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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.

2003 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATING FDR's DELANO HERITAGE

On Friday, 8 August, to Sunday, 10 August the 2003 DELANO KINDRED Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at Bellefield, Hyde Park, New York. Part of the FDR National Historic Site, Bellefield is the National Park Headquarters and is situated along the northern boundary of the Roosevelt property that includes the FDR Library and Museum and Springwood—the Roosevelt family home. Bellefield and Springwood are located eight miles north of Poughkeepsie and just south of Hyde Park, New York on the Albany Post Road (U.S. 9), and are both a short walk across the parking lot. In 1974 and 1975 Bellefield, was acquired from the Morgan Estate through donation from the National Park Foundation and Mr. Gerald Morgan. This property includes nationally significant historic buildings and an outdoor setting for community and special events. The grounds of Bellefield have significance in their own right as cultural landscape, and for the formal garden designed by Beatrix Farrand, a well-known landscape architect.

Getting There: By Air - The closest major airport is Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, New York (near junction of I-87 and I-84). Several major carriers have daily flights to Stewart. Car rentals are available at the airport.

By Car - The FDR site is located on U.S. Route 9 in Hyde Park, about 8 miles north of the city of Poughkeepsie, NY. Route I-84 (the major east-west route) bridges the Hudson River at Newburgh, NY about 21 miles south of Hyde Park. It connects with I-87 (the New York Thruway/the Garden State Parkway in NJ, the major north-south route). Take U.S. Route 9 north from I-84 through Poughkeepsie to Hyde Park.

By Public Transportation - The Metro-North Commuter Railroad and Amtrak both stop in Poughkeepsie, about 5 miles south of the park. Call Amtrak 1-800-872-7245 or Metro-North at 800 638-7646 for information. Taxi service to the park from the Poughkeepsie Train Station is available. Taxi service from other points in the local area is also available. The Dutchess County Loop Bus System stops in Hyde Park several times daily; call (800) 924-8702 for information.

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. We expect this gathering will be well attended. Bellefield can adequately accommodate up to 100 people, consequently the Friday Welcome Buffet and the Saturday Banquet Dinner will be **limited to 100 people. If you are planning to attend we recommend you make your reservation well in advance.** 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 by **15 July 2003** and we will refund your costs including the registration fees for those in your party. This will allow us to include those who may be on a “waiting list.”

Accommodations: The limited accommodations in Hyde Park are already tight due to a wedding during that weekend. All the 10 rooms we were able to block at the **Roosevelt Inn Of Hyde Park** have been taken. We understand there are still blocked rooms available in Poughkeepsie at the **Best Western** where we have blocked 30 rooms at a group rate of \$119 plus 10.5% tax. So far this is the lowest group rate of major establishments we were able to find in that city! To take advantage of the group rate [Ph. (845) 462-4600] you must make your room reservation by **8 July 2003.** At the Best Western be sure to mention the DELANO KINDRED of America. This group rate is contingent upon **10 DELANO KINDRED** reservations being made; otherwise the rates revert to the normal going rate that is considerably higher.

There are other motels or Bed & Breakfast establishments, in the This luncheon is limited to 60 people due to limited space. Hyde Park/Poughkeepsie area. Please see the accommodation details inserted in this newsletter.

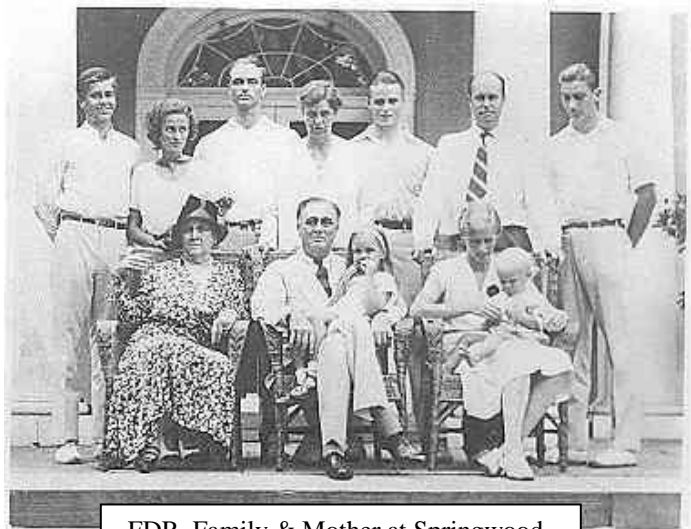
Registration: Registration will be held inside Bellefield on Friday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registrants will be provided with a “Welcome Envelope” containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held Saturday morning, prior to the Annual Meeting, at Bellefield.

