



# BONNES NOUVELLES

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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 1997 MEMBERSHIP YEAR STARTS IN  
JANUARY.  
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1997 DUES?



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that 1997 will be a happy and fulfilling year for you and your families. Your editor regrets the delay of the September *Bonnes Nouvelles* which you probably received in mid or late November. A series of family emergencies caused the delay of that issue, and the December (now the December-January) issue as well. Technical difficulties have precluded including the Directory of all 1996 Members "in good standing." We hope to send out this directory at a later date and to be "back on track" with the March 1997 issue. We also plan to include a directory of member's E-Mail addresses with it. We will try "sticky tabs" instead of staples to secure the *Bonnes Nouvelles* for mailing; starting with this issue. We are hopeful that this effort will be successful and more convenient for the reader.

You are reminded that it is time to renew your membership by paying your 1997 dues if you have not already done so. Please note that we have included space on the membership form for your E-Mail address if you have one. If you wish to be on our E-Mail list, please fill it out and send it in.

We have received a good response to our 1996 Questionnaire. We thank all those members who took the time to complete and return them to us. We appreciate the comments many of you provided. We plan to include the results in the March 1997 *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Finally, we hope you watched the 10-part TV series "Ancestors," which started on many PBS stations in January. Each half-hour segment documents a family search followed with a "how-to" segment.

## NOW WE ARE FIVE

The DELANO KINDRED was five years old in the fall of 1996. Conceived from the enthusiasm generated at the 1990 Reunion in Duxbury, a founding group of interested descendants was formed in early 1991, and by March 1991 a "pro tempore" board of officers and directors were formed. A founders group met at Robert and Nancy Delano's home in Duxbury on the second weekend in October 1991 and drew up the Articles of Organization, as well as a set of bylaws. After final smoothing by Nancy Delano and Phillip Delano, the Society was "born" at 3:29 p.m. on 22 October 1991 when the Corporation Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts accepted the Articles of Organization, which were hand-carried from Duxbury by Nancy Delano. You might say the Society was "christened" in late November when we received the approved, time-stamped Articles of Organization in the mail.

November is auspicious for the KINDRED, because our ancestor Philippe DE LA NOYE was baptised in Leiden on 6 November 1603 (393 years ago), and 375 years ago on 9 or 11 November 1621 he arrived off Cape Cod in the FORTUNE; landing at the Plimoth Plantation a few days later.

Our first newsletter (one page on two sides) was issued in June of that year. The "banner" of Newsletter Number One was similar to that of the September 1996 issue. Since March 1994, our newsletter has been named the *Bonnes Nouvelles* (which means Good News or Good Tidings in French). *Bonnes Nouvelles* is the motto of the de Lannoy Family and, according to the GHAAHD (pg. 43), it was Boudoin de Lannoy (Governor of Lille and a founder Knight of the Order of the Golden Fleece) who first used this motto on his coat of arms.

## 1997 REUNION

As announced at the 1996 Annual Meeting, the 1997 Reunion will be held at Stratford Hall Plantation from Friday, 15 August to Sunday, 17 August 1997. Stratford Hall is the birthplace of Robert E. Lee and is located in Westmoreland County in the "northern neck" of Virginia near the Potomac River. The theme of the Reunion is to be the DELANO Family in the Civil War. The tentative schedule of events are as follows:

Friday, August 15, 1997:

p.m.: Arrive Stratford  
5:00 p.m.: Cocktails  
6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Stratford (Reservation Required)  
8:00 p.m.: Fellowship

Saturday, August 16, 1997:

7 a.m.-9 a.m.: Breakfast (Reservation Required)  
9:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting  
Noon: Lunch at Stratford (Reservation Required)  
2:30 p.m.: Leave for Oldhams  
3:00 p.m.: Dedication of George Delano cemetery marker  
4:00 p.m.: Crab Feast Picnic at Pauline Delano's barn  
7:00 p.m.: Guest Speaker - Civil War historian

Sunday, August 17, 1997:

7 a.m.-9 a.m.: Breakfast (Reservation Required)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** In order to develop the theme for this Reunion, the cooperation of all members who had an ancestor(s) in the Civil War is needed. Of particular importance is information concerning the dates of the battles and the military units in which your ancestor(s) fought. If you have an ancestor who was in the Civil War and you do not have information about the name of his military unit and the campaigns he participated in, we hope you will request the information from the National Archives. To aid you in determining this information, we are enclosing a National Archives Order for Copies of Veterans Records, including directions for ordering in this *Bonnes Nouvelles* mailing. When you receive the information, or if you already have the Civil War information about your ancestor, we hope you will send a copy of it to the 1997 Reunion, c/o Frank P. Delano, P.O. Box 1253, Warsaw, VA 22572. It is planned to use this information in presentations at the Reunion to highlight the roles of family ancestors -- North and South -- during the Civil War.

