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The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

## From the Editor

In this issue we are pleased to include **Dr. Jeremy Bangs'** report of his research visit to Lille, France. Since DELANO KINDRED funds were granted to Dr. Bangs for this research, it is fitting that the membership be the first to see it. Since Dr. Bangs may wish to publish his findings in a journal with a greater distribution, we have limited the distribution of this newsletter to the members in "good standing." Until Dr. Bangs publishes his report, we request that you not publish or further distribute his report or any portion thereof.

You will note that we have replaced the old masthead logo with the new DELANO KINDRED logo approved by the membership. If you are downloading this newsletter from our members' website, you will be viewing the colorized version approved by your Board. You may also note that we have changed the spelling of Philippe's surname to de Lanoy. This is in keeping with the findings of Dr. Bangs and is also in parallel with an approved change to the bylaws discussed in the Annual Meeting article in this issue.

Organizational changes include the change of our corporate address from Duxbury to 604 Hill Road in Boxborough, MA as shown on the last page of newsletter. We no longer have a Post Office Box address in Duxbury. Cousin **Nancy Delano** has turned over the responsibility for Publications Sales to Cousin **Cindy Prosser**. Consequently the Publication Sales address has been changed to our Membership Address: DELANO KINDRED, INC. P.O. Box 773, Schoolcraft, MI 49087-0773. We wish to thank Cousin Nancy for her many years of service in managing the sale of our publications. THANK YOU NANCY!

## THE 2007 REUNION CELEBRATING THE DELANO/FITCH/CARRILLO CONNECTION

Our 2007 Reunion was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park California, a few miles south of Santa Rosa. About 50 DELANO descendants and their spouses attended all or part of the Reunion.

Cousins **Margret Delano, Dorothea, Ann and Bob Harris**, and **Chuck and Marie Walker** traveled from Massachusetts, Cousins **Terry and Paula Delano** came from Vermont. Cousins **Muriel and Ren Cushing** and **Michael and Janice Anderson** traveled from Florida. Cousins **George and Diana DeLano** and Cousin **Patricia Gray** came from Virginia. From Ohio came Cousins **Nancy and Louise Baldauf**. Cousins **Frank and Marjorie Delano, Cindy Prosser** and **Kori Burke** represented Michigan. Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** came from Utah. **Elizabeth Clarke** traveled from Idaho. Cousins from Washington were Cousins **Linda and Kayla Grant, Lance Delano and Ruth Lowe**. Cousins **Maryann and Art Shafer** came from Oregon. The California contingent included **Maureen and Hugo Bianchini, Cheryl Daniels, Joan Dannecker, Howard and Mary**



Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country at Rohnert Park

**Delano, Stevens and Earlene Delano, Amy Fisher, Brian Ford, Jon Gray, Carolyn and Gene Marcinkowski, Lind Seal, Sharon Solstice and Christie and Robert Trapp.** There were two family groups representing the Philip Jr. Branch, 5 representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, and about 18 representing the Lt. Jonathan Branch. Members received their Welcome Envelopes, containing the Reunion Program, name tags, and information about some of the Sonoma Valley attractions. They also received a packet containing copies of the 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes, committee reports, proposed bylaw changes, and other proposals to be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting.

After the Friday evening Welcome Buffet Cousin **George DeLano** welcomed everyone and asked



Howard Delano, with Dorothea, Ann & Bob Harris

everyone to introduce themselves. Because of the full Annual Meeting Program, various reports of Genealogical Program events were presented. There were short discussions of **Dr. Jeremy Bangs'** discovery of the baptismal entry of Philippe de Lanoy's father, Jean de Lanoy, and Cousin **George English's** French language article "The History and Ancestry of the family of Philip Delano" in the Belgian publication *Le Parchemin*, a bi-monthly journal of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (OGHB). Cousin **Muriel Cushing** gave a report on the developments of the DNA Project and on the progress of the DELANO Silver Book. Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** gave a report on her progress with a Regional Genealogy of the DELANO families living in the Rochester and Marion Massachusetts area at the edge

of Buzzards Bay.

Saturday morning, members gathered in the Sonoma Room for the 2007 Annual Meeting (discussed elsewhere). Afterwards, attendees gathered for the group photograph taken by Cousin **Gene Marcinkowski**.

The afternoon tour was a trip to the Alexander Valley Winery situated on the land that was once part of the Henry Delano Fitch's Rancho Sotoyome and subsequently owned by Cyrus Alexander. The Wetzel family purchased the land that includes the vineyards and the winery from the Alexander family. Proprietor Hank Wetzel conducted the group on an extended tour of the winery that included the Alexander graveyard, the old adobe building that was part of the original Cyrus Alexander Ranch, and the old school house now used as the winery museum and guest house. We were also pleased to meet Hank's mother Mrs. "Maggie" Wetzel who showed us some of her lovely gardens that surround her home on the winery property.



Hank Wetzel explains the fermenting tank process

That evening after the Banquet Dinner, our speaker was Daniel Murley of the Healdsburg Historical Society. He is the curator of the Healdsburg Historical Museum. Mr. Murley gave an in-depth and entertaining presentation of the early California times that affected Cyrus Alexander and other early settlers in the Sonoma and Alexander Valleys of Norte California in the early and mid-1800's.

We wish to thank Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** for her work as the on-the-scene coordinator whose efforts made the 2007 Reunion possible. She single-handedly made the arrangements for the tour, the group photograph, and the speaker. Her selection of the Doubletree Sonoma Wine Country Hotel as the Reunion venue was an excellent choice. We also wish to thank Cousins **Terry Delano, Diana DeLano, Cindy Prosser, Ren Cushing, Gene Marcinkowski** and other members who provided event photographs and assisted with the registration of attendees, and the other numerous details that made the Reunion run smoothly.

# De Lannoy – le Mahieu Research. March, 2007.<sup>1</sup>

By Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs © 2007

## Introduction

For over a hundred years, genealogists have been attempting to trace the ancestry of the American Delano family, descendants of Philip Delano, who came to Plymouth Colony in 1621. B. N. Leverland, of Leiden's Municipal Archives, contributed a scholarly article in 1954 that presented most of what could be found in Leiden's archives regarding the family, "Het Geslacht van Jan de Lannoy (The Family of Jan de Lannoy)."<sup>2</sup> Leverland's article was inspired by a routine question sent to the Leiden Archives, requesting information about Philip Delano. He noticed that the information in Daniel W. Delano, Jr.'s book *Franklin Roosevelt and the Delano Influence* was inconsistent with what is found in Leiden's records.<sup>3</sup> As Leverland commented about that book, "Comparison, however, of what is stated in the [first] two chapters with the data of the Leiden Municipal Archives indicated once again how dangerous it is to go to work in genealogy speculatively, and how desirable it is to check writers from past times on that point as far as possible."

