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Learning about DELANO history and genealogy 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 Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

From the Editor

At press time we have not received the final word and details concerning the 2013 Reunion which will likely be held on 19 through 21 September in San Antonio Texas. We expect to issue a “Reunion Extra” when this information is firm—probably in the later part of May. In this issue we have included articles about FDR’s favorite warship—the U.S.S. HOUSTON (CA-30). Known as the “Galloping Ghost of the Asian Coast,” FDR made four voyage trips on her in the 1930’s. In response to several comments and queries from our members we include information about the marriage of Stephanie de Lannoy of Belgium to Guillaume of Luxembourg. We often make reference to the GHAAHD, an acronym we frequently use in our genealogical references, which may not be understood by many of our newer members. Another genealogical reference acronym we frequently reference—the DFIP—is also briefly discussed. We note the achievements and awards received by two of our members in our KUDOs article. We understand that there are a few “Kindred Spirit” coins still available, so we repeat the article that was included in the 2012 Membership Directory in case you missed it. We appreciate the information sent in by our members and we have included some of them in this issue—the WWII letter of Lt. John Delano to a Canteen Girl, The Prairie States Forestry Project, and some of the activities at the DELANO Farm, near Kalamazoo, MI.

Notice of Deadline For the Submission of Motions for The 2013 Annual Membership Meeting

As noted elsewhere the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting will likely be held on Saturday, 21 September 2013 at the Crockett Hotel, in San Antonio TX. In accordance with the DELANO KINDRED Bylaws (changed at the 2007 Annual Meeting), all Motions must be received by the Secretary no later than Monday, 24 June 2013 (90 days before the Annual Meeting).

The U.S.S. HOUSTON (CA-30)¹ FDR's FAVORITE WARSHIP



The story of FDR's favorite ship was largely unknown, but recently brought back into the light of history with the publishing of James D. Hornfischer's book *SHIP OF GHOSTS*. The book is a moving story about the U.S.S. HOUSTON, her loss in the very early stages of World War II and what happened to her survivors.

FDR had always had an interest in ships and the U.S. Navy from the time he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Serving under Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Roosevelt developed a lifelong affection for the Navy and worked to make it a large and efficient naval force. He founded the United States Navy Reserve and negotiated with congressional leaders and other government departments to get naval budgets approved.

Roosevelt sailed in the HOUSTON four times in the 1930's, and author Hornfischer includes tales about FDR's exploits aboard the cruiser in the second chapter of this book. "'Bring the boat around,' FDR would tell the brass in the Navy Department whenever the urge or opportunity beckoned."² In 1934 he sailed from Annapolis, MD to Portland, OR via the Panama Canal and Honolulu. FDR was the first President, while in office, to visit Hawaii. In October 1935 he went from San Diego, CA to Charleston, SC following much of the same route.³ On 14 July 1938 the HOUSTON docked in San Francisco and prepared for the arrival of the President. The ship was chosen by FDR to ride as he reviewed the U.S. Fleet, assembled in San Francisco Bay. That afternoon with the ship's crew manning the rails in their dress blues, the presidential limousine appeared amongst the assembled crowd. Hornfischer quotes the impressions of a sailor named Red Reynolds, who was probably manning the rail near the quarterdeck as the limousine stopped at the base of the ship's brow. Reynolds was surprised to see that FDR's wheel chair was already on board the ship.

"I was wondering, *What now?* Reynolds wrote. "The President is paralyzed. His legs were shriveled. No larger than my arms. How will he come aboard? Then to my amazement, I watched him lean from the back seat, reach out, grab the brow rails with both hands, and, hurtling through the air, drew himself to an upright position. Then hand over hand, he slowly progressed up the brow, his feet dangling inches above the brow. Stopping occasionally, he smiled and nodded to the crowd, saying a few words to them and leading off with his old familiar 'My friends.' As he reached the top of the brow, he reached out, grasping the arms of his wheelchair, swinging his body into the air. Raising his right hand to a smart sailor's salute to 'Old Glory,' as she waved back from her station on the main deck aft. As he dropped his salute all honors were rendered and his first words were, 'It's good to be back home again, Captain.' The

¹ Hornfischer, James D., p. 15, *Ship of Ghosts*, Bantam Books 2007 New York, New York.

