



The Doane Family News

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President's Message

Dear Cousins,

As you have heard, we are very proud of our Doane Family Foundation, which allows many of our members to give tax free donations so that we can have Doane family scholars at Doane College. This year we have two recipients. Each of them has written to thank us. I would like to share these notes with you.

Carrie Morris is from Wellfleet, Neb., population 63. She writes that she transferred to Doane in the fall from Chadron State College. She is a junior majoring in psychology. She expects to graduate next December and attend graduate school the following fall. She says, "The education I've received thus far from Doane has made me glad I decided to come here and that kind people like you helped make it possible." She has three younger sisters still in school and a boyfriend from Iowa, whom she met while working for Boy's Town this summer.

Lorrie Swertzic's hometown is Fullerton, Neb. She too expresses appreciation and thanks for our contribution to her scholarship. She says, "I would like to share with you my personal plans for my future. I'm planning to study in the field of speech language pathology, which is to help stroke victims or help the speech disabled in school systems. I love to help people for whatever reasons."

To me it is heartwarming to know that we can be so helpful to such ambitious young people. Don't

forget also that there is now a fund available for Doane Family members or children of family members who might wish to attend Doane College. The Doane Family Endowment Fund helps with expenses which are not covered by dues. Thanks to the generosity of members in the past, we are able to keep our dues schedule very reasonable.

It is not too soon to make preliminary plans to attend the 1996 meeting in Oregon. Long since, John Doan reserved the space at Willamette College in Salem. Judging by reports of the activities at the Oregon Washington Chapter meetings, there is much to do and see in this part of our beautiful country, so make time to travel around a bit after the reunion as well.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Doan Baker

Old Proceedings Available

Copies of the *Report of Proceedings, National Reunion* are available for the following years: 1960, 1961, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1992. Copies may be obtained by contacting Imogene Haidet, 2861 Juniper Avenue, Morro Bay, CA 93442. Cost of each booklet is \$3.00 to cover printing and mailing. You will find much valuable information and interesting reading in the *Doane Proceedings*.

Foundation News

Recently David Osterhout, senior vice-president of Doane College, informed me of a generous gift to the Doane Family Association Foundation.

A. Stoddard Jones provided \$1,000, and I want to urge our family membership to regard this gift as a challenge to support the Foundation. Stoddard has been the major contributor to the endeavor and in his personal funds to increase the base amount.

Doane College is the custodian of this fund, and income earned from the Foundation is used for scholarships to assist deserving young people with furthering their education. The Foundation earnings may also be expended for other worthy

purposes compatible with the interests and objectives of the Doane Family Association.

I urge you to consider making a contribution to the Doane Family Foundation, thus enabling assistance in the educations of the generations that follow us. Gifts may be made to Doane College for the Foundation, and are tax deductible in the United States. Your correspondence should be addressed to Doane College, Advancement Office, Crete, NE 68333-2430. The Foundation officers appreciate your generosity.

William C. Doan
Foundation Committee Member

Dues

Dues are payable to:

Betty Goodrich,
Membership Chairperson
33582 50th St.
Waseca, MN 56093-4801

Memberships Available:

Annual:	\$	15.00
Family:	\$	25.00
Life:	\$	50.00

Annual Members

Your dues expired on December 31, 1994. Notices were sent to all of you in February. If you received this newsletter and have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not send your dues, this will be the last newsletter you receive.

Remember, at our 1994 reunion, changes were made in the cost of dues and the expiration date. Annual dues have become individual or family and run for two years. They expire August 1.

Those of you who sent in your dues, we thank you.

Rose Hendricks Brodie

On March 28, 1993, Doane family member Rose Hendricks Brodie, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, died after a short illness. She was the mother of First Vice President Don Brodie and his sister, Cora. The Doane Family Association extends our deepest sympathy to Don and Cora.

Oklahoma Chapter News

The Oklahoma Doan(e)s met at their museum in Idabel, Okla., October 7-8, 1994, to join in the annual family reunion. Our annual rainfall is about 84 inches, and now we know why it will probably rain at every reunion, both national or state! Remember the rains in 1992 when the 42nd DFA Reunion was held in Idabel? Did it ever rain, and rain and rain! But when we stop and think of an annual rainfall of seven feet, little wonder. We love our "get-togethers" and each year, we greet both new and old family members.

Friday is arrival day, and all we do is meet, eat and visit. Saturday is our big day! We have the family and friends potluck meal at noon. The rest of the day is spent in a variety of activities; visiting, business, announcements, music by Doan(e) family members who play instruments, and enjoying the displays and country store items for sale. A most joyful time was evident at the conclusion of our 1994 reunion as we departed from one another. The 1995 reunion is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7, and all attendees should be able to enjoy a new museum porch on which to "sit and visit a spell."

