

# The Doane Family News

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Greetings Cousins!** 

April 2016

It is with great thankfulness that I can report a very generous donation to the Doane Family Foundation, Inc. by Mr. Colin R. Doane of El Paso, Texas in memory of Barbara M. Doane. This is a wonderful tribute to Barbara in recognition of her many years of service to the Doane Family Association of America, Inc. These funds will provide assistance to students attending college, and will help us all to remember Barbara. It also reminds us that a donation of this kind is a great way to remember

those Doans and Doanes that have contributed to the success of our Association and its goals.

I am looking forward to seeing a great turnout at the July 2016 Doane Family Association of America Reunion, being held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The planning committee is presenting a wonderful program, and it includes an opportunity for each of us to spend some time researching our genealogy lines. Personally, I have been only able to be at the special library once to do research on my genealogy, and look forward to continue to do so at the reunion

If you are driving to Salt Lake City, you might consider taking some time before or after the reunion to visit some of the many National Parks in Utah, such as the Golden Spike National Historic Site located 35 miles from Salt Lake City. Some of the other parks that may be of interest include the Dinosaur National Monument, Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park, and many more. Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona might also be of interest.

See you in Utah!

Sincerely,

Ken Doane, President

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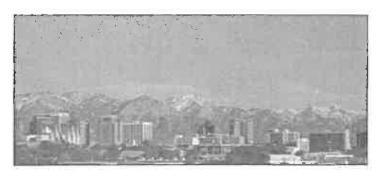
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#### THIS IS THE PLACE - 2016

### "GROW YOUR FAMILY TREE IN SALT LAKE CITY"

That's our theme for the upcoming 54th DFA Biennial Reunion July 26th-30th. Salt Lake City is a beautiful city with lots of sights and interesting features. But more especially, it is the genealogy capital of the world. And that fits right in with DFA and what we are all about. We're sure you all have received your registration packet by now, and have already registered to attend. We do expect a good





attendance this year because of the Family Research Center operated by the LDS Church. The people there are very well trained and bend over backwards to help everyone have a pleasant and successful visit. Mary and I have been to Salt Lake City twice this past year, and we're excited about making another trip, seeing some familiar faces, and hopefully a lot of new ones. Get your registration in now, and don't forget to register on line at familysearch.org.

Dick & Mary Doane Reunion Chairs

### **Doane University!**

#### Official Doane University Press Release

#### A Letter from President Carter

This is a milestone moment for our institution and Doane family. After countless hours of conversation, evaluation and research and a vote approved by our Board of Trustees, we will officially change our name from Doane College to Doane University in May of 2016 following Commencement. This decision is years in the making. Through our due diligence, we came to realize that, frankly, Doane has been more representative of a university for some time, and here are just a few of the indicators:



- We have advanced degree programs.
- We have multiple schools and multiple locations.
- We serve a diverse student body.

But no matter what our name is, the Doane our alumni and students love—the personal interactions and lifelong connections, the small-classroom learning, and big-time opportunities—is not changing. We're still Doane, and we always will be.

Our unwavering commitment to our mission and values—the way it's been since we were founded in 1872—won't change. Nor will our special ability to do it on a first-name basis. Becoming a university doesn't mean we want to grow our student body by the thousands or replace our personalized education. We've never strived to be something we are not, and becoming a university reinforces what we've known about our school for a long time.

Our strategic goal aims for modest growth, and we know becoming a university will give us the resources to bolster our world-class education, sustain our academic integrity, and keep Doane among the best liberal arts schools in the country. We will continue to do everything in our power to preserve what has made Doane special for generations past, so that we can share it with generations to come. Go Doane!

Dr. Jacque Carter Doane College President

# **News Briefs**

**Ontario Chapter** 



The White Trillium official flower of Ontario

The Ontario Chapter is busy planning their annual September meeting. In addition to the annual meeting, the executive committee meets three times per year to stay on top of things.

This chapter suffered a loss on March 10 with the passing of past Regional Vice President, Jim Doane, who resided north of

Brampton. Many DFA members will remember Jim, and his wife Alma, as they were very active in the chapter. In recent years, they were living in an Orangeville retirement center.

— Cora Brodie

## Address Reminder

Are you planning a move, or do you reside in multiple locations during the year? Remember to keep us posted so that you don't miss any DFA mailings. The Doane College staff manages nearly 1,000 DFA addresses, and the fact that many of you are quite mobile makes this on-going process complicated! Each address update, or returned mailing, with a message from the post office costs 59 cents. These official updates/messages provide us with new addresses and sometimes deceased notifications, which is good, but we also receive many notices that are unfruitful. Messages such as those listed below are also charged to us, and yet they don't help us get the mail to you.

