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## From the Editor

In this issue we include the final section of our review of Cousin **George English's** article that appeared in the *Mayflower Descendant* titled "Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy." We are pleased that at long last the Vrouwekerk ruins in Leiden, The Netherlands, have been restored. This issue includes an article about the effort to save these ruins from destruction and includes a picture of the restored church square and ruins. We also have included some updated details about the 2009 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Williamsburg, news about our members and various DELANO happenings, the 2008 Annual Questionnaire results, an updated review of DELANOs in Virginia, and information about how you can select candidates for the Annual DELANO KINDRED Charitable Drawing scheduled to take place at the Reunion in Williamsburg. We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion and hope that you have a pleasant Spring.

## Vrouwekerk Ruins Saved and Given Monument Status

We are very pleased to announce that the Vrouwekerk Ruins in Leiden were officially given Monument Status at an official opening ceremony in the restored public square on 5 March 2009. The City of Leiden has renovated the ruins and tiled the church square surrounding the church.

This culminates an effort that started late June of 1991 when Cousins **Muriel Cushing** and **George DeLano** received phone calls from **Dr. Jeremy Bangs** in Leiden telling of plans by the Leiden City Council to destroy the ruins of the Vrouwekerk for the city's redevelopment plans to make way for modern shops, movie theaters and supermarkets. Similar plans were made for the Aalmarkt area nearby thus creating the likelihood many old buildings and at least one museum would be destroyed as well.

There were phone calls and e-mails to various institutions including the NEHGS, the Mayflower Society, and the National Huguenot Society. A letter

writing campaign was started with many of you members sending letters to the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, and the U. S. Ambassador in The Hague. Meanwhile Dr. Bangs was working with other



concerned preservation organizations in Leiden to prevent the destruction of the Vrouwekerk and the buildings in the Aalmarkt. During 2000, Cousin **Ren LeVally** took the lead in providing updates and in-depth background about the Vrouwekerk on the DLIST and provided an almost continuous flow of information about the developments in this issue. Cousin Ren was also

instrumental in contacting many organizations. The United Church Council and the United Church of Christ were informed and a petition was started to ask the Leiden City Council to preserve the ruins and the Aalmarkt. A "loophole" in the Dutch Monument Laws was discovered and the issue went to the Raad (the Dutch Supreme Court) in The Hague. Although the decision of the court was in favor of the City of Leiden

these preservation efforts continued. By the end of 2000 Cousin **Stacy Wood Jr.** in Pennsylvania became involved with the preservation effort.

In 2001 Cousin Ren started several websites to provide wider distribution of the information. They included [www.vrouwekerk.org](http://www.vrouwekerk.org), [www.aalmarkt.org](http://www.aalmarkt.org), and [www.leidenchurches.org](http://www.leidenchurches.org). Ren also set links to other preservation sites in The Netherlands to assure the rapid exchange of information. Lively discussion between preservationists, anti-pilgrim factions and those pushing for redevelopment appeared on some of these websites. It was found that Royal Ahold, a Dutch international food marketing firm (it owns the Giant and Stop and Shop food store chains in the U.S.) was deeply involved in the redevelopment of these areas in Leiden. The international banking and insurance company, Fortis, was also involved in this redevelopment project. A Letter to the Editor appeared in the Washington Times telling of the plans for destruction of the Vrouwekerk in order to make way for the redevelopment. The New York Times picked up the story as did the Associated Press. In May the City of Leiden received the protest petition from the United Church of Christ and as the clamor mounted, Royal Ahold pulled back its plans for a “mega movie theater” in the redevelopment plans. The City of Leiden made some modifications to the redevelopment plan to save some of the historic buildings and the Vrouwekerk. Fortis withdrew its support for the plan.

By 2002 it was discovered that one of the City Councilmen resigned. The Leiden City Council found it was facing a possible demand referendum on the issue of redevelopment and withdrew the entire redevelopment plan. The Council established a planning committee that included Dr. Bangs in its membership. A new plan was drawn up that finally received approval of the City Council that preserved the ruins of the Vrouwekerk. Finally, about seven years later, the restoration of the Vrouwekerk ruins was completed and opened as a Dutch monument in early March of 2009.

We thank Cousins Ren LeVally, Muriel Cushing and Stacy Wood Jr. for their extraordinary efforts in assisting in this preservation effort. We thank our many Cousins who wrote letters or signed petitions to save the Vrouwekerk Well Done Cousins!

## 2009 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Williamsburg VA

Our 2009 Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on Friday 19 June and Saturday 20 June 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder. Located at 6945 Pocahontas Trail (U.S 60), the Crowne Plaza is within three miles of Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens Europe, and Water Country USA. Situated on the site of a Civil War Fort,

the venue is an excellent location for young and old to visit the many



historic sights of Colonial Virginia. Historic Yorktown, with the Yorktown Victory Center, a museum about the American Revolution, is located several miles to north. To the south is Historic Jamestown, settled in 1607. Nearby this historic site is the Jamestown Settlement that includes a to-scale replica of the Jamestown fort and a pier with replicas of the three ships that carried the Jamestown Colonist from England to the “New World.” Along the James River are several river plantations that can be easily visited.

### Getting there:

**By car:** Williamsburg is located near I-64. To get to the Crowne Plaza Hotel take exit 242A to Route 199. Drive 1.5 miles and take the exit for Route 60. At the stop sign, turn left on 60 West. The hotel is one mile on left.

**By air:** The closest airport is the Williamsburg/Newport News Airport (PDF) and is served by U.S. Air, Air Tran, Delta and United Airlines. It is located about 15 miles south



of the hotel. Airport van service to the hotel is available. By rail: Williamsburg is served by Amtrak. There are two trains a-day (one day and one overnight) service from Boston and other east coast corridor points. Overnight rail service is available from Florida, and from Chicago and other Mid-west points. Contrary to what was said in our last issue, the Crowne Plaza no longer provides courtesy transportation from the Amtrak station to the hotel. Taxi service must be used.

