



The Doane Family News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings cousins and friends!

October, 2016

The 54th Reunion of the Doane Family Association of America, Inc., held in Salt Lake City, Utah was a great success. Our numbers were down a little bit, but those in attendance had a wonderful time visiting with cousins from all over. The tours and opportunities to research our ancestors were well attended, and all owe a great big thank you to the reunion committee chaired by Dick and Mary Doane of Arizona.

Of interest to all was the fact that all meetings did not last as long as scheduled, which left more time for visiting, and checking out Salt Lake City and the many historical things that could be seen in the area.

The presentations were extremely interesting, especially the slide show that Brian Doane (NH) showed of the various Doane/Doan/Done items in his collection, some of which were on display in the registration room.

It was good to see first time reunion folks in attendance, and it was reported that new DFA Chapters are being worked on.

One important item of business was the establishment of an endowment account for the Doane Family Foundation. This will allow anyone to make a tax deductible donation to the foundation that will be held for investment purposes with all or a part of the increase being used to award scholarships to college bound individuals. It may take a few years to build up the account, however it is the intent to make the foundation depend on its own endowment account for this purpose, and not to fully depend upon the DFA Endowment Account for scholarship purposes.

Dr. James E. Doan made a donation of \$5,000.00 with the stipulation that it is matched with \$5,000.00 of new money from the membership and friends of the DFA on or before November 30, 2016. As we go to press, we are quite close to raising this amount. A goal of \$50,000.00 was set before any funds would be used for scholarship purposes, so please think seriously about making a donation to the Doane Family Foundation, Inc. prior to the end of this year or at some point in the future. The foundation can accept not only cash, but can accept donation of securities. In fact one of our members is in the process of making a donation of stocks that will be beneficial to the donor and to the foundation.

The 2018 Doane Family Association of America, Inc. reunion is being planned for the Washington D. C. area, with Jane MacDuff (VA) as chairperson. We all look forward to seeing you there!

Kenneth M. Doane, President

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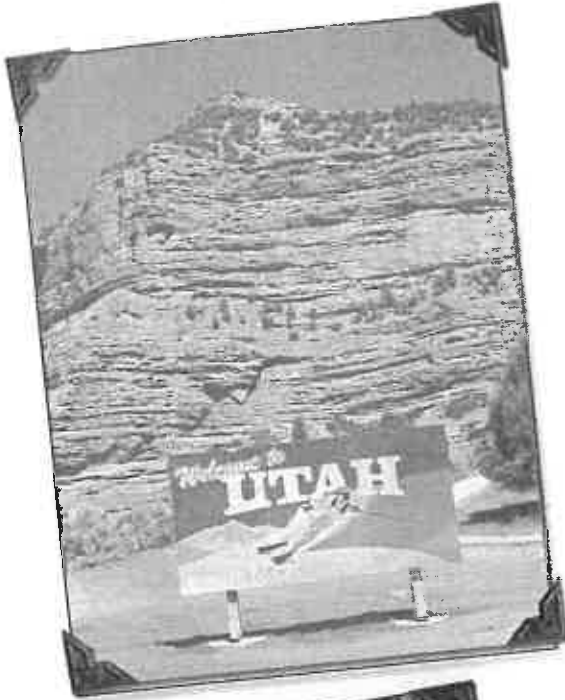
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Reunion Scrapbook 2016



The 54th Biennial Doane Family Association Reunion was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 26-30. Approximately 65 participants enjoyed spending time in this mecca of genealogy, and also enjoyed being in this beautiful part of the country. In addition to listening to interesting presentations on Mormon history and Doane family topics, the group spent time researching their ancestors at the renowned Family History Library and the Family Research Center located on and adjacent to Temple Square.

