



# BONNES NOUVELLES

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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 2012 Reunion scheduled to be held in Fairhaven, MA on September 13th thru 16<sup>th</sup>. We also include details about the unveiling ceremony held in Leiden on Thanksgiving Day. Also we include overviews of Dr. Jeremy Bangs' recent book about the Pilgrims in which he mentions our ancestor Philippe de Lanoy and Cousin Jorge Delano's paper presented at the 2011 Naval Symposium. We unhappily provide some details about the tragic fire that very seriously damaged the Francis Cook house on Plimoth Plantation. Information provided by our members and events they have been involved with recently is will also be found in this issue. We hope you all have a happy and eventful New Year.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank all of you for your display of confidence in electing me as your new President. I pledge that I will do my best to serve you all as well as our past President George DeLano did during his term in office.

I owe a special word of thanks to our new board of officers for their willingness to serve. Some of the board is now embarking upon a second term in office and their dedication is most appreciated.

We all know that the *Fortune* was a sailing ship and that her captain needed to keep her headed in the right direction towards the new world. I, as President, along with your board of directors, likewise want to be sure that our ship, The DELANO KINDRED, is headed in the right direction. Accordingly from time to time, we will be asking and will need you, the members, to act as our compass and let us know what direction you want us to take on a variety of topics.

I have found in my various offices, that when there is a changing of the guard, it is often best to simply step back, take a deep breathe, and take a look at what is being done, why it is being done, and how it is being done. Sometimes such a review results in making improvements, however small. Our past President George DeLano has left a well run ship, has met the many challenges and solved the problems so that I can slip easily into the position.

In any event, my ultimate goal is to find how best to serve you, the members.

Relatively yours,  
Muriel Curtis Cushing

### **Natalie Hemingway Commended**

Those members who attended the 2010 New Hampshire Reunion were captivated by the performance of Natalie Hemingway portraying Sara Delano. As a devotee of making history come alive, she has gained considerable fame in her portrayal of FDR's mother. She has given many performances at various gatherings and recently was scheduled to travel to Maine to give a performance for a meeting of the Maine State Mayflower Society.

Last September at the Sampson Kindred Luncheon, held in Plymouth, MA, on 9 September, she again gave a performance of Sara. Your Board of Directors took this occasion to commend Natalie for her leadership in making Sara Delano "come alive."

Many DELANO KINDRED members attended—enough to fill a whole table. Those attending included: Cousins **Terry** and **Paula Delano**, **Dorothea Harris**, **Nancy Delano**, **Barbara Kelley**, **Cathy Delano** and her daughter, **Kate Goodhead**, and **Daisy Delano** of the Taunton, MA library. Also attending was our Honorary Member **Dr. Jeremy Bangs** and his wife Thomasyne Bangs. Cousin **Muriel Cushing** and Cousin **George DeLano** sat at the table with the Bangs.

After the Luncheon and the performance of Sara Delano, Cousin Muriel presented Natalie with the Certificate of Commendation as follows:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE DELANO KINDRED  
COMMEND  
**NATALIE S. HEMINGWAY**  
FOR  
HER PORTRAYAL OF  
SARA DELANO ROOSEVELT

Natalie S. Hemingway has repeatedly demonstrated historical expertise and sensitivity in her portrayal of Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States of America. Her sensitive portrayal has fostered a better understanding of the close mother and son relationship of these famous people who are descendants of our common ancestor Philippe de Lanoy.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DELANO KINDRED:

Muriel C. Cushing  
President  
DELANO KINDRED Inc.



## *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travelers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*

by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs

This book culminates an effort of over 35 years by Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs to tell in detail the story of the Pilgrims who settled “New Plimoth”—the Plimoth Colony. This hardcover book, published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, contains over 894 pages plus illustrations, a bibliography and index. Although we have not yet had a chance to read it in its entirety, we have included excerpts of a review contained in a recent issue of the *Mayflower Descendant*.

