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## BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND

By Barb Dodge Pitman

The front page of the July/August 2013 Dodge Family Journal highlighted an upcoming dedication ceremony for the installation of a new cemetery stone for Richard Dodge, of the Tristram Dodge line. This article is a follow-up to the July/August article.

### New Journal Contributor

We want to introduce you to a new contributor, Barb Dodge Pitman. The article on the right was written by her, and we liked it so much, that we have asked her if she would pick up our 'Passages in Time' and submit an article for each upcoming Journal.

She also just happens to be the daughter of myself, Barbara Dodge and my husband, Earl F. Dodge who passed away in 2007.

Barb has 3 grown children, 2 boys and 1 girl, and lives in Denver. She was visiting me in my home and I mentioned to her that I had promised in the last Journal more information about Gen. Richard Dodge of Johnstown, NY. She offered to write it for me, and I quickly accepted that offer. As you can see, when you read her article, she has talent for writing and it should be used.

I remember reading the 'begats' in the Old Testament when I was a child. So and so begat so and so who begat so and so and then so and so begat so and so on and so on. "How boring," I thought, back then. Who cares about the births and deaths of people so long ago?

Who Cares? Now I know. Someone, somewhere cares. For instance, look at the lives and deaths of the Richard Dodge 'clan' from several centuries back. In the same way I did with the biblical 'begats' in my younger, more foolish years, I *could* discount the importance of these long-dead Dodes. I *could*. But I **can't**. Reading about this family piqued my interest and my childish "How boring," of decades ago was put to shame. Being a Dodge, although of a different lineage than theirs, I read with growing interest about the family of Richard Dodge and found, to my surprise, that I cared about them! I hope you will also find interest in learning about some of the more unique pieces of their lives.

Let's first get the basics out of the way. Richard Dodge, born of Samuel and Helena Dodge, came into this life on December 31, 1762. He married Anne Sarah Irving in 1787, when Anne turned 17 years old. They had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Anne passed away May 10, 1808, of unknown causes. Her last child, an infant, died two days later. Richard Dodge died in 1832.

Seventy years span the time between 1762 and 1832. Reading about this family and those 70 years brought to light things that no simple, historical obituary could cover, and it was these things that peaked my interest and caused me to look at family histories in a new way.

At the age of 13, Richard wanted to follow his brothers into the Continental Army. Being too young, but also being very insistent, he was allowed to join the newly established Fife and Drum Corp. Records published by The Brigade Dispatch lists young Richard as being one of only 67 musicians serving from 1775 to 1782. It took fortitude and bravery to serve in this capacity.

*"The position of a fifer or drummer was not necessarily an easy one to fill. They were expected to learn the many tunes played in the army, from popular melodies like "Roslyn Castle" to practical beats such as "Water Call" or "Roast Beef." In an eighteenth century army music was used to transmit orders and to regulate the daily routine of the soldiers. In camp the reveille and tattoo denoted the beginning and end of the soldier's day. Other calls signaled the men to assemble for meals or for detachments to gather wood and water. If the army was ordered to march the routine of the troops prior to setting off, and the accompanying music, was adjusted accordingly. While on the move music provided a cadence to regulate the rate of march, and in battle drums and fifes could transmit or supplement the commands of the officers and would hopefully bolster the morale of the soldiers to some degree.*



In "Tomahawks to Hatpins," author Catharine Rowles writes, "On the long marches when he (Dodge) wearied, the soldiers carried him on their shoulders for they loved the little lad who played so well."

From a lovable fife and drum musician, Dodge grew to become a strong military leader, becoming First Major in 1796, enjoying many promotions, and finally retiring as Major General in 1819.

