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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 LA NOYE, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

The New Meadows Inn



2001 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING

CELEBRATING THE DELANOs OF MAINE AND THEIR MARITIME HERITAGE

The New Meadows Inn in West Bath, Maine, located on the New Meadows River half way between Brunswick and Bath on Old Route 1, will be the location of our 2001 Reunion and Annual Meeting starting Friday afternoon, 3 August 2001 through Saturday evening 4 August

2001. The original inn, built in 1878, opened to accommodate passengers of the New Meadows Steamboat Company. The very same shore dinner served over a century ago to the first passengers still appears on the Inn's menu today—complete right down to the pickles and lobster stew.

Getting There: The New Meadows Inn is easy to find. From Brunswick, ME: take Old Route 1 (Bath Road), west through Harding to the New Meadows River and there it is. From Bath: take Bath Road east to the New Meadows River. You can also take new U.S. 1, which is a limited access expressway between Brunswick and Bath, and take the New Meadows Road south turning east on Old Route 1 towards the New Meadows River. We have inserted a map to aid in following the directions to the Inn.

Advance Reservations: To adequately plan and support the meals, tours, and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to participate in each event. Since all of these events are self-funded, it would help if you would send the necessary funds for all the events in which you plan to participate. If you find that you cannot attend, please let us know prior to 21 July and we will refund your costs including the registration fees for those in your party.

Tour Events: We are offering two tour events on Saturday, 4 August, 2 ½ HOUR BOAT CRUISE TO SEE SEGUIN ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE Aboard the *YANKEE*, with Capt. Nick Sewell.

Seguin Island Lighthouse is located near the mouth of the Kennebec River. Commissioned in 1795 by George Washington, the second lightkeeper (1801-1822) was Jonathan **Delano**. Other members of the Delano family followed him. This lighthouse is one of a few remaining with an operational **1st Order Fresnel Lens**. Because it is located on a rocky island with steep accesses, we will not attempt to disembark, but will enjoy the view from the boat.

The tour group will meet at the Hermit Island Dock at 1:15 p.m. for a 1:30 p.m. departure. The dock is about a 30-minute drive from New Meadows. We hope to have car-pools for this trip. If you would like a box lunch orders for box lunches (and payment for them) will be taken at the Registration Desk on Friday afternoon. The lunches will be waiting for you at the dock. Capt. Nick suggests that we spend a few minutes of relaxation and enjoy lunch in Sequin Harbor. He also encourages you to bring a jacket and light rain gear. It can be chilly on the water in Maine, even in the summer! (Please note: this is not a luxury cruise ship!)

The cost of this 2-½ hour cruise is a bargain at \$25.00 per person. (This does not include lunch). We must have a minimum of 25 passengers. The maximum number is 37. Reservations must be made and paid for by **June 15, 2001**.



For those who don't wish to go to sea, we offer an alternative Saturday afternoon activity, the Maine Maritime Museum, in Bath, offers a world-class collection of nautical antiquities and boat building displays. A group rate admission price of \$7.00 per person is available. This requires that we purchase a minimum of 10 tickets. The regular price is \$9.00. Please make your reservation and pay for these tickets by **July 15, 2001**.

Lunch is on your own. A list of nearby restaurants will be available at the registration table. We hope to have car pools to the museum.

If you wish to take the Sequin Island boat tour, we request you mail your reservations on the form included in this issue to George DeLano in time to be received by **15 June 2001**. If you plan to take the alternate tour to the Maine Maritime Museum or participate in some other Saturday afternoon event, he will need your reservation by **15 July 2001**.

Accommodations: The New Meadows Inn will not reserve a block of rooms, because of the limited number of rooms and cabins available. We did block rooms at the **Comfort Inn** in Brunswick. To take advantage of the group rate at the Comfort Inn [ph: (207) 729-1129] you must make your room reservation by **30 June 2001**. In making your reservation refer to code **KP21/DELANO**. For those who

wish to stay in Bath there is a **Holiday Inn** in available. There are many other motels, Bed & Breakfast establishments, cabins, cottages and campgrounds in the area. Please see the accommodation details inserted in this newsletter.

2001 Banquet Dinner, Saturday 4 August. The dinner entrees include a choice of Baked Haddock, a New Meadows Inn specialty, or for those on a low salt diet, tasty chicken. Dinners include: Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. All costs include sales tax and gratuity.