The Leiden information that is known about the immediate family of Philip Delano and of his aunt Hester Mahieu is presented in my 1989 article, "The Pilgrims and Other English in Leiden Records: Some New Pilgrim Documents."<sup>4</sup> This provides what had been discovered by Leverland and by Albert Eekhof, a Leiden professor who had carried out research in 1925 that he communicated to Walter James Harrison, who published it.<sup>5</sup> (Eekhof's discovery was that Hester Mahieu, wife of Francis Cooke and aunt of Philip Delano, was a member of Leiden's Walloon church.) To the existing information presented by Leverland, I was able to add the discovery that on New Year's Day, 1608, Francis Cooke and his wife were among the communicants in Leiden's Walloon church who were admitted by letters of transfer. Francis Cooke and his wife, Hester Mahieu, had returned to Leiden, where they had been married in 1603, having spent some time in Norwich. They evidently left for Norwich on August 8, 1606, as a note in the Walloon library of Leiden (whose holdings are now in the University Library, Leiden), mentions their departure then with letters of transfer from Leiden.<sup>6</sup> Their residence in Norwich is interesting because it could have brought them into contact there with John Robinson, who had been preaching in St. Andrew's Church, across the street from the church that was used by the Stranger congregation. ("Strangers" referred to non-English refugees, the French-speaking Walloons and the Dutch-speaking Flemish.) This material is also included in Ralph V. Wood's book, *Francis Cooke of the Mayflower*, to which I contributed a preface describing Leiden's Walloon community.<sup>7</sup>

From time to time in the last twenty-five years, one or two people have asked if further research in Leiden's archives might not turn up material that was overlooked in the past. There is, after all, a large number of people named Delano (and spelling variants). To be specific, 290 children named Delano were baptized in Leiden between 1600 and 1700. Between 1585 and 1700, 91 men named Delano registered their betrothals before being married in Leiden's Reformed churches (Dutch and Walloon Reformed), and a further 19 men and women named Delano registered their marriage intentions before magistrates in the city hall. The Delanos who availed themselves of civil marriage registration were Mennonites. There are no records of this sort (baptism and betrothal) earlier than what is indicated here. Moreover, all these records have been carefully studied. They will not provide further information about Philip Delano and his immediate family. Nor are there any indications in these betrothal and baptism records that would go beyond what is already known. (I suppose that the reason the document I discovered had been overlooked previously is that Leverland and Eekhof were not looking for Francis Cooke but were looking instead

<sup>1</sup> I should like to express my thanks to the Delano Kindred for their grant enabling me to do research in Lille and Tourcoing.

<sup>2</sup> B. N. Leverland, "Het Geslacht van Jan de Lannoy," *Ons Voorgeslacht, Orgaan van de Zuidhollandse Vereniging voor Genealogie*, 9, nr. 48 (July/August, 1954), pp. 79-85.

<sup>3</sup> Daniel W. Delano. *Franklin Roosevelt and the Delano Influence* (Pittsburgh: J. S. Nudi, 1946).

<sup>4</sup> Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, "The Pilgrims and Other English in Leiden Records: Some New Pilgrim Documents." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 143 (1989), pp. 195-212.

<sup>5</sup> See Harrison's article in *The Mayflower Descendant*, 27 (1925), pp. 145-153.

<sup>6</sup> This is repeated from my 1989 article [note 2], p. 189. It is from Archive Correspondence nr. 1235, inquiry of Nov. 12, 1967, presumably answered by Leverland (who answered all correspondence about Pilgrim-related topics in this period, although all correspondence went out under the name of the Archivist, A. Versprille).

<sup>7</sup> Ralph V. Wood, *Francis Cooke of the Mayflower, The First Five Generations* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1996, = General Society of Mayflower Descendants, *Mayflower Families through Five Generations*, vol. 12).

only for the names Delannoy and Mahieu. The 1608 communion record refers to “François Cooke et Esther sa femme, de Norwits.”

The Leiden information on all these people sharing the name Delano does not indicate that they are all related to each other, despite the grouping of some of them as distinct families. They might be related, but, if so, the connection must be several generations in the past, long before they became refugees. In later generations, the place of origin is naturally Leiden. For the first arrivals, however, it is generally places in the region around Lille that are named as place of origin. Two people named Delano, however, came from Bruges, one from Norwich, and one from Danzig (a Mennonite). These Delano refugees must have fled elsewhere from northern France before eventually coming to Leiden. Similarly, that Arnoult de Lannoy came to Leiden from Boulogne does not mean that his family was from Boulogne. He was called on December 28, 1618, to be one of the two ministers in the Leiden Walloon Church, and he had been serving the Protestant church in Boulogne before then.<sup>8</sup> But the Leiden consistory noted that he was of Netherlandish background (the area around Lille was not part of France at this time but was a territory of the Low Countries).

Rather than expecting to find any more information in Leiden’s archives, there remained the possibility of attempting to pursue hints from Leiden documents leading to places of origin now in northern France. This is the most important information about places of origin:

- When Hester Mahieu registered her betrothal to Franchoijs Couck in 1603, she was identified as a young woman from Canterbury. He was simply said to be from England.
- Interconnected references show she was the sister of Marie Mahieu, who married Jean de Lannoy.
- The betrothal record of Jan de Lano and Marie Mahieu, who became the parents of Philippe de Lannoy, identifies Jan as being from Tourcoing and Marie as being from Lille, seven miles south of Tourcoing.
- One of the witnesses to the betrothal was Jan de Lano’s father, Gysbert Lano.
- Other Leiden records indicate that Hester and Marie Mahieu’s sister Jenne identified herself as being not from Lille but from Armentières, a town ten miles to the northwest of Lille.
- Again, Leiden records show that their sister Anthonette was from Houpline, a village adjacent to Armentières on the east side.
- Another sister of theirs, Françoise, was identified in Leiden at her betrothal in 1611 as having come from Bondue, a short distance north of Lille and south of Tourcoing.

## Research at Lille

The logical place to expect pertinent information from the sixteenth century to be preserved is the regional archives of the Département du Nord at Lille, as the tendency is to consolidate ancient archival holdings in regional archives where they can receive proper, climate-controlled care. Typically, only relatively recent archives, those still in common current use, are retained in local town halls. So I went first to the regional archives at Lille, where I learned that my assumption was correct – that they have the information relevant to Lille, Tourcoing, etc.

## Delannoy

About a hundred years ago, Charles Cuvelier of Roubaix transcribed the baptismal, marriage, and burial records of the parish church of St. Christophe at Tourcoing, editing them alphabetically and producing several hand-written index volumes of the sort known as “répertoires.” In his entries he standardizes the spelling of the name as “Delannoy.” In the volume “de Defretin à Delannoy de 1590 à 1800, baptêmes, Mariages, Décès, Paroisse Tourcoing,” on the twenty-second page of entries under the name “Delannoy,” I found the entry that follows:

Tourcoing	Delannoy [p. 22 of that name]		
Prénom	Date du Baptême	Prénom du Père	Nom et Prénom de la Mère
Jean	09.05.1575	Guilbert	----- [blank]
Parraine	Marraine		
Christian, Jean	Clariche, Marie		

<sup>8</sup> Leiden Municipal Archives, Secretarie Archief II, nr. 3359, Register der Kerkelijke Zaken B, 1615-1629, fol. 19-19 verso. Arnoult’s sister, Marie de Lannoy married Jean Pesijn. Marie and Jean founded the almshouse that was built in 1683 on the location where John Robinson had lived. On that almshouse, see José Niekus and Cor Smit, *Van Bouwvallig Nest tot Bijzondere Huisvesting, 350 Jaar Jean Pesijnhof* (Leiden: Stichting Jean Pesijnhof, 2005).



In the regional archives at Lille, no original documents of vital statistics (births, baptisms, marriages, death, or burial registers) that date from before 1793 are allowed to be handled. All have been photographed on microfilm. An index or concordance identified the film that contains the page from which Cuvelier had extracted the foregoing entry. Reading the entries I found the page, and this is a transcription of what I could read, differing slightly from Cuvelier's spelling in his schematized extract:

[1575, May]

ix        l Enfant guilbert de Lanoy  
Jean    {[one illegible word :] vEn depree [ ?] } p Jean Christien m  
          marie lariche

Thus Jean de Lanoy, son of Guilbert de Lanoy, was baptized on May 9, 1575, in the Roman Catholic parish church of St. Christophe at Tourcoing. Either his parents were still Roman Catholic or their Protestant views were kept secret. Calvinists did not reject their own baptisms that had occurred before they became Protestant. This attitude (against anabaptism) might have provided justification in dangerous circumstances for going along with having a child baptized according to Catholic ritual even when not agreeing with all aspects of it on theological grounds (such as the non-biblical rites of using salt and anointing with oil, of having the godparents swear, as stand-ins for the infant, the child's rejection of the devil, etc.) So it is impossible to conclude that the family was still Catholic in 1575 even though their child was baptized in a Catholic ceremony.



