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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.

1997 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING

In the March-April Bonnes Nouvelles we announced that the 1997 Reunion and Annual Meeting will be held at the Stratford Plantation in the "Northern Neck" of Virginia on Friday 15 August to Sunday 17 August 1997. The Plantation is located in Westmoreland County with the Potomac River as its northern boundary. The manor house, Stratford Hall, with its distinctive architectural style, is the birthplace of General Robert E. Lee. It was the home of the only two brothers to sign the Declaration of Independence--Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee. The Plantation is still farmed on 1670 of its original acres and is a fitting location for the theme of the Reunion--DELANOs North and South in the Civil War.

Just seven miles up the Potomac River is

Wakefield, the birthplace of George Washington.

Stratford Plantation is centrally located from Washington D.C., Richmond and the Hampton Roads area. Driving times vary between two and three hours. Detailed directions from these points to the gate of Stratford Hall are enclosed.

Advance Reservations: As usual we require advance reservations. Stratford Plantation's gate is several miles from the meeting buildings and registration area. To avoid having to pay an entrance fee at the gate and to assure adequate support, we must know in advance the names of those members planning to attend the Reunion as well the number planning to attend each event. We suggest you mail your reservations to George DeLano in time to be received by 1 August 1997.

Accommodations: There are accommodations

form and we will make reservation for you at either the Cheek House or the Astor House. At the Plantation you leave a check with your bill in your room upon departure. Other accommodations nearby include:

Westmoreland State Park located next to the Stratford Plantation. The park has cabins (a few overlook the Potomac) and camping sites with water & electrical hookups. The cabins and campsites fill up quickly in "peak season" so make your reservations early. Ph. (804) 493-8821.

Heritage Park Resort overlooking the Rappahannock River, just across the river from the City of Tappahannock, on the Warsaw, Virginia side, also has camping sites with all hook ups as well as log cabin homes. Heritage Park is within 30 minutes of Stratford Plantation. Ph. (800) 333-4038.

The closest Motel is the Washington & Lee Motel in Montross. We understand rates are about \$45.00/night. Ph. (804) 493-8093.

In Tappahannock, VA, about 30 min. away, there is a Days Inn, Ph. (800) 325-2525.

In Fredericksburg, VA, about 45 min. away, there are many of the "main line" Motels including the Best Western, Days Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, etc. Reserve using their standard "800" numbers.

Other local Bed and Breakfast and Resort accommodations are enclosed on the reverse side of directions to Stratford Hall.

Schedule of Events: As you will note from the following schedule the Reunion Events are divided between Stratford Plantation and Pleasant View Farm near Oldhams, VA; about 18 miles to the southeast. Accordingly we have scheduled the registration period, where you will receive your information packet, which includes your Reunion name tags, program schedule, maps, tickets, etc., and the Welcome get-together on Friday evening. We have therefor scheduled the Annual Meeting during Saturday morning and plan to have a historic presentation about the Civil War with a box lunch under the trees at the Plantation.

After a break we will depart for Pleasant View Farm for the Delano Cemetery Marker Dedication followed by a good ole Northern Neck Crab Feast, hosted by a committee of the descendants of Captain George Delano at Pauline Delano's barn on the adjacent farm. Both of these farms are part of the original acreage owned by Captain George Delano in the 1830's. We have included services at the

Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Sunday. Beginning in 1838, this Church is the oldest Methodist Church in Westmoreland County. These Delano descendants have been members of the congregation since its earliest days. The cemetery probably has the highest concentration of DELANO headstones south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Genealogical Consultations: Muriel Cushing our DELANO KINDRED Genealogist will be present for genealogical consultations during the Reunion. She will be happy to answer your questions about DELANO Genealogy.

Meals: The Welcome Buffet on Friday night will include a variety of small sandwiches, meats on rolls, assorted cheeses, deviled eggs, crab dip, vegetable trays with dip, fruit trays, tarts, punch, and other soft drinks.

The Plantation Buffet Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings includes Scrambled eggs with bacon, sausage, grits, fried apples, pancakes, toast juice, fruit, cold cereal and milk, coffee, and tea.

The Crab Feast includes lots of crabs, hot dogs, chicken wings, and beverages. If you haven't been to a Northern Neck Crab Feast now is your chance! We strongly suggest you wear cool informal clothes that can be easily washed. Eatin crab is messy!!

Tours of Stratford Hall. Tours of Stratford Hall are excellent and well worth your time. You will get the Group Rate admission price of \$6.00 by wearing your DELANO KINDRED name tag.

Getting around the Plantation: Time your arrival at Stratford Plantation to be during the daylight. We will have signs to guide you to the Dining Room where registration will commence at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. To aid you in finding your way around the first evening, we have arranged to have lanterns lit along the way from between the Council House, the Dining Room and Cheatham and Astor Houses. We strongly recommend that you bring flashlights with you. It gets dark in the country at night!