We understand it will take six weeks for the National Archives to process a request for information, so your prompt attention would be appreciated.

### **1996 NEW MEMBERS**

In our September issue, we included new members of our Society through mid August 1996. We have listed new members who have joined through mid January 1997. We are pleased to welcome our new "cousins" into our Society!

#### Massachusetts

Stephen B. DeLannoy  
Nancy M. Wilson

#### Virginia

Patrick E. Myers

### **DEPARTED COUSINS**

We sadly report the deaths of four of our cousins.

#### Frank William DeLano (1923-1996)

Cousin Frank William DeLano of McLean, Virginia, died on 17 October 1996. Many of us knew Cousin Frank and enjoyed his companionship at several of the Society's Reunions and at the 1995 meeting at the Stratford Plantation.

If you asked Frank where he was from, he would have said McLean, Virginia. He might have mentioned he was born in Syracuse, NY and attended Syracuse University. Frank didn't talk much about his experiences in World War II, so we did not know that while serving with the Army he was wounded in France and was taken prisoner by the Germans. Nor did we know that he was subsequently rescued from a prisoner of war hospital by French underground forces and was hidden in a French nunnery until the Allied Forces arrived. He was then evacuated to England and eventually to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington. After the war, Frank remained in the Washington area and retired as a financial officer with the Central Intelligence Agency. Over the years, Frank had been a leader of the McLean Youth Incorporated, an organization which sponsors youth sports in McLean.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Catherine Pickett DeLano, his two children Mark Pickett DeLano and Megan DeLano Ralph and four grandchildren. Catherine (Kitty) DeLano and daughter Megan attended the 1990 Reunion in Duxbury, before THE DELANO KINDRED was organized, and have been members since 1992.

#### Paul Herman DeLano (1962-1997)

Cousin Paul Herman DeLano of Sand Lake, Michigan died on 10 January 1997. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on 22 November 1962. Paul's great-great-grandfather was William Smith DeLano (GHAARD pg. 449). His survivors include his parents Herman and Charleen DeLano of Shelby, Michigan and his

daughter Bridgett DeLano. If you attended the 1995 Reunion in Michigan you may have met Cousin Paul. His daughter Bridgett attended the 1996 Reunion with her grandparents.

#### Arnold Herrick Robinson (1916-1996)

We have received word that Cousin Arnold Herrick Robinson of Cobb, California, died 6 November 1996. Born on 10 December 1916, Arnold was almost 80 years old when he passed away. Cousin Arnold has been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993. His wife Dorothy pre-deceased him five years ago. His survivors include three daughters, a brother, and several grandchildren.

#### Frank Xavier Zeimetz (1927-1996)

Cousin Frank Xavier Zeimetz of New Lenox, Illinois passed away 3 February 1996. Cousin Frank joined the DELANO KINDRED in 1995. You may have met him at the 1995 Reunion in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born in Blue Island, IL - southwest of Chicago and just to the east of Joliet. He graduated from the University of Illinois. He worked in the Department of Corrections. Frank was active in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and with the Hines Veterans Hospital near his home. He was a member of the Sherlockian Society (the international society devoted to the detective Sherlock Holmes created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle). We understand that several years ago he met the actor Jeremy Brett who so admirably played Sherlock Holmes in the A&E Television Mystery series - The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. One of Frank's "claim to fame" was his genealogical detective work in discovering the location of two of the six gravesites of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Will County, Illinois. He also has a collection of U.S. and Colonial flags of each territorial province of the United States since the Revolutionary War. He was also a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Frank connected to Philippe de Lannoy through the Michigan DeLano-Skinner connection in the LT Jonathan branch. He is survived by his wife Cousin Frances Zeimetz of New Lenox, who was also at the Kalamazoo Reunion.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Your editor was pleased to receive a phone call from Cousin **Arta Delano** of Spring Valley, NY last December. We were dismayed to learn that we had "got our wires crossed" when we reported in NL#20 that she had celebrated her 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are glad to set the record straight that this was not the case. Cousin Arta was in Nebraska at the time of the Reunion. She found the graves of the family of her great-grandfather Fred Ellsworth Delano (GHAARD pg. 415). From records she learned that Fred's brother Will (Willie) Steven DeLano's (GHAARD pg. 415) family plot was also in a corner of the same cemetery. Arta looked in that part of the cemetery and found no headstones. An acquaintance who she met at the cemetery "witched" the location of the graves. This was done by using two straight wires each about 36 inches long with a right angle bend on each, four inches from one end. You hold the two wires (one in each hand, by the short end) parallel, at a distance of about six inches. Then walk through the plot. The wires will cross when you are over a grave. Believe it or not, this procedure seemed to work. Through this method, Arta was able to determine the locations of the graves in the Will DeLano plot according to the records. She believes these graves may have been marked with wooden headstones which gradually weathered away through time. She found out from local history that Fred and Will were the first to bring alfalfa seed to the area around Lee Park, Nebraska. Cousin Arta reports that she and Cousin Stevens M. Delano of Sacramento, CA (whose ancestor is Will DeLano) are related through Fred and Will's father Mortimer Delano. Fred and Will's great-grandfather was Daniel Wheeler DeLano (GHAARD pg. 414) of Michigan (see NL#16, pg. 7).

