



# The Doane Family News

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Hello all Cousins and Friends:

Our reunion held in Saginaw, Michigan is now over and from the reviews it was a great success. The accommodations were quite sufficient, the food was excellent and the tours were spectacular. Arlene Thompson, our new historian, kept the research room open almost the entire time, and many folks took advantage of the books and computer programs to search for their ancestors.

During the meeting, many thoughts were discussed and decided upon and new offices were filled in both the Association and the Foundation. When you read the minutes of the general membership meeting you will notice that changes have been made in how we

will calculate future donations to the Doane Family Foundation, Inc. This was agreed to in order to protect the assets of the Doane Family Association Endowment Fund.

From the Treasurer's reports and the above referred to changes that were made you will see that we are on a solid financial basis in both the Doane Family Association Endowment Account and the Hattie Belle Doane Van Hoy Account.

The Association agreed to combine the Deacon John Done Research Committee and the DNA Committee into one committee and when the next Bylaws change comes through you will see that the newly adopted committee name will be the Deacon John Done Research and DNA Committee.

One of the exciting things that happened was the presentation of the Charter for the new Chapter named the Great Plains Chapter. The officers of this new chapter are: John W. Doan (KS) President; Alice L. Doane (NE), Vice-President and Janis Mitchell (NE), Secretary/Treasurer. At their organizing meeting there were members from Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado so if you would like to attend their chapter meetings please contact Chapter President John.

It was wonderful to hear Jane MacDuff, our membership chairperson, read the names of 40 new members. Unfortunately our membership totals remain somewhat the same due to the deaths of many longtime members. Growth in our Association is a necessary thing for the continuation of our Association.

Bill Fineout and his Memorial Committee did an excellent presentation memorializing those members who passed away since the last reunion. We especially remembered Past Presidents, Erma J. Phillips and Dorothy Doan Baker, First Vice-President, Ted H. Doane and Historian, Katherine K. Blair.

I personally want to thank all of our Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee members who have been working on your behalf these last two years, and especially those whose terms have expired or are unable to continue. Your service is appreciated by your President and the entire Association.

Now the members of the 2014 Reunion Committee, chaired by Mary Ann Sindt, must be congratulated on a wonderful reunion experience, making all the attendees feel welcomed and accommodated. Great job was done by all!!!

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Doane, President

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## 2014 Reunion Recap from the Great Lakes/Michigan Chapter

Approximately 80 descendants and friends of Deacon John Done attended the 53rd Doane Family Association Biennial Reunion. The event was held July 21st-July 26th at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) in Saginaw, Michigan. The facilities were very nice, and all enjoyed the air-conditioning!! Our SVSU coordinator, Mary Walk, was most helpful through the three to four year planning process.



Brian Doane of New Hampshire hawks his homemade root beer while serving as auctioneer during the Friday night banquet.

There was something to do most of the week. Of course, we had our DFA board meetings and the DFA general meetings, led by our President Ken Doane. This is a necessary part of the event to get the business part of the DFA done. Our trips included going to Bronner's Christmas Store (many, many, many Christmas items) and touring the town of Frankenmuth after a delicious lunch of Zehnder's famous chicken. We also went to

Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. Some history there!! The weather was nice to us for the trips. On Friday, we had our Memorial Service for those who have passed in the past two years. It was a very moving ceremony.

The evenings included entertainment that included Ken Doane giving a presentation on his great-grandfather. We also met Mary Doane, aka Mrs. Claus, had a talent show and sing along, and heard a presentation on how we are connected to Dow Chemical Co. based in Bay City, MI. All



We were so glad to see Bill and Janice Doan from Ohio!

of these were terrific!! Everyone seemed to enjoy the food at SVSU's "Marketplace at Doan." Quite a variety of food! We can't forget the Doane "Book Store" from Doane College. What a fun time as always going to shop!!! The banquet on Friday night was exceptional! The



We took over the graffiti rock that was just outside of our residence hall. Groups visiting SVSU are encouraged to make their mark on the rock.

food was delicious and the program short, but meaningful.

