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Mary Dodge Woodward

From a long time DFA member, Stephen Allen Dodge:

"I Just want to thank the association for the article on Mary Dodge Woodward's book, *The Checkered Years*. After reading the article in the *Journal*, I purchased the book and I'm about 3/4 through it. I'm really enjoying it, I often wondered how life was for our past families back in the days. This book is a perfect example of their daily pioneer life, the hardships, the happiness, the chores, the visitors and the unexpected weather disasters. One can almost feel Mary's excitement when small things like newspapers, books and letters from family arrived. I like when Mary writes that a salesman stopped by and the weather turned to the worst and he had to spend the night under her roof. That would not happen today.

I like when she writes of the excitement when one of her flowers bloomed or a neighbor stopping by." Thanks again, Steve

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January 1. The New year turns from the old reluctantly as I did from the old brown house, and the wind voices a protest round the gable. The family on the Dodge farm consists, at the present time, of Walter, Fred, and myself. Katie and Theron and Nellie are far away, but we have every reason to believe that they are happy, and we feel contented with our lot even though it is a cold one. When I was a child of eight, after my mother died, I was sent to Uncle John's and lived on the Dodge farm in Vermont. Now, I am old, my husband is dead, and I am called to live on the Dodge farm in Dakota Territory, just fifty years later.

The temperature is twenty degrees below zero at 8 A.M. which is too cold to work and almost too cold to live. But the sun nearly always shines in Dakota and although the days are cold they are not gloomy. The big coal stove booms night and day and we cannot suffer in the house; however it is really not safe to be out of doors. Walter froze a spot on his cheek while he and Fred were getting out manure. We are all frostbitten even to Roxy the dog and Bjone the cat.

No mortal hand could paint such beautiful designs as adorn my kitchen windows and when the evening sun, descending, sets the sky on fire with redness, they resemble white lamp shades over a bright light. Our neighbors, Mrs. McAuliffe and Rose have been spending the evening with us. Tonight we saw an *ignis fatuus*, or will-o'-the-wisp.*

January 7. The wind blew this morning driving the snow before it furiously, but it went down by now and is pleasant and warm. Walter and John Martin, who is visiting us, went to Fargo and bought me a pair of slippers which just suit me. If I am to live in Dakota, I find I must prepare for the cold. A young McGowan boy froze his feet so badly that they may have to be amputated. Alas, he took just one more drink before going home and wandered about until morning. I think nine-tenths of the people who have frozen to death in Dakota have been under the influence of intoxicating drink. A clear brain is needed to find refuge in a storm.

Nothing can be done out of doors in weather like this except the chores. The boys have had all the care of the nineteen horses this winter. Last year we hired a man who "knew all about horses." Some of them were lousy in the spring. Today a horse ran off and Walter and Fred hooked on a pair and brought him safely in. The boys manage to do a little carpenter work by bringing their tools into the kitchen.

January 16. Walter and Fred have gone to Fargo. They take advantage of every pleasant hour, there are so few. We get our mail only once a week which seems strange for we have always before lived close to the post office. I was glad indeed to get letters from my two good girls and from my dear sister, Isabinda. There is no road at all between here and Fargo and some of the way the boys could not see one light. No wonder people get lost on the prairie which one of the papers calls a "boundless sea of undulating land," and suggests that everyone should carry a pocket compass and have sense enough to know that the needle always points north. No one should be more than a mile from home without a good warm coat, for no matter how brightly the sun may be shining, the blizzard season is upon us. The boys brought thirteen newspapers with all the news, good and bad. The burning of Notre Dame fills my mind with horror.

We stay in the sitting room near the stove most of the day, going into the kitchen just long enough to eat our meals. Tonight is cold and clear and the stars gleam as I have never seen them except in Dakota. Fred is reading *Foul Play*, and Walter, *Great Expectations*, quite characteristic of the two boys.

