



# The Doane Family News

Volume XXIV, Number 1

Spring 2014



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April, 2014

Hello all Cousins and Friends,

Much has happened since our last newsletter. Your reunion committee has been working hard on making the upcoming Saginaw, Michigan reunion a great success, and by now you should have received the brochure with the reunion registration form included. It would be great if we could have as many attendees or more that enjoyed the reunion on Cape Cod in 2012.

We have mourned the passing of a past president, Erma Phillips, and of two of our current officers, First Vice-President, Ted H. Doane and Historian, Katherine K. Blair. In addition we lost the spouses of Janet Jeffries and Mary Ann Sindt. We will miss the great support and the time that these stalwart workers have given our family association over these many years.

Your president spent four days in Sterling, Virginia sorting out the Doane Family Association of America, Inc. records in Kay's home with the help of John Blair, Kay's son. Also, Brian and Ann Doane came from New Hampshire to assist in this project.

A box was shipped to Richard T. Doane (TX) of items relating to the most earliest time frame. A box of items was shipped to me of things that needed to be reviewed and to decide if some items need to go someplace else. A box, containing the three big printouts of Volume I, Volume II and beyond and The Unclassified People, was shipped to Linda Doane who will make this available in the research room at the Saginaw Reunion, and arrangements were made to ship three boxes of items along with three 4-drawer file cabinets to Doane College, Crete, Nebraska to be housed in the archives room. We also put 8 boxes of items into a climate controlled storage facility in Sterling, VA awaiting for the appointment of the person who will take over Kay Blair's position, at which time these will be shipped to that person.

I downloaded onto an external hard drive the Doane information that was on Kay's computer, and brought it home, along with several USB drives filled with Doane family information. This will be sorted and the information pertaining to the future publication of Volume III of *The Doane Family* kept separate and ultimately sent to the person appointed to take over Kay's responsibilities. There will be a period of time while the new historian becomes familiar with the computer programs and the data entered therein, and then move forward with finalizing the information for Volume III. It is our intent that we will close out the addition of more material and go to the printer with what we now have indexed. Obviously, Volume IV is the next step.

We are anticipating seeing many of you in Saginaw where we will all be able to visit with "cousins" and friends, and maybe you will be able to further your genealogy research.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth M. Doane*

## INSIDE

DFA Officers & Committees .....	2	Clarence Ellsworth Doane.....	5
DFA Reunion Fast Approaching .....	3	In Memory—Two DFA Leaders .....	5
Deacon John Doane Research Committee.....	3	On The Way To Michigan.....	6-7
Doane Family Association Authors.....	3	Doane Family Association Publications.....	8
Chapter News.....	4		

# DFA OFFICERS, 2012-2014

## PRESIDENT EMERITA

Dorothy Doan Baker  
4 Creek Ridge  
Pittsford, NY 14534  
585-385-6381

## PRESIDENT

Kenneth M. Doane  
15917 NE Union Rd #40  
Ridgefield, WA 98642  
360-574-7670  
[doane.ken@gmail.com](mailto:doane.ken@gmail.com)

## HISTORIAN

**VACANT**

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT

**VACANT**

## SECRETARY

Debbie Doane-Dunn  
19716 NE Erion Road  
Battle Ground, WA  
98604-9624  
360-696-2109  
[tonksrule@gmail.com](mailto:tonksrule@gmail.com)

## TREASURER

Ralph P. Anderson  
433 Baldwin Rd  
Carlisle, MA 01741  
978-369-9672  
[ralph.anders@comcast.net](mailto:ralph.anders@comcast.net)

## CHAPLAIN

William (Bill) Fineout  
630 Moorland Dr.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-332-8651  
[wfineout@att.net](mailto:wfineout@att.net)

## REGIONAL

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Jane Doane Anderson  
433 Baldwin Road  
Carlisle, MA 01741  
978-369-9672  
[jane.anders@comcast.net](mailto:jane.anders@comcast.net)

## Eunice Brabec

461 Dellbrook Ave.  
South San Francisco, CA  
94080  
650-583-4985  
[a57graduate@astound.net](mailto:a57graduate@astound.net)

## Cora Brodie

75 Southdale Drive  
Markham, ONT, CAN  
L3P1J9  
905-471-9060  
No e-mail address

## Derek Done

13 Harwood Rd.  
Marlow, Buck, SL72AR  
United Kingdom  
[derek.done@binternet.com](mailto:derek.done@binternet.com)

## Carol Doane

3511 Edgewood Drive  
Vancouver, WA 98661  
360-910-4610  
[pearlofcarol@gmail.com](mailto:pearlofcarol@gmail.com)

## Richard T. Doane

103 Vinca Drive  
Georgetown, TX 78628  
512-868-5533  
[doansx1@msn.com](mailto:doansx1@msn.com)

## James T. Doane

228 Brook Rd.  
Milton, MA 02186  
617-696-8962  
[itd@boselec.com](mailto:itd@boselec.com)

## Joanne E. Dow

835 Windsor Forest Drive  
Altoona, WI 54720  
715-832-3796  
[irjedow@charter.net](mailto:irjedow@charter.net)

## Beverly Doane Healey

32 Spyglass Ridge  
Stittsville, Ottawa,  
Ontario Canada K2S 1R6  
613-831-5809  
[beved@rogers.com](mailto:beved@rogers.com)