### **Reunion Advance Registration and 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 **10 June 2009**.

### **Accommodations:**

We have blocked 15 guestrooms for Friday night 19 June, and Saturday night 20 June, at a rate of \$119.00 plus 10% tax plus \$2.00 or about \$134.00 per night. This rate is \$25.00 less than the rate we obtained for the 2008 Maine Reunion; however please note this rate is only available if you stay two nights since the rooms are blocked over part of a weekend. We have also blocked five guestrooms for early arrivals on Thursday 18 June at the same rate. There will be an extra charge for additional adults in these rooms. Individual guestroom reservations must be made **prior to Thursday 28 May, 2009** to secure these rates. We understand that we can expand the number of blocked rooms at the above rate provided we have notice well in advance of 28 May, 2009. We strongly suggest you call at your earliest convenience to assure obtaining a room at the blocked rate. Please call the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder at the toll free number **(800) 227-6963 or (757) 220-2250**. All guests should identify themselves as members of the **DELANO KINDRED Family Reunion Group**. You will receive a confirmation number for your room reservation. Room reservations can be cancelled without penalty if the notice of cancellation is received 72 hours in advance. In the event you reduce the number of nights of your stay at the hotel after you check in there will be a \$50.00 early departure fee unless you notify the hotel 24 hours in advance of your departure.

### **Reunion Registration:**

Registration will be held near the Room assigned for the Friday Welcome Light Buffet from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registrants will receive a "Welcome Envelope" containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday in the room assigned for the Annual Meeting.

### **Events:**

Because there has not been enough time available for genealogical consultations at past reunions, we have scheduled additional time this year for a **Genealogical and Informational Symposium** for those interested on Friday morning, 19 June from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Friday night **Welcome Light Buffet Dinner**, will be held in the Generals Redoubt Room at 6:00 PM. The Buffet will be served at 7:00 PM with a cash bar available starting at 6:00 PM. It 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. Other events may also be scheduled that evening. The buffet menu will include: Assorted Sliced



Deli Meats, Assorted Sliced Cheeses, Salads, Assorted Vegetables, Breads and Rolls, Desert and Beverage.

On Saturday at 9:00 AM, the **2009 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the same or a nearby room. We plan to have the minutes and the committee reports available in advance at registration to reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting as we did last year. We plan to have the group photograph after this meeting.

**Lunch and Tours:** Lunch will be at each individual's option to increase everyone's flexibility. Because of the opportunity for visits to many different historical sites as well as several large amusement park areas, we have not yet scheduled any particular site as a "tour event." Besides Colonial Williamsburg there is the Jamestown Settlement, outdoor, living history museum complete with a Powhatan Indian Village, a to-scale replica of the triangular Jamestown Fort and the to-scale replicas of the sailing ships the SUSAN CONSTANT, GODSPEED and DISCOVERY. The Settlement has a new spacious exhibition gallery and a theater. The somewhat circuitous Colonial Parkway starts close by the Historic Jamestown National Park and winds along the James River, then past the



Colonial Williamsburg Reception area, then onward to the Yorktown Victory Center near the York river, about 17 miles away. The Yorktown Victory Center is a living history museum that chronicles the American Revolution close to the Yorktown Battlefield where Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British Army. For those who wish to enjoy a first class amusement park Bush Gardens Europe is just three miles down the road from the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

If there are a significant number of attendees who are interested in visiting a particular site on Friday, 19 June and Saturday, 20 June, we will attempt to make arrangements for a group rate at this site. Please be sure to state your tour site interest on the Reunion Registration form.

The 2009 Banquet Dinner, Saturday, will be served at 7:00 PM in order to give those on tour time to freshen up after returning to their guestroom. A cash bar will again be available starting at 6:00 PM. The Banquet Dinner includes an entrée choice of Roast Prime Rib of Beef with Rosemary Au Jus or Stuffed Atlantic Salmon with herb Bourisn cheese, baby shrimp, and chives; topped with Lobster Tarragon Sauce. Accompaniments include: Baked Potato, House Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls and Butter, Desert and Beverage. Our Banquet Speaker will be Tina Theodor from the Jamestown Settlement.

### 2008 Annual Questionnaire Results

We wish to thank all of our members who took the time to send in their 2008 Annual Questionnaires. As you know, we include the Annual Questionnaire in the fall issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. In 2008 the questions concentrated on the location where you would like the 2010 Reunion to be held and locations favored for the 2011 Reunion and other future Reunions. Here are the results of your responses.

#### 2010 Reunion Locations (in the New England Area):

Almost all respondents (92%) indicated their choices for this Reunion. Even though we have held six Reunions in the Plymouth/Duxbury area (the last one being in 2005), 73% of the responders preferred this location, the Fairhaven/New Bedford area received 27% of the votes while 12% favored Manchester NH as a possible venue. Other venues suggested were Berlin, NH, the Mt Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods, NH, and Providence, RI.

#### 2011 Reunion (away from New England):

Not all respondents answered all of the different areas listed while some indicated more than one venue in each portion of the question.

**East:** 42% indicated their choices of a Reunion in the East. Of those responding 70% favored the Mohonk/New Paltz, NY venue. Philadelphia, PA was also suggested.

