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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 information about the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting and Reunion in Stillwater, Minnesota capably arranged by Cousins Tom and Kristin Delano. At the Annual Meeting, Cousin George DeLano retired as President and was ably succeeded by Cousin Muriel Cushing. We have also learned of the serious deterioration of Lt Jonathan's gravestone and initial plans for its restoration as well as other old gravestones of significance. Also included is information about our various members and letters of thanks from the Franklin Roosevelt Library and the Plimoth Plantation. Stories about Congressman Charles Delano at the First Battle of Bull Run and a more recent one about clam digger, Joe Delano are included. Initial planning for the 2012 Reunion in conjunction with the Fairhaven, Massachusetts Bicentennial is mentioned. A story about the Wreck of the Ship *Hungarian* by Cousin Muriel is featured in this issue.

Some Significant November Dates In DELANO History

The days of November include some that are significant to our DELANO history. We have listed a few below.

On **6 November** we will mark the 408th anniversary of Philippe de Lanoy's baptism (6 November 1603) in the Vrouwekerk in Leiden, The Netherlands. He was the son of Jan and Marie Mahieu de Lanoy.

On **8 November**, 343 years ago in 1682, Jabez Delano was born to Lt. Jonathan and Mercy Warren Delano. He was their second son.

On **9 November** we will mark the 390th year since the ship FORTUNE carrying Philippe arrived in 1621 at the New Plymouth Colony. The ship arrived just a few weeks after the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving.

On **12 November**, 343 years ago in 1668, Thomas Jr. was born to Dr. Thomas and Rebecca Alden Delano. He was their second son.

On **29 November** in 1655 Mary Delano, the oldest daughter of Philippe de Lanoy married Jonathan Dunham.

THE 2011 REUNION CELEBRATING THE DELANOs OF WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA, AND IOWA

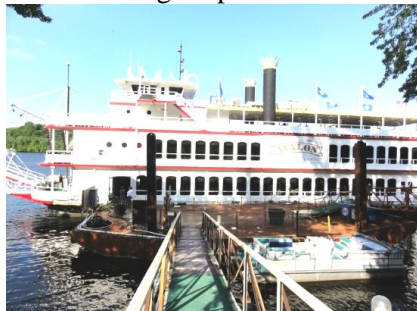
Our 2011 Reunion was held at the Lowell Inn in Stillwater, Minnesota, located on the St Croix River that separates Minnesota from Wisconsin. The inn's front façade with its 13 pillars resembles the front façade of George Washington's home and has been referred to as the "Mt. Vernon of the West". About 35 DELANO descendants attended. Cousins **Muriel** and **Ren Cushing** came from Florida. Cousin **Elizabeth Clarke** came from Idaho. Members attending from Massachusetts included Cousins **Steve** and **Megan DELANO**, Margaret **DELANO** and **Tom** and **Kristin DELANO**. **George** and **Paula DELANO** came from Vermont. **Carolyn Clarke** came from Utah. **David** and **Diane Dillinger** came from Pennsylvania. Cousins **Barbara** and **Steve DELANO** traveled from Maryland and Cousins **George** and **Diana DELANO** arrived from Virginia. Eight members came from Michigan; they were Cousins **Herman** and **Charlene DELANO**, **Frank** and **Marjorie DELANO**, **Peggy Beals**, **Cindy Prosser**, **Kori Burke** and **Gracee Anne Burke**. Cousin **Gracee Anne**, our youngest member present, was attending her second reunion. Kristin DELANO's parents and sister also attended some of the events.

There were five representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, two representing the John Branch, 22 representing the Lt. Jonathan Branch.

Many arrived on Thursday, 16 June to take the evening dinner boat tour on the scenic St. Croix River aboard the S.S. Avalon.

At Friday morning registration members received their Welcome Envelopes, containing the Reunion Program, and name tags. They also received a packet containing copies of the 2010

Annual Meeting Minutes, committee reports, proposed budgets and other proposals to



be presented at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. Cousins George and Diana DELANO managed the registration much of the time.