Until the next newsletter and our national reunion in Oregon, we say to each of you, "Y'all come!"

Pat Doan Sullivan
President
Oklahoma Chapter DFA

Book on Bucks County, Pennsylvania Published

Seruch Kimble, M.D., and his wife, Helen, have published their second book on Kimble family history. One 16-page chapter is devoted to their Doane relatives. The title of the book is *The Kimbles of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and Cecil County, Maryland*. This hardback contains 387 pages of text plus an index of 5,220 items. There are 10 photographs and numerous pedigree charts. The price is \$45.00, plus postage and handling (\$5.00). Seruch is a DFA member who descends from Jemima Doane on page 123 of *The Doane Family, Volume 1*. If you are interested in this book, please write him at the following address:

Seruch T. Kimble, M.D.,
333 Emory Church Road,
Olney, MD 20832-2611

Doane Books Available

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

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

Make checks payable to:
The Doane Family Association
of America, Inc.

Send order and check to:
Mr. Albert C. Doane
2303 Harborview Boulevard
Lorain, OH 44052-1130

You will receive your copy or copies within
three weeks after your donation is received.
All books are mailed insured.

WANTED



Experience Travel presents

The Doane Trail Symposium & Tour **Bucks County, Pennsylvania** **June 24, 1995** **9 a.m.**

Included in the rich history of Bucks County are stories that hearken back to tales of the old West. Among these are tales of the Doane gang, a group of marauders who robbed their way into the local history books during the American Revolution.

We begin our tour with a two-hour seminar at the Bucks County Free Library with historian Terry McNealy, former Doane homeowner Linda Trowbridge, and Donna Doan, secretary of the Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapter of the Doane Family Association of America. We proceed to the Pipersville Inn for lunch, then spend the afternoon with Ed Tice and a guide from Newtown's Historic Society. We will visit many of the same places the gang did, sights of robberies, alleged hideouts, and even a grave site or two. Price per person: \$65 (payment in full at time of reservation is required.) Reservations must be made by May 17 to (215) 348-3824. Included in price: two-hour seminar, lunch, and tour transportation.

New Members

(since last newsletter)

Carolyn Cameron, Ontario (A95)
Allan Doan, OH (L94)
Blaine K. Doan, PA (L94)
Dwayne Duffield Doan, PA (L94)
Ida Mae Cardell Doan, PA (L94)
Jane Ann Doan, FL (L94)
Jerry Doan, OH (A95)
Jessica L. Doan, PA (L94)
Mendie Doan, OH (L94)
Barbara L. Doane, NH (L94)
Carole A. Doane, IA (L94)
Dennis Paul Doane, MI (L94)
Donna Rae Doane Sobieraj, CT (L)
Elizabeth Marie Doane, IN (L94)
Garrett W. Doane, AZ (L94)
Helen J. Doane, MI (L95)
Jennifer M. Doane, IL (L94)
John F. Doane, M.D., MO (L94)
Karen A. Doane, IL (L94)
Marilee Doane, IA (L94)
Mathew K. Doane, AZ (L94)
Michael M. Doane, NH (L94)
Nathan A. Doane, ME (L94)
Nevin D. Doane, MD (L94)
Taren Dawn Elyse Doane, AZ (L94)
Ronald W. Drucker, FL (L94)
Tammy Gardner Earhart, OH (L94)
Janan T. Eppig, ME (L94)
Karla Jean Abbott German, OK (L94)

Braden James Hammond, IN (L94)
Carrie Ann Doane Hammond, IN (L94)
Suzanne Harden, PA (L95)
Barbara June Klaus Harris, WA (L)
Mae Hebard, MA (L94)
Stephen R. Hill, OH (L94)
Donald Doan Ingram, FL (L94)
Christine Doane Johnson, AZ (L94)
Duane Scott Johnson, AZ (L94)
Shawn Michael Johnson, AZ (L94)
Gerald Kulhman Judah, FL (L)
Christopher Clark LoPresti, NJ (L94)
Matthew Michael LoPresti, NJ (L94)
Barbara Clark LoPresti, NJ (L94)
Michael Scott LoPresti, NJ (L94)
Diane Lee LoPresti, NJ (L94)
Julia Kathryn Milske, MI (L94)
Katherine Doane Milske, MI (L94)
Steven W. Morrison, WA (L95)
Jessica Doane Morse, CT (L94)
Torrey Priscilla Morse, CT (L94)
Judy Doan Nevius, PA (L94)
Joseph B. O'Gorman, MA (L94)
Anine Doane Rajala, MI (L94)
Mary Jeanne Rajala, MI (L94)
Lori Rohleder, MA (L94)
Kristen E. Wainio, CT (A95)
Jason M. Wainio, CT (A95)

Renewed Members

(since last newsletter)

Amy Babineau, MA (I96)
Jerry Doane, OH (A96)
Anna M. Doane, IN (A96)
Robert W. Elliott, OH (A97)
Verna Moll, CA (I95)
Carolyn D. Murtha, MD (L94)
Susan King Murphy, CA (L94)
Faith J. Osborne, MA (L94)
Allie Carey Reed, IN (L94)
Jimmy Smithberger, OH (A96)
Lillian Pascoe, CA (L94)
Winifred Spencer, NV (L95)

Lost Members

Several members still remain on the lost list. Consult the December 1994 newsletter for the latest listing. We have received new addresses for four people, but the rest remain lost. Please help if you can.