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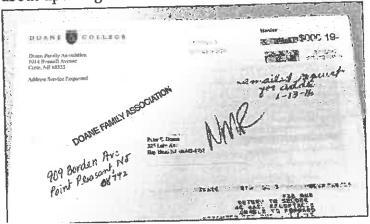
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Name changes (marriage)

Not deliverable as addressed

• Insufficient address

DFA members whose mail was not deliverable, eventually move to our "lost" list if we do not get more information. If you received this newsletter, obviously your address is current, but have you heard someone complain about not getting their newsletter? Has a family member moved and may not have thought about updating their info? Please help us keep our list



# In Memory...

James Charles Doane of
Orangeville, Ontarlo died of cancer
March 10, 2016 at the age of 93 years.
He and his wife, Alma Hunter Doane,
were active members of the Ontarlo DFA
Chapter, and James was a past regional
vice president of the national organization.
Services were held in Georgetown
on March 14.

### Memorial Record Reminder

Contact Joey Fikar at Doane College, or Mary Doane of Arizona, 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. Mary's email is marydoaneaz@gmail.com and phone is (938) 369-4207. Deceased DFA members are recognized at each national reunion.



accurate. It is a never-ending job! Contact Jane MacDuff membership chair at (703) 560-8928 or janemacduff@verizon.net, or Joey Fikar, Doane College at (402) 826 8258 or joey.fikar@doane.edu.

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### The Cromartie Family: Your Doane Cousins in North Carolina

By James Reed Campbell Jr.

Editor's Note: Thanks to James Reed Campbell, Caldwell, New Jersey, we include an interesting account of a branch of the Doane family who settled in North Carolina in the 18th century. Descendants of this group have a very active Cromartie Family Association, and a comprehensive, four volume, published genealogy. We hope that members of this branch will be in Salt Lake so that we can get acquainted! Check out their website at http://www.cromartiefamilyassociation.com/

#### The Cromartie Family Association

Alfred Adler Doane, in *The Doane Family*, presents lengthy accounts of four generations of male Doanes: from Deacon John Doane (1590-1689), to his son Ephraim Doane (bef. 1645-1700), to his son, Hezekiah Doane Sr. (1679-1752, #16, Vol.I), and then to his son, Hezekiah Doane Jr. (#44, Vol. I). Unfortunately, his trail runs cold from there. A.A. Doane states: "Hezekiah Doane was baptized at Truro, Mass., Mar. 30, 1712. He married at Truro, Oct. 7, 1731, Thankful Bickford. At that time he was a resident of Provincetown. We have no further trace of them; they probably removed from the Cape." Doane lists one child, Elisha, in that first volume.

Long-time DFA Historian Kay Blair, in *The Doane Family*, Volume II, pages 8 and 9, updates the record somewhat: "Since the publishing of Vol. I, sources indicate that this family later removed to North Carolina, and that there were at least 6 other children besides Elisha." Fortunately, Blair lists my fourth great-grandmother, Ruhamah "Rhenny" Doane (1745-1812, #568, Vol. II), as one of these seven children.

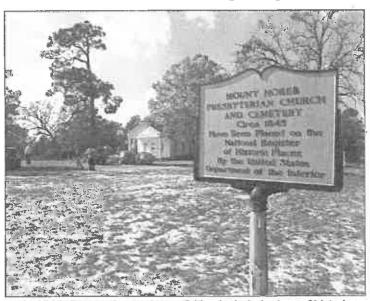
You may be interested to learn more about this North Carolina Doane connection. How Ruhamah, in 1766 in Bladen County, married a Scottish immigrant from the Orkney Islands, William Cromartie, who went on to serve from 1781-82 in the American Revolutionary War (in Coleman's Company, 10th North Carolina Regiment). How Ruhamah and William were blessed with 12 children, all of them living to adulthood. How William and his four sons, including my third great-grandfather, Peter Patrick Cromartie (1787-1864), amassed an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 acres of land to support their business of naval "stores" (i.e., supplies) - ferrying timber and turpentine on barges down the Cape Fear River to the port city of Wilmington.

This pioneering clan -- still centered in Bladen County and surrounding counties - has inspired



Vice President and Genealogist Amanda Cook Gilbert (left) and Ulana Campbell, 2014

a family association, which closely mirrors the Doane Family Association. In 2015, the Cromartie Family Association published Descendants of William Cromartie and Ruhamah Doane and Related Families, in four volumes. This extraordinary effort represents 20 years of research by Cromartie Family Vice President and Genealogist, Amanda Cook Gilbert, with assistance from other family members, and comprises nearly 3,200 pages of genealogical records, citations, family histories, and photos for tens of thousands of known descendants. Indeed, the Association believes that most every Caucasian Cromartie in America descends from Ruhamah and William. To help bring even more



In 2014, Cromartie reunion activities included a tour of historic Presbyterian churches in Bladen County, North Carolina, associated with the ancestors.



Family members gather at the South River Presbyterian Church, 2014.

Cromartie's into the fold, the Association keeps an attractive and informative website: cromartiefamilyassociation.com.

remarkably, Association has hosted annual reunions for 85 consecutive since 1929. These reunions now are held during the second weekend of October and attract 100 to 200 Cromartie descendants and their families from all throughout the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States. They converge on the historic South Presbyterian Church, built between 1855 and 1857 on land once owned by the oldest son of Ruhamah and William, James Cromartie (the church is now maintained in trust by the All participants Association). wear ribbons color-coded for the 12 Cromartie children from whom they descend.