The size of this book “is an indication of the amount of information that the collective American public does not know about its beloved Pilgrims. Many scholars have analyzed records left in Plymouth Colony and found clues in the identifiable English records to better understand this early movement; however, the defining moments for this community are found elsewhere, in the records of their Dutch home of Amsterdam (for two years) and Leiden (for eleven years). It is here that Bangs has spent a lifetime studying the people we have come to know as the Pilgrims.

The first attempts to uncover the legacy in Leiden came with the tercentennial of their landing in Plymouth. While the facts discovered helped to identify the family units, to understand the group, more was needed. Like any movement at anytime, the Pilgrims were a product of their time. To understand them better, you need to know the backdrop for their lives<sup>1</sup>.”

Bangs breaks our journey out into seven topics to help us see the forces playing out on our ancestors.

- The beginnings in England
- Their exile into Holland
- Other foreigners in Leiden (including the Walloons and our de Lanoy ancestors)
- Their religious leader John Robinson defending the Pilgrim community
- Issues in living in Leiden
- How all of the above topics affected the Pilgrims after they settled in Plymouth

“All these themes are written to help us better understand the change from Puritan to Separatist set against a field of political and theological controversies in England and Holland. With the military turmoil between those two countries and Spain, the stage was set for a major event that would become a defining moment in American history.

The pilgrims came to America and brought with them their unique view on the world. It is true they were a devout, religious movement, but they developed much more from their experiences in Holland.<sup>2</sup>” While the Massachusetts Bay Colony, lead by John Winthrop, outshone Plymouth in the number of colonists and activity, “...it was in Plymouth that the first steps were taken to settle a community with the founding principles of government by the people and the need for the separation of Church and State.<sup>3</sup>”

The book contains many illustrations including a 1660 map of Leiden that identifies historic buildings and the locations of some of the Pilgrims’ houses. There is a bibliography of over 100 pages and an appendix that includes a long list of people (including our de Lanoy [de la Noye/De Lannoy] ancestors) he considers part of the Leiden church as well as:

- City records of new citizens and betrothals
- A list of those buried in Leiden from the burial registers
- The passengers on the FORTUNE (1621) and the ANNE (1623)
- The overlooked topic of the servants brought to Plymouth
- A detailed name and subject index

This book will provide the reader with an unprecedented magnitude of detailed information about the Pilgrims all under one cover and can easily be used as an authoritative reference. We plan to cover parts of this extraordinary book in later issues.

### *Strangers and Pilgrims Travellers and Sojourners*



*Leiden and the Foundations  
of Plymouth Plantation*

Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs

<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> *Mayflower Descendant*, Vol. 58, No. 2 p 17 & 18

## DEPARTED COUSINS

### **Robert E. Harris**

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Cousin **Robert Harris** of Marion, MA on 20 September 2011. Those of you who have attended the DELANO KINDRED Reunions knew Bob, his wife Dorothea, and his daughter Ann who regularly attended these annual events. He was born in Randolph, MA in 1923; the son of Lester C. and Mildred (Whynot) Harris. He spent his early years in Whitman, MA where he was educated. When World War II started he joined the U.S. Navy, participating in the War in the Pacific Ocean. In 1945 he was aboard the U.S.S. Bunker Hill (CV 17) when it survived the devastating fires and damage caused by two kamikaze plane crashes on that ship on May 11th. In 1946 Bob and Dorothea were married. Bob worked for McLaughlin Motors near Whitman and then for Armstrong Flooring in Braintree, MA for 29 years. Much of Bob and Dorothea's 65 years of married life were spent in Marion. Bob enjoyed gardening and was an avid New England sports fan. He enjoyed ice skating, hockey and fishing. He is survived by a sister Mildred P. Blanchard and many nieces and nephews. His brother, Joseph T. Harris predeceased him. We will miss seeing Cousin Bob and send our heartfelt condolences to Cousin Dorothea and Cousin Ann.