² *ibid*

³ *Ibid*.

feelings of the crew were perhaps best expressed by all shouting, ‘What a shipmate!’”⁴ With Admiral Bloch, commander of the U.S. Fleet, on board the HOUSTON, flying the presidential flag from the mainmast, sailed past the ships assembled receiving 21-gun salutes as it passed each ship. Sailing out of the bay the HOUSTON set her course for San Diego.



U.S.S. HOUSTON in San Francisco Bay 14 July 1938

After San Diego the HOUSTON went south for 24 days of fishing that included crossing the equator and visiting the Galapagos Islands. Although a specially designed cabin cruiser was on board, FDR preferred the ship's regular motor launch for fishing. He personally selected a young coxswain hailing from Maine to be his personal fishing guide, knowing the reputation of the young men from coastal Maine who all seemed to have fishing in their blood.⁵ So as soon as the boat was ready FDR, the coxswain and his crew of enlisted kids went fishing with

FDR. The fishing was excellent and the President kept up a steady stream of stories and jokes that kept the crew laughing.

In the remaining chapters of the book, Hornfischer tells the remaining story of the HOUSTON, her WWII battles in early 1942 as part of the ill prepared ABDA (American, British Dutch Australian) joint naval task force. The ABDA sought to defend the “Malay Barrier” (Malaya, Singapore, and the Netherlands Indies [Sumatra, Java, Timor, Bali and New Guinea]) to keep Japanese out of the Indian Ocean and Australia. After her loss, on 28 February 1942 in the Battle of Sunda Strait, Hornfischer documents the plight of the few remaining crew at the hands of the Japanese. Many of them were assigned to construction camps at the northern end of the planned railroad linking Burma with Thailand via the Kwai River Valley to the south. The brutal conditions under which these prisoners worked made the conditions described in the Hollywood movie *The Bridge on the River Kwai* look like a “Cake Walk.” The book ends with the story of the few of the remaining crew who were rescued at the end of the war and their efforts to memorialize the HOUSTON.



Photo # NH 93163 President Roosevelt fishing on board USS Houston, July 1938

Hornfischer tells of the pride of the City of HOUSTON. It was not until 9 months after the sinking of the HOUSTON that her fate was fully known. She was known to be sunk, but not much of the details. Yet on 30 May 1942, 1,000 new recruits for the Navy, known as the “Houston Volunteers”, were sworn in at a dedication ceremony in downtown Houston, to replace those believed lost on USS Houston. The following Memorial Day President sent a message to the Mayor of Houston which included these words:

⁴ Ibid. pp. 15-16.

⁵ Ibid p 17

“On this Memorial Day, all America joins with you who are gathered in proud tribute to a great ship and a gallant company of American officers and men. That fighting ship and those fighting Americans shall live forever in our hearts.

I knew that ship and loved her. Her officers and men were my friends.

When ship and men went down, still fighting, they did not go down to defeat. They had helped remove at least two heavy cruisers and probably other vessels from the active list of the enemy’s ranks. The officers and men of the U.S.S. Houston were privileged to prove, once again, that free Americans consider no price too high to pay in defense of their freedom. The officers and men of the U.S.S. Houston drove a hard bargain. They sold their liberty and their lives most dearly.

The spirit of those officers and men is still alive. That is being proved today in Houston, in all Texas, in all America, Not one of us doubts that the thousand naval recruits sworn in today will carry on with the same determined spirit shown by the gallant men who have gone before them. Not one of us doubts that every true Texan and every true American will back up these new fighting men, and all our fighting men, with all our hearts and all our efforts.

Our enemies have given us the chance to prove that there will be another U.S.S. Houston, and yet another U.S. S. Houston if that becomes necessary, and still another U.S.S. Houston as long as American ideals are in jeopardy. Our enemies have given us the chance to prove that an attack on peace-loving but proud Americans is the very gravest of all mistakes.