**South:** 25% indicated their choices of a Reunion in the South. Of those responding 67% favored Georgia with Atlanta being suggested. The remaining 37 % favored a Florida location. (continued on page 5)

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DELANO KINDRED REUNION WILLAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 19 JUNE TO 21 JUNE 2009

### Friday, 19 June 2009

9:00—11:00 AM	Genealogical and Informational Symposium
12:00—1:00	Lunch (individual option)
1:00—3:00 PM	Board Meeting & Choice of Tours (individual option)
4:00—6:00 PM	Registration outside buffet event room
6:00—11:00 PM	Welcome Light Buffet and Program (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00 PM) Buffet served at 7:00 P M

### Saturday, 20 June 2009

8:30—9:00 AM	Late Registration in the Annual Meeting Room
9:00—11:00 AM	Annual Membership Meeting
11:00—11:15 AM	Group Picture
11:30 AM—12:45 PM	Lunch (individual option)
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Choice of Tours (individual option)
5:00 PM –6:00 PM	Return to Hotel Free time.
6:00 PM—11:00 PM	Annual Banquet with Speaker. (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00 PM). Dinner served at 7:00 PM

### Sunday, 21 June 2008

9:00—11:30 AM	Board Meeting
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### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since December 2008.

#### California

**John Michael Haines** of San Francisco

#### Florida

**Laura Ridder Evans** of Ocean Ridge

#### Georgia

**Douglas M. Hoppe** of Alpharetta

**Missouri Emma Hoppe** of Alpharetta

**Suzanne Elizabeth Hoppe** of Alpharetta

#### Massachusetts

**Carol Marie Capachione** of East Dennis

#### Texas

**Robert Colin DELANO** of Round Rock

**Jessica Marie DELANO** of Round Rock

**Joshua Nathaniel DELANO** of Round Rock

**Lorelai Sophia DELANO** of Round Rock

**Steven Edwin DELANO** of Dallas

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

### 2008 Annual Questionnaire Results (cont. from page 4)

**Midwest:** 42% indicated their choices of a Reunion in the Midwest. Of those responding 50% favored Kansas City where “on-the-scene” member assistance is available, 40% favored Delano, MN or Cincinnati, OH and the remaining responders favored Indianapolis, IN. Louisville, KY was also suggested as a venue.

**Southwest:** 25% indicated their choices of a Reunion in the Southwest. The Dallas/Fort Worth, TX area was favored by 67% and Austin, TX was mentioned as a venue choice by 50%, San Antonio, TX and Oklahoma City, OK were favored by 20 % of those responding.

**Mountain States:** 50% indicated their choices of a Reunion in the Mountain States area. Salt Lake City was favored by 80% and Denver by 20%. Kearny, NE was also suggested as a possible venue. It should be noted that the downtown area of Salt Lake City is undergoing a massive reconstruction at the present time. The reconstruction is not expected to be completed until after 2011. Visiting this area is not recommended until it is completed.

**West Coast:** 50% indicated their choices of a Reunion on the West Coast. Portland, OR and Seattle, WA both received 67% favorable choices as venues. Monterey, CA was favored by 33% and San Diego, CA was favored by 17%.

**Publications:** 50% of those responding answered the questions concerning publications. About 60% of the responders were aware they could make a tax-deductible contribution to their local library by purchasing a GHAHD or DFIP from our DELANO KINDRED Publications Sales where proceeds go directly into the DELANO KINDRED Memorial Fund. About 40% of the responders have or would consider giving a GHAHD or DFIP to their Public Library.

We thank all those cousins who took their time to answer this questionnaire. Your Board will carefully consider the answers and suggestions that were provided.

## ANCESTRY AND HISTORY OF PHILIP DELANO BORN PHILIPPE DELANNOY

*By George English*  
(Concluded)

In the last two issues of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we reviewed the first part of Cousin **George English's** two-part article that appeared in the *Mayflower Descendant (MD)*. The last two issues covered the first part of his article that appeared in MD Vol. 56 No. 1 where he discussed the merits of various sources that dealt with DELANO/de Lannoy genealogy as well as those documented and other sources from which he gleaned information. He delved into the genealogy determined from these sources and his analysis was based on this information. In this issue we review the

second part of his article contained in MD Vol. 56 No.2. In this article he gives the reader an outline of the rather complex history and social background of the times in which our de Lannoy, Mahieu and du Bus ancestors lived. To assist the reader's understanding, he includes an historical overview of the tumultuous times of the sixteenth century Reformation in the Spanish Netherlands and in England, the impact these times had on the peoples in both countries, particularly the area around Tourcoing, Flanders, and two maps to assist the reader's geographical understanding of the area. He provides ample references for those who wish to read about the history of those days.

### Nationality

We are often asked where did Philippe de Lannoy and his family come from--or what was his nationality? Responding to someone who asks this or similar questions requires consideration of several factors—including geography, time, language, and the understanding of the person asking the question. Before the mid-1500's, branches of the greater de Lannoy family moved in many directions from Flanders; spreading across what are now the countries that were part of the Spanish Netherlands, France and Italy. It is not surprising that many think that the family has Dutch, Belgian, French, Italian or Luxembourgian roots. From the standpoint of where one resides (a rather strict interpretation of the term nationality) or possibly where one is born, we would say that Philippe was a Dutchman—having been born in Leiden. However, we know from the Leiden Records that his father is described as being from Tourcoing. We also know, from documentation found in Lille and Tourcoing that his father was born in Tourcoing. So the family resided in that town in the province of Flanders, in 1575, which then was part of the Spanish Netherlands. We do not know how Philippe's family would describe their own “nationality”, but since they stated in documents they were from Tourcoing, they recognized it as their “home town.” Cousin George addresses the question of nationality including his views of some of the misunderstandings by highlighting Winslow's misleading statement in that Philippe's parents were French<sup>1</sup>—presumably because they spoke one of the French languages which are frequently described as Gallo-Romance languages. These languages had similarities to the French language and were collectively referred to as French languages. He points out that Tourcoing was not part of France until 22 years after Winslow wrote the statement in 1646. He quotes the Delano Genealogy (GHAHD) statement that the de Lannoys were never a French family.

