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President's Message

Mary and I hope that each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a most prosperous New Year.

The New Year hopefully will bring us closer to finding the ancestry of Deacon John Doane. We have not given up hope, although we are not any closer to finding his family in the UK than we were 10 months ago. Learn more about this from Virgil Doan's article in the newsletter.

The New Year will also bring us closer to our 49th International DFA reunion to be held the end of July at the University of California at Davis. The committee, under the guidance of Chair Eunice Brabec, has met at the school and most of the arrangements have been finalized. I'm sure they could still fit in a couple more presentations, if anyone is interested. Her phone number and e-mail address is listed on the inside page, under Membership.

Cora Brodie (CAN) has advised me recently that she has already started the planning process for the 2008 International DFA reunion to be held outside Toronto. We're excited about going back to Canada again, after so many years. I'm sure it will turn out to be a good reunion.

Our financial condition continues to be favorable with decent growth in both our Endowment Account and our Book Account. Our long time Investment Broker, Peter Sykes, left UBS and started his own firm. We moved our account with him and we continue to get excellent advice from him. Our Book Account remains with Hilliard Lyons in Kentucky.

Our Doane Family Foundation, at Doane College, made scholarship awards to five Doane College students for the 2005-2006 school year. I received

very nice letters of thanks from each of these students, one of whom is a Doane. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to Doane Family Foundation, C/o Doane College, 1014 Boswell Ave., Crete, NE 68333, attention Janet Jeffries. Contributions to the fund make a good tax break.



Our 1st Vice President Ted Doane, Nebraska, attended a retirement party in July for Doane College President Fred Brown. Ted presented Fred with a plaque from the Association for our appreciation for all he has done for us during his tenure at Doane. I'm sure we will continue to see him at some of our reunions.

Speaking of Doane College, we certainly want to apologize for the delay in getting the 2004 Reunion *Proceedings* published. The college has gone through some real pains with a new computer system, the loss of two key persons at the college and the printing company.

Well, the golf course is closed for the winter, but I keep busy at other things. I drive veterans from the area to the VA Hospital in Phoenix every Tuesday, a 355 mile round-trip in the same day. I also work part time as Secretary of the Show Low Elks Lodge. So, guess I can take a break from golf until April. Have a wonderful winter.

Respectfully yours,
Dick Doane, President

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How many Jacobs? Or Why Historians get Grayer!

First: I was contacted by the Culberson family regarding a marriage of Jacob Doan and Anna Culberson. After looking at what we had in Volume II, I have come to the conclusion that what we have on Jacob is inaccurate and needs research. Our #597 lists Jacob Doan as marrying Hannah Stubbs and second maybe marrying Anna Culberson. I have been sent a picture of the gravestone for Jacob Doan, b. Aug. 11, 1760; d. June 15, 1850 and wife Hannah STUPP d. 1817 with two children: Jacob and Hannah, that is in the Doan Cemetery, Posey Township, Washington County, Indiana. It is #719 Jacob that 1m Hannah STUBBS and 2m. Elizabeth Livinston.

Now it gets better-I have documented material showing the marriage of Jacob Doan and Anna Culberson in Orange County, Indiana on 14 January 1820 and then they show up in Clinton County, Ohio in tax records in 1820 and he is listed until 1832; then she appears until 1850. After researching the Culberson family, I have learned that she was Anna McHenry, b. 1790 in Middletown, PA; 1m. Alexander Culberson (b. 1790, PA) between 1811 and 1813 (I have PA and KY). They had four children: James b. 1813, KY; Robert b. 1814, IN; George b. 1816, IN; Elizabeth b. 1819, IN. Alexander d. ca 1819, IN. This leaves Anna ca. thirty years old with four small children. So she marries Jacob and they have Hannah and two other children that are not confirmed by name. She and all the children, hers and theirs, appear in census records after 1832.

So why is this a problem? I have confirmed marriages for Jacob Doan with:

Anna Culberson 14 Jan. 1820, Orange County, IN (see above)

Nancy Rutherford 12 Dec. 1822, Warren County, IN (have been unable to find further inf.)

Nicey Manson 29 March 1836, Warren County, IN (have been unable to find further inf.)

Is this our Jacob or do we have several other Jacobs that we do not know about??

Second: Our Volume II, page 31 at the bottom says: viii Jacob 'emigrated to Illinois.' Wrong, Jacob should be iv. And I have not found him in Illinois. Rather, with the help of Melissa Daniellson and the people at LaSalle County Genealogy Guild along with Jim Collins, I have found Isaac iv under #719, and he did go to Illinois and joined other Doans there. He was born in Ohio in 1830; 1m Esther Snapp in 1851, LaSalle Cty.; 2m Cordelia Farnham 29 March 1860, LaSalle Cty.; d. 1870; 3m Eliza M. Burt 31 Dec. 1878, Ophir Twp, IL

Ch. 2m a.) Ulysses Grant Doan b. June 1865, IL; d. 11 Dec. 1922; m. Mrs. Mary E. (Ray) Jones 5 Dec. 1900; b.) Infant buried with mother

Ch. 3m c.) Rutherford Burt Doan b. 6 June 1881, IL; d. 12 July 1929, Eureka, IL; m. Cecile and had three children: Paul, Marjorie, and Dorothy. I found him through a letter that was in our files from R. Burt Doan in 1911.