### **Franklin R. Delano**

We recently received the sad news from Cousin Susan Delano that her husband of many years, Cousin **Franklin R. Delano** formerly of Andover, MA and Londonderry, NH, passed away on 15 November 2011. Cousin Frank had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED for over five years. His line of descent ran through the Dr. Thomas Branch of the family via Charles Delano who moved from Georgetown, ME to Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada. There Charles married and started a Canadian, DELANO line. Those of you who attended the 2006 Reunion may recall meeting Cousin Frank and his brother Earl. After that Reunion the brothers and their spouses traveled to Miramichi and contacted many of their Canadian relatives who were still living there. You also may recall we had two Franklin R. DELANOs at the 2006 Reunion. It was quite a coincidence that Cousin Frank was then living in Londonderry, NH while the other Franklin R. DELANO was living on Londonderry Drive in Kentwood, MI. Besides his wife Susan, Cousin Franklin leaves four children, Linda Reed of ME, Michael Delano of Woburn, MA, Frank Delano of Beverly, MA and Sheila Delano of NH. He leaves a brother Cousin Earl Delano of CA, and a sister Mary Crossman of MD. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. We send our sincere sympathy to Cousin Susan and her family.

### **Elizabeth Ann DeLano McLaughlin**

It was with regret that we learned of the August 31 2011, death of Cousin **Elizabeth Ann DeLano McLaughlin** who lived in the White Sands of La Jolla, CA. She was briefly a member of the DELANO KINDRED at the urging of her brother, the late Cousin James E. DeLano. She was born in Kalamazoo, MI in 1918, to Charles B. and Jessie Edwards DeLano. She was also the brother of our late Cousin Warren C. DeLano. Her line of descent ran through the Lt Jonathan Branch via William S. DeLano of Cooper, MI. Elizabeth spent her school years in Lakewood, OH, and then attended Northwestern University and the University of Michigan. She worked in a bank in Cleveland, OH until a trip to Santa Monica, CA convinced her that southern California was the place to be. She found employment with the Southern California phone company and stayed with the company 40 years. She married Robert McLaughlin in 1975 in Downey, CA. Elizabeth and Robert sponsored a teen-ager Jose Rios to become a U.S. citizen. Over time, Jose, his wife Carmen, and three children became Elizabeth's "family" and brought her much joy. On the death of her husband she joined her brother and sister-in-law in La Jolla where she lived for 17 years. When she passed away she was almost 93 years old. She leaves many nieces and nephews including Cousin Mary D. Sholkovitz of MA, Sally D. Goodman of CA, Sally D. Jewell of CA, Craig DeLano of TX, and Cynthia D. Kennard of NC. We send our belated condolences to Elizabeth's nieces and nephew.

## VROUWEKERK MEMORIAL PLAQUE CEREMONY<sup>1</sup>

As noted in the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* the City of Leiden scheduled the unveiling ceremony of the bronze plaque memorializing the Vrouwekerk ruins on the U. S. Thanksgiving Day, 24 November, 2011. The DELANO KINDRED has played a major role in the effort to save Vrouwekerk Church ruins from being demolished and also in contributing funds for the plaque to memorialize the ruins.

The ceremony marks the culmination of the decade long project to save the remains of the Vrouwekerk (Church of Our Lady, the former Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary), the building that was assigned by the City of Leiden in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century to the French Reformed (Walloon or Huguenot) refugees. The remains had been threatened with removal earlier this decade and were saved through the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Bangs, Director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. Dr. Bangs has written the bilingual (Dutch and English) text and designed the relief depicting the church. The plaque measures 39 x 47 1/4 inches.