In the section on nationality Cousin George discusses his views of the complications in the descriptive terms “Huguenot” and “Walloon”. Although he says the term Huguenot refers to French Protestants from the country of France, he does note that Huguenot is also used as a blanket term to describe all French-speaking Protestants. With respect to the term Walloon he indicates that the Walloon

<sup>1</sup> Edward Winslow, *Hypocrisie Unmasked* (London, 1646; rep. Providence, R.I., 1916), 96.

speaking people were natives of an ancient region of Wallonia, which had no precise political boundary. The term Walloon in the early 1500's was used to describe those people in the area of the Low Countries who spoke one of the Gallo-Romance languages of that region. The region includes modern-day northern France and eastern Belgium. While the term Huguenot was a name given to Protestants from France and also generally referred to French speaking Protestant refugees from the Spanish Netherlands, the term Walloon was language-specific in that it referred to French speaking people within the region called Wallonia. Walloons were both Catholic and Protestant. George points out as the Protestants were driven out of the Walloon lands by the Spanish, the area became predominately Catholic. The result was that these French speaking, Protestant refugees worshiped in Walloon Churches in Holland and in the French speaking, Strangers Churches in England. Today the region of Wallonia refers to the region within the eastern part of Belgium. The article ends the section on nationality by citing two important differences between the Walloons and the Huguenots. The explanations of these differences in this article need to be better developed so that the reader may understand the points he is trying to make.

#### **Tourcoing.**

Next the article discusses the events of the tumultuous times in Tourcoing. Cousin George starts this section of the article with the statement, "Both Philippe<sup>1</sup> de Lannoy's grandfather Guilbert<sup>B</sup> and father Jean<sup>A</sup> were born in Tourcoing." We do have documentation that Philippe's father, Jean, was born in Tourcoing in 1575, but while it is likely that Philippe's grandfather, Guilbert<sup>B</sup> was also born there, no reliable documentation has been discovered to support that claim. Mortimer Delano, in the "first book" of the GHAARD estimated that Guilbert<sup>B</sup> was born about 1545. Cousin George, based on an analysis of the known date of his eldest daughter's marriage (Marguerite's betrothal is documented in the Leiden Archives) concludes this to be a reasonable birth date. The article goes on to cite the two sackings of the Church of St Christophe in Tourcoing and the assassination of the church priest—all occurring within nine years before Philippe's father, Jean, was baptized in that church. Citing these events, along with the general upheaval of the fighting between the Catholic armies and various Protestant groups, the resulting general brutality against Calvinist citizens and the Protestant banishments, Cousin George points out, "It is easy to understand why the de Lannoys would have fled around this time, especially if they were suspected of being involved in any of the incidents."<sup>2</sup> Most of those fleeing from Tourcoing went to Leiden and England. He indicates that most of the Tourquennois who went to England settled in Canterbury and some went to London and Norwich. Cousin George cites two members of different branches of the noble de Lannoy family who became Calvinists and fled.

One is said to have gone to Leiden and the other was captured in Antwerp, tortured and burned at the stake.

#### **England**

Turning to England at the time of the arrival of refugees from the Spanish Netherlands, Cousin George cites the various changes in monarchs, which resulted in changes of religion that allowed the refugees (called Strangers) to stay or leave England. Henry VIII allowed the Strangers to stay, as did his son Edward VI. In 1550 during Edward's reign, the first Strangers' Church was established. When Edward's sister Mary, who was a Catholic, came to the throne in 1553, she ordered the Strangers to leave England. In 1560, after Elizabeth had assumed the throne, the authority of the Strangers' Church was reinstated and increased. George notes, "When Protestant refugees started arriving in England, they were known by their nationality, e.g. Flemish, Walloon, and French. Over the years, the term Walloon came to be applied to all French-speaking Protestants refugees from the Low Countries/Spanish Netherlands. The main centers were at London (1550), Sandwich (1561), Norwich (1565), Southampton (1567) and Canterbury (1575)."<sup>3</sup> Because of their textile expertise, the Walloons were invited to come to Canterbury and as a result, he also notes, the population increased 60 percent between the 1560s and 1590s<sup>4</sup>. He cites an analysis of Canterbury marriages by Francis W. Cross that showed the highest number of these refugees came from Tourcoing.<sup>5</sup> He states "No record has been found in England which can definitely be linked to Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy or his family, despite an extensive search. This is no doubt due to the fact that many records have not survived and also to the de Lannoys keeping out of trouble. Canterbury baptism, marriage, and death records have only survived for 1581-84, and from 1590 on. ... some of the Acts of the Consistory were found in the roof of the old French Church in Threadneedle St., London in 1840. The Consistory was the governing body of the Church, and the Acts were kept by the Pastor to record the once or twice weekly meetings and other significant events such as matters of discipline. Unfortunately, only years 1576-78 and 1581-84 survive from the period when the de Lannoys were in Canterbury."<sup>6</sup> George points out events improved the situation in the Netherlands while the de Lannoys were in Canterbury: i.e. the Northern provinces declared their independence from Spain in 1581, Elizabeth sent troops to help the rebels in Holland and in 1588 Sir Francis Drake defeated the Spanish Armada which greatly

<sup>3</sup> W. H. Manchée, *Dutch, Walloon, and Flemish Clergy List, 1550-1874*, part of the *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London*, Vol. XI, (London), 402.

<sup>4</sup> George English, *Ibid*, p. 172

<sup>5</sup> Francis W. Cross, *History of the Walloon and Huguenot Church at Canterbury*, part of the *Publications of the Huguenot Society of London*, Vol. XV (London, 1898) p 24.

<sup>6</sup> Presumably an Author's note: Records held at the Canterbury Cathedral Archives, and the Huguenot Library, London.

