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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

As announced in the “Reunion Extra” newsletter mailed in early July the 2013 Reunion and Annual Meeting will be held at the Crockett Hotel in San Antonio Texas during 19 to 22 September. We have included details of the many interesting sights of this colorful city that played a major role in the history of Texas and our nation. Also included are some details about DELANOs who immigrated to the Texas—some who are not included in the GHAHD. News about Cousin **Frederic D. Grant’s** speech at the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, Vision Awards Ceremony is included. Some of the events of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Fairhaven, MA are included as well as a note about DELANO Cousins visiting Delano, California. We have included a tribute to two of our departed Cousins and other information about our new members and a new order from.. We tried to include the article about the DELANO graves at Sconticut Neck that was cut at the last minute from NL #71, but again space limitations would not allow including it in this issue. We plan to include it in NL # 73.

### THE 2013 SAN ANTONIO REUNION

If you have not made your plans to attend the 2013 Reunion in colorful and historic San Antonio, Texas on 19 through 22 September, now is the time to make your plans. Reservations at the historic Crockett Hotel should



be booked by 19 August so time is getting late when you read this. Call (210) 225-6500 for making your reservation directly or through their website [www.crocketthotel.com](http://www.crocketthotel.com). Also be sure to send in your Reunion reservation form inserted in this newsletter to Terry Delano.

The San Antonio Reunion offers the opportunity to see the many historic and beautiful sights offered by this forward looking city. The Crockett Hotel is close to many downtown sights. You

can arrange to see them through the trolley tours office (close to the hotel) as well as the Sightseer Special #7 bus. The bus station is only a minute walk from the hotel. The Trolley Tours are narrated and have the option of including a narrated tour at the Alamo as well. There is also a “hop on and hop off” arrangement so you can spend time at the various downtown sights the city has to offer. These sights include:

**The Alamo:** The epic Siege and Battle of the Alamo took place almost 170 years ago. Close to the Crockett Hotel, it is the most famous sight in San Antonio and is well known internationally. It truly is a “Must See”.

**HemisFair Park:** This park was built to host the 1968 World's Fair. The Fifteen (15) acre park features cascading waterfalls and fountains, lushly landscaped areas, historic buildings, children's playground, and the world Famous San Antonio landmark "The Tower of the Americas". In addition to the Tower of the Americas, shops and





relaxing water features it is also home to the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México, Instituto de México and the Institute of Texan Cultures, which offers year-round exhibits on the history and people of the Lone Star state and sponsors the popular Texas Folklife Festival each year.

**Tower of the Americas:** Located in the HemisFair Park is the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas provides guests the most spectacular view of the Alamo City. Enjoy the gorgeous panorama from the Tower's revolving Chart House Restaurant, take in the scenery from the Observation Deck or experience the thrilling 4D Theater Ride. For a taste of the best dining and fun that San Antonio Riverwalk restaurants have to offer, come take a flight with

the Tower of the Americas.

**La Villita:** Late in the 19th century European immigrants from Germany and France moved into the area. These pioneers became San Antonio's business leaders, craftsmen. The cultural mix that occurred at this time is best variety of architectural styles reflected in La Villita's architecture portrays the evolution of buildings from Houses. The first part of the 20th century saw La Villita area. In 1939, as ground broke on the San Antonio River fathers led by Mayor Maury Maverick acted to preserve this Antonio's history. Today La Villita is a thriving art community that stands as a monument to San Antonio's past.



bankers, educators, and illustrated by the buildings. The palisado to Victorian decline into a slum Walk development, city colorful part of San

**Market Square:** San Antonians have been shopping at Market Square since the 1820's, before Texas joined the United States. The first businesses were a pharmacy and a dry goods store, and the area served as a marketplace for produce and other foods, including chili --- made and served by women known as "Chili Queens" --- beginning in the mid 1800s. Art has always had a place in this vibrant culture center, and in 2005, Museo Alameda opened as the first formal affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution focusing on Latino art.



Sightseer Bus #7 offers transportation to the above sight plus sights farther afield at a very reasonable all-for-one price (\$4.00). Farther afield sights include: the Botanical Garden, the Witte Museum, the fabulous San Antonio Zoo, the San Antonio Museum of Art, and the San Antonio Children's Museum.



**Getting There:** By Air: Most U.S. airlines serve San Antonio International Airport (SAT). "Go Airport Shuttle service" offers convenient passenger van service to the city

from 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

By Rail: AMTRAK serves San Antonio with two trains. The Texas Eagle from Chicago with connections to the Midwest and Oklahoma City and the Sunset Limited connecting the south from New Orleans to Los Angeles. The train station is located close to the center of San Antonio so taxi transportation to the Crockett Hotel is just a few miles.