## Linda M. Doane

4755 Aldun Ridge #208  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
616-784-2762  
[lidoane@att.net](mailto:lidoane@att.net)

## Todd Doane

1508 Sundance Circle  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
(972) 394-2171  
[todd@3008.com](mailto:todd@3008.com)

## Jody Kerksenbrock

1424 Grove Avenue  
Crete, NE 68333  
402-826-3390  
[jk42241@windstream.net](mailto:jk42241@windstream.net)

## Mary Ann Sindt

58052 Avery Rd.  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
269-244-5480  
[m\\_sindt@yahoo.com](mailto:m_sindt@yahoo.com)

## Dr. James E. Doan

7211 SW 42nd Ct.  
Davie, FL 33314  
954-262-8207  
[doan@nova.edu](mailto:doan@nova.edu)

## Jane MacDuff

2618 Occidental Drive  
Vienna, VA 22180  
(703)560-8928  
[janemacduff@verizon.net](mailto:janemacduff@verizon.net)

## Craige Rogers

76 1/2 Pomeroy Street  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 299-4499  
[mrogers7@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:mrogers7@twcnv.rr.com)

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2012-2014

## NOMINATIONS

Brian Doane, chair  
11 McQuesten Circle  
Litchfield, NH 03052  
603-424-6912  
[bhdoane@comcast.net](mailto:bhdoane@comcast.net)

## MEMBERSHIP

Jane MacDuff, chair  
2618 Occidental Drive  
Vienna, VA 22180  
(703)560-8928  
[janemacduff@verizon.net](mailto:janemacduff@verizon.net)  
Joey Fikar (Doane College)

## PUBLICATIONS

Janet Jeffries, chair  
Doane College  
1014 Boswell Ave.  
Crete, Nebraska 68333  
402-826-8234  
[janet.jeffries@doane.edu](mailto:janet.jeffries@doane.edu)  
Mary Ann Doane Sindt, MI  
Richard E. "Dick" Doane, AZ  
Joyce Jeffries, NE  
Todd Doane, TX

## REUNIONS

Janet Jeffries, Liaison  
Doane College  
1014 Boswell Ave.  
Crete, Nebraska 68333  
402-826-8234  
[janet.jeffries@doane.edu](mailto:janet.jeffries@doane.edu)  
Mary Ann Doane Sindt, MI  
Linda M. Doane, MI  
William H. Fineout, MI  
William S. Gaus, MI  
Arlene Thompson, MI  
Richard E. "Dick" Doane, AZ

## PRESERVATION OF GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

**PENDING**

Virgil Doan, UT  
Maureen Scott, ONT  
Samantha Gale, MI  
Kenneth M. Doane, WA

## CUSTODIAN OF THE BOOKS

Linda M. Doane, chair  
4755 Aldunridge N.W. #208  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
616-784-2762  
[lidoane@att.net](mailto:lidoane@att.net)  
Janet Jeffries (Doane College)  
Janis Mitchell (Doane College)

## ARCHIVES

Albert Doane, chair  
107 Idlewood Drive  
Amherst OH 44001  
440-988-2320  
[acdoane@centurytel.net](mailto:acdoane@centurytel.net)  
Duane Doane, OK  
James T. Doane, MA  
Janet Jeffries (Doane College)

## MEMORIAL

William (Bill) Fineout (MI) chair  
630 Moorland Dr.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-332-8651  
[wfineout@att.net](mailto:wfineout@att.net)  
Eunice Brabec, CA

## AUDIT

Russell Brabec, chair  
4461 Dellbrook Ave.  
South San Francisco, CA  
94080  
650-583-4985  
[czechfriend@astound.net](mailto:czechfriend@astound.net)  
Brian Doane, NH

## INVESTMENTS

Kenneth M. Doane, chair  
15917 NE Union Rd #40  
Ridgefield, WA 98642  
360-574-7670  
[doane.ken@gmail.com](mailto:doane.ken@gmail.com)  
Richard E. "Dick" Doane, AZ  
Ralph P. Anderson, MA

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Richard E. "Dick" Doane, chair  
3888 Mark Twain Drive  
Pinetop, AZ 85935  
602-317-8827  
[rdoane54@gmail.com](mailto:rdoane54@gmail.com)  
Betty M. Goodrich, MN  
Dr. James E. Doan, FL

