



# The Doane Family News

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## Doane Family Reunion Scheduled For Bucks County, Pennsylvania

*Have you marked your calendar?*

The 2002 biennial reunion in Bucks County, Pa., is less than a year away, and committee members are in the process of making final plans. Watch for your registration flyer in the mail this spring. Dates for the reunion are Aug. 12-17, to be held at George School, in Newtown, a Quaker boarding and day school for grades 9-12. Chairing the event is Kay Blair Hartman, DFA historian, from Sterling, Va., with assistance from other national officers.

A reunion highlight will be a day trip to retrace the footsteps of the notorious Doan Outlaws who resided in Bucks County in the 1700s. Another field trip is tentatively planned for the Philadelphia area and Valley Forge.

Lodging, dining, and meeting arrangements are being finalized with George School staff.

It looks to be a great week, spent on the grounds formerly owned and farmed by family descendant Daniel Doan. George School campus is located one mile from Newtown, a quaint, historic town that has restaurants, specialty clothing stores, a coffee shop, grocery stores, and a movie theatre. The town is strategically located 40 minutes from Philadelphia and two hours from New York City.

If you are interested in helping with reunion planning, contact Kay Blair Hartman at (703) 430-2255 or e-mail [kblairh@juno.com](mailto:kblairh@juno.com).

## DFA Is Moving Ahead-California de Norte Chapter Formed

The California de Norte Chapter of the Doan(e) Family Association of America was formed Saturday, July 21, 2001, in San Jose. There were 12 charter members attending, including those chosen as officers. Officers include: Eunice Brabec, South San Francisco, president; Sandra Scott, Cupertino, secretary; Susan Hofman, San Luis Obispo, treasurer; Katrina Cormiae, Elk Grove, chaplain; and Betty Allured, Sonora, historian. Fifty-eight invitations were sent out. Including spouses and children, there were 25 people in attendance.

Terry Carmichael, president and CEO of GeneTree, Inc., gave a presentation on DNA testing. A deli lunch was served, information exchanged, and fun was had by all. Dues were set at \$5 for two years to cover postage and costs for setting up the next meeting, scheduled in two years.

Katrina Cormiae, a 1991 Doane College graduate (Crete, Neb.), gave an overview of "life at Doane College." Her parents, Eunice and Russell Brabec, gave parental input!

The following people, in addition to the officers, joined the California de Norte DFA as charter members: Chanler Cormiae, Jill Cox, Barbara Jean Cuneo, Kelly Drake, Mary Huffman, Dr. Charles Powers, and Walter Pryor.

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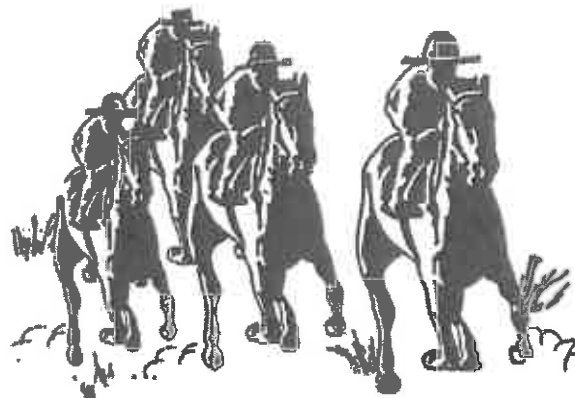
# Doan Outlaws

*Kay Blair Hartman, DFA Historian*

Each time I attended a Doan Outlaw tour, I would question how the boys could be 'good Quakers,' be brought up in a strict household, and yet be guilty of the crimes for which they were accused.

The Doan Outlaws were born between 1750 and 1765, and must have heard all the discussions about how they were being taxed, how the British were stopping the expansion westward (meaning those selling the land would lose money), and how ship owners who were English Quakers were being taxed and forbidden to bring goods to and from the Colonies. They also heard of the persecution of the Quakers—first in England and then in the Colonies. Pennsylvania was a Quaker colony founded by William Penn, and residents had more freedom than Quakers in other Colonies. They still heard, however, that Quakers that had been in power in Pennsylvania were being forced to sign an Oath of Allegiance and had resigned their positions in protest. Pennsylvania had not had a militia, but was forming one. As pacifists, the Quakers felt any attempt to change the government by force was in violation of the laws of God. The Doan boys were declared non-associators when they refused to don the uniform of the rebels. They were loyal to neither the Tory nor rebel sides, but felt they had more freedom under the British. They hated the Whigs that were in office and objected to taxation and confiscation of lands for those who did not pay the taxes. The Quakers were a very close group, and kept in touch with Quakers in England. The English Quakers went before the English Parliament and objected to the way the colonists were being treated. These English Quakers were responsible for the eventual lifting of some of the acts that the English parliament had enacted.

