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## REUNIONS ON BOTH COASTS IN JANUARY

The **Southern California Reunion** will be held on the third Saturday in January at the Marine Corp NCAS Air Station north of San Diego. This reunion starts about 10:30 a.m. for visiting and sharing information. Norman Dodge, our genealogy data base keeper will have his computer with him. This will give him the ability to search through our data bases for Dodge ancestors of those who attend this reunion.

The cost for the meal will be \$17.50 and all reservations should be sent to **Robert L. Dodge, 5960 Caminito Yucatan, San Diego, CA 92108**

## FLORIDA NATIVES AND SNOWBIRDS

There will be two Dodge Family Lunches in the **Largo-Clearwater** area on

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## Greenwood Cemetery, NY; Last resting place of many Dodges

*Condensed from 'Glorious Greenwood' by Lorraine B. Diehl, New York Daily News, Sunday, 10-29-2000*

New York's first 'Rural' cemetery. . . this was the beginning of Greenwood Cemetery which later became the final resting place for the who's who of New York City.

During the 1800s, this was a major tourist attraction 2nd only to Niagara Falls. Ornate mausoleums, picturesque tombstones of all varieties, beautifully planned grounds consisting of rolling hills, and winding lanes with names like Sassafras Ave., and Primrose Path; ponds with water lilies, ancient trees, a backdrop of the East River, all brought a welcome relief to tenement dwellers in the 1800s who would bring picnic lunches here on Sunday afternoons in order to enjoy the country-like atmosphere.

The Cemetery is full of monuments that have rich stories behind them.

Tammany 'Boss' Tweed;

toymaker F.A.O. Schwarz; 103 victims of the Brooklyn Theater Fire of 1876; a 24 ft. shaft topped by a fire fighter saving a child; these share this cemetery. Fireman Harry Howard, a lonely orphaned hero immortalized by Currier and Ives dedicated his monument to "My Foster Mother", a woman who adopted him after he saved her from a burning building.



*Jeremiah & Elizabeth Dodge, both died in 1860. All that is visible is "Lizzie"*

Socialite Charlotte Canada who was killed on her 17th birthday when her horses bolted, lies here, and close by is the body of her fiance who shot himself after her death.

A frieze depicting the sinking John Minturn adorns the Pilot's Monument in remembrance of the pilot and crew who perished when their storm-tossed ship went down off of the Jersey Coast.

Some of the victims of the New York City - bound steamer which sank taking 300 people to their death are buried here as well as two victims of the Lusitania and a family of five who drowned when the General Slocum burned off Riker's Island.

And then there were Dodges. . . 214 rest in this beautiful place.

While researching her Dodge roots, DFA member,

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## A Dodge Association Friend in Sutton, Massachusetts

Many times, people who do not have any ties in their genealogy to Dodges, but are interested in history and things that Dodges have accomplished, contact us. The photo on the right was taken on our recent trip to Sutton, Massachusetts. From the left: Earl F. Dodge of Colorado, Norman E. Dodge of Washington, and Robert Houser of Sutton, MA

Robert is a young man who is very interested in the history of Sutton, and he contacted us because of the genealogy work done many years ago by Reuben Rawson Dodge. That contact by Robert was what caused us to include Sutton on our visit to New England. Robert played the host, meeting

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**Saturday, January 27, 2001** and again on **Saturday, February 24, 2001** at Homers' in the Midway Shopping Plaza at 1451-A North Missouri Ave.

Homer's is a Buffet Restaurant, costing about \$7.00 They also give a senior discount! You will be directed to **Meeting Room #1** when you ask for the Dodge Family room.

We will start at 11 AM and will go to 1 PM or later. There will be no formal program but Dodges and Dodge descendants make any gathering a special event. Bring your family stories and questions and maybe you'll meet some long lost relatives.

Homers' is on State 651 (Missouri Ave), just a few blocks north of the junction of US19 Alt & State 686. Approaching from the south on 19 Alt, (Seminole Blvd in Largo), 19 Alt turns sharply west where it intersects with State 651 (Missouri Ave) and State 686 (East Bay Drive). When 19 Alt turns left at the intersection, continuing straight will put you on State 651 (Missouri Ave). Homers' is a few blocks north on the left at Midway Shopping Plaza.