Many of you will recall in 2008 Dr. Bangs approached the DELANO KINDRED with the idea for a bronze memorial plaque. As you know our ancestor Philippe de Lanoy (Philip Delano) was baptized in the Vrouwekerk. His Huguenot parents, Jan de Lanoy and Marie Mahieu were members of the church. Philippe's Uncle Francis Cooke and Aunt Hester Mahieu, were married in the Vrouwekerk. Another Leiden Pilgrim Huguenot was John Carver, the first Plymouth Colony governor. The DELANO KINDRED agreed to contribute \$3,000 in seed money towards the cost of the plaque. Cousin George DeLano recruited members Muriel C. Cushing and Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr. to organize a fund raising campaign. Peggy M. Baker, Director/Librarian of the Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall, Robert E. Burt, President of the Florida Huguenot Society, and Carroll R. Goslee, Treasurer of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, were added to the committee. Carroll Goslee was placed in charge of the donations. By mid-August 2009 the campaign had collected \$11,630, an amount sufficient to fund the casting and installation of the plaque.

As many of you know the Vrouwekerk is located in the older part of Leiden that has many narrow streets (straats) and alleys (steegs). Consequently, one should be prepared for considerable walking along the many "walking streets" and also being alert to dodge the many bicycles that approach you quietly. Driving is feasible provided you know which streets are open to automobiles and the location of a suitable parking area.

Prior to the morning unveiling ceremony the City of Leiden hosted coffee and tea for invited guests in the Boerhaave Museum adjacent to the back of the Vrouwenkerkplein (the area that holds the church ruins). The Boerhaave Museum holds the early technical and medical instruments, including an early medical amphitheater for observing early 18<sup>th</sup> century operations. The party then walked over the Vrouwenkerkplein for the unveiling ceremony.

The red and white flag of the City of Leiden was used as the "veil" for the plaque ceremony. Deputy-Mayor Jan Jaap de Haan gave a short opening speech describing the history of the Vrouwekerk. Then Cousin George DeLano gave a very short speech on behalf of the Bronze Plaque Committee in which he cited the organizations and individual contributors. He also thanked the City of Leiden for taking the steps to save and memorialize the ruins of the Vrouwekerk and gave special recognition to Jeremy Bangs whose vision and coordination made this effort possible. After these speeches the Honorable Edwin P. Noland, Chargé d' Affaires ad interim – U. S. Embassy in The Netherlands, spoke and unveiled the plaque.

After photographs and TV footage were completed the party walked over to the Pieterskerk Church for the annual Thanksgiving Day service honoring the Plymouth Colony Pilgrims. After the service Cousin George introduced himself to the Mayor of the City of Leiden, the Honorable Henri J. J. Lenferink and thanked him on behalf of the Plaque Committee contributors and the DELANO KINDRED for the City's efforts in saving the Vrouwekerk and allowing the plaque to be placed on it. It was gratifying to see the increased positive support shown by the City in recognizing the Pilgrim, Walloon and Huguenot history that is a significant part of our DELANO family heritage. (Please see more photographs on the accompanying pages.)

You can be proud, as members of the DELANO KINDRED, to have been a major factor in this decade of effort to save and memorialize a place that is part of our history. As Dr. Jeremy Bangs wrote in his book *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners, Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*, "2...consider Philippe de la Noye (Philip Delano). His baptism in the Walloon Church was recorded in their registers in 1603. No other document definitely refers to him in Leiden. He emigrated to Plymouth Colony in 1621. Had he been baptized elsewhere, or in a Pilgrim Church (whose baptismal records, if any, are missing), he would be undocumented in Leiden and might be considered a "stranger"..." Thus the baptism of our ancestor Philippe de Lanoy in the Vrouwekerk (the Walloon Church at that time) takes on a special significance.



<sup>1</sup> We thank Cousin Stacy B. C. Woods Jr. for contributing significantly to this article.

<sup>2</sup> Bangs, Jeremy D. *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners, Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*, p299

## Vrouwekerk Ceremony Photos The Vrouwekerk Bronze Memorial Plaque



On the plaque below the Vrouwekerk Church is the Bilingual text (Dutch on the left and English on the right). The English text is below.

