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Learning about DELANO history and genealogy



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.

President's Message – Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

I hope all of you had a blessed and Happy Easter season. This month's issue of the Delano Kindred newsletter again deals with the rapidly approaching Annual Meeting and Reunion at the new Alden Barn and Living History Museum. We hope to see many of you at this meeting!

Below you will find the tentative costs for registration to the Annual Meeting and Reunion, and the hotel costs.

Tom Delano

Delano Kindred 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion – September 12 & 13

All of our meetings and events over the two days of Sept. 12 & 13 will be held this year in the new Alden Barn and Living History Museum (photo below). We expect to have the annual meeting, the board meetings, and the guest speakers on Zoom for kindred members and board members who are unable to attend the meetings. At present, here is what the meeting schedule looks like:

Sept. 12

1:00 PM 1st Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 PM Opening Remarks and Welcome
2:15 PM Guest speaker – Lisa Pennington, Gov. General, Gen. Soc. of Mayflower Descendants
3:30 PM Tours of the 1653 Alden House and the original Alden House site
4:30 PM Reception with snacks and refreshments (optional)
5:30 PM A catered dinner at the Alden Barn (optional)

Sept. 13

10:30 AM Delano Kindred Annual Meeting – Alden Barn
12:00 PM A catered lunch at the Alden Barn (optional)
1:00 PM Guest speaker – Dr. Donna Curtin, Exec. Dir., Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plymouth
2:30 PM A bus tour of the Duxbury Delano family and other historical sights (optional)
4:00 PM 2nd Delano Kindred Board Meeting

The registration page on the Delano Kindred website will hopefully be live in the next several weeks for registrations for this meeting. We will send an email to all members when the page goes live.

The tentative per person costs for this 2025 Annual Meeting/Reunion are as follows:

Meeting registration \$20

Friday

Friday afternoon reception (optional) \$10
Friday evening dinner (optional) \$25

Saturday

Saturday lunch (optional) \$25
Bus/van tour of historic Duxbury sights (optional) \$20

Total for all activities \$100

The Delano Kindred have also reserved hotel rooms at the nearby **Green Harbor Hotel** in Marshfield. If you wish to reserve a room for the annual meeting, then please call Shaun at the hotel number: 781-733-1327. Please mention that you are with the Delano Kindred. **The type of rooms reserved are as follows: Premium King, Queen, Standard King, Standard Double and Premium Double.** The room rates will vary, but in general, the average room rate per night is \$175.

We look forward to seeing many of the Delano Kindred members at this meeting in the new and expanded Alden Barn and Living History Museum!

The Delano Family and Artificial Intelligence Tom Delano

Several weeks ago, I was “playing” with ChatGPT, and after I became somewhat familiar with the software app, I decided to ask it a different question. I asked it to tell me about the “Delano Family history.”

I have pasted what came back from ChatGPT below. It is reasonably accurate, although not 100%, and **it is very complimentary about the Delano Family.** Of course, we don’t know where ChatGPT found this Delano family information. Enjoy!

The Delano family of Massachusetts is a distinguished American lineage with roots tracing back to the early colonial period. The family name, originally spelled "de Lannoy," reflects its Flemish origins. The progenitor of the American Delano family, Philippe de Lannoy, was born in Leiden, Holland, in 1602 to a family of Walloon Protestant refugees who had fled religious persecution in the Spanish Netherlands (modern-day Belgium).

Philippe sailed to the New World aboard the *Fortune* in 1621, just a year after the Mayflower. He joined the Plymouth Colony in what is now Massachusetts, a settlement founded by English Separatists. Over time, his surname was anglicized to "Delano." Philippe became a respected figure in the colony, contributing to its early growth and establishing a lasting legacy. He married Hester Dewsbury and later Mary Pontus Glass, and had numerous children, ensuring the family's growth in the region.

The Delano family spread across southeastern Massachusetts, particularly in the towns of Duxbury and Dartmouth. They became landowners, farmers, and later merchants and sea captains as New England's maritime economy developed. By the 18th and 19th centuries, various Delano descendants had become influential in commerce, shipbuilding, and civic affairs.

One of the most prominent branches of the family emerged in New Bedford, a hub of the American whaling industry. Warren Delano Sr., a successful merchant, made his fortune in the China trade during the early 19th century. His son, Warren

Delano Jr., continued in international trade and spent time in China as a tea and opium trader. His wealth played a key role in supporting his family during hard times, including during the financial panic of 1857.

Perhaps the most famous Delano descendant is Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States. His mother, Sara Delano, was the daughter of Warren Delano Jr., linking the Delanos directly to American presidential history. The family's strong traditions of education, public service, and civic responsibility are evident in FDR's legacy and in the continued prominence of the Delano name. Throughout the centuries, the Delano family maintained a presence in Massachusetts while also spreading to other parts of the United States. Their story is a classic example of early immigrant success in colonial America, marked by adaptation, enterprise, and enduring influence. The Delanos contributed not only to the economic and political life of Massachusetts but also to the broader narrative of American history.

Today, the Delano family is remembered both for its historical importance and for its contributions to American society through generations of leadership, public service, and entrepreneurial spirit.

