A Complicated Mystery - SOLVED!
(or: The Thought processes of a True Genealogist!)

Regarding the article in the last Journal: “A Complicated Mystery” Charles (Chuck) Dodge of Escondido, CA writes: “I read your article in the DFJ regarding the Pelham Dodges and can see the validity of your conclusions which makes the decendancy from Caleb a sort of westward (MA) migration.

Caleb Dodge, JTD#408 (Joshua, Antipas, Samuel, Richard) m. 4 Apr 1757 Miriam Gilbert, dau of Josiah Gilbert/Mary Goss of Brookfield.

The IGI and Brookfield VR's list Mercy, Nataniel and Zebulon. There is also a dau, Hannah b. 1757/8 listed in the Descendants of Thomas Low on FTM. As you noted, Zebulon, JTD #758c matches the 1764 son of Caleb.

Caleb's son, Nathaniel m. Jun 1786 Anne (Anna) Hill at Mendon, MA., she the dau of Daniel Hill/Elizabeth Pulipher of Mendon. Their children all in the IGI are: Daniel b. 7 Dec 1786, Mendon; John Chester b. 28 Dec 1788 Mendon; Elison b. 1791 Brookfield; Jonas b. 16 Aug 1793 Spencer; Achsah b. 1799 Pelham.

Here you can see how this family moved to Pelham...last child, a girl with the unique name born there.

Daniel m. Esther Brown 27 Mar 1812 in Pelham. She is possibly the Esther born to Amos Brown/Esther Babcock of Leyden, Franklin Co. You note their children from Pelham VR and the Achsah & Anna Maria daughters.

Elison m. Esther Bartlett, b. Mar 1796 to Solomon Bartlett/Rebecca Halifax of Brookfield. You noted their children from Pelham VR. Elison, Esther, Nancy, Lewis and Hollis are in the 1850 census, Pelham.

John Chester, Chester in most records m. Louisa, Lovisa, Levica Childs. This marriage listed as Lovica of Enfield & Chester Dodge, int. 7 Mar 1824. Their children include an Achs Maria, Otis, Ora, Lorinda and Frances. Chester, Lovisa, Achs M., Lorinda and Frances are in the 1850 census, Pelham.

The town of Enfield, Massachusetts is now under Quabbin Reservoir. ~

Martha Ann Dodge - daughter of David Doctor & Phoebe Jane Potts Dodge

by Gina Thomas Patterson

When I started searching my Pop's family, the information I was given placed Martha Ann as a new-born baby who died in 1903 shortly after birth, along with her mother (my g-grandmother) Phoebe Jane Potts, known more lovingly as Jennie, wife of Rev. David Doctor Dodge.

I looked high & low through Nebraska & Northern Kansas, as David was a circuit preacher for the Free Methodist Church, and Jennie could have been with him anywhere when she gave birth and died. Imagine my surprise to find the family in Ansley, Custer Co., NB at the time of the 1900 U.S.Census (didn't know they were in NB then), and my double surprise to find that Martha Ann was 8 years old!! So, the search shifted to try and find another baby daughter Dodge, and curiosity was running high about Martha Ann. I tracked the family to Oregon through a tip from LDS records & a cousin of Grandma Blanche's, and found the family in what is now Hood River, Oregon.

I got nowhere in locating Martha Ann ~ except a death certificate from Oregon State Archives. She died in what was known as Duke's Valley - kind of like a neighborhood of Hood River now. Then I wrote to & received 2 newspaper articles about Martha Ann's death & the total burn-

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research my ancestors and my first Grandfather.

Tristram Dodges to the 1600's (thanks
Squire) and I'm sure someone was lis-
tening on January 15, 2001 at the New
York City Archives, when I found my
GGG Grandfather.

After entering at the Main Entrance
on 5th Avenue and 25th Street, I was
directed to a help-your-self database
where you can obtain the burial date
within this landscape masterpiece.

After finding my family plot, I stood
there a long time wondering about
what my ancestors lives were like in
1825-1905, wondering if anyone comes here now to pay respect and if
so, who are they? I wonder what
Robert J. Dodge, Antoinette C.
Arnold, Arnold R. Dodge, & Susie
Squire think of me as I research their
lives.

Suddenly, I realize I’m in Brooklyn,
less than a mile from downtown, and it
is so quiet, the only sound I hear is a
soft winter wind blowing leaves
around and lots of birds preparing for
spring.

