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DANIEL DODGE INVENTOR FROM A FAMILY OF INVENTORS

Daniel was a descendant of Tristram through the line of John Dodge (his great grandfather) and Lydia Rogers

DFA member, Robert Petrie recently sent us an item ADIRONDACK LIFE-November December 2007 which caused us to look into exactly WHO was this Daniel Dodge.

“Keeseville, New York—if they aren’t named after a lake, river or mountain, most Adirondack towns honor the movers and shakers who built them.

In the early 1800s, the place started out as Anderson Falls, thanks to John Anderson Lumber Operation, then shifted to its present-day moniker around 1815 when the Keese family donated the business site.

For almost 150 years the town was happening—mills rose on both sides of the hardworking Ausable River. One of those, the Ausable Horse Nail Company, was booming in the mid-1800s when Daniel Dodge invented a machine that could punch out 200 pounds of nails a day instead of the 10 pounds that blacksmiths made by hand in the same time.”

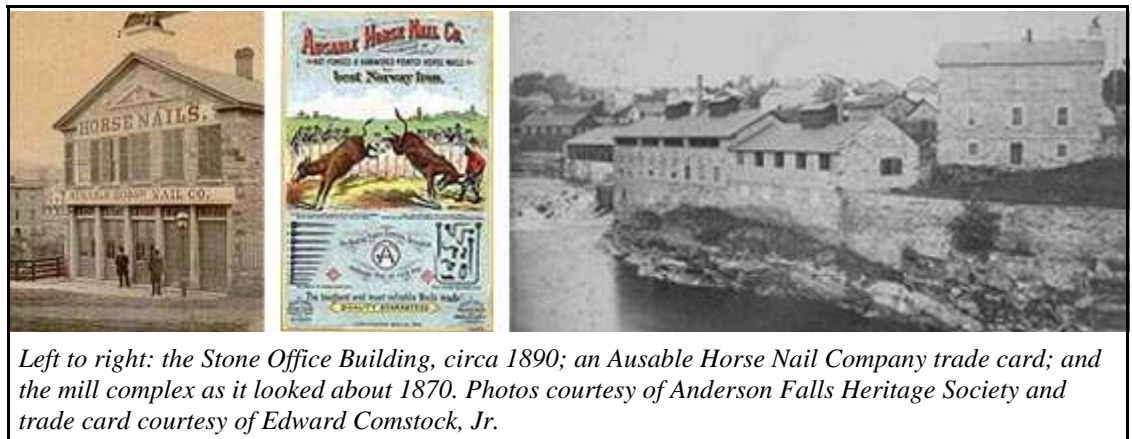
“To Keeseville, Daniel was its greatest benefactor. Two hundred people found employment in the Ausable Nail Company and a number of families were enriched by the profits of this industry. Citizens of Keeseville cheerfully admitted that Mr. Dodge had made Keeseville a thriving industrial village.

great persistence, patience and energy exhibited by him in times of trial, when all condemned his scheme as impracticable (meaning not viable) and withdrew financial support.

Daniel Dodge came of a family possessed of great inventive powers. His great grandfather, John Dodge

and headed them in the same way. He then made a tool for the purpose of holding the shank more perfectly while being headed. Finding a ready demand for nails so made, he collected a quantity of old hoops and worked them up.

The business was increased because of demand and new facilities were added for manu-



Left to right: the Stone Office Building, circa 1890; an Ausable Horse Nail Company trade card; and the mill complex as it looked about 1870. Photos courtesy of Anderson Falls Heritage Society and trade card courtesy of Edward Comstock, Jr.

Daniel had many calls to fill public office but declined except for filling the office of president of the town organization for one year. He gave the benefit of his sound judgment and intelligent direction.” ... *the History of Clinton County, New York.*

Daniel Dodge, son of John Adams Dodge, a Baptist preacher who invented the first sewing machine, was the inventor of machinery for the manufacture of horseshoe nails. (*Tristram Genealogy by Theron Royal Woodward, 1904 & PROCEEDINGS OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Vol. 8, pg. 369-1940*)

Very few are aware of the great difficulties experienced by the first inventor of this wonderful machinery, and the

(who m. Lydia Rogers), was the inventor of cut nails with heads and certain tools for their manufacture. He was a blacksmith and hoe maker, which invention came about in this way: After plating out the blade of the hoe as near to the desired form as convenient, it used to be completed by shearing from the edges any surplus of metal that might be around. It occurred to young John that some of these clippings, which were of a tapering form, might serve for nails if properly headed. He collected a few of them and headed them by gripping them in a vise and upsetting the large end with a hammer. Finding they answered the purpose, he cut up other pieces of similar scrap

facturing the article, and new hoop iron purchased.

