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## *President's Message*



**Dorothy Doan Baker**

Greetings cousins,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in August. As you can see from the announcement that you received, there are really good things planned. Note—I am told that at the lobster bake, there will be an alternative menu

choice for those who do not wish to have shellfish. So don't hesitate to sign up and join us.

Also, if you can spend another day or two in the area, you might like to take a day-long boat ride to Martha's Vineyard. A two-hour bus tour of the island is available. There are connections to Nantucket as well. Ask for information at our reception desk if interested.

It is with sorrow that we report the deaths of Durwood Stringer and Joseph R. Hunt. Joseph was the husband of Geraldine Doan Hunt and brother-in-law to Pat Sullivan. Durwood served several times on family committees. We express our sympathy to their families. These men, and several others, will be remembered at our memorial service at the reunion. If you know of other members who have died since 1996, please send the names to Nancy Doan Baxter, Rt. 2, Box 225, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

Our investments have done well in the present market environment. In line with our adopted

policy, we sent \$1,330 to the DFA Foundation. This represents ten percent of the income from interest and dividends in 1997. The Foundation continues to support scholarships to students at Doane College. Much of the expense of our operations is now supported by the endowment.

We are fortunate that Doane College prints and mails our newsletters and the *Proceedings*. This benefits us in many ways. For our Canadian members, bulk mail is sent to Don Brodie, our first vice president, who forwards them at a good savings. We appreciate Don's willingness to do this.

Remember to send in your reservations for the reunion soon if you have not already done so, and plan for a fine time where it all began.

*Dorothy Doan Baker, President*

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## *News from the Historian*

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at Buzzards Bay in August. Please bring updates to your files if you have not already sent them to me. I will bring a computer with me with all the Doane files loaded. I will have Volume I and II, as well as the material beyond that Emma Barrows worked so hard to keep up-to-date. I talked to Emma last week and, other than troubles with her leg, she sounds just the same. Frank had surgery in April and would welcome cards.

We are hoping that Matt Carman from California will be with us in Buzzards Bay. He has done a wonderful job of keeping the Doane Discussion Line running all year. We have discussed a number of topics, but none was received with more energy than when Catriona LeMay Doan from Canada won the gold medal for speed skating at Nagano. His organization sent her our good wishes for success. Our Canadian and American members all came together to get her biography and any news that was available. She is married to Bart Doan, grandson of Melvin V., and son of Philip of #1158 in Volume II.

We have welcomed a number of new members through contact with our DFA webpage at Doane Collegé. If you haven't seen it yet, get someone with access to the Internet to key in [www.doane.edu/dfa/dfa2.htm](http://www.doane.edu/dfa/dfa2.htm). It has been up and running since August of 1996 and has opened lines of communication with quite a number of new people. I am kept busy answering queries from this source.

I am looking forward to showing slides of our trip to England. If you think of anything you would like me to bring, drop me a note. See you on the Cape.

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## **Hymns Baptists Sing 'Rescue the Perishing'**

*by William J. Reynolds*

In 1869, Fanny Crosby went from her home in New York City to Cincinnati to visit William H. Doane. A prosperous businessman and amateur musician, Doane had an unusual gift for writing singable melodies.

During her visit in Cincinnati, Fanny was invited to give her Christian testimony to a group of working men. She concluded by saying, "If there is a dear boy here tonight who has perchance wandered away from his mother's home and his mother's teaching, would he please come to me at the close of the service?"

A young man in his late teens came to her and said, "Did you mean me? I promised my mother to meet her in Heaven, but the way I have been living, I don't think that will be possible."

Fanny Crosby prayed with the young man and he accepted Christ as his Savior. He found new peace and whispered to Fanny, "Now I can meet my mother in Heaven. I have found her God."

When she went to her room that night, Fanny Crosby could not erase this experience from her mind. Only recently Doane had suggested that she write a hymn emphasizing home missions, and had given her the title "Rescuing the Perishing." Now the inspiration had come, and before she went to sleep that night, she had completed the poem.

The next day she recited the poem to Doane, and he quickly composed the tune. Published more than a century ago, the hymn reminds us of the need for compassion for those about us.

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*William J. Reynolds is professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary.*

*This article from Perry McLellan is reprinted from the November 1997 California Chapter DFA Newsletter.*

## Our Descent from Muhammed the Prophet

My grandmother Izetta Doane's grandfather was Shadrack Doane. Shadrack Doane's second wife was Sarah (Sally) Hardy. Sally was the daughter of Biley Hardy and his first wife, Rebecca. Biley was born in Brentwood Twp., Rockingham Co., N.H.

Biley Hardy's parents were Theophilis Hardy and Rebecca Lyford. Theophilis's parents were Dr. Samuel Hardy of London, England, and his second wife, Mary Dudley, of Salisbury, Essex, Mass. Dr. Dudley was both a physician and schoolmaster in the days when physicians made little money.

