

The Doane Family

Newsletter

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It is time once again for the Doane Family Newsletter to visit each of you in your homes and bring you news of interest relative to our "family." Meanwhile, I hope you are planning to attend the 42nd International Reunion. Read on for more details!

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President's Message:

The 42nd Doane Family Association Reunion is scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 1 this summer in Idabel, Oklahoma. By now, our family membership should have received registration information from Mrs. Pat Doan Sullivan, 1992 Reunion Chairperson.

In the event that you have not received a registration and information packet, please correspond with Pat at Route 3, Box 174, Idabel, Oklahoma 74745. The Oklahoma Chapter has left no stone unturned in their planning to make this event a memorable occasion for all in attendance. If you don't know Pat and her army of assistants, on faith just plan to attend and enjoy what I expect to be the largest attended DFA Reunion in the history of our family organization. Pat routinely turns out attendance numbers for the Oklahoma Chapter Reunions that equal or exceed our National Reunion attendance numbers. Southeastern Oklahoma is a beautiful area that you will want to visit. Make your plans to include this area and this event in your travel agenda this summer. I am confident all in attendance will be treated to some outstanding and unique hospitality.

I have recently been advised by the DFA Foundation Chairman, A. Stoddard Jones, that our

Foundation assets currently exceed \$45,000. Stoddard has done a superb job as chairman, and the DFA should profusely thank him for the effective leadership he has rendered to this worthy pursuit. I hope our membership will give serious consideration to including the DFA Foundation in their plans for tax-deductible giving in 1992. In Stoddard's words, "What we do for ourselves, dies with us; what we do for others lives on."

I also want to thank Imogene Doan Haidet and Lila Doan Hill for editing and preparing the newsletters these past two years. They have done an excellent job and performed their duties in an efficient and punctual manner. Thanks, ladies!

I want to also thank Doane College and David Osterhout for the new look to our newsletter in our October 1991 issue. Their desktop publishing really gives us a professional look. Many of you have sent me Chapter newsletters which have indicated that you have been quite busy since the last National Reunion. Keep up the good work!

William C. Doan, President

Doan's Crossing

There is a mystique about the Red River country. This is where the massive post-Civil War cattle drives crossed into the Indian Nations of the Oklahoma Territory and the myth of the cowboy began. Fiction has often replaced fact in descriptions about the glamour of cowboy life on the trail, but here on the Red River the legends live on. More than 100 years of crossing the mighty Red River has been remembered at Doan's Crossing with a picnic that holds the record for the oldest celebration in Texas.

Doan's Crossing, the first town in Wilbarger County, was established in April 1878. Jonathan Doan and his family had operated a trading post in Oklahoma. Being devout Quakers, the Doans did not wear guns and were known for their efforts as peacemakers. The Indians respected and trusted the Doans as well, so when Texans began to move their cattle over the Western Trail, they asked the Doans to move to the Red River. A trading post was needed at the shallow crossing used by the trail driver, and the Indians knew they would be dealt with honestly in their trading with the drovers at Doan's post.

When Jonathan Doan arrived at the Red River, he first built a "picket" house. Logs were placed vertically in a trench and the cracks filled with mud. The roof was made of blocks of sod, and the door from buffalo hide. It was a typical prairie dwelling and the Doan's home and store. In late 1878 Corwin F. Doan arrived with his wife and daughter and Jonathan's two teenage girls. People kept moving in, and by 1885, 300 people were citizens of Doan's Crossing. Civilization arrived with a school, a post office, a hotel, and a nondenominational chapel, where Corwin Doan led the singing and often accompanied the organist on his corner. This highly educated man had a large library and took the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro* and the London *Graphic*. As Corwin was also the Indian agent, Quanah Parker and other famous chiefs

were guests at Doan's. Doan's Crossing was the cowhands' last chance to buy tobacco, a warm blanket, or a pair of boots. Many a sweetheart got a letter postmarked "Doan's."