With that background, Daniel's sons, Joseph, Israel, and Eleazer, moved to Plumstead in Bucks County. Israel was friendly with the Indians, married outside the discipline, and was eventually dropped from membership. Two of his sons, Joseph and Israel, Jr., were hard working farmers who aspired to the simple life into which they had been born. Joseph was a carpenter and bought and sold land, so he had considerable property. He was a strict father who raised his boys in the teachings of the Quaker faith. Moses, Joseph, Jr., Aaron, Levi, and Mahlon worked on the farm—trapped bear, shot deer, chased wildcat, and camped. They are reported to have been the best looking, fastest in races, best in wrestling, could jump higher, etc. Abraham, their cousin, son of Israel, Jr.,



joined them in their hunting. Once when he beat a local youth at a jumping contest, the loser shouted, "You are either the devil or a Doan!" They could not stand being defeated or criticized. They rode at full gallop, yelling, drinking, and started arguments that would end up in fights.

When Joseph refused to pay the tax on his property for being a pacifist, the property was taken and the family had to move in with other Quakers. The boys were incensed at this treatment, and what had been teenage mischief, soon became serious offenses. They were hidden and protected by the people in their neighborhood through fear of them, and also because their parents were respected. Moses left home and became a spy for the English. When he returned, the robbing and spying continued on a larger scale. They passed counterfeit money the British were printing, stole horses from one side and sold them to the other, attacked supply wagons destined for the Continental Army, and helped free British prisoners being held in rebel jails.

The Doan Outlaws were responsible for the largest and most sustained rebellion against any of the 13 Colonies during the War for Independence. They committed 36 documented robberies from New York to Pittsburgh, and from Detroit to South Carolina. There were 30 to 40 members of the gang, and they stole approximately \$50,000 during ten years.

Moses Doan (#227) was born in 1750 and killed in 1783. Joseph, Jr. (#228) was born in 1752 and died in 1844 in Canada. Aaron (#229) was born in 1754 and died in Welland County, Ontario, Canada. Levi (#230) was born in 1766 and hanged in Philadelphia in 1788. Mahlon (#231) was born in Plumstead and was never heard of after being imprisoned. It has been suggested that he bled to death or escaped on a Loyalist ship. Abraham (#234) was born in 1764 and was hanged in Philadelphia in 1788. Aaron and Joseph, Jr. served in the War of 1812 against America. ( ) refers to number in Volume I of the Doane family history book.

# Newtown Township Old Rock Rolled to George School

by Gwen Shrift, Courier Times

Reprinted from the Bucks County Courier Times  
Sunday, July 29, 2001.

This rock was in a hard place, especially for history lovers.

Local residents and staff members at the Prudential Fox & Roche Real Estate Office at South State Street and Route 332 were jolted Friday when a contractor showed up outside the office building to remove a sizeable chunk of Bucks County fieldstone that's a local landmark.

Though it had no connection to Prudential insurance firm's famous Rock-of-Gibraltar advertising theme, workers said they had grown to appreciate the stone, described as 3 to 4 feet high and about as big around as a laundry basket.

"A lot of people here are really upset about it," said receptionist Florence Lipsman. "A lot of the agents feel it's wrong to move it."

Agent Jeff Little said he's officially neutral, but recognized the emotion of the moment.

"It's got the natives around here a little concerned, [for] the sacred historical monument to be moved," he said.

In a twist of fate, this particular piece of history was ripped out of the ground to save it – and to safeguard those who want to read a large attached bronze plaque recording that the stone stood on land once owned by a Quaker settler of the Newtown area.

The rock monument belongs to the 1,000-member Doane Family Association of America, many of whose members are descended from Daniel Doan, a local settler of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. [Many members of

the large clan have dropped the final 'e' from their last name.]

Doan moved to Newtown in 1695, and owned the land the rock sat on for years, and also the land where it's going – the campus of George School.

The Association installed the monument at the once-sleepy Newtown Township crossroads in 1936, according to Dorothy Doan Baker of Pittsford, N.Y., former president of the Association. When the road was widened some years ago, the stone was moved across the street to the location it occupied until Friday.

