



# The Doane Family News

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## President's Message

Dear Cousins,

Just think, by this time next year our reunion in Salem, Ore., at Willamette College will be an accomplished fact. Note please that this means you have less than a year to make your plans. Don't delay! John Doan and his Oregon-Washington Chapter are planning great things for us in this very beautiful area of the United States.

I am sorry to report to you that George Doane, president of the New England Chapter and a regional vice president, lost his wife, Beverly. Beverly was also the mother of our Corresponding Secretary Janet L'Heureux. We extend our sincere sympathy to them and all the family.

Also, I have just learned that our Regional Vice President Horace Doane, has lost his wife, Mildred. Mildred was also mother to our Recording Secretary Mary Ann Sindt. Mildred served as corresponding secretary from 1967 to 1986. We are deeply sorry for this loss and extend our sympathies to the family.

I, too, lost my husband, John, in May after five months of Hospice care at home. To all those family members who heard and sent their sympathy and concern, I thank you.

Our chapters have been busy. California celebrated their 20th anniversary with a great program. I was ever so sorry not to have been able to join them. May they continue to flourish and celebrate many more anniversaries. I was able to attend the Toronto Chapter meeting recently.

They always have a fine meeting. The New Jersey-Pennsylvania Chapter is having its meeting on October 14. I would really enjoy joining them if it is possible.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to have each of the chapters write up the history of their founding and development? California and Oklahoma have already done this. We could publish these records in our newsletter or in a separate booklet. This is something our regional vice presidents should encourage.

Save your pennies, and I will look forward to seeing you at Willamette College where the first president was a Doane, a Doane Family member is on the faculty and a freshman student, my granddaughter, Allison, is also a DFA life member.

Dorothy Doan Baker

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# California Chapter News

## *A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT:*

I became a member of the Doane Family Association of America back in the 1960s. At that time, I wanted to learn about some of my Doane ancestors, namely: Betsy Snow, Thankful Linnell, and Dorothy Horton.

I have been fortunate enough to have attended the last 10 national reunions. "My first" was held in Massachusetts in 1976. I have enjoyed subsequent visits to Pennsylvania; Indiana; Oklahoma; Kentucky; Doane College in Nebraska, twice; Toronto; and Nova Scotia. Of course, our chapter even hosted one here in 1978. I am looking forward to 1996 and our reunion in Oregon. It is always wonderful to see those "Doane cousins" you come to know and love each time. I have served as a regional vice president since 1990, when Addie Ott felt she could no longer accept that capacity. (Now that is a hard act to follow!!)

Little did I suspect in the 1960s there would be a California Chapter established in 1975. Nor did I suspect that I would become so involved in that chapter. Most of those 20 years I have held an office, having served a secretary/treasurer, vice president, and president.

My goal for the California Chapter has been to increase our membership; to make you more aware of the national association; to be able to assist you in your research; to help you become more aware of your Doane heritage; and to enjoy the fellowship of this extended family.

I would like to hear from any of you who have ideas on how to accomplish the above goals. I would like any other ideas that we might implement to benefit the organization and/or us as individual members.

I enjoy doing the newsletter and appreciate those of you who provide information. I hope you enjoy reading it too. By the way, I am still looking for the parents of Betsy Snow, Thankful Linnell, and Dorothy Horton.

Erma J. Phillips, President

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## Next Newsletter

The April issue of the DFA Newsletter will be edited by:

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# Ontario, Canada Chapter News

The Ontario Doanes gathered for their 1994 reunion in the pleasant village of Stroud, Innisfil Township, Simcoe County. DFA President Dorothy Baker brought greetings and introduced some matters of business, such as dealing with memberships in Canadian funds. She and husband, John, were granted honorary memberships in the chapter. Following reports, including the matter of the Doan House, the business meeting adjourned for the potluck lunch.

After lunch, the meeting reconvened. The election of officers for 1994-95 was held. John Doan of Brampton, the new president, has since resigned, thus making Cora Brodie president, with the vice-president position adjusted accordingly.

