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The Past and Future of the Dodge Family Association

SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS FINDS DFA WEBSITE FOR COLD WAR

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know that your page <http://dodgefamily.org/Wars/ColdWar/coldwar.shtml> has great info on it! The kids in my Social Studies class totally agree! Two girls in my class found your page while researching for their group project. They wanted to share another page that they really loved: <http://www.mobileqr.codes.us/mobile/guide-cold-war.html> It's a really fantastic article on the Cold War!

I've been tutoring and subbing for awhile but am just starting in the teaching field. It seems like such a collaborative profession, which is why I was hoping you wouldn't mind adding the page the kids found to your site with all of your other valuable resources.

I think it would thrill the girls to see their suggested page on your website; I told them that if you were kind enough to include their page on yours, I would give them a few bonus points on their project!

Thank you very much!! I look forward to hearing from you soon.
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Ed Note: We did add the link to our Military page for the Cold War

The Dodge Family Association began in 1981 with three members: Robert Livingston Dodge, Virginia Dodge Murphy and Earl Farwell Dodge. Today, we have more than 400 members worldwide, down from our highest membership of 800.

The stated purpose for the Association is to promote goodwill and fellowship among the Dodge Family members, promote the gathering and preservation of genealogical facts to preserve the memory of our forebearers, exchange genealogical facts and information, and encourage the updating of Dodge genealogies which have been published.

The major activities we participate in, among others, are the publishing of our eight-page Dodge Family Journal, sent six times a year to all members, organize regional Dodge family reunions for social, project organization, and fellowship.

The Association has reprinted the two volume 1894 and 1898 Dodge Genealogy books by Joseph Thompson Dodge, published the 1998 update Dodge Genealogy Book by Robert Livingston Dodge, published the 2008 update of the Tristram Dodge Genealogy Book by James Bailey and Norman Earnest Dodge, and are currently working on a 2012/13 release of an updated John Dodge Genealogy CD by James Bailey and Norman Earnest Dodge.

Today we are the foremost experts in and keepers of Dodge history and genealogy in the world. We are a Family Association incorporated in California as a Not for Profit Corporation, and our activities are supervised by our geographically diverse Board of Directors.

The current Board of Directors consist of the President, Norman Earnest Dodge of Olympia, Washington; Vice President and former President, Robert Livingston Dodge of San Diego, California; Vice President and former President, Everett Jay Dodge of Pasadena, California; Vice President, Frederick James Dodge of Mountain View, California; Vice President, James Bailey, of North Providence, Rhode Island; Treasurer, Carl Joseph Klein of Centerville, Ohio; Charles Wesley Dodge of Escondido, California; John Everett Dodge of Greenlawn, New York; Stephen Allen Dodge of Linden, New Jersey; Barbara Dodge, Journal Editor and Secretary of Lakewood, Colorado.

Of those ten board members, five live on the West Coast, three live on the East Coast, and two live in the Midwest. Seven descend from John Dodge and three from Tristram Dodge. Of those ten members, 1 is in their 90s, 2 are in their 80s, 4 are in their 70s, 1 is in their 60s, 1 in their 50s, and 1 is in their 40s.

Thus the average age of the board members is 73 years old.

With the aging population

of our board members, it is imperative if the Dodge Family Association is to continue, **we must recruit younger people who have a passion for history and genealogy to step in and lead the Association into the future.**

We need young people to use their skills, interests, knowledge and sense of connection to family to honor our ancestors and preserve that knowledge as a legacy for future generations.

Volunteering to help with genealogy research, becoming a board member, hosting a family reunion, and contributing articles for the journal and our web site are enjoyable and rewarding experiences. We encourage you to join us in our effort to keep the Dodge Family Association viable now and into the future.

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On the Inside

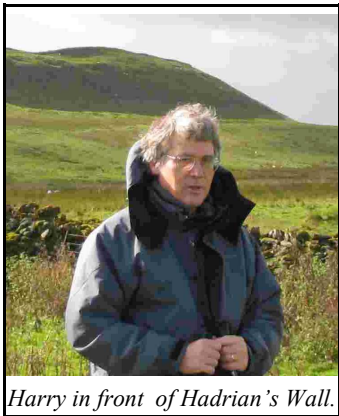
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In Memory



DFA member Harry Erwin was involved in our DNA project, giving helpful information and periodically running our DNA numbers through a special program that would give us a good idea of how some of our mystery Dodge lines fit into the whole picture.

