

# The Doane Family News

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# President's Message

It just seems like yesterday that the fall *DFA*Newsletter was sent out and the Proceedings of the 2004 Reunion - and I guess that is probably very close to the truth. By the time you receive this spring *DFA Newsletter*, I will have had the opportunity to return to Doane College and attend the Inauguration of the 11th President, Jonathan Brand. I'm sure Jonathan will be great at leading Doane College - and he has already pledged his support of our Association. He will be attending our reunion at UC Davis the end of July.

I hope you all have registered for our 49th Doane Family Reunion. I sounds like a very interesting and exciting week. Thanks to our Reunion Committee

Chair Eunice Brabec, and her committee.

We continue to work toward finding the ancestry of Deacon John Doane. (see article by Derek Done of the United Kingdom (UK) in this newsletter). We have now sent about 230 letters to Done/Donne's in the UK to participate in our DNA testing program. So far, we have received about 25 responses and have not found a match to our U.S. family. I assure you that we will continue to pursue this DNA Project and hopefully will find a match with some UK family. You can view the results of these tests at <a href="https://www.familytreedna.com/public/doane">www.familytreedna.com/public/doane</a>.

Our Massachusetts VP, Jane Anderson, has established a web site for our Doane Family Association. It is still in the building stage and we will refine our goals and needs of this site at our reunion in July. You can look at the site at <a href="https://www.doanefamilyassociation.org">www.doanefamilyassociation.org</a>. Jane would welcome any suggestions or

help in developing this site.

I am sad that Janice Doan has asked to be

replaced as Editor of the spring *DFA Newsletter*. She has done this for so long, and done such a great job, that it just seems that she would be there forever. But, as we all know, time moves on. Thank you Janice, from the President and from the Association, for your dedicated service to our organization. I wish you well and I'm sure you will be bringing Past President Bill to many of our future reunions.



And finally, I need to let you all know that my wife, Mary, will not be attending our reunion in July. She was diagnosed with Stage 4 Bladder Cancer in mid-January. A tumor was partially removed from her bladder the end of January. She is going through 3 cycles of Chemotherapy and then will have surgery to remove her bladder and other female organs, toward the end of June at Tucson Medical Center. Her recovery period will be extended beyond our reunion, so she will not be attending. She has a great support group here in Pinetop, Arizona., and they are looking after her and me. You would not believe the out-pouring of support for Mary from many ladies groups here on the mountain.

I know that many of our DFA families have serious medical situations, and we reach out to each and every one of you with our thoughts and prayers.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely, Dick Doane, President

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#### **DFA SUMMER REUNION NOTES**



When the DFA meets at the University of California Davis in July, members will have an opportunity to meet Jonathan M. Brand, the new President of Doane College. President Brand will be in attendance on Tuesday, July 25th.

Also on the reunion schedule is the West Valley Chorale, a 25 member bar-

bershop ensemble, who will perform on Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Eunice Brabec, reunion chairperson reports that she met via e-mail the great-grandson of Jerome Davis who contributed the land for the University Campus and the town of Davis. Jim Davis of Maui, who is a great-nephew of the Sheriff of San Francisco during the Vigilante Days, Charles Doane, hopes to attend and have on display the ceremonial sword given to Sheriff Doane.

The reunion has been planned so that there will be plenty of time for renewing friendships formed at earlier reunions and getting acquainted with new cousins. If you would like to help with children's activities, please contact Eunice immediately.

IF ANYONE MISSED THE MAY 15 DEADLINE FOR REUNION REGISTRATION, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR NAME PLACED ON A WAITING LIST FOR ANY POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS.

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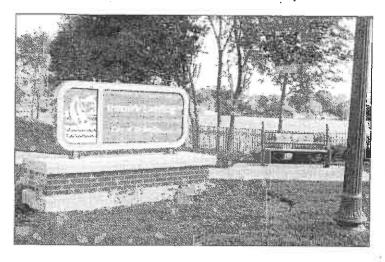
We need someone to step forward to take over the spring DFA Newsletter from Janice Doan, who has more than fulfilled her obligation to the Association. If you are interested in becoming the Editor of the spring Newsletter, please contact your DFA President, Dick Doane, at <a href="mailto:mdoane@cableone.net">mdoane@cableone.net</a>. Duties include collecting information pertinent to the Doane Family Association in early spring, and then forwarding that information on to Janet Jeffries at Doane College who will set it up in newsletter form. Joey Fikar at the College handles the mailing. Please consider taking on this task.

