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## **BONNES NOUVELLES**

*Learning about DELANO history and genealogy*



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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.

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**Early 17th Century Map of Leiden**



**Vrouwekerk (Walloon Church)**

**Our Unique de Lannoy and**



# Mahieu Ancestors - in Leiden (1590 on)

## by George English

Philippe de Lannoy was born to Jean de Lannoy and Marie Mahieu around 1602 in Leiden, Holland. He was one of very few of the first Pilgrims who were not English. One of the unique features of our de Lannoy and Mahieu ancestors is that they fled first to England before arriving in Leiden around 1590, nearly 20 years before the English Separatists arrived there. This has only been discovered in recent years. At Easter 1591, Jean's parents, Guilbert de Lannoy and Jeanne du Bus, were received as members of the Walloon Church called the Vrouwekerk. The English Pilgrim Separatists, led by Pastor John Robinson, would arrive in Leiden in 1609; and would have been grateful to meet people like the de Lannoys and Mahieus, who spoke English and had lived in England.

Thus, Philippe became affiliated with the Pilgrims who would leave for America on the *Mayflower* and later ships.

Leiden was in Holland which, like Flanders, was one of the seventeen provinces of the Netherlands, which were ruled by the Spanish. It was to be the third town that the de Lannoys lived in, after their hometown of Tourcoing, and then Canterbury, which experienced a rapid population growth due to textiles while they were living there.

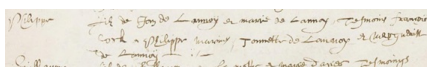
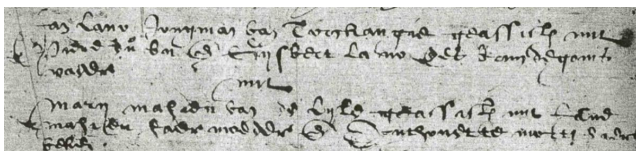
In 1573 and 1574, Leiden had endured a five-month siege by the Spanish, followed by another four-month one, when the inhabitants suffered greatly from starvation and plague. After the lifting of the Spanish sieges, Leiden increasingly became a haven for Protestants from the southern provinces of the Netherlands who were fleeing from persecution. This accelerated after 1581 when the northern provinces declared independence and later became the Dutch Republic.

In 1584, the first Walloon Church in Leiden was founded at the Vrouwekerk for the immigrants from Flanders and other provinces. It is from the Leiden and Walloon Church records that most of the evidence about the activities of our ancestors in Leiden has come.

On January 13, 1596, the banns for Jean de Lannoy and Marie Mahieu to marry were published in the Walloon Church (see images below) [*translation*] Jan Lano, a young man of Torckangie [*Tourcoing*], accompanied by Piere de Bu [*Bus*] and Gijsbert [*Guilbert*] Lano, father of the bridegroom with Mary Mahieu of Lyle [*Lille*], accompanied by



**Vrouwekerk Bronze Plaque**

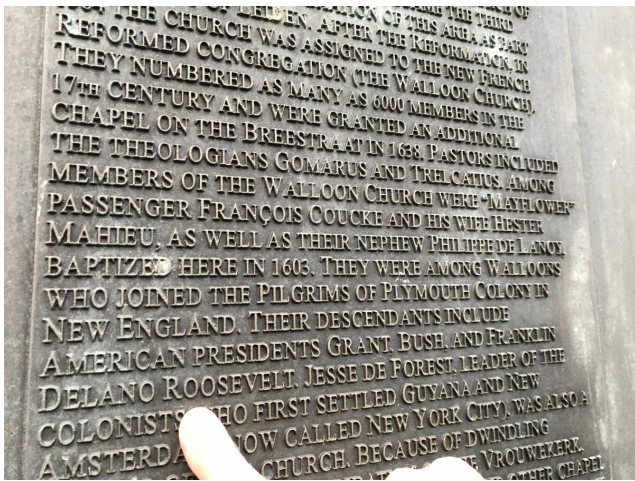


**Leiden Marriage Banns**





**The Vrouwekerk Memorial in 2022**



**The Vrouwekerk Plaque close-up with the names of Philippe De Lannoy, Francis Cooke, and Hester Mahieu visible.**

Jane [*Jeanne*] Mahieu her mother and Anthonette Morth, her acquaintance. Jean and Marie's daughter Jenne [*Jeanne*] was baptized on 18 March 1601. Marie Mahieu's sister Hester, who had been born in Canterbury, and Francis Cooke, had their marriage banns registered on 5 July 1603 in the Hooglandsche Church, Leiden.

Philippe de Lannoy was baptized on 6 November 1603. The witnesses were François Kock (*Cooke*), Philippe Marines, and his aunts Tonnette de Lannoy and Margueritte de Lannoy. Jean de Lannoy can be supposed to have died before 6 June 1604, because his widow Marie remarried Robert Mannoo in 1605. So, Philippe would never have known his father. The renowned painter Rembrandt was born in Leiden in 1606.

