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## CALIFORNIA REUNION

Don't forget to register for the California Reunion at the home of Judy and Bill Ragan in Simi Valley on May 17, 2014. The cost will be \$12 per person age 12 and above.

The relaxing meal at Judy and Bill's home will include BBQ tri-tip, chicken, ribs...and possibly pulled pork. It sounds like a veritable feast.

If you are interested in quilts, you will be able to see lots of Judy's quilts. Also, each year she makes quilts to donate to a local organization that sends care packages to our military serving overseas to either raffle or auction off, thus raising funds to cover the cost of shipping the packages.

We have enclosed a separate reservation form that you can fill out and mail to Judy. If you have questions please email Judy at: RAGANJE@aol.com

## HOMER LEVI DODGE (Richard, Joseph, Joseph Jr., Joseph III, Joseph IV, Thomas, Levi Ritter, Orange Wood) By Barbara Farwell Dodge Pitman

As I have gone about the business of researching my Dodge ancestors, I am struck by a common theme that ties those from the past to those in the present, including myself. The theme? The importance of education. My own father, though not a college graduate, was well-read, well-spoken, and valued education. It was important for his children to speak properly, to be able to spell multiple-syllabic words, to know the right time to use 'their' versus 'there.'

In studying Homer Levi Dodge, I found that same theme woven throughout his entire life. Born in 1887, Homer was raised by a father who was a teacher and a mother who valued her own mind every bit as much as she valued her roles as mother, homemaker. There were many who, in the 1800's, thought women should take care of the children, the home, and leave the pursuit of intellectual endeavors up to the men. Isabella Dodge was actively involved in their community, and after her death, the children's room of the public library was dedicated to her. It was in this environment that Homer grew into an educator in his own right.

A college graduate with a Masters and Ph.D. in physics, Homer was a surveyor for the U.S. Geological Survey, an instructor of physics at the University of Iowa, and eventually an assistant professor. In 1917, Homer married Margaret Wing. Marriage did not slow him down, and he went on to work for the government during World War I. The War Department eventually published his investigative work. The subject? The "Detection of Invisible Aircraft."

As he progressed through life, Homer spoke of the importance of education over and over again. In particular, he was intent on doing what he could to further the education of those in the field of physics, the study of matter and energy and the interactions between the two.

As chairman of the physics department at the University of Oklahoma, he developed and ran a program in applied physics for engineers and geologists. His influence was such that the University eventually named the department after him. ([www.nhn.ou.edu/HomerDodge.pdf](http://www.nhn.ou.edu/HomerDodge.pdf)) Homer created the Oklahoma Research Institute for the purpose of conducting research that could be supported by the state government as well as by industry. He believed the European educational structure surpassed that of the United States in the sciences, and he wanted to rectify that, bringing the standards up to match those in Europe.

Homer helped establish the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), which became one of the five founding societies of the American Institute of Physics. The AAPT is still active today and refers to Homer on their website. ([aapt.org/Programs/awards/HomerDodge.cfm](http://aapt.org/Programs/awards/HomerDodge.cfm))

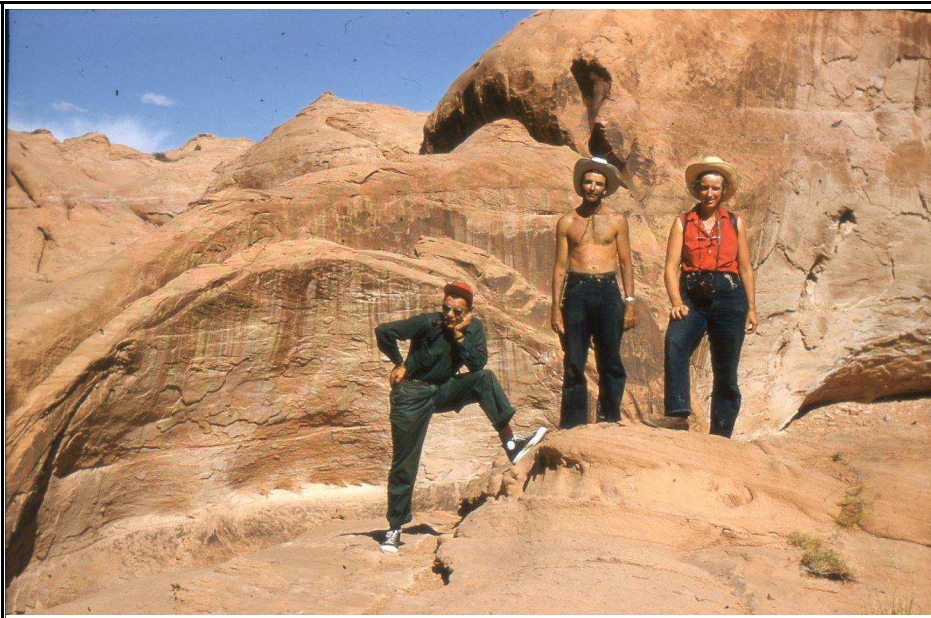
When World War I had ended, Homer accompanied a group of engineers to Japan, participating in an engineering education mission which was sponsored by ASEE at the request of the American Occupation Force. After studying the Japanese educational system, Homer and the rest of his group toured Japan, talking about the American style of learning. They thought Japan could benefit from this style of education, one that surpassed the traditional lecture style of teaching, instead including questions from students and open discussions.