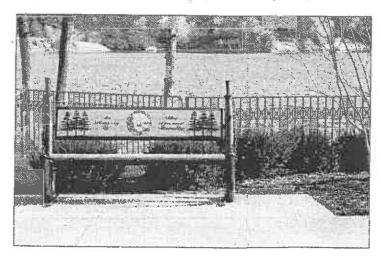
#### DOANE'S LANDING DEDICATED

There is a new entrance to Belleville, Michigan named "Doane's Landing Park". This park was dedicated in October 2005 and was previously known as Liberty Bell Park, though it was really an overgrown corner of land with no clear view of the lake. Before that, the most familiar sight at the city's entranceway was the Doane's Livery, which stood for decades. The mayor said that people have different memories of Doane's Landing and ask whether it is named for the historian Bob Doane or the Doane's Livery building. The mayor did not reveal which, allowing park goers to use their own imagination. The Doane family has roots in Belleville reaching back into the nineteenth century when Charles Bunyea married Caroline Klasen. They had five children. Their daughter Mae married Roy Doane and the couple operated an early Shell gas station and a boat livery where a Pizza and Party store now stand. Following the creation of Belleville Lake in 1925-26, the Doanes purchased a creamery on the site

of today's Doane's Landing Park. They added a marina, dance hall, restaurant and bait shop. Roy and Mae Doane had eight children, including Bob Doane who later became the city's historian. Bob Doane passed away on August 18, 2002. Bob Doane was the fellow who gave James and Alma Doane the Doane Battery for their Doane truck many years ago. Bob worked in an asbestos factory. People who live in Belleville said that the city wanted the property to beautify the entrance to the city, so they found pollutants (from battery manufacturing) and gave the family a period of time to clean it up; of course the cost was staggering. The city took over the property and demolished the house in 1993 creating Liberty Bell Park. Now it is a beautiful addition to the city of Belleville known as "Doane's Landing Park".

(Editor's note: This idea for this article and the pictures were sent by Alma Doane of Canada. Much of the information is from *The View* newspaper, Belleville, Michigan, October 13, 2005.)





#### **IN MEMORY**

Daniel John De Guerre died peacefully at Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital after a brief illness, on Saturday, April 30, 2005. He was born in Newmarket, the eldest son of the late Ross and Frances De Guerre. He will be missed by his three sisters and one brother, his nieces and nephews, cousins and great-nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was at Eglinton St. George United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

(Editor's note: This information was taken from *The Toronto Star* May 2, 2005. Many of you may remember Dan from earlier DFA Reunions as he was a regular attendee for many years.)

Raymond Paul Doane, 64, of Milan, Indiana died Monday, November 7, 2005. His funeral was at the Laws-Carr-Moore Funeral Home in Milan. He was born December 1, 1940 in Norwich, New York, the son of George Raymond Doane and Helen Elizabeth (Welton) Doane. Survivors include his wife Gerry E. Doane, two sons, Timothy Michael Doane of Shelton, Washington and Christopher Lee Doane of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, three grandchildren, three sisters and a brother. Ray was a Special Deputy with the Ripley County Sheriff's Department. In addition to many civic activities, he was past chaplain of the Doane Family Association of America.

(Editor's note: from Versailles Republican newspaper, November 10, 2005).

George J. Doane Sr. of Lake Wales, FL, formerly of Roslindale and South Boston, Massachusetts died May 8, age 72. He was the son of the late George and Elizabeth (Foley) Doane, and the husband of the late Beverly (Hartin) Doane. He is survived by his children: Janet L'Heureux of Roslindale, Carol-Ann Vella of Plymouth, James Doane of Milton, Marion Doane-Smith of Quincy, Joanne Stratton of Walpole, and George Doane of Berry Creek, California. He is also survived by grandchildren: Jennifer, Billy, Wayne, Zane, Kirsten, Dawna, Jacqui, Judith, and Victoria. The funeral was held at the F.J. Higgins Funeral Home 4236 Washington St., ROSLINDALE on Saturday, May 13th. Funeral Mass was in the Holy Name Church, West Roxbury at later that day. Doane was buried at New Calvary Cemetery. Doane was a graduate of South Boston High in 1950, and played drums for the Melody Four during the 1950s. He was a coppersmith at Boston Naval Shipyard, a member of Branch 34 Letter Carriers Union, and an instructor for the Good Start letter carrier training program. Doane was past president of NARFE Chapter 1018 and a Regional Vice President of the Doane Family Association of America.

(Editor's note: This information was taken from The Boston Globe.)