Cancellations: Should it be necessary for you to cancel your reservation we will refund all funds forwarded to us received prior to 1 August. After that date we will refund all funds except the registration fees.

Special Arrangements and Local Assistance: If you require special arrangements or local assistance please call **Frank P. Delano** at (804) 333 321 or 333-3328. He will be delighted to help you.

**DELANO KINDRED 1997 ANNUAL REUNION
FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST
through SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST 1997 at the
STRATFORD PLANTATION
AND OLDHAMS, VIRGINIA**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 15 August 1997

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration at the Stratford Plantation Dining Room.

5:00 p.m. - ?? Welcome Light Buffet, Drinks, and Fellowship.

Saturday, 16 August 1997

7:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet at the Stratford Plantation Dining Room.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Late Registration at the Stratford Plantation Council House.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting at the Stratford Plantation Council House.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Historic Presentation with a box lunch under the trees.

2:30 p.m. Depart Stratford Plantation for "Pleasant View" Farm, Oldhams, VA.

4:00 p.m. -Dedication of the Delano Cemetery Marker at "Pleasant View."

6:00 p.m. Crab Feast Picnic at Pauline Delano's barn.

Sunday, 17 August 1997

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet at the Stratford Plantation Dining Room.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Services at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Oldhams, VA

1997 NEW MEMBERS

In the last issue of the Bonnes Nouvelles we listed some of our new members through the first part of February 1997. We are happy to list the "cousins" who have become new members during the period from late February through mid-May. Welcome Cousins!

Arkansas

Kathryn D. Brown

California

John E. Osborne

Maryland

Woodrow B. DELANO

Marilyn D. Susa

Massachusetts

Jeffery M. Boldi

Michigan

Elizabeth H. Eich

Missouri

Anna Belle D. Rickart

New Hampshire

Laurie D. Scott

New Mexico

Kenny G. Smith

Texas

Fritz M. DELANO

Virginia

Margaret Lillian D. Davis

Launcelot H. DELANO

John W. Elliot

Brittany T. Ralph

Richard R. Ralph III

Steven A. Ralph

**E-MAIL AND INTERNET NEWS
FROM OUR MEMBERS**

DELANO LIST-SERVER

As we mentioned in the last Bonnes Nouvelles Cousin **Frank P. DELANO** has developed a DELANO List-Server for on-line cousins. The List-Server is now in operation and it is easy to subscribe to. Just send e-mail to bigtree@3n.net with the message "SUBSCRIBE DELANO LIST" in the subject. Frank Pelham DELANO II is list master. All topics relating to the family are permitted.

Persons with questions, comments, information, advice and other notions may send them in. The list master will read the messages, edit if necessary, and forward to all others on the list. Exchanges and dialogs can result and are often useful and entertaining.

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COMIN' TO VIRGINIA DELANOs IN VIRGINIA BEFORE 1899

Sometime ago we flipped the pages of the GHAAHD to see how many listings that mention Virginia we could find. Although we probably missed a few, close to thirty entries, not including the numerous entries relating to Capt. George Delano who settled in the "Northern Neck" of Virginia are in the book. As you may recall, Capt. George Delano had eleven of his nineteen children in Westmoreland County, Virginia; so you can imagine his Virginia line accounts for most of the Virginia entries. We also found that many of the entries were due to deaths of Union soldiers who fought in the various campaigns in the Civil War.

We found that three of the of the five male "branches" of the family have Virginia entries recorded in the GHAAHD. They are listed below.

PHILIP DELANO Jr.

Ella Gertrude De Lano (pg 114) of Denver CO married Harrison Samuel Vaughn of Hartland NY. Harrison was a Private in Co. A, 8th New York Hvy. Artillery Regiment. On 3 June 1864, during the Battle of Cold Harbor, VA (near Richmond) he lost his right arm.

Rev. Marcus De Lano (pg 116) fought with the Union in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and later with the Army of the Potomac as a Corporal, then as a Sergeant and finally as a Lieutenant. He was with the Co. B, 10th Maine Infantry most of his military career from May 1861 to May 1863

Peleg Bradford Delano III (pg 117), had four sons in the Civil War. The two who are listed as being in Virginia are: Peleg IV who enlisted in Co.

F, 1st Maine Hvy. Artillery, was wounded in front of Petersburg, VA on 17 July 1864 and his younger brother Owen D. Delano who enlisted in Co. F, 1st Maine Hvy. Artillery and was killed in battle near Welden R. R., Virginia 2 Oct. 1664.

