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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.

President's Message – Tom Delano

Hello, cousins,

For this issue, I will be putting together some thoughts, memories, and highlights from the 2026 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion. We are very pleased to report that this year's reunion was a wonderful success, and it

was truly a pleasure to see so many members of the Delano family come together once again.

This year, we returned to the Alden Barn and Living History Museum, where we were fortunate to enjoy the new facility and all that it had to offer. The setting provided a wonderful backdrop for our gathering and gave us another opportunity to connect with one another, share stories, learn more about our family history, and celebrate the enduring legacy of the Delano family.

Most importantly, I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make this year's reunion possible. A successful reunion takes the efforts of many people, both behind the scenes and throughout the weekend. From planning and organizing the event to setting up, welcoming members, coordinating activities, preparing meals, sharing presentations and historical information, and helping with all the countless details that make an event like this run smoothly, your time and dedication are deeply appreciated. I also want to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the spirit of the reunion. Whether you traveled a great distance or joined us from nearby, your presence helped make the gathering special. The conversations, laughter, stories, photographs, memories, and shared interest in our family history are what make the Delano Kindred such a unique and meaningful organization.

I hope everyone enjoyed the reunion as much as I did. It was wonderful to spend time with old friends, meet new members, and continue the traditions that have brought Delano descendants together for generations. I am grateful to everyone who played a part in making 2026 another memorable chapter in the history of the Delano Kindred.

Thank you all for your hard work, generosity, friendship, and continued commitment to the Delano Kindred. I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next reunion!

Nick Neagle (temporarily for Tom Delano)

**Delano Kindred 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion
September 18 & 19, 2025
Duxbury, MA**

By Nick Neagle

The Delano Kindred held another successful and informative Annual Meeting and Reunion in historic Duxbury, Massachusetts, on September 18th and 19th. This year's gathering brought together Delano descendants and family members from near and far for two full days of activities, fellowship, history, and opportunities to reconnect with old friends and meet new cousins.

Both days featured a full schedule of events, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to learn more about our shared family history while enjoying the company of fellow members of the Delano Kindred. We were especially pleased to see so many cousins attend this year's reunion, with members traveling from different parts of the country to take part in the weekend.

As always, the reunion was about much more than meetings and presentations. It was a chance to celebrate the connections that bring us together as descendants of the Delano family, share stories and memories, and continue the traditions that have been passed down through generations. The historic setting of Duxbury made the weekend especially meaningful as we gathered in a community so closely connected to the early history of our Delano ancestors.

The success of the 2026 reunion is a testament to the continued enthusiasm and dedication of our members. We are grateful to everyone who attended, participated in the activities, shared their knowledge and family stories, and helped make the weekend such a memorable occasion for the Delano Kindred.

The first day had many events and lots of good food. As you can see below, we started off with the annual meeting and then a lecture from Stephen O'Neill, Exec. Dir. Hanover Historical Soc. (Picture credit is from the Facebook post by Pam.) We had merch for sale for everyone to get a little piece to take home.





The photo above is the Alden Barn and Living History Museum where the meetings were held. We also got to look around at some of the fantastic exhibits they have for the Alden family. There are even some interactive stories about our ancestor Philip Delano.

Pictured below is Lovers Lane in Duxbury, Massachusetts, which passes through an area that was once part of Philip Delano's 17th-century property. We were especially fortunate to have the opportunity to explore this historic area with Peter Arenstam, a noted Plymouth historian, who generously shared his extensive knowledge of Duxbury and its history with us. Peter provided a fascinating and informative tour, offering historical context and insight into the early settlement of the area and the families who helped shape its history.



Above is the group that was lucky enough to walk the roads of our ancestors. Along the way, we had the opportunity to visit and view several historic homes

associated with the Delano family, making the experience a particularly meaningful one for members of the Kindred. Being able to walk through these historic areas and see places connected to our ancestors helped bring our family history to life in a very tangible way, just like the following two pictures - that show some of our family has lived in the area.