In Memoriam

Great Losses in the Virginia Delano family

Special posting by Nick Neagle, editor, of Malden, MA

Last month, I added some content for the losses in my family. I mentioned my grandfather, Howard Delano, and my uncle, Richard Delano. Last month, I shared more than a few words about my grandfather, but this month, I wanted to say something about my uncle. I am also going to include his daughter's words for another insight into this wonderful human.

My Uncle Rick, as we called him, was quite the character. He and my mom were always close, and they were a lot alike in some ways. His humor was special and even more so when around my mom. Rick was an amazing uncle, and he allowed my brother and me to get away with things, took us to cool places, allowed us to swim in his pool, and was always supportive of any venture we were making. He taught us life skills, taught us about art, taught us about engineering, and taught us so much about life in many ways. I still can't believe it's real, losing him and my grandfather, so I think my words are lacking these days.

Here is what my incredible maternal first cousin, Ava Delano Abbott of Normal, IL, wanted to share about her dad. She says it well, thanks for the words and the thoughts, Ava.

My Dad, Richard Dorman Delano, with his engineer mind, was someone who could fix anything and never gave up on a problem. Unfortunately, he could not fix the cancer that took him from us. That did not stop him from believing he would overcome. He had a determination when he wanted to do something, where nothing would hold him back. Whatever he did was done with out-of-the-box creativity and beauty, but when he got it done was another matter. Dad had his own time he lived by. I remember my

Grandma, his mom, saying "You'll be late to your own funeral!". He was a rehab engineer, an artist, a wood carver, a marble sculptor, a gardener, a fisherman, a carpenter, a roofer, and could fix plumbing and electrical problems. He was a skilled outdoorsman. He could play any instrument, guitar, bass, mandolin, and my favorite throughout my whole life was his banjo picking, which he would frequently play Foggy Mountain Breakdown. I know there was more; he was a man of many interests and skills, but to me he was Dad. I got from him my sense of humor, which never fails me and gets me through all the toughest times in my life. I never had to explain my silliness to my Dad, he just got it and would go along without stopping me to explain I wasn't making sense. We were always filled with quirky humor, whether it was just joking around, watching bad sci-fi movies, or celebrating Groundhog Day as the most prominent holiday of the year. I learned a strength from my Dad as I watched him go through many hurdles in life. I watched him never give up, try, try again until you succeeded. Many in similar shoes do not make it, but his honesty about his struggles in life helped shape me into the person I am today. He was a gentle and patient man full of love and a passion for life. He was a proud Grandpa to his grandsons and was so happy to meet his first great-granddaughter. I am proud when I look in the mirror and I see the echoes of my father staring back at me. Whenever I drive back home to Virginia and I reach the mountains, I feel the energy of my father and my grandfather coming from the land, the rocks, and the soil. I feel them in the rivers and the ocean. I will forever be grateful to the Delano men who helped shape me and my family into who we are today, and I will never stop missing them as I carry them inside my heart. I wish that I could return to the days when we would be out on the sailboat with the sun shining on our faces, returning to check the crab pots, laughing and having a good time. Love you Dad.

I know that is a lot to read, so thank you if you are still here. I am also including his obituary below. Blessings and love to all of my Delano kin.

Rick's Obituary <https://everloved.com/life-of/richard-delano/obituary/>



Richard D "Rick" Delano - At a family event with his banjo ---- With his daughter Ava ---Hanging out at birthday party.

REMINDER – Membership Renewals & Suspensions

If you received a notice that your service (i.e. membership) was suspended due to non-payment and you would like to reinstate your membership, here are two ways to do that:

- 1) Go to <http://www.delanokindred.us> and log on (your email address is your user ID). The account screen will offer an opportunity for you to pay your outstanding invoice using a credit card (via PayPal). Your membership will be automatically reinstated once the invoice has been paid.
 - 2) Go to the CONTACT US page on the website and ask for assistance in renewing your membership
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New Delano Kindred Members

Tish Knopp, Descendant Member from Parker CO.
Diane Baker, Descendant Member from East Greenbush, NY
Michael Rollins, Associate Member from Lincoln, RI

Welcome to the Delano Kindred!

2025 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates

Board of Director's Meetings (All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)

2nd Quarter: May 3, 2025.

3rd Quarter: Sept. 12 & 13, 2025. 4th Quarter: Nov. 1, 2025

**Dates for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion, Duxbury and
Plymouth, MA
September 12-13, 2025**

Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page

The Delano Kindred Facebook page is now up to 112 users which is not bad after just over a year in operation. For those of you who have not checked out our Facebook page, then please do so. If you are already a member of the Delano Kindred Facebook page, please tell other family members about it. The recent posts have been excellent, and you will learn a much about the Delano family history both in Europe and here in North America.

To find this page on Facebook, please search for "Delano Kindred" in Facebook, and WELCOME!

Here is a direct link to the Delano Kindred Facebook page:

See you on Facebook!

A Note for All Members -

If you change your email address, please use the "Contact Us" option on the Delano Kindred website to let us know. Your email addresses are tied to your logins for using the website, and you cannot use it or reset your password without a current email. Thank you, and let us know of any questions!

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