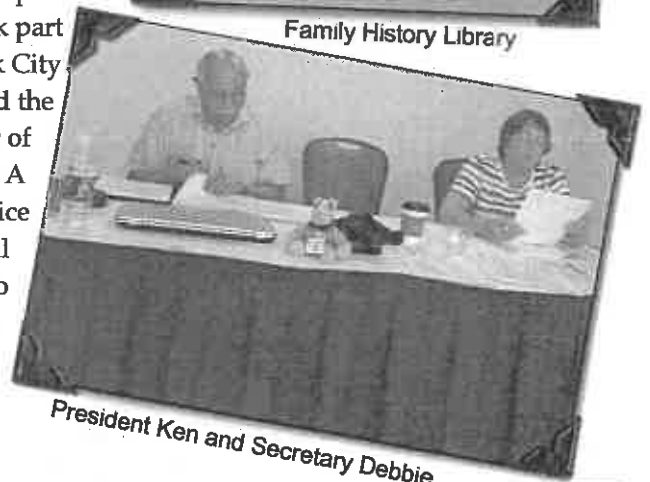


Family History Library



Carol did some serious research!

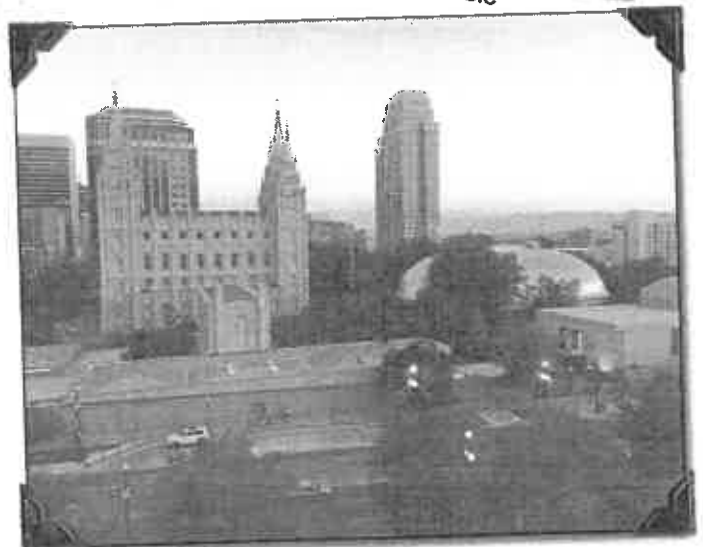
Several Doane cousins took part in a day trip to nearby Park City to visit Olympic Village and the historic downtown center of this former mining town. A meaningful memorial service was also held honoring all known DEA members who had passed since the 2014 reunion.



President Ken and Secretary Debbie



Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal



Temple Square

More reunion photos on page 10

Chapter News

New England

While there was not a formal New England Doane gathering of late, James Thomas Doane and wife Elizabeth Perry of Massachusetts, paid a visit to Brian and Ann Doane in New Hampshire on September 10th. They had lunch at the Red Arrow Diner in Manchester, a famous eating place popular during election time and primary time. All the visiting politicians go there and you see them on the news. The cousins returned to Brian's and Ann's home, and began talking about age. They discovered that Brian is 61 years old and was born in 1955, and that James is 55 years old and was born in 1961. So they of course had to take a 55/61 picture and in front of James's Doane license plate! These New England folks are really good at making their own fun!

Ann Doane, NH



Southeastern Ohio

The Southeastern Ohio Chapter of Doans met on October 1, 2016 for their 35th annual reunion at the Lower Salem Community Building. There were 70 Doan relatives and friends present. Dinner was enjoyed at noon with Carol Layner giving grace before the meal.

Following the meal, the children adjourned to the playground where they enjoyed supervised games and prizes. A short business meeting was conducted for the adults by Barbara Palmer. A sizeable balance in the treasurer's account led to a discussion about the possibility of our group starting a scholarship fund. Barbara Palmer will serve on this committee together with Letha Haas and Carol Layner.

Prizes were awarded to the oldest male, Delmer Doan; oldest female, Lila Doan Hill; youngest child, Ella Doan, 10 months; traveling the farthest, Rick Morgenstern from Phoenix, Alabama.

