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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

This issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* provides the information about the 2016 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Norwich Connecticut (Thursday, 15 September – Sunday 18 September). Please see the Reunion Flyer and details on pages 3 and 4. We have inserted the Reunion Registration Form (Part 1 and Part 2[on the reverse side]) in this newsletter. Plans include a tour of the Museum of America and the Sea in Mystic CT. Please review the information, make your plans and send in your completed registration form prior to the 15 August deadline. This will be a very interesting and memorable event. We hope to see you there and enjoy your company.

Also included in this issue is a short history of the historic town of Norwich, News from our members, information about our donation to the Plymouth Plantation, the publishing of the Plymouth Records Deeds Volume II (made possible by our donation to the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation in Leiden, in the Netherlands) as well as changes to our DELANO KINDRED Merchandise Form. We have provided updated information about the effort of the Town of Fairhaven to build a stage for the Fairhaven Monday Fun Program in the summer. We recognize our new members who have joined our Society since last March and sadly pay tribute to our departed cousins. Because of space limitations we will continue with part two of the account of the life of Joel A. Delano, the compiler of the GHAARD, in our next issue.

History of Norwich Connecticut

Early History

Norwich was founded in 1659 by settlers from Saybrook, CT, led by Major John Mason and the Rev. James Fitch. The land was purchased from the local Mohegan tribe, led by their Sachem, Uncas. The early settlement was around the Norwichtown Green. Supplies were brought from a landing near the base of Yantic Falls. By 1684, the settlers authorized a new public landing at the head of the Thames River, site of the present downtown. Improved landing facilities brought larger vessels and stimulated the growth of trade. Products from the interior farms and forests of eastern Connecticut were exchanged in the West Indies for sugar, molasses, rum, and enslaved Africans. By the mid-1700s, the harbor boasted a prosperous colonial seaport known as Chelsea Landing.

At the end of the French and Indian War in 1763, more restrictive British trade policies and the 1764 Stamp Act resulted in widespread protests in the colonies. One response was to replace imported goods from England with locally made ones. Christopher Leffingwell began the manufacture of paper, pottery, chocolate, and stockings at this time.

When resistance to British rule broke into open revolution, Norwich leaders played significant roles as military and political leaders. Jedidiah Huntington served as an aide-de-camp to George Washington. Samuel Huntington, a cousin, served in the Continental Congress and was President of that body when the Articles of Confederation were adopted in 1781. An early hero of the Revolution, Benedict Arnold, was born in Norwich, and became infamous as a traitor.

A Growing City

The city of Norwich, one of the first five Connecticut cities, was incorporated in 1784. The abundant waterpower available on the Yantic and Shetucket rivers provided the motive power for textile factories, which by the mid-1800s dominated the local economy.

Thus, Norwich became the commercial, transportation, and manufacturing hub of the region.

Steamboats brought passengers and freights to Norwich wharves. Goods and passengers were transferred to the Norwich & Worcester railroad, constructed from 1835 to 1840. Raw cotton and wool were shipped to textile mills throughout the region, and finished cloth was shipped back.

Norwich was rocked by the controversy over slavery prior to the Civil War. David Ruggles, a key figure in the Underground Railroad, was raised in Norwich. Sarah Harris Fayerweather, a noted School Integrationist, was born in Norwich. She and other members of her family sought educational opportunities and civil rights for blacks. Norwich Free Academy (NFA), founded in 1854, continues to provide secondary education for Norwich and surrounding towns. The NFA had non-discriminatory practices from its beginnings.

By the Civil War, the Republicans dominated city politics and controlled the state government. Governor William A. Buckingham and Mayor James Lloyd Greene supported the war effort. As in the Revolution, Norwich supplied men, firearms, and ships. The city welcomed the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. After Lincoln's assassination, US Senator Lafayette S. Foster served as acting Vice-President.

