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*Learning about DELANO history and genealogy*



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.

### President's Message – Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

I hope you all are well and looking forward to a fun Summer. The newsletter starts off with news of the Delano Minnesota 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Delano, and the many events taking place throughout 2026 to celebrate this event.

Next, we have more information on the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion on Sept. 18 & 19, 2026.

There are lots of informative tidbits this month, including the Delano Kindred "Did You Know" articles (one full write-up and another sneak peek that is available on our website), and a "Why Did You Know" in which Muriel Cushing reflects on her series. Lastly, we have great news about the re-issue of the Delano Kindred's 501(c) (3) tax status. We hope to see many of you in Duxbury this September at our Annual Meeting!

Tom Delano  
President

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## **Delano Minnesota 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the US 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**By Tom Delano**

Many of you will remember that the Delano Kindred held its 2022 Annual Meeting and Reunion in the Delano Minnesota Senior Center/City Offices, and it was a fun 3 day event. Well, 2026 is a big year for the Town of Delano with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of Delano as a town. Delano town officials are holding many events throughout 2026 to celebrate this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The largest event will be the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, which also happens to be the oldest and largest July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Minnesota. There will be 4 days of events on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and a big parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly will be the Grand Marshal of this years' Delano Minnesota July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. For more details on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration the links to it is below:

<https://www.delanomn.gov/614/Delanos-150th-Anniversary>

<https://www.delano4th.com>

For those of you who may be interested in know why Delano Minnesota was named after my great great grandfather, Francis Roach Delano, his biography is on the town website in the link below:

<https://www.delanomntrail.org/delano-francis-roach>

I will try and include photos from the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in an upcoming Delano Kindred newsletter.

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**Delano Kindred 2026 Annual Meeting and Reunion**  
**September 18 & 19, 2026**  
**The New Alden Barn in Duxbury, MA**

Our 2026 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the new Alden Barn at 105 Alden Street, Duxbury, MA 02332.

Here is the draft agenda for this meeting:

**September 18, 2026**

1:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting - Alden Barn

2:00 pm Speaker – To be determined

3:00 pm Tours of the Alden House and Alden Barn Exhibits

4:30 pm Reception

5:30 pm Catered Dinner

**September 19, 2026**

10:30 am Delano Kindred Annual Meeting - Alden Barn

12:00 pm Catered Lunch

1:00 pm Speaker – Peter Arenstem

2:30 pm Optional walking tour of the Philip Delano property given by Tony Kelso, Town of Duxbury, Historian

4:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Delano Kindred Board meeting

As with past Annual Meetings/Reunions, registration, meals, and refreshments will be provided over the two days. The per-person fee, which includes all expenses, is \$95.00. The Delano Kindred website will be open shortly to take the Annual Meeting/Reunion reservations. We'll let everybody know either by email or on the Facebook page.

We have reserved 12 rooms at the Marriott Fairfield Hotel, 16 Plaza Way, Plymouth, MA 02360 for the attendees who will need a room close by. For a hotel room, please contact Jamy Saade, Director of Sales, at (508) 503-6699 or at [jsaade@lafrancehospitality.com](mailto:jsaade@lafrancehospitality.com)

Registration will open no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, and it will run through approximately September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have more of the meeting details as we get closer to the meeting dates.



The new, almost completed, Alden Barn in Mid-February 2026

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## **Delano Kindred DID YOU KNOW? A Delano Family Cemetery**

By Cathy Delano

The southern tip of Sconticut Neck, now called Wilbur Point, was a 90-acre farm owned by the Delano Family. It was sold to Edwin Wilbur in 1877. **Learn more about the Delano Family Cemetery located there on the DK website at <https://www.delanokindred.us/blog/sconticut> .**

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## **Delano Kindred DID YOU KNOW? Mystery Portrait at Warren Delano's 80th Birthday**

