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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 feature the “Reading” of letters from the collection of Captains Amasa Delano and Samuel Jr. Delano held at the Drew Archival Library in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Also included are the details about the 2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion in the scenic White Mountains of New Hampshire. Other features include news about some of our members and information about the various touristic activities in and around Fairhaven, Massachusetts that have a DELANO relationship. Also included in this issue is our Annual Questionnaire. We hope you will take the time to respond to it. We hope you have a very pleasant and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

### **READING OF DELANO PAPERS AT THE DUXBURY RURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Cousin **Tom Delano** reports that the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society (DR&HS) held a reading of selected letters from the Captains Amasa Delano and Samuel Delano Jr. Collection on 22 October at the Drew Archival Library in Duxbury. This collection contains logbooks, letters, business documents and other material spanning the years 1769 – 1858. The reading of the letters was part of a presentation on the life and times of Amasa and Samuel Jr. and added color, some drama and humor to the event. Eight letters were read--five letters were written by Amasa and two by Samuel, Jr. The first letter read was from their mother, Abigail Drew Delano to Amasa. However, Cousin Tom notes, Amasa’s letters have actually never been found. What is included in the reading is some of Amasa’s letters to Samuel. Samuel’s letters



somehow came to include some of his mother’s letters and the letter to George Partridge. It’s a shame Amasa’s letters have never been found as they would be another rich source on that period and of course his experiences that later were the basis for his bestselling book. You will better understand Amasa when you read his letters!

The selected letters read were part of the large cache of papers found in a sea trunk in one of the old homes in Duxbury. As you may recall, over the past two years, the DELANO KINDRED contributed \$500.00 to assist in the transcription and other processes necessary to convert these papers into a form that can be readily accessed for reading and historical research.

Amasa Delano published his *Narrative of Voyages and Travels* in 1817. A copy of the original index, Preface and the first page of Chapter I are displayed on pages 213 through 223 of the GHAHD. As Katherine H. Pillsbury, the DR&HS Historian, notes in her book *Duxbury A Guide*, "Thanks to Amasa Delano's gift of writing and telling stories, we know more about him as a person than we do about other master mariners whose writing was confined to ship's logs".<sup>1</sup> The pamphlet distributed at the reading included a Timeline of Amasa Delano and Samuel Delano, Jr. We have added GHAHD page numbers to some to the timeline items to aid those interested in reading more about Amasa and Samuel Jr.

#### TIMELINE OF AMASA DELANO AND SAMUEL DELANO, JR.

- 1762: Samuel Delano, Sr. (DFIP #371 - Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> of Rochester, MA marries Abigail Drew of Duxbury (p 210) Samuel Sr. was a ship builder and had a shipyard located in Duxbury (p 211)<sup>2</sup>.
- 1763: Amasa Delano Duxbury (eldest of 9 children born to Samuel, Sr. and Abigail) (p 210).
- 1769: Samuel Delano Jr. born, Duxbury (p 211).
- 1775: Revolutionary War begins (p 211).
- 1779: Amasa (age 16) becomes crew of privateer, *Mars* (p 212).
- 1781: Amasa (age 18) voyages to the West Indies aboard the merchant ship, *Russell* (p 212).
- 1783: Revolutionary War ends and Amasa becomes a ship builder and continues to sail (p 212).  
**Letter from Abigail Drew Delano in Duxbury to her son, Amasa Delano in Brunswick.**
- 1790: Amasa (age 27) and Samuel, Jr. (age 21) sail from Boston to China aboard the *Massachusetts* (p 222).

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note DFIP is the acronym for DELANO Families in Progress, by Muriel Cushing, and published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1999. The number 371 is the genealogical family number assigned to Samuel Delano Sr.

<sup>2</sup> See Pillsbury Ibid "Maritime Families" p 63, and Duxbury map showing the location of the Delano Shipyard. Also see pg 78 "The Delanos pp 78, 79 & 80.

