



# BONNES NOUVELLES

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## **DELANO KINDRED**

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 LA NOYE, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

### **2003 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATING FDR's DELANO HERITAGE**

**WELCOME TO**



**HYDE PARK**  
August 2003

On Friday, 8 August, to Sunday, 10 August the 2003 DELANO KINDRED Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at Bellefield, Hyde Park New York. Bellefield, the National Park Headquarters that borders the Home of FDR National Historic Site along its northern boundary, will be the venue for the DELANO KINDRED 2003 Reunion and Annual Meeting. Located eight miles north of Poughkeepsie and just south of Hyde Park, New York on the Albany Post Road (U.S. 9), it is a short walk across the parking lot from the FDR Library and Museum and Springwood—the Roosevelt family home. In 1974 and 1975 the Morgan Estate called Bellefield, was acquired through donation from the National Park Foundation and Mr. Gerald

Morgan. This property includes nationally significant historic buildings and an outdoor setting for community and special events. The grounds of Bellefield have significance in their own right as cultural landscape, and for the formal garden designed by Beatrix Farrand, a well-known landscape architect.

**Getting There:** By Air - The closest major airport is Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, New York (near junction of I-87 and I-84). Several major carriers have daily flights to Stewart. Car rentals are available at the airport.

By Car -The FDR site is located on U.S. Route 9 in Hyde Park, about 8 miles north of the city of Poughkeepsie, NY. Route I-84 (the major east-west route) bridges the Hudson River at Newburgh, NY about 21 miles south of Hyde Park. It connects with I-87 (the New York Thruway/the Garden State Parkway in NJ, the major north-south route). Take U.S. Route 9 north from I-84 through Poughkeepsie to Hyde Park.

By Public Transportation -The Metro-North Commuter Railroad and Amtrak both stop in Poughkeepsie, about 5 miles south of the park. Call Amtrak 1-800-872-7245 or Metro-North at 800 638-7646 for information. Taxi service to the park from the Poughkeepsie Train Station is available. Taxi service from other points in the local area is also available. The Dutchess County Loop Bus System stops in Hyde Park several times daily; call (800) 924-8702 for information.

**Advance Reservations:** To adequately plan and support the meals, tours, and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to



participate in each event. Judging by the many website inquiries we have already received, this gathering should be well attended. Bellefield can adequately accommodate up to 100 people, consequently the Friday Welcome Buffet and the Saturday Banquet Dinner will be **limited to 100 people. If you are planning to attend we recommend you make your reservation well in advance.** Since all of these events are self-funded, it would help if you would send the necessary funds for all the events in which you plan to participate. If you find that you can not attend, please let us know by **15 July 2003** and we will refund your costs including the registration fees for those in your party. This will allow us to include those who may be on a “waiting list.”

**Accommodations:** The limited accommodations in Hyde Park are already tight due to a wedding during that weekend. We have been able to block 10 rooms at the **Roosevelt Inn Of Hyde Park**, 4360 Albany Post Rd, Route 9, Hyde Park NY 12538, at a group rate of \$90.00 (Kings) or \$95.00 (doubles) plus a 10.5% tax. To take advantage of the group rate [**Ph. (845) 229-2443**] you must make your room reservation by **25 July 2003**. Be sure to mention the DELANO KINDRED. Complementary breakfasts are provided in the inn’s dining room. In Poughkeepsie we have blocked 30 rooms at the **Best Western** at a group rate of \$119 plus 10.5% tax. So far this is the lowest group rate of major establishments we were able to find in that city! To take advantage of the group rate [**Ph. (845) 462-4600**] you must make your room reservation by **8 July 2003**. At the Best Western be sure to mention the DELANO KINDRED of America. This group rate is contingent upon **10 DELANO KINDRED** reservations being made; otherwise the rates revert to the normal going rate that is considerably higher.

There are other motels or Bed & Breakfast establishments, in the area Hyde Park/Poughkeepsie area. Please see the accommodation details inserted in this newsletter.

**Registration:** Registration will be held inside Bellefield on Friday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registrants will be provided with a “Welcome Envelope” containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held Saturday morning, prior to the Annual Meeting, at Bellefield.

The Friday night **Welcome Buffet** will be catered in Bellefield offering an excellent opportunity for DELANO fellowship and pleasantries. Genealogical consultations will also be available. Buffet selections include: Grilled Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta Primavera, Roasted Vegetables and Potatoes, Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad, Mixed Red and Green Leaf w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette, Breads, Brownies & Cookies, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade. An open bar will also be available.

