Potpourri

Annual Meeting
7 pm Tuesday ... October 19, 2010
Stonefield Apartments, Dodgeville

Speaker ... Michael Seeliger
Bottle Collector

After Mr. Seeliger’s Talk
Short Business Meeting
Election of Directors
We Appreciate Your Support
Friendship
Lunch

Michael Seeliger
Collector Extraordinaire

That long list of soldiers on page 2 who fought hard for the Union, fortified by poor food and sore feet, were members of the 31st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment (WVI) in the American Civil War. The 31st, active in the Atlanta campaign in 1864, was mustered out of service on June 20, 1865 and July 8, 1865. Iowa County and especially Dodgeville had a numerous contingent, most of them designated as the “Dodgeville Rangers.” Twenty-three enlisted men were killed in action or later died of their wounds, and 3 officers and 86 enlisted men died of disease, a depressing total of 112 fatalities in one small company. If you are interested in a roster reproduction please contact ICHS.

This past August we were gratified to have Caleb Schmitz of Dodgeville do some volunteer tidying up at the Dodge Cabin site. Thanks much, Caleb.

The editor received a nice note from Elaine Evans expressing her appreciation for the “Scrapbook Recollections” story in the July 2010 Newsletter.

Does anyone remember the CCC Camp just north of Highland? Let us know. This was one of the most successful public projects of the Great Depression. See page 5.
Dodgeville Rangers Enlist Early  
With the 31st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment

The value of a detailed and permanent inventory of all ICHS holdings was never more apparent than the “Eureka” moment when Curator Janette Hartmann discovered a previously uncataloged, poster-sized roster of the proudly named Dodgeville Rangers. On December 24, 1862 the Rangers were mustered into federal service as Company “C” of the newly formed 31st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment (WVI) which participated, for almost three years, in the American Civil War.

Privates
Anderson, Ole, Pvt.
Buckingham, Thomas, Pvt.
Beaumont, George H., Pvt.
Buckingham, Richard, Pvt.
Brommer, Kasper, Pvt.
Buckingham, Richard, Pvt.
Covin, Dennis, Pvt.
Crook, Peter, Pvt.
Collingswood, William H., Pvt.
Cutler, George, Pvt.
Collins, Henry, Pvt.
Carter, Henry, Pvt.
Dale, William, Pvt.
Davis, Thomas B., Pvt.
Downs, James, Pvt.
DeWitt, Joel M., Pvt.
Davies, Edward, Pvt.
Dochnah, Joseph, Pvt.
Enoch, Morgan, Pvt.
Elam, Joshua, Pvt.
Edwards, David, Pvt.
Frost, David, Pvt.
George, William W., Pvt.
Giffiths, John D., Pvt.
Giffiths, William H., Pvt.
Granfill, James H., Pvt.
Green, William, Pvt.
Hubbard, Peter A., Pvt.
Holdsworth, John, Pvt.
Hunter, William, Pvt.
James, William F., Pvt.
Jones, David, Pvt.
Jones, Evan D., Pvt.
Jones, James J., Pvt.
Jones, Robert, Pvt.
Jones, David D., Pvt.
Jones, Thomas M., Pvt.
Jones, Robert R., Pvt.
Krouse, John, Pvt.
La Bounty, Joseph, Pvt.
Latham, John I., Pvt.
Lewis, Benjamin, Pvt.

Officers
Messmore, Isaac E., Col.
West, Francis H., Lt. Col.
Gibson, William J., Major
Suddeth, James F., Adjutant
King, Rufus, Qtr. Master
Mason, Darius, Surgeon
Burdick, Ira D., Capt.
Jeardoe, Paul, 1st Lt.
Williamson, Wm., 2nd Lt.

Non-commissioned officers
Dustan, Samuel, Sgt.
Penberthy, William H., Sgt.
Evans, Ephraim, D., Sgt.
Thomas, Benjamin, Sgt.
Dale, Alfred, Sgt.
Wrigglesworth, Walter J., Sgt.
Wickham, Daniel, Corp.
Jones, John W., Corp.
Dean, William C., Corp.
Feathers, David, Corp.
Wickham, David, Corp.
Souden, William, Corp.
Minar, Lyman, Corp.