He was a Facebook friend of Calvin Dodge, the son of one of DFA's founders. In January, Calvin was contacted by Diane, Harry's wife, informing him that Harry had died. Calvin immediately contacted us with the news. We were shocked and saddened. We had not known that Harry was sick, but we found out that he had been in the hospital and died there. We believe that it was totally unexpected.



Harry in front of Hadrian's Wall.

Harry wrote the weekly "Letter from England" that was published in Jerry Pournelle's Chaos Manor Mail for years.

Jerry wrote "Harry had a knack for finding a ready summary of both trends and the bizarre in reported incidents. I am going to miss that.

"He was a scientist. He thought clearly about education and education improvements and impediments. He enjoyed life and took frequent trips. We had corresponded for a long time about many things, mostly in agreement, but when we were not, it was worth paying attention to why. He enjoyed rational discussion.

"He was a practicing Christian and churchman. I will very much miss him"

We at DFA will also miss him and we hope that some day we will be able to find the link between his ancestor, Walter R. Dodge/Mary Reece, and the Tristram family from which he descended. You see, he would have carried the DODGE surname if a descendant of Walter had not changed his name to Erwin!

WEBSITE & JOURNAL HAPPENINGS

When we are sent family photos, or gravestone photos, or any other items of interest such as obituaries, we TRY to get them on our website ASAP.

We have had a difficult time in recent months keeping up with this-project because of the many other items out editor has on her plate!

However, now that Judy Ragan, and Eileen Dodge will both be helping put out the Journal and providing articles and suggestions for it, perhaps the website will be easier to maintain.

Susannah Nelson, daughter of Faith Dodge Nelson, had several columns in our Journal last year, and she may also, be writing again, specifically, about her father's growing up years in Venezuela, where his parents were missionaries for 32 years.

Recently on our website we were able to add a page of photos (see page 6) and another page of cemetery stones which are of the family who started the Dodge General Store in New Boston.

In our email backlog, there are a LOT of photos that have been sent that need to be added to our website. If you wish to send photos to us, it would really help if you do not have any spaces in the names of the photos. It makes a difference because the program that we run to make thumbnails of the photos, will not make thumbnails of any pictures where there is a space or spaces in the name.

On the home page of our web site, we finally have posted 8 small MP3 files made by Barbara Dodge concerning history of the Dodge family. In these MP3 files we used a separate file for each subject to keep the files small and easy to listen to. This history is not complete by any means, but just something to hopefully whet your appetite for all things DODGE.

Also, we have a new password for our website members only area. You will find it at the bottom of page 3. It will be changed to the new password about February 8.



Along The Way: Dodge Mile Stones



Rev. William Wesley Dodge, celebrated his 96th birthday on December 8th. He is a descendant in the Tristram Dodge line.

He is very proud to have achieved this age and is planning on reaching 100! He retired after many years of ministry in the Methodist Church. His congregations were all in West Virginia and Maryland. He is currently living at Givens Estates in Asheville NC and is still enjoying life. He loves to play his harmonica and sing hymns!

New Members

- We are happy to welcome new members: Eugene Dodge, Centennial, CO Michael T. Frost, Pensacola, FL Verna Dodge, Santa Barbara, CA Bill Dodge, Bellevue, NE Laura Jensen, St Louis Park, MN Douglas Hyde, Westwood, MA Ellen & David Layton, Battle Mt., NV Rev. Ronald Kurtz Topsham, ME Ed Hickey, Irvington, NY Lucinda Benton, Broken Arrow, OK Elizabeth Lawther, Oakdale, NY Frederick Mayhue, LaBelle, PA

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The View From My Window



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In extracting and some re-writing from The Role of Wenham, page 7, I decided to look on the Internet for other information regarding April 19, 1775.

When attending school in Weston, Massachusetts, we were immersed in New England History, especially in grades 1-6. We knew all about 'the shot heard round the world'. Paul Revere's midnight ride and how snipers attacked the British from behind trees, fences, and bushes on their march back to Boston.