On Friday afternoon a Genealogical and Informational Symposium was held. Cousin Muriel Cushing discussed the DELANO Genealogical Data Base and other genealogical developments. Cousin George DELANO outlined the European Research Project and the importance of Y-DNA in aspects of the project and the relationship of the DELANO Family Y-DNA signature in the effort. At the



evening's Welcome Buffet Cousin George DELANO welcomed everyone and Cousin Tom DELANO briefed everyone on the Saturday afternoon trolley tour program.

Saturday morning, members gathered for the 2011 Annual Meeting (discussed elsewhere). Afterwards, attendees gathered outside on the back terrace for the group photograph.

The afternoon trolley tour included a stop at the Warden's House Museum where one learned about the early days of Stillwater and the booming days lumber industry that made Stillwater one of the important cities of Minnesota. The tour of the city included views of some of the old mansions owned by the lumber barons years ago.

That evening after the Banquet Dinner, our speaker was Brent Peterson, President of the Washington County Historical Society. Brent gave an entertaining and humorous talk about Francis R. Delano, the first warden of the State Penitentiary and his relationship with Stillwater and the various Minnesota Counties that sent their prisoners to the penitentiary.

Penobscot Marine Museum, located in Seaport, ME, will receive the \$100.00 from the Annual Charity Drawing this year.

We wish to especially thank Cousins **Tom** and **Kristin DELANO** for all their planning and effort that made this Reunion a most memorable affair. Also, we thank our Treasurer, Cousin **Cindy Prosser**, who keeps our funds straight and **Ren Cushing** who provided the photographs of this event.

THE 2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 20th Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President George B. DeLano at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, 18 June 2011, in the Matterhorn Room of the Lowell Inn in Stillwater, Minnesota. The Credentials Committee provided voting flags to all members in good standing. Committee Annual reports and copies of the current bylaws were available as handouts. It was determined there was a quorum of over 38 members in good standing.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting had been previously distributed to members present for their information and review. The minutes were approved as written. Secretary Margaret Delano was available to answer any questions about them.

Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports: The FY 10-11 Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Cindy Prosser. Auditor George DeLano discussed the Society's Financial Condition based on a 15 May 2011 preliminary Audit. A copy of the preliminary FY 10-11 Consolidated Balance Sheet had been provided to the members present. He said the final FY 10-11 Audit Consolidated Balance Sheet will eventually be available on the members'-only portion of the new website, www.delanokindred.us, when that portion of the new web site is ready. A FY 10-11 DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program Worksheet was also provided. The members accepted the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report.

Bylaw changes: The membership approved two bylaw changes. One change would allow a "unanimous vote" to approve the proposed nominations if there was no more than one candidate for a nominated position. Secondly, if there is difficulty finding a candidate for the position of President, the Board may, at their discretion, ask the Nominating Committee to search for two "Co-President" candidates for nomination.

Nominations and Elections: The Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout was presented. Officers elected for two-year terms were: President: Muriel C. Cushing, Vice President: George Delano III, Secretary: Margaret L. Delano, and Treasurer:

Cynthia A. Prosser. Jennifer Rolf was elected to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term.

Committee Reports: Various Board members and Committee Chairs were available to answer questions about the various reports provided to the members in their "handouts" at registration time. Besides the financial reports mentioned above, reports from various Committees included:

- Charitable Program: The winner of the drawing at the 2010 Reunion was the Sippican Historical Society. The next Annual Drawing will be held during the 2011 Reunion Banquet. Arrangements for contributions to the Plimoth Plantation have been clarified and therefore continued.
- Internet/Web Site: The new DELANO KINDRED web site www.delanokindred.us is up and running assuring that we have an Internet presence. Work on additional capabilities is ongoing.
- Contact Program: Queries received on our new web site have started to increase. A contact through the web site was responsible for starting research on the Warren Delano III photo album.
- DNA Project: We are still looking for a Delanoy 32-marker candidate to verify and support a Delanoy signature of that family line from New Amsterdam, which shows a very high probability of a "Most Recent Common Ancestor" with our Philippe de Lanoy line in the mid to early 1500's.
- Genealogy Program: The planned Silver Book (which combines all the genealogy of all the DELANO branches of our family under one cover) will not be published until all the DELANO Family In Progress series is completed.
- European Research: The Norwich/London program was completed. Results have still to be determined. Three additional efforts have been recommended with funding estimates that include:
 - The process of identifying "de Lannoy" descendants whose ancestors include those who came

through Canterbury near the time of Philippe de Lanoy's parents. Once identified, they will be considered for being candidates for possible DNA tests to determine if there is a DNA match relationship with the Philippe de Lanoy line.

