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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.

### 2005 REUNION VENUE CHANGED TO PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

We deeply regret that we must cancel our plans for a 2005 Reunion in Salt Lake City due to the financial liability clause in the hotel contracts in the area. In Salt Lake City and, as we understand, other areas of the west we would be liable to pay for unoccupied rooms that we reserved that were not filled. Under a worst case scenario, we could sign a contract that could cause our Society a significant financial loss. Since we were required to sign a contract this month there was no way to contact all of our members. We were only able to contact those members who have provided us with their correct email addresses.

Although this is the first time we have encountered this particular clause in a host facility contract, we understand that this type of contract is prevalent in the Mountain States and the West Coast. This will require us in the future to view contracts of potential hotels and other facilities in the west over a year in advance and will also require those attending to pay in advance the total guestroom fees for the days they plan to attend. We are sorry this situation exists because this may severely limit our choices in choosing venues in the west.

Consequently, we thought it prudent to cancel the Salt Lake Reunion. We hope this change in venue will not cause you any inconvenience. In other respects we were very satisfied with the contract and the hotel facility. Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** did an excellent job in making arrangements that would have been a very interesting Reunion. If it had not been for that aspect of the contract we would be telling you about the planned events and details in Salt Lake City. We thank Cousin Carolyn for all the effort she went through in trying to make the arrangements at Salt Lake City.



As a result of this change we have moved the venue of the 2005 Reunion to Plymouth, Massachusetts. It was the venue most favored location for the 2006 Reunion. It offers many tour or viewing opportunities, for example, the Plimoth Plantation, a living museum that strives to very accurately portray old Plymouth in the 1620's with actors cast as the various Pilgrims, and the Mayflower II—built to the exact scale as the original Mayflower. Besides the famous Rock, Plymouth also is the home of the Pilgrim Museum and the Headquarters of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants which is interesting to those with historic and genealogical interests. We think this offers an excellent opportunity for members of all ages to see these interesting and historic places. More details about the

Reunion and the planned events are in an accompanying article in this newsletter.

## 2005 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION OUR PLYMOUTH AND EARLY DUXBURY HERITAGE

As announced elsewhere our Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held in Plymouth Massachusetts on Thursday 16 June to Saturday, 18 June 2005. By shifting the period of the reunion to Thursday and Friday we were able to reduce the costs which have steadily increased over the years.

The Annual Meeting and Reunion events will be held in the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street in Plymouth.

As you know Philippe de la Noye arrived in Plymouth in 1621 and stepped ashore near the foot of



Leyden Street and the Plymouth Rock. Plymouth is the home of Plimoth Plantation,

the famed living history museum that depicts the 1627 Pilgrim Village with costumed roll players that have taken on the names of various pilgrims, their viewpoints and life histories. You can visit the house of Francis and Hester Cooke with whom Philip Delanoy (as he was then known) stayed. Perhaps one of the Cookes will be at home as they frequently are.

Tied up at a wharf in Plymouth Harbor is the Mayflower II; a to-scale copy of the original Mayflower with its crew waiting orders to sail back to England.



Additionally Plymouth is within relatively easy commuting distance to and from Boston. This venue offers some excellent tours for the children or grandchildren in your family and is ideal for a family vacation. We are told that Plymouth is striving to become a golfing mecca for southeast Massachusetts. We understand there are several new golf courses since we last visited the area.

Duxbury, a few miles north of Plymouth, is where Philip Delanoy was given 40 acres of land in 1637; now the High School property. There he and his wife Hester, raised their family of six children. Hester died about 1653. By 1654 Philip, with his six children ranging in age from 19 to 5 years old, had married the widow Mary Pontus Glass who had three young daughters, ranging in age from 5 to 2 years old. It is on the High School land that the DELANO KINDRED is erecting the Memorial Marker to Philip. Philip, Mary and their family may have moved to Middleborough when Philip received land there in 1662.

### Getting There:

#### By Air:

Although Boston's Logan Airport is closer, landing at



the airport in Providence, RI, has proven to be less costly, ticket wise. The approximate travel time from Boston is 1 hour while the trip from Providence takes 1 hour and 15 minutes.

#### By Car:

##### From Providence and Points Southwest:

Take I-95 North, to I-495 South (exit 6) to Route 44. Make a right off the exit ramp, go halfway around the Middleboro Rotary and follow the signs to Plymouth. In Plymouth Route 44 becomes Samoset Street. Continue under Route 3 to downtown Plymouth. Samoset Street becomes South Park after you cross Court St (Rout 3A), continue on S. Park to Water Street and turn left. The Radisson is about 225 ft north on the left.

##### From Boston and Points North:

Take Route 93 South to Route 3 South. Take exit 6 (Route 44 & Samoset St.) East to Plymouth and follow the above directions.