Rebecca Lyford's parents were Francis Lyford of England and his second wife Rebecca Dudley, a sister of Mary Dudley.

These sisters were daughters of Rev. Samuel Dudley and his second wife, Mary Byley. Rev. Samuel Dudley was the son of Gov. Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts Bay Colony and his first wife, Dorothy Yorke.

Through the Dudley sisters, my family is twice descended from the Prophet Muhammed, who was born in 570. First, directly from Gov. Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts, I am descended from Beatrice de Souza, the daughter of Lope Diaz de Souza and the granddaughter of Alfonso Diniz, the illegitimate son of King

Alfonso III of Portugal. Alfonso Diniz was married to Maria Perez de Riberyia e Souza.

By following the kings of Portugal back to Sancha (Theresa) of Castile, the daughter of Alfonso VI, King of Castile and his wife, Zaida, we come to the Moorish period in Spain.

Arab historians claim Zaida to be the daughter of Aba-e-Kasim Muhammed III, son of Abu Amr Abbab-bem Muhammed II, King of Castile.

Secondly, directly from Gov. Dudley, I am descended from Sancha de Ayala and Sir Walter Blount, whose daughter, Constance, married John de Sutton Castile.

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### *Doane Family Archives*

Boswell Observatory, on the Doane College campus in Crete, Neb., currently houses a collection of the Doan(e) family archives. Duane Doane, Ada, Okla., archives committee member, would like to remind family members to send any information that would be appropriate to the archives. Send to Joyce Jeffries, Doane College, 1014 Boswell Ave., Crete, NE 68333.

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### Ott Celebrates 100 Years!

Addie Ott celebrated her 100th birthday April 29. Greetings may be sent to her: c/o Tom Poulson, 26996 Louise Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

### News for Next Issue

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

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Please send all news items by  
August 1.

*The obituary of Dr. Seruch T. Kimble was sent by his twin sister, Louise Kimble Larson. This appeared in the Cecil Whig, Monday, Dec. 15, 1997.*

## Dr. Seruch Titus Kimble, Jr.

Dr. Seruch Titus Kimble, Jr., 76, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997, of interstitial pulmonary fibrosis at Washington Adventist Hospital in Tacoma Park, Md.

Dr. Kimble was a native of Washington, D.C., and was a 1938 graduate of Central High School. He received his bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1942, and his medical degree in 1944. He practiced internal medicine in Washington, D.C., from 1947-50, and in Silver Springs from 1953-88. Dr. Kimble served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II and was in charge of processing the first prisoners of war from North Korea during the Korean War in 1953.

Dr. Kimble was a lifetime member of the American College of Physicians and a past president of the Montgomery County Medical Society. He was department head and later chief of staff at Washington Adventist Hospital from 1972-74. He contributed numerous articles to professional journals and was an author of two books, *The Kimble Family From Z to A* (1984), and *The Kimbles of Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Cecil County, Maryland* (1994).

He was a longtime member of the Silver Springs Civitan Club, an active Republican, and a member of Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church in Olney, Md. His hobbies included farming and genealogy.

His great-grandfather, John Henry Kimble, was a prominent poet of Cecil County, and wrote for the *Cecil Whig*.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Matchett Kimble; two daughters, Claudia Kimble-Jimenez of Lima, Peru; and Kathryn Kimble-Day of Wheaton, Md.; five sons, Stephen T. Kimble of

Greenbelt, Md.; Henry J. Kimble and Richard W. Kimble, both of Ashton, Md.; David C. Kimble of Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Kimble of Greenbelt, Md.; a twin sister, Louise Kimble Larson of Maitland, Fla.; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for today at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Newark, Del., at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Head of Christiana Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or to Washington Adventist Hospital, Tacoma Park, Md.

### *Memorial Service Information*

Please send names of Doan/Doane Family Association members who have passed away since the 1996 reunion in Oregon. Include address at time of death and date of death. The memorial service is for national DFA members only. Local chapters will memorialize their deceased members.

Send information by August 1 to:

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Cynthiana, KY 41031

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## Doanes on the Dark Side

by Doreen Leggett

All Doanes weren't the upstanding citizens we know today. Take the Doan gang, descendants of one of Deacon John Doane's grandsons, Daniel, who married a Quaker woman. He moved to Pennsylvania to avoid persecution and dropped the "e."

His grandchildren, the Doan brothers, Abraham, Levi, Moses, and a brother whose name could not be unearthed, robbed their way into folklore. They were a family of thieves who were experts at escaping from jail. They were also traitors whose exploits ended with the last public hangings in Philadelphia.

"The young men were Quakers, so they didn't believe in violent overthrow of government," said Dorothy Baker, president of the Doane Family Association, who lives in New York. "They were not particularly good Quakers though."