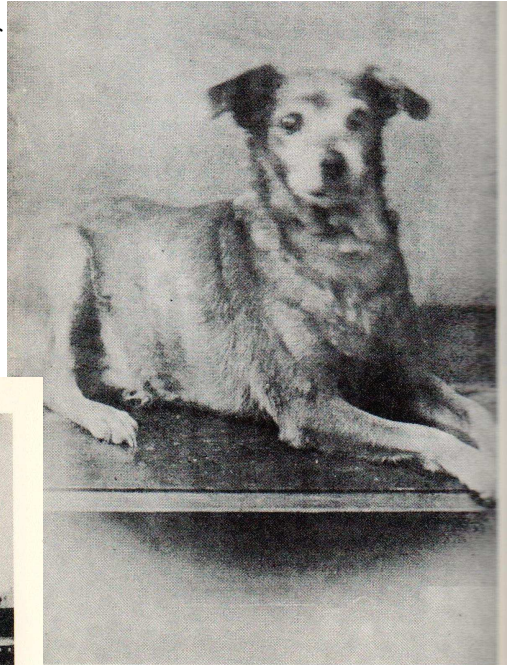
*a phosphorescent light seen hovering or floating at night over marshy ground, thought to result from the combustion of natural gases; ignis fatuus.

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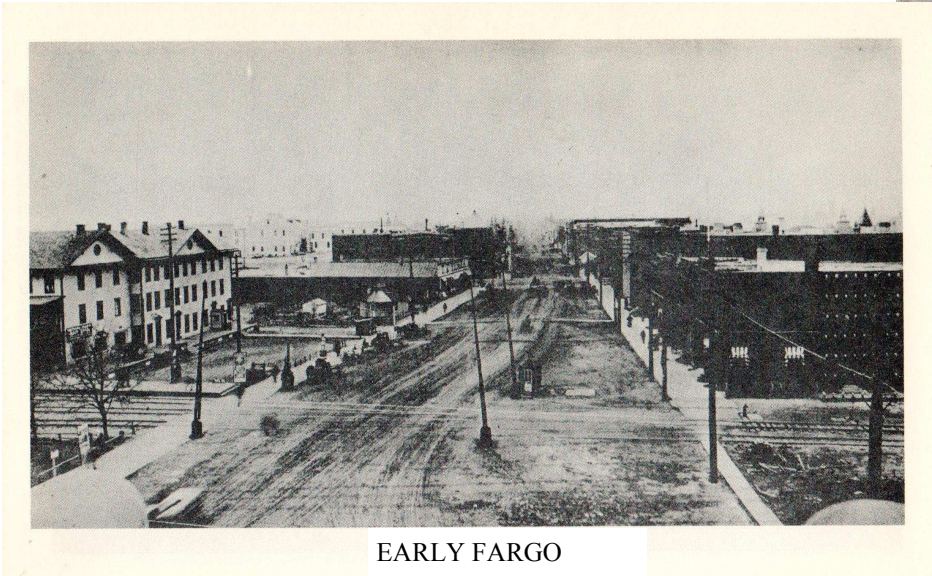
January 19—The sitting room is full of sunshine and I am alone with the exception of Roxy, our dog, and my old rose geranium which really seems a thing of life, it looks so much like home. I tend the plants with the greatest care, fearful lest I may lose them. Besides the geranium, I have only a pot of pansies with never a blossom.

There is no school as diphtheria is among the Mennonites, and there have been several deaths. I hope the epidemic will not reach this neighborhood where there are many children. Mr. McAuliffe got lost last night coming from Fargo, although he has lived here seven years. He wandered around until he finally found a stack with a path leading from it to a house where he remained until morning. I expect my poor cat is dead. I have not seen her these three days.



ROXY THE DOG

January 28—I wanted the boys to go after the mail but they dared not put off the hay. If there should be a blizzard tomorrow, I could get along without mail better than the animals could without eating. The horses look much better than last winter. How they do prance about! Last night was so clear that the stars gleamed



EARLY FARGO

and the electric light in Fargo fairly shone into my bedroom window! Who would suppose the town was eight miles away as the crow flies? We can see a good many buildings there with the spyglass since the leaves have fallen.

The wind has blown furiously all day and the snow flies. One can scarcely breathe outdoors. Walter and Fred and I have sat around the fire so many stormy evenings that we do not feel like laughing at the “baffled Fiend as his sounding wind goes by,”* but, after all, we have plenty to read and plenty to eat, so let it storm!. Fred is reading *Pickwick Papers*. Walter is suffering with toothache and, for once, doesn’t care for reading. I have been interested in *Judith Shakespeare*** and *Nature’s Serial Story*, both in *Harper’s Magazine*.