Back at home Ann Sarah was busy cooking, cleaning, raising children, and corresponding

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with her brother, Washington Irving, author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Tales of the Alhambra." Although only a Dodge by marriage, Ann Sarah displayed many traits deemed typical to the Dodges: she was strong-willed, persistent and tenacious. She married at 17, leaving the bustle of New York City behind for the more rural Johnstown. She birthed 8 children, raising six of them and burying a seventh. Her last child died and was buried several days after Ann Sarah's death. She was considered a charming and good neighbor, and her death at the age of 38 surprised and saddened all who knew her. Washington Irving, upon learning of the death of his beloved sister, wrote "...she was the tenderest best of the sisters and a woman of whom a brother might be proud."

Richard remained a widower until his death. Richard and Sarah's children grew to raise their own children, most notable being Richard Irving Dodge and Henry I. Dodge.

The Dodge Family Association, at [dodgefamily.org](http://dodgefamily.org), notes:

*"Few soldiers saw more of the late-nineteenth-century West and its peoples or made more friends and acquaintances, civilian and military, than the energetic and sociable Col. Richard Irving Dodge. In this first biography of the soldier-author, Wayne R. Kime describes Dodge's early years, experiences as a writer, and forty-three-year career as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army, setting his life story in a rich historical context."*

*"Between 1848 and 1891 Dodge participated in the Great Sioux War, explored the Black Hills, commanded infantry regiments, and served as an aide-de-camp to General William Tecumseh Sherman."*

Colonel Dodge's Journals can still be found in public libraries and even on E-bay and Amazon.com. (R.I. Dodge-Amazon) (R.I. Dodge-Ebay)

Another grandson, Henry Irving Dodge, was a noted playwright and author. Several plays became films. "Skinner's Dress Suite" starred Bryant Washburn, who also appeared in the original 1925 Wizard of Oz film. (H.I. Dodge - Films)

The legacy of Richard Dodge did not end with his grandchildren. Generations of Dodge's will be come and go, most without knowing much about their ancestors who fought in the American wars. That makes the original article in July's Dodge Family Journal all that more interesting.



And it wasn't even a Dodge who spearheaded the move to replace Richard Dodge's broken headstone. Thank you to Bernadette Weaver for caring about the Dodges...caring enough to ensure others will have the visual reminder of one of the many men who served this country.



Bernadette Weaver next to Richard Dodge's new headstone.

There is no end to this story. It's a beginning, at least for me. I might even go back and read those 'begats.' Well, I probably won't read them, but I DO appreciate that they are around and I'm sure others will read them and be interested enough to search out the details, much as I did for the family of Brigadier General Richard Dodge. I'm sure of it. because now I am beginning to understand the importance of 'begats.'

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## The View From My Window



Scott Parker was an enforcer for various Ice Hockey teams. Who, you ask, is Scott Parker, and what does he have to do with Dodges?

In our Last Journal, you saw the obituary for Norma Ingram. I had the pleasure of visiting her several times in both California and Washington State. She informed me that she had found a relative that had Dodge connections to her Dodges. That was Claudia Parker. I was able to visit with Claudia when in Washington, and at that time, found out about her son, Scott. In 1999, when Earl had heart bypass surgery, Scott Parker came to the hospital and visited with Earl, and those of us who were there at the time.



Faith Dodge Nelson with baby Seth, and Scott Parker, Enforcer for The Avalanches, 1999, St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO

When I opened up the Denver Post this past Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013:, there on the front page was a photo of Scott with the headline "Former Avalanche enforcer Scott Parker battling effects of concussions". Following, is that story:

"Scott Parker estimates he was in 400 fights, including one with Jody Shelley (45) on March 13, 2003. ... absorbed at least 4,000 punches to the head and face, and suffered 20 to 25 concussions.

"Nearly six years since he retired from the NHL as one of its toughest enforcers, Parker is finding everyday life a more fearsome opponent than any he dropped the

gloves against. Some days he feels fine. Many days he finds himself paying the price of years of blows to his head. The 6-foot-6, 245-pound Parker, nicknamed "The Sheriff" as a player, frequently is debilitated by seizures. He has to wear sunglasses most of the time because too much light can bring on headaches that leave him incapacitated. When Parker looks down, he cannot "track" objects. Otherwise, he gets dizzy and nauseous."

