

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Delano Kindred Members,

The 2023 Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Delano Kindred, Inc. is being held in-person in Duxbury, Massachusetts at the Alden Historic Homestead Site (AHHS) on August 4, 5 & 6. The Annual Meeting, and most presentations, will also be available via Zoom for those members who are unable to travel to Duxbury. Registration for both in-person and Zoom attendance is available right now on our website. All details about the schedule are also there on the website, and also part of the annual meeting emailing to members.

Unlike past Annual Meetings, this Delano Kindred Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with our friends at the Alden Kindred of America (AKA) and the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society. All three families played important roles in the founding, settlement, and growth of the Town of Duxbury. I believe holding a combined Annual Meeting with other lineage societies is a first for the Delano Kindred. If all goes well with this meeting, we may consider doing it again for a future Annual Meeting.

Here is a brief overview of what we have planned for the Annual Meeting and Reunion:

We will officially kick-off this 3-day Annual Meeting with a *Tour of the Myles Standish Burying Ground* by Tony Kelso, Duxbury Town Historian at 2:00pm on August 4th. Following this tour will be the annual *Chowder Fest* at 5pm under the big tent at the AHHS in Duxbury.

We Delanos will gather at the Duxbury Senior Center at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 5th for our Annual Meeting. Following the Annual Meeting, we will return to the AHHS for *Annual Meeting/Reunion group photo* at 12pm. At about 12:30 PM, there will be a *Fried Chicken Lunch* at the AHHS. At this same time, the *Alden House* will be open for guided house tours from Noon to 4:00pm. At 2:00pm, Delano Kindred board member, Revd. Dr. W. Becket Soule, will give a presentation entitled "*Prosecutions for Fornication in Plymouth Colony 1620-1694: The Fast Life and Hard Times of Tom and Becky Delano.*" Following this presentation there will be an optional *walking tour of a short section of the Duxburrough Path* which our ancestors walked on almost 400 years ago.

On Sunday August 6th, we begin with an *optional 9:00am church service at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Duxbury with the guest preacher being the Revd. Dr. W. Becket Soule.* For those of you who may be interested, there is an optional *Breakfast at the Major John Bradford Homestead* in Kingston at 10:30am. Following the breakfast, there are optional *tours of the Major John Bradford House* for any of you who may be interested.

Working with the Alden Kindred and the Pilgrim Peter Brown Society to put this weekend together was great fun since we began the planning in Fall 2022. We think we have an interesting, educational and fun Annual Meeting and Reunion planned for you. Please attend and join in the fun!

Best Wishes,
Tom Delano, President

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