After the Annual Meeting and Group Photograph on Saturday morning, for your convenience, we have made arrangements for an optional **Buffet Luncheon** served in the back meeting room of the Easy Street Restaurant a short distance away in Hyde Park.

**Tours:** Tours of FDR’s home “Springwood” and the FDR Library are limited to fifty people and are 45 minutes in length. We have scheduled two tours for your convenience—tour A beginning at 2:00 and tour B starting at 3:00 p.m. Please indicate which tour you wish to be scheduled for. When on tour is full we will place you on the other tour. This luncheon is limited to 60 people due to limited space.

**2003 Banquet Dinner, Saturday 9 August.** The catered dinner entrees include a choice of Poached Atlantic Salmon served with Cucumber Dill Sauce, Wild Rice and Vegetables or Marinated London Broil served with Scalloped Potatoes and Vegetables. These entrees will be accompanied by Breads, a Desert (Local Apple Tart with Fresh Seasonal Berries and Cream) and Beverages. An open bar will be available. All costs include sales tax and gratuity.

**Banquet Speaker. Diane Boyce**, a Ranger with the National Park Service at Hyde Park, will tell us about Roosevelt/Delano connections to other New York families in a talk entitled “Six Degrees of Separation”. We think it will be a very pleasant and informative evening.

**Tentative Schedule of Events At the 2003 DELANO KINDRED Reunion,  
Bellefield, Hyde Park, New York**

**Friday, 8 August 2003**

1:00 pm – DELANO KINDRED Board Meeting

4:00 pm -- 6:00 pm Registration.

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Welcome Buffet with no host bar, fellowship and pleasantries, as well as Genealogical Consultations.

11:30 am – 12:00 noon 2003 Reunion Group Photo

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – Individual Option

2:00 pm—Tour A: First Tour of FDR Home and Library

3:00pm—Tour B: Second Tour of FDR Home and Library

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm 2003 Reunion Banquet with Speaker

**Sunday, 10 August 2003**

Morning – Individual Options

**Saturday, 9 August 2003**

8:00 am – 9:00 am Late Registration

9:00 am – 11:00 a. m. 2003 Annual Meeting and Elections

9:00 am – 11:00 a. m DELANO KINDRED Board Meeting

1:30 pm – 4: 00 pm Optional Tours

## GRAVE OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER CORNELIUS DELANO MARKED



On Sunday afternoon, 11 August descendants of Sergeant Cornelius Delano gathered at his grave in the Duxbury, MA, Mayflower Cemetery with members of the Duxbury Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to dedicate a grave marker in his honor. Cornelius Delano (GHAAAHD p. 230) was born in Duxbury in 1742, the son of Amaziah (DIFP#91) and Ruth Sampson Delano. Like his father Cornelius was a blacksmith by trade. In 1762 he married Sarah Peterson and together they had nine children.

The search for Cornelius's gravestone began when Cousin **Verna Finwick** contacted the Duxbury DAR Chapter to honor him. Finding the grave turned out to be quite a chore. The cemetery did not have records of his burial on the cemetery grounds said Cousin **Roseanne Pratt**, vice regent for the chapter. Knowing that Cornelius had lived in Duxbury, chapter members searched the graveyard stone by stone until they finally found it. Once found the stone was sandblasted and treated with preservatives to protect the fragile slate stone Roseanne said.

"He was a simple man, as many were in that time," Verna said standing by the grave on the hot August afternoon. "I wonder what Cornelius would think of today's society. I think he would be pleased to know what he did for our country will never be forgotten." Cousins Roseanne and Verna wearing authentic 18<sup>th</sup> century clothes unveiled the marker.

We thank Cousin Verna for sending us a copy of the article by Colleen J. Joyce about the ceremony and the picture that appeared in the 14 August issue of the *Duxbury Reporter* and also to Cousin **Muriel Cushing** for the photo of the grave marker.

### DEPARTED COUSINS

#### **James Edwards DeLano**

We sadly report the death of **Cousin James E. DeLano** of La Jolla, California. He was 87 years old when he passed away on December 30, 2002 after an extended illness. Born on May 28, 1915, to Charles B. and Jessie (Edwards) DeLano of Kalamazoo, Michigan, he was graduated from High School in Ohio and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors in Economics from the University of Northwestern in 1936. He later earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Harvard University in 1938.

During World War II Jim served in the Army Air Corps from April 1941 to March 1946 completing 38 missions with the 381<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. He retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel and for his actions received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the French Croix de Guerre.



In 1942, he married Florence Stevens of St. Claire, MI. Together they raised four children, one son and three daughters.