For one thing, they stole. The Doans' friends and family had farms and cattle that the American government taxed to pay for its war effort. If the tax wasn't paid, the property was confiscated. Ms. Baker said they just stole it back.

They also robbed the Newton treasury. There were more than four Doans involved in that escapade. Ms. Baker is the great granddaughter of the younger brother of one of the Doans' cousins. Her great grandfather was too young to ride with the Doans.

"They were apparently strapping young men," she said, and had young women who were interested in them, which is why they escaped from jail so often.

James Doane of Milton, who is an expert on his family's history, said the Doan brothers were buried outside the cemetery walls because they were Tories. When General George Washington crossed the Delaware River on Christmas Eve and landed in Trenton during the Revolutionary War, the brothers warned his Hessian foes. Their warning fell on deaf ears because the mercenaries hired by the British were in the midst of celebrations.

Ms. Baker said the Hessian leader never read the note from Moses Doan; he was found dead with it unopened in his pocket.

"The Germans love to celebrate Christmas Eve," she said.

There is even a Doan tour that begins in Sellersville, Pa. It includes the home of Abraham Doan, their hideout at Ralph Stover Park, and the secret gravesite of outlaw leader Moses.

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## Doane Family Association

Dues are payable to:

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Membership Chairperson  
7375 S.W. 172nd St.  
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Memberships available:

Individual LIFE membership for those  
over 18 years of age - \$50

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Biennial FAMILY membership - \$25  
(Indicate name of spouse and children)

Make checks payable to: **The Doane Family Association of America, Inc.**

*The following is a letter William and Janice Doan received last fall from Marjorie L. Blagdon. Perhaps someone in the DFA might be able to help Ms. Blagdon.*

Marjorie L. Blagdon  
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November 17, 1997

William C. and Janice Doan  
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Dear William and Janice,

For the past two years the Doane Family Association of America, Inc., Oregon and Washington Chapter, has held their reunion in Oregon both of which, unfortunately, I missed. The first time was because the story of the reunion ran in *The Oregonian* the day after the reunion and this year I missed out because I had unexpected company from out-of-town.

I discovered I was related to the Doanes through my grandmother's Hutchens line. Fortunately, they too, were Quakers and a researcher in Dallas Co., Iowa put me on to the book, *Strangeman Hutchens*, five volumes written by Rita Townsend, a massive undertaking and very well done. I discovered further books on the Doanes in the Oregon Genealogy's Forum Library so that, too, was a great help.

There are a number of gaps in my lines which I've not been able to discover much about. There is a big hole in the Carter/White line—the other missing dates of Hadley/Keran and the Dixon/Gregg lines are probably because they were the immigrant families from Ireland and I confess that I haven't done any research in the European countries. In the event that some other members in this family of Doanes have any further information about these people, I would be interested in knowing what you know!

By the same token, if there is anyone interested in my material on the Cox, Davis, Dixon lines, and especially any of the Hutchens if connected, I should be happy to share what I know. In the book, *Saints and Strangers*, John Doane is shown, as well as John Jenney and Josiah Winslow, both ancestors in my Foster line. Francis Cooke was my Mayflower ancestor.

Nearly 25 years ago, one of my daughters was living in Bucks Co., Pa., and was married in an old house in Wrightstown owned by her in-laws. The house had a beam in the cellar in which had been carved the date this house was built. Ever since I discovered that not only had my Doane family lived in Bucks Co., so did the Haworth/Scarborough families who were all Quakers as well (in fact, they came with William Penn on his second visit to Pennsylvania), so I thought wouldn't it just be really neat IF one of our forebears had been the original owner or builder of this house. I've been trying to follow this up for the past couple of years but have had little luck with Bucks Co. Historical Society—one gal offered to research it for \$250 but I declined, due to my slim pocketbook!

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The Hawthornes connected with the Foley family in either Ohio or Vermilion Co., Ill., and eventually wound up in Dallas Co., Iowa, as did the Hutchens and Foster families before moving on to Fresno, Calif., in 1886.

At one time, about 27 years ago, I lived in Bucks Co., too, for a year or two and really loved it. Little did I know then that this was one of my "early homes," nor did I know about the Haworths or Scarboroughs when visiting the city of Haworth in Yorkshire, England. I should have taken up this hobby when my feet were still wheels and I was moving around the country from area to area!

Having pretty much completed the narratives and collections of pictures for four of my major lines: Foster/Foley; Burke/Pasley; Hutchen/Hoeye and most of their lineage, I'm now working on my father's lines, the Pierces and McCormacks, as well as that of my late husband who was the father of my children, the Marshal/Marchal lines, both in Ohio and Indiana.