Baptismal Font in the Church of St. Christophe at Tourcoing

Notes about deciphering the text:

- -The first part, "ix," is the date (9 [May, 1575]). The month is identified on a previous page, and the year is indicated at the beginning of the entries for the year, several pages earlier.
- -In the first line, after "ix" is the letter L, preceding "enfant"; one would now write "l'enfant" and add the word "de" (of) before the father's name.
- -The father's name "Guilbert" is the French form of the same name found in Dutch in the Leiden document, as "Gysbert."
- -I was unable to read the word on the second line that begins the line to the right of the marginal listing of the name of Jean. This word might be the name of Guilbert de Lanoy's wife, but no other baptismal entry on the page lists a mother's name. When I was using the film, I asked the head of the study room if he could read the word. He could not. I then mentioned to him that Cuvelier had also been unable to read it and had omitted the word from his repertorium listing. However, having reversed the photocopy print from the microfilm, to have a positive photograph, I think that some letters are decipherable. The first letter is uncertain. It is probably a small V. An identical V is in the middle of the word "noeuville" six lines above the entry for Jean de Lanoy. After the V come four letters that appear to be "ende." The "en" is nearly identical to the same letters in the word "Enfant" although the "n" is not certain, perhaps because of a spot bleeding through from the other side of the page. (Such problems make microfilms slightly unreliable because of visual shifts caused by photographic sensitivity to spots from the other side of pages that can more easily be understood in the original.) The "de" is identical to the same letters in "de Lanoy." The final two letters are clear and can probably be read as "ee" being identical to the "e" form in "guilbert" and also in the "de" of "de Lanoy." This does not suggest a word I know.
- -In the entry for Jean Delanoy, as in the other entries on the page, the letters "p" and "m" are abbreviations of "parrain" and "marrain" – godfather and godmother. This is written full out in some entries, as "parin" and "marin."
- -I do not see anything to read as an initial "C" in the name of the godmother. Perhaps Cuvelier was aware of some family named Clariche rather than Lariche, so that he indicated what he thought must have been correct. But I do not know if that is what was meant. I see "lariche."

The records containing this entry start with the year 1573. Most of the pages for 1573 and some for 1574, however, are so severely damaged that names cannot be read. The outer margins are missing, leaving only a triangular fragment of each page, wide at the top and narrowing towards a point about two-thirds of the original length of the pages. The damage becomes less severe in the pages for 1574, and the book is legible from 1575 on.

But if there had been records of any sibling's birth in 1573 the page is now so incomplete that it cannot be discovered. There is no such entry of a sibling in 1574, nor are there any in later years. The volume covers the period November 19, 1573 (with some undatable earlier, fragmentary entries in the same year) through July 5, 1577. The next records are from 1594 to 1633, with another set beginning in 1630 and going to 1664, and another from 1656 to 1792.

There is one register of communicants at Easter, ca. 1580 that is mentioned in a cross-reference. The call number is Bibl. Nr. 2 J 36-1. The item brought to me under that number was written by Cuvelier and did not contain references to Guilbert de Lanoy. The number for the microfilm that contains the baptismal entry for Jean de Lanoy of May 9, 1575, is: 1 Mi. 333 R 6.

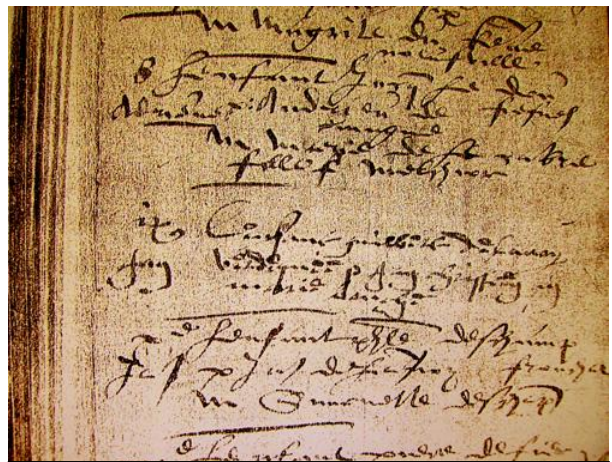
Charles Cuvelier's repertorium covers all the preserved records of baptisms, marriages, and burials through to the complete modern records that start in 1793. He found no other references to Guilbert Delanoy.

That the records are preserved is purely due to good fortune. The volume was discovered stuffed into a wall in the tower of the parish church of St. Christophe at Tourcoing on December 4, 1897, when the tower was being partly taken down to be replaced by the present neo-gothic tower. This chance event underscores the randomness of preservation of early records. Baptisms were infrequently recorded before the end of the sixteenth century, and even when they were maintained, there is no certainty that they will have been preserved.

Because Guilbert de Lanoy is not mentioned further in the preserved documents, and his wife is not named, it is impossible to connect him with the various other people in Tourcoing who shared the same surname, although it is obvious that they must have been related to each other. It is possible that some day someone will recognize connections with relatives of Guilbert among the names listed in Cuvelier's repertorium. Because there are only a few people named De Lanoy in Tourcoing in the later sixteenth century, they are likely to have been closely related. The names are: Antoine Delannoy (1576, 1577), Gérard Delannoy (1574), [Gulbert, 1575, already mentioned], Guillaume Delannoy (1575, 1577), Jacques Delannoy (1575, 1576, 1577), Jean Delannoy (1574, 1575, 1576), Josse Delannoy (1573), Martin Delannoy (1575), Pierre Delannoy (1575), Siméon Delannoy (1575), and Victor Delannoy (1574). The gap between the records of 1577 and the next, from 1594, is too great to be sure that the same people are intended in later records as those bearing the same name (e.g. Pierre Delannoy) in the earlier records.

Paul Denis du Péage wrote an article in 1906 that indicates that a Jacques Delannoy, son of Gérard Delannoy, born at Tourcoing, moved to Lille where he acquired the rights of a bourgeois in 1593, became an advocate (procureur) and died at Lille before 1641.<sup>9</sup> This Jacques may be assumed to have been a brother of Antoine, whose birth in 1574 at Tourcoing is listed, giving the father's name as Gérard. Denis du Péage (on p. 119 of his article) asserts that a previous author, Poplimont, had been incorrect to connect this Tourcoing family to the noble Delannoy family covered in the earlier part of Denis du Péage's own article. There is not a bit of connection, he says, and this family was never ennobled. He does not include the reasons for his opinion in this article, giving simply his denial of Poplimont's claim.

It is my opinion that the Tourcoing family was probably descended from a younger son from the noble Delannoy family at some time in the now distant past, before the existence of reliable, connected document series. That could have been merely one or two generations earlier than the records began, or it could have been much earlier. There is a sequence of descent that was composed in 1699, and that forms the basis of claims of descent from Guillebert de Lannoy, chevalier, seigneur de Beaumont, who was alive in the second half of the fourteenth century. This list does not record collateral relatives. It is improbable that in all these generations there were no other sons with descendants carrying on the name, although not inheriting any titles. Therefore it is reasonable to suppose that the people living in this area ca. 1575 who were named Delannoy were related to each other. But the



Baptismal Record of Jean de Lanoy in the Church of St. Christophe at Tourcoing

<sup>9</sup> Paul Denis du Péage, *Recueil de Généalogies Lilloises, I, Sources Généalogiques et Historiques des Provinces du Nord* (1906, reprint 1997), pp. 88-121, «De Lanoy».

details of the relationship cannot be proven, because of the nature of the preserved documentation, which is inadequate for that purpose. The period around 1575-1600 is when fairly complete registration of baptisms, marriages, and burials typically starts. Coherent records before then are quite rare. The absence of documentation is sometimes misunderstood by people who think that the names that are known from random documentation before ca. 1575 come close to representing all people alive at the time. This can be problematic when people attempt to connect all known people with a surname, or, on the other hand, to assert that some cannot be connected merely because documentation of the connection is not at hand. While the absence of documentation means that a connection cannot now be established, it does not necessarily mean that no connection existed.