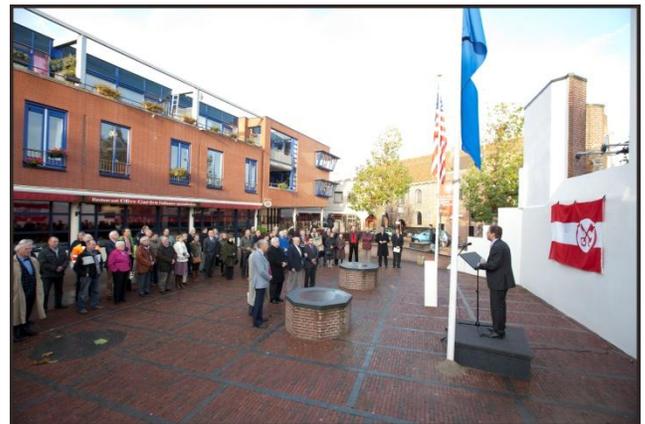
“A chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary was built around 1330, called The Vrouwekerk (Church of our Lady). The Vrouwekerk became the third parish after the annexation of the area as part of the City of Leiden. After the Reformation, in 1584, the church was assigned to the new French Reformed congregation (the Walloon Church). They numbered as many as 6000 members in the 17th century and were granted an additional chapel on the Breestraat in 1638. Pastors included the theologians Gomarus and Trelcatius. Among members of the Walloon Church were “Mayflower” passengers François Coucke and his wife Hester Mahieu as well as their nephew Philippe de Lanoy, baptized here in 1603. They were among Walloons who joined the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in New England. Their descendants include American presidents Grant, Bush and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Jesse de Forest, leader of the colonists who settled Guyana and New Amsterdam (now called New York City), was also a member of this church. Because of dwindling numbers and the dilapidation of the Vrouwekerk, the Walloons withdrew in 1818 to their other chapel at the Breestraat where services were in French.”



Vrouwekerk Ruins before Unveiling.



(l. to r.) George DeLano, Jeremy Bangs, Deputy-Mayor of Haan, Honorable Edwin Noland, Chargé d' Affaires U.S. Embassy, Robert Burt, and a Representative from the U.S. Consulate, Amsterdam



Deputy-Mayor addresses the audience

## Vrouwekerk Unveiling Ceremony Photos (2)



Cousin George speaks on behalf of the Plaque Committee



The audience views the plaque



The principle representatives after the unveiling (l. to r.) Noland, de Haan, Burt, Bangs, U.S. Consul Rep. & DeLano



City of Leiden's Vrouwekerk Sign



Deputy Mayor de Haan speaks after the unveiling



Thanksgiving Day Celebration in the Pieterskerk

## 2012 REUNION<sup>1</sup>

Plans are underway to hold the 2012 Reunion in Fairhaven, MA on September 13th to 16th. Our last Reunion in Fairhaven was 14 years ago in 1998. Aside from the magnificent New England fall foliage, Fairhaven's climate promises to be welcoming with sunny days, crisp nights and gentle autumnal ocean breezes. This timing also promises to be a wonderful opportunity for those that could not attend past reunions due to conflicts with June graduations, weddings, and Father's Day.



Our weekend will coincide with the Fairhaven's Militia Weekend, celebrating how families lived in colonial times. A showcase of colorful costumes, characters, and customs will add to the excitement. A major highlight will be the firing of the cannons at Fort Phoenix at dusk on Saturday evening. Learn about the DELANO connection to the cannons.

We will keep you posted as the agenda is finalized. Here's what's on the drawing board:

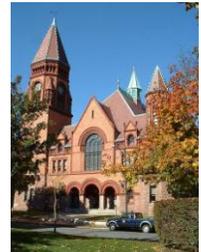
- Experience the charm of Fairhaven center and the historic buildings including the architecturally beautiful town hall where we will hold some of our meetings -- a perfect backdrop for our group picture!