Musicians
Thomas, John A., Drummer
Owens, James E., Fifer

Musterling Officer
Major R. S. Smith
Attested: Samuel Dustan, Orderly

Privates
Level, James, Pvt.
Leece, James, Pvt.
Labarre, Lewis, Pvt.
Mabbott, John T., Pvt.
Magrane, James, Pvt.
McMahan, James, Pvt.
Mabbott, John R., Pvt.
Munlaphey, George, Pvt.
Nelson, William B., Pvt.
Parry, Henry, Pvt.
Prideaux, Richard, Pvt.
Petersen, Andrew, Pvt.
Prideaux, Benjamin T., Pvt.
Perkins, Charles J., Pvt.
Porter, William, Pvt.
Perkins, Phillip, Pvt.
Petersen, Christopher, Pvt.
Polkingham, William, Pvt.
Richards, Hugh, Pvt.
Randolph, Chester H., Pvt.
Ramsden, James, Pvt.
Rowe, James, Pvt.
Ryall, John, Pvt.
Rand, George W., Pvt.
Strong, Orville, Pvt.
Standart, John L., Pvt.
Stewart, Thomas, Pvt.
Stopford, William, Pvt.
Stephens, Thomas, Pvt.
Smith, William H., Pvt.
Stewart, Oliver H., Pvt.
Sheppard, Thornton W., Pvt.
Tyner, Elisha, Pvt.
Teal, Michael, Pvt.
Tyner, Robert, Pvt.
Villenonte, Frank, Pvt.
Woodward, David, Pvt.
Williams, Samuel, Pvt.
Williams, Samuel B., Pvt.
Wiest, Mathew, Pvt.
Wiest, John, Pvt.

Please Note
The names are transcribed in these three columns in the same order as they are printed on the ornate original document.

Spelling variations may exist.
The full-sized document, as printed, is very colorful and will be an impressive addition to your family history archives.
Tell ICHS if you are interested in a full color copy of the "Dodgeville Ranger" roster.
Michael Seeliger began collecting bottles in the late 1960s. He has collected "something" such as antiques, arrowheads and rocks all his life. Michael began his bottle collection with patent medicines from the late 1800s when he dug them in various dump sites in southern Wisconsin. In 1971 Michael dug five Warner Safe Kidney and Liver Cure bottles from the Wisconsin River bank and this got him interested in collecting Warner medicine bottles. H. H. Warner was the undisputed king of patent medicines. Michael amassed a large collection of his bottles and in 1974 Michael and his wife Alice wrote the first definitive book on H. H. Warner and his bottles.

Michael and Alice continue to collect bottles that portray early Americana. These include black glass from 1600-1800, historical flasks from 1830-1880, medicines, bitters, cures, and normal use bottles that were part of everyday life in early times.

Michael will speak on collecting bottles, informing the audience about how to determine the age of bottles, what the bottles are worth and how they were made. He will also give insight on reproduction bottles. Bottles tell an important part of what life was like in early Wisconsin. Learn how your bottles relate to where they were found and how they arrived there. See and hear Michael Seeliger at 7 pm Tuesday, October 19, at Stonefield Apartments, Dodgeville.
Books for Sale at ICHS

Shipping and handling on the books listed below will vary. Please call museum for shipping details.