Approaching on I-275, take Exit 18 to Rt 688 (Ulmerton Road) west and turn right onto Alt 19. Then follow directions above.

Approaching on US 19, take either Rt 686 (East Bay Drive) or Rt 688 (Ulmerton Road) to west 19 Alt. Then follow directions above.

We URGE all Florida Dodges in the Tampa - St Pete area to arrive with pictures, books, stories and good advice to share but we also extend a SPECIAL INVITATION to the Snow Bird Dodges to make a special effort to come. If you know of any Snowbird Dodges or Florida Dodges, please extend an invitation to them to attend at least one of these reunions. What a

grand opportunity for folk from a very large area to get together without a great effort. January and February are warm enough to draw the folk from the North and cool enough for Florida natives to come out of their homes! It should be a great gathering. **YOU are the program!!!!**

For more detailed directions, information or input contact: **Neal and Kath-leen Dodge, 125 Ohio, Palmetto, FL 34221 Tel: (941-721-8153) E-Mail: [kathandneal@juno.com](mailto:kathandneal@juno.com)**



### Dodge Genealogies

have been donated to the Rhode Island Historical Society Library, Providence, RI, and the Whipple Free Library in New Boston, New Hampshire. We included in that package, our JTD, RLD, and Tristram genealogies; a copy of the 1879 Dodge Reunion, and two copies of the Lands of Richard Dodge.

The Rhode Island Historical Society Library is a free Genealogical Library which was established in 1822. It is one of the oldest libraries of this sort in the country, and is a full depository for state documents. The collection of this library includes over 150,000 volumes of printed material including town and city histories, municipal documents, military histories, biography, and economic, social and political history. It is the repository for the third largest collection of genealogical collection in New England. It contains much more than we have written here. It is suggested that before visiting this library, you may want to obtain copies of some general sources on Rhode Island Genealogy such as Jane Fletcher Fiske's "Genealogy Research in Rhode Island" in Genealogical Research in New England, Ralph Crandall, ed. (Baltimore: GPC, 1984); and Kip Sperry's Rhode Island Sources for Family Historians and Genealogists, (Logan, Utah; Everton Publishers, 1986.

The address for the Rhode Island Library is: **The Rhode Island Historical Society, 121 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906 - Tel: (401) 751-7930**

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us at Keown Farm and Orchard right off of Dodge Road. Keown Farm was at one time, the property of Reuben Dodge.

Robert Houser made us feel so very welcome and spent the better part of the day with us, meeting us at 9 in the morning, taking us to the cemetery, showing us other homes in the area that were built by Dodges, and then graciously taking us to his beautiful home where he served us Pizza and a wonderful greek salad that had an abundance of feta cheese.

The town of Sutton will be celebrating its 300th anniversary in 2004 and there will be many festivities all during that year. Those of you who live in Massachusetts might like to plan to attend one or more of these festivities. I know that if we lived there, we certainly would, and we MAY be able to incorporate a visit there when we go east that year to attend the New England reunion.



These two homes in Sutton, MA, were built or owned by Dodges who were members of Reuben Dodge's family. This family descended from Richard Hubbard Dodge who as a young man moved here with his wife, Joanna Herrick, from Wenham, MA where he was born. One of the homes was owned by Gardiner Dodge, brother of Reuben.





## Barbara's Byline

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Each day I look forward to what I might receive in my e-mail or in the U.S. Post. So many interesting items are found by those of you out there in the real world and I thank you for sending them to me. They help to make our Dodge Journal so much more interesting to read.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, literally, coming in two days as I write this column. Once again we will have family members and friends here to help us share in this special time of thanks to God for his provision and care.

Memories abound especially at this time of year. As my daughter Karen and I walk each morning we tend to do a lot of reminiscing.

I dislike 'change' and yet everything changes. If our children stayed children it would be sad because it would mean that they did not develop properly. I do not like growing older but at the same time, my friends and family are also growing older.

Recently, I watched the movie "Bicentennial Man". It's a science fiction movie about a robot who came out with a defect - and that defect was that he had feelings and was creative. As his family grows up and gets old, he stays the same - and there are some very poignant scenes as he watches them age. He searches for other robots who are like him but cannot find any. Although it is purely science fiction, it certainly makes one think about what it would be like to stay young forever while those you love grow older and die.

