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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 we have included the good news that the IRS has determined the DELANO KINDRED is exempt from Federal income tax thus making contributions to our society tax deductible. Highlights of the 2014 Reunion and Annual Membership Meeting as well as news from our members are provided. Although Philippe de Lanoy missed celebrating the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving with his Uncle Francis Cooke and Cousin John Cooke, we hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family. Those members whose membership expires on 31 December 2014 will shortly be receiving renewal notices. Please complete them and return them as early as you can.

### DELANO KINDRED RECEIVES IRS TAX EXEMPT STATUS

We are pleased to report that the DELANO KINDRED has received the Internal Revenue Service's determination that our Society is now exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code. With this determination contributions to the DELANO KINDRED are tax deductible under section 170 of the Code. This means that donations to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program are tax-deductible.

Work on the application for tax exempt status has been progressing since early 2014 and has been largely the effort of our Treasurer, Cousin **David L. Grinnell**. We offer him our thanks and hearty congratulations for his fine work!

Should you care to make a tax-deductible donation to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program, we have inserted a contribution form in this newsletter. Those members who make donations will receive a letter of thanks stating that their donation is tax-exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code by the end of the calendar year for their personal income tax purposes.

It should be noted that although donations to the Society's Contribution Program are tax-deductible, membership dues are not tax-deductible.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS TO BE MAILED

At the end of October Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** will be mailing out membership renewal forms to those members whose DELANO KINDRED membership expires on 31 December 2014. If you have received

a renewal form please take time to return complete and return it to Cousin Carolyn with an appropriate check for your membership dues.

You will note that on the form you have the opportunity to include a donation to a DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program of your choice which will further the Charitable, Educational or Memorialization purposes of our Society. Now these donations ARE tax deductible, but membership dues are NOT tax deductible.

It would be helpful if you could return your renewal form before the end of the year so that we will know who will be receiving the first newsletter in 2015. Those members who do not receive a renewal form are those whose membership continues through 2015.

## **THE 2014 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The 2014 Annual Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, 14 June 2014 in a conference room at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn, South Portland Maine. President Muriel Cushing called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There was a quorum of over 30 registered, voting members present. The proposed agenda was approved.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

Secretary, Margaret Delano read the minutes of the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting which were approved.

Treasurer's Finance Committee and Auditor's Reports

Paula Delano, chair of the Finance Committee presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the Membership. Paula then presented the FY 14-15 Proposed Operation Budget included in the Annual Meeting announcement letter. After some discussion the Membership approved the budget with the proviso that additional funds for the DELANO KINDRED website may need to be budgeted as will be discussed under new business.

George DeLano discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY13-14 Audit Report due to be out shortly and pointed out that Final FY 13-14 Audit Report will be available later since the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the Fiscal Year ended on 30 May—2 weeks previously.

Elections

The report of the Nominating Committee for Seven Board of Directors, for two years, and one member of the Nominating Committee for three years were presented. There being no nominations from the floor the following members were elected by a voice vote in accordance with the bylaws—Members of the Board: Mary Bertschmann, Elizabeth Clarke, Paula Delano, Jeanie McLaren, Donald Platt, Terri Sorensen and Richard Wolf; Nominating Committee: William G. Delano.

Committee Reports

Muriel Cushing briefly discussed the President's Report including the need for volunteers in the Gravestone Project, the latest DFIP submitted to the Mayflower Society for publication and the proposal submitted to the U.S. stamp committee for a stamp to commemorate the arrival of the *Fortune* on its quadricentennial anniversary in 2021.

Carolyn Clarke discussed the highlights of the Membership Report including that our membership was higher in early June than last year at that time and that 32 members have joined since the 2013 Reunion in San Antonio. She noted while membership is decreasing in Massachusetts, Virginia and Michigan (some of the states with the most members), membership has increased every year in California and Texas.

Terry Delano discussed the Contact Committee Report and Web Site Report. He noted that numerous contacts have been received this year via the web site. Several difficult genealogical questions were referred to Muriel Cushing for additional research information. The fact that we do not currently take credit cards makes it difficult for those who live out of country and those who prefer to use this method of payment. He reported that the web site is up and running with a public section and a private section. The private section is open only to those members in good standing. The private section contains among other things our newsletters and the Warren Delano III photo album. Terry also stated that some method

to accept credit cards on-line is being investigated and that efforts to get the GHAHD on-line are ongoing.