A memorial service was conducted for deceased relatives. Dave Amos lit candles in memory of his aunt, Ruth E. Doan and for his cousin, Timothy Daniel Doan; Teresa Doan Schoolcraft lit a candle for her brother, Larry Doan; Mary Delong lit a candle for her sister, Eva Marie Arbaugh; Tammy, Justin and Erica Earhart lit a candle for their mother and grandmother, Ruth Doan Gardner; and Lila Hill lit a candle for her sister-in-law, Mary Lou Doan.

Births reported were a daughter, Ella Doan, born Nov. 23, 2015 to Alisha Doan and Daniel Hoff, grandparents Jim and Janelle Doan and Ken and Linda Hoff; Lilyana Cullins, born July 22, 2016 to Kayli Monaghan and Justin Cullins, grandparent Peggy Metz; Adelyn Doan born Aug. 23, 2016 to Chris and Chrystal Doan, grandparents Jim and Janelle Doan and Rick and Kim Drain; Brylee Cay Lang, born June 30, 2016 to Evan and Karrie Lauer Lang, grandparents Mike and Vicky Doan Lauer, Jeff and Paula Lang; Kenadee May Antill born July 31, 2016 to Kyle and Kayla Lauer Antill, grandparents Mike and Vicky Doan Lauer and Greg and Carol Antill. Both Brylee Cay Lang and Kenadee May Antill are the great granddaughters of Paul and the late Leona Doan and great great granddaughters of the late Delbert and Cecile Forshey Doan.

A card was circulated for each to sign for Jean Doan who served many years as our president. Jean could not be with us due to health problems. Following the business meeting, the adults enjoyed playing bingo. The next reunion will be on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 at the same location.

Lila Hill, Ohio

Ontario

The Ontario chapter held their annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, at Sharon Hall in Sharon, Ontario. Approximately 25 members attended the event that began at 11:30 a.m. with attendee registration. An excellent potluck meal, that included a wide variety of menu items, was held at 12:30 p.m. The meal was followed by a program featuring Douglas McCullough, who gave an interesting presentation on exercise and its benefits for maintaining optimum health. Maureen Scott, a member of the Deacon John Doane Research Committee, gave a progress report on the search for the Deacon's ancestry. She also commented on the biennial, national DFA Reunion held in Salt Lake City in July.

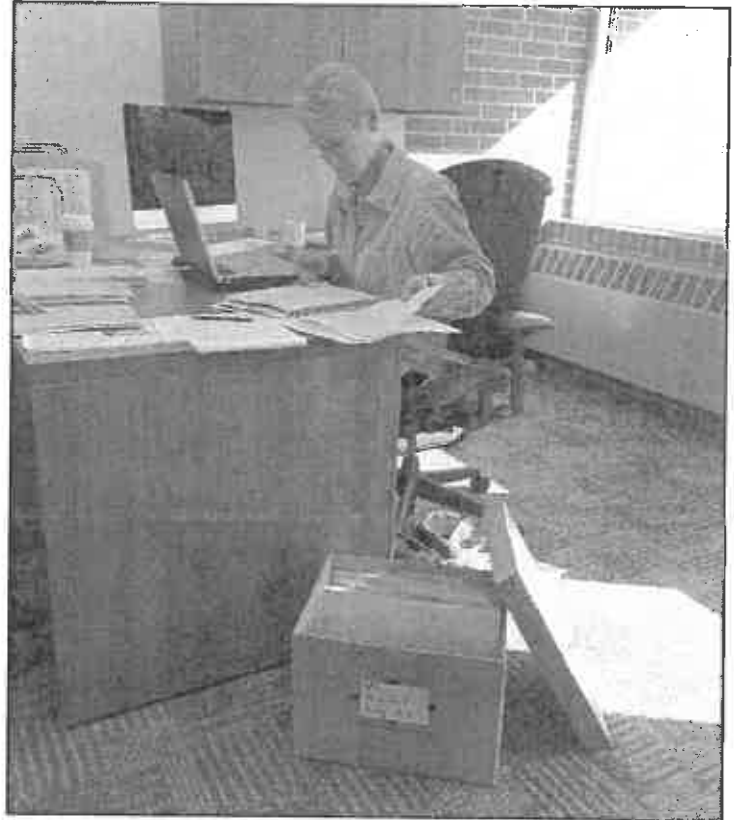
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News Briefs