So, I guess that change, no matter how much I dislike it, is an OK thing since all those I love change right along with me.

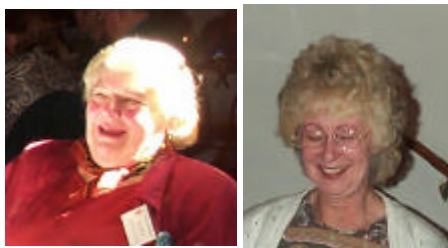
Here it is fall . . . almost winter . . . and another year is almost here. This is the year that Earl and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We will be making a trip to Edinborough, Scotland to attend the Scottish Tattoo, and

also plan to visit a young missionary couple who live in a town on the east coast of Scotland. Our friends, Ray and Muriel Preston of Stockport, England are planning on attending the tattoo with us.

This is our last Journal before Christmas and we wish all of you a blessed time with friends and family this holiday season.

I look forward to the new year ahead, and the opportunity of once again meeting old friends and making new friends at various Dodge reunions around the country. Scattered through this Journal are a few clips from photos taken at our NE Reunion. I hope that the happy faces will encourage you to attend a reunion this coming year. Why not start with the ones in California and Florida that will be held in January?

**Barbara**



### This n' That

We received an e-mail from Gil Bagley of the Attleboro Historical Society informing us that they finally have a home. They will be signing the lease on the Academy Building on Dec. 2. Now they will be raising money to get the building in shape and are in hopes of getting grants to help with this.

Gil also sent us a listing of various census for Dodges in Nova Scotia for various years and we will be posting that information on our web site.



## Cemetery listings for Susquehanna Co., Pa.

A small Cemetery in **Lawton** on side of road (Rt 267) Susquehanna Co., Pa.

**John W. Dodge**, d. Feb 17, 1876, age 71 yrs, 10 mos 22 days

**Esther Dodge**, d. Jan 26, 1878, aged 74 years, 10 mos 15 days

**Brookdale Cemetery** (Partial), Rte 29 Brookdale Twp, Pa

**George Dodge**, d May 10, 1841, age 23 yrs 10 m 5ds

**Amanda M.** wife of George Dodge d. March 1 1844, 19 ys 9 mo 26 ds

### Strickland Hill Cemetery

**C. Frank Dodge**, 1868-1928

**Ida L. Dodge**, 1865-1945

**Retta Cemetery**, Auburn Twp., off rt 267 toward West Auburn, Susquehanna Co., Pa.

**DODGE, Mamie E.**, 1897-1973

**Ira C.**, 1898-1978

**Middletown Twp.** rt 858 North of Rushville, Pa

**DODGE, Warren C.** son of Warren C. & Emily Dodge, d. Sept 15, 1863, AE 9 yr 3 mos

**Samuel J.** son of S & Louisa Dodge d. July 11, 1875, aged 9 years 2 m's 8 d's (side) **Samuel Dodge** d. July 13, 1882 aged 53 years 4 m's & 12 d's

(side) **Louisa** wife of Samuel Dodge Dec 11, 1870, aged 35 years & 8 mo's

**John W. Dodge** d. Feb 17, 1876 age 71 yrs. 10 mo & 22 Days (stone broken but repaired)

**Esther Dodge** d. Jan 26, 1878 aged 74 years 10 mos. & 17 dy's

**Justine M.** dau. of J. W. & Esther Dodge died Jan 1, 1819

The **Rushville Presbyterian Church** founded 1861 (Cemetery rt. 706) Rushville, Susquehanna Co., Pa.

**Bruce R Dodge**, 1893-1967

**Cora A. Dodge**, 1899-1979

## From the Pen of: Paspartout by Craig Dodge



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I felt I was in the presence of a giant today. A man at our church was telling of the 'feed the poor' program that he runs here in Perth. As he spoke of the pain and needs he encounters on a daily basis, I realised how lucky I was to be relatively well off. It was easy to compare with the poverty that surrounded me in Africa where I grew up. Now living in Australia, we have a standard of living that 99% of Africa would love to have, even though by Australian standards we would be regarded as hard up.