## DOANE FAMILY FOUNDATION

Richard (Dick) Doane, president  
3888 Mark Twain Drive  
Pinetop, AZ 85935  
602-317-8827  
[rdoane54@gmail.com](mailto:rdoane54@gmail.com)  
Jane Doane Anderson (MA),  
secretary/treasurer  
Kenneth M. Doane (WA), director  
Dr. Jacque Carter (Doane College),  
director/registered agent

## WEBMASTER

Jane Doane Anderson  
433 Baldwin Rd  
Carlisle, MA 01741  
978-369-9672  
[jane.anders@comcast.net](mailto:jane.anders@comcast.net)

## DEACON JOHN DOANE RESEARCH

Richard T. "Dick" Doane, chair  
103 Vinca Drive  
Georgetown, TX 78663  
[doansx1@msn.com](mailto:doansx1@msn.com)  
Derek Done, UK  
Kenneth M. Doane, WA  
Jane Doane Anderson, MA  
Stephen Anderson, NJ  
Melissa Danielsson, GA  
Robert Desjardins, ALB  
Dr. James E. Doan, FL  
Virgil L. Doan, UT  
Brian Doane, PA  
James T. Doane, MA  
Marshall G. Doane, MA  
Richard E. "Dick" Doane, AZ  
Sylvia Doane-LaVigne, VA  
Brian Huseland, WA  
Steven W Morrison, WA  
Maureen Scott, ONT  
Arlene Thompson, MI  
Marilyn Winton Totten, KS  
Lyndall H. Winters, ONT  
Janet Jeffries, Doane College

# The 2014 DFA Reunion is Fast Approaching!

## Are You Registered?

The energetic reunion planning team of the Great Lakes/Michigan DFA Chapter continues to work hard on last minute details of our July event. By now we hope all of you have had a chance to study the reunion registration flyer, and have it completed and mailed to registration headquarters via Brian and Ann Doane in New Hampshire.

The reunion will be a wonderful time of getting acquainted and reacquainted with your Doane family cousins. This is the place to connect with all branches of the family, and learn about the history and antics of our Doanes. In addition to the meetings and presentations, there will be plenty of time for socializing and sharing family information with participants. Even if you arrive not knowing any of the cousins, you will leave feeling very much a part of our larger family!

Please don't forget about past DFA president Dick Doane's famous talent/variety show. That activity will be Wednesday evening July 23. The Doanes are a talented group and this venue, usually coupled with a hymn sing-a-long, is a good way to share your talents and perhaps be discovered! These regular reunion hymn sings showcase the Doane hymn writers who are part of the Doane family legacy. So dust off your instruments and/or dancing shoes, pack up some show and tell, and call Dick at (602) 317-8827 to let him know you would like to participate.

The optional tours to Frankenmuth and The Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village will give reunion participants a chance to visit these important Michigan sites. Please consider joining the group for these activities.

Lodging is very close to the group activity and dining spaces. There are virtually no steps or uneven terrains to navigate on campus.

If you have misplaced your registration form, don't have access to it on-line, have questions about the reunion, or are worried that the deadline to register has passed, please email [dfa2014@gmail.com](mailto:dfa2014@gmail.com) or call Brian and Ann Doane at (603) 424-6912. Every effort will be made to accommodate your requests.

## Deacon John Doane Research Committee

In response to our Y-DNA report in the Fall 2013 issue of the *Doane Family News*, an interesting e-mail was received from DFA life member, Colin Doane, from El Pasco, TX. Colin's father, Francis H. Doane, is #1288 in Vol. II of *The Doane Family*. Colin was stationed in Vietnam in 1968-69 and worked with some Vietnamese army officers and learned that there were a few Doans in the general population. Mr. Doane went on to explain that in the Orient the surname is the first name and the given name the last. "When they emigrate, however, they usually reverse their customary order to avoid confusion".

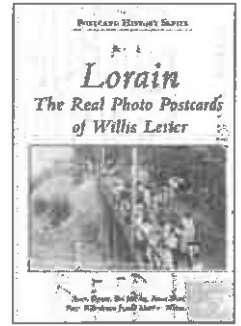
Further, to the only Canadian who met the criteria for Y-DNA testing - Roger Done, from BC, Canada, did not match our Deacon John Done and the ancestral signature of his three sons.

The search continues. Maureen Scott, Ontario  
Member, DFA Research Committee

## DOANE FAMILY ASSOCIATION AUTHORS

### Albert Doane Co-Authors Book on Lorain, Ohio

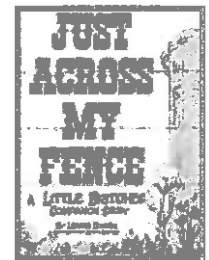
A new pictorial book on Lorain, Ohio is now available thanks in part to the efforts of Lorain historian, and DFA member and archives committee chair, Albert Doane. The book, released in January by Arcadia Publishing Company as part of the Postcard History Series, features the photo postcards of Willis Leiter, long-time Lorain studio and on-site photographer. Leiter opened his studio about 1901 and continued to make photographs for several decades. Through these high-quality photographs, turned postcards, Leiter chronicles the history of Lorain, particularly the role that ship-building and steelmaking played in the city's history. Co-author Albert Doane collaborated with Leiter postcard collectors and descendants, and also co-author Paula Shorf to produce the 128-page pictorial book. Albert also has a personal connection to photographer Leiter in that his aunt and uncle, Claremont and Hildegard Doane, partnered with Leiter, his wife, and son Earl, to form the Leiter Studio Company.