Helen Perry Curtis Book Project

Retired University of Wisconsin-Parkside history professor, Dr. Laura Gellott recently spent several days in Nebraska researching the Doane and Perry families. She is collecting data for a biography of Helen Perry Curtis, daughter of first Doane College president, the Reverend David Brainerd Perry and his wife, the former Helen Doane. (#1298, Vol. 2) Curtis was the granddaughter of Doane College (now University) founder, Thomas Doane. (#500, Vol. 1) Curtis was a fascinating woman who had a career as an author, designer, textile collector, and museum curator among other activities. She made her home in New Jersey, but was a world traveler, with a life-long, passionate interest in studying other cultures. Dr. Gellott spent time with Janet Jeffries exploring Perry records at Doane University, touring the campus and the Benne Memorial

Museum, and visiting other sites significant to the family in Crete, Nebraska. Gellott also checked out the Thomas Doane Collection housed at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln. Helen Perry Curtis was born in 1888 in Crete, during her father's presidency, and spent her youth in this eastern Nebraska town. She graduated from Doane College in 1911.



Dr. Gellott found many interesting historic items and records pertaining to the Doane and Perry families.

DOANE FAMILY FOUNDATION, Inc.

As we are coming to the end of the calendar year please remember to consider making a donation to the Doane Family Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund. Because the foundation has a 501 (c) (3) designation from the IRS any donation will be tax deductible. In making such a donation, you will be assisting qualified students in their higher education endeavors. Remember it is possible to donate cash and investment instruments, such as stocks and bonds. For more information call Ken Doane at (360) 600-3946.



Memorial Record Reminder

Contact Mary Doane of Arizona, if you know of DFA members who have passed away. This is important both for maintaining the DFA address file, and to assist the memorial committee as they plan biennial reunion memorial services. It is very helpful when this news is passed along as it happens, and not just before reunion time. Mary's email is marydoaneaz@gmail.com and phone is (938) 369-4207. Deceased DFA members are recognized at each national reunion.

In Memory

William H. Fineout



National DFA Chaplain, The Venerable William H. Fineout, age 69, died on June 14, 2016, after battling cancer for several years. Bill was a Michigan native, the son of Jane Ann High and Donald S. Fineout. He had a 30-year career as an educator, and served as a librarian, athletic director, football coach, state champion cheerleading coach, and English teacher at Fowlerville Community Schools. After retiring from education, he completed studies in ministry, and was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2008. He served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing from 2007-2013, and was appointed Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan on February 2013. In his role as DFA chaplain, Bill helped to organize and officiated at the memorial services held during each biennial national reunion. Bill is survived by his wife Shannon, and daughters, Kathleen "Kassy," and Jill and their families.



Margaret Done

Margaret Done, the wife of Derek Done, of Marlow, United Kingdom, died unexpectedly in August 2016 after suffering a severe heart attack. Derek has been actively researching Deacon John Doane's ancestry for many years, and was often in attendance at DFA national reunions in the United States. Margaret accompanied him on a few occasions and became acquainted with many DFA members. Derek wrote an account of Russ and Eunice Brabec's visit to their home in the UK for the fall 2015 DFA newsletter.

10 Years Ago! 2006 Reunion in Davis, CA



Cooling off in the South Fork American River, Sutter's Mill



Ralph and Jane Anderson chat with the late Barbara Doane.