- Procedures for documenting of the Du Bus family (Philippe's maternal line) are planned to commence in the coming year.
- Procedures for obtaining a detailed historical analysis of the Tourcoing area in the early 1500's.
- Membership: The number of members in the DELANO KINDRED continues to decrease due to many factors; mainly more members are dying than are being replaced by new members. The inoperable web sites are likely one major contributing factor.
- Memorialization: Funding was given to the Duxbury Rural and Historic Society in support of the transcription of the Samuel Delano Jr. papers. A new Memorialization effort has been identified involving preserving the oldest DELANO gravestones that are deteriorating due to age.

Approval of FY 11-12 Budget Funding, Fund Transfers and Programs: The Administrative Operations Budget was approved. A portion of the savings from FY 10-11 will be placed in reserves for the coming FY 11-12 Admin. Ops. Budget for anticipated short falls in dues income. The remaining surplus is to be transferred to the Memorial Fund for use in Designated Charitable and Educational Programs. Other fund transfers were approved for the Memorial Fund and Designated Charitable and Educational projects. Budgets for the Designated Charitable and Educational programs/project were approved.

Other Business: 2012 Reunion Venue: Fairhaven, MA is planned for the 2012 Reunion and Annual Meeting.

Although Fairhaven was settled in 1653 it was incorporated as a town in 1812. The town will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2012 with celebration events throughout the year.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35.

After adjournment President-elect Muriel Cushing paid tribute to outgoing President George DeLano for his 20 years of service to the DELANO KINDRED. Funds were donated in his name to the Kalamazoo Nature Center that maintains the William Smith DeLano Homestead, the New Bedford National Whaling Museum and the donation for funds for a brick inscribed with his name in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants patio now being constructed in Plymouth, MA. In addition he was presented with a handsome souvenir quilt created by Quilter Cindy Prosser that depicted scenes from various meetings and persons. George was overwhelmed and expressed his great thanks to everyone.

The Wreck of the ship *Hungarian*

by Muriel Curtis Cushing

The small towns dotted along the New England seacoast are alive/electric with the adventures, the disasters and the tragedies of our ancestors. Town vital records and town reports list the many deaths "lost at sea" of the local inhabitants. These deaths at sea are usually attributed to the whalers, sealers and merchantmen that sailed the high seas but it was not uncommon for ship captains to bring along their wives and sometimes children. Depicted as romantic, exciting, exhilarating and mysterious the sea has claimed the lives of many unfortunate men and women.

Several years ago I read of the fate of the Canadian Royal Mail steam ship *Hungarian* that was totally lost on Cape Ledge, the west side of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia. The ship, destined for Portland,



Maine had departed Liverpool, England on 8 February 1860 and the following day 9 February the ship sailed from Queenstown. The Allan Line steamship *Hungarian*, one of the newest steamers, was considered one of the finest vessels making some

of the quickest voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. There were an estimated 130-140 passengers and crew on board when ten days later on the 19th of February the steamship foundered due to very stormy weather with a total loss of life. "At the time of the wreck no assistance could be rendered from the shore."

A partial list of passengers who booked on the *Hungarian* was found at the agency of the Grand Trunk Railway in England with an addendum stating, "Numbers of others may have been on board, of whom no mention is made. Every soul being lost, it will be, impossible ever to obtain a correct list."

What specifically attracted my attention was the paragraph beginning with "**Captain Delano**, of the American ship *Pocahontas*, happened to enter the office of Messers. Nash, at Cardiff, when one of the members of the firm mentioned to him the painful intelligence he had just read of the steamer, little imagining that the unfortunate captain had a wife and child on board. The consternation and anguish depicted upon the countenance of Captain Delano soon told the tale of sorrow to those who happened to be present. It appeared that the captain had brought his wife and child from America to Liverpool, and, on leaving that port, he sent them back again by the ill-fated steamer, rather than expose them to the hazards of a long voyage to Rio de Janeiro." The article continued to relate that due to his mental anxiety Captain Delano would hand over charge of the vessel *Pocahontas* "until he can learn full details of the fate of those so near and dear to him."