A Thriving City

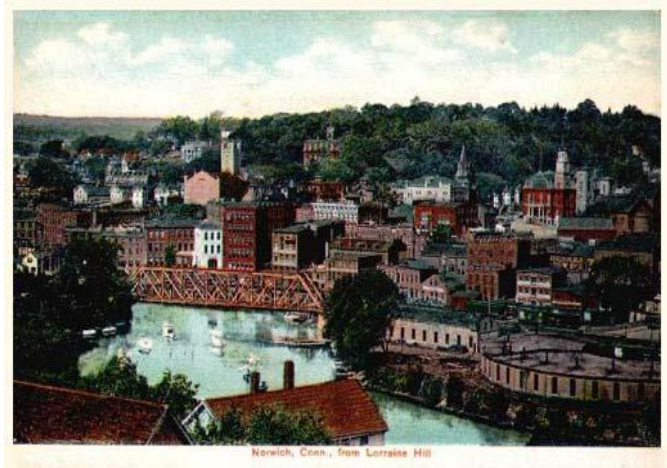
Rapid industrial growth transformed Norwich into a modern urban center by the early 20th century.

Electric trolleys were introduced in 1892. In 1907 the effort to create parks and greens was started with private donations and land purchases.

Immigrants from French Canada, southern and eastern Europe, the Cape Verde islands, and other

areas, as well as internal migrants from the American south, reshaped the city in the late 1800s and the 1900s. Their skills and labor went to support the city's mills and businesses. Recent newcomers to Norwich have included Haitians, Spanish-speakers from Central and South America, and Asians.

Today's Norwich is a thriving city with a stable population, full range of municipal services, a modern industrial park and minor league ball team, its own publicly-owned electric, gas and water utility, and a positive outlook for residential and business growth.





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Thursday, September 15th – Sunday, September 18th
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ROADSTER

So much to see in the area, if you drive to the reunion. 2 hrs from Boston on
I-95 & I-395.



WELCOME TO NORWICH

2016 REUNION & ANNUAL MEETING

The **2016 Reunion and Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the Mystic/Norwich area of Connecticut on September 15th - 18th, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Norwich, CT. The Holiday Inn is located on 10 Laura Boulevard in Norwich, CT 06360, Ph #: (860) 889-5201. When making a reservation please mention DELANO KINDRED to receive the lower rate.

Laura Boulevard is conveniently located just off highway CT 82 (Salem Turnpike) and a short distance from the I-395 interchange 11 in Connecticut. The DELANO KINDRED September rates; are \$119 per night on Thursday and Friday, but are increased to \$149 per night on Saturday due to the weekend crowd attending the nearby Foxwoods Resort Casino. The DELANO KINDRED rates available 3 days before and after reunion nights and all rates are subject to an additional 6.35% tax.

The Educational Symposium, Annual Membership Meeting, and both meal events will be held at the Holiday Inn and arrangements have been made for a Hospitality Suite.

Cousin **Elizabeth Clarke** has provided a Reminder Flyer and Reunion Registration forms which are included as inserts in this newsletter.

We hope you will attend and join in the fun! Please complete the forms with a check for the appropriate amount and send them to our Treasurer, Cousin **David Grinnell**, whose address is on the form, by 15 August. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations at the Norwich Holiday Inn by 15 August. If you have any questions please contact Cousin Elizabeth via e-mail or phone provided at the bottom of part 2 of the Registration Form.

Events include a tour of the Museum of America and the Sea at Mystic, CT (Mystic Seaport) on Saturday 17 September.



The Museum of America and the Sea in Mystic, Connecticut is the largest maritime museum in the world. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats, and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th-century seafaring village. It consists of more than 60 original historic buildings, most of them rare commercial structures moved to the 19-acre site and meticulously restored.

The museum was established in 1929 as the "Marine Historical Association". Its first fame came with the acquisition in 1941 of the *Charles W. Morgan*, the only surviving wooden sailing whaler. The seaport was one of the first living history museums in the United States, with a collection of buildings and craftsmen to show how work was done. The seaport now receives about 250,000 visitors each year.

THE 2016 PLIMOTH PLANTATION DONATION

Cousin **Terri Sorensen** reports that this year's \$500 DELANO KINDRED donation to the Plimoth Plantation will be used to support the Rare Breeds Animals program. The English colonists brought farm animals - cows, sheep, chickens, goats and pigs - to New England throughout the 1600s. Today, Plimoth Plantation guests of all ages love to see the Rare and Heritage Breeds animals.