by Frederic Delano Grant, Jr

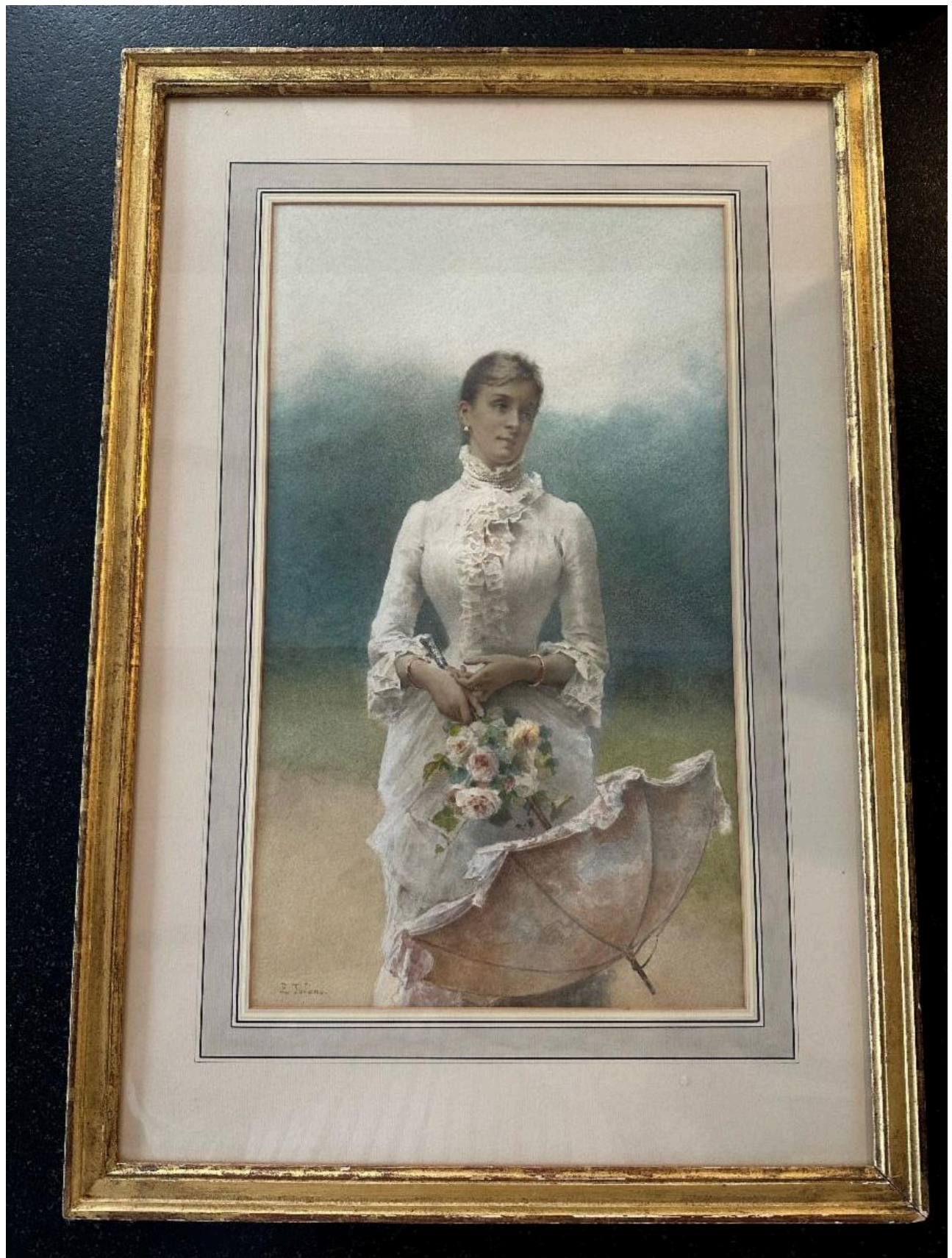
### **Laura Franklin Delano (1864-1884)**

The image of young Franklin Roosevelt, in a sailor suit, seated center between his grandparents in a photograph taken at the July 1889 celebration of the 80th birthday of Warren Delano II, is familiar. Often missed, or taken as something of a puzzle, is a draped portrait of a young woman seen on the right side of that photograph. This is FDR's aunt Laura Franklin Delano (1864-1884) who had died five years earlier in her nineteenth year.

Born in Hong Kong, Laura was a strong and much-loved soul, described by her father Warren Delano II when little as "wilful, daring and persistent but loving and affectionate — *and she knows it*, beautiful." Laura adored FDR: "There is a photograph made at Algonac earlier that summer in which she lies on the grass in a flowered dress, her body curved protectively around Franklin, beaming at him as he peers to the camera." Laura died as the result of a horrific accident on July 20, 1884, when an alcohol lamp toppled, engulfing her in flames. She rests

in the Delano tomb at Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. Laura's death had a profound effect on her extended family.

The proximity of infant FDR to these traumatic events is uncertain, but it is a fact that Franklin Roosevelt carried anxiety about fires through his life. As Geoffrey C. Ward recounts, "We do not know how much of all this Franklin knew or consciously remembered; he is not recorded as having ever mentioned Laura Delano's terrible death. Mamie presumably sheltered him from all that she could. But he may have seen his aunt's fiery plunge down the stairs, and he could not have missed hearing her screams. The hours that followed were his first experience of sorrow." (Source: Geoffrey C. Ward, *Before The Trumpet: Young Franklin Roosevelt 1882-1905* (New York: Harper & Row, 1985), pages 94 and 117-119.)



Memorial Portrait of Laura Delano (by permission Frederic D. Grant, Jr.)