The officers and men of the U.S.S. Houston have placed us all in their debt by winning a part of the victory which is our common goal.

Reverently, and with all humility, we acknowledge this debt. To those officers and men, wherever they may be, we give our solemn pledge that the debt will be paid in full.”⁶

The Houstonians started a fund-raising campaign for funds to build a new HOUSTON and by December 21, 1942 \$85 million was pledged to cover construction costs. In those days that was enough money to cover the cost of a cruiser and also a light aircraft carrier. The cruiser VICKSBURG (CL-81) then under construction was renamed HOUSTON in honor of the old ship and the light aircraft carrier SAN JACINTO (CVL-30) was commissioned in 1943.

DELANO Farm Activities At The Kalamazoo Nature Center

Spring is always a big time at the DELANO Farm located on the Kalamazoo Nature Center in Michigan. In the March-April 2011 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* #66 we reported that farm land on the Homestead of **William Smith DeLano** (GHAHD p 449) was to be farmed again. Besides farming much of the 400 acres amassed by William Smith DeLano, the Nature Center schedules farm-related activities on the property.

This year on March 16 and 17 the Nature Center’s Maple Syrup Festival included Pioneer Sugaring Demonstrations, as well as Blacksmithing, Spinning and Weaving Demonstrations and Ice Cream with Maple Syrup at the Homestead. At the DeLano CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Barn was Tractor Viewing, Discussions about the DeLano Farms CSA program and in the afternoon a live Bird of Prey Presentation. These activities all followed a Pancake Breakfast and the Maple Carnival as well as Maple Sugar Tours in the morning at the Center’s Interpretive Center.

On April 6th a “Seeding Party” was held to provide training in how to plant the summer vegetables one seed at a time in the Farm’s greenhouse. April 7th included an educational tour of the Farm, a walk along the trail in the woods and peek at the farm animals. On April 28th the wild flowers in the Pioneer Woods were out just as they have been for over a hundred years and a tour with a Naturalist provided tips for wild flowers identification.

Early May provides an early start to gardening, activities at the CSA Market Barn and a Spring Foods Cooking Demonstration. From then on through the growing season, farm activities are scheduled for “After School Farmers” including CSA crops, farm chores, and farm animals.

⁶ New York Times May 31 1942



DELANO “KINDRED SPIRITS” COIN

(Coin shown in actual size 1 ½”)

We understand there are a few DELANO “KINDRED SPIRITS” Coins left. This article was placed in the 2012 Membership Directory with an inserted order form. We include the article in this issue in case you missed it in the Directory and wish to make an order..

The DELANO KINDRED offers this beautiful “challenge” coin as a member benefit to raise awareness and pride for the Kindred organization. This once in a lifetime special will be a great keepsake for years to come. The Kindred has ordered a limited number of coins and it is hoped that you will all be happy with our decision to promote our family organization in this way.

“Kindred Spirits” is defined as people who share a common bond or experience that joins them together on a higher level of consciousness. Everyone being related by direct descent from the DELANO family is that common bond. It is felt that this is an appropriate message to send to our members and friends.

The front of the coin depicts the ship *Fortune* from an original design by Jeremy Dupertius Bangs. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful friend and scholar with such artistic capabilities. Philippe de Lanoy, a lad of 19, arrived at Plymouth Colony aboard the *Fortune* in 1621

The reverse side of the coin depicts the DELANO logo adopted several years ago and designed with the help of one of our members. We have also included the website on one side of the coin.

The legend that is predominantly accepted as the beginning of these coins is based on a lieutenant deployed during World War I.

According to legend, challenge coins of solid bronze were created by a rich lieutenant for every member of his squadron as a token of their service together. One pilot placed his coin in a pouch worn around his neck. Later on, the man was captured by the Germans when he was forced to land behind enemy lines due to a damaged aircraft. During transport to a permanent POW camp, the pilot was able to escape.