<sup>2</sup> George English, *Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Phillippe de Lannoy*, MD 56-2 p 169.

limited the capability of Spain to project its power. George cites these events as possible reasons the Mahieus and the de Lannoys (in 1591) decided to move to Leiden.

**Who was Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy's father?**

At this point Cousin George turns to the question—Who was Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy's father? Acceptable documentary evidence shows that Philippe's grandfather was Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy. At this point, unless new documentary evidence is discovered, we have come to a genealogical "dead end." The lack of vital registers for Tourcoing before 1573 and loss or disappearance of other Tourcoing records around 1843 are cited as the barriers to finding further evidence. Cousin George lists what he views are the options for the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy as:

- A. A son of Philippe de Lannoy, Seigneur of Tourcoing
  - i. Jean de Lannoy, Seigneur of Molembais [*Delano Gen.'s claim*].
  - ii. Baudouin de Lannoy, Seigneur of Tourcoing.
  - iii. Philippe de Lannoy, Seigneur of Beauvoir.
  - iv. Louis de Lannoy.
  - v. Another son. Philippe had at least one bastard son, Philippe de Lannoy, by

Collette Dupont. This Seigneur of Querillon (near Roncq) was legitimized in 1538 and served at the court in Brussels. He may have become a Protestant and probably had descendants.<sup>7</sup>

- B. Another descendant of the noble de Lannoy family
- C. A man from another de Lannoy family

**Jean de Lannoy, Seigneur of Molembais**

This is the assertion of Mortimer Delano on page 48 of the GHAHD. He gives seven reasons as his "general proof" for placing Jean de Lannoy, Seigneur of Molembais as the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy. George analyzes these reasons listed below and a short answer based on his analysis is also given.

**Reason 1:** "The change of religious faith causing disinheritance & the removal of the names from all records, that future heirs might not inherit (as Louis XIV did 1685)."<sup>8</sup>

**Answer:** This is clearly a conjecture to explain why no evidence has been found that the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> was Jean.<sup>9</sup>

**Reason 2:** "The Barbançon armes and Lannoy crest given to Dr. Delano 1870 by the College of Heraldry at Paris."<sup>10</sup>

**Answer:** "... the arms given to Dr. Barna Delano are precisely those carried by Philippe de Lannoy, Seigneur of Beauvoir. These arms indicate that Jean is the least likely of the brothers to be father because his arms were quartered Lannoy-Burgundy, not Lannoy-Barbançon."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Author's note: This information came from Albert de Lannoy, but his source is not known.

<sup>8</sup> GHAHD p 48

<sup>9</sup> George English, Ibid p 174

<sup>10</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>11</sup> George English, Ibid p 175

**Reason 3:** "Gysbert names his son Jean & who names his son Philippe 1621, Gysbert's supposed father being Jean & grandfather Philippe."<sup>12</sup>

**Answer:** "This is no more than an indicator and could apply to any of the sons of Philippe. Certainly the names Jean and Philippe were very common in the noble de Lannoy family. But they were very common in other families in the area too."<sup>13</sup>

**Reason 4:** "Marie de Lannoy not being designated the 'heiress...'"<sup>14</sup>

**Answer:** "When Marie de Lannoy died in 1580, her feudal succession was inherited by her aunt Yolande because she, in the absence of a male heir, was her closest *living* relative. This was in accordance with the feudal customs of Flanders at the time in matters of succession."<sup>15</sup>

**Reason 5** "The birthplace of Gysbert being Tourcoing (1545). The births registered there do not begin until 1594."<sup>16</sup>

**Answer:** "The noble de Lannoy family had been Seigniors of Tourcoing for at least sixty years by the birth of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> around 1545. Tourcoing was a small town – a fiscal (tax) investigation in 1549 shows that the population of Tourcoing then was only 6785 inhabitants. If valid, this would be a more powerful argument for Baudouin de Lannoy as the father because he, not Jean, was Seigneur of Tourcoing from 1543-1559."<sup>17</sup> The St Christophe's Church, of Tourcoing baptismal records back to 1573 were discovered in 1897, two years before the publishing of the GHAHD. Had Mortimer Delano checked again with the Mayor of Tourcoing prior to publishing the GHAHD the birth date of Jean de Lannoy might have been found about 100 years earlier.

**Reason 6:** "That there is certainly strong proof of Gysbert being a grand-son of Philippe<sup>10A</sup> de Lannoy."<sup>18</sup>

**Answer:** This would mean that he could have been the son of any of Philippe's sons. In a small town such as Tourcoing, with a population of only 6000 to 7000, this is a possibility, particularly in the absence of evidence to the contrary. But the available proof is certainly not strong enough to support the statement "It is certain."<sup>19</sup>

**Reason 7:** "Gysbert was of the Tourcoing house and a descendant is given the armes of Barbançon, which would in heraldic law place him as above."<sup>20</sup>

**Answer:** "This is covered by the comments on the 2nd reason above."<sup>21</sup>

<sup>12</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>13</sup> George English, Ibid

<sup>14</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>15</sup> George English, Ibid p 176

<sup>16</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>17</sup> George English, Ibid

<sup>18</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>19</sup> George English, Ibid p 177

<sup>20</sup> GHAHD Ibid

<sup>21</sup> George English, Ibid

Cousin George does not, at this point, address directly the options of: ii. Baudouin de Lannoy, Seigneur of Tourcoing., iii. Philippe de Lannoy, Seigneur of Beauvoir, iv. Louis de Lannoy, and v. Another son, Philippe. Later he does mention in his discussion that "...both Jean (Seigneur of Molembais) and Baudouin died in 1559. If either was his father, this would have been when he was around 15, which seems unlikely".<sup>22</sup> and "Philippe was the only son of Baudouin to survive childhood and have children. Of his five known sons and the potential fathers of Guilbert,<sup>B</sup> Jean only had one daughter who married (Marie, who had no children); Baudouin only had two sons who survived him (Philippe and François, who was the one who died in 1603) and neither produced heirs; Philippe had one son Philippe, who did not marry; Louis also died "without issue"; and we have no knowledge of any descendants of his bastard son Philippe."<sup>23</sup>

#### Another descendant of the noble de Lannoy family

Cousin George addresses this possibility as follows: "The first known record of a de Lannoy goes back to the beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The Delano genealogy records more than 7000 descendants of Philip<sup>1</sup> Delano with the surname Delano in the years from 1635 to 1899. The number of male descendants who retained the surname de Lannoy by the 16th century was probably at least in the hundreds. Studies have been made which have found de Lannoys, including:

Henri de Lannoy "of a humble condition" though that was due to the English having burnt his house in 1513.