Dr. John McIntyre, guest speaker, a keen researcher into the history of the Doan(e) family, author of his recently published book, *The Children of Peace*, gave a slide presentation about the Doane Family, its U.S. background, and its connection with the Yonge Street Meeting and The Children of Peace. His knowledge of this family is very valuable to all who care about its history.

Following the talk, a memorium was held for those who died recently. There was also a show and tell and prizes were awarded. Norman Doan gave his thanks for the support given during his term of office as president, and John Doan gave a short talk in acceptance of his new position. The meeting then adjourned.

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## Deaths

The following deaths were reported since our last newsletter:

John R. Doane, January 30, 1995, valued member of the New York/Pennsylvania Chapter, husband of Joyce Lamphere, and father of Jarvis Doane and Julie Doane Snyder.

Beverly Doane, date unavailable, wife of George Doane, President of the New England Chapter, and the mother of Janet L'Heureux, our corresponding secretary.

John Baker, May 21, 1995, husband of National DFA President Dorothy Doan Baker, after five months of Hospice care at home.

## Doane Books Available

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## Southeast Ohio Chapter News

The 14th annual Doan family reunion was held Oct. 1 in the Lower Salem Community Building, with 64 people attending.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed at 12:30 p.m. Table decorations were potted mums donated by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Gardner in memory of their son, Terry Gardner, and mums donated by Mr. & Mrs. Delmer Doan in memory of their daughter, Marcella Lynn "Marcy" Sargent, who passed away Jan. 20, 1995.

A memorial service was held in memory of deceased members. Ethel Doan Andris lit a candle in memory of her cousin, Lynda Doan Carpenter, who passed away Dec. 20, 1994. Delmer Doan lit a candle in memory of his daughter, "Marcy."

Marriages reported were Gregory Forshey to Kimberly on April 1, 1995 and Raymond Smithberger to Connie Ackerman on May 13, 1995. One birth was reported, a son, Bryan, to Kimberly and Brian Taylor on January 15, 1995.

The youngest attendee was Alex Monzona Smithberger (3). The oldest female in attendance was Ollie Doan Schafer and the oldest male was Robert B. Doan. Relatives traveling the farthest were Bill and Blanche Schafer of Tucson, Ariz.

Following the business meeting, the afternoon was spent playing bingo and reminiscing. The 1996 reunion will be at the same location on Oct. 6.

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## Oregon-Washington Chapter News

"DOAN(e)'S GO WEST" is the theme for the upcoming Doane Family Association National Reunion in 1996 to be held in Salem, Oregon at Willamette University on July 29-August 3. Plans are already shaping up for what looks like an event you won't want to miss. Activities will include an "End of the Oregon Trail Square Dance;" a tour to the Oregon Marine Science Museum in Newport; a steamboat trip on the Columbia River; a tour of the Mission Mill Museum; an evening performance of "What We Did Before Radio and TV" by John Doan; a melodrama presented by Blair Loving and Company from Miss Mella's Drama Theater; various papers presented on Doan(e)s who came West; informal lectures on tracking your family history; business meetings to conduct family association affairs; a formal reception banquet; and there will be an optional tour of Mt. St. Helens led by our very own Walt Doan, who recently received a National Recognition Award for his outstanding work in the national parks.

All of these activities will be exciting and fun for you and your families. Let us know that you would like to be involved. Call the number listed in this mailing for more information. Another way you can join with us in our planning is to come out to the annual Doan(e) Family Picnic to be held this year on Aug. 12 at Vancouver's Pearson Air Museum to enjoy some of the special local history of aviation and vintage aircraft. In short, there is a lot to get off the ground, so fasten your seat belts and hold on for the ride. Doan(e) be left out. See you there.

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## Doane Robinson Mountain

*The following information was printed in the California Chapter's recent newsletter, and I am sure it explains a mystery to many of us who have visited Mount Rushmore and read the name Doane Robinson Mountain on the plaque there.*

Everyone knows Mount Rushmore National Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where, between the years 1927 and 1941, the sculptor Gutzon Borglum carved the faces of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt on the granite face of the mountain. It was Doane Robinson, a distinguished lawyer, journalist and historian of South Dakota, who first thought of these giant carvings, and it was he who first enlisted support for the project. His name has been given to the "mountain" which faces Mount Rushmore on the east, where the studio and museum of the National Memorial are located. It is really too small to be called a mountain, and has been variously described as a "small eminence," "a knob of granite," and "a little elevation." But it was officially designated in 1948 as Doane Mountain by the U.S. Board of Geographical Names, and on June 8, 1952, a bronze plaque was placed near its top as a memorial to Doane Robinson.

