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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

In this issue we include highlights about the 2009 Reunion and Membership Meeting in Williamsburg, VA. Features include articles about some of our DELANO ancestors, including Civil War Veteran Abraham Delano who moved from Maine to Wisconsin, the 1875 songwriter George Delano, and John S. Delano, a bigamist with as many as seven wives. There is some information about Fairhaven, MA, DELANOs and information about that town's activities. Also included are initial details about the planned 2010 Reunion scheduled in New Hampshire in June.

THE 2009 REUNION CELEBRATING THE DELANOs OF VIRGINIA

Our 2009 Reunion was held at the Williamsburg Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder, centrally located between Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens Europe and also, at a further distance, between Yorktown Colonial National Historical Park and Jamestown



Colonial National Historical Park. About 46 DELANO descendants and their spouses attended all or part of the Reunion.

Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** came from Utah, Cousins **Ed** and **Elizabeth Sullivan**, **Muriel** and **Ren Cushing** came from Florida. Cousin **Mary Alden Foster Ross** came from Georgia—this was her first reunion. Cousins **George** and **Paula DELANO** came from Vermont. Nine members came from Michigan; they were Cousins **Herman** and **Charlene DELANO**, **Frank** and **Marjorie DELANO**, **Sallie**

and **Mike Miller** and **Cindy Prosser**, **Kori Burke** and **Gracee Anne Burke**.

Cousin **Gracee Anne**, being the youngest member, present placed her nametag on her stroller. Members attending from Massachusetts included Cousins



Margaret DELANO, **Tom** and **Kristin DELANO** **Catherine DELANO Calamari**, and **Dorothea**, **Ann** and **Robert Harris**. From New York came Cousins **Harry DELANO** (who was a new member) and **Dick** and **Carol Wolf**. Cousin **Judie Oppasser** came from Pennsylvania. Cousin **Marilyn Smith** came from Connecticut. Traveling from Delaware were Cousins **James**, **Betty** and **Carol Elliott**. The Virginia contingent included Cousins **Chip**, **Mary Ann**, **Robert** and **Martha DELANO**, **Kitty DELANO**, **George** and **Diana DELANO**, **Patricia**

Gray and Jean Jones, Mary Matson -- this was Mary's first Reunion, **Megan Mayott, Malcolm Northam**, and new members **Cousins Michael and Nolan DELANO**.

There were one family group representing the Philip Jr. Branch, seven representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, three representing the John Branch, 15 representing the Lt. Jonathan Branch

Members received their Welcome Envelopes, containing the Reunion Program, and nametags. They



also received a packet containing copies of the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes, committee reports, proposed budgets and other proposals to be presented at the

Annual Membership Meeting. Cousins Ren Cushing and Diana DELANO managed the registration desk much of the time.

On Friday morning a Genealogical and Informational Symposium was held. Members attending it thought it was well worthwhile; so this event will be a regular part of future reunions. We were pleased that Cousin **Reggie DELANO** attended the Symposium, although he could not stay for the rest of the festivities.

At the Friday evening Welcome Buffet Cousin **George DELANO** welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He mentioned that our "surprise speaker," Thomas Jefferson, could not be there. In his e-mail Mr. Jefferson said he regretted not being able to attend, because he was called to Philadelphia on rather urgent Continental Congress business.

Saturday morning, members gathered in the Jefferson Davis Amphitheater for the 2009 Annual Meeting (discussed elsewhere). Afterwards, attendees gathered outside near one of the Ft. Magruder redoubts for the group photograph.

The main afternoon tours included Colonial Williamsburg, and an "on-your-own" tour of the Jamestown Settlement.

That evening after the Banquet Dinner, our speaker was **Tina Theodore** from the Jamestown Settlement who gave an interesting overview of the Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center.

As a result of the Annual Charity Drawing, \$100.00 will be donated to the Mattapoissett Historical Society in Mattapoissett, MA.

We wish to thank Cousins **Diana DELANO, Cindy Prosser, Ren Cushing, Cathy DELANO Calamari** and other members who provided event photographs and assisted with the registration of attendees, and the other numerous details that made the Reunion run smoothly.

THE 2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President

George B. DeLano at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, 20 June 2009, in the Jefferson Davis Amphitheater



of the Williamsburg Crowne Plaza at Ft. Magruder in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Credentials Committee provided voting flags to all members in good standing. Committee Annual reports and copies of the current bylaws were available as handouts. It was determined there was a quorum of over 35 members in good standing.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting had been previously distributed to members present for their information and review. The minutes were approved as written. Secretary Margaret Delano was available to answer any questions about them.

Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports:

Treasurer Cynthia Prosser presented the FY 08-09 Treasurer's Report. Auditor George DeLano discussed the Society's Financial Condition based on an 11 May 2009 preliminary



Audit. A copy of the preliminary FY 08-09 Consolidated Balance Sheet had been provided to the members present. He said the final FY 08-09 Audit Consolidated Balance Sheet will be available on the members-only website www.delanokindred.org when ready. A FY 08-09 Charitable and Educational Program Worksheet was also provided. The members accepted the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report.

Nominations and Elections: The Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout was presented. Officers elected for two-year terms were: George B. DeLano as President, Muriel C. Cushing as Vice President, Margaret L. Delano, as Secretary, and Cynthia A. Prosser as Treasurer. Patrick D. Whitfield was elected to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term.

Committee Reports: Various Board members and Committee Chairs were available to answer questions about the various reports provided to the members in their "handouts" at registration time. Many of these reports were also discussed at the Genealogical and Informational Symposium held on Friday, 19 June. Besides the financial reports mentioned above, reports from various Committees included:

- **Contact:** Responses were made to over 97 queries during the Fiscal Year. Chairman Sandy Delano has done an outstanding job, but has had to resign. A new Chair will be appointed soon.
- **Membership:** We had 335 members in good standing at the end of May—the same number as in May 2008. So far we had 15 new members join this year, but we had 12 members who had been members for 10 years who did not renew.
- **Membership Development:** Recommendations included a Marketing Resource Audit, Updating the Brochure, A Master Letter Template, a 3-yr Membership Incentive Program, and other actions to secure new members.
- **Memorialization:** Updates about the Vrouwekerk Plaque and the Capt. Samuel Delano Jr. Papers project were included. The possibility of a grave marker for the supposed Dr. Thomas Delano burial site was mentioned.
- **Charities:** The FERI Portrait Program has been concluded. The annual donation to the Plimoth Plantation was made. The first drawing of a name of a charity for a one-time donation will be done at the 2009 Reunion Banquet.
- **Educational Program:**
 - **Genealogical Program:** The genealogical documentation effort is now in the 7th generation of DELANOs and Allied Families. Carolyn Clarke's regional genealogy work "DELANOs of Rochester" will be presented to the Mayflower Society for review and publication.
 - **Y-DNA Project:** Efforts to find a qualified candidate from the Abraham Delanoy line for a 37-marker test continue. When completed the test results will be compared with a previous

test and, hopefully, establish a Y-DNA signature for that line.

- **European Research Project:**
- **Leiden:** Dr. Bangs reports there is no additional about Philip Delano information in the Leiden Archives beyond what has already been written.
- **Lille:** Dr. Bangs believes there are no further records in the Lille regional archives that can provide genealogical links earlier than what he has written. Villages where Mahieu records might be expected do not have material that early. There might conceivably be material about Francis Cooke and Hester Mayhew elsewhere.
- **Tourcoing:** Cousin George English reports in his recent article that studies show that within the many district around Tourcoing there were 20 de Lannoys living around 1545 who could have been Guilbert de Lannoy's father. He notes researching these families would be difficult. He cites researcher, Phlippe Rammaert's comments that it would require a search over a rather large area around the ancient Châtellenie of Lille requiring an immense amount of work collecting sources at various Departmental Archives. The collection process would perhaps be possible, after several years.
- **Dr. Bangs reports the chance of finding further documentation of demonstrable ancestors of Philippe de Lanoy in Tourcoing is so slight as to be negligible. More details are included in a separate article.**
- **Educational Websites:** There have been problems with our websites this Fiscal Year, some of which still need to be resolved. The Website/Internet Committee is working on these problems. A primary project is encouraging members to contribute items that can be included on the open website.
- **Educational Newsletter:** This Fiscal Year 861 Bonne Nouvelles were printed. The total cost of publishing the newsletter was \$2773.68 as shown on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. This amounts to \$3.22 a copy for publishing costs.
- **President's Summation:** Probably one of the most significant happenings during this Fiscal Year was the Memorialization of the ruins of the Vrouwekerk. Cousin Ren LeVally's leadership in the early efforts was noted. Many other members helped in this endeavor culminating an effort of nearly eight years.

Approval of Budgets: The Membership approved the following budgets and funding for FY 09-10; subject to the final FY 08-09 Audit results.