As any genealogist well knows, this is a hobby that is unlikely to ever be completed in one lifetime but I have made a pretty good dent in it, I think. Fortunately, some well-written books have speeded me along; I don't think I would have had enough years left to research all the Quaker lines as they are exceedingly complicated for an amateur. As it is, the years are speeding by at an alarming rate now and I'm trying my best to continue researching and hopefully be able to fill in some of the blanks. So any help at all will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Marj Blagdon

### *Brodie Visits Nebraska*

Doane Family Association member Don Brodie, Richmond Hill, Ontario, visited the Doane College campus in Crete, Neb., in October. He is pictured with Joyce Jeffries, Doane staff member, at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln.



*This article was reprinted from the Main Street News, Essex, Conn., May 29, 1997 issue.  
Jane Doane Anderson, Carlisle, Mass., submitted the information.*

## ***Where Are They Now?*** **Captain Deborah Doane Dempsey's Love of the Sea Started in Essex**

*by Amy J. Barry*

Essex native Deborah Doane Dempsey has spent the past 25 years in waters where few women have dared to venture. Because of her courage and fortitude, she has navigated the way for an upcoming generation of female mariners.

Debbie, now 48, was the nation's first female to graduate from a maritime academy. She was the first American woman to be licensed as a Master Mariner, commanding a cargo ship on international voyages, and the first woman to become a regular member of the Council of American Master Mariners. The first woman captain of a Merchant Marine vessel in wartime, she is the only woman to earn the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Public Service Award (during the Persian Gulf War).

This fall, Debbie's memoirs, *The Captain's A Woman - Tales of a Merchant Mariner*, chronicling her many exciting adventures at sea, will be published by the Naval Institute Press.

Despite Debbie's awesome accomplishments, she is a very engaging woman with a heartwarming smile, who doesn't like to tout her achievements or harp on the sex discrimination she's encountered while wrestling her way into what was previously an all-male domain. She much prefers to focus on her absolute love of her career as a ship's captain. "When you find your niche in life, it's a wonderful feeling," she says.

Sipping tea in the Meadowwoods Road home of her parents, Robert and Darline Doane, Debbie describes the amazing journey that has taken her from Essex, the town where she grew up, to where she is today - a pilot on the treacherous Columbia River Bar in Oregon.

Debbie was raised on boats on the Connecticut River. Her parents owned a sailboat, and throughout her childhood, she spent summers at Pettipaug sailing camp. She graduated in 1971 with a major in chemistry. She spent the next three years working at Essex Machine Works delivering yachts up and down the East Coast while trying to decide what she wanted to do with the rest of her life.

In 1974, she discovered that the nation's maritime academies were considering whether to admit women. She applied to the Maine Maritime Academy—before it had even officially changed its policy—and within two days of her interview, she was accepted.

Debbie says that her father never thought she'd last at the academy. "When he dropped me off, he said he'd be back to pick me up in two weeks," Debbie recalls with a grin. Not only did she prove her father wrong, she also graduated from the four-year program as valedictorian of her class in a record two-and-a-half years.

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Debbie admits this was no easy feat. "Here I was, the first woman, six years the other students' senior and constantly being interviewed by the media because of the novelty of the situation. Sure, some men felt threatened. Now and then they played cruel jokes on me. But the faculty was very supportive and so I just focused on what I wanted to do. It's like I had blinders on."

Debbie was hired by Lykes Lines Steamship Company in 1977, where she would stay for the next 17 years sailing all over the world, delivering dry cargo that included bringing Brahma bulls from Texas to South Africa and fire engines from Michigan to Egypt.

In 1978, she was made second mate on Lykes' ship, "Aimee." The captain, Jack Dempsey, immediately called the owner of the company and said, "What do you think you're doing, putting a woman on the ship?" He was told to make a trip with Debbie—that he would like her. Apparently he did, because seven months later, Debbie and Jack were married and spent the next 18 years sailing together until his retirement in 1989. "He was my mentor," Debbie says fondly. "He taught me so much."

Debbie served as captain of her ship during the Persian Gulf War, bringing heavy military equipment into a Saudi Arabian port. Initially, her boss was afraid that as a female captain, she would cause an international crisis. But he let her do it anyway, and she made six flawless trips.

Because of her daring rescue of her ship in 1993, Debbie made TV news and headlines throughout the country and received every award a merchant marine can receive, plus a letter from President Clinton.

"Lyra," carrying 387,000 gallons of oil, was unmanned when it broke its tow during hurricane weather off the coast of North Carolina and started drifting onto the shoals. Debbie, along with a crew of three, was lowered from a helicopter in the dead of night onto the other vessel. An ecological disaster, as well as the loss of a \$22 million vessel, was avoided. The action-packed rescue is described in detail in her book.

Today, Debbie has accepted yet another challenge as the first woman bar pilot on the Columbia River in Oregon. Littered with shipwrecks, it is known as the graveyard of the Pacific. Debbie makes the risky ascent from the pilot boat up a Jacob's ladder onto each ship entering the harbor, which she then navigates safely across the bar. She's never been injured on the job, although she admits she broke her toe while practicing climbing a rope ladder attached to the side of her house.