George DeLano discussed the work in contacting Dr. Bangs in doing research in the Leiden Archive concerning the Du Bu family (the family of the Philippe's paternal grandmother). He also mentioned that the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation is now recognized by the United States as being similar in many respects to a U.S. 501 (c) (3) organization. He noted that portions of the Educational Committee Projects had been reported by Terry Delano (Educational Web Site) and Muriel Cushing (DNA). He reported that the Educational Newsletter Committee published three *Bonnes Nouvelles* and two Reunion newsletters—about the 2013 and the 2014 Reunions. 1201 newsletter copies plus 251 membership directories were bulk rate mailed during the year.

New Business

Membership Data Base

Carolyn Clarke, who has been in charge of membership since 2003, wishes to be relieved of these duties. She has graciously agreed to continue with these duties until a replacement can be found. Currently, the membership data base is maintained using a version of Microsoft's Access software on Carolyn's own computer. It is a daunting challenge for any member to take over the management of this system and so far no one has been willing to take on this task.

It was decided to relocate the membership data base to the DELANO KINDRED web site. The membership authorized an amount of up to \$2000.00 to accomplish this and will result in a SQL (a special-purpose programming language designed for managing data) database.

The ability to accept payment credit card on the web site was considered desirable. There are several systems available to do this. These will be investigated to determine the least expensive, secure system for our web site's use.

Presentation of the Contribution Check to the Plimoth Plantation

Cousin John W. DeLano graciously agreed to present the DELANO KIINDRED check for its annual contribution to the Plimoth Plantation.

2015 Reunion

It was announced that the 2015 Reunion is planned to be held in San Diego. More information will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at about 10:55.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since March 2014

California

**Gary A. DELANO** of Aptos

Connecticut

**Leroy H. Mason** of Concord

Maine

**Pamela W. Mitchell** of Yarmouth

Ohio

**Nancy T. Jaeger** of Cincinnati

Pennsylvania

**Robert F. DELANO Jr.** of Royersford

**Maria S. Donlevie** of Garnet Valley

Washington

**Randy Krauter** of Camas

**Lei Lani M. Paki** of Cam

**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.

## The 2014 REUNION

The 2014 Reunion was held at the Merry Manor Inn located in South Portland during Thursday, 12 June through Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 members attended the outstanding event. We were pleased to find

that registration was held in a “hospitality room” where members could renew acquaintances and meet new friends.



It does rain in Maine, and Friday was no exception. Those members staying at the Merry Manor found the included full “American breakfast” enough to steel themselves against the elements as they went forth discovering what Portland and the surrounding area offered in the way of tourist activities. Some visited the well-known Portland Museum of Art; the “home” of Winslow Homer because of its deep holdings of his works. Some visited one of the many restaurants and micro breweries, located in historic old Portland, while the more adventurous braved the morning mists to travel by ferry to the near islands off shore. Others headed north to nearby Freeport to visit the L.L. Bean headquarters store.

At the Friday afternoon Symposium Cousin **Sanford Delano** spoke about his “Philip Jr.” line of descent through his ancestor Alpheus Delano, who after serving in His Majesty’s Service and posted in Halifax, Nova Scotia, until 1761, joined the Continental Army in 1777. He was at the Battle of Saratoga and then at Valley Forge, rising to the rank of Sergeant. Alpheus’s descendents populated much of Lincoln County, ME, mainly in the towns of Friendship and Warren. Alpheus’s son Christopher has the unique distinction of being the only DELANO known to be hung as a pirate.

Cousin **Terry Delano** discussed various aspects of DNA research which, among other things, could help researchers narrow their genealogical search areas. He pointed out that as a general group our family’s DNA flows from northern Russian European stock.

Cousin **Ren Cushing** discussed the Mayflower and DELANO contributions to the rebuilding of the Francis Cooke house that burned in November 2011. The rebuilt house is being done the same way as the original one, with hand hewn logs held together with wooden pegs and so forth. The lower portion of the house was recently completed in August.

Aspects of the Gravestone Project associated with the “Find a Grave” website were discussed by Cousin **Muriel Cushing**.



At the evening Welcome Buffet, our speaker was the well known Maine storyteller, **John McDonald** who entertained us with Maine humor and historic Maine trivia. He has written several books, the first being *A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar* – which gives you an idea of how some of the stories he told started out.