Banquet Speaker. We are pleased that Philip Jermain of The Friends of Seguin has agreed to be the speaker for the Delano Kindred banquet on August 4, 2001. His 30-minute program will cover some of the current and past history of the Seguin Island Lighthouse.

Tentative Schedule of Events At the 2001 DELANO KINDRED Reunion, New Meadows Inn, Maine

Friday, 3 August 2001

4:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. Registration in the Tontine Room.
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Welcome Buffet with no host bar, fellowship and Pleasantries; featuring Craft Exhibits, Genealogical and Book Displays as well as Genealogical Consultations.

Saturday, 4 August 2001

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Late Registration
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 2001 Annual Meeting and Elections
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2001 Reunion Group Photo
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – Individual Option
1:15 p.m.-- Afternoon Activities. Meet at Hermit Island Dock for the Cruise to Seguin Island. OR Meet at the Maine Maritime Museum.
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. 2001 Reunion Banquet with Speaker.

NEW MEMBERS

Arizona

Linda Jo Delano of Phoenix
Joan N. DeLano of Phoenix

California

Cheryl Lane Peterie of San Marcos

Colorado

Michael Craig Delano of Colorado Springs

Florida

Barbara H. Porter of Satsuma
Barbara Delano Janes of Lake Placid
Michael A. Anderson of Holiday

Georgia

Joan V. McGovern of Cumming

Kansas

Alan Dean Delano of Wichita

Maine

Marjorie Delano Twombly of Falmouth

Massachusetts

Ray O. Delano III of Lakeville
Philip Fontaine of Duxbury
Orie Fontaine of Duxbury
Jeanne Martinez of Duxbury
Roxanne P. McCaffrey of Stockbridge

Mississippi

Gretel S. Ekbaum of Jackson

Nebraska

Keith Douglas of McCook

New Hampshire

Arnold H. Wagner of Berlin

New Jersey

Helen L. L. Rancan of West Windsor

New York

Mary Bertschmann of New York City

Pennsylvania

Anne D. Odell of Willow Street
Aleksandar Radovic-Moreno of State College
Magdalena Radovic-Moreno of State College
Dr. Ljubisa R. Radovic of State College
Marcela Moreno-Sepulveda of State College

Texas

Robert Bruce Delano of Sangar
Kurt Saxon Seidel of Columbus
John C. Stohlman of Fort Worth

Utah

Arden V. Clarke of Salt Lake City
Elizabeth S. Clarke of Salt Lake City
Heather V. Sudbury of Salt Lake City

Virginia

Joan B. Delano of Callao

Kathryn P.B. Fenton of Virginia Beach
Rosemary M. Mahan of Montross
 Washington

Joan A. Mitchell of Battle Ground

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

We are happy you have joined us!!

WHAT IS THE DIFP?

The DIFP is our acronym for the book titled *PHILIPPE DE LANNOY or PHILIP DELANO OF THE "FORTUNE" 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations*, compiled by Muriel C. Cushing and Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. "Well," you may ask, "why doesn't it have the acronym PDOTF 1621 or some other acronym other than DIFP?" That's a good question.

The acronym started out as DFIP for DELANO Families in Progress, following the Mayflower Society's nomenclature for their series MFIP, Mayflower Families in Progress. You see the DIFP follows the same genealogical format as the MFIP. Because it was easier to remember, the DFIP was changed to DIFP, which stands for "DELANOs In First Place." Through the research of Muriel and many others, the first four generations in the Second Book of the GHAHD – The DELANO Genealogy:

(a) have been documented (i.e. genealogical dates verified by existing records such as, birth, marriage, and death certificates, wills, deeds, and other official papers),

(b) descendants not listed in the GHAHD have been discovered and added, thus giving a more complete list of DELANO descendants, and

(c) some descendants erroneously connected to one family have been connected to the correct family.

This is what we mean when we say these generations have been "fully documented, updated and perfected." As you know the preamble of our bylaws says that we formed "this Society in order to establish a more perfect record of Philippe and his ancestors and descendants..."

The significant difference between the GHAHD and the DIFP is that in the DIFP each descendant in the first four generations has his or her own family number. This means that each Mary, Philip, Hester, Thomas, John, Jonathan, Rebecca, and Samuel, have their own number so there is no confusion which John or Mary is

being discussed. Because there are so many similar names (Jabez for example) the GHAHD had several erroneous entries. These have been corrected.