Its truly an amazing place. If you
are in NY, even if you don’t have any
family resting here, I recommend this
location as a top 10 historical site.

As I’m driving towards the exit after
spending most of this winter day here,
I can only image what this place looks
like in the spring. I most definitely will
be back.

My dad’s father Robert Arnold
Dodge moved to Green County, New
York in the 1930s. As we were left
behind in NYC, we were never really
close to him. I only remember visiting
him twice in my lifetime and I was
very young both times. It was my
Grand Dad’s middle name and it was
through the help of Barbara Dodge
and the Dodge Family Association,
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(Martha Ann - Continued from page 1)

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ply amazed at this beautiful Garden
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ever winding roads that can take you
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Barbara's Byline

Well, folks, I have finally given in to an urge that has pulled at my heart strings since I was age 14. I now own my own Pedal Steel Guitar. I first heard this instrument when the comedy team Bob and Ray (a strictly New England pair) came to our little town of Weston, Massachusetts and gave a performance in the local town hall. Along with their comedy routines, they played music, and I can remember to this day, how those first notes played on the steel struck my wild, passionate inner soul and stirred up dreams and imagination as no other instrument has ever done...no...not even the piano, as much as I love that.

So during this winter, which has been colder than normal here, and much more overcast than normal, and actually depressing at times, I started thinking about the pedal steel and the more I thought about it, I asked myself, “why not?”

Now it is learning time - and I am doing just that. And I inspire and encourage myself by listening to a CD of Michael Headrick who plays the most gorgeous Steel I have ever heard. My favorite is Steel of the Night and of course that gets played over and over. A close runner up is Wishing.

If I am successful at this, I will be toting it along to one or two Dodge Family Reunions.

Speaking of Dodge Family Reunions, the New England Reunion date has been changed to September 29. I hope that those of you who are planning to make it come true. Barbara

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The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

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ONE EASY LESSON

An adequate explanation of socialism is timely, for our country seems bent on achieving such a state.

I find that the social idea of taking ‘from each according to his ability’ and giving ‘to each according to his need’ is now growing and generally accepted without question by many voters. In an effort to explain the fallacy of that theory, this approach may have merit.

When one of the brighter or harder-working children or grandchildren of the voters makes a 95 on a test, the teacher takes 20 points and gives them to a student who has made only 55 points on the test. Thus each would contribute according to his ability and, since both would be a passing mark, each would receive according to his need.

After the teacher juggled the grades of all the other pupils in this fashion, the result is usually a ‘common ownership’ grade of between 75 and 80, the minimum needed for passing, or for survival. Let us speculate as to the probable results if the teacher were actually to use the socialist theory of grading.

"First, the highly productive pupils, and they are always a minority in school as well as in life, would soon lose all incentive for producing. Why strive to make a high grade if part of it is taken from you by ‘authority’ and given to someone else?

"Second, the less productive pupils, a majority in school as elsewhere, would for a time, be relieved of the necessity to study or produce. This socialist system would continue until the high producers had sunk, or had been driven down to the level of the low producers. At that point, in order for any one to survive, the ‘authority’ would have no alternative but to begin a system of compulsory labor and punishment against even the low producers. They, of course, would then complain bitterly, but without understanding.

Kernels by The Colonel

Col. Robert L. Dodge

"Then the teacher would have to finally return the discussion to the ideas of freedom and enterprise, the market economy, where each person earns their rewards according to the effort they expend"
Well I am finally back in the workforce. Six weeks ago I was taken on as a receptionist with the West Australian Municipal Association (WAMA).

I have to admit that my opinion of receptionists has changed somewhat dramatically. The old movie generated stereo type of the dumb blonde chatting away to her mates while she paints her nails, has no place in today’s workplace. Nor is there any old pull out the plug and put it into another slot. It’s now computers and it’s all go. No time for messing around.

Perhaps the greatest misconception is that - if ’Jo’ rings up, he believes that he is the only person with whom I have to do, when in reality there are 3 other calls on hold, the phone is ringing there are 2 people standing at the desk and a member of staff standing behind me and trying to get my attention. Now when I phone somewhere I have ready my name, the name (or department) of who I want to speak to and my number so that should the person be out I can leave it so he can call me when he gets in. the receptionist does not have time to sit and listen to my sob story - it won’t be in his power to do anything about it anyway. It is simply his job to distribute the call.