**2013 REUNION Tentative PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, 19 September**

5:00 - 7:00 PM Registration in the Crockett Hotel Lobby

**Friday, 20 September**

8:30 -9:00 AM Additional Registration in the Crockett Hotel Lobby

9:00 - 1:45 PM Tourist activities \*

2:00 - 4:00 PM DELANO Symposium

6:00 - 8:00 pm Reunion Banquet Dinner with Speaker

**Saturday, 21 September**

9:00 - 11:00 AM **2013 Annual Membership meeting & Group photo**

11:15 - 5:00 PM Tourist activities \*

5:30 - 8:00 PM Casual Texas BBQ Buffet Dinner

**Sunday, 22 September**

Departure and Good Byes

\* Please note that Tour activities are on your own

## Some Early Texas DELANOs

We have at least 10 families of Texas DELANOs who are currently members of our Society, but how many DELANOs came to Texas before 1900? We scanned the GHAAHD (the second book of the 1899 DELANO Genealogy) and found about 10 entries of DELANOs who are listed as being in Texas before 1899. We also checked the Republic of Texas Army and Claims listings and other sources to find more “Early DELANOs.” As some say, “I wasn’t born in Texas, but I got here as soon as I could.”

### 1830 -1850

The earliest DELANOs settled in the eastern portion of the Texas Republic in what are now Jasper, Polk, Tyler, Jefferson and Orange Counties; located north and east of Beaumont. Brothers **Marvin DELANO**, **Oliver H. DELANO** and **Norman DELANO** all emigrated from Ohio to Texas in the 1830s (GHAAHD pgs 427 and 428). Texas land grants show that Oliver was granted land in Jasper County in 1835 and Marvin was granted land in the same county on 21 August 1845. Marvin and Norman also received land grants in Jefferson and Orange counties in the period from 1837 to 1848. Republic of Texas Army records show that Marvin served as a private and Oliver was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. There is no record to document the GHAAHD assertion that Oliver held the rank of Lt. Colonel. After the War for Texas Independence Oliver was the Surveyor for Jasper County.

**Thomas DELANO** (probably Thomas Cornelius DELANO (GHAAHD pg 408) was born in Wilkes Barre, PA. He arrived in Texas in the 1830s and also served in the Republic of Texas Army. He purchased land in Bell County (south of Killeen and Temple) in 1850. In 1851 he purchased land in Karnes County (southeast of San Antonio). The GHAAHD indicates he married and died in Texas.

### 1850-1860

**John DELANO** (GHAAHD pg 430) was born in Clinton OH in 1824. He served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Infantry in the Mexican-American War (1846-1848). He married Elizabeth J. Stanton in Georgetown Texas (north of Austin) in 1850. They had three children settling in Copperas Cove (just west of Killeen), Adina in Lee County (east of Austin) and Houston. John DELANO died in Houston in 1858.

**Horace Frank DELANO** (GHAAHD pg 385-386), a graduate of West Point in 1849, was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Dragoons. After graduating he married Marie Covert of Shrewsbury, New Jersey in 1849. He was later stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico on “frontier duty.” Apparently he had a health problem and traveled south along the Rio Grande River to Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He died there in 1854.

### 1860-1870

**Oliver Joseph DELANO** (GHAAHD pg 428--son of Oliver H. DELANO) served in Company G of the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Confederate Cavalry, with his brother-in-law James Haralson. A **Charles DELANO** (possibly a son of Marvin DELANO) served in Company I of the same cavalry organization.

### 1870-1899

There is a record of another **Thomas DELANO** who married Sophia Chasson in Orange County in 1893. Although not mentioned in the GHAAHD, according to the Orange County Texas Marriage Records there were four DELANO marriages there between 1870 and 1918.

## DELANOs IN DELANO

On their way back to Texas on a vacation trip to Oregon, Cousins **Sylvia D. Danko**, **Colin M. Danko** and **Anna Clair Danko** stopped in Delano, California.

They sent us this photo. Delano, California was named after Secretary of the Interior Columbus DELANO (GHAAHD pg 311). He was a member of the 28<sup>th</sup>

Congressional House of Representatives and was appointed Commissioner of the Internal Revenue by President Grant and then appointed Secretary of the Interior. A visit to Delano back in the mid 1970s

disclosed there were no DELANOs listed in the local telephone book. It appeared that there were no DELANOs living in Delano, California at that time.



## DEPARTED COUSINS

### Susan Marie Webb

We were saddened to belatedly learn that Cousin **Susan Marie (Bartlett) Webb** of Groton, Connecticut passed away on Friday 4 November 2011 at the age of 87. Cousin Susan had been one of our earliest members, joining the DELANO KINDRED in early 1992 when our was Society less than a year old. Her DELANO line of descent to Philippe de Lanoy is through the Dr. Thomas DELANO Branch of our family. She was born on July 8, 1924, in Newcastle, Maine; the daughter of Sanford and Ida (DELANO) Bartlett. Susan had been married to the late Sylvan W. Webb on July 12, 1941, in Jefferson, Maine. He passed away on 26 August 1989.