Jim spent most of his business years as a marketing consultant and manager of small companies. His career took him to many Mid-western cities such as Fort Wayne, IN; Park Ridge and Wilmette, IL; and Kalamazoo, MI. His last position was President and General Manager of DELANO Service, Inc. of Allegan, MI—a financial forms printing company.

He served as an elder in the Presbyterian Churches in Kansas City and in Kalamazoo and was a Director on the Board of the Bronson Health Foundation in Kalamazoo.

He chaired the William Smith DeLano Homestead restoration committee that restored a historic homestead in Cooper Township, MI. It is now a Michigan State Historical site and belongs to the Kalamazoo Nature Center, a well-known conservancy in southwestern Michigan. Those of you who attended the 1995 Reunion in Kalamazoo, MI will recall the tour included a visit to that homestead. Jim's leadership in this restoration effort along with the efforts of the late Hubert Delano and his son Jon Delano's early genealogical efforts did much to unite that branch of the greater DELANO Family. Jim had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED continuously since 1993 until his illness in 2002.

In addition to his wife Florence and his children, Dr. James DeLano, Jr. of Sausalito, CA, Mary Sholkovitz of Falmouth, MA, Sarah Goodman of Oakland, CA, and Nancy Jewell of Lee's Summit, MO, he leaves nine grandchildren, a sister Elizabeth McLelland of La Jolla, CA and brother Warren C. DeLano of Santa Monica, CA. We send our deepest sympathies to Cousin Florence and her family, including Cousin Mary Sholkovitz and to Jim's sister and brother, Cousin Warren C. DeLano.

### **Pauline Efford Delano**

We were saddened to learn of the death of Pauline Efford Delano of Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, who passed away on January 21, 2003. She was born at Farnham in Richmond County, on December 1, 1911, the only daughter of John Samuel and Agnes Maria Harrison Efford.

She married Francis Gawen Delano of Oldhams at her home in Farnham on June 2, 1934 and shortly afterward moved to her husband's birthplace, Ingledew near Oldhams. She lived there for almost 70 years.

She was graduated from Farnham High School in 1928 and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science Degree in 1932 from the State Teachers College in Harrisonburg, VA—now James Madison University. After graduation she returned to the Virginia Northern Neck and began her teaching career.

For many years, she taught Latin and English at Richmond County High School and shared her knowledge and joy of learning with her students. Her friendly, generous spirit and her story telling endeared her to family, friends and students.

Reared in the Farnham Baptist Church she was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Oldhams for more than 50 years. She was a leader in church and community groups and, like her late husband, totally devoted to the church, community and her home.

She is survived by her children: Frank Pelham Delano II of Warsaw, VA, Sara Delano Kelly of Arlington, and Nancy Delano Moore of Richmond, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her brother John Stafford Efford of Richmond also survived her. Her parents, her two brothers, Lawrence and Theodoric, and her husband of more than fifty years predeceased her.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Cousins Frank, Sara and Nancy, their families, and to her brother John.

### **Julia DeLano Curtis**

We belatedly and sadly report the death of Cousin Julia DeLano Curtis of Batavia, New York. Julia was 93 years old when she passed away November 4, 2002. She ran a wedding cake business for 30 years and an accomplished painter specializing in oils.

She was born in Batavia on March 16, 1909, a daughter of the late Alden and Pearl Thompson DeLano. In 1928 she was graduated from Batavia High School and was a long time active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the First Baptist Church in Batavia.

During World War II Julia worked in a local defense factory. We remember Cousin Julia who attended our 1993 Reunion in Akron, New York. She showed attending members a Revolutionary War powder horn that had belonged to Jonathan Delano 4<sup>th</sup> (GHAHHD pg. 329) who was present at Valley Forge during the terrible winter of 1777 (also see the sketch in the December 1993 *Bonnes Nouvelles* center fold on pages 6 & 7). Cousin Julia liked cats. As far as we know, she is the only person who had a cat named Gysbert (after Gysbert de Lannoy—GHAHHD pg. 47).

Her husband, Verlin E. Curtis, who died on April 27, 1991, predeceased her. Survivors include a sister Helen DeLano German, several sisters-in-law in Tennessee, including June Curtis Anestee, nieces and nephews to whom she was a second mother, David Alden German, James DeLano German, and Janet German Brinkman all of Batavia, as well as seven great-nieces and nephews. We send our condolences to the relatives of Cousin Julia.