According to Caleb Johnson's *Mayflower History.com*, "The Pilgrims did not bring any large livestock animals with them on the *Mayflower*. In fact, the only animals known with certainty to have come on the *Mayflower* were two dogs, an English mastiff and an English spaniel, who are mentioned on a couple of occasions in the Pilgrims' journals. Although not specifically mentioned, it seems likely that they had with them some chickens, because chicken broth was given by *Mayflower* passenger Edward Winslow to the Wampanoag sachem Massasoit when he was sick in early 1622; and it is also likely they brought some pigs. In 1623, Emmanuel Altham visited Plymouth and reported there were six goats, fifty pigs, and many chickens.

The first cattle arrived at Plymouth on the ship Anne in 1623 and more arrived on the ship Jacob in 1624. Onboard the Anne in 1623 were three cows, nicknamed the "Great Black Cow", the "Lesser Black Cow", and the "Great White-Backed Cow". By 1627, both the "Lesser Black Cow" and the "Great White-backed Cow" had calves. Onboard the Jacob in 1624 were four black heifers (a heifer is a young female cow that has not yet had a calf.) The four black heifers were nicknamed "Least", "Raghorn", "Blind", and "Smooth-Horned". There was also a "Red Cow" that belonged to the poor of the colony, which had a red female calf around 1625 and a male calf in 1627."

You may recall from previous newsletters that Philippe de Lanoy (then known as Phillip Delanoy) was mentioned in the 1627 Division of Cattle. The names of some of the cows are mentioned in this division.

As a result of this Rare Breed Project, a variety of Rare Breeds Animals live in the Pilgrim Village. Kerry and Milking Devon cattle graze in pastures outside the palisade. Wiltshire horned sheep, San Clemente Island goats and Arapawa Island goats, as well as a flock of Dorking hens also inhabit the town. The cattle related to the Kerry and Devon breeds were included in the Division of Cattle. Although goats are mentioned in the cattle division, it is not clear if that breed is similar to San Clemente Island goats that were brought by the Spanish Missionaries to Southern California or the Arapawa Island goats that were brought to New Zealand by Captain Cook.

The sights and sounds of these animals help transport guests to the 17th century. Plimoth Plantation's agricultural experts along with Pilgrim role players feed and tend our Rare Breeds animals every day.

Our donation will offset the cost of caring for these special animals through veterinary care, food, and maintaining hand-built, protective habitats.



News From Our Members

Since our last newsletter we have heard from several of our members. We are pleased to include their news below.

Jack Delano Railroad Photography Exhibit

Cousin **Diana Gardner** visited the Chicago History Museum with her daughter-in-law before the exhibit closed in early January. She thought the exhibit was wonderful and passed the information on to us.

As we reported in NL #25 on page 10 (which members can view on the DELANO KINDRED website,) Jack Delano's real name was Jacob Ovcarov. He was born in 1914 in the Ukraine and came with his parents to the United States at the age of eight. While studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, at the urging of his fellow students, he changed his name to Delano . . . "after one student suggested that her family allow him to use her name which was Delano." We have been unable to determine who this DELANO family was. His parents had already changed his first name to Jack in honor of the boxer Jack Dempsey.

Railroaders: Jack Delano's Homefront Photography

We often think of World War II as being the last great stand for the American steam locomotive, which it was, but it was also the last great stand for the steam-era American railroad workforce. Sweeping technological changes in the years and decades following the war, led by the conversion from steam to diesel power, dramatically improved the efficiency of the nation's railroads while enabling drastic personnel reductions. In 2016, people still make the trains run, but it takes far fewer of them than it did 75 years earlier.

The Center for Railroad Photography & Art and the [Chicago History Museum](#) collaborated with this exhibition that opened April 5, 2014, and closed on January 3, 2016. Cousin Diana was fortunate to be able to see it. The Center and the museum are seeking future venues for this exhibit.

The exhibition featured some sixty of the remarkable images created in 1942–1943 by Jack Delano as part of his assignment to document the nation's railroad story for the Farm Security Administration-Office of War Information (OWI). While Delano also photographed infrastructure and rolling stock, he concentrated on the people who did the work of railroading. Roy Stryker, head of the photographic surveys for OWI, instructed Delano to document in pictures the importance of the railroad industry during wartime and the contributions made by railroaders and their families to World War II on the home front. Delano complied.

We have included a few of Jack Delano's photos below. You can see more of these photos on the Library of Congress website citing Jack Delano's railroad photos. The photo on the left shows a five man freight crew on the Harbor Belt railroad in February 1943. The photo on the right is a photo of Jack Delano with his camera on the "pilot" of a Santa Fe locomotive in March 1943.



