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## Albert Winslow Dodge Celebrates His 100th Birthday



Albert Winslow Dodge, known as ‘Albie’ by his many friends, will celebrate his 100th birthday with his family and friends on May 31st, 2014, which is the actual date of his birthday.

Albie descends from the immigrant ‘Farmer’ William Dodge who arrived in Massachusetts in 1629 embarking from the ship, *The Lyon’s Whelp*.

He has been a member of DFA since it’s inception in 1980 and attended the very first New England Reunion and every yearly reunion from them with his sister, Blanche Dodge Day who became one of our original DFA Board members and served in that regard until her health problems required her to retire.

Author Jack E. Hauck wrote about Albert in his book “*A Man of Many Trees: The Life of Albert Winslow Dodge* and in doing so, he captured the flavor of those stalwart people who not only were part of the History of Wenham, but those New Englanders who braved adverse conditions to help in the beginning of a new country, America.

From that book by Jack E. Hauck, we read “Albert Winslow Dodge has led a full and long life caring for the arboreal environment, the education of children, local government and his family. Known to most people as Albie, but preferring to be called Al, his life spans almost a hundred years. Nearly, all these years being spent in the town he loves, Wenham, MA. He saw the town grow from one with about 1,000 people to one with nearly five thousand. Remaining quick of mind through his life, he is a walking history book of the town’s growth. From childhood, Al had a strong interest in trees. This likely came from his father’s and grandfather’s working in the arboreal field. When he became a father, Al had a strong interest in schools. He and his wife, Betty, wanted their three children to receive a very good education, at local schools. From his experience in developing a regional school system, Al’s interest expanded into town government, where he participated in one of the most active periods of Wenham’s development. Then, having lived through a great many years of life in Wenham, Al became well-known for his knowledge of Wenham’s history.”

Albie’s activities in the town, in his church and in his profession are too numerous to list here, but we can give you a sample: School committees, Site committees, Airport, Cemetery, and Senior Housing committees are just a few of the many activities in which he was involved. His professional memberships were just as extensive: International Society of Arboriculture, National Arborists Assoc., Massachusetts Tree Wardens Association, American Chestnut Foundation, Arnold Arboretum, just to name a few.

You can read more about it from Jack Hauck’s book about Albie Dodge on-line at: <http://www.hwlibrary.org/PDF/Treasures of Wenham History> and there is at least one copy available on Amazon.com.

Below is a photo of those who attended the New England Dodge Reunion in 2000. Right there in the front row, 3rd from the right is Albie. The photo was taken outside of the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Several people in this photo are no longer with us so this photo becomes a memorial of those great reunions once held in New England.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND DODGE FAMILY REUNION IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS OCTOBER 21, 2000

**FAMILY CREST LOOKS GREAT WHEN FRAMED**

A DFA member sent us this photo after they framed the Dodge crest that they ordered.

The unframed Dodge crest is only \$10 or 3 for \$25, shipped without further charge. Let us know if you would like one...or three!



When Janet Beard of Arcadia, CA sent in her dues, she also sent in a program for a Spring Piano Recital.

She teaches both classical and popular and the program, which included many Asian students, is very impressive. Everything from Yankee Doodle to Prelude in C# Minor, not an easy piece to learn. I know, because when I (Barbara) was 15, I learned this on my own, never having had a piano lesson. When I was 27, and finally able to take lessons, my teacher said I was at the top of a skyscraper with no foundation, so then started all the scales, sonatinas, exercises, etc.

To have so many Asian students, Janet has to be an excellent teacher, as Asian parents who pay for their children to have piano lessons, expect the very best out of those children.

I have heard many Asian children pianists and they always seem to be excellent. They are driven to excel.

If you know of anyone in the area of Arcadia, CA who would like to learn piano, perhaps Janet would be the teacher needed.

**DNA REPORT**

By Co-Administrator Norman Duane Dodge

I am sending a revised Tristram DNA chart to be posted on [dodgefamily.org](http://dodgefamily.org) website.