If anyone has documented evidence about the above Doans, PLEASE contact me at kkblair31@aol.com or write to me.

—Submitted by Katherine Blair, DFA Historian

DNA Project Committee Report

The DNA project committee is still working to find an ancestor of Deacon John Doan in England. We are getting about a 10% response to the requests sent out. We will keep trying. We are getting some matches for those in the USA and Canada who want to confirm their connection to the Doan(e) line. That information was also slow at first but is now starting to increase. Any one wanting to participate in this project should go to "www.familytreedna.com" and read what can be done; they have a very good set of instructions available at their web site.

—Submitted by Virgil L Doan
Doane DNA Grant Administrator

Rediscovered Beethoven Manuscript once belonged to William Howard Doane

An authentic manuscript by Ludwig van Beethoven was rediscovered in the archives of the Palmer Theological Seminary outside Philadelphia in July. The manuscript last surfaced at an auction in Berlin in 1890, where it was purchased by Ohio industrialist and hymn writer, William Howard Doane. His daughter gave it and other manuscripts to a church in Philadelphia in 1952. It is not known how the manuscript came to be in the possession of the library. The manuscript is a work in progress for the "Grosse Fuge" in B flat major, one of Beethoven's most revolutionary works. It was auctioned on December 1 by Sotheby's in London for \$1.95 million to an anonymous buyer.



Pennsylvania Chapter Report – Doan Gang Marker Unveiled

The unveiling ceremony for the Doan Gang highway marker took place on Saturday, November 5th in Plumstead Township, PA. Representatives from the State Museum Commission and Plumstead Township Historic Commission planned a very nice ceremony to unveil the marker commemorating the

Doan Gang. The ceremony was enhanced by the presence of a live "outlaw" on horseback. Terry McNealy, local historian and author, spoke about the Doans in Bucks County during the Revolutionary war era. DFA Chapter members, neighbors, and history enthusiasts gathered as the marker was unveiled, and then adjourned to the Quaker meeting house for fresh cider and spice cookies.

A reporter from *The Herald*, a weekly newspaper, was in attendance to photograph the events and interview DFA members.

While at the unveiling, I spoke with some neighbors of the meeting house who had named their three dogs after the Doans; Abraham, Levi and Moses.

Next time you visit Bucks County, plan to see the marker, which is located on Point Pleasant Pike in Plumstead Township. The marker is located directly in front of the Plumstead Meeting House, where the outlaws are buried.

—Donna M. Doan
DFA Chapter President

An article on this event, entitled "Have You Heard: Convicted, Hanged, And Commemorated" appeared in the November 17 *Herald*. The article, which quotes Donna Doan, is posted at www.mcall.com.

The sign reads as follows:

The Doan Gang

In 1783 the PA State Government declared six Doan family members outlaws for robberies, burglaries, and felonies. During the Revolutionary War the Doans of Plumstead Township spied for and sold stolen horses to the British Army. They robbed the county treasury in 1781. Leader Moses was killed in a shootout, Abraham and Levi were hanged, Joseph Jr. and Aaron fled to Canada, and Mahlon disappeared. Three are buried nearby.



Southeast Ohio Doan Family Reunion

Descendants of William and Anna Doan met at the Lower Salem Community Building on October 2nd for their annual family reunion. There were 96 in attendance.

The tables were decorated with mums donated by Delmar Doan in memory of his daughter, Marcy Sargent. Pumpkins were also brought for the tables by Jean Doan and Carol Layner. A potluck dinner was served at noon, followed by a business meeting.

Jean Doan, president, presided over the business meeting. A memorial service for deceased relatives was conducted by Lila Hill. Relatives lit candles for the deceased as Lila read the names which included Mary Elizabeth Lauer Schenkel of Arizona; Martha L. Doan Pruney of Vienna, WV; Ollie L. Schafer of Lower Salem, OH, and Betty Carolyn Doan of Lowell, OH.

Marriages announced were Cynthia Dawn Arbaugh to Brad Wilson; Lacey Dawn Smithberger to Corey R. Dornon; and Amanda J. Hesson to Christopher J. Dunbarger. Births since our last reunion were Crystal Renae Woodward to Jim and Melinda Woodward;

Eliana Nichole Snyder to Randy and Julie Snyder; Keara Marie Haas to Dennis and Letha Haas; Henry John Porter to Chris and Darcie Porter; Alli Montana Sexton to Ronald and Billie Sexton; Alden Lee Robinson to Heather Marie Robinson and Aaron Lee Winer; and William Alan Palmer to Erik and Takako Sasaki Palmer.