Arta also reports that in her travels around New York and Connecticut, she found an Annie Delano Hitch Memorial Swimming Pool in New Berg, NY (see the "Delano-Hitch-Roosevelt Connection" NL#20, pg. 7), and at the Norwalk, Connecticut Mariners Museum there is a model or painting of a "Delano Schooner." She is not sure which Delano owned the schooner. Does anyone know?

Cousin **Margaret Glendening** of San Marcos, TX reports that she has developed a handbook for genealogists using the Internet which is available at the San Marcos Latter Day Saints Family History Center. She reports her E-Mail address is (mpgwas:century inter.net). She says one of the most helpful genealogical sources is Cyndi or Mark Howell at (<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihowell/sites.htm>). She

had some other useful Internet addresses. Please see the article "Surfing the Web for Your Roots" in this issue.

Cousin **Verna Finwick** reports that she found the Missouri State Archives very helpful in finding data about ancestors who lived there. Also, she recommends DAR Register and the Handbook for Genealogists. Many local libraries with genealogical sections have these and other helpful books.

Cousin **Virginia Stender** from Tacoma, Washington sent us a listing of those passengers on the FORTUNE who arrived in 1621. She has access to the three volume epic The Great Migration Begins, Immigrants to New England 1620-1633 by Robert Charles Anderson. She copied out much of the detailed information about DELANO's. She found it somewhat useful for DELANO's, but far more useful when researching other surname families. Here is the list of the passengers on the FORTUNE she provided:

### LIST OF PASSENGERS OF THE FORTUNE 1621.

1. JOHN ADAMS
2. WILLIAM BASSITE [BASSETT] PROBABLY TWO IN FAMILY
3. WILLIAM BEALE
4. EDWARD BOMPASSE
5. JONATHAN BREWSTER
6. CLEMENTS BRIGGS
7. JOHN CANNON
8. WILLIAM CONER
9. ROBERT CUSHMAN: FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE LEYDEN CO.'S AGENT IN ENG. DIED BEFORE COMING AGAIN TO SETTLE IN THE COLONY. THOMAS HIS SON WAS 12 YRS B. 1609, SUCCEEDED ELDER BREWSTER IN ELDERSHIP IN 1649.
10. STEPHEN DEAN
11. PHILIP DE LANOYE
12. THOMAS FLAVELL AND SON
13. WIDOW FORD AND THREE CHILDREN, WILLIAM, MARTHA, AND JOHN FORD
14. ROBERT HICKES
15. WILLIAM HILTON
16. BENNETT MORGAN
17. THOMAS MORTON
18. AUSTIN NICHOLAS
19. WILLIAM PALMER [PROBABLY TWO IN FAMILY]
20. WILLIAM PITT
21. THOMAS PRINCE OR PRENCE, MD PATIENCE BREWSTER AND AFTERWARDS BECAME GOVERNOR
22. MOSES SIMONSON
23. HUGH STATIE [STACEY]
24. JAMES STEWART
25. WILLIAM TENCH
26. JOHN WINSLOW, BRO TO EDWARD WINSLOW
27. WILLIAM WRIGHT

We also had a phone call from Cousin **Elizabeth Howard** of Kalamazoo, MI who recommends using the genealogical data in your nearest Latter Day Saints Family History Center. These centers are located in many cities throughout North America. Most of these centers have a direct data link with the Mormon genealogical database in Utah. As you probably know, the Mormons have the largest genealogical database in the world. Margaret Glendening and others have also found them very helpful in finding leads in genealogical searches. Check your local church listings in the Yellow Pages.