When a French patrol passed by, the pilot who had most of his belongings confiscated, offered his military challenge coin as proof that he was an American. It saved his life! Once the pilot returned to his squadron, they each agreed to carry the challenge coins at all times.

Today, the challenge coin tradition has spread to the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. Challenge coins now enforce solidarity and hold unit members to a certain standard. Those challenged to produce their coins must do so immediately. If they are unable to, they must buy a round of drinks or perform some other service for everyone who displays his or her military challenge coin.

The honor even reaches to our highest office. Bill Clinton had several military challenge coins on display during his term as President as did George W. Bush while he was in the Oval Office.

SymbolArts' coins are of the highest quality and are custom-made to our own specifications, die-struck in solid brass, highly polished with fine detail and vivid colors. Owning and carrying such a coin promotes identification and pride of affiliation of a member with the issuing organization as well as reinforcing the core values of that organization.

To order DELANO KINDRED Challenge Coins please use the Order Form inserted in this Newsletter.

Lt John DELANO and the WWII Canteen Girl

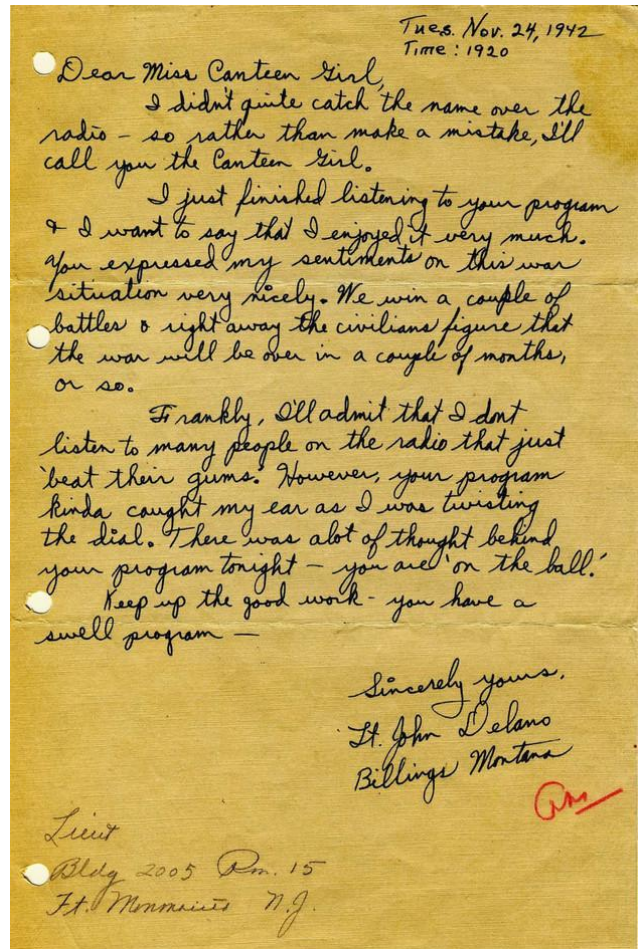
Back in mid-December we received an e-mail from Cousin **Tom DELANO**, of Duxbury, MA which mentioned that while driving into work the other morning and listening to NPR, he heard a segment on the Canteen Girl who worked in the NY City USO Canteen during WWII. She also was a part of a radio show which was broadcast around the country and the world to servicemen and as a result, she received a large number of letters. A letter she discussed on the NPR segment was from Lt. John DELANO of Billings MT. Cousin Tom provided the NPR website information so we could follow-up on this story. We thank Cousin Tom for bringing this letter to our attention.

Lt. DELANO's letter, written on 24 November 1942, is shown here. We have reason to believe that Lt. John DELANO was our **Cousin John Lee Delano** of Helena, MT. Cousin John passed away on 24 November 2010 at the age of 89. He was born in Billings Nov. 10, 1921, after graduating from Billings High School in 1939; he enrolled in what is now called the University of Montana, in Missoula. He interrupted his schooling at the outbreak of World War II, when he enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army and served five years, primarily in the Pacific Theater, resigning as a captain. He was a former legislator, lobbyist and leader of many local and state charitable causes. He was a member of the DELANO KINDRED for 17 years, joining in 1993.