That chart shows that kit #174683 (Lindsay C Dodge) and kit #260080 (Cyrus Dayton Dodge) are 100% match for 111 markers and kit #16209 (Gene Arthur Dodge) is only 1 step away from them. This points to a VERY CLOSE relationship in their ancestry.

However, to muddy the waters, the family of Lindsay C. (Cloyce) Dodge are all from Missouri/Arkansas with the first KNOWN ancestors being Daniel Dodge & Irene Rowley who were married on Long Island, NY. They had only one child before Daniel was killed near the end of the Revolution. That one child, Daniel Rowley Dodge and his wife Anna Blyndenburg had eight children and Lindsay descends from Martin Blyndenburg Dodge and Lucinda Bacon.

The family of Cyrus Dayton Dodge was from New York & even Canada. His earliest known ancestor was Thomas Dodge and Happy Ingalls. Thomas was supposedly born in Vermont but they were found in Dunham, Missisquoi, Quebec, Canada, with family members just this side of the Canadian Border in NY.

Gene Arthur Dodge's DNA is only 1 step away from Lindsay's and Cyrus'. His earliest known ancestry is Obediah 'Obed' and Betsey Merrill/Morell from New York initially and then spreading out across the country. Gene's ancestry hails from Wisconsin.

On our DNA chart, I placed Lindsay, Cyrus & Gene with the David Britain group because they have a perfect match to that group in 1-37 marker area.

**Ed. Note.** When DNA matches in 111 markers, that is BIG and usually means common ancestors are brothers. This has been proved before in several instances. However, with 3 families that seem to have all children accounted for, and who live in such separated parts of the country, it is difficult to find out how these 3 are related unless something in one of the ancestries is not correct.

We have one person who tested Tristram, who traced his ancestry to Tristram, Tristram, Thomas, but his DNA clearly shows he is Tristram Israel, Thomas. One of the Thomas' was b. in 1682 and the other in 1684. Great sleuthing by Eileen Dodge finally found the correct genealogy which is now in our Tristram data base.

So to summarize, DNA does count! And it does HELP in many cases. If you think you can help with this conundrum, we would certainly appreciate your input, theories, etc. Just email Eileen Dodge at: [edodge1946@comcast.net](mailto:edodge1946@comcast.net).



Photo of Alfred Winslow Dodge 'Albie' and his sister, Blanche Dodge Day as they attended the 2006 Dodge Family Reunion .

## The View From My Window



One of our members sent a newspaper article about Block Island, Bermuda of the north, so I looked around on the internet, and knew that our Tristram Dodge descendants would enjoy reading about their ancestors home turf in THIS country. You can find a lot about Block Island on the internet.

In other news from Colorado, after Fred dog died (last Journal), I started to foster again for Safe Harbor Lab Rescue. The first dog they brought me to foster, was Roscoe. He had had a family since a pup, but when the family broke up through divorce, he was given over to Safe Harbor because no one could take care of him anymore.

At first, when I would walk him, he would run up to any young woman pushing a stroller or to any very young child. How sad!

But it was not long before he followed me around the house and wherever I sat, whether working at the computer, watching TV, working in the kitchen, etc., there was Roscoe laying at my feet.

I wrote to my friends at Safe Harbor and told them that if Roscoe was not adopted by anyone who was presently interested in seeing him, that I would like to adopt him.

A few days later, I received an email that had an adorable talking puppy e-card. He told me that Roscoe was now mine, and 'Happy Easter'.

Since that time, Roscoe has been a constant companion, along with Polly dog, my Lab-Sharpei mix that I also got from Safe Harbor. She was also given to me because they knew I loved her.

My friend, Joyce, and I take Roscoe and Polly to Chatfield dog park at least twice a week. Roscoe LOVES the water and I bought him an orange floating water toy that we throw in one of the 2 lakes in the dog park. He swims out to get it. He would do this all day until he dropped but because of his age, and the fact the water is still quite cold, we monitor him carefully and when he appears to be swimming a little slower, it is time to leave the lakes and go up

on the path where he can walk in the sun, dry off, and once in awhile run after his water toy in the field.