#### THE HOOSAC TUNNEL

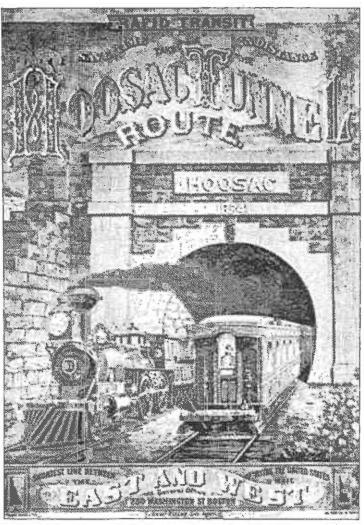
Colonel Thomas
Doane, who founded
Doane College in
Nebraska, was the
chief civil engineer on
Hoosac railroad tunnel construction project from 1853 until
1867 when he
resigned to devote his
attention to building
the Burlington and
Missouri River
Railroad through
Nebraska.

The Hoosac Tunnel was constructed from 1852 to 1873 through the



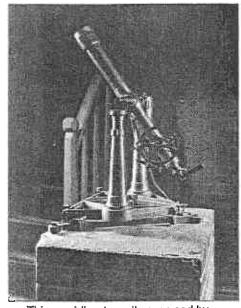
Colonel Thomas Doane

Hoosac Mountain in northwestern Massachusetts, between North Adams and the town of Florida. It was conceived as part of a transportation link between the markets of Boston and the Midwest



Hoosac Railroad Tunnel

along the newly chartered Troy and Greenfield Railroad line. At four and three quarter miles long, the Hoosac Tunnel was, upon completion, the longest railroad tunnel in the United States, a distinction it retained until 1916. Construction inspired many innovations in rock excavation, including the use of pneumatic drills, nitroglycerin, and electric blasting caps.



This meridian transit was used by Thomas Doane in building the Hoosac Tunnel. It is now on display in Boswell Observatory, Doane College, Crete, Nebraska.

However, it was plagued by financial problems from the beginning. First estimated to cost \$2 million, the total cost of the tunnel was more that \$14 million. 195 workers were killed during its construction. The last passenger train traversed the tunnel in 1958, but the tunnel is still an important link in the freight route from New England to the Midwest.

November 27, 1973, one hundred years to the day since its opening, the Hoosac Tunnel Centennial was celebrated. As part of the celebrations, the Hoosac Tunnel Centennial Committee helped to organize special passenger train trips through the tunnel. The Hoosac Tunnel Museum opened in North Adams in 1980, initially housed in an old railroad car. The museum is presently located in the Visitor's Center of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park, the site of renovated former railway station buildings.

By 1993 only a few trains passed through the Hoosac Tunnel daily, but the tunnel also serves a new function as a conduit for fiber optic cables that connect the information highway. More importantly, the tunnel remains an impressive landmark in the history of nineteenth-century engineering, optimism, and commerce in Massachusetts.

(Editor's note: DFA members Ann and Brian Doane, of Litchfield, New Hampshire visited the Hoosac Tunnel this past summer, and offered the above information. Much of the information in this article is taken from the North Adams Public Library (Hoosac Tunnel Collection. If you want to learn more about the tunnel's construction, read A Pinprick of Light: The Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Its Hoosac Tunnel by Carl R. Byron).

# Cynthiana native visits Cuba, meets with Castro

(Editor's note: This is an excerpt from an article in the *Cynthiana Democrat*, September 8, 2005. Stewart Doan is the son of Bill and Janice Doan of Cynthiana, Kentucky. As a young person, he attended several DFA reunions, presenting a paper in 1982 at the DFA Reunion in Pennsylvania. For the full article by Donald Ritchie, go to <u>cynthianademocrat.com</u> and using the advanced search type in the date and Stewart's name.)

One of the more interesting aspects of life as a journalist is the potential to be sent to a variety of locations. Cynthiana, Kentucky native Stewart Doan recently completed a four day trip to Havana, Cuba on a reporting assignment.

Doan is a 1978 graduate of Harrison County High School. He attended the University of Kentucky and now works for Clear Channel Communications. He is based in Little Rock, Arkansas as a farm broadcaster, covering agriculture stories across the south.

He went to Cuba on Wednesday, August 24 as a press representative on a USA Rice Federation leadership mission. Rice is one of the top three crops in the south along with cotton and soybeans. He was there until Saturday, August 27. Doan said the purpose of the trip was two-fold. First, he said, the U.S. rice industry wanted to let the Cuban government know that it supports fair and bilateral trade between Cuba and the United States. This reassurance, he said, was because of recent changes in trade policy from the administration of President George W. Bush. "It has created quite a problem for, not only Cuba, but for U.S. agricultural interests," he said, noting 2005 rice exports were down.

The second mission of the trip was to explore the market potential for the remainder of the year. Doan has had international assignments before, but never in a place like Cuba. He stressed the need for U.S. farmers to have an opportunity to export crops to such places because of the reduction of domestic subsidies.