So...when I looked on line, the first thing that came up was:

www.menotomy.org

I had never heard of this name and so was intrigued. I was surprised to learn that in 1775, it was a name for part of Cambridge and was taken from the Indian word for "swift running water." I was born in Cambridge, so I was very interested.

As I read, I found out that "A good portion of the fighting was actually done in the small village of Menotomy, now currently named Arlington, Massachusetts. It was in the village of Menotomy that local minute men, joined by those from towns as far away as Danvers, engaged in combat with the retreating column of British soldiers under the command of Lord Percy as they tried to make it back to Boston. Jason Russell, a local of the village, gave the ultimate sacrifice along with numerous other towns folk as they made a last ditch effort to thwart off the British column at Russell's home."

In colonial days, Menotomy was the second precinct of Cambridge, on the road west to Concord and Menotomy's Minute Men under Captain Benjamin Locke were the first to answer Revere's midnight alarm. Later that day, when the British were forcing their way back from Concord and Lexington toward Boston and passed through Menotomy for the second time, it became "... the bloodiest half-mile of all the Battle Road." More red-

coats and patriots were killed and wounded in Menotomy that day than in all other towns combined. Long overlooked Menotomy, now Arlington, is where the action really was on April 19, 1775."

Then, I remembered Earl telling me that there were Dodges from Danvers who fought the British as they marched back to Boston through Cambridge. I don't know if Earl knew that this part of Cambridge was called Menotomy and that it is now Arlington.

It brings home to me in a very real way (being a born and bred New Englander) the early history of my country that was all around my little town of Weston.

The few trips made when I was growing up involved seeing only a fraction of New England Historical sites. When I was just out of 6th grade, my mother took a job as a camp cook in Manomet, which is in the vicinity of Plymouth and before the official entrance to Cape Cod, which is the Sagamore Bridge which goes over the Cape Cod Canal.

The camp was right near the ocean in an area where the ocean had to be reached by about 100 stairs that went down a bluff. We were there all summer and in the first two weeks, I dropped 25 pounds...obviously, I was a little heavy! Fortunately, I never did gain that weight back.

My brother was at the corresponding boy's camp and we attended our camps free because of mama's job cooking. On her day off each week, we would get my brother and take a bus someplace. A couple of times we traveled to Plymouth. Viewing the Plymouth Rock was very special to me... to actually see the rock on which the Pilgrims first stepped. Another time, we traveled to Provincetown which at that time was still small and quaint.

After Earl and I moved from Massachusetts, we traveled back every fall to visit our mothers and Earl's other family members. These trips allowed us to visit the Paul Revere House, the Lexington Bridge, and many places on Cape Cod where we had never been.

By this time, mama had sold the Weston house, and moved to Harwichport on the Cape. *Barbara*

SAN DIEGO REUNION

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A gathering of Dodge members took place January 21st, in San Diego, CA, with 28 in attendance. We had five new attendees who shared their lineage with the group. Bill & Judy Ragan from Simi Valley were delighted to meet the Martins who are also from Simi Valley and share many common ancestors other than Dodges. Eileen Dodge shared a portion of a CD that Barbara Dodge, manager of our office, recorded about the history of the Dodge family. You can find these 8 short recordings near the top of our home page at www.dodgefamily.org.

Each family who attended shared their story; some told some jokes, and one shared a story about Grenville Dodge. He came to the reunion assuming he came from the Tristram Branch and discovered he really comes from the John Branch. Judy Ragan shared the story of how she first learned about the Dodge Association and made the rainy drive to San Diego to attend. Upon arrival she discovered she was a second cousin to most of the organizers of the association.

Dodge reunions can often surprise those who attend. It is a place to meet other members who might turn out to be closely related to you, or you might learn about a notable Dodge, or you might get help with your search for your ancestors. It is just plain fun and entertaining not to mention good food plus a chance to visit with old friends.

If you do not have a reunion in your area, think about organizing one and see who turns up. You might be in for a big surprise! Hold it at a library, church, senior center, or other facility that has rooms available. If it is held at a genealogical library, you have a ready made program with research available right at hand.