Chatfield dog park has acres fenced in for the dogs and there are always many dogs to visit and Polly and Roscoe LOVE that!. Joyce and I walk the long walk...there are several ways to walk, but we do the 2 mile walk. It gives the dogs a good workout and us also!.

The other day, 3 great grandchildren came to visit because they wanted to see Grandma Dodge's new dog. They played with Roscoe. Joseph, who is 4 played the longest, and then he knelt down in front of Frostie



collie and talked to her and patted her face. He and Frostie just love each other.

Frostie collie is quite ancient for a standard collie. She is at least

14 years old now, and cannot take walks. She rests out in the yard while I am gone with Roscoe and Polly. She is always very excited to greet us when we get back.

Above is a picture of Roscoe on Adoption day. He is wearing a Safe-harbor neckerchief. *Barbara*

### Seeing God's Hand in My Life

By Marjorie E. Dodge  
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#### Our Unseen Pain

It had been 5 years since Gail died and now we were on our way back, making the 299 mile trip to the Medical Center in Los Angeles, and this time it was for Danny.

"I'm not sure what's causing Danny's elevated blood pressure but it's too high for a 17 year old. To make a conclusive diagnosis you need to be examined where they have specialized equipment. The symptom's

aren't the same as Gail's were, and the odds are you don't have the same disease." These words from our doctor were the reason that we were on this trip today.

A downpour left the freeway treacherous and concentration was necessary for the last miles into Los Angeles.

Danny was here for a biopsy of his kidney. After Danny was prepped for the biopsy, the doctor said, "This test is only to confirm our suspicions that you have Glomerulo Nephritis."

"What's that?" asked Danny.

The Doctor paused and then said: "The cluster of blood vessels located at the beginning of the kidney tubule are no longer functioning. We suspect that this is the cause of your high blood pressure and the build-up of toxins in your system. We'd like your signature authorizing us to take a specimen of your kidney tissue for future research. We don't have much data on this disease. Your condition is terminal but you'll have one or two more years to live. Be sure to follow-up with your local family doctor when you get home. See you in the morning."

The sound of the medical team closing the massive doors at the end of the hallway sent shockwaves back up the hall to the three of us. Nothing from the pharmacy could reach our pain, but God's Word sustained our spirits.

One of the degenerative effects Danny suffered was the failure of his body thermostat. Once the temperature went above 70 degrees, his face turned beet red and he experienced pain throughout his entire body.

By this time Danny was 21 and wanted to live on his own. I tried to dissuade him, but he was adamant. "I have to prove to myself that I can do it. If I can't live by myself now, I'll never be able to."

After a long talk with the Lord I knew I had to just trust Him.

"Trust Him when darkest thoughts assail; Trust Him when your faith is small; Trust Him, when to simply trust Him is the hardest thing of all.

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## NEW MEMBERS

## WHERE THEY CAME FROM; WHERE THEY LIVE; WHAT THEY DO

**Simon Robin Dodge** writes; "I was born outside London, UK, Nov 1957. My parents are from Lancashire and Cheshire area and moved down south in early 1950's. In the mid-1970s my parents and I left UK after I after finished high school (Haileybury College) and I subsequently attended the University of Toronto, graduating in Electrical Engineering. I focused on computer technology, and have since worked in Insurance and Financial industries as a computer programmer, systems designer, and now specialize in security surrounding IBM main-frame computers. I am currently a Principal Engineer with Wells Fargo bank. I speak regularly at computer conferences such as SHARE, Pulse, and CA World.

I moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1985. I am married and have 1 son, Charles, who currently attends Georgia State University.

My wife, Christine, makes silver jewelry, sings in choir, and is active in coordinating outreach activities for her grandfathers church

I enjoy gardening (currently growing Tomatoes, Beans, Onions, Sweet potatoes, Melons, Beetroot, Leeks, Broccoli, Carrots, Parsnips, Okra and an assortment of herbs and flowers) ; When younger I was very fortunate to be able to explore the USA on a bicycle, crossing coast to coast in 1987 while raising money for the American Lung Association.

I am very glad to have been able to join the Dodge Association, and research my family tree. My father was never able to determine who his grandfather was (since his father was killed in action during WW I, and there was little family information recorded for the next generation).

