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The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

Presidents Message – Tom Delano

Welcome to the September 2023 Delano Kindred newsletter. When you read this edition of the newsletter, a number of us will be tracing the footsteps of our Delano ancestors on the Delano Kindred European Family History tour. All 25 participants on the tour are most excited to be going to Europe and I am sure there will be many good stories and photos from the tour for future newsletters.

The Plimoth Patuxet Groundbreaking for the Warren House

A good number of our Delano Kindred members descend from Lt. Jonathan and Mercy (Warren) Delano and therefore they also descend from Mayflower passenger Richard Warren and his wife Elizabeth (Walker) Warren. At the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting in August, the attendees voted to give our 2022 and 2023 annual donations of \$1000 (in total) to Plimoth Patuxet to be used solely for the building of the Warren House. The Warren House, when completed, will be a close replica of the 1627 house which was lived in by Richard and Elizabeth Warren and their many children.

The Warren Cousins held their annual meeting on the afternoon and evening of September 8, 2023, at Plimoth Patuxet and several Delano Kindred members, and Warren descendants, Revd. Dr. W. Becket Soule and Tom Delano attended the annual meeting. After the business meeting concluded, the Warren descendants walked out to the site of the Warren House construction for a groundbreaking ceremony and for the Delano Kindred to present their \$1,000 check to Plimoth Patuxet.

Here are some photos of the groundbreaking (or ribbon cutting) and check presentation.



Delano Kindred Board Member Rev. Dr. W. Becket Soule, and President Tom Delano, present the check from the Delano Kindred to Plimoth Patuxet Deputy Executive Director, and Historian, Richard Pickering.



Richard Pickering and Plimoth Patuxet Director of Buildings, Tom Bagley, are holding the ribbon while two Warren Cousins officers, the Vice President, Dick Gilmore, and the President, Martin Beerman, perform the honors of cutting the ribbon at the Warren House building site.



It was a fun and a most interesting afternoon and evening. The contribution made by the Delano Kindred was most appreciated by Plimoth Patuxet and the Warren Cousins.

Esther (Delano?) (Sampson) Soule By Revd. Dr. W. Becket Soule

We begin by reviewing what we know about John Soule, eldest son of the Pilgrim George Soule of the *Mayflower*:

2. John² Soule (*George¹*), the son of George and Mary (Beckett) Soule (No. 1), was born probably in Plymouth ca. 1631; he died, intestate, in Duxbury before 14 November 1707, the date on which administration of his estate was granted to his widow Esther. On 6 July 1685, John Soule testified that he was "aged fifty-four years or thereabouts," and in a deposition on 8 March 1705/6, he swore that he was "about seventy foure years" of age.

• John Soule married (1) probably in Duxbury ca. 1656 **Rebecca Simonson/Simmons**, eldest daughter of Moses and Sarah (____) Simonson. In a deed dated 30 December 1674, Moses Simmons in "consideration of a marriage heretofore consummated between John Soul of Duxbury and my eldest daughter, Rebecca" gave John Soule land in Middleboro. This shows that Rebecca was still alive on that date, although the actual date of her death is unknown.

• John Soule married (2) probably in Duxbury after 3 July 1678 (when "toward marriage") **Esther/Hester (Delano?) Sam(p)son**, probably the daughter of Philip and Hester (Dewsbury) Delano. Esther was born in Duxbury on 5 March 1639/40, and died on 12 September 1735 in Duxbury, aged 95y 6m 6d. Esther married (1) in Duxbury Samuel Sam(p)son, son of Abraham and _____ (Nash) Sampson, born in Duxbury in 1646. "Samuell Sampson of Duxburrow ... was alsoe slayne in the countryes service" during King Philip's War, and his widow was granted a pension of £10 from the town of Duxbury on 4 October 1675, paid to her for two years following the death of her husband and until the time she remarried.

Who is Esther Sampson?

Hester/Esther Delanoy and Rebeckah Alden, were said to be with child. This "scandalous gossip" was retracted in court on 1 October 1661: "October the 1, 1661. Wheras I, Abraham Peirce, Juni', haue follishly and vnadvisedly reported to Ruth Sprague and Bethyah Tubbs, att the house of Francis Sprague, that Rebeckah Alden and Hester Delanoy were with child, and that thervpon wee should haue young troopers within three quarters of a yeare, I doe freely and from my hart owne my fault heerin, and am hartily sorry that I haue so spooken, to theire great reproch and wronge and the defamation of theire relations, which I earnestly desire may bee passed by of them all ; and I hope I shall for euer heerafter take heed what I doe speake and report of any att any time." [PCR 4: 7].

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also e slayne in the countryes service" during King Philip's War, and his widow was granted a pension of £10 from the town of Duxbury on 4 October 1675, paid to her for two years following the death of her husband and until the time she remarried.

It has not been proven that Esther/Hester Delano is the Esther _____ who married (1) Samuel Sampson and (2) John Soule, although there is a high probability: see TAG 15:165-7. *The Plymouth Colony Probate Guide* (ed. Ruth W. Sherman and Robert S. Wakefield. Wakefield, RI: Plymouth Colony Research Group, 1983) agrees that Samuel Sampson's wife Esther "was not a Nash, but probably a Delano" (93; cf. TG 1:233). Although he had expressed doubts about whether Esther Soule was the daughter of Philip and Hester Delano (NEHGR 52:76), Robert Anderson has since listed John Soule's wife as the daughter of Philip and Hester (Dewsbury) Delano without any qualification (MM 157, PM 435; "probably" PM 167). The circumstantial evidence that (a) Esther's brother Philip Delano married the sister of Samuel Sampson,

(b) Esther was of the right age, and

(c) no other Esther is recorded that would be available as the wife of Samuel Sampson, makes Esther the most likely candidate.