Note from Brian

Ed Note: DFA 1st Vice President Brian Doane sent this message to be sure we all know that he is making good progress on his recovery. We have all been worried about him!

November, 2016

Dear Doane Cousins,

Thank you for all your letters and e-mails during the past 3 months. If you do not know, on the way home to New Hampshire after the DFA reunion I had a stroke, while I was driving. I have just gone back to work for 4 hours a day for the next 4 weeks, and I am on the mend. Thank you DFA for the flowers.

Thanks again,

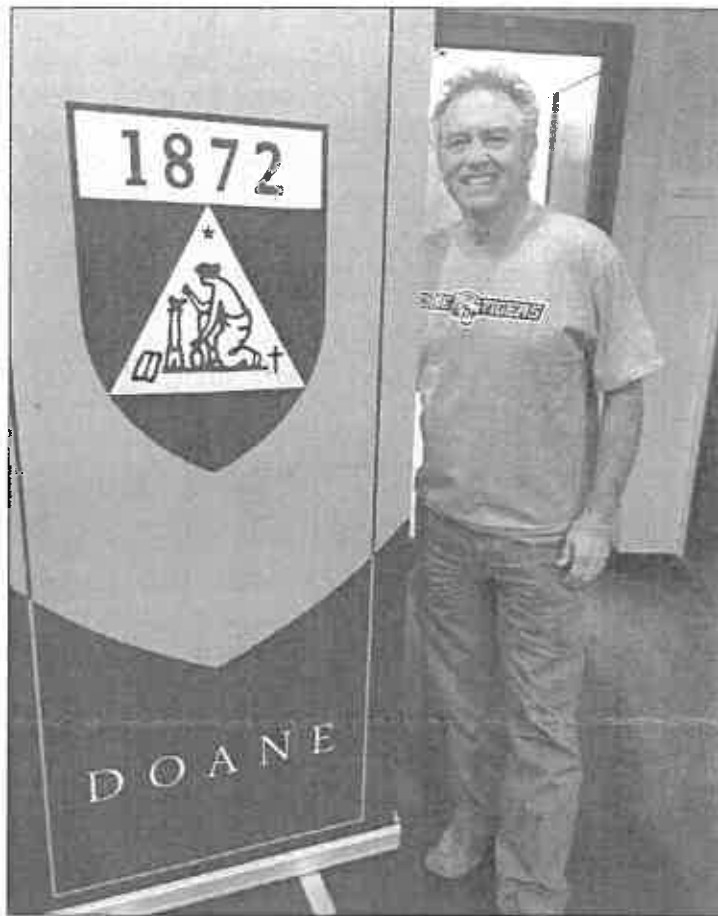
Brian H. Doane, NH



Gatlin Visits Campus

In October, Larry Gatlin, of the musical group, The Gatlin Brothers, made an impromptu visit to Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. He was traveling east across Nebraska, and decided to make a stop to check out the university that carries his family's name. Many DFA members will remember that in 2010, Larry's mother Billie Doan Gatlin and his sister LaDonna Gatlin Johnson, attended the biennial reunion held at the university. LaDonna gave a wonderful musical performance during that event. The Gatlin family

descends from James Doan, #633a, Vol. 2, who was seven generations down from the Deacon. Their lineage comes down to the present via James⁸, Hugh⁹, William Alexander¹⁰, Clib¹¹, and finally to Larry's mother Billie¹².



Entertainer LaDonna Gatlin Johnson with her mom Billie Doan Gatlin at the 2010 DFA reunion at Doane University.

Moving?



Please keep us informed if you plan to move or if live in multiple locations. We don't want you to miss any DFA mailings and we also don't want to pay for returned mailings. Doane University manages nearly 1,000 DFA addresses and it can get

tricky. We are charged for returned mail if recipients fit the following categories:

- Temporarily away
- Moved with no forwarding address
- Name changes due to marriage or divorce
- Not deliverable as addressed
- Insufficient address

If you have changes, please contact Jane MacDuff, membership chair, at (703) 560-8928 or janemacduff@verizon.net or Joey Fikar, Doane University at (402) 826-8258 or joey.fikar@doane.edu.