This sorrowful tale was even more distressing as there was no mention of who Captain Delano was, the name of his wife, or anything that would identify how he fit into the Delano family. Determined to learn more and to resolve the mysterious Captain Delano and his family I found the search of his family irritatingly elusive. For several years an occasional query would rekindle my goal until recently when searching for other Delano's on "Find a grave" ----- There was the gravestone with the inscription "Agnes, wife of Capt. Benj. Delano, aged 26 years, their daughter Ella M., lost on steamship Hungarian on Cape Ledge, near Cape Sable N. S. Feb. 20 1860."

I felt I had made such a discovery and had rescued this family from anonymity; however, a quick look in the Delano genealogy revealed the information had been right next to me all the time.

Benjamin Percy Delano¹, born at Woolwich, Maine 5 May 1816, and died Bath, Maine 17 March 1875, age 58, buried in the Nequasset Cemetery, son of Thomas Percy and Mary Trott (Grover) Delano and a descendant of Pilgrims John Alden, William Mullins and George Soule. He married at New Orleans, Louisiana 14 July 1853 Agnes O'Conner, born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 26 April 1836 and died 20 February 1860, daughter of Patrick Henry and Melinda (Merrick) O'Conner.

Benjamin and Agnes (O'Conner) Delano had three children all born in Woolwich, Maine. 1. **Annie Mackison Delano**, b. 20 March 1852, d. Woolwich 10 April 1863, age 11yrs, 8 days and is buried in the Nequasset Cemetery. 2. **Samuel Ervin Delano**, b. 12 December 1854, d. Norfolk, Va. 28 December 1904 and is listed on the gravestone with his parents and sisters, m. at New Orleans, La. 26 October 1881, Agnes Tessanna Mackison, daughter of James and Ann (O'Conner) Mackison by whom he had seven children. 3. **Ella M. Delano**, b. 23 January 1858, d. 20 February 1860 on board ship with her mother, age 2.

Now I was curious as to the other children listed in the Delano genealogy. A search of the 1860 Maine census lists Capt. Benjamin with his two children Anna, age 3 and Samuel, age 5 living in Woolwich in the household of his parents Thomas P. and Mary T. Delano. The date of the census was 13 June 1860, four months after the wreck of the ship *Hungarian*. In the 1870 census Benjamin is living in Bath, Maine and still listed as a Master Mariner but I wonder if he ever went back to sea.

Capt. Benjamin Delano m. (2) at Bath, Maine 21 April 1866 Sarah Helen Campbell, born at New Castle, Maine 31 March 1837, died Bath, Maine on 10 December 1911, daughter of James and Caroline (Trask) Campbell. They had no children.

Capt. Benjamin Delano is buried with his first wife Agnes and their three children in the Nequasset Cemetery in Woolwich, Maine. His second wife Sarah never remarried and died at age 74.

The Delano genealogy names seven children of Benjamin's son Samuel E. Delano, two died young, and the 1900 Maine census lists Benjamin, his wife and five children living in Portland. Little information is found of the five children and it is not known if they married or had descendants. The

¹ GHAARD p. 111

youngest son Benjamin Percy Delano is the only child that is known to have married and who died on 16 March 1964 in Miami, Florida at the age of 67.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Donald C. Partis

We belatedly learned of the sad news that one of our long time members, Cousin **Donald C. Partis** of Batavia, New York, passed away on 1 January 2011 after a battle with cancer. He was born on 22 September 1936 in Rochester, New York. After he was graduated from Madison High School in Rochester, he went on to earn an electrical engineering degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1960. He was employed as an electrical engineer with the Magnavox and Sylvania corporations for many years before becoming the sole proprietor of an office coffee business. After 20 years he sold that business and became the office manager for the Grandview Cemetery in Batavia. Besides his interest in genealogy, Don was active in amateur radio, especially in emergency radio communications. We send our sincere condolences to his wife of 50 years, Jeanette A. Partis and to their children Mark Partis and Alan Partis and their families and his brothers Richard and Frederick Partis and their families as well as numerous brothers and sisters-in-laws.

