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Learning about DELANO history and genealogy DELANO KINDRED

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

FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we include an article about the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and a visit by Cousin Cathy Delano and her cousins to this institution in Boston. Also in this article we find that another U.S. President can claim descent from Philippe de Lanoy. To our chagrin and error we printed a non-updated draft of the Delano to Dillinger article in our last newsletter. We have included the corrected and updated version in this issue. Also we have included updated information about the 2011 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Historic Stillwater Minnesota on 17 and 18 June. It should be an interesting Reunion and offers an additional event of an evening dinner cruise on the St. Croix River the evening of the 16th, before reunion festivities begin. At the reunion we will hold our Annual Charitable Organization Drawing and therefore have included a form in this issue that you may use to nominate candidates for the drawing—an accompanying article explains more about it. Also in this issue are updates on various projects and happenings. We have found that there are inordinate delays in mailing the bulk rate “mixed-state” mailings of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. In some cases it has taken up to 17 days for delivery to be made. We have discussed this delay with the U.S. Postal Service and will continue to do so until better results are obtained.

Visits to the NEHGS



We know some of our members are also members of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS), but apparently, perhaps due to geographical considerations, not many have attended the numerous events held in Boston

and around the U. S. Other members may not know of the NEHGS, so we have provided some background. It is oldest and largest [genealogical](#) society in the United States, founded in 1845. The NEHGS headquarters are located at 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, in an eight-story archive and research center. Today it has over 25,000 members worldwide and a 50-person staff. Its mission is to "collect, preserve, and interpret materials to document and make accessible the histories of families in America." From April to the end of 2011 there are over 14 events that will be held at the NEHGS, in Boston, including a monthly New Visitor and Welcome Tour in April through August. We are pleased that Cousin **Cathy Delano** has contributed the story of her summer visit to the NEHGS headquarters with her cousins and also her adventure at the jointly hosted Ancestry.com and

NEHGS Family History Day held at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on 16 October, 2010. The added bonus was the addition of President Calvin Coolidge to the list of Presidents with a DELANO line of descent.

More Than A Fifth Presidential Relationship Discovery

By Cathy Delano

What happens when three women, strangers of about the same age and newly found cousins (thanks to the Internet) get together in Boston to explore their roots?

Would you believe a 5th U.S. presidential family relationship! It is confirmed. Now in addition to FDR, Ulysses. S. Grant, and the two Bushes, we can connect Philip Delano to Calvin Coolidge.

Interested? Read on.

Over the summer, I got together with Elaine Newman and Barbara Kelly to visit the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston. It was there that we learned that the NEHGS and Ancestry.com were co-sponsoring a family day in Boston in October. Barbara and I, both MA residents, signed up immediately. Elaine, from NY, demurred but championed our cause from the distance.

At the Boston Convention Center on a blustery fall Saturday, Barbara and I followed the crowd to the well organized event. We had been advised in advance that we could bring up to 20 pictures or documents for professional scanning on Ancestry.com's very sophisticated (and impressively large) equipment which was flown in for the event. The scanning process was like watching Antique Road Show in the express lane. People brought every manner of documents, some quite large, and treasured photographs. Some brought very old portraits in beveled glass frames which they had to delicately extract before they were ushered to one of the six scanning professionals. It was surprisingly fast and we left with our very own genie in a bottle - a 2 gigabyte thumb drive that housed generations of images, documents and memories - our personal and precious images captured for posterity.

The seminars presented an array of informative topics, of which you could choose up to four -- each about an hour. I was especially interested in researching records in Britain because many of the Delano men married women of British and Irish heritage and since Ireland had not gained its independence from England until the first half of the

20th century, I wanted to learn about their record keeping methods.