- FY 09-10 Administrative Operations Budget of \$4586.44 based on an expected income from membership dues and administrative fees from ten new members.
- Memorialization Fund Budget: An additional \$300.00 to be donated to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society for the transcribing of the Capt. Samuel Delano papers during this Fiscal Year.
- Charitable Program Funding:
 - Plimoth Plantation: \$40.00 to add to a \$260.00 balance for a FY 09-10 donation of \$300.00 to the Plimoth Plantation.
 - Annual Charity Drawing: An additional \$100.00 for a Charity Drawing at the 2010 Reunion.
- Educational Program Funding:
 - Y-DNA Project: \$9.00 to a \$321.00 balance for a \$330.00 balance for an additional two 37 marker Y-DNA to be expended if suitable candidates with documented lines of descent are found.
 - The funds in the European Research Project are adequate for the time being. The Membership approved funds not to exceed \$500.00 to contribute towards additional Cooke-Mayhew research, provided other organizations will join in this effort as described in a separate article.
 - Educational Websites: \$300.00 towards the FY 09-10 donation to this program.

New Proposals: No new proposals were received.

Other Business: The **2010 Reunion** will be held in New Hampshire in June at dates and venue yet to be determined. More details are available in a separate article. No other business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 AM. Members then assembled for the Group Picture.

European Research

FY 08-09 Developments:

In responses to several queries concerning additional research on the life and family of Philip Delano in Leiden, Dr. Bangs stated, "There is nothing about Philip Delano (or any other Pilgrim) beyond what is in my research. Looking again is not going to change that." He also said, "...There are no further records in Lille (Département du Nord at Lille) that can provide genealogical links earlier than what I put in that article (Jan de Lanoy's baptism in 1575),

which also mentions that the villages where Mahieu records might be expected do not have material that early." With respect to Tourcoing he asserted, "Even though the chance of finding further documentation of demonstrable ancestors of Philip in Tourcoing is so slight as to be negligible, there's no limit to the possibility of continuing to look. I would say that there is some possibility of such documentation's existence. . . ."

Bonnes Nouvelles #58, #59 & #60 reviewed the article by Cousin **George English** titled *The Ancestry and history of Philip Delano Born Philippe de Lannoy* which appeared in a two part series in the *Mayflower Descendant*. In his conclusions (on pg 8 of NL#60) Cousin George writes, "Further studies show that within the many districts around Tourcoing there were 20 de Lannoys living around 1545 who could have been Guilbert^B de Lannoy's father." (No reference is given to specifically identify these studies.) Also he notes researching these families, including the male line of the de Lannoy Seigniors of Tourcoing would be difficult. He also cites comments by researcher Philippe Rammaert (founder/former President of the GGRN—see NL #60 pg 8 and footnote 26), "To get an overall picture of the de Lannoys of the ancient Châtellenie of Lille, it would be necessary to do an immense amount of work collecting sources at the Departmental Archives of Nord and the Municipal Archives of Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing, in particular. By combining the efforts of researchers in the region interested in the subject, it would perhaps be possible, after several years."

Cousin George recommends that a DELANO KINDRED member meet with Rammaert and other knowledgeable genealogical researchers in the Nord Department to discuss and ascertain details of the scope and possibilities of further research. The estimated cost is \$500.00 to carry out the proposal.

In regard to information about Francis Cooke and Hester Mayhew, Dr. Bangs notes, "Norwich and London might conceivably have material about Francis Cooke and Hester Mayhew. I have not looked in the Norwich Record Office or the Guildhall (London)."

Board's Recommendations and Membership Action

After lengthy discussion and in view of the difficulties involved with future research in the area around Tourcoing (that includes the ancient Châtellenie of Lille) the Board decided that, at this time, it could not recommend allocating \$500.00 for a meeting with Rammaert and other experts. The Board recommended contacting other family organizations

and, provided this contact showed enough interest to fund a visit by Dr. Bangs to Norwich and the Guildhall, the Board recommended that Kindred funding be authorized for an amount not to exceed \$500.00 in support of this project. These recommendations were forwarded to the Membership at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The Membership approved these recommendations.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since March 2009.

Massachusetts

Toney Hopkins of Harwich

Ann Wilcox of Dedham

Joanne Winkler of Medford

New York

Harry J. DELANO of Buffalo

Grace A. DELANO of Buffalo

Tennessee

Brian D. Starr of Hendersonville

Virginia

Michael J. DELANO of Richmond

Christine A. DELANO of Richmond

Nolan R. DELANO of Richmond

Nadine E. DELANO of Richmond

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

DEPARTED COUSINS

Susan Dillingham Winkler

We were saddened to learn that after several years of declining health and the debilitation of Alzheimer's disease, Cousin **Susan D. Winkler** passed away peacefully at her son's home on February 10th at age 89. Born Susan Grey Dillingham on September 19th, 1919 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, she was the daughter of Charles William and Susan Kathleen (Baker) Dillingham, and is a descendant of Lt. Jonathan Delano. Cousin Susan had been a stalwart member of the DELANO KINDRED for eleven years. She and her husband Anton joined at the 1998 Reunion in Fairhaven, MA. With the exception of the 1999 Reunion she attended every one until her health prevented her attending the 2007 Reunion.