Jacques de Lannoy, son of Gérard, who was born in Tourcoing, but moved to Lille where he became a bourgeois by purchase on 5 March 1593<sup>24</sup>.

Even if Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy was descended from a family such as these, it is unlikely that evidence can be found to prove it."<sup>25</sup>

#### A man from another de Lannoy family

Cousin George points out that there are many Delannoys in the area around Tourcoing and the general area of Lille who do not have a relationship to the branch that held the Seigniorship of Tourcoing. Further studies show that within the many districts around Tourcoing there were 20 de Lannoys living around 1545 who could have been Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy's father. It is believed we now know that Guilbert lived in the district of Verdequee less than a mile from St. Christophe's Church. The Male Line of the de Lannoy Seigniors of Tourcoing died out in 1603. Furthermore, the de Lannoy Seigniors of Tourcoing lived not in Tourcoing, but in Solre-le-Chateau, in Hainault, 70 miles to southeast of Tourcoing. Researching these families would be difficult.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid p 175

<sup>23</sup> Ibid p 181

<sup>24</sup> Paul Denis du Péage, *Recueil de Généalogies Lilloises* [1906] Vol I, 88, 103, 119, Archives départementales du Nord -- this reference also cited by J. D. Bangs.

<sup>25</sup> George English, Ibid p 179

## Conclusions

George concludes his article with the following:

- There is no credible evidence that any of Philippe de Lannoy's sons, apart possibly from Baudouin, was the father of Guilbert.<sup>B</sup> This is particularly because here is no evidence that they lived in Tourcoing.
- So, the noble Baudouin de Lannoy is the only family member who could possibly have been the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> but it is unlikely that he was.
- The research, supported by knowledge and discussion, suggests that genealogically proof no longer exists. The scale of the research task was summed up by an experienced local genealogist:

To get an overall picture of the de Lannoys of the ancient Châtellenie of Lille, it would be necessary to do an immense amount of work collecting sources at the Departmental Archives of Nord and the Municipal Archives of Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing, in particular. By combining the efforts of researchers in the region interested in the subject, it would perhaps be possible, after several years.<sup>26</sup>

- There were a significant number of de Lannoys in Tourcoing around 1545, who were not of noble descent. The most probable conclusion is that one of them was the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy.
- DNA research may be able to help, as has been shown by the 99% likelihood that Abraham and Philippe<sup>1</sup> de Lannoy have a common ancestor.<sup>27</sup> We will probably never know who was the father of Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy.

## IN SUMMARY

George English's "Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy" is a significant effort. As we have seen, he provides his evaluation of many of the publications, starting with the GHAHD, published in 1899, and ending in 2006 with a history and genealogy of the Delano family of Chile, published in 2006. Several of these publications rely on information provided in the GHAHD and continue its errors and, in some cases, embellish or expand these errors (for example *Franklin Roosevelt and the Delano Influence*). If it were not for two chapters of this widely read publication, written by Daniel Webster Delano Jr., B.N. Leverland's article "The Family of Jan de Lannoy" might not have been written to correct those errors, thus becoming the first of four important sources. The three other sources regarded as important are:--the Versprille letter, Col. Albert de Lannoy's 1974 article in *Le Parchemin*, No. 169, and Jeremy Bangs' 1989 NEHGS article "The

<sup>26</sup> Philippe Rammaert, who is de Lannoy descendant and co-founder/former President of the Groupement Généalogique de la Région du Nord [GGRN] in discussion and correspondence with George English (2005-2007).

<sup>27</sup> MD, 56: 87, further details of the Delano DNA Project can be found at <delanoye.org>.



Pilgrim and Other English in Leiden Records...".<sup>28</sup> George discusses the genealogical information provided in these sources and provides what we believe to be the most comprehensive listing of family of Philippe's grandparents, Guilbert and Jeanne (Du Bus) de Lannoy.<sup>29</sup> A map of Flanders is provided and is a very useful aid in understanding of the geography of this area.

In the second part of the article, he provides an overview of the history of tumultuous times of the 1500's in Flanders, then focuses on Tourcoing and the probable effects on the de Lannoy family, and then on the changes in monarchy of England and its impact on the events that may have influenced Philippe's grandparents during their stay in Canterbury. He has tried to describe "nationality" that could be ascribed to Philippe's family roots, which has been muddled over the years. Within the area of "nationality" he embarks on an effort to explain the varying shades of the terms Huguenot and Walloon, as they applied to the de Lannoys and the Mahieus. His effort to describe the differences between the two is not clear. However, it should be noted that he attempts to clarify this in a later paper, but not in this article.

He then addresses the question we all are interested in resolving—Who was Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy's father? After citing the lack of vital records and the non-survival of other records, he provides a list of options including the "proof" of noble connections put forth by Mortimer Delano on page 48 of the GHAAHD. Here he analyses the seven reasons espoused by Mortimer Delano and shows the shortcomings of each of them. He reviews the possibility of other connections to noble de Lannoys and finds many of them unlikely. He points out that no evidence has been found to support a connection to the other noble de Lannoys. Obviously, Guilbert<sup>B</sup> de Lannoy was the son of one of the many de Lannoys within the region around Lille that includes Tourcoing. He points out there may be undiscovered evidence which could lead to a genealogical proof of relationship to one of these de Lannoys, but there is no certainty that it will be discovered even with concerted effort by knowledgeable and experienced researchers in the region.