DR. THOMAS DELANO

Lieutenant William Delano (pg 156), assigned to the USS Columbus (74 guns) under the command of Commodore William Bainbridge, was found on a street in Norfolk, VA in dying condition and died later that day (Aug. 1822) in a nearby house where he was taken. Although the cause of death was not disclosed, it was possibly a case of revenge resulting from a duel he had with a "young gentleman" in 1820.

William Delano Vorhees (pg 179), former Secretary of the YMCA in Norfolk, Virginia, d. 5 March 1896 in Brooklyn, NY.

Private Charles Manville Delano (pg 198), Co. I, 7th Maine Infantry, died in a Washington D.C. hospital after an expedition to the James River, VA in 1862.

Levi Delano (pg 200), Private, Co. M, 1st Maine Cavalry, died at Lynchburg, Virginia on 16 July 1862.

George Appleton Homans (pg 206), son of George and Abby Maria (Delano) Homans, married Josephine A. Turner in Norfolk, Virginia on 26 March 1891.

Edward Marcellus Delano (pg 207), whose residence was 1110 King St., Alexandria, Virginia (in 1899) was an engineer with the Virginia Midland R.R. He was born in Massachusetts, but came to Virginia.

Capt. Amasa Delano (pg 212), sailed to Virginia and other ports along the east coast as well as the Puerto Rico. We know he wintered over in a sailing ship in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

James Terill Bacon (pg 239), son of Nathaniel and Asenath (Delano) Bacon married Susan Stanford Lewis in Cobham, Virginia on 15 March 1855.

Stephen Delano (pg 239), son of Enos and Hannah Larrabee (Prince) Delano died in Virginia

Willard Greenleaf Delano (pg 242), in June 1850. Private, Co. E, 1st Hvy. Artillery, Maine Volunteers, killed 18 June 1864 at Petersburg, Virginia.

Darius Delano (pg 251) the 6th son of Cornelius Delano, married Betsey Howe in Virginia

in 1827. He died in (Richmond County?) Virginia on 23 Sep. 1829.

Capt. George Delano (pg 251) the 9th son of Cornelius Delano, settled in Virginia in about 1820. Started the "Northern Neck" Delano line resulting in numerous entries on pages 253 through 256. Connected family names living in Virginia (as listed in the GHAAHD) include: Anthony, Beauchamp, Bowen, Clark, Doggett, Douglass, English, Gallagher, Gill, Hudson, Packett, Pitman, Self, Sisson, Spilman, and Spurlin. Many of these names appear on tombstones in the Ebenezer Church graveyard in Oldhams, Virginia.

Caleb Delano Jr. (pg 259), Private, Co. D, 12th Reg. Maine Volunteers, killed 19 Sep. 1864 at the Battle of Winchester, VA.

Samuel Adams Eaton, husband of Martha Mary Delano (pg 273) died in Richmond, Virginia on 27 April 1870.

Edward Hartt Delano (pg 278), commissioned a Naval Constructor in 1848, spent some time in Norfolk, Virginia, during his ship construction career. He built the U.S. steam frigate MERRIMAC and Admiral Farragut's flagship the USS HARTFORD. Edward H. Delano's brothers, father, and grandfather were well known ship builders on the North River (now Boston) in Massachusetts.

William Edward Delano (pg 279) son of Edward Hartt Delano was born in Norfolk, Virginia on 6 Sep. 1863. He died three weeks later.

LT JONATHAN DELANO

Edward Dennison Bugbee (pg 338), grandson of James Bugbee and Wealtha De Lano, Private, Co. K, 3rd Reg. Michigan Volunteer Infantry, died near Yorktown, Virginia on 2 May 1862.

Nimrod Patterson (pg 360), husband of Mary Maria Delano, enlisted in 1862 in 4th Co. H, 4th Indiana Cavalry, was captured and prisoner on "Belle Isle" Richmond, Virginia. He died there 29 Dec. 1863.

Maj. Charles De Lano Hine (pg 383), born 15 Mar. 1867 in Vienna, Fairfax Co. Virginia.

Maj. Westel Willoughby (pg 385), son of Franklin and Keziah De Lano Willoughby, raised a Company of the 137th Reg. New York Volunteers, was wounded at Chancellorville, Virginia on May 1863 and resigned because of wounds in Alexandria, Virginia in Oct. 1863. He was elected Commonwealth Attorney for Alexandria for five years, was later appointed Judge of the Circuit

Court, and, in June 1869, appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals in Virginia. His twin sons Westel and William were born in Alexandria on 20 July 1867.

Ulysses S. Grant, LGEN USA (pg 389), grandson of Noah and Susanna Delano Grant, received the unconditional surrender of Robert E. Lee, GEN CSA at Appomattox Court House, Virginia on 9 April 1865.