Who is John Done?

At the 54th DFA Biennial Reunion this past July in Salt Lake City, UT, Richard T. Doane, Chairperson of the "Deacon John Done Research and DNA Committee" presented a report to the DFA Board of Directions. A shortened version of his message was that his volunteer Committee does not have an answer to the above question. Despite the documentation of over six thousand plus vital records, searching and deciphering many wills and probates, apprenticeship, school, census and tax records since our last reunion, the Deacon continues to elude us.

However, the Committee is encouraged by the most recent news. A few weeks prior to our reunion, Derek Done, Past Chairperson of the Research Committee, from Marlow, England, had what he referred to as an "eureka" moment. Derek discovered a National Geographic YDNA participant who matched closely other participants in our "Doane Family DNA" data base (www.familytreedna.com). Derek has since been in contact with the donor, born in Walsall, Staffordshire, England, whose surname is spelled "Downen".

We shouldn't be surprised by the name found by Derek as there are many variations to the spelling of the surname including: Doane, Doan, Done, Donn, Donne, Doen, Downen, Dunne, Doune, Le Donne, etc. Surnames were not as important in the 1600's as they are today and it was often the case that the person couldn't even check on the spelling written down by scribes as they were unable to read and write themselves.

Recent advancements in the use of DNA for genealogy purposes have given us hope that this will be the path to finding our Deacon. In very simple terms, DNA research is relatively new and involves only a swab of the inside cheek and a return of a kit to the company doing the scientific research to determine their "markers" which are compared with others in the database. It is the male, or "Y" chromosome, passed from father to son, which gives the best results. It is a new learning curve and we are most fortunate to have several on the Committee who



Dick Doane, TX prepares to give the Deacon John Doane research report at the 2016 reunion as wife Loa looks on.

are making every effort to learn the significance of DNA. The process requires great care to ensure there are no breaches of privacy issues. In November Chairperson Richard Doane and Dr. James

Doan will be attending a major DNA Convention to keep up-to-date on the latest developments.

The focus of the Research Committee now is to find several other "Downen Boys" who will agree to be tested in order to compare the results (known as markers) even further. We are sending out invitations to potential participants, and advertising our search in several genealogical Midland publications for this purpose. Respecting privacy issues we are asking participants for any information they are willing to share about their ancestors (i.e. grandfather, great-grandfather, etc.) If they wish an ancestry chart will be worked on for their own use. To complement the DNA research we need to have a paper trail and this is what the Research Committee will be looking for so we can eventually narrow the search for our progenitor.

If you know of any "Downens" in the Midlands area of England (including the counties of Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire), we would like to hear from you. If you know of any "Downens" who have emigrated from this same area we would also appreciate this information. The DNA test would be free of charge and the DNA Committee chooses who will qualify to be part of this important research. Please send an e-mail to maurdoane@bell.net.

As more and more records become available on the internet (ancestry, family search, family history, etc.) our Research Committee wishes to express a word of caution. There are many erroneous family trees out there in cyberspace. Many of them are for Deacon John Done. There is an approved agenda when determining who your ancestors are based on proof positive facts available through official records for births, death, marriages, etc. Don't fall for the pranksters. If you have a question about the legitimacy of a family tree, ask for the paper trail before accepting it as fact.

The Research Committee welcomed two new members at the 54th DFA Biennial Reunion this past July in Salt Lake City, UT. They are Rebecca L. Doan and James R. Campbell. Both are already enthusiastically contributing to the intense search for the origins of Deacon John.

We hope that the next DFA newsletter will have even more positive news. You will be kept posted on the latest.