- 1791: *Massachusetts* sold leaving Amasa and Samuel to find their way home from Asia.  
**March 5: Letter from Amasa Delano in Canton to Samuel Delano, Jr. on ship Catherine.**  
**April 23: Letter from Amasa Delano in Mi'Cae to Samuel Delano, Jr.**
- 1792: Samuel, Jr. (age 23) returns to Duxbury and later the same year rescues the ship *Rodney* (p 224-226).  
**Sept. 20: Letter from Amasa Delano in Batavia to George Partridge in Duxbury.**
- 1793: **March 26: Letter from Amasa Delano in Canton to Samuel Delano, Sr. in Duxbury.** Amasa (age 30) arrives on Isla of France (Mauritius) and purchases the ship *Hector*.  
**Dec. 5: letter from Amasa Delano, Isla of France to Samuel Delano, Jr. in Duxbury.**
- 1794: Amasa (age 31) arrives home nearly penniless. Samuel, Jr. (age 25) marries Lucy Winsor in Duxbury. (They would have ten children) (p 223).
- 1799-1802: Amasa (age 36) and Samuel, Jr. (age 30) on a sealing expedition to the Pacific aboard the *Perseverance*, an 85 ft. ship the brothers built themselves.
- 1803: Amasa (age 40) marries the widow Hannah Appleton in Providence, RI.
- 1803-1807: Amasa (age 41) aboard the *Perseverance* and Samuel, Jr. (age 36) aboard the 55 ft *Pilgrim*, circumnavigate the globe on a sealing expedition.
- 1817: Amasa (age 54) publishes his *A Narrative of Voyages and Travels...*
- 1820: **March 21: Letter from Samuel, Jr. in Duxbury to his son, Samuel, III in New Orleans.** (p 223 Samuel, III died in New Orleans 9 Oct.).
- 1823: Amasa Delano (age 60) dies (p 210).
- 1832: **Dec 11: Letter from Samuel, Jr. describing his "Night Vision" to Henry Chandler.**
- 1853: Samuel Delano, Jr. (age 84) dies (p 223).

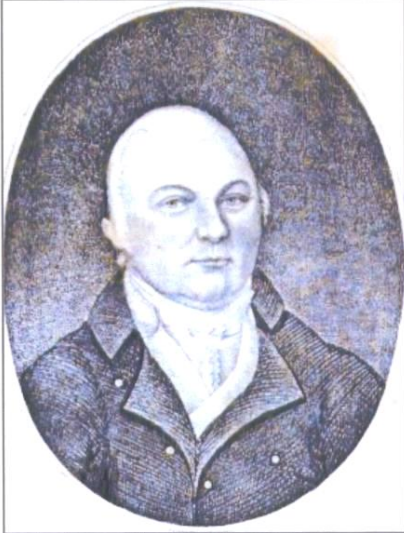
#### AMASA'S FIRST VOYAGE

"...tell all the rest of the family that lives, that if I live to return as I hope to, that I shall remember all my real friends." – Amasa Delano<sup>3</sup>

In 1790 Amasa Delano embarked on the first of his three voyages to the South Seas. He departed Boston with great pomp and circumstance aboard the newly commissioned 600-ton merchantman *Massachusetts*. With his younger brother (Samuel, Jr.) by his side, Amasa hoped to return to Duxbury a wealthier man.

<sup>3</sup> From the second page of the DELANO LETTER READING pamphlet

After arriving in Canton, China in 1791 the *Massachusetts* was sold, leaving the Delano brothers stranded. Amasa embarked on an odyssey that would lead him throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans. As a volunteer officer on a British East Indiaman,



*Panther*, he visited Batavia (Jakarta), Java, Palau, and New Guinea among other places.

In 1793, while finally on a ship heading to Europe, he was detained on Mauritius (once the home of the ill-fated Dodo bird). Deciding to try his luck as his own master,

Amasa recklessly spent all his hard earned money on a ship, the *Hector*. After completing the costly repairs to his new vessel and loading her with cargo, Amasa was dismayed to find the French government would not let him leave. With his ship sitting idle and his cargo slowly being consumed, Amasa lost everything.

Amasa returned home in 1794 aboard the *Three Brothers*, nearly penniless.

### SAMUEL DELANO, JR. AND THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING<sup>4</sup>

The Second Great Awakening (1790-1840's) was a period of great religious revival. Each section of the Country experienced the Awakening in a different way - in the Northeast it was a time of



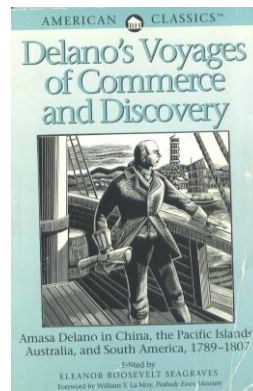
growing social consciousness. The Temperance and Abolition Movements had their roots in this period.

<sup>4</sup> From the third page of the DELANO LETTER READING pamphlet

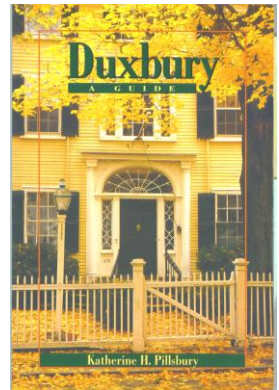
Samuel Delano, Jr. was among many Duxbury citizens who experienced a Christian re-birth. He left the Congregational church of his youth and became a devout Methodist. His letters to his sons, his membership in various social reform societies and his testimonial regarding his "Night Vision" demonstrate his heightened religiosity.

### BOOKS OF INTEREST

Although it is difficult to find an original copy of Capt. Amasa Delano's *A Narrative of Voyages and Travels...* an edited copy by Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves entitled *Delano's Voyages of Commerce and Discovery*. It is a book in the "American Classic Series" published by Berkshire House Publishers,



Box 297,



Stockbridge, MA.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of *Duxbury A Guide* by Katherine H. Pillsbury may contact the DUXBURY RURAL & HISTORICAL Society, Duxbury, MA 02331. To our knowledge, this is the first Duxbury History that provides more than a passing mention about the DELANO family.