Arcadia Publishing Company, based in South Carolina, specializes in local history books. The company was formed in 1993 and has 8,500 titles to its credit. Arcadia is most famous for its Images of America Series. Arcadia books are available in bookstores and on-line.

### Leanne Doane Conner and *Just Across My Fence*

Author Leanne Doane Conner of Colorado, who descends from George Clair Doane (1898-1960 -#1178 Vol. 2) is a lover of pioneer history. As a child, she became fascinated with the book *Little Britches*, written in 1950, and others by author Ralph Moody. Moody set *Little Britches* in Colorado and weaved tales of Moody family members and their lives on the ranch. Conner was reared just four miles from where *Little Britches* takes place further fueling her passion to learn more about Moody, his life and work.



Conner has written a study guide to *Little Britches*, called *Just Across My Fence*, that is multi-faceted. *Little Britches* contains many moral lessons making for good discussion, and in her book, Leanne suggests many activities and discussion points to further understand Moody family experiences and the history and culture of Colorado. Families may use Leanne's book to build togetherness by reading *Little Britches* aloud, and then, using *Just Across My Fence* as a guide, have conversations and do activities that relate to various aspects of the Moody book. Leanne's *Just Across My Fence* is being used in home school curricula, in public school classrooms, and by senior citizens as a way to reminisce. It includes projects and discussion points on Colorado history, literature, recipes, related scriptures, writing assignments, vocabulary words and more. DVD supplements contain photos of sites in *Little Britches*, and how-to videos about ranching tasks and crafts. Further information is available at [www.JustAcrossMyFence.com](http://www.JustAcrossMyFence.com)

# Chapter News

## Great Lakes/Michigan Chapter

The reunion committee of the Michigan Chapter has been busy for almost two years getting ready for your visit to our wonderful state July 21-26, 2014. We have some fun trips planned, and some interesting history to share.

The talent night is always a big hit. Please remember to contact Dick Doane at rdoane54@gmail.com to let him know what you would like to share. It can be a reading, song, instrument, skit, or whatever moves you!!!! It is fun and entertaining. We will have a full keyboard for those who need it. You will not want to miss the trips to Frankenmuth, Bronner's Christmas Store, and Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum. And there are a lot of things to do in the Saginaw/Midland area.

The accommodations at Saginaw Valley State University are very modern -- and the food is delish!!! So, come visit us in July and we will show you a very good time.

Reunion committee members are:

Mary Ann Doane-Sindt	Bill Gaus
Arlene Thompson	Janet Jeffries
Bill Fineout	Dick Doane (AZ)
Linda Doane	Ann and Brian Doane

## Great Plains DFA Chapter

The Great Plains DFA Chapter met in April. The meeting was held in Crete, Nebraska at Doane College, and included a light lunch. Chapter president John Doan, of Wichita, led the group through a discussion regarding the bylaws that are being prepared for presentation at the July national meeting in Saginaw.

The chapter made plans for increasing membership, and also discussed ideas for events that might be of interest to the group, including an "Antiques Road Show" activity. Several members are hoping to attend the national reunion this summer, and heard details about that event.

The mailing list for the Great Plains DFA Chapter includes Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and the Dakotas. The chapter plans to rotate its meeting locations to make it convenient for more people to participate. Another meeting is under consideration for the fall in order to keep the momentum going.

In attendance at Doane College were chapter president John Doan, and his grandson Luke, of Kansas, Alice Doane, Nancy Doane Brot, Pat Doane Hanson, Jody Kerssenbrock, Leslie Mueller, Suzy Cochnar, Valerie Cochnar, Janis Mitchell, and Janet Jeffries all of Nebraska.



## Ontario Chapter

The Ontario DFA Chapter continues to meet each September at the historic Sharon Temple Museum Society complex. After meetings, the group usually visits the Temple and other Quaker sites on the grounds. Ontario Doan(e)s are closely connected to the Temple through Ebenezer Doan (#95, Vol. 1) whose family settled north of Toronto in the late 18th century. Ebenezer's descendants were builders of the Temple that was constructed for founder and leader of the Children of Peace, David Willson, in 1832. After the York County Pioneer and Historical Society bought the Temple and grounds in 1917, other significant buildings were moved to the site, including David Willson's study, the 1819 home of Ebenezer Doan, and a log house associated with Jesse Doan, bandmaster of the Children of Peace. Current projects underway include rebuilding the rubble stone foundation of the Ebenezer Doan house and repair of the log house. The Temple was restored in 2011. DFA 2008 national reunion participants will remember our visit to the Sharon Temple grounds during one of the tours. Sharon Temple has a website and Facebook page. Several Ontario members are planning to attend the reunion in Saginaw.