After World War II, Homer and his son, Norton, visited the USSR to study its educational institutions and found their scientific educational system to be superior to that of the United States. So when they returned home, Homer embarked on a lecture tour where he offered talks on his experiences.

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Above, from left to right, is a photo of R. George Rybka and Homer and Margarete Dodge in Glenn Canyon. This photo was sent to us by Tom Martin, Vishnu Temple Press, Flagstaff, AZ. We were able to tell him that Homer was Homer Levi Dodge. Tom wrote the following:

“A register book was placed at the remote Rainbow Bridge in 1913 or there-about. The Register became a who’s who for river running on the Colorado River in remote Glen Canyon for the next 50 years. After the construction of Glen Canyon Dam, finished in 1963, Glen Canyon was covered by the new reservoir, called Lake Powell, and the Register was removed to be curated by Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The GCNRA folks digitized the register, and they kindly sent me a copy on CD.”

“I looked through the Register pages today, and found four pages that are very interesting. They tie the Homer Dodge I am asking about to Homer L Dodge, Norton T. Dodge, and in 1940, to the University of Oklahoma.”

“The 313 Register page is the Glen Canyon trip I have photos and a trip log for. The 313 Register page entry by Homer makes reference to three earlier trips to Rainbow Bridge, as register entry’s 3226, 8836 (250), and 8874 (251).”

“The Register for 8874 (tiff # 251) has Norton T. Dodge as signing in on the next line, both entries Aug 8, 1953”

“The Register for 8836 (tiff # 250) has Norton T. Dodge as signing in on the next line as well, and is dated July 16, 1953”

“The Register for 3226 (tiff # 105) registers a Homer L. Dodge from University of Oklahoma, Norman Oklahoma, signed in as 3226, August 22, 1940”.

“So there you have it. This is very fun. I sent a letter to an address in Mechanicsville last year, asking about any archival photographs of Homer’s Glen Canyon river trips, with no reply. And now I have found photos of Homer in someone else’s collection!”

“ Given that we now have the right Homer Dodge, do you have any idea where are his photos of his Glen Canyon exploits? There must be some more somewhere, wouldn’t you think? “

“We are looking for collections of Glen Canyon images not yet archived by special collections, to make sure family knows how important these photo archives are. We also hope to rematch 1940’s and 1950’s Glen Canyon photos with the reservoir today. “

Ed Note: If you can help with photos or photo collections of Glen Canyon before the dam was built, you can contact Tom at: [tom@vishnutemplepress.com](mailto:tom@vishnutemplepress.com)

Along with his scientific accomplishments, including two patents, Homer developed interests in photography, travel, canoeing, the environment, southwest archaeology and anthropology, topography. In his retirement years, he participated in canoe races, whitewater rafting, and stayed mentally active until the end of his life, in 1983.

The value of learning, of education, of being willing to educate others, was certainly present in the life of Homer Levi Dodge. It was present in the life of Hannah Dodge, who served as educator for many young girls in the 1800s. General Richard Dodge kept journals of his many travels and military experiences, and to this day we are able to experience a bit of his life through those journals.

Earl Dodge never stopped educating others about the passions in his life, whether it be his political button collections, his work with the Prohibition Party, or correcting a poor display of grammar at the dinner table. I'm not sure how much value my own children place on education, the importance of learning. However, they don't say 'ain't.' And they do know the difference between *their* and *there*. I guess in some small way their grandfather's influence, the Dodge influence, continues on.