*”And laugh at the shriek of the baffled Fiend as his sounding wing goes by!” from a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier.

** Judith Shakespeare was a daughter of William Shakespeare. who married a Mr. Quincy. She is called the “forgotten daughter of William Shakespeare”. Certainly I never heard of her!

The series ran in Harper’s magazine in 1894. You can have access to 185 years of Harper’s Magazine for \$45.99 and can read this series and other stories that were published in ancient years.



DODGE FARM



GREAT BRITAIN—Dodges Who Fought For Their Country: the Ultimate Sacrifice World War II



For each name listed here, there is a memorial in England. If you go to our website, dodgefamily.org, and click on the link for 'those who fought', choose England and WWII sacrifice, you can then click on each name in order to see that persons memorial. I wanted to include those memorials in the Journal but to make them small enough, meant that they could hardly be seen.



ALAN DODGE, Lance Corporal 14415670 **11/06/1944** 19 Essex Regiment United Kingdom XXI. C. 14. **BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY**

CHARLES HENRY DODGE, Lance Corporal 6397926 **20/05/1940** 31 Royal Sussex Regiment United Kingdom Column 63. **DUNKIRK MEMORIAL**

THE REV. ERNEST J. DODGE, Royal Army Chaplains Department. Age: 38. **Date of death: 23. 6. 1941.** United Kingdom 19. F. 3. **HALFAYA SOLLUM WAR CEMETERY** Ernest was the son of Henry and Emma Dodge; husband of Ida Dodge, of Sheffield.

FRANK EDGAR DODGE Private 1787636 **07/08/1944** 23 Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) United Kingdom XXIV. E. 9. **BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY**

GEORGE WILLIAM JAMES DODGE Leading Aircraftman (Pilot u/T); 1331421; Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, United Kingdom, West Extn. **George died January 19, 1942.** He was 19 years old. He is buried in Grave 109, West Extension, **HITCHIN CEMETERY.** George was the son of William James Dodge and Matilda Dodge, of Hitchin.

HORACE ISAAC DODGE, Lance Serjeant 7934202 **21/09/1944** 34 Royal Armoured Corps United Kingdom V. F. 3. **MIERLO WAR CEMETERY.** Horace was the son of Isaac and Emily Jane Dodge; husband of Nancy Kathleen Ivy Dodge, of Queenborough, Kent. His brother Ronald also died on service.

JAMES ARTHUR DODGE, Private 4860293 **29/05/1940** 21 Leicestershire Regiment United Kingdom Plot 2. Row A. Grave 10. **NIEUWERKERKE CHURCHYARD.** James was the son of Charles Thomas Dodge and Amy Abigail Dodge, of Mountsorrel, Leicestershire.

JOHN ALFRED DODGE, Trooper 7908496 **23/11/1941** 22 Royal Armoured Corps United Kingdom 20. A. 8. **HALFAYA SOLLUM WAR CEMETERY.** John was the son of William A. and Harriet Dodge E, of Shoreditch, London.

RONALD DODGE, Private 6296187 **19/05/1941** 29 The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) United Kingdom New Ground. Sec. G. Grave 145. **SITTINGBOURNE CEMETERY.** Ronald was the son of Isaac and Emily Jane Dodge; husband of Edna Mary Dodge, of Sittingbourne. His brother Horace Isaac also died on service.

STANLEY CYRIL DODGE, Private 4975813 **12/09/1944** 23 Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) United Kingdom Column 71. **SINGAPORE MEMORIAL**

STANLEY WILBUR DODGE. Pilot Officer; 118574; Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, United Kingdom **Stanley died on Thursday, 17th September 1942.** He was 21 years old. He is buried in **HEVERLEE WAR CEMETERY** in England. Grave Memorial reference: 7. K. 1. Stanley was the son of Ralph Salem Dodge and Amy Harlow

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Dodge, of Redwood City, California, USA

THOMAS DODGE, Lance Serjeant 5439041 24/10/1942 24 The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) United Kingdom XXV. G. 23. **EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY**. Thomas was the son of James and Elizabeth Dodge; husband of Alice Marion Dodge, of South Ealing, Middlesex.