Ernest J. Towers

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ernest J. Towers of West Newbury, Massachusetts on 16 March 2011. Many of our members remember Ernie for his strong interest in our DELANO family. He actively gave his energetic support to the DELANO KINDRED serving in many capacities on the Board and in various committees. Ernie was born in Berlin, New Hampshire on 26 April 1921, the son of Richard and Emma (Bjorklund) Towers. He was graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1942 and immediately entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coastal Artillery Corps at various defense positions in the U. S. and Canada. During his tour in the Army he married Marjorie DeLano. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army as a Major and was then employed by several engineering firms in the Boston area. Upon his retirement in 1986 from the B.L. Makepeace Company, he and Marjorie moved to Cape Cod. Ernie became an avid genealogist and gifted painter in oils. He knew much about the DELANOs from his wife Marjorie, and he

learned about many of the Hitch-Delano connections with the Capt. Warren Delano family from his art teacher who was a Hitch family member. For many years we treasured the Christmas cards from Ernie and Marjorie, because they always had a copy of one Ernie's oil paintings on the cover. Ernie designed the first DELANO KINDRED brochure which showed an image of his painting of the Cape Elizabeth Lighthouse in Maine on the cover. He organized the DELANO KINDRED Contact Committee and many of our members joined our Society through Ernie's encouragement. Ernie was a key on-the-scene, player in making many of our Reunions a success. If there was a problem Ernie could usually solve it. Ernie's genealogical interest manifested itself in the early DELANO settlers in Coos County, New Hampshire. He found the first settler was Willis Almont DELANO who came to Coos County from Rumford, ME. In 2001 he presented his work entitled *WILLIS ALMONT DELANO 1891-1949* to the Coos County Historical Society, located in the Moffett House in Berlin, NH. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Cousin Marjorie D. Towers, his daughters, Cousins Joanne Boldi and her husband Richard, Betty Welch and her husband William, and his sister, Sigrid Tillson. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michelle Fichera and her husband John, Cousin Jeff Boldi and his wife Laura, Carrie Welch and her wife Jannie and Kaitlin Friedmann and her husband Brian, and also his great-grandson Nick Ault.

Arnold W. Wagner

We received very belated and sad news that Cousin **Arnold Wagner** of Berlin, NH passed away on 20 October 2010 at the age of 74. Cousin Arnold was born Milan, NH on 18 January 1936. He was the son of Harold C. and Elizabeth (Delano) Wagner. He was a lifelong resident of Coos County and his line of descent went through the early Delano settler, Willis Almont DELANO making him a descendant of the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of the family. After being graduated from St. Patrick's High School he entered the military service and became a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps as well as the U.S. Army. After his military service he was employed by the Brown Company dealing in lumber & wood pulp. During his employment he was also a volunteer as a U.S. Air Force Spotter and was recognized for his 120 hours of service. He was later employed by the IGA grocery store in Berlin for forty years until his retirement. He was also a member of the Berlin Police Department Auxiliary for 25 years.

We send our belated condolences to the members his family that include his wife Linda (Gallant) Wagner of Berlin, four daughters: Lydia Corcoran of Dummer, Loretta Goodrum of Berlin, Lilly Guerin of Berlin and Laura Fry of Northfield; six grandchildren; two sisters: Jean Shields of West Milan and Elizabeth Matthews of Berlin; two brothers: Vernon Wagner of North Carolina and Chester Wagner of Berlin; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Bertina Fortin (a former DELANO KINDRED member).