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The View From My Window



This is a mystery Dodge family and I hope that you can help us place this family. They descend from Thomas Dodge and Happy Ingalls. Thomas was b. in Vermont and d. in Dunham, Missisquoi, Quebec, Canada. Happy was born in New Hampshire. And d. 5 Jan 1870, Brasher Falls, St.. Lawrence County, New York

**Photograph of Dodge-Graves family:** Eileen looked up everyone notated in the photo to make sure that written information was correct. She sent the following to us. Left to right are the names with explanation of who they are and how they relate to each other:

William Dayton Dodge (in dress)	son of Albert D. Dodge & Eda Bell Green	1899-1992
Albert B. Dodge (holding Dayton)	son of Daniel Dodge & Jane Deborah Graves	1864-1931
Eda Bell Green (wife of Albert)	daughter of Americus Green & Eda Caryle	1871-1904
Almer F. Graves	son of Fayette W.Graves & Emma L. Green	1876-1944
Roxie Mae Graves	daughter of Fayette W. Graves & Emma L. Green	1883-1967
George Ulysses Graves	son of Fayette W. Graves & Emma L. Green	1868-1926
Jane Deborah Graves	daughter of Norman Graves & Roxanna McKelvey	1825-1913
	sister of Fayette W. Graves; wife of Daniel Dodge; mother of Albert B. Dodge	
Fayette W. Graves	son of Norman Graves & Roxanna McKelvey	1843-1929
	brother of Jane Deborah Graves	
	husband of Emma Lorane Green	
Emma Lorane Green	daughter of William C. Green & Almira Celley	1845-1913
	wife of Fayette W. Graves	
Lemira Graves	daughter of Fayette W. Graves & Emma L. Green	1866-1933

We don't know who Anna Alin Dodge belongs to - don't know when she was born, etc. - she is the young girl at the end of the back row - We think she looks to be about 10 years old. We also don't know who the gentleman sitting down is because his name has been chopped off by the picture.



WHO DO YOU DESCEND FROM  
by Judy Ragan raganje@aol.com

Since I have been writing this article for the Journal for over two years now I thought I would review how to start your search for your ancestors. We know that you are already following your DODGE ancestors but there are thousands of your other ancestors just waiting to be found.

1. Make a family group sheet for yourself and then one for your parents and each set of grandparents.

You can type in FAMILY GROUP SHEET FORM in your search engine. Then click on Charts & Forms – Ancestry.com to get copies of several different forms. Fill in the blanks for each of the families I have listed with information that you know. Contact any of these people who may still be alive and ask them to help you fill in the blanks.

2. Start a separate file for each family. I like to color code each of my grandparents files. i. e. Yellow for your paternal grandfather, blue for your paternal grandmother, red for your maternal grandfather and white for your maternal grandmother. Within these files I will separate each generation as each generation will be double the size of the previous one if you have found each person's line.
3. Try to find a birth record for each person to start your TIMELINE.
4. Find the most recent census report that shows you or your ancestor and their family. Copy everything you can learn from that report into your family story and start to create a TIMELINE. Look for census reports for each year that you or your ancestor was alive. Each report will tell you different things about your ancestors.

(You should now have 4 family files started; yours, your parents, your father's parents and your mother's parents.)

5. Try to find Draft Registrations for your father and grandfathers. Add this to their TIME-LINE.
6. Try to find documentation for the marriages in these families and add to their TIME-LINE.
7. Try to find any death records that may have occurred for these people.
8. Find all pieces of these family stories to include in your TIMELINE.

This will get you started and it can be quite a chore to fill in all the blanks for these seven people which includes yourself. Once you have collected the statistics, start to fill in the chapters of your family's story. Include any pictures you may have and search the internet to find pictures of places your family may have been connected to; i.e. churches, homes, cemeteries, work places, etc.

You will next work on one family at a time until you have exhausted every source; each of your grandfathers' fathers which could include a search for their wives' stories. Next work on each of your grandmothers' fathers and their wives. That makes 8 new families in that generation. Remember the next generation includes 16 ancestors!

I know that you have enjoyed finding your DODGE ancestors and their stories....but the rest of your ancestors may have even better stories that you haven't found yet. Get started now because time's awastin'!!!!