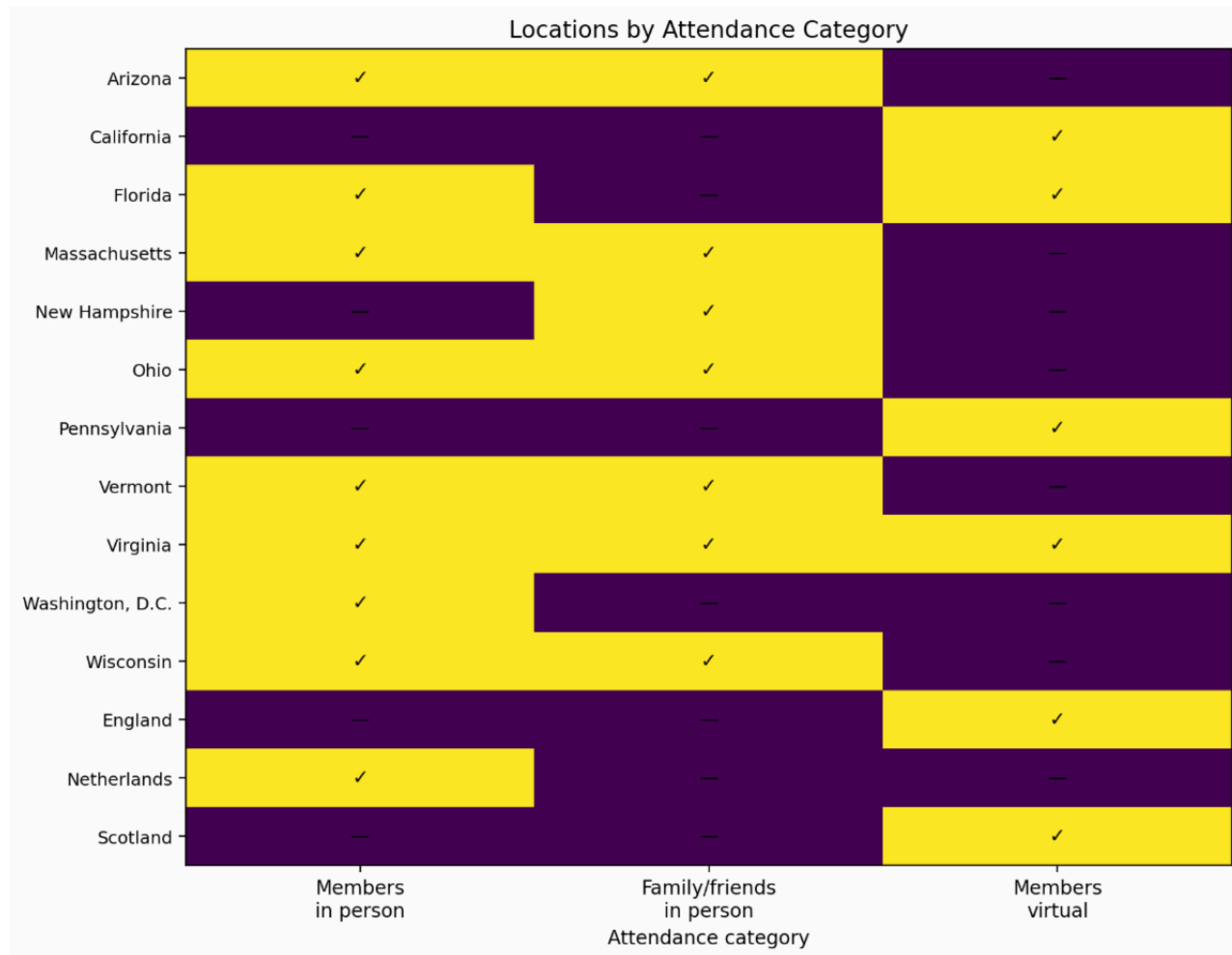
Our sincere thanks go to everyone who attended this year's reunion and helped make it such a meaningful and memorable gathering. Your presence, participation, and enthusiasm are what make the Delano Kindred a strong and enduring community.

We are equally grateful to everyone who continues to contribute their time, knowledge, and dedication to preserving and sharing our family history. By learning about our ancestors, documenting their stories, maintaining our traditions, and passing that knowledge on to future generations, we help ensure that their lives and contributions are not forgotten.