We thank Cousin **Tom Delano** for bringing the reading of letters selected from the Captains Amasa Delano and Samuel Delano, Jr. Collection to our attention.

### NEW MEMBERS

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

Minnesota

**Gloria DELANO** from Minneapolis

Pennsylvania

**David M. Dillinger** from Warrington

**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.

## 2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion in New Hampshire

Our 2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Indian Head Resort near Lincoln, New Hampshire on Wednesday 16 June and Thursday 17 June 2010. The resort is located in the White Mountain National Forest near Franconia Notch. Franconia Notch (elevation 1950 feet) is a major pass through the White Mountains for routes I-93 & US 3 in New Hampshire. It lies principally within Franconia Notch State Park, which is dominated by Cannon Mountain and includes the spectacular Flume Gorge. Other attractions include Clark's Trading Post with Bear Shows and Mountain Train ride and the Cannon Ariel Tram that takes visitors to the 4,180-foot summit of Cannon Mountain in under ten minutes. On a clear day, you can see the mountains of four states and Canada! At the summit, you'll find



spectacular scenic walking paths, a 360° observation deck, a cafeteria and restrooms.

**Getting there:** One must travel by car to arrive at the Indian Head Resort. The closest airport served by major airlines is located at Manchester about 80 miles south of the Resort. Interstate highway I-93 provides the easiest access to the White Mountain area where the resort is located. Follow I-93 and take Exit 33 (North or South) and follow the signage to the Indian Head Rock Profile and Indian Head Resort - this puts you on Route 3 - The Resort is located 1.5 miles north on Route 3.

### Reunion Advance Registration and Reservations:

To adequately plan and support the meals and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to participate in each event. Reunion Advanced Registration and Reservations should be made by **2 June 2010**.

### Guestroom Accommodations:

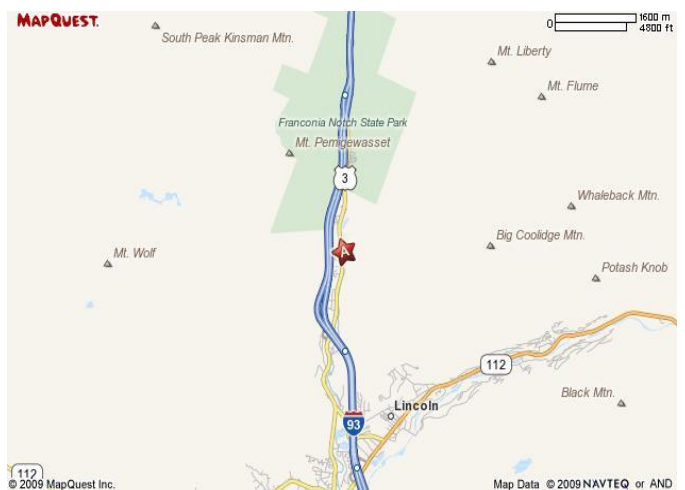
Accommodation arrangements have been made to include a choice of the following:

- Updated Cabins at a per night rate of \$69.00 plus a 9% tax or about \$75.25 per night
- Notchview Rooms (looking towards Franconia Notch) at a per night rate of \$99.00 plus a 9% tax or about \$108.00 and, if desired, there is an option to upgrade to a Lakeview Room (overlooking Shadow Lake) at a nightly rate of \$119.00 plus a 9% tax or about \$130.00

We have blocked 25 rooms and 5 cabins for Wednesday night 16 June, and Thursday night 17 June with a smaller



number for Tuesday night 15 June for those who wish to arrive early. If more rooms or cabins are needed they can be added. Individual guestroom reservations must be made **prior to Sunday 16 May, 2010** to secure these rates. We strongly suggest you call at your earliest convenience to assure obtaining a room at the blocked rate. Please call the Indian Head Resort at the toll free number 1 (800) 343-8000 or 1 (603) 745-8000. The Reservation Office hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM Eastern Time. All guests should identify themselves as members of the **DELANO Reunion Group**. You will receive a confirmation number for your room reservation. Room reservations can be cancelled without penalty if the notice of cancellation is received **72 hours in advance**.



**Reunion Registration:**

Registration check in will be held near the Lakeview Room from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registrants will receive a “Welcome Envelope” containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday in the room assigned for the Annual Meeting.

**Events:**

The first **Genealogical and Informational Symposium** held at the 2009 Reunion in Williamsburg was favorably received. We have scheduled this event on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on 16 June 2010.