"He is only 35, but Parker's short-term memory resembles someone much older. He is so forgetful that he has to write down routine things such as needing to make a trip to the grocery store. He often takes pictures and videos with his phone to remember how to do things such as use tools in his woodworking and metal shop."

"I can see right away when he's having a bad day," said Francesca, his wife of 15 years. "When he wakes up, he's in a fog. I can talk to him and I can see it's just going right through him. And then he's forgetful. He has words in his head, but what comes out of his mouth is totally different than what he's thinking."

"Parker's symptoms closely resemble those of a growing number of former NHL fighters, as well as athletes in other sports, who suffer from repeated head trauma, an issue both doctors and the governing bodies of pro sports are attempting to address."

"Last week, 10 former NHL players filed a class-action lawsuit, claiming the league hasn't done enough to protect its players from concussions. The suit comes just three months after the NFL agreed to pay \$765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of its former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related health problems."

"Parker is not part of the suit. To this day, he defends fighting and says he understood the risks."

"Since his retirement, he has continued to help others, opening his Lucky 27 Social Club barbershop and tattoo parlor, named after his uniform number, in Castle Rock to any military veterans who need a place to hang out and talk. Parker has had a charitable foundation for years that, among other things, organizes fishing and outdoor trips for wounded veterans, particularly those with post traumatic stress disorder" "On Jan. 20, he will travel to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., to take part in a three-day series of tests on the brain that are part of a larger initiative involving military veterans with brain injuries."

There is a lot more to this story and if you put into Google the words, Denver Post Scott Parker, you can see the whole article. We certainly wish Scott only the best and I for one, will be praying for Scott and his wife, and hopefully for some answers that will help him navigate through his debilitating condition.

## In Memory



**Alberta Dodge Tripp** passed on Sept. 17, 2013. She was born Dec. 20, 1916 in Port Jervis, NY and grew up in Milford, Ct. During her life she graduated from Milford High School and Stone College. She lived and worked in New York City and Tampa FL before raising a family in Spencerport, NY. There she was active in her church, a 4-H club leader and volunteered at school. Her later years were spent in Palm Harbor, FL. She enjoyed playing bridge, knitting, word puzzles, dancing and genealogy. Her survivors are daughters \*Dawn (John) Crowley, Christine (Colin) Roods, Trudy Farrell, grandchildren Charles Roods, Carrie Roods-Yorkey, Cindy Roods, Elizabeth, Heather and Julia Crowley, and Patrick Farrell. Great Grandchildren Briton and Charliz Roods.

*Dawn Crowley has been a member of DFA for many years. She and her daughter typed all of the text in the Theron Royal Woodward Tristram Genealogy so that we could put it on a CD.*

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Donna Irene (Dodge) Preckshot, 76, went to her eternal rest Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, at her home in "Hole In The Sky." Donna, a direct descendant of the Dodge family, was born March 8, 1937, in Phoenix. She earned many degrees including a nursing degree, a masters in public health and served as a nurse for over 45 years. Her proudest accomplishment was establishing numerous free diabetic clinics for residents on reservations throughout the Southwest. She was a member of DFA for many years.



**Seeing God's Hand in My Life**

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**Treasures in Heaven**

"The news I have for you is not good." It was obvious the doctor had trouble talking to us as we walked down the long sterile hall at the Medical Research Center in Los Angeles. "Your daughter has a classic case of Medullary Cystic Disease. There is nothing that medicine can do to help her".

Stunned, Don and I sat looking at the doctor. He continued: "The inability of her system to fight off the flu virus that she caught at camp two weeks ago is symptomatic. Her kidneys have stopped flushing out toxins. As they build up in her blood stream, she will become more lethargic. Her immune system has been compromised. She will not feel any pain. Without treatment, she will have about six months to live."