Cousin Susan was graduated in 1941 from Lincoln Academy in Newcastle. During World War II she worked at the Bath Iron Works in Maine. Bath Iron Works gained the reputation of high quality ship construction and during that period it launched a fighting ship every 17 days. After the war she worked for many years for the First National Food Store in Groton, and then in social services with the Thames Valley Council for Community Action and Head Start with their Anti Poverty Programs in the New London, CT area.

Her survivors include three daughters and sons-in-laws; Sylvia and Luis Duran of Groton, Loxie and Michael Manchester of Benicia, Calif., Mary and Philip Hulsizer of Palacios, Texas; a sister, Anna Knapp of New Hampshire; her brother, Paul Bartlett of Newcastle; six grandchildren, Von and Luis Duran, Domenic and Dazzle Manchester, Aaron and Anastasia Hulsizer; three great-grandchildren, Zoe Duran, Emanuel Sebastian, and Oscar Rivera.

We send our belated condolences to her surviving family.

### Earl Howard DELANO

We recently learned of the death of Cousin **Earl Howard DELANO** of San Gabriel, California on 26 June 2013. Cousin Earl and his wife Cousin **Mary** had been members of the DELANO KINDRED since 2003. Back in 2006 we learned that Earl had come to a genealogical dead-end after his Grandfather Howard Michael Delano who lived in New Brunswick, Canada. We remembered the Canadian research done by John Paterson in 1991 entitled “The Descendants and Ancestors of Charlie Delano” that had been covered in several issues of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. It turned out that these “Canadian Delano’s” came from descendants of the Dr. Thomas Delano Branch of the family. Charles Delano (1810-1886) had moved from Georgetown, Maine to Miramichi River, New Brunswick Canada in the 1830s and started a family that spread throughout the New Brunswick area. This Charles Delano had a grandson named Howard Michael Delano (Cousin Earl’s grandfather). Thanks to the research of John Paterson, Cousin Earl as well as his brother (our late Cousin **Franklin Roosevelt Delano**—named after FDR) had their line of descent back to Philippe.

After the Vermont Reunion in 2006 Earl, Frank and their spouses traveled to Miramichi to contact their Canadian relatives. They found a surprising number of Canadian Delano’s there and were treated most cordially.

Cousin Earl served in the army in World War II in the Pacific theater serving as a medic. His duty stations included areas of the Philippines and Kyoto, Japan. After the war, he worked for the San Gabriel school district as a painter. At that time he met his future spouse, Mary.

Cousin Earl’s health deteriorated after the 2007 Reunion in California which prevented their presence at the following Reunions, but they have steadfastly continued their contributions to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program.

We send out heartfelt condolences to Cousin Mary and the family.

## FAIRHAVEN 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Those of you who were fortunate to take the tour of Fairhaven during the 2012 Reunion witnessed the last yearly firing of the cannons at Fort Phoenix at Fairhaven. The fort, built on a granite bluff overlooks Buzzards Bay on one side and New Bedford Harbor on the other.

As Chris Richard, Fairhaven's Director of Tourism, pointed out at the firing, the cannons that are fired are Civil War cannons and were installed during the Civil War. Later the gun carriages fell into disrepair and were going to be purchased and removed by someone out of town. The cannons were saved when Capt. Warren Delano II offered to purchase them if Fairhaven would provide new gun carriages. This was done and these cannons will never leave Fairhaven. The cannons are fired three times a year – Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and during the September Fairhaven Militia Encampment.

We were pleased that Cousin **Dorothea Harris** sent us photos from the *South Coast Times*. Thanks largely to Chris Richard, the cannon firings have been conducted for the past 13 years, bringing ever increasing visitors to Fairhaven. Chris has done much to put Fairhaven, "A small town with a big history," on the map even though somewhat in the shadow of New Bedford and the National Whaling Museum.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July started with a "classic car cruise" followed by the raising of a big flag at the Fairhaven High School and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. Then a parade of costumed villagers, and the Fairhaven Village Militia, marched to Fort Phoenix. There Chris Richard, in his three cornered hat, explained the program. "Our group are minutemen and women from the 1770s here in what was the town of Dartmouth, and now it is Fairhaven." This was followed by a reading of the Declaration of



Independence and the raising of the flag at Fort Phoenix and a musket salute by the militia; then came the firing of the cannon.

Fairhaven is very fortunate to have Chris Richard at the helm of the town's tourism program. Thank you Dorothea for sending this newspaper article to us!



## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since April 2013.