Susan found her life's direction before going to school. At age four she learned to read from her mother reading *Peter Rabbit* to her over and over while she was bed-ridden, first with diphtheria and then scarlet fever. She accepted her early illness as a blessing with a lifetime of reward. Language in all its forms—poetry, prose, scientific text or just a note to the milkman—was her passion, her

vocation and a precious treasure to be guarded carefully and enjoyed endlessly.

After graduating from the University of Georgia in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in journalism, she headed to Philadelphia and landed her first job as a proofreader. A year later she met Anton Winkler, who was then a flute student at the Curtis Institute of Music, and in 1942 they began their 63-year marriage. The uncertainty of the war years and starting a family led Susan to take a variety jobs that used her writing and editing skills, but all the while wrote fiction. With two children around the house, she decided to work on light romance and comedy (no sex or expletives for the kids to find), and in all she had five novels and many short stories published. The financial demands of higher education for her children led her to work as a college textbook editor, first with Addison-Wesley and later Houghton Mifflin, where her specialty was turning turgid manuscripts on mathematics, economics and the hard sciences into concise and understandable English.

Susan loved Paris and frequently she and Anton would spend part of their summers there. When Anton was unable to travel she would still go and was there on September 11, 2001. It took several days before she could return because of the turmoil.

Anton died in 2003, and is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Allan and Joann Winkler of Medford Massachusetts, and daughter, Susan Kathleen Winkler, of Easton Massachusetts. We send our belated condolences to Allan, Joann and Susan.

Warren Chaddock DeLano

We report with sadness the passing of Cousin **Warren C. DeLano** on 27 May in Rocky River, Ohio after a battle with cancer. Many of you who attended our early Reunions will remember Cousin Warren, who as a strong and steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED attended almost all of our reunions from 1993 through 2003. He was a descendant of Lt. Jonathan Delano through the William Smith DeLano of Cooper, Michigan, line. Warren's declining health and the long trip from his California home prevented his attendance at later reunions. However as an alert reader, he contributed by sending in items about DELANOs in the news for articles in the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Warren was born in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1928 and was the son of Charles Blanchard and Jessie Judson Edwards DeLano. He married Elaine Marilyn Burch in 1951. Together they had two children, Cynthia Elaine (DeLano) Kennard and Craig Burch DeLano. The death of Warren's wife Elaine in 1992 prompted Warren to get involved in homeopathic medicine. Although not a doctor, he was involved in a homeopathic medicine business for many years. He enjoyed living in Santa Monica, CA until his deteriorating health made it necessary for him to move to Ohio to be near his children who were living in Rocky River, OH at that time.

Besides his daughter Cynthia and son-law, William, his son Craig and daughter-in-law Da, he is survived by a

sister, Elizabeth McLelland, and five grandchildren, Emily, Elizabeth, Danny, Brandon and Adam. We send our deep sympathy to them,

Donald L. DeLano Sr.

Cousin **John W. DeLano** of Halifax, MA reports the sad news of the death of his father, **Donald L. DeLano Sr.** on 8 July 2009. He was 83 years old. Born August 22, 1925, in Whately, MA, he was the son of the late John Howes DeLano and Isabelle Ruth (Allis) DeLano. He was a descendant of Philippe de Lanoy through his son Philip Delano Jr.

Donald attended schools in Whately, MA and joined the United States Navy on January 26, 1944. He served at Pearl Harbor during World War II. He was employed for most of his career as a land surveyor in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. He was a Registered Land Surveyor in those three states.

He was married and later divorced from his first wife, Nancy (Haskell) Howard of Jaffrey, NH. She and his second wife, Nancy A. Love of South Dennis, MA survive him. He was the father of the late Gordon Richard DeLano. He was the brother of the late James Howard DeLano and the late Lois Elizabeth DeLano.

Although Donald Sr. was not a member of the DELANO KINDRED, he did attend one of our early Reunions. He was very interested in the family history and encouraged his son, Cousin John, to find the family line of descent to Philippe.