What causes this condition, I asked.

We don't have the answer to that question. This is what we do understand. The medulla filters out

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Why can't she have dialysis, or a transplant Don asked.

Gail is Pre-puberty. Medicine still doesn't know how to keep the hormones from being filtered out along with the toxins during dialysis. Transplant procedure is being reserved for heads of households. I suggest we keep Gail here in the hospital. The two

of you need some time to yourselves. We'll have her ready to go home in a couple of days.

I wanted to escape and do just about anything to avoid what we faced. The doctor's words had made sense to our ears, but not to our hearts. Gail's blindness I had accepted, but I couldn't face her death.

Each morning, I woke up asking myself 'Would she die at home during the day while I was by myself? Would she die in her sleep? Would we take her to the hospital in an emergency condition, or leave her there, knowing she would not be coming home to her bed again? One day, my heart felt very heavy. My mind pictured an empty chair at the table, and undisturbed covers on her bed. In my heart, I had already felt the impact of missing her table chatter and the loss of giving her a goodnight kiss. I went to sleep each night with no answers. But I always woke up to God's promise: "As your day is, so shall your strength be." Deut. 33:25

**TWO TRISTRAM DNA TESTED MYSTERIES - ARE THESE MEN RELATED-  
ARE THEY FATHER/SON OF UNCLE/NEPHEW?  
RICHARD DODGE - VIRGINIA TO UNION COUNTY KENTUCKY and  
WILLIAM DODGE - KENTUCKY TO POSEY COUNTY INDIANA**

Although DNA tests have proven that both Richard and William descend from Tristram Dodge, the tests were done a number of years ago, and such a close connection of father/son cannot be proven. If we were to upgrade to a more concise DNA test we might be able to prove/disprove their supposed relationship. Unfortunately, the cost to do both upgrades is \$295 total. What follows is a descendant report for both families. If you have any information that may help solve these mysteries please contact Eileen Dodge - edodge1946@comcast.net

**Richard Dodge** was born about 1756 – the place unknown though speculation is Virginia. He died on 3 September 1822 in Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky. He is buried in the Old Bethel Cemetery on his land in Union County, Kentucky - the cemetery is owned and maintained by the Old Bethel Baptist Church. He married at a date and place yet unknown to Hannah. Her maiden name, parents, birth and death dates and places are unknown.

*NOTE: Family lore states that Richard was a Captain and a great Indian fighter in the Revolutionary War. That the family moved from Virginia to Kentucky about 1795.*

Richard and Hannah raised five children - all born in Kentucky

1. William – birth date unknown
2. John – birth date unknown – married 5 July 1799 in Christian County, Kentucky to Mary Wallace, born 26 May 1782 in Tennessee and died 4 May 1857 in Livingston County, Kentucky It is unknown when or where John died, but Mary is buried in the Hosick Cemetery. John and Mary raised two daughters: Rebecca and Minerva A.
3. Sarah – birth date unknown– married 19 July 1810 in Hopkins County, Kentucky to John Edwards, birth date and place unknown, parents unknown
4. James – birth date unknown – married 18 June 1811 in Hopkins County, Kentucky to Elizabeth Hooper, birth date and place unknown, parents unknown
5. Richard, Jr., born 14 Mar 1795, died 9 July 1845 in Union County, Kentucky. On 1 November 1814 in Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky he married Sarah Wallace. She was born about 1792 in Tennessee and died about 1874 in Union County, Kentucky. Richard and Sarah are buried in the Old Bethel Cemetery. Richard and Sarah raised eight children: Joseph Curry, Josiah K., Elizabeth, Messaniah, Hezekiah, Elihah Wallace, Mary, and Samuel.

*NOTE: John's wife Mary and Richard's wife Sarah were sisters, daughters of Samuel Wallace and Sarah Hardin.*

**William Dodge** was born about 1777/78 in Kentucky and died November 1849 in Posey County, Indiana. About 1798 he married Margaret McAdoo. She was born about 1785 in North Carolina and died 1835 in Posey County, Indiana. Her parents are unknown.