With all the growth in the area since 1936, the intersection marked by the rock has become a high-traffic zone.

"Its present location is terrible," Mrs. Baker said on Friday. "It faces the road, and if you try to read it, you take your life in your hands. The family decided to move it, mainly because we want our people who come to visit to view it, and you just cannot view it from where it was."

"The Association spent two years planning the monumental move, getting permission from PennDOT, among other agencies," she said.

Right now, Middletown Township contractor Joe Stone, who removed the rock and lives next door to the George School, is storing the monument. Stone said it likely will be placed in a few months.

The family is planning a reunion in August 2002 at the school, and Daniel Doan will be represented by his monument.

"George School has agreed... It will be on a driveway where people can park, and look at it, with a lot more safety," Mrs. Baker said.

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## Archives Update

*This summer, Albert Doane, Lorain, Ohio, spent time at Doane College, Crete, Neb., working in the archives. His report follows.*

For some time, I have been trying to figure out whom to contact in Cincinnati to find data on William H. Doane, the songwriter. I finally found the address and name of the Cincinnati library. They have been very helpful copying articles about his songwriting, his home in Cincinnati, and his involvement with the J.A. Fay Co., makers of high-grade woodworking machinery. William H. Doane became president of J.A. Fay Co., and had many patents acquired in his name, dealing with woodworking machinery. The library found, copied, and sent 392 pages of his patents to me. Photos of the patents look just like woodworking machinery I have seen in lumberyards over the years here in Lorain. Eventually, I will send all of this material to the Doan(e) family archives, housed at Doane College.

Should any of the readers of this *DFA Fall Newsletter* have information about someone in their Doan(e) family, and would like to see it preserved for future generations, I ask you to send me clear copies, if you wish not to send the originals. This material will then be sent on to Doane College for processing into the archive inventory. I spent almost a week this summer at the college setting up a program to inventory our family archives so we will all know what

is there. I now have a Crete resident assisting me with the updating of new material, so we will have an updated inventory of all archival material.



*Nancy Elizabeth Doane Elliott?*

While at Doane College, Albert Doane found the following in a 1963 reunion *Proceedings* report, and thought it would be interesting to see if anyone knows the whereabouts of this little girl. Nancy Elizabeth Doane Elliott became a biennial member when she was only six months old, Sept. 7, 1962. Now her younger sister, Suzanne Virginia, is also a biennial member. Nancy and Suzanne are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elliott of Las Vegas. Giving your children membership in the Doan(e) Family Association is a wonderful gesture of loyalty and devotion. We will need these children some day to carry on the work of our family association, and they will receive many benefits by being members.

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*The following e-mail was received through Rootsweb, Friday, Sept. 14, from Lyn and Janet Winters, Kanata, Ontario, Canada.*

Hello my cousins, we Canadians witnessed the barbaric attack on defenseless civilians in New York City earlier this week. It was horrible to see the action taking place before our eyes. Since Tuesday morning, we have seen and felt the suffering of untold thousands who have lost their loved ones to the cunning terrorists.

Today, we held a memorial service on parliament hill. In places of work all over Canada, we stopped for three minutes of silence and quiet prayer. In the busy hospital where I was taking outpatient treatment, the institution was so quiet you could hear a pin drop! We bowed our heads in silent prayer for those who still lie trapped in the rubble, and to the many heroic firemen who gave their lives to save others.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the American people. We know you have been down this road before, and this outrage will further unite you and make you strong! In the words of your president: "God bless America."

### ***Ruth Doan MacDougall, author***

*Submitted by Ann Doane, Litchfield, N.H.*

Ruth Doan MacDougall was born near Laconia, N.H. Her father, Daniel Doan, was a farmer and writer. By the time MacDougall was six, she had written her first story, and knew that she, too, was a writer. MacDougall's latest book, *A Woman Who Loved Lindbergh*, is available for order at [www.ruthdoanmacdougall.com](http://www.ruthdoanmacdougall.com).

Other books include *The Lilting House*, *The Cost of Living*, *One Minus One*, *The Cheerleader, Wife and Mother*, *Aunt Pleasantine*, *The Flowers of the Forest*, *A Lovely Time Was Had By All*, and *Snowy*. If you want to learn more about this author, check out her website.