### **Laura Gatica Délano and Nélide Gatica Délano**

We sadly report the deaths of two sisters who were great granddaughters of Paul Hinckley Délano of Chile. It was Paul Hinckley's father, Captain Paul Delano, who sailed from the United State and fought in the Chilean War of Independence in 1819. Paul Hinckley Délano had a very large family with several wives and is credited with establishing the Délano Family in Chile.

Laura Gatica Délano, born in 1910, passed away on the 25th of January of this year in Santiago, Chile. Her sister Nélide Gatica Délano died on the 2nd of February of this year in Santiago. She was born in 1922.

Laura and Nelida were daughters of Herminio Gatica Ríos (1880-1885) a lawyer, and of Laura Délano Mellado (1885-1981) daughter of Jose Gregorio Délano Campos. Jose Gregorio Délano Campos was the 15<sup>th</sup> son of Paul Hinckley Délano and of Vitalia Mellado Guzman, born in Madrid, Spain. They are survived by three siblings: Vitalia, born in 1912, a widow with descendants, Raul, born in 1920, married with descendants, and Gustavo, born in 1924, also married with descendants. We extend our sincere condolences to the brothers and sister.

## **GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Query for Information About Sara Delano Roosevelt**

Author Jan Pottker is writing a biography of Sara Delano Roosevelt for St. Martin's Press. She feels the authentic story of Mrs. James Roosevelt has been ignored or neglected and she would like to explore Sara's contribution to her son and daughter-in-law in this biography. She would appreciate speaking to anyone who would tell her stories and reminiscences about Sara. Memories passed down to earlier generations are of great interest to Ms. Pottker.

She has written seven books; the last one was titled *Janet and Jackie: A Story of A Mother and Her Daughter, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*. Jan Pottker would be delighted to hear from those who have such reminiscences and can be reached via email at [jandypf@aol.com](mailto:jandypf@aol.com) or at the following phone numbers: (301) 762-3519 or (301) 442-4360. Her mailing address is 10104 Lloyd Road, Potomac, MD 20854.

### **DURA ROOSEVELT DELANO LINE ADDED TO THE PERLEY K. DELANO BRANCH OF THE DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS SWAN DELANO**

**Cousin Ernie Towers** has spent a great deal of time in his current interest in compiling the lines of Francis Swan Delano (GHAAHD pg. 193) who settled in Rumford, Me. Ernie has concentrated on Francis' fourth child, Perley Kimball Delano Sr. who moved west to Upton, ME. In 2001 Ernie focused on Perley's first son, Willis Almont Delano, b.1891 who migrated further west to New Hampshire. In October 2001 Ernie presented his compilations of the Willis Almont Delano branch to the Berlin and Coos Bay Historical Society in New Hampshire (see the March 2002 *Bonnes Nouvelles* pg.7). Last November Ernie again ventured to Berlin, NH having added the compilation of descendants of Perley's third son, Dura Roosevelt Delano. Most of Dura's descendants further migrated west to the plains states. That compilation contains eight children, 40 grand children and 18 great-grandchildren. Eight of these descendants are members of the DELANO KINDRED living in Maine, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and Arizona.

Ernie discovered that Perley Delano's middle name was not Kelly as listed in the GHAAHD, but is Kimball (after his maternal grandfather Kimball Hall). Besides Willis Almont and Dura Roosevelt, Perley Kimball Delano Sr. had six other children. Cousin Ernie has a considerable chore if he decides to continue compiling the rest of Perley K. Delano Sr.'s line. We wish him the best of luck in his future efforts.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

### New Treasurer Appointed

**Cousin Cynthia** Prosser of Schoolcraft, MI has been appointed Treasurer of the DELANO KINDRED. We are very pleased that Cousin Cindy has agreed to take on this position of responsibility. She has been a member of our Society since 1993 and has attended several of our reunions.

### Memorial Committee Recommendation Concerning Erection Of A Historic Marker Approved By The Your Board

As noted in the Memorial Committee Report presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting, a historic marker commemorating Philip Delano was being considered instead of a more costly stone marker (see pg. 6 of the October 2002 *Bonnes Nouvelles*). One of the recommendations recently presented to your Board of Directors was to erect a historic marker (sign) instead of a stone marker (monument). The accompanying picture exemplifies the kind of marker the Memorial Committee has in mind. A sign is expected to cost much less than a stone monument marker and can be more easily achieved. Your Board has approved this recommendation.



### Membership Development Committee Recommendations Under Consideration by Your Board

Your Membership Development Committee has submitted a wide range of recommendations to your Board of Directors. Many of them, if approved, will affect those who own computers and have Internet access, a capability that is widespread today among genealogists. Some of the recommendations include distributing the *Bonnes Nouvelles* via email, improving the link to apply for membership and improving a link that answers questions about the DELANO KINDRED. More information will be provided later about those recommendations that are approved.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since October 2002.