Members of his surviving family include his sister Carol Isabelle (DeLano) Sluter of Talent, Oregon, his son John W. DeLano of Halifax, MA, his son Donald Leroy DeLano, Jr. of Norton, MA, his son Scott Haskell DeLano of Dublin, NH, nine grandchildren, one great grandchild, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

We send our sincere condolences to Cousin John and the entire family.

Economic Downturn Affects Plimoth Plantation

At the June 2009 Genealogical and Informational Symposium Cousin **Ed Sullivan** told the attendees that the Plimoth Plantation was being adversely affected by the economic downturn. Expansion plans, which included a hotel near the site, were placed on hold and some employees were laid off. It is hoped that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will provide some assistance through these difficult times.

As you know your Society has an interest in this wonderful not-for-profit museum, through its annual corporate membership donation made possible by your generous contributions to the Plimoth Plantation designated contribution program.

We hope you will take the time to visit Plimoth Plantation when you are in southeastern Massachusetts. Please consider recommending the Plimoth Plantation to your family and friends.

Each year we send a contribution to the Plimoth Plantation as part of our charitable giving program. As a result the DELANO KINDRED is a corporate member of the Plimoth Plantation. As you may know there is a “to – scale” replica of the house where Philippe’s Uncle Francis and Aunt Hester Cooke and his Cooke cousins lived. When Philippe arrived on the FORTUNE he stayed with the Cooke family for several years. Live costumed role players have taken on the names of Francis and Hester Cooke as well as their children. On several occasions someone has been Philippe de Lanoy. This year in their “thank you” letter they announced additional programming during this summer and this fall, which is designed to give visitors a fresh insight into the past. In addition to their “Breakfast with the Animals,” each week there will be tours, demonstrations, movies and talks by Plimoth Plantation specialists in archeology, foodways, horticulture, reproductions and wardrobe/textiles.

The Plimoth Plantation is committed to presenting this important period in our nation’s history. A visit to the Plantation is well worthwhile. You can see what is scheduled by visiting their website at www.plimoth.org. When you visit please tell us about it. We will include the details about your visit in our “News from our Members” section of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

2010 Reunion and Annual Meeting At Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, New Hampshire

As mentioned elsewhere, the 2010 Reunion is planned to be held at the Indian Head Resort, nestled in the White Mountains near Lincoln, NH. To reduce the overall costs, particularly the cost for guest rooms, we have scheduled it on the “weekdays” of Wednesday 16 June and Thursday 17 June, which is just before the start of the summer season. This date is slightly earlier than our usual June dates so please make a note of those dates on your 2010 calendar. More information about the Reunion venue and its picturesque surroundings will appear in our next *Bonnes Nouvelles* issue.

Annual Charity Drawings The 2009 Charity Drawing Winner

The winner of the 2009 Charity Drawing held during the Saturday Banquet at the Reunion in Williamsburg, VA, was The Mattapoissett Historical Society in Mattapoissett, MA, located between Fairhaven and Marion. The Mattapoissett Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to foster and maintain interest in the history of the town and the region of which it is a part. It operates the Mattapoissett Museum and Carriage House, purchases, and actively collects artifacts that illustrated the settlement and growth of the town and the surrounding area. It holds part of a set of china owned by Thomas and Susanna (Talman) Delano—see GHAHD p 485. The china was fired in Liverpool, England circa 1795-98.

A one-time donation of \$100.00 will be sent to the Historical Society and, in accordance with Charity Drawing rules, its name will be withdrawn from

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consideration from future drawings until such time no new candidate is recommended.

Submission of candidates for the 2010 Charity Drawing

Now is the time for all members to put on their thinking caps and submit their recommendations for the 2010 Charity Drawing to be held at the 2010 Reunion. Although the official deadline has not yet been announced, it is suggested that they be sent in by mid May 2010. You have a chance to direct the Society's Charitable funds to some deserving and qualified organization. Please use the form included on the back of the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program form inserted into this *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Updated Contribution Form

We have inserted an updated Contribution Form that enables your contributions to be designated to our Contribution Programs as follows:

- The General Memorial Fund for contributions that may be used for the various designated funds and projects in the programs listed below.
- The Memorialization Program for support to the DR&HS Project to transcribe selected papers from the **Capt. Samuel Delano Jr. papers**.
- The Charitable Programs supporting the **Plimoth Plantation** and the **Annual Charity Drawing**.
- The Educational Programs supporting the **Y-DNA Project**, the **European Research Project**, and our **Educational Websites**.

We thank all of those who have made the effort to contribute to these various projects in the past. Your support to the Contribution Program enables your Society to achieve its purposes.