--Cora Brodie

## Gentry Doane Awarded Fulbright Grants

Gentry Doane, son of Terry and Lanette Doane of Ansley, Nebraska, was awarded two prestigious Fulbright grants this spring - one to Germany and the second to Austria. Gentry, a Doane College senior, chose Germany and will be teaching English language and culture in that country in the fall.

Gentry majored in German and Spanish and has a communications minor. He descends from George Washington Doane (#751, Vol. 2). Participants in the 2010 DFA reunion in Crete, Nebraska, will remember that the group stopped at George W. Doane's country church and cemetery on the homestead tour, had snacks, and even sang a hymn at his graveside. Gentry's cousin Todd Doane, a regional DFA vice president in Texas, designed our DFA logo.

Doane College has a legendary tradition with the Fulbright awards. Since 1951, sixty-one Doane College students have received this honor, a phenomenal achievement for a small college. The application process is long and arduous, and competition is difficult. Interested students often begin working toward this goal in their first year under the guidance of Doane College faculty members.



Gentry Doane and his mother Lanette

## Clarence Ellsworth Doane, of Mentone, Indiana and later, Lorain, Ohio



Clarence Ellsworth Doane, 1923

Since the last issue of *The Doane News* had an article about the Civil War and the Doanes of Massachusetts, I thought I would share my story of my Great grandfather in the Indiana regiment of the Civil War.

In a *Lorain Times Herald* newspaper, Lorain, Ohio, an article appeared in 1923. In it my Great-grandfather, Clarence Ellsworth Doane, tells his story of his Civil War experiences. When Clarence was a little past 13 years old he enlisted in the Civil War as a drummer boy. His father, Norman, was already in the service. Clarence enlisted in April 1861 at Quincy, Illinois, with his mother's consent, at the first call for troops in Company A, Second Illinois Infantry, under the command of General Prentice.

In the battle of Wilson's Creek his drum was pierced by bullets. It was during this battle that Clarence Doane took the straps and gun of a dead soldier and made a private of himself. Clarence also told that General Lyons fell less than 50 feet from him in one battle.

A short time later Clarence Doane and his entire company were taken prisoner by Price's men, in Lexington, Missouri, but owing to the difficulty of sending prisoners south they were paroled for one year and sent home. During the interval between his discharge and re-enlistment, Clarence served an apprenticeship at the carriage-ironing trade at Fort Wayne, Indiana and graduated from Fort Wayne Commercial College.

In August 1864, Clarence reenlisted in Company E, One hundred and Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and was assigned to duty in the army of the Cumberland. He took an active part in the battles of Franklin, Tennessee, Duck River, Ruliford's Creek, and Nashville, Tennessee. The battle at Nashville was the most important engagement in which he participated during his last years of service. Clarence was never wounded in battle but while cleaning his gun after the battle of Nashville, he accidentally touched the trigger and a piece of the bullet cap flew into his left eye.

His Bureau of Pensions papers of May 1912 indicate that as a Private In Company E 142nd Regiment; Indiana Infantry, he was paid \$13.50 per month in 1912, and \$15.50 per month in 1913, and \$19.00 per month in 1917; \$22.50 per month from August 1922. More papers issued in 1920 indicate that he was paid \$72.00 per month commencing in April 1925. Not bad for a Private! He was given a very large headstone monument in Lorain's City cemetery, compliments of the Federal Government, for having served in the Civil War.

After the Civil War, in 1866, Clarence went to Coesse, Indiana, where he was engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages. The next year, May 1867, he engaged in the sale of agricultural implements at Etna, Indiana. Here he got married in 1869 and started a family. But his wife, Emily James, died in child birth of a little girl and died in 1875. He remarried in 1876 and had my Grandfather, Clarmont Edwin Doane in 1877 at Etna, Indiana, and four more to follow. Clarence brought the family to Lorain, Ohio, in 1894 for some inexplicable reason.

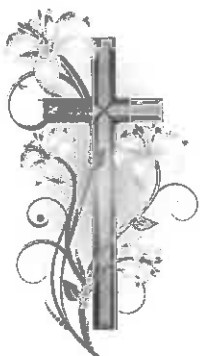
In 1923, at the time of this newspaper article in the *Lorain Times Herald*, he was 76 years of age and said he felt like 35. Now in retirement, most of his spare time was spent writing poetry and articles for publication he said.