I suppose people named Delanoy (and the variant spellings) who are from the area of Lille and are recorded in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries must be related to each other. One reason is that I do not think there is any other way they could share the name. The only alternative I can think of can be dismissed because of anachronism. That is the idea that people who had no surname were given the name “De Lanoy” when moving to cities from the village of Lanoy. But it appears that surnames were already in general use among Francophone families. In fact, the word “patronymic” means only “surname” in French, evidently because all fathers had surnames in the modern sense. One must assume that the French version of a “son-of” type of name had long ceased to be common. The form survives in names with the prefix “Fitz” – for “fils” – but this form is most uncommon in France. It is true that Napoleonic bureaucratic reforms included the practice of assigning surnames and putting an end to the use of Dutch and Flemish patronymics (for example, Pieter Jansz. i.e. Peter Johnson) that changed with the next generation. A son named Jan whose father was Pieter Jansz would be called Jan Pietersz (John Peterson) in this Netherlandish system. That system of patronymics was in use in Dutch-speaking areas and in the area of mixed Dutch and French language use that includes Lille / Rijssele. It has no French equivalent, however. The people we are studying named Delanoy pre-date the assignment of surnames by the government. Consequently it would be anachronistic to think that they might have acquired the surname “De Lanoy” simply by moving from that village to a nearby city. People named De Lanoy in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century might conceivably have been people from the village of Lanoy who had moved to a city, such as Lille or Tourcoing, and who received the surname without being related to the ancient family of the same name. That assumes, however, that there may have been some people ca. 1800 who did not have a surname of the modern sort (one that remained the same throughout several generations, from father to son. But that practice is not likely to explain earlier instances of the surname Delanoy. Taking these speculations into consideration, I think it is unlikely that people sharing the name in this area ca. 1600 were not related to each other, however distantly. At the same time, however, documentation is too incomplete to expect to prove what exactly the relationships were, in most cases.

DNA analysis might clarify the answer to this question, but only if it is possible to exclude the presence of adoptees or falsely attributed paternity in all previous generations of the people whose DNA is tested. Certainty on that problem seems elusive. Merely testing several people with a degree of cousin-relationship cannot exclude a questionable paternity in a yet earlier generation.

I have read that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was convinced that the Delano family was descended from the famous, noble Delanoy family that includes Baudoin de Lanoy, whose portrait (in Berlin) was painted by Jan van Eyck. I suppose this general idea may be correct, but at the same time I do not see any way that a specific genealogical connection can at this time be proved (nor can it be disproved, considering the uncertainty of DNA sources regarding false assumptions of paternity in the distant past). The point may be interesting, but it would not ipso facto mean that current people named Delanoy would have therefore some claim to nobility. Downward social mobility for younger sons is an obvious consequence of restricting inheritance of titles to eldest sons. The result is often the presence in later times of a lot of people with a famous name, some of whom fill positions of social significance in villages in the neighborhood of the family’s early prominence. This is a well-known aspect of social history. In England it accounts for the so-called gentry. In France it accounts for the village notables sometimes identified as “petite noblesse.”

## MAHIEU - Le Mahieu

The Mahieu family was principally from Armentières, according to the Lille archivist who helped me. This is born out by the number of people of the name who appear in vital records in that town as compared to nearby towns, in the eighteenth century. Genealogists have chosen to use the form, “Le Mahieu” (which in France is alphabetized under L, not M). Jenne Mahieu, sister of Marie and Hester, listed Armentières as her place of origin. Her name, however, does not appear in the register of baptisms for Armentières, which begins in 1590 and runs



through 1621). The record is microfilmed at Lille: 5 Mi 39 R 001. (The LDS microfilm number is: 1.133.311 (baptismal records, 1590-1611); 1.133.312 (records 1612-1640).)

Marie Mahieu was from Lille, according to her own statement. Her name does not occur in Lille records, which start too late in any case.

Antoinette, another sister, was from Houpline, but her name does not appear in the preserved records. They start in 1608, which is too late. Six people named Lemahieu were baptized in Houpline starting in 1619 and going to 1706. (The records cover the period 1608-1737. I did not look at later information.)

Françoise, another sister, said she was from Bondues, where her name does not appear in the records, which start in 1610. In Bondues 17 people were baptized with the surname Le Mahieu (alternate spellings: Lemahieux, Lemahieu, Lemaieu). The first was in 1612, with the last being in 1736. In the same period there were 75 baptisms of people with the Delannoy surname.

To summarize, I found no further information about the family of Marie and Hester Mahieu, beyond what is known from Leiden records.

(Editor's Note: We thank Dr. Banks for kindly providing his photographs of the Baptismal Font in the Church of St. Christophe in Tourcoing and also providing a photograph of Jean de Lanoy's record of baptism.)

### THE 2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fifteenth Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President George B. DeLano at 9:00 A.M. on 30 June 2007, in the Sonoma Room of the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park CA. Committee Annual reports and copies of the current bylaws were available as handouts to all attendees. It was determined there was a quorum of over 30 members in good standing.

**Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting:** The minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting had been previously distributed to members present for their information and review. The minutes were approved as written. Secretary Margaret Delano was available to answer any questions about them.

**Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports:** Treasurer Cynthia Prosser presented the FY 06-07 Treasurer's Report. Auditor George DeLano discussed the Society's Financial Condition based on an eleven month preliminary Audit. The FY 06-07 Consolidated Balance Sheet had been provided to the members present. He said the final FY 06-07 Audit Consolidated Balance Sheet will be available on the members-only website [www.delanokindred.org](http://www.delanokindred.org) when ready. A FY 06-07 Charitable and Educational Program Worksheet was also provided. The members accepted the Treasurer's Report and approved the FY 07-08 Administrative Operations Budget and, subject to the final FY 06-07 Audit, approved the funding recommendations made concerning the Memorial Fund Budget, the Charitable Program Funding and the Educational Program Funding as discussed below.



**Nominations and Elections:** The Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout was presented. Officers elected for two-year terms were: George DeLano as President, Muriel Cushing as Vice President, Margaret L. Delano as Secretary and Cynthia A. Prosser as Treasurer. Carolyn Marcinkowski was elected to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term. Outgoing Nominating Committee Chair Linda Grant was thanked for her work on the Nominating Committee during her three-year term.

**Committee Reports:** Various Board members and Committee Chairs were available to answer questions about the various reports provided to the members in their "handouts" at registration time. Report highlights are discussed below.

**Changes to the bylaws:** The membership devoted considerable time in the discussion of the proposed changes to the bylaws. These proposed changes and proposed amendments are discussed below.

**Proposed Motions:** Upon completing the deliberations concerning the changes to the bylaws the membership considered several motions that were presented. These motions and proposed amendments are also discussed below.



**Old Business:** It was noted that during the Friday night program following the Welcome Buffet, sample tee shirts arranged for by Cousin **Cynthia Prosser** were displayed. Also shown was an example of the Board approved colorized logo embroidered by Cousin **Carolyn Clarke**.