- See the riverbank where Lt. Jonathan ran his gristmill in the 1600's, then visit his grave a few miles away in the Queen Ann Cemetery, established in 1711, at Acushnet. Lt Jonathan's grave stone is mentioned in the GHAHD on page 294. He died in 1720 and his son, Jabez, who died in 1734, is buried close by. Jabez's first wife, Mary DELANO, daughter of John (Lt Jonathan's brother) and Mary (Weston) DELANO, is also buried nearby. Mary



DELANO died in 1716 and is the oldest known marked grave of a DELANO ancestor in America and the second oldest grave in the cemetery.

- Learn how you are related to presidents, sea captains, astronauts, and authors. Sign up to meet with Muriel Cushing at our symposium and she will help you with your genealogical research or request for a relationship chart.
  - Hear knowledgeable and entertaining speakers recount family history: Frederic Delano Grant, Jr., a scholar on the China trade, will reflect on the Delano entrepreneurial spirit--how they pioneered and prospered in global trade and railroads.
  - Jorge Delano, a descendent of Fairhaven born Captain Paul Delano will delight us with adventurous sea tales and how the South American branch of the Delano family occurred.
  - Natalie Hemingway, as indefatigable and irrepressible as ever, will enliven our stay as she dons the persona of Sara Delano Roosevelt visiting her father's (Warren Delano II) home at 39 Walnut Street.
- Take a bus tour designed by Chris Richards, Fairhaven historian and director of the town's tourism:
  - Enjoy the ride to Riverside Cemetery to visit the commanding Delano tomb situated on an impressive burial hill, surrounded by Delano gravestones and ringed by Delano Road. Be present as we attempt to open the heavy stone door, and with lanterns in hand, pay respects to 18 family members inside.
  - Then sit back as we travel to the harbor at Fort Phoenix to relive colonial and civil war times with the Fairhaven Militia as they fire the cannons at sunset.



All these activities and more await as 2012 promises to be our best reunion yet! Make plans to join us and bring your family and friends for this wonderful weekend in the little town with a big history.

1. Mark your calendars **NOW**.

2. Reserve your room at the Fairhaven Hampton Inn or the Delano Homestead B& B (home of Warren Delano II).

3. Stay tuned for more information as plans take shape.

Our many thanks to Natalie Hemingway, of History Alive, and Christopher Richard, the Director of Fairhaven Tourism, who have been instrumental in paving the way for us to experience the best of Fairhaven for our reunion. We gratefully acknowledge their energy, enthusiasm, ideas and make-it-happen mentality.

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<sup>1</sup> We thank Cousin Cathy Delano who drafted the major portion of this article

## NEW MEMBERS

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

### California

**David L. Grinnell** of Palm Springs

### Connecticut

**John F. Kriscenski** of Unionville

### Maine

**James Scroggy** of Blue Hill

### Massachusetts

**Robert Fogerty** of Needham

**Helen A. Hills** of Marion

### Michigan

**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.

**Terry McKane** of Midland

### Minnesota

**Jennifer Haynes** of Woodbury

### New Jersey

**Steven Bosak** of Bayville

### South Carolina

**Stanley Seay** of Campobello

### Texas

**Mary Lea Taylor** of Humble

## BANGS MENTIONED IN NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE

The New York Times, Travel Section, article entitled “On the Pilgrims’ Path”, written by Charles McGrath mentions **Dr. Jeremy Bangs** and the American Pilgrim Museum. The article follows the Pilgrims from Scrooby, England to Leiden, The Netherlands. In the section of the article that deals with Leiden, McGrath points out that most of the old Leiden homes have been modernized so it is difficult to get an idea of the housing conditions in which the Pilgrims lived. He suggests visiting the American Pilgrim Museum as follows:

“To get a better idea of how the Pilgrims lived you need to visit the American Pilgrim Museum, a brick house near the Hooglandse Kerk presided over by the genial and drily ironic Jeremy Bangs, author of the immense and immensely knowledgeable book “Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation” (General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2009). It is the oldest house in Leiden, dating back to the 14th century, and typical of a Pilgrim dwelling: a single 8-by-14-foot room with a stone floor, small leaded windows, a big medieval fireplace. The parents would have slept sitting up in a box bed (because lying flat was thought to cause disease) and the children on the floor. Somewhere in there a loom would have been crammed.”

