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BONNES NOUVELLES

Learning about DELANO history and genealogy



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.

Editor's Note

Welcome to the 100th edition of Bonnoes Nouvelles! I know the frequency has changed in recent years and even had to change over the summer, but I couldn't be more proud to be part of our Delano Kindred newsletter and organization. We are working to get back to the monthly format and I look forward to it after the great reunion event!

President's Welcome - Tom Delano

Greetings Cousins!

Once again, I hope this issue of Bonnes Nouvelles finds everybody well and

enjoying what's left of summer. Our focus in this issue is again on the Delano Family's European heritage and the family genealogy.

But first, we need to discuss the 2022 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion!



It's Almost Here! The Delano Kindred 2022 Annual Meeting in Delano, Minnesota!

It won't be long now! The 2022 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion is being held on September 16, 17, and 18. While in-person annual meeting reservations are now closed, please plan to join us on Zoom. Free Zoom registration for the annual meeting may be done by going to the Delano Kindred website (www.delanokindred.us) and clicking on the "Reunion" menu at the top of the page.

Delano was founded as a stop on St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (SP&P RR) which reached there in 1868 from Minneapolis and St. Paul. From Delano, the railroad continued westward up to Moorhead/Fargo and then eventually to Seattle. The building of the SP&P RR and its importance in opening western Minnesota and the Northwest United States will be the theme of the presentations at this meeting.

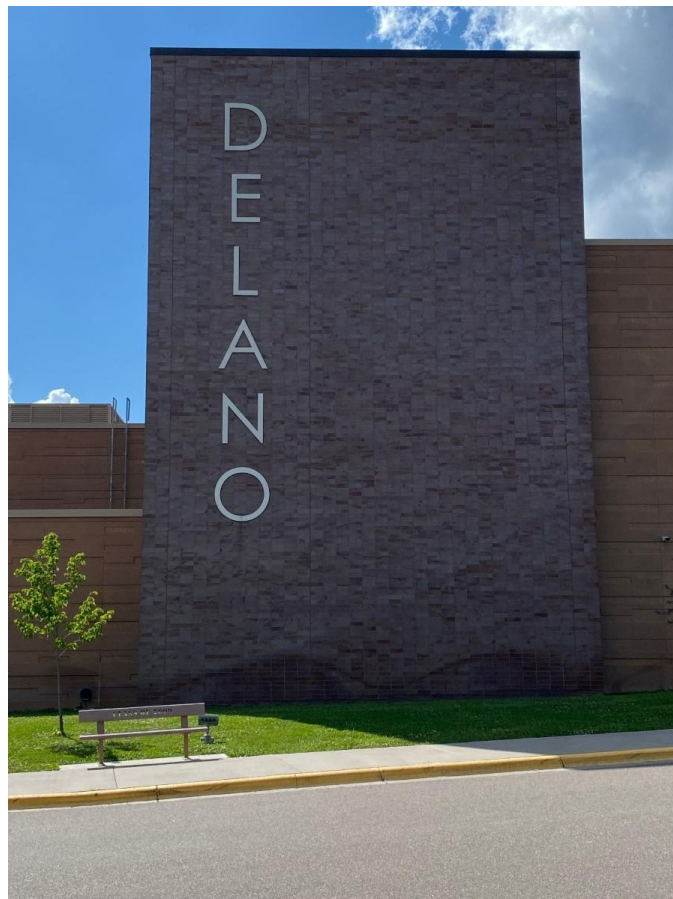
As for the meeting program, it has changed somewhat since the last newsletter. We still begin the meeting on Friday afternoon Sept. 16 at 1 pm at the Delano City Hall and Senior Center with a welcome from the Mayor of Delano, Dale Graunke. Tom Delano

will then speak on Francis R. "FR" Delano, his great, great grandfather, and fowhom Delano, MN was named. After a brief break, we will then take our group photo outside the front of the Delano Senior Center/City Hall. At about 2:45, Duane Swanson, the recently retired archivist of manuscripts for the Minnesota Historical Society will speak on the importance of St. Paul & Pacific RR in early Minnesota history. Then we will go on a brief walking tour of historic downtown Delano and finish at about 5:15 pm at the nearby Historic Rieder Barn for the annual Welcome Reception.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, we will hold the annual meeting at 10 am at the Delano City Hall and Senior Center followed by a talk on the history of Delano by Kathy Workman, of the Delano Historical Society. The afternoon is open, and attendees may either visit the Delano Heritage Center (directly across the street from the Delano Senior Center/City Hall) or take a 4 block walk north to Delano Central Park and participate in the Delano Oktoberfest...or do both. Prost!