After Margaret died he married Mrs. Kezia Cox. She was born about 1797, the place and her parents are unknown. She was first married to Mr. Cox.

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William and Margaret were parents to 13 children - the first nine were born in Kentucky and the last four in Posey County, Indiana.

1. Mary was born about 1800. On 6 March 1822 she married Enos Gentry. He was born about 1787 in Kentucky, the son of Nathaniel Gentry.

2. Sarah was born about 1801. On 5 March 1822 she married Willis Elkins. His was born about 1801 in Kentucky, the son of Joshua Elkins and Elizabeth Roches.

3. Elizabeth was born about 1803. On 20 June 1833 she married Wilson Garris. He was born 1811 in Kentucky, the son of Sharp Garris and Nancy Fleahart. Wilson and Elizabeth raised four children: Joseph, Mary Jane, Vincent, and John Wicks.

4. John was born about 1805. About 1831 he married Elizabeth Baker. Her birth date and place as well as her parents are unknown. John and Elizabeth raised five children in Posey County, Indiana: George B., Nancy, Tapley Taylor, Andrew J., and Frances B.

5. Margaret was born about 1810, died 29 December 1882 in Robinson, Posey County, Indiana. On 19 November 1831 she married Christopher Reister/Rister. He was born about 1808 in Tennessee, the son off George Reister/Rister. Christopher and Margaret raised eight children: William, Polly A., John T., Nancy, Henry, James, Elizabeth, and Catherine

6. Celia was born 19 June 1811 and died 15 May 1873 in Illinois. On 14 March 1833 she married Zachariah Fitzgerald. He was born 7 January 1809 and died 10 March 1850 in Illinois, the son of James Jackson Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Ray. Zachariah and Celia raised eight children: Mary Ann, Mariah F., Elmira, Emily, Catherine, Anderson, Sarah Celia, and Hannah.

7. Richard was born about 1812. On 23 October 1833 in Vandenburg County, Indiana he married Rebecca Warren. Her maiden name, date and place of birth as well as her parents are unknown. The family is shown in the 1840 US Census in Posey County, Indiana with a son and two daughters.

8. William L. was born about 1814. On 4 September he married Mary Watson. She was born 25 July 1813 in Kentucky, died 1878 in Pike County, She was the daughter of James Houston Watson and Elizabeth Carr. William and Mary raised five children: John A., Hames, William L. Jr., Vincent George and Mary. Sometime before 1850 the family moved to Linn County, Missouri.

9. Lewis was born about 1815. On 2 March 1840 he married Eliza Pulliam. She was born about 1824 in Kentucky, her parents are unknown. Lewis and Eliza raised seven children: Sarah Jane, Stephen Vincent, Mary A., Elizabeth, Joyce Ellen, Nancy E., and William L. Sometime before 1843 the family moved to Linn County, Missouri.

10. Jane was born about 1817, died March 1870 in Mahaska County, Iowa On 22 October 1836 she married William G. Watson. He was born about 1817 in Kentucky, died March 1879 in Mahaska County, Iowa, the son of John Tarlton Watson and Sarah English. William and Jane were parents of ten children: Nathan, Lewis, William, Vincent, John, Zachariah, James, Margaret E., Martha J., and George R.

11. Hannah P. was born about 1819. On 6 June 1839 she married Richard Enders. His birth date and place as well as his parents are unknown. It is unknown if Richard and Hannah had any children. On 12 April 1840 Hannah married Samuel Carpenter. His birth date and place as well as his parents are unknown. It is unknown if Samuel and Hannah had any children.

12. Willis D. was born 22 September 1820 and died 12 September 1894 in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa. On 11 April 1839 he married Nancy Emily Watson. She was born 13 October 1818 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky and died 20 June 1884 in Pulaski, Davis County, Iowa, the daughter of John Watson and Winifred Pulliam.

