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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.

Presidents Message – Tom Delano

Happy Halloween to you all. In this issue of Bonnes Nouvelles, we have an authentic Delano ghost story for Halloween involving a famous Duxbury resident, Amasa Delano. We also have the first of a three-part series reporting on the recently concluded Delano Kindred European Family History Tour. For those you whose Delano Kindred membership renewals will occur at the end of 2023, please see the

instructions for simply renewing your memberships.

Lastly, the memorial service for Dr. Jeremy Bangs will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 1:30 pm at the First Parish Church in Plymouth (aka The Meetinghouse Church at the top of Leyden Street). All Delano Kindred members are most welcome to attend this memorial service.

Amasa Delano's Ghost

By Carolyn Ravenscroft, Archivist at the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society



This ghostly maritime tale comes directly from the pages of Capt. Amasa Delano's memoir was published in 1818. Delano was born and raised in Duxbury and was a Renaissance man in his day – a shipwright, merchant sailor, explorer, and writer. He is perhaps best known to us as the model for a character in Herman Melville's *Benito Cereno*.

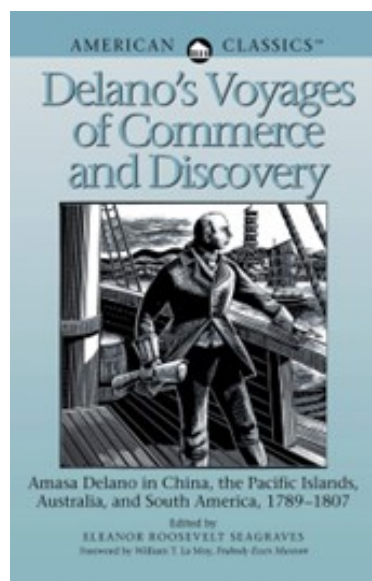
In 1787 Capt. Delano and his crew were aboard the Boston-built ship *Jane*. The ship had a reputation for being haunted, and the sailors were on edge. Delano's efforts to reason with the men and lessen their fears had been unsuccessful. So, Delano took a novel approach to cure their superstitions.

“One pleasant evening...I heard the second mate and some of the people talking about ghosts...it occurred to me that it was a favorable time to show them a ghost and make one more attempt to cure them of their folly. (The chief mate and I) took two mops, lashed the handles together, made them long enough to reach from a cabin window...put a bar across at a suitable distance from the mop-head for arms...and gave the whole the appearance of a woman, because this was the kind of ghost most generally expected...The chief mate raised up the ghost so that it might

be seen above the ship's stern. It immediately caught the attention of the men on the quarter-deck, and never did I see human beings more frightened than they were. They were struck dumb, fixed immovable with terror, and seemed like so many breathless but gazing petrifications. The ghost gently rose and again sunk out of sight, till the chief mate was weary with the labor, and withdrew it at a given signal. I remained to hear what would be said. The men remained motionless and speechless for some time. After they recovered themselves a little...They concluded it was a ghost, and determined to speak to it if it should appear again...the ghost appeared and one of them made an attempt to speak, but his courage and his voice failed him...The image was taken down; we undressed it and restored the mops to their proper shape. I went to bed without permitting the secret to be known. Of course, the trick did not have the desired effect. Delano was woken at midnight to find the crew assembled on deck, all terrified. He wrote that they "huddled around me like a brood of chickens." Not wanting to let the men know their captain had deceived them, Amasa kept mum.

The 'Jane' did not make it home to Boston. It was shipwrecked off of the coast of Cape Cod on December 28, 1788. All hands were saved, but the cargo was completely lost. Delano was left penniless. Perhaps the real ghosts of the haunted ship were teaching Delano a lesson.

Amasa Delano, *A Narrative of Voyages and Travels in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres: Three Voyages Round the World; Together with a Voyage of Survey and Discovery, in the Pacific Ocean and Oriental Islands*. 2nd ed. (Boston, 1818), 30-32.