The most exciting part of the day for me, however, was meeting a genealogical expert from NEHGS for a private, fifteen minute consultation. Questions were submitted in advance so that we could be paired with the most appropriate expert. Since I had communicated that I wanted to know precisely how I was related to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, I had the good fortune of being directed to Christopher Childs who specializes in U.S. presidential history. In a flash he mapped it out exactly and follow-up correspondence with him secured all the other presidential relationship charts. It was that easy! Chris, as it turns out, was involved with the research for Gary Boyd Roberts' book, *Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 edition*, and was most excited about a relatively new discovery of a Delano/Coolidge relationship. You may want to reference the specific article in the 2009 issue of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register (beginning on page 100) that details this research at the following link: http://www.americanancestors.org/uploadedFiles/American_Ancestors/Content/Publications/Journals/Register_PDFs/NEHGR_April_2009_Vol_163.pdf

When I joined the Delano Kindred almost two decades ago, our genealogist, Muriel Cushing, sent a welcoming email listing famous cousins she could connect me with. I was amazed to know that there was a relationship, not only to FDR, but to three other presidents - Ulysses S. Grant, and the two Bushes. Now, I can add Calvin Coolidge to that list. And, thanks to Chris Childs, I have the relationship charts to see exactly how we are related.

Equally important to me, is that I can now visualize where Philip Delano settled after he arrived on the Fortune in 1621 and trace Delano movements from Plymouth/Duxbury to Dartmouth/New Bedford/Fairhaven and then to Taunton where I was born. And conceptually, I can align their professions with the history of America: beginning with farmers and ship builders in the 17th and 18th century to the whalers and China Trade merchants of the 19th century; then onward to those industries and people that shaped America as the greatest power in the



world in the 20th century. The industrial prowess of America's iron foundries and textile factories were coupled with the astute and inspiring political leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt through the Great Depression and WWII. I have always said that if I could chose, from all the people in the world, who I wanted to be related to it would unquestionably be FDR. And now I can proudly say that he is my fifth cousin.

Do you want to know your exact relationship to our presidential kin?

Muriel Cushing, our very own genealogist, has graciously agreed to assist in creating your own relationship charts. Contact her at flash1620@comcast.net.

Reflecting on that day in Boston, I can't help but think how fortuitous it was that three newly found cousins, spurred on by kinship and related by our common quest, discovered more than presidential relationships – we discovered the esprit de corps of our collective pasts -- and that has propelled us forward. More discoveries wait.

Editor's Note:

The DELANO line of descent of President (John) Calvin Coolidge is a particularly difficult one due to the variations in the Penny – Pinney name. Cousin Muriel compares it to the “Delano to Dillingno to Dillinger” family discussed elsewhere in this issue. We have included the John Calvin Coolidge



line of descent from Philippe de Lanoy provided by Cousin Muriel and include the DFIP numbers where possible.

#1 Philip Delano (Philippe de Lanoy) married (1st) Hester Dewsbury

#5 Thomas Delano (Dr.) married Rebecca Alden

#20 Jonathan Delano married Hannah Doten

#88 Jonathan Delano married (1st) Elizabeth Winslow

#369 Elizabeth Delano married John Penny

Jonathan Penny/Pinney married Priscilla Grover

Priscilla Pinney married Luther Franklin

Abigail Franklin married Hiram D. Moor

Victoria Josephine Moor married John Calvin Coolidge

President (John) Calvin Coolidge married Grace Anna Goodhue

2 sons John Coolidge b. Northampton, MA 7 Sept.

1906

& Calvin Coolidge b. Northampton 13 April 1908

President (John) Calvin Coolidge¹⁰, Victoria Josephine Moor⁹, Abigail Franklin⁸, Priscilla Pinney⁷, Jonathan Penny /Pinney⁶, Elizabeth Delano⁵, Jonathan Delano⁴⁻³, Dr. Thomas Delano², Philippe de Lanoy¹

Updated and Corrected Article from NL#65

It was discovered that we made a layout error in the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* #65 by including an early draft of the article about the research discovery of the confusing line of descent of the Delano surname to Dillinger. We apologize for this error and have included the corrected and updated article that was to have been included in the last newsletter

Delano to Dillingno to Dillinger Name Changes - A Confusing Line of Descent Supported by DNA

For many years Cousins **Peggy Beals** and her brother, **David Dillinger** have been researching their line of descent from their father, Rev. George Edward Dillinger, MA, StD, who was born in Lawrence, MA in 1901.

The spark that started Peggy's quest for family history began while listening to Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the radio with her Mother in the summer of 1944. After the President's speech their Mother told the children that there was oral family history that linked them to the Delano line. She did not know how, but that there had been a name change somewhere along the way. She also made it very clear that this was not a topic to be discussed with their Father as he felt people did not trust those who changed their name. And it never was discussed in his life time. David and Peggy's Mother would have smiled to learn that there is positive information that links her to FDR by marriage, through Jonathon's brother Dr. Thomas Delano. She was a strong believer that good genes help to improve our world.