Saturday morning was devoted to the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting discussed elsewhere. The Saturday afternoon Trolley Lighthouse tour took the riders past many sights in downtown Portland—the docks where the sailing ships docked years ago, past the mansions of the wealthy merchants and sea captains of yore, the Longfellow house, and other significant buildings; before heading to the historic Portland Head lighthouse. There one could see the plaque that included the two DELANO lighthouse keepers names—Barzillai Delano and James Delano (Barzillai's grandson). The trolley then headed south past the four entrances to exclusive DELANO Park neighborhood (where Barzillai's blacksmith shop was located) to Two Lights Park—named for the two lighthouses built 300 yards apart. The lobster bake was quite a feast, featuring lobster pulled from their traps that morning and including a variety of other sea foods, beverages and desert. The Reunion group photo was taken there before the meal.

Sunday, after breakfast, farewells were made before departing.

## **DELANO KINDRED SUPPORT OF THE FRANCIS COOKE HOUSE ON PLIMOTH PLANTATION**

Each year the DELANO KINDRED donates \$300.00 to the Plimoth Plantation, located close by Plymouth, MA, in support of the Francis Cooke house. As most of you know Francis Cooke was Philippe de Lanoy's uncle. He lived there with Uncle Francis and his family after they arrived. It is possible that he helped his Uncle Francis and Cousin John Cooke (who were Mayflower passengers) finish building this house in the very early days of the Pilgrim settlement.

We were pleased that Cousin **John DeLano** living in nearby Halifax, MA consented to present the annual donation. Cousin John was also interviewed by reporter Paul E. Kandarian of the renowned *Boston Globe* newspaper thus giving the DELANO KINDRED significant public coverage in much of the southern New England area. We include Cousin John's article about the presentation and also a portion of Paul E. Kandarian's interview that appeared in the South Edition of the *Boston Globe* Metro Section on 27 July.

### **Plimoth Plantation Receives Donation For The Re-Building Of The Francis Cooke House**

By John W. DeLano

July 19, 2014

**Plymouth, MA** – The Delano Kindred, represented by John W. DeLano, presented its donation to Courtney Roy-Branigan, Director of Development at Plimoth Plantation on July 11, 2014. It was a sunny, beautiful afternoon when John and Joan DeLano of Halifax, MA, met Ms. Roy-Branigan at the Plimoth Plantation Visitor Center.

As they walked towards the site where the Cooke House is being re-built, Ms. Roy-Branigan pointed out the various improvements being made to the Plimoth Plantation facility. When they stepped through the gate of the stockade barrier which surrounds the Pilgrim's village, John mentioned that it was like stepping back to the year

1627. The village is located on a gently, down sloping grade with views of the ocean off to the east. Just a short walk from the gate and down the main road of the village, they arrived at the Francis Cooke house which is still under re-construction.



Standing at the doorway of the Cooke house, John presented the Kindred's check to Courtney. The donation was made to help in the re-building of the Francis Cooke House which caught fire and was heavily damaged on November 19, 2011. The cause of the fire was a chimney fire. The Cooke House is one of the replica homes built in the re-creation of the small farming and maritime 17<sup>th</sup>-Century English Village built by the Pilgrims along the shore of Plymouth Harbor. The village represents the Pilgrims way of life in 1627, seven years after the arrival of the *Mayflower*.



After receiving the donation, Courtney Roy-Branigan showed John and Joan the work in progress. The structural frame work of the house, the thatched roof made with reeds from the salt marsh and some of the outside walls have been completed. The remaining work to be completed consisted of the daubing of the walls with mud and lime mixture and the installation of the clapboard siding.



Philippe de Lanoy, later to be known as Philippe Delano by the colonists, arrived on the *Fortune* in 1621. He was a teenage lad and without family when he arrived. His Uncle Francis Cooke invited Philippe to live in the Cooke's family house until Philippe was able to support himself. Later, Philippe Delano would become an influential person in the Plymouth Colony. Philippe eventually settled in Duxbury where a sign has been erected near the Duxbury High School to commemorate him.

John W. DeLano is a member of the Delano Kindred. He was selected to represent the Delano Kindred while attending the 2014 Delano Kindred Reunion in Portland, ME. John addressed the membership upon being selected and said he was honored to make the presentation of the donation on their behalf.

Courtney Roy-Branigan thanked John and the Delano Kindred for its donation. She remarked that it would help in the completion of the re-building process of the Cooke House. The Cooke House is being re-built using the same materials and methods used by the Pilgrims. Ms. Roy-Branigan noted that all work is done by hand and by craftsmen who are trained in the use of these methods. The work is done during the day where visitors to the Plantation are able to observe the craftsmen while they work.

