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THE DOANE FAMILY.

Joseph Snow and Joshua Bangs, says "aged about 100 years." His wife's name appears as Abigail. They were undoubtedly interred in the old cemetery at Eastham, the first burial ground of the town. On Sept. 10, 1869, a Doane Family memorial meeting was held at Eastham to witness the erection of a granite post on the site of Deacon John Doane's house. This site is on the eastern side of the town, perhaps three hundred yards from the waters of Nauset Bay extending to the south, about one-half mile from the Atlantic shore and two and one-half miles from Barnstable Bay on the west. The old cellar now overgrown with wild grass is in a field of about fifteen acres, owned by Mr. Benjamin Higgins. The stone, a rough block of granite, was erected by the Hon. John Doane of Orleans (291) on which occasion an historical address was delivered by Heman Doane, Esq. (319) followed by the singing of an original hymn.

The following is a copy of all documents in the settlement of John Doane's estate found in the Registry of Probate at Barnstable, Mass.

THE WILL OF DEACON JOHN DOANE.

Eastham in the Colony of New Plimouth in New England this 18th of May 1768 J John Doane aged eighty and eight years or thereabout in consideration of my many Infirmitees that daily attend me and may in a moment close up my Life and therfore do think it meet to make this my last will and testament; and first I give my soul to god that gave it and my body to a decent burial in the earth from whence it was taken. And for my outward estate I do dispose of it to those that God hath given me In the Bonds of Nature and it being of Little vallue in your journey heavenward I do exhort you all to Labour after Indeuer and be Laying out for the kingdom of Righteousness thereof and an Inheritance amongst the saints in Light and then all your needs and wants will be supplied. And to my Loving wife I give Loane and bequeath my now dwelling house Scituated and being in the Town of Eastham with all the upland and meadow about ye sd house and two acres of meadow more or less In a place comonly called ye Acres Likewise I give to my Loving wife all my moveables of all kinds as household stuff cattle of all kinds or whatsoever are mine I give wholy and fulley for her comfortable subsistence during her Life, And after decease I give the house land and meadow above specified to my daughter Abigal Doane I make my son John Doane whole and sole executor and to my sd John Doane I give twenty seven acres of upland more or less seven acres of it Lyeth Joyning to a parcel of land the Towne granted him and fifteen acres of it Lyeth on the west side of Rockharbour mouth and the other five acres Lyeth at Nauset Joyning to my sd Sonn John his Land And I give to my sd sonn John Doane eight acres of land at poche Island with all my right and Interest in the Towne of Eastham as being a Towne purcheser and to my sd son John I