The **Welcome Light Buffet Dinner** will be held in the Lakeview Room at 6:00 PM. The Buffet will be

served at 7:00 PM with a one-hour cash bar available starting at 6:00 PM. It will be a night of fellowship and pleasantries where one can meet and greet new members as well as visit with old



acquaintances. Genealogical consultations will also be available. Other events may also be scheduled that evening. The buffet menu will include: Soup and Chowder du Jour, Assorted Sliced Deli Meats, Chips and Pickles, Salads, a variety of breads, lettuce, Tomato and onions, dessert bars, cookies and coffee and tea..

On Thursday at 9:00 AM, the **2010 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the same room. We plan to have the minutes and the committee reports available in advance at registration to reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting as we did last year. We plan to have the group photograph after this meeting.

**Lunch and Tours:**

Lunch will be at each individual’s option to increase everyone’s flexibility. If there are a significant number of attendees who are interested in visiting a particular site on



Thursday, 16 June, we will attempt to make arrangements for a group rate at this site. Please be sure to state your tour site interest on the Reunion Registration form.

The **2010 Banquet Dinner, Thursday**, will be served at 7:00 PM in order to give those on tour time to freshen up after returning to their guestroom. The one-hour cash bar will again be available starting at 6:00 PM. The Banquet Dinner includes an entrée choice of Roast Turkey Dinner (mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, gravy, and cranberry jelly) or Baked Haddock, served with Rice and a vegetable. . A vegetarian entrée of penne pasta with roasted vegetables will also be available. Accompaniments include, rolls and butter, coffee and tea. A dessert display with Cheesecake, Chocolate Cake, Apple Pie and Indian Pudding (an Indian Head Resort Specialty) will be available.

**TENATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
DELANO KINDRED REUNION  
INDIAN HEAD RESORT**

**Wednesday, 16 June 2010**

- 9:00—11:00 AM Board Meeting & Choice of Tours (individual option)
- 12:00—1:00 Lunch (individual option)
- 1:00—3:00 PM Genealogical and Informational Symposium in the Lakeview Room
- 4:00—6:00 PM Registration near the Lakeview Room
- 6:00—11:00 PM Welcome Light Buffet and Program in the Lakeview Room. (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00 PM) Buffet served at 7:00 P M

**Thursday, 17 June 2010**

- 8:30—9:00 AM Late Registration in the Annual Meeting in the Lakeview Room
- 9:00---11:00 AM Annual Membership Meeting
- 11:00—11:15 AM Group Picture
- 11:30 AM-12:45 PM Lunch (individual option)
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Choice of Tours (individual option)
- 5:00 PM –6:00 PM Return to Resort Free time.
- 6:00 PM-11:00 PM Annual Banquet with Speaker in the Lakeview Room. (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00 PM). Dinner served at 7:00 PM

**Friday, 18 June 2010**

- 9:00—11:30 AM Board Meeting

**\*\*\*\*\*Notice of Deadline\*\*\*\*\***

**For the Submission of Motions for  
The 2010 Annual Meeting**

**In accordance with the DELANO KINDRED Bylaws (changed at the 2007 Annual Meeting), all Motions must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday, 19 March 2010 (90 days before the Annual Meeting).**

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## DEPARTED COUSINS

### Ronald Sherman. Howard

We received belated news that Cousin **Ronald S. Howard**, of Fairfield, OH, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. He was born November 1, 1934, the son of Charles and Dorothy Howard in Claremont, New Hampshire. Ronald graduated from Concord High School, Concord, NH in 1952. He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from New England College in 1957. Ronald joined the Army Reserve from 1958 to 1964. He worked for General Electric from 1957 to 1959, Armco Steel from 1960 to 1991 and the well-established, unique gifts store, Hammacher Schlemmer, from 1992 to 1999.

Ronald had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 2003 and was descended from Philippe de Lanoy through his son Lt Jonathan Delano. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as a descendant of Francis Cooke and also Richard Warren.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Melvin) Howard; son, John E. Howard of Severna Park, Maryland; daughter, Leslie Howard of Encinitas, California; and niece, Susan Burton of Sandy Hook, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents. We send our belated condolences to his wife Barbara and her family.

### John Edwin Proctor

We received word from Cousin **Faye Carpentier-Ford** that her 3rd cousin, **John Edwin Proctor**, Stilwell, KS, died August 1, 2009, at KC Hospice House, after battling leukemia for 5 months, with his family at his side. John was born March 8, 1933, in Lansing, MI, to Stanley and Lucile Proctor. He lived in SE Michigan. He started school in 1938 in a one-room country school. John graduated from South Lyon High School in 1951, lettering in basketball and track. He attended Michigan State University, and got his degree in Ornamental Horticulture, became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, and lettered in Cross Country. But more importantly, he met his future wife, Marilyn Johnson.