During World War II, packages, letters and radio programs bridged the lonely gaps between our U. S. servicemen and their loved ones and friends back home. There was no e-mail capability or TV and transoceanic

radio was limited to short wave broadcasts of varying quality. For 15 minutes every week, "Canteen Girl" Phyllis Jeanne Creore (shown here sitting with a young sailor during WWII) spoke and sang to the troops and their

loved ones on NBC radio. Her Christmas shows were morale boosters. America must "use more sentiment and less tinsel, and that's the way it should be," she told her listeners during one wartime Christmas broadcast. Now 96, Phyllis Jeanne Creore Westerman (on the right) sits in her apartment on New York's Fifth Avenue, remembering those seasonal broadcasts she recorded 70 years ago.



The Marriage of Countess Stephanie de Lannoy of Belgium And The Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume of Luxembourg



The wedding of Stephanie de Lannoy and Guillaume of Luxembourg on 20 October 2012 (shown together on the left) caught the eye of many of our alert readers. We received several queries from our members about the relationship of Stephanie de Lannoy to our “de Lannoy” line. We also received



copies of the newspaper and magazine coverage from a friend in Brussels. Apparently, it was quite an event and it was covered by European press and television as well as the U. S. press. The reason the event raised questions with some of our members was that the very generous, but brief, coverage of the de Lannoy family included a paragraph in some of the European media entitled “The de Lannoys Include Three American Presidents” Unfortunately, the coverage does have some errors when it comes to our de Lanoy (de Lannoy) line. With these errors in mind we include it here following with corrective comments. Stephanie was escorted to the church altar by her brother Jehan de Lannoy (in the photo on the right).

We thank Cousin **Mary Bertschmann** for providing an English translation of the article.

“The de Lannoys Include Three American Presidents”

“The house of de Lannoy, which dates back to the thirteenth century, is a family of old Flemish Knights whose land extended into what is now France. Their descendants spread to the four corners of Europe and also, America. In 1551, the daughter of Francois de Lannoy married the Burgundian Prince William the Silent. This union absorbed the de Lannoy line into the House of Nassau, the family (Nassau-Weilberg) that currently rules Luxembourg and the Low Countries (Orange-Nassau). Earlier, in 1525, after the French defeat at Pavia, Francois I, King of France, recognized only the sovereignty of Charles de Lannoy, Viceroy of Naples and Prince of Sulmona. Later in 1617, there was the union of Claudine, Baroness of Elz and dame of Clervaux with Claude de Lannoy from the Luxembourg branch of the family. By this time, the two small Italian branches had faded away. But, it is the American extension of the family whose genealogy is fascinating, very little known and quite prestigious. In 1561, Guilbert de Lannoy, fleeing persecution by Philip II of Spain, left Flanders for Holland. He was not to know that his descendant fled even further to America and changed his name to “Delano”. This gave the de Lannoy ancestry to three presidents—Ulysses Grant, Calvin Coolidge, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt— also astronaut Alan Shepard, actor Robert Redford, and the author of *The Little House on the Prairie*, Laura Ingalls Wilder.”

Comments

It should be noted that at the present we have not found any genealogically acceptable documentation that will link our line of descent to the de Lannoy families mentioned in the article or to the de Lannoy lines of descent mentioned in Book One of the GHAHD⁷.

We determined that the daughter of Francois de Lannoy who married the Burgundian Prince William the Silent was Anne van Egmont (d' Egmont). Francois de Lannoy married Maximilliaan van Egmont in 1531. This is also noted at the bottom of page 40 in the GHAHD.

Charles de Lannoy, Viceroy of Naples, to whom Francois I, King of France, surrendered after his defeat at the Battle of Pavia, is covered in the GHAHD on page 34. Charles was the head of the line of descent that formed “the two small Italian branches” that have “faded away.” Details of these two “Italian Lines” are given on pages 34 – 40 of the GHAHD.