Returning to the visitor center, John and Joan stopped at the gift shop. Prominently displayed in the bookstore section were the Philip Delano DFIP books by Muriel Curtis Cushing. The store has an extensive inventory of historical literature, Pilgrim themed gifts and souvenirs. John noted that he could stay there for a whole day and not finish perusing all the items in the store.



On saying good-bye to John and Joan, Ms. Roy-Branigan invited them and all Delano Kindred members to attend the official re-opening of the Cooke House. The event is tentatively planned for September 6, 2014. For more information about Plimouth Plantation and a calendar of scheduled events, visit their website at [www.plimouth.org](http://www.plimouth.org).



# Delano name lives on through plantation donation

By Paul E. Kandarian Boston Globe

| JULY 27, 2014



**FAMILY HERITAGE:** In 1621, Philippe de Lanoy came to what would later be called Plymouth aboard the Fortune, which landed a year after the Mayflower and has been relegated to a footnote in the history of the New World.

The teenager lived with his uncle, Francis Cooke, and eventually became an influential person in Plymouth Colony, later settling in an area now known as Duxbury. A sign commemorating him can be found near Duxbury High School.

Various iterations of his surname led to the current Delano, and his name lives on. The Delano Kindred, a genealogical society for the family, recently gave \$300 to Plimoth Plantation to help rebuild the Francis Cooke House there, which was heavily damaged by fire in 2011. It is set to reopen Sept. 6.

“We’re small, with a small budget,” **John W. Delano** of Halifax, who made the presentation to the plantation on behalf of the Delano Kindred, said in a phone interview. “But [plantation marketing director] **Courtney Roy-Branigan** was very gracious and said every donation is important.”

“Just under \$12,000 was raised very quickly through a word-of-mouth social-media campaign,” Roy-Branigan said in an e-mail. “Organizations like the Delano Kindred also helped us out tremendously by sharing their story with their members through their newsletters or online. I was personally touched by the amount of people who mentioned they were descended from the Cooke family or another family whose roots were in early Plymouth Colony and wanted to see this exhibit rebuilt. Every dollar helped get us here.”

The Delano Kindred, with roughly 300 descendants in its membership, meets annually around the country where there are sites of Delano interest. Two years ago, it met in Fairhaven, home to the Delano Homestead B&B, a house built in 1832 by the great-grandfather of America’s 32d president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who spent many vacations and holidays there during his youth.

The Delanos are predominantly in New England, he said, because many were ship captains and settled where the work was. But there are farther-flung members of the family; the most recent Delano Kindred meeting, held in Portland, Maine, had one from Chile, he said.

“I run into them often,” Delano said of meeting distant relatives south of Boston. “When I hear their name I ask what line they’re from. If they’re into genealogy, it means something, but if they’re not, I get some strange looks.”

He clears up the confusion, he said, by explaining where the name, and likely their family history, came from.

Delano will be at the Sept. 6 event, he said, as will other members of the family. The Delano Kindred president may come from Florida for the occasion, he said

“I’m a big supporter of the genealogical society we’re in,” said

Delano, who is also chairman of the Halifax Board of Health.

“We want to know where all the branches are, where all the leaves of the family tree are from.”.....

For more information, visit [www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)

## DELANO GAS STATION IN ROLLA, MISSOURI

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** forwarded a photograph sent by Cousin **Sallie DeLano Miller** of Michigan showing her visit to a DELANO Oil Company, “Station Break” gas station and market in Rolla, Missouri.



In the caption on the photograph, Sallie wrote, “We were traveling from MI to TX to celebrate Christmas with our son in Dallas and stayed in Rolla, Missouri. Lo and behold across the street was this market “DELANO MARKET.”



The DELANO Oil Company’s owner is Jay Delano. The 85 year old company is one of the older oil and gas service companies in Missouri and was founded by Jay’s grandfather, William Jonathan Delano. Jay’s parents, William Jonathan Delano, Jr. and June Kriegman Delano were members of the DELANO KINDRED from 1994 through 1998. Jay’s DELANO descends through the Lt Jonathan branch via Col. Jonathan DeLano, of Akron, New York (DFIP 582ii).

It may be difficult to see the yellow “DELANO” above the “Station Break” on the night-lit sign in Cousin Sallie’s photo so we have included an

older daylight photo of another DELANO Oil Company station located in one of the nearby towns.