Many years later, Peggy told the oral history story to her sister-in-law, Kathy Beals, who was a genealogist for the California Mayflower Society at the time. While doing other research Kathy came upon entries about the marriage of **Angelina Perley Burnham to a George Delano of Sebago, ME** and remembering the 'possible connection' she alerted Peggy. Kathy Beals also found the marriage certificate of Peggy's grandfather, **George Edwin**

Last summer, Cousin David Dillinger, coordinating with Cousin **Terry Delano**, applied for a 37 marker DNA test. David's DNA results showed an excellent match with the Philippe de Lanoy DNA signature that was developed as an early part of the DELANO KINDRED DNA Project. This proved that this Dillinger family is definitely descended from Philippe de Lanoy.

Research by Cousin **Muriel Cushing** shows the likely line of Cousins Peggy and David Dillinger is George Edward Dillinger¹⁰, George Edwin Dillingno⁹, George Washington Dillingno⁸, George Delano⁷, Edmund Chandler Delano⁶, Ezekiel Delano⁵, Amasa/Amaziah Delano⁴, Jonathan Delano³, Dr. Thomas Delano², Philippe de Lanoy¹. Although there is some primary source data lacking in generations six (Edmund Chandler Delano) and seven (George Delano), the results of the DNA test prove the Dillinger – Delano relationship.

We thank Cousins Peggy Beals and David Dillinger for sharing the information they have discovered and Cousin Muriel for research into this interesting and perplexing line of descent. The GHAAHD General Index starting on page 543 lists no Dillingno surnames, however the War Records of DELANO listing on page 533 does list recorded surname variations that approach the spelling on Dillingno e.g. Dillinnou, Dillanou, Dillennou, and Dillonow. We look forward to more discoveries in this line.

2011 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Minnesota Celebrating the DELANO Descendants of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa

Our 2011 Annual Membership Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Lowell Inn, in Stillwater, Minnesota on Friday 17 June and Saturday 18 June. Stillwater, often called the birthplace of Minnesota, is located about 15 miles northeast of St. Paul, on the picturesque St. Croix River. .

Stillwater was chosen as the site of the territory's first prison. The Minnesota Territorial Prison was opened in 1853. Today the Warden's House is the site of the Washington County Historical Society.

In the second half of the 19th century, Stillwater became an important lumbering center. Fresh cut logs were sent down the St. Croix and were collected, and processed in Stillwater's many sawmills. The town became a key port for river steamboats that

plied the lower St. Croix and the Mississippi Rivers during this time.

Today Stillwater is a popular center for tourists who enjoy the town's historical sites and the scenic St. Croix River. DELANO history is entwined with the early days of Stillwater with Francis R. Delano who, among other things, was the first warden of the Minnesota Territorial Prison (GHAAHD p. 500).

Getting there:

By Air: Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, located south of Minneapolis, is the major airport serving the area. Turn right from the airport entrance road onto Rt. 5, go southwest about a mile and then take the Exit onto I-494 towards the east. Follow I-494/I-694 circumvential beltway east and curving north on the eastern side of St. Paul, where it becomes I-694, to Rt. 36 at Exit 52. Go east on Rt. 36 to downtown Stillwater. At the third stop light, Myrtle St., turn left at the light and then turn right at the first cross street which is Second Street. The Lowell Inn is located at the corner of Myrtle & Second St.

By Car:

From the South and West: Coming east on I-90 take I-35 North. If coming north on I-35 take I-35 East to I-494 at Exit 99. Go east on I-494 curving north to Rt. 36 at Exit 52 and follow the above directions to Stillwater on Rt. 36.

From the North: Heading south on I-35 or southeast on I-94 take I-694 east then south to Rt. 36 at Exit 52 and follow the above directions to Stillwater on Rt. 36.

From the East: Heading west on I-94 after crossing the St. Croix River take the exit onto Minnesota Hwy 95 North and proceed through Bayport into downtown Stillwater. At the third stop light (Myrtle) turn left and then right at the first cross street (Second).