They were married on November 26, 1955. John served in the Army and was stationed outside of Honolulu, at Schofield Barracks, where he and Marilyn lived until 1957. After a few short stops, they settled into Saline, Michigan, south of Ann Arbor, while he worked for Niagara Chemical, and then later worked for what is now known as Bayer

CropScience. In 1977, John and his family moved to Stilwell, KS, when he became a Product Manager for Bayer Corp., working in many capacities until his retirement in 1998. He was instrumental in the research and development of many of the innovative pest control products, such as Merit, being marketed today by Bayer Advanced TM. John was a member of the National Pest Control Association, The National Turf Grass Association, and the Chemical Specialties Manufacturing Association to name just a few.

After retirement, John and Marilyn traveled the world. Besides his family and friends, his greatest loves were fishing, gardening, and working on genealogy. John seldom missed a grandchild's orchestra concert or soccer game. Cousin John joined the DELANO KINDRED in 2004. He was one of the few members willing to be an on-the-scenes contact for an Annual Reunion in the Kansas City area. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, through the patriot Daniel Place and a member of their color guard. He was also a member of The Mayflower Society through the Soule and Alden lines, The Soule Kindred, The Alden Kindred and The Huguenot Society. John is survived by his wife Marilyn of 53 years; his son Tobin Proctor and wife Denise; his son Bradley Proctor and wife Beth; four granddaughters, Hannah, Bailey, Micah, and Brooke; his sister, Nancy and her husband Richard Simpson; nieces and a nephew, as well as many friends. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Marilyn and her family.

### Florence (Polly) Stevens DeLano

We received the sad news that Cousin **Polly (Stevens) DeLano** passed away on 12 October 2009 in La Jolla, California. She was 92 years old and was the wife of the late James E. DeLano who died in 2002. They had been married 60 years.

Polly was born October 22, 1916, to Zada and Walter Stevens in Port Huron, Michigan. She earned a BA in English Literature from the University of Michigan in 1938. As a young woman working for the Superintendent of Schools, she pursued her interest in flying, attaining a solo pilot's license. In May 1942 she married Lt. James E. DeLano, U.S. Army Air Corps. She lived in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan before retiring to White Sands of La Jolla in 1988.

Her lifetime activities included bridge, tennis, swimming, sewing and music. She learned bookbinding and fore-edge painting. She was a volunteer Braille teacher and transcriber. She also

made hundreds of dresses for needy pre-school girls. She was a member of the DELANO KINDRED from 1997 through 2000.

Her sister Zada E. Stevens died in 2005. She is survived by her son James DeLano, Jr., MD of Sausalito, CA and daughters Mary Sholkovitz of Falmouth, Sally Goodman of Oakland, CA and Nancy Jewell of Lee's Summit, MO. She has nine grandchildren. We send our sincere condolences to Cousins James, Jr., Mary, Sally and Nancy and their families.

#### **Girard E. Delano**

We received word that **Girard E. Delano** of Henrico County, near Richmond, VA, died on 20 October 2009. He was born on 11 June 1932 and married Mary, his wife of 57 years. For years he taught the First Grade in his church's Sunday School and was associated with the Henrico County Pupil Transportation group for many years. Besides his wife Mary, he leaves three children: Lee, John Edward and Peter Delano, three grandchildren and two daughters-in-law. We send our condolences to Mary and her family.

#### **Warren L. DeLano**

We have just learned of the tragic death of **Warren Lyford DeLano** on 3 November 2009, the brother of Cousin **Jennifer M. DeLano**. For the last seven years Warren DeLano had been a loving husband, brother and son. Born in Philadelphia, PA on 21 June 1972, at the age of four his family had moved to Palo Alto, California where he attended Henry M. Gunn high school.

He attended Yale University where he joined the Structural Biology research laboratory directed by Axel Brunger. There Warren developed and honed his two passions, science and computers. Warren was graduated in three years with degrees in both Computer Science and Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, but he stayed on for another year working in Axel's lab. During this time he met his wife Beth Pehrson.

He returned to California to pursue a PhD at University of California, San Francisco. There he joined a laboratory operated by Jim Wells. Later he, Wells and others founded Sunesis Pharmaceuticals. Warren created an open source, software program called PyMOL, (a molecular visualization system). He later started DeLano Scientific LLC, a private software company, to focus his time and energy on PyMOL. DeLano Scientific is dedicated to creating useful tools that are universally accessible to scientific and educational communities. The developed software dramatically improved computational scientists' ability to do their research

Throughout his life, Warren kept himself focused on his passions. Often he would be programming late into the night, answering e-mail questions from PyMOL users or solving molecular structure problems. When he wasn't programming or helping science progress, he took time to hike in the mountains with his wife and do projects around their Palo Alto home. He had spent some time learning to fly, and had made several solo flights.

Warren is a descendant of Philippe de Lanoy through his son Lt Jonathan and through the early Michigan settler, William Smith Delano. He is survived by his wife Beth Pehrson, his mother Margaret DeLano and father James DeLano, Jr., his step-parents, Cathy Groves DeLano, step-father Tom Snouse, his sister Jennifer DeLano and his brother Brendan DeLano, as well as five aunts and eight cousins. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Beth, and all the family and relatives.