Tip for March 2014: Start small. Do your own story or your parents' story. Take it one step at a time.

238 REGISTER OF PERSONS ENTERING PARK						
	NAME	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY OR TOWN	STATE	TRANSPORTATION	REMARKS
8836	<sup>also No 3226</sup> Homer L. Dodge	409 So. Union	Burlington	Vt	Grumman Aluminum	July 16, 1953 Mexican Hat
8837	Norton T. Dodge	" " "	" "	" "	Canoe	to Lees Ferry

Above is a clip from a full page register...It shows the signatures of Homer and Norton Dodge when they visited Glen Canyon.





Statue of Augustus Belmont at the corner of Bellevue and Narragansett avenues in Newport, Rhode Island.

**CONNECTIONS:  
A BIT OF NEW YORK HISTORY; THE CIVIL WAR; PERRY-DODGE**

by Margaret D. Perry

**PBS** used to air a program entitled **CONNECTIONS** that started with one thing that was invented several hundred years ago, and follow through to today, showing

how that invention was a building block. Today, we bring you a different kind of connection that is part of the history of America.

**New York** in the mid-eighteen hundreds was in the middle of an incredible boom. Huge buildings were going up. Elisha Otis had just figured out a way to raise people to heights without fear (safety feature for elevators). Morse had just developed a new method of communication (the Morse Code). Steam engines were replacing sails and horses. The old Money classes were being out-spent by a young group of newcomers whom they mostly scorned, but there was one newcomer that impressed them all. His name was August Belmont, a German Jew who was the North American representative of the famous international house of Rothschild. He was handsome, suave, multilingual as well as a connoisseur of wine, food and horses. His social acceptance improved in 1849 when he wooed, won and married Caroline, the nineteen year old daughter of Commodore Matthew Perry (polite society took comfort in the fact that they were married in the Episcopal church). It seems that he was fast becoming one of the richest men in New York and he displayed his wealth by gifting



Augustus Belmont

his bride with two huge blocks of New York real estate, as well as quantities of diamonds, rubies and emeralds from the recently opened Tiffany's.

About that same time, there arose another wealthy individual with a familiar



William Earl Dodge

name, William Dodge (a descendent of Richard Dodge of Beverly). William was a good deal more conservative than August Belmont but they teamed up on several projects. They were both early supporters of the Erie Canal and the railroads.

William was called the "Ironmonger" because of his management of the Phelps Dodge corporation which was bringing the ores in from the west via the Erie Canal for the construction of all those buildings. He was also a leading light in the Presbyterian Church, a teetotaler and a strong Abolitionist.

Their political differences aside, they were friends and whenever the safety and security of the city was threatened, they joined forces.

Belmont had supported the war initially but when Lincoln passed the Emancipation Proclamation, he changed sides. He had huge funds supporting the Southern planters and their trade with English cotton mills (200 million by one report).

At this time, the Irish and German immigrants, afraid for their jobs, began a race riot killing blacks, burning homes and killing Presbyterians for their support of Lincoln. It was the year 1864 and Lincoln was up for reelection. William Dodge was his strongest supporter in New York and August Belmont was National chairman of the Democratic Party... so the plot thickens!

Both Belmont and William Dodge were concerned when the rioting got out of hand and they joined with others to form a "Citizen's Group". Another member of that group was a man named Leonard Jerome. We might know him better as the grandfather of Winston Churchill. He had made a good deal of money by shorting the newly formed stock market when rioting was at its worst. It was so bad that at one point they had to ask for help from the army. Lincoln was becoming concerned with the prospect of so many newly freed slaves that he made a contract with Jerome to buy an island in the Caribbean (Ile. A Vache) and encourage them to emigrate there. It wasn't very successful in persuading many, so the idea was abandoned.

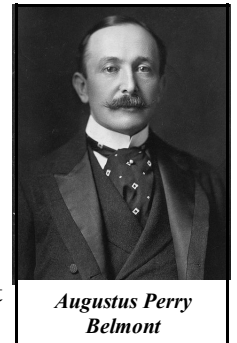
In the meantime, both Dodge and his wife were working with the black community (at that time the phrase was 'colored') in order to make their lives

better. They organized a black Presbyterian church and she established an orphanage for black orphans. William also formed an African Regiment (the 20th) which marched off to join the war on March 5, 1864, after a rousing speech by Charles King, the President of Columbia College.