Also, please check the address label on your newsletter. If it is incorrect or incomplete, please send the correction or any information to:

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Tractor seats, barbed wire, bottle openers, company letterheads ...

Jim and Alma Doane Seek the Unusual and the Rare

by Paul Ferreira
Special to *The Independent/Free Press*

Some people collect stamps, coins, baseball cards and even rocks. Jim and Alma Doane of Norval, it seems, collect everything else.

The Doanes, one of a kind collectors if ever there were any, accumulate the likes of barbed wire, bottle openers, oil cans, wrenches, service station memorabilia, company letterheads, milk bottles and tool boxes. But that's merely the tip of their collectible iceberg. The veritable collecting smorgasbord also includes books mentioning Doanes (or Doans), hood ornaments, license plates, hub caps, measuring sticks and, of course, cast iron implement seats.

The binge began in the late seventies, when the couple decided to start collecting the seats, which were made from the mid 1800s to the early 1900s for horse drawn implements.

"They were discontinued before the tractor came out," explains Jim, a retired farmer and owner of James Doane Supply, a farm implement repair business.

Doane's collection now numbers 450 different types of seats. All told, he owns more than 600 and most of them have been catalogued.

"It's so that when I'm away from home, I know what I've got," he says.

Some of the rarer seats are quite valuable.

"They have gone for as high as \$3,500. There was an auction here last fall in Odessa, and there was one that went for \$3,400," Jim says.

However, he and his wife are not into collecting for the money.

"We try not to look at the value because it's then that you get scared and back off," he says.

Both Doanes joined the Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association in 1978. The association was formed in 1973 and boasts 1,300 members worldwide, 60 of them in Ontario.

"The nice part about the club," says Alma Doane, "is that they give you a club roster and so when you're traveling, other members are glad to meet you and share their history."

Each summer, association members gather in Iowa for three days to display some of their implement seats. They also compete for prizes.

Several years back, the Doanes organized a spring meet on their farm and drew collectors from as far away as Missouri, Minnesota and Texas.

"We were just amazed that they came from all over to attend," says Jim.

Since then, other collectors have volunteered to host the spring meet and next year it will be held outside Ontario for the first time.

The meets have served to push the Doanes into collecting other items.

"Most collectors also get into something else," says Jim.

In the Doanes' case, that includes barbed wire, something Alma began hoarding about a decade ago.

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“She picked up a strange looking piece of barbed wire at a summer meet,” recalls her husband.

That humble beginning spawned a collection numbering more than 50 different types of barbed wire. Someone from Germany even mailed the Doanes a piece of Berlin Wall barbed wire.

“The first barbed wire was made by a farmer in Iowa in 1860. The first patent was around 1867, but by 1890 there had been about 400 different patents,” explains Jim Doane, who not only collects, but also researches the history of many of his items.

Because of this research, a tour of the Doane property is a trip through history, especially local history.

The Doanes have gathered items, such as yard sticks and bottle openers, used as promotions by local companies.

“Some of these, the companies would give them out as gifts around Christmas time,” says Jim Doane, as he holds a display board containing more than 30 different yard sticks, each labeled with a different company’s name and address.

“Unless somebody gets interested and really gets into it, we don’t know about these companies,” says Alma.

The Doanes’ knowledge of local history has made them authorities of sorts. Local museums sometimes ask them to verify certain information.

Still, the Doanes don’t consider themselves historians.

“We’re very amateur,” says Alma, who has researched the history of her family, the Dolsons, all the way back to 1644. She may eventually publish her findings if there’s enough interest.

Turning their property into a museum is also something the Doanes have considered, however, it’s not financially feasible because of huge liability insurance costs.

For now, they’ll just keep collecting. After all, there’s a lot left to learn.

As Jim puts it: “There’s a lot of history out there that we know nothing about.”

Do You Know Ethel P. Hoff?

Does anyone know Ethel P. Hoff? She joined as a life member in December. I have her recorded in the account books, but have been unable to locate any file on her, either in my notebooks or on the computer. Please help me out, we need her properly recorded.

Send any information to:

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