

RAY DODGE

Gilbert "Ray" Dodge
Project Consultant – Lane County

GILBERT "RAY" DODGE, SR., son of Theodore Daniel Dodge (1857-1900) and Viola Cedora Shay (1859-1900), was born on 7 Feb 1893 near Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. He married **NORA HELEN THON**, daughter of William B. Thon (1848-1898) and Josephine Stransky (1861-1942), on 26 Apr 1916 in Shields, Lane County, Kansas. Nora was born there on 13 May 1894.

Nora and Gilbert lived on their farm, near Healy in Lane County, until about 1932 when they moved to Dighton. Ray was a schoolteacher and school principal. In 1950, Nora was working as a grocery store clerk. Both he and Nora held offices in the County Court house for years. Ray was County Treasurer and County Clerk.

By 1963, they had moved to Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. Nora passed away on 7 Nov 1974 in Manhattan and Ray died there on 14 Oct 1985 at the St. Mary's Hospital. Burial was at the Dighton Cemetery in Dighton, Kansas.

Ray and Nora had five children...

DAROLD ARDALE DODGE was born on 5 Apr 1917 in Lane County, Kansas. He married Zelma Marie Finn, daughter of Charles Joseph Finn (1891-1978) and Clara Georgianna Bicknell (1894-1988), on 22 Mar 1943 in Kansas City, Kansas. Zelma was born on 10 Dec 1916 in Hoisington, Barton County, Kansas.

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Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas
Yearbook photographs



DONALD ARDALE DODGE
1940



ZELMA MARIE FINN
1942

Darold served in the United States Army during World War II. In 1941, he graduated

from the Kansas State University, with a Vocational Agriculture Degree. Zelma received her bachelor's degree in Microbiology from Kansas State University. She got a Medical Technology Internship from the Kansas University Medical Center and received a teaching certificate from the Emporia State University.

The couple had six daughters; Rae Marie (Dodge) Crisel, Alvena Louise (Dodge) Spangenberg, Cecilia Elaine (Dodge) Smith, Elizabeth Ann (Dodge) Warren, Clare Noreen (Dodge) Rehme, and Eileen Mary (Dodge) Rinke.

Darold passed away on 17 Dec 2008 in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. Zelma died there on 9 Dec 2011. Burial was at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan, Kansas.

THEODORE ORICE DODGE was born on 24 May 1918 in Wilson Township, near Healy, Lane County, Kansas. He graduated from Kansas State College in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. He then worked in the accounting department of Phillips Petroleum Company, located in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma.

He married Lavone Anna Puckett, daughter of Wylie A. Puckett (1877-1930) and Florence G. Phillips (1879-1967), on 30 Nov 1940 in Manhattan, Kansas.

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THEODORE ORICE DODGE
1939



LAVONE ANNA PUCKETT
1936

Lavone was born on 9 May 1917 in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. In 1936, she was attending Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas.

Theodore and Lavone made their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma but in 1946, they moved back to Manhattan, Kansas, where Theodore was working at the Kansas State College. There he was a professor of accounting and worked as a budget officer. He

retired in June of 1983. Theodore and Lavone had two children...Donna A. Dodge and Douglas T. Dodge.

Lavone passed away on 27 Jul 1995 in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. Theodore died on 23 Mar 2001 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, where both of their children lived. Theodore and Lavone were buried at the Carnahan Creek Cemetery in Olsburg, Pottawatomie County, Kansas.

GILBERT REID/RAY DODGE, JR. was born on 17 Jan 1920 in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. Gilbert married Mildred "Maydean" Estes, daughter of Felix Robert Estes (1893-1969) and Ida Marie Lloyd (1902-1975) on 29 Sep 1942, in Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico. They made their home in Manhattan, Kansas, where Gilbert attended Kansas State University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and became a Certified Public Accountant.



GILBERT REID/RAY DODGE, JR
Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
1940



MILDRED MAYDEAN ESTES
Dighton, Kansas High School
1941

In 1953, Gilbert was working for the Kansas State University as instructor of business and then he was auditor with Kansas Farmers Service Association in Hutchinson, Kansas. In 1958, he joined the University again as their budget officer for agriculture. He spent a few months in India at the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, helping with improving their budgeting procedures. He did the same with the University's Philippine Ag Project.

Gilbert and Maydean had three daughters... Madeline (Dodge) McCarrol, Myrna Dodge, and Jere Lynn Dodge.

Gilbert died on 16 Dec 1984 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. Maydean passed away on 27 Apr 1998, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. Their burial was at the Dighton Cemetery in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas.

HALE ARDEN DODGE was born on 5 Jan 1924 in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. He

was married to Ethel L. Bush, daughter of Ernest Richard Bush and Eva Clair Owen, in about 1943. Ethel was born on 30 Sep 1923 in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas.

Hale served in the United States Air Force for 27 years. In 1950, while in the service, Hale and Ethel were living in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. In 1988, he retired as the deputy director of operations for the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics where he spent 18 years as a pilot. Ethel worked as a consultant for the Lancaster County Bank and the McCashland-Kirby Insurance Agency.



HALE ARDEN DODGE

Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
1943



ETHEL L. BUSH

Dighton, Kansas High School
1941

Hale died on 16 Mar 2004 at a retirement Center in Waverly, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Ethel passed away in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska on 8 Aug 2007. Their burial was at the Rosehill Cemetery in Waverly, Nebraska.

Hale and Ethel had four children...

CRAIG DOUGLAS DODGE was born on 17 Aug 1944. In 1985, he was hired as the



CRAIG DOUGLAS DODGE

Newspaper photograph

deputy sheriff for Lancaster County, Nebraska. On 14 Mar 1987, he was dispatched to a domestic assault in Hickman, Nebraska. When trying to rescue the woman being held & assaulted by her husband, Craig was shot in the face and died instantly. He was buried at the Rosehill Cemetery in Waverly.

Hale and Ethel's other three children were MICHAEL G. DODGE, ARDEN MICHELLE (DODGE) MOHRMAN, and ERIN L. (DODGE) DENNIS.

WARD KENT DODGE was born on 14 Mar 1929 in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. In 1951, Ward was living in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas. He married Mary Dewetta Dozier, daughter of William Boyce Dozier (1900-1952) and Ida Lee Wood (1908-1983), on 6 Nov 1954 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Mary was born on 29 Dec 1929 in Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas. They had two daughters... Carol Ann Dodge and Brenda Sue Dodge.

DIGHTON, KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Yearbook photograph



WARD KENT DODGE

1947

Ward was a colonel and fighter pilot during the North Vietnam War. He was the pilot of an F-105D. On 5 Jul 1967, while attacking the Vu Chua railroad yard in North Vietnam, his aircraft was hit by an 85mm anti-aircraft shell and he was forced to eject. He was then captured and put in a North Vietnamese prison camp. About a week later, he died in captivity of unknown causes.

In Hanoi Hai Phong Hau Giang, Vietnam, he was officially declared dead on 12 Jul 1967. His burial was at the United States Air Force Academy Cemetery in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado. Mary's burial was also there. She passed away on 12 Jun 2013.

Cemetery Headstones

GILBERT RAY DODGE & NORA HELEN (THON) DODGE



DIGHTON CEMETERY

Dighton, Lane County, Kansas

Headstone photograph provided by Karen Hall