#### Minnesota

**Kenneth M. Delano** of Albert Lea

#### New Hampshire

**Lloyd T. Krumm** of Grantham

**Chester Wagner** of Berlin

**Doris Wagner** of Berlin

#### Pennsylvania

**June S. Delano** of Pittsburgh

#### South Carolina

**Doris M. Dixon** of Hilton Head Island

**WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!**

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### DELANO WEBSITE AND DELIST UNITES COUSINS

Late last December there was an email on the DELIST from **Cousin Kenneth Mark Delano**, saying he had just come across our website and that he was interested in learning more about the name. He said his parents were Harrison and Evelyn (Kulp) Delano and he was born in Bristol, PA in 1961. He said that because he had grown up in the state foster care system he did not know much about his family ties.

When **Cousin Carolyn Clarke** saw the email she was quite excited, because this information suggested there was some relationship to her Delano line. After some research and checking information with Kenneth they were able to verify their relationship. It turned out that Kenneth is the grandson of Carolyn's mother's "lost" brother. Carolyn had been searching for that branch of her family for a long time. If we have the relationship right, Kenneth is Carolyn's "first cousin once removed."

We offer our congratulations to Cousins Carolyn and Kenneth!

### Cousin Jorge Returns to Ecuador from the U.S.

**Cousin Jorge A Délano** reports he returned to Connecticut to work on his thesis at Trinity College last August. When we last contacted him he was back in Quito. He plans to return to CT in late March and hopes to finish his thesis in April.

## 2002 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The 2002 Questionnaire asked whether we should be more flexible in scheduling and locating our Annual Membership Meetings. We greatly appreciate all those members who responded.

As a corporation organized in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we must hold at least one Annual Membership Meeting every year. Although there is no requirement for a reunion every year, it makes sense to hold a reunion in conjunction with the required annual meeting. Based upon your past input, we have held an Annual Meeting & Reunion in Southern Massachusetts on the even years and one outside this area during the odd years. We have tried to select the venues in areas that are close to an area of DELANO historical or genealogical interest and are also more convenient to members who do not live in New England

We schedule our Annual Meetings after the end of our Fiscal Year (May 31) so that we will be able to present a more complete picture of our financial status at the Annual Meeting. We have modified our bylaws so that the date of the Annual Meeting (and therefore the Reunion) can be held during the three summer months when families are most likely to take their annual vacations. By tradition, we have held them in the first or second week of August.

As we move to the southern, Midwestern and western states the months of July and especially August are very, very hot. Perhaps we should have more flexibility in the time of these Annual Meetings. For example, your responses indicated that you were interested in holding the 2005 Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is notoriously hot in August. A cooler month would be September.

Here are the results from those members who responded to the 2002 Questionnaire.

### LOCATION:

1. Would you favor broadening the location of the S. E. Massachusetts even-year reunion location to include the more general area of New England, but hold a reunion in the Plymouth-Duxbury area on special occasions (such as dedicating the Memorial etc.)?

Yes: 86%, No: 14%

#### Comments:

- I prefer MA, but would not be upset if the reunion was in another N.E. state.
- Mystic, CT, Concord/Lexington, MA, NH etc would all be interesting venues for a reunion.
- As our population increases, and the ability and tendency to travel, it makes sense to expand our options.

2. Would you favor changing the criteria for the odd-year reunions to be outside New England instead of just outside S. E. Massachusetts?

Yes: 71%, No: 19%, Neither: 10%

#### Comments:

- I prefer reunions somewhere in New England.
- There are too many other states—perhaps allowing the Reunion in other regions part of the time would encourage cousins to attend.
- Most of my family is in the East so it is likely that while I favor other locations, generally, I may not be able to attend far flung locations such as Denver or Salt Lake City.
- I believe we should allow ourselves the flexibility to work with family demographics as changes occur. I favor reunions wherever there are people to organize it and there are relevant points of interest and material interest to Delano descendants.

**TIME OF YEAR:** Would you favor changing the bylaws to increase the number of months in which we may hold an Annual Meeting (and therefore a Reunion) to include the months after the end of our fiscal year to include June through October of each year?

Yes: 100 % No: 0%

#### Comments:

- No vote, but we must ponder choosing times which may be favorable to senior members (who may be retired and more flexible) or to younger members (who may have to work and other obligations). It is great to encourage all without discouraging any.
- I think a Sept. or Oct. reunion would be splendid—especially late Sept. or the first half of October—summer plans have kept me from attending reunions.