In 1606, Hester Mahieu and her husband Francis Cooke went to Norwich in England, where they were members of the Walloon Church. This was just after John Robinson had left Norwich to go to Scrooby in Nottinghamshire. The Cookes returned briefly to Leiden to have their son Jean/John Cooke baptized, between 1 January and 31 March 1607, within the Leiden Walloon congregation.

John Robinson and the Separatists, mostly from the Scrooby/ Gainsborough area, arrived in Leiden via Amsterdam in 1609. At the Vrouwekerk, they would meet the English-speaking de Lannoys and Mahieus, who had lived in their country for a dozen years. Philippe de Lannoy, no doubt, learned English from his mother Marie.

Two further marriages involved what were probably younger sisters of Jean de Lannoy - Lano de, Mary [*Marie*] in 1611 and Lano de, Jenne [*Jeanne*] in 1614, both 'of Canterbury'. Philippe de Lannoy would sail to New England on the *Fortune* in 1621. It is not known what happened to Philippe's mother Marie, step-father Robert or his siblings in later life.

Leiden was by then the second largest city in Holland. Its population increased from 10,000 in 1575, to 22,000 in 1600, and then 45,000 in 1622, much of this due to the immigration of the Protestant refugees.

The Vrouwekerk was partly demolished in 1819, and more in the 1980s. Now only fragments of the wall and the foundations remain. In 2011, a memorial plaque depicting the Vrouwekerk was unveiled on the remaining ruined east wall of the church. This plaque was partially funded with a donation by the Delano Kindred. The English text includes:

“Among members of the Walloon Church were “Mayflower” passenger François Coucke and his wife Hester Mahieu, as well as their nephew Philippe de Lanoy, baptized here in 1603 ... They were among Walloons who joined the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in New England”.

In fact, neither Hester nor Philippe were Walloons, and the nationality of Francis Cooke is unknown.

## A direct and compelling headline



### The Monument on the Vliet in Leiden

The Leiden Tourist Bureau (VVV), to celebrate Mayflower 400, prepared and published an extensive walking tour of Leiden called the *Pilgrim Route*. The route includes 25 stops which depict sites having a direct or indirect connections with the Pilgrims. Several of the stops on the route have Delano connections such as at the Vrouwekerk discussed in the above article. Another stop on the route is the Monument on the Vliet. This monument, as you see in the below photo, commemorates the uncertain step taken by the many Pilgrims who left Leiden for the New World from 1620 to 1647. You can almost see in the background the Vlietbrug (Vliet bridge) which once formed a part of the city wall. Once the Pilgrims boarded boats close to the Vliet, and crossed under this bridge, they sailed down the canal to Delfshaven to later board the *Speedwell*, or take another ship to England, and then on to the New World. The monument, by artist Gert van der Woude, was placed on the Vliet in 2003 and unveiled on May 31 by then mayor of Leiden, Henri Lenferink.

The list of Pilgrim names on the monument contain, of course, the





more well-known names such as Standish, Bradford, Brewster and Winslow. But look closely and you may see De Lannoy, Mahieu, Cooke and Pontus, all of which have family connections. The list is not restricted to the Mayflower Pilgrims but includes all family names of Pilgrims that left Leiden between 1620 and 1647. That time span corresponds with William Bradford's book *Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647*. In coming issues of this Newsletter, look for other Leiden-related articles on our family.

## President's Note from Tom Delano

Greetings Cousins! I hope this issue of Bonnes Nouvelles finds everybody well and enjoying a pleasant summer so far. Our focus in this issue is again on the Delano Family's European heritage with a focus on Leiden. Compared to other First Comers, such as John Alden or Richard Warren, we know a lot about Philip Delano (a.k.a. Philippe de Lannoy) and his family's European heritage. In the months to come, we will have more information on our family's rather unique history.

But first, we need to discuss the 2022 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting!  
Less Than 2 Months to Go to the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting in Delano, Minnesota!

It won't be long now! Please put the dates of September 16, 17, and 18 on your calendar and plan to join us either in person in Delano, Minnesota, or on Zoom. Registration for the annual meeting and hotel information is now open and you may do so by going to the Delano Kindred website ([www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)) and clicking on the "Reunion" menu at the top of the page. As you can see in the photos (below) of the banners found on the main streets, the town of Delano has an openness and a community spirit which is very refreshing and not found in many communities.

Delano, MN City Hall  
and Senior Center





Delano was founded as a stop on St. Paul and Pacific Railroad which reached there in 1868 from Minneapolis and St. Paul. From Delano, the railroad continued westward up to Moorhead/Fargo and then eventually to Seattle. The building of the St. P&P RR and its importance in opening western Minnesota and the US Northwest will be the theme of the presentations at this meeting.