The evening activities will begin back at the Delano Senior Center/City Hall at 6 pm with a reception followed by dinner at 6:45 pm. Our after-dinner speaker will be Delano Kindred board member (The Revd. Dr.) W. Becket Soule.

This promises to be both an educational and fun annual meeting!



NOT LOST, ALBERT DELANO IS FOUND

All along the New England seacoast in the mid-1800's the small village harbors were filled with sailing ships, shipbuilding yards, and men anxious to sail the seas and experience the adventure of unknown and exotic places. Many homes displayed "widow walks" where the wives and mothers would pace daily in search, just a glimpse, of the ships that would bring their loved ones back home. However, the town records were also filled with the names of husbands, sons, and family members who died at sea or who never returned and were assumed to be "lost at sea."

And so, is the story of Albert French Delano. Early in the year 2022, the Delano Kindred received a message from Leonie Pachos who had joined the Delano DNA project and was now asking for an explanation and confirmation that her uncle Reginald Delano was a descendant of Philip Delano. Uncle Reginald had been trying to establish his line of descent for years and when his niece suggested they try DNA it was for a last and final try to find his ancestors. The DNA results confirmed the relationship.

Mr. Dillano had done extensive research over the years but had hit the "wall" and was unable to find further evidence of his parental line. Working with the Delano Kindred genealogist Muriel Cushing his niece Laonie explained that the research had led her uncle to the state of Maine in the United States to Albert Delano. Searching the Delano *Family Tree Maker* records the only Albert found from Maine around the suggested age was the son of Barzillai Delano and Nancy Davis/Rogers, but listed according to several genealogies, as "lost at sea." Later documents provided by Laonie showed a transcript of the 1845 arrival in Australia of an Albert Delano, a crewman on the ship *Leader* out of New London, Connecticut, and named his place of birth as Sydney [sic], Maine, his birth year, and his appearance. A copy of his marriage record to widow Margaret (Thurston) Wall in 1865 lists him as 38, mariner, and his parents as Barzillas and Betsy Davis with a handwritten note beside his mother's name "or known as Nancy Rogers (born Davis)." Family history relates that his father died young and being the oldest child in the family Albert may have lived with family members causing his confusion as to his parentage.



Few paintings capture the violent repression of the Protestant rebellion by the Spanish better than the **Massacre of the Innocents** (c1566) by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

Our Unique de Lannoy and Mahieu Ancestors from Flanders – Part 3

Our ancestor Philippe de Lannoy/Philip Delano was possibly the most unique and fascinating of the passengers on the Mayflower in 1620 and the Fortune in 1621. Almost all of the others were English Pilgrims. But Philippe's grandparents were from

the French-speaking southern part of Flanders. where they experienced far worse persecution under Spanish rule.

Historical and Social Background

In 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 theses to the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg, Germany, protesting some of the practices of Catholic preachers. This led to the Reformation and religious reform that swept throughout central Europe. In 1534, Henry VIII of England severed connection with the Pope in Rome. England would be a Protestant country from then on, apart from 1553-58, when Queen 'Bloody' Mary made it Catholic again. Eventually, Pilgrims from Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, and Gainsborough, Lincolnshire chose to separate from the Church of England and go to Holland in 1608.

The de Lannoys almost certainly originally came from the town of Lannoy more than 700 years ago. That is why we spell their surname 'de (*of, from*) Lannoy', although many other variations have been found. In the 16th century, both the de Lannoys and Mahieus were living in the Châtellenie (*Lordship*) of Lille, in Flanders (now in France). The surname 'de Lannoy' was a very common one in the area.