#### Other Comments:

- Enjoyed this first reunion (for me) immensely. It was obvious that much work was involved in its planning. I wonder why May and April are not included, but Sept. & Oct. are satisfactory. I would personally EXCLUDE June—August; just too hot! I'm looking forward to continued participation.

- There are a few members in NH and ME and it usually doesn't get too hot up here. It would be good to have some reunions around there.
- I feel Mystic (CT) Seaport would be an excellent venue for the Annual Meeting. They have good facilities and accommodations are available, but better book early.
- I would like to hear more about Muriel's work and also about some general history. Speakers at the 2001 and 2002 (reunions) were excellent.
- What would be involved in changing the bylaws to have Reunions every two years?

### **WHAT IS THE GHAAHD AND WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A COPY?**

The **GHAAHD** is our acronym for the lengthy title *The Genealogy, History, and Alliances of the American House of Delano 1621 to 1899* (New York, 1899) compiled by Major Joel A. Delano and arranged by Mortimer Delano de Lannoy. This volume is the most comprehensive DELANO family history known to us. It contains two books.

**The First Book**, of 93 pages, entitled "The Heraldic and Genealogical History of the Maison de Franchimont & de Lannoy: from 476 to 1621 A.D." is edited by Mortimer Delano de Lannoy. It traces the history of the various branches of the de Lannoy family from Hugues de Lannoy who was a knight at a tournament in Aachin (Aachen, Germany) to the early 1600's.

Mortimer Delano de Lannoy attempts to connect Gysbert de Lannoy to one of these de Lannoy branches. His questionable and much ridiculed "proof" is given on pg. 48 of the GHAAHD. Although we are not yet able to document his "proof" through other independent documentation, we can document that Gysbert de Lannoy did exist, that he said that he was from Tourcoing (now in France), and that he is the grandfather of our ancestor Philippe De La Noye (de Lannoy).

**The Second Book**, containing about 439 pages, is entitled "The DELANO Genealogy: from 1621 – 1899" and is compiled by Major Joel Andrew Delano. A chapter is devoted to each male branch of the family starting with Philip Delano Jr. and ending with Samuel Delano. This monumental effort contains the genealogy of all branches known to him in 1899. Some branches are more complete than others are since the compiler had to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the responses of many cooperative DELANOs throughout the Americas. At the end of this book is a section entitled "**Unknown Branches**" containing lines that the compiler and his assistants could not connect to one of the main branch lines.

At the back of the GHAAHD is one of its most useful sections – the **General Index** (18 pages). If you know the surname of the mother and the first name of the father of the DELANO you are searching for; you can cross-reference these names using this index and find the page number where they are listed.

Although reputable genealogists have pointed out "a large number of errors" (particularly in Book One) and a somewhat "awkward manner of presentation," the DELANO KINDRED Board adopted the GHAAHD as the major genealogical source for this Society.

The DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Program is an effort to correct and update the GHAAHD. Thanks to the efforts under the direction of our Genealogist, Muriel C. Cushing, the first publication (the DIFP) was published in 1999. Additional publications are in progress.

There were only 400 original copies of the GHAAHD printed in 1899. However we have good copies of the original with illustrations printed on acid free paper. If you wish to obtain a copy of the GHAAHD within a few days, we have copies available at our Duxbury address. We have provided a publication order form for your convenience. These are hard cover books with a gold embossed title on the cover. Our quick delivery price is \$81.50 plus \$8.00 shipping and handling for book mail.

Any profits made on the sale of the GHAAHDs we have on hand will go the DELANO KINDRED Memorial Fund. Not only do you receive your copy of the GHAAHD without delay; you also help our Memorial Fund grow.

If you don't mind waiting up to ten weeks to obtain a copy, you can order copies from Higginson Books, Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970, phone (978) 745-7170. Their price to DELANO KINDRED members is \$50.00 plus shipping and handling. Be sure you mention the DELANO KINDRED when you order. In the past the normal contact has been Emily Wheeldon, who is at their office Tuesday through Friday.

### **WHAT IS THE DIFP?**

The DIFP is our acronym for the book titled PHILIPPE DE LANNOY or PHILIP DELANO OF THE "FORTUNE" 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations, compiled by Muriel C. Cushing and Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The acronym DIFP stands for "**DELANOs In First Place**" and



follows the same genealogical format as the Mayflower Society's Mayflower Families in Progress. Through the research of Muriel and many others, the first four generations in the Second Book of the GHAHD – The DELANO Genealogy:

- (a) have been documented (i.e. genealogical dates verified by existing records such as, birth, marriage, and death certificates, wills, deeds, and other official papers),
- (b) descendants not listed in the GHAHD have been discovered and added, thus giving a more complete list of DELANO descendants, and
- (c) some descendants erroneously connected to one family have been connected to the correct family.