Milton Delano (pg 410), in Marine Corps. was on board the USS CONGRESS which went down in Hampton Roads, Virginia, before the ram CSS VIRGINIA (Merrimac), 8 March 1862. He was taken prisoner and was paroled north several months later. He re-enlisted in the 111th New York Volunteer Infantry of Auburn New York. He was later recaptured and died in Andersonville, Georgia.

Amasa Delano, of Kentucky (pg 429), married Amanda Bell, born in Nottoway Co., Virginia on 26 Sep. 1815.

Polly Skinner, daughter of Jarvis and Mary De Lano Skinner (pg 451), married secondly, in Noble County, Indiana, Samuel Weller, who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia on 22 July 1816.

Charles Delano (pg 454), resided in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1852 to 1865. Unheard from since 1865.

Captain Calvin Delano (pg 478 & 501), recorded in the court records of Virginia as Calvin Delano of New Bedford, New England, an honest man. He was a pilot with the French fleet in the Battle of the Virginia Capes during the Revolutionary War.

Ella Jane Delano (pg 480), married secondly in Stockton, California 16 April 1883, Archie Alexander Mayes who was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on 19 June 1848.

Father of General John C. Fremont "The Pathfinder" (pg 489), came to Norfolk, Virginia from France. He married Beverly Whiting of Virginia. General Fremont's son, Capt. Francis P. Fremont, married Caroline Drake Townsend, daughter of John D. and Eliza A. (Delano-Swan) Townsend.

Francis H. Delano RADM USN Ret. (pg 489-490, Commander in GHAAHD), in Portsmouth Navy Yard, Virginia, in various duty capacities between 1875 and 1892. At Fortress Monroe, Virginia in 1889.

Debora Delano (pg 491), married Dr. Foster Swift, Surgeon U.S. Army, went to Alexandria, Virginia in 1783, but later returned to the New York, City area.

THE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The 1st and 2nd of May 1997 were FDR days in Washington D.C. associated with the Dedication of the Memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt located on the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park. Cousin **Frank Delano** attended the dedication by cruising from Kinsdale, Virginia, up the Potomac to Washington, D.C. The dedication ceremony on the morning of the 2nd May must have been an exciting event!

As you may know the development of the FDR Memorial took over 50 years to complete after Congress authorized the Memorial Commission in 1946. It is located between the Jefferson Memorial, also on the Tidal Basin, and the Lincoln Memorial and generally faces the direction of the Washington Memorial. It differs from the familiar designs to honor or memorialize by colonnades and domes. Designer Lawrence Halprin designed it in a more abstract manner based on his observations of the way "humans move about a given space." Halprin's design is horizontal rather than vertical and its insistence of telling a story breaks with "postwar modernist" architectural design.

The Memorial contains about seven and a half acres of land and it is broken up into four open areas or rooms as follows:

Room One: "The Early Years" (1932-1936).

One of the first things you will see is artist Tom Hardy's bronze, bas-relief of the Presidential Seal, based on the design used when FDR took office. The walls of the open room are of carnelian granite which has reddish-pink veins running through it. The granite wall are deliberately rough and become rougher as you progress from room to room. Through the four rooms are 21 of Roosevelt's quotations. The first quote you see is "This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." This quote sets the theme for the entire Memorial. Besides the nine bronze artworks in the four rooms there are six waterfalls and numerous plantings used to create symbolic effect. In the first room is a fountain which is the quietest "waterfall" flowing over a high wall to symbolize the water in Roosevelt's life -- the healing waters of Warm Springs to the ocean swells he sailed in as Asst. Secretary of the Navy.

Room Two: "Social Policy" (1936-1940). This room is designed to show the social programs of the

New Deal. Among the artwork in this room is George Segal's bronze sculptures of the Bread Line and the Rural Couple. FDR's quotes include: "I see one-third of a nation, ill-housed, ill-clad, and ill-nourished." and "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." A fountain flows evenly over a series of steps to symbolize the dams built by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Room Three: "The War Years" (1940-1944).

In this room the water in the fountain roars over a jumble of blocks littered about to symbolize the ruins of war. "I hate War" is engraved on some of the rocks. On the wall is the complete quotation: "I have seen war. I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded. I have seen the dead in the mud. I have seen cities destroyed. I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives. I hate war"-- In this room is the nine foot high statue, by Neil Estern, of FDR sitting in a chair wrapped in his cape with his dog Fala at his feet.

Room Four: "Seeds of Peace" (1944-1945).

Although FDR gave his famous "Four Freedoms" Speech at the start of his third term in 1941, it is quoted here. Also in this room is a statue of Eleanor Roosevelt, again by Neil Estern, with a U.N. Seal in the background. Eleanor Roosevelt was a strong advocate of Human Rights and was a delegate to the United Nations where she played an important part in drafting the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights. She is the first president's wife to be honored in a Presidential Memorial.