Until I learned that Doane Robinson had been christened Jonah Leroy, I had supposed that Doane was a family name derived, perhaps, from his mother or one of his grandmothers. Doane Robinson's son tells that his father was called Jonah when he was small, but his next youngest sister, Sarah, could not pronounce the "J" and she called him Donah. Soon the whole family called him Donah, and eventually it became simply Doane. When he started to practice law he used the name Jonah, but so many people knew him as Doane that he adopted that name. It was never legally changed, but that was his only name as far as his writings are concerned, and it was under that name that his estate was probated. Members of the Doane family, therefore, can claim neither man nor mountain as a cousin. Like Do'an, a thickly populated Arabian valley, we are connected only by accident.

## JOHN ROBERT DOANE 1936-1995

The New York-Pennsylvania Chapter of the Doane Family Association lost one of its most valued members in the unexpected passing of John R. Doane on Jan. 30, 1995 at Longboat, Fla., his winter home. He suffered a heart attack.

John lived at Windham, Penn., formerly known as Doantown, where he operated a general store. In his late years, he spent his winter in Longboat.

He was the son of Harvey and Annie (Fairlee) Doane and on April 2, 1955 married Joyce Lamphere, who survives him. Of this union there were two children, Jarvis Doane and Julie Doane Snyder, both of whom reside in the Windham area; also a sister Mrs. Celia Mc Micken of Virgil, N.Y.; and two brothers, George of Owego, N.Y. and Vawn of Ithaca, N.Y.

He was active in all community projects, especially the Windham Ambulance Association and the Windham Volunteer Fire Co.

John was an auctioneer and really put the New York-Pennsylvania Doane reunion in the black by conducting an auction each year with articles brought by the members.

He and I were brought up on Doane reunions as children by our Doane parents and after their passing, we both were left to carry on. John was loved by everyone, which was proved at his funeral where there was standing room only. There will certainly be a vacant chair at our meeting this summer but he will never be forgotten by those of us who loved him and worked with him. God bless you, John, for all the good deeds you have done.

Emma M. Barrows,  
Historian Emeritus DFA

# TOUR OF THE DOANE TRAIL

## Bucks County, Pennsylvania

In June, 1995, my brother Jim Doan of Daytona Beach, Fla., and I traveled to Doylestown, Penn., to join other Doanes for a day-long tour conducted by Experience Travel, Inc. Our tour centered around the Doane gang, a group of marauders who robbed their way into the local history books during the American Revolution.



*The Doan(e) family descendants gather on the steps of Pipersville Inn after lunch.*

We began our tour at 9 a.m. with a seminar in the Pearl Buck Room at the Bucks County Library. Hosts for the event were Dave Harris, president of Experience Travel and Larry Weikel, tour creator. Larry introduced Terry McNealy, historian, author and librarian emeritus. Terry is trying to separate fact from fiction relative to the "Doane Outlaws." Various state archives, newspaper articles, and material is still showing up about the Doane activities. However, it is known that Joseph Doane, Sr., was the father of five of the "Doane Brothers," known as the Doane Outlaws. They were faithful members of the Society of Friends, and they felt that attempts to change government by force was in violation of the laws of God. This principle was the ground for their neutrality during the troubled times of the Revolutionary War. Members of the Society of Friends refused to train in the militia or to pay the penalties imposed, and they were labeled non-associators. Hence, they had to pay higher taxes and were looked at with suspicion. Because of their refusal to pay taxes, they had their property seized and sold by the collectors. Eventually, Joseph Doane was fined \$50 by the Bucks County Court at Newtown for "misdemeanor." It is not clear what prompted this action unless it was his omission to pay the military taxes. Following this penalty, the Doanes ceased their habits of industry and entered upon a course of listless roving that ended in misfortune and trouble to them all. At one time, there were 30 to 40 members in the gang and the area covered was from New York to Pittsburgh and from Detroit to South Carolina. All of Pennsylvania was covered. There were 36 documented robberies conducted by the gang. They robbed tax collectors and holders of public money, and stole militia fines.

