

The Deacon John Doane Research Committee
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Recently, research into the origins of Deacon John Doane has concentrated on the Y-DNA program reported on at this Reunion by Dick Doane (TX), but there is still work that needs to be done to follow up the traditional paper trail research started by Gilbert Doane. There are still many documents we have not yet looked at that might give us more information about the background of men who might turn out to be 'our' John Done. Because it is now quite easy to obtain access to these documents without the need to visit a library, such research can now be carried out remotely. Many documents held in the UK National Archives in London can now be purchased and downloaded online. Someone in the USA or Canada, where 99% of DFA members live, would be just as able as someone living in England to carry out this research.

Among documents still to be analysed are records of legal proceedings in the English Court of Chancery that took place in the early 17th century. These are not in Latin, but in English, but in the handwriting of the time, which can be difficult to decipher. Fortunately, there is a very useful tutorial available on the website of the UK National Archives that explains how this can be done. To be fair, it should be pointed out that this work can be quite time consuming - as I know myself, having analysed a number of such documents - and it is important that volunteers are aware of what they might be undertaking. The main consolation is that those who do take it on will, I am sure, find it both fascinating and rewarding.

If anyone wishes to consider doing this type of research, they are welcome to discuss what is involved with me. My e-mail address is: derek.done@btinternet.com.

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