Abraham Delano of Rantoul and Brillion, Wisconsin

We were pleased to hear from an Alert Wisconsin Historian who informed us about **Abraham Delano**, a pioneer settler, in Rantoul, Wisconsin. Rantoul is located about 40 miles southwest of Green Bay near Appleton. Abraham built the two-story wood frame building, which still stands in Brillion, Wisconsin, today. It appears the building was intended to be a store, and in 1872 Abraham sold it to Charles Tesch. Under Tesch's ownership it became a Dry Goods Store. Brillion is located about 25 miles south of Green Bay and about 20 miles west of Manitowoc.

We knew very little about DELANOs living in that area of the state. We wondered, who was this Abraham DELANO, where did he come from, and what was his line of descent? Turning to the Members Website and using the digitized GHAAD Index, we were able to identify this Abraham Delano (on pg 464 of the GHAAMD) from about seven other

Abrahams listed. The GHAAMD reports he was the third child of Hatsuld and Ruth (Gray) Delano of Hancock County, Maine. It never mentions he lived in Rantoul or Brillion, Wisconsin. It states he was married in Maine, that his children were born in Maine, and that he died in Geary County, Kansas. However, the GHAAMD does mention Abraham served as a Private in Company K of the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry during the Civil War; so we know that he was probably in Wisconsin before 1861. The 1860 Federal Census shows Abraham and his family living in Rantoul. Abraham's line of descent is Abraham⁷, Hatsuld⁶, Eliashib⁵, Nathan⁴, Jethro³, Lt Jonathan², Phillippe¹.

The clue that Abraham was the builder of the store in Brillion is that his son John married his second wife in Brillion and that Abraham's grandson, Milton Abram Delano, was born in Brillion on 8 April 1872 –the same year the store was sold. There is no record of any other Abraham being in Wisconsin at that time.

So how did Abraham arrive in the Rantoul-Brillion area? We know that Abraham was probably in Maine in 1853 when his last child, Silas Delano, was born in the town of Bucksport, in Hancock County. In 1851 Abraham's older brother, Elishab Delano and his family settled in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. Peshtigo is about 30 miles north of Green Bay and Manitowoc is about 30 miles south of Green Bay. All three towns were ports on Lake Michigan with Manitowoc being the nearest port to Rantoul. Abraham's family probably traveled from Maine to Buffalo, New York, and then traveled most of the remaining distance by boat either landing in Peshtigo (to initially be near his brother), or Green Bay or Manitowoc.

Based on the GHAAMD entries, it appears that Abraham's sons never traveled with their families further west than the center of Iowa. Therefore it seems that Abraham Delano moved to Geary County, Kansas, without being accompanied by any of his sons' families. It is likely that he traveled there with his first wife, Sarah Jane (Roundy) Delano, and part of her parent's family. When Sarah died the GHAAMD reports Abraham married Elizabeth K. Roundy in Geary County, Kansas. Elizabeth was Sarah Jane's sister. We have yet to find an 1880 Census that lists Abraham and either of his spouses in Kansas, Iowa or Wisconsin.

In searching various censuses for Abraham Delano, we discovered many other DELANOs living in various areas of Wisconsin. These areas were concentrated in Oconto County (north of Green Bay), Waupaca County (west of Green Bay and Appleton),

Calumet and Manitowoc Counties (south of Green Bay and east of Appleton), Jefferson and Waukesha Counties (between Madison and Milwaukee), and Clark County (located between Eau Claire and Stevens Point).

We wish to thank the Alert Historian, R. (Frenchy) Corbeille, for bringing Abraham Delano of Rantoul and Brillion to our attention. Thank you Frenchy!

DELANO BIGAMIST

By Muriel Curtis Cushing

The GHAAHD is very vague on the life of John S. Delano, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Smith) Delano, b. at Oneida, N.Y. on 9 April 1813. He is listed as marrying twice, first to Matilda Pool and after a few years of marriage it is stated that he enlisted in the Mexican War. In 1847, after the battle of Buena Vista, he wrote or caused someone to write home to his wife that he had been killed. He married second to Maria Fields whom he deserted. The Delano genealogy aroused my curiosity with "he left her and was punished for desertion" so learning of the newspaper account I sent for the transcript.

John is found living in La Harpe, Illinois on 25 April 1888 when the following story was printed in the *Carthage Republican*. The story of a "Fountain Green farmer, preacher, and good neighbor."

However, the next paragraph describes John S. Delano as masher, veteran of two wars; ex-expounder of the gospel, farmer, and much married who now occupies a lone cell in the county bastille. His history is one of repeated marriage and desertions. He served in the Mexican War in 1846 under General Taylor and also served in the Civil War mustering out at Louisville at the close of the war.