You should realize that there are artifacts in this museum that are older than the 14<sup>th</sup> Century building. When Cousin **George DeLano** visited the Museum on Thanksgiving Day, he sat in a 12<sup>th</sup> Century chair. When you visit Leiden, the American Pilgrim Museum is a “Must See.”



## New Certificate of Documentation Is Being Developed

**Cousin Muriel Cushing** was pleased to receive a rendering of what the sailing ship *FORTUNE* would look like from Jeremy Bangs. Dr. Bangs is known for his historically accurate drawings and paintings. His wife Thomasyne Flynn Bangs is also an accomplished artist. Dr. Bangs’ rendering of the *FORTUNE* will be used on the new documentation certificate now being developed. As you know once you have completed the process of documenting your line of the descent for the DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Program, you will receive this DELANO KINDRED Certificate of Documentation.

## Membership Dues Reminder

Membership Dues Renewal Forms have been mailed to all members whose membership expired on 31 December 2011. If you are unsure if you need to renew your membership, please look at your mailing address label. It has the expiration date of your DELANO KINDRED membership. If the date on your mailing label is "Dec. 2011" then your membership expired on 31 December 2011. If you have sent in your dues for 2011 and your mailing label shows Dec 2011, it will be updated soon. If you have misplaced your Membership Dues Renewal Form, we have enclosed a 2012 Membership form that you may use to send in with your renewed dues.

### NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

#### New Mayflower Member

Cousin **Dave Dillingham** reports that he has been approved as a member of the Mayflower Society. This is due to his hard work and fortitude in joining the DELANO DNA program and proving a difficult line of descent because of the several name changes from Delano to Dillinger. He has proven and opened a new line of DELANO descendants. Congratulations Dave!

#### *Hungarian* Article by Muriel Cushing

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** wrote an article about the sinking of the ship *Hungarian* in the last newsletter<sup>1</sup>. In it was mentioned the relationship of DELANOs who perished in the sinking of that ship.

Cousin Muriel received a nice letter from Cousin **Dianne Conwell** about how excited she was to read about the ship *Hungarian*. Her sister-in-law Cousin **Norma C. Smith** and husband Cousin **George T. Conwell** are children of Martha Joan Delano Conwell who was the daughter of Samuel Ervin Delano who was mentioned in the article.

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<sup>1</sup> The Wreck of the ship *Hungarian* by Muriel Curtis Cushing, *Bonnes Nouvelles* #67, p4-6

### New DFIPs

DFIP #3 (with family numbers 368 thru 499) was published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in September of 2011. These will shortly be available through our Publication Sales Program. You can contact Cousin **Cindy Prosser** whose address is: DELANO KINDRED, INC. P.O. Box 773, Schoolcraft, MI 49087-0773. The DFIP is the acronym for DELANO Family In Progress and follows the standard format used by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in the DFIP series of all the Mayflower Families. Although Philip DELANO missed the *MAYFLOWER* voyage and came on the second ship, the *FORTUNE*, many of his descendants' spouses were from Mayflower families. Consequently, there is a high degree of interest in the DELANOs and the Mayflower Society is willing to publish our family's genealogy in the DFIP format.

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** reports that she has just sent off the fourth DFIP to GSMD in Plymouth, MA to be published. When finished, it will be DFIP 4 and will cover family numbers 500 thru 561. She is now starting on DFIP 5. We thank Cousin Muriel for all her genealogical efforts which keep the DELANO name in the forefront of genealogy.

