was born 9 December 1836 in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and died 5 December 1918, the daughter of Jacob Weaver and Margaret Helmbach.

David Susannah raised five children:

1. Kossuth Benjamin, born December 1856 in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Ohio and died 20 January 1939 in Wichita Co., Texas. He married on 6 June 1887 in Wichita Co., Texas to Laura C. Ford. She was born about 1871 in Louisiana and died 11 August 1871 in Wichita Co., Texas.

They raised three sons: Edward Ford, Clarence Kossuth, and Arthur David.

2. John Stephen, born about 1857 in Indiana. He married first, Julia E. Browning. They had one daughter, Ruby. He married second, Mary J. Unknown. They raised three sons: Edward, Ira David, and Homer Browning.
3. Henry David, born 1 December 1862 in Indiana and died 25 January 1950 in Wichita Co., Texas. He married Edith F. Wright, born 4 August 1865 in Missouri and died 31 July 1938 in Wichita Co., Texas. They raised five children: Maude, Henry William, Albert Jackson, Bertie Bell, and Earl.
4. Anna, born 18 May 1866 and died 9 Oct 1867 in Hamilton Co., Indiana.
5. Nancy, born about 1870 in Texas