



*The Doane Family
Association
Of America, Inc.*

*Organized to Create Interest in the History and Welfare of the
Descendants of Deacon John Doane, who came to Plymouth in 1630*

**CONSTITUTION
THE DOANE FAMILY ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, INC.**

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be known as the Doane Family Association of America, Inc., a non-profit organization Incorporated on April 20, 1936, under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the Association is to research and record genealogical data from all sources pertaining to the Doane Family; to report such information in papers read before the Association; and to publish such information in pamphlet or book form for distribution to the Association's membership or to other genealogical societies thus perpetuating the story of the ancestors of the Doane Family and their contribution to the history of the United States, Canada, England and other parts of our World.

Members of the Association are encouraged to form Regional Chapters in order to more easily trace the history of local Doanes and make the information available to the Association.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Persons of the Doane Family bearing the name Doane, Doan, Done or variants thereof, the decedents of a Doane family, or the spouse of a person of the Doane Family, and are eligible for membership in the Association, as well as all others interested in promoting the objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

National Reunion Meeting shall be held biennially, unless changed by a majority vote of the members present at a National Reunion Meeting.

ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATION

The following officers shall be elected for a term of two years by a majority vote of the members present at the National Reunion Meeting:

- President
- First Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chaplain
- Historian

Fifteen (15) Regional Vice-Presidents shall be elected as set forth in the By Laws.

All officers shall be paid members of the Doane Family Association of America, Inc.

No officer shall serve, in the same office, for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than ten (10) years, with the exception of the Historian.

An officer, other than the Historian, having served a total of ten (10) consecutive years, shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office, of one of the offices set forth above, for a period of at least two years.

Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Governors consisting of:

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. 15 Regional Vice-Presidents
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Chaplain
7. Historian
8. Immediate Past President

ARTICLE VII – STANDING COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following Committees to serve for two years:

1. Nominating Committee
2. Membership Committee
3. Publications Committee
4. Reunion Committee

5. By-Laws Committee
6. Preservation of Genealogical Records
7. Archives Committee
8. Investment Committee
9. Deacon John Doane Research Committee
10. Memorial Committee
11. Custodian of Books
12. Audit Committee

Each Committee shall submit a proposed budget to the Executive Committee before the National Reunion Meeting.

No debt shall be incurred by any committee without prior approval from one of the following:

1. The Board of Governors
2. The Executive Committee
3. By the majority vote of the members at a National Reunion Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Committee shall be established composed of the following officers:

- The President
- The First Vice-President
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer

ARTICLE IX - FUNDS

1. The General Fund

The General Fund shall consist of those monies received as:

- Dues
- Earnings transferred from Association Special Funds
- Donations or legacies left to the Association for the normal operation of the Association and the expenses incurred thereto.

2. The Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund shall consist of those monies that have been given specifically to the Endowment Fund, of which only the earnings may be transferred to the General Fund.

3. The Hattie Belle Doane Van Hoy Memorial Fund

The Hattie Belle Doane Van Hoy Memorial Fund shall consist of those funds received from the sale of The Doane Family books, donations given specifically to defray the expenses incurred in reprinting The Doane Family books and other genealogical materials pertaining to the Doane Family.

4. The Doane Family Association Foundation Fund

The Doane Family Association Foundation Fund is governed by a separate Corporation.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a National Reunion Meeting, provided prior notice has been given in writing to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting date.

ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of August 2004.

By: _____/S/
Kenneth M. Doane, President

By: _____/S/
Deborah Doane Dunn, Secretary