She is often asked if her mission in life has been to further the women's movement. She answers that this is not what she set out to do.

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## Like a Rock: Doanes' Part of Cape's Foundation

*by Doreen Leggett*

Ginger Doane remembers when the movie "Roots" came out in the late 1970s. Everyone was scrambling to find out more about their heritage, who their people were, and where they came from. Ms. Doane found it a little odd.

"I grew up knowing," she said. "I thought everyone did. I know Deacon John Doane came here in 1644. I know where (my ancestors) are buried. I know there is a monument here, and family land there."

Of course, one could not call the Doanes a typical family. Deacon Doane is considered one of the seven founding fathers of Nauset, which became the Lower Cape. He is also thought of as perhaps the richest and most respected early settler.

The Doanes of the Cape, who became the Doanes of Maine, and the Doans of Pennsylvania and eventually spread across the continent, came to Plymouth in 1630 as separatists from the Church of England. Mr. Doane, who arrived here with a wife and at least one daughter, soon became the assistant governor to William Bradford, and eventually moved to what is now Eastham.

"You enjoy your heritage because of the family being here for so many years. You tend to feel very much a part of Cape Cod," said Chatham's Oscar Doane, Ginger Doane's father.

And the Doanes realized the importance of their heritage early on.

The Doane Family Association was formed after the Civil War, around 1868, when a number of Doanes came together for a picnic on the Cape, said James Doane of Milton, who has studied his family history extensively. The next year a man from Orleans, John Doane, purchased the piece of land in Eastham (from Benjamin Higgins) so the family could gather there. It is there that the Doane Rock, which is actually a boulder, stands to this day.

"There is a lot of money under it, but we can't move it," said Oscar with a laugh.

The boulder is also called Enoch rock for a Doane boy who used to play around it. It is supposedly the largest glacial rock on Cape Cod.

In 1869, descendants of the Deacon also erected a lasting granite marker on his old homesite. The marker reads: B. 1590, Here 1644. D. 1685. 1869."

Although the dates don't agree, Deacon John Doane was rumored to live to 114.

"I'm striking out for that number," said Oscar with a grin.

In 1907, Mr. Doane's ancestors put a bronze tablet on a boulder in Old Cove Cemetery in Eastham, said James Doane. It doesn't mark where the Deacon is buried; it is just assumed the grave is somewhere in the cemetery. Deacon John Doane's farm is now part of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

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When the Doanes came from England they were actually Dones, explained James Doane. But everyone already over here was pronouncing it Dunn, so they changed it to Doane.

This year, the Doanes are holding a reunion on the Cape, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne, Aug. 10 through 15. It is the first time in close to 30 years that the family will gather "where it all began."

Oscar said the Doane name is deeply embedded in the history of the Cape, in school, in business, and in politics.

Ginger was Chatham's representative to the assembly of delegates. Her brother, John Doane, was a county commissioner. Ironically, 250 years ago, a different John Doane held that post.

Oscar is chairman of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Committee.

"Most of the Doanes have done something for Cape Cod and were generous with their time," he said, adding that they were especially interested in education.

Fittingly, the family has their own college, which Oscar's daughter June attended, Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

Thomas Doane, who founded the college, was a railroad man. He built the Longfellow Bridge in Boston and eventually found his way to Nebraska in 1872.

Because the family is so well known, it is fairly easy to find out what your ancestors have done, and in some cases why. James Doane said one of the first books he looked at, when he was 6 or 7 years old, was his great grandfather Doane's genealogy book. His grandfather, Prince Henry Doane, lived in Eastham, but left when he was 21. (The name Prince is from Prence as in Governor Prence, whose family "daughters out" with no sons to carry on the name. Because of that, a number of boys were named Prince).

As it turns out, a lot of Doanes left the Cape, but many came back.

Oscar left the Cape and worked for his wife, Vicki's, father in Bronxville, N.Y. When his own father was ill, he came home and began working for the county's mosquito control department.

"I transplanted my wife, a New Yorker, down here," he said. "I feel very much at home here, compared to living in New York City. I was just a number there."

His son, John, also left the Cape for a stint in the Marines, where he was referred to as "The Pilgrim."

When he returned from the service, John set up stages for the then little-known band Aerosmith, but soon began working with his father. Now, as his father Oscar before him and his grandfather Oscar before him, he is the superintendent of Cape Cod Mosquito Control.

Before John Doane went into the service, he drove across the country, and while in the Marines saw a lot of the world.

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"I decided that the Cape had an awful lot to offer," he said, "If you took a poll of teenagers, they all want to leave, but I'm not sure that in 10 years they won't be back. You drift back, kind of like that piece of wood on the beach. If it doesn't come back the next tide, it comes back two or three later."