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. Reunion Advanced Registration and Reservations should be made by **2 June 2011**. This year Registration and Reservation forms will be sent to our Treasurer, Cindy Prosser in order to deposit your Reunion checks in a timelier manner.

Guestroom Accommodations:

The Lowell Inn:

The Lowell Inn is located at 102 North Second St. Stillwater, MN 55082.

Since it is an old inn, it was not possible to obtain a group rate since there are very few rooms of similar sizes. Consequently,



guestroom accommodations will vary depending on the size of the rooms and the time in the week, generally, between \$109.00 (for a small cozy room) to \$159.00 (Standard Deluxe Room) on Friday and Saturday and \$79.00 to \$119.00 Sunday through Thursday. These rates include taxes. Breakfast is not included in the room rate, but parking in the municipal parking ramp is included. The Inn's parking policy is one validation per day. By March, 12 new rooms should be ready for occupancy. Although, currently these rooms are not priced, we expect them to be about the same price as the regular king and queen sized rooms. The new rooms will be elevator accessible whereas the old part of the inn has no elevator and guests will need to use the stairs to the guest rooms on the second, third and fourth floors. Lowell Inn reservations can be made via phone (651) 439-110 or e-mail: info@lowellinn.com. Please note that the Lowell Inn has a **cancellation policy of five (5) days advance notice**. Our contact at the Lowell Inn is Leigha should anyone have a question.

Lexington Inn & Suites



We have a guaranteed rate at the Lexington Inn & Suites for up to 10 regular rooms. We can get more rooms set aside if needed. The regular room rate for the DELANO KINDRED Reunion is \$88.10 per night plus taxes which is estimated at an

additional \$12. This rate includes a deluxe continental breakfast also. The Lexington Inn is about 3 miles from downtown Stillwater and the Lowell Inn and is located just off Rt. 36 as you approach Stillwater at 200 Washington Avenue. There are a number of restaurants and shopping (Wal-Mart) very close by to the Lexington Inn if members wish these things. The web address is: <http://www.lexingtonhotels.com> and the phone number is: (651) 275-1401 or (877) 539-7070 (Toll Free) and our contact there is Ms. Jan Bergstrom if there is a question.

Reunion Registration:

Early Registration for those who arrive on Thursday, 16 June will be in the Mt. Vernon Room of the Lowell Inn from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Registration for those arriving on Friday, 17 June will be held in the same room between 1:00 and 2:00 PM.

Late Registration on Saturday, 18 June will be held between 8:30 and 9:00 AM before the Annual Membership Meeting.

Events:

Thursday evening dinner cruise: Because many of our members have shown an interest in arriving a day early, an evening dinner cruise on the St. Croix River is scheduled on Thursday 16 June. The cost of the cruise is \$22 per person for the dinner and cruise including tax. There is a cash bar of course that is open during the two hour cruise and dinner. We have set up a reservation with the cruise company, but all interested members must make their own reservation for tickets by calling the Stillwater River Boat and Packet Company. When making your individual reservation and payment be sure to ask for the "DELANO KINDRED Group" rate for the Thursday evening dinner cruise. The web site is: <http://www.stillwaterriverboats.com> and the phone number is: (651) 430-1234

The cruise boat is scheduled to leave the dock at 6:30 PM. If you plan to attend please note your intent on the Reunion Reservation form inserted in this newsletter.

On Friday, 17 June:

Our **Genealogical and Informational Symposium** will be held between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

The **Welcome Light Buffet Dinner** will be held in the Mt. Vernon Room starting at 6:00PM with the buffet dinner starting at 7:00 PM. In lieu of a cash bar, waitresses will be available to take drink orders. It will be a night of fellowship and pleasantries where one can meet and greet new members as well as visit with old acquaintances. Other events may also be scheduled that evening. The buffet menu will include: Soup du Jour, Assorted Deli Meats and Salad, Cookies and Desert Bars, Coffee and Tea.

On Saturday, 18 June:

The **2011 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the Mt. Vernon Room at 9:00 AM right after Late Registration. We plan to have the minutes and the committee reports available at registration to reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting as we have done in previous years.

We plan to have the **group photograph** after this meeting.