Claude de Lannoy 1578-1643, was a Count of La Montherie and the Governor of Maastricht and of Namur. He married second Claudine, the Baroness of d'Eltz and Clervaux (Luxembourg) probably in 1617. This marriage placed a de Lannoy line in the Barons of Clervaux line.

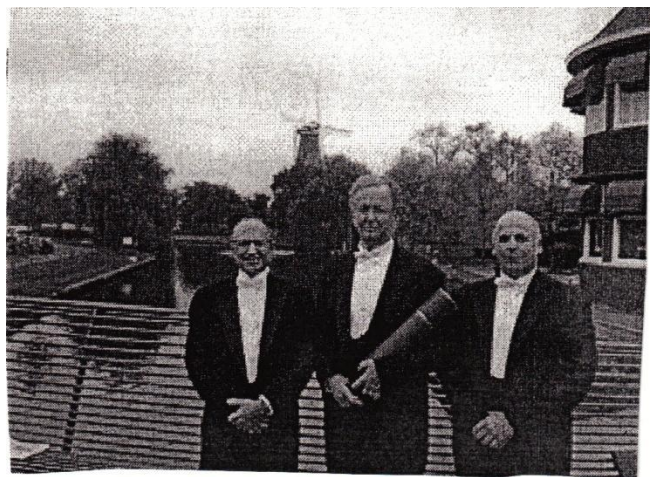
The de Lannoy line of Countess Stephanie de Lannoy can be traced back to Hugues I de Lannoy, 1311/12 – 1349, Knight, Seigneur de Lannoy & Lys etc. He was also the Governor of Lille, Douai, & Orchies.

The Guilbert de Lannoy who fled the persecution by Philip II of Spain and left Flanders for Holland in 1561 is not our DELANO descendant. As noted in many *Bonnes Nouvelles* since 2007, Dr. Jeremy Bangs searched the documents in the Lille Regional Records Office and found the 9 May 1575 baptismal record of Philippe de Lanoy's father, Jean de Lanoy. From this baptismal record we know that our Guilbert de Lanoy (the recorded surname spelling) left Flanders after 1575, fleeing with his family to Canterbury, England. Later he and his family moved to Leiden, the Netherlands. This Guilbert de Lanoy (de Lannoy), Philippe de Lanoy's grandfather, is currently our oldest genealogically acceptable, documented descendant.

We do have good documentation on the three presidents—Ulysses Grant, Calvin Coolidge, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt and also astronaut Alan Shepard and author Laura Ingalls Wilder. We have not yet found the documentation of DELANO descent of Robert Redford.

KUDOS

We were pleased to learn that Cousin **Frederic K. Grant, Jr.** was awarded a doctorial degree from the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, for his dissertation “The Chinese cornerstone of modern banking: The Canton guaranty system and the origins of bank deposit insurance 1780-1933” He was awarded his degree on 24 October 2012. Those of you who attended the 2012 Reunion Banquet will recall that Cousin Frederic was our Speaker that evening. His dissertation is a study of the Chinese idea that inspired the first bank deposit insurance statute, New York's Safety Fund law of 1829. It examines the financial collective responsibility in China through its use by the Imperial Household Department of the Qing Dynasty. The enforced collective liability of the merchant guilds of Canton, China from 1780 through 1842, known as the “Canton Guarantee System” was taken by the state of New York as the example for developing The New York Safety Fund. Other states soon followed adopting versions of individual state deposit guaranty funds. This trend eventually lead to the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance System.



⁷ The Genealogy History and Alliances of the American House of Delano 1621 to 1899, compiled by Major Joel Andrew Delano, Book the First, The Heraldic and Genealogical History of the Maison de Franchimont & de Lannoy, Edited by Mortimer Delano de Lannoy.