As far as the earliest Dodge, here is what I can determine: I go back to a William Dodge of Manchester b 1540 (but that hasn't been verified by an 'official' genealogist, just by myself using info from family, the on-line Dodge World database and Ancestry.co.uk)"

I have similarly been able to trace ancestors via mothers line back to 15

century to Randal Thorley of Staffordshire, whose father, unknown name, was born 1485. Also via mothers line is a Great Uncle, Sir Frederick Painter, who was a Sheriff of London 1913-1914 (City of London, not the Metropolitan area.)"

*Ed Note: Simon shares, we believe at least one common ancestor with our members, Judy and Ralph Dodge of New Zealand/Australia.*

**Tim Prentice** writes: "I recently was made aware of the Dodge Family Association by my Dad's first cousin, Judy Ragan. Judy has long been the official family genealogist and I reached out to her a few months ago with an interest in learning more about my heritage. She immediately welcomed me with open arms and has been an invaluable asset to my desire for family history.

As it turns out, I am a descendent of both Richard and William Dodge (there's at least 2 sets of kissing cousins in my tree). My great-grandmother was Myra Dodge (Prentice) and my father bears Dodge as his middle name - Richard Dodge Prentice.

I am 33 and live in Harrisburg, NC (a suburb of Charlotte) with my wife, Melissa, and my two children, Lily, age 6, and Joey, 8 months.

I grew up in this area and went to



college at Campbell University where I met my wife and graduated in 2004 with both a BBA in Accounting and an MBA.

My wife and I celebrated 10 years of wedded bliss on May 15th. I work for Bank of America, leading a team of 20 people who manage all the space data for our 100 million square foot real es-

tate portfolio.

In my free time, I enjoy golfing, serving and worshipping at church (I'm currently the Vice-Chair of the Church Council), and spending time with my family and friends. I'm a die-hard Carolina Panthers and Carolina Tar Heels fan - nothing comes between me and the TV during the NFL and NCAA basketball seasons.

I love to learn about people - everyone has a story and every story is unique. I love even more learning and telling the stories of my ancestors. History has always been interesting to me, but in school it was more about learning the facts and dates of events and less about the people involved. The vast majority of my family (I suppose it's our family) is so deeply entrenched as a part of American history, that knowing their stories really makes history come alive.

As my children grow, I want them to know where and how their family fits into the history lessons they learn. While it's great to know that the Mayflower landed at Plymouth in November 1620, it's even cooler to look at the signatures on the Mayflower Compact and know that they're descended from several of those people and to know the part each of those people played as settlers in the "New World". As I continue to learn more about my family, my goal is to become the resident storyteller of all things ancestry for my children and one day, grandchildren..

*Ed Note: Tim is a cousin of Judy Ragan, (who hosted the Simi Valley Reunion) and is also cousins with Norman E. Dodge, our President, and with Earl F. Dodge and Col. Robert Dodge (both deceased)*

**Desiree** writes: "My name is **Desiree Dodge Chrysler**. I was born and raised in Colorado. My husband Dan and I have been married for thirty-two years and have three wonderful children. Two of them have degrees from colleges here in Colorado and the third is still in high school. We live on a small farm in Penrose, Colorado and just love it. I raise Australian Shepherds and have a Jack

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Russell and a mini Aussie that is my sons. I also have 2 pigs, 1 cow, chickens, and 2 miniature horses. As you can see I love animals. Here is a picture of our newest addition. Her name is Lilly. We are both retired from the school district here and are both enjoying retirement. I am proud to be a Dodge and love the history of our families. I hope someday to go to Vermont and Massachusetts to visit and take in the sights..”