Lunch and Tour: As usual lunch will be at each individual's option. The afternoon tour will be a combined trolley tour that includes the Historic Warden's House, now the site of the Washington County Historical Society, and a tour of Historic Stillwater. The tour will start at the Lowell Inn, stopping at the Warden's House then continue onward through Historic Stillwater. The tour will end at the Lowell Inn; however there will be an option to leave the tour in downtown Stillwater for those who wish to do so. The cost of this combined tour is \$18.00 per person including gratuity.

The **2011 Banquet Dinner**, on Saturday evening will be served at 7:00 PM in the Mt. Vernon Room. Again, waitresses will be available to take drink orders. The Banquet Dinner includes an entrée choice of Almond Encrusted Walleye (a local specialty), or Beef Pot Roast with demi-glaze. A vegetarian entrée will also be available. The meal will also include a garden salad, rolls, butter, coffee and tea. Dessert will include a choice of Chocolate or Lemon Mousse. Our scheduled **Speaker** will be Brent Peterson, President of the Washington County Historical Society.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Carl H. DELANO

Carl H. Delano Sr. passed away on 13 January 2011 in Perham, ME. He was born in Georgetown, ME on 12 May 1920 and was the son of Arthur F. and Edna B. (Cunningham) Delano. His DELANO line of descent is through the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of the family. Carl attended school in Georgetown and joined the Army in June 1944, the same month of World War II as the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Carl served in the famed 101st Airborne Division that gained fame as the defenders of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. After the war he worked as a pipe fitter at the Bath Iron Works and eventually moved to work in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine, where he retired as a foreman pipe fitter. He is survived by three children, and his wife Beverly of Sanford, ME, Deborah Standish of South Berwick, ME and Dawn Stuart of Tucson, AZ, one sister, Gloris Pinette of Bath, ME, 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Simone R. (LaFond) Delano, and a daughter, Sharon Saiauski, ME in 2006. We send our condolences to Carl's family.

Ardell J. (Parkman) Lynds

We were saddened to learn of Cousin **Ardell Lynds'** death on 6 December 2010. She was born in 1942, the only child of Henry and Phyllis (Pease) Parkman. Her early years were spent in Skowhegan, Maine and surrounding towns before her parents move to California where Ardell was graduated from High School in Watsonville. She attended a secretarial school in San Jose and then Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College in Salinas, CA. She married Arvil T. Lynds in 1962 and they made their home and raised their family in San Martin, CA. Ardell developed a great and passionate interest in researching family roots. Becoming a successful genealogist, she owned and operated Your Cousin's Genealogical Shoppe in San Martin. She and Arvin moved back to Readfield, Maine in 2000. She wrote and published three books and transcribed the vital records of Saint Albans, ME. Besides the DELANO KINDRED since 1995, she was a member of several genealogical organizations including the DAR, the Mayflower Society, the NEHGS, the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, the Union Veterans of the Civil War, as well as being the Administrator of the Parkman Family DNA Project.

She is survived by her husband Arvil, and three sons, Ronnie Lynds of Gilroy, CA, Stephen Lynds of Yosemite National Park, CA, and Michael Lynds of Gardiner, ME. We send our sincere condolences to Arvil and the family.

John Ely Marsland

It was with deep regret that we learned that Cousin **John Ely Marsland** of Easton, Maryland passed away on 5 February 2011. Cousin John had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1994. John was 104 and was our oldest living member. You may recall we covered his 100th birthday celebration in the March-April *Bonnes Nouvelles* #54. He had two lines of descent to Philippe de Lanoy: one through the John Branch and one through the Lt Jonathan Branch.

Born in Philadelphia on Jan. 19, 1907, John was raised in Venice, California. He was graduated from Caltech as a chemist in 1927. He then obtained a master's degree in chemical engineering from MIT in 1932. He worked for the Shell Oil Company for 30 years, retiring in 1963. While working in San Francisco during World War II, he was responsible for the manufacture of 100-octane aviation fuel, subsequently moving to Los Angeles and then New York, where he served as chief technologist for Shell Oil's refineries.