The Friday night **Welcome Buffet** will be catered in Bellefield offering an excellent opportunity for DELANO fellowship and pleasantries. Genealogical consultations will also be available. Buffet selections include: Grilled Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta Primavera, Roasted Vegetables and Potatoes, Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad, Mixed Red and Green Leaf w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette, Breads, Brownies & Cookies, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade. An open bar will also be available.

After the Annual Meeting and Group Photograph on Saturday morning, for your convenience, we have made arrangements for an optional **Buffet Luncheon** served in the back meeting room of the Easy Street Restaurant a short distance away in Hyde Park. This luncheon is limited to 60 people due to limited space.

Tours: Tours of FDR's home “Springwood” and the FDR Library are limited to fifty people and are 45 minutes in length. We have scheduled two tours for your convenience—tour A beginning at 2:00 and tour B starting at 3:00 p.m. Please indicate which tour you wish to be scheduled for. When one tour is full we will place you on the other tour.

2003 Banquet Dinner, Saturday 9 August. The catered dinner entrees include a choice of Poached Atlantic Salmon served with Cucumber Dill Sauce, Wild Rice and Vegetables or Marinated London Broil served with Scalloped Potatoes and Vegetables. These entrees will be accompanied by Breads, a Desert (Local Apple Tart with Fresh Seasonal Berries and Cream) and Beverages. An open bar will be available. All costs include sales tax and gratuity.



FDR, Family & Mother at Springwood

Banquet Speaker. Diane Boyce, a Ranger with the National Park Service at Hyde Park, will tell us about Roosevelt/Delano connections to other New York families in a talk entitled "Six Degrees of Separation". We think it will be a very pleasant and informative evening.

**Tentative Schedule of Events At the 2003 DELANO KINDRED Reunion,
Bellefield, Hyde Park, New York.**

Friday, 8 August 2003

1:00 pm – DELANO KINDRED Board Meeting
4:00 pm -- 6:00 pm Registration.
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Welcome Buffet with no host bar, fellowship and pleasantries, as well as Genealogical Consultations.

3:00 pm—Tour B: Second Tour of FDR Home and Library
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm 2003 Reunion Banquet with Speaker

Saturday, 9 August 2003

8:00 am – 9:00 am Late Registration
9:00am-11:00am 2003 Annual Meeting & Elections
11:30 am–12:00 noon 2003 Reunion Group Photo
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – Individual Option

Sunday, 10 August 2003

Morning – Individual Options
9:00 am – 11:00 a. m DELANO KINDRED Board Meeting
1:30 pm – 4: 00 pm - Optional Tours

2:00 pm—Tour A: First Tour of FDR Home and Library

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since January 2003.

California

Christine P. Craviotto of Grass Valley

Massachusetts

Ann Chisholm Maggio of North Falmouth

Maine

Carroll F. Schroeder, Jr. of Newcastle

Marion S. Schroeder of Newcastle

Missouri

Iris LaVern Mendell Miller of Kansas City

Melvin Peter Miller of Kansas City

New Hampshire

Arthur D. Lang of Berlin

Ohio

Ronald S. Howard of Fairfield

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

KUDOS 🎓

We are happy to learn that **Cousin Jorge A. Delano** received his Masters degree in American Studies from Trinity College recently. Jorge, who has been working on the degree for about three years, had to overcome the security obstacles imposed after September 11th. He was in Ecuador at the time and the tightened security caused the cancellation of his student's visa. Jorge's thesis covered three Sea Captains from the United States who went to Chile to fight for Chile's and other South American countries' Independence from Spain. We know that one of those was Captain Paul Delano (GHAHD pg. 470). Cousin Jorge and his family are now back in Quito, Ecuador, where Jorge is in a business venture. He is working on the history of the DELANOs in Chile in his spare time.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Arta Delano

We were saddened to learn that **Cousin Arta Delano** had passed away several years ago. Cousin Arta was a schoolteacher in Spring Valley, New York. She never married but for many years she had researched her family line of the Lt. Jonathan branch, through his first son Jonathan Jr., who migrated from Massachusetts and Connecticut through New York and Michigan west to Nebraska. Her great-grandfather Fred Ellsworth Delano and his brother, Will, move west from eastern Michigan and settled in Lee Park, Nebraska. They were the first to bring alfalfa seeds to that area of the state in the late 1880's.

Arta was a frequent contributor to the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. She told us about her ancestors who settled near Oxford, Michigan along Delano Road, her discovery of the Annie Delano Hitch Memorial Swimming Pool in Newberg, New York, and the model of the "Delano Schooner" she saw at the Connecticut Maritime Museum in Norwalk Connecticut.