Oscar's granddaughter, Danyel Bianchi-Matteson, came back to Chatham right after she graduated from college. She now works at Cape Cod Bank and Trust.

"I love it here," she said. "I couldn't wait to come back. I took it for granted."

She, and a number of other family members, including her grandparents and various aunts and uncles, live in the same neighborhood. It is actually Ryder land because Oscar Doane, Oscar's father, married Katherine Ryder Doane.

"It is like a compound," said Ms. Bianchi-Matteson.

The Kennedy compound?

"Yes, but better, much better," she said with a laugh.

If forced to leave, John Doane would miss the ocean most.

"It is never going to be tamed and there is little bit of that in the Doanes," he said. Oscar agreed.

"When the Doanes are told they can't do it, that is when we really dig in," he said.

Oscar said an example of the Doane stubbornness or tenacity was given by one of Deacon Doane's sons, Daniel, who decided to go to Canada. He took his wife and children and loaded them onto a boat, along with his house which he had taken apart. Daniel hadn't even got out of the bay when the boat sank. The family made it to shore, where he used the wood from the house to repair the boat and off they went again. They did finally make it to Canada.

There is something else that keeps the Doanes going.

"The Doane humor. It is somewhat dry but understandable," said Ms. Bianchi-Matteson. There are physical characteristics as well.

"The Doane nose. It is right here," Oscar said, speaking of his own proboscis with a laugh.

Some of the Doanes, such as Oscar and Ginger, get razzed because even though they live on the Cape they can't stand seafood.

"We were farmers, not fishermen," said Ginger.

Oscar said that when historians compiled Volume 2 of the Doane genealogy they discovered President Richard Nixon's mother was a Doane. They thought of putting it in the book, he continued, but that was around the time the president was forced to resign, so they kept it out.

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Mr. Nixon isn't the only United States president in the Doane history. It is rumored that Calvin Coolidge came to one of the reunions on the Cape, said Oscar, though no one knows if he was a Doane.

There are other well-known Doanes, such as Doris Doane, who wrote books on the Cape, and Paul Doane of Harwich, who was a state senator before Henri Rauschenbach. And musician Don Doane, who played with the Dorsey brothers. As well as Rachel Doane in Wellfleet, who married a Whombly and then divorced him for bigamy more than a century ago. And don't forget the Doane products: Doane Whiskey, Doane Trucks, Doane Batteries, and Doan's Pills.

Being part of a family that arrived on these shores before the nation was founded allows the Doanes to take a long view of American history and their place in it.

"All of the steps this country has taken, my family has been there," said James Doane. "We have experienced all the ups and the downs."

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*Sheldon J. Thayer of Harwich, Mass., sent the following information about his great grandfather, Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane, who was quite a figure around his native Chatham, Mass., about a century ago.*

### **Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane**

September 7, 1845 in Chatham, Barnstable Co., Mass.

d. March 22, 1925 in Chatham

m. December 4, 1864

### **Peninah Bearse Pierce**

b. December 11, 1839 in Chatham, Barnstable Co., Mass.

d. June 6, 1922 in Chatham

Both are interred in the Evergreen Cemetery, E. Harwich, Mass.

Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane served for 35 years in the Life Saving Service in Chatham, Mass. He joined the Service in 1880 and served for 13 years as a surfman. He was appointed Keeper of the Chatham Life Saving Station and held that post from 1893 to 1898. He then became the first Keeper of the Old Harbor Life Saving Station, serving in that capacity for 17 years, from March 1, 1889 to March 22, 1915.

## **Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane**

*From "Life Savers of Cape Cod" by J.W. Dalton, published in Sandwich, Mass., 1902*

"Hezekiah Francis Doane, keeper of Old Harbor Station, was born in Chatham in 1846, and has been in the Life-Saving Service for twenty-two years, thirteen as a surfman and nine as keeper. When he entered the Service, he was assigned to the Chatham Station where he served as a surfman for

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## Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane

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thirteen years, being appointed Keeper of the Station in 1893. Captain Doane remained Keeper of Chatham Station for five years or until he was transferred to Old Harbor Station in 1898.

He was a fisherman, yachtsman, and mariner before he entered the Life-Saving Service, and was well prepared for the work he has since been called upon to perform. As a surfman at the Chatham Station he had much work in rescuing shipwrecked crews and assisting distressed vessels, and his appointment as Keeper of Chatham Station was meritorious reward for faithful and efficient service. While Keeper of Chatham Station, Captain Doane and his brave crew of life savers, made many perilous trips out over the shoals to distressed vessels, and effected daring rescues of imperiled crews. Owing to the shallow water along the Chatham shoreline, all the work performed by Captain Doane was with the surf boats, the breeches-buoy having been used but twice since he has commanded the service.

