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## OWNEY, THE MAIL SERVICE DOG

During the late 1800s, a dog, likely a terrier mix, appeared in the Post Office in Albany, NY, where clerks took a liking to him and named him Owney. Fond of riding in postal wagons, Owney followed mailbags onto trains, where Railway Mail Service employees considered him their good-luck charm. As Owney traveled the country, clerks affixed medals and tags to his collar to document his travels, and Postmaster General John Wanamaker gave him a special dog-sized jacket to help him display them all. Owney later toured the world by steamer and became an icon of American postal lore. His adventures highlight the historical importance of the Railway Mail Service, and today he enjoys a place of honor at the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum in Washington D.C.

The stamp on your envelope is a picture of Owney.



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## DAVID DODGE, lumberman, Lancaster, Erie Co., New York From History of Grant Co., Wisconsin, 1881, p. 1036. TOWN OF WATERLOO

David Dodge was born in Erie Co., New York, May 29, 1848. His father, Daniel Dodge and Mary (Harwood) Dodge were both natives of New York State and owned and operated a little farm there miles east of the Village of Holland.

David had one sister and two brothers, but as David was the oldest boy he was kept at home to work and received altogether not more than one month's schooling and barely learned the letters. When he was twelve years old

he left home and went out to work on a farm and every cent he earned he gave to his mother.

In 1855 his parents sold their 160 acre farm and the whole family moved to Chickasaw Co., Iowa, and purchased 80 acres of virgin prairie land and about 15 acres of timberland. After this deal Daniel still had \$1200 and a dishonest Iowa merchant swindled him out of that, so hard work was now the order of the day - and long days at that.

The family established their

residence on the 15 acre tract and lived there until the early part of 1862 when Daniel Dodge hitched up his team of oxen to his wagon and with some bedding and provisions started for western Minnesota which was extensively advertised at that time and where government land could be procured.

As soon as Daniel Dodge, worn and weary from the long journey over a wild wilderness without roads and bridges, arrived at his destination the ter-

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## DODGE CREST CARVED by Brian Dodge of Fareham, England

Just yesterday, Nov. 28, we received this beautiful Crest from England. Earl was supposed to bring this home at the end of our 2008 England tour, but of course, he died in 2007, so that tour never materialized.

Brian Dodge of Fareham, England, is a wood carver, and several years ago, he gave me a beautiful jewelry box that he had carved with an inlaid squirrel on the cover.

Brian wrote that this was the original design of the Dodge Crest, but the red piece in the middle can be taken out and he included the design for the center as we now know it. The small inset is that extra piece. Brian made a box for this and presently, it is attached to the inside of the box with two heavy duty screws. What appears to be faded spots are just camera problems when I took this picture.

This arrived safely from England and is a treasure for the Dodge Family Association.



(David Dodge—Continued from page 1)

rible Sioux Massacre occurred. The Indians tortured and butchered the people, burned their houses and left country waste.

What happened to Daniel Dodge is unwritten history - not a word from him or a trace of him has ever been heard.

These were terrible years for David Dodge. His father had lost all his money and his life. Hard times rapped on the door. David had to work out among the farmers and gave all his earnings to his good, faithful mother.

In the spring of 1864, while the Civil War was still raging with undiminished fury, David Dodge, then only sixteen, answered his country's call and enlisted in Dubuque, Iowa, and was placed in Company B, First United States Infantry under Colonel Woods. He saw service at Newport, Kentucky, and at New Orleans, and remained in the army until the close of the war.

Before David could enlist in the army his mother had to give her consent and at this time she prevailed upon him to promise her to abstain from strong drinks of every kind, tobacco in all its forms, gambling and houses of ill fame. This promise he never forgot and never broke. He regarded it as sacred before both his God and his mother.

It should also be mentioned that during the whole year that he served in the army, fully half of his rations were stolen by his superior officers and poor Dave was hungry all the time.

For his service in the army he received \$13.00 a month, payable once every three months (\$39.00), and nearly all of this money he sent home to his poor widowed mother whom he loved so well.

After the war was over, he was engaged in farm work and dug wells. He also operated saw mills at Dubuque and Manchester, Iowa, and finally put up a saw mill of his own in 1879 in Elmdale, Wisconsin. This mill he operated four years. It was here in 1880 that he joined the Seventh Day Adventist church and was ever after true to that faith.