In 1999 Arta retired from teaching and moved west to Kearney, Nebraska, looking forward to doing more research on her family lines. We had not heard from her for a long time. Through contact with her **Cousin Stevens Delano**, we sadly learned that she experienced a resurgence of the cancer that had been in remission. She passed away the following year. She had been a loyal member of the DELANO Kindred since 1993.

Ada Cass Miller

We sadly report the death of **Cousin Ada Cass Miller** of Randolph, Vermont. We recently learned of her death on 5 October 2002 from her husband Irvin. Cousin Ada descended through the Lt. Jonathan branch and Jonathan Jr. and Zebulon Wooster Delano of Hartford, Vermont. She was interested in contacting descendants of Zebulon, who died in 1860, and had sent in a query concerning any his descendants residing in Vermont. Cousin Ada had been a loyal member of our Society since 1993. We send sincere condolences to her family.

William E. Randall

In our efforts to contact former members we received a letter for **Cousin William Randall's** wife Florence. She sadly reported that William had passed away on 20 November 2000

after a month's illness. He was 85 years old and he and Florence had been married 59 ½ years and resided in Federal Way, Washington. Florence said she was sending a membership application to her niece who might be interested in joining the DELANO Kindred. William had also been a member of our Society since 1993. We send our belated condolences to Florence and her family.

Adriana Delano de Villaseca

We sadly learned that Adriana Delano de Villaseca of Santiago, Chile, passed away. She was 80 years old. She was born in 1922 and married Alfredo Villaseca who predeceased her. She was one of our first Chilean Delano contacts and contributed much information about her father, the well-known Jorge Delano Frederick (see the March 1998 *Bonnes Nouvelle* pages 3,4 & 5). We send our sincere condolences to her children and relatives.

Delano Kindred

And its Website Mentioned As a "Link of Interest"

Cousin John Somers reported that the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut now has a website. Through his and others' efforts the DELANO KINDRED webpage was mentioned on the Connecticut Society's webpage as a "link of interest". The following is quoted from their webpage.

"Links of Interest:

Delano Kindred

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, son of Sarah Delano of Fairhaven, is perhaps the most famous ancestor recognized by the Delano Kindred, one of a number of Mayflower family societies.

On February 28, 1677/8, Mercy Warren married Jonathan Delano in Dartmouth, MA, linking this line of Warren Mayflower descendants with those of Philippe de Lannoy, a Huguenot Walloon born in Leiden in 1602 and arriving in Plimoth Colony on the Fortune in 1621. Family lore has it that Philippe de Lannoy came to Plimoth to pursue and marry Priscilla Mullins. If so, Priscilla had more than one suitor, and chose John Alden.

Phillipe was granted land and settled in Duxbury, changing his name to Delano, and married twice. His first wife was Hester Dewsbury or Dewesbury with whom he had seven children. His second wife was Mary

(Pontus) Glass with whom he had 3 children. Jonathan Delano was his seventh child and last by his first wife. Mercy Warren was the daughter of Nathaniel Warren and Sarah Walker, and granddaughter of Mayflower Passenger Richard Warren.

Muriel Cushing, Historian of the Florida Mayflower Society and Board member of the Delano Kindred, has compiled Philip Delano of the Fortune 1621, a book similar to the Mayflower Families In Progress series and published by The General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Delano Kindred is a vibrant and growing family society and welcomes inquiries from descendants of Philippe Delano. More information on this family society can be found on the Delano Kindred web site: <http://www.delanoye.org/>. This site is maintained by Ren LeVally and e-mail communication is welcome.”

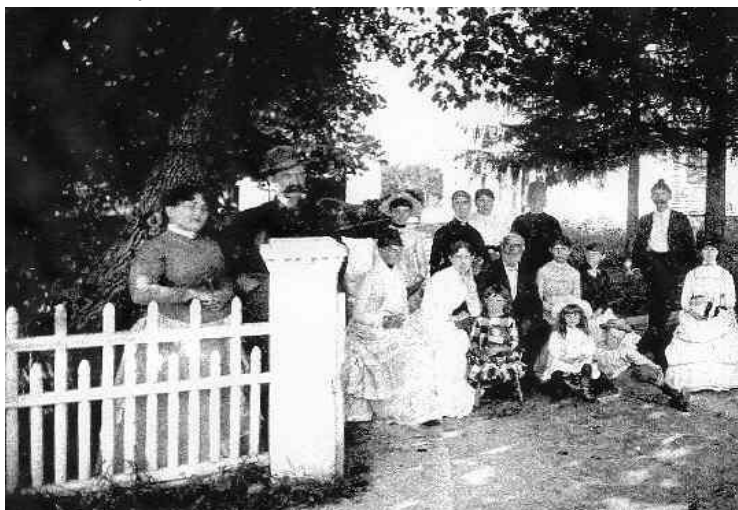
We Thank Cousin John for giving the DELANO KINDRED, our Genealogist, **Cousin Muriel Cushing**, and our webmaster, **Cousin Ren LeVally** recognition on that Connecticut website.