#### **Robert B. Delano Jr.**

#### **Listed in the 2010 Edition of Virginia's Best Lawyers**

Just as we went to press we found that Cousin **Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr.** is listed in the 2010 Edition of Virginia's Best Lawyers. The list is excerpted from the 2010 Edition of the *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Lawyers are chosen for inclusion based solely on a vote of their peers. Listings cannot be bought, and no purchase is required to be included. In this regard, *Best Lawyers* remains the gold standard of reliability and integrity in lawyer ratings. Cousin Chip specializes in Appellate Law and Insurance Law and is a member of the Sands Anderson Marks and Miller law firm headquartered in Richmond, VA. Congratulations Cousin Chip!

#### **Membership Dues Reminder**

Membership Dues Renewal Forms have been mailed to all members whose membership expires on 31 December 2009. If you are unsure if you need to renew your membership, please look at your mailing address label. It has the expiration date of your DELANO KINDRED membership. If the date on your mailing label is "Dec. 2009" then your membership expires on 31 December 2009. If you have sent in your dues for 2010 and your mailing label shows Dec 2009 it will be updated soon. If you have misplaced your Membership Dues Renewal Form we have enclosed a 2010 Membership form that you may use to send in with your renewed dues.

### A Note from John E. Marsland

Just before the 2009 Williamsburg Reunion we had a note from Cousin **John E. Marsland** of Easton, Maryland. He sent his regrets that he and his wife Cousin **Faith Marsland** could not attend the reunion even though Easton, is only about 200 miles northeast of Williamsburg. The occasion of Cousin Faith's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was during the same time of the reunion and therefore her birthday celebration conflicted with the reunion date.

We remember that Cousin John celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 19 January 2007 (NL# 54 p 5). We believe that he and Faith's combined ages make them the oldest descendant and spouse members in our Society with the combined ages on 19 January 2010 of 193 years. Cousin John has been a member since 1994 and Cousin Faith recently rejoined our Society. We wish them the very best in the years to come.

### 2009 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we have included the 2009 Annual Questionnaire. Each year in the fall we distribute a questionnaire in order to receive the views of the membership. Your Board will try to act on your suggestions whenever feasible. While almost every questionnaire seeks your views about the location of Annual Meetings and Reunions, at times other subjects are also covered.

Please take time to complete your questionnaire and please mail it to reach us by 1 March 2010. This is **YOUR** Society and we would like to hear **YOUR** thoughts and ideas. The results of the questionnaire responses will be presented in the March 2009 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Thank you for your help!

### DELANO KINDRED WEB SITES

In 1999 your Board was pleased that Cousin **Ren LeVally** was willing to set up a web site for the DELANO KINDRED. In early 2004, after the first site ([www.delanoye.org](http://www.delanoye.org)) came online, the members' only web site ([www.delanokindred.org](http://www.delanokindred.org)) was in operation. As our Webmaster, Cousin Ren managed the details of how the websites were set up and said that he was willing to take care of the costs associated with these sites. Since 2005 contributions to our Educational Websites have helped reduce the costs of operating these web sites. Over the years Ren has maintained these dedicated servers and repaired them when they malfunctioned.

As many of our members, genealogical browsers and Internet surfers have discovered our websites have been out of commission for several months. These outages have been caused by malfunctioning site servers that have become worn out and are now beyond repair. At our Sunday 21 June Board Meeting the Board requested Cousin **Terry Delano** to contact Ren LeVally regarding our web sites' deteriorated conditions. These discussions included Cousin **Paula Delano**, who chairs the Internet/Web Site Committee. From the discussions a plan was developed to first fix the sites as they existed before the server failures and after this is completed focus on plans for web site future development.

Your Board agreed to an initial conceptual proposal that:

- A satisfactory commercial web site provider be engaged to host the two DELANO KINDRED web sites on the Internet.
- Ren will continue as Webmaster and point of contact for web site maintenance. Essentially, he will continue to maintain the site programming as he has in the past but will no longer have the burden of also having to maintain (and pay for) the web servers.
- The DELANO KINDRED will accept responsibility for funding our web sites, gain "24/7" reliability and officially gain ownership of our domain names.

This would relieve Ren of the problems and expense of hardware maintenance and Internet connectivity while he continues as our Webmaster. As of this writing a satisfactory commercial web site provider has been identified. Ren, Terry and Paula will develop a formal plan for the first phase to fix the web sites that will include:

- Selection of a commercial web hosting service to become our Web host service provider and make the DELANO KINDRED their customer with Ren as the Kindred's Webmaster and point of contact.
- Transfer web site software and DELANO KINDRED data to the new web hosting site.
- Reactivate the web sites in their new location.
- Run the new sites for a period of time to ensure our service objectives are met before proceeding with the last step.
- Transfer ownership of our two domain names (DELANOKINDRED.ORG and DELANOYE.ORG) to the DELANO KINDRED.