It is a very impressive and worthwhile Memorial to see. However they did leave out a most important quote of FDR's mother Sarah Delano Roosevelt about her son Franklin, "He is more Delano than he is Roosevelt."

CONSORT & RELICT

In your research you may run across the terms "Consort" and "Relict". A Consort is one whose spouse is still living. A Relict is a widow. On gravestones, when one sees "Sarah was the Consort of William", he was still alive. On the other hand, when the inscription reads, "She was the Relict of William", she was a widow before she died.

-From the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society Newsletter.

ANOTHER ALDEN LINE?

Cousin **Muriel Cushing**, our genealogist, thinks she may have found another Delano-Alden descendancy line. If any of our genealogical sleuths have information about this possibility, outlined below, she would appreciate your sharing it with her. Here is what Muriel says.

The Mayflower Society has accepted lines through only three children of Thomas³ & Hannah (Bartlett) Delano; however, while researching for the DELANO KINDRED, I found a Feb. 1791 land record (Ply Co LR 72:278) stated in the Standish MFIP (Mayflower Families In Progress), pg. 55, "John Hanks, Jr. sells land to Judah Delano, land in Middleboro left him 'by my mother Mary Hanks, which descended to her from her father Thomas Delano, deceased'". This was the first suggestion that Mary (Delano) Hanks was not the daughter of Philip & Elizabeth (Dingley) Delano as every other genealogy I have seen claims. Further investigation proved the land record correct & other records showed that Thomas³ Delano, Jr. inherited "1/2 lot in Middleboro at Wappanuckett on the east side of Assawampsett Pond in the 1722 estate settlement of his father Dr. Thomas² Delano (MD 6:23) (MD=Mayflower Descendent). A later deed in 1791 (72:279) Judah⁵ Delano sells land in Middleboro at Assawampsett Pond to Rosseter Cotton "the whole of the above premises I bought of John Hanks & fell to me by heirship from my grandfather Phillip³ Delano", & describes the two parcels as being "ajacant". In 1674 Philip¹ Delano Sr. (Philippe De Lannoy) granted to "Thomas² Delano 1/2 of his hundred acre lot at Namasket in the Town of Middleboro, the lot to be divided betwixt his brother & him, (Philip² Delano & him); also 1/2 the meadow land in Middleboro 1/2 of five acres etc. (Ply Co LR 3:330).

From the above records it appears that the land in Middleboro once divided between the two sons of Philippe¹ was passed down through both sons for 4 generations. Thomas², Thomas³, Mary⁴, John⁵ Hanks Jr. & Philip², Philip³, Philip⁴, Judah⁵ Delano who by purchasing the

land of John Hanks, Jr., joined again the original tract of land in Middleboro at Assawampsett Pond owned by Philippe¹ De Lannoy.