LILLY

**Robert (Bob) Howard Dodge** currently lives in Walworth, Wisconsin. He hails from John Dodge of Middle Chinnock, England. Robert is the third of four sons born to Leon Erwin Dodge and Margaret Genevieve Dodge. He was born May 2nd, 1929, in Ringwood, Illinois. Following his father’s death in 1934, his mother took the family to live in Woodstock, Illinois, where he attended school until he graduated June 5, 1947. He married Carolyn Mae Williams on September 10th 1949. They had a son Robert Craig Dodge born Sept 24th, 1950 and died in 1985. In 1952 they moved to Sharon, Wisconsin. Robert and Carolyn had another son Leon Dean Dodge March 18th, 1953, followed by a daughter, Colleen Marie Dodge (previously named Susan Colleen Dodge) July 8th, 1958. In May of 1985, Robert and Carolyn moved to Walworth, Wisconsin. Carolyn passed away February 14th, 2005. Robert has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. One of Robert’s grandsons, Justin Robert Dodge, has done a genealogy of our Dodge family which can be found at JustinRDodge.com. An interesting and fun fact is that Robert’s younger brother, Jon (Jack)

Dodge born two years later but on the same day as Robert, married Carolyn’s identical twin sister Charlotte.

**We are happy to welcome our New members**

**John Dodge, Glenville, NY  
Desiree Chrysler, Penrose, CO  
Simon Dodge, Atlanta, GA  
Timothy Prentice, Harrisburg, NC  
William Dodge, Westport, CT  
John Holland, Louisville, CO  
Robert Dodge, Walworth, WI  
Brian Edward Dodge, Newport News, VA**

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**MYSTERY OF ROBERT DODGE and MERCY ATWELL**

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We have many Dodge families in the Mystery File – the reason I have chosen to feature this family is because one of our new members, Brian Edward Dodge of Newport News, Virginia, descends from the mystery of Robert Dodge and Mercy Atwell. I have only brought this family forward through four generations to protect the identity of living persons.

**FIRST GENERATION**

**Robert Dodge** was born 1780 in Vermont and died about 1825. HIS PARENTS ARE UNKNOWN. Robert married **Mercy Atwell Thayer**, widow of **Joseph Thayer**.

**Robert & Mercy** had the following children:

**Clarinda** (1811 -1833); **Ruth Cline** (1815-); **John Elliot** (1819-1895); **Lydia S.** (1821-1895); **Mary E.** (1824-1870).

**SECOND GENERTION**

**Ruth Cline Dodge** married **Orestus Orville Beach** (1816-1860), son of **Aron Orestus Beach & Huldah Adams**.

**Orestus & Ruth** had the following children:

**Orville John; Edwin Calbert; Huldah Mercy; Calvin William; Scribner Roswell; Wahington Orestus; Albert Gallard; Amos Gideon.**

**John Elliot Dodge** married first, **Elinor Skelton** (1825-1863), daughter of **John Skelton & Sarah Hamilton**.

**John & Elinor** had the following children:

**Elliot W.** (1845-1922); **Florence Clarinda** (1848-); **Butler J.** (1851-1923); **Ellen Isabell** (1862-1863).

**John Elliot Dodge** married second, **Sarah A Osgood** (1843-1915).

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*(Robert Dodge-Mercy Atwell Dodge Mystery—Continued from page 5)*

**John & Sarah** had the following children:

**Alta** (1865-1865); **Charles L.** (1871-)

**Lydia S. Dodge** married **George Upham** (1815-1896), son of **Nathan Upham & Susannah Tilden**.

**George & Lydia** had the following children:

**Mary; Roxa C.; George C.; John N.; Effie O.; Amos T.; Hattie A.**

**Mary E. Dodge** married **Ephraim Rockwell**.

**Mary & Ephraim** had the following children:

**William D.; Hannah L.; Linn L.; Frank D.**

### THIRD GENERATION

**Elliott W. Dodge** married **Susan Lyle** (1849-1930), daughter of **John Lyle & Mary English**.

**John & Susan** had the following children:

**Mary Eleanor** (1870-); **Melville L.** (1872-1966); **John Ralph** (1874-1940); **Ernest Wayne** (1877-1961); **Percy Vincent** (1866-1918).

**Florence Clarinda Dodge** married **Plummer Bell Hazen** (1837-????), son of **Samuel Bell Hazen & Letty Maria States**.

**Plummer & Florence** had the following child:

**Bessie M.** (1870-)

**Butler J. Dodge** married **Emma Jane Hutchison** (1855-1946), daughter of **John Plimmon Hutchison & Matilda Jane Rozelle Reynolds**.