WHALING CAPTAIN'S GREAT GRANDSON VISITS THE HOMESTEAD

Marion Massachusetts is full of DELANO history. Many of the illustrious mariners who sailed from ports on Buzzard Bay lived in Marion.

One of these outstanding mariners was Whaling Captain Obed Delano (GHAARD pg. 436) who lived on Front Street as noted in the another article in this newsletter. One of Obed's great-grandsons is **Cousin John H. Somers**. John was raised in the

Reverend Leander Cobb house on the corner of Front and South Streets not more than two blocks south of his great-grandfather's house. When John



and his daughter Karen made a return visit to Marion just before the last year's Reunion in Westport, he was amazed at the change. He and Karen also visited the Old Landing Cemetery; the War Memorial at the Landing and Island Wharf where there is a memorial stone is placed for his parents.

Obed Delano b. 19 Feb 1814, sailed on many whaling ships. On 22 Feb. 1838 he married Verona, daughter of Amos and Ruth Hedley. That same year records show he sailed on the whaling ship MERCATOR out of New Bedford. He was 1st Mate on the whaler GEORGE WASHINGTON, out of Wareham, sailing in the Pacific where the ship visited the Sandwich Islands. His first child James Haskell Delano had been born in February of that year in Marion. He sailed in the CHINA, out of New Bedford, in 1852 as a Mate. By this time the 38-year-old Obed had three additional children, Bethia, b. 1848, Stephen, b. 1849, and Robert, b. 1851. In 1857 Obed sailed in the Whaler HOPETON, out of Marion as the Captain. Records show he was the Captain of the Whaler COHANNET in 1869. This ship too was from Marion. By this time John Somers grandmother, Mary Sanford Delano, b. 1861 was a member of the family.

All of Obed's sons were mariners. James Haskell Delano was an Officer in the U.S. Navy. He visited Russia while on board the AUGUSTA. There he met his future wife, the aristocratic Alexandrina Petrovna Kuzmishchova. The story

of James' meeting and eventual marriage with "Aline", as she was known, is told in a story in the Marion *Sentinel*, written by Joan Harnett-Barry in February 1991. We included it as "A Russian Connection" on page 4 in the June 1993 *Bonnes Nouvelles*. Robert

Graham Delano, who is not in the photograph, sailed as the Captain of the three-masted GERARD TOBEY owned by Gerard Curtis of Wareham. Robert was the father of the famous

artist Gerard Curtis Delano. Gerard's story is covered in one of the articles in our DELANOs of Arts and Letters series, which appeared in the June 1998 *Bonnes Nouvelles* on page 3. Stephen, a seaman, was once shipwrecked while rounding Cape Horn. He nearly drowned.

The photograph and an article about John's visit appeared in the Sippican Historical Museum newsletter, which **Cousin Dorothea A. Harris** sent to us. Cousin John was kind enough to share this computer enhanced, circa 1885 picture of Captain Obed Delano and family in front of the Old Landing house at 324 Front Street. John was able to identify some of the people in the picture. We know that Obed's son James is standing behind the fence post next to an unidentified woman. James wife, Aline, is the lady wearing a bonnet and is standing in front of a horse. Obed's daughter Bethia is seated with her hands folded, on James left. The white bearded Obed, who was 71 years old when this photograph was taken, is seated in the center. His wife Verona is seated on his right and his daughter Mary (John Somer's grandmother) is seated on his left. A cousin Suzie Delano who lived "two doors" south on Front Street is seated on Mary's left. Obed's son, Stephen, is standing near the tree. The woman seated on Stephen's left is not identified. Only the little boy in the foreground is identified as Barry Timson—a nephew of Obed.

We thank **Cousin John** for sharing this photograph with us and thank **Cousin Dorothea** for bringing it to our attention.

REVIEWS OF BOOKS & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

WELLFORDS WHARF

On the Rappahannock River in Virginia

Several of our members who live on the Northern Neck of Virginia live on Wellfords Wharf Road. Some have wondered where the Wharf was and what happened there. Well **Cousin Frank P. Delano** our former Vice President of the DELANO KINDRED and now a historian of Northern Neck Virginia life has some answers to these wonderings. Frank, who is also a reporter for the *Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star*, wrote an article about Wellfords Wharf that appeared in that newspaper on 29 September 2002.