As for the meeting program, we begin the meeting on Friday afternoon Sept. 16 at 1 pm at the Delano City Hall and Senior Center with a welcome from the Mayor of Delano, Dale Graunke. Tom Delano will then speak on Francis R. "FR" Delano, his great, great grandfather, and whom Delano, MN was named for. We will then take our group photo in front of the Delano City Hall and Senior Center. After a brief break, Duane Swanson, the former archivist of manuscripts, and with special knowledge of the railroad collection, of the Minnesota Historical Society will speak on the importance of St. P&P RR in Minnesota history. Then we will go on a walking tour of downtown Delano and finish at the nearby Historic Rieder Barn for a reception. On Saturday, Sept. 17, we will hold the annual meeting at 10 am at the Delano City Hall and Senior Center followed by a talk on the history of Delano by Kathy Workman, a local Delano MN historian. The afternoon is open, and attendees may either visit the Delano Heritage Center (directly across the street from the Delano City Hall) or take a short walk to Delano Central Park and participate in the Delano Oktoberfest... or do both. Prost! The evening activities will begin at 6 pm with a reception followed by dinner at 6:45 pm and an after dinner speech by Dr. Becket Soule. This promises to be an educational and fun meeting so please read the future newsletters and the Delano Kindred website for more meeting information. We hope to see you all in Delano!



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**Get Your Delano Kindred Clothing and Merchandise!**

We have a fresh supply of T-Shirts available on the Delano Kindred website ([www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)). Many other items are available for purchase so we can all let the world know how proud we are of our heritage! Just visit the website and click on “Shop” and start letting the world know about “Philippe de Lanoy” and the “**Fortune**” are ones that followed! Seriously, the first T-Shirt photo shows a picture of the **Fortune** drawn by Dr. Jeremy Bangs, the director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum and long a friend of the Delano Kindred. After costs, all profits are channeled back to the Kindred to fund all of our worthy causes! PayPal or payment by mail is accepted! See you all in September in Delano, Minnesota!



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### Have You Renewed Your Delano Kindred Membership for 2022?

If you haven't renewed your Delano Kindred membership for 2022, it is still not too late. To renew your membership, please log in to the Delano Kindred website and click on the Membership Links found on the right side of the Home page.

If you also know of other Delano family members and relatives, please pass the website and information along to them. We would love to expand the membership out and reach more Delano kin out there.



## Upcoming Delano Kindred Events

- **Thursday, August 18 – Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom**
- **Any current member who wishes to add a motion to the September 2022 Annual Meeting agenda, should send their motion to Tom Delano (tom.delano@gmail.com) before August 1, 2022.**
- **September 16, 17 & 18, 2022 – Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion in Delano Minnesota. Look on the Delano Kindred Website for the hotel booking and meeting registration information.**

Look for meeting registration information on the Delano Kindred website. The hotel information is presently available on our website under the Reunions menu. To make your reservation, please call the GrandStay Hotel and Suites in Delano at: 763.972.4303. Ask for either Ryan Klatke or Heather Bahn and mention you attending the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting/Reunion to get the discounted rate of \$149.00 per night for a double room.

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### **Carlton Delano Pratt – Age 87**

**Born October 19, 1934; Died January 25, 2022**

Carlton, a longtime member of the Delano Kindred, passed away peacefully after a short illness. He was a devoted DK member and attended many of the reunions traveling from his home in West Bridgewater, MA, or his much-loved summer home in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. Carlton cut an impressive figure, at 6'4" inches tall with a champion athletic build. He had a noble demeanor and was blessed with handsome good looks – yet he was always humble, gracious, and kind to all. At age 17 he achieved every young man's dream when he was invited to join the Red Sox at their spring training camp in Florida.

He met the love of his life, Marilyn, when he was 21 and she 17. They married after he graduated from Boston's Northeastern University. He joined the Foxboro Company building a successful career and rising to be the New England Regional Sales Manager.

His meticulous planning allowed him to retire early and enjoy his myriad of interests: rowing on the lake to the general store with his faithful dog, Otis, onboard to get the mail and a newspaper; researching his family trees both on the Delano and Pratt side; and building and curating an extensive book collection of Maine history.

Married for 63 years, he and Marilyn had the good fortune to spend decades together after he retired. Enjoying the time of their lives on their very own "Golden Pond" and watching sunrises and sunsets as the loons swam by. He embodied the Maine country lifestyle and looked the part with the GMC silver pick-up truck he favored, hunting, hiking, enjoying nature, and tinkering in his workshop. He knew that the true luxury in life is to do what you want to do when you want to do it – and he did!



In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Mike, and daughter, Susan, and 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. The most recent granddaughter, a toddler named Avery, was smiling and cooing at him from a phone screen the night he died. She will never know him -- but because she shares the same birthday, he will always be present in her life. If you wish to send a condolence card, Marilyn's contact information is: Marilyn Pratt, P.O. Box 281, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

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