Vrouwekerk Memorial Plaque Unveiling Scheduled

The City of Leiden has scheduled the unveiling of the Memorial Plaque commemorating the Vrouwekerk Church in Leiden on Thanksgiving Day, 24 November 2011. The accompanying photograph shows a view of the remaining church ruins. Since our Thanksgiving Day is annually celebrated in Leiden in honor of the Pilgrims, the City of Leiden deemed it appropriate that the unveiling ceremony be included in that day's events. Besides the unveiling, the day's events include services in the Pieterskerk and Dr. Bangs' American Pilgrim Museum will be open in the afternoon. Cousin **George DeLano** is scheduled to attend on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED. The Vrouwekerk was the Walloon Reformed Church in Leiden in the late 1500's and early 1600's. Philippe's grandfather, Guilbert de Lanoy and his family were admitted to this Walloon Church in 29 April 1591 through a letter of deposition from the Walloon Church in Canterbury, England. Philippe's parents were betrothed there on 13 January 1596 and Philippe was baptized there on 6 November 1603. In the summer of 1603 Francis Cooke and Hester Mahieu were probably married there. Hester was admitted to communion in the church on 1 June 1603. Their son John Cooke was baptized in the Vrouwekerk in early 1607. So there is a significant amount of DELANO family history (as well as Cooke and Mahieu) associated with the Vrouwekerk.



2012 REUNION

As mentioned in the article about the 2011 Annual Meeting, it is currently planned to hold the 2012 Reunion in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Fairhaven is known as a small town with a big history. The area that now makes up Fairhaven was purchased from

Wampanoag Chief Massasoit in 1652 by a group of colonists from Plymouth. Settlement began about 1659. Among the earliest settlers were John Cooke, one of the



original *Mayflower* Pilgrims, and his cousin Jonathan Delano, an ancestor of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Although Fairhaven was settled in 1653, it was incorporated as a town in 1812. Consequently, Fairhaven will be celebrating its Bicentennial next year. We have included a photo showing the Fairhaven Town Hall.

More information will be available in the subsequent newsletters.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since April 2011.

Massachusetts

Linda Olney of Prides Crossing

Richard Olney of Prides Crossing

Alexander Olney of Duxbury

Chelsie Olney of Duxbury

Myles Olney of Duxbury

Scout Olney of Duxbury

Michigan

Theodore F. Beals of Grass Lake

New York

Isabelle Kellogg of New York City

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS !! 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.

PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM RECEIVES 2011 DRAWING FUNDS

The Penobscot Marine Museum located in Seaport, Maine received a check for \$100.00 for being selected in the 2011 Reunion Drawing. Cousin

Terry Delano presented the check to Penobscot Marine Museum's Kevin Johnson (see photo). The Penobscot Marine Museum holds an excellent collection of old village photos and a large fishing boat collection.



CAROL WOLF BIBLE STORY TELLER

Those of us who attended the 2008 Reunion in Portland, Maine remember the surprise treat we had that Friday night with the visit of DELANO descendant Annie Edson Taylor, who was the first woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel (*Bonnes Nouvelles* #58 pp. 1-2). Cousin **Carol Wolf** did an outstanding portrayal of Annie. We are pleased to learn that Cousin Carol has expanded her vocation of story telling to her favorite themes—stories of the Bible.

We learned from an article written by Jeff Woodard on December 21, 2010 in the United Church of Christ's News that Cousin Carol is enrolled in the masters program at the Academy of Biblical Storytelling. As a requirement for her degree program, she wrote a book entitled "Biblical Storytelling in Youth Ministry." It was published in May. Her book is designed to help others retell some of her favorite stories of biblical youth and young adults who are the group Carol is deeply interested in. This book is not her first. Fifteen years ago she wrote "Journey Into Prayer." A member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International, Wolf says

preliminary feedback among young readers has been uplifting.

Jeff Woodward reports, "Come spring, Wolf will be taking her work to the pulpit. She has accepted an offer by the Rev. Scott Thomas, senior minister of Amherst (N.Y.) Community United Church of Christ., to fill in for him during the five



Sundays in May when he is on sabbatical."

We send our congratulations and best wishes as she pursues her storytelling vocation.

KUDOS JORGE DELANO

In U. S. Naval History Symposium

Cousin **Jorge Delano** has been selected to participate in the Naval History Symposium held at the U.S. Naval Academy on 14 through 16 September 2011. He will be a member of the Panel whose subject will be "Neutral Powers and Latin American Independence Wars". Congratulations Jorge!