Cousin Elizabeth also mentioned the major Civil War genealogical effort that is being undertaken by many genealogical groups. The effort will be centered in the Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, which holds a significantly large genealogical collection. We understand the goal of the effort is to genealogically identify all those who participated in this momentous conflict. If you are ever in Fort Wayne, IN, the genealogical department of this library is worth the visit.

### DELANO'S IN THE NEWS

We received an article published in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's "Weekend Perspectives" on 23 November 1996, written by Cousin **Jon Delano** entitled "A place at the table". Jon's article weaves the traditional story of 18 year old Philippe de Lannoy's reason for coming to the New World -- his unrequited love of Priscilla Mullens. Philippe arrived in time for the first New England Thanksgiving at the Plymouth Plantation which, according to the World Book Encyclopedia, was held on 30 July 1623. He points out that although spurned by Priscilla, he never lost his love for her. This is confirmed by the fact that for his services in the Pequot Indian War, Philippe was given 40 acres of land in Duxbury adjacent to John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden. He ends the article with his family's Thanksgiving Day tradition -- "On this Thanksgiving, as in the past, we Delanos shall give . . ." [thanks] "to the elusive Priscilla Mullens for luring our ancestor to the New World." This is a tradition we might all consider when we sit down to our next Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Cousin Jon (Jonathan W.) Delano lives in Pittsburgh and is currently a political analyst for KDKA-TV and an adjunct professor at the Heinz School of Carnegie Mellon University. He is a former Director of the DELANO KINDRED.

### ROCKIN' FROM

### MASSACHUSETTS TO VIRGINIA

You will note on the tentative 1997 Reunion schedule that on Saturday at 3 p.m. there will be a dedication of the George Delano cemetery marker. This George Delano is Captain George Delano (GHAHD pg. 251); who, during the War of 1812, ran a packet ship to Charleston, SC. After the war, he was master of the SARAH out of Duxbury, MA. Captain George apparently "jumped ship" in Kinsdale, VA, a port of call on the Potomac River in the "northern neck" of Virginia. Although Captain George had a wife, Lydia (Burgess) Delano, and family in Duxbury, he never returned there. He married Nancy Alderson and settled on Pleasant View Farm near Oldhams, Westmoreland County, VA. According to the GHAHD, Captain George had 19 children, nine with Lydia in Massachusetts and ten with Nancy in Virginia. Captain George and Nancy Delano are the ancestors of probably all the DELANO's in the "northern neck" of Virginia.

To commemorate the Captain George Delano and his Virginia family, a 5,000 lb. rock of Massachusetts brown stone was brought by Cousins **Frank P. Delano, II** and **Stan Terhune** in Cousin **Robert B. Delano's** "little red dump truck" to Westmoreland County. The stone, "bigger than Plymouth Rock," was placed in the center of the cemetery where Captain George rests on "Pleasant View" Farm in November 1996. The "true account" of how the rock was selected, dedicated by the Rev. Walsh of the Duxbury First Parish Church, and transported down I-95 to Virginia, has been entertainingly written by Cousin Frank in a pamphlet complete with pictures. It was designed to gather funding support from the descendants of Capt. George to pay for cost of transportation and the inscription of the rock. Members not related through Captain George but who are interested in obtaining a copy of this pamphlet entitled "The Rock" are encouraged to send \$5.00 to Frank P. Delano II, P.O. Box 1253, Warsaw, VA 22572. We understand supplies are limited, so you must act quickly. More details of the Reunion activities will be forthcoming in the March Bonnes Nouvelles.

## IN SEARCH OF GROVE, NEWAGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Grove Michigan? Where is that? Why search for it? Those of you who have a copy of the GHAARD may have read the Introduction to THE DELANO GENEALOGY - the second book. The Introduction on pg. 96 finishes on pg. 97 with this closing sentence,

"Please give this careful and prompt attention, and when filled out, return this circular to the undersigned.

I am, respectfully yours,

J. A. DELANO  
Grove, Newago Co., Mich."

Cousin **Herman W. DeLano**, of Shelby, MI, lives in Oceana County, which is adjacent to Newago County. One rainy day last October when Cousin **George B. DeLano** was visiting him they decided to drive to Newago County and visit Grove and look for traces of Major Joel Andrew Delano, "late Major of 51st Reg. Indiana volunteers. At Grove Michigan -- 1899" (see GHAARD pg. 98).