##### From Points West:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike East, to I-495 South (exit 6), then make a right off the exit ramp and follow the similar directions from Providence above.

##### By Commuter Rail (1-800-392-6100) from

Boston South Station: There is commuter rail service from South Boston Station to either Cordage/North Plymouth Station or to

Kinston/Route 3 (somewhat farther away). Contact Mayflower Taxi (508-746-7887) for taxi service from the train station to the Radisson Hotel.

#### **Advance Registration & Reservations:**

To adequately plan and support the meals and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to participate in each event. Registration and Reservations should be made by **5 June 2005**.

**Accommodations:** We have blocked 25 standard Guestrooms for Thursday night 16 June and Friday night 17 June 2005 at the rate of \$129.00 + taxes of 9.7%---- about \$142.00 per night. We have also blocked 5 rooms for Wednesday 15 June through Friday night 17 June 2005 for those who wish to take advantage of seeing more of the Plymouth attractions. Each room is for single or double occupancy, and there is an extra charge for additional adults in these rooms, but children under 18 stay free in rooms with their parents. Non-smoking and handicap accessible rooms are available. Individual reservations may be made to the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor between 9:00 PM to 5:00PM EST at **(508) 747-4900**. All guests must identify themselves as members of the **DELANO KINDRED REUNION Group**. Group rate reservations must be made by **15 May 2005**. Reservations may be cancelled prior to three (3) days of arrival, reservations cancelled within three (3) days of arrival will be charged on night's room rent

**Registration:** Registration is scheduled outside the Boardroom of the Radisson Hotel Thursday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registrants will be provided with a "Welcome Envelope" containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Friday prior to the Annual Meeting in the Boardroom.

The Thursday night **Welcome Dinner** will be a night of fellowship and pleasantries where one can meet and greet new members as well as visit with old acquaintances. Genealogical consultations will also be available. The planned menu will include Grilled Beef Medallions, served with fruit cup, House Salad, stirred fried vegetables, potato or rice pilaf, roll & butter, desert and beverages. A cash bar will also be available. A "kids meal" will also be

available with a kids entrée and the accompaniments the same as the adults.

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** plans to have the information of our DELANO Family transformed in to the Family Tree Maker format and available for you to see on her laptop computer. Other events may also be scheduled that evening.

On Friday at 9:00 AM, the **2005 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the Boardroom. We hope to have the minutes and the committee reports available in advance at registration. We hope that this arrangement will reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting the way it did in 2004. We plan to have the group photograph after this meeting.

**Lunch and Tours** will be at each individual's option to increase one's flexibility in touring the Plymouth sights.

The **2005 Banquet Dinner, Friday, 17 June**, will be served at 7:00 PM in order to give those



on tour time to freshen up after returning to their guestroom. The menu will include entrée choice of traditional New England Scrod or Chicken Mayflower (sage stuffing and a cranberry/orange sauce) with accompaniments similar (but slightly different) to the previous evening. A cash bar as well as a "kid's meal" menu will be available.

Arrangements are being made for a **2005 Banquet Speaker** and details will be available in the March 2005 *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE\***  
**DELANO KINDRED REUNION**  
**RADISSON HOTEL PLYMOUTH**  
**HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS**

**16 TO 18 JUNE 2005**

**Thursday, 16 June 2005**

1:00—4:00 pm Board Meeting in Boardroom  
 4:00—6:00 pm Registration Pre-assembly (Entrance to Boardroom)  
 6:00—11:00 pm Welcome Dinner and Program in Boardroom

**Friday, 17 June 2005**

8:30—9:00am Late Registration in Boardroom  
 9:00--11:00am Annual Membership Meeting in Boardroom  
 11:00-11:15am Group Picture  
 11:30am-6:00pm Lunch and unguided Tours (individual option)  
 6:00 —11:00 pm Annual Banquet with Speaker. 7:00 pm Dinner served

**Saturday, 18 June 2005**

9:00—11:00am Board Meeting in Marshfield Room

\*Marker/Viewing program may be added

**FUTURE VENUES IN THE WEST**

We have tried over the years to hold reunions further west in areas close to many of our members. Our first excursion westward from Massachusetts was to western New York in 1993. We held two reunions further west in Michigan in 1995 and 1999. Although we were not able to successfully arrange a reunion in Salt Lake City in 2005, we are committed to hold reunions in the West. In the southwest, Texas holds the largest number of members, while California has the most members west of the Appalachians. Washington State has an increasing number of members. Each state has its own DELANO history. Florida also holds a large number of our members.