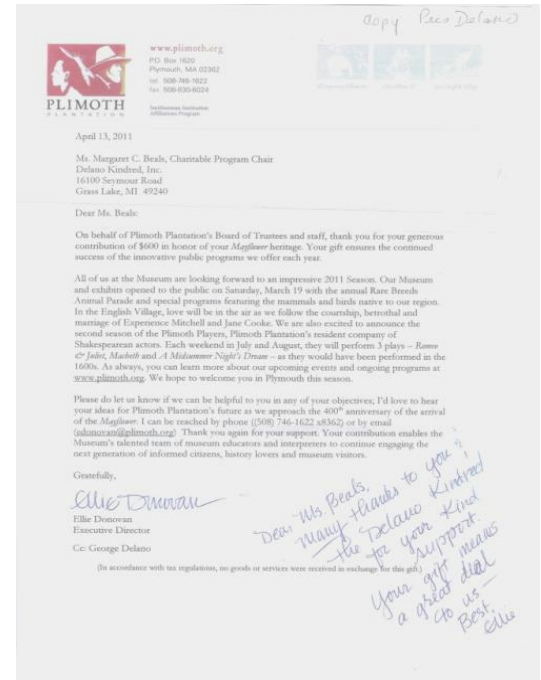
REN CUSHING

Elected as the Mayflower Florida State Governor

We have received word that Ren Cushing, Cousin Muriel Cushing's spouse, has been elected as the next Florida State Governor of the Mayflower Society. He will be formerly installed as Governor in Miami in November. Congratulations Ren!

A Letter of Thanks Received From Plimoth Plantation

Cousin **Peggy Beals**, Chair of our Charitable Contribution Committee, forwarded a letter she received from the Plimoth Plantation thanking us for our two year contribution of \$600.00. As most of you know the Plimoth Plantation, next to Plymouth, MA, has created a to-scale replica of the original Plimoth Plantation as it looked in 1627. At that time Philippe de Lanoy stayed with his Uncle Francis and Aunt Hester Cooke in their cottage on the Plantation. There is usually a re-enactor who is Francis or Hester Cook and occasionally one of his cousins John or Jane Cooke. At times, when a young re-enactor with a good French accent can be found, Philippe de Lanoy will be there. Those of you who visit Plymouth will find a visit to the Plantation well worthwhile. While there, be sure to visit the Cooke Cottage and ask for Philippe.



The Warren Delano III Family Photo Album Is Sent to the FDR Library in Hyde Park, New York

Since last April, Cousin **Diana Gardner** and her relatives including Cousin **Laura R. Evans**, have worked at identifying most of the people whose photographs are in the album—see *Bonnes Nouvelles* #66 p. 11. Copies of the information were sent to Cousin **Ann Harris** for the DELANO KINDRED's records. Cousin Diana then donated the original photo album to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED. Cousin Diana also included a copy of the book entitled "National Hymns, How They Are Written and How They Are Not" published in 1861. We are pleased that the Photo Album has been placed in a collection that can be used for research by those interested in FDR's Delano relatives. It should be noted that the FDR Library is now under the direction of the U.S. National Archives. We have included a letter of thanks from the FDR Library sent to your editor. We thank Cousin Diana for her effort and interest in researching the names of persons in the photographs. It should be noted that had it not been for an e-mail sent to our new web site, we would have never know of the existence of this album.



Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538-1917

May 3, 2011

George B. DeLano
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Dumfries, VA 22025

Re: Recent Donation

Dear Mr. DeLano:

On behalf of the National Archives and Records Administration and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, I want to extend my sincere thanks to you for the gift you made through Diana Gardner. The Delano family photograph album and the "National Hymns" booklet are important and welcome additions to our collections.

It is the generosity of persons such as you that enables the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum to continue its ongoing mission to preserve the legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Your donation will be available to researchers for generations to come.