He moved to Idaho in 1884, settling first at Shoshone where he worked one year for the Oregon Short Line Railway, building a round house and machine shops there.

In 1885 he moved to Mountain

Home and filed on a 160 preemption claim and while improving and holding his claim, he served as pump repair man and water tank filler for the Oregon Short Line Railway which position he held until he resigned in 1892.

He gave five acres of land to Mountain Home for a cemetery and planted the first trees in this city, hundreds of which are still alive and of great size. In 1892 he started to do missionary work and continued at this work with great success until 1915. He traveled as a missionary in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and British Columbia, making thousands of converts. During these trips he preached thousands of sermons, visited homes and led in Prayer. He had oceans of hardships and difficulties to overcome. He was shipwrecked twice, picked up as dead once and totally exhausted with fatigue dozens of times but his motto was "Onward and Forward and Never Say Fail."

David married Jennie Steers at Little York, Iowa, in 1872. This union was a happy one and it was this noble woman that taught David to read, write and figure.

Four children were born to them; Mamie in 1884 and Lillie in 1886. Only two of them are now alive, Willis C. in Mountain Home and Lillie Smith in Los Angeles.

On November 2, 1892, his good loving, faithful wife passed into the great beyond. She was a true and steadfast Christian and was glad to go home to her heavenly Father and the angels whom she loved so well. During the last eleven years, David Dodge has not carried on any extensive missionary work but has been very active in all church affairs and has always been a steady attendant at all church meetings and has taken an active part and encouraged everybody to lead the right kind of life. He has invited thousands of people to come to church and has distributed thousands of religious tracts and papers as well as many books. He has also made liberal money donations for the church, school and mission.

In July 1892 he was admitted to the Soldiers Home at Boise. He has never applied for a pension but preferred to

make his own living.

On December 8, while on his way to prayer meeting, he was suddenly taken very ill and fell and hurt his head seriously. He was brought to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise where he seemed to rally so was taken to his son's home in Mountain Home December 17th where he received the best of care; but his Maker decided to take him away, so at 1:35 o'clock in the morning of December 27th he breathed his last.

His final wish was that he might meet his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in Heaven.

The funeral services were conducted at Mountain Home by the Rev. W. A. Gosmer of Boise and the body was laid to rest in the family lot beside that of his wife, Jennie, and his daughter Mamie in the Mountain Home cemetery.

### The Dodge Family Association joins the social media via a page on FACEBOOK.

Hopefully, at least once a week, an interesting item about Dodges will be posted there.

You can be a 'friend' of our FACEBOOK page by going to FACEBOOK and in the search window at the very top of the page, put in "Dodge Family Association". This will immediately come up with our page list which you can then click on to be sent to our page.

A recent note posted on that page, asks that anyone interested in the Dodge Family Association, who is not already a member, let us know and we will give them a year's free membership. We make that offer to you also. Do you have a relative or a friend with Dodge ancestry who might like to have a trial year's membership in our Association? Please send us that person's name, address, and email address, and we will be happy to add them to our membership data base.



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# The View From My Window



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On October 3, my friend Joyce and I left Colorado to drive to Arizona so that we could visit Earl's sisters and their husbands. It was the first time since Earl died that I made that trip. Earl and I always visited them in January before going to the Southern California Reunion, and then again sometime in the fall before Thanksgiving. The last time we went there was about 3 weeks before Earl died.

I did not know how I would fare on this trip being another 'first', but the trip was enjoyable and the visits were great.

While we were visiting a friend in Sun City, Arizona, we mentioned that we were going to visit Sedona, Arizona on the way home. The friend told us about Tlaquepaque, a place in Sedona that has a number of interesting shops and restaurants.

We found it, and one of the first places we visited was a small gift shop in the hotel that looked like it had some interesting items. As we were standing by one of the displays, Joyce heard something. (Her hearing is far better than mine!) She thought it sounded like a bird so she looked around, and right there on the bottom shelf of the display, were two quail, a male and a female.

We were so surprised and I asked the lady behind the desk if their wings were clipped to make them stay there. She said 'no'...they were trained. It turns out that she is a Quail Rescuer and is registered with the Arizona Fish, Game and Wildlife agency.



Above is the male quail sitting on the shelf that has a mirror in the back.. He is used to seeing himself in that mirror.

When an injured quail or baby quail orphans are found, they are brought to her. Some do not make it but many do and this little male quail refused to leave her when it was time to be released back into the wild.