The article opens, "Wellfords Wharf is like a lot of Northern Neck communities--full of

history, a bit dilapidated and thoroughly irresistible." Described as "one or two low acres between a marsh and the Rappahannock River in Richmond County that have been known to disappear completely in hurricanes," the community grew up around the ferry landing. The ferry from Ware's Wharf in Essex County started running across the 2-mile-wide river in 1736. It stopped in 1927 when the Downing Street Bridge that crossed the river at Tappahannock opened.

"Mervin Delano Sr. ...remembers when it was a ferry landing, a fishing center and a busy steamboat wharf with an ice plant, tomato cannery and post office." "When Delano was a boy in the 1920s, drivers of cars or wagons would 'run a flag up a pole and old man Howard Ware would come on across the river in the ferry.'"

"I could lay in bed in the morning and hear the steamboat whistle blow at Wellfords Wharf at 7 o'clock," Delano said. "The Steamboat Company built a long pier all the way out to the channel with two big warehouses on it. Everything came and went by the steamboat, even livestock, calves and hens going to market in Baltimore."

In 1933 when the Steamboat Company went bankrupt, a grocery store, some summer cottages and a dance hall were built. "I remember when 11 fishing boats used to land in here, all them Sanders, Packetts and Delanos. I remember all them boys. They're all dead but me," Mervin said. Hurricane Hazel that went up Chesapeake Bay in 1954 wrecked the dance hall and what was left of the steamboat wharf, he said.

Today there isn't much left of Wellfords Wharf. If you would like to read more about it



you can see Frank's article in its entirety at www.fredericksburg.com. Click on "today's paper," and try searching for "Wellfords Wharf"

in the archives. We thank Cousin Frank and the *Free Lance-Star* for sharing portions of this article with us. We hope to hear more about the lore of the Northern Neck in the future.

BEFORE THE TRUMPET
YOUNG FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT 1882-1905
By Geoffrey C. Ward

If you plan to attend the 2003 Reunion at Hyde Park, New York you will find this book very interesting from several standpoints. First of all much of the history of young FDR's years takes place at Springwood, the Roosevelt family home at Hyde Park. We will tour Springwood during the Reunion. Secondly, there is a whole chapter devoted to the Warren Delano II family and their life in Canton, when Warren was in the "China Trade" and at Algonac, some 20 miles down river from Hyde Park. Throughout the book there is frequent mention of visits to Fairhaven to FDR's maternal grandfather's home. Those of you who attended the 1998 Reunion at Fairhaven will recall that the Captain Warren Delano house was a stop on the tour.

The author, Geoffrey Ward, is the former editor of *Audience* and *American Heritage* magazine. His research sources include original documents among

the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, other manuscript collections, oral histories, theses and reports, and a vast array of published materials that directly concerned the Roosevelts and Delanos as well as the historical aspects of the world in which the Roosevelts' lived. The reader will find frequent footnote documentation to his sources within this book's pages.

Before the Trumpet is well worth reading for anyone wishing to gain a background in FDR's formative years and provides a setting for a visit to his home, Springwood, in Hyde Park. The book was published in 1985 by Harper & Row and can be ordered through any major bookstore.



Great-Granddaughter of Paul Hinkley Delano
Will be 102 Years Old

Amanda Sepúlveda Délano, a great-granddaughter of Paul Hinkley Delano will turn 102 years old the 10th of August. She is the oldest descendant alive, of all the Delanos from Chile and possibly of all the descendants of Philippe Delannoy as well.

She was born in Temuco, Chile in 1901. Her father was Professor José Manuel Sepúlveda Flores and her mother was Guillermina Délano Mellado, granddaughter of Paul H. Delano.

Amanda's grandfather was José Gregorio Délano Campos, son number 15 of Paul H. Delano, and only child of María del Tránsito Campos y Galván, of a distinguished Spanish colonial family.

Amanda, a retired teacher and a pianist, married Francisco Espinosa Montero, who died in 1984. She has two daughters, Liliana and Mirella. Regrettably, her son, Edgardo Alejandro, died in infancy. Amanda also has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She is the only surviving child of the eleven that her parents had.

We thank Cousin Marcella Moreno-Sepulveda for telling us about Amanda's forthcoming birthday.

A VISIT TO PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT

After the 2001 Reunion in New Meadows Main we found we had a morning to wait for our flight south from Portland. We decided to visit Portland Head Light that Brazillai Delano (GHAHD pg. 182) helped establish in 1790. As was mentioned in an article on page 10 of the September 1998 *Bonnes Nouvelles*, Brazillai was the third keeper of that light.