As more books are published, the likelihood of more acronyms increases.

We still have copies of the DIFP. Please see the enclosed publication order blank.

WHAT IS THE GHAHD and WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A COPY?

The **GHAHD** is our acronym for the lengthy title *The Genealogy, History, and Alliances of the American House of Delano 1621 to 1899* (New York, 1899) compiled by Major Joel A. Delano and arranged by Mortimer Delano de Lannoy. This volume is the most comprehensive DELANO family history known to us. It contains two books.

The First Book, of 93 pages, entitled "The Heraldic and Genealogical History of the Maison de Franchimont & de Lannoy: from 476 to 1621 A.D." is edited by Mortimer Delano de Lannoy. It traces the history of the various branches of the de Lannoy family from Hugues de Lannoy who was a knight at a tournament in Aachen (Aachen, Germany) to the early 1600's. It mentions the marriage of the heiress of Lannoy and Lys, Mahut or Mahienne de Lannoy to Jean de Franchimont whose children kept the de Lannoy name. It also gives history of the name Lannoy – now a small town in the suburbs of Lille, France. Much of the genealogical data is based upon various Old French, German, and Belgian Genealogies of the House of Lannoy and heraldry.

Mortimer Delano de Lannoy attempts to connect Gysbert de Lannoy to one of these de Lannoy branches. His questionable and much ridiculed "proof" is given on pg. 48 of the GHAHD. Although we are not yet able to document his "proof" through other independent documentation, we can document that Gysbert de Lannoy did exist, that he said that he was from Tourcoing (now in France), and that he is the grandfather of our ancestor Philippe De La Noye (de Lannoy).

The Second Book, containing about 439 pages, is entitled "The DELANO Genealogy: from 1621 – 1899" and is compiled by Major Joel Andrew Delano. This monumental effort

contains the genealogy of all branches known to him in 1899. Some branches are more complete than others are since the compiler had to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the responses of many cooperative DELANOs throughout the Americas. At the end of this book is a section entitled “**Unknown Branches**” containing lines that the compiler and his assistants could not connect to one of the main branch lines.

At the back of the GHAAHD is one of its most useful sections—the **General Index** (18 pages). If you know the surname of the mother and the first name of the father of the DELANO you are searching for; you can cross-reference these names using this index and find the page number where they are listed.

Although reputable genealogists have pointed out “a large number of errors” (particularly in Book One) and a somewhat “awkward manner of presentation,” the DELANO KINDRED Board adopted the GHAAHD as the major genealogical source for this Society.

The DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Program is an effort to correct and update the GHAAHD. Thanks to the efforts under the direction of our Genealogist, Muriel C. Cushing, the first publication (the DIFP) was published in 1999. Additional publications are in progress.

There were only 400 original copies of the GHAAHD printed in 1899. However we have good copies of the original with illustrations printed on acid free paper. If you wish to obtain a copy of the GHAAHD within a few days, we have copies available at our Duxbury address. We have provided a publication order form for your convenience. These books have hard covers with a gold embossed title on the cover. Our quick delivery price is \$81.50 plus \$8.00 shipping and handling for book mail.

Any profits made on the sale of the GHAAHDs we have on hand will go the DELANO KINDRED Memorial Fund. Not only do you receive your copy of the GHAAHD without delay; you also help our Memorial Fund grow.

If you don't mind waiting up to ten weeks to obtain a copy, you can order copies from Higginson Books, Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970, phone (978) 745-7170. Their price to DELANO KINDRED members is \$50.00 plus shipping and handling. Be sure you mention the DELANO KINDRED when you

order. In the past the normal contact has been Emily Wheeldon, who is at their office Tuesday through Friday.

WHY WE MUST DOCUMENT

As you know, a major purpose and goal of the DELANO KINDRED is to update and perfect the GHAAHD. This can only be done by each member's individual research efforts. The “Second Book” of the GHAAHD (the DELANO Genealogy, compiled by Maj. Joel A. Delano) is surprisingly accurate in most cases, but there are errors. The “First Book” which consists of the European genealogy linking us to the de Lannoy family (compiled by Mortimer Delano “de Lannoy”) has significant errors, which were proven erroneous by research of the Leiden City records.

In the field of Genealogy one must have documentary proof that a descendant relationship exists. These errors have been the cause of ridicule by leading genealogists in the United States and other parts of the world. Consequently, some of the flagrant errors uncovered in the First Book have heaped ridicule on the Second Book as well.