More than 6 million cattle and horses used Doan's Crossing, but with barbed wire, improved breeding, and the railroad, the era of the longhorn was over. Today, the only building still standing is the adobe house Corwin Doan built in 1881. In 1931 a monument was erected with the inscription:

In honor of the trail drivers who freed Texas from the joke of debt and despair by their trails to the cattle markets of the far north, we dedicate this stone, a symbol of their courage and fortitude at the site of old Doan's store.

Back in Ohio where the Doans had their roots, a favorite celebration was May Day. Corwin and Mrs. Doan decided to bring a touch of the East to their home in the West. On May 1, 1884, a tradition was created when the Doans, their daughter Bertha, and three ladies left behind by their husbands going up the trail, decided to have a picnic under a nearby grove of trees know as Watts Grove. The group decided to hold it every year on the first Saturday in May, and to invite the whole community. The picnic grew and grew with hundreds attending. In 1911 the first Doan's May Picnic Queen was crowned. And so, for more than 100 years, Watts Grove has been the scene of a real Texas tradition in the true sense of the word.

(Editor's note: I lived only five or six hours from Doan's Crossing, but have never been able to attend one of these festivities. But, that is all going to change this year. My husband and I are leaving California for Oklahoma on April 27. My four sisters and I plan to go to Doan's Crossing. If you would like to join us, take Highway 283 north out of Vernon, Texas, then FM 2916 east. At Doan's Monument, turn north and dirt road will take you to Watts Grove. If you think you've reached the end of the road, just keep going. Watts Grove isn't exactly on the beaten path. As a visitor to the picnic from England described this wonderful little festival, "It's as if you go to the end of the world to find the beginning." (from "The Best of Texas Festivals" - Ann Ruff)

Please Note**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT
NATIONAL REUNION**

Please send names of DFA members, deceased since the Toronto Reunion, their address at time of death, and whether they were an annual or life member of the Association to: Nancy Doan Baxter, R #2, Box 225, Cynthiana, KY 41031. Please do not wait until the reunion to turn in the names. **Send them now!** Thank you.

Just A Reminder!

Dues are payable to:

Betty Goodrich, Membership Chair
Route 1, Box 38
Waseca, MN 56095

Memberships Available:

Annual	\$ 5.00
Life	30.00
Junior	1.00 a year for those under 17
Sustaining	100.00

Committee for National Reunion has been Busy

Oklahoma sends you a super invitation to join us at the 42nd Biennial Doan(e) Reunion in Idabel, Oklahoma. The land of the "Red People," which is the Choctaw Indian name for our state (Okla-humma), has promised to roll out the red carpet for the big Doan(e) family. Your committee has plans in place and we plan on a "population explosion" soon after the reunion, for we intend to make you so happy you came you will (almost) want to retire here! Don't miss this "Sooner" State Reunion - July 28-Aug. 1. Y'all come!

If you haven't received information, contact reunion chairperson, Pat Doan Sullivan, Route 3, Box 174, Idabel, OK 74745, Phone (405)286-6870



Committee members pictured are, l-r, Pat Doan Sullivan, Imogene Doan Haidet, Evelyn Doan Dyer (standing), Alice and Eugene Abbott, Duane and Darla Doane. They began formulating plans in April 1991 for what promises to be one of the largest Doan(e) reunions ever held.

Chapter News

California Chapter

The 16th annual meeting of the California Chapter was on June 2, 1991 at the Rancho 39 Mobilhome Park in Garden Grove with about 25 people attending. Our thanks to the McLellan's for the use of their clubhouse. Mark June 6, 1992 for our next annual meeting.

At our annual meeting, all of us were very pleased to see Ralph McGray from Santa Maria (and, of course, his son, Bruce). For those of you who do not know, Mr. McGray is the patriarch of our Chapter. He was 101 years old on April 6, 1991. Asa Turner McGray married Eliza Doane Jan. 23, 1833. Ralph Nehemiah McGray married Zilla May Constable on Aug. 29, 1924; Bruce Arthur McGray married Virginia Lee Turner on June 23, 1951. Mr. McGray thinks with all the Doanes in California we should meet in the Hollywood Bowl! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do just that?