Cousin George's fine work brings together the creditable research about Philippe de Lannoy's forebears and the history that affected their lives. The reader will obtain a better understanding of these events than what is presented in the GHAAHD. He is to be congratulated for this effort.

## Devin Delano Designs

### Elton John's Goodbye Yellow Brick Road Celebrity Party In New York City

Those of you who attended the 2004 Reunion at Mystic Connecticut will remember Cousin **Devin Delano**. Devin drove from his home in New York City to the Reunion and took the group picture. Devin's growing company, Delano

Productions, Inc. is involved in the production of events in that city. Last December his company produced and designed an event for Elton John. The party was in honor of Elton's *GOODBYE YELLOW BRICK ROAD* concert tour. Over 650 guests, celebrities, and VIPs attended the event. Devin personally designed the entire party, which ended 2008 as a successful year for Delano Productions, INC.

Devin launched Delano Productions, INC. in the mid 1990s. His first project was set designing a Haitian concert for the Wyclef Jean Foundation in Miami. The concert, which was attended by 14,000 people, was awarded "Miami Concert of the Year" for design and production. Performers included the Black Eyed Peas, Salt N Pepa, Aaliyah, Mya, and Timbaland, and others.

Delano Productions, INC. has grown since then and has designed high profile and large-scale events in NY, LA, and Miami. Projects include Broadway's Tony-winning *In The Heights* Opening Night Party, the Closing Party for *Rent*, Bravo's *Project Runway* Launch Party, Museum of Modern Art cocktail parties, MTV Latino's *Video Music Awards*, the *US Open*, and *Telemundo's* Upfront Party.

Devin's production experience also includes over 200 fashion shows in the US, and costuming for Brazil's largest network, TV Globo.

In addition to designing and producing, Devin has spent the last decade consulting clients on interior design, set design, event planning, production and photography.

His post-college experience includes working for MTV's Marketing and Creative departments for four years, and interning at Nickelodeon Marketing and NBC Special Events. Devin interned on the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

During college Devin lifeguarded at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. He graduated as Senior Class President from Western Kentucky University, with a degree in Marketing.

Cousin Devin is a former Director of the DELANO KINDRED and did much to arrange the design of our new coat of arms and our logo.

Since then he has been very active and busy with his production company, photography, and staying politically active. Congratulations Devin! To learn more about Devin and Delano Productions, INC, go to [www.devindelano.com](http://www.devindelano.com).

## DEPARTED COUSINS

### Earl G. DeChristopher Jr.

We report with sorrow that Cousin **Earl G. DeChristopher** of Weston, Massachusetts, passed away on Feb. 24, 2009 at the age of 79. Earl was born in Providence, R.I., he was the son of the late Earl G. and Gladys (Jones) DeChristopher. He and his beloved wife, Joan, had been married for 45 years. They had three children.

He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and a veteran of the Korean War. After the war Earl became a builder and a realtor in the Weston area of Massachusetts.

<sup>28</sup> *Bonnes Nouvelles*, No. 59 p.3.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid* p. 7.

Cousin Earl had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 2006 and was descended from Philippe de Lanoy through the Lt Jonathan branch of the family. Joan became a member in 2007.

He was the father of Erin A. Turtel & her husband Scott of Issaquah, WA, Megan E. O'Hara & her husband Michael of Boise, ID, Brian M. DeChristopher & his wife Daniella of Chestnut Hill, MA. His grandchildren are: Nathaniel and Matthew Turtel. He was the brother of Audrey Wightman of Mission, TX, Richard DeChristopher of Warwick, RI, Janith Proctor of Levittown, NY, and Joyce Ragosta of Johnstown, RI.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Joan and her family.

### **Carol A. Kumpf**

We have just received the sad news that Carol A. (Behrendt) Kumpf, wife of David Edward Kumpf, the key founder of the DELANO KINDRED, had passed away on 5 February 2009 in the Buffalo, NY area. Carol's son Kevin told us of the unhappy news. Carol had been ill for some time. Many of you who attended the early Reunions of the DELANO KINDRED will remember Carol. They regularly attended our Reunions from the initial gathering at the Duxbury in 1990 until David's death in 1995.

Carol loved the music of the Beach Boys. Kevin reports for several days after Carol's death, whenever he turned on his satellite car radio a song of the Beach Boys was playing. He had the occasion to speak with one of Carol's close friends and she also reported she would hear the music of the Beach Boys being played on the radio in her home—an interesting coincidence in the middle of the western New York winter.

Carol is survived by three sons, David K, Kevin J., and Paul J., three daughters-in-law, and several grandchildren. We send our sincere condolences to Carol's children and their families.

### **Jean Delannoy**

Last fall several alert readers sent in information about the death of French film director Jean Delannoy who died at the age of 100 on Wednesday 17 June 2008 at his home in Guainville, France, west of Paris. While the surname Delannoy is a frequently occurring surname in northern France, Jean Delannoy was born Jan. 12, 1908, in Noisy-le-Sec, a suburb east of Paris. After studying philosophy at the Sorbonne, he tried out several occupations, among them journalist, decorator and door-to-door salesman for a bank.



He tried acting, appearing in small roles in "La Grande Passion" (1928), a silent film, and René Barberis's "Casanova" (1934). But his real film career began when he found work as an editor at the

Paramount Studios complex near Paris. He married Juliette Geneste in 1938, and they had a daughter, Claire.