Where Have all the Cheese Factories Gone? $39.00, at ICHS, plus S & H 5.00
Schools of Iowa County: $25.00 by the Iowa County Bicentennial Education Committee: Margaret Metcalf, Violet Williams and Marion Pustina
A Look to the North: $25.00 Melva Philips
The Mysterious Kangaroo: $10.00 with autographed drawing by Janell Simpson of Bloomer, Wisconsin, book author, Jean Rennebohm
Laxey, The Little Manx House on the Hill: $4.00
Author not cited
The Hollandale Review: $20.00
Edited and written by Ethelyn Thompson and Lucille Lauper.
History of Iowa County 1851 (reprint): $95.00
Ghosts of Iowa County: $2.00, Dennis Boyer
A History of Mining in Iowa County: $10.00
Stanley T. Holland
I Remember: $10.00, as told by Lois Holland and written by Katherine Martin
Prairie Legacy: $17.00 Anne D. Bachner
Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America $28.00 Kerry A. Trask
A History of the Town of Moscow: $20.00
Edited and written by Ethelyn Thompson and Lucille Lauper.
Clyde in the Valley of Otter Creek: $20.00
Compiled by Clyde Twp. Bicentennial Comm.
SvcCounty History: Faces and Places: $5.00
Profiles in the Uplands: 1983 $10.00, Daniel Evans
Out of the Past: $10.00, Daniel Evans
Along the Military Ridge to Ridgeway: $20.00, Melva Philips
The Rose Jar: The Autobiography of Edna Meudt: 10.00
The Little Rock Church on the Ridge: 1871-1971: $8.00 Mary Fran Readinger
One Hump Pilot’s Story about the China/Burma/India Theater of WWII: $10.00 First Lieutenant Donald Paulson
Boards’ Dairyman, Dairy Collectibles: $15.00
James S. Baird

A Projectile Point Guide for the Upper Mississippi River Valley: $20.00, Robert F. Boszhardt
Twelve Millennia: Archaeology of the Upper Mississippi River Valley: $25.00
James L. Theler & Robert F. Boszhardt
Weshaukeja or The History of the Village of Barneveld and the Town of Brigham: Vol. 2 and 3 $20.00 each John F. Helmenstine
Jonesdale 1885: $20.00 Jackie Gempler, Leotta Ley and Tomia James-Anderson
In the Shadows of the Mines: The Village of Rewey Wisconsin 1880-1980: $20.00 Author not cited
Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin: $5.00, Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission
The Headlight: The Home of Hart Schaffner and Marx Clothes, Darlington, Wisconsin, Joe Lynch proprietor: (1918 clothes catalog for young men): $10.00
Deep Cave Rock Art in the Upper Mississippi Valley: $25.00, Robert F. Boszhardt
A Brief History of the Sawle Family: $20.00
Prepared by Elizabeth Sawle Jones
Service Records Present and Past: $35.00 Sponsored by McGuire-Longmeir Post 9440 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Highland, Wisconsin
An Uplands Reader II and III: $5.00 each
Edited by Edna Moudt and Betsy Strand
Sesquicentennial Story: The Iowa County Courthouse: $7.00, Compiled by Nancy Pfotenhauer
The Goodale-Tyrer Family in North America: $20.00 Nancy Paquette
1776-1976 Pulaski Avoca: $20.00 Author not cited

If you have a family history hiding on your shelves, please consider donating it to the Iowa County Historical Society. We are your archive.
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The Civilian Conservation Corps at Highland
A Young Man's Experience
A Reminiscence by Robert L. Cook

It is not common knowledge but beginning in 1933, hundreds of young men worked hard, played hard, doing civic building projects around Wisconsin until the “Dogs of War” called in 1940-1941. Here are edited excerpts from the reminiscences of Bob Cook as he remembered it fifty years afterward. His destination was Highland, Wisconsin. As space permits the ICHS will publish other short excerpts. Editor.

For those of you who were not around when the CCC’s were in evidence, and for those of you who need to be reminded of their importance in the American scene, here is my story.

The CCC was instituted in 1933, the first year of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. It was responsible for the building of a great many national park buildings and lodges. The reclaiming of much farmland through soil conservation programs and the planting of huge tracts of seedling trees are visible marks of success as I write late in the 20th century. This program was good for some two and a half million young men enrolled in the Corps and it was very good for the country.

The trucks pulled slowly away from the railroad platform, having loaded some fifty young men of various ages into their canvas maws. They shifted gears as they groaned toward the road that led to another small town about six miles away. It was mid-morning and the sky was still the dreary gray that was the norm of a fall day in southwest Wisconsin. It was early fall of September, 1937.

Sitting hunched forward over their small luggage they spoke little as they rolled down the blacktop road. The night had been long and the ride from St. Louis had been tiring. The small coach had been ill heated and drafty and seemingly without springs. The passengers were glad to be nearing the end of their journey.