The trade so commenced was followed, to some extent, by John Dodge's son and grandson. At a later date they, of course, used plates rolled expressly for the purpose, but they headed them by hand until the invention of Reed's improvement.

Previous to the age of 25, Daniel Dodge's educational advantages were mainly a few months' attendance at a county district school each year during his boyhood and two or three terms at an academy. From the age of 10 to 18 years his time was mostly divided between the labors of the farm and the business of ironing harness for

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(Daniel Dodge, Inventor-Continued from page 1) horse collars. He then removed to New York State with his parents, and continued his labors as before, teaching school and studying at home. At the age of 25 he entered Madison University, at Hamilton, N. Y., but after two and a half years of study there he was compelled by failing health to leave the

it won the confidence of friends and enabled him to command the means to experiment on a larger scale.

The plan of this first model was the result of considerable study, and was adopted, after a careful comparison of several conceivable plans, as the most feasible, and promising the most valuable results.

through the town purchased a fractional interest in the machine and enabled Mr. Dodge to proceed far enough with the experiments to interest those with ample means, when he re-purchased the fractional interest.

A new machine was built, and then another and another; each an improvement on the other, but none proving profitable for permanent use.

After a few months use the repairs would become more and more frequent until it became necessary to abandon them. This result was due to the gradual crystallization resulting from the violence of the percussion of a hammer stroke sufficiently instantaneous to prevent undue absorption of heat from the point of the nail.

After pursuing these experiments for nearly seven years, at a cost of many thousands of dollars, making many shifts to secure the necessary means, he determined to abandon entirely his original plan and adopt one radically different and entirely new.

On this plan he built a machine early in 1856. This proved a comparative success. It overcame the great difficulty encountered in the former plans, but its capacity for production was comparatively small, and it required many subsequent additions, alterations and improvements to render it a complete success.

It was not until 1862, and after a long series of expensive experiments, that he felt warranted in building a large number of these machines. From that time the machines were rapidly multiplied until more than 100 were in operation in his own country, and large numbers in Canada, England and various European states. His American patents bear dates June 22, 1852; June 3, 1856; Aug. 23, 1859; Aug. 30, 1859; Jan. 5, 1864, and Aug. 4, 1874. Unlike

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The historic stone mill complex on the Ausable River in Keeseville. In the last half of the 19th century this complex was the Ausable Horse Nail Company, which manufactured horse nails and the machines to mass produce them.

In the spring of 1849 he began building a machine of full working proportions. Several months were consumed in its construction, and much difficulty was encountered in the want of facilities for doing work with the perfect accuracy requisite.

The machine, when completed, produced nails with the expected rapidity (about 100 per

minute) and of satisfactory form and finish, but they were found to possess one fatal defect. The rapid absorption of heat by the machinery from the metal under operation had so cooled the points of the nails before completion that the quality of the metal near the points was found to be impaired by the continued action of the hammers upon it.

With the machine, as constructed, this could only be remedied by running it with greater rapidity, but increased speed was found to increase the strain on certain parts beyond their capacity for endurance. Several months were spent in altering, improving and experimenting with this machine, not so much in hopes of making it a success as with a view to learning all that could be learned from it before attempting to construct another, and, what was equally important, convincing men who had means to invest that it would pay to build another.

Before this last point was reached, however, those who had furnished the means thus far became greatly discouraged and disinclined to prosecute further experiments.

At this juncture, a stranger passing

institution.

In the fall of 1848 he began what proved to be the principal labor of his life ... the invention and construction of machinery for the manufacture of horseshoe nails.

Unable to apply himself to books, and having a taste for mechanical pursuits, he determined to select some subject affording exercise of the inventive faculties, and apply himself to the production of some mechanical improvement. In the search for such a subject his attention was soon attracted to the manufacture of horseshoe nails, as offering an open and inviting field. Such nails were at that time all made by hand, the process of making them was slow and laborious, and there was evidently room for improvement. He commenced on a very small scale. Having no money to invest in the enterprise, he proceeded to construct with his own hands a small model made wholly of iron and steel which could be operated by hand. This model would produce from lead and copper, miniature nails of about one sixty-fourth the weight of an ordinary horseshoe nail, and with such facility and so perfect in form that

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(Daniel Dodge Inventor-Continued from page 2) many inventors, Mr. Dodge, reaped the benefits of his invention.