Elmwood Cemetery  
Lorain, Ohio

Jane Meitzke MacDuff

### *In Memory -- Two DFA Leaders*



First Vice President **Dr. Ted H. Doane**, age 83, passed away February 18, 2014 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ted was a native of Oklahoma and enjoyed a long career as a professor in the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska (UNL). Ted and his wife Alice, were also heavily involved in extension, 4-H, and FFA work. Ted received many teaching honors and awards and served on many UNL committees during his long career. He was also Nebraska State Grange Master at the time of his death, and advisor for the Block and Bridle Club, the Waverly United Methodist Church and the America Legion. Ted and Alice were active sheep growers on their farm in rural Lancaster County. He is survived by his wife Alice, and two daughters and their families.

DFA Historian and Genealogist, **Katherine "Kay" Blair**, age 83 died March 11, 2014 at her home in Sterling, Virginia. Kay was a retired college professor, a member of the DAR, and the tireless, hardworking historian for the Doane family. She was laboring diligently, with her committee, on volume 3 of *The Doane Family* at the time of her death. In addition to her work in education and with the Doane family, Kay was an animal lover, and was actively involved with the American Kennel Club and also with the Federation of Dog Owners and Breeders. She is survived by two sons.

# On The Way to Michigan

By James Thomas Doane, Milton, MA

I have never been to Michigan. I don't think that I have even flown over Michigan on an airplane. The plan is to go to Michigan for reunion with the Doane Family at Saginaw in July. We haven't decided if we are going to get there by airplane or if we are going to drive. No matter which of those ways we travel we can get there in less than a whole day. That will be astonishing to those who arrived there in those early days before Michigan became a state in 1837. For some it would take a whole season to travel from the east. For others they would make their way to Michigan over generations. This was the way for one branch of the Doane family who settled in Jefferson County, Michigan when it was still in territory status.

Elisha Doane (#61 A.A. Doane) was born at Eastham, MA in 1724 eighty years after Englishmen first settled there. He was the eldest child born to Jonathan Doane and Martha Higgins. Elisha Doane descended from three of the first settlers of the town, Deacon John Doane, Edward Bangs, and Richard Higgins, and he was a great-great grandson of Mayflower passenger Joseph Rogers. According to A.A. Doane he learned the blacksmith trade from his father. His first wife was named Mary and she was the mother of his six children.

When trouble arises between the colonies and Great Britain Elisha is a man of fifty plus years. He takes a commission as captain in the 2nd Barnstable Regiment of the Massachusetts militia in April 1776. He commands the 6th Co. or second Eastham Company. In 1779 there is record of him purchasing 135 acres in Brookfield, MA. Why did Elisha leave Eastham during the throes of a war for independence? A.A. Doane states that this Elisha was in debt to his wealthy cousin Col. Elisha Doane of Wellfleet, but he doesn't mention a source for this statement nor at what point in time this occurs.

Brookfield, MA is about 150 miles west of Eastham, MA on the roads of today. Back in the last decades of the 18th century the travel would have been less direct. Brookfield was a town that the Old Post Road passed through from Boston to Springfield, MA. Elisha would have traveled from Eastham on the old King's Highway, which is the Route 6a of today. He probably would have traveled north through Plymouth and would have had to of made his way west to hook up with the Post Road. Depending on how much gear he had, he could have taken a packet ship from Eastham to Boston and then traveled on the Post Road from there.

The Nipmuc, an Algonquin speaking Native American tribe, lived in this area of fresh water ponds called Quaboug. The first English settlers to the area came about 1660 from the coastal Massachusetts town of Ipswich. These English settlers named the area Brookfield. In 1675 the settlement at Brookfield was attacked by allies of Metacomet (King Philip), the sachem of the Wampanoag. Those who survived the attack left the area for safety. After the end of King Philip's War people slowly returned to the Brookfield area. Brookfield was officially incorporated as a town in 1718. By the time Elisha Doane (#61) arrived the town of Brookfield had a population of around 2,700. Before the end of the 18th century, Brookfield would be home to other members of the Doane family, such as Benjamin Doane (#58) and David Doane (#66). In 1794, Elisha's younger brother Nathan (#65) would sell their father's

house in Eastham and purchase farmland in Brookfield. In the 1798 Massachusetts Direct Tax Census, Elisha is living in the South Parish of Brookfield north of Town Road. His one story dwelling is 1,064 square feet, has eight windows, and is valued at \$350 dollars.

Elisha's two oldest sons Oliver (#142) and Amos (#143) would follow their father to the Brookfield area, but would later remove and head northeast to Maine. His third son Nathan (#144) probably went with his father to Brookfield. He would remain there all his life and some of his descendants could be found in Brookfield records for some time to come. The fourth son, Elisha Doane Jr. (#145), was born at Eastham in 1770 and was a young boy when his father settled in Brookfield. Elisha Doane Jr. married Ebiel Slayton of Brookfield in 1790.