While we can hold a reunion in any location that is convenient for travel, we have frequently held them in locations where there were DELANO ancestors who have added significantly to our heritage. In the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we have mentioned many of the DELANO ancestors who ventured west. Among them were the author Alonzo Delano who wrote about his travels west in 1850 his life among the

gold miners and who eventually retired in Grass Valley, CA. Also there is sea captain and trader Henry Delano Fitch, who married Josefa Carrillo of San Diego in 1829 and retired to the Alexander Valley north of San Francisco. In Washington State we have mentioned sea captain George E. De Lano who captained the AUSTRIA when it was wrecked in a storm off the rocky Washington coast. He eventually retired at De Lano Beach in the southern part of Puget Sound. In the southwest, Texas has its own DELANO heritage. It is “reported by some” that Lt. Col. Oliver H. Delano, who immigrated to the Republic of Texas from Columbus, OH in the 1830’s, fought for the Independence of Texas under General Sam Houston (GHAHD pg 427 & 428). In Florida, Joel Andrew Delano served the army during skirmishes with Seminole Indians in the late 1850’s.

While there are many other locations west and south of the Appalachians with their own DELANO heritage there are other locations well worth seeing for other reasons. We would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions about reunion locations in the west. Please include them in the comments at the bottom of the second page of the Annual Questionnaire inserted in this newsletter.

**2004 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we have included the 2004 Annual Questionnaire. Each year in the fall we distribute a questionnaire in order to receive the views of the membership. Your Board will try to act on your suggestions whenever feasible. This year part of the questionnaire again seeks your views about the location Annual Meetings and Reunions. This is due to the necessary change in plans for the 2005 Reunion.

As we grow we will help in new and different areas. Therefore we are asking you about your experience and background in these various fields. If there is are other areas in which you have interest and would like to help, please include those in the comments section at the bottom of the questionnaire.

We are also interested in reasons you became a member of the DELANO KINDRED and we would like to know what you like best



about our Society and in what areas you feel we could make improvements. We have also included questions about the websites we manage or host.

Please take time to complete your questionnaire and please mail it to reach us by 31 January 2005. This is YOUR Society and we would like to hear YOUR thoughts and ideas. The results of the questionnaire responses will be presented in the March 2005 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* and will be posted on the members' website: [www.delanokindred.org](http://www.delanokindred.org). Thank you for your help!

### HURRICANES FRANCES AND JEANNE HIT FLORIDA

After we reported about the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Charlie in the summer issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*, little did we know the devastation that would occur due to Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne on some of our members. Less intense, but with wider paths of destruction, Hurricanes Frances and later Jeanne smashed into the central part of Florida from east to west. If they hadn't evacuated elsewhere, **Cousins Diana D. Gardner** of Palm Beach Gardens and **Jane Avery** of Vero Beach probably felt the brunt of both of these hurricanes as they came ashore. These storms passed close to or over **Cousins Elizabeth Cookson** of St. Petersburg, **Donald L. Delano** of Tampa, **Elsie Warner** of Clearwater, **Charles Gidley** of Palm City, and **Michael A. Anderson** of Holiday. **Cousins Ed and Elizabeth Sullivan** of Ft. Lauderdale and **Semena D. Tinsley** of Coral Gables received less of the blowing winds, but we suspect they received plenty of heavy rain. We send our best wishes to all our Florida members with the hope that the 2005 hurricane season is milder and that Florida as well as the rest of the U.S. will be spared the terrific devastation that occurred this year.

### DEPARTED COUSINS Cornelia C. Peck

We sadly report the death of **Cousin Cornelia C. Peck** of Medford Leas, Medford, NJ who passed away Thursday, October 28 2004. She was born in Allegan, MI on 25 November 1917 and was the daughter of Charles F. Peck (son of George F. and Ella Green Peck), and Louise DeLano Peck, (daughter of Hiram A. and Viola Chaddock DeLano). She had been a member of

the DELANO KINDRED since 1993 and was descended from Philippe de Lannoy through the Lt Jonathan branch and through the pioneer William S. DeLano. She was graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Zoology. Following college, she worked in the Allegan State Bank and was Librarian at the Pine Trails Elementary School in Allegan for ten years, retiring in 1981. She lived in Allegan caring for her parents Charles and Louise Peck until their deaths in 1953 and 1966 respectively. In 1983 she established her summer home in Byron Center, MI and her winter home in Plant City, FL. In 1992 she became a resident of Medford Leas, a Continuing Care Retirement Center near Medford, NJ. She was very interested in genealogy and for many years kept records of her branch of the family. If there was any question that could not be answered relatives would likely say, "I'm not sure about that, let's ask Cousin Connie, she'll know." Like her mother, before her, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was active in her church, The Heritage Baptist Church of Mt. Laurel, NJ. She is survived by her brother Charles F. Peck Jr. and a sister-in-law Charlotte F. Peck of Medford Leas, eight nieces and nephews and many grand-nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her older sister Ella Peck Haines who passed away last in December 2003. We extend our sincere sympathy to her relatives.