Poem by Sarah Matilda DELANO Discovered

We appreciate Cousin **Ann Harris** sending us a copy of a poem written by Sarah Matilda Delano-Cornell, found in the November 1935 issue of *The Sketch Book Magazine* published in Marion Massachusetts. It is a Thanksgiving Poem likely written before 1912. We will include it in our October-November newsletter issue.

Harry DELANO Visits Leiden

Cousin **Harry DeLano** while on a European trip visited Leiden. He said he liked the city and tried to visit the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. Unfortunately it was not open at the time of his visit. He included a photo of his attempted visit to the Museum. Harry continued his trip and we found that he was in Paris shortly after his visit in Leiden.



DELANO KINDRED MERCHANDISE FORM IS UPDTATED

We have received word from our Merchandise Manager, Cousin **Cynthia Prosser**, that it is planned to close the postal mail box used in the past for receiving mail involving DELANO KINDRED merchandise. From now on the address for mailing requests for merchandise will be to her home address: 13228 South 5th Street, Schoolcraft MI 49087-9448.

As most of you know, profits from the DELANO KINDRED merchandise go directly into the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Fund. This merchandise includes an array of various items, including publications, DELANO KINDRED T-Shirts, and DELANO Fortune Coins.

Cousin Cindy brings the merchandise items to all the Reunions she can attend and Cousin **Elizabeth Clarke** supports this effort at Reunions that Cindy cannot attend.

As you can see from the updated form that is inserted in this newsletter, the Publications include, the GHAAHD (a printing of the first Genealogy of the DELANO family), the DFIP (in five books that update and correct the DELANO Genealogy through seven generations), *The DELANOS of OLD ROCHESTER* (a regional genealogy of a line of DELANO families living in the township of Rochester of Massachusetts), and *Captain Paul Delano, the Founder of the Delano Family in Chile* (currently most of the copies are in Spanish).

One of the most popular merchandise items is the DELANO KINDRED T-Shirt which is worn by many of our members at our annual reunions. The DELANO "KINDRED SPIRIT" Coin is another popular item.

By clicking on the "BOOKSTORE" contained in the banner below our logo on the DELANO KINDRED website you can obtain a Merchandise Order Form and a brief description of the various items. For a more detailed description of the GHAAHD please see the December 2014 *Bonnes Nouvelles* NL# 76, pp 9-10. Also if you wish to see more details about the DFIP publication series please see the March 2015 *Bonnes Nouvelles* NL#77, pp 9-10.

Fairhaven Summer Stage

In the March Newsletter, we included a short article about a platform for the Fairhaven Summer Fun Program. We also referred to Fairhaven as a “City” and were chastised for this error. We wonder how we could have forgotten the saying on the Fairhaven Department of Tourism “A small town with a big history”.

We contacted Chris Richard, the Fairhaven Director of Tourism, to find out more about the plans and progress in donations to the stage platform. It turns out there is an effort by the Office of Tourism to collect funds for the stage platform to be used in the Fairhaven Monday Fun Program. It consists of a series of weekly children’s programs on the lawn of the Visitors Center, combining fun and learning during July and August. The activities include old fashioned children’s games, face painting and frozen lemonade refreshments. The stage will allow better viewing of the various special guests that will be included in these weekly programs.

Also the donations will help maintain the Office of Tourism’s small garden.

We found that the stage platform will be dedicated to our DELANO KINDRED Honorary Member, **Natalie S. Hemingway**. Those members who attended the 2010 Reunion in New Hampshire will recall Natalie’s memorable portrayal of Sara Delano Roosevelt. She, again as Sara Roosevelt, met us at the door of the former home of Sara’s grandfather, Capt. Warren Delano, during the 2012 Fairhaven Reunion.

Natalie taught music more than 30 years in Fairhaven, and then served on the Fairhaven School Committee and the Fairhaven Tourism Committee. She has also been involved in many civic activities over the years through her memberships in the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the East Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Improvement Association, the Fairhaven Colonial Club, the Fairhaven Village Militia and many other organizations and committees. Natalie developed some of the first historical walking tours that are still presented today by the Office of Tourism. She has also published several historical books.



At the time of our inquiry, the donations collected so far were only about 20 percent of the funding goal of \$2000.00 to \$3150.00 – depending on the type of wood used in the platform of the stage.