This is what we mean when we say these generations have been “fully documented, updated and perfected.” As you know the preamble of our bylaws says that we formed “this Society in order to establish a more perfect record of Philippe and his ancestors and descendants...”

The significant difference between the GHAHD and the DIFP is that in the DIFP each descendant in the first four generations has his or her own family number. This means that each Mary, Philip, Hester, Thomas, John, Jonathan, Rebecca, and Samuel, have their own number so there is no confusion which John or Mary is being discussed. Because there are so many similar names (Jabez for example) the GHAHD had several erroneous entries. These have been corrected.

Generations 5 and 6 are ready to be reviewed for publication and will be tied to the DIFP. It is expected to be in two volumes and will probably be designated DIFP 5 & DIFP 6.

We still have copies of the DIFP. Please see the enclosed publication order blank.

## **VROUWEKERK DEVELOPMENTS**

### **Leiden's Historic Monuments**

#### **To be Preserved in New Town Plan**

Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs reported in the Winter 2002 issue of the NEHGS *New England Ancestors*<sup>1</sup> that an important aspect of the revised Leiden town plan for the Aalmarkt area would save all registered historic monuments. This includes the Vrouwekerk that we have helped to protect.

In the article Bangs thanks all those who responded to his alarms and stated that they helped achieve a victory for historic preservation that does not hinder economic development and urban renewal.

He notes that the St. Catherine's Hospital (built in 1560) is still in the registration process to become a historic monument. He cites a 1601 document that indicates a wounded British soldier one “Myls Stansen” was brought here from the Siege of Ostende to recuperate from his wounds. This soldier is believed to be Myles Standish, the Pilgrims' military leader, who was a soldier in the Dutch Wars with Spain, and became a friend of the Rev. John Robinson in Leiden.

It should be noted that the Aalmarkt project plans have still to be finished and approved by the City Council. Changes incorporating reasonable objections can still be made. He notes that significant changes may be naïve, since the developer is driven by the desire to maximize floor space.

Bangs goes on to say that, although not part of the same project, the town leaders have had a similar change in attitude towards the Vrouwekerk--the church where the Walloons held their religious services. The Walloons, he points out, became the first settlers in New Netherlands as well as New England. He cites the Delano family as now being the best known of the Walloons mentioning the Presidential descendants of Philip Delano, Hester Mahieu and Francis Cook—who, as we know, are Presidents Grant, Roosevelt, and both Bushes. This new attitude on the part of the City of Leiden was exemplified last summer when it was protected from vandalism and provided with attractive flowers. This is a great change from the 1970's when the church ruins were overrun with vagrants and their refuse.

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<sup>11</sup> Bangs, Jeremy Depertuis Bangs, pg. 48, Pilgrim Life, New England Ancestors, Winter 2002

## A TRIP TO MATTAPOISETT & MARION

### Mattapoisett

Sunday afternoon following the 2002 Reunion Cousins **John and Dori Dixon** and **George and Diana DeLano** met **Dorothea, Bob and Ann Harris** at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House. Mattapoisett, located on Buzzards Bay five miles east of New Bedford, is a historic old town that offers a glimpse into the past. The earliest reference to the town was in 1640 when General Court set aside "...vplnd and hey ground to yt sufficient for a plantation at Mattapoyst...". The name of the village comes from an old Indian word meaning "resting place" and to the northwest there is a long ridge called "Indian Burying Hill" filled with the remains of ancient Indian tribes.

In the booming days of Whaling, Mattapoisett shipyards built many of the whaling ships that sailed from Buzzards Bay ports. Shipyard Park is the site of Jonathan Holmes's shipyard where in 1878 the last whaler of Mattapoisett, WANDERER, was built.

Since the decline of the whaling industry the town, like many along the bay, has become a summering place for residents of New York and Boston. Among the famous summer residents was Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The Museum of the Mattapoisett Historical Society is housed in a restored Meeting House dating from 1821. The old pews and a replica of the old high pulpit with a sounding board above reminds one of the age when New England village life revolved around the Church and Town Meeting. As the group wandered through the lines of display cases the ladies spotted a plate with the words "T & S DELANO" centered on it. Museum catalogue records indicate the plate was fired in Liverpool, England and owned by Thomas and Susan Delano.