Cousin Frederic noted the “rather elegant way” Leiden University conducts the doctoral defense. He was accompanied by two ceremonial assistants; “paranymps” that dates back to an era when argument at doctoral defenses might become angry and the two assistants helped maintain order-- or possibly defended the candidate. All candidates and their “assistants” wore the appropriate formal attire for the occasion. We extend our congratulations to Cousin Frederic. Well Done!

We were pleased to learn that Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing** was awarded the Katherine F. Little Distinguished Achievement Award at the Society of Mayflower Descendants Annual Meeting in Merion, (west Philadelphia) Pennsylvania on January 26, 2013. She was also the speaker at this event on the subject of “Mayflower Women in History.” Besides being the President of the DELANO KINDRED, and compiling the series of books of the DELANO Families in Progress (DFIPs), she chairs the Women of the Mayflower (WOM). It is said that at various Mayflower Meetings when the descendants of various Mayflower passengers are asked to stand, Muriel stands through most of names of the passengers since she has lines of descent to eighteen Mayflower families. She presented an overview of the Women of the Mayflower project, its mtDNA goals, and discussed what has been accomplished to date. As many of our members know Muriel holds the following positions in various Mayflower Societies and Organizations: State Historian and Assistant Governor of the Florida Mayflower Society; Registrar of the Jean Calvin Chapter of the Florida Huguenot Society; Chairs and co-chairs several DNA

THE PRARIE STATES FORESTRY PROJECT

We received an article from Cousin **Ren Cushing** entitled “FDR’s Weather Machine’ from the magazine *Mental Floss* citing how FDR took steps to reduce the destruction of the destructive winds that created the terrible dust storms of the 1930’s. Finally known as the Prairie States Forestry Project, it involved the planting of trees on the perimeters of farms which would reduce wind velocity and lessen evaporation of moisture from the soil. By 1942, 220 million trees had been planted, stretching out 18,600 miles in a 100-mile-wide zone from the Canadian border to the Brazos River in northern Texas.

Starting as the Great Plains Shelter Belt, authorized by 1924 Clarke-McNary Act, the first tree planted was an Austrian pine planted on a farm near Willow, Oklahoma, on March 18, 1935. Native trees, such as red cedar and green ash, were planted along fence rows separating properties, and farmers were paid to plant and cultivate them. The project was estimated to cost \$75 million over 12 years. When disputes arose over funding sources (the project was considered to be a long-term strategy and therefore ineligible for emergency relief funds), FDR transferred the program to the WPA.

In 2010, Federal grants were made available for shelterbelt maintenance and restoration in Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska as part of the Central Great Plains Shelterbelt Renovation and the Central Great Plains Forested Riparian Buffer (CCPI) proposals. Funding for the CCPI (Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative) is provided as a project of the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. A map with the dark shaded areas depict the tree plantings in the project.

We thank Cousin Ren for providing an example of how the destructive effects of weather can be ameliorated.



NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since October 2012.

California

John R. Huddleston of Berkeley

Florida

Rodney L. Nyland of Jacksonville

Georgia

Jon L. DELANO of Liburn

Maryland

Elijah Neagle of Waldorf

Katlin Neagle of Waldorf

Natasha Neagle of Waldorf

Nicholas J. Neagle of Waldorf

Massachusetts

Janice N Locke of Concord

Michigan

Shirley S. Campbell of Grand Rapids

New York

Deanne D. Dresser of North Hudson

Cynthia Philip of Rhinecliff

Ohio

Ailis M. Rees of Columbus

Ella O. Rees of Columbus

Jerry L. Rees of Columbus

Jodie E. McFee of Columbus

Pennsylvania

Christina R. Intemann of Indiana

Gerald W. Intemann of Indiana

Leila P. Peck of Wayne

Virginia

Dorothy A. Poniatowski of Poquoson

Wisconsin

Michael DELANO of Franklin

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!! We look forward to many years of fellowship with you and we hope that membership in the DELANO KINDRED will be a source of pride and pleasure for you.

