

GUIDE TO THE DODGE FAMILY PAPERS and BOOKS

Collection Abstract: Documents, maps, newspapers and other papers belonging to the Dodge family of Port Washington, New York. Also includes a collection of books from the family library.

Collection Title: THE DODGE FAMILY PAPERS AND BOOKS
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INTRODUCTION:

The Dodge family of Port Washington, New York was descended from Tristram Dodge who came to America from England in 1660. Tristram, his brother Thomas, and their cousins, Jeremiah and Samuel settled in Cow Bay (present day Port Washington) in 1718. Thomas Dodge's home was built in 1721. Seven generations of Dodges lived in the house, which is still standing and is a local landmark, known as the Dodge Homestead.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection consists of land indentures and agreements, maps, genealogies, songs and poems, printed documents and receipts, a document of manumission, a diary, and several historical newspapers. Also included are a 1775 diagram for weaving and piece of blue and white woven cloth. The documents, spanning the years 1720 to 1975 (bulk dates 1750-1925), include information about specific Dodge family matters, but also relate to the early settlement of Port Washington. Several maps list the names of property owners.

The books belonging to the Dodge Family span the years 1750 to 1924 and include both American and English imprints. Subjects include agriculture, music, school books, bibles and other religious materials. The school books were used in Port Washington and Cow Neck schools. Many of the books are in fragile condition. A complete list is available in the Local History Center.

The collection also includes a 1907 painting of a shipyard at Port Washington by Charles B. Ross. Ross (1878-1933) was the father in law of Marie Dodge Ross.

OTHER SUBJECTS:

Historical Newspapers
Port Washington, NY – History
Queens County – Office of the Coroner
Slavery
Songs

Individuals Named in Dodge Family Documents:

Brooks, David
Cornel, Joshua
Cornel, Sarah
Demlit, Obadiah
Dodge, Amos
Dodge, Daniel
Dodge, Edgar V.
Dodge, Elizabeth
Dodge, Henry O.
Dodge, Jeremiah
Dodge, Maria

Dodge, Phebe
Dodge, Robert
Dodge, Samuel
Dodge, Thomas
Dodge, William
Lewis, Morgan
Margaret (slave of Maria Dodge)
Mott, Adam
Mott, Edmund
Onderdonck
Ross, Marie Dodge

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BOX LIST

BOX 1: Dodge Family Papers

Folder	Contents
1	Genealogies <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Family Record of the Dodge Family / compiled by Henry F. Dodge, Feb. 11, 1878. Begins: "The first Dodge came from England. He came over in a ship. The said ship was wrecked and he swam ashore on Block Island. And these are the descendance of the said Dodge."2. The Dodge Family Tree / compiled by Edgar V. Dodge, 1961. Printed on blueprint paper. Reads: "3rd edition, April 17, 1961." With handwritten additions, and the note: "revised Dec. 12, 1961."3. [Family Tree] / compiled by Marie A. Dodge Ross, [ca. 1975?] Handwritten in black ink on cardboard. Begins with Tristram Dodge, b. 1607.
2	Maps #1-7 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. [Hand-drawn maps of Port Washington showing property owners from 1695 through the early 1800s]. Three maps and a list of names of property owners in chronological and alphabetical order.2. [Undated facsimile of copy of Gate Rights Map of 1709]. Modern caption reads: "Copy of the original Gate Rights Map of 1709, drawn by Samuel Clowes, Surveyor. The land on Cow Neck was divided among the men listed at lower left, according to the number of 'Gates,' or lengths of fencing, which they had contributed when the peninsula was fenced in for 3 miles from Hempstead Harbor to Manhasset Bay, along what is now Route 25A. The original map being 'much defaced and liable to be extinguished if not timely remedied,' Samuel Willis was asked, in 1745, to make this copy. His notation appears at upper left."3. Sketch of part of Cow Neck showing the lines of Clowes' map. Printed reproduction of part of Gate Rights Map of 1709. Printed in 1978(?) on verso of a flyer captioned "Dodge Homestead: 1721 - 1978," illustrated with photos and a sketch of the Dodge house.4. A Plan of the City of New York in the yeare 1664. Color reproduction – Designed and published by Franklin Bittner, New York, undated. Includes illustrations of flags.5. [Hand-drawn Map] Sketch of original lands of the Dodge Family at Cow Neck, undated Indicating dates of land transactions; the earliest is 1711.