Those who wish to make a donation to this stage platform may make a donation to the Tourism Gift Account. **Checks can be made out to “Town of Fairhaven,” with “Tourism Gift Account” written on the memo line.** They may be dropped off or mailed to **Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.**

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since March 2016

Illinois: **Joyce Steffel**, of Chicago
Delaware : **Maryann Klemmer** of Smyrna
Georgia: **Blaine Parker** of Hampton

New Hampshire: **Daniel Arnold** of Bow
Virginia: **George J. Delano** of Tappahannock

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

Some Significant July, August & September Dates In DELANO History

The days of July 2016, August 2016 and September 2016 include some that are significant to our DELANO history. We have listed a few as a reminder of these months.

On July 2, 1806, Alonzo Delano was born, in Aurora, New York. He was an American humorist who went by the pen name "Old Block". Due to illness he decided to head west to California. There he became a pioneer town city father, and a California Gold Rush Forty-niner. Delano's sketches of gold rush camp life rivaled Bret Harte and Mark Twain in popularity.

On 4 July, 144 years ago in 1872 in Plymouth Notch, VT, Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, was born. President Coolidge's DELANO line of descent is through the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of the family.

On 23 July 1885 [Hiram] Ulysses Simpson Grant, 18th President of the United States died in Wilton, NY. His DELANO line of descent is through the Lt Jonathan Delano branch of the family.

On 31 July 1679 Joseph and Josiah Soule (twins) were born in Duxbury to Hester (Delano) and John Soule.

Also on **31 July**, but in the year **1701**, Jethro Delano, the 12th child of Lt Jonathan and Mercy (Warren) Delano, was born.

In **August 1643** the Duxborrow list of those men Able to Bear Arms from 16 to 60 years old included Philip Delanoy, who was then 41 years old.

On 29 August 1689 Rebecca Churchill was born in Plymouth. She was the second child of Rebecca (Delano) and John Churchill.

On 1 September 1685 Joseph Delano, the 9th child of Dr. Thomas and Rebecca (Alden) Delano, was born.

On 16 September 1880 Edward Warren Delano was born. As a founding member of the Rudolph and Delano building firm of Philadelphia, he designed the first highway cloverleaf entrance/exit. The cloverleaf was built around 1929 in New Jersey. This cloverleaf interchange was known as the Woodbridge Cloverleaf and was located at the intersection of the Lincoln Highway and St. Georges Avenue (now U.S. 1/9 and Route 35) in Woodbridge Township, New Jersey. It opened in 1929, and has been replaced with a partial cloverleaf interchange. The original cloverleaf interchange designed by Delano was modeled after a plan from Buenos Aires, Argentina.



2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2016 Annual Membership Meeting will be held during the Reunion at Norwich, CT. Each member household will be receiving the official announcement letter from our Secretary Cousin **Margaret L. Delano** in August.

This year the Board of Director will be elected for a two year term. The members will be asked to vote on the DELANO KINDRED Annual Budget for the 16-17 Fiscal Year as well as other items of business. Besides the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports the members will receive reports from the various Chairs of the Society who will be available for questions and comments from the membership.

Also there will be an Educational Symposium scheduled for the attending members. Look for the Secretary's letter in August.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Billie M. Crain

Billie M. Crain of Lometa, TX passed away 20 March 2016. He was the spouse of Cousin **Geneva D. Crain**. Billie and Geneva lived most of their life together in Lometa, located north of Austin and west of Fort Hood in Lampasas, County.

He was born on 4 December 1928, near Lometa. When he was a year old his parents, Floyd and Lota (Cornelius) Crain, purchased a ranch in this area. After attending schools in the area around Lometa, Billie joined the Army and served in combat in Korea. Upon returning home in 1953, he married Geneva Delano of Lampasas. Cousin Geneva's line of descent it is through LT Jonathan's son Jabez.

They settled in Fort Worth where their two eldest sons, Neal and Lloyd were born. In 1958 they moved back to the Lometa area to manage the family ranch. There, the family grew to four children with the births of their daughter Lisa Beth and their youngest son William. All four children graduated from Lometa Schools.

Billie was well known in Lometa and the surrounding villages. Although he did not join any clubs, he was a member of the Farm Bureau and an honorary member for the Adamsville (village) Fire Department. It was said that if you needed any help all you needed to do was crank up the old hoop-n-holler (rural) phone and he was there to fight a fire, jumpstart a car, birth a calf or take you to the doctor.