### David De Lano Mitchell

Just before going to press we received the sad news that **David D. Mitchell**, of Sarasota Florida had passed away. Born in New York on 22 January 1958, David had fought a battle with cancer that he could not win. David descended through the Lt Jonathan branch and through Lt. Jonathan's great-grandson Jonathan Delano Sr., a corporal in the Revolutionary War, who moved his family to eastern New York State by 1800. He is survived by his mother **Cousin Frances D. J. Mitchell** of Sarasota, a sister, Frances, and three brothers, James, William, and Thomas as well as a brother in-law and several sisters in-law and many nephews and nieces. We send our heartfelt condolences to Cousin Frances and her family.

### NEW DESCENDANTS

We always mention new members and sadly announce our departed cousins when we know about their deaths, but we are always happy to announce the arrival of any new descendant in our midst. This time we are pleased to welcome **Juliet Victoria Romano** who arrived in Los Angeles CA on 3 April 2004, the daughter of Laura Glendinning and John Romano. Her grandmother is cousin Margaret Downs Glendinning of San Marcos TX.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society from June through October 2004.

#### Missouri

**Nancy M. Long** of Independence

#### New York

**Nelson D. Cole** of Pittsford

#### Ohio

**Norman B. Hern** of Swanton

#### United Kingdom

**Kenneth Bilbin** of Chartudge, Bucks

**WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!**

### PAST REUNION PHOTOS NEEDED

Did you know that one of our DELANO KINDRED projects is maintaining a photo album for all of our reunions? We have had reunions every year since 1992 coinciding with our Annual Meetings. **Cousin Joanne Boldi** has taken on this project and she needs your help. Each year she brings these albums to our reunions.

If you have extra copies of photographs from our past reunions she would appreciate having them. Please note on the back of the photo the year of the reunion and the names of those people in the picture as well as the scene in the background.

Please send the photos to: Joanne Boldi, 11 Merrimac Ave., Merrimac, MA 10860.

### DELANO "BITS" WANTED

Your History Committee would like your help in identifying "bits" of DELANO Information (anecdotes, events and places mentioned in any book or periodical etc.). The committee is embarking on a project of collecting this information in a file that can be accessed by members. To help in this project please send your "bit" with the following information: a short description of the "bit", the title of the

publication, and, if you wish, your name. Please mail the "bit" information to Joan W. Krumm, P.O. Box 479, Grantham, NH 03753-0479. Your History Committee thanks you for your help.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are inserting an updated Membership form in this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. Near the top of the form is a box to be checked if you are renewing your membership. If you give this form to someone who is not a member please note that on 1 January 2005 there will be a processing fee of \$10.00 to be added for new members. This fee does not apply for members who are renewing their membership.

### KUDOS

**Cousin Muriel Cushing** was recognized for her compilation of the fifth and sixth generations of the Philip Delano. The first of three volumes was published by the Mayflower Society this year. She received kudos from Edith Bates Thomas, Director of the Mayflower Society's Mayflower Families in Progress for Five Generations and was also recognized by Robert E. Davis, Governor General of the Mayflower Society at a meeting of the Board of Assistants held in September of this year. The meeting was attended by 180 representatives of the Mayflower Societies of the U. S. and Canada. Well done Muriel!

We wish to give kudos to our **Cousins** who have already responded to their renewal invoices and renewed their membership for the next year. Many of you have renewed for more than one year. We heartily thank all of you who quickly responded and renewed your membership. Your efforts make it easier for us to plan out next few years.

THANK YOU!

### A VIEW OF NEW PLYMOUTH (CIRCA 1638)

While Leonardo di Vinci is generally credited as the inventor of the camera, the capability of making photographs did not occur until the 1800s. Consequently, when we think of certain historical events that occurred before the advent of photography, images in our "mind's eye" are often shaped by paintings or drawings that depict that event. In his article published in the

January 1999 *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*<sup>1</sup>, Dr. Jeremy Bangs points out that many of our conceived images of the Pilgrims are based on Henry Sargent's "Landing at Plymouth" and Jenny Brownscombe's "First Thanksgiving." These paintings are in the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, MA and are representative examples of mid-nineteenth and early twentieth-century "history painting". Since neither artist was alive at the depicted time in history, they are based on historical records or well know stories. In his painting, the artist "may unintentionally produce a misleading image" when "archeological or narrative details are inaccurate."<sup>2</sup>

### A New View of Plymouth

Dr. Bangs believes that the Dutch artist Adam Willaerts (1577-1664) known for his accuracy may have painted a "View of New Plymouth in 1638". The painting shows several Dutch ships approaching Plymouth. Bradford mentions the visits of Dutch seamen in describing the happenings in 1634.<sup>3</sup> The accuracy of the depiction of Plymouth, Bangs points out, follows closely the descriptions of the colony by Emanuel Altham in 1623<sup>4</sup>, John Smith in 1624<sup>5</sup>, Ionnes de Laet's in 1625<sup>6</sup>, and Isaac de Rasiere in 1628<sup>7</sup>.