The responses to the reunion were very positive and the committee thanks each of the attendees. Now for my thank you to the committee for all of their time and work on this big project; Arlene Thompson, Bill Gaus, Bill Fineout, Linda Doane, Dick Doane (AZ), and Janet Jeffries at Doane College. Especially Ann and Brian Doane for going above and beyond the call to take reservations!!! You are ALL special and I thank you!!!

*Mary Ann Doane Sindt, President  
Great Lakes/Michigan Chapter*

**"I hope your family enjoyed their meal and had fun in Frankenmuth. It was a pleasure working with you and we hope to welcome you back." Zehnder's of Frankenmuth**

## Chapter News

### New England Chapter

#### *Abigail (Doane) Lothrop Stone*

There has been work done following the summer months to finish restoration of the gravestone of Abigail Lothrop (1631-1735) in Norwich, Connecticut. Abigail was the daughter of Deacon John Doane, According to the inscription on the gravestone, she was born at Plymouth in 1631. It was Abigail who nursed her father in his elderly years. A few years after her father died Abigail married Samuel Lothrop, son of Rev. John Lothrop of Scituate and Barnstable in Plymouth Colony. She went to live with Samuel in Norwich, Connecticut,

where she died on January 23 1734/5 in her 104th year.

Her gravestone, located in the Old Norwich Cemetery, was probably the work of Obadiah Wheeler, famous in that area of Connecticut for his oblong shaped footstones. Along with the gravestone of Daniel Doane in the Town Cove Burial Ground in Eastham, MA, the Abigail Lothrop stone is the only other surviving gravestone of that first generation born in America.

My wife Elizabeth Perry and I plan on celebrating the restoration of the Abigail Lothrop stone in the spring of 2015. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in gathering for what I think is an important Doane event please email me at doane@boselec.com.

## Chapter News (continued)

### Remembering Twenty Years Ago

It is hard to believe that twenty years have gone by since the Doane Family Association dedicated the bronze marker and stone commemorating the 350th anniversary of the English settlement at Nauset on Cape Cod. That first weekend in October, 1994 a large group of descendants and friends gathered to unveil that marker honoring those first European settlers and families. My wife Elizabeth Perry and I joined Jane and Ralph Anderson on a picnic at the Doane Rock area of the Cape Cod National Seashore in Eastham, MA the first weekend in October this year. We stopped by the Doane Homestead site on our way walking to Coast Guard Beach. Daughter Judith Hartin Doane took the photo of the four of us at the Homestead site.

I remember Elizabeth and I constructing mock cardboard stones to get the right size and design for the



From left, Jane Doane Anderson, Ralph Anderson, James Thomas Doane, and Elizabeth Perry at the Doane homestead site on Cape Cod.

commemorative stone. The evening before the unveiling the both of us traveled down the path to the Homestead site only to discover that the stone wasn't there. There was a base in place but no granite stone with bronze marker. We called Forrest Eaton, the monument maker, in a real panic. Forrest only laughed and said he was going to take the stone and cement it to the base before the birds got up in the morning. Sure enough, the next morning it was there. We were relieved and the day turned out to be a success.

— James Thomas Doane & Elizabeth Perry

### Great Plains Chapter

Several members of this new chapter attended the reunion in Michigan, where they were pleased to receive their official charter. This chapter serves Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and other adjacent states. The group intends to hold regional reunions on the "odd" years so as not to conflict with the biennial national reunions. The first one will take place in 2015. Details are not finalized.

— John Doan, president

### Ohio Chapter

Descendants of the William and Anna Palmer Doan family met on Oct. 4, 2014 at the Lower Salem Community Building for their 33rd annual reunion. There were 80 in attendance. Table decorations were mums donated by Delmer Doan in memory of his wife, Dora and his daughter, Marcy Doan Sargent. Krysti Morrison presided at the registration table and supplied name tags for everyone. A potluck dinner was served at noon with grace before the meal given by Gary Doan.