A revised edition of Amasa Delano's 1818 book was published in 1994 with Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves as the author and with the title: *Delano's Voyages of Commerce and Discovery*. It is published by Countryman Press, and it is available for purchase on Amazon. This revised edition is a worthwhile addition to your family library.

Delano Kindred European Family History Tour Part 1 Amsterdam and Leiden

The recently concluded Delano Kindred European Family History Tour was judged a great success by all the tour members. The tour started on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, and concluded on Thursday, September 28th. Many tour members extended their tours at both the beginning and the end.

September 19, 2023 – The tour begins in Amsterdam, Welcome!

Many of us arrived at Amsterdam/Schiphol Airport on the morning of Sept. 19, and went to our hotel in central Amsterdam, the Albus Hotel Amsterdam City Center. After we all got settled in, we met mid-afternoon for a walking tour of Amsterdam and then an Amsterdam canal cruise before the Welcome Dinner at Restaurant D’Vijff Vlieghe.



The first photo is part of our group at the English Church in Amsterdam where many of the Pilgrims worshiped when they first arrived in the Netherlands before moving to Leiden. Here is a table of the tour members enjoying the Welcome Dinner.



Here we are on the Amsterdam Canal Cruise with our guide, Kiki Wegener, standing in the background. Next, we have more happy diners enjoying the Welcome dinner, and then the

best part of the dinner, the dessert!

September 20-21, 2023 – On to Leiden!

Right after breakfast, we rolled our luggage to the nearby bus and departed for a 90-minute bus ride to Leiden. On our arrival in Leiden, we met with two local guides, Leo Roosjen and Andrè van Vooren who gave us a 90-minute walking tour of the center of Leiden. When the tours finished, we went to our hotel, the Ibis Leiden Centre, to check in and unpack. At 2 PM there was an optional tour of key Pilgrim and Delano/de Lannoy sites in Leiden conducted by Tamara Jones.



While touring Leiden, we stopped at the Vrouwenkirk Memorial to see the plaque with Philippe de Lannoy's name listed on it. The plaque was partially funded by the Delano Kindred and dedicated in 2011. We then went to Pieterskirk to see where many of the Pilgrims worshipped and then stopped by William Brewster Street where he lived and ran his book printing shop.

The next day, Sept. 21, we first went to the Leiden City Archive to see the actual baptismal records for Philippe de Lannoy/Philip Delano and several other records with his signature. We then walked over for two-afternoon tours, the first at the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum and the second at the Wevershuis Museum.



Tour members inspecting some very old documents in the Leiden Archives. Next is Sarah Moine describing to us a very old plate from the 17th century in the Leiden Pilgrim Museum. In front of the candle is the alms box from the Vrouwenkirk where our ancestors very likely

put their money into. Next is Sarah standing in front of the museum. The last photo is of Anneka, a Wevershuis guide, giving tour members a weaving demonstration at the Wevershuis Museum.

Sadly, we have many more photos than can be included in this 3-part series on the tour. Hopefully, at some point we can place many of them on the Delano Kindred website for members to look at. **The next part will cover our visit to Lille France, with a stop along the way in Ghent, and Canterbury, England.**

I would like to personally thank the following Delano Kindred members who greatly assisted in putting this excellent tour together. First, there was Terri Sorensen who advised us early on about different aspects of the itinerary. Next, several British Delano cousins, William English, CBE, who invited us all to stop by Westbery Manor in Wateringbury, England for morning tea and a tour, and who made the many arrangements for the excellent Farewell Dinner at his club in London. Lastly, I wish to thank George English for his excellent advice on the tour itinerary, for making the many arrangements for the local guides, and for setting up admissions to the archives and the French Protestant Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

by Terry Delano

We will be sending out membership renewal invoices on November 1st to those of you whose memberships run out at the end of this year. By default, the invoices will reflect whatever payment method (PayPal or Mail-in), membership duration (1, 2, or 3 years), and membership type (Descendant, Descendant and Spouse, etc.) you selected when you last renewed your membership. I get three frequently asked questions about membership renewals, and I thought you might find the answers helpful. Here they are:

1. To change the payment method for an online invoice, click on the "Payment Method" shown on the upper right side of the invoice and you can change it from PayPal to Mail-in and vice versa.
2. To change membership duration or membership type, please send us a message via the "Contact Us" tab on the website (www.delanokindred.us).
3. You do NOT have to be a PayPal member to pay the invoice using PayPal. You can pay as a "PayPal Guest" using any major credit card. When you get to the PayPal screen, scroll all the way down to the bottom and you will see how to pay as a Guest without opening a PayPal account.

Please use the "Contact Us" tab on the website to send us any other questions you have. Thank you in advance for renewing your membership!

2024 Delano Annual Meeting and Reunion –

Save the Date

The 2024 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held in **Maggie**

Valley, North Carolina in conjunction with the Soule Kindred. The meeting dates are September 13, 14, and 15, 2024 with an optional visit to Delano, TN on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

The tentative events will be:

Thursday, Sept. 12, - Visit Delano, TN, and stop by the Winery (optional)

Friday, Sept. 13, - Visit and tour the Biltmore in Asheville, NC

Saturday, Sept. 14, - Annual Meeting and a visit to the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Sunday, Sept. 15, - Morning church service, followed by brunch

More details on the 2024 meeting will appear in upcoming newsletters. We hope you will circle these dates on your calendar and join us for what looks like another exciting and interesting Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion!

REMINDER - Emerald Book Project and the Book Fund

Becket Soule and Muriel Cushing are hard at work on the Emerald Book series. This series will be hardcover and will list the first eight generations of descendants of Philip Delano of the *Fortune* (1621). The purpose of this series of books is to supersede and update Joel A. Delano's now outdated, *The Genealogy, History, and Alliances of the American House of Delano, 1621 to 1899* (referred to often as GHAHD).

The goal is to have the first volume, Delano 1, published by the end of 2024. The plan is to follow this schedule:

2023/4 *Delano I (Philip Delano for Five Generations)*

2025/6 *Delano II, pt. 1 (Mary [Delano] Dunham, Philip Delano, Thomas Delano, generations 6 through 8)*

2027/8 *Delano II, pt. 2 (Esther [Delano][Sampson] Soule, John Delano, Jonathan Delano, generations 6 through 8)*

2029/30 *Delano II, pt. 3 (Jane [Delano] Weston, Rebecca [Delano] Churchill, and Samuel Delano, generations 6 through 8)*

To bring this project to final completion on this schedule the Delano Kindred is seeking to establish a fund of at least \$30,000 over the next three years. Presently, we have about \$10,000 in the Emerald Book Fund. If you are interested in donating, and we sincerely hope you are, you may make your contributions in several different ways -

online at:

<https://www.delanokindred.us/donations>

or check may be sent to:

Delano Kindred, Inc.

1041 Union Street

Duxbury, MA 02332

Please include "Emerald Books" on the memorandum line of the check so that the donation can be properly credited.

And between now and the end of 2023, Becket Soule will gladly send an autographed copy of his new 175-page book, *Passengers of the Fortune (1621)* upon request, to anyone who generously contributes \$500 or more to the Emerald Books Fund. Please request your free copy from the Delano Kindred, Inc. when making your eligible donation.

Please consider giving to this most worthy project!

Board of Directors Meetings (All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)

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Thursday, November 2 Wednesday, December 13

Dates for the 2024 Annual Meeting and Reunion
September 12-15, 2024

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Delano Kindred Merchandise

HAPPY (Early) THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!

Celebrate Thanksgiving by showing your Delano Kindred spirit in some new rather stylish Delano Kindred clothing and accessories!

Since we Delanos kind of helped to start Thanksgiving...Pilgrims, Plimouth, etc... we also give thanks for our opportunity to be able to Celebrate!!!!



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