In homage to William's Scottish heritage, these reunions commence on Sunday mornings with a bagpiper leading a procession into the church. Scottish hymns are sung,

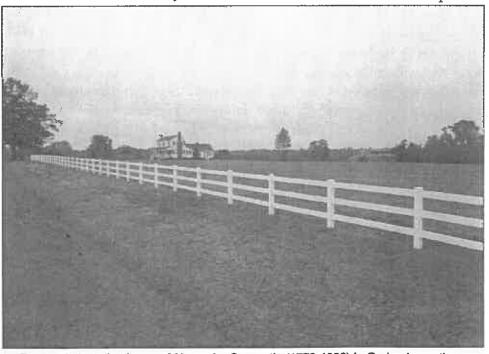
welcomes are issued, prayers are offered, minutes are read, business is conducted; and then a speaker presents on topics of historical relevance. Yours truly presented this past year on Ruhamah's third great-grandfather, Stephen Hopkins (1581-1644), a passenger on the "Sea Venture" to Jamestowne in 1609-10; and on the "Mayflower"

to Plymouth in 1620. The gathering concludes in fine spirits with a North Carolina-style barbeque catered on the church grounds. It is not uncommon to be feted by a few bees emerging from the surrounding woods.

#### Hezekiah Doane Jr. and Thankful Bickford

What drew Hezekiah Doane Jr. from his Cape Cod roots to the verdant pinelands and swamps of southeastern North Carolina? Abundant land, most likely. Hezekiah Jr. appears in North Carolina records in 1752 - in the Wilmington vicinity a mere 20 years after it was settled -- for a land transaction of 200 acres with an Alexander McDougal. One year later, he purchased two more parcels totaling 400 acres, with one of these parcels purchased from a Robert Knowles. Then in 1753, Yours, he purchased an additional 164 acres, with all of his parcels being on the Black River. Undoubtedly, tracts this large would have been difficult to obtain on the sandy spit from Truro to Provincetown.

Records for this time-period



Restored plantation home of Alexander Cromartie (1772-1839) in Garland near the South River Presbyterian Church.

in New Hanover County remain scarce. For example, the Cromartie Family has yet to uncover any references to place the residence of Thankful Bickford Doane in North Carolina. Yet they are heartened that Ruhamah passed down the given name of Thankful to her oldest daughter. Such Puritan names were very rare for this part of the country and help to confirm this generational connection.

Hezekiah Jr. first appears in county records on September 4, 1748 as having served in Capt. John Sampson's Company, defending against what was called "the Alarm," when two Spanish ships entered Wilmington's harbor and began attacking. In 1754, he was appointed as Commissioner when a separate Southwest District was created within New Hanover County in proximity of his Black River land holdings. His responsibility was to "make, mend, and repair all Roads, Bridges, Cuts, and Water-Courses."

Our ancestor appears again in county census records for 1755, 1763, and 1767. He also appears on county tax rolls for 1763, 1767, and 1769. At this point other Doanes, most likely children of

Hezekiah Jr., begin appearing as well: Hezekiah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, William, and Sarah. One online researcher has traced the migration of the former's children into Kentucky, starting in the late 1790s.

Hezekiah Jr. appears in county court minutes as having served on a petit jury in 1760. Four years later he was qualified as a "Justice"; and then is recorded in 1767 and 1768 as presiding over various court proceedings, being listed as an "Esqr." He served again on a petit jury in 1769.

In 1771, Hezekiah Jr. shared rental of a pew in St. James Church in Wilmington. On January 8, 1772, he is recorded as exchanging property with William Cromartie. This is the last time Hezekiah Jr. appears in New Hanover County records – thus 1772 is assumed to be the year of his death.

Altogether, Hezekiah Jr. led an eventful, respectable and prosperous life...which the descendants of his daughter Ruhamah have been celebrating in their annual reunions for nearly a century. All Doane Family Association members are most welcome to join with their North Carolina cousins. A hearty bowl of Brunswick stew awaits you!

#### From the DFA Archives....

### John S. Doane Company, Boston

This pint-sized whiskey bottle is in the DFA collection at Doane College. The deteriorated, cream-colored label shows the John S. Doane whiskey company logo printed in dark green. Doane started his company in 1866 in Boston, and in addition to selling bottles of whiskey and other spirits to customers, he had a wholesale business for his products. His trademark for print advertising and bottle labels was the moose. He used either one or two bull moose as symbols of his business. A single moose is visible on this torn bottle label which is for "Doane's 149." His other whiskey brands included "Doane's X X X X," "Fairy Grotto Rye," "Long Life Malt," "Old Dimple Rye," "Old J. S. D.," and "Sandy Camp Rye."

John S. Doane was born in 1842, in Wellfleet on Cape Cod, the son of Hezekiah and Catherine Jenkins Smith Doane (See #530, *The Doane Family*, Vol. 1). He was one of seven children. He was a Civil War veteran, and later an active member of the G.A.R. Doane married in 1869 and the couple resided in Boston during their lifetimes. John died in 1905 and the business was closed.



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Hope to see you July 26-30, 2016 in Salt Lake City!

The Doanes are heading west for the 54th biennial reunion!