As the election drew closer, William not only organized the supporters of Lincoln but entered his own name in a run for Congress. August Belmont was putting together the Democrats as a Peace Ticket with General McClelland for President and General George Armstrong Custer as a possible Vice President. The result was that Lincoln lost the city of New York, but carried the State with enough electoral votes to carry the election and William Dodge was elected to Congress.

After the war, August Belmont continued to amass a great fortune. He built his wife a mansion in the fashionable new resort of Newport (Belcourt).

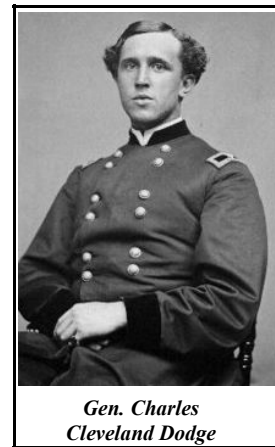
His son, August Perry Belmont used a good deal of his inheritance to build the Cape Cod Canal which came close to bankrupting him, but he was bailed out in 1927 by an Act of Congress for the tidy sum of



Augustus Perry Belmont

\$11,500,000.

The connection between Belmont and Dodge continued in the next generation. William Dodge's son, General Charles Cleveland Dodge was President of Belmont's son's Cape Cod Canal Company



Gen. Charles Cleveland Dodge



Statue of William Earl Dodge outside the New York Public Library

## Seeing God's Hand in My Life

By Marjorie E. Dodge  
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### Daily Routine, Encouragement, & Saying Goodbye

"Gail has a matter of months to live. Keep your daily routine as normal as possible. Let her set the pace. She is the only one who knows how she feels."

Gail couldn't wait to tell her friends at school all about her hospital visit. Days turned into weeks, Slowly, she recovered from her camp flu but never regained her previous level of stamina.

As family events came and went, she would remark on what she planned to do next time or next year. For her, I knew there would never be a next time or next year.

When we lit the candles for Danny's birthday in November, she said, 'Guess whose birthday is in February?' My heart broke.

Day after day Gail continued to make plans for the future that I knew was not hers.

Encouragement came in the form of sermons. God promised not to remove our trials but to be with us in them. I needed to trust that He would be there.

Encouragement came from the 23rd Psalm. "Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death I will

fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." I thought about these two instruments in God's hand. With his rod He kept us near Him, and with his staff we would be supported and sustained.

Encouragement came from Peter and Joseph. The Lord told Peter to walk on water. He did until he took his eyes off of the Lord and he began to sink.

Joseph's path led down, down, down and in each case "God was with him". In each instance, Joseph accepted this word without question.

Two weeks before her death, Gail had cold symptoms. I sat and read to her so that she would not be alone. At one point when I stopped to take a big breath, she sat up and said "Give me a big hug." When I did, she said, "Oh Momma, it feels so good to have your arms around me."

Immediately, God gave me the assurance that He could comfort me in the same way if I asked. I had the renewed assurance that when she stopped breathing on this earth, she would be in His arms.

I had walked with her hand in mine for ten and one half years. Now, I sensed her hand was in His and I had to let go.

When we left her at the hospital, I had the feeling that we had experienced our last ride together. And, 'Yes', as a family we had gone as far

as we could with her 'In the Car.' I knew the guardian angel 'given charge over her' was on duty and we could go home and wait for the doctor's call.

When the phone rang 12 hours later, at 3:10 A.M., I knew it was to announce her 'Departure.' She had been carried by the angels into God's presence. She would never again grope alone in darkness.

From that moment on, I felt supported and sustained in a way that I had never known, as if I had a buffer between my feet and the floor.

As we walked into the slumber room of the funeral home, I felt as if she had just walked out of the room and left her picture.

I walked in a 'garment of praise' that previously had been a 'spirit of heaviness.' God had removed the ashes of heaviness and put 'beauty' in the line of our vision. There are no tears of grief when your heart has been anointed with 'the oil of joy.'

At the graveside, Don, Danny and I said 'Good-bye' and closed the door behind her.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus; Safe on his gentle breast,"

*Ed note: Marjorie's story will continue in the next Journal....Yes...there is more.*

## Dead Fred by Eileen Dodge

Have you heard of the internet genealogy site called DeadFred.com? Yes, as funny as the name sounds, it is a legitimate and free photo genealogy research web site devoted to helping you visualize your heritage.



