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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you have received your registration packet for our 2004 Biennial Reunion at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. What a reunion this will be! I had the pleasure of spending some time back in late January with our Reunion Chairman.

VP Wayne (Jim) Doane, in St. Petersburg, Fla. This was during our five-week, cross-country trip with our new 5th wheel trailer. Wayne assures me that the people at Denison University are bending over backward to make our stay with them very pleasurable. The schedule of events and the tours scheduled for the area are going to be outstanding. Did you know that William Howard Doane has some buildings dedicated to him at this location? You might remember that William Howard Doane (from Cincinnati) was the Chairman of the first Doane Family Reunion in 1907, and was an entrepreneur and noted hymn writer. You will certainly love the campus, the facilities, and the agenda that Wayne and his committee have put together. Don't wait another minute to send in your registration. I look forward to seeing a record attendance this year.

I'm sure you have read the articles in the 2003 Fall Newsletter (2 pages) from the DFA Ontario Chapter Historian, Josephine Boos, regarding that Chapter's motion at their September 7, 2003, chapter meeting. This motion, in essence, urges the Doane Family Association to include <u>all</u> female lines in all of the next Doane Family publications. My response to her failed to make the



Dick Doane

Fall Newsletter. Therefore, I feel it necessary to make the membership aware of what that response entailed. Please refer to a separate article in this newsletter for that response. Incidentally, we have received only three comments (to my knowledge) from family members in regard to that article. Where do you all stand?

We are extremely pleased that our "new" Doane College facilitator is none other than Janet Jeffries, the sister of Joyce Jeffries, who is a DFA member. For those who attended our 2000 Reunion at Doane College, you will remember her as part of the entertainment group. Since Joyce got married and moved on to Hastings College (still a member of Reunion Committee), Janet has stepped in and filled some big shoes. Thanks so much for assuming this role. Both Janet, and her husband Ted Beauvais, and Joyce, and her new husband Sam Rennick, will be at our Denison Reunion.

Just another point about coming to our 2004 Reunion. Would you believe that "maybe' we have finally found the true origins of Deacon John Doane. There have certainly been many question marks on this matter in past years. Come and hear the presentation to be made by Derek Done, our International Member from the UK, who has spent many hours, days, and weeks, working on the many, many documents that extend back to the early 1600s. My sincere thanks to Derek, and to the members of the committee assembled by Virgil Doan (UT), who spent many hours themselves following the many leads that Derek was able to uncover. If you really are interested in Deacon John, come to see this exciting presentation. But, we make no promises.

Hope to see you all at Denison University.

Dick Doane, DFA President

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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO DFA ONTARIO CHAPTER CONCERNS

I am currently president of DFA, but have not had very much time in office, or on the Board. I have attended national reunions since 1996 and my father and sister have been on the Board for many years. I have never heard of this subject, either at the reunions or from my father/sister, and wonder where it has been hiding?

Your chapter, however, makes a good point, and I will assure you that it will be brought before the Board of Governors at our meeting next summer in Ohio. There will be no action taken by the Executive Committee at this time. You are welcome to bring your members to the 2004 Reunion in Ohio and present a motion on the floor during our business session. There is nothing that says you can't do that. I do find it interesting that there are about 10 women (out of 20) on our Board of Governors, and our DFA presidents for the past 11 out of 12 years have been women. Have they not listened?

Incidentally, the publication that we are working on now is not Volume III. We are working on updates of the Volume I & II and Max's books. They are ready to go to print, and will be available to anyone who has the before-mentioned books.

Best Regards,

Dick Doane, DFA President

—From a September 20, 2003 e-mail to Josephine Boos, Ontario Chapter Historian, in response to two letters from the Ontario Chapter published in the Fall 2003 DFA Newsletter. The letters expressed concern that our family histories do not include female lines of descent.

ONTARIO'S DOANE HOUSE HOSPICE

The official opening of the Doane House Hospice was September 16, 2003, at 17100 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario. This hospice serves the communities of North Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford, and East Gwillimbury. The York Regional Police Male Choir began the ceremony with a rendition of *Oh Canada*. Opening remarks were given by Janet Geddes, emcee and president, Doane House Hospice Board of Directors; Julia Munro, MPP, York North; Bill Fish, York Region Chair; and Newmarket mayor Tom. Taylor. Father Robert Ouellette, Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Parish, Newmarket gave a blessing to the Doane House. Following the ribbon cutting, a light lunch was enjoyed.

Many volunteers did an excellent job of restoring this historic Doane family home to its present condition. Workers met many challenges as they labored on its renovation. Former owners would be surprised to see the house as it is today. The last Doane family moved out in 1967, and it was allowed to deteriorate. It was sometimes used as a rental property, was for a time a sales office for the surrounding development, and then was left empty for many years. The roof leaked, porches sagged, paint had peeled, and it looked abandoned.