Here identified as a View of New Plymouth, Adam Willaerts, 1638.  
—Photo courtesy Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie, The Hague

In 1623, as you know, our ancestor Philipe de la Noye (as he was known at that time) had been in New Plymouth two years. He and Moyses Simonson had been given two "akers" of land in the 1623 Division of Land.<sup>8</sup> In 1624 when Captain John Smith visited New Plymouth, Philipe was 21 years old. By 1628, Phillip Delanoy, as he was then known, was one of the 58 Purchasers in the agreement negotiated by Isaac Allerton in England in 1626 and shared in the first lot of the 1627 Division of the Cattle: "the least of the 4 black heifers Came in the Jacob, and two shee goats."<sup>9</sup> He shared the cattle with his Uncle Francis Cooke's family, "Moses Simonson, Experience Machael, John ffance, Joshua Pratt and Phinihas Pratt." By 1638, the time Willearts is thought to have completed his painting, Phillip Delanoy had married Hester Dewsberry and together they had started a small family—Mary born in 1635 and Philip Jr. born in about 1637. He had been granted 40 acres of land in the township of Duxborrow and had been taxed 18 shillings.

Although the present location of this painting is not known, copies of the painting are available in the Royal Bureau for Folk History Documents in The Hague (Editor's attempted translation). The picture of the painting shows the wooden gate with a heavy door covered by a small roof. The gate is built between two mounds at the base of the hill in an arrangement that suggests the lower end of Leyden Street in Plymouth, MA. Bangs points out that the 1920-21 clean-up of the city's waterfront and development of the town park significantly

<sup>1</sup> Bang, J. D., Towards A Revision of the Pilgrims: Three New Pictures, *NEHGR* 150:3, Jan 1999

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, (S.E. Morrison Edition) pg 269 –cited by Bangs

<sup>4</sup> James Jr. Sydney V. *Three Visions of Early Plymouth* (Plymouth: Plimoth Plantation, 1963), pg 24 –cited by Bangs

<sup>5</sup> Eugene Aubrey Stratton, *Plymouth Colony, Its History & people, 1620-1691* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Pub., 1986, pg 26 – cited by Bangs.

<sup>6</sup> Leiden: Isaack Elzevier, 1625, - cited by Bangs

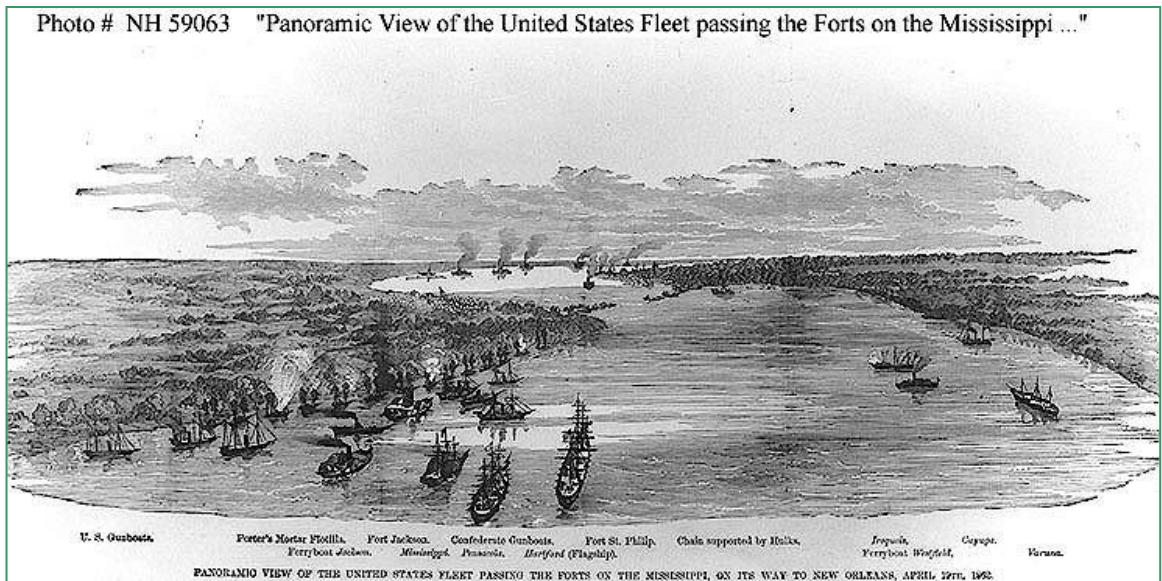
<sup>7</sup> Bangs gives a translation of selected sections in his *NEHGR* article and cites the translation of A. Eckhof in *Netherlandish Archief vor Kerkgeschiedens* new series , XV[1919], pgs 245-280

<sup>8</sup> Stratton, *Plymouth Colony...* pg. 416

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, pgs 420 & 421.

changed the features of that part of Plymouth, thereby making it difficult to compare with early paintings. One feature in the painting that can still be seen today is the remnants of what appears in the painting to be some sort of earthwork up the hill where the “Pilgrim Church” and the Burial Hill are located.