**Butler & Emma** had the following children:

**Jessie Josephine** (1882-1956); **Harry John** (1894-).

**Charles L. Dodge** married first **Doris H. Cox** (1855-).

**Charles L. Dodge** married second **Annabel Skelton** (1872-1921), daughter of **Marion Jasper Skelton & Mary Angeline Camp**

**Charles & Annabel** had the following children:

**John Jasper** (1805-1971); **Angeline** (1900-); **Annabele** (twin 1907-); **Ruth A.** (twin 1907-).

### FOURTH GENERATION

**Melville L. Dodge** married **Lyda Ann Blue** (1872-1957) daughter of **Isaac Blue & Minerva Hennan**.

**Melville & Lyda** had the following children:

**Florence Ursula** (1897-); **Eva B.** (1898-1987); **Maude** (1900-1975); **Mildred** (1905-); **Melvin Lloyd, Jr.** (1910-1975)

**John Ralph Dodge** married **Nora Belle Chesney** (1876-1909), daughter of **David Chesney & Lydia Thorn**.

**John & Nora** had the following children:

**Otis H.** (1900-1966); **Paul E.** (1904-1933); **Guy Edward** (1907-1969)

**Ernest Wayne Dodge** married **Clara Adelia Craig** (1883-1946), daughter of **Sylvester Craig & Eliza Craig**

**Ernest & Clara** had the following children:

**Walter** (1902-); **Lawrence Ray** (1903-1958); **Edna** (1908-); **Edith** (1909-); **Elliott** (1913-); **Robie L.** (1915-); **Ethel** (1917-); **Helen** (1919-).

**Percy Vincent Dodge** married **Pansy E. Forsythe** (1896-1939), daughter of **George M. Forsythe & Tennessee Francis Baze**

**Percy & Pansy** had one child:

**Lloyd Allen** (1940-1985)

**Jessie Josephine Dodge** married **Alpha Judson Fisk , IV** (1878-1945), son of **Elisha Judson Fisk, III & Lovina Bethial Amy**

**Jessie & Alpha** had one child:

**Gladys Edna** (1903-1955)

**John Jasper Dodge** married **Ruth Sager** (1896-1971), daughter of **William Harvey Sager & Susie M Deibler**

**John & Ruth** had one child:

**Ruth Jean** (1921-1995)



SIMI VALLEY DODGE FAMILIY REUNION

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Standing: JUDY RAGAN the hostess of the SIMI VALLEY reunion

On May 17, 2014, a group of 18 Dodge descendants and their families met to break bread together and to enjoy a beautiful spring, felt like summer, day.

When you enjoy genealogy as much as I do, it is important to keep in touch with your relatives. We discovered that these 18 folks represented all five lines from the sons of Richard Dodge.

Most of us are not closely connected; however, the bond was there nevertheless. As 93 year old George Dodge said, "We must all be Dodges", when someone would comment about how nice everyone was and how much fun we were having.

In attendance that Saturday were the hosts, Bill & Judy Ragan and Bill & Sharon Martin, all from Simi Valley, CA.; Norman & Eileen Dodge from Washington State; George & Joanne Dodge with daughter, Sara Faust, granddaughter Kristen Gay from Arizona; David & Eleanor Dodge from Nevada & sister, Sherry Bornick from Wisconsin; Chuck & Jane Dodge from Escondido,

CA; Kim & Christine Dodge from Santa Rosa, CA; and Diane Flynn from Oxnard, CA. For such a small group we represented, not only many Dodge lines, but a wide range of locations.

Judy made a chart showing the lineage from John or Tristram Dodge for everyone attending. Everyone was excited to see how they fit into the chart of fellow Dodge descendants and how the lines inter-connected.

Eleanor and Sherry shared information about their family reunion held in Wisconsin. Eleanor made a banner of pictures from their family and from previous reunions. It was fun to see John Dodge 1816-1898 on our chart and then to see his picture on Sherry's banner.



Above, Vintage photo of the John Dodge family of Wisconsin.