This is why we are making every effort to update and perfect the GHAAHD. Our genealogist, Muriel C. Cushing, with the help of many, has been working very hard to update all the DELANO lines, starting with Book Two. As you know, she has corrected the first four generations of Philip Delano (known as the DIFP). The Mayflower Society published it. Currently she is close to completing the fifth and sixth generations that we hope will be published in a so-called “Silver Book” by the Mayflower Society.

Under the present plan we will shift to a loose-leaf notebook arrangement for each family branch. Pages in these notebook publications will be updated periodically as new documented information is provided. The Dr. Thomas and the Lt. Jonathan Branches will probably be first because there is more updated and documented information for those branches past the sixth generation. It would not be surprising if the Philip II branch were the next if there is enough documentation provided by members of that branch.

You can see how your documentation is important to the whole DELANO KINDRED Genealogy Program. As the more generations are added the pyramid of genealogical information from Philippe Delano (de Lannoy) down to each succeeding generation expands enormously for each new generation at the base of the pyramid. No one person or even a few persons who are experienced genealogists can do all of this research. **This is why we need your help in documenting the generations in your descendancy line.**

In the documentation process you find many surprising things. When **Cousins Herman and George DeLano** were researching their own lines, they found that their father's birth certificate was not recorded in the County Clerk's "Vital Records," even though they knew he was born in that county. They were able to obtain documentation of his place of birth and date through their parent's marriage certificate, his death certificate and through his enlistment records in the Navy in WW I. So, you never know what you will find.

**Descendants of Jonathan DeLano, Cpl.
(1756-1825)**

Compiled by Mary Skinner

If you are a descendant of "Corporal" Jonathan DELANO, (DIFP descendant number 582), you may be interested in knowing that Cousin Mary Skinner, one of our contributing genealogists, has just published *The Descendants of Jonathan DeLano, Cpl. (1756-1825)*. Mary's work links 859 DELANO and Allied Family descendants, mostly in Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, MI, to "Corporal" Jonathan; a son of Nathaniel DELANO and Mary West Taber of Fairhaven, MA.

Mary's latest work follows her previous effort of compiling the Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, MI Vital Records (cited on page 9 of the March 1999 *Bonnes Nouvelles*). Mary has sent a copy of this compilation of genealogical information to Cousin Muriel Cushing, which will be incorporated into the overall effort of the DELANO KINDRED's Genealogy Program of updating and perfecting the "DELANO Genealogy" in the GHAAHD.

Cousin Mary's compilation, which is a "work in progress," comes in a loose-leaf

notebook enclosing two volumes. The first volume, of 144 pages, being the descendants of Corporal Jonathan and the second volume, of 58 pages, being a more complete compilation of the Descendants of William Smith DeLano (the 46th descendant of Corporal Jonathan in Mary's compilation). It is arranged in, what we might call, a "regional genealogy format" with pictures and family historical information.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of Mary's work, you may contact her at her address: 404 Windsor Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-2917, email: ponchoplus@aol.com. The cost of the publication is \$22.00 including shipping and handling.

**ATTENTION LT. JONATHAN BRANCH
DESCENDANTS
MURIEL NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Muriel C. Cushing is moving ahead with the compilation of a loose-leaf version of the Lt. Jonathan DELANO branch of the family down to the 10th generation. This version will be a "working document": that is, as new documentation comes in new updated pages will be added. This version will incorporate the fully documented DIFP data for the Lt. Jonathan branch (DIFP# 7) who is in the 2nd generation and bring it down to your grandfather or father, or if you are as old as your editor, to you. Muriel has had a lot of help in this research, but she still needs your help in getting some of the documentation straightened out and YOU can help!

If you have sent in your documentation, Muriel will be sending you the last three generations for you to correct, add, or delete information. If there is any date you do not wish publicized please cross out and put (private).

What she will need from you is adding what documentation you have i.e. compare the date with a birth certificate and if correct put B/C, marriage certificate M/C etc. in the place provided under "references". Any documentation you have is very important and needed so that we may realize our goal of credibility. If there is no proof, please leave blank so that it will be known that this information needs to be verified.

The descendant's occupation and interesting facts are welcome but space needs to be considered. We are working on a "regional series" that will include more detail, photos, and history of the selected areas.