Contact Judy Ragan, raganje@aol.com for ideas and help organizing a reunion in your area. *~~~~~*

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WHO DO YOU DESCEND FROM?

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When I was 10 years old my grandmother, Myra Dodge Prentice, told me she had 14 siblings. Being an only child, I was fascinated. She told me to go to her big blackboard in the corner and she would tell me their names. Afterward I wrote the names on a piece of paper which I still have today, to take home. This was the beginning of my love of genealogy searching.

We lived in New York but after a terrible accident in 1950 we moved to Indiana where my father could find employment again. And then, in 1956, he was transferred again to California. Family was so far away! On a visit during my young adult years a family member turned over her job of keeping family records to me. For the next 15 years I dreamed of updating the Prentice Genealogy published in 1932. After joining a Genealogical Society group, I took a class on searching for my ancestors. Of course, there were no computers back then so I went on a letter writing frenzy.

I wanted to trace the Prentice line that had gone to New Orleans, LA, so I found a telephone book for New Orleans and jotted down every Prentice in that area. I wrote to all of them and after many weeks I received a letter from Mary Alice Prentice Bischoff. She sent me information about her Prentice family and we corresponded a couple of times. She even came to California to visit me and several years later, my husband and I went to New Orleans to visit her. There are some fascinating stories about her family that took place during the battles between Mexico and our country. In 2005 she lost her home to Katrina and has moved to another state to live with her daughter.

For many years I occasionally would get a response to a request I would send to get an update of a person listed in the 1932 Prentice genealogy book. It was slow

going and the rewards of my search came slowly. Most of those rewards came when my husband and I would drive east to visit and I would contact those people directly. We have many new family friends now but the rewards of new information has dwindled.

In the meantime I had opened a quilt shop and time to search was rare. One day a customer, Connie Dodge, came to my shop and I mentioned to her that my grandmother was a Dodge. She proceeded to tell me about the Dodge Reunion which is held every January in San Diego, CA, only three hours by car for us. The day of the reunion it was raining very hard but we decided to go anyway. One tip for searching your roots is to never pass up a chance to make a find.

I took my Prentice research notebook with me as it had a photo on the cover taken in 1911 at Myra Dodge Prentice's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. I have my grandmother's Volume 2 copy of the Dodge genealogy published in 1898. When told they usually have about 35 people attend the reunion I wondered what the chances were that I would find a close family member descended from the thousands of folks listed in that 1898 genealogy. And we are in California, thousands of miles from my home grounds. But we bit the bullet and made the drive.

As we entered the room, Robert Dodge, the president at that time, greeted us. I placed my Prentice book with the Dodge picture down on the table to share with the others, and immediately a man stepped up and said, "Those are my grandparents." I nearly fainted. Yes, the organizers of the Dodge Family Association are nearly all my second cousins. They are the children & grandchildren of Myra's brothers. Remember those 14 siblings I mentioned in the beginning of this story?!

And so, that day changed my life dramatically. Over the years with the help of Norman Dodge, Dodge genealogist, and his wife, Eileen, I have learned many tips to

help with the search for my ancestors. The Internet arrived and computers with genealogy programs came along to allow us to search for our ancestors and to save what we find on a database. I attended many workshops, visited several libraries with genealogical sections, and best of all, we visited the same places when we drove east to the areas where my family had lived. Not so long ago I joined a genealogy group at our local senior center. Today it is hard to find the time to search the thousands of sites and to spend hours at the libraries doing research.

The search process for me has generated an average of 16 generations per line of ancestors on my father's side which is primarily New England, one of the easiest areas to do research. When I finally decided to tackle my mother's ancestors, the search has become tougher. Her family is from Kentucky, not so easy to do research there. And it involves a very solid brick wall with her grandfather, William Carter. My husband's ancestors are new immigrants coming in the late 1800s so this involved research outside of this country.

In the next issues of this Journal I will share my searches and tips I used to find my ancestors. My goal for the last two years has been to do the female lines, tough but not impossible. Recently I have concentrated on writing each family's story and I will share my tips to keep your paper notes organized and easy to find.