WILLIAM E. DODGE, Lance Corporal T/140069 08/03/1943 24 Royal Army Service Corps United Kingdom 16. E. 5. **MEDJEZ-EL-BAB WAR CEMETERY**. William was the son of William James Dodge and Beatrice Maud Dodge, of Fairwater, Glamorgan.



NEW DFA MEMBERS

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Jim Reed, Parker, CO
Mary Greco, Des Moines IA

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THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB.

Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834.

This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter, each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

Ed. Note: We received this from several people and thought it worthy to be in our Journal.

Who Do You Descend From

By Judsy Ragan

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EDWARD BLANCHARD DODGE & LAURA JOSEPHINE WOODS DODGE - TIMELINE Information

Originally I was going to share EB and Laura's Timeline so you could get a feel for what their lives were like. When I looked at my copy, I realized it was way too long. So I decided to share some of the neat things I discovered in their Timeline. Try to imagine what they were experiencing when each event happened.

1. EB (Edward Blanchard) was born during the presidency of Martin Van Buren 1836-1841 and lived through 19 more presidencies, dying during Woodrow Wilson's presidency. I think that is remarkable!

2. EB was just 3 months old when Queen Victoria was crowned Queen of England in 1838, Frederick Douglas escaped from slavery disguised as a sailor, September 1838 and Mexico declared war on France, November 1838.

3. EB was 6 1/2 years old when his wife, Laura, was born.

4. Mexican American War 1846-1848.

5. In 1849, the California Gold Rush began. Within two years, Laura's father, Samuel Woods, dies at the Isthmus of Panama after attempting to reach California to seek his wealth of gold leaving his family destitute.

6. Between 1856 & 1863, EB learned the carpenter's trade from his father, Issachar Dodge, and became of builder of not only dwellings but three churches, one woolen factory, mills, warehouses, shoe factory, and business blocks. His trade would take him well through the Civil War where he worked on three forts in Washington DC and a boat of one of the military leaders.

7. EB heard the Lincoln/Douglas debate and learned of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry. The Comstock Lode was discovered not long after the death of Laura's father.

8. In 1861, EB and Laura were married and within 4 months the first US Income Tax of 3% of all incomes over \$800 would be instituted to help pay for the expenses of the Civil War. What a rude awakening to a new marriage! And, if that isn't bad enough, the Civil War broke out 3 weeks after their marriage!

9. But blessings be, in March 1862, their first child, Evelyn was born.

10. Alas, in July 1863, EB enlisted as a private in the Civil War serving in the 1st Heavy Artillery Regiment and was detailed in the Ordinance Department and worked his skills as a carpenter throughout his term of service. He helped fit up Fort Reno which required he go to the Washington Bakery daily to draw 8 to 40 thousand loaves of bread.

11. During his service in the Civil War, EB called on President Lincoln a few times and had conversations with him. "One such visit was justly recollected as the proudest moment of his life," said EB.

12. January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation freed all Confederate slaves.

13. In 1865, about the time the Civil War came to an end, the 13th Amendment ratified to abolish slavery, the Ku Klux Klan was formed and the New York Stock Exchange opened. Now isn't that a diversity of events!!!

14. Also in 1865, we recall the sad assassination of President Lincoln (that must have hurt EB very much), and EB received his honorable discharge by reason of closure of the war.

15. During 1866, the Indian wars continue and Alfred Nobel discovers Dynamite. Many years later a French newspaper printed his obituary, "The Merchant of Death is Dead"; the first line said "Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways of killing more people faster than ever before has died". Nobel was shocked when he read that and decided he didn't want to be remembered that way. When he actually died in 1896 he had set aside \$9 million to set up the prizes awarded in recognition of cultural and scientific advances.

16. In 1869, Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote!

17. In the years between 1866 and 1891, EB and Laura had 12 more children losing one child, Lucius, at birth and two years later their son, Fred, died of appendicitis. How did they come up with names for all those children????