Muriel is excited about finally getting this phase nearly completed (that is for now) and anxious to get the Dr. Thomas Branch just as complete. Documentation is a long and tiring

process and will be going on for a long time. New information keeps adding to our knowledge but at the same time usually raises a dozen more questions requiring more research. As you all know the help of Kindred members is important, needed, and definitely welcome.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Capt. Raymond Weston Curtis USMS

We have received the sad news that 94-year-old Raymond Weston Curtis, father of our genealogist, Muriel C. Cushing, died on 18 February 2001. He was born in Duxbury, MA on 15 September 1906, the son of Henry W. and Sarah (Turner) Curtis and a descendant of 18 Mayflower passengers. After graduating from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy he married Pearl M. White on 22 November 1929 in Taunton, MA, their home until he retired from the U.S. Maritime Service in 1979. Upon retirement he and Pearl moved to Port St. Lucie, FL. They were active members in the Baptist Church both in Taunton and Port St. Lucie. Pearl predeceased him in 1988 and he again married Mrs. Nelsie (Bassett) Patchett of Long Beach, CA and Taunton.

Captain Curtis was a World War II veteran serving in the Merchant Marine and Naval Reserve. He was promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Maritime Service on 14 April 1947. Being at sea for long periods of time, he studied and mastered several languages and was interested in the various cultures of the countries he visited. After his retirement he developed his natural talent in oil painting, producing over 100 original works.

He was noted for working on unusual projects while puttering in his workshop. He was a devoted father and grandfather. His family and friends will miss his sunny sense of humor and little jokes. Besides Cousin Muriel, his survivors include his second wife Nelsie of Long Beach; his sons Richard Curtis of Santa Barbara, CA and David Curtis of Port St. Lucie; seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

We send our sincere condolences to Muriel and her family.

Clyde Edwin Delano

We sadly report the death of Cousin Ed Delano of Dallas, Texas on 3 February. As

many of you know Ed had been on the Board of the DELANO KINDRED for many years. Ed was a leader in promoting “family fellowship” within the DELANO KINDRED. He and his wife Lee have been members since 1992 and while he was interested in the genealogy of the family he said that he was more interested in the “above ground” DELANOs than the “below ground” DELANOs. He organized our Regional Contact Committee designed to try to contact all new members and to stay in touch with those who had joined our Society over the years. Consequently, many members remember him as their first contact with our Society. On their frequent visits back to Virginia, Ed and his wife Lee would make it a point to contact and visit members along their travel route. His warm concern and helpful interest gave testimony to what a DELANO “Cousin” should be.

Ed, the son of Orrin C. and Hilda B. Delano, was born on 28 January 1928 and grew up in the Northern Neck of Virginia. He served in the Air Force near the end of World War II. He married Alelia Burgess in 1950 and joined the Southland Life Insurance Company in 1952. As Ed’s insurance career progressed, he and his family moved west to Roanoke, VA, earned his C.L.U. and eventually traveled further west to Texas. He retired as Second Vice President of Southland Life in 1984, but remained active in that Company’s Retirees Association.

During his many years in Dallas, he had been very active and a leader in the Northway Baptist Church there. But his final resting-place on 8 February was back with his kin in a family plot on the grounds of the Warsaw, Virginia Baptist Church—a church that was founded by the Delano, Gallagher, and Packett families. Besides his beloved wife, Lee, he is survived by two sons, Steven Edwin and Brian Collin Delano; one grandson, Robert Collin Delano; one brother, D. Dean Delano and his wife Betty T. Delano; and a sister-in-law, Polly B. Delano and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. His brother, Calvert H. Delano, preceded him in death.

We will miss Ed. He was a special person to all of us who knew him. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Lee and his family.

Grace Virginia DeLano

Belatedly, we received news that Grace V. DeLano of Farmington, NY, mother of Cousin Diana DeLano Van der Velden and widow of departed Cousin Howard DeLano, passed away on 27 March 1998. She was born in Farmington on 11 February 1921, the daughter of Charles R. and Ethel (Stearman) Gardener, and graduated from Macedon, NY High School. She was a charter member and treasurer of the Farmington Historical Society and, for many years, a volunteer Senior Companion. She was a member of the Farmington Friends Church. Besides her daughter, Diana, her son-in-law Rudy van der Velden and grandson David van der Velden of Farmington, she is survived by sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ethel and Kenneth Clow of Fairport, NY, Gladys and Bob Hardy of AZ; sisters-in-law, Ruth Gardner of Farmington and Martha Gardener of Reed Corners, NY; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Paul and Donna Lee Jones of Lima, NY; foster sisters, Doris Button of Palmyra, NY, and Roberta (David) Watchorn of MD; and several nieces and nephews. We send our belated sympathies to Cousin Diana and her family.