My best tip for you for February 2012 is to purchase the 200 page book: *"Who Do You Think You Are"* by Megan Smolenyak, who was instrumental in the development of the program by the same name. Check out the price on Amazon.com. It is the "Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History". After doing research for 60+ years I believe this book is the first one you should have to learn how to find your ancestors. See you next issue.

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The Dodge General Store of New Boston, New Hampshire

Proprietors: S D Atwood - C H Dodge - C W Dodge

Solomon Dodge Atwood 1839 - 1915 was the son of John Atwood, Jr. and Florence Adelaide Dodge. He descended from Richard Dodge on his paternal side and William Dodge on his maternal side.

Clarance Henry Dodge 1848 - 1928 was the son of Benjamin Dodge and Eliza Ann Batchelder.

Charles William Dodge 1842 - 1912 was the son of Perley Dodge and Harriet Woodbury.

Clarence and Charles were first cousins once removed - Charles' grandfather was Lt. William Dodge, Jr. and Clarence's great-grandfather was Lt. William Dodge, Jr. They descended from Richard.

In 1860 Solomon D. Atwood went into trade and opened the S.D. Atwood General Store. Solomon, the "stalwart Republican" was appointed postmaster in 1860 under the Republican rule of President Lincoln.

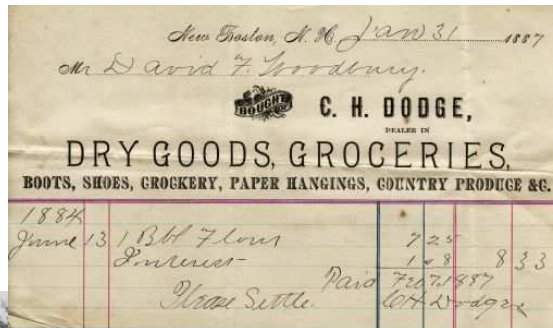


The post office was located in his store.

Clarence H. Dodge was a leader in the Democratic Party. When he opened the C. H. Dodge General store in 1872, he had to wait until a Democrat was elected to the White House in 1884 before he could be appointed postmaster and move the post office to his store. Grover Cleveland lost the election in 1888, which was bad news for Clarence, but he got his post office back for another four years when Cleveland was re-



elected in 1892. Then Atwood was postmaster again, and then Dodge, until after World War II the US Postal Service hired professional postmasters and the post office was moved out of the general store.



Charles W. Dodge went into business and Clarence went to work with him and later became proprietor. Generations of Dodge, including Clarence, Benjamin Hervey Dodge (son of Clarence), Homer Goddard Dodge, (son of Benjamin Hervey), and Josh Dodge (relationship unknown), ran the store until 1995 when Mike Danzinger purchased the business and operated the Dodge Store until 2011.

In November 2011 the historic red building was put on the auction block and sold for

\$690,000 to Sam and Manisha Patel. The Patels refurbished the inside of the store - the countertops have been reconditioned, the tin ceiling sparkles, it is freshly painted and the old sign once again hangs above the door. The Patels rehired most of the people who were working at the store when it closed. Since its reopening, customers to the Dodge

General Store have been non-stop. The coffee pot is being steadily drained and refilled by the old crew who know most of the customers by name.

Note: Historical notes for the Dodge General Store were from the New Boston Historical Society as are all of the photos used for this article. It was very difficult to decide which photos to print and you need to go to the New-Bostonhistoricalsociety.com to see the many photos that are there. Descriptions of photos we have chosen follow:

*Left column: photo of Solomon Dodge Atwood General Store.
Top Middle Column: early photo of C. H. Dodge General Store.
Middle of page: receipt from C. H. Dodge Store dated Jan. 1, 1887 to Mr. David F. Woodbury
Bottom: Auction Day Nov. 20, 2011*



**NEW PHOTO PAGE ON
DODGEFAMILY.ORG**

Henry Dodge, son of Tyler Dodge and Almira Baldwin, was b. March 15, 1857, in Tilbury, East Twp., Kent Country, Ontario, Canada. He had 7 siblings and we have them in our data base but all we had for Henry was that he married Emily Orphella Dobson on Sept. 8, 1897, in Essex, Ontario, Canada, and they had one child.