### Jorge Delano Contributes a New Book

Cousin **Jorge A. Delano** has contributed another book to our Publication Sales Program. Entitled *PAUL DELANO TRIPP Un marino norteamericano en la Independencia de Chile*. However, it is only published in the Spanish language. For those who are knowledgeable or studying the Spanish language, this book offers an expanded insight into the history surrounding Chile's War of Independence and the DELANO family that became a part of it. We thank Cousin Jorge for his kind generosity and interest.

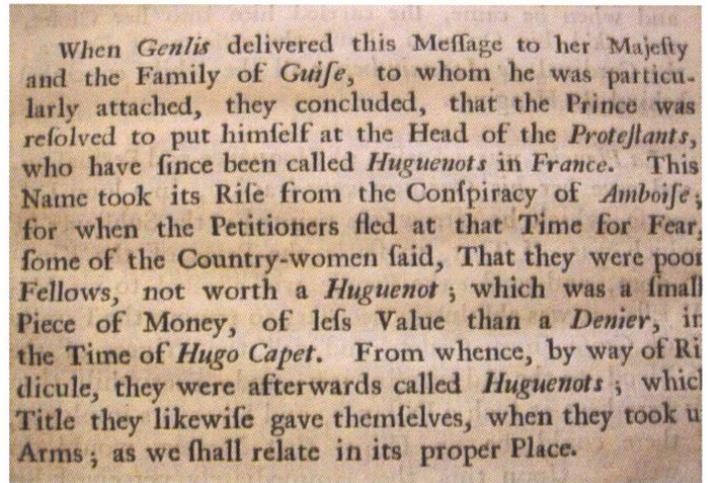
## An Historical Account of the Term *Huguenot*

Cousin **Mary Bertschmann**, the Executive Secretary of The Huguenot Society of America, was investigating the Society's holdings of old and rare books and became intrigued by a leather-bound folio entitled *Memoirs of Michael de Castelnau, sieur de la Mauvissiere*. It turned out to be an abridged translation of the diaries of Castelnau (c. 1520-1592) which gave a firsthand account of the reigns of Francis II and Charles IX and the first civil wars involving the Huguenots.

In Chapter VII of Book II, Lord Castelnau gives an explanation for calling the reformers *Huguenots*. During the siege of Amboise in 1560 it was said that the religious rebels were poor men not worth a *huguenot*, which was a small almost valueless coin (less than *denier*) during the reign of Hugh Capet. Afterward, this term was used by way of ridicule, but it was bravely and nobly adopted by the reformers when they took up arms.

While many etymologies have been posited over the years, it is interesting to find an explanation that comes from a man who lived during France's religious wars.

We thank Cousin Mary for allowing us to quote portions of the Society's newsletter. We have also included a section of Chapter VII of Castelnau's memoirs that gives an explanation, in that era, of the term *Huguenot*.



## FRANCIS COOKE HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cousin **Margaret Delano** first sent to us the shocking and sad news that the Francis Cooke house at the Plimoth Plantation was destroyed by fire. The one-alarm blaze broke out at about 9:45 a.m., Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. The fire was caused when re-enactors started a cooking fire as a teaching demonstration. The flames got out of control and burned the thatched roof of the building. Firefighters were able to quickly douse the flames. No injuries were reported. The structure at the 17th Century English village will have to be rebuilt.

As most of you know the DELANO KINDRED contributes to the Plimoth Plantation to support the Francis Cooke house and the re-enactors that play the Cooke family. We hope the house will be quickly rebuilt.



## Some Significant December and January Dates In DELANO History

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

### December

- Dr. Thomas and Rebecca (Alden) Delano's son Jonathan was born in December 1675.
- Rebecca Delano Churchill's son John was born on 20 December 1675.

### January

- Lt. Jonathan and Mercy (Warren) Delano's son Jonathan Jr. was born on 30 January 1680.
- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born on 30 January 1889. His grandfather Captain Warren Delano II died on 17 January 1898.



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