Mr. Delannoy won a Palme d'Or, the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, for his 1946 movie "La Symphonie Pastorale," based on André Gide's novel about a minister who falls in love with a young blind woman he has brought up. He later took home awards from the Venice and Berlin film festivals for the 1950 film "Dieu A Besoin des Hommes" ("God Needs Men"), a drama about a remote community in need of a priest and the layman who assumes that role. He directed a string of highly regarded box-office hits like "Notre Dame de Paris," starring Anthony Quinn and Gina Lollobrigida and based on the Victor Hugo novel; it was released in the United States in 1957 as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." He still was making films in his 80's, such as "Bernadette" (1988), about the 19th-century saint, and a sequel, "La Passion de Bernadette" (1989). His last film was "Marie de Nazareth," released in 1995, when he was 87.

He was made an officer of the Legion of Honor, a Commander of Arts and Letters and a Commander of the National Order of Merit. He received an honorary César, the French equivalent of the Oscar, in 1986. President Nicolas Sarkozy paid tribute to Mr. Delannoy saying he was "a huge director" who "contributed to our country's cultural influence."

Though we were unable to include news of his death in our last issue, we thank our alert readers for bringing Mr. Delannoy's death to our attention. We have no information about any relationship he may have to the Delannoy's of northern France.

## **DELANO KINDRED Annual Charitable Drawing Candidates Needed**

### **Do you have a name of a Charitable Organization for this Drawing?**

At the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting the concept of selecting a Charitable Organization by a drawing at the Annual Reunion was approved. This drawing provides a one-time gift to a qualified local museum, conservancy or like institution whose holdings include DELANO documents, artifacts or memorabilia. These institutions must be a qualified tax-exempt 501(3)(c) organization.

As a DELANO KINDRED member you are encouraged to submit the name of a candidate organization that you wish to be considered by filling out the form provided as an insert in this newsletter to Charitable Program Committee Chair, Cousin **Paula Delano** at the address on the form. You need to include the IRS Tax ID Number or Employee ID Number, which you can obtain from the candidate organization. Because the Charitable Program Committee reviews and selects those organizations that meet the standards

of qualification, you should briefly describe the organization and what it does. Then briefly tell what DELANO items it has (such as artifacts, documents, or other holdings) or what programs it sponsors that are related to the DELANO family.

Please send your form to Cousin Paula so that she receives it by **5 June 2009**.

The Charitable Program Committee will review the candidates submitted to assure the qualifications are met. At the 2009 Reunion a drawing will be held of all qualified candidate organizations. The name of the candidate drawn will receive a check for \$100.00 from the DELANO KINDRED and that organization's name will be withdrawn and "retired" from consideration for the next Annual Drawing. If, at some time in the future, all qualified organizations have been selected then all the previously selected organization names would "come out of retirement" and be placed back into future drawings.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to help support these institutions either large or small, that may not be well known or well endowed that have DELANO items in their holdings.

### **The Leiden Celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the Pilgrims Leiden**

The opening of the restored Vrouwekerk church's ruins, where some of the Pilgrims worshiped and Philippe de Lanoy was baptized, is just part of this celebration. Other plans include:

- A major Pilgrim exhibit is to be held in Leiden's Municipal Museum 'De Lakenhal' opening 1 May 2009. The exhibits will include paintings from Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, MA, 19<sup>th</sup> & early 20<sup>th</sup> century images of Holland (many are Japanese images), early photographs of Plymouth from the Leiden University Library, and perhaps a couple of 17<sup>th</sup> century paintings from the Lakenhal.
- Two concerts in the current Walloon Church that will include the music of John Coprario, who brought 17<sup>th</sup> century English music to Holland—see the "Sail 1620" (the Pennsylvania Mayflower Colony) website for an excerpt from Bangs forthcoming book about Coprario.
- Dr. Bangs had mentioned in 2007 that he was planning to hold a symposium on the Pilgrims, probably at Leiden University. We have not heard anything more about that plan.

The exhibits are expected to be open to the public through this summer.

### **MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY ARTICLE ABOUT THE VISIT OF ANNIE TAYLOR'S VISIT TO THE 2008 REUNION**

An alert reader spotted an article in the March 2008 *Mayflower Quarterly (MQ)*, pages 44 & 45, telling of the visit of Annie Taylor (aka Carol Wolf) to the 2008 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Portland, Maine, last June. You may recall the article that Cousin **Carol Wolf** authored in the July-August 2008 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelle*. Well, Cousins Carol and Muriel Cushing contributed an updated article for MQ that also gives the descent lines of Annie Taylor, who is sometimes known as the "Maid of the Mist". Annie (Anna) is a seventh generation descendant of Mayflower passengers John Alden, William Mullins, Edward Doty, and George Soule. Her line is as follows: Philippe Delano<sup>1</sup>, Dr. Thomas Delano<sup>2</sup>, m. Rebecca Alden, Jonathan Delano<sup>3</sup> m. Hannah Doten, Ruth Delano<sup>4</sup>, m. John Peterson (Soule desc.), Rhoda Peterson<sup>5</sup> m. Abiezer Edson, Delano Edson<sup>6</sup> m. Mercy Sherman, Merrick Edson<sup>7</sup> m. Lucretia Waring, Anna Edson<sup>8</sup>.

We appreciate Cousins Carol and Muriel providing the Annie's story to our Mayflower Cousins. Well Done Ladies!

### **James Whitlow Delano**

#### **Exhibits Photos in Holland Show**

Cousin **James Whitlow Delano** reports he has displayed part of his China Photographs in an Exhibit in the Noorderlicht Photogallery in Gronigen, The Netherlands,

last summer. The show was entitled "CHINA GOES" and James was one of seven photographers featured in the exhibit. The exhibit ran



from 26 July to 7 September. Congratulations James! We have included one of his photos that was included in the exhibit.



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