Virgil Doan of Layton, Utah, explained to the group how DNA testing has made strides in identifying our ancestors. Doan ancestors came from England, and so far there has not been a match for anyone tested in the UK.

Prizes were awarded to Robert Doan, oldest male, Lila Hill, oldest female, Henry John Porter and Keara Marie Haas, youngest, both 8 months old. They were born on February 1st. The award for traveling the farthest was given to Virgil Doan from Layton, Utah.

Following the business meeting, bingo was enjoyed by the adults, and the children adjourned to the playground for games.

The reunion next year will be at the same location on October 1, 2006.

California del Norte Chapter

The California del Norte Chapter met in the Bixby Dormitory at the University of California at Davis on July 23 with 10 family members in attendance. Elizabeth Love of Oakland shared her family ties with her Great-Aunt Martha Doan of Westfield, Ohio, who was an acclaimed educator. In sharing this information, Wilma Doane discovered that she has common ancestors with Elizabeth along a non-Doane line.

We were hosted at lunch by Karl van Dessel, Director of Housing, and Alma Contreras, our liaison with Conference Services. After lunch we toured the dorm to look at the various rooms that would be appropriate for us to use for the 2006 Reunion. We walked to Wellman Hall where our family meetings will be held. Plans were made for the Chapter to participate in the 2006 reunion preparations. It was 103 degrees that day, very likely a taste of what it will like when we meet there next summer. All facilities are air-conditioned, the meals at the Segundo Common were excellent, and parking is very close in.

We were happy to have Ted Doane, and Ken and Wilma Doane in attendance at our reunion.

We look forward to meeting again in the summer of 2007.

—Submitted by Eunice Brabec,
President of California del Norte



~ OBITUARY ~

*Raymond Paul Doane
of Milan, Indiana, passed away on
November 7, 2005.*

*He was born on December 1, 1940
in Norwich, New York.*

*He was past Chaplain
of the Doane Family Association.*

*He is survived by his
wife of 26 years, Gerry Doane.*

*We extend our
deepest sympathies to his family.*



Great Lakes/Michigan Chapter

Twenty Doane family members enjoyed a gathering on July 30, 2005 for the second biennial reunion of the Great Lakes/Michigan Chapter of the DFA. Of course, there was plenty of delicious food brought in by the folks. The meeting took place once again at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church in Williamston, Michigan. There was plenty of time for renewing old friendships

and we met four new Doanes! Mary Ann Sindt told of the upcoming 2006 National DFA Reunion in Sacramento, CA. Cara Doane, President, started an after dinner conversation on finding Doanes all over the world, no matter where we travel. Many good stories came out. Our next reunion will be the last Saturday of July, 2007.



Oklahoma Chapter

Hello to all of our Doan(e)s across the U.S.A. Once again, your Oklahoma Doane families and those from the other states had a super annual reunion, and what a joyous time each of us had in Idabel, Oklahoma at our family museum. Attendance was great, new faces were seen, and at the end of the 2-day event we had just gotten started!

Come see us sometime—

Your Oklahoma Doan Families
—Submitted by Pat Doan Sullivan

The following article is excerpted from the October 19, 2005 edition of Idabel, Oklahoma's *McCurtain Daily Gazette*:

Doan Reunion a Success

The annual Doan family reunion was hosted at the Doan family museum in October, 2005. Family members from eight states were represented: Oregon, California, Arkansas, Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma.

The reunion began on a Friday evening with the traditional program of gospel singing. Special guests pianist Tom Williston and his family who provided music and song specials for the guests. On Saturday, the gathering began with coffee and doughnuts for the family, followed by registration and visitation. Tours of the family

reunion museum began and many new faces were present. At noon, the potluck lunch was served and included many family recipes by the Doan men and women cooks.

A special presentation was made to program director Pat Doan Sullivan, of the early 1900s Justice of the Peace Record Book, which belonged to her grandfather Willie Jadie Doane. He was the justice of the peace for the southeast McCurtain County community of Jadie. The presentation was made by Will Jadie's daughter, Lois Doan Brady, and her son Jerry Brady. The volume will be placed in the family museum.

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Chair Eunice Brabec and her committee have been very busy over the past few months working on the facility arrangements and setting the daily schedule of events. A variety of fun and interesting activities are planned including interesting genealogical discussions, historical presentations, the general meeting and tours to Sutter's Fort, the Tractor Museum, Empire Mine, a winery, and Coloma State Park. Watch your mail in early spring for a detailed registration brochure.

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