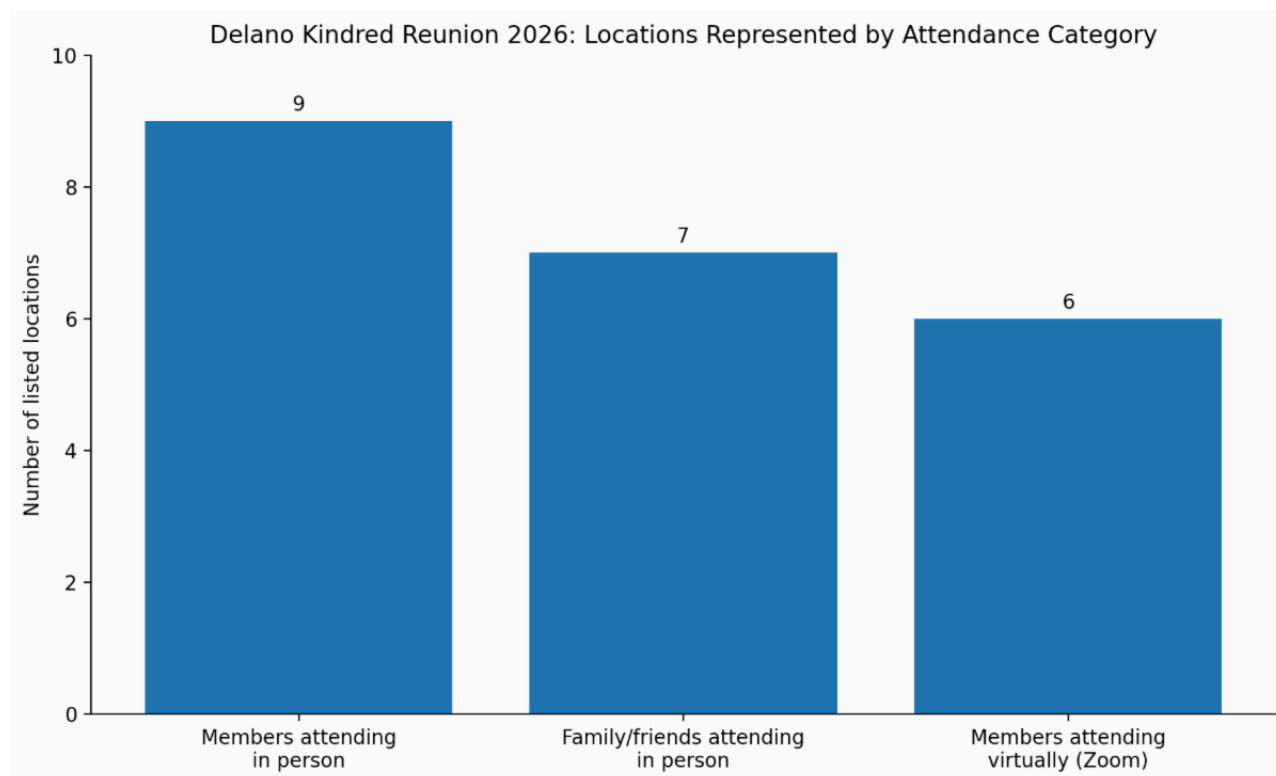
History connects us not only to those who came before us, but also to one another and to the generations that will follow. Through the continued efforts of the Delano Kindred and its members, we can honor our ancestors while helping future generations understand and appreciate the remarkable family legacy we share.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Delano Kindred and its mission. Your involvement helps keep our history alive, strengthens the bonds among our extended family, and ensures that the stories of those who came before us continue to be remembered and shared for generations to come.

For additional information on the [reunion](#) as well as other Delano Kindred posts, check out the [Facebook group](#).



Thanks to Margaret Delano, we have some information about this year's attendees, where they are from, and how they attended. We thought we would share some of this insight to let everyone see the reach of the Delano Kindred. We hope to expand and grow the reach of the Delano Kindred in the future!