Drawbacks to starting work include my having to stop physiotherapy. But the positive gain of getting back into work seems to have more than compensated, as people consistently comment on how much better I look. Admittedly I feel better (though physically, I’d have to be honest and say that there is no measurable improvement) and this results in a more positive attitude and (I hope) therefore being generally more likeable.

Another drawback is insecurity is compounded. I’m the new kid, new job, trying desperately to make a good impression and heavily aware of the smallest error.

I have no plans to be a career receptionist (then again - due to my MS, my career outlook is vastly different to what it was 5 years ago, now my number one goal is to see my daughter grow up), so as long as I achieve that I’ll be a happy man - what difference does my job description make?

Other good news for me and my family is the fact that, as I write, hand controls are being put on my car. So I will be more mobile again and not have to rely on, and inconvenience, Les to having to take me to work and back, to the shops etc. She does it with a willing heart but I know it’s a hassle and will be glad to help sort it out.

So we continue to establish ourselves in our new land. We put some plants in the house yesterday and the difference is remarkable. We are thrilled to be here and look forward to see how things continue to develop.

**Florida Snowbird Reunion**

Neil and Kathleen Dodge hosted two Snowbird Dodge get-togethers in January and February in Florida. Attendees were Alberta who descends through Tristram, William, Samuel, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, James, and her father, Harry; John and Lois Dodge of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, who drove all the way from Fort Myers, Florida, where they were “vacationing” in their motor home. They were not members of the Association either but had been instructed to come by John’s sister, Ruth Alice Dodge Lame of Salt Lake City, Utah, with instructions to look for Mial son of Caleb. Would you believe, we found him in the 1998 Dodge Genealogy. John now has a line, William, Robert, Nicholas, Caleb, Mial, Dudley, Harry, and his father, Harry. Mary Dodge O’Connell of Port Orange, Florida, who was over here on the “west coast” visiting also came. We had a great time talking and looking in books etc., and before we knew it, it was time to go our separate ways. Plan now to attend our Snowbird reunion next year.”

**This n’ That**

We are offering a FREE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP to whoever will do the research and PROVE the ancestry of Tristram Dodge. We have him settling in Block Island in 1660/61 and we know he was in Massachusetts for at least some time. On our web site, we have a special page with questions we would like answered, and information that might possibly be pertinent. If you think you might be interested in researching this for us, please contact barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net

Jim Bailey of Rhode Island is working with Norman Dodge to document all of the Dodes from Block Island. Many of them were not included in the Tristram Genealogy by Theron Royal Woodward. When he has completed this work, many more names will be added to the Tristram data.

We are looking for someone who lives in the area of Islesborough, Maine, who would be willing to take photos of Dodge Cemetery Stones that are in that area. If you would be willing to do that for us, we will give you a free year’s membership in the Dodge Family Association. Please contact Barb Dodge. The same offer is made to anyone who would like to document the Dodes of Desert Isle, Maine. Descendants of Richard Dodge settled in Desert Isle and descendants of Tristram Dodge settled in Islesborough.

Sandy Tibbetts has provided us with 150 photos of cemetery stones in several cemeteries in and around Newcastle, Maine. These are now on our web site. She also sent us a photo of Dodge Point, Newcastle, Maine which is a wonderful 506 acres of public land set aside as a preserve for hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, clamming.

Starting in the next issue, we will list all the Dodes reunions that are held each year so that you can plan to attend the one nearest you.
Earl’s Pearls
earldodge@dodgeoffice.net

TO ACCOMMODATE SEVERAL CALIFORNIA MEMBERS WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE OF THE NEW ENGLAND REUNION TO SEPTEMBER 29. Please check your calendar and save the new date.

I grew up less than 20 miles from where the Dodge family began in America but knew nothing about that until a cousin in Oregon bought a set of the JTD books from a Boston store and gave me my line going back to John Dodge of England. Most of us spend little time when we are younger looking up our family line because we are busy raising children and saving for our first home.

We have people of all ages in our Association but the majority of the most active members are retirees or at least of retirement age. That is why giving gift memberships in our Association is such a wonderful thing to do for any family members but especially for those who are younger than ourselves. Even if they take a few years to catch on and begin a lively interest, we are planting the seeds which will germinate in time.