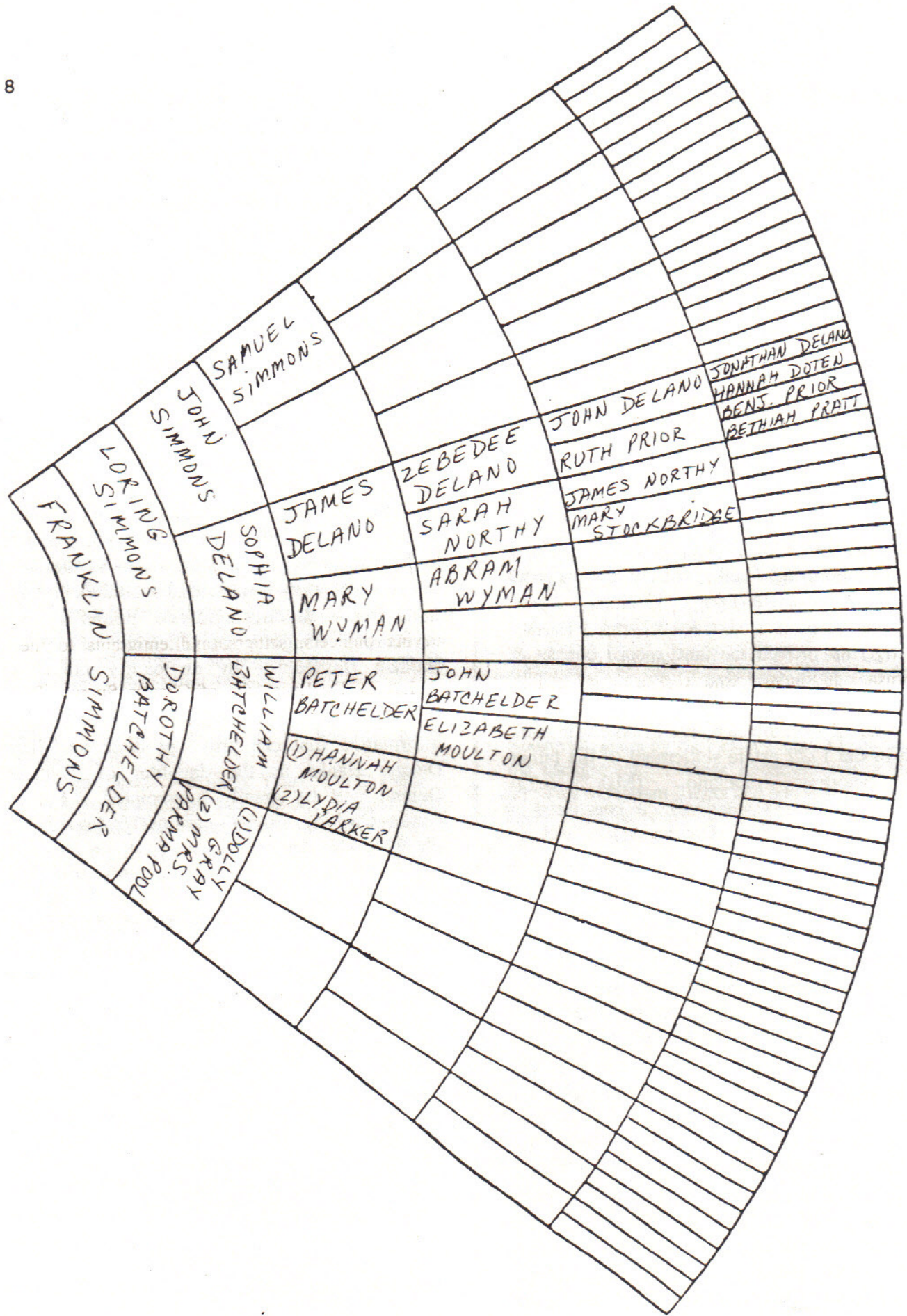
In another deed (77:108) John⁵ Hanks, Jr. & his sister Chole⁵ Addinton sell to Judah⁵ Delano land in Middleboro "the whole right of our mother Mary Hanks late Mary Delano, dau. of Thomas Delano which he gave her by will". Further in the deed "The whole of our mother Mary Hanks or Simmons right in Middleborough". The reference to "Mary Hanks or Simons" implies that she is the Mary Hanks that married John Simmons of Kingston as the Hanks Gen. (NEHGR Vol. 86:9) suggests. (NEHGR=New England Historical and Genealogical Register).

It would seem therefore, that Mary Delano was the daughter of Thomas Delano & married first John Hanks & second John Simmons. There is no Mary Delano that would fit in this time frame & the evidence points to an unrecorded daughter of Thomas, either by Hannah Bartlett or by an earlier unknown marriage.

Further research is still being done & any information that can prove or disprove Mary Delano Hanks as the daughter of Thomas Delano will be greatly appreciated. Muriel Curtis Cushing E-Mail cardinal16@juno.com, Ph (914) 945-6107.

CIVIL WAR PRISONERS OF WAR

There is a service available to help you find POW records for the Civil War. Send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to Andersonville National Historic Site, Rt. 1, Box 85, Andersonville, GA 31711. Include the name, which war, and any military information. Other than copy costs, there is no charge. (Chicago Gen. Soc., 11/93 Vol. 26 No. 3, via DuPage City Gen. No. 3, Jan. 1993, via Twigs and Branches, Vol. 16 No. 4, & via Va. Bch. Gen. Soc. Vol. 13 No. 4 May 1997.)



DELANOS AND ALLIED FAMILY MEMBERS OF ARTS AND LETTERS

We plan to include a series of articles about DELANOs and members of Allied Families who have gained fame in the "Arts"--as painters, writers, poets, or as sculptors. Thanks to the help of many of our cousins we have become aware of a few.

Those of you who received Newsletter #8 (September 1993) may recall that a poem Philip Delano (Philippe De La Noye) by poet and Cousin **James William Cummings** was included in that issue. Cousin James lives near Dixmont, Maine and has been a member since 1992.

Several members, the last being Cousin **Frances Mitchell**, have sent me articles about the self-taught, greeting card artist, Mary Englebreit, who is married to Phil Delano of Clayton, MO, a suburb of St. Louis. We are not sure of Phil's lineage back to Philippe De La Noye. Can anybody help us on this?