The family moved from Posey County Indiana to McLean County, Illinois in 1856, then to Davis County, Iowa in 1868.

Willis and Nancy raised twelve children - the first ten in Indiana and the last two in Illinois. William James, Drury Pryor, John Wesley, Anderson Riley, Joseph Green, Lewis Cass, Benjamin Franklin, Lodema Ellen, Alfred Harrison, May Jane, Nancy Emily, and Malinda Frances.

13. Vincent was born about 1825. On 25 August 1846 he married Sophia F. Pullam. She was born about 1828 in Kentucky, her parents are unknown. After Sophia's death Vincent married Mary J. Tunis, both 1860 in Illinois, the daughter of John Tunis and Christine Dowell.

Vincent and Sophia raised five: John G., Mary Ann, and Vincent, Jr., James P., and Crane Smith.

NOTE: There is some speculation that William Dodge is the son of Richard Dodge and Hannah.

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WW II B 17 Survival Story

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In a recent Journal, I wrote the story about being able to sit in the bombardiers seat of a B-17 to examine the Norden bomb site that my father helped design. I thought the following story, although not about Dodges, would be of interest to many. One of the founders of DFA, Col. Robert L. Dodge, flew 32 missions in this plane during WWII..

"All American" (414th Squadron, 97BG) Crew

Pilot- Ken Bragg Jr.  
Copilot- G. Boyd Jr.  
Navigator- Harry C. Nuessle  
Bombardier- Ralph Burbridge  
Engineer- Joe C. James

Radio Operator- Paul A. Galloway  
Ball Turret Gunner- Elton Conda  
Waist Gunner- Michael Zuk  
Tail Gunner- Sam T. Sarpolus  
Ground Crew Chief- Hank Hyland

In 1943 a mid-air collision on February 1, 1943, between a B-17 and a German fighter over the Tunis dock area, became the subject of one of the most famous photographs of WW II. An enemy fighter attacking a 97th Bomb Group formation went out of control, probably with a wounded pilot, then continued its crashing descent into the rear of the fuselage of a Fortress named "All American," piloted by Lt. Kendrick R. Bragg, of the 414th Bomb Squadron. When it struck, the fighter broke apart, but left some pieces in the B-17. The left horizontal stabilizer of the Fortress and left elevator were completely torn away. The two right engines were out and one on the left had a serious oil pump leak. The vertical fin and the rudder had been damaged, the fuselage had been cut almost completely through connected only at two small parts of the frame, and the radios, electrical and oxygen systems were damaged. There was also a hole in the top that was over 16 feet long and 4 feet wide at its widest; the split in the fuselage went all the way to the top gunner's turret.

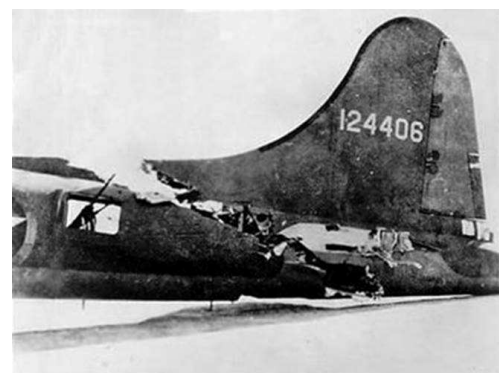


Although the tail actually bounced and swayed in the wind and twisted when the plane turned and all the control cables were severed, except one single elevator cable still worked, and the aircraft miraculously still flew! The tail gunner was trapped because there was no floor connecting the tail to the rest of the plane. The waist and tail gunners used parts of the German fighter and their own parachute harnesses in an attempt to keep the tail from ripping off and the two sides of the fuselage from splitting apart. While the crew was trying to keep the bomber from coming apart, the pilot continued on his bomb run and released his bombs over the target.