Florence Barnes, born 1886 in England immigrated to the US as a child. She married George Willard Milton Dodge from Danvers

The easily searchable database has both identified and mystery photographs for those looking for long-lost family. The site currently has a list of 18,297 surnames and 113,201 photos. Over the years, 2,392 family reunions have taken place due to photo identification.

I have used the website for about ten years; here is an example of what I found. In the surname search I entered the name Dodge and found, among 31 pictures, a 1901 Danvers graduation photo of Cora Frances Dodge. I was able to identify her - she was born 28 October 1884 in Danvers, Essex County, Massachusetts, the daughter of George S. Dodge and Arvilla W. Porter. She descended from both Richard and William Dodge.



The photo of this beautiful family of Dodge children is only marked as "The Dodge children that Grandma Roth took care of." The photo was taken sometime between 1851-1900. The Photographer was 'Krips' of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was found in antique store in Fredricksburg, KY. Can you help with their identification?



**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**  
by Norman Dodge  
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This particular Mystery Page is dedicated to five George Dodges - if you have any information that would be of help in solving these mysteries please contact Norman Dodge nedodge@aol.com

**George Dodge** married **Ellen Jackson** - their birth dates and places are unknown, also their marriage date and place is unknown - as well as their parents are unknown

**George and Ellen** had a daughter - **Florence Josephine Dodge**, born about 1895, place unknown

She married 12 August 1923 in Oswego County, New York to **Charles Edward Davis**

He was born about 1895, place unknown, the son of **Delos Davis and Elizabeth Tate**



**George Dodge**, born 1819 in Durham, Greene County, New York and died 12 Oct 1893 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois - his parents are unknown.

George married (date and place unknown) **Henrietta Barker**.

She born January 1827 in New York and died 24 Sep 1909 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of **Thomas Barker and Elizabeth Woodward**.

**George and Henrietta** raised six children, all born in Illinois:

**Fred W.**, born about 1854; **Frank**, born about 1857; **Alice Ruth**, born about 1858; **Agnes Augusta**, born about 1860, **Anna Louise**, born November 1862; and **George B.**, born about 1869.

Anna Louise married 4 April 1904 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois to

**James C. Henderson**.

He was born 24 Jan 1856 in St. Mary's, Ontario, Canada and died 3 November 1926 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,

he was the son of **Robert Henderson and Hester Alderson**.

**James and Anna** had one child: **Louise D. Henderson**, born 24 February 1906 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.



**George Dodge** was born about 1831 in Ohio and died 19 April 1895 in Illinois. His parents are unknown.

**George** was married 25 March 1863 in LaSalle County, Illinois to **Sarah L. Scullen**.

She was born about 1847 in Herkimer County, New York, the daughter of **John Scullen and Sarah Moody**.

**George** served as a Corporal in the U S Civil War in Company A, 57th Illinois Infantry. He applied for an Invalid Pension on 18 July 1891. He is buried with a Civil War Headstone in the Restland Cemetery, Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois

**George and Sarah** raised three children, all born in Illinois: **Sarah**, born about 1866; **George Alonzo**, born 28 June 1874; **Daisy May**, born 16 May 1881

**George Alonzo's** occupation was a Piano Tuner. He died 8 May 1932 in Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois.

He married (date and place unknown) **Mary Lousie Berg**.

She was born 28 August 1876 in Sweden and died 8 October 1942 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of **Frederick Berg and Mary Anderson**.

**George Alonzo and Mary** are buried in the Restland Cemetery, Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois.

**George Alonzo and Mary Louise** raised five children, all born in Illinois:

**Grace L.**, born February 1897; **Gladys P.**, born 1901; **George Alonzo, Jr.** born 31 March 1907, died 5 October 1907 in Orange

County, California; **Maxine D.**, born 1912; **Donald Ivan**, born 2 September 1914, died 9 November 1980 in Orange County, California



**George A. Dodge** was born about 1825 in New Hampshire. His parents are unknown. He was a shoemaker by trade

He married **Phoebe A. Home** who was born about 1835 in New Hampshire. She was the daughter of **John Home and Sarah** (unknown maiden name)

**George and Phoebe** raised one child: **William A. Dodge**, born 4 February 1859 in Middleton, Strafford County, New Hampshire and died 16 January 1936.