### A VISIT TO THE LEIDEN AMERICAN PILGRIM MUSEUM

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** thoughtfully forwarded a letter from Cousin **Josey MacMillan** telling of her visit to the American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden with her husband, Rick, last spring. Although the Museum is somewhat difficult to find if you are not familiar with the narrow streets of old Leiden, the Leiden Tourist Bureau can direct you. It is the only place we know where it is possible to sit in a circa 1400 chair. We are pleased to include excerpts of Cousin Josey’s letter below.

My husband Rick and I just returned from an 8 day tulip bike and boat tour of Holland. We cruised through the canals and rivers of Holland aboard a luxury barge. Each day the barge named Quo Vadis (translated from Latin to Where Are You Going?) stopped at a different location. 24 passengers would disembark and bike 25 miles throughout the beautiful country side and towns. Arriving early in the afternoon at LEIDEN we had free time to visit the city. I immediately sought out the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum and was lucky to find it open and attended by the distinguished Jeremy D. Bangs. Another Mayflower descendent was also visiting the museum so we shared in conversation for about an hour.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to speak with this brilliant historian. As I was leaving I mentioned your name in association with the Delano Kindred, of which I am a member, and he said he knew you, admired your tireless efforts, and that you worked closely with him--sharing your expertise on the Mayflower genealogy and helping to promote the Leiden Pilgrim Museum and other Mayflower Pilgrim ventures.

I wanted to dash this note off to you ASAP. I met you a few years ago at the Delano reunion in the White Mountains of New Hampshire where I reside. I was informed of the Leiden Museum by reading the Mayflower and Delano Kindred Society’s yearly newsletters.

Josey MacMillan





## **FDR's TRIP TO CAPITOL HILL ON DECEMBER 8, 1941**

Earlier this year, Cousin **Muriel Cushing** sent an e-mail copy of this anecdote about FDR's transportation to the Special Session of Congress the day after that "Day of Infamy" in December 1941. We include it here for those members who may not have seen it.

Hours after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was to give his "Day of Infamy" speech to Congress on Monday, 8 December to a Joint Session of Congress, one day after the Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii. Although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents were not sure how to transport him safely. At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750.00, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931. They cleaned it, made sure it was running fine and had it ready for the President the day after.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac, Model 341a Town Sedan, was now the President's Limo, December 1941. And run properly it did. Capone's car was a sight to behold. It had been painted black and green so as to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.

To top it off, the gangster's Cadillac had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7<sup>th</sup> to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. The car was sold at an auction price of \$341,000 in 2012.



We thank Cousin **Muriel Cushing** for sharing this bit of automotive history with us.

## **DEPARTED COUSINS**

### **Victor Delano Capt. USN Retired**

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Cousin Victor Delano who passed away on 25 August 2014 at the age of 94. Victor was born in Washington D.C. on 20 December 1919 to Captain Harvey Delano and Marcia Murdock Delano. Cousin Victor had been a member to the DELANO KINDRED for 15 years—from 1993 through 2008. His line of descent is through Lt Jonathan Delano's son Thomas. He was named after his maternal grandfather Victor Murdock, a Kansas Congressman. His maternal great-grandfather, Marshall Murdock was founding editor of the *Wichita Eagle*.

He attended various schools in Wichita, Washington, D.C. and Newport R. I. and Bullis Prep. School before he entered the Naval Academy in 1937. After being graduated (in an accelerated class due to the impending war) in February 1941, his first shipboard duty, as a junior gunnery officer, was aboard the battleship, USS West Virginia which was anchored in Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941. Victor's experiences on that day are recorded in the US Navy History Museum in Washington D.C. His naval

career included command of three ships, a Mine Squadron and an Amphibious Squadron, as well, as gaining a Masters in Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School. He then was assigned to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to work on atomic weapons effects testing. Upon completing Armed Forces Staff College he was assigned to various staff assignments interspersed with shipboard duty. After serving as Congressional support to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas Moorer, he retired in 1969.

Following his retirement he served as Treasurer of the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* newspaper until the paper was sold. He established the Victor Murdock Foundation, now overseen by the Wichita Community Foundation, which has donated millions of dollars to Wichita: funding the arts, music, college scholarships and other enterprises. He is considered a philanthropist as well as a Pearl Harbor survivor in Wichita.

Victor served in many organizations and foundations as director, officer or trustee, including two foundations in Kansas, four associated with the Navy or the U.S. Naval Academy, as well as the Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Ct, Friends of the National Zoo and the Episcopal Center for Children in Washington D.C. He was an active supporter of Navy sports, particularly football, and was said to have held a season-ticket longer than anyone can remember. In addition, he was President, Chairman and Secretary of his Naval Academy Class of 1941 for many years, contributing his class news to the Alumni magazine for many years.