**New Business:**

- **Possible Vrouwekerk Historical Marker:** It was announced that there was a request for a historical marker to be placed at the Vrouwekerk ruins at the 2008 celebration in Leiden. Since this was a very recent development, your Board had very few details. A proposal was made to give authority to the Board to use DELANO KINDRED funds, in participation with other organizations, to fabricate an historical plaque/marker which might include a bronze replica of the Vrouwekerk. It was moved and approved that it was the “sense of the Membership” to give authority to the Board for the Society to participate with other willing organizations in funding the fabrication of a bronze historical marker for the 2008 Leiden celebration.

- **Three way rotation of Reunion Venues:** It was proposed that consideration be given to establishing a three-way rotation of the reunion venues in the years to come. This would include efforts to hold reunions in the mid-west as well as on the east and west coasts, thus offering the opportunity for reunions to be held nearer members in the mid-west and mountain states. After some discussion this item will be placed on the 2007 Annual Questionnaire to obtain the views of the membership.

**Other Business:** The 2008 Reunion will be held in Portland, ME on Friday 20 June and on Saturday 21 June 2008. More details will be announced in the Oct-Nov. 2007 *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM. Members then assembled for the Group Picture.

**Proposed changes to the bylaws:**

Four proposed changes to the bylaws were received prior to the Annual Meeting. These proposals along with suggested amendments were provided to the membership in their handouts at registration time.

- Change the bylaws so that the spelling of Philippe de Lannoy’s surname is consistent with his father Jean de Lannoy. But based on the recent discovery of Jean de Lanoy’s baptismal record and the fact that Philippe de Lanoy’s signature contains one “n” (Lanoy), your Board proposed an amendment that the name be spelled de Lanoy to be consistent with Jean de Lanoy’s baptismal record. This amendment to the proposed change was approved by the membership.
- Change Art. III Membership Section 5. Responsibilities of Descendant, Non-Voting Descendant and Associate Members, that paragraph “c. Attend Meetings of the Society be deleted as a responsibility and a sentence be added to read, “c. It is expected that members will make every effort to attend meetings of the Society.” This change was approved by the membership.
- Change to Art. IV Meetings, Section 5. This proposed change was actually three changes and was therefore addressed in three parts.

-Part one: That to Section 5. which reads “All motions at Annual or Special Meetings shall be submitted in writing.” the phrase “to the Secretary at least forty-five days prior to date of the Annual Meeting and copies of the motions shall be included with the notice of said Annual Meeting.” While agreeing with the thrust of this part of the proposed change to Section 5 of this article, noting that this allows the Board only 15 days to study and comment on the proposed change and also noting the potential additions of the motions, and possible amendments and other comments may also need to be included your Board offered an amendment to this part to change “forty-five days” to “ninety (90) days and, for the time being, strike out the words “and copies of the motions shall be included in the notice of the said Annual Meeting” in the proposed change so as to read “All motions at Annual or Special Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary to be received at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.” Recognizing the possibility of increased printing and mailing costs it was suggested that the proposed wording “and copies of the motions shall be included in the notice of the said Annual Meeting” be struck out and be evaluated by a committee designated by the Board. The membership approved this amended change to the bylaws.

-Part two: That the Board of Directors make provision for the submission of views and a postal ballot on matters of import for members unable to attend Annual or Special Meetings for legitimate reasons. It was noted that the Roberts Rules of Order clearly state, “It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time a vote is taken at a legal meeting.....” and goes on to discuss possible exceptions and various problems with these exceptions. Also noted were the lack of definition or criteria of what were “matters of import” or “legitimate reason.” Members pointed out various instances where amendments from the floor would alter the meaning of the proposal thus making votes by postal ballot meaningless. The Board’s amendment that this proposed change be referred to a committee for study was not approved. The membership did not approve this part of the proposed change to Art. IV of the bylaws.

-Part three: That rules for the conduct of Meetings be added to the bylaws, especially for approving motions and other proposals put to the Meeting. The rationale for this proposed change was “If Robert’s Rules cover this; they should be moved from Art. IX Sect. 2.” Noting that Roberts Rules cover the entire conduct of the business of the DELANO KINDRED and not

just the conduct of Meetings, your Board, in order to clarify the conduct of meetings, offered the following amendment: "Section 8. Conduct of Meetings. The conduct of Meetings shall be in accordance with the parliamentary authority as cited in Article IX Section 2 of these bylaws." The membership, recognizing that Roberts Rules apply to all aspects of conduct of any Society, considered the proposed change to the bylaw unnecessary and did not approve this part of the proposed change and did not approve the proposed amendment to this change.

- Change Art. VI Duties of Officers and the Board: That duties of Officers include acting within an acceptable time scale to:
  - Implement objectives agreed by the Annual Meeting and/or Board
  - Insure that all errors or omissions, that may affect the credibility of the Society, are corrected
  - Respond to all reasonable requests from members for information

The reason presented for this change: "We are very fortunate to have people who give freely of their time for the good of the Society and its members. But there have been cases where no action has been taken on agreed Kindred objectives or errors for many months; and where there has been little or no response to requests, offers of help etc."

The Board commented that it believes this is a matter of a difference of opinions which are too involved to go into detail here and unanimously believes this proposed change to the bylaws is inappropriate as indicated below.

1. This is covered under Section 5 of Article VI. "The Board shall have vested in it the direction of the general affairs of the Society and have the general powers necessary for exercising such direction, together with powers to adopt all needful measures for promotion of the purposes of the Society, subject to review at each Annual Meeting....." These are considered to be "needful measures" which appropriately should be covered in the Board's Policy and Organization Manual (POM).

2. "within an acceptable time scale" is not defined and can vary under different circumstances. This is determination should be a Board decision.

3. "implement objectives agreed by the Annual Meeting and/or Board." Perhaps what is meant here is "create actions required to implement the approved measures in the order of business at the Annual Meeting and/or Board Meetings." This again is a "needful measure" since the Membership (or in the case of Board Meetings, the Board) approved these measures .

4. "ensure that all errors or omissions, that may affect the credibility of the Society, are corrected." First of all the Board must determine and agree what it is erroneous or what is omitted and then determine if the error or omission will affect the credibility of the Society. Once again this can be classified as a "needful measure" on which appropriate action can be taken in what the Board determines to be an acceptable time scale. Actions deemed necessary by the Board should be covered in the POM, not the bylaws.

5. "respond to all reasonable requests from members for information" this again is a considered to be a "needful measure" to be appropriately covered in the POM.

Therefore the Board's view is that this is an unnecessary amendment to the bylaws because it is covered by under "needful measures" of Section 5, of Article VI. The Board believes that if the proposed amendment is approved as an addition to the bylaws, it will set a precedent for an amalgamation of other additions to the bylaws that should be covered in portions of the POM and is therefore inappropriate and unnecessary.

The Board proposed that this change to the bylaws be "Laid on the Table (tabled) and that the Board include in the POM wording that appropriately covers the general thrust of this proposed bylaw change.

The membership did not approve this proposed change to the bylaws and did not approve the amendment proposed by the Board.

#### **Proposed Motions:**

- European Research Fund: That the European Research Fund, in accordance with Art. IX Section 3 of the bylaws may be used to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II of the bylaws. This may include joining other societies with like purposes for sharing records and other information.

The reason presented for this motion: Our policy must enable actions to achieve our European Research objectives:

1. Some of the most effective research can be carried out by members who give their time for free. "Compensation for services rendered" should include members' expenses but only if approved by the Board.

2. Joining local genealogical societies means, that for less than the cost of one hour's research, we get access to knowledgeable local experts, our potential European cousins and all their research activities.