Cousin **Ernie Towers** sent us information about two DELANO artists from Fairhaven, MA. The first was Elizabeth Terry Delano, 1845-1933, (GHAARD pg. 501), who was known "as a lady with brushes and paint". She worked in her studio on Pleasant St. in Fairhaven until 1932, painting the subjects she loved best -- still life and portraits. She would only work with familiar subjects: her family and friends for portraits, and flowers she grew herself for still life.

"Painting perishable flowers such as roses or peonies means working at top speed as long as hand and eye will obey the observing brain." she said. She would only work with fresh flowers. When she received a commission for an 85 foot long frieze to be covered with chrysanthemums for the dining room of her cousin Warren Delano Jr. (FDR's grandfather, pg. 504-505), she enlisted the aid of a friend's gardener who graciously offered to keep her supplied with fresh flowers while she painted.

The second Fairhaven artist is Milton K. Delano, who according to A Picture History Of Fairhaven, calls himself "a frustrated plumber who became an engineer and wanted to be an artist." He received national attention for one of his art forms -- scrimshaw--when Jacqueline Kennedy commissioned him to make a scrimshaw of the presidential seal on a whale's tooth. The engraved whale tooth was given to John F. Kennedy as a Christmas present in 1962 and it was buried with him a year later.

A few miles north of Fairhaven, at Marion, MA

is the birthplace of another famous DELANO artist, Gerard Curtis Delano (pg. 436), who will be featured in our next issue of the Bonnes Nouvelles.

George Washington Delano (pg. 289) whose residence in the 1890's was 353 West 24th Avenue in New York City, was listed as a painter. Does anyone know about his artistic work?

Abraham Delanoy Jr. (pg. 65?), "a gifted pupil of (Benjamin?) West (b.?) in 1766. He died in New York City about 1786(? or 1795?). "Neglect was his portion. He was forced to eke out painting by selling groceries and died in poverty." The Pageant of America Series, Independence Edition, Vol. XII pg. 13, edited by Ralph Henry Gabriel 1927.

Isaac Delano 3rd of Charlestown, MA, d. 29 July 1840 (pg. 287), was for many years the leader of the "Brigade Band of Boston". He is credited with introducing the Trombone into this country.

James De Lano, Isaac's brother (pg. 288) was employed by the Union Steamboat Company service on Lake Erie. He organized the first brass band for that company's ships that sailed out of Buffalo, NY carrying pioneers, settlers, and emigrants to the "west".

Leo B. De Lano, son of Charles Sumner De Lano (pg. 300) lived in Los Angeles, CA in the late 1800's. He was a composer of guitar and mandolin music -- 14 compositions are listed.

Stephen Delano Sr. (pg. 426), was a political satirist who wrote articles for the Vermont Journal in the late 1700's signing them "Mr. Candor, Lampon, Ca Ira, Saint De La No, Epitaph writer & sexton. to Aristocrats." He later moved to Ohio where he published nearly 100 pieces of prose in the Ohio Monitor.

Another writer who gained fame in the West was Alonzo Delano (pg. 408). We plan to include an article about him in a later issue of the Bonnes Nouvelles.

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** pointed out Franklin S. Simmons (pg. 191) was a celebrated sculptor in Rome, Italy in the mid 1800's. He was the son of Loren Simmons and Sophia Delano. Muriel has included an Ancestor Fan Chart of Franklin Simmons which we have printed on the adjacent page. If anyone has information about the missing lines on the chart, Muriel would be pleased to know about it. No doubt we have missed quite a few DELANO cousins who gained fame through their artistic ability. If you know of such cousins, drop a line to your editor. He will try to include the information in forth coming issues.

WHERE IS DELFTHAVEN AND WHAT HAPPENED THERE?

According to information from the Leiden Pilgrim Documents Center of the Municipal Archives, "...the Pilgrims left Leiden by inland boat and traveled along the Vielt River to Delfshaven" or Delfthaven, "where the emigrants embarked on the SPEEDWELL, leaving the Netherlands on July 31, 1620. The group included people who had joined in Leiden like Captain Miles Standish and Philippe de la Noy..."¹

Delfthaven means Delft harbor. If you study a map of the Netherlands you will see that the Vielt River runs southwest from Leiden, for about ten miles, towards the eastern suburbs of Den Haag. Then the river turns to the southeast a few miles, passing through the town of Delft, and then onward about seven miles to the western portion of Rotterdam to the Maas River. The Maas is the great navigable river that serves docks of the great Port of Rotterdam and connects the North Sea with many navigable rivers including the navigable portion of the Rhine. Still there is no mention of Delfthaven on any of today's maps.

While Cousins **George and Diana DeLano** were in the Netherlands, they were fortunate to be able to view an old map atlas (circa 1710-1740) of their Dutch friend Col. Jan Keizer. In the atlas was a map of the area from Leiden to Rotterdam. On the map where the Vielt River met the Maas River was Delfthaven. In the early 1700s Delfthaven was situated equidistant between the cities of Schiedam and Rotterdam.

