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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



December, 2021

Hello Cousins!

Despite the resurgence of Covid in its latest variant, we are hopeful that this surge will pass and things will be better come spring. Let us hope that as time passes things will gradually get back to normal, hopefully an even better new normal.

Overall my family is doing well. My father struggles with several health problems common for a man that is almost 90 but he is generally happy and in good spirits. I hope you and yours are happy and healthy as the new year begins.

We are excited about the DFA reunion coming this July 18-23 at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. Please remember to save the date and get your registration sent in. I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to the Reunion Committee for all your hard work in planning this event.

There has been some progress made in the search for our deacon, and there will be updates on this search in Crete. Thank you to all the members of the Deacon John Doane Research Committee for the many, many hours of work on this project. In fact, thank you to all the committee members, officers, and regional vice presidents that keep this family association moving forward.

God bless your family in the new year and I will see you in July! :)

Sincerely,

Grady C. Doane

Grady C. Doane, DFA President

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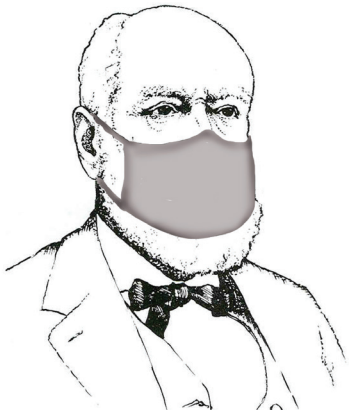
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DFA REUNION 2022

Is the third time the charm?? Let's hope so and try again! The new dates for our ill-fated 2020 DFA reunion are **July 18-23, 2022**. We will meet at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska barring continued virus issues. It is so hard to predict what the future holds with this pandemic, but let's hope things improve, so we can all be together at last.



Thomas Doane is still wearing his mask!

As we have mentioned before, the schedule for our reunion week will follow the plan set out in our original 2020 flyer. We will no doubt have certain Covid protocols in place to ensure our safety. We are currently working

with our events team at the University regarding price increases with our housing and food service. We should know the exact costs in early 2022. In recent months, we have checked and confirmed with our speakers, tour destinations, etc., and at this writing, details should move forward as planned. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page and via a special mailing in the spring that will include updated registration forms and our schedule with the correct dates. Please keep your original 2020 reunion flyer for background information on Doane University, our state and some of our special reunion plans.



New York/PA Chapter Reunion

The annual New York/Pennsylvania Chapter reunion took place Saturday, August 7, at Dwyer Memorial Park in Little York, New York. Coordinated by Craig and Michelle Rogers, the group had a potluck lunch, and spent the afternoon visiting in a nice outdoor setting. A smaller than usual number of people were in attendance this year, however those who came had a great time. Among the 12-15 participants were DFA first VP Brian Doane and his wife Ann from New Hampshire.



From Ontario

Cora's Flowers

Regional Vice President Cora Brodie, of Markham, Ontario, reports that she and Don have been doing well during the pandemic, but like the rest of us, are missing their normal activities. Cora has spent lots of time in her gardens nurturing beautiful flowers. She says her tall Zinnias were more beautiful than ever this year. This is the third year for these magnificent flowers.



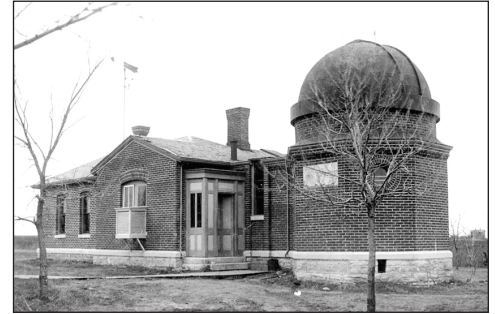


Deacon John Doane Research Committee

The game is still afoot as your Sherlock Holmes (AKA Deacon John Done Research Committee) continues to follow the clues, avoid the red herrings, pursue the suspects and solve the ancient mystery of the Deacon’s past. Currently the committee is preparing an intriguing report for the Reunion which summarizes what we’ve found lately in Somersetshire, Staffordshire, and greater London. You won’t want to miss it!
-- Brian Huseland