As a journalist, he said he didn't find the experience of covering news in a communist country that much different. "I was able to interview anyone I wanted to," he said. "I was told by a colleague who is a photojournalist that he faced no restrictions." Doan noted that he was able to file stories directly from his Cuban location.

On Thursday, August 25, Doan was able to experience something which few can claim. He attended a meeting with Cuban Fidel Castro. The delegation arrived at the presidential palace Thursday night and at 8:30 p.m. began a five and a half hour visit. Recording equipment was not allowed in the meeting, so Doan took 17 pages of notes.

The 79-year old Castro appeared energized and in good health, Doan said, but does show signs of his age. A large portion of the meeting was devoted to Castro's plan to use rice as a way of diverting Cuba's use of oil-based fuels in favor of electric methods of cooking. "He is going to put windmills all throughout Havana and generate electricity at half price and use



As a press representative on a USA Rice Federation leadership mission, Stewart Doan meets Fidel Castro

that for cooking so he could free up his fuel for jet fuel," he said.

Politics only played a small role in the meeting. Doan said Castro pointed out that the United States has huge bilateral trade with Vietnam, a communist country with which the U.S. engaged in an actual war. On the other hand, Castro said the U.S. and Cuba have never exchanged shots, but the U.S. government won't allow bilateral trade between the two. Doan said that was the sole political reference of the evening.

By the time the meeting ended, Doan said, a deal had been reached for the U.S. to sell 130,000 metric tons of rice to Cuba. Around midnight, wines and desserts were served. At 2:00 a.m., the group finally left the palace. Doan said the exit was not without event. Castro gave each of them a gift bag.

Doan's view of the island is one of impending change. Post-Castro, he said, could see the flexibility for trade to open up. The people of Cuba have no incentive to produce under Communism, he noted, and won't produce until they do.

"We've got the American dream," he said. "The Cuban dream isn't much of a dream under the current government." He found the Cuban people engaging. They liked to talk about their lives and their families and asked him about his family and life in the United States.

In Doan's eyes, Cuba is visually contrasted from the rest of the Caribbean. "Unlike other Caribbean destinations where it's very colorful, Cuba is not that way. In many respects, I felt like this was surely what it was like in Eastern Europe or in Russia - the old Soviet Union - drab, dark and dreary." He added that the weather from Hurricane Katrina contributed to the drabness.

### "Mr. John Done: Who Was He?" — An Update

At the 2004 DFA Reunion held in Granville, Ohio, I reported the results of the Deacon John Doane Research Committee's attempts to discover more about the English origins of Deacon John Doane known in his early days in Plymouth Colony as John Done, the 'a' being added later to make sure his name was pronounced correctly. This research program, based on a study of a number of source documents located in England, enabled us to eliminate from consideration many people who it had been thought might have gone on to become the Deacon.

One of the few men remaining on the list of possible 'candidates' was John Done, a cordwainer (a shoe maker or leather worker) who was granted administration of the estate of a wealthy Londoner in May 1630, three months before a man of the same name, who we know later became the Deacon, sailed for

Plymouth Colony.

In my presentation at the Reunion, I reported our hope that we would be able to find a match between the signatures of the cordwainer and the Deacon, proving that they were one and the same person. Since then, in spite of the efforts of Marshall Doane, a member of the Research Committee, and Kay Blair, our historian, this effort has been unsuccessful, the Deacon's will and other records that might have contained his signature having been lost in a fire. However, we have been able to confirm that another possible candidate, John Done of Duddon, could not have been the Deacon.

In an attempt to supplement this 'paper trail', we

have switched our efforts to trying to find an ancestor of the Deacon through a program of DNA testing. We have obtained Y-DNA samples from males with the name of Done - or variant spellings - resident in England and Wales, to see whether we can find a match between these samples and the Y-DNA of known descendants of the Deacon in America. This research is based on the fact that the Y-DNA chromosome is passed from father to son in exactly the same way as a surname. However, although we have discovered the existence of a number of different families in the UK who share this name, and have found several matches between several members of these families. we have not succeeded in finding a match between them and anyone in our American sample. But our efforts continue.

I shall be reporting in more detail on the Committee's findings on both the paper trail and the DNA testing program at the DFA Reunion to be held this coming July in Davis, California.

Hope to see you all there.

Derek Done, Chairman Deacon John Doane Research Committee

(Editor's note: For family reasons, Virgil Doan has had to give up his Chairmanship of the Deacon John Doane Research Committee. These responsibilities have now been taken on by Derek Done, another member of the Committee. Virgil has also had to give up his Chairmanship of the DNA Project Committee, with Dick Doane, our President, now replacing him in that role. Dick will also serve as Doane DNA Grant Administrator. Virgil will be a hard act to follow.)

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