By means of this useful invention Mr. Dodge acquired wealth. But he used it so generously that he was a blessing to all around him. He pitied the poor, and befriended particularly the industrious poor. He had himself been one of that class, and knew how they suffered. He gave also generously and constantly to large philanthropic and religious objects. Foreign missions, home missions, the Bible cause, religious publications, all received his moneyed gifts.

One of his last gifts was that of his elegant mansion and grounds in Keeseville, N.Y. which cost him over \$20,000. This he gave to the American Baptist Publication Society, in whose large, beneficent and world-wide missionary operations he was a profound believer. Though this elegant home sold for far less than it originally cost, it was nevertheless an expression of his love for Christ, and the Publication Society's great and good work.

Intellectually, Mr. Dodge was a great thinker and an uncommon man. He was the author of a treatise on Law and Liberty, which handles some of the more intricate problems of psychology, metaphysics and theology in a masterly fashion. Above all else, he was a simple, child-like lover and server of Jesus Christ. Though hindered from becoming a settled pastor and preacher, he wrought in the spirit of one "called of God" throughout the whole of his long life. He was the main pillar and support of the little Baptist church of which he was for so many years a member and an office-bearer in Keeseville, and he was also the same wise counselor and worker in the Tabernacle Church of Albany, in whose fellowship he passed the last few years of his useful and beautiful Christian life.

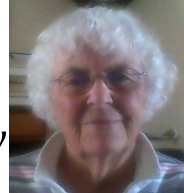
His home was charming, his hospitality was genial and abundant, his conversation abounded in wisdom and wit, and his reading and expositions of the Bible at the family altar, in the old-fashioned style, were a blessing to all who were permitted to be present.



Ed. Note: Men like Daniel, his father, grandfather and his other ancestors are

The View From My Window

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Spring is in the air. It may not last more than a couple of days, here in the foothills of the Rockies, but I enjoy it while I have it.

Calvin, my son, took his dog, Allie, and my dog, Fred, for a walk, and while they were gone, I was then able to walk Frostie, my collie. She is 10 years old and has problems with arthritis so cannot walk fast or far. Of course, if I try to walk her and leave Fred at home, that does not work at all!!!

Along with Frostie, I took Lacey who is a beautiful chocolate lab that I am caring for a few days. Her foster mom is getting an emergency rescue of a lab that has pneumonia and since that is catching, Lacey was brought to me.

A number of weeks ago, Lacy was found by the side of the road out east of Denver. The lady that saw her picked her up and took her to Alameda East Veterinary Hospital (Animal Planet) where she was diagnosed with three breaks in her pelvis. The vet called her owner who said that he did not have a job and could not pay to have surgery for her so she needed to be put down. The vet informed him that he needed to come in and sign his permission because they could not euthanize her without that. The owner failed to appear and one day, when a couple came to the vet with their dog, they saw Lacey and asked about her. The vet related Lacey's story to this couple who, when they got home, sent money in the amount of \$3200 via Pay Pal to Alameda East so that they could perform the surgery Lacey needed.

After that surgery, she was released to Safe Harbor Lab Rescue, and Carol became her foster mom. Carol has had her for 4 weeks already and Lacy is healing up nicely. Lacy will be here until Friday, when the antibiotics will make the emergency dog with the pneumonia, non-contagious. Then her foster mom, Carol, will come and get

her again.

Safe Harbor already has another female for me to foster once Lacey is gone.

Lacy is a gorgeous dog with soft silky fur and when she is totally better, she will be adopted and will make someone a wonderful pet. She is only two years



old, but it is thought that she must have had a hard life.

The need for fosters for dogs of all breeds is overwhelming. There are rescue groups for each and every breed and even 'mutts'. For someone who does not want a long time commitment (along with the expense) of having their own dog, becoming a foster is a wonderful gift. All medical expenses are paid for by the rescue group for whom you are fostering a dog., and most of the time, if a trip to the vet is needed, someone else will transport your foster dog and bring it back to you. The only expense you will have is for dog food and even then, some of the rescue groups will help with or pay for that expense also...so if you are unable to care for the expenses of having your own dog, please think about fostering. It is such a great feeling to know that you are helping a wonderful dog until a 'forever home' can be found for it. If you want to take a trip, just let the rescue group know and they will find someone to take your foster dog until you get back.

My dog, Frostie, whose picture was in the last Journal, is a collie that I got from Pueblo Collie/Sheltie Rescue. I have adopted her.