The inventory dated 3 December 1707 was taken by Thomas Delano, Abraham Samson, and Benoni Delano, indicating a close relationship. In addition, "Samuell Sampson, son of Samuell Sampson, deceased," chose John Soule to be his guardian on 5 March 1683/4: PCR 6:125.

Children of John² and Rebecca (Simmons) Soule, b. Duxbury:

- 9 i. Rebecca³ Soule, b. ca. 1657 (based on age at death).
- 10 ii. James Soule, b. ca. 1659 (based on age at death).
- 11 iii. Sarah Soule, b. ca. 1660.
- 12 iv. Rachel Soule, b. ca. 1663 (based on age at death).
- 13 v. Aaron Soule, b. ca. 1664.
- 14 vi. Benjamin Soule, b. ca. 1666 (based on age at death).

vii. Zachariah Soule, b. ca. 1669; d. in the Canadian Expedition before 16 March 1690/1, when the inventory of his estate was taken: the estate contained only a mare, a chest and clothing, feathers and old clothes, sundries, a gun, part of a whale-boat &c., "and more things received from Boston, besides his wages due for the Canada Expedition." His father was appointed administrator of his estate. No record of marriage or children.

15 viii. Moses Soule, b. ca. 1672.

16 ix. John Soule, b. ca. 1675 (based on age at death).

Children of John² and Esther/Hester (Delano?) (Sam[p]son) Soule, b. Duxbury:

17 x. Joseph Soule (twin), b. 31 Jul. 1679 (if age at death is correct).

18 xi. Josiah Soule (twin), b. 31 Jul. 1679.

19 xii. Joshua Soule, b. 12 Oct. 1681.



The newly restored marker for Esther (Delano) Soule

Esther Soule's gravestone is in the Myles Standish Cemetery in Duxbury. The marker reads: HERE LYES THE BODY OF M^{rS} ESTER SOUL WIFE TO M^r JOHN SOUL WHO DES^D SEPT Ye 12TH 1 7 3 5 AGED 94 YEARS 6 MONTHS & 6 DAYS **The marker was in bad repair and was restored in the summer of 2022 by Colonial Stone of Kingston, MA thanks to contributions from Soule Kindred in America and Delano Kindred**.

2024 Delano Annual Meeting and Reunion – Save the Date

The 2024 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held in **Maggie Valley, North Carolina** in conjunction with the Soule Kindred. The meeting dates are September 13, 14, and 15, 2024 with an optional visit to Delano, TN on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

The tentative events will be:

Thursday, Sept. 12, - Visit Delano, TN, and stop by the Winery (optional) Friday, Sept. 13, - Visit and tour the Biltmore in Asheville, NC Saturday, Sept. 14, - Annual Meeting and a visit to the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park Sunday, Sept. 15, - Morning church service, followed by brunch

More details on the 2024 meeting will appear in upcoming newsletters. We hope you will circle these dates on your calendar and join us for what looks like another exciting and interesting Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion!

Update on The Delano European History Tour September 2023

Many of us leave the States and Canada on Sept. 18 (or earlier) to begin the tour in Amsterdam on Sept. 19. The tour continues from there to Leiden, then to the Lille/Tourcoing, France area, next we cross the English Channel to Canterbury, England, then on to the Gainsborough/Scrooby, and the tour finishes in London on Sept. 28. This newsletter will probably arrive while we are on tour. Look for photos and tour commentary in one or several of the fourth quarter newsletters.

REMINDER - Emerald Book Project and the Book Fund

Becket Soule and Muriel Cushing are hard at work on preparing the Emerald Book series. This series will be hardcover and will list the first eight generations of descendants of Philip Delano of the *Fortune* (1621). The purpose of this series of books is to supersede and update Joel A. Delano's now outdated, *The Genealogy, History, and Alliances of the American House of Delano, 1621 to 1899* (referred to often as GHAAHD).

The goal is to have the first volume, Delano 1, published by the end of 2024. After the first volume is published, the plan is to follow this schedule:

2023/4 Delano I (Philip Delano for Five Generations)

2025/6 Delano II, pt. 1 (Mary [Delano] Dunham, Philip Delano, Thomas Delano, generations 6 through 8)

2027/8 Delano II, pt. 2 (Esther [Delano][Sampson] Soule, John Delano, Jonathan Delano, generations 6 through 8)

2029/30 Delano II, pt. 3 (Jane [Delano] Weston, Rebecca [Delano] Churchill, and Samuel Delano, generations 6 through 8)

To bring this project to final completion on this schedule the Delano Kindred is seeking to establish a fund of at least \$30,000 over the next three years. Presently, we have about \$10,000 in the Emerald Book Fund. If you are interested in donating, and we sincerely hope you are, you may make your contributions in several different ways -

online at:

https://www.delanokindred.us/donations

or check may be sent to: Delano Kindred, Inc. 1041 Union Street Duxbury, MA 02332

Please include "Emerald Books" on the memorandum line of the check so that the donation can be properly credited.

And between now and the end of 2023, Becket Soule will gladly send an autographed copy of his new 175-page book, *Passengers of the Fortune (1621)* upon request, to anyone who generously contributes \$500 or more to the Emerald Books Fund. Please request your free copy from the Delano Kindred, Inc. when making your eligible donation.

Please consider giving to this most worthy project!

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