The 17 provinces of the Netherlands were then ruled by the Catholic Charles V of Spain. As early as 1522, Charles V instituted the Inquisition for the suppression of heretics. Then, in 1535, the year after England turned Protestant, the imperial edict was issued: condemning all heretics to death; repentant males to be executed with the sword, repentant females to be buried alive, the obstinate, of both sexes, to be burned. The number of people who were burned, strangled, beheaded or buried alive by the Spanish has been estimated at between 50-100,000. In 1556, Philip II succeeded his father Charles V as sovereign of the Netherlands and Spain. Charles V urged his son to "Take all the means in your power to cut out the root of the Evil with vigor and rude handling."

The ideas of Luther and John Calvin took hold. In 1566, hundreds of churches were "purified" for Calvinist worship in the year of the "iconoclasts" by destroying their icons and statues. In 1567, the Duke of Alba started a reign of terror and set up the Council of Troubles (Council of Blood) which executed or exiled thousands of people. The hatred of the Spanish became intense.

The Duke of Parma was made governor in 1578. By persuasion and bribery, he was successful in negotiating the 1579 Treaty of Arras. Lille and the other areas gained autonomy, and the Spanish army did not occupy the city. However, the Catholic religion was imposed, and the Calvinist leaders, hitherto tolerated, were banished. So, it was probably around 1579 that the de Lannoys and Mahieus fled to England.

In 1581, the 7 Dutch provinces declared independence as the Dutch Republic and issued the Statement of Separation. This later served as a model for the 1776 Declaration of Independence by the American Continental Congress. Hence, Leiden in Holland gradually became a safer place, such that the de Lannoys and Mahieus would go there around 1591.

In the 16th/17th centuries, countries, boundaries, and nationalities were different from those today. Around 1580, there were two major French-speaking groups, to the east and south of Flanders, known as Walloons and Huguenots, both of which our ancestors have been mistakenly identified as in the past. Walloon was a term of nationality for natives of the region of Wallonia, so-called since Roman times, which stretched roughly east from Mons to Liege. All natives were called Walloons, including Catholics and

Protestants. Huguenot was the term of both nationality and religion used for Protestants from France, from the 16th century onward (see map below).

The de Lannoys & Mahieus in Flanders in the 16th century

The de Lannoys lived in Tourcoing where, from 1485, the noble de Lannoy family were the Seigniors (Lords). This led to the claim by Mortimer Delano in the 1899 Delano Genealogy of royal descent for our ancestors, which wasted so much time and money until I finally disproved it in recent years

Drapery, then the carding and weaving of wool made Tourcoing's reputation. The population grew from under 2000 to 10,000 by 1566. By 1556, 25% of

Tourcoing inhabitants were "infected with the Calvinist heresy. In the 16th century, Tourcoing had either plague or famine in more than 30 of the 100 years. In 1566, the 11th century Church of St. Christopher was sacked; and 1500 Protestants and soldiers who left Tourcoing, sacking and burning churches en route to Lannoy, were either killed by Catholic troops or drowned trying to escape. In 1578, Baron de Montigny and his Walloon soldiers broke into St. Christopher. We now know that the 1573-1577 baptismal register, containing the 1575 baptism of Jean de Lannoy, and a list of 1822 inhabitants from 1565-70 were hidden than in the tower of the Church.

In an incident reminiscent of the discovery of the original manuscript of Bradford's Of Plimoth Plantation in London, these registers were not discovered until more than 300 years later, in 1897, by Abbé Bouillet. Unfortunately, Mortimer Delano had contacted the Tourcoing Archives just two years earlier, so missed them. In another twist, the transcription of the baptismal register, held at the Departmental Archives of Nord in Lille, was wrongly titled "from 1590 to 1800." So, I missed them too, even though advised by the Attaché de conservation.