The Board's comments were as follows:

1. The European Research effort organizationally falls under the Education Program and is within the Genealogy Program as stated in the Genealogical Annex to the POM (Annex C). This annex was reviewed and approved by the Membership at the 2006 Annual Meeting when the reorganization of the Society was aligned with the purposes in Article II of the bylaws. This organization was the basis of the Educational Program funding approved by the membership at the same Annual Meeting. While we recognize with appreciation the efforts of all our members who do a large amount of very admirable research in pursuing all the purposes stated in Article II of the bylaws, the funding procedures have been established as a matter of policy as stated in Annex C.

2. This general policy states "Because of their responsibility, as stated in the bylaws, funding for research by members has not been granted." This includes items such as member's travel, lodging, the cost of research materials including membership in

genealogical, historical, or biographical societies and the like.” Criteria and Procedures for funding request are provided in this annex for submission to the Board for approval.

3. Since the proposed motion has already been addressed in the POM and procedures established in Annex C of the POM have been approved by the membership at the 2006 Annual Meeting, this motion is inappropriate.

The membership did not approve the motion.

- Motion to Establish a European Research Group as an Operating Committee. That, in accordance with Art. VII of the By-laws, a European Research Group be established as an Operating Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the Group shall include agreeing on purposes and terms of reference, developing a coordinated strategy, commissioning research, publishing findings, establishing a European website, ensuring all relevant Kindred materials are correct, administering the European Research Fund and reporting to the Board and the Annual Meeting.

The reason presented for this motion: Research into our European heritage is complex, involving at least 5 countries and few surviving records. In such circumstances, activities are best managed by a small knowledgeable group as opposed to a whole Board. A key early responsibility for the Group should be to produce a plan with clear actions and responsibilities, to be circulated for discussion and agreement.

Board’s comments were as follows:

1. In accordance with Article VII the Board shall appoint operating committees and specify the duties and responsibilities of these committees. In accordance with the purposes of the Society The European Research Group as part of the European Research Project is organizationally placed in the Genealogical Program in accordance with Addendum IV, Annex C of the POM and within the Educational Program as organizationally established in the POM Article II B.

2. Therefore the terms of reference, purposes and coordinated strategy shall include this organizational placement and shall coincide with the established policies of the Genealogical Program and the overall Educational Program and shall be approved by the Board.

3. The Board of Directors shall consider and may approve the recommendations submitted by the European Research Group, including the commissioning of research, and the publishing of findings in accordance with the policies established in the Genealogical Program and the recommendations of the Genealogist.

4. The Board will consider the European Research Group’s recommendations concerning a European Website and the affects they have on other programs. The recommendations of Webmaster and Chairs of other programs will be considered in this respect.

5. The Board will consider and approve all recommendations for the administration of the European Research Fund. Funding procedures will be in accordance with established policy and as directed by the Board and the guidance of the Membership.

6. The Board will consider and approve measures recommended by the European Research Group that will ensure all relevant Kindred materials are correct.

7. The European Research Group shall report to the Board and consolidate those reports in an Annual Report to be given at the Annual Meeting.

In view of the forgoing comments, Board recommends the following amendment to the proposed motion:

Amendment: That main motion be changed to read as follows: “The Board may appoint a European Research Group organized in accordance with the foregoing comments 1 through 7.”

The membership did not approve the proposed motion and did not approve the Board’s proposed amendment to the proposed motion.

- A Motion concerning a “subscription” to be added to Annual Membership Dues for the European Research Fund: It is moved that a \$2.00 subscription be added to the Annual Dues for European Research.

The reason presented for this motion: European Research has understandably thrown up challenges that are new to the Kindred. It was suspected that the difficulty in obtaining funds for this research may be do to a lack of appreciation of the difference between researching in 5 countries where we only have contacts in Leiden, as opposed to Massachusetts, where so much is known. Research costs money. It was expected the need will be more than \$1000. Depending on the number of members and amount of funds received, it may only be needed for one year.

Board’s comments were as follows:

1. If only implemented for one year, this would have the effect of increasing the one year Dues from \$15.00 to \$17.00, the two-year dues from \$28.00 to \$30.00 and the three-year dues to from \$40.00 to \$42.00.

2. Because of the nature of the Advanced Dues Program, if approved, this “subscription” (an assessment for the European Research Program) would be phased in over a three-year period.

3. The proposal singles out the European Research Program, an element of the Society’s Genealogical Program for special emphasis and adds to the unbalanced funding nature between the Charitable Program and the Educational Program.

4. Compared to other similar organizations, our annual membership dues are very low. Yet, less than ten percent of our membership has contributed to our Charitable and Educational Programs. At the present rate of giving we are operating these programs at an annual deficit that will eventually use up all the funds available.

5. Although not yet widely supported by the membership, the DELANO Kindred Contribution Program has only been in effect for one year. Increased publicity of the program may increase the membership’s participation.

The Board being appreciative and thankful for the funds contributed to the Memorial Fund and the various designated funds, is concerned about the lack of participation in this program. Accordingly, the Board recommends the following amendment to change the wording of the proposed motion:

“That the Board takes steps, including increased publicity, to increase the participation in the DELANO Kindred Contribution Program. If by March 2008, a notable increase is not achieved to erase the current deficit spending situation and create a fund surplus in our total Contribution Program, the Board will consider implementing a Contribution Program “Assessment” to be added to the annual membership dues to erase the deficit spending situation that currently exists.”

The membership indicated it was interested in only voluntary contributions to these various funds and therefore did not approve the proposed motion. It also disagreed with the concept of an assessment being added to the annual membership dues and that concept of voluntary contributions be continued beyond March 2008. Therefore, the proposed amendment was not approved.

**Committee Report Highlights:** Most of the Committee Reports were provided to the members when they registered. These reports are available on the members’ website www.delanokindred.org. Committee Chairs summarized their report and responded to questions. Highlights are provided below:

FY 06-07 Audit and Financial Outlook and Recommendations:

- Administrative Operations Budget: Based on the information obtained from the eleven month Quarter Audit, it appeared that we end up with a surplus of about \$555.00 in our Administrative Operations Budget. The expected surplus would be placed in our Reserve Account. However, our membership was significantly behind last year. As of 31 May 2007 there were 335 active members compared to 345 at the end of May in 2006. Since this is the source of our income for FY 07-08 there is concern that we may fall short of our expected income. The proposed FY 07-08 Administrative Operations was as follows:

Operating Income

Membership Dues: (337 Members @ \$12.50/member)-----\$4212.50.

Operating Expenditures

Annual and Board Meetings-----\$580.00

Office Admin. & Membership-----1198.00

Genealogy Administration -----0.00

Educational Newsletter-----24000.00

Total Expenses-----\$4178.00 Less Expenditures -\$4178.00

Funds Available For Unbudgeted Administrative Items Approved by the Board of Directors---\$ 34.50

- FY 06-07 Memorial Fund Budget: At the 2006 Annual Meeting members approved the transfer of \$1550.00 from the Memorial Fund as follows: \$450.00 to the Charitable Program and \$1100.00 to the Educational Program. Contributions to the Memorial Fund were \$110.00, leaving a balance \$640.51 (not including the \$5000.00 plus interest in the Memorial CD fund).

Recommendations: Funds to be transferred to the Memorial Fund were: the remaining \$555.00 balance in the Administrative Operations FY 06-07 Budget, \$224.29 from the Reserves Fund (this will leave a balance of \$2000.00 in reserve), \$371.65 from the Publication Sales Account (leaving a remaining balance of \$500.00), \$21.00 from Decal Sales. These transfers will increase the existing Memorial Fund balance to \$1812.77 (not including the CD Fund). The recommended transfers stated below will reduce the Memorial Fund balance to \$371.26 (not including the CD Fund). It is recommended that these funds be used when and if a Vrouwekerk memorial is to be fabricated for the 2008 Leiden celebration.