When the bomb bay doors were opened, the wind turbulence was so great that it blew one of the waist gunners into the broken tail section. It took several minutes and four crew members to pass him ropes from parachutes and haul him back into the forward part of the plane. When they tried to do the same for the tail gunner, the tail began flapping so hard that it began to break off. The weight of the gunner was adding some stability to the tail section, so he went back to his position. The turn back toward England had to be very slow to keep the tail from twisting off. They actually covered almost 70 miles to make the turn home. The bomber was so badly damaged that it was losing altitude and speed and was soon alone in the sky.

For a brief time, two more Me-109 German fighters attacked the All American. Despite the extensive damage, all of the machine gunners were able to respond to these attacks and soon drove off the fighters. The two waist gunners stood up with their heads sticking out through the hole in the top of the fuselage to aim and fire their machine guns. The tail gunner had to shoot in short bursts because the recoil was actually causing the plane to turn.

Allied P-51 fighters intercepted the All American as it crossed over the



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Channel and took one of the pictures shown. They also radioed to the base describing that the appendage was waving like a fish tail and that the plane would not make it and to send out boats to rescue the crew when they bailed out.



The fighters stayed with the Fortress, taking hand signals from Lt. Bragg and relaying them to the base. Lt. Bragg signaled that 5 parachutes and the spare had been "used" so five of the crew could not bail out. He made the decision that if they could not bail out safely, then he would stay with the plane to land it.

Two and a half hours after being hit, the aircraft made its final turn to line up with the runway while it was still over 40 miles away. It descended into an emergency landing and a

normal roll-out on its landing gear.

When the ambulance pulled alongside, it was waved off because not a single member of the crew had been injured. No one could believe that the aircraft could still fly in such a condition. The Fortress sat placidly until the crew all exited through the door in the fuselage and the tail gunner had climbed down a ladder, at which time the entire rear section of the aircraft collapsed.



This old bird had done its job and brought the entire crew home uninjured.





**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**

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*Cherishing and Remembering; From Thanksgiving to the New Year, the focus on family takes on a special significance.*

*For some there is the loss of a loved one in the past year, their first holiday without that person. So this holiday season remember the ones you've lost. Perhaps do something to commemorate them in some way - make a special dish they always brought to the table, or share a personal story about them. It is also appropriate to talk about your ancestors and to share that information with other family members. As children and grandchildren grow, relocate and begin their own families, we are thankful to see their lives unfold. But that may mean they cannot be with you during the holidays.*

*Cherish the ones who can celebrate with you. Make a point to spend time with your elderly family members and ask them about their favorite holiday memories. Let them know how much they mean to you..*

*On a personal note, Eileen and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.*

**Amos Dodge** was born about 1800. His parents are unknown.

He married about 1832 **Elizabeth Starkweather**, who was born about 1805 in Vermont. Her parents are unknown.

Their child, **George Boardman Dodge**, was born 27 February 1836 in Jerseyville, Jersey County, Illinois and died 7 February 1891 in Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

**George** married 18 December 1867 in Morgan County, Illinois to **Mary Lord Kingsbury**. She was born 18 November 1842 in China, Kennebec County, Maine, the daughter of **Sanford Agry Kingsbury** and **Sylvania K. Robinson**.

Children of George and Mary - all born in Alton, Madison County, Illinois:

1. **Frank Sanford Dodge**, born 17 Mar 1873, married in 1894 to **Rachel Jeanette James**, born August 1784 in Illinois. Their children:

1. **Harold A. Dodge**, born 27 July 1895 in Alton, Madison County, Illinois

**Frank Sanford Dodge, Jr.**, born 14 July 1897 in St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri

2. **Mary Elizabeth Dodge**, born 27 April 1879 - died 11 January 1880

3. **George Robinson Dodge**, was born 5 February 1881 and died 20 September 1945 in Bannockburn Village, Lake County, Illinois

**Catherine Dodge** was born 4 March 1794 on Block Island, Rhode Island. She died 20 September 1874 in East McDonough, Chenango County, New York, and is buried in the Steere Cemetery, East McDonough County, New York. Her parents are unknown.