While in jail John is visited by a reporter who writes "the old man lay on a cot in his cell, and seemed to be suffering from fever. He looked pitifully haggard, and he was a sorry sight. To questions he made answers in husky tones. He denied having ever had but three wives.

Delano has been a resident of Hancock County for about ten years, living in Fountain Green Township most of that time. His occupations have been varied but for the most part he represented a preacher in various neighborhoods in the county. Although 76 years old, gray-haired and apparently feeble, it is said he was as frisky as a clam at high tide, and a favorite with the fair sex, both young and old. His record as a masher, from all reports, is a brilliant one.

About four years ago John Delano was married to Mrs. Sarah Atwater, a very worthy lady, widow of

the late Thomas Atwater, of Fountain Green Township. She is highly connected in the county and it is astounding that she or her friends were so long in ignorance of Delano's funny capers. However, it is said that he was a "good provider," and that the two of them lived together happily. Delano was a sort of farm hand, working at odd jobs, when not engaged in other labors. It is learned that he was generally regarded as a quiet, harmless old man."

Let us turn back the pages of history and learn how John arrived at this sorrowful ending.

His eventful marriage career began in 1833 at the age of 21 when he married Miss Matilda Poole at Norwich, Ohio. He lived with her four years and had one child. The Delano genealogy and the newspaper account disagree on the next sentence that she left him and they were never divorced. As stated in the genealogy he wrote of his decease during the Mexican War and she, believing him dead, remarried.

His next marriage was at Auburn, Iowa to Mrs. Mary (Brown) Avery. He lived with her for 15 years and had four children. She died during childbirth in 1861. Wife No. 3 was Hanna Concrose of Boscobel, Wisconsin whom he married while at home on furlough. She died about three months later. Wife No. 4 was Mrs. Ellen Brattels, a grass widow, whom he married at Clairmount, Iowa, shortly after he was discharged from the army. He left her and never heard from her again. Wife No. 5 was Elizabeth Fritz whom he married at Boscobel, Wisconsin in 1867 or 1868. They lived together for six months before she applied for a divorce but he did not know that she ever secured one. Wife No. 6 was to Mrs. Mary Holmes of Johnstown, Wisconsin, a widow with four children. He lived with her for one year before he left her and does not think she secured a divorce. Wife No. 7 was Mrs. Mariah Fields whom he married at Iron Hill, Iowa on 17 Feb. 1871. They lived together until 1876, when as will be shown, he left her and came to Hancock County. Wife No. 8 is the former Mrs. Atwater and his present wife.

His seventh wife Mariah Fields is the cause of John Delano's grief. It seems that while John and Maria Delano were living in Clinton, Iowa in 1876, Delano crossed the river to chop wood. Here he was said to have been assaulted by one Lyman Kellogg for some cause and nearly beaten to death. The supposition was that Delano had been murdered, for he never returned. The Kelloggs were arrested for the crime but were released.

Believing her husband to be dead Mariah Delano applied for his Mexican War pension, which resulted in an investigation by the government. Maria was brought to La Harpe from Clinton, Iowa and a

meeting between herself and her husband was tragic. Delano then confessed to the list of marriages given. It is further stated that he had made an affidavit to them in his pension papers.

On complaint of Mariah, wife No. 7, John Delano was held to \$1,000 bonds for bigamy and defaults and was placed in jail. For a few days the old man refused to eat anything, but has since been persuaded to take some nourishment. Sympson, the artist, has secured a fine photograph of him by his consent.

The GHAHD lists only two of his five children. So, cousins, maybe this is where your brick wall crumbles??

Most of the article is taken verbatim from the newspaper account with a little bit of adjusting and intervention. Wonder about the photograph?

Songwriter George Delano "The National Debt" 1875

Back in February we received a query from Tom Callinan of Crackerbarrel Entertainments in Norwich, CT, inquiring if we knew anything about a songwriter named George Delano. Tom said among the songs George had written was one called "The National Debt"—somewhat appropriate of late. We started investigating and found several songs by "Geo. Delano" and by "George Delano" in the Sheet Music section of the Library of Congress. At least two of his songs were published by the Geo. W. Richardson & Co in Boston with the titles "To all whom it May Concern THE NATIONAL DEBT" and "Flirting with the Starlight". The National Debt was published in 1875. We found another set of six or seven of his songs that were published by White & Goullad in Boston.