The little female was one of 4 quail eggs that she had that hatched. The other 3 eggs that hatched were males. They were still at her home.

The lady comes into the store 3 days a week and usually brings these two quail with her.

The quail in her care are allowed to mate and when the babies become 'teenagers' they are released to the wild.



Joyce

She held out one quail to Joyce and it stepped on Joyce's hand and walked up her arm to sit on her shoulder and then the lady put the other quail on Joyce's arm. Of course, I wanted to experience the same, so asked if I could have them on my shoulders.

What a neat experience hearing



Barb

those little quail cooing sounds right in my ears...so soft.. This was a very special experience for us...one we will most likely always remember... and I haven't even told you about the rescued dogs we saw in Sedona!

Barbara

## Dr. Roderick Lathrop Dodge

Descendant of Richard

By C. Eileen Dodge

Dr. Roderick Lathrop Dodge was born in Hartland, Vermont, on 7 September 1808, the fifth of six children of Shadrack Dodge and his second wife, Susanna Campbell. He was welcomed into an already large family of eight children from his father's first marriage to Rachel Lucy Rockwell.

He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1834, after taking a full course in medicine there, and subsequently at the Philadelphia Medical College. In 1835 he went as a missionary physician to labor among the Indians, under the patronage of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions." After some years spent among the Creeks and Cherokees. He was induced to enter the United States Army as surgeon at Forts Gibson and Coffee.

In 1842 he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, to practice his profession, afterward embarking in the pharmaceutical business. Dr. Dodge remained in that business for over thirty years.

In later years he was engaged in the private banking business, and at one time was the only banker in Little Rock. He was one of the originators of the old Little Rock Gas Company, and was always interested in the building up of Little Rock, with several of its finest brick blocks having been erected by him.

Dr. Dodge was never a politician, but was called upon by his friends and citizens to act as alderman and mayor. He was a man of sterling worth and honesty, always self-dependent and straightforward.

He was made a member of Western Star Lodge No. 2, of Little Rock, in 1843, and advanced in the fraternity. He was also a member of Union Chapter No.2, Occidental Council No.1 and Hugh de Payne Commandery, of which he was Eminent Commander at one time. In these orders he held nearly all of the offices at

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 different times, and for a great many years was Grand Treasurer of all the Masonic grand bodies. In 1878, because of ill-health, he resigned every office he was holding at that time, but by a vote of the Grand Lodge, was made a permanent member, and at their request a fine portrait of himself hangs on the wall at their headquarters.

Dr. Dodge was also treasurer of St. John's College for several years, and for about forty-four years was a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock having been largely interested in the development of that congregation, and devoted to its interests.

He was married on 22 August 1838 to Miss Emmeline Bradshaw, a native of Montpelier, Vermont, who accompanied him West. They were the parents of two children, both born in Dwight Mission, Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma Territory: Ellen Emeline and Samuel Delano Dodge. His wife, Emeline, died 20 January 1843.

On 27 August 1844, Dr. Dodge married Miss Eliza Bradshaw, a native of Vermont. They had eight children, all born in Little Rock: George Eugene, Mary Susan, Anna Eliza, Lucy Jane, Fanny Ashley who lived but one year, Julia Emma, Miriam, and Roderick Lathrop. Along with their father, Samuel Delano and George Eugene served the Confederacy during the Civil War.



In  
 Memory



William Arthur Minnick, long time DFA member and resident of Cupertino, CA, age 70, passed away on June 24,

2011, from complications of esophageal cancer. Bill was born July 26, 1940, in Brattleboro, Vermont, earned a BSEE at Norwich University (1962) and enjoyed a long career

with Applied Technology, Litton, Production Automation and Schlumberger, earning several patents and designing the camera equipment used on NASA voyages to Mars and Jupiter. A 40-year resident of Cupertino, Bill had one foot in the past and the other in the future, with equal passions for science, genealogy, antiques and technology. Bill and his late wife JoAnn loved to travel, vacationing regularly in Hawaii and Delaware. He dedicated his last years to cancer education and promoting better health through diet. Bill is survived by two sisters, one brother, two daughters, five grandchildren and a large extended family across the country. A Memorial Service was held at Union Church in Cupertino, CA, Saturday, July 30th at 2:00 pm. Donations can be sent to Norwich University (158 Harmon Dr., Northfield, VT 05663 or online at [www.norwich.edu/support](http://www.norwich.edu/support)).

