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**In Remembrance of Dr. Jeremy Bangs**



Early on Saturday morning, August 26, 2023, Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs passed away in Leiden, Netherlands. Dr. Bangs was a good, dear friend, and strong

supporter of the Delano Kindred. Beginning over 20 years ago, Dr. Bangs worked with our first president, George B. DeLano, to help the Delano Kindred better understand the history of the de Lannoy (Delano) family, and especially Philip Delano, in the Netherlands and later in the Lille and Tourcoing France area. For Dr. Bang's research efforts on behalf of the Delano Kindred, he was awarded the first honorary Life Membership in our organization.

Jeremy Bangs, Ph.D. (Univ. of Leiden, 1976) was Director and Founder of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum; former Visiting Curator of Manuscripts, Pilgrim Hall Museum (Plymouth, MA); Chief Curator, Plimoth Patuxet (formerly Plimoth Plantation); and Curator, Leiden Pilgrim Documents Center. Dr. Bangs was the author of over 30 books including *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travelers and Sojourners* (2009). Dr. Bangs was Knighted by the Netherlands for his work and his Leiden American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden.



From the many other tributes to Dr. Bangs that have been posted on the web and on Facebook by his friends, family, and colleagues, here are just a notable few: “Dr. Jeremy Bangs a witty, talented artist (see his drawing of the 1621 Fortune above), musician, historian, father, brother and husband and a world-renowned expert on the history of the separatists who lived and sailed to New England in 1620.”

“He was an art historian, Pilgrim scholar, and much more. He was a biographer and a novelist. He was an artist who illustrated some of his own publications. He was a composer and could play the bagpipes. Jeremy Bangs was a polymath, his knowledge and skills were only dwarfed by his always-present sense of dry humor. He will be missed.”

“Dr. Bangs was much respected by both Mayflower descendants and the



Wampanoag Indians for his factual accounting of their relations, down to the last detail.”



I was most fortunate to spend time with Dr. Jeremy Bangs on several occasions. The most recent occasion was in late October 2019 when Kris and I stopped by the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum to meet with Dr. Bangs. In the center photo, Dr. Bangs is showing me the over 500-year-old alms box from the Vrouwenkerk (Ladies’ Church) in Leiden where our Delano ancestors worshipped in the late 1500s and early 1600s. It was an honor for me to contribute to the museum by putting money into the same alms box that my 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> great grandparents had likely made their contributions to the Vrouwenkerk.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Jeremy Bangs, and his colleagues at the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. His many works on Pilgrim and Wampanoag history – the labor of an extraordinary lifetime – are a legacy to everyone.



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