

PRESENTATION BY BRIAN H. DOANE (NH)

Brian's PowerPoint presentation titled Doan/Doane People, Places, Things, Collections, Etc. was very interesting and humorous. He mentioned Todd Doane, who developed the logo that we currently use, showing a picture of Todd. Brian talked about the meaning of each portion of the logo, reminding us of the importance thereof, being God, Family, Character, Wisdom and Fortitude.



Next came a picture of the newest bricks showing the terms of service for the last three Presidents of the Doane Family Association of America, Inc. These bricks are installed in the walkway at Doane University.

Brian talked about the *Doane Family books, Volume I and II*, the *New Doane Book*, published by Bucks County Historical Society, *New England Memories*, *Doane Families of South-Western Ontario*, by Max Doan, *Searching For Your Ancestors*, by Gilbert H. Doane, *Following The Sun*, by Benjamin Doane and *Battle Drums and Geysers, Vol. I, II and III* books about the exploration of Yellowstone.

Brian then presented a PowerPoint program about Doane Trucks and included pictures of the various trucks located in the United States and Canada. Some looked as though they could be driven today and some appeared to be located in someone's weed patch.

The Doane Motor Truck Company in 1916 in San Francisco, California with their first model being a 16 horsepower four-cylinder Waukesha engine using a double chain drive and low frame design. The first trucks were rated at 6-ton capacity but cargo weighing four times that was commonly loaded along the piers. These trucks featured low stake-side flatbeds for loading and unloading ships dockside at a time when forklifts were not available.



Truck Museum Near Portland, OR

In 1918 a 2.5-ton model was added, powered by a 36.2 horsepower Waukesha engine using a four-speed transmission. This truck was priced at \$3,500.00. In 1920 a 3-ton model was added to the production line.

A rigid 6-wheel truck was introduced in 1923 with a capacity of 10.75-tons. It used a transmission built by Doane with seven forward speeds and three in reverse. Solid rubber tires were used exclusively throughout the 1920s into the mid-1930s.

Although most Doane trucks were sold on the West Coast, a few sales were recorded in Philadelphia and New York City.

By 1937 three models were available with two different bed heights and the company had branched out into applications being used for furniture moving, glass delivery and horse transportation.

In 1946 the company became the Graham-Doane company and production was minimal with one model available. Through the years many improvements to the trucks were made. It has been noted that at least 10 Doane trucks from 1916 were still operating as late as the early 1950s.

Brian found this information in the Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Trucks and Commercial Vehicles, by Albert Morz.

Other Doane/Doan things of interest were shown including Doane Batteries of Belleville, Michigan; Doans Falls in Royalston, MA; Doane Rock on Cape Cod, the Deacon John Doane home site; Sonoma Port Wine and various whiskey bottles from the John S. Doane Company, of Boston, MA; Doan's pill boxes and Doan ointments including various marketing items related thereto; Doane Seidlitz Powders, from the Charles R. Doane, Inc. company; a Doan Fire Starter; and information about Doane's Crossing, Texas; some information about the Doan Outlaws of Bucks County, PA; Doane Academy in Burlington, New



*Doane House Hospice
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Doane Paper Products

Jersey; the Doane Stewart School in Rensselaer, New York; the Doane Observatory in Chicago, Illinois; Doane Keves Associates, a company in Peru, Indiana; Doan Manufacturing Corp, Cleveland, Ohio; Doan Chevrolet, Spencerport, New York; Doan Ford in Belmont, Ohio; Doane Airport, Southeast of Hartford, Connecticut; Doane's

Valley Pharmacy, Cashmere, Washington; Doane Ltd., Chippewa Valley Bean Company, Menomonie, WI; Doane Motor Werks, Ringgold, GA; Doane Creek in the Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington State; Doane



John Doan, Harp Guitar

College, now Doane University in Crete, NE; Doane House Hospice, New Market, Ontario, Canada; Doane Paper, Kansas City, MO; Don Doane, Trombone Player, Westbrook, Maine; William Howard Doane, music composer; and John Doan, Harp Guitarist, Salem, OR



During another PowerPoint presentation Brian spoke about Henry J. Doane, Jr. and Sr. of Mechanic Falls, Maine and their work with the Mechanic Falls Fire Department. Both served in the Army of the United States. These two men were Brian's father and his grandfather. Brian's Great-Great Grandfather, Hezekiah Doane is number 528 in

Doane Family Volume I and Brian traced his genealogical line back to Deacon John Doane. Many pictures were included in his presentation.

The town of Mechanic Falls was named for the mechanics operating early industrial works there. Mechanic Falls developed into a small mill town, especially after the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad arrived in the late 1840s. The railroad opened the village to business and trade on the direct line between Portland and Montreal. In 1850, the first paper mill was established. Organized in 1873, the Evans Rifle Manufacturing Company made repeating rifles, which were popular with frontiersmen such as Kit Carson and Buffalo Bill Cody.

Other industries produced canned goods, bricks, novelties, confectionery, packed corn, carriages, tools, machines, steam engines and boilers. On March 22, 1893, Mechanic Falls was set off and incorporated. In 1981, Marcal Paper closed the last of 2 paper mills in the town, which now has a more diversified economy and tax base.



Doane Family Home, Mechanic Falls, Maine

The family home was located at 75 Lewiston Street, Mechanic Falls, Maine.