Delano Kindred Donation to the Stephen C.L. Delano Memorial Forest by Pam Pettengell

At the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Delano Kindred in September, members voted to donate \$200 for trail maintenance to the Stephen C.L. Delano Memorial Forest in Rochester, Massachusetts. Rochester is located about 26 miles southwest of Duxbury. Part of the Delano Kindred mission is to memorialize and support locations and structures of historical significance to DELANO family history. See the rest of the write-up here on the DK Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ErnK3WKYm/>

Help Wanted

The Delano Kindred is seeking volunteers to fill or assist in the following positions:

MEMBERSHIP

Our previous Membership Chairperson has moved on to focus on family priorities, leaving the Membership Chair position open. Here is what the Membership Chair is asked to do:

- PROCESS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS
- SEND OUT PAPER INVOICES FOR THOSE W/O EMAIL ADDRESSES (ABOUT 9)
- PRINT AND SEND OUT ID CARDS, WELCOME LETTERS
- RECEIVE and DEPOSIT ANY MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS SENT IN VIA CHECK
- MAKE SURE DK WEBSITE MEMBERSHIP DATA IS KEPT UP TO DATE
- PROCESS AGING-OUT OF JUNIOR MEMBERS
- HANDLE MEMBERSHIP CHANGE REQUESTS
- For example, switching from Descendant Member (DM) to Descendant and Spouse Member (DS)
- ANSWER MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS OR REFER THEM TO ANOTHER MEMBER
- FOLLOW UP WITH NON-RENEWING MEMBERS TO ASK THEM TO RENEW
- USE ADMIN ID ON WEBSITE TO MANAGE MEMBERSHIPS
- WORK WITH DK WEBMASTER

BOOKKEEPER

Previously, the Kindred enjoyed the services of a member serving as both our Treasurer and Bookkeeper. When that member passed away, the records weren't being kept up to date, so we were forced to hire a professional bookkeeper to bring us up to date with the IRS and our own internal financial records. This is costing us a lot of money, and we would much prefer to put that money into repairing gravestones, publishing genealogy books, and other such activities. The time estimate for this position, now that all the past data has been

brought up to date, is about 10 hours/month. The Bookkeeper reports to the Treasurer. Here is an estimate of the work required of the Bookkeeper:

- Under the direction of the Treasurer, maintain the Kindred's books on QuickBooks (using a DK-owned PC), recording all monetary transactions (income and expenses).
- o Financial Sources: PayPal, Wells Fargo Bank (incl. debit card), website reports for memberships and payments, and one CD.
- Submit monthly reports to the Treasurer on financial status.
- Prepare data for Treasurer's Annual Report to Members
- Maintain an audit-ready accounting trail, including receipts for all expenses.

TREASURER

This is an elected position. Our current Treasurer, Paula Delano, would love to relinquish this position if someone would like to take it over. The Treasurer is a member of the Finance Committee. This position will normally require about 4-5 hours/month. Here are the duties of the Treasurer:

- Oversee the activities of the Bookkeeper. Note: The Treasurer and the Bookkeeper can be the same person.
- With the assistance of the Bookkeeper, maintain the financial records of the DELANO KINDRED. These records shall include income and expenses on the Society's Fiscal Year basis and by projects as appropriate. The DELANO KINDRED Fiscal Year is from 1 June to 31 May. Separate accounts shall be maintained for the operations of the Society, such as the Current and Advanced Dues Account, the Annual Operating Budget, the 501(c)(3) Accounts, the Reunion Fund, the Merchandise Account, and any specific project accounts.
- Shall have the authority to make expenditures within the guidance and funding limitations of the Annual Operating Budget approved by the membership. Expenditures above amounts budgeted or for purposes outside the approved budget must be approved by the Board. Money reserved for specific purposes may only be spent as specified.
- Maintains a Post Office Box (or equivalent mailing address) to receive Membership Dues, Bank Statements, etc. and forwards all Membership Applications and Renewals to the Chair of the Membership Committee. These functions may be handled and processed via the Delano Kindred website (www.delanokindred.us) for those members having valid email addresses.
- Collects, records, and deposits incoming funds of the Society in a financial institution approved by the Board. May appoint an "Asst. Treasurer," in order to reduce the time in depositing checks for membership dues or other reasons.
- Provides a complete report of the previous Fiscal Year's finances to the Chairman of the Audit Committee 15 days after the close of the Fiscal Year (15 June). When audited, the Audit Committee will certify the Treasurer's Report to membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Provides quarterly reports of the Society's finances to Board members.
- When appropriate, completes and mails appropriate tax documents to the IRS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or other government bodies.