The story is a sad one. Emily gave birth to their son, Freddy, on Sept. 1, 1899, and Emily died on Sept. 7, 1899. Baby Freddie followed her on Sept. 18, 1899.

This is all we knew of this family until we were recently contacted by Norma Chantler, mother-in-law of a young woman who was a descendant of Henry. Norma told us that Henry had married a 2nd time to Eliza McClary, and they had had a number of children. She also sent us the following regarding their marriage:

"From the Amherstburg Echo February 23, 1900, pg. 5.

"DODGE-McCLARY - At the Methodist parsonage, Cottam, on Monday, February 12th, by Rev. A. Thibadeau, Mr. H. Dodge, of Gosfield North, to Miss McClary, of Colchester South."

There is just the announcement, there was nothing further to be found about the marriage in the rest of that issue."

Below is a young Eliza McClary with



Mary Jane Dodge, sister of Henry, with her husband John Edward Wellington, their daughter Elisabeth (Lizzie) in her wedding dress. The other female is unidentified. Courtesy of Jerry Wilson - his great grandmother, Mary Jane Dodge was a sister of Henry. She was b. 28 Feb 1863, Gosfield, Tilbury, East Twp., Canada.

There are more photos on our Web site.

This family descends from Richard thus: Richard, Richard Jr., Isaac, Moses Tyler, Tyler, Tyler, Henry.

The children of Henry and Eliza were:

Frederick Alexander Dodge b. 13 Nov. 1900

Archie Dodge, b. 17 Jul 1903

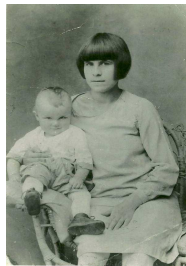
Percy Rae, b. 19 Apr 1905

Grace May Dodge, b circa 1896 in Michigan married Charles Henry Doss

Edith Esther Dodge, b. circa 1897 in Michigan married Louis Ulch

Gladys Elien Dodge, b. 1908, is pictured on the left with her infant son, Edward Chausse Garnet Dodge, b. 1913 (5 years after Henry's death - father unverified)

Margorie Moe (daughter of Eliza's 2nd husband John Moe)



Above: Three sons of Henry Dodge and Eliza McClary. Unfortunately we don't know which. However, the three eldest were Freddie Alexander, Archie and Percy Ray. Eliza had another son Garnet who named Henry as his father on his birth deposition. She married second to a man named John Moe.



Above is a photo of one of Henry's brothers and his family. From the right: Rufus John Dodge, daughter Myrtle, sons Archie & Benjamin, Orvilla Hodge, mother of the wife of Rufus, and Mary Jane Hodge Dodge holding baby Rufus Jr.,

The Role of Wenham, Massachusetts in the American Revolutionary War— Part 3



1775 — 1781

The Role of Wenham in the American Revolutionary War Compiled for 1776 Bicentennial by Peter and Prudence Frazier Part III

The whole of Wenham had been loyal to the mother country, England, until the first armed resistance. After that, anyone who sympathized with the British was very unpopular. One, Nathaniel Brown of Marblehead, a lawyer, was a Tory and the story is that Marblehead people came over to ‘tar & feather’ him, bringing their pot of tar with them. However, Nathaniel got wind of this and disappeared.

In May of 1773 Wenham chose a committee of men to confer and reply to the Boston Committee of Correspondence being of the opinion “that the rights of the colonists are infringed upon and make a great grievance.” They closed this report with the prayer, “May we ever be a people favored of Heaven, and may this become Emmanuel’s Land.”

In July of 1774, events were forcing more activity and the town chose another committee to consider the ‘letters from Boston.’ Billy Port, John Friend, Stephen Dodge, Wm. Cleves and Tyler Porter were named and in August 1774, the town selectmen receipted for the town stock of ammunition (which used to be kept under the pulpit in the meeting house) “a barrell of powder, 40 to 50 lb., one quarter lb of bullets, and between 3 & 4 hundred flints”

“During the period of occupation by the British Regulars, the Town of Boston bore the heaviest burden, in consequence

of the interruption of trade which occasioned great suffering among the poor.” This caused the town of Wenham to vote that contribution be made for the poor of Boston in September 1774.