While it is fun to have a puppy, there are so many dogs that have been 'thrown away' ... please, think about what breed is your favorite, then look for a group that rescues that breed and think about giving one of their dogs a second chance by fostering until adoption.

Barbara

FROM OUT OF THE PAST

*Sent to us by Board member,
Jim Bailey*

A letter written by Benjamin H. Dodge, 28th Maine, in camp in "East New York" and written on Christmas Day, 1862, to his mother, Clarisa Dodge.

Benjamin H. Dodge was the son of Ezra Herrick Dodge and Clarisa Flye and descended from Richard Dodge and Elizabeth Brayne.

On the envelope is written:
Mrs. Clarissa Dodge Seal Cove,
Hancock County, Maine

Dear Mother,

As it has been some time since I wrote you I think I will write you this time. I received a letter from Ambrose dated the 18th last night and as ever I was glad to hear from home. I also received a stamp for which I am obliged. You must keep an account of the stamps you send me and I will pay you if I live to get home.

Today is Christmas Day and we were furnished with geese of which we were permitted to partake at noon today. They were stuffed and baked but they were not so good as they would have been had they been cooked at home. I find that home cooking suits me better by a great deal. We don't have the chance to cook here and can't cook so well here as you.

My health is much the same as usual. I don't much think I shall be discharged or at least I don't see much prospect of it at present. I enjoy myself as well as could be expected, but that is not very well I assure you. We are in barracks but we are so jammed up we can't have room to move hardly. If I attempt to write I can't sit but a few minutes before someone comes in contact with me. When we write we have to take our knapsack or a little piece of board and sit down in (sic) our hearth or some other place and write as best we can. And when we eat we have to sit



down wherever we can and take the food in our lap and eat in that way. I am tired and sick of this kind of life. I hope I shall be discharged before long. I want you to write me as often as you can for it affords me great satisfaction to get and read letters from my family and friends. I think I feel that it is all for the best that I had to leave my home and come here, and I want to be reconciled to my lot. I had a very good visit to Uncle Ruben Dodge's last week in Williamsburg. The particulars of my visit I wrote Charlotte a few days since. You can get her letter and you will learn more about it than I shall here write. I would like to know what you have to pay for provisions and other things down there and where you trade. I was very much pleased to receive that money which was sent to me from home. I thank H_____ and C_____ a thousand times.

I have just been interrupted in my writing by a visit from A. J. Heath and Captain Ephraim (illegible). I was very glad to see them.. Heath lives at 84 Summit Street, South part of Brooklyn. I will close now by sending love to all and respects to all inquiring friends. Remember me at the throne of grace. Benjamin - East, NY - Dec 25, 1862

Saturday eve - Dec 27th - I hear it said that we are to leave here next week but I can't tell when we shall leave. It may not be for a month or more. I suppose we are still under Banks. (Illegible) is sick in the hospital and Dodge has just gone there but I don't know as he will stop but I think he will. My health is about the

same. Two men have been discharged. BHD
Monday morn - Dec 29 - I wish you to see about getting the state aid for my wife and baby. Ambrose had better see someone about it. Perhaps B. Sawyer would know how to get it. W. R. Dodge is still in the Barracks but is sick. Captain (illegible) Eaton was here yesterday (Sunday) and some of his crew. One has been to my school. My health is not so good this morn B.H. D

Ed. Note: The wife and baby mentioned in the letter would have been Lucinda, Benjamin's wife, and his baby, Mary, who was born abt. 1861. W. R. Dodge could possibly be W. B. Dodge who was also in the 28th Company Maine Infantry Company E. Do you have any idea as to who W.R. Dodge might be?



*In
Memory*

Frances Evelyn Tuttle Casbarian, a long time member of DFA, died Dec. 14, 2010. She was born a TUTTLE. She was the great grand-daughter of Edward Blanchard Dodge and Laura Josephine Woods. There are a number of DFA members who also descend from Edward and Josephine, including Col. Robert L. Dodge, our first president, Norman E. Dodge, our current president, and the late Earl F. Dodge, one of the founders of DFA. There are also several others who are from Edward Blanchard Dodge.

Frances was born Dec. 26, 1913, in Peterborough, N.H., and graduated from Peterborough High School in 1932 and in 1936, she graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

After college, Fran moved to Maryland and worked as a dietician, first at the Gilman School in Baltimore and then for the sports teams at the University of Maryland, where she met and married her husband, Harvey T. Casbarian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, and is survived by her son, James E. Casbarian



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**UNDER COVER
IN TOMBSTONE**

The above title is a book about Frederick "Fred" James Dodge (Descendant of Richard Dodge) and recalls his exciting life and loyal service on the American frontier.