This information suggested that songwriter George Delano may have lived in, or near, Boston. The 1880 Census had two George Delano's living in the Boston area. Although we are not able to determine which, if any, of these George Delano's might be the songwriter, the most likely candidate would be George H. Delano born in 1825. He was a cabinetmaker. The other George Delano was one born in 1809. His profession was not available. The 1900 Census listed a George Delano living in Brocton, MA born in 1845. So there are at least three George Delanos' that we know of living in the Boston area that could have been the songwriter.

With the help of Cousins **Caroline Clarke** and **Ann Harris**, we searched the DELANOs in the Marion, MA, area. A musically inclined George Delano was found who was a noted tenor, but his obituary said nothing about his writing songs. To further identify our songwriter will take searching. Any new developments will be reported in later *Bonnes Nouvelles* issues.

According to the statistics we have available the National Debt in 1870 was equivalent to \$61.00 per person (about 30 % of the Gross National Product) and in 1880 was \$42.00 (about 16% of the GNP). This was down from \$75.00 per person in 1865—the year the Civil War ended.

Tom Callinan kindly sent us a copy of the National Debt obtained from the Library of Congress. Tom has re-published the song adding a new fifth verse and a refrain, which was inserted into George Delano's original song. If you are interested in obtaining a recording of the song you may contact Tom Callinan at (860) 889-6648, or write him in care of Crackerbarrel Entertainments, 55 East Town Street, Norwich, CT 06360-2318.

We have included the original lyrics published in 1875 below.

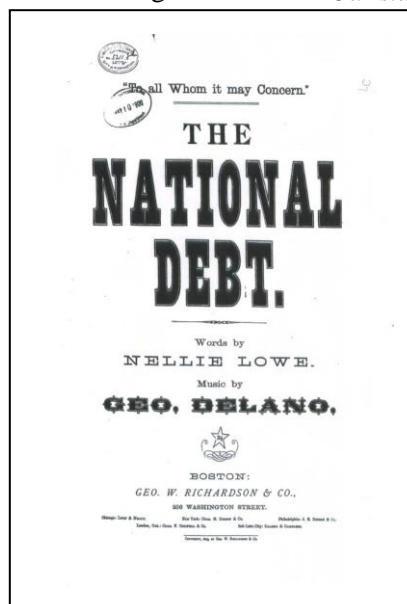
*The congressmen all have such fat situations,
They don't care to lose them, at least not quite yet;
They want one more dash at that much-talked-of creature,
That "horrible vulture," the National Debt.*

*While commerce lies idle, and business stands waiting,
And poor men are striving for work they can't get,
Our statesmen grow fat, and their pockets are lining,
They've learn'd how to manage this
National Debt.*

*Of course they must travel, and feast at
their pleasure,
And drive their fast horses, and gamble
and bet;
They growl all the time 'bout their great
tribulations,
And brag that they're lessening this
National Debt.*

*The soldier and sailors, who fourth for
their country,
May shift for themselves, or stand out in
the wet –
They've gain'd enough glory to last them
a life-time,
And now they must help pay The National
Debt.*

*Now this is all very fine if the people can see it,
But the pill is so large that it won't go down yet;
We are perfectly willing the next generation
Should have a fair chance at this National Debt.*



2009 Reunion Group Picture



Row 1 (front): Cindy Prosser, Kori Burke, Gracee Ann Burke, Edward Delano Sullivan, Elizabeth W. Sullivan, Ann Harris, Catherine Picket DeLano, Carolyn Clarke

Row 2: Nolan Delano, Dick Wolf, Carol Wolf, Dorothea A. Harris, Robert Harris, Mary Ross, Mary Matson, Charlene DeLano, Judie Oppasser, Diana DeLano

Row 3: Paula Delano, Marilyn Smith, Mac Northam, Herman DeLano, Martha Delano, Margaret Delano, Marge DeLano, Muriel Cushing, Cathy Delano-Calamari

Row 4: Harry DeLano, Kristin Delano, Tom Delano, Sallie Miller, Terry Delano, Ren Cushing, Franklin R. DeLano

Row 5 (top): Michael J. DeLano, Michael Miller, Robert B. Delano, Thomas R. (Reggie) DeLano, Megan DeLano Mayott

2009 Reunion Photos



Frank and Marjorie DELANO take notes at the Symposium



Malcolm Northam, Marilyn Smith, Judie Oppasser, Ed Sullivan, Betty Sullivan, Carol Wolf and Dick Wolf (in foreground) at the Welcome Buffet



Reggie DELANO talks with George DELANO and Megan Mayott



George DELANO and Margaret DELANO prepare for the tour of Colonial Williamsburg



Mary Alden Foster Ross at the Welcome Buffet



A docent at Colonial Williamsburg



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