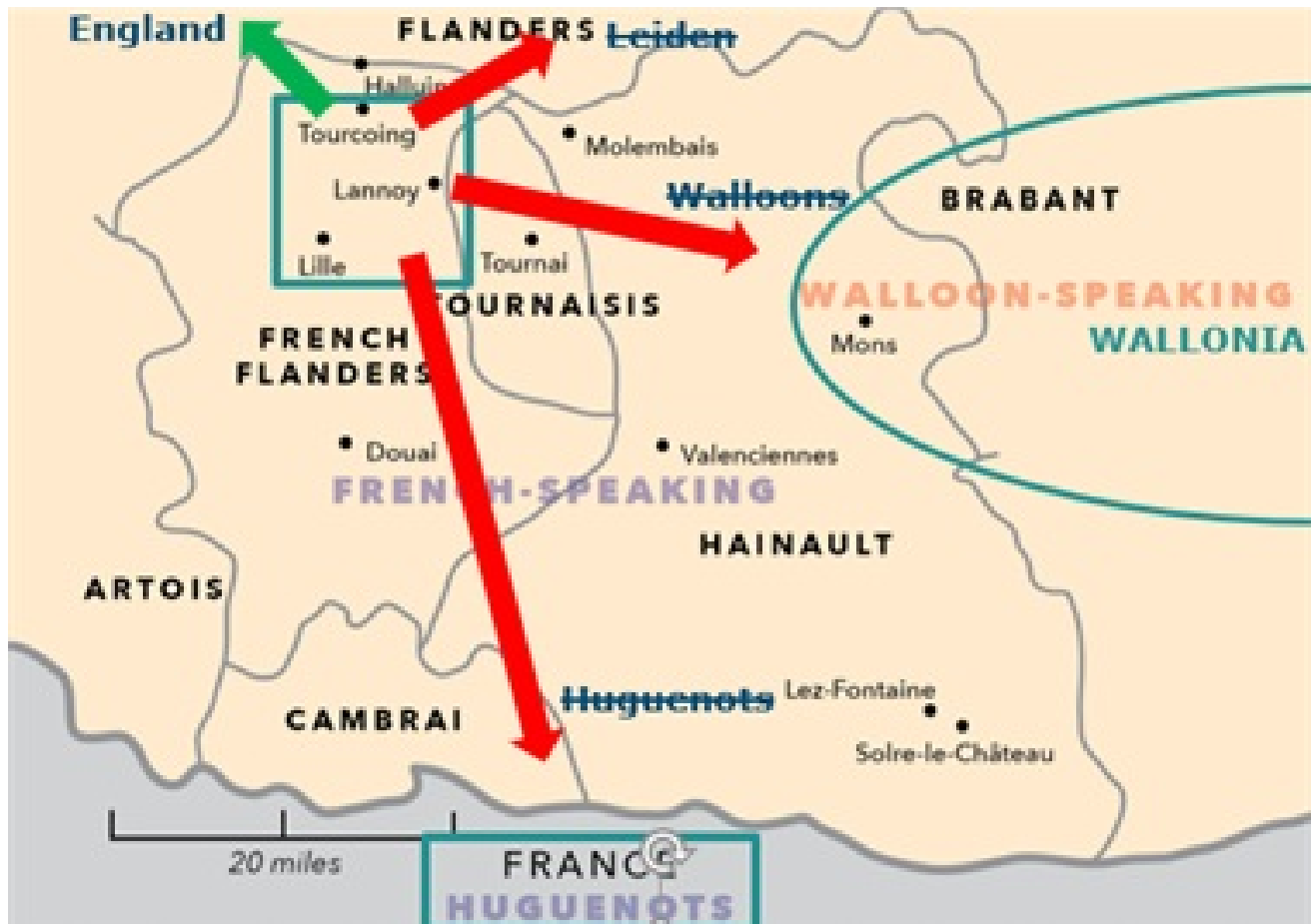
The result was that it was not until 2007, more than 400 years after the registers were hidden, that Jeremy Bangs made the important discovery of the 9 May 1575 baptism of Jean de Lannoy, fortunately ignoring the wrong title "from 1590 to 1800." However, he struggled with the paleography of the entry, so missed the vital information that the de Lannoys lived in the district of 'Verdequee', on the west side of Tourcoing. So, we know precisely where our de Lannoy ancestors lived. Even though none of the housing has survived, it is an emotional experience to stand where our ancestors lived more than 450 years ago!