**William** was married 25 December 1889 in Danvers, Middlesex County, Massachusetts to **Sarah E. Ryon**.

She was born 19 August 1858 in Middleton, Nova Scotia, Canada and died 4 April 1924. She was the daughter of **George S. Ryon and Anna Patience** (maiden name unknown)

**William and Sarah** are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts.

**William and Anna** raised one child: **Ethel Ruth**, born 19 November 1897 in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts and died 23 February 1988 in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts.

**Ethel Ruth** married **Isaac E. Hilton**.

He was born 2 July 1899 and died January 1976 in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts. His parents are unknown.

**Isaac and Ethel** are buried in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts.



**George W. Dodge** was born about 1837 in New York and died 1895 in New York.

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About 1867 in New York he married  
**Lucy L. Carpenter.**

She was born about 1844 in New York and died 1930 in New York. She was the daughter of **Patrick Carpenter and Jane Blackmar.**

**George and Lucy** are buried in the Hunter Creek Cemetery, Holland, Erie County, New York.

**George and Lucy** raised five children, all born in Erie County, New York:  
**Anna Elizabeth**, born about 1868;  
**Rosetta**, born about 1870;  
**Orvin Howard**, born 7 October 1874 and died 11 January 1955;  
**Delbert E.**, born about 1875 and died 28 December 1942;  
**G. Lemuel**, born about 1878 and died 1897.


**Orvin Howard** was married about 1895 to **Anna Emma Bondelow..**

She was born 14 February 1875 in New York and died 1964. She was the daughter of **Wilhelm Bondelow and Friederike Augusta Schmidt.**

Two children were born in Castile, Wyoming County, New York to  
**Orvin and Anna:**  
**George William**, born 12 September 1896 and died January 1975;  
**Inez L.**, born 14 August 1898.

**George** married **Gladys M. Schurr.**  
They had no children.

**Inez** married **Arthur G. Tesh.**  
They had no children

  
**George W. Dodge** was born 18 October 1832 in New York and died 11 October 1907 in Johnson County, Kansas. His parents are unknown.

**George** married **Helen** Unknown Maiden Name, born 10 November 1836 in Connecticut and died 31 December 1888 in Johnson County, Kansas. Her parents are unknown.

**George and Helen** are buried in the Monticello United Methodist Church Un-

ion Cemetery, Shawnee, Johnson County, Kansas

**George and Helen** raised a son and daughter:  
**George Harcort**, born 1858 in Illinois and died 1929 in Deer Trail, Arapahoe County, Colorado  
**Mary B.**, born 12 April 1867 in Johnson County, Kansas and died 17 December 1900 in Johnson County, Kansas

**George Harcort Dodge** married **Isabelle Genevera 'Belle' Smith**

**Belle** was born April 1859 in Iowa and died January 1937 in Deer Trail, Arapahoe County, Colorado, the daughter of **George Gillpin Smith and Lavina Casad.**

**George and Isabelle** are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Arapahoe County, Colorado

**George and Belle** raised six children:  
**Bert Delevan**, born 27 August 1880, died 1939 married **Emilly Marie** Unknown Maiden Name.  
**Bert and Emilly** are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Arapahoe County, Colorado  
**Harriet L.**, born 27 September 1882, died 23 May 1960 married **W. A. Pilcher**  
**Lillian**, born 1888, died 1917 married **Leslie Wilson** and raised two daughters  
**Nellie Page**, born 10 February 1893, died 28 May 1990 married **George Eugene Burton** and had one son  
**Dell Smith**, born 18 October 1894, died 7 June 1970 married **Alta Grace Lamoreaux** and raised two sons and two daughters  
**Helen**, born 1906

**Mary B. Dodge** married 18 October 1891 in Johnson County, Kansas to **Lewis A. Gleason**

**Lewis** was born 1856 in Ohio and died 1936 in Johnson County, Kansas, the son of **John Nelson Gleason and Sally Ann Packwood**

**Lewis and Mary** are buried in the Monticello United Methodist Church Union Cemetery, Shawnee, Johnson County, Kansas

**I** offer the following text with hope that you will also find it useful and maybe enlightening as it was for me. (I have checked that this magnificent text is spread around Internet and for sure many of you have seen it before. For me it is new and I wanted to share it with you here). The author is anonymous.

“We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: ‘Tell our story’. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, ‘You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us.’ How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can’t let this happen. The bones here are bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought, and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.