I, Barbara, recall the many email conversations that I had with Bill as he provided us with fifty-three photos which are now posted on our website.

[http://www.dodgefamily.org/Photographs/WilliamMinnick/William\\_Minnick\\_Photos.shtml](http://www.dodgefamily.org/Photographs/WilliamMinnick/William_Minnick_Photos.shtml)

The first two rows of photos (5 photos each row) have names but the rest of the photos are unknown. We would love to have help in identifying those photos. A year's free membership to the person who can identify any of them for us.



Mrs. Blanche M. (Dodge) Day 83, beloved wife of the late A. Wendell Day Jr., died Friday, October 21, 2011 at her home.

For many years, Blanche was on the Board of the Dodge Family Association and worked very hard to make the Dodge reunions that were held in her area a success.

Born in Beverly, MA, she was the daughter of the late Albert Wesley

and Melvina (Stanton) Dodge. She was raised in Wenham and graduated from Beverly High School. She continued her education and earned her degree from Simmons College in Boston.

As a young woman, Mrs. Day had been employed as a substitute teacher for the Hamilton school system. She had also worked as a home health aide and for Meals on Wheels.

A life long resident of the Towns of Wenham and Hamilton, she was a sixty five year member of the First Church of Wenham. She was also a trustee of the Hamilton Library for thirty years and a longtime member of the YMCA in Beverly.

An arts and crafts enthusiast, she enjoyed making hook rugs, braided rugs and many other crafts. She was also an avid reader.

Surviving her are three daughters, Jean Day McCarthy of Jacksonville, FL, Nancy Day and Robin Day both of South Hamilton, a son, Andrew Day and his wife, Deb of Fall River, two grandchildren, Brian Day and his wife, Krissy of Andover and Heather Stokes and her husband, Jason of Tewksbury, one sister, Dorothy Maciejowski of Wenham, two brothers, Albert Dodge of Wenham and Donald Dodge and his wife, Beverly of Wakefield, NH, and many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Carleton Dodge and his late wife, Virginia.

I, Barbara, also remember Blanche so well. One of her daughters worked at the Wenham Library, so Blanche was able to arrange for our Board of Directors Directors to meet there before each New England reunion.

Several times, she arranged for those attending the reunion to have a bus tour of several homes once owned by Dodges, and of the cemeteries in the area which contained Dodges. This included the Dodge Row cemetery, and Central and Conant Street Cemeteries in Beverly.

We also enjoyed having Blanche and her daughter, Robin, join us on one of our tours to England.

We send our condolences to the families of Bill Minnick and Blanche Day, and we, also, will miss them.





BEYOND  
THE  
BRICK  
WALL.

**THE ELUSIVE OLIVER  
CROMWELL DODGE,  
a Tristram Descendent**

By C. Eileen Dodge

For many years we have had Oliver Cromwell Dodge in our Dodge Mystery database. His mystery has been written up in various Dodge Family Association journals resulting in no information to solve the mystery.

In January 2007 - almost 5 years ago - we received an e-mail from Edward Francis Hickey regarding his Dodge heritage. His mother was Mary Adele Dodge (1920 - 1995), daughter of Dr. Edward Francis Dodge (1904 - 1983) and Agnes Dell. Dr. Dodge was the son of Oliver Cromwell Dodge and Anna McVinnie.

In 2007 Oliver Cromwell Dodge was still a mystery lineage to us, though it was believed he descended from Tristram. Thus, the mystery remained a Brick Wall.

Fast forward to May 2011. We received an email from Adam Reidy. Adam was born as a Dodge, his father being Joseph Michael Dodge (1947 - 1990). Joseph was not married to Adam's mother, so Adam was given his mother's maiden name.

Joseph Michael was the son of Thomas Oliver Dodge (1907 - 1985) and Vivian Marie Hillegas. Thomas Oliver's parents were Oliver Cromwell Dodge and Anna McVinne!

Unfortunately, we could not take Oliver Cromwell's lineage back any further and had once again hit a Brick Wall.

Fast forward to October 2011. An email was received from Tom Kelechi who is the son of Agnes Harding, daughter of Margaurite Sarah Dodge (1889 - 1959) and Thomas Hureston Harding. Margaurite was the daughter of Oliver Cromwell Dodge and Anna

McVinne!