DEPARTED COUSINS

JOHN WALTON DIXON

We received the sad news that Cousin **John Walton Dixon** of Hilton Head Island, SC passed away on 4 November 2012 at the age of 91. He was born in Providence, RI on 3 March 1921 to Raymond and Isabelle Carter Dixon. During World War II Cousin John served in the Army Air Corps 8th Air Force as a B-17 bombardier with the 388th Bomb Group-Knettishaw, England. He flew 35 missions over Germany and received a Purple Heart and an Air Medal with clusters. He was graduated from Harvard

College in 1943 and from Columbia University with an MBA in 1948. He married Doris "Dori" Madsen in New York that same year. Cousin John was an accomplished CPA with Price Waterhouse in Boston and then retired from Loomis Sayles Company in 1983. He and Dori moved to Hilton Head Island in 1982.

Cousin John's line of descent was through the Dr. Thomas branch of the DELANO KINDRED and he had been a member since 2001. We were always pleased to see John and Dori at our Reunions. Besides the DELANO KINDRED John was a member of many genealogical and historical organizations including the Magna Charter Barons, the Massachusetts Mayflower Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution, the National Huguenot Society, the 8th Air Force Historical Society, and the 388th Bomb Group Association. We will miss Cousin John, whose gentle countenance was an inspiration to all who knew him. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Dori.

BETHANY HOPE LIGHT DELANO

Cousin **Sandy DELANO** sent us the sad news of the death of **Bethany Hope Light DELANO** of Friendship, Maine, on 28 November 2012. She was born in Camden, Maine in 1965 to Lloyd W. and Donna J. Light. After being graduated from High School in 1983 she studied one year at the University of Maine working on a major in art and literature. She married Christopher Robert DELANO in Friendship. Over the years she worked in various occupations in the Friendship area, but her curiosity and enjoyment of the area's history led her to the research of the DELANO family. In 2005 she published the 167 page book entitled *Stone Reunions: A Comprehensive Look at the Cemeteries of Friendship, ME*. She was very helpful to Cousin Sandy in his genealogical research of the Maine DELANOs and he tried on several occasions to gain her interest in the DELANO KINDRED. It was with Beth's ideas and leads that Cousin Sandy was able to resolve the story of our family pirate, Christopher DELANO (DFIP #213 [iv.], who was found guilty of piracy and hung in Malta on 4 February 1820. Cousin Sandy notes that most of the Friendship DELANO's are descended from Alpheus and Margaret Sides DELANO (.Alpheus⁵, Judah⁴, Phillip³, Phillip², Philippe¹). We send our belated condolences to Christopher Robert DELANO and the children Christopher and Jennifer. We hope that

sometime many of the DELANOs of Friendship may gain interest in the DELANO KINDRED.

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 (Guilbert) de Lannoy to one of these de Lannoy branches. His questionable and erroneous “proof” on pg. 48 of the GHAAHD has been shown to have significant errors. An article by Cousin George English⁸ cites some of these errors. Through the research of Dr. Jeremy Bangs we are able to document the 9 July 1575 baptism of Jean de Lanoy, the son of Guilbert de Lanoy (Gysbert de Lanoy) in the Church of St.Christophe at Tourcoing, now in France⁹. Bangs’ research was covered in NL# 55 and English’s research was covered in NL# 58 and NL#59.

The Second Book, containing about 439 pages, is entitled “The DELANO Genealogy: from 1621 – 1899” and is compiled by Major Joel Andrew 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. Occasionally one finds historical anecdotes of the ancestors listed in this compilation which add significantly to our family’s history.

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 an “awkward manner of presentation,” the DELANO KINDRED Board adopted the GHAAHD as a 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 DFIP-[DELANO Family in Progress] series) was published as volume I in 1999 (containing Family numbers 1-197). It contains the first four generations of Philipp de Lanoy’s descendants with Philippe assigned Family Number 1. Part I of volume II covering the 5th and 6th generations (Family Numbers 198-367) was published 2004 and Part II (Family numbers 368-499) was published in 2011. More DFIPs are on the way.

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 Michigan address. We have inserted 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 \$10.00 shipping and handling for book mail.

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

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