The die was cast and Wenham voted to raise 15 men as Minute Men. Billy Porter, Richard Dodge Jr., and Mathew Fairfield were named a committee to enlist the men. This commenced the Revolution in the Town of Wenham.

March 31, 1775: The fifteen men recommended to be raised as Minute Men and continued in pay at the town’s pleasure were:

Ebenezar Batchelder	Amos Knowlton
Israel Batchelder	Josiah Ober, Jr.
Abraham Brown	Nathaniel Ober
Israel Andrew Dodge	Samuel Ober
George Dwinell	Francis Porter
John Friend, Jr.	Isaac Porter
Nathaniel Gott	Asa Porter
Ebenezar Kimball	

These men were to meet and exercise one-half day a week. Each man had a shilling for every half day he was mustered by his officers to exercise. A penalty was put upon those who enlisted as Minute Men and were not properly equipped and did not attend service according to his officer.

In May 1775, the town chose a committee of Safety, “To guard against our enemies,” five in number: Caleb Kimball, Tyler Porter, David Killam, Stephan Dodge Jr, Thomas Kimball.

April 19, 1775, a Wednesday, the country people, as soon as they heard of the alarm, snatched their firelocks from the walls, and wives, mothers and sisters took part in preparing the men of their households to go forth to the war. The farmers rushed to “the camp of liberty” often with nothing but the clothes on their backs, without a day’s provisions and many without a farthing in their pockets.

A considerable quantity of Military stores had been deposited at Concord and Gen. Gage resolved to destroy them. He sent 800 grenadiers and light infantry the night before on a silent march to Concord. However, messengers received notice of the expedition, eluded the patrols and gave the alarm. When the British troops arrived at Lex-

ington, they found about 70 men belonging to the minute company of that town, on the parade under arms.

By noon, the news of the Lexington Common had traveled scores of miles in an ever widening circle. Hundreds of Minute Men dropped their tools in their workshops, their pens in parsonage and studies, their plows in the fields, their axes in the woods and lining up on their village greens, went tramping off with their awkward music and imperfect cadence toward Lexington; ten, twenty, thirty miles they marched. Many of them, after mustering and marching from their villages, broke rank and went as the crow flies, across fields, through woods, over hill trails. Half the time they ran; the Danvers company going 16 miles in four hours.

The British Major ordered the provincials to disperse. There was gun fire and several Minute Men fell. The rest dispersed. As the British continued musket fire after the dispersal, several more Americans were killed and several wounded.

Men from Wenham and other towns rushed to march to Lexington to aid the Minute Men, but the British were already marching back to Boston.

From www.menotomy.org: “On the morning of April 19, 1775, the landscape of the North American continent would be forever changed. A revolution began between the colonists, that were currently inhabiting this land that migrated over from Europe, and the British empire. King George had finally pushed the colonists a bit too far. Just over 225 years ago, that still mysterious shot ‘heard around the world’ was fired on the green in Lexington, Massachusetts, putting in motion a series of events that we now refer to as the American Revolution. A time in our country’s history that would shape the strengths, beliefs and landscape of this continent, even to this very day.”

Ed Note: Many of the surnames of Americans that you read in this piece (if not all of them) can be found in the genealogy records of Dodges and you may recognize one or more of them from your own early ancestry in America. This series will be continued in upcoming Journals.



**GENEALOGY
REQUESTS
COLUMN**
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Jan 2012 has come and gone. Eileen and I went to San Diego for the Dodge Family Meet and Greet. Driving from Olympia, Washington, to San Diego, California, is getting harder and harder for us each year.

We now have over 60,000 names in our John File, over 24,000 in the Tristram File, and over 16,000 in the Mystery File.

Find A Grave is becoming more useful for genealogical purposes. This online site has over 74 million grave sites and every day more records are added. It has become a valuable resource to search for persons in our files in order to fill in missing data.

Today we moved 21 names in our Mystery file to The John file because Jim Bailey found a name match for a family he was working on.



A note about the first mystery: I believe that Jerial M. Dodge belongs somewhere in the Tristram Dodge family of John Dodge and Lydia Rogers – perhaps their great grandson. There are several generations of men named Jerial within that family. That said, my extensive investigations have left me without an answer. Perhaps you can help.