Photograph of 1889 gathering celebrating the 80th birthday of Warren Delano II, with the draped memorial portrait seen to the right side. (Delano Family Papers, FDR Library, reproduction authorized)

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## **Why the *Did You Know* Project? By Muriel Curtis Cushing, Delano Kindred Genealogist**

A few years ago, while on a cruise and walking into the lounge (where the action was), a sign just over the doorway read: “The sacrifices our ancestors gave yesterday, gave us today and our tomorrow.”

Stephen Robert Kuta

I was in awe! How true, how profound, how electric! I quickly took a photo; I had to remember that saying! I now use it with my signature. But then, another saying blindsided me.

“Poor is the nation having no heroes,  
Shameful the one having them, forgets.”

Author unknown

I thought “Perfect!” for my Patriots to Passengers Project, so that too is with a different signature. But then, I thought—

Has the Delano Kindred forgotten? Don’t we need to reflect on our own family stories, our brave and courageous ancestors? Shouldn’t we want to share some of the precious family times we can still remember with other members of our Delano family? Wouldn’t we want to let others know what a great family legacy we have?

The Delano history does not end with the arrival of the *Fortune* in 1621. Our amazing Delano heritage was just beginning. It lives on in the bravery and courage of their

descendants, from the beginning and shaping of a new nation, to every generation since – yours and my Delano ancestors. The “Did you know?” project was created to document some of that wonderful Delano history.

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## **Call for Nominations for Delano Kindred Directors**

Every other year at the Annual Meeting, Delano Kindred members vote for 7 Directors who serve a two-year term. Along with elected Officers, these Directors make up the Delano Kindred Board. Directors may be re-elected, as there are no term limits. The Board is vested with the direction of the general affairs of the society and has the general powers necessary for exercising such direction.

The Nominating Committee is seeking members interested in getting more involved with the Delano Kindred by becoming a Director. Please send your nomination, including a short biography, to our Committee Chair ([pampettengell26@gmail.com](mailto:pampettengell26@gmail.com)).

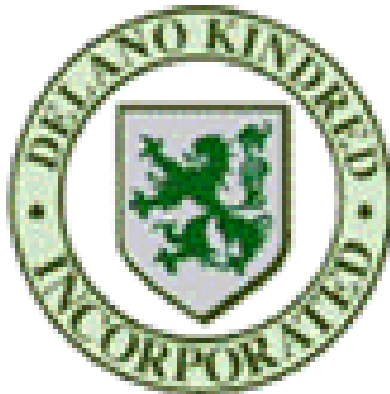
Here are a few things for consideration:

- All Directors shall be voting members of the Delano Kindred in good standing.
- Directors shall be prepared for and present at board meetings. Unless otherwise ordered, these are held the day before the Annual Membership Meeting/Reunion and immediately following it.
- Other board meetings generally are scheduled every 4 to 6 weeks via Zoom.
- Directors also participate in one or more committees.

Thank you for considering this position.

Pam Pettengell, Nominating Committee Chair

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## **New Delano Kindred Members**

**Joyce Pinney, Hudson, MA**

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**2026 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates**

**Board of Director's Meetings**  
Next meeting is Saturday, August 8, 2026

**Dates for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Reunion**  
September 18 & 19 at the New Alden Barn in Duxbury, MA  
Board meetings will be held both before and have the meetings on the  
18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Delano Kindred's 501(c) (3) Status Renewed**

We are pleased to report that the Delano Kindred's 501 (c) (3) status has been reactivated by the US Government. The good news is that it has been reestablished back to its expiration date of Oct. 14, 2024. A special thank you goes to our treasurer, Paula Delano, for her hard work, and perseverance, in getting the 501 (c) (3) status renewed.

For those of you who have not made a cash donation to the Delano Kindred for tax reasons, The Kindred has its tax-free status renewed. Please feel free to now make a cash donation to the Delano Kindred.

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## **Membership Renewal**

For those of you whose memberships have expired, it's not too late to renew! All you need to do is log into the website ([www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)) with your email ID and password and pay the outstanding invoice. If you still have one of the renewal emails that were sent to you earlier, there is a link in those emails to take you directly to the invoice for payment. Thank you for your past membership, and we sincerely hope you will decide to renew your membership again.

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## **Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page**

The Delano Kindred Facebook page is now up to over 175 users, which is a good increase. For those of you who have not checked out our Facebook page, please do so. If you are already a member of the Delano Kindred Facebook page, please tell other family members about it. The recent posts have been excellent, and you will learn a lot about the Delano family history both in Europe and here in North America.

To find this page on Facebook, please search for "Delano Kindred" in Facebook, and WELCOME!

Here is a direct link to the Delano Kindred Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551863466059>

**See you on Facebook!**

**A Note for All Members -**

If you change your email address, please use the "Contact Us" option on the Delano Kindred website to let us know. Your email addresses are tied to your logins for using the website, and you cannot use it or reset your password without a current email. Thank you, and let us know of any questions!

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**Elected Officers and Directors, Appointed Committee Chairs and Members, and Other Appointees**

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