In 1983, a group of local Doanes met with the Newmarket council to urge that the house be preserved. The family presented a history of the property since 1807, and explained why we felt it should be saved. We asked that as a provision of granting rezoning from Agriculture to Highway, Commercial and Residential, the developer either incorporate the house into his subdivision, or move it to a suitable site. In July 1983, the developer agreed to move the house.

After several years, The Cancer Hospice of Newmarket decided they could use the house, and city of Newmarket found a site for it, with good visibility, south of the municipal buildings. After much negotiation and with funds raised through the Trillium Foundation, the house was moved March 22, 2002. At the new site, a basement was dug, and electric power and sewer lines installed. Volunteers re-roofed the house, tore off old plaster, and also several layers of old flooring materials to disclose a beautiful old red pine floor. Drywall was installed, and years of paint were stripped from the trim and windows. A new kitchen was built, and a washroom downstairs, plus comfortable rooms for patients and their families to use as meeting rooms, were also added. The upstairs made several bright offices. The veranda was re-roofed in its original bell cast shape, and rotten boards replaced. The house is now also ADA accessible. We wish to thank The Doane Family of America for their help and encourage others to tackle like projects.

— Alma Doane, Treasurer Ontario Chapter of The Doane Family of America, Inc.



DFA REUNION STATUS REPORT -- HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Can you believe it? It's only a matter of weeks until we will be gathering together at Denison University in Granville, Ohio! We still have much work to do to finalize arrangements for tours and facilities, so please send in your reservations as early as possible.

Overall, we have tried to put together a program that provides good accommodations, entertainment, education, and fun at a reasonable cost, and with a special effort to attract young families and their children. We are still open to suggestions, though. If we have missed something, please let us hear from you so we can make adjustments.

The theme of our 2004 reunion, "The Westward Migration," focuses on the Ohio River Valley. The western migration in the United States was accomplished over many years and took various routes. Our family was a part of this great adventure. A large number of people migrated by way of North Carolina, including our Hezekiah Doane II and his wife, Thankful, who moved from Cape Cod to New Hanover County, N.C. Hezekiah II is the elusive #44 in Volume I of The Doane Family History and #557 in Volume II. The sons and daughters of Hezekiah and Thankful were among the pioneer families packing their worldly belongings and moving westward—small spokes in a massive wheel of social change! Their descendants will be present in great numbers at Denison.

At Denison we will learn about our family members? hardships and successes as they sought to make their world a better place. We will hear a presentation on the life of William Howard Doane and his daughters, Ida and Marguerite, who were generous benefactors of Denison University. We will hear about Rev. Thomas Doan, an early Methodist Circuit Rider in early Ohio and Indiana.

A present-day Californian will tell us about the life of her grandmother, and a southern Ohio resident will tell us tales of life along the Ohio River. Some Canadian history will also be included in a presentation on Doane involvement in the 1837 MacKenzie Rebellion in Ontario, and we will be updated on the findings of ongoing research on the origins of Deacon John.

More important than learning about our past, though, is the opportunity that our unique reunion affords us to enjoy the present and anticipate the future. We are a diverse family; we are individuals, but we share common hope and aspirations. We are old and we are young. We enjoy life! Meeting together in an atmosphere of fellowship on a lovely college campus empowers us to share our joy and broaden our horizons. Every member of the DFA brings something special to the reunion and takes home something even more special.

If you haven't already done so—fill out that registration form and send it in! Denison won't be the same without you!

See you there!

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The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Discovering your family's history is a rewarding experience. When you learn about your ancestors, an intriguing array of people and stories become part of your heritage and identity. For research on New England families, the New England Historic Genealogical Society offers in-depth resources that are unparalleled by any other society.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has built a reputation of excellence by offering its members outstanding resources, distinctive collections, and access to a talent pool unrivaled by any other society focusing on New England research. It is the oldest and largest genealogical society in the country, founded in 1845 by a group of prominent New Englanders who wished to "collect, preserve, and publish genealogical and historical material relating to New England families." It has succeeded in maintaining a scholarly profile while adapting to and meeting the challenges of technology and current trends in genealogy.

The NEHGS research library, located at 101 Newbury Street in Boston, offers a collection of over 200,000 volumes in open stacks. One floor alone is devoted to published genealogies, another holds the local history collection, and another level offers patrons access to thousands of records on microfilm, microfiche, and CD-ROM. There is also a renowned manuscript collection where members can access original sources and sometimes discover rare, personal connections to an ancestor's past. There are six floors of materials in all, concentrating on New England and New York, but other states are also represented in various degrees. International research expertise focuses primarily on English, Irish, Scottish, and Canadian resources. Each area of the library is staffed by professional genealogists and librarians.