Here is one more of their "I Wish I Knew" Name Game. Izetta Doane was born in Chester Twp, Ottawa County, Michigan on June 5, 1888, and died in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan on June 29, 1931. She died at the age

of 43 and the mother of 12 children. Izetta married John Edward Otterbein, the son of Julius Otterbein and Amanda Dorothea Maria Topp; Izetta was the daughter of Elwin Alfonso Doane and Margaret Ann Harris. Elwin was also born in Chester Twp, Ottawa County, Michigan. His parents, Luther Bostwick Doane and Cordelia Agnes Field moved to Michigan from Lafayette, Medina County, Ohio, with his grandparents, Shadrack and Sally (Hardie) Doane. Shadrack was a Free-Will Baptist minister and performed many of the early marriages in Median County. The Doanes were all farmers. My grandmother, Izetta, died before I was born so I never knew what she was like. I only know my grandmother from the impressions that her children happily remember. Izetta...I wish I knew what your hopes and dreams were! Perry McLellan. (*What a 'thrill-filled' Name Game! I wish I could have known her, also. Imogene D. Haidet, Editor*)

From the childrens' book *The Cabin Faced West* by Jean Fritz. "Don't come this far alone for a while, Ann," David said. "The Doane gang is loose in the county - probably farther west, but better not take any chances." "I'll be careful," Ann promised. "But tell me, David, if a man's a horse thief, can you tell just by looking at him?"
From Marilyn McGorman.

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Additional Data?

Remember that our National Historian, Emma, always needs to know if you have additional information on your Doan(e) line. Please send it to her while you are thinking about it.

Emma also has the DOANE BOOKS available:

The Doane Family, Volume I - Price \$23.00
Traces family line from 1629 - 1902

The Doane Family, Volume II - Price \$33.00
Traces family line from 1902 - 1974

Make check payable to: The Doane Family Association of America. Send order and check to: Mrs. Frank Barrows, Historian, 124 Eldredge Drive, Vestal, NY 13850

Editors' Note

Lila and I would just love to include Chapter News of your get-togethers in different areas of this part of the world. Lila does the Newsletter in the fall for the October edition, and I do the one in the spring for the April edition. So, please send us all the neat things that happen at your Chapter Reunion. THANKS!

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Chapter News Continued

The California Chapter extends its sympathy to the family of Charter member, Almon M. Doan, 88, of La Mesa, Calif., who died on Sept. 2, 1990. He was a past master of Masonic Lodge 760, past presiding officer of the North Park Odd Fellows Lodge, and a member of the Al Bahr Shrine and the Scottish Rite Bodies of San Diego. His wife, Mary, survives him, as do two sons; a daughter; 11 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. One of his grandsons, John Doan, performed for us at the National Reunion in Toronto.

Our sympathy also to the family of Ruth E. Doan Roseberry, who died Jan. 10, 1991 in Concord, Calif., at age 75. She was a retired educator who had spent 31 years teaching in Elko, Nev. She was a long-time member of the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. In later years, she became involved with painting and in 1979 exhibited her works at the Northeastern Nevada Museum. She provided nursing scholarships for students at Northern Nevada Community College. She is survived by sisters Eleanor Doan of Ventura (our past president) and Freda Spina, McMinville, Ore.

Erma Phillips was installed as Secretary for 1991-92 by the Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society.

From C.S. Doane, Fresno, Calif., and I quote, "I have lived and worked for 60 years in the San Joaquin Valley and have never heard of any other Doanes in the area. A younger cousin, from Ohio, where I was born and raised, is very active in the National Organization. His name is Albert C. Doane," (note - Albert is a past president of National).

**OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE
JUNE 6, 1992. PLAN TO JOIN US THERE!**

New England Chapter The Doane Dispatch March 1992

Many inroads to the future of the New England Chapter were formalized at the 1991 meeting. The continuation of having two reunions per calendar year is now augmented by three meetings per year of the Chapter Officers.