Lewis Douglas Delano

Just before he passed on, Cousin Ed Delano sent us news about the death of his second cousin Lewis Douglas Delano of Richmond, VA. He was also the first cousin of Cousin Robert B. Delano of Warsaw, VA. Although not a member of our Society, Lewis D. Delano was a prominent Mason in the Commonwealth of Virginia having served in many important posts in that organization including Chairman of the Board of Trustees and also as President of the Scottish Rite Council of Virginia in 1975 & 1978. He was born in Warsaw, VA on 31 August 1914, and was the elder of two sons of George Milton and Maude Douglas Delano. He was educated in the public schools of Warsaw. He moved to Richmond in 1937 and was employed by Cliff Weil, Inc and became Field Sales Manager for that company. He served in the Navy near the end of World War II in 1945 and 1946. He continued his education at the University of Richmond Evening School of Business. In 1956 he went into the Real Estate Business and eventually became partner in the firm of Vaughan & Delano, Inc. He was married

to Dora Warner Delano who predeceased him. Two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Delano Evington and Mrs. Mary McNeil, three grand daughters and five great grandchildren, survive him. He was known as a fine, humble, quiet man who touched many lives. Known as a Virginia Gentleman, when he spoke people listened.

Robert A. DeLano

We received the sad news that Robert A. DeLano of Randolph, MA, son of Cousin George H. DeLano, passed away on 21 May 2000 after a long illness. Robert owned and operated a commercial kitchen installation company in that city. Although he was born in 1953 in Patuxent, MD, he spent most of his life in Randolph. He is survived by his wife, Christine A. (McLeod); two sons, Robert A. DeLano and Christopher M. DeLano; two daughters, Tauna M. DeLano and Ashley, A. DeLano, all of Randolph; his parents, George H. DeLano of Randolph and Shirley (Lussier) Rockwell of Wisconsin; stepparents, Jerry Rockwell of Wisconsin and Virginia DeLano of Randolph; two brothers, Wayne DeLano of Mansfield, MA and Mark DeLano of Randolph; two sisters, Deborah White of North Reading, MA and Pamela Horgan of Brockton, MA; three step-brothers, Robert Lum of Abington, MA, and Ronald Lum and Richard Lum, both of Randolph, and many nephews and nieces.

We send our sincere condolences to Cousin George over the loss of one of his sons.

Elizabeth Mercedes Delano Paterno

We have recently received word that Cousin Elizabeth M. D. Paterno of Cranford, NJ passed away on 20 December 2000. Cousin Elizabeth was the sister of Cousin Jane Delano Stryker of Phillipsburg, NJ. Cousin Elizabeth was a member of our Society from 1995 through 1998. We send our condolences to Cousin Jane over the loss of her sister.

KINDRED CRAFTERS

The Craft Display at the Duxbury Reunion so well received it will be repeated at the 2001 Reunion. Again, our talented members will have the opportunity to exhibit an example of a favorite craft. This is a show only, not a sale or a contest. Categories include, but are not limited to, painting, needlework, woodwork, etc. Other crafts are welcome. Each person will be responsible for the security of his own item. The DELANO

KINDRED will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the item. If you have a craft and wish to participate, please fill out the form inserted in this newsletter and send it to Dorothea A. Harris at the address on the form.

VROUWEKERK NEWS

Attempts stop the City of Leiden's plan to develop the historic Aalmarkt (eel market) area has not been encouraging. As you know the city's urban development plan area calls for the destruction of the ruins of the Vrouwekerk (Church of Our Lady)-the building where Pilgrim families worshipped with the French Huguenot community before the Mayflower set sail for North America. It is the last symbol of the Pilgrim community in Leiden-an irreplaceable cultural monument of international significance. It was in this church that Philippe de la Noye, the ancestor of at least four U.S. Presidents, was baptized in 1603. The city of Leiden, the Netherlands, may soon demolish these ruins.