The Mahieus were also from the Châtellenie of Lille but they moved around a lot. They lived in Armentières, Houplines, Bondues and Lille (where Marie Mahieu was born about 1577) all within a few miles of Tourcoing. It is likely that the moves were due to working in textiles.

It is not known when Guilbert de Lannoy turned Protestant. After the 1579 Treaty of Arras, there were banishments and emigration of Protestants. It is probable that it was around then when Guilbert, wife Jeanne du Bus and son Jean de Lannoy fled from Tourcoing. The map above shows the options that they had. There was no point in joining the Walloons or Huguenots, or going to Leiden, because they would just have experienced more persecution. So, our ancestors, including the Mahieus, eventually chose to go to Canterbury in England.

After the Second World War, Tourcoing named *RUE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT* in honor of President Roosevelt But, they did not include his second name Delano, because they did not know that he had ancestors from Tourcoing until I told them!

George English, the author of this article, has just published his book titled: *The Delano and Cooke Ancestors: The INTREPID de LANNOYS and MAHIEUS from FLANDERS*. This book is a paperback and is now available for purchase through the Lulu Bookstore at Lulu.com.





The Esther (Delano) Soule Gravestone Restored

The Soule Kindred, at their July 2022 annual meeting took time to dedicate the restored gravestone of Esther (Delano) Soule (1640-1735). Esther is the fifth child of Philip and Hester (Dewsbury) Delano. She lived her whole life in Duxbury and is buried there in the Myles Standish Burying Ground. Esther's first husband, Samuel Samson Sr. (1646-1675) of Duxbury is believed to have died in King Philips's War. Esther then married John Soule (1632-1707) also Duxbury. John is buried very near to Esther in the Soule family plot.

Restoring Esther's gravestone was a joint effort by both the Soule Kindred and the Delano Kindred. A special thank you to Becket Soule for coordinating this restoration effort with Soule Kindred. The gravestone is now preserved for hopefully another 300 years.

Get Your Delano Kindred Clothing and Merchandise!

We have a fresh supply of T-Shirts available on the Delano Kindred website (www.delanokindred.us). Many other items are available for purchase so we can all let the world know how proud we are of our heritage! Just visit the website and click on "Shop" and start letting the world know about "Philippe de Lanoy" and the "**Fortune**" are ones that followed! Seriously, the first T-Shirt photo shows a picture of the **Fortune** drawn by Dr. Jeremy Bangs, the director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum and

long a friend of the Delano Kindred. After costs, all profits are channeled back to the Kindred to fund all of our worthy causes! PayPal or payment by mail is accepted! See you all in September in Delano, Minnesota!



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Have You Renewed Your Delano Kindred Membership for 2022?

If you haven't renewed your Delano Kindred membership for 2022, it is still not too late. To renew your membership, please log in to the Delano Kindred website and click on the Membership Links found on the right side of the Home page.

If you also know of other Delano family members and relatives, please pass the website and information along to them. We would love to expand the membership out and reach more Delano kin out there.

Upcoming Delano Kindred Events

- **September 16, 17 & 18, 2022 – Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion in Delano Minnesota. Look on the Delano Kindred Website for the hotel booking and meeting registration information.**
- **September 16 & 18, 2022 – Delano Kindred Board of Directors meetings are will be held in the Conference Room of the **GrandStay Hotel** in Delano, MN.**

Look for meeting registration information on the Delano Kindred website. The hotel information is presently available on our website under the Reunions menu. To make your reservation, please call the GrandStay Hotel and Suites in Delano at: 763.972.4303. Ask for either Ryan Klatke or Heather Bahn and mention you attending the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting/Reunion to get the discounted rate of \$149.00 per night for a double room.

In Memorial

Since our last newsletter, we have received word of the passing of the following Delano Kindred members:

David Frank Kitchen, Jr., Born on March 6, 1932, and died on February 19, 2022. David was a resident of Clearwater, FL.

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