- FY 06-07 Charitable Program Budget: Last year members approved the transfer of \$450.00 from the Memorial Fund to the Charitable Program. \$150.00 was designated for matching contributions up to \$150.00 for the restoration of the Catherine Robins Delano Portrait located at the FDR Library. \$300.00 was designated for a contribution to the Plimoth Plantation (the living history museum near Plymouth, MA). Charitable Program contributions received during FY 06-07 were \$73.49 for the Portrait Restoration and \$60.00 for Plimoth Plantation for a total of \$133.49. \$300.00 was contributed to the Plimoth Plantation as approved. Charitable Program balances carried forward were: Portrait: \$222.53 and Plimoth Plantation: \$60.00.

Recommendations: Funds be transferred from the Memorial Fund to the designated Charities as follows: \$76.51 be transferred to the Portrait Restoration Project bringing the balance to \$175.00 and that these funds be sent to the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (FERI) for that purpose, \$240.00 be transferred to the Plimoth Plantation Project bringing the balance to \$300.00 and that balance be sent to the Plantation for a FY 07-08 contribution.

- FY 06-07 Educational Program Budget: Last year members approved the transfer of \$1,100.00 from the Memorial Fund to the Educational Program. \$600.00 was designated for the Y-DNA Program and \$500.00 was designated for European Research. Contributions received during FY 06-07 were as follows: Y-DNA: \$160.00, European Research: \$115.00, and DELANO KINDRED Websites: \$310.00 for a total of \$585.00. Educational Funds expended were: Y-DNA: \$597.00, European Research: \$500.00, and Website Contributions: \$185.00. Educational Program balances carried forward were: DNA: \$163.00, European Research: \$115.00 and Websites: \$300.00.

Recommendations: Funds be transferred from the Memorial Fund to the designated Educational Projects as follows:

- Y-DNA: \$240.00 bringing the balance to \$400.00 for two Y-DNA tests--one test be used for a possible John Delano Branch candidate to complete the Philippe de Lanoy “DNA signature,” and one to be used for an approved European DNA test.
- European Research: \$885.00 be transferred to the European Research Project to bring the present balance to \$1000.00, that \$500.00 of these funds be used to repay an “overage loan” given by a member to cover unanticipated costs in the Bangs



research project, and that the remaining funds be used for European Research grants approved by the Board in accordance with existing policy.

**Contact Committee:** During FY 06-07 your Contact Committee responded to over 95 queries that were mostly about genealogical lines of descent or relationships. These queries were researched and rapidly responded to at no charge and are therefore included as an example of our charitable effort. During the year there was a sustained effort to reduce paperwork and to provide e-mail responses. This helped reduce our postage and copying costs. About five percent of the inquirers have joined our Society. We were very pleased that Cousin **Sandy Delano** of Lincolnville, ME, consented to take over the Chair of this Committee. In most cases, the Digital GHAAHD on the members' website provided answers to these queries. There were a significant number that required searching various on-line records such as the NEHGS Research database and other archives.

#### Genealogical Program

- **DNA Project:** We made progress with our DNA testing and can now claim our first goal, to determine a good signature (base) of Philippe's DNA, has been completed, except for son John. However, we have sufficient proof of all of Philippe's that Jonathan was indeed Philippe's son. We now have found that the Delanoy family descending from Abraham Delanoy of Haarlem, Holland, shows a close relationship, proving that the two families have a common ancestor probably prior to 1575. The test results from a descendant in a branch of an ennobled de Lannoy family have shown no relationship of Philippe to this particular branch.

Your Board voted to upgrade the tests used in determining Philippe's signature from 25 to 37 markers as recommended by the International Society of Genetic Genealogy. Financing this upgrade was done with DELANO KINDRED funds. Others who are interested in funding their own DNA test can choose the degree of markers they prefer. i.e.: 12, 25, 37 or more. We are looking forward to more breakthroughs and more insight into the heritage of our great Delano family.

- **Silver Book series:** We are fortunate that the Mayflower Society is willing to publish our genealogy as part of their "Silver Book series." Dr. Jeremy Bangs has agreed to write a preface for us on his recent findings and update what is known of our European heritage.
- **DFIP series:** Work on the last of the 5/6<sup>th</sup> generations has been slow due to other obligations, but it is in the final stages of completion. At the request of the Mayflower Society, the entire format has changed. It was decided that the children of the sixth generation should be included. Once this last part goes to press, Cousin **Muriel Cushing** will begin the updating and reformatting of the previous two genealogies.
- **Regional Genealogies:** **Cousin Carolyn Clarke's** work on the Rochester/Marion families follows the descendants of Jabez Delano (Jabez<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>) who settled in Rochester, MA area (including Marion, MA). This regional genealogy will include allied families and will extend to ca 1930. The Mayflower Society has also agreed to publish this for us. In the future cousins Carolyn and Muriel plan to work together on the Dartmouth/Fairhaven Delano family and on the Duxbury Delano family, extending these branches also to ca. 1930. This is the continuation of our long awaited regional series. Cousin **Mary Skinner** has written a book on the Kalamazoo, Michigan, family and Cousin **Jorge Delano** has written of his ancestor Captain Paul Delano. Cousin **John Patterson** has written a book of a Canadian line that is part of the Dr. Thomas Delano branch. Regional genealogies are an area that everyone can join in and contribute their documentation. In this way all of our immediate families are represented.
- **European Research Project:** **Dr. Jeremy Bangs** has completed his Lille Report which is included in this issue. Cousin **George English** has completed his article *The History and Ancestry of the Family of Phillip Delano (Philippe de Lannoy)*. As mentioned in the March-April *Bonnes Nouvelles*, a version for French readers was published in the April 2007 issue of *Le Parchemin*, the bi-monthly journal of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (OGHB) in Brussels, Belgium. We look forward to seeing the version planned to be published in the *Mayflower Descendant* this year.

#### Membership Committee Report:

- **Membership:** Our membership began a decline in 2004 and continues to decline at an increasing rate. Contributing factors for this continuing decline include the continuing trend of member deaths, long time members not renewing, fewer multi-year renewals, Children in family memberships who have reached age 18 are not rejoining as Descendant Voting Members, and Internet contacts have resulted in very few new members. In contrast, the reduced rate for spouses in 2007 was successful in getting more spouse members. Virginia has the most members (44), followed by Massachusetts (41) and California and New York are tied for fourth place with 18 members each. Florida, Michigan, Texas and Maine are the states with over ten members each.
- **2008 Renewals:** 2008 renewals are due in December 2007. Membership renewal forms will be sent in late October. This renewal process has resulted in most renewals being completed by Dec 31. All membership material must be sent to DELANO KINDRED, P.O. Box 773, Schoolcraft, MI, 49087-0773.
- **Database Management:** The DELANO KINDRED Database (in Microsoft Access) and the member information database on [www.delanokindred.org](http://www.delanokindred.org) contain duplicate information. This provides a good backup for our membership information. More ancestor information on members is needed. Many members have never completed the initial Ancestor forms. If information has been provided, this website allows one to find other members with the same ancestors (up to 4 generations).

• **Newsletter Annual Report:** Newsletters were published in July-August 2006, October-November 2006 and March-April 2007. 930 newsletters were printed and mailed at a total cost of \$2345.48 or \$2.67 a copy. This cost was slightly less than last Fiscal Year and is partially due to cost saving efforts. We experienced as much as a 3 week delay in USPS bulk rate

mailings to some members. As usual members may download their newsletter with photos in color directly from the members' website [www.delanokindred.org](http://www.delanokindred.org).