Keith opened my eyes to a side of Australia we have not encountered yet, and this man and his wife move amongst these drug addicts and other down and outs, with a compassion that deeply moved me.

It's so easy to feel sorry for myself as I wrestle with my MS and the difficulties we face trying to establish ourselves in a new country and not notice that there are other people in the world.

I moved my family here because I wanted a better life for them, especially for my daughter Rachel. Would I be doing her any favours if I just gave her the advantages without showing her how lucky she is (even compared to her parents) and not teach her that there are many who do not share her good fortune, and further to have compassion on those who are struggling to cope with the lot that life has dealt them?

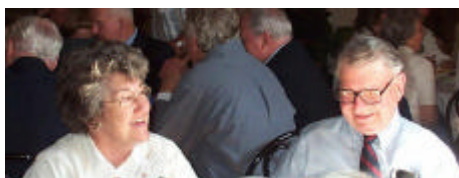
I want Rachel to be a success in everything she does, to try her hardest at whatever she turns her hand to. Already, 3 months short of her 3rd birthday, she is starting to read, write and type. What will it benefit her though, to achieve spectacularly, if she has no compassion?

Also I believe that we don't have to go far to see the other side of life. It is very easy (though not particularly effective) to post a cheque to Africa and then sit back and feel we have done our duty; it is quite another to drive 10 minutes to Fremantle, roll up the shirtsleeves and scrub dishes. I tend to reach for my cheque book, after all I have much to do (the cricket is on the TV don't forget). I

want to teach my daughter more than that.

Kindness and generosity of the people around us, particularly at our church, is helping us to feel more and more settled in our new home. The friendship of people we don't know has helped us tremendously. I had never met Keith before the day a few months back when he knocked on my door. I opened it and he greeted me with a warm smile and a pile of boxes. 'I heard you had a need,' he said as he unwrapped a new dining table and chairs.

We have, at the time of writing, been here for 9 months now and we are beginning to see Australia very much as home and so far I have met 2 giants. Keith is one of them.



*(Greenwood Cemetery - Continued from page 1)*

Dawn Crowley visited this cemetery and there she found some of her ancestors. She sent us photos of a few of the Dodge tombstones and she will be going back from time to time to take more photos for us.

Those of you who live in New York might do well to visit this cemetery if you are researching an ancestor. A computer data base is kept with the name, plot, and burial date.

Dawn has a list of the 22 Dodges buried in plots 5931 and 5932. These are her family and they descend from Tristram: Tristram, William, Samuel, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, James, Harry, Alberta Dodge, Dawn Crowley.

"*Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery*" by Jeffrey I. Richman is an invaluable reference work, sold for \$50 at the cemetery, Barnes and Nobel, and Amazon.com. Tours are conducted periodically.



Years ago, a house at the corner of County and Elm Street, Ipswich, Massachusetts, was slated for demolition but was saved by local residents, dismantled and moved to the Smithsonian, in Washington, D.C.

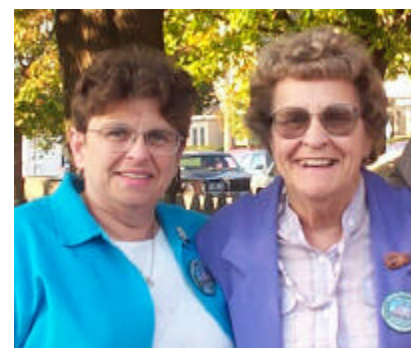
In 1777, the house was purchased from Abraham Choate by Abraham Dodge. During the revolution, Abraham Dodge raised a company in Ipswich and fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. He was completely ruined by the Revolution and died deeply in debt. His family had to sell the house to pay off his debts.

Abraham married twice, and when he died in 1786, his 2nd wife, Bethiah, was named in his will. It read, "I give my said wife my chaise (a carriage) and red horse, two cows and all the remainder of my household furniture, and the use of my silver tankard and all my right of my Negro man, Chance.

Although slavery was abolished in Massachusetts, many former owners made indenture agreements with their former slaves, agreeing to pay them to work for a period of years. The only reference to Chance is in this will.

The Smithsonian Institute is preparing an exhibit, featuring this house. This exhibit is scheduled to open May 2001 at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. Included with the information about the house is a 3-4 page list of the people to whom Abraham owed money when he died.