NEHGS embraces the 21st century, and contemporary genealogy, with a commitment to maintaining and expanding its online database collection. Recently awarded a \$500,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to endow NewEnglandAncestors.org, NEHGS is dedicated to offering members a vast collection of Internet resources. It is a goal of NEHGS to offer traditional resources to a widely dispersed and diverse membership using today's technological opportunities, most particularly electronic and online methods.

Nearly two-thirds of the NEHGS membership live outside of New England, so there are several important membership benefits available for genealogists unable to visit Boston. Members may borrow books from more than 30,000 volumes in the Circulating Library. The Research Services department handles research requests, and will make photocopies of pages in books available in the research library. The NEHGS Sales Department ships books, charts, maps, and CDs to people

around the country, member or not. Catalogs for the research library, the circulating library and the bookstore are available online at the NEHGS web site, www.NewEnglandAncestors.org.

The NEHGS web site is an important member resource with online articles, forums, and access to over 80 million names in vital record databases, military records, published genealogies, and perhaps most popularly, the Register, which represents decades of genealogical research available nowhere else. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (the Register), is the preeminent journal of American genealogy. It has been published quarterly by NEHGS since 1847, and is regarded as a scholarly collection of compiled genealogies, case studies, corrected pedigrees, and unpublished record groups. The information is considered essential for proving New England family lines. Gilbert Harry Doane (1897-1908) was an active member of NEHGS for more than 50 years. Mr. Doane served as editor of the Register from 1960 - 1971 and was "recognized for his extraordinary editorial service to the Society by the Society's Council when it appointed him 1971 to editor emeritus of the Register." (Register 134, 1980, p. 179)

New England Ancestors magazine, now in its fourth year of publication, is mailed to members five times annually The magazine offers how-to articles on New England research, information on events and reunions, queries, relevant research insights, and much more. Articles from the magazine are also available online.

NEHGS publishes a number of books each year. Executive Director Ralph J. Crandall's popular genealogical guide Shaking Your Family Tree was updated and republished in 2000. More recently, NEHGS has printed tandem editions of New York handbooks, a guide to Boston resources, and several CD databases available nowhere else. The databases include New England Marriages Prior to 1700 and The Records of the Churches of Boston. A full list of current electronic, video, and book publications is available within the Articles & Publications area of the web site.

The NEHGS also offers conferences and educational events, consultations with prominent genealogists, free lectures, and volunteer opportunities. More information abou the benefits of membership is available by calling NEHGS at 888-296-3447 or visiting the NEHGS web site at NewEnglandAncestors.org. When you visit NEHGS, in person or online, you may discover your family.

Connect with The Doane Family Association of America, Inc., via the NEHGS

The New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is networked with many family associations, including our DFA. Here's what the NEHGS has to say about the DFA:

The Doane Family Association of America was organized "to create interest in the history and welfare of the descendants of Deacon John Doane who came to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1629. This national organization, with nine chapters in the United States and Canada, was established nearly a century ago in 1907. Membership is open to anyone with the surname Doane, Doan, Done, or variations, their spouses or descendants, and other interested persons."

"According to DFA membership materials, the first Doane family reunion was held in 1868, and reunions have been held on a biennial basis since 1907. On the Doane Family Association Web site at www.doane.edu/dfa/dfa2htm, you will find information on the history of the Doane Family, an upcoming reunion (August 2-7, 2004 at Denison University in Granville, Ohio), reports of earlier reunions, and information on purchasing books, including volumes I and II of The Doane Family."

There are more than 3,000 hits on the surname "Doane" in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society and Family Association (NEHGS) online data bases, including nearly 1,000 in the Register, over 600 in Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850, and over 200 in our cemetery data bases. And, there are three Circulating Library books available for loan and 11 tifles relating to Doane in the Research Library stacks at 101 Newbury Street. Holdings include the Report of Proceedings, International Reunion (Doane Family Association of America, National Reunion, 1936-1982), the Report of Proceedings, International Reunion (Doane

Family Association of America, 1984), Volumes I and II of The Doane Family, and The New Doane Book.

The NEHGS manuscript collections contain seven items with Doane as a subject including the Alfred Alder Doane Papers, 1086-1927 (SG DOA 51 2771). The six linear feet of research materials include the genealogical correspondence and notes on which Mr. Doane based his Volume I of The Doane Family. This collection also contains 94 photographs of Mr. Doane and related family members, Doane houses, and gravestones. Alfred Alder Doane was a member of NEHGS from 1905 until his death in 1918.