We always are interested in acquiring new materials for the Library and our Museum. If, in the future, you would like to make a further donation, or if you are aware of others who may have materials of interest, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please accept this letter as formal acknowledgment of your gift. Thank you again for your donation, and please let me know if we can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Diana D. Gardner

DELANOs IN THE NEWS

Congressman Charles Delano At the First Battle of Bull Run, 21 July 1861

In the coverage of the recent festivities celebrating the First Battle of Bull Run (or the First Battle of Manassas) we noted that Congressman **Charles Delano** was among the politicians and picnickers who traveled out to from Washington, D.C to watch the green and undisciplined Union army try to route the Confederates concentrated at Manassas. Most of the spectators gathered on the hills of Centerville, Virginia a few miles east of Bull Run where they had a good, but far-off view of the battle that ensued.

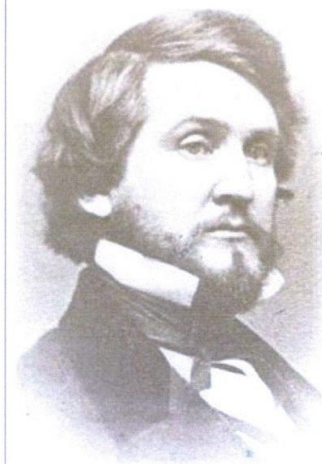
William Howard Russell, the *London Times* war correspondent made the trek out from Washington to report on the battle. When Russell reached the Long Bridge over the Potomac a sentry said “you’ll find plenty of congressmen on before you.” Among the politicians he joined was Congressman Ely, armed with a borrowed pistol and headed to check on a regiment from his district. He had started with Senator Lafayette S. Foster of Connecticut and two other men. En route they met Massachusetts Congressman Charles Delano and Alexander Rice, the former mayor of Boston, Ohio Congressman John A. Gurley and Massachusetts Senator Wilson with his sandwiches all headed for the battle.

As the battle ensued while the onlookers had lunch, things seemed to be going well for the Union.

Glimpses of smoke could be seen in the distance and heavy gunfire could be heard. Russell reported he could see an excited Union officer on horseback crying “We whipped them on all points!” The onlookers cheered and the congressmen shook hands and called out “Bully for us! Bravo! Didn’t I tell you so?” Russell went forward on horseback to investigate. He had ridden about three miles when he encountered Union army wagons moving rapidly in the opposite direction. He heard the wagon drivers shout, “Turn back! Turn back! We are whipped.” The Union forces lost the upper hand when the Confederate reinforcements from the Shenandoah Valley arrived by rail. This was the beginning of the panicked route of the Union forces back across the Potomac to Washington along with the frightened picnickers with Congressman Delano in the crowd. Congressman Ely was not so lucky. Being unaware of the situation he was captured by the Confederates and was held prisoner for five months.²

We found the Honorable Charles Delano in the GHAHD on p. 499. His line of descent goes through the Lt. Jonathan Branch of the family—Charles⁶, Gideon⁵, Abisha⁴, Thomas³, Lt Jonathan², Philippe¹.

Charles Delano



Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
from Massachusetts's 10th district

In office

March 4, 1859 – March 3, 1863

Personal details

Born	June 24, 1820 New Braintree, Massachusetts
Died	January 23, 1883 Northampton, Massachusetts
Resting place	Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton
Political party	Republican

² Michael E. Ruane, *Washington Post* p E1 & E6 July 17, 2011 with quotes from William Howard Russell of the *London Times* in 1861

Clammer Joe Delano Stays Busy as the Red Tide is Kept at Bay

Cousin **Mary Matson** sent us an August 2010 article from the *Portland (Maine) Herald* about Clam Digger **Joe Delano** who is shown (center) busily loading his clams into a dealer's truck in Freeport, ME. The newspaper article reported that the local clambers were extremely busy in 2010 because the predicted Red Tide outbreak did not materialize. We thank Cousin Mary for spotting the article about a Delano!



THE 2011 REUNION GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



2011 Reunion Group Picture

Seated left to right: Paula Delano, Margaret Delano, Peggy Beals, Cindy Prosser

First row l. to r: Diane Dillinger, Gloria Delano, Diana DeLano, Carol Wolf, Ren Cushing, Carolyn Clarke, Muriel Cushing, Marjorie DeLano, Kristin Delano, Megan Delano

Second row l. to r: David Dillinger, James Delano, George DeLano, Dick Wolf, Herm DeLano, Terry Delano, Elizabeth Clarke, Frank DeLano, Tom Delano, Steve Delano



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