In 1992 our main objective is to reduce the mailing list of those who are not interested, but at the same time to increase the active membership. I would like all who receive this newsletter to pass it on to your immediate and extended family members, who are eligible and may be interested in knowing that we have an active chapter here in New England.

Borderland Reunion Review - On Sept. 7, 1991, more than 30 cousins of the New England Chapter of the DFA attended the 2nd Annual Fall Reunion at Borderland, located at the Borderland State Park in Easton, Mass. This year the sun decided to attend, allowing us to tour the beautifully landscaped woodlands surrounding the mansion. The day included a cookout, as well as games of horseshoes, football and frisbees. For the non-sports minded there were nature trail walks and family conversation around the lodge. Catching frogs seemed to be the highlight of the day for our kids. We wish to thank those family members who made the trip despite the distance. We hope they will attend again and encourage other family members to join us to make next year's Fall Reunion at Borderland an even greater success. A special thanks goes out to Richard Vella, our chef of the day, for his diligent work at the grill. A **Newsletter Committee** has been formed and we urge you to send any items of interest to: Doane Family Association, New England Chapter, c/o Carol-Ann (Doane) Vella, 228 Brook Road, Milton, MA 02186-1619.

A NOTE OF INTEREST: Last summer the *Cape Cod Times* featured a real estate ad for a "Squire Doane Tavern House" in Yarmouthport. Does anyone know anything about this

property? George J. Doane, President, New England Chapter

Oklahoma Chapter

The 13th annual reunion of the Doan families was held Oct. 4-5, 1991, at the Idabel fairgrounds with an attendance of more than 100. Friday evening family and friends sang gospel songs and was enjoyed by all. Special guests were the Thomas Williston Family with Paula and Anna adding to the sounds of music. Saturday morning everybody enjoyed sunrise breakfast together. Noontime the traditional potluck was served. The afternoon business meeting took place, followed by introductions of new members and announcements and games and contests followed. Pat Doan Sullivan was presented this year's 'Loving Cup.' Awards were also given to oldest member, youngest member and largest family present. The handmade quilt was won this year by Janet Stout, daughter of Pat. Janet also won the farthest traveler award.

Live country music was furnished by Duane Doane, Bill Nelson and Ron Petty, all members of the big Oklahoma Doan family. As the Doan families parted this year, Evelyn Doan Dyer gave the memorial service for family members who passed away this year. Among those was James R. Doan of Columbus, Ohio, who was the son of Finace Doan and grandson of William Alexander Doan, first white settler to the southeast area of the Indian Nation, now Oklahoma.

Last Minute Reunion Notes

1. Registration begins Tuesday and continues Wednesday. Cost is \$15.00 per person.
2. Registration packets will contain program, meal tickets, and other items.
3. Those making reservations before June 20, at Holiday Inn or Americans Lodge will pick up packets for Reunion there. If not using motel accommodations there, your packets will be at the general meeting site, Idabel High School, and will also contain program, meal tickets, your reservation form to confirm, and other items. Your cancelled check will verify receipt of reservation.
4. Tour will be Thursday. Lunch will be enjoyed at a tour site. Please note: box lunch is counted as a lunch - \$5.00.
5. Holiday Inn, Suite A has been reserved for all officers' meetings and for our Historian. There are two rooms in Suite A. Meals to be served with reservations are:
 - Tuesday - lunch & dinner
 - Wednesday - breakfast & dinner
 - Thursday - breakfast, box lunch on tour and dinner
 - Friday - breakfast, lunch and Banquet
 - Saturday - breakfast and goodbyes

1992 Reunion Chairman, Pat Doan Sullivan,
phone: (405)286-6870

*See page eight for
exciting reunion information!*

DFA Foundation News

We Doanes are doing great! In August 1990 our total capital was only \$6,916. As of April 14, 1992, we now have a total of \$46,510. Your generosity is shining through – just like a Doane!

This is a new year. If you donated last year, consider another gift for 1992. Some people have asked, "How much should I give?" Some ideas:

- Equivalent to one Sunday's church offering;
- Equivalent to a special restaurant dinner for two;
- Equivalent to two tickets for live theater;
- Equivalent to two tickets to a sports event;
- If you have been financially blest
\$500 ---- \$1,000 ---- \$5,000 ----- ??????

