

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. Brummer, Kasper, Pvt. Buckingham, Richard, Pvt. Cowen, Dennis, Pvt. Crook, Peter, Pvt. Collingwood, 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. Davis, Edward, Pvt. Dochnahl, Joseph, Pvt. Enoch, Morgan, Pvt. Elam, Joshua, Pvt. Edwards, David, Pvt. Frost, David, Pvt. George, William W., Pvt. Griffiths, John D., Pvt. Griffiths, 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 **Mustering Officer** Major R. S. Smith Attested: Samuel Dustan, Orderly

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.

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Level, James, Pvt. Leece, James, Pvt. Labarre, Lewis, Pvt. Mabbott, John T., Pvt. Magrane, James, Pvt. McMahan, James, Pvt. Mabbott, John R., Pvt. Mulanphy, George, Pvt. Nelson, William B., Pvt. Parry, Henry, Pvt. Prideaux, Richard, Pvt. Peterson, Andrew, Pvt. Prideaux, Benjamin T., Pvt. Perkins, Charles J., Pvt. Porter, William, Pvt. Perkins, Phillip, Pvt. Peterson, Christopher, Pvt. Polkinghorne, 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. Tyrer, Elisha, Pvt. Teal, Michael, Pvt. Tyrer, Robert, Pvt. Villemonte, Frank, Pvt. Woodward, David, Pvt. Williams, Samuel, Pvt. Williams, Samuel B., Pvt. Wiest, Mathew, Pvt. Wiest, John, Pvt.

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Bottle Talk at Stonefield Michael Seeliger will show his collection, explain how he collects and take a look at your prize bottles

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.

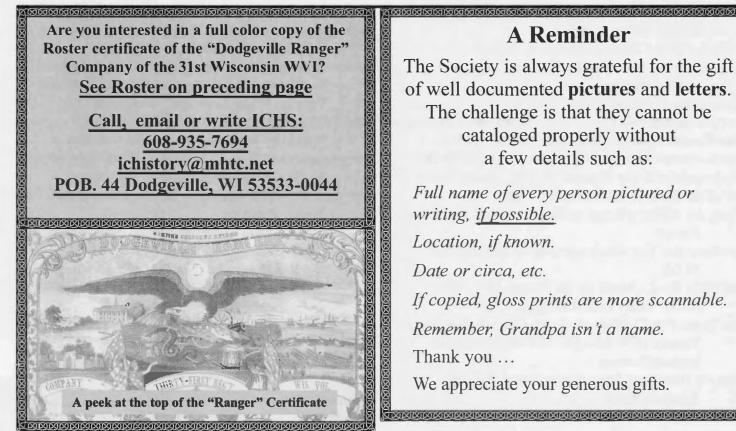
Michael and Alice continue to collect bottles that portray early Americana. These include black glass from 1600-1800, historical flasks from 1830-1880, medicines,



Antique bottles - Michael Seeliger Collection

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 ell 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.



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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•

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The Goodale-Tyrer Family in North America: \$20.00 Nancy Paquette

The Past 25 Years: 1970-1995, Avoca, Wisconsin and Area: \$20.00 Author not cited

1776-1976 Pulaski Avoca: \$20.00 Author not cited

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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 ... Highland, Wisconsin. As space permits the ICHS will publish other short excerpts. Editor. **Prologue**

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 midmorning 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.

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My Name is Henry Dodge by Henry Dodge ... The Contemporary

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 . Lave 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 Deuch** 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 Deuch 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 Deuch, 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 Deuch, 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 dodgegto@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



The Contemporary Henry Dodge with Governor Henry Dodge in the Dodge Cabin, Dodgeville

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.

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<u>Michael Seeliger</u> Bottle Collector Extraordinaire will show and discuss ancient bottles ... Bring yours to Stonefield Apartments October 19, 2010