Co-chairmen Peggy Doan Metz and Barbara Doan Palmer presided over the business meeting that followed dinner. A memorial service for deceased relatives was conducted by Lila Doan Hill. Hazel Smithberger lit a candle in memory of her brother, William M. "Bill" Schafer, Barbara Palmer lit a candle in memory of Cindy Ann Doan Smithson and Kim Doan lit a candle in memory of his wife, Karen Sue Boyer Doan.

Birth reported was Reed Elliot Harris born to Shaun and Jamie Harris, April 30, 2014, grandson of Michael and Therese Harris and James and Patty Tidd, great-grandson of Barbara Harris, Al and Bernadine Tidd, and Paul and the late Leona Pearl Doan.

Deaths reported were William M. "Bill" Schafer, Oct. 21, 2013; Cindy Ann Doan Smithson, Oct. 22, 2013 and Karen Sue Boyer Doan, May 6, 2014.

An engagement reported was that of Kelli Leann Handschumacher, daughter of Randy and Pamela Handschumacher and Jerrod Wayne Grosklos, son of Kenneth and the late Betsy Grosklos.

Prizes awarded were Delmer Doan, oldest male; Lila Doan Hill, oldest female, youngest Brantley Sargent and traveling the farthest Randy and Anita Morningstar of Moore, Ok.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent with bingo for the adults and games for the children.

Officers for the coming year are co-chairmen, Peggy Doan Metz and Barbara Doan Palmer, treasurers Carol Layner and Teresa Doan Schoolcraft; secretary Krysti Morrison. The next reunion will be on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the same location.

— Lila Doan Hill

### Ontario Chapter

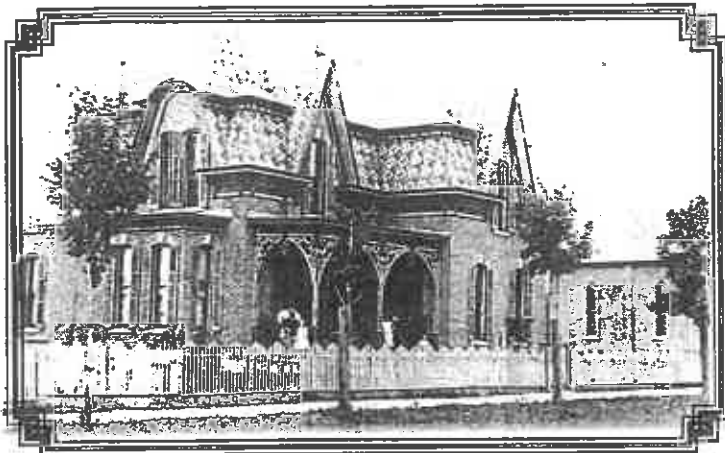
The Ontario Chapter held their annual meeting on September 7, 2014 in the Temperance Hall, next to Sharon Temple, Sharon, Ontario. It was a beautiful day, and we began the event with a wonderful potluck lunch and talking to all of our Doane cousins.

Following lunch, we had a business meeting and the guest speaker was Mr. James W. Pearson, president of the Sharon Temple Executive. James spoke on the history of David Willson, who came from England in 1860. David is the great, great, great grandson of David Willson, who started the Children of Peace Foundation. He was very interesting.

The Doane House Foundation is being repaired and cost is the figures of \$80,000. The house is on the grounds behind the Sharon Temple and is preserved along with other related buildings. The national reunion, held in Michigan July 20-26, was reported upon.

— Cora Brodie

## The House of Clarence Doane, my Great-Grandfather



This house my great-grandfather built fascinates me. Clarence Doane was proud enough of that house he had built at 209 N. Broadway, Mentone, Indiana, to have a professional photographer take pictures of it in 1887. My grandpa, Clarmont, was 10. You can see him in one picture in the upstairs window, and in the other picture, walking behind the picket fence. My grandfather spent his teenage years in that house. The youngest children, Glenna Ethel, and Carlin Miller (Albert Doane's father), were born in that house.

