

Membership Types

Membership is available to anyone with the surname Doane, Doan, Done or variations thereof, and their spouses or descendants, as well as other interested persons.

Individual Life: **\$50.00**

Available to anyone regardless of age, and has all the benefits due to members — EXCEPT those under the age of 18 cannot vote or hold elective office.

Biennial Individual Membership: **\$15.00**

Dues will run for two (2) years. This is available to any age and has all the benefits due to members. EXCEPT those under the age of 18 cannot vote or hold elective office.

*The national organization is maintained by the membership dues and by an **Endowment fund** which pays about one-half of the operating expenses. The endowment fund continues to grow through donations and investments.*

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Membership Application

Name: _____
(first) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please enroll me as a new member:
(Indicate Membership Type Below)

Individual LIFE membership — \$50.00

Biennial INDIVIDUAL membership — \$15.00

Spouse: _____

Children: _____; DOB: (____)

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Make Checks payable to:

The Doane Family Association of America, Inc.
Mrs. Jane MacDuff
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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 Massachusetts in 1630.

www.doanefamilyassociation.org

History of the Doane Family Association

The Doane Family Association of America, Inc. was organized in 1907 to create interest in the history and welfare of the descendents of Deacon John Doane.

Deacon John Doane

The early history of Deacon John Doane, including his parentage and birth place, continues to be researched. It is believed that he was born about 1590 in England and came to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1630.

The Following Facts Are Known:

- In 1633 he was on the list of Freemen.
- By 1632—1633 he began serving on the General Court, and preferred to be a Deacon in the Church rather than an Assistant to the Governor.
- In 1644 he was among those leading the enterprise of a new settlement in the Nauset (now the Eastham area of Cape Cod).
- In 1663 he was appointed by the Court to solemnize marriages and administer oaths of witnesses. He was a deacon of the First Church and served the town as selectman for many years. He also served as a Deputy to the Colony Court for Eastham.
- In his will dated May 18, 1678 he declared his age “eighty-eight or thereabouts.”
- He died February 21, 1685. He, along with his wife, was undoubtedly interred in the Old Cemetery at Eastham, the first burial ground of the town.

The Doane Family

1868 — The Doane Family held its first recorded reunion. Like most reunions of that time, it was a “come and bring a basket lunch and spend a day with your relations.”

1869 — The Doanes erected a memorial stone on the site of Deacon John Doane’s house at Eastham, MA. That site, overlooking Nauset Bay, is now a part of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

1906 — A perpetual lot in the Old Town Cove burial ground, including the grave site of Deacon Daniel Doane, a son, was set aside.

1907 — A memorial stone with a bronze tablet honoring Deacon John Doane was erected and a booklet was published. *The Doane Family Association has held reunions on a biennial basis since 1907.*

1911 — The Doane Family Association constitution was written and adopted.

1936 — On April 20, 1936 the Doane Family Association of America was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

1975—The third edition of *The Doane Family*, Volume I was printed and Volume II was created.

1980—The Doane Family Foundation was created with Doane College to support Doane scholars and other worthy projects.

1984 — The first truly international reunion was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

1994 — A granite stone and bronze marker commemorating the 350th anniversary of the founding of Nauset was dedicated at the Deacon John Doane home site.

2008 — The Doane Family Foundation established a second scholarship program for Doane family members attending other institutions.

2009 — The Foundation became a 501(c)3 corporation eligible for tax free contributions

Benefits of Membership

- Your membership card
- A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws
- Voting privileges at all DFA meetings and reunions (except those under 18-years old).
- The *Doane Family Association Newsletter*. This publication, created in 1980, is now published semi-annually.
- The *Proceedings* of the International Reunions. At each International Reunion papers are given on subjects of interest to the Doanes. These papers, along with records of the business meetings and photographs from the reunion, are published in a booklet form. Publication of the *Proceedings* began in 1935.
- Notification of the International Reunions and any other special meetings or publications.
- Membership in a state/regional chapter, at present there are eleven chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

The Doane Family, Volumes I and II

These two volumes contain over 61,000 names and were reprinted in 1994. With the help of these reference books, a Doane, Doan or Done in America and Canada can be rather sure of tracing the family line. Current Doane Family files housed with our international historian contain sufficient material to create a third volume of family information. Through constant correspondence and research, our international historian is able to locate more Doanes and find the “link” that ties those heretofore “unknown” to our progenitor.