Boswell Observatory – a Campus Landmark

When the Doane Family Association comes to Doane University in July, the group will have the opportunity to visit Boswell Observatory. Boswell is the oldest extant operating observatory west of the Missouri River, and the 1883 building is also the oldest extant building on the Doane University campus. The observatory, and the amazing historic equipment housed within, has been well-preserved through the years. In 1995, a rather extensive restoration took place on parts of the building, thanks to generous financial support from the late Dr. Alfred Martin, then a member of the Doane University Board of Trustees. Dr. Martin had a strong affinity for observatories because he proposed to his wife on the steps of an observatory. The Boswell restoration included major work on the revolving dome roof in the scope room. The scope room houses the original 1884 equatorial telescope, with an eight-inch objective lens, made by the renowned Alvan Clark of Massachusetts. The dome was built to rotate manually, however the track and wheels had deteriorated over the years. The dome now glides around with the man power of two people and allows for sky-viewing. Recently, the dome was covered with copper sheeting, replacing the well-worn original metal covering that was riddled with holes.



The construction of Boswell Observatory was made possible by a \$5,000 gift from Connecticut philanthropist Charles Boswell, whose name also graces the street that fronts campus on the west. University founder, Thomas Doane, his son-in-law first president David Brainerd Perry, and science professor Goodwin D. Sweezey designed the building after visiting several observatories in New England. An addition was made in 1892 to house weather science equipment, and to serve as a small classroom. The observatory, under the direction of Professor Sweezey, was the first home of the Nebraska Signal Service Office, later part of the National Weather Service (NWS). Sweezey operated this service in Boswell from 1884 to 1894. The daily recording and reporting of weather data to the NWS continued on campus for more than 100 years

Boswell Observatory retains its historic and architectural integrity. The building is home to several pieces of 19th and early 20th century scientific equipment that relate to astronomy, weather recording, time keeping, and surveying. An inland time ball, once mounted on Merrill Hall (1879-1969), and operated by a clock in the observatory, is on display along with surveying equipment that belonged to Thomas Doane, a renowned engineer and surveyor. Doane used several of the instruments housed in Boswell in his exceptional railroad building career, and during his work directing the monumental, mid-19th century, Hoosac Tunnel project in New England.

Boswell Observatory was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, along with Gaylord Hall (1884) and Whitcomb Conservatory / Lee Memorial Chapel (1906-07). This Doane College Historic District was recognized for significance in Architecture, Education, Science, and Music.



The observatory is managed and curated by Dr. David Clevette, professor of chemistry and astronomy, and University Historian Janet Jeffries, who created the exhibits and officed there from 1996-2006. Dr. Clevette conducts sky-viewing and other scientific activities, while Jeffries tends to the displays and touring activities. Boswell is available for sky-viewing, programs, tours, and research. Regular visitors include Doane University and Crete area students, scholars studying historic observatories and their equipment, youth organizations and scouting groups, community organizations, and out-of-town guests.

Please follow Doane University Boswell Observatory on Facebook

Follow the Doane Family Association on Facebook



If you are a Facebook user, please join this group: Doane Family Association — Descendants of Deacon John Doane of Eastham, MA

There are 719 members in this group managed by Elizabeth Perry, MA, who share pertinent information and make family connections. We will also post any breaking news re: the 2022 Doane Family Association Reunion.

In Memory ~ Victoria H. Doane, Massachusetts

Victoria Hoole "Vicki" Doane passed away at home in Chatham on June 30, 2021. Born in 1921, Victoria was the widow of past DFA president Oscar W. Doane Jr. They were married for 55 years at the time of his death. Oscar served as DFA president for 10 years in the 1960s and 1970s. Victoria was a competitive swimmer in her youth, and was also volunteer swimming instructor for children with special needs. She managed the family-owned Bay Pines Cottages in Chatham from the 1960s through the 1980s, and enjoyed reading and aerobics. Vicki and Oscar were very active in the DFA, and were on the planning committee for the 1998 reunion in Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts. Victoria and Oscar had four children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In Memory ~ Milton Doane, Michigan

Milton "Mick" Doane, age 98, passed away July 17, 2021. He was the father of Linda Doane, Comstock Park, Michigan, DFA Nominations Committee Chair and Custodian of our genealogy books and other publications. Mick was co-founder of SF Electronics, a volunteer with the local fire department, member of the Conklin (Michigan) Reformed Church, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. A lifelong Michigan resident, Mick was preceded in death by his wife Betty, son Don, and nine siblings. In addition to daughter, Linda Doane, Mick is survived by two sons, a daughter-in-law, a grandson, and nieces and nephews. Services were held July 21, 2021.