In June, 2004 we will celebrate the 375th Anniversary of our family in America. Our goal is to have 1,000 family units as members by then. As we grow numerically we can do much more for the family as a whole and for individuals who need our help in seeking relatives, family lines. We will be able to have reunions in more areas of the country and offer more benefits to all our members.

In August, Barbara and I will spend two weeks on a trip to England & Scotland to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We will be with our friends in Stockport, the Prestons, and will take a five day bus tour to include the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

May, 2002 will witness our Fifth Dodge Tour to England. This will be a great time of family bonding and enjoyment as all the tours have been. We (cont. from column 1) have our private coach, plenty of room and a host of interesting places to visit. I hope to have some details for you by the next Journal

In search of David E. Dodge
by Gina Thomas Patterson

David’s parentage at this time is based upon some geographical information concerning the family of Seth & Celea Cole (Maria’s parents - wife of David E. Dodge) and the westward movement into western New York. The Holland Land Company made available plots of land in what is now Chautauqua Co. through very attractive advertising, and many times we have found that several families from the same townships moved westward with each other; virtually moving entire communities at times.

The family of Seth and Celea Cole were residing in Paris, Oneida Co, NY at the time of the 1800 U.S. Census. At the same time, we have a David Dodge family residing in Trenton, Oneida Co., NY that has the stats we would need to fulfill what is known about our David E. Dodge. Oneida & Trenton Co’s in New York are neighboring counties - these families did not live too far away from each other geographically.

What we do know about David E. Dodge - father to Ulysses Erastus, Celia Maria, Lucien Bonaparte & David Elisha Dodge is that he was born 1795-1797 in NY. He apparently is living in Chautauqua Co. NY where he would meet and marry Maria Cole prior to 1820 - at which time they turn up on the 1820 census living in Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co. OH where their eldest son & firstborn child Ulysses Erastus Dodge was born in May 1822.

In 1811, the Holland Land Records show a land purchase by a David Dodge in Chautauqua Co., NY. Although there are a couple other Dodge land entries, this would make 2 common denominators for our Dodge & Cole families - both are in Oneida Co. NY at the same time, and both end up in Chautauqua Co. during the same time period. If we can rely on those items - and at this point, it’s very much open for discussion, then the next generation of Dodies in our family tree could be:

David Dodge b. 1755-1774, residing 1800 Census, Trenton, Oneida Co.,NY Wife b. 1755-1774 daughter b. 1784-1790 daughter b. 1790-95

David Elisha b. 1795-1797 (husband of Maria Cole) daughter b. 1798-1800

DFA member, Tim Abel, found the following information which he believes is related to David E., father of David Elisha. He writes “I could find no David Dodge on the 1790 NY census. I did find one, however, in the Town of Colrain, Hampshire County, MA but he is not present there in 1800. You have one David in Trenton Twp., and one in NYC in 1800. In 1810, we have one in NYC and one in Onondaga County with a family. I would bet the Oneida County Dodge moved to Onondaga County. In 1820, there are no David Dodies in NY. I found Seth Cole in Parish Twp., Oneida County in 1800. In 1810, I find him in Genessee County. Chautauqua Co. NY was formed from Genessee Co. in 1808. In 1820, there is a Seth Cole in Jefferson County and one in Rensselaer County. One of these would be Seth Cole Jr., brother to Maria.

In 1811, a David Dodge buys property in Chautauqua County. This would be consistent with the census. Seth Cole actually entered land in the Holland Land Company for Chautauqua Co. in 1804, so had early ties in Chautauqua Co. where moved his family by 1805. The Cole family settled on the mouth of the Canadaway Creek. Seth Cole died 10 June 1810, which is why he is not found on the 1810 U.S. Census for Chautauqua Co. NY

DFA member, Bill Dodge of Spring Park, MN, also descends from this line through Lucien Bonaparte, and Ted Lucas of Camarillo, CA descends through Almon Terrill.

