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Lewis Doane papers, 1811-1860

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Biographical note: Lewis Doane was born in Eastham, MA in 1787 and died in Orleans MA in 1859. In 1812 he married Tamsin Freeman and had eight children. He was a wealthy farmer and lived most of his life in Orleans. Part of his wealth is attributed to his ownership of several thousand feet of salt works, much of which was located in Nauset Harbor. In addition to the salt works, Doane also held an interest in a number of ships.

Lewis Doane traces his ancestry in America to the arrival of John Doane in Plymouth Colony in 1629/1630. According to The Doane Family compiled by Alfred Alder Doane, he was considered a prominent man, based on the fact that he was accorded the title of Mister (Mr.), which was not lightly given in the colony. In 1644 John Doane, along with several other members of Plymouth Colony, moved to Nauset on Cape Cod.

Scope and Contents note: The collection consists almost entirely of deeds recording land transactions in Barnstable County, either to or from Lewis Doane or a Doane family member. Towns include Orleans, Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Eastham and Truro. It also includes some Boston deeds, as well as bonds and special deeds (to salt works, church pews and ships).

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Folder 1    Bonds, not dated
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Box 2
Deeds (Cape Cod)

Please note: In the deed listing County and town (where the property is located) would be listed as, Barnstable (Orleans) for example.

Beriah Doane to Timothy Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 1 February 1811
James Gould to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 9 December 1816
Lisa Higgins to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (?), 5 February 1819
William Knowles to Timothy Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 20 December 1819
Josiah Sparrow to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 6 March 1821
Beriah Doane et al to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 27 April 1822
Beriah Doane et al to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 27 March 1823
John Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 4 March 1825
Isaac Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 15 July 1825
Beriah Doane et al to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 6 March 1827
Sparrow Horten to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Truro), 16 July 1827
John Crosby to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Brewster), 13 October 1827
Simeon Higgins to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 20 March 1829
Barnabus Doane to Beriah Doane, Barnstable (Eastham), 22 January 1829
Josiah Linnell to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 2 April 1829
Sally Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 23 March 1830
Sparrow Horten to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (Eastham), 21 December 1830
Jedediah Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 28 February 1831
Ebenezer Rogers to Lewis Doane et al, Barnstable (Orleans), 11 May 1831
Nathan Kendrick to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Harwich) 22 June 1831
Seth Hurd to Mary Smith, Barnstable (Brewster), 17 April 1832
Enos Godfrey to Barnabas F. Cobb, Barnstable (Brewster) 13 June 1832
Beriah Doane et al, to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (Eastham), 21 November 1832
Joshua Higgins to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Eastham) 26 April 1833
Thankfull Freeman et al to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 27 December 1833
Freeman Nickerson to Edward Kendrick, Jr., Barnstable (Chatham), 2 June 1834
Sparrow Horten to Lewis Doane Barnstable (Orleans) 12 February 1835
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John Banfs to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 19 February 1835
Enos Godfrey to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Brewster), 23 February 1835
Lewis Doane to David Eldridge, Jr., Barnstable (Brewster), 25 February 1835
Benjamin Crowell to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 25 February 1835
Peter Walker to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Eastham), 25 February 1835
Sparrow Horten to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (Orleans), 8 November 1835
Young to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (Orleans), 15 April 1836
Timothy Rogers to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 27 September 1836
Bangs Eldridge to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (?), 16 March 1837
Sparrow Horton to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (?), 20 March 1837
Silvanus Cash, Jr. to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Brewster), 21 August 1837
John Doane to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (?), 22 January 1838
Abner F. Linnell to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 11 February 1839
Josiah Arey to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 11 January 1841
Isaac Crosby to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 5 February 1841
Lewis Doane to Seth Cahoon, Barnstable (Harwich), 1 April 1841
Seth Cahoon to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Harwich), 1 April 1841
Derias Cahoon to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Harwich), 3 April 1841
Silvanus Cash, Jr. to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (?), 13 November 1841
George Atwood to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 28 July 1843
Jonathan Twining to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 19 October 1843
Herman Snow to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 13 April 1845
Herman Snow to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 19 April 1845
Herman Snow to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 1 October 1846
Josiah Hopkins to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 26 October 1846
Joshua Nickerson to David Howes, Barnstable (Brewster), 22 January 1847
Henry Harding et al to Oliver Smith et al, Barnstable (Eastham), 18 December 1848
Beriah Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 25 February 1850
Josiah Linnell to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 2 February 1852
Freeman Foster, Jr. to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Brewster), 7 October 1853
Lewis Doane to Mayo, Barnstable (Orleans), 26 September 1854
Beriah Doane et al to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 8 March 1856
Alexander Kenwick to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 24 April 1856
Box 3

Special Deeds to Ships, Saltworks and Pews

Timothy Doane to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 27 July 1821, transfer of ½ saltworks share
Charles Lane to Lewis Doane, 1/3 share to Schooner Lewis, 5 December 1830
Lewis Doane to Thatcher Snow, Barnstable (Orleans), 31 July 1821, 6/7 share of saltworks
Benjamin Freeman to Lewis Doane, ½ share 1900 feet of salt works, 27 February 1831
John Doane to Oliver Smith, Barnstable (Orleans), January 1838, ½ share of saltworks
Henry Knowles to Lewis Doane, 1/40 share in Schooner Combine, 28 February 1838
Nathaniel S. Young to Lewis Doane, 3/16 share to Schooner Queen, 7 December 1838
Joseph Linnell III to Lewis Doane, Barnstable (Orleans), 2 February 1852, 3/5 share of saltworks

Box 4

Boston and vicinity deeds – predominantly related to Oliver Smith

Ruth Payson to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 18 January 1844
Albert H. Brown to Oliver Smith, Boston (East. Boston), 1 August 1846
Oliver Mitchell to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 11 April 1846
Alvah Hatch to Oliver Hastings, Boston (Charlestown), 21 February 1846
Oliver Smith to Scituate Institution for Savins, Boston (East Boston), 27 April 1846
James Ritchie to Oliver Smith, Boston (East Boston), 18 November 1848
Thomas __ to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 14 April 1849
Oliver Smith to Richard Sullivan, Jr., et al, Boston (Charlestown), 17 May 1855
Oliver Smith to Richard Sullivan, Jr., et al, Boston (Charlestown), 17 May 1855
Richard Sullivan, Jr., et al to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 17 May 1855
Oliver Smith et al to Jerrod H. Kibby, Boston (Chelsea), 27 June 1855
Russell Smith to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 1 July 1856
Oliver Smith to Eunice E. Kendrick, Boston (Charlestown), 9 April 1858
Enos Morgan to Oliver Smith, Boston (East Boston), 31 March 1859
Franklin Hopkins to Oliver Smith, Boston (Malden), 10 March 1860
Franklin Hopkins to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 10 March 1860
Franklin Hopkins to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 10 March 1860
Charles W. Wellington to Oliver Smith, Boston (Charlestown), 14 November 1860
Aaron N. Jaques to O. Smith and Co., Maine/Sagadahoe (Topsham), 18 December 1860