Those of you who remember Cousin John knew of his love of sailing and interest in wooden boats, which began with a dinghy while studying at MIT. Through the years, his sailing horizons grew from cruising and racing on San Francisco Bay and Southern California, to the East Coast and the Caribbean. Over the years, he owned a number of boats including Frolic, a 24-foot Bear Boat, still sailing out of Sausalito, Calif. After moving to Westport, Conn., in 1950, where he joined Cedar Point Yacht Club, he sailed two different rigs: Valkyrie, a 38-foot yawl, and Golden Vanity, a 36-foot sloop. Then, when he retired and moved to the Chesapeake, he owned Active, a 42-foot schooner, which he sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in the early 1970s. Upon his return to Easton, he began his avid second career as a designer and builder of wooden boats, culminating in 1985 with the launching of Anitra's Dance, a 39-foot schooner, which can still be seen moored at his home on the Miles River. He was currently a member of the New York Yacht Club, and formerly was a member of Boothbay Yacht Club, where he spent many enjoyable summers.

John was also an accomplished pianist. Those of you who attended the 2003 Reunion at Hyde Park may recall that he entertained some of our members with piano music in the Bellfield Mansion next to FDR's Hyde Park home. After his 90th birthday, when he wasn't working on his boat, he learned to turn wooden bowls.

John is survived by two sons, John Ely Marsland Jr. of Princeton, N.J., and Stanton Delano Marsland of Bury St. Edmunds, U.K.; seven grandchildren; and his fourth wife, Cousin Faith Beehler Marsland. We send our heartfelt condolences to Faith and sons John and Stanton and their families.

Birger A. Nottestad, II

We recently received the sad news that Cousin **Birger A. Nottestad II** of Berlin, New Hampshire, passed away on December 30, 2010 at the age of 73. Born in Berlin, NH on June 14, 1937 as Byjah H. Anderson, Jr., he was the son of Byjah H. Anderson and Ethel O. Delano. He later changed his name to Birger A. Nottestad II about the time his father did, changing to the same name. A lifelong resident of Berlin, he served in the US Navy. Like most DELANO descendants in the Berlin area he was descended through Willis Almont Delano, the early DELANO settler in Coos County, NH of the Dr. Thomas Branch of the family.

We had received several letters from Birger after the death of his brother, Cousin Earl Anderson,

who passed away earlier in June of 2010, so know he was very close to and greatly missed Earl. We are not sure if Birger was in the hotel resort business as was his brother, but at the time of his death had been employed as a cook at the Colonial Comfort Inn.

We send our sincere condolences to brother Glenn Anderson of Fairview Heights, IL, sisters Cousin Mary Iverson of Royal Oak, MI and Cousin Beverly Panjian of Arlington, MA and their families.

DELANO KINDRED Annual Charitable Drawing Charitable Organization Candidates Needed Do you have a name of a Charitable Organization for this Drawing?

The 2011 Reunion will be the occasion of our third Annual Charitable Drawing. 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 (c) 3 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 **Peg Beals** 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 Peg so that she receives it by **5 June 2011**.

The Charitable Program Committee will review the candidates submitted to assure the qualifications are met. At the 2011 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.

2010 Annual Questionnaire Results

We wish to thank all those members who took the time to send in their Annual Questionnaires. Your Board takes these questionnaire responses into consideration in their deliberations. As of this printing we have had a lower response than usual. This may be due to the slower delivery by the United Postal Service. Here are the results of your responses so far.

Reunion Venues:

2012 Venue (West of the Mississippi): In last year’s questionnaire (the 2009 Questionnaire) San Antonio, Texas, was favored over any other venue. So far this year San Antonio has not received a vote. Venues receiving the most favorable votes were Portland, Oregon, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and St. Louis, Missouri. Although Salt Lake City was favored as a venue, the massive construction of the downtown area is still not complete and consequently is not considered desirable at this time.

2013 Venue (The East or New England): So far the Duxbury-Plymouth area was the favored venue. New Bedford, MA was suggested as an alternate venue. In the southeast, Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia were suggested.

In regard to selecting a reunion venue, factors such as distance from a major transportation hub, cost factors, and the availability of “on-the-scene” member assistance are considered.

Genealogy Project: So far all respondents have indicated they have received a preliminary form with their membership card.

Vrouwekerk Plaque Update

Dr. Bangs has found another foundry located in the Netherlands--Royal Eijsbouts Bell Foundry. This foundry has been in business for 135 years and has cast carillons and bells for more than 28 churches and other institutions in the United States and in other countries. Dr. Bangs transported the plaque model to the foundry in Asten, The Netherlands. The Plaque Committee, made up of various representatives of the contributing organizations, has received and approved the offer for casting the plaque. Funds for the down payment will be wired shortly. It is estimated that it will take six to eight weeks before

the plaque will be ready for transportation back to Leiden.