Post Script News: We have made contact with our "Eureka" DNA contributor who has been included as part of the Doane Family FTDNA site. In addition another "Downen" is considering his options to join as well and the Research Committee will work with both to complete and study their family trees.

Maureen Scott - for the Research Committee

"Old Blackfoot"

Frontier History with a Doane Connection

ED NOTE: This account of "Old Blackfoot," a missing muzzle loading rifle once owned by a Doan, was shared by Nebraska historian/reenactor, Les Vilda.

Ron and Eugenie Webb Maine of Rhode Island, hope to find an old muzzle loading rifle that became known as "Old Blackfoot" in the 1830s, due to its use in Blackfoot country, and is still referred to by the nickname in the current muzzle loading community. This rifle was in the Webb family until 1978 when Eugenie's father, Henry H. Webb sold it during a time when he lived in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. Henry's ancestor, James Josiah Webb, was a prominent trader along the Santa Fe Trail during the 1840s. George P. Doan was one of his business partners. (George was the first child of Job Parker Doane and his first wife, Henrietta Dix – see #354, Vol. 1 and #968, Vol. 2) Note that in the Doane family genealogy books, this family of Doanes spell their name with the "e," but in frontier history volumes and documents of the time, George P. Doan is not using the "e."

Les Vilda, a Doane University alum from Wilber, Nebraska, took on this mystery since he is a frontier educator with a great knowledge of the Santa Fe Trail, and also travels in the circles frequented by other reenactors and scholars with a passion for the frontier. He hopes to help Eugenie, the great-great granddaughter of James Josiah Webb, find the rifle so that she can get photographs of it.

In brief, the story is that "Old Blackfoot" was gifted to George P. Doan by Charles Bent, of the Bent, St. Vrain, and Company (owners of Bent's Fort near present day La Junta, Colorado). Later, Charles Bent was appointed as the first Territorial Governor of New Mexico in 1846 and was killed during the Taos Uprising of 1847. George P. Doan traded the rifle to James Josiah Webb, his business partner at the time, for a double barreled shotgun. James Josiah Webb kept the rifle and in 1846 had it reconditioned. The Webb family remained in possession of it for nearly 135 years. The family believes that the transaction may have taken place with a collector in the Cape Cod area. Since the sale took place before the internet era, the family believes that it would have been more difficult to find a collector/buyer outside of that area.

Vilda also thinks that maybe, since Henry H. Webb probably knew the story of "Old Blackfoot," and its George P. Doan origin, he may have tried to contact a Doane family member to return/sell the rifle to descendants of its original owner. With Doane family members still living in the Cape Cod area, this certainly may have been a possibility.

Anyone with information about "Old Blackfoot" should please contact Les Vilda, or the Maine family using the information listed below. Certainly if there is a connection made, we would like to report this in an upcoming DFA newsletter!

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More Reunion Photos



Doane Family Association Scholarships – Apply Now!



For academic year, 2016-17, the DFA is supporting three students attending Doane University for a total of \$8,965, and sixteen students attending other colleges in the United States for a total of \$10,470. In addition, our Work Study Program has funded \$1,000.00 for a Doane University student to assist in the Doane Family Association archives housed at Doane University.

A DFA Scholarship application and the requirements can be found on the next page. Note that the deadline for submission is March 31, 2017 to be considered for academic year 2017-18.

DOANE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Minimum Requirements:

1. A Doane Family Association member or the son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of DFA member.
2. Must be admitted as a full-time, degree-seeking student.
3. Attending an accredited post-secondary institution or approved Trade/Technology Institution.
4. Demonstration of need by submitting a processed copy of a current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, or personal IRS Tax Return.
5. Completion of this application and successful essay submission.

Applicants full name: _____

Complete permanent address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Doane Family Association member & relationship: _____

Post-secondary institution you plan to attend: _____

Requested amount: _____

College address: _____

Suggested college contact: _____ Phone: _____

Please attach a one page essay telling the Doane Family Foundation about yourself and your educational plans.

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