Thankfully Tom had the names of Oliver Cromwell's siblings - and with that information we were able to connect him as the son of Edwin Dodge and Sarah Vorhis in the Tristram file.

The ancestry of Edwin Dodge has been well known and established for many years.

Tom's aunt, Mary Frances Dodge Flipse-Comer also contacted us in October 2011 to help us fill in some additional information on her family. She is the daughter of Margaurite Sarah Dodge and Thomas Hureston Harding.

So finally we were able to go over the Brick Wall of Oliver Cromwell Dodge. His lineage from Tristram is as follows: Tristram (1607 - 1683), John (1644 - 1729), David Britain (1691 - 1764), John (1730 - ???), Seth (1765 - 1825), Seth Jr. (1794 - 1861), Edwin (1824 - 1886), Oliver Cromwell.

**As an added note of interest:**

Oliver Cromwell Dodge worked in a shoe factory his entire adult life. He began as a shoe laster and in his later years was a factory foreman.

We have photos of Oliver and Anna McVinne, and they will be put on our web site.

**TITLE(s): LASTER, HAND  
(boot & shoe)**

Pulls and secures linings and uppers over last to form leather shoes of designated size. Pulls cloth or leather lining tightly and smoothly over wooden last and secures to insole with cement. Trims away excess material with knife. Pulls assembled upper onto last and draws upper over last and insole. Drives temporary tacks into insole to secure upper until welt stitching or cementing is completed, or drives permanent lasting tacks through upper, lining, insole, and against steel bottom of last to clinch tacks into insole and permanently secure upper to insole. May tack sole to upper in preparation for final soling operations.

*Note: Norman and Eileen work exceedingly hard to solve as many mysteries as possible but many times it takes people, such as mentioned in this article, to come forward with that one or two missing pieces of information. When a mystery, and especially a long-standing mystery such as this is finally solved, we here at the Dodge Family Association are elated!..We do hope that this will encourage others to contact us if they have any information that will help to solve the mystery ancestry of a Dodge. We will give that person or persons, a years free membership in the Dodge Family Association.*



**CALIFORNIA REUNION**

The Southern California Reunion will be held Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the Officer's Club Miramar Marine Air Station, Miramar. This is about a 30 minute drive north of San Diego. It will start at 10:30 A.M. with a time for visiting.

Before the end of December, we will be mailing out a flyer to those people who live in California and neighboring states with other information. If you wish to attend this reunion but do not live in CA, AZ, NV, or UT, please let us know so that we can send you a flyer also.

The weather in Southern California in January is usually very nice and considerably warmer than many place in the country, and it is a nice break for those who live in colder climates!

Below is a picture of a past Reunion and you can see by the faces of the people attending that they are having a very enjoyable time.



**The Life of Charles L. Dodge,  
Son of Ezra Dodge and Mary George  
Descendant of Richard Dodge through  
his son, Edmund.**

*by Mike Frost, g.g.grandson of Charles.*

Charles was born December 8, 1862, in Goshen, New Hampshire, the son of Ezra Dodge and Mary George. His father was a farmer who lived in Goshen. Charles spent the earliest years of his life in Goshen and received business training at Newport High School. He later resettled in Goffstown, New Hampshire, about the year 1888. While in Goffstown, Mr. Dodge was employed as a merchant. He was first conducting business in the Knights of Pythias block before joining the Union Market. He was a member of the Methodist Church and served for many years as the superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1908 he moved to Riverdale, New Hampshire, where he resided for twenty-six years.

He owned and operated a small roadside stand that was adjacent to his home in Riverdale. The stand was comparable to a general store and was equipped with two gas pumps that faced the main highway. There was a lawn located behind the store where two picnic tables sat. These were available for visitors to occupy as they purchased various food products, including cheese sandwiches, from the stand.

According to his grandson, Donald, Mr. Dodge would, "peddle meats with a horse and wagon from house to house. He would pack the meat in ice to keep it cool so it wouldn't spoil." The ice used was taken from an ice house that was attached behind the barn contiguous with the house. Donald also explained that, "The men folk from town would go out on the river with an ice saw and they'd saw a channel and they'd saw the block of ice out. They had long poles that has hooks on them. They'd push the ice down the channel." A system of pulleys and horses were used to move the ice into the icehouse where it would be stacked by two men.