For some unknown reason early in 1894, after living in the big house only 8 years, Clarence sold the house, or rather, exchanged the property plus \$1.00, to a Thomas M. Bell of Arapahoe County in the State of Colorado. It was recorded in the County Record Office on June 13, 1994. Nowhere in the family archives could I uncover anything about any land in Arapahoe, Colorado and no connection is known to Thomas Bell or Colorado in family history thereafter!! I have been told that silver mines were discovered in Colorado in 1894. But the unanswered question remains, what did he trade for?

After losing the house, Clarence moved to Lorain Ohio with his whole entourage of 5 kids, wife and mother in 1894. Thus the reason that Joyce & I, and Albert Doane, are from Lorain.

If anybody knows anything—I wish they would come forward with an explanation! — Jane Meitzke MacDuff

## Nebraska Doanes Receive Ag Society Hall of Fame Award

Alice Doane, and her late husband Dr. Ted Doane, long-time DFA 1st Vice president, are the 2014 recipients of the Lancaster County (Nebraska) Agriculture Society Hall of Fame award. This award, established in 2009, formally recognizes individuals who have dedicated time and effort to the Lancaster County Agriculture Society beyond that of the normal volunteer, and who have made significant contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of the Lancaster County Fair.

Ted and Alice Doane have been lifelong supporters of the 4-H program, Lancaster County Fair, and agriculture. Ted, a UNL professor in Animal Science for decades, gave his time and talents not only to his students, but to the youth of Lancaster County. He volunteered at the Lancaster County Fair from 1955 until his passing in 2014. Ted and Alice helped in the areas of sheep, wool, and clothing, and also have supported the 4-H Speech Contest. They were co-leaders of the Progressive Herdsman 4-H Club. Alice still supports the Speech Contest and sheep show and is a wool judge.

Alice Doane is pictured standing beneath their plaque on the Lancaster County Ag Society Hall of Fame at the Lancaster Event Center (located in the Business Center). Photo Credit: Vicki Jedlicka, UNL Extension in Lancaster County



## In Memory...

### Dorothy Doan Baker

DFA Past President Dorothy Doan Baker, of New York, passed away May 25, 2014, at the age of 101 years. She was a longtime active member, and the first female president, of the DFA. Dorothy taught science at West Irondequoit High School in Rochester, New York, for many years, where she developed the first Environmental Science curriculum in the state. After her retirement, Dorothy was one of the first volunteers at the Strong Museum of Play, and a 30-year veteran with the NY State VITA tax program for seniors. In addition to extensive world travel, Dorothy served as a trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.



### Jane Fineout

As we go to press we learned of the passing of Jane Ann High Fineout of Michigan, on November 19. She was the mother of our DFA Chaplain, the Venerable William H. Fineout, Archdeacon, Diocese of Michigan, who lives in East Lansing. Jane was born September 21, 1922, and attended the DFA Reunion in Saginaw with Bill and Shannon this past summer. A memorial service will be held on December 27.

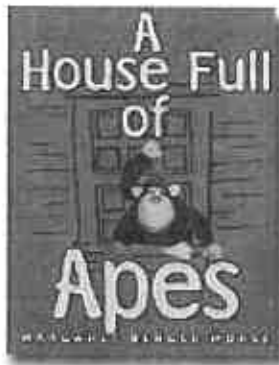
## ***A House Full of Apes* is Released!**

DFA member and author, Margaret Berger Morse, is celebrating the release of her newest book, *A House Full of Apes*. Morse, a retired elementary school teacher and former church administrator, lives with her husband Whitney Doane Morse in Guilford, Connecticut. DFA members may remember meeting Margaret and Whitney at reunions.

The children's book is based on a true story of these cute stuffed creatures, named Albert and Alice, an ape couple who live in the Morse household. Their ape family grows with the adoption of little Alberta. The apes lead very active and eventful lives, and also interact with several other stuffed buddies who join in the fun.

Margaret has authored four other books, fiction and non-fiction, since 2001. Two of her non-fiction books are inspirational and tell of the Morse family's struggles during their daughter's battle with cancer and Whit's journey after having cranial bleeding and two strokes. Another is a memoir about summers in Vermont.