He married Peninah B. Pierce, and is the father of two sons.

The Old Harbor Station was floated to Provincetown and restored. It is now located in the Cape Cod National Seashore Park. Visitors are welcome.

The Life Saving Service and The Revenue-Cutter Service were merged and became The United States Coast Guard, by an act of Congress signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on January 28, 1915.

### Recollections of Captain Doane "Shut off Your Clacker, Hezekiah"

*by Grace E. (Doane) Thayer, granddaughter*

Grandpa knew every fishing boat that went out over the Chatham Bars and he knew when it was time for them to return. If any one of them failed to appear, he summoned his crew and went out looking for them. The bars at that time were north of the present Chatham Bars Inn. A century of northeast storms have taken their toll so that now they are all gone.

When I was a little girl, my father, Hezekiah Lewis Doane, would take me in a row boat across the Cowyard to visit Grandpa. The Cowyard was the harbor inside of North Beach where the Life Saving Station was located overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. I loved to climb up in the Watch Tower and look out at the boats at sea. Grandpa would lift me up on the tall stool where the watchman sat.

Even as a child, I got the sense that "my" Grandpa was in charge. He seemed glad to see us but his eyes were either on the sea or scanning the beaches in search of the surfman on watch. The watches changed every four hours; one surfman manned the Tower, while two patrolled the beaches. One went north, the other went south until they reached the "halfway houses." They then returned to the Station.

When Grandfather retired from the Life Saving Service, he also retired his faithful horse and bought a brand new open Studebaker touring car. Grandmother never rode in the front with him. She always rode in the back seat, wearing her little bonnet and her full-length duster in an attempt to keep her finery clean. Paved roads on Cape Cod were rare in 1922.

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## Recollections of Captain Doane

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Grandfather had become a bit hard of hearing by this time and the Studebaker, as any "vessel" under his charge had been, was in "ship shape" and ran quietly. Upon arriving at their destination, Grandmother could be heard from her perch in the back seat reminding the Captain, "Shut off your Clacker, Hezekiah."

The phrase is still uttered in our family in keeping with a variety of "quieting" directives.

Contributors: Thomas E. Doane, Chatham, Mass., (great grandson) and Grace E. Thayer, Inverness, Fla., (granddaughter)

Written by: Sheldon J. Thayer, Jr., Harwich, Mass., (great grandson)

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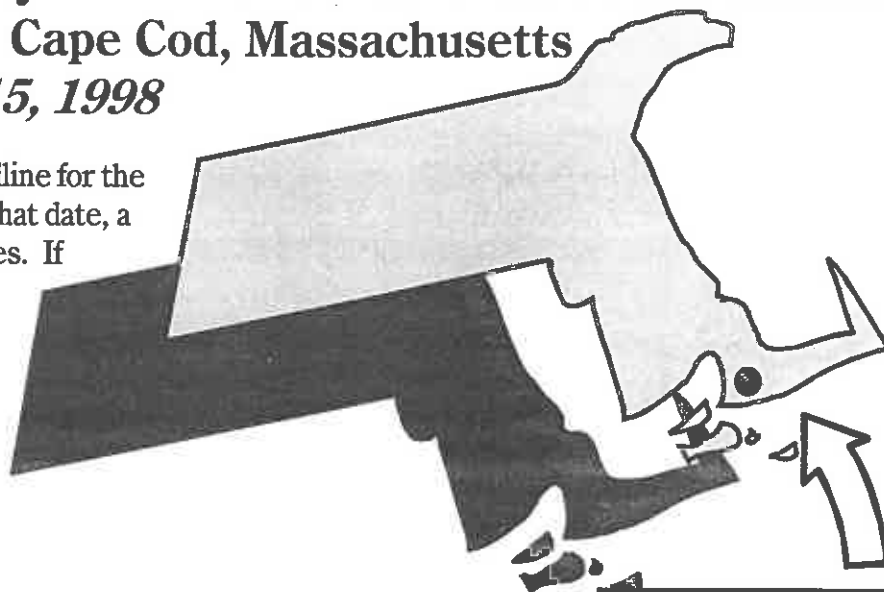
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## Cape Cod, Massachusetts

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#### ***Tuesday, August 11***

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Registration Table Open  
 7 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting  
 12 p.m. Lunch  
 1:30 p.m. Opening Business Meeting  
 4:30 p.m. Session with Kay Hartman, National Historian  
 6 p.m. Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Paper Presentations, "Squire John, Hannah Doane and the Cape Cod Church Controversy," James Thomas Doane; and "Lt. Gustavus Cheney Doane," James Franklin Doane

#### ***Wednesday, August 12***

7 a.m. Registration Table Open  
 7 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
 9 a.m. Bus Tour to Heritage Foundation/  
 Glass Museum  
 12 p.m. Lunch at the Academy  
 1 p.m. Bus Tour to Plymouth  
 6 p.m. Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Musical Performance by John Doane