Charles was married twice in his life. His first marriage was October 6, 1888, to Mabelle M. Lynch of Goshen. Ms. Lynch was born in 1867 and was the daughter of John and Lenora Lynch. His second marriage was October 16, 1895, to Alice Lydia Dow of Goffstown. Ms. Dow was born December 12, 1870, and was the



*From left to right: George H. Dodge, Alice L. Dodge, Gertrude V. Dodge, Mary Dodge, Charles L. Dodge, Arlene G. Dodge*

daughter of Samuel J. and Cyrene Dow.

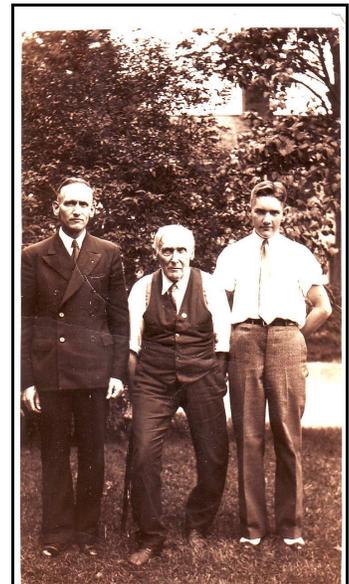
The children by his first marriage were: Theodore L. b. May 13, 1887, and married Margaret Anderson on October 2, 1912, and Helen M., born September

10, 1889, and married January 18, 1911, Stewart Clark.

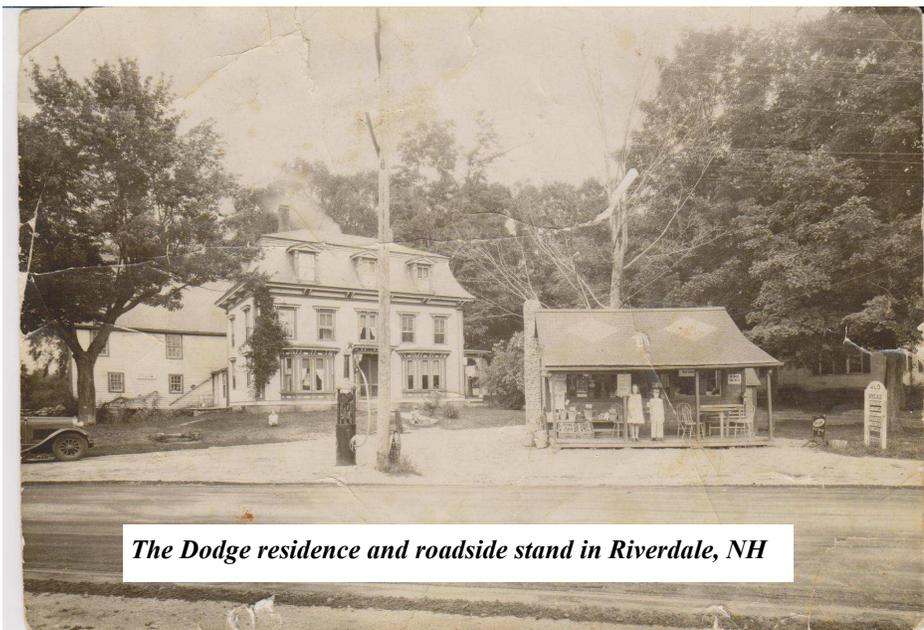
Children by second marriage are pictured above. They were: George H., born July 5, 1896,

Mary A., born January 25, 1899, Arlene G., born February 24, 1902, and Gertrude V., born January 5, 1906.

Charles died on September 6, 1934, due to a cerebral hemorrhage. He is buried at Westlawn Cemetery in Goffstown, NH, along with his wife, Alice, and his son, George.



*Above: Theodore Dodge, his father, Charles Dodge, and possibly a son of Theodore*



*The Dodge residence and roadside stand in Riverdale, NH*

## The Role of Wenham, Massachusetts in the American Revolutionary War— Part 2



1775 — 1781

*The reason that we are publishing parts of this story, is because our Dodge forebears were also part of this story. Try to imagine living at this period of time and being very much involved with the problems of that day.*

### THE REVOLUTION

The English considered, as did all the colonists on this continent, that they had a monopoly of the trade with the colonists as well as of their products. The English had expended much in defending the colonists against French aggressions, and when the war was over, set about taxing them in order to get back some of this money. The Colonists on the other hand, felt that they had given as much to the mother country as it had given to them; every town had a debt, and suffered from the loss of its manpower.