18. In 1892, Ellis Island opened and oil was discovered at Spindletop, Texas.

19. During these passing years, the family is saddened with the deaths of Leslie and Paul from scarlet fever. The girls, including their mother, were stricken by consumption (tuberculosis).

20. The older boys along with their father, EB, were contractors and builders in the Springfield, Massachusetts area.



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21. In June 1893, Lizzie Borden took an axe and gave her mother forty whacks and when she saw what she had done, she gave her father forty-one. Just a little humor please.

22. Between 1893 and 1899, four of their daughters, Clara, Laura, Pearl, and Laura Augusta, died of consumption.

23. In 1896, the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece.

24. In 1897, the first U.S. Gasoline Powered Car Makers, Americans Charles and Frank Duryea, brought EB and Laura into the world of autos! If they could only see our streets today!

25. In 1898 it's war again, when the United States/Spanish American War was declared by Spain.

26. But maybe this will help.....in 1899 aspirin was created for pain relief.

27. By 1906 EB is suffering from heart trouble which follows most of the male generations since plus an injury suffered during the service of his country and a paralytic shock (stroke?) leaving him with difficulty in using his left foot.

28. In early 1911, EB and Laura will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home at 10 Hunt Terrace in Springfield City, Massachusetts. (photo top of previous page)

29. A short time later in July, 1911, Laura lost her fight with consumption at age 67 years.

30. EB lived the rest of his life in the Hancock, N.H. area, close to some of his children, before passing May 19, 1915.

What an interesting life he and Laura experienced in their 50 years together. Their family is large and extensive with descendants living primarily on the east coast and some who moved across the country into the western states.

Do you have a timeline for your ancestors? What stories they will tell.

Tip for July/August 2017: Start discovering what events happened during your ancestor's lives....it will open your eyes!

The View From My Window



While writing the article on page one, I was drawn in to the family of Mary Dodge Woodward and I started to wonder how old the "boys" Walter and Fred were. I looked at our Tristram data base, and saw that Walter was 32 and Fred was 20. I will be looking up the ages of other members of the family as they appear in Mary's diary.

Regarding the article and photos on page 2, we had heard of Daniel Dodge and Irena Rowley, but not until one day while browsing through a copy of *Report of The Memorable First Reunion of the Dodge Family in America (250th Reunion of Dodge Family)* by Robert Dodge did we find more information on him including the fact that he had married Irene Rowley, had one son Daniel Rowley Clark Dodge, and a list of THAT Daniel's children from a letter sent to Robert Dodge from Thaddeus Dodge expressing his disappointment at not being able to attend that reunion and sending the information on the family. How they fit into the Tristram Dodge line is still a mystery.

As I read about the things that Mary Dodge Woodward and her sons knew about such as the phrase from a John Greenleaf Whittier poem, it makes me wonder how many of today's college educated young people would know as much of what Mary knew. I think much of what amused the early settlers of the west would be alien today to the population in general. Sadly, America's education had been 'dumbed down' in many areas.

My Polly dog continues with her anxiety which gets worse as she gets older. I am fortunate to get 5 hours of sleep a night. However, I am committed to her and will not have her euthanized. She is so lovable in spite of demanding my attention almost all night by panting where she thinks my head is, and if that does not work she hits the bed with her paw. *Barbara*



In Memory



Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski, a longtime member of DFS and a life-long Wenham, MA resident who served her church, community and political party for decades and was a loyal patron of the Weathervane Tavern in South Hamilton, died Feb. 15 at Masconomet Healthcare Center in Topsfield after a brief illness. She was 90. Among her many notable positions, Dot served decades in Wenham as an elected Cemetery Commissioner, years during which she was deeply involved in the town's acquisition and construction of a second burial ground on land at Iron Rail. She also was a Board of Health member for years and worked the town's polls on election days.

Dot's four children grew up believing Massachusetts was a red state (well before the term became popular) because she called upon them to, but party politics at the county and state levels and as a delegate to state conventions. Dot grew up with her Dodge siblings, brothers Albert, Carlton and Donald and sister, Blanche on Arbor Street, attending Wenham public schools and Beverly High School, where she graduated in 1943

During World War II, she joined teens who, armed with binoculars, kept watch against the arrival of enemy submarines along the Beverly coast. After high school, Dot studied at Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston. Her first job was for her brother and father's tree services company, Dodge Associates in Wenham.