Entering Highland’s outer edge, they rolled along the street that was the only main thoroughfare, climbing the hill up Main Street and on out of town. Highland was behind them now with but four miles to go.

They turned left off the dirt road, passing through the compound gate, coming to a halt behind a long, low building covered with blue-grey tarpaper held in place with four-inch slats. Smoke poured from the chimneys and swirled to the ground as gusts of wind buffeted the group, now unloading self and baggage from the drafty confines of the trucks which were the forerunners of the 6x6s of WWII fame. First Sergeant Stanley Dangutis mustered the group at the back door of the mess hall, taking the roster of names from the man designated as the group leader then ushering the hungry troop around the mess hall and into the hall through the front door. He seated them at the long tables and began his welcoming speech which was little more than a litany of assignments to barracks, getting uniforms, inspections, etc. I was assigned to “D” barracks along with eight other guys and told to take whatever bunks were available. The bunks were regulation U. S. Army lattice spring bunks some 30” by 84” and 16” off the floor. We each selected a bunk and awaited the Sergeant to direct us farther in the process of assignment. At the Quartermaster’s we were issued clothing and gear after experiencing our first G.I. “hurry up and wait” lineup. Trailing back to our barracks after we learned, finally, how to make up a G.I. bunk. We were ushered to “chow.” Metal trays were not yet in use and the method of serving was family style, just like home.

We were allowed to saunter back to our barracks but told to stand by to get our final medical check-up. Most of us spent the time sprawled on our bunks, still tired from the harrowing train ride. The First Aid room was attached to the Quartermaster’s Section which in turn was behind the Company office. One by one we were taken into the Aid Room, poked, prodded, “coughed” and “hypod” and finally all pronounced fit for duty.

Back on my bunk I finally had time to reflect on where I was and why I was there. I reminded myself that these were “hard times” and that I and my family were better off by my being here.

To be continued.
This interesting letter to Dodge descendants was downloaded, in part, from the Dodge Family Association website. This contemporary Henry Dodge (as I have designated him) and his wife Brenda are visiting the locations where the influence of Governor Henry Dodge and his oldest son, Henry Lafayette Dodge, is known to exist.

Your Editor interviewed Henry and Brenda at the Dodge Cabin in mid June. They also collected Dodge material from the ICHS museum and the Dodgeville Public Library. Dodge and his wife are retired teachers bringing many skills to their search for descendancy ties to Henry Lafayette Dodge. We wish them every success. Editor.

I am a member of the Dodge Family from Puerto de Luna, New Mexico. My father is Enriquez Dodge, husband to Eva Lopez, son of Roman and Amalia Flores Dodge and grandson of Roman and Cayetana Silva Dodge. I am looking for Dodges that originally came from Puerto de Luna, New Mexico and family members of Juana Sandoval or Henry Chee Dodge. If you are not sure if you are connected call me, we can find out.

For many years now I have wondered just where my name Dodge came from. How did a Spanish family end up with such an Anglo name? My dad had no answers so I had little or no information about the topic. When searching, I discovered some records that just caused more confusion. Roman Dodge Sr.'s mother was Juana Sandoval and both he and sister Maria's marriage records indicated that their father was Enriquez Deus and that he was deceased at the time of the their weddings in 1875 and 1876.

After researching the name, traveling to New Mexico to view records, and purchasing the Luis Padilla genealogy books, I came to the conclusion that Deus just had to be spelled wrong and that in fact our name is Dodge. Then I had to prove it! I believed Roman Sr. and Maria's father was Henry Lafayette Dodge, who was an Indian agent in Seboyeta in the early 1850s. WW I records indicate that this is where both Roman and Maria were born.

I contacted the Dodge Family Association and got information on their DNA project. I asked if I took the test would it prove conclusively that I was a Dodge, not Deus, and second, could it link me to Henry Lafayette Dodge. They answered that it COULD but were doubtful of a connection. Last September I took the test and was very excited 10 weeks later to find out that indeed I am a real DODGE, not Deus, and Henry Lafayette was the link. My DNA tied conclusively to his grandparents. Since finding this out, I have become even more committed to discovering more about the family. If you would like more info on the Dodge Family DNA Project, call me at 480-982-0668 or email me at dodgego@mchsi.net or go to Dodgefamily.org and look for the DNA project information.