"Throwback" with Betty Goodrich

Regional Vice President Betty Goodrich of Mankato, Minnesota, is a lifetime member of the Doane Family Association going on 45 years now! She attended her first reunion in 1976 at Wheaton College, MA and was elected to do the *Proceedings*. Betty has also served on

the Membership Committee, Constitution & By-Laws Committee, and as a Regional Vice President. She has attended 19 DFA Reunions, and is looking forward to her 20th at Crete in 2022!!



Betty's Collection of DFA Reunion T-Shirts



Betty Goodrich and president Oscar Doane at the 1976 DFA Reunion

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MOVING?

Please let us know if you plan to move or if you live in multiple locations through out the year. We don't want you to miss any DFA mailings, and we also don't want to pay for returned mailings. Doane University manages nearly 1,000 DFA addresses and it can get tricky. We are charged for returned mail if recipients fit the following categories:

- Temporarily away
- Moved with no forwarding address
- Name changes due to marriage or divorce
- Not deliverable as addressed
- Insufficient address

If you have changes, please contact Jane MacDuff, membership chair, at (703) 910-7995 or macduffjane@gmail.com or Kerry Beezley, Doane University at (402) 826-8258 or Kerry.Beezley@doane.edu.

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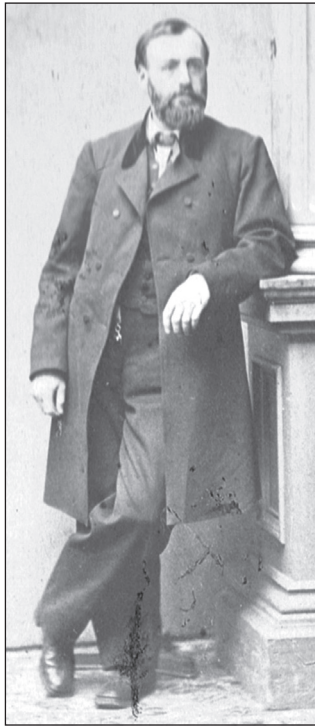
Please contact Eunice Brabec, chair of the Memorial Committee, with the names of any DFA members who have passed away. This is important for maintaining the DFA address file, and also to assist the committee members as they plan the July 2022 reunion memorial services. The DFA has a very touching memorial service at each reunion, and we do not want to overlook any of our deceased family members. Please contact Eunice as DFA members pass, and not just before a reunion. Eunice can be reached at: a57graduate@astound.net or (650) 583-4985.



THOMAS DOANE'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

September 20, 2021, was Thomas Doane's 200th birthday! As most DFA members know, this remarkable man was very instrumental in Nebraska's early development and, of course, in the founding and growth of Crete and Doane University. This brief assessment of his life, relative to Nebraska, will prepare you for our 2022 reunion in Crete.

In review, civil engineer, Thomas Doane, was born September 20, 1821 in Orleans, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. He was part of the eighth generation of our big family who descended from Deacon John Doane, who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1630 – just ten years after the Pilgrims arrived. The Deacon went on to “homestead” on Cape Cod ten years later, and this became the family headquarters.



Thomas Doane was a renowned and talented civil engineer, with an office in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He worked on many railroad projects in New England before and after his work in Nebraska. Colonel Doane, as he was often called, did many impressive projects during his long railroad building career. He was much admired in the engineering world for his expert surveying and planning for routes and beds for rails, bridges, and tunnels. His work on the 4.75 mile-long Hoosac Tunnel project, that burrowed through the Hoosac Mountain range in western Massachusetts, is one of his most notable projects. The tunnel is still active today carrying several daily trains.