Jerial M. Dodge, born Dec 1841 in Tennessee died 27 July 1901 in Charleston, Clark County, Indiana. His parents are unknown.

Jerial married, 2 March 1875 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, to **Wilhelmina Barringer**. She was born December 1857 in Tennessee. Her parents are unknown.

Jerial and Wilhelmina raised three children:

1. Cora E., born May 1874 in Indiana, married 12 October 1893 in Clark County, Indiana to **George B. Reeves, son of McDowell Reeves and Sarah Clark Gibson**.

Cora and George had one child, **Martha Middleton Reeves**

2. George W., born October 1885 in Indiana married **Augusta E.** Unknown Maiden Name, born 1890 in Tennessee

3. Clinton Chester Dodge, born 2 August 1888 in Indiana and died 15 September 1966 in Clark County, Indiana



Edward C. Dodge was born about 1829 in New York and died about 1877. He often went by **E. C. Dodge**. His parents are unknown.

About 1852, in New York, Edward married **Henrietta** Maiden Name unknown.

The family can be found in the 1860 and 1870 US Census in Syracuse, New York – Edward was listed as a merchant

Edward and Henrietta raised four children – after Edward died in 1877, Henrietta and the children moved to Oakland, California:

1. Clarence, born about 1854 in New York

2. Clinton Griswold, about 1856 in New York was an attorney. He married 15 May 1890 in San Jose, California to Grace Emma Nevins.

Clinton and Grace had one child:

Sherman Clinton Dodge, born 8 August 1891 in Oakland, California

3. Lillian, born about 1859 in New York – was a music teacher

4. Edward Carlos, born about 1872 in New York was a salesman. He married first on 16 June 1897 in Santa Clara County to Maud Eveline Veirs – they later divorced.

Edward and Grace had two children:

Earl E., born 1898 in California

Ruth E., born 1900 in California

Edward married second (date unknown) to **Amanda Meimacho** or **Menischo** born in Wisconsin

Edward and Amanda had two daughters:

Marjory A., born 16 July 1916 in California

Dorothy Maxine, born 7 March 1918 in California



David R. Dodge was born about 1801 in Pennsylvania and died 22 April 1858 in Richland, Fountain County, Indiana. His parents are unknown.

NOTE: One of his descendants has been DNA tested as Tristram.

David married on 20 March 1826 in Lewis County, Kentucky, to **Nancy Kellum**, born about 1809 in Virginia and died 3 August 1876 in Richland, Fountain County, Indiana. She was the daughter of **John Kellum**.

NOTE: The family was living in Monroe, Adams County, Ohio, in the 1830 US Census – in subsequent census records they were living in Richland, Fountain County, Indiana.

David and Nancy raised eight children:

1. Henry was born about 1828 in Ohio. In 1871 he married **Anna Frances Berry** who was born about 1851 in Indiana, the daughter of **Benjamin Berry and Elizabeth** Unknown Maiden Name. They had two sons and six daughters.

2. Lewis was born about 1829. In 1870 he married **Elizabeth Dove**. They had two sons and one daughter.

3. William Dodge, born 4 April 1833 and in 1855 married **Lydia Taylor**. They had one son and one daughter.

4. Sarah, born about 1835. In 1861 she married **William Raplee**. They had one son and two daughters.

5. John, born April 1839 married in 1869 to **Isabella Hickson**. They had five sons and one daughter.

6. Matilda I., born 10 October 1840 married in 1869 to **Josiah Taylor**. They had one daughter.

7. Francis M. Dodge, born 19 April 1844. It is unknown if he ever married.

8. Samuel, born about 1848 married in 1870 to **Mary J. Snyder**. They had one daughter.



New genealogical information is being added to the Internet every day. Just recently Eileen found, on American Ancestors, a copy of the Connecticut Nutmegger which is now searchable by surname. In the John file we have an Antipas Dodge, born December 1730, for whom we had no additional data. The Connecticut Nutmegger, Volume 30, Page 386 lists Antipas as having fought in the French and Indian War and was killed on 8 September 1755 at the Battle of Lake George (New York).