In addition, there was a growing resentment against the English because of the scorn the English regulars held for the provincials in their homemade cloths and poor equipment. This made a fruitful ground for dissension when the first effort was made to collect some taxes by the hated and unpopular Stamp Act which required that every document of whatever sort, after November 1, 1765, was to be written or printed on English stamped paper, for this the colonist was to pay an amount varying from three pence to six pounds, according to the nature of the document. Nothing was legal unless executed on this paper.

Perhaps the scarcity of deeds and conveyances in Wenham at this time, shows a fear of the consequences of evading this

law. Perhaps the failure to elect a representative in this year is indicative of the reluctance of the small towns to be caught in this controversy. The large towns who more quickly felt the effect were loud in their protestations against the Act. In Boston, Samuel Adams, and in Virginia, Patrick Henry, inflamed the people to resistance by the oratory, and a telling slogan, "No taxation without representation." However much the Wenham people felt the effect of the following taxes which the English levied on the colony; glass, paint, and tea, they did not express it in town meeting, but went calmly on transacting their local business, building a steeple for the church, looking out for their old and infirm, and providing for the schools. It would be interesting to know how much the people were affected by the wave of active resistance which swept through the neighboring town of Ipswich.

The domestic happenings in every small town during this pre-revolutionary period, make an index of the multiple causes which rolled up sufficient power to fire that Lexington shot.

The condition of the Wenham people, when the price of commodities had so increased as to be a burden to proper living conditions, found outspoken complaint from the minister, Mr. Swain. Repeatedly from 1756 on, he asked for an addition to his salary. Finally, in 1765 a committee appointed by the town reported some 3 months after they were supposed to report, that they should settle his salary from 1756 to 1765 for an extra 57 lbs 1 s 6 d. After that Mr. Swain appeared again to explain his difficulties, and when the town heard this report, "with calmness and tenderness, as befitted their relationship." they voted 20 lbs only for his present relief.

The young women in the small towns were more generous toward the pastors and joined in conducting spinning bees for their relief. After a long day of work on spinning wheels, seventy-seven young women, who had met at the pastor's house, were entertained by a sermon from the pastor entitled "How the women might recover to their country's full and free enjoyment of our rights, properties and privileges, which is more than the men have been able to so"...and he ended the sermon with these words: "by living upon as far as possible, only the produce

of this country, and be sure and lay aside all use of foreign tea, also by using as far as possible only clothing of this country manufacturing."

There was some fear and panic in the nearby towns on the coast lest their homes be attacked by the vessels on the coast. As a result of this fear many of the women and children were sent away for safety to inland towns. This accounts for the coming of Timothy Pickering to Wenham, as well as Captain Thomas Gardner and Samuel Blanchard, with their families. These men all gave distinguished service to the town.

*(Note: I believe that this is the Timothy Pickering whose daughter, Lucia, married Israel Dodge, g.g. grandson of 'Farmer' William Dodge)*

Wenham had a real 'Barbara Fritchie' in Mrs. William Fairfield who lived almost opposite the burial ground. When it was reported that a body of British soldiers was approaching, her neighbors scattered in dismay, but Mrs. Fairfield rallied them to the fore, declaring, "not a step, give me spit and I will pepper one of the villains."

"Pond John" a most interesting Wenham character, recalled the pleasure barge on Wenham Lake of Gen. Gage, and well remembered sitting on Gen. Gage's knee, sharing sweetmeats and listening to stories Gen. Gage told the children.

*(Note: "Pond John Dodge", was so named because his house, which is no longer standing, was located near Wenham Lake, Wenham, Massachusetts. 'Pond John' died "sometime before 1860," according to a book, written by John C. Phillips for the Peabody Museum of Salem in 1938. "On the very edge of the Wenham Cemetery, there is a tomb with its door looking toward the lake and the site of 'Pond John's' former home. Here was buried John's brother, Uzziel, a reputed man of action who it is said, wanted the door of his tomb so placed that he might watch over his brother's dilatory life. And in return for this, 'Pond John' wrote this epitaph: 'Here lies the body of Uzziel Dodge; In life he dodged a little good and little evil; But in death, he could not dodge the devil.'"*

*But, according to Phillips account, "The town authorities, however, took exception to this somewhat unnatural outburst, and caused it to be erased." )*

*(Note: There were MANY Fairfield's who lived in Wenham and who married Dodge's.)*

*To be continued*



**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**  
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Thanksgiving is over but we should give thanks always. We are moving into the winter season and many areas of the country have had early record snow fall.