6. Map of Long Island showing the Long Island Rail Road and connections: Long Island R.R. Co., 1884. In color, with the railroad line printed in red. The extension from Great Neck to Port Washington had not yet been built.
7. [Xerox reproduction of Port Washington map from the Beers Atlas of Long Island, 1893]

Folder 3 – Maps #8-15

8. [Geological Map] New York City and Vicinity -- [Washington, D.C. : U.S. Geological Survey, 1899]
9. [Xerox reproduction of Port Washington map from Belcher & Hyde Atlas, 1906]
10. [Xerox reproduction of Port Washington map from Belcher & Hyde Atlas, 1924]
11. [Xerox reproduction of John Held Jr.'s map of Great Neck and Port Washington, 1927]. Originally published in the July 16, 1927 issue of *The New Yorker*. Also printed in *The Most of John Held, Jr.*
12. [Blueprint] Map of property belonging to Charles F. Dodge. Situated at Port Washington, Nassau County, New York / surveyed by Bertram F. Allen, Port Washington, N.Y., Feb. 1, 1933.
13. Map of Property formerly of the estate of Henry O. Dodge, belonging to C.F. Lewis and A.C. Bayles. Port Washington, Nassau Co., L.I., N.Y., [ca. 1935?]. Hand-drawn map on paper, mounted on linen.
14. Street Map of Port Washington, Plandome and Flower Hill / drawn by William S. Cass: [printed by] Resident Directory Services, Inc., [ca. 1940?]. Printed in white on black paper. Date from note on verso.
15. [Undated Map, printed in color ca. 1960?]. Modern caption reads: "The Village of Port Washington, Long Island as it was in the Year 1870 Showing all Residences and the Owners Thereof. Compiled from Old and Musty Records by Catherine Ross Nelson and E. Theodore Nelson"

Folder 4 - Documents

- [Indenture], May 6, 1720. Agreement between Joshua Cornel and Thomas Dodge relating to "a farm of land ... on the west side of [Cow] Neck known by the name of Collards Farm ..."
- [Indenture], July 4, 1721. Agreement between Joshua and his wife Sarah Cornel and Thomas Dodge relating to a "parcel of land situate lying on Cow Neck ... bounded westerly by ... other land of the said Joshua Cornel, northerly by Edmund Mott, easterly and southerly by Samuel Dodge ..."
- [Indenture], July 24, 1755. Agreement between Amos Dodge and Thomas Dodge concerning 53 acres of land in Cow Neck.
- [Indenture], May 19, 1790. Land agreement between Thomas and William Dodge. Signed by Thomas and Elizabeth Dodge, and by David Brooks and Adam Mott, Jr. as witnesses.

- [Agreement relating to the estate of Jeremiah Dodge], May 5, 1790. "Wee the subscribers, William Dodge, Robert Dodge Sons of Jeremiah Dodge of Cow Neck deceased, and Daniell Dodge, Grandson of the abovesaid deceased, and an executor of his Father Jeremiah Dodge, Son of the above said Deceased ... have received the full sum of Eight Pound 1/. Each of us it being the last part of a legacy in full ... Wee do acknowlige our selves fully satisfied contented and paid, by the hands of Petrus Onderdonck and Adam Mott two of the executors ..." With seals and signatures of William, Robert and Daniel Dodge. Also signed by witnesses William and Phebe Dodge.
- [Tax bill], April 1, 1862 "Mr. Henry O. Dodge / To School District Due / Taxes \$0.82 / Schooling \$1.48" [Pasted on back of May 5, 1790 Agreement]
- [Certificate of appointment of William Dodge to the Office of Coroner, County of Queens], March 13, 1806. Printed document with handwritten additions. Signed by Morgan Lewis. [Pasted on back of May 5, 1790 Agreement]

Folder 5 [Certificate of appointment of William Dodge to the Office of Coroner, County of Queens], March 16, 1805. Printed document with handwritten additions. Signed by Morgan Lewis, "Governor of our said state." With Coroner's Seal attached by a ribbon.

Folder 6 Constitution of the North Hempstead Bible Society, [undated]. Begins: "To promote a more extensive circulation of the Holy Scriptures among ourselves, and to assist in extending these blessings to the destitute in other places, the undersigned have resolved to form themselves into a Society ..." Unsigned.