He was born August 29, 1854, and spent all the adult years of his life as a detective undercover agent for Wells Fargo. He was famous throughout the western United States as a master detective who always solved the mysteries behind numerous holdups of both stage-coach and train robberies. Being a personal acquaintance of Wyatt Earp, he was a thorn in the careers of the outlaws including the famous Curley Bill and Dalton Brother Gangs.



He was a meticulous man who kept a daily diary of his travels; a total of 27 diaries which were used as the basis for the book on the "Life and Times of Wyatt Earp".


Tombstone, Arizona, was the focal area of these many interesting years, although he traveled over 37,000 miles one year on the railroads and stage-coaches in his work with Wells Fargo.

While vacationing in Leon Springs and the Boerne area with his wife, Patsy, and daughter, Ada, Mr. Dodge fell in love with the beautiful and tranquil hill country. In 1906 he purchased several tracts which he renamed the 2000 acre Dodge Ranch. It has many gently rolling hills and valleys covered with giant live oaks, elm and 100 year old cedar trees. The Dodge Ranch is at the southern confluence point of three counties, Kendall, Bandera and Bexar, and is also the divide between two watersheds,

After retiring in 1917, Fred Dodge spent the remainder of his years enjoying the peace and serenity of his beloved Boerne Ranch. His daughter, Ada, married Mr. Zalmanzig and had a son named Fred Dodge Zalmanzig.

After his first wife died, Mr. Dodge married again in 1917 and had a son, Fred James Dodge, Jr., in 1918. Fred Jr. grew to manhood on the Dodge Ranch

and moved to San Antonio where he married his wife, Elouise. Upon the death of Fred Dodge, Sr. at the age of 84 years, his widow, Jessie, sold the ranch in 1941.

It was operated as a profitable cattle ranch for many years. Still as it was in 1906, except for the remodeled 100 year old main ranch house, the ranch is now known as the Conrad Tri-County Ranch and is owned by Joe and Bettie Conrad, son Jody, and daughters, Mrs. Candy Johnson and Mrs. Cindy Butler. 

BBC MANCHESTER RADIO

A couple weeks ago I, Barbara, received a phone call from Manchester England, BBC Radio.

They wanted someone to record answers to questions they would send so that they could present a story, I guess, on Stockport. They wanted me to make contact with a local radio station in order to use their studio. This sort of freaked me out...so I asked my son, Calvin, if this could be done here with my new notebook computer.

He assured me that it was possible and easily done, so I purchased a very good microphone and plugged it into my new notebook computer, and Calvin downloaded free software, and showed me how easy it was to record.

I typed everything out and rewrote and rewrote and BBC was getting a little frustrated with me, I thought, so finally I recorded what I wrote, ...and recorded it....and recorded it...over and over because I kept making mistakes.

Finally it was ready so Calvin converted the large file into MP3 format in order to send it via email.

Ahhhh! DONE! BUT the email choked because the file was TOO BIG... Calvin to the rescue! He was able to divide it up into 3 smaller files. He sent those and we both breathed a sign of relief when they sailed through.

BBC liked everything except the genealogy for Stockport which goes back to a William Dodge in the mid 1500s. It was too involved and would lose people's interest. They liked everything else but said that I was too near the microphone at times and that caused popping so they called night before last, and wanted me to redo everything except the long genealogy. They especially liked the part about DFA's influence in saving Halliday Hill House back in 1989.

So, while this Journal is being printed, I will be recording some of our Dodge Family History for BBC MANCHESTER. Barbara



**Raindrops
and Reflections**

By
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Finally, spring has begun here at my home!

The grass has begun to turn green and grow, the daffodils that line our driveway are beginning to bloom, and the forsythia bush in the backyard is blessing us with its bright yellow buds. I have even spotted a couple red buds throughout the city, and down the street a neighbor's tree boasts snow-white blossoms against a bleak and brown background, making it seem all the more beautiful.

These small bursts of color amongst the otherwise bare canvas of our surroundings serves, for me at least, as a reminder of hope. I can't help but stare at the beauty and thank God for these little treasures that He shares.