Delano who constructed the USS MERRIMAC and the USS HARTFORD. In that article we noted the error in the GHAHD on page 276 which confused the Delano brothers’ grandfather Benjamin with another Benjamin Delano—a copy of this portion of the December 1999 article is available upon request from your editor.



Dr. Bangs is a former curator of the Plimoth Plantation, which is known for its historical accuracy in Pilgrim architecture, clothing and speech. He cites an occasion where architectural research based on these descriptions, called into question the imaginative interpretation of Plymouth in the painting by A. S. Burbank (GHAHD plate IV). The research caused a difference in opinion concerning the pitch of the roofs in the first design of the Fort and the Meeting House replicas and resulted in these roofs being redesigned with steeper pitches in 1985.

#### **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DELANO NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR U.S.N.**

Like his brothers William Hartt Delano and Edward Hartt Delano, Benjamin Franklin Delano was a well-known ship builder in the mid-1800s. The brothers were seventh-generation DELANOs in the “Dr. Thomas Branch” (Benjamin<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Beriah<sup>4</sup>, Benoi<sup>3</sup>, Dr. Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>). You may recall the article in the December 1999 *Bonnes Nouvelles* #32 about Edward Hartt

Born in Scituate, MA on 17 Sep. 1809<sup>10</sup>, he was educated by the Rev. Samuel Dean. Showing a talent for shipbuilding<sup>11</sup>, Benjamin was placed in a draughting office the Naval Yard in Brooklyn, NY in 1825<sup>12</sup>. There he started his career in ship construction, being apprenticed to his Uncle and Naval Constructor Samuel Hartt. The Hartt family enjoyed a very high reputation in the ship construction business. Samuel’s father (and Benjamin’s maternal grandfather) Edmond Hartt owned the Boston shipyard in which the USS CONSTITUTION (Old Ironsides) was constructed by Joshua Humphreys, in 1797.

In 1829, he returned to South Scituate, and in the company of his older brother, William, and Joseph Clapp, built the 70-ton schooner ONLY DAUGHTER of Hingham. In 1833, a syndicate headed by Stephen White purchased Grand Island on the Niagara River and engaged Benjamin to convert the island’s oak timbered

<sup>10</sup> GHAHD pg. 279

<sup>11</sup> Ibid. pg. 278

<sup>12</sup> Obituary, Brooklyn Union, 1 May 1882, transcribed by Anna Heller-Campbell



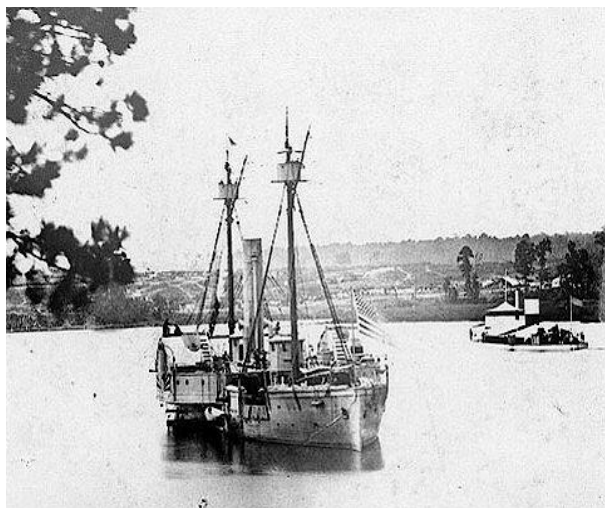
forest into vessels. He took his two brothers, William and Edward, and with twenty picked men of Scituate, built seven vessels<sup>13</sup>.

In 1835 Benjamin married Jane Foster (daughter of Seth and Abigail (Otis) Foster). They had two children (Alfred Otis, b. 1839 and Charlotte, b. 1845). Benjamin built the first steam vessel that sailed between Boston and East Boston.

Benjamin and his family moved to Portsmouth, NH and 1847 he received an appointment as Naval Constructor at the city's Naval Shipyard. In 1848 he constructed the side-wheeler USS SARANAC, the first steam powered vessel to be built in that yard. Although we were unable to find an image of the SARANAC we believe she was of a similar class of side-wheeler warship as the USS SAUGUS shown here.