Juana Sandoval is a mystery as well and I look forward to researching her further. As of now I have pieced together the following info: Juana Sandoval had two children from Jose Leon Gonzales. They were Juana Sandoval Gonzales and Gabriel Sandoval Gonzales. Roman and Maria Dodge were from Henry Lafayette. She raised Manuel Marroquin Sandoval, but it may be that he was adopted. I have yet to find marriage records for the first two men (Gonzales and Dodge), but she married Juan Marroquin in 1875. Gabriel is a mystery and I am researching the possibility that he stayed in Seboyeta when his mother, Juana, and the others moved to eastern New Mexico.

I am enjoying the research and am amazed at all the family that I have. The reason I am contacting you is to share this information and see if there might be a story or piece of the puzzle that you may have. For example, did you know that my great great grandfather Henry Lafayette Dodge was killed by Apache Indians? Last fall I spoke to a cousin who told me the story that great grandmother, Cayetana Silva, was a friend of Billy the Kid and that her father was involved in burying him. I would like more details if anyone has them.

Henry Chee Dodge, the Navajo Leader, could very well be the half brother to Roman, Sr. via Henry Lafayette Dodge. DNA could help prove or disprove this. I would also like to build a "Dodges of the Southwest" database so that we can get acquainted and stay in touch.

One of my wife's goals is to put a book together on the history and lives of the Hispanic Dodges or possibly broaden that to the family of Juana Sandoval. The Dodge Family Association is also interested in adding our information to their research.
Acquisitions

Melvin Hendrickson, Wheaton, IL: Misc. hand tools, mine and farm, children's books, historic photographs, artifacts found near ore waggon (archaic spelling) trails.

Delia Wunderlin, Cobb, WI: Miners lunch pail, Floyd school maps.

Georgianna Kuebler, Engadine, MI: Genealogy of Jean Ruppert with picture CD.

Rita Johnson, Mineral Point, WI: Historic baking tins, handbags.

Enid and David Wilke, Dodgeville, WI: Quilt, two copies Uncle Tom's Cabin, antique thermometer.

Marieta Lord, Portage, WI: Photographs of early clergy.

Federal Census Microfilm

These census microfilms were recently cataloged:


Oregon: 1930, Clackamas County.

Newspaper Microfilm at ICHS

Adamsville Advertiser April 17, 1891 only

Arena Wis. Star, 1874-1876 and 1877-1886, becomes

Dodgeville Star in 1883-1886, Dodgeville Chronicle, 1862 through June, 2010

Barneveld Banner, some issues missing

The Hollandale Review, some issues missing

Rural Eye, 1887-1887

Rural Eye of Arena, 1887-1888 and 1888-1889 becomes

The Eye and Star, 1890-1893

The Eye and Star 1893-1895 becomes

New Star, 1896-1897

New Star, 1898-1900

Miners Free Press, Mineral Point, 1837-1843, some issues missing

Miners Free Press, Wis. Tribune, Mineral Point

Mineral Point Home Intelligencer 13 Sept. 1860 and 31 May, 1862

The Gleaner, Arena, Nov 8-Dec. 6, 1894

The Southwest Wisconsin, Linden, 1854-1907

Index to Wisconsin Miscellaneous Newspapers

Weekly newspapers and the ICHS index of obituaries are great finding aids at the Iowa County Historical Society, stop in.

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I am interested in making a tax deductible gift to the Iowa County Historical Society. Please contact me at the above address. Signed__________________________
Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting

7 pm Tuesday
OCTOBER 19, 2010
Stonefield Apartments
407 E. Madison St., Dodgeville

Speaker-Election-Lunch
Bring a few bottles for Michael Seeliger to discuss
Election at conclusion of meeting

Just a Reminder
Saturday, January 22, 2011
Stonefield Apartments
Cooperage Show by Gary Hess

Books for Christmas?
See List Page 4
Send check and order to:
Treasurer, Marie Sersch,
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Michael Seeliger
Bottle Collector Extraordinaire will show and discuss ancient bottles ...
Bring yours to Stonefield Apartments October 19, 2010