The following chapter donations have been received. Contributions are cumulative, can your chapter top these?

- California \$260 + \$100 = \$360
- New Jersey and Philadelphia = \$250-
- New York - Pennsylvania = \$100
- Oklahoma = \$ 50
- Ontario = \$867

How nice it is to remember one of your loved ones who has died, with a donation which lives on and on. You may also remember the DFA FOUNDATION in your will. Doane College can also help you with other types of tax-deductible gifts for the Foundation.

A special thanks to the following who have contributed to the Doane Family Association since our last newsletter:

Robert H. Doan
Winifred Doane
Dorothy Doan Baker
Kenneth and Eunice
Mrs. Neil Miller Doane
W. Gordon Allen (*in memory of Laura Doane*)
Elizabeth Doan Bushell
Lee and Verda Parmelee
Jane and Ralph Anderson
Dorothy A. Rand
Robert D. Hutton
Katherine Doan Oney

Duane and Darla Doane
Ethridge F. Doane, Jr.
Jimmy P. York
A. Stoddard and Susan Jones
Reg and Irma Doan
Doane Fischer and William I. Nichols
Thomas Doane Perry III
Doris Maggio
Herbert D. Doan
William and Janice K. Doan
Lila Doan Hill

Note: If you have current or past connections with a corporation – check out the possibility of their matching your gift, thus doubling your contribution.

42nd Biennial Doan(e) Reunion

BEAUTIFUL ACCOMMODATIONS

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DOOR PRIZES

ENTERTAINMENT

TALENT SHOW*

*Please bring along your instrument or whatever is needed for your part in the talent show! We want YOU to be a part of it!

Oklahoma descendants of Deacon John Doane will be hosting the 42nd Reunion in Historical McCurtain County, Idabel, Oklahoma, July 28, 29, 30, 31 and August 1. The response has been grand, thus far! If you have not requested Reunion information, don't delay -

DO IT TODAY!

Plans are now in place and information will be sent out shortly. "Meet kinfolks you never knew you had!"

Idabel

Send to: Pat Doan Sullivan
Oklahoma 1992 Reunion Chairperson
Route 3, Box 174
Idabel, OK 74745
Phone: (405)286-6870

I am interested in attending the 1992 Doan(e) Reunion and am requesting information which will be sent out shortly.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

I have an account of some of our Doanes taken from the book, *Pictorial History of the Wild West*, authors James D. Horan and Paul Sann; Crown Publishers, Inc. - New York. They are described as bad men, desperadoes, rustlers and outlaws of the Old West. I hope to be able to include this in my 1993 Spring Newsletter. It is a story of Moses Doane (also spelled Doan) and his four brothers: Abraham, Levy, Aaron, and Mahlon. There are, of course, two sides to any story, and I will try to show that their religious beliefs caused them to do the Christian things which were ingrained in them from childhood. It makes very stimulating reading.

Imogene Doan Haidet, Editor

Donation form for the Doane Family Association

This is a Gift to the DFA Foundation:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Postal Zip Code _____

Mail to:

DFA Foundation; Doane College; 1014 Boswell; Crete, NE 68333

Reunion Highlights

The 42nd Biennial Doane Reunion will feature a variety of fun-filled, exciting activities! Be prepared for talent night on Wednesday, July 29. Remember to bring your instruments or other things you will need to participate. Two Doane papers also will be presented on Wednesday.

Executive and general meetings will take place on Friday, July 31. More information about these and many other reunion activities will be in registration packets.

In addition, Doane College located in Crete, Nebraska, will participate with the reunion. Dr. Fred Brown, president of the college will speak to us. Dr. Brown has been president of the college since 1987 and is an alumnus from the class of 1959. Doane College staff will have a variety of items on display during the reunion and will be available to answer questions about the college.

Doane College was started by Thomas Doane, who was born in Massachusetts in 1822. He helped start this liberal arts college, which began offering classes in 1872.

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