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome our new member, **Fred A. DELANO** of Alton, Illinois who has joined our Family Society.

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

A Letter of Thanks

From the

Sippican Historical Society

The DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program affords a means through which members may send contributions to various Designated Charitable, Educational and Memorialization programs that support the DELANO KINDRED educational and charitable purposes. The Sippican Historical Society (SHS) of Marion, MA was selected at the DELANO KINDRED Charity Drawing held at the 2010 Reunion.

In November we received a letter acknowledging our contribution from the Executive Director of the SHS. It is shown below. Also below, is an article about the DELANO KINDRED that appeared in the SHS newsletter *The Old Landing*.

Gerard Curtis Delano, the well-known artist who specialized in painting the Navajo Indians, was born in Marion. We are pleased to include a copy of one of his oil paintings in the Sippican Historical Society’s collection, which was on the reverse side of the SHS Thank You Letter

November 11, 2010

Dear Mr. Delano,

On behalf of the Sippican Historical Society, I want to thank you for the Delano Kindred's recent monetary gift. We were delighted to be honored as the winner of the 2010 Delano Kindred Annual Charity Drawing, and hope to be good stewards of the wonderful Gerard Curtis Delano painting within our collection. As you can see from the enclosed newsletter, we included an article on the Delano Kindred and our receipt of the gift, and hope it might serve to promote your organization.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Teves

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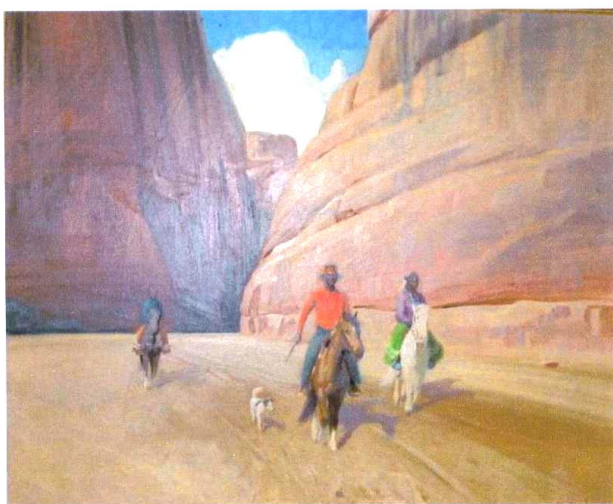
Executive Director, Sippican Historical Society

The Old Landing

SHS Receives Honor from Delano Kindred

We were delighted to be honored recently as the winner of the 2010 Delano Kindred Annual Charity Drawing. The sponsor of this annual drawing, the Delano Kindred, is a Massachusetts society organized to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of the House of Delano in the Americas. The Delano name is a familiar and prominent one to area residents, with members of the family still living in town; our Assistant Curator, Ann Harris, is herself a member of the lineage and the Kindred society. Part of the organization's stated mission is to "support historical museums and conservatories that contain records of Delano history". The SHS is among those fortunate museums; we have in our collection a lovely oil painting on canvas, entitled *Canyon Riders (Navajo)*, by well-known painter Gerard Curtis Delano, himself a Marion native. Other notable Delano relations include Navy Admiral George Dewey; American Red Cross Nursing Services founder Jane Arminda Delano; Army General and 18th U.S. President, Ulysses S. Grant; 32nd U.S. President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; author Laura Ingalls Wilder and astronaut Alan Shepard, Jr.

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The DELANO KINDRED Expands to mtDNA Testing

By Muriel Cushing

Many of our members are now familiar and have a good understanding of what is involved with YDNA testing. Over the years we have been able to establish a good base for Philippe and we are now extending our goals to include mtDNA testing.

With YDNA the line of descendency follows the male line (father to son) exclusively and in most instances the surname remains the same from generation to generation. With mtDNA the line of descendency follows the female line from mother to daughter with no male intervention. The surname generally changes with each generation making it difficult to establish the line as so many of the wives maiden names were not recorded and remain unknown. One exception to the rule in mtDNA testing is that a male descendant may also be eligible if he has a straight female line. For instance my Dad has a straight female line back to Priscilla Mullins. He is eligible for mtDNA testing but I am not as he would be my male intervention and my mtDNA line would go through my mother, grandmother etc. on the maternal side.