"In June 1620, the adventurers chartered a large vessel of 180 tons" (the MAYFLOWER)"a fine ship," Cushman reported,...the group in Leyden bought a smaller vessel of sixty tons, the SPEEDWELL, which was to transport part of the company and stay in the New World for use there in 'fishing and such other affairs as might be for ye good & benefite of ye colonie.' As the ship was in bad condition, she had to be refitted at considerable expense. New and larger masts were stepped in, and a new suite of sail was bought for her."^{2*}

"At long last, at sunrise on July 21, 1620*, the Pilgrim vanguard set out for Delft Haven, about twenty miles to the south, on the Maas just a few miles below Rotterdam. ...most of their friends from the Green Gate accompanied them. Other friends came from Leyden to see them off, and even from Amsterdam, almost fifty miles 'distant. Here they

enjoyed another feast and 'more christian discourse and other reall expressions of true christian love. That night was spent ashore, 'with litle sleepe by ye most,' and early the next morning they and their friends boarded the SPEEDWELL to exchange a last farewell, and 'truly dolfull was ye sight of that sad and mournfull parting, to see what sighs and sobbs and praies did sound amongst them, what tears did gush from every eye & pithy speches peirst each harte.'"³

¹ Leverland, B.N. and Bangs, J.D., Pamphlet, "The Pilgrims in Leiden, 1609-1620" unnumbered pg. 13.

² Willison, George F., "Saints and Strangers" 1945 & 1971, Parnassus Imprints ed. May 1983, pg. 119.

³ *ibid.*, pg. 120.

* Editors note. Studies appearing in the Mayflower Quarterly several years ago indicate that the SPEEDWELL's unworthy sea keeping ability was due to the extra masts and extra sail added at Delfthaven. The study suggests that the SPEEDWELL's center of gravity was raised enough to cause it to heel over in strong winds and take on water. This may account for at least part of her "leaky" condition which was the reason she did not cross the Atlantic.

There is a nine or ten day discrepancy between Leverland and Willison concerning the departure date of the Pilgrims from Delfthaven to England.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS' HOME

The Robert E. Lee Camp Confederate Soldiers' Home was established on 13 March 1884 as a place of residence for disabled or old veterans of the Confederate Army. The Virginia General Assembly provided the first public subsidy for the Home in 1886, and it continued in existence until the death of the last resident in 1941.

The records of the Home are in the Library of Virginia, Record Group 52 of the archives of Virginia. They consist of 9 bound volumes and some 22 feet 3 inches of papers, including detailed applications for admissions, applications for leaves of absence, a register of residents, and the minutes and other records of the Board of Visitors.

The camp was located on the property now occupied by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. All that remains of the Home is a splendid little chapel. On the same property is the building that until the 1980's served as the home for widows and daughters of Confederate Veterans, but is has since closed. (Downloaded from the internet as a posting to va-roots list. Written by Brent Tarter, The Library of Virginia; Email btarter@leo.vsla.edu via Va. Bch. Gen. Soc. Vol. 13 No. 4 May 1997.)

THE NEW WORLD BOOK OF DELANOs

Cousin **George DeLano** wonders how many of our DELANO surnamed Cousins received the latest letter from "Marilyn A. Delano i.a." (i.a. means in absentia). It came in the envelope shown below. We note that the organization that Marilyn Delano has lent her name to is still Halberts of Bath, OH. We note that the "new" World Book of Delanos has only 24 more households than it did last year. This organization used to send this sort of thing out every two years; now it seems they are doing it yearly.

We note that this year they do not mention a postage and handling charge of \$3.88 as they did last year. Those of you who received this "offer" will note that they carefully say "No direct genealogical connection to your family or to your ancestry is implied or intended." In other words, this is merely a list of computerized records such as telephone directories, ship passenger lists, census and other official records available to the public plus some very general genealogical information. Most of the information they say is hard-to-find information is available through genealogical publishing companies, the Latter Day Saints Family History Centers, various genealogical sections of public libraries, state libraries, the Library of Congress, the DAR, the National Archives, the Census Bureau, County Court Houses etc. If you have a computer and are "on line" most of this information is at your finger tips.

If you wish to have such a listing of 1943 names it can be yours for \$34.50 plus any charge for postage and handling. We do NOT recommend such a purchase. Please see the comments of Cousin **Brookins Delano** who purchased a similar book by Halberts in 1994 (at the bottom of page in the March/April 1995 Bonnes Nouvelles - NL#14). Please also see our article entitled "Questionable Genealogical Organizations" on page 4 in the December 1993 Newsletter NL#9.



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