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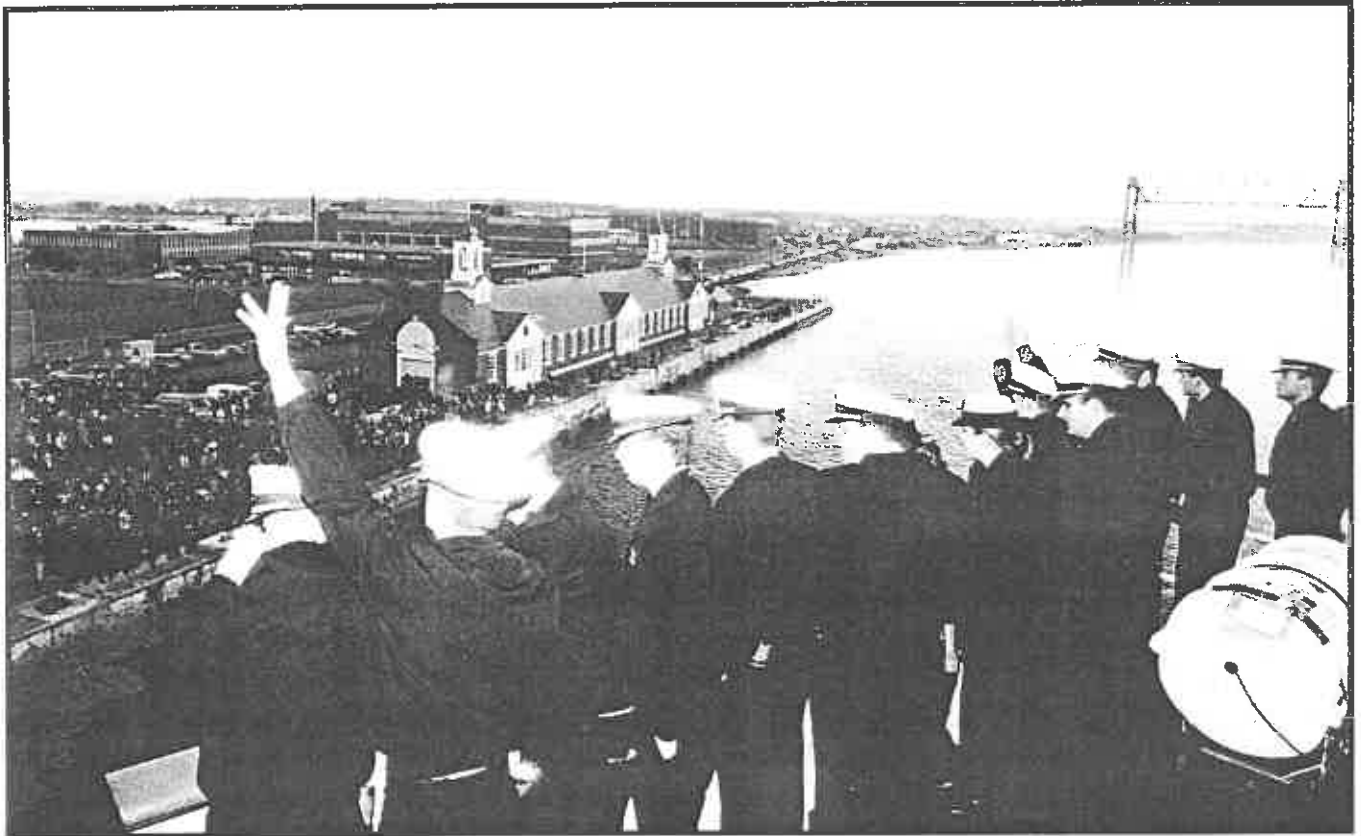
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 12 p.m. Box Lunch on Bus (included if you are signed up for the day meal rate)  
 6 p.m. Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Paper Presentations, "Captain Hezekiah Francis Doane," Sheldon Thayer, and "Doane vs. Penhallow," James Thomas Doane



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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, August 14</b>		<b>Saturday, August 15</b>	
7 a.m.	Registration Table Open	3:30 p.m.	England Trip, Kay Hartman
7 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	5 p.m.	Group Pictures
8:30 a.m.	Final Business Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Lobster Bake ( <i>*An alternative entree will be available. Please indicate your preference on the registration form.*</i> )
12 p.m.	Lunch		
1:30 p.m.	Paper Presentations, "Rev. Nehemiah Doane Journal Discovered," John Doan; and "Loring-Greenough House," Katherine Cippolla	7 - 9:30 a.m.	Registration Table Open
		7 - 8:30 a.m.	Farewell Breakfast



*A view of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Buzzards Bay. The building in the foreground is where the Doan(e) family will stay during the August reunion.*



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