## Doane's Falls

*Submitted by Brian and Ann Doane, Litchfield, N.H.*

Owned by the Trustees of Reservations, Doane's Falls is located along Athol Road, in Royalston, Mass. Only a short distance north of the border of Athol, the road crosses over Lawrence Brook. At that point, Doane Hill Road comes in from the west. There is a small parking area between the stream and the road junction, and an obvious sign marking the spot.

The property was donated to the Trustees in 1959, and the group could not have anticipated the amount of recreational use the site would have now. Many more people have visited the Falls today since the Trustees have grown in name recognition. There are four falls on the property. For years, hot weather has attracted swimmers to the Doane's Falls Reservation. The waterfalls are a beautiful place to cool off. Unless common sense is used, the water can be dangerous. The water is dark, and not deep, which can be misleading for youngsters and adults standing on a ridge above the first set of falls and looking into the pool below. There are boulders and ledges in the water, and depth varies. There are safe recreational uses for the property. For instance, below the third set of falls, large rock slabs sit in the riverbed, where people can picnic and wade in the water. For more information, check this out on the web at "Doane's Falls," or at [www.royalston.com/scenery.htm](http://www.royalston.com/scenery.htm).



## Keeper of Lorain History...He clips, pastes and jots down bits of information

*by Darlene Brown, Morning Journal Correspondent*

*This story regarding Albert Doane, Lorain, Ohio, was published in The Morning Journal, Sunday, October 29, 2000.*

Lorain – Albert Doane could be described as being on the cutting edge, when you consider he's usually found with a pair of scissors clenched in his right hand for clipping articles about Lorain's history.

For more years than he can recall, Doane has had a deep fascination for the town he was born in. He clips, pastes and jots down bits of information about people, places and things pertaining to the city.

"As a youngster, I remember my parents talking and reminiscing about Lorain," said the 75-year-old Doane, as he peered over his glasses. "They not only talked about Lorain, but their favorite place of entertainment, where I believed they met – Beach Park, which was located in Avon Lake."

Doane's grandfather, Clarence E. Doane, settled in Lorain in 1894, and witnessed much of the development of what was then a steel town. His son and Albert's father, Carlin Doane, founded Doane Electric Company in 1917.

"My father was five years old when his parents came to Lorain," Doane said, as he unseated himself to return with a book simply titled DOANE.

"This book contains the genealogy of all the descendants of Deacon John Doane, who settled in Cape Cod, Mass., in 1629," he said.

Guess who's the keeper of the Doane family books? Who else, but Albert. He does all the mailing to persons requesting books.

When entering Doane's west side home, to the right of the front door is a collection of several artists' renditions of Lorain's historical lighthouse – all were gifts to Doane. His home is a stone's throw from Lake Erie.

"Here's where I keep all my records," he said as he turned in a circle pointing to filing cabinets, and cupboards chock full of neatly filed clippings and photos.

He reached down and pulled out a filing drawer, and said, "These are all files on people – from the past to present. Most of these articles I clip from the newspaper. I keep not only local history, but national and international news."

"This file here is on General Johnnie Wilson," he said, slipping pages of information on Wilson from its manila folder. "Then I have this file cabinet over here on ships that sail the Great Lakes." He pulled a file out on the doomed ship *Edmund Fitzgerald*, that frequented Lorain's port.

"I catalog every item and file every article by number in my computer. Lighthouses around the country are part of my collection, which I keep up with by subscribing to the *Lighthouse Digest* magazine."

Lake Erie has always been close to Doane's heart. He was born and raised in the family home at

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1224 W. Erie Avenue, of which he has great memories.

"There were four of us boys in my family. My brothers were Robert and Neil, who are now both deceased, and Roger, who lives in Fort Meyers Beach, Fla.

"Where the K-Korner Ice Cream business is now was once a Sohio gasoline station. We kids would hang out over there, just for fun," recalled Doane.

"As we got older we began working in our dad's business, which was then located behind Lorain Banking Company, at Sixth Street and Broadway. The same year, Dad started his electrical business. Homes were going from gas lighting to electric, and it kept my father and his crew busy wiring new and old homes."

"I remember Dad talking about how busy he was after the 1924 tornado, wiring the new churches and businesses. Doane Electric's trademark was also left at St. Joseph Hospital, the first major construction of Lorain Telephone Company, Lorain Ford Assembly Plant, and Lorain Community Hospital."