After perusing a Newago County map, these cousins soon discovered there was no Grove or Grove Township in Newago County. Undaunted, they drove to White Cloud, MI, the Newago County seat. The representatives of the County Clerk's Office never heard of Grove, and they had no record of Joel. It was clear to them that Joel had not died in Newago County. They suggested we visit the Newago County Society of History and Genealogy (NCSHG), at the Public Library. Off Herm and George went to the library. There they found the Society did not open its offices until 1:00 p.m. With the rest of the morning to kill, the searchers decided to try looking in the only "Grove" they could find on the map, Oak Grove, MI, about 14 miles away. Away they went through the rain. They found the hamlet, Oak Grove, contained an inactive country school and the Oak Grove Cemetery. Perhaps there were some DELANO's buried in the cemetery. After sloshing around in the wet grass under drippy barren trees, they came up with wet feet and no DELANO's. After drying

out and a bit of lunch at a local cafe in White Cloud, it was 1 o'clock. The rain had stopped when Cousins Herm and George reached the library and had made their way to the back of the building and into the Historical Archives room of the NCSHG.

Well, it turned out that representatives of the NCSHG had not heard of Major Joel Andrew Delano, but they found that his younger brother Dennis Delphi Delano (pg. 360) had started a saw mill in Section 16 of Ensley Township in 1883. The gracious helpers at the NCHGS then perused their history of post offices in Newago County and found that the post office at Grove, MI, established in 1863, was located in the middle of Ensley Township. Later the name of Grove was changed to Ensley Center. Since the post office was discontinued in 1903, the name change probably took place between 1899 and 1903.

They found that Dennis and his wife Sarah (Reed) Delano and two daughters Cora Electra (Delano) Green and Norah Maud (Delano) Perry are buried in Crandall Cemetery in Ensley Township. They also found that Dennis Delano kept his saw mill in Ensley Township long after the bonanza lumbering days in central Michigan waned.

Cousin George had brought along his "working copy" of GHAARD. Our hosts, after noting that both Joel and Dennis had been in the Civil War, found that both Joel A. Delano and his brother Dennis were founders of the Newago County GAR Chapter. This was the only information they found on Maj. Joel Andrew Delano, compiler of the DELANO GENEALOGY in Grove, Newago Co., Michigan.

Anyone interested in contacting The Newago County Society of History and Genealogy may write them at P.O. Box 68, White Cloud, MI 49349, Phone: (616) 689-6631; Fax: (616) 689-6699. We thank them for their gracious hospitality and help to our cousins.

## SURFING THE WEB FOR YOUR ROOTS

Some of you may have seen the article titled, "Plugging in to Your Roots" in the 23 December issue of the U.S. News and World Report. The article tells the adventures of cyber-genealogists on the World Wide Web and provides some useful E-Mail addresses. Here are some of them:

- Switchboard: An online telephone directory that holds the telephone numbers and addresses of 106 million U.S. residents; (<http://www.switchboard.com>).
- The Roots Web Genealogical Data Cooperative Page: which includes a list of thousands of surnames being researched by genealogists; (<http://www.rootsweb.com>).
- The USGenWeb Project: A volunteer effort to organize and add to the genealogical data available online. Each state has a Web page that provides names, address and phone numbers of local archives, genealogical organizations and libraries; (<http://www.usgenweb.com>).
- The National Archives (<http://www.nara.gov>) provides directions on how to gain access to its Web page.
- The catalog of the Library of Congress can be searched using (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>).
- The National Genealogical Society can be accessed through (<http://www.genealogy.org/~ngs/>).
- Genealogy Links for Historians: A well-organized guide to online genealogy sites; (<http://www.ucr.edu/h-gig/hist-preservation/genea.html#gen1>).
- Genealogy Resources on the Internet: Just click and subscribe to hundreds of genealogy mailing lists; (<http://users.aol.com/johnf14246/internet.html>).

As mentioned earlier, Cousin Margaret Glendening thinks the best genealogical sources are Cyndi and Mark Howell. Cousin Frank P. Delano agrees. Margaret says they have a tremendous amount of data which can be searched using (<http://altavista.digital.com/genealogy-cyndi>).

Also Margaret likes Treasure Map, which is full of information and "how to" advice at (<http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmapmenu.html>). Treasure Map is updated every month.

We hope this will give some of you an idea of what's on the Internet for genealogists. This is the "tip of the iceberg." We would be interested in any information about these and other useful addresses you surf into on the Web.



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