

## COVE BURYING GROUND, EASTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

It was most likely before the original seven settler families left the church at Plymouth in 1644 that land at the place called Pochet was purchased from the native Mattaquasom for the building of a church. The church was built upon a low rising hill just north of that body of water to be called Town Cove. This church was a simple structure some twenty feet square with a thatched roof. There were openings along the side walls that would enable musket use to defend the congregation within should the need arise. As was the custom of the English, the ground about the church was to be used as a burial ground. It is most probable that many of the original settlers are buried within the Cove burial ground, though the oldest stone, that of Thomas Mulford dates from 1706.

The Rev. John Mayo was the first settled minister at Nauset in 1646. He had been a teaching elder at Barnstable under Rev. John Lothrop. The Rev. Lothrop's son Samuel married Abigail Doane, the daughter and caretaker of Deacon John Doane, in 1690. Rev. Mayo preached at the rustic little meeting house above Town Cove until 1655 when he was called to the Second Church at Boston. In Boston Rev. Mayo mentored the young Increase Mather, father of famed colonial Boston preacher Cotton Mather.

Rev. Thomas Crosby was employed to conduct public services on the Lord's Day shortly after the departure of Rev. Mayo. In 1670 the services of Rev. Crosby were terminated. For a time the inhabitants of the town of Eastham were unable to fully support a pastor, but in 1672 the town elders called the Rev. Samuel Treat to serve as their settled minister. He was the son of Robert Treat the Governor of Connecticut. In 1674 Rev. Treat married Elizabeth the daughter of Rev. John Mayo. Rev. Treat was noted for his labors ministering to the natives. He lived at that area in Eastham now known as Fort Hill.

In the year 1678 the town built a new meeting house. This more than likely replaced a second meeting house built when the congregation outgrew the original structure from the time of the initial settlement. Rev. Samuel Treat ministered to the people of Eastham for some 45 years. It was during the ministry of Rev. Treat that Daniel Doane served as Deacon of the church. Shortly after the death of Rev. Treat in 1717 the town voted to build two meeting houses to better serve the growing population of the town. The First Parish removed to the south precinct in what is now the Town of Orleans. The Second Parish was organized in the middle precinct where the center of town was now located. The sons of Daniel Doane were members of the First Parish, whereas the sons of John Doane Jr. were members of the Second Parish.

Burials continued at the Cove Burial Ground for many years after the removal of the parish meetinghouse. The last burial was that of Mary Freeman, wife of Deacon Samuel Freeman, in 1770.

### **Highlights of the Cove Burial Ground relating to the Doane family:**

It is very probable that Deacon John Doane and both his wives are buried within the confines of the Cove Burial Ground. It is also more than likely that John Doane Jr. and his brother Ephraim were buried here as well. There were surveys done of existing gravestones in this burial ground in 1876, 1905, and 1976, but no stones were identified for these individuals on any of these surveys.

#1) DANIEL DOANE (1712) -Son of Deacon John Doane

This is the oldest existing stone of a descendant of Deacon John Doane

He was the deacon of the church at Eastham following in the footsteps of his father  
He lived on the other side of the Town Cove in what is now Orleans

His son Joseph was also a deacon of the church at Eastham and Justice of the Peace

Son Daniel became a Quaker and left Cape Cod for Pennsylvania in 1696

Grandson Prence left Eastham for Connecticut in about the year 1734

Grandson Edmund left Eastham for Nova Scotia in 1761

#2) DAVID DOANE (1748) –Grandson of Deacon John Doane (John 2, John 1)

Married Dorothy Horton in 1701

He was styled Doctor though it is not believed that he had formal training  
David lived in that section of Eastham called Nauset

His son Eleazer left Eastham for Nova Scotia in 1760

#3) JOSHUA DOANE (1743) –aged 3 years and 3 months

The son of Joshua Doane and Betty Myrick

Possibly the grandson of Dr. David Doane #2

#4) JOSEPH ROGERS (1603-1678) –Memorial Stone 1966

Mayflower Passenger

Daughter Elizabeth married Jonathan Higgins in 1660

Three of their granddaughters married grandsons of John Doane Jr.

#5) JOHN FREEMAN (1719) –Came from England with his father Edmund in 1635

Granddaughter Ruth Freeman married Israel Doane son of Daniel Doane

Their son Prence settled in Connecticut

Their son Edmund settled in Nova Scotia

## BRIDGE ROAD CEMETERY, EASTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

The Bridge Road Cemetery in Eastham, Massachusetts was the burial ground of the Second Parish of Eastham. The year after the death of Reverend Samuel Treat during the great snow storm of 1717 the town meeting voted to build two meeting houses and thus created two separate parishes within the bounds of Eastham.

The South Meeting House was built in 1719 and located on the south side of Town Cove, which is now part of the town of Orleans. This was the meetinghouse where Joseph Doane was the deacon. Joseph Doane, a grandson of Deacon John Doane, was the son of Deacon Daniel Doane.