We are now interested in finding descendants who can trace their female line back to our female ancestors. Expectations are slim but other societies are making interesting discoveries and solving some of the brick walls that have been problematic for so many years.

We have a request from a descendant of Henry and Betsey (Reynolds) Reed who is trying to prove her Delano/Mayflower line. She is now looking for another female line from this couple in hopes of finding an mtDNA match and thus proving the relationship. The line is: Philippe, Thomas Delano m. **Rebecca Alden**, Jonathan Delano m. **Hannah Doty**, **Ruth Delano** m. John Peterson, **Hopestil Peterson** m. Nehemiah Randall, **Bathsheba Randall** m. Joseph Reynolds, **Betsey Reynolds** m. Henry Reed. (mtDNA line in bold.)

If any member has a direct female line back to any of the above named women we would like to hear from you. Please contact Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing**, 605 Via Tunis Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, FL 33950-6620, email: flash1620@comcast.net.

More on the DELANO Family Album

In our last issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we told of the discovery of a Delano Family photograph album that had photos of the Warren and Jennie (Walters) Delano family. As we noted Warren Delano was the brother of Sarah



Delano Roosevelt, mother of FDR. For many years they lived in the Bruce House in Mount Savage, Maryland. We have included an old photo of the Bruce House obtained from the Mt. Savage Historical Society web site.

Cousin **Ann Harris** received the photo album and scanned all the photos in it. At the end of January Cousins **George** and **Diana DeLano** met Cousin **Diana Gardner** at the Union Station in Washington D.C. while she was between trains,



on her way to Florida from Chicago. Being a great granddaughter of Warren and Jennie Delano, Cousin Diana G. was excited and happy to help in identifying the people in the photos.

It was agreed that Cousin Ann would send the album to Cousin Diana who would contact her Aunt Janie D. Ridder and her daughter, Cousin **Laura R. Evans**, as well as other cousins to help in the project. When the photos have been identified Cousin Diana G. will Contact Cynthia Koch, Director of the FDR Library at Hyde Park, to make arrangements to send the photo album there.

DeLano Homestead Land To Again Be Farmed

Some of our older members may recall visiting the Homestead of **William Smith DeLano** (GHAHD p 449) during the 1995 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Kalamazoo, Michigan. As a young lad, William came with his Aunt and Uncle to Michigan from New York in the 1830's. Over the years, through working as farm hand and then as a

farmer, he amassed over 400 acres of farm land in Cooper Township just north of Kalamazoo. In 1858 he built a house on his land along with other necessary farm buildings. The house, built mostly without nails, was acquired by the Kalamazoo Nature Center and restored, with the financial help of DeLano descendants, to its original condition in 1968. It was recognized as a Michigan State Historical site.

The Nature Center holds many seasonal activities and has been used since the 1970s to show families and school groups old-time farming methods. But the farm's lands were not utilized to their fullest potential. The Nature Center struggled for many years in trying to decide what to do with farmland so that its use would be "tied in" with nature. Noting the growing community interest in local foods, health, nutrition and sustainability, the Nature Center decided that turning DeLano into a working farm tied into the Nature Center's mission of 'inspiring people to care for the environment by providing experiences that lead them to understand their connection to the natural world.'

Consultants from the Farm-Based Education Association looked at the DeLano property, received input and suggested the community agriculture model because it could be financially self-supporting. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a local food distribution model based on a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and CSA members. Farmers benefit



because they receive payment early in the season and can market the food before long days in the field begin. For consumers, they get fresh food, exposure to new vegetables and develop relations with those who grow the produce.

The CSA program will use only a fraction of the farm's acreage (about 25 acres); the rest, of the 400 acres, will continue to be leased and farmed through traditional methods. They also will continue to demonstrate various forms of American agricultural methods of farming, including traditional plowing with horses.



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Articles and information about descendants of the DELANO family are always welcome and greatly appreciated by your editor. Every effort will be made to include them as soon as space permits. Comments and requests for back copies may be requested by writing to George B. DeLano, Editor, at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148. The back newsletter cost is currently \$3.00 per copy.

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