A Find-A-Grave patron, Lea Zina, just sent me photos of the Dodge plot in Mason Cemetery, Moultonborough, Carroll County, New Hampshire. At this time they are covered with snow. The pictures are of the tombstones of Leon Dodge (1871 - 1918), his wife Eliza Lila Gove Dodge (1876 - 1931) and their son Carlton G. Dodge (1904 - 1905).

As I have mentioned in other journal articles, I am a member of Find-A-Grave, a free online web site used to locate burials throughout the world. It is open to anyone and a great wealth of information.

I have a listing from three cemeteries that have Dodges in them that I cannot identify - in other words, they are either in our mystery file or we do not have them at all in any of our files. Can you help us identify any of these people? If so, please contact me at: nedodge@aol.com. You can go online to Find-A-Grave and see the listings for yourself - some have gravestone pictures.

**Chippewa Lake Cemetery,  
Mecosta County, Michigan -  
no pictures**

The following people are in our Mystery File:

Fredrika C. Dodge, 1866 - 1922 (wife of Lilburn)

Harry George Dodge, Sr., 1887 - 1972

Lilburn Dodge, 1863 - 1924

Lillian F. Dodge, 1888 - 1979 (her relationship is unknown)

Louise Bush Dodge, unknown dates (wife of Henry George)

Rose May Dodge, 1898 - 1945 (wife of Leonard Carl Dodge)

William S. Dodge, 1836 - 1912

**Riverview Cemetery, Streator,  
La Salle County, Illinois -  
No pictures**

Donald E. Dodge, 1923 - 1985

Eleanor Dodge, 1906 - 1957

Ethel Dodge, 1891 - 1978

George Dodge, 1877 - 1956

Georgia E. Dodge, 1893 - 1973

Harry G. Dodge, 1895 - 1975

Margaret Dodge, unknown dates

Virginia Dodge, 1888 - 1939

**Chenango Valley Cemetery,  
Binghampton, Broome County,  
New York  
Has gravestone pictures**

Andrew Alonzo Dodge, 1847 - 1890

Anna Mae Dodge, 1921 - 2010

Beatrice A. Dodge, 1917 - 1985 (wife of Richard M.)

Blaine L. Dodge, 1884 - 1965

Pvt. Charles F. Dodge, 1910 - 1948

Della E. Dodge, 1883 - 1955 (wife of Blaine L.)

Florence McDavit Dodge, 1884 - 1981

Kitty Dodge, unknown birth - 1879

Lucy Crocker Dodge, 1839 - 1921

Martha J. Dodge, 1882 - 1954

Percy Dodge, 1875 - 1971

Rennie E. Dodge, 1886 - 1943

Richard M. Dodge, 1919 - 1959

If you live near any of these cemeteries and can take pictures of the gravestones for us, we will add two free years to your membership.

There is an additional genealogy web site of interest. It is called Dead Fred (www.deadfred.com).

They have pictures of persons that have gone unclaimed because no one knows who they are.

The Dodge pictures currently available to look at are:

Coleman, Gracie and Ethel Dodge of St. Paul, Minnesota

Civil war picture of Bernard Dodge

Cora Frances Dodge of Danvers, Massachusetts

Helen Dodge of Pardeeville, Wisconsin

Marie Dodge of Kansas City, Missouri

Mrs. J. S. Dodge and Nellie from Salem, Massachusetts

Dodge family of four children, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Many other group photos including Dodges

We also have on our website photos that need to be identified:

**[http://www.dodgefamily.org/  
Photographs/DodgeBabies/  
DodgeBabies.shtml](http://www.dodgefamily.org/Photographs/DodgeBabies/DodgeBabies.shtml)**

Two with unknown ancestry are babies: Fred Dodge; Eldon Griffin Dodge, age 16 mos.

We have many other photos on our website including some of those listed with Dead Fred.

We also have a long list (index) of photos of known family lines. You can find that at:

**[http://www.dodgefamily.local/  
Photographs/  
OldDodgePicturesIndex.shtml](http://www.dodgefamily.local/Photographs/OldDodgePicturesIndex.shtml)**

If you have family pictures that you would like to see on our website, please scan them (if possible) and send them to:

**barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net**

You do not need to be concerned about big files because we can take almost any size file. 