At some point in the 1790s, Elisha and Ebiel left Brookfield, MA and settled in Calais, a town in Washington County, Vermont. Calais is about 150 miles north of Brookfield, MA and would have meant better than 200 miles of travel at that time. The Abenaki had lived on this land for thousands of years before the French first set eyes on it early in the 17th century. After the Treaty of 1763, when France ceased a claim on the land, settlers from both New York and New Hampshire had competing claims on the land. Some New Hampshire colonist with land claims formed the famous Green Mountain Boys organized to promote their claims and harass those with land titles from the New York colony. During the Revolutionary War, the Green Mountain Boys were instrumental in the capture of British held forts and helped revive the spirits of patriots in all the colonies. Vermont was admitted into the United States as the 14th State in 1791. Within the next decade the population of Vermont had doubled.

Elisha Jr. and Ebiel had a number of children, but it is unclear how many they had, or where they were born. A.A. Doane has his sons Elisha (#326) and Hiram (#327) born in Brookfield in 1796 and 1799 respectively. In the 1800 U.S. Federal Census Elisha Jr. is living in Calais, Vermont with two males under the age of ten, and three females under the age of ten. Another son, Benjamin, was born in Calais in 1804, followed by son Orson (#328) in 1807. About the year 1811 the family of Elisha Doane Jr. picked up their gear and headed 300 miles south west across the New York State border past Utica and Syracuse to settle at the new town of Mentz in Cayuga County, New York. I can only imagine how long that might have taken on the roads of the day. It is probable that they may have traveled some of those miles on rivers in flat boats or barges.

Mentz, New York is a small town that was formed from a part of the town of Aurelius and incorporated in 1808. It is some 30 miles west of Syracuse and just south of the Seneca River. A number of new settlers arrived in the area of Mentz at about the same time as the family of Elisha Doane, Jr. left New England. Shortly before Elisha Jr. left Vermont his father Capt. Elisha Doane died at the age of nearly 86 years in the town of Spencer, MA.

There are seven persons living in the household of Elisha Jr. in the 1820 U.S. Federal Census for Mentz, New York. Based on the age categories of the census, joining Elisha Jr. and his

wife Ebiel would have been sons Hiram, Benjamin, and Orson and daughters Polly and Asenaith. The eldest son Elisha III (#326) had undoubtedly traveled with his father from Vermont, but by the time of this census he had left Cayuga County, New York. According to A.A. Doane Elisha III had served in the War of 1812, and had relocated to Huron County, Ohio in 1818. Huron County is west of Cleveland, just south of Lake Erie, and less than 100 miles southeast from the border of Michigan. In 1822 Elisha III married Chloe Miller in Lyme, Ohio. Four children were born to Elisha and Chloe in Lyme, Ohio.

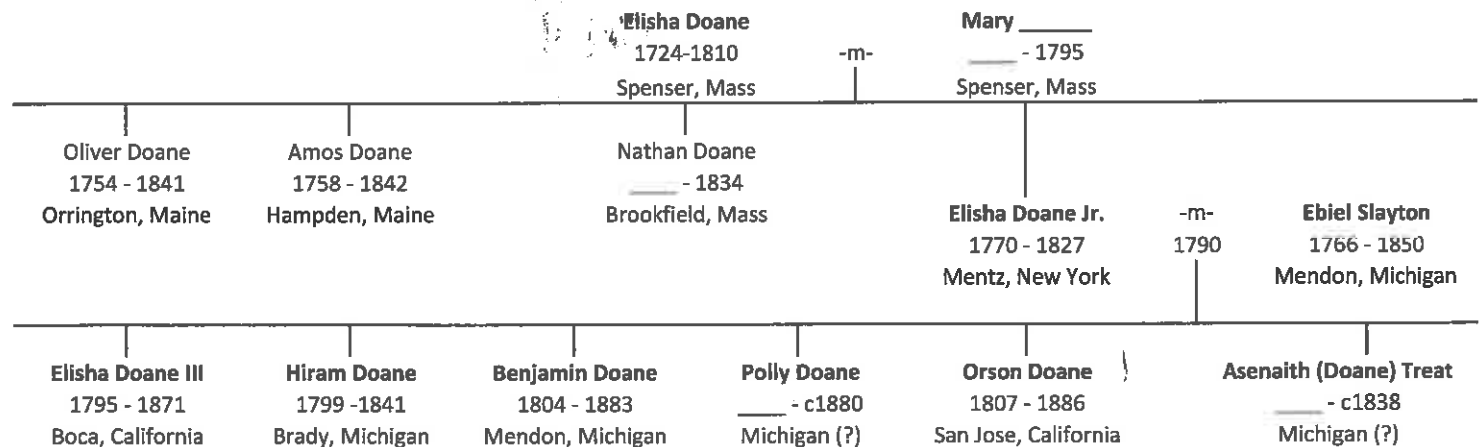
The original inhabitants of the area that became the State of Michigan were the Algonquin speaking Potawatomi to the west, the Sauk and Fox in the East, and the Ojibwe in the North. The first Europeans to explore the area were the French in 1618. In 1701 the French under Antoine Cadillac founded the early European settlement of Fort Pontchartrain, which later became the City of Detroit. After the French and Indian War in 1763 the area was ceded to the British. Following the American War for Independence and the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the British renounced their claim to this land. In 1805 the Territory of Michigan was created by President Thomas Jefferson. The 1820s saw new roads being built into the interior of the territory and the first public land sales were held. With the completion of the Erie Canal through New York State in 1825 the sons and daughters of New England and New York began traveling to and settling the Michigan Territory. The non-native population of Michigan in 1820 was about 9,000, and by 1830 it had reached over 30,000.