Folder 7 [Pardon granted by George III to Thomas Dodge], Jan. 30, 1777. Printed document with handwritten additions. Dodge was "Committee-man of Cow Neck, in Long Island, in the Province of New-York" during the Revolution.

Folder 8 Regimental Warrant, Aug. 18, 1817. Printed document with handwritten additions, notifying Thomas Dodge of his appointment as a Corporal. Signed by M. Townsend.

Folder 9 [Diary] Thomas Dodge, his book, Dec. 26, 1811. Records of Dodge's financial transactions. With the note: "Steel not this book, my honest [friend?] / for fear the gallows will be your end / And what a shameful sight it would bee / To see thee hanging on a tree."

Folder 10 [Document of manumission], Dec. 21, 1801. Regarding the freeing of Maria Dodge's slave, Margret: "I do hereby certify that I do ... set free the above Margret as the law in such cases directs / [signed] Maria Dodge"

Folder 11 Songs:

- [Song] Moving from New York to Baltimore, Maryland / Maria Dodge, March 28, 1813. Also entitled: "John Dodge Journal to Baltimore." Begins: "In seventeen hundred and sixty three / We then did cross the raging sea..."
- [Song] The Maid in Bedlam / Maria Dodge, Feb. 6, 1814. Begins: "One morning very early, one morning in the spring / I heard a maid in Bedlam who mournfully did sing ..."
- [Song] [Pretty Pegga] / Thomas Dodge, February 28, 1807
- [Songs] The Exile of Erin [and] The Farewell / Sarah Dodge, May the 1, 1808, Sunday Forenoon

Folder 12 Scrapbook page with the following items (pasted on two sides):

- Notice / In Chancery, April 23, 1822. An announcement of the auction of the property of the late Obadiah Demlit of Cow Neck, to be held April 30, 1822
- [Receipt], June 8, 1834. To H.O. Dodge, for payment for a subscription to the Long-Island Farmer and Queens County Advertiser
- [Receipt], June 17, 1784. Signed by Thomas Dodge
- [Prayer], [n.d.] Begins: "Come Holy Ghost, eternal God ..." Unsigned
- 2 news clippings
- [Handwritten notice] "Sarah Dodge Departed this life july the 9 Day on Wednesday halfour after 2 o'clock 1800"

Folder 13 Diagram for weaving] / Peter Dodge, April 1775. With note: "The hanging of the Treddles" Accompanied by a piece of blue and white woven cloth

Folder 14 [Pamphlet] Hutchins Improved : Being an Almanack and Ephemeris of the Motions of the Sun and Moon ... for the Year of our Lord 1795 : Being the Third after Bissextile, or Leap Year, and 19th Year of American Independence, 'till 4th July / by John Nathan Hutchins. New York : Printed and Sold by H. Gaine, at his Printing Office, at the Bible, in Hanover Square, where may be had, the New York Pocket Almanack, [1795]

Folder 15 Newspapers

- *The Atlas*, July 11, 1841
- *Long-Island Farmer and Queens County Advertiser*, Aug. 24, 1826; Oct. 12, 1826; June 7, 1828; May 29, 1839
- *The Massachusetts Sun: Or, American Oracle of Liberty*, July 17, 1776. Declaration of Independence printed on front page

Folder 16 Newspapers

- *The New-York Gazette*, Oct. 26, 1761; Dec. 14, 1761; Jan. 25, 1762; March 12, 1764

Folder 17 Newspapers

- *The New York Herald*, May 6, 1843
- *New-York Spectator*, Jan. 14, 1807; Jan. 12, 1816; Feb. 21, 1816
- *The New York Times*, May 24, 1883
- *New York Tribune*, June 3, 1923. Pages 4 and following. Article is entitled "The lure of Long Island: Port Washington."
- *New-York Weekly Museum*, Aug. 15, 1807
- *Newsday*, April 7, 1964. Pages 48 - 49. Article is entitled "Tape recaptures life in Cow Neck"
- *The Sun*, July 23, 1834; Aug. 23, 1834; Sept. 4, 1834

Folder 18 Charles B. Ross

"Shipyard Port Washington / Feb. 1907". Pastel and watercolor, signed by the artist

DODGE FAMILY BOOKS (5 boxes) – List available in Local History Center