She married first in New York on 13 October 1816 to **Eseck Steere**. Eseck was born 19 April 1794 and died from a fall from a roof 24 March 1817. Catherine and Eseck had no children

A couple of years later Catherine married the **Reverend Cyrus Steere** in New York on 15 September 1819. Cyrus was born 1 June 1801 and died 26 February 1878 in East McDonough, Chenango County, New York.

Catherine and Cyrus raised 9 children: **Celia Ann Steere, Cyrus Eseck Steere, Clark Caleb Steere, Catherine Nicholson Steere, Charles Hiram, Steere Cornelius Steere, Celinda Cornelia Steere, Caroline Celine Steere, and Calindra Albee Steere.**

**NOTE:** Eseck and Cyrus were brothers, both born in Gloucester, Providence County, Rhode Island, sons of **William Steere** and **Anna Andrus.**

**Andrew Dodge** was born in Pennsylvania circa 1800-1820. His parents are unknown.

Sometime about 1838 he married Mary 'Polly' Stoker, born in Germany circa 1810-1820. Her parents are unknown.

Their son, **Richard Dodge**, was born 15 September 1840 in Port Washington Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He died 31 January 1924 in the State Soldiers Home in Perkins, Erie County, Ohio.

On 13 February 1871 Richard married **Mary Elizabeth Riley**, born about 1853 in Ohio. It is unknown when or where Mary died.

Richard and Mary raised eight children, born various towns in Tuscarawas County, Ohio:

1. **Mittie Dodge**, born 23 April 1869  
2. **James Frank Dodge**, born 22 Jan 1872 and married **Mary Rosetta Heidy** and raised seven children: **Charles Dodge, Elsie May Dodge, Clarence Leroy Dodge, Herman L. Dodge, Wilma G. Dodge, Florence E. Dodge, and Lester Floyd Dodge**

3. **Sara Laura Dodge**, born 8 March 1874 and married **Edwin W. Harper**

4. **John Emerson Dodge**, born 2 October 1876 and married **Dora Mathias** and raised a son, **Harold Rodney Dodge**

5. **Charles Benton Dodge**, born 16 April 1879

Married 1st - **Gladys Alford**  
Married 2nd - **Nettie Mae Miller** and had two daughters, **Anna May Dodge** and **Verna Isabella Dodge**

Married 3rd - **Mary Elizabeth Getschil**  
Married 4th- **Kate L. Rodgers**

6. **Wesley Richard Dodge**, born 16 October 1881, died 15 August 1971 and married **Edith Steitz**

7. **Nora Dodge**, born February 1884

8. **George Frederick Dodge**, born 15 November 1889, died March 1965 and married **Goldie May Wilson**

On 20 April 1909 George married **Mary Allison Domer**. She was born 17 October 1840 in Sugarcreek, Tuscarawas County, Ohio and died 16 April 1921 in Dover, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. She was the daughter of **William Allison** and **Martha Keller**. Mary was the widow of **Solomon Domer.**

**George Norman Dodge** was born 4 February 1879 in New York. His parents are unknown - in census records George indicates both his parents were born in New York.

About 1900 George married **Anna E** (maiden name unknown), born 1882 in New York. Her parents are unknown.

George and Anna raised five children, all born in St. Lawrence County, New York:

1. **Ethel M. Dodge**, born 1902  
2. **Maitland William Dodge**, born 10 May 1906, died July 1987

3. **George Norman Dodge, Jr.**, born 20 April 1910, died November 1979, married **Mildred Pauline Green**, born 10 January 1916

They raised three children: **Grace Dodge, Raymond Dodge, Barbara Dodge**

4. **Ivan Dodge**, born 9 June 1912, died October 1976

5. **Elwood Dodge**, 28 April 1914, died March 1980