In 1869, the Burlington Missouri River Railroad (BMMR) Company sent this New Englander to Nebraska to build 240 miles of railroad between Plattsmouth, on the Missouri River, west to Hastings. The route ran from Plattsmouth to Lincoln, the capital city of Nebraska, and then out across the prairie to the middle of the state. His road was well known for its smooth curves and low grades. The road's location south of the Platte River complemented the Union Pacific route that was the main east-west road north of the Platte River.

Doane's original BMMR route has been part of Nebraska's transportation infrastructure since its

completion in the 1870s, and today is a vital part of the country's east-west commerce system. Now part of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) organization, the east section of railroad from Plattsmouth to Lincoln is part of the Creston (Iowa) Subdivision, and sees heavy daily traffic, including Amtrak passenger service. His route going on west from Lincoln to Hastings (including Crete) is called the Hastings Subdivision, and is very busy with moderate to heavy daily traffic.



Thomas Doane's grave, Orleans, MA

Amtrak's California Zepher route also travels this road. The Hastings Subdivision is known for the alphabetical town names along the route, named by Thomas Doane. Most are named after places in his native New England, (i.e. Berks, Dorchester, Exeter, Fairmont, Grafton, Harvard and so on). Crete was already named, and conveniently had a “C” title, although Doane had hoped to name our town Creighton.

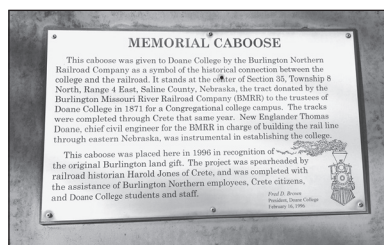
While in Nebraska, this staunch Congregationalist, and others associated with the church, founded Doane College now University in Crete, located about 20 miles southwest of Lincoln. Their goal was to build a liberal arts college on the prairie in the image of Harvard and Yale, and bring quality education to the frontier children. The BMMR donated a section of land high on a hill above the Big Blue River valley to be used for the Congregational – affiliated school, that was then named for Thomas Doane. The school, renamed Doane University in 2016, was incorporated in 1872.

I drove part of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Hastings Subdivision recently on my way to a town northwest of Crete. Doane's rail line is virtually parallel to Highways 33/6 and I reflect on his impact here in Nebraska every time I pass through his small alphabetical towns along the route. Each one is spaced about nine miles apart, reminiscent from the days when steam engines needed water stops. I drove from Crete to Fairmont before I needed to turn north.

Doane University has achieved successful longevity, and now serves undergraduate and graduate students on three campuses. The university will celebrate its 150th anniversary next July 11, a week before our DFA reunion. But of course we will still be celebrating when all of you cousins are here Janet



Two locomotives working in the Crete yard at the Crete Mills.



This commemorative caboose is located on the Doane campus in the center of the section of land donated by the BMMR for the college.



DOANE FAMILY FOUNDATION NEWS

Betty Goodrich Challenge



The Doane Family Foundation, Inc. and longtime DFA member, Betty Goodrich, have announced a fund raising challenge for the James E. Doan and Barbara M. Doane Endowment Fund.

The Doane Family Foundation was initially set up, in part, to award scholarships to the students attending Doane University. The original DFA Endowment Fund, which is managed by Doane University, is the source of funding for those scholarships. Each year, the Foundation is granted a distribution amount to use for the

scholarship awards and currently, by rules, it can only allocate up to 20% of that total distribution amount to students who do not attend Doane University, but are enrolled at other institutions of higher learning. One of the scholarship requirements for those students is to have a parent or grandparent as a current member of the Doane Family Association.

In 2016, the James E. Doan and Barbara M. Doane Endowment Fund was established with the goal that it would become the main funding source to support and provide the scholarships for those students who attend an institution other than Doane University. This Endowment Fund has a current balance of \$30,000 but it must exceed the minimum balance requirement of \$50,000 before any scholarship awards can be granted from it.

To help the Foundation achieve its goal, Betty will be matching the first \$5,000 of donations! To complete your tax deductible contribution to the James E. Doan and Barbara M. Doane Endowment Fund, please make your check or money order payable to "Doane Family Foundation, Inc" and send to:

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Betty's Challenge Deadline
May 31, 2022
Total will be announced at the July 2022 reunion!