Fromleft: Bill Ragan; Kristen Gay; Sara Faust; Eileen Dodge

Food was plentiful and delicious and enjoyed by all. I can say that because I didn't cook it!

As some folks had to leave for other commitments, it became clear that the rest didn't want to leave. So as the afternoon wound down and the day cooled off, we decided to snack on the leftovers and keep enjoying each other's company. We all said we'd meet again next year and hoped that we would get more attendees then.

**TIP:** Make the most of your summer and host a reunion with your family. It's the best source of genealogy you can find.

**There are more photos on the following pages.**



Above from the left: DFA President Norman E. Dodge, Chuck Dodge, Bill Martin, Kirsten Gay, George Dodge, Joanne Dodge, Sara Faust

Below: Christine and Arthur 'Kim' Dodge. Arthur descends from William Earl Dodge and Melissa Phelps. William was a great Philanthropist from New York, and helped start the YMCA.



Sherry Bornick and Eleanor Layton are holding a chart of their Dodge line from John Dodge who went to Wisconsin. They would like to invite you to their reunion to be held on June 19, 2014, at the Cambria Park, Wisconsin, at 12 noon. They have a baseball game and other games, ice cream, bar-b-q beef, hot dogs and you bring a pot luck dish to share. They provide pop & coffee. They'd also like folks to know that on the last Sunday of June next year 2015, they will celebrate the 60th anniversary of this Dodge Family picnic. For further information contact Sherry Bornick at [bornie@frontier.com](mailto:bornie@frontier.com) or Eleanor Layton at: [elayton\\_89820@yahoo.com](mailto:elayton_89820@yahoo.com).



On the right is a picture of group , from left to right, Sharon Martin, Christine Dodge, David Layton, Bill Martin, Kristen Gay and Jane Dodge.



Photo on the left: Kristen Gay; George Dodge; Joanne Dodge; Sara Faust.

Those with backs to the camera from left: David Layton, Chuck Dodge, Norman Dodge, Jane Dodge

Those attending were actually able to do genealogy stuff . They viewed and discussed and signed the wall chart that Judy and Eileen Dodge (wife of Norman Dodge and one of our volunteer genealogy experts) put together - it was a big hit for everyone to see how they were connected.

On the right you see Diane Flynn on a computer looking at genealogy.

There was 'free' stuff (perks for those who took the time to travel and attend this reunion) on the tables which was a big hit - all but a few things were gone by the end of the day.



It was truly like a real family reunion - not just a meet and greet but there was lots of time to talk and get to know one another rather than just say hello or not even get a chance to talk to some of the people. The cost of \$12 per person was very affordable.

We HOPE that this reunion format will encourage others of you across the county to think seriously about holding a Dodge Family Reunion. We will promote any such reunions in our Dodge Journal and on our website [dodgefamily.org](http://dodgefamily.org), and will send out flyers encouraging people to attend.



On the left is the food before it was attacked by hungry Dodges and Dodge descendants. It was plentiful and diverse with many options served and was eaten from paper plates - on tables under canopies outside in the fresh air.

You could go back for more food if desired. There was a choice of two different cakes and vanilla ice cream for dessert long after the main meal was over. Those who stayed for the entire day and left at 9 PM ate leftovers for dinner.

On the right: Norman E. Dodge, our DFA president relaxes and visits with Jane Dodge from Escondido, CA. Chuck Dodge (seen in the top left photo on page 7). Many years ago, Chuck solved one of our big mysteries out of Massachusetts and has helped with genealogy many times over the years.



On the left is Bill Ragan who is the husband of Judy Ragan. They hosted this reunion. Visiting with Bill is David Layton of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

On the right: From the left we see the head of Joanne Dodge: next to her is Sara Faust, Eleanor Layton and Diane Flynn.

The entire day was informal, not stuffy, no men in suits, no women in dresses - all very casual and comfy.

There were soft drinks, bottled water and juice in a cooler as well as regular iced tea for drinks - coffee too if they wanted.

There was a snack table with a variety of crackers, cookies, etc.

It was all day - come and go as your schedule permitted with no stated time to 'end' the reunion. We could be indoors or outdoors on the patio or under the canopies in the yard.