We headed south on I-295 through Portland, we crossed the Fore River and turned off the expressway at the first interchange. There we picked up U.S. 1, and drove south, turning left at "Cash Corner" onto Broadway, and headed east through South Portland to Cottage Road. We joined Shore Drive at Cape Cottage village, just past the little white Post Office, and then entered a wooded area. As we drove further, the homes were set back from the road that was interspersed with yellow warning signs—"Caution Dangerous Curve". The road neared the seacoast and the

tops of the trees in the fenced, majestic lawns were shrouded in wisps of fog.

We rounded the corner and between the approaching cars glimpsed a sign—"Fort Williams Park, Portland Head". We turned into the next small road on the left. There a sign read "Delano Park, Entrance #1—Private Road—Residents Only". Knowing this may have been the site of Barzillai Delano's (a descendant of Dr. Thomas Delano) blacksmith shop, we immediately dubbed ourselves as "residents" and entered. The road, no wider than a driveway, undulated between stately homes—some with rounded towers that enclosed circular stairways to three or four floors and some that could be described as very large colonials. Layered, flat slabbed rock fences, three feet high, bordered the narrow road between the manicured lawns and gardens on hilly land. After maneuvering a turn-around to find our way back, we noted this "entrance" was one of at least three to Delano Park.

We returned to the Fort Williams entrance and entered the spacious park that led to the Portland Head. As we drove over a rise the sun became lightly obscured by fog and shone less brightly; the sky became a misty blue. As we left the parked car we were greeted by a mournful blast of the Portland Head Light foghorn.

Fort Williams, begun in 1873, was named in honor of Brevet Major General Seth Williams of the U. S. Army Coastal Defense Corps. In 1897 Blair Battery, named after Francis P. Blair who saw action in the Mexican and Civil Wars, was installed. The battery sported two 10-inch guns to defend the entrance to Casco Bay and the Port of Portland. It was active in World War I and again for two years in World War II. During WW II the guns were upgraded to 12-inch disappearing guns.

Walking beyond Blair Battery and down a road in the drifting fog we came to the rocky point of Portland Head. The sun broke through the fog and there, shimmering a bright ghostly white, stood the tower of the Portland Head Light. This light was the first completed in the Maine District of Massachusetts. We walked down the paved path to the Light as the sun, approaching its zenith, burned away the overland fog leaving the sea beyond the rocks shrouded in a shapeless white damask. The Keeper's House and out-buildings, rebuilt in later years when the light was

manned by the Coast Guard Lighthouse Service, came into view. The cry of the foghorn was answered by a high-pitched call from another light somewhere out in the opaque white of the sea.

Longfellow's poem "The Lighthouse" starts:

"The rocky ledge runs far into the sea,
and on its outer point, some miles away,
the lighthouse lifts its massive masonry,
A pillar of fire by night, of cloud by day."

And ends with:

"Sail on!" it says: "sail on ye stately ships!
And with your floating bridge the ocean span:
Be mine to guard this light from all eclipse.
Be yours to bring man neared unto man."



Moving out on the rocky point towards the lighthouse, along the south-side path around the Keeper's House, we came upon a flat rock. A bronze plaque placed near it stated Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, born and raised in Portland, had walked to Portland Head several times. It said he frequently sat on this flat rock during his visits and it was believed that it was here that he began to compose his poem "The Lighthouse".

Moving on towards the light tower, we discovered not all ships were able to heed the lighthouse's warning light and foghorn. Over the cliff on the rocks, painted on one of the rocky out-crops, was "ANNIE McGuire SHIPWRECKED HERE CHRISTMAS EVE 1886".

Briefly, the sun burned away the shroud of fog around the lighthouse. Several professional photographers with tripod cameras at the ready clicked away photos that might eventually appear on postcards of scenic Portland. Then the wind shifted and the shroud returned. It was time to leave.

**DELANO BEACH REVISITED,
CAPTAIN GEORGE E. DELANO AND
THE WRECK OF THE AUSTRIA**

Back in June and September 1993 we discovered De Lano Beach, Washington with the help of Cousin Lillis Chafe. Later we found De Lano Beach and George Eugene De Lano of De Lano, Washington mentioned on page 119 of the GHAARD. George⁸ (Orlando⁷, Peleg⁶, Hopestill⁵, Joshua⁴, Ebenezer³, Philip², Philippe¹) was a sea captain who was raised in Damariscotta, Maine and retired from the sea in De Lano Beach, Washington.