At this point Ren, Paula and Terry will develop a formal proposal for Board approval, specifying the



selection of a web host site, costs involved and time required to execute the plan. More information about the status of our Educational Web Sites will be provided as plans progress.

### **CAPTAIN ERNEST DELANO OF MILA, VIRGINIA**

We were pleased to receive an article about Cousin **Captain Ernest Delano** that appeared in the 17 September 2009 *Rappahannock Record*. The article, published on the occasion of Captain Ernest's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, was found by Cousins **Robert and Martha Delano** and forwarded by their son Cousin **Robert "Chip" Delano**. We include it here:

"If a contest were to be held to determine who is the most knowledgeable person about the maritime history and current affairs of the Northern Neck, a certain finalist and likely winner would be Captain Ernest Delano of Mila. In even the briefest conversation with him, the wealth of his background, experience and amassed data comes across directly and succinctly.

He has spent his entire life working on matters relating to the marine environment. He knows the bottoms of every creek and tributary better than most folks know the layout of their own back yards. His grasp of the problems facing the Chesapeake Bay is comprehensive, and his knowledge of the boats that have plied the bay's waters is reminiscent of that of the late historian, Robert H. Burgess, the dean of all Chesapeake scholars.

Cap'n Ernest lives in the suburbs of the metropolis of Mila in Northumberland County. His home is distinctive by the always perfect vegetable garden which he and his late wife, Margaret, maintained for many years, and which he continues to do. Although he might not be our on the water as much these days as he once was, his encyclopedic body of knowledge and ability to impart it to others keeps him from ever being what one might term "retired."

He can look at any piece of watercraft, define what it is, and offer a price at which it would sell, being fair to both seller and buyer. He can describe the relative merits and faults of a boat as a doctor would the nature of an illness. He is not one for circumlocution, but gets to the heart of the matter as quickly as possible, whether speaking of marine topics or the local history of families and their homes. One never needs to wonder where he stands on an issue.

Ten years ago a large group assembled to wish him a happy 80th birthday and this Saturday will afford the opportunity to increase that figure by a decade. He is one who does not change and show that the years have been good to him. He has used his abundant talents productively and positively and continues today to be the resident resource on all matters relating to the Northern Neck. If anyone should be part of a Northern Neck oral history project, it is he.

Happy Birthday, Cap'n Ernest! To paraphrase the immortal words of the late Bibb Graves, onetime Governor of Alabama, "keep on keeping on."<sup>5</sup>

We belated join those who wish Captain Ernest Taylor Delano, of Mila, VA, a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is a descendant of Philippe de Lanoy through the Dr. Thomas branch of the family that includes Sgt Cornelius Delano, of the Revolutionary War, and Captain George Delano who settled in the Northern Neck of Virginia around 1822. Cousin Ernest has been a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993. Although Cousin Ernest's mailing address is Heathsville, VA, his home is located the hamlet of Mila and is located on the south bank of the Great Wicomico River that empties into Chesapeake Bay. To reach Mila one can head north from Kilmarnock on route 200, turning left at Delanos Store on route 609 and then left at Remo, VA, on route 665 (Mila road). Mila is at the end of the road. We thank Cousins Robert and Martha and Cousin Chip Delano for sending this article to us.

### **LETTERS OF THANKS**

The DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program affords a means through which members may send contributions to various Designated Charitable, Educational and Memorialization programs that support the DELANO KINDRED educational and charitable purposes. Contributions are collected during the present Fiscal Year for distribution in the first quarter of the next Fiscal Year. Additions to the Contribution Program and, in most cases when appropriate, changes to this program must be recommended by the Board to the Membership for approval at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Since June we have received three letters acknowledging our contributions from various organizations.

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<sup>5</sup> "Excerpts" *Rappahannock Record*, September 17, 2009, Kilmarnock, VA

We contribute \$300.00 through a corporate membership to the Plimoth Plantation.



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We received a letter of acknowledgement dated 17 June 2009 signed by the Kim Corben, Manager of the Plimoth Colony Membership and Annual Fund, stating, "Your participation as a corporate member allows us to build upon our excellence as an educational resource. We are committed to presenting this important period in our nation's history and we are proud to be recognized as one of the finest living history experiences in the country". As you know part of the "living history experience" is the 1627 to scale reenactment Plimoth Plantation village that includes the Francis Cooke house where our descendant Philippe de Lanoy lived at that time.



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In our first one-time Charitable Drawing that took place at the 2009 Reunion Annual Banquet, the Mattapoissett Historical Society was selected. On 7 October 2009 we received an acknowledgement letter from that Society signed by the Society's President, Seth F. Mendell. He stated "On behalf of the Mattapoissett Historical Society, I want to thank you and the members of the Delano Kindred, Inc. for your kind donation of \$100.00 recently brought to us by Ann Harris of Marion. We are most appreciative of this recognition

We are pleased to have a piece of Delano history in our museum's collection. Should you ever be up this way, I hope you will stop by the museum to see this very special plate".