There are numerous Thomas DELANOs in all branches of the family. Preliminary research suggests the plate was part of a set of china owned by Thomas and Susanna (Talman) Delano. Thomas' lineage (DIFP #636 & GHAAHD p. 485) is Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Lt. Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>. Thomas married 2<sup>nd</sup>, in New Bedford, Susanna Talman the daughter of Wesson and (?) (Sherman) Talman. Thomas drowned in Buzzards Bay in 1820.

After visiting the Museum, the group led by the Harrises, convoyed to the Marion just a few more miles along route U.S. 6.

### Marion

Named after the Revolutionary War hero, Francis Marion (the "Swamp Fox"), Marion was originally named Sippican. The first settlement was established in 1678. By



the mid-1700's the Old Landing community bordering Front Street had two wharves and a few houses. During the 1790s and early 1800s the rise of the coastal schooner trade, followed by whaling and the supporting businesses brought in a long period of prosperity. By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century 46 captains and 24 seaman lived in the Old Landing area. Today the Old Landing area boasts of

a fine collection of Greek Revival and Italianate houses built for the whalers and “tea kettle” captains of the coastal schooners. Captain Stephen Delano (DIFP #535, GHAHD p. 433), known as a “colorful boatman” owned one of the wharves at the landing.

The group first stopped at the Museum of the Sippican Historical Society. Inside were many artifacts, some were contributed by DELANOs. While many objects of the collection were nautical in nature, there was a painting by Gerard Curtis Delano (GHAHD p.436, see the article in the June 1998 *Bonnes Nouvelles* #27, p. 3-8).

On leaving the museum the group drove to Front Street in the Old Landing area. After visiting the Delano Wharf, they viewed three homes that were originally owned by Delano sea captains. The oldest house, at 296 Front Street, is said to date to 1797. It was owned by Captain Ward Parker Delano (GHAHD p. 436), who added rooms to the original house. He was perhaps the leading merchant at the Old Landing in the first half of the nineteenth century. Walking up Front Street the group came to number 314 (shown on the right), built in 1837 for Captain Henry Dow Delano (GHAHD p. 440). Considered to be one of the finest examples of Greek Revival end gable housing in Marion, it has an interesting elongated, triangular attic window visible in the accompanying picture. Next was the 324 Front Street home of Whaling Captain Obed Delano (GHAHD p. 436). Besides being a Whale Master, Obed was a 49er in California and served in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

It was a pleasant afternoon. The group thanked Cousins Dorothea, Bob and Ann for showing them some of the historic sites of these two seafaring towns on Buzzards Bay. We would also like to thank Cousin **Dori Dixon** who kindly sent us pictures of this Sunday outing.

## REVIEW

### OLD GHOSTS AND ... FAMILY SKELETONS

By Robert F. Huber

Recently Harry Whalen, the past president of the Pilgrim John Howland Society, reviewed Cousin Robert F. Huber's latest book *Old Ghosts and ... Family Skeletons*. Bob's 242-page book is a veritable parade of stories about his HOWLAND ancestors and, through many marriage-alliances, his DELANO ancestors as well.

The book is organized in three parts, the first “European Ancestors” that weaves many hereditary lines from different cultures and the second focuses on American ancestors from Leiden through Plimoth Colony to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The titles of his perceptive stories progress from “the tiny Mayflower”, “Plimoth Plantation and two Lads from Leyden”, “Salem Before Witches”, to “Moving Westward”, “Greener Grass in New York State”, and “Michigan and Kansas”. Next comes The Twentieth Century with titles such as “From Manhattan to Manhattan”, “New Blood”, “The March to Moscow”, and the “Fringe Element”.

Reviewer Whalen says “it is extraordinary to have such detail in moving patterns—no great detail, yet enough—enough to give the magic touch.” The reader will find the book a useful reference, particularly if your DELANO lines connect to HOWLAND lines. The index alphabetically lists close to 350 given names with about a two-page reference for each name. Just before the index is a bibliography about 350 historical and biographical volumes. Huber's book is likely to be an important and friendly addition to one's genealogical library.

Robert F. Huber, a member of the DELANO KINDRED Nominating Committee, is the retired editor of the *Howland Quarterly*. He is a frequent contributor to the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. During his 60-year career in journalism he has been a reporter and editor for many papers including the Patterson, NJ *Morning Call*, the *Birmingham Post-Herald*, the *Toledo Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He is also past governor of the Mayflower Society in the District of Columbia. *Old Ghosts and...Family Skeletons* is Bob's second book, published by Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD in 2002. You can order a copy by sending \$30.00 to Robert F. Huber, 327 Overhill Drive, Lexington, VA 24450-1737.