He was transferred to the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard in 1850 and was appointed the Chief Naval Constructor. During the Civil War, between 1861 and 1865, the shipyard employed about 1200 men and constructed twenty-one war vessels including the IROQUOIS, the ONEIDA, NYACK, WAMPANOG, and the MATTAWASKA. He also supervised the conversion of numbers of merchantmen into war vessels.

Ships built by Benjamin and his brother Edward participated in the naval battles for control of the Mississippi River Forts below



New Orleans. In the *Harper's Weekly* sketch below (courtesy of the U.S. Naval History

<sup>13</sup> GHAHD pg. 278

Museum), the largest ship in the center is the Fleet flagship U.S.S. HARTFORD, constructed by Edward Hartt Delano, and the fourth ship from the right (center) is the U.S.S. IROQUOIS, constructed by Benjamin Franklin Delano.

In 1873 Benjamin retired with the "relative" rank of Captain. He died at his Brooklyn residence on St. Marks Avenue on 30 April 1882. His funeral, held at his home was attended by Naval Officers and others. A Company of Marines serving as an Honor Guard was also present. He is buried in South Scituate, MA<sup>14</sup>.

We thank Cousin **Ren LeVally** for providing us with a copy of Benjamin Delano's obituary from the 1 May 1882 *Brooklyn Union*.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### WEDDING IN CHILE

We were very please to receive the announcement of the marriage of Carmen Alcalde Furber to Fernando Soffia Rodriquez on 10 October 2004 in Pucon, Chile. Carmen is the daughter of Cousins **Andres Alcalde Delano and Elizabeth Furber de Alcalde** and her husband is the son of Fernando Soffia Contreras and Teresa Rodriquez Allendes. The wedding was held at the Parish Church of Santa Cruz in Pucon located on Pucon Plaza. A reception followed at the Hotel Antumalal overlooking Lake Villarrica. Carmen is a descendant of Captain Paul Delano Tripp who sailed to Chile and actively participated in the War of Independence of Chile from 1818 to 1822. Cousins Betty and Andres have traveled from Santiago, Chile to attend two of our reunions.

Pucon is located southeast of Temuco in a beautiful area frequently referred to as Chile's Lake District. Nearby, in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, is the Villarrica volcano said to be Chile's most active volcano.

We extend our congratulations to the newly weds and thank Cousins Andres and Betty for sharing this happy event with us.

### DELANO MASTERED SHIPS SEIZED

**Cousin George English** reported that while he was researching Captain Henry Delano

<sup>14</sup> Obituary, Brooklyn Union above.

(GHAHD pg 484) in London, he visited the Public Records Office and National Archives in Kew (where the English National Records are kept.) In his research he came across records of the High Court of Admiralty for Prizes (seized ships). He found records of five ships with Masters surnamed Delano that were seized and were treated as prizes. They were as follows: 1795 MOLLY – Master Thorndyke Delano, 1798 UNION – Master Ebenezer Delano, 1801 HESTER – Master ? Delano, 1808 FAIR AMERICAN - Master ? Delano, and 1810 PHEOBE – Master Delano,

George points out these were times of the British War with France (1793-1802) followed by the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815). He looked at the records of the first two ships seized on the list and found all sorts of fascinating papers, letters from the Master, and details of sales of goods, court proceedings and so forth. He found that Capt. Thorndyke Delano was sailing the MOLLY from Antigua to Wilmington when his ship was boarded by the English schooner ELIZA. Capt. Ebenezer Delano was sailing from Guadelupe to Boston and was captured by HMS LAPWING.

We tried to look up Thorndyke Delano in the GHAHD and the DIFP, but we found no mention of him. We found several Ebenezer Delanos. Looking at the information in the DIFP we found one Ebenezer Delano who may have been the master of the UNION. On page 81 #93 Ebenezer Delano (Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>) b.1717, d. 1800, who married #104 Lydia (Delano) Wormald on pg. 91 of the DIFP. On pg. 91 Ebenezer is listed as a mariner in the Plymouth County Legal Records when he and his wife Lydia conveyed property to John Sampson Jr. As far as we could tell this was the only Ebenezer who was mentioned as being a mariner.

We also found that we could gain access to the Public Records Office in London via the Internet search engine Google by entering Public Records Office London. This may prove helpful to those of you who are searching English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish records. We thank Cousin George for his interesting information.