In 1890 he wrote, "I started out at the age of sixteen and shipped in the 'Arcadia' of Bath, Me, loaded in Boston 1868 for San Francisco Cal., thence to Liverpool, Eng. & back to Boston. Jan. 1870 joined ship 'Austria' of Bath thence to St. John N.B., to Liverpool to Bos. Nov. 1870 joined ship 'Prussia' in Boston to New Orleans, thus making many similar voyages from many cities. Aug. 1888 took of schooner 'Louis' the first 'five masted schooner' built on the Pacific coast at Coos Bay, Oregon, bound for Tacoma. Left the 'Louis' in Tacoma and took charge of the famous clipper ship 'Seminole'. I left her last spring and am now Proprietor of 'De Lano Beach' destined to be a summer resort on Puget Sound."¹

What Captain George E. De Lano left out of his life synopsis was his return to the 'Austria' as its Captain sometime after he left the 'Prussia'. Thanks to **Cousin Ren LeVally**, who placed the story of the wreck of the 'Austria' on the DELIST about a year ago, we have a harrowing sea experience to add to the De Lano's life.

Anyone who has sailed the northwest coast of the United States is aware of how quickly strong coastal winds and storms can develop. De Lano's career as a ship captain almost ended at

Cape Alava², on 21 January 1887, when he deftly guided the disabled bark Austria through the maze of reefs and pinnacles to her final resting-place.

The 'Austria' was bound for Tacoma from San Francisco. Eight days out, and just off Cape Alava's notorious Umatilla Reef a gale erupted. De Lano wrote:

"Immediately we made all possible sail and headed northwest by north. The vessel, making leeway, bore around heading south-southwest.

Lost foresail, fore topsail and mizzen staysail, all new canvas, blown out of the bolt ropes. The vessel still was making leeway and drawing nearer the shore."

In spite of the crew's efforts, the ship drew nearer

the rocks and De Lano knew that the best he could hope for was to steer the ship among the reefs and toward the softest spot on the shore. The lurching ship struck land just south of what is now known as Cannonball Island and was impaled on the jagged rocks.

"It was one chance in a thousand that anyone was saved, but we succeeded in getting on shore all safe and no one hurt, although the sea was running mountains high and breaking all over the rocks."

"The next day it moderated some and we went on board and got our stores and clothing. It was intensely cold and had it not been for the Indians on the beach, I guess we would have been frozen to death."

After signaling a passing ship and receiving no help, De Lano set off for Neah Bay, 30 miles up the coast.

"I frosted my face walking from the wreck to Neah Bay...over the roughest ground I ever saw. I got through all right, but pretty well used up, so stiff I hardly could move the next day."

Once in Neah Bay, De Lano found the revenue cutter 'Oliver Wolcott' tied up and waiting for a shipment of coal before she could



¹ GHAARD pg. 119.

² Cape Alava is about 15 miles south of Cape Flattery at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

get underway. As it turned out, the passing ship he had signaled earlier had not reported the wreck.

Aboard the 'Oliver Wolcott', De Lano returned to the 'Austria' to pick up his crew and salvage whatever he could of the ship's rigging, and supplies. It was De Lano's last act as master of the ship. With the shipwreck, his own finances were ruined. He wrote to his father-in-law in the East: "I don't know what I will do now, but I guess I will have to go to farming."

However, his sea career did not end there. As he noted above, he sailed the 'Louis' in 1888 and later was in charge (captained) the 'Seminole.' No doubt, this improved his financial situation. He found a small harbor and 200 upland acres on Carr Inlet, across Puget Sound to the west of Tacoma. He tried his hand at building a boatyard, but failed when the Bremerton Shipyard opened. He raised hops, but gave that up too. Finally, he and his wife, Edith, made their beautiful home by the water into a hotel and resort. For over 40 years, the De Lano Beach resort hosted the Northwest's most prominent vacationers. Eventually, much of the property was purchased to become Penrose Point State Park.

Visiting the 'Austria' wreck site

Remnants of the 'Austria' are visible near Cape Alava during very low tides. The wreck site is located in the boulder-strewn inter-tidal zone opposite the Ozette Ranger Station. The easiest access to the anchor is to stay close to the sand spit leading to Cannonball Island and then look for the iron fluke due south of the sand spit. Other wreckage includes large piles of anchor chain and many miscellaneous fittings and iron pins.

Frequently Used First Names

When we turn through the GHAHD or the DIFP we note the many DELANO ancestors with the same first name. Many a genealogical compiler has discovered that they have somehow jumped from a DELANO ancestor in one line to another ancestor with the same first name in another line at one time or another. The arrangement of the GHAHD allows this to happen quite frequently if care is not taken.