The Second Parish Meeting House, built in 1720, was located in the Central Precinct of the town near Herring Pond. This was the meetinghouse of the sons of John Doane Jr. The burial ground was laid out in 1720 and a parsonage house built to the north side of it. The first minister of this parish was Rev. Benjamin Webb, who served as pastor for twenty-six years until his death in 1746. Though there were undoubtedly burials during this time, there are no existing gravestones from the years Rev. Webb ministered to the parish.

The second settled minister was Rev. Edward Cheever who came here in 1751. His ministry to this parish was for forty-three years until his death in 1794. Rev. Cheever was a leader in the community during the long struggle for independence from England and the early years of the United States. The oldest gravestones here are from the early years of Rev. Cheever's ministry in the 1750s. These include the stones of Isaac Doane 1755 and Samuel Doane 1756. Both of these men were sons of John Doane Jr., and grandsons of Deacon John Doane. Two grandsons of the aforementioned Samuel Doane, John Doane and Samuel Doane, were deacons of the Second Parish during the ministry of Rev. Cheever.

In 1795 Rev. Philander Shaw became the third settled minister of the Second Parish in Eastham. His sermons were described as evangelical and rich in thought. Heman Doane, a great-grandson of Samuel Doane, was a deacon for some years during the ministry of Rev. Shaw. The twenty-seven year old Rev. Philander Shaw married the seventeen year old Dorcas Doane in November of 1795. Dorcas was the daughter of Joel Doane and the granddaughter of Deacon Samuel Doane. She died in her nineteenth year and her gravestone can be seen in the southeast section of the burial ground.

In 1829 the Second Parish Meeting House, which was built in 1720, was torn down. A new meeting house was built a mile and a half to the north where the Congregational and Soldiers Cemetery is. Rev. Shaw continued as minister until his retirement in 1838. There were a handful of ministers who served the parish after Rev. Shaw, including Rev. Enoch Pratt who wrote a history of Eastham in 1844. Due mainly to the inroads of the Methodist Society, the membership of the Second Parish of the Congregational Church in Eastham continued a steady decline during the 1840s and 1850s. Finally in 1859 the congregation was unable to support a minister. The Congregational Church founded by the original English settlers ceased to exist within the present bounds of Eastham.

**Highlights of the Bridge Road Cemetery relating to the Doane family:**

#1) SAMUEL DOANE (1756) –Grandson of Deacon John Doane (John 2, John 1)

#2) ISAAC DOANE (1755) –Grandson of Deacon John Doane (John 2, John 1)

#3) SAMUEL DOANE (1778) –Great Grandson of Deacon John Doane  
(Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

#4) SIMEON DOANE (1789) -Great Grandson of Deacon John Doane  
(Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

Married Apphia Higgins the Great Granddaughter of Joseph Rogers Mayflower  
Passenger (Elisha Higgins 4, Elizabeth Rogers 3, Joseph 2, Thomas 1)

The Great-Great Grandfather of Thomas Doane the founder of Doane College

#5) JONATHAN DOANE (1780) -Great Grandson of Deacon John Doane  
(David 3, John 2, John 1)

“Here lies my body dissolved to dust In hope to rise amongst the just”

Married Martha Higgins the Great Granddaughter of Joseph Rogers Mayflower  
Passenger (Elisha Higgins 4, Elizabeth Rogers 3, Joseph 2, Thomas 1)

Representative at the General Court at Boston 1759, 1761-62, 1765

#6) SAMUEL DOANE (1795) –Son of #3 Samuel Doane  
(Samuel 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

Private with the British Expedition against the French at Crown Point NY in 1755

Deacon of the Second Parish Church

#7) TIMOTHY DOANE (1759) –Son of #3 Samuel Doane, brother of #6 Samuel Doane  
(Samuel 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

#8) JOHN DOANE (1800) –Son of #4 Simeon Doane  
(Simeon 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

Private in the war against the French at Annapolis Royal in 1759-60

Deacon of the Second Parish Church

The Great Grandfather of Thomas Doane the founder of Doane College

#9) DORCAS (DOANE) SHAW (1797) –Granddaughter of #6 Samuel Doane  
(Joel 6, Samuel 5, Samuel 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

Married the Rev. Philander Shaw at the age of seventeen in 1795

#10) MYRICK DOANE FAMILY (1816) –Grandson of #4 Simeon Doane  
(Isaiah 5, Simeon 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1)

There are 21 gravestones in the Bridge Road Cemetery with 25 names of people who died in February and March of 1816. An epidemic on the Lower Cape called the “Cold Plague” or “Spotted Fever” took 52 lives in Eastham in 1816.

Myrick Doane lost his wife, Temperance Knowles, and 4 of their children between February 18 and February 21

Gravestone 1:

Tempy Doane –age 32 years  
Clement Doane –age 7 years

Gravestone 2:

Maria Doane –age 4 years  
William Doane –age 3 years  
Myrick Doane –age 5 days

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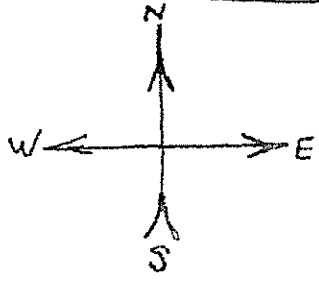
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