In each Journal we will try to feature a Dodge Mystery that has been outstanding for a long time. We hope that this will focus the attention of our readers and might bring about some favorable results and possibly help to clear up some of these mysteries.
GENEALOGY REQUESTS

Contact information:

If there is an E-mail address of the person requesting the information, you may contact that person directly. Otherwise, please contact:
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Dodge Family Association
10105 W. 17th Place
Lakewood, CO 80215
Tel: 303-237-4947

Leicester Dodge b.(1808-1840) m.
Sara Elizabeth Benson (1809-1888) a descendent of John Benson(1608-1678). WHO are the parents of Leicester? Contact Rex Dodge, 3428 Bristers Spring Run, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815
E-mail: RHODodge@home.com

Two young sisters who live in Canada are searching for their roots . . Alfred Dodge Born in Renfrew County and his wife Constance Dodge had 5 children, Patty, Susan, Laurie, Jimmy and Tommy Dodge. The father of Alfred has a weird name and no one can figure out the spelling of that name. Alfred and his father were Dodges who were from Black Donald Mine in Calabigie, Ontario. There is a book out on those from this area entitled The Black Donald Story. We are in hopes of obtaining a copy of this book, but in the meantime, can any of our readers help us to pin point just who these Dodges were? Please contact Barb in our office if you can help.

Charles B Dodge, married to Matilda Cowger Bott had two children (possibly more); George B Dodge & William A Dodge. The four of them are listed in the 1850 White Co, Indiana census. In this census, Charles & Matilda listed their ages as 30 while William was 7 and George less than 1 yr.
Contact: joan_mm@yahoo.com

Charles W. Dodge is in the 1870 Jo Daviess Co. IL census with his mother Lucinda M. Dodge age 35. He is age 13 b. IL and has a sister, Florence H . b. IL age 8. they are living in Galena and appear to be wealthy as the mother has personal property worth $2000.00 and real estate worth $10,000. I believe Lucinda is really Lorinda Harris the daughter of Daniel Smith Harris & Sarah Langworthy. I know that she married a Dodge. It would appear from the census that her husband was dead. On the Jo Daviess Co. website, I believe there is a mention of a store, I think a drug store, with two surnames and one was Dodge. Maybe Lucinda owns part of it, if her husband is dead.
Contact: Joanne Sherman: at Genijoni@mediaone.net

John Dodge, b. 30 Dec 1808 in Utica Co., New York, d. in Mudd Bay or Mima, Washington on 19 Dec 1891 at age 82. Also seen listed as Jonathan. In 1835 when John was 26, he married Sarah Banks Ives, daughter of Thaddeus Ives & Hannah Cotton in Susquehannah, Pennsylvania. Sarah Banks d. in McLane, Washington on 29 Jan 1890; she was 78. Children: children: i. Robert Bruce (1832-1907), ii. Francis Marion (1835-), iii. Daniel (1837-)
iv Samuel Ives (1843-)
v. Desdemona (1848-
Contact: NEDodge@aol.com.

We are looking for Jane Bruer who contacted us a year ago looking for the ancestry of Rufus Dodge who changed his name to Dexter. We have just found that information but Jane Bruer’s e-mail address is no longer valid.

PLEASE FOLKS, when your e-mail address changes, LET US KNOW! Unless you are a member of our Association, we have no way of contacting you. AS you can see, we never stop looking for your Dodge ancestry. When we find something that will help you we need to be able to contact you with that information.

Miscellaneous info sent to us by DFA member, Janeen Peters: Names of Dodges who registered land at the Fort Wayne Land Office between the yrs. 1823-1852: Ebenezer K.; Hi-ram; Levi; Nathan B.; Samuel; Silas W.; Thomas F.; Thomas T. and . . . from the Steuben County, Indiana Republican: Caroline Emily Dodge, Ashland, Ohio b.8/31/1841 d. 12/7/1913 1899, James Dodge was a Past Commander, Civil War? Mrs. Melvin Dodge b. 2-24-1818, Onondago Co., NY Came to Steuben Co in 1847 d. Kansas 1/4/1902

Dr. Charles F. Dodge, III will be listed in the Second Edition of 2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 21 Century. Dr. and Mrs. Dodge live in Ft. David, Texas and joined us on our 1999 Tour to England.

Noah Dodge and Lottie Jane Gridley - BUT WHO ARE THEY?

These photos were found in a Bible that belongs to Mary Ussery. She does not know how the Dodge name connects to her family. There were other Dodge photos also and we have scanned them and returned the originals to Mary. To view all of the photos, many without names, browse to http://www.dodgefamily.org and in the list of links, click on “Photographs” This will take you to an index page of our photos. In the list there, click on “Dodge Bible Photographs” and you will get a page that tells you about the Bible and records found in that Bible. You will also have the option of viewing all of the photographs.