*From the Ipswich Chronicle, Aug. 10, 2000 and sent to us by Sidney Kindler*



# Earl's Pearls

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As many of you know I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat and our Dodge Family Association is strictly non-partisan. Dodges have been in many different political parties over the years. That said, I cannot help but comment on the recent election in Florida where Miami-Dade County threw out many military ballots because of a lack of postmarks while counting the votes of at least thirty-nine convicted felons including some murderers and rapists. Those serving in our military are protecting our right to vote and often are in situations where post-marks are impossible. I hope Congress acts to protect the voting rights of our protectors.

I earn my living buying and selling old political items such as buttons, badges and ribbons. I have a web site [www.buttonsbydodge.com](http://www.buttonsbydodge.com) which might be interesting to view some time to see the range of material used over the years. Just a few days ago I received a letter from the great grand-daughter of President James A. Garfield. She has a letter he wrote during the Civil War and wants to sell it.

Aside from buying temperance and Prohibition items for the collection of the National Prohibition Foundation my own personal specialty is collecting Calvin Coolidge items. Mr. Coolidge was Gov. of my home state of Massachusetts and, to me, a most interesting man. As Vice President he and his wife Grace vacationed at the simple Plymouth Notch home in Vermont. It lacked electricity, indoor plumbing and a phone.

In 1923, their sleep was interrupted by Col. Coolidge, his father, with the news that President Harding had died. After getting dressed and shaved Mr. Coolidge prayed and then made a phone call at the store his father once operated. After getting an affirmative reply from the Atty. General's office he went to the small parlor of his home. By a single kerosene lamp, his

father, a justice of the peace, swore him in as President. The home today is just as it was then and a museum, church, store and cheese factory-all connected to the family- may be seen.

Like Coolidge, Harry Truman had small town beginnings and both men left public life unchanged by their high position. Both lived quiet and unassuming lives in marked contrast to the imperial presidency of today and the lucrative retirements which follow.

Barbara and I attended several Coolidge Days in Plymouth Notch where we had the opportunity to meet John Coolidge, the President's last surviving son ( he died this past year). He was an interesting man who confirmed many of the fun stories about his father.

We will soon be observing Christmas. Even though many people commercialize this wonderful season they cannot deprive me of its joy. The deep religious significance of this season is underscored by its name: Christmas. To this joy is added the memories of Christmases past and the music, visits, lights and other joys of the present time.

On behalf of the members of our Board of Directors may I express the hope that your Christmas will be a time of blessing and peace and the new year will hold many wonderful experiences for you.

The real new millenium begins on January 1, 2001. It will be exciting and challenging to discover the many opportunities and surprises it brings. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Did You Know . . . about The Sarah Story?

A new boundary between Beverly and Wenham was surveyed during the summer of 1679 by Charles Gott and John Batchelder of Wenham. When a dozen Beverly residents complained that they now found themselves residents of Wenham, Gott and Batchelder confessed "that the compass that they ran by sight was altogether false. It would not work, and the north point stood south or any way, so they shook it and turned it the way best answered their ends."

The most serious trouble occurred however, when it came time to collect taxes. Beverly Constable, Peter Woodbury, collected as usual from his previous townsmen. But when Wenham Selectman Walter Fairfield and Thomas Fiske, took it upon themselves to "run the line" again, they claimed John Dodge's house to be in Wenham. Accompanied by Wenham Constable Richard Hutton they visited Dodge's house when John Dodge was away and took three pewter platters in payment of Wenham taxes. They then passed the house of Rice Edwards and when Sarah, wife of John Dodge came by and saw her purloined tableware she tried to grab it.

Elinor Edwards deposed in Court that, "They all three pulled her (Sarah Dodge) down and dragged her upon the ground, Thomas Fiske, Sr. striking her a blow on the neck with his fist. Then Rice Edwards cried out "Rescue that woman," and held Fiske and Fairfield by the shoulders." The Court assessed the Wenham officials costs of 50 pounds for the fracas. (Records and files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts, Vol. IV, September 1680, pages 118-22, The Essex Institute, Salem, Mass. (1911).





## GENEALOGY REQUESTS

Please contact our office if you have information.