In 1946, Dot married United Shoe Machinery Corp. engineer and inventor John J. Maciejowski of Ipswich. The couple built a house on Grapevine Rd. in Wenham, where they raised four children. Much more could be said about her very full life. She will be sorely missed by her family and those who knew her.

From Out of the Past



These photos are on our website and this family is in our mystery file....that of Daniel Dodge and Irena Rowley. They had one son, Daniel Rowley Clark Dodge. The father Daniel Dodge was killed in the Revolutionary War according to our records.

A letter to Goldie Dodge dated July 8, 1926 from the Bureau of Pensions says:

"Madam
I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War Pension claim W.8963 it appears that Daniel Dodge of New London County, CO enlisted in the spring of 1775 and served until 1780

in Captain Ely's Connecticut Co., and was in the battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. He reenlisted in 1780 and served for eighteen months, names of officers not stated. He enlisted in Captian Lytle's Company, Connecticut Militia, and was in the battle of Johnstown, New York, in which battle he was killed, October 24, 1781.

He married February 4, 1780 in Lyme, New London Co., Connecticut, Irene Rowley. She again married Jan. 1, 1798, Jared Hubbs, who died November 16, 1843. She was allowed pension on account of the services of said Daniel Dodge, on her application executed December 8, 1843, while a resident of Edmonson Col, Kentucky, aged eighty-five years. Respectfully, (signed) Winfield Scott Commissioner"

It says that Daniel was acting in the capacity of Private and Corporal in the Revolutionary Army.



Is there any of our readers who see a familiar face in the photos? They have been on our website for a good number of years with the comment "Dodge family—what are their names?"

We hope that eventually, this mystery will not be a mystery any longer.

Perhaps one day someone will send us the vital piece of information that finally will connect this family to it's Tris-tram Dodge roots.



Dodge Genealogy Brick Walls

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DARWIN DANIEL DODGE

He was born 1816 in Vermont

He died 10 Aug 1906 at Menasha, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Darwin Daniel Dodge married on 29 Sep 1840 DuPage County, Illinois to
Betsey C. Atwater

Their Children:

George Wallace Dodge 1841 Illinois

Henry Dodge 1843 Illinois

William Dodge 1846 Illinois

Edwin W. Dodge 1851 Neenah Village, Winnebago County, Wisconsin
17 Apr 1920 Santa Cruz County, California

NOTE #1: 1905 US CENSUS – Menasha, Winnebago County, Wisconsin
Darwin is living in the household of his son, George W. H. Dodge, age 67, born Illinois and his wife, Olivia L. (Walbridge) Dodge, age 61, born in Vermont
Note: In some census records he is listed as D. D. Dodge, in others as Darwin D. Dodge or Daniel Dodge. In the California Voter Registers he is Darwin Daniel Dodge or Daniel Darwin Dodge.

NOTE #2: Some people have stated that this Darwin Dodge was born 1 April 1816 at Brandon, Rutland County, Vermont. However, that Darwin Dodge died 19 August 1819 at Brandon, Rutland County Vermont, the son of William D. and Matilda (Lyon) Dodge and the grandson of William and Elizabeth (Thoits) Dodge. He is buried in the Congregational Church Cemetery – Find A Grave Memorial #14147226

NOTE #3: Daniel, born 15 Oct 1767 had a sister Mercy who married Winslow Churchhill who moved to DuPage County, Illinois.
Daniel also had a brother, William who married Matilda Lyon (mentioned in note #2) who also moved to DuPage County, Illinois. You will note that Darwin Daniel Dodge married in DuPage County, Illinois and their three oldest children were born there.

QUESTION: Is it possible that Darwin Daniel Dodge belongs in the family of William Dodge and Elizabeth Thoits? That is to say is he their grandson? William and Elizabeth had eleven children, and one of their sons was Daniel, born 15 Oct 1767, for whom we have no additional information. Perhaps Darwin Daniel Dodge was his son?

If you have any information that may be helpful in finding the family link for Darwin Daniel Dodge, please contact Eileen Dodge edodge1946@comcast.net