**Logo Design:** At the 2006 Annual Meeting the Membership approved the basic design of the DELANO KINDRED Logo. Your Board agreed on the final design and has also agreed on a colorized version of this design which you have seen at the 2007 Reunion. The possibilities of using the logo in various ways are now being contemplated. Your Board would appreciate you suggestions.

**Website Operations:** We currently maintain and operate five primary websites and six subsidiary websites.

- [Delanoye.org](http://Delanoye.org) is our first primary site, designed to disseminate DELANO-specific information to the genealogy community, and is rated at or near the top in every major search engine.
- [Vrouwekerk.org](http://Vrouwekerk.org), designed to focus world-wide attention on the plight of the Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk ruins in Leiden, is also rated at or near the top in every major search engine.
- [Aalmarkt.org](http://Aalmarkt.org) (and its six Dutch Language subsidiary sites) was an outgrowth of [Vrouwekerk.org](http://Vrouwekerk.org) and was designed to give voice to various Netherlands-based merchant and preservation groups concerning the Aalmarkt development plan. Its relative search engine ranking is #2.
- [Leidenchurches.org](http://Leidenchurches.org) was designed to educate the general public about the rich heritage, history and architectural value of some of the better-known churches in Leiden. Its relative search engine ranking is #3.
- [Delanokindred.org](http://Delanokindred.org) is intended to offer an abundance of private member-services including on-line maintenance of members' records, access to electronic versions of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*, the Membership Directory, the GHAHD and much more.

Based on the number of visits each site receives, one might conclude we are hugely successful in "getting the word out" about things DELANO. While this is partially correct, it is important to understand that relatively few of the one million+ visitors to [delanoye.org](http://delanoye.org) make more than one or two visits to the site before moving on, seldom to return. The problem to be solved, then, is how do we go about keeping our site's information both fresh and deep? This situation should be an action item for the Board, but it should also involve the membership itself.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since March 2007. We are pleased that three of these new members are spouses of descendants.

### Arizona

**Cindi Bensema** of Litchfield Park  
**Steven Bensema** of Litchfield Park

### California

**Jennifer DELANO** of San Francisco  
**Caroline Sanders** of Pacific Grove  
**Florence May Whitfield** of Roseville

### Chile South America

**Elizabeth Alcalde** of Santiago

### Kentucky

**Fay Charpentier-Ford** of Louisville

### North Carolina

**Danny DELANO** of Statesville  
**Joann DELANO** of Statesville

### Virginia

**Mary E. Momburg** of Chesapeake

### Washington

**Ruth C. R. Lowe** of Sequim

**WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!** We look forward to many years of fellowship each of you and we hope that membership in the DELANO KINDRED will be a source of pride and pleasure for you.

## 2007 REUNION GROUP PICTURE



We wish to thank Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** for selecting the Doubletree Hotel's Grand Staircase as the location for our 2007 Reunion Group Picture and her spouse Cousin **Gene Marcinkowski** taking the picture with his camera equipment.

Foreground: Carolyn Clarke, Christine Trapp, Dorothea Harris, Robert Harris and Ann Harris

First row: Elizabeth Clarke and Robert Trapp

Second row: Carolyn Marcinkowski, Ruth Lowe, Ren Cushing, Howard Delano and Mary Delano

Third row: Marie Walker, Margaret Delano, Nancy Baldauf and Linda Grant

Fourth row: Claire Solstice (child), Sharon Solstice, Cindy Prosser and Kori Burke

Fifth row: Chuck Walker, Linda Seale, and Maureen Bianchi

Sixth row: Muriel Cushing, Earlene Delano, Stevens Delano, and Paula Delano

Seventh row: George DeLano, Lance Delano, Diana DeLano, and Patrick Whitfield

## RECENT PUBLICATIOIOS ABOUT DELANOs and the DELANO KINDRED

Besides the report of research by Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs included in this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*, several other articles by our members have appeared in various periodicals or journals during this spring and summer. We greatly appreciate the fine work done by these members of the DELANO KINDRED.

## DNA and Lineage Research: The Delano Kindred Surname Project.

By Maria Dering

Cousin **Maria Dering** wrote an article that appeared in the spring 2007 issue of the Huguenot Society of America's newsletter *Aux Huguenots!* In it Maria gives an overview of the DELANO KINDRED DNA testing that established the DNA "signature" of Philip Delano. Her article also discusses what DNA is, what makes a Y-DNA test so important, what kinds of DNA tests are available and what can a DNA test reveal. As many of you know Cousin Maria has written an in-depth article which has appeared on our open website [www.delanoye.org](http://www.delanoye.org).

## DELANO KINDRED DEDICATES MARKER IN DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

By Muriel Cushing

An article by Cousin **Muriel Cushing** appeared in the August 2007 issue of the National Huguenot Society's publication *The Cross of Languedoc*. Her article, appearing on page 30 of the publication, tells of our 2005 dedication of the memorial marker to Philippe de Lanoy in Duxbury on part of the original 40 acres he was granted in 1637. A picture of the memorial marker is included in the article. The article tells of Philippe's baptism in the Leiden Walloon Church on 6 November 1603/2, outlines the flight of his family (father and grandfather) to Canterbury and then to Leiden, the relationship to Hester (Mahieu) Cooke, and information about the French speaking refugees who took communion in the Leiden Walloon Church.

## L'HISTORIE ET LES ANCÊTRES DE LA FAMILLE DE PHILIP DELANO (PHILLIPE de LANNOY)

By George English

Over several years Cousin **George English** has been diligently working on an effort to update a portion of the GHAARD (Book I) that was written and arranged by Mortimer Delano. As you know this portion of the GHAARD comes under much criticism for its poor organization, incomplete data and inaccuracies. Cousin George has compiled a very significant amount of previous research information that was either not included in the GHAARD or generally not known to be available at the time it was written. He has tied historical events together with the genealogical records he has compiled to greatly improve our understanding of the times and tribulations of people living in Flanders in the mid to late 1500s. This effort has culminated in his work being published in *Le Parchemin* a publication for the Office Genealogique et Heraldique de Belgique (known as the OGHB). The 42 page article, designed for French readers, is organized into:

- What happened in Leiden from 1591 to 1621- the arrival of Guilbert de Lannoy's family from Canterbury and joining the Walloon Church in Leiden and details about Guilbert de Lannoy's family.
- A review of the historical information about the happenings in the Spanish Netherlands and the details about the ennobled de Lannoys of Tourcoing and of Tournai.
- What was happening in England at this time and the arrival of various de Lannoy and the Mahieu families in Canterbury.





- An analysis of Mortimer Delano's effort to claim Guilbert was the son of Seigneur Jean de Lannoy and its various shortcomings compared with the genealogical information known today.
- An updated résumé of the family of the de Lannoy Seigneurs of Tourcoing.
- An analysis of various genealogical publications and comments.
- An Annex showing the relationships of U.S. Presidents FDR, Grant and the Bushes.

Cousin George has accomplished an important task and given us a better understanding of the history and genealogy mentioned in this section of the GHAHHD. In doing so he has done an excellent service in the effort to update and correct this section of the GHAHHD. At the same time he has uncovered the probability that Philippe's mother's maiden name was Jeanne du Bus.

His article adds some interesting pieces of information to the genealogical background of the Guilbert de Lannoy family and it significantly updates what was written in the GHAHHD in 1899.

A reorganized version of this article, designed for English readers, is scheduled to be published in the *Mayflower Descendant*. We understand the article will be in two parts; the first part to be published in the Fall Issue (in 2007) and the second part is presently scheduled for the Winter Issue (in early 2008).