Despite our struggles, despite our mistakes, God has given us hope that His strength will never leave us, and His forgiveness will never stop. It can be hard to imagine when the world around us seems to be one big chaos of pain and suffering, or when our mistakes seem to pile up and in our sin we continually hurt ourselves, others, and God Himself. We wonder why, why did I let my anger control me? Why did those innocent people have to die? Why does it seem as if Satan is winning again and again?

Psalm 46 does not give us a detailed answer to every problem, but it reminds us of who God is, and how, because of Him, we can endure:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging ... Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (vs. 1-3, 10-11).
Susannah



**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**
by Norman Dodge
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In the Northeastern part of the United States they have had a long had winter, but now Spring is here. Please let me know, nedodge@aol.com, if you can shed some light on the following Dodge mysteries

JOSIAH M. DODGE OF MAINE

Josiah Dodge was born about 1813 in Edgecomb, Lincoln County, Maine and died before the 1880 US Census; his parents are unknown.

Josiah, a brick mason was married three times.

On 9 April 1833 in Edgecomb, Josiah married first Arletta Dodge. She was born 26 October 1814 in Newcastle, Lincoln County, Maine and died 26 April 1848 in Edgecomb., the daughter of Benjamin Dodge and Polly Dodge (her maiden name).

Josiah and Arletta had six children, all born in Lincoln County, Maine: Elizabeth, about 1833; Harriet, about 1836; Alba A., about 1838; Hannah F., about 1841; Emma F. (1843- 1845); Brooks B. (1845-1890) fought in the Civil War, married Abbie C. Burke, and had two children: Maude D. and Hattie.

Shortly after Arletta's death, Josiah married second, Lenora M. (unknown maiden name). We do not know her birth date or her parents, but she died of childbirth complications in 1851. Josiah and Lenora had one child, Gardiner Dodge, born March 1851.

On 21 August 1861 in Edgecomb, Josiah married third, Elizabeth B. Perkins. She was born 1824 in Edgecomb and died 1897 in Stoughton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, the daughter of Ebenezer Perkins and Sarah Crooks. Josiah and Elizabeth had six children, all born in Lincoln County, Maine: Gertrude, about 1855; Inez, about 1856; Grace, about 1858; Blanche E., about 1860; Gladen A. (1864 - 1914), who married; three times, and had a total of three children and Gertrude, about 1866.

A few people have posted on Ancestry.com that the Father of Josiah M. Dodge is the son of Warren Dodge who married in 1811 to Hannah Harrington.

Our records show that their first child, Elizabeth was born about 1814 in Edgecomb, so there is certainly room for Josiah to be their first child. However, I can neither prove it or disprove this ancestry through civil records.

**ABRAM A. DODGE OF CANADA
AND MICHIGAN**

Abram A. Dodge was born about 1817 in Canada and died 8 April 1892 in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan; his parents are unknown. The 1880 US Census records that Abram's parents were both born in New York.

On 12 February 1851 in Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan, Abram married Caroline Elizabeth Smith. She was born 28 March 1830 in Niagara County, New York, and died 1 September 1915 in Battle Creek, Michigan; her parents are unknown.

In 1855 Abram Dodge was mentioned as being a Sabbath-keeping Adventist in Battle Creek and one of the early church members.

Abram and Caroline had two children, both born in Michigan: William C. (1858 - 1894); Mary L (1861 - 1871).

**JOSEPH C. DODGE OF NEW
YORK AND MICHIGAN**

Joseph C. Dodge was born about 1846 in New York and died about 1894 in Buffalo, Erie County, New York; his parents are unknown.

Joseph enlisted 3 August 1864, age 18, and served as a Private in Company D, 4th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War, and was mustered out on 26 May 1866 at Houston Texas. He received a Civil War pension on 11 December 1891 and his wife received a widow's pension on 7 June 1894.

On 24 October 1867 in Adrain, Lenawee County, Michigan, Joseph married Julia Ann Saliers. She was born May 1849 in Ohio, she died in Buffalo, but her death date is unknown. She was the daughter of Peter Saliers and Marcia M. Robinson.

Joseph and Julia raised four children, the eldest two in Michigan, the younger two in Buffalo, New York: George (1869 - ?); Walter A. (1873 - ?), married Meta E. (Unknown maiden name) and had two sons and two daughters;

Albert (1874- ?) married first, Viola N. Cornman with which they had two daughters. Albert married second, Grace Strusser with whom he had a son and a daughter; Minnie (1876 -?).