We seek information on **Alice Dodge** residing in Colchester, CT, in 1778. **Tryphena (Fitch) Minard** filed for divorce 17 Aug. 1778 in Colchester against her husband **Samuel Minard** saying that Samuel had a child (gender not given) with Alice Dodge, a single woman of Colchester. It infers the child was born about Feb. 1778. Who was Alice? Did she and Samuel ever marry? Samuel Minard was not found again after this date. Did he change his name?

Searching for information on **Israel Tremaine Dodge**, born New York City, m. **Ruth Eugenia Walker**, also born New York City (both lower east side).

"I am trying to identify a grtgrtgrandfather, last name DODGE who married my grtgrtgrandmother Florella (?Flora Ella?) Spencer in Nova Scotia. They had three children: #1 **Hadley Burton DODGE** born about 1870 in N.S.; #2 **Frank Leslie DODGE** born 1873 in N.S., and #2 **Grace Darling DODGE** dob 16 Oct 1875 in Bear River, Nova Scotia, Canada."

Searching for **Albert Dodge** who married **Sarah House** on June 5, 1838. 1840 census data shows him living in LaSalle County which became part of Kendall County in 1841.

**RUFAS (DODGE) DEXTER**, was born a Dodge but became exasperated with his mail constantly being sent to another Rufus Dodge who lived in the same town. He had his family's surname changed to 'DEXTER' in a court in Leicester, MA, in 1828. Evidently, he had only one child at the time, Lucy Gilbert Dodge. Later he had other children, Joseph, Anne, John, Martin, and Susan. We are trying to find out WHO this Rufus Dodge was, and in which town he lived when he changed his surname.

Several members are searching for ancestors of **WALTER DODGE** (1803-1891) and **MARY REESE** (1806-1868). In an 1840 census listing of Trumbull Co., Ohio, there is listed a

Walter Dodge family with the proper ages and number of children - 2 sons and 3 daughters. They are well documented in Venango Co., PA (1843 to early 1860s) and in Chautauqua Co., NY thereafter. Mary Reece was the daughter of John, b. c. 1782 in Montgomery Co., NY, and Leticia b. c 1780 in Albany Co., NY.

**David E. Dodge, 12 Park Lane, Big Flats, NY 14814-7952. Tel: 607-562 3576**

Several members are searching for the link between **Daniel Dodge** b. abt. 1775 m. **Elizabeth Steinberg**. This family was in the Nova Scotia area but we are quite sure that Daniel came from one of the eastern states such as Western MA, NY, CT, or RI.

Searching for parents of **Edwin Luther Dodge**. On his death certificate, his parents were listed as **Lewis Dodge**, and **Sarah** (unknown). Edwin's siblings were William Jr., Jim, Roy, Jeanette, Mattie, Stella, Rose and Ruby. Edwin was born Jan 9, 1875 in Kansas or Iowa. A William Dodge and a Rose Evans may possibly be part of this mystery also.

### STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still, serene.  
I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories  
Are lost among my socks.  
I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.  
If only someone had taken time  
To tell who, what, where, or when,  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.  
Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be passed away?  
Make time to save your stories,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours could be.....  
The strangers in the box.

*Anonymous*

Sent in by Gina Thompson Patterson



*J. Everett Dodge FINALLY found his link to Tristram, thanks to info sent to us by another DFA member.*

### WHO IS THIS DODGE?

from William G. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES - MARMATON TOWNSHIP - BOURBON COUNTY, Part 17

**ALVAN DODGE, M. D.**, and farmer is a native of Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., born in 1840. In 1859 he commenced reading medicine with Dr. Campbell, of Mount Morris, Livingston County, attending the Michigan University in 1861, and graduated from the New York City College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1865. From there he entered the United States Navy as Acting Assistant Surgeon. He resigned his position there and next opened practice in Hannibal, Mo. He then returned to Erie County, N. Y., and went to practicing which he continued until 1880, when he came to Bourbon County, Kan., locating on his farm where is now located the village-site of Marmaton, taking forty acres from the quarter section. Besides his practice, he is tending a fine farm, using the most progressive ideas and going into thoroughbred horses, and having improvements to the amount of \$5,000 on the home farm. In 1877 he married, now living on one of the finest places in Marmaton Township.

*Sent in by DFA member, Leon Fundenberger of Kansas.*