Fortis Bank and ABN AMBRO, owners and investors in much of the commercial property in the Aalmarkt, have not followed the example of Royal Ahold, owner of the Stop and Shop U.S. grocery store chain, in opposing the destruction of the Vrouwekerk or other historic property in that area.

On 23 January 2001, the Division of Jurisprudence of the Council of State (equivalent to the U.S. Supreme Court) announced that the appeals of the lower court decision which found that the City of Leiden was within its rights to destroy the Vrouwekerk, a designated historical monument, as part of the urban development plan for the Aalmarkt area. The court also declared the appeal of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation, of which Dr. Bangs is Director, to be not admissible.

Because of the ruling, that foundation is in no position to appeal to the European Court.



Several Dutch organizations have taken up the effort to stop the destruction and a coalition, which includes the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Congregational Christian Conference, have petitioned the Queen of the Netherlands to intervene to stop destruction plans.

Our webmaster, **Cousin Ren LeVally**, has been in the forefront of bringing the plight of the Vrouwekerk to the attention of many organizations throughout the America's and the Netherlands. He has developed a new website

www.vrouwekerk.org and has provided timely information to many other websites interested in saving the Vrouwekerk. The action of the Netherlands's high court in upholding the City of Leiden's plan to destroy these historic buildings has been covered in many

newspapers and on informational websites throughout the world.

As a result of the unfavorable image created by the publicity, the City of Leiden has approved a proposal made last November to create a "Leiden Pilgrim Information Center" and authorized funding of approximately US\$60500.00. The accuracy of the information that this center will provide remains to be seen.

As yet the City of Leiden has not taken steps to destroy the Vrouwekerk so **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** You can help by using the **inserted Vrouwekerk Fact Sheet to write your letter of concern to the officials whose addresses are included on that sheet.**

SEARCH ENGINE RANKINGS FOR

www.delanoye.org

Cousin Ren LeVally reports that in mid January, when using the phrase "Vrouwekerk" many of the current web search engines ranked our website

delanoye.org on the first page either at the top of the page or near the top. These websites include: alltheweb.com, aol.com, go.com, goto.com, nbc.com, google.com, hotbot.com, and lycos.com. These rankings are due to the great effort Cousin Ren has made in bringing the plight of the Vrouwekerk to the attention of the Internet world. All those who query these search engines about the Vrouwekerk will likely visit delanoye.org and will likely become aware of the DELANO KINDRED. *Great Work Ren!*

ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

If you have been a member of the DELANO KINDRED for several years you know that each year we include a questionnaire concerning your thoughts on issues of concern to your Board of Directors. The questionnaire always has a space for the members to include any comments they wish to make.

The Board thanks all those members who took the time to respond to this year's questionnaire and will include the responses in making future plans of our Society.

The 2000 Annual Questionnaire concerned itself mainly with the membership desires about Annual Reunions. The results of the 2000 Questionnaire are as follows, based on the percentage response of those who answered the question category:

Future Reunion and Annual Meeting Sites

2002 Reunion location in SE Mass.

Dartmouth/New Bedford:

54% in favor

Marion/Rochester:

38% in favor

Other locations:

8% in favor of Newport, RI, although "not in Massachusetts" was the most favored *other* location.

2003 Reunion Location

Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park, NY:

Yes: 55%, No: 8%

Cincinnati/Point Pleasant, OH

Yes: 25%, No: 20%

Other locations:

5%

Other locations further west and south

The top three locations in this category were:

Denver Colorado: 40%

Oklahoma City OK: 20%

Salt Lake City, UT: 40%

Reunion Accommodations.

a. Accommodations in a resort setting where all attending could stay together with meeting and dining on the premises even if it meant slightly higher prices.

Yes: 35%, No: 17%.

b. Accommodations (rooms at an economical group rate) with meeting and dining facilities on the premises

Yes: 43%, No: 4%.

c. Accommodations desired with no meeting or dining facilities on the premises.

Economy rooms: Yes: 24%, No: 0%.

Standard rooms: Yes: 29%, No: 0%.

Campgrounds: Yes: 10%, No: 14%

Recreational Vehicle Parks:

Yes: 14%, No: 10%.

Reunion Activities.

Do you wish to take tours of DELANO sites as we have done in past reunions?

Yes: 92%, No: 8%.