Gilbert Harry Doane (1897-1988) is another Doane family member who was an active member 0f NEHGS. A member for more than 50 years, he was a librarian, clergyman, historian, and author of Searching For Your Ancestors. He was a member of the NEHGS Committee on Heraldry from 1960 until his death. Mr. Doane also served as editor of the Register from 1960-1971 and was recognized for his extraordinary editorial service to the Society by the Society's Council when it appointed him in 1971 to editor emeritus of the Register. (Register 134, 80, p. 179)

Doane descendants also include the Doan Outlaws of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Doan Outlaws, five brothers and a cousin, were notorious troublemakers who ultimately became British spies during the American Revolution. *The New Doane Book*, published by the Bucks County Historical Society, details the story of the Doan Outlaws. This book is available in both the research and circulating libraries (E280 06 R6 1952)

Visit the Doane Family Association at www.Doane.edu/dfa/dfa2htm.

PS Your current historian is also a member of NEHGS.



Stock up on "Doane" items in Granville!

Those of you who are in need of Doane T-shirts, caps, etc., will want to check out the Doane College Bookstore items

that Janet Jeffries will have at the summer reunion. Cash or checks preferred. No credit cards please.

Talent Wanted!

Westward Migration Reunion goers are encouraged to share their talents at Tuesday evening's Family Talent Show.

All talent — music, poetry, story-telling, etc.
— is welcome. Let's stage a great variety show! Sign up when you arrive at Denison.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

On Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, Gerry and Ray Doan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at Versailles State Park in Versailles, Indiana with numerous family members and friends present. They were married March 2, 1979. Gerry is éditor of our Spring DFA Newsletter, and Ray is currently serving



as DFA Chaplain. Among those in attendance were DFA members Robert and Ruth Doane of North Carolina, and Bill and Janice Doan of Kentucky.

IN MEMORIAM

DARLINE DOANE, wife of life member Robert Doane of Essex, Conn., died Oct. 1, 2003. She is survived by her husband, five children, and seven grandchildren. Many of you may remember her daughter, Deborah Doane Dempsey of Astoria, Oregon who spoke at our 1998 DFA Reunion in Massachusetts. Darline attended many reunions with her husband, Robert, and will be greatly missed by her many family members and friends.

HORACE DOANE'S LAST TRAIN RIDE

As Jesus escorts Horace on his final journey - not on foot, but by train.

Jesus says, "Horace, you've earned your pass. Just relax. We're a double header and I'm in the lead.

We've got the mainline, we're on the right track. I'll make sure that you're not sidetracked, derailed, or jump the track.

I'm never asleep at the switch.

There are no red flags, we've got the high ball. No danger that we ignore the signals.

Even though it's up hill all the way, you won't be spinning your wheels;

You'll make the grade. So, we'll just pour the coal on and keep up a full head of steam.

We're going through from life to life eternal, and there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

Well, we're there. Life's Promontory Point, the end of the line. We have golden streets, not just a golden spike.

As they pull into the station, on the platform are loved ones waiting to welcome them.

Horace asks, "By the way, what line is this?"
Jesus answers, "The NYC, of course." Horace says,
"The New York Central?"

Jesus answers, "No, Now You're Celestial!"

—by Pastor Bob Pumphreys for Horace's Funeral Celebration.

THOUGHTS IN VERSE FROM IRAQ

By SGT (P) James J. Doane, Sr.

To our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers: To our children and spouses or significant others:

Each day the sun rises on a new day And fills the sky with a bright golden haze, The first thoughts to enter each of our minds Are of the loved ones that we've left behind.

Although we are thousands of miles apart Your images still burn deep in our hearts. Your love and support is what see us through Until we return home safely to you.

We've missed births and birthdays, anniversaries, too.
We've missed graduations and the first day of school.
And although we miss all that we hold dear
We want you to know that you're the reason we're here.

We are fighting for freedom all over the world To make sure it's safe for each boy and girl To laugh and play, ride bikes and skip rope In a world full of promise and hope.

We know you miss us whenever we go, As we miss you; but we want you to know That we represent the land of the free And because of us, it always will be.

— Shared with the DFA Newsletter editor by USAF TSGT (Ret. Artimus L. Doane Jr.) (Book 1, pp 182, #161) Sgt. James Doane, Sr., has been in Iraq since 2002.

DEBORAH DOANE DEMPSEY FEATURED ON TRAVEL CHANNEL

Betty Goodrich reports that she watched a program entitled "The Ends of the Earth," with a subtitle "Graveyard of the Pacific," on The Travel Channel in late November. The whole last hour was about the bar at the Columbia River. During the last 15 minutes, the program featured Deborah Doane Dempsey.

Dempsey was shown boarding a shipping vessel and guiding it into port. It also recognized her as the first pilot to try landing on a vessel after being lowered from a helicopter. Perhaps this show will be repeated, and some of the rest of the DFA will have the opportunity to view it.

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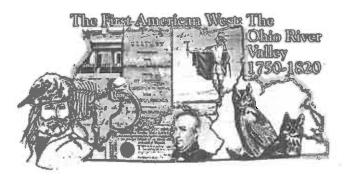
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See inside for details