Joseph was a printer by trade and moved several times. In the 1860 US Census he is living in Battle Creek, Michigan, in the John C. Gintzner family as an apprentice printer. In the 1870 US Census he is living in Marshall, Michigan. Joseph moved to Toronto, Canada, and can be found there in the 1881 Canadian Census.

NOTE: Is it possible that Abram A. Dodge is the father of Joseph C. Dodge? While neither Abram nor Joseph can be found in the 1850 US Census, they can be found in the 1860 US Census, both living in Battle Creek, Michigan. Joseph is living with the John C. Gintzner family as a printer's apprentice. In the same town, Eliza Dodge, born about 1843 in New York, is living with the James S. Upton family. Perhaps Abram married first (to unknown) and Eliza and Joseph are his children from that marriage. Most likely his first wife died and he married second, Caroline Smith, at which time he would have boarded out his older children. At this date there are no civil records to support these assumptions.

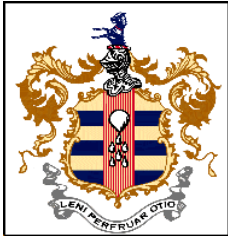
MOSES DODGE OF MAINE

Moses Dodge was born about 1790 in Maine and died 1837 in Wiscasset, Lincoln County, Maine; his parents are unknown.

Moses fought in the war of 1812. On 16 September 1816 Moses married Mary 'Polly' Leeman. She was born in 1795 in Maine and died 1885 in Wiscasset; her parents are unknown.

Moses and Polly are buried in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Wiscasset. Moses and Polly had eight children, all born in Lincoln County, Maine: Hartley George (1823-1860) married Elizabeth Evans, no children; Martha (1824-1899) never married; Lydia S. (1826-1917), married Elisha Lincoln, two children; Marietta (1829 - ?) married Ebenezer Trask, one child; Alden B. (1829-1833); Moses (1831 - ?) married a widow, Mrs. Laura E. Hoffman, no children; Alden B. Dodge, II (1833-1854) lost at sea, never married; Sarah Lowell (1836- ?) married Deacon John Smith, three children, Harriet, (? - ?).





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*From the desk of Faith Dorothy Dodge Nelson
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Spring is coming, I do believe, but I'm almost too busy to notice it yet this year. Neck deep in wedding preparations for my daughter, Linnea, preparing to help with the school's annual fund-raiser, busy with commitments at church, I also need to complete the last six weeks of lesson plans for the three boys who are learning at home. Then we will be off to Indiana for the college graduation of my second son, Jesse. So whenever I leave the house, I only look wistfully at the garden beds that need attention. This will not be a year for major improvements

to the Nelson yard. I hope that I can at least keep the weeds at bay.

If you have read my past letters, you may recall that my two youngest sons and I are studying American history this year. We recently finished reading about the Civil War. As much as possible, I try to supplement our textbook reading with historical biographies, or works of fiction which put flesh onto the skeleton of dry facts found in most textbooks. We read a poignant novel, *Across Five Aprils*, by Irene Hunt, which chronicles the experiences of a boy in southern Illinois. Nine-years-old at the outset of the war, Jethro's experiences capsule the tragedy of the war: brothers who serve in opposing armies, a sister whose sweetheart leaves to fight and is wounded, another brother killed in battle, a cousin who deserts, and threats to civilians from roaming renegades.

We also watched a couple of my favorite films, *Gods and Generals*, and *Gettysburg*. They helped us understand the view of people in the Confederacy, the amazing character of some of the war's heroes, and the horrible loss of life. I had borrowed a couple other movies from the library, but decided that I couldn't bear any more tragedy right now.

I knew, or course, that Dodges served in the Civil War. On the back of this letter is information on a book written about the 38th Iowa Infantry. The author, David Wildman, in his research, found records of a Levi Dodge and his fourteen-year-old son, Norman, who both enlisted on the same day. Norman, who served as a fifer, died in St. Louis almost one year exactly after enlistment. What a sad story that must be, if only the mystery of it was known. The sorrow of it makes my problems seem quite inconsequential.

So back to lesson plans. We read about World War I in one day (not fair treatment, I know, but we have only six weeks to finish the year, so I must now pick and choose a little more carefully.) Then we will move on to the Second World War and the rest of the last century's history. So much to cover, and so little time! So much to do and so little time! How will I get these lesson plans done, not to mention all the other work needing to be completed by the June 10th wedding?