WEBSITE – WEBMASTER

The Delano Kindred website, www.delanokindred.us, is currently maintained and operated by Terry Delano, using a contractor to host the website and handle software programming and maintenance. The website serves three primary purposes:

1. It maintains complete Delano Kindred membership information, including processing new memberships, renewals, and the associated billing functions. Anyone with access to the website's billing operations must also be a member of the Finance Committee.
2. It handles registration and billing for the Annual Meeting and Reunion; it could handle those functions for other Board-approved Delano Kindred events as well.
3. It serves as a communication vehicle for Delano Kindred members. In addition to news and a BLOG function, it harbors a searchable library of DK documents, publications, and videos. Most of the site is accessible to the public, but there are parts that are restricted to members only.

The website is based upon a commercial product (BLESTA) which is excellent at maintaining membership data and associated billing functions. It was never intended to provide a BLOG, document library, or registration functions, so to provide those functions we employ Breesoft, LLC as the maintainer and provider of service for our website. Their add-on product, CMS+, adds the BLOG, library, and registration functions (plus some others) that BLESTA lacks. By his own admission, Terry is OK with the first two items on the list, but is terrible at item #3 and would very much appreciate some serious assistance in that regard.

REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Planning for the next Annual Meeting & Reunion has lately fallen on the shoulders of our President, Tom Delano, who is also the chair of the Reunion Committee. In past years, there have been members who joined this Committee and volunteered to scope out locations and start the planning for upcoming meetings. Alas, there are no such members on the Committee these days, and some help there would be very much appreciated. Typical considerations:

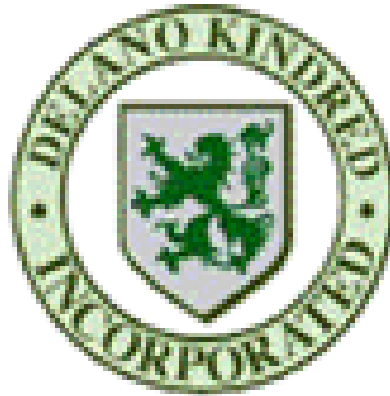
- Find locations that have some relationship to the Delano family or be significant to them.
 - o Fairly easy to get to for those who must travel.
 - o Can accommodate those with some level of physical disability.
 - o Estimate costs for facilities required.
 - o Present suggestions to the Board for consideration and approval.
- Find a local “on the ground” member to handle meeting location details.
- Work on the meeting logistics with the “on the ground” member to plan and set up the meeting site.

DNA PROJECT MEMBER

The Delano Kindred “owns” a DNA Group in Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). We have been collecting DNA data from members for many years, and have used this data to prove that Lt. Jonathan was, indeed, a son of Philippe. That was raised as a question because Jonathan was not mentioned in his father’s will. DNA analysis did confirm that Jonathan was Philippe’s son.

The paper trail of Philippe's ancestry dries up in the mid 1500's, with his grandfather. We have learned that there is a significant Y-DNA marker that seems to be unique to the males in Philippe's family; that is DYS492=11. We are hoping to use DNA to discover other lines with that marker with alternate paper trails that might intersect with Philippe's line and help us find some earlier documentation.

So, if you're interested in, enthusiastic about, and have knowledge of DNA, and would like to help use your knowledge to go hunting for breakthroughs using DNA analysis, please join our DNA Project.



New Delano Kindred Members

Susan Delanoy Peterson from Renton, Washington.

2026 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates

Board of Director's Meetings

Next meeting is Saturday, November 8, 2026

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.

Membership Reminder

If your membership expires at the end of this year, we will be sending you a renewal invoice via email around November 1st. For those who still receive paper-only invoices, you will receive your invoices later than that. If you need to make changes to your membership registration before the new invoices are sent out, please log in to the website (www.delanokindred.us) and click on the "Contact" tab to explain what you'd like to change.

Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page

The Delano Kindred Facebook page is now up to over 190 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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