## ALEXANDER VALLEY CALIFORNIA

We emailed the shift of the 2005 Reunion venue from Salt Lake City to Plymouth, MA in late October to those members who had provided their email addresses to our members' website. Shortly afterward, we received an informative email from **Cousin Carolyn Marcinkowski** of Cloverdale, California. She invited us to consider a reunion in the California wine country. Cloverdale is in the Alexander Valley north of San Francisco near Lake Sonoma. The Alexander Valley, although not as famous as the Napa Valley, is known as one of the great California wine growing areas. She reminded us that many acres of this area especially around Healdsburg, 15 miles south of Cloverdale, were part of Capt. Henry Delano Fitch's Rancho Sotoyome in the late 1840's (*Bonnes Nouvelles* #39 [March 2002]) pg. 4). The Alexander Valley, Cousin Carolyn told us, was named after Cyrus Alexander, who worked for Fitch and ran the rancho. Fitch was also the brother-in-law of General Mariano G. Vallejo for whom Vallejo, California is named. We thank Cousin Carolyn for sharing this information with us and we will keep the Alexander Valley in mind for a possible California Reunion venue.

### Philippe de Lannoy

#### “Added” to the SPEEDWELL Passenger List

Soon after the DELANO KINDRED was organized we discovered that there was a question as to whether Philippe de Lannoy was on the SPEEDWELL when it left Delfshaven, in Holland sailing to Southampton, England to rendezvous with the MAYFLOWER. In 1994 we discovered research by B.N. Leverland and J. D. Bangs<sup>15</sup> that indicates Philippe de Lannoy was among SPEEDWELL passengers that made the journey to England.

The Mayflower Society maintains the list of SPEEDWELL passengers on their website. In early 2004 the list still did not include Philippe. In September, **Cousin Muriel Cushing** asked the Mayflower Education Chairman, Mr. Duane Cline, what the source was for the passenger list. He responded that it was just what had been

<sup>15</sup> B.N. Leverland and J.D. Bangs, *The Pilgrims in Leiden, 1609-1620*, Leiden Pilgrim Documents Center of the Municipal Archives, Leiden, The Netherlands, p. 13 (unnumbered) © 1984

handed down over the years. Cousin Muriel showed him the article by Dr. Leverland and Jeremy Bangs. Mr. Cline said, "If Jeremy says so, it is good enough for me." So twenty years after the published research, Philippe de Lannoy has been added to the passenger list of the SPEEDWELL. We thank Cousin Muriel for getting Philippe listed on board SPEEDWELL.

#### ☒ **MASS E-MAILING TO OUR MEMBERSHIP**

One of the advantages of having your correct email address on the members' website is that we can communicate significant information to you by sending one email to all our members with email addresses. However, this is only successful if we have your correct email address.

On 1 November we sent an email to all our members who had sent in their email addresses telling them that the location of the 2005 Reunion had been changed from Salt Lake City to Plymouth, MA. We found that over 12 of our members had apparently changed their email addresses without letting us know their new address.

While we do not use this means of communication frequently, when the occasion arises it would be helpful if we had your correct email address.

#### **GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS** **Converting our Genealogical Files to the FTM Format**

Another project in the Genealogical Program is the conversion of all our genealogical lines of descent (proven or unproven) into one standard format. The format chosen is the Family Tree Maker (FTM) format developed by the Broderbund Company. This is a huge project, but Cousin **Muriel Cushing** has already close to 30,000 names entered. She is bringing these lines of descent down as far as possible based on the individual information from our members. Her goal is to bring it to Reunions and have members access their lines on her laptop computer.

She will be grateful to anyone who is able to send her their genealogy in the FTM format or in the Personal Ancestry File (PAF) format to

her via email (a gedcom). The PAF format is very similar to the FTM format.

#### **DONATION TO THE DELANO KINDRED** **By Muriel Curtis Cushing**

Many thanks to Stephen Spring of Australia who contacted **Cousin Ernie Towers** in regard to a "Private Letter Book" owned by the cousin of Stephen's late father. Stephens' concern was that it would be eventually discarded as it was not his family's direct line and wanted to donate it to someone who would value the contents.

The "Private Letter Book" is comprised of about 60 letters exploring the family genealogy of Donald Spring, a descendant of Capt. Henry Delano, who settled in England. Donald Spring's ancestor was William Delano, a grandson of Capt. Henry, who migrated to Australia in 1848.

The letters are currently being read and, up to this time, deal with Donald Spring's correspondence with E.C. Delano of Sodus Center, NY; Mortimer Delano of NYC, Joel A. Delano, and the College of Arms in London.<sup>16</sup> The letters range from the year 2 Dec. 1903 to 17 May 1915. Some of the ink has faded making the reading of the letters slow and difficult.

The DELANO KINDRED is very appreciative to members who donated any information to help with finding and proving our DELANO family.

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<sup>16</sup> Editor's Note: Prof. Edward Chandler Delano (GHAHD pg 236), Mortimer Thomas Delano, (Pursuivant-of Arms, pg. 166), and Major Joel Andrew Delano (GHAHD Compiler pg. 357) were members of the GHAHD Publication Committee see pg 526).