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At the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting the membership approved a contribution of \$300.00 to be added to the \$200.00 approved at the 2008 Annual Meeting to the Duxbury Rural And Historical Society to assist in the transcription and other processes to convert Captain Samuel Delano, Jr. papers into a form that can be readily accessed for reading and historical research as well as preservation.. A check for \$500.00 was presented by Cousin **Tom Delano**. We received a letter from the Executive Director of the DR&HS Drew Archival Library, Patrick Browne. It said "Thank you for your contribution to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's Drew Archival Library. Your generosity is vital to our success. Donors like you help us to raise an awareness of Duxbury's heritage and ensure that history continues to play an important role in our community.

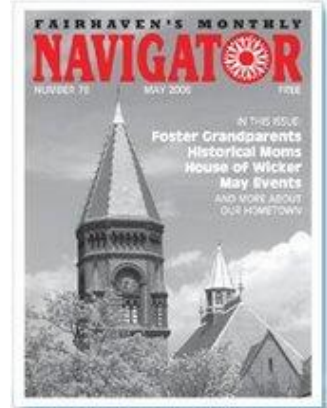
We received your gift of \$500.00 on September 20, 2009 and it will be used to help support the preservation of the Captain Samuel Delano papers".

We heartily thank all the members who supported the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program.

## DELANOs MENTIONED IN THE FAIRHAVEN NAVIGATOR & THE FORTHCOMING FAIRHAVEN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Over the years Cousins **Dorothea Harris** and **Cathy Delano Calamari** have sent us information about the goings on in Fairhaven, MA. As most of the descendants of the Lt. Jonathan line know, the area around Fairhaven was the home of many DELANOs of that line.

Cousin Dorothea brought to our attention that Chris Richard, the Fairhaven Director of Tourism, and his wife Lori, were heavily involved in publishing the magazine the *NANVIGATOR*, a monthly magazine dedicated to the interests of people living in and around Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Approximately 5,000 copies are distributed free of charge at more than 80 locations, primarily in Fairhaven, and at several locations in the towns of New Bedford, Acushnet and Mattapoisett. One of the features is “Ask Mr. History Person,” which answers questions about the town’s history.



Each summer from June through September, a group of local historical re-enactors man Fort Phoenix on Thursday afternoons. The time is 1778 when the Battle of New Bedford Harbor brought 4,000 British soldiers into the area. Lori becomes Rachel Spooner, wife of militiaman Christopher Spooner, played by her husband Chris. Rachel tells of the event when the British troops (called “Lobsterbacks”) swept through the settlements along the harbor in retaliation for American privateers attacks on British merchantmen. The re-enactment has been a family affair because the Richard’s daughter, Emily, plays the part of young Sarah Spooner.

Other events throughout the year occasionally feature DELANO connections. For example, the Office of Tourism sponsored a Riverside Cemetery Tour on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The cemetery, located at 274 Main St., was created in 1850 by Warren Delano II, the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This is one of the most beautiful rural-style cemeteries in Massachusetts. The tour visits the final resting places of some of the town’s most prominent people including the DELANO Tomb. If you attend one of these cemetery tours you will see lovely examples of early tombstone art as you walk along the beautifully landscaped paths. The tour includes walking on uneven ground so wear comfortable shoes. We suggest you contact the Office of Tourism at: (508)-979-4085 to find out the time of these excellent tours.

The Office of Tourism features various brochures about historic prominent citizens. One brochure entitled *The Delano Family* cites the Fairhaven Delano connections to Presidents Grant and Roosevelt.

Susannah Delano, daughter of Lt. Jonathan’s oldest son Jonathan II and Amy Hatch, married Noah Grant and was the great grandmother of Ulysses S. Grant.

FDR’s mother, Sara Delano, was the great<sup>2</sup> granddaughter of Thomas Delano, Lt. Jonathan’s thirteenth child. The brochure also tells of other prominent Delanos, the Capt. Warren Delano Homestead, and the Riverside Cemetery where the Warren Delano Family and other Delano families are buried.

Last July when Cousins **Cathy Delano Calamari**, and **Mary Delano** came with Cousins **Tom** and **Kristin Delano** to visit the grave of Lt Jonathan Delano located in the old Acushnet Cemetery, they received the help of Chris Richard in locating it. Cathy found that Chris and Lori Richard were working on a Fairhaven Encyclopedia which will include the names of the Fairhaven DELANOs.

Plans are being made to update the directions to Lt Jonathan’s gravesite in Acushnet Cemetery. Lt. Jonathan died in 1720. There are at least six other DELANOs, buried in this cemetery. Probably the oldest grave is that of Jabez Delano’s wife, Mary who died in 1716 and is buried near Jabez, who died in 1734.





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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, 521 Buffer Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-4505. The cost is currently \$3.50 per copy.

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