

In long, sad ranks, beneath their plain grave-stones, in the church yards of Essex County, among the crowding generations of our Family, they sank to rest until the Resurrection.

From the field of battle, many of the dead were taken to their Essex homes, and laid away where they still rest, by the side of those old roads: along which they marched forth to their last struggle in June 1775.

Many of our family were of these Hero martyrs Frothingham's careful narrative gives the names; as Captains:

Abraham Dodge, in Col. Little's Regiment.

In Col. Gerrish's Regiment from Essex Co. Mass. Richard Dodge, who on the 16th June, the day before the battle, was elected Major, and Barnabas Dodge. Lieutenant Robert Dodge, Ensign Paul Dodge.

The names of the Privates, of whom so many were of our family, are not preserved.

Col. Gerrish, in August 1775, was cashiered by the severe judgment of a Court Martial: for cowardice in refusing to lead his men to the front, when so ordered by Gen. Putnam; but his whole regiment, led forward by their Adjutant, Febiger, fought bravely to the last. The regiment was simply Volunteer: neither commissioned nor full.

In the very brief and imperfect list of the dead on the American side, that were buried upon the field, is the name of James Dodge, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, to which I have before alluded.

In every war of our History, our kinsmen have borne their part with distinction. In Colonial times, when England contested with France for supreme rule on this Continent, her armies relied for support on Colonial troops. They shared her struggle and triumph on many fields, as well as at the fall of Quebec, where the gallant Wolfe died at the moment of victory; after reciting, as is said, Gray's sad line

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

One of my ancestors was in the army of Abercrombie, at his Battle of Lake George, against the French under Montcalm. Doubtless, many, in these long records of the Essex Co. families, served before Louisburg and Quebec; or in the Revolutionary Army, and War of 1812, with my ancestors and kinsmen.

The War of 1812 found Henry Dodge, a native of Indiana, and son of Israel Dodge born at Canterbury, Conn, a resident of the Territory (now State) of Missouri, whither he had migrated, when a mere youth, with his father some fourteen years before the United