Also introduced was Linda Trowbridge, who was a former owner of the Mahlon Doane home. Linda showed slides of the home. During the restoration, she found copper coins minted in Vermont in 1780. The floors were constructed with 18-inch wide planks and the chimney was 12x12x8 deep, with a hiding place.

Donna Doan, Secretary of the New Jersey/Pennsylvania/Maryland Chapter of DFA, gave a history of her Doane Chapter. It is the second oldest chapter, New York being the first. They meet at the Plumsteadville Inn in Plumsteadville, Bucks County, Penn.

Ed Tice, guide from Newtown's Historical Society, spoke briefly, then invited the group to join him on the bus to begin our tour.

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## Bucks County, Pennsylvania

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The sites were:

Plumsteadville, where the Doane Outlaws visited the home of the tax collector, Joseph Greer. However, when Greer heard the Doanes were coming, he ran outside and hid behind a tree. Abraham Doane lit a candle and went upstairs. Mr. Greer's wife fainted. The Doanes got no money and left without stealing anything. Doanes involved were Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Mahlon, Levi and their cousin, Abraham Doane. They then took a back road to Dublin Hotel, where they started drinking and became rowdy, and eventually a horse chase ensued. Joseph Doane was shot and collapsed from loss of blood, and a farmer took him in.

Next stop was a visit to Presbyterian Church, where we saw the grave of Major Kennedy who was killed at Tohickon Creek, and the grave of Capt. Gibson, who killed Moses Doane. Moses' body was taken to his father's house and dumped. Joseph's property had already been seized, so the body was actually left on Abraham Doane's property. This farm is now privately owned. However, the Bucks County Historical Society has supplied a gravestone for Moses' grave. The present owners of the property gave our group permission to walk back to the gravesite.

We then traveled past the property formerly owned by Moses Doane. This farm is on both sides of Route 611.

We visited the Friends Meeting House, where it is thought that the Doanes worshipped. It was built in 1730 as a log cabin, rebuilt in 1752, and rebuilt again in 1875 for \$1,300. It is still used for worship. We saw several Doane graves in the cemetery, but the graves of Abraham and Levi Doane are located outside the wall of the cemetery, probably because of their reputation.

The Gardenville Hotel was our next point of interest. Eleazer Doane, uncle of the Outlaws operated the hotel, and he was accused of collusion. He cleared his name and in 1790 became a tax collector.

It is now noon, so we journeyed to the Pipersville Inn for lunch. During the Revolution, the inn was owned by Col. John Piper, an enemy of the Doanes. Col. Piper was away from home when the Doanes came to rob, and his wife grabbed her husband's sword and chased the Doanes out of the house.

Following lunch, we traveled to Devil's Hole, a cave containing a series of rooms above and below ground. It is large enough to hold horses and is near the river to afford access to New Jersey. It is suspected that Doanes may have hidden their loot here.

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*The graves of cousins Abraham and Levi Doane, who were publicly hanged in Philadelphia. Levi's father carted the two bodies to Plumstead, where the Society of Friends refused to grant permission for interment in their cemetery. The graves were then dug outside the wall around the cemetery.*

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## Bucks County, Pennsylvania

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*Peace at Last! Charles Penglase, chief of police for Plumstead Township, shakes hands with Katherine Blair Hartman, national historian of the Doane Family Association. If the Doane Outlaws were alive today, Chief Penglase would be the person in charge of their apprehension. After 200 years, the two factions meet on friendly terms outside the Pipersville Inn, site of a Doane robbery.*

Palisades was our next stop, which is 320 feet above the Delaware River. This is where Moses lived with the Indians after his father put him out for not farming. It is now owned by a power plant, and affords a lovely view of the Delaware River and the New Jersey shore.