Doane went to Irving and Lorain high schools and graduated with the class of 1943 in January, and entered Ohio University that February. By August, he was called to serve with the U.S. Navy and became an electrician's mate aboard the *USS Wichita*.

"I was discharged from the Navy in April or May of 1946, and three months later was back at Ohio U, where I graduated in 1949, and married that same year."

He married Patricia Blank of Lorain, the daughter of Dr. George Blank. Doane quickly found a job at National Tube Steel Mill. He didn't like changing

shifts, so he and his wife moved to Bellevue where Doane worked for a friend of his father, William C. Horn, who dealt in feed, fertilizer, and paints.

"That didn't last long either. I was back in Lorain in 1951 to work for my father," said Doane. "My wife and I had our first child while living in Bellevue, and when we got back to Lorain, we bought a home on Allison Avenue, where we had three more children. We moved again to Sixth Street and then to the home I'm in now. My wife died this past September, and I'm living here alone."

Doane's children are Jennifer Springer, Allentown, Pa.; Michael Doane, of Lorain; Priscilla Campbell, Ashland, Ky.; and Sara Alexin, Ashland, Ky.

Doane is one of the founders of Lorain's Black River Historical Museum, now located at Fifth Street and Reid Avenue.

"There were about 15 of us who put our heads together about a museum," said Doane. "In 1981, the (Black River) Historical Society became a reality. William Wicken's history of Lorain was a jumping board to get us started. We held our first meetings at First United Methodist Church. The Society ended up purchasing the elegant home of a former Lorain mayor in 1994, which was called The Moore House, filled it with Lorain memorabilia, and opened it as its museum."

Looking around his private office, Doane commented, "I probably have almost as much as they have," he said with a deep chuckle. "It takes a lot of work, and consequently, I spend a lot of time here in my office digging up information. I never find myself bored, and I'm glad."

## New Jersey-Pennsylvania-Maryland Chapter

The 2000 meeting of the NJ-PA-MD Chapter of the Doane Family Association of America, Inc., was held Nov. 4, at the Township House Restaurant in Newtown, Bucks County, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with 11 people in attendance.

**Old Business:** The Doane stone in Newtown is set deep in cement. A proposal has been made to cut it off and move it, but a state permit is needed. The next national reunion will be held in Bucks County, and it is hoped that the stone can be unveiled at that time.

**New Business:** Election of officers – Dorothy LoPresti motioned that the same officers remain in office at this time. Second by Dorothy Doan, motion passed.

Barbara Doane reported on the national reunion that was held at Doane College in Crete, Neb. The attendance at Doane College this time was not as large as previous reunions held there. A decision was made to hold the reunion there every 10 years. The 2002 reunion will be held

in Bucks County, Pa. Dave Harris is working with Dorothy Baker to find a location. One possible location mentioned was Delaware Valley College, with trips planned by Dave Harris. One half of the national officers' terms will be up in 2002. Limitations have been put on the number of consecutive terms an officer can serve.

A long discussion was held about chapter membership and what can be done to increase our membership and participation. Many ideas were discussed, including:

- Donna has put a message on an ancestry.com bulletin board.

- We need a fact sheet to send to interested people.
- Have the meetings earlier, either a picnic or at a firehouse or hall, to try to get people back who don't want the expense of a covered dish luncheon. At a park, we could reserve a pavilion in case of rain.

It was decided to have the next meeting Aug. 11, 2001.

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## Doane Truck For Sale

Jim and Alma Doane, Norval, Ontario, Canada, reported that a 1925 lowbed Doane truck, is for sale in Washington State. It was restored a number of years ago. The sheet metal is forest green and the frame is red. The deck is planked with varnished side stakes and the cab has an oak frame. It is a chain drive and has solid rubber tires. Asking price is approximately \$1,500. A similar truck may be viewed on the doanesupply.com website. Contact [ajdoane@castle.on.ca](mailto:ajdoane@castle.on.ca) for more information.

## Chapter minutes con't.

Donna Doan and Marion Simons will look into different parks. A map will be included with the meeting notice. People will be given the option of sending \$10 instead of bringing a dish. This will be easier for people who are coming a distance.

The Doane books are now available on disk from Kay Hartman.

The question was raised of whether we should have meetings every other year. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Doane

The 2001 meeting of the PA-NJ-MD Chapter was held Saturday, Aug. 11, by the lake at Core Creek Park, Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne (Bucks County), Pa. It adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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