In addition to *A House Full of Apes*, Margaret's titles are: *Torrey's Miracle – A Matter of Choice (Faith and Alternative Cancer Therapy)*, *Vermont Life Stories – Memories of Summer Living in the Green Mountain State*, and *Laugh A Lot Cry A Lot – When Tragedy Strikes- A Journey Through Strokes and Healing*. You can learn more about Margaret's books by contacting her at (203) 988-2750 or [morse.whitney@att.net](mailto:morse.whitney@att.net), or follow her Facebook page.



### **Planning a Move?**

Remember to inform us if you will be moving, so that you don't miss out on your DFA mail. The nearly 1,000 DFA addresses are managed by the Doane College staff, and it is an on-going process. If you have a change of address contact Jane MacDuff, membership chair, at (703)560-8928 or [janemacduff@verizon.net](mailto:janemacduff@verizon.net), or Joey Fikar, Doane College, at (402) 826-8258 or [joey.fikar@doane.edu](mailto:joey.fikar@doane.edu).

## **DFA Chapters and Facebook**



The Doane Family is on Facebook! Several chapters have created Facebook pages or groups, so please find them and "like" them. This is a good way to stay connected to our cousins around the country in addition to the networking provided by our wonderful DFA website.

Jane MacDuff, of Virginia, reports that she launched a brand new page in September, under the name Doane Family—Virginia/Maryland (11 likes so far). This page is in preparation for the future Washington D.C. area DFA reunion. It is hoped that the page will help spread word to this area of Doanes and generate interest in a reunion that will likely take place in 2018.

Other Facebook sites are the Doane Family Association of America New England & Facebookers Chapter (a group with 231 members) administered by Elizabeth Perry, The Doane Family Association of America, Inc. of Oregon, Washington, Idaho (a page with 30 likes) administered by Carol Doane, and the Doane Family Association of America, Inc. (a page—with 21 likes) administered by our webmaster, Jane Doane Anderson. The Great Plains Chapter has created a page, but hasn't promoted it as our Great Plains members are active on the other pages and with the New England DFA group.

### ***Memorial Record Reminder***

Contact Joey Fikar at Doane College, or Memorial Chair Bill Fineout of Michigan, if you know of DFA members who have passed away. This is important both for maintaining the DFA address file, and to assist the memorial committee as they plan biennial reunion memorial services. It is very helpful when this news is passed along as it happens, and not just before reunion time. Bill may be reached at (517) 332-8651 or [wfineout@att.net](mailto:wfineout@att.net). Deceased DFA members are recognized at each national reunion.

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Each year, the Doane Family Foundation (DFF) awards scholarships to college students who are part of the Doane Family Association. This



Aiyssa Cochnar and Leslie Mueller, Nebraska, and Lauren Doane, Michigan

year seven awards were given. Three of the students are attending Doane College in Nebraska and the others are attending four other colleges across the country. Your tax deductible contribution is much appreciated and supports a great cause – higher education. Next year's scholarship application is on page 7. To donate to the scholarship fund, contact Jane Doane Anderson, foundation treasurer. Her address is on page 2. Pictured are scholarship recipients attending Doane College.

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## Minimum Requirements:

1. A Doane Family Association member or the son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of DFA member.
2. Must be admitted as a full-time, degree-seeking student.
3. Attending an accredited post-secondary institution or approved Trade/Technology Institution.
4. Demonstration of need by submitting a processed copy of a current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, or personal IRS Tax Return.
5. Completion of this application and successful essay submission.

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Complete permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Doane Family Association member & relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested amount: \_\_\_\_\_

College address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Suggested college contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a one page essay telling the Doane Family Foundation about yourself and your educational plans.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form and essay **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2015** to:

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Brian and Ann Doane and their two young daughters on tour at the SAC Museum in Nebraska.



Some very ornery dorm mothers from the reunion in Newtown, PA -- from left: Betty Goodrich, Barbara Doane, and Kay Blair.