We visited Ringing Rocks, which is an area covered with big round rocks formed by a glacier. If these rocks are tapped with a hammer, they produce a ringing sound, hence the name.

Devil's Half Acre is where Moses Doane met Walking Thunder. There was a speakeasy there where rivermen spent a lot of time drinking and being rowdy. It was near here that stolen horses were stored and sold across the river to the British.

We then enjoyed a walking tour of Newtown, with Richard Walton as our guide. He pointed out the following:

John Hart's house - Mr. Hart was a tax collector who was at home with his wife and five children when the Doanes came to call. They robbed him of the key to the treasury building, donned some of Hart's clothing, and robbed the treasury.

Supply Depot - Robbed of shoes, arms, etc., which were given to the British.

County Courthouse Complex - Location of treasury and jail.

Episcopal Church - Mr. Jacobs was an unhappy Quaker who built the Episcopal Church in 1837.

Brick Hotel - The hotel was built in 1760.

Commons - Large area, until the time when people decided to sell some of the land. The sign said "Originally Warranted by William Penn in 1716." It has not been established where the hangings took place because of selling of the area. A stone marks an area where John Tomlinson was hanged in 1782.

Wrightstown Schoolhouse - Used to divide the loot after Newtown robbery.

This concluded our one-day tour of Bucks County and the antics of our "Doane Cousins - The Outlaw Gang." Experience Travel has indicated that a second tour may be offered June 8, 1996. Contact Larry Weikel, 2312 Old Bethlehem Pike, Sellersville, PA 18960. Call (215) 257-1720 if you are interested.



## Cellist Doane Captures the Rapture of Love

by Susan Larson  
Special to the *Globe*

Cambridge—Steven Doane owns the cello, top to bottom. He has played it in orchestras, chamber music ensembles, as a concert virtuoso, and as a recording artist. He is a beloved and influential master teacher at the Eastman School of Music. I do not suggest that he is a techno-jock, because he has much bigger fish to fry. It is hard to judge if his bow-arm is flashy or if his forays up the A-string are dazzling, because technical issues never intrude on what the man wants to say; they make it possible.

Doane and his colleague at Eastman, pianist Barry Snyder, offered us the ultimate Valentine Sunday at Sanders Theatre with Beethoven's sublime variations of Mozart's equally sublime duet from "The Magic Flute," "Bei Maennern." These terse pieces contain a seeming infinitude of delicious musical delineations of the state of love, from cloud-walking bliss to cosmic play to Stygian misery. Doane and Snyder spoke with the tongues of men and angels. In the transcendent E-flat major variation, which can melt the coldest heart, you feel as if you are gazing into the eyes of pure love. I cannot comment on how the duo did; everybody seemed to be seized by bliss.

Doane then led our now-tenderized hearts through the dark, pain-clotted "Suite No. 1 for Solo Cello" by Benjamin Britten. This first of three such suites, inspired by Bach and written for the composer's close friend Mstislav Rostropovich, sings songs of mourning for the wounded of the world, and contains practically everything one might do on a cello as well. Only the satiric, pizzicato Serenata movement lightens the mood. The following march begins in the same whimsical vein with a sort of tin-drum procession of the Little Men in Big Brass Hats, but mutates into wrenching cries.

Doane's playing of the muted plaint over (and under) an open-string drone in "Bordone" and his desperate "Moto Perpetuo" with its expanding windows of calm, came from very deep inside, calling out to those same places in his listeners.

As we were all hoping for something frivolous after intermission, we loved the less-filling but tasty "Pohadka" of Leos Janacek, which enabled us to enjoy pianist Snyder's crystalline touch, rapt attention and elegant rhythmic sense, an important aspect of the afternoon.

Frank Bridge's fine Sonata in D Minor, with its strong formal structure, big tunes and kaleidoscopic harmonics, gave the duo another chance to wail. The high point was Snyder's tear-filled lament opening the second movement, and Doane's transformation of that exhausted theme into a full-throated operatic utterance. Snyder provided a lush undergrowth of shifting chromatic accompaniment. Two charming encores by Bridge and Faure, respectively, sent the audience on its way, with its spirits more harmoniously arranged than before.

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