### California

**Thomas H. Hamilton** of Loma Linda

### Washington

**Jane Marie Ritchey** of Hansville

**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.

## NEW ORDER FORM DEVELOPED FOR DELANO PUBLICATIONS, T-SHIRTS AND COINS

Because of the increasing number of genealogical publications as well as T-Shirts and coins in our fund raising program, a new “all-in-one,” two-page order form has been developed. We hope that will eliminate members having to use as many as three separate forms to order various fund raising products. As you know all profits from the sale of these items go directly into DELANO KINDRED Contribution Programs for our Memorialization, Charitable and Educational efforts. We have inserted a copy of this form in this newsletter for your convenience.

## Frederic D. Grant Jr. Speaks at The Committee of 100 on the Federal City 2013 Vision Awards

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City held its 2013 Vision awards at the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Temple in Washington D.C. on the evening of 5 June 2013. The Committee of 100 on the Federal City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to safeguarding and advancing Washington’s historic distinction, natural beauty and overall livability. The Committee’s officers, trustees and volunteer members contribute expertise and civic action in the service of responsible planning in Washington.

The founder of the Committee of 100 was **Frederick A. Delano** in 1923. and he chaired the Committee of 100 from 1923 to 1944.. It is one of the most influential private land use planning bodies in Washington, D.C. His leadership led to the acquisition of new parkland in Washington D.C., the creation of the George Washington Parkway as well as extensions of parkland along Rock Creek and the Anacostia River. As many of you know, Frederic was the brother of **Sarah Delano** and the uncle of **FDR**.

Yearly though its Vision Awards, the Committee of 100 recognizes innovated organizations that have furthered the principles of planning advocacy for responsible land use and planning in Washington, D.C. that adheres to the L’Enfant Plan and McMillan Plan. Cousin **Frederic D. Grant, Jr.** who is a great-grandson of Frederick A. Delano was asked to be the speaker at the Vision Awards gala. Also on hand for the occasion were Cousins **Madeline Grant, Barbara L. Grant, Diana Gardner** and **George DELANO** as well as **Katie Marshall**. We are pleased to include Cousin Fred’s Speech on the next page.



*Members of the Committee.  
Honored Guests.  
Citizens.*

*For your efforts in drawing Frederic Delano out from under the long shadow cast by his nephew, you have my gratitude. Much changed with the election of November 1932, not just the respective placing of uncle and nephew in the history books. Elections have consequences. Ah yes.*

*Frederic Delano came to the Federal City in August 1914, having sold his Chicago home at a loss. The lure was appointment, by President Wilson, to the Board of Governors of the newly created Federal Reserve System. He served as Vice Chairman of the first Board of Governors of the Fed from 1914 to 1916. This is a fitting year to think of him, as we near the centennial both of his arrival in Washington and of the founding of the Federal Reserve.*

*In popular history, Frederic Delano is primarily remembered as FDR's beloved "uncle Fred." I am privileged to have met and have spoken with a number of people, outside the family, who knew him well. He was loved. He was interested in people, and sympathetic. He was involved, and worked to make our world a better place. He was a realist, and modest. In 1932, he replied as follows to Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, who wished to conjure a Delano past as nobility.*



*Your last note about the Huguenots, I do not take seriously . . . though we may brag about the Huguenots it does not get us anywhere. After all pride in ancestry means nothing unless it stimulates us to better deeds; it does not, or at least should not, furnish us with a rocking chair on which we may lazily bask! . . . I am more concerned as to what my posterity will think of me than of joining the chorus of praise for men & women far back on the family tree.<sup>1</sup>*

*The Delano clan were of the same origin as everyone, not privileged squires. This was the Delano and the Fairhaven, Massachusetts contribution to the making of a President who connected deeply with the man or woman on the street.*

*If by some miracle my great grandfather was somehow able to join us here in Washington tonight, if he were to come down the stairs and walk straight into this room, I know what he would say. Frederic Delano would look around this room, and he would be quietly pleased. Yet he would be concerned about his being honored at all. "Goodness," he would say, "I haven't been around here in years. Surely there is someone doing work who truly deserves the honor." Yes these people are here tonight, and we honor them all. It is my privilege to be able to speak for Frederic Delano in congratulating them for the important work that they have done and will continue to do, and you all as well for your committed efforts.*

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<sup>1</sup> Christine Totten, "America's Mother: Sara and Franklin Delano Roosevelt," page 19 (unpublished manuscript, undated).



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AT THE CROCKETT HOTEL  
A RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION FORM IS INSIDE**

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Articles and information about descendants of the DELANO family are always welcome and greatly appreciated by your editor. Every effort will be made to include them as soon as space permits. Comments and requests for back copies may be requested by writing to George B. DeLano, Editor, at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148. The back newsletter cost is currently \$3.00 per copy.

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