In the first four generations compiled in the DIFP there are the names of 25 Thomas DELANOs and 21 Jonathan DELANOs. For the sake of clarity we frequently refer to the first-born Thomas as Dr. Thomas DELANO and the first-born Jonathan as Lt. Jonathan DELANO. There

are at least six Thomases in the Lt. Jonathan branch and at least six Jonathans in the Dr. Thomas branch, as well. These two names are the most frequently used male names in the DIFP.

What about names of DELANO women in these first four generations? Elizabeth (with 29 DELANO surnames and 18 other surnames) appears most frequently, followed by Mary (with 27 DELANO surnames and eight other surnames) and Sarah (with 29 DELANO surnames and five other surnames).

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Trail

We discovered this article sometime back on the Internet. We did not know about the FDR Trail. For those of us who are hiking trail enthusiasts this may not be news to you. It also gives a short synopsis of other FDR sites of interest, including Hyde Park, along the way. We thought we would share this with you.

"Recent events have been inspiring news channels to show old black and white news clips of Franklin Delano Roosevelt presiding over the country during World War II. To teach your kids more about the Longest-serving American President in History, take a presidential trail starting at the northernmost reaches of the continental United States, down through New York's Hudson River Valley to Washington, D.C.

The trail begins at Roosevelt's boyhood summer home on Campobello Island (actually a part of Canada). Franklin Roosevelt's father bought land here in 1883 and built a palatial summer cottage where the family spent their summers. Now, the Roosevelt Campobello International Park is located on a 2,800 acres island in the middle of the water border between the United States and Canada. Visitors can hike the woodlands and tour the furnished house-where the Roosevelts stayed, including furniture, photos and other memorabilia.

But Hyde Park, New York, is the true hometown of FDR. FDR lived here until he moved to the White House. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Home National Historic Site also is the location of the Museum of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, which was the nation's first Presidential Library. Visitors can listen to Roosevelt's actual fireside chats that comforted

and informed a nation coming out of a Depression and going into a war. There are also a number of exhibits dealing with FDR's New Deal and America during World War II.

FDR is the most recent president to receive a memorial in Washington, D.C. Five years ago, the 7.5-acre memorial on the Tidal Basin's West Bank was opened to the public. Unlike some other presidential memorials that feature a single statue, the FDR Memorial is an open-air-homage to the country's 32nd president-and his first lady. It is composed of four (open-air) rooms that illustrate each of the four terms of the FDR presidency."

A STORY OF THREE GRANTS

We are please to frequently include articles by **Cousin Robert F. Huber**, who is a member of and a past President of the Washington D.C. Mayflower Society. Bob was the editor of the Howland Quarterly. We thank Cousin Bob for sending in this article.

STEPPING STONES TO MAYFLOWER MEMBERSHIP

By Robert F. Huber

When President Grant's son applied for membership in the Mayflower Society he used three generations of the Delano family as stepping-stones.

President Grant, the Civil War general, was deeply interested in family history, but he died 12 years before the Mayflower organization was formed in 1897. However, his son, Major General Frederick Dent Grant, did join the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia in March 1903. He listed his occupation simply as "soldier." And his son, Ulysses Grant III, became a D.C. Mayflower Society member in 1950.

The president did discover that he was descended from Matthew Grant who came to America in 1630 on the MARY AND JOHN. Grant's great-grandfather was Noah Grant who was killed in the Indian Wars of 1724. He was the husband of Susanna Delano, daughter of Jonathan Delano and the granddaughter of Philip Delano's son Jonathan. The Grant line went to 1621 and Philip on the FORTUNE, but her line went to Richard Warren of the MAYFLOWER.

Like the Grants, the two Jonathan Delanos had a tradition of military service.

In his memoirs Grant did not mention his Mayflower descent, so he probably never knew he was descended from many of the kings of Spain, Portugal, Byzantium, France and England, including William the Conqueror.

Two of Grant's fellow generals in the Civil War, who followed him in the presidency, also showed great interest in genealogy. Rutherford B. Hayes wrote in his autobiography that he could trace only to the Revolutionary period. James A. Garfield was able to prove his descent from John Billington of the MAYFLOWER. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield also was a Mayflower descendant.

The two Grants who joined the D.C. Mayflower Society didn't have to ride the coattails of the president. Frederick Dent Grant was born in 1850 and was with his father at various times during the Civil War and then decided on a military career of his own. He graduated from West Point, took part in the Indian wars and accompanied his father on his trip around the world. Later he was appointed Minister to Austria-Hungary, was Commissioner of Police in New York City, and went to the front in the Spanish-American War, being promoted a major general when he was assigned to the Philippines.

Ulysses Simpson Grant III was no slouch either. When he joined the Mayflower Society he listed his occupation as Vice President of George Washington University. He has a long military career, starting at West Point and ending with the rank of major general.