Doane Family Foundation Scholarships Awarded for Academic Year 2021-2022

The Doane Family Foundation (DFF) awarded a total of \$18,000 of scholarship funds to 16 students for academic year 2021-2022. This total award includes funding of \$11,500 coming from Doane University administered DFF endowment funds, with the remaining \$6,500 coming from the Doane Family Association Endowment Fund.

As per agreement between the DFF and Doane University, 80% of the endowment payout is awarded to students attending Doane University and 20% awarded by the DFF to students attending other institutions of higher education. The endowment distribution is calculated as 4.5% of \$262,099, which was the average market value at 12/31 of the years 2018-20.

Scholarships for Academic Year 2021-2022:

Doane University - \$9,000 Total Awarded

Jean Luise Chevalier of Ogden, UT
 Makenna Bird of Dorchester, NE (DU selected)
 Claire Holling of Crete, NE (DU selected)

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Minimum Requirements

1. A member of the Doane Family Association of America, Inc., or a son/ daughter /grandson/ granddaughter of a Doane Family Association of America, Inc. member;
2. Admitted as a full-time undergraduate degree-seeking student;
3. Attending an Accredited post-secondary institution;
4. Demonstration of need by submitting a processed copy of a current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form; and
5. Completion of this application form and submitted to the Foundation together with an essay.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Doane Family Association of America, Inc. member and/or relationship to a member:

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____ Relationship: _____

Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend: _____

Institution Address: _____

Suggested Institution Contact Information: _____

Your Proposed Major: _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank/No. In Class: _____

SAT Score: Critical Reading: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

ACT Score: English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Composite: _____

High School Activities, Awards and Honors: _____

College Grade Point Average: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parents' Address: _____

Parents' Phone No.: (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Amount of assistance requested: _____

Please attach a 500 word essay telling the Doane Family Foundation, Inc. about yourself, your education plans and your knowledge about your Doane family ancestors. The Application and Essay must be submitted on or before March 31.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION: I authorize the Doane Family Foundation, Inc., their officers and directors, to obtain or release any necessary information, from my application for a scholarship file, to any person or educational institution responsible for authorization or payment of any or all of any monetary award that I might receive.

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Cooking with Ann

This delicious recipe was one that our late DFA member Victoria Doane, of Massachusetts made famous among her friends and relatives. When Brian and I worked on the 1998 DFA reunion with Vicki and her husband Oscar who was a DFA past president, she often brought delectable treats. Her Chocolate Éclair Pie was an all-time favorite, and in memory of Vicki's recent passing, I wanted to share it. Actually, since her loss, others who knew her also mentioned this wonderful dessert as a small part of her legacy. See page 5 for more information about Victoria Doane.



Victoria's Chocolate Éclair Pie

- 1 cup water
- ½ cup margarine
- 1 cup flour
- 4 eggs
- 1 8oz cream cheese
- 2 cups milk
- 1 large vanilla instant pudding (or 2 small)
- 1 medium Cool Whip
- chocolate syrup

Crust: Bring water and margarine to a boil. Add flour all at once. Stir until mixture forms a ball. Add 1 egg at a time and beat after each egg with wooden spoon. Put in greased jellyroll pan (10x15x1). Bake at 400 for 25-30 minutes. Cool. Press out any bubbles.

Filling: Mix milk and cream cheese together. Add pudding and beat 1 minute. Pour over cooled dough. Cover with medium Cool Whip. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. (I use Magic Shell because it hardens.) Cut into squares. Keep refrigerated.



Vicki, Oscar, Brian, James and John Doane take a moment's break from their planning of the Doane family reunion, which will take place at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne Aug. 10 through 15.

The Cape Codder, Mar. 20, 1998



This is what Ann has been doing in her "spare" time! An avid knitter, she has been busy making gifts for people when she isn't hunting in her cookbooks for a great recipe or working on genealogy.



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Little Albert proudly shows off his new Christmas outfit! He got it in Omaha while on a Christmas shopping trip with Janet and then insisted on a photo shoot. He hopes all of the Doane cousins had a great Christmas and says:

Happy New Year!!