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Good advice from an ancient book. I had better prioritize, let go of high expectations, and focus on today. I need to make time to watch my young son's puppet show, or take five minutes to pick some daffodils. Life will go on even if the wedding invitations are mailed a week or two late, and my son won't be doomed to fail in life if he doesn't entirely finish his 6th grade math book. A proper perspective on the pressure I face reveals it isn't as great as I thought. Perhaps I'll enjoy spring after all.

Faith

P.S. On the other side of this letter is a brief article on Iowa's Martyr Regiment and the Dodge men who were part of that regiment.

There is also a form for you if you would like to purchase our book, "Report of The Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America by Robert Dodge, 1879. Only \$10 with postage paid is an offer that is hard to beat.

You may also use that form to pay your dues.

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Excerpts From Iowa's Martyr Regiment, by David Wildman

Chapter 1

The average age of the recruits was twenty-six years. Three boys could claim to be among the youngest. **Norman Dodge from Janesville was fourteen when he enlisted as a fifer. His father enlisted with him as a private.**

...*Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion*, 6 vols. (Des Moines, IA, 1908-1911), 5:865, hereafter cited as *Roster and Record*. **Norman's father was Levi Dodge, forty-four, of Janesville, who enlisted on the same day....**

The 38th was consolidated with the 34th Infantry on January 1, 1865. From the roster of the 34th Iowa: **Dodge, Levi. Age 44. Residence Janesville, nativity New York. Enlisted Aug. 20, 1862. Mustered Nov. 4, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 15, 1865, Houston, Texas. See Company B, Thirty-eighth Infantry.**

During the Regiment's time at the siege of Vicksburg most of the men contracted some type of ailment. Most suffered from fevers and dysentery, which would eventually kill more than 300 men. There were cases of malaria also, and typhoid fever took many lives. By late August of 1863 the Regiment's sick had been scattered among the hospitals along the Mississippi.

Chapter 9

The men who were left at Vicksburg did not fare much better. In the larger hospitals they were exposed to infection of one kind or another, and the rations were about the same as at Port Hudson. Efforts were being made by various sanitary commissions to bring in bedding and medical supplies and food, and to get the ones most sick to larger hospitals up the river, by July 31 eight more men had died there.

About this time the hospital steamer *R. C. WOOD* pulled away from the waterfront at Vicksburg and slowly headed up river with a load of sick soldiers, at least fifteen of them from the Thirty-eighth.

Men known to be onboard the *R. C. WOOD* when it left Vicksburg about July 31: Co. B, **Levi Dodge, Norman E. Dodge**, and Francis Huston. Co. C, Emery J. Gates and Henry Shoemaker. Co. E, John F. Relf. Co. G, Amandus Gersbacher (Gersbaaher in *Roster and Record*), and Perry R. Wilbur. Co. H, William Ketchum, Adam Saltsgiver, and Andrew Wattenbaugh. Co. I, Charles Craghill. Co. K, William Fitzgerald, Orrin M. Payne, and George Skelton....

A few days later it was reported that Henry Saltsgiver, and Orrin Foster had died at the Barracks Hospital in New Orleans. For those who anticipated a trip to northern hospitals the prospect for survival was not any better. In St. Louis **twenty-four men died, including the teenage fifer, Norman Dodge**. Six more died at Vicksburg, and four in Memphis including Samuel Oldham and Sylvanus Pepin.

Ed Note: Amidst the pressures of day to day living we forget the sacrifices that were made for us in the building of our country, AMERICA. You can see a lot more about this Regiment if you will browse to:

http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cooverfamily/dw_contents.html

It behooves us to stop a few minutes and take note of our past history so that we can better appreciate our freedom to have hectic and hurried lives.

My life is just as hectic as Faith's but with different objectives, the Dodge Association being one of those objectives... Journal, Web Site, Office, etc.

Once again, we want to bring to your attention, the book "Memorable Dodge First Reunion". The normal price is \$16.00 but we are offering it for \$10.00 ppd.

The book documents the very first Dodge reunion in America, which was held to mark the 250th anniversary of Dodges coming to America. This reunion was held before it was known that there were actually two Dodge lines in this country. Therefore, many Dodges from both the Tristram line and the William/Richard lines attended. There were speeches by many including Robert Dodge, who subsequently gathered Tristram genealogy and published the first Tristram genealogy book. There are also letters in the back from Dodges - descended from both lines - who could not attend.

This is a very historical item and a great addition to your library. Order your copy today!

I would like to order _____ books of the Memorable First Dodge Reunion at \$10.00 each ppd. My check for _____ is included. I also would like to update my dues at \$20 per year. \$_____ Is also included in my check.

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