Those of you who attended the 2013 Reunion in San Antonio may remember meeting Cousin **Geneva** and her daughter Lisa (Crain) VanNatta there. Other survivors include sons William and Neal and seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Billie was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Lota, his son Dale, a sister and brother-in-law, Vera and Russell Elkins and a niece Connie Cox.

We send our deepest sympathies to Cousin Geneva and her family.

James B. Delano

We sadly report the death of our long time member Cousin **James B. Delano**. He had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1955. His line of descent was through Lt Jonathan's son Thomas. He was born 92 years ago in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Roy and Elsie Delano and was a great grandson of Francis Roach Delano, the first warden of the Minnesota State Prison in Stillwater, and a railroad superintendent of what later became the Great Northern Railroad.

James was a World War II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force. In 1949 he was graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota. He was employed by Northern States Power (now Xcel Energy) from 1949 until his retirement as Director of Public Affairs in 1988.

He was active in both community and fraternal organizations. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Zuhrah Shriner as well as a past President of the Minneapolis Kiwanis club and President of the Minneapolis 1976 Aquatennial. He was a long term member of the Minneapolis Engineers Club and the University of Minnesota Alumni.

Those of you who attended the 2011 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Stillwater, Minnesota may remember meeting James and his lovely wife of 66 years, Gloria. In addition to Gloria, he is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Kristen, Jerome and Karen, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Gloria and her family.

Martha W. Delano

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of **Martha Webb Delano**, the spouse of a founding member and our first DELANO KINDRED Vice President, **Robert B. Delano**. Martha was born in Atlanta, Georgia on 25 September 1926. Her family moved with her father's employment north and eventually to the Richmond area.

In June 1947, when Martha graduated from State Teacher's College, in Farmville, VA (now known as Longwood University), one of her best friends was Virginia Mae Packett of Warsaw, VA. Through this friendship Martha looked for teaching positions in that town and secured a teaching position in the town's high school that year.

Virginia Packett also happened to be the cousin of Robert Delano and it was through this relationship that Martha and Robert met. They were married in August of 1948 and had celebrated 67 years of marriage together a month before she passed away.

Martha continued teaching in the county school system for 28 years, retiring in 1975. After her teaching career she was a docent at Stratford Hall, the home of the Lee family of Virginia and the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. She was active in her church in many leadership roles as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the pastor search committee, and the Women's Missionary Union.

Many of our older members will remember meeting Martha at many of our DELANO KINDRED Reunions. She was a gracious, charming and lovely Southern lady who was always congenial and friendly to everyone.

Martha was proud of her children, and four grandsons. Two of her grandsons are West Point Graduates, serving in the U.S. Army. She was predeceased by her parents Boyd and Virgie Webb and her sisters, Marion Webb Gaylor and Betty Webb Hoffman.

We send our sincere condolences to Robert and the entire family

PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS DEEDS VOLUME II (1631-1668)

We were pleased to learn from Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs that Volume II of the Deeds contained in the Plymouth Colony Records has been published. As most of you know, the DELANO KINDRED contributed \$5,000 to the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation (LAPMF). It is the goal of the LAPMF to complete the publishing of the remaining Plymouth Colony Records by 2020 – the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower.

Dr. Bangs will send a hard copy of this volume and a digital version in PDF format which our webmaster, Cousin **Terry Delano**, will place on the "members-only" portion of our DELANO KINDRED website.

The next challenge will be publishing part one of Volume III of the Plymouth Colony Deeds (1664-1674). At 400 pages, this will require more work than Volume II and will therefore cost more to publish—requiring more funds than our Society can contribute during the new Fiscal Year. We will be contacting other organizations who may likely be interested in helping finance this effort.

Dr. Bangs is very grateful for the financial support provided by the DELANO KINDRED in this effort. For a description of the Plymouth Colony Records Project, please see the November-December 2015 *Bonnes Nouvelles* #79 page 6.



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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.

It has been our practice to mail one *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member-household address. We would be happy to mail one copy of each issue of the *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member at a household address if desired. It may be desirable, especially in the case of Family Memberships that more than one copy is sent to an address. If you wish an additional copy, free of charge, for another member in your household, please send the name and membership number of that member to the editor.