The children of Elisha Doane Jr. and Ebiel Slayton were some of those early English speaking settlers in Michigan. Elisha III (#326) was one of the first settlers in Kalamazoo County in

the southwestern part of the territory in 1829. Sometime in the early 1830s, their sons Hiram (#327) and Benjamin have settled in the Michigan Territory. Orson (#328), the youngest son, married Betsey Ann Farr at Mentz, New York in 1830. In the summer of 1834 Orson Doane and his young family traveled the nearly 600 miles from Cayuga County, New York to St. Joseph County, Michigan Territory. More than likely traveling with him were his unmarried sister Polly and his widowed mother Ebiel. Elisha Doane Jr., born in Eastham, MA, died at Mentz, New York in May of 1827 at the age of 57 years.

All five of the adult children of Elisha and Ebiel would make their way to Mendon, Michigan, in St. Joseph County not far from the southern Michigan border with Indiana. Elisha III would setup two saw mills in town, while brothers Hiram and Orson were farmers and stone masons. Fifty years had passed from the time that Elisha Doane, Sr. (#61) had left Eastham, MA with his family to when his grandson Elisha III had first settled in Michigan. Much living and travelling had occurred for this family and the country in those intervening years. Michigan would become the 26th state of the union on January 26, 1837.

Elisha III, ever on the move, would find his way to Boca, California, where he died in 1871 at the age of 75 years. Brother Hiram would die young at the age of 42 years in 1841 leaving behind his widow Charlotte and five children. Orson Doane, like his brother Elisha, would leave Michigan and travel to California, where he died at the home of his eldest daughter Cornelia in 1886 at the age of 79 years. Some of Orson's descendants still reside in St. Joseph County, Michigan. Former DFA President Dick Doane of Arizona and his sister Mary Ann Sindt of Michigan descend from Orson through his son Elisha.



# DOANE FAMILY ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOKS

	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Volume 1 <i>The Doan(e) Family</i> .....	_____	at \$30.00 each postpaid.....
Volume 2 <i>The Doan(e) Family</i> .....	_____	at \$33.00 each postpaid.....
<i>Doane Families of South-Western Ontario</i> .....	<b>OUT OF PRINT</b>	at \$21.00 each postpaid.....
S&H for shipping to Canada, add \$10.00 for each book to above prices if applicable:..... \$ _____		
Volume 1 Supplement.....	_____	at \$5.00 each postpaid.....
Volume 2 Supplement.....	_____	at \$5.00 each postpaid.....
<i>Doane Families of SW Ontario Supplement</i> .....	<b>OUT OF PRINT</b>	at \$5.00 each postpaid.....

*Supplements are complimentary with orders of Volumes 1 and 2.*

## DOANE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

\$.50 per copy

Please put quantity of each in the box provided. Add \$5 shipping for the first copy ordered. Add an additional \$3 for 11 or more ordered. Orders from Canada should include an American money order.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OUT OF PRINT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OUT OF PRINT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OUT OF PRINT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1957	<input type="checkbox"/> 1959	<input type="checkbox"/> 1961	<input type="checkbox"/> 1963	<input type="checkbox"/> 1965
<input type="checkbox"/> 1967	<input type="checkbox"/> 1969	<input type="checkbox"/> 1972	<input type="checkbox"/> 1974	<input type="checkbox"/> 1976	<input type="checkbox"/> 1978	<input type="checkbox"/> 1980	<input type="checkbox"/> 1982
<input type="checkbox"/> 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> 1992	<input type="checkbox"/> 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> 1998
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> 2012	

Doane Family Proceedings ordered..... at \$.50 per copy..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Charges..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send check or money order on a US bank for total amount due. Please remit to: Doane Family Association of America, Inc.**

*(Add \$5 for 1-10 copies, \$8 for 11 or more)*

**Send payment and order to: Linda Doane  
4755 Aldun Ridge NW, Apt. 208  
Comstock Park, MI 49321-9053**

Total Sales in the United States..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Sales if shipping to Canada..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2014**  
**Doane Family Association Reunion**  
**July 21 – 26**  
**in Saginaw, Michigan**  
Hosted by the  
**Great Lakes/Michigan DFA Chapter**