Other activities suggested:

See adjacent historical sites: 22%

See nearby Museums: 17%

"Get-acquainted" activities 11%

Visit Libraries: 11%

Talks, Readings, and Skits: 6% each

Family Friendly Activities

and Young Members Activities: 6% each

Visiting Libraries & Whale watching 6% each

OUR NEXT TREASURER

We are happy to announce that **Cousin Roxanne P. McCaffrey** has accepted the appointment to be our next Treasurer. She will be relieving Treasurer, **Cousin Linda-rae D. Grant**, who's term expires at the end of our Fiscal Year which is 31 May 2001. Finding a dedicated member who is willing to take on the task of Treasurer has been difficult. We were fortunate that Cousin Linda-rae was willing to take on this task for over two years. She has done much to keep our accounts in order through changes in our financial requirements. Cousin Roxanne will take over the Treasurer's on 1 June 2001. In accordance with the bylaws, the membership present at the 2001 Annual Meeting will be asked to ratify the appointment of Cousin Roxanne as Treasurer.

**LOOKING FOR A NEW SECRETARY
AND A NEW MEMBER OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Your Nominating Committee is searching for two dedicated members. One who is willing to take on the task as Secretary of the DELANO KINDRED and the other willing to be on the Nominating Committee. **Cousin Dorothea A. Harris**, our current Secretary has graciously agreed to serve well beyond the time that she expected to be in this post. The position of Secretary is most active during the two or three months prior to the Annual Meeting and several months following this meeting. Generally, there are minutes for the Annual Meeting and two Board Meetings that must be written and one short pro forma Annual Report that is sent to the Massachusetts Secretary of State. Records of occasional deliberations during the rest of the year are also required. Occasionally, the bylaws have to be updated which are stored on a computer disk. Therefore it is helpful if you have a computer as well as access to email, since the Board accomplishes its business through that medium.

Every year the Nominating Committee must find a member willing to serve a three-year term on the Nominating Committee. The member serves two years as a member and the third year as the Chairman. Usually, the tempo of business of the Nominating Committee (developing a slate of nominees for election) picks up in March and ends in July prior to one month before the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in being considered for these or other positions in the future, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, **Cousin John H. Somers**. He will be delighted to hear from you.

**IF ONLY THE WALLS COULD TALK:
The Architectural Heritage of Cooper, Michigan
By W. Ward Christlieb**

Those of you, who attended the 1995 Reunion in Kalamazoo, Michigan, will recall the presentation Friday evening by Ward Christlieb about the architecture of the homes in the Village of Cooper, Michigan. Ward also acted as our tour guide on part of the tour of Cooper the following Saturday afternoon. What we saw in his Friday presentation was the

makings of the book he has published. We knew he was working on it, but thanks to Cousin Phyllis DeLano of Kalamazoo, we knew that his work had been published. Ward's book intertwines the architecture of home and other buildings of Cooper with bits of history of the families who settled there. These families include many DELANOs and Allied Families like the Blanchards, Clarks, Earls, Harts, Monroes, Skinners, and many others who migrated from the east in the 1800s and settled in the "oak openings" in Cooper Township.

On the cover of the book is a painting of Ephraim DeLano's log cabin, probably the first habitation built by Cooper Township Settlers. Over sixty homes and other buildings, including churches, stores and even a teepee, are included in the book's 174 pages. Photographs or drawings of each home together with a history of its owners are arranged by architectural style. A table near the back of the book describes each of these styles. Early plat maps are included so that the reader can see the location of these homes. Within the pages is restored the William Smith DeLano residence and the Cooper Congregational Church that were visited on the 1955 Reunion tour.

Those members who descend from Cooper, Michigan DeLanos and Allied Families will find this book an interesting adjunct to their family history collection. We found that the hard bound, limited edition of the book had been completely sold, but the, soft bound copies could still be purchased from the Priscilla Press, 2109 41st Street, Allegan Forest, MI 49010 for \$19.95.

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF LEIDEN VIA
THE PILGRIM HALL, PLYMOUTH AND
THE LEIDEN AMERICAN PILGRIM MUSEUM**

If you would like to see parts of Leiden that are significant pilgrim sites you can do so by visiting www.pilgrimhall/LeidenMuseum.htm. When you arrive at the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum you can click on the tour. The tour includes pictures and discussions of many of the sites of pilgrim significance. If you are planning a trip to Leiden, the tour is an excellent way to become familiar with the Pilgrim Tour route before you visit. You will also find many excellent articles and other virtual tours of New England Pilgrim significance on the Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth, MA webpage.