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EBENEZER DOANE
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SUPPLEMENT

**To A. A. Doane's Genealogy of
Deacon John Doane and His Descendants
Published in 1902**

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INTRODUCTION

I am one of the generation of Yonge Street Doanes whose great, great, grandfather fought the fields from the hold of the forest, built his log cabin and planted his first crop in soil last ploughed by the Polar Ice Cap. Although I grew up on the original homestead, I spent all my adult life in the cities of Hamilton, Toronto, and Ottawa but my roots are rural and the homestead was my second home. It is interesting to note that Ebenezer's great, great, grandson is still the occupant and owner of a portion of the original crown grant, Lot 92, King Township, Yonge Street.

In this attempt at a genealogical search for descendants of Ebenezer's five sons, who came to Canada with him in 1808, I have endeavoured to commence where A. A. Doane's history of 1902 finished and also trace many persons who had not been recorded in his publication. The descendants of James Hartley and Judah are excellent examples.

My opening introduction of Ebenezer⁵ has been copied from A. A. Doane's 1902 publication and is for the benefit of many who may not have a copy of his book. The following data has been divided into five sections, each section headed by a son, in chronological order: William, Joseph, John, Mahlon, and Ebenezer. Therefore, anyone knowing the name of Ebenezer's son from whom they are descended, should without difficulty, trace their ancestral lineage.

This record would not be complete without mentioning "The Doane Centennial" honouring our Ebenezer. The occasion was held at the Friends Meeting House, Yonge Street on Saturday, July 18, 1908, when descendants of Ebenezer Doane celebrated the hundredth anniversary by unveiling a tablet (in form of headstone) in the Quaker Cemetery which adjoins the Meeting House and the farm where he settled in 1808. This reunion was a gathering of over four hundred of his descendants who joined together for a social good fellowship. The dedicatory address was by R. W. Doane of Toronto, followed by Rev. Frank Cornell, Elias Rodgers and Sir William Mulock, a neighbor and the Postmaster General of Canada.

One of my cousins in West Vancouver, B.C., after an exchange of several letters, said, "One of your writing characteristics displays perseverance and tenacity." However, I have received wonderful cooperation from a great many cousins, most of whom had been

complete strangers four years ago. I must single out a special few who have made my project possible: Mrs. Fred Doan of Bradford, who helped solve many of my problems; Mrs. Laura Doane Squarebriggs of Saskatoon for her perseverance in rounding up the many descendants of George Munroe Doane in Western Canada; Mrs. Edison Doan of Wyvale for the complete genealogy on descendants of Hezekiah; Mrs. Aubrey Doan, Lou Cleland, and my brother David for their help and encouragement. Beyond this special mention, is my niece Terry, Mrs. Anson Gilbert, of Aurora, who has eased my burden by typing the final draft of this work, so efficiently.

My search for descendants of Ebenezer has stretched forth into every Province of Canada and many States in the U.S.A. I hope that any descendant of Ebenezer, wherever found, can easily trace their line back to Deacon John Doane.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAD "The Doane family"—by A. A. Doane of 1902

ae. aged

b. born

bur. buried

d. died

m. married (1m., married first; 2m., married second)

TO
MY MOTHER AND FATHER
FOR THEIR INSPIRING PRINCIPLE
AND
FULFILMENT OF A PROMISE

AAD 95 (pages 124 & 125)

EBENEZER DOANE ⁵ (Joseph⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², John¹) was born at Wrightstown, Bucks Co., Pa., 1733, 7.5 and d. near Toronto, Canada, 1818, 11.21. He married about 1754 or 1755, Anna Savilla Sloy, who was born in Hanover, Germany, 1732, 12.13. and died in Bucks Co., Pa., 1803, 10.15. After the death of his mother, Ebenezer Doane with the other children appears to have been apprenticed, or otherwise placed for care among their relatives. His wife, who was born in Germany, embarked in 1744 for America with her parents Henry and Catherine Sloy. The parents died on the voyage. In consequence of this marriage Ebenezer was dis-owned by the Society of Friends to which he belonged. In 1777, however, he applied to the Buckingham Society to accept his children who were yet under age, under the care of the Meeting. Jonathan being over twenty-one made the same request for himself and both were granted. All of these children, except Jonathan, removed to Canada. Ebenezer remained till 1808 when, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, he joined the children in Canada and there in the family of one of his sons, living on Yonge street about thirty miles north of Toronto, he died.

The location of Ebenezer's residence in Bucks County is somewhat accurately settled by the statement of his son Joseph, that a part of Washington's army was encamped on a farm adjacent to his father's, for a day and night prior to crossing the Delaware river which encampment it is understood was near the mouth of Knowles Creek, below the present village of Brownsburg.

Ebenezer Doane was firm in the faith and practice of the Friends, of which sect he was a member, and before leaving Pennsylvania obtained the usual certificate of removal dated at the Meeting in Buckingham on 4th of 4th mo., 1808, which was presented and accepted at the Yonge Street Meeting on the 14th of 7th mo., 1808. Similar certificates were read on behalf of William, Joseph, Ebenezer and wife with their three children, also for Mahlon and wife Rebecca and their six children; also for his daughter Mary Doane, all of which certificates were approved and the applicants accepted in membership. Having made a selection of land for themselves, Ebenezer together with his son William and daughter Mary, both of whom were single, formed a joint household and so remained until after the death of Ebenezer. Ebenezer and his family took up 400 contiguous acres on Yonge St., and in a few years the wilderness had been