We remember Victor for his encouragement and help in contacting our Chilean Cousins in 1997 and hosting a small dinner meeting with Juan Pablo Delano Tellechea at the Chevy Chase Golf Club in September of that year (see *Bonnes Nouvelles* #24 & #25).

Victor's wife, Jacqueline Stinson Delano died in 1990. He is survived by his daughter Katherine Delano Jahnig, her husband Frederick Jahnig of Chevy Chase, MD, his son Harvey Delano II of Sacramento, CA, and his grandchildren Leigh Jacqueline Jahnig and Peter Delano Jahnig. We send our sincere condolences to them and to his dear friend and traveling companion, Julie Woods of Baltimore, MD.

## **Charles Richmond Gidley II**

We sadly report the death of one of our longtime members, Cousin Charles (Dick) Gidley of Palm City, Florida. Dick was born in New Bedford, MA in June 1915, the son of Charles R. Gidley and Susan Taber Delano. He was 98 years old when he died on 22 February 2014. His DELANO line of descent is through Lt Jonathan's son Jabez. Jabez's son Jabez (the second) established the line of DELANOs living in Rochester, MA (see Carolyn Clarke's *DELANOS OF OLD ROCHESTER*).

After being graduated from New Bedford High School, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he was on the All New England Lacrosse Team. After he was graduated from MIT, his career, like many of our DELANO descendants, was involved with the sea. In Cousin Dick's case it was focused on the ship repair business; by spending 26 years with the Ship Building Division of Bethlehem Steel Company and then 15 years with the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics.

He was an avid yachtsman and he and his wife, Phyllis, spent many summers cruising the Maine coast. He was Commodore of the North Cove Yacht Club of Old Saybrook, CT, and a member of the Anchor Line Yacht Club of Rio, FL.

Genealogy was among his greater interests. He was a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED joining in 1993, at the age of 78, until his death. He traveled from Florida to more than three Reunions held in the New England area. His extensive research of the Marion, MA, land records contributed significantly to the development of Carolyn Clarke's *DELANOS OF OLD ROCHESTER*. Dick was also a member of the Mayflower Society and volunteered at the LDS Family History Center in Palm City FL and at the Blake Library in Stuart, FL which holds an excellent genealogical section. His other interests included acquiring a HAM radio license when he was in his 80's to assist in his role as member of the

Martin County Emergency Communications and in organizing a Hurricane Emergency Program in the neighborhood community where he lived. He was active in the Stuart, FL, Congregational Church where he served as a Deacon and as president of that church's Men's Club.

Dick was known for kindness and compassion to others. He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Virginia, and his second wife of 34 years, Phyllis, and five sisters, Virginia Luckraft, Fannie Brown, Ruth Gibbs, Alice Perkins and Daughter Budds. He is survived by his children, Abigail Delano, Charles R Gidley III, and Debora Alden: two step-children, Brian Sousa and Karen Sousa, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. We send our sympathies to his family.

## **SOME SIGNIFICANT NOVEMBER-DECEMBER DATES IN DELANO HISTORY**

The days of November include some that are significant to our DELANO history. We have listed a few as a reminder of this important month.

On **6 November** marked the 411<sup>th</sup> 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**, 332 years ago in 1682, Jabez Delano (DFIP 29) was born to Lt. Jonathan and Mercy Warren Delano. He was their second son. We saw his gravestone in the Acushnet Queen Ann Cemetery during our 2012 Reunion. It was cleaned and restored as part of the DELANO KINDRED Gravestone Project in 2012.

On **9 November** we will mark the 393<sup>rd</sup> year since the ship FORTUNE carrying Philippe arrived in 1621 off Cape Cod and then later arrived at Plimoth Plantation. The ship arrived just a few weeks after the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving.

On **12 November**, 346 years ago in 1668, Thomas Jr. (DFIP 20) was born to Dr. Thomas and Rebecca Alden Delano. He was their second son.

On **29 November** in 1656 Mary Delano, (DFIP 2) the oldest daughter of Philippe de Lanoy married Jonathan Dunham.

On **20 December** in 1691 John Churchill Jr. (DFIP 38) was born to Rebecca Delano (DFIP 8) who married John Churchill

On **25 December** in 1620 the Pilgrims observed Christmas aboard the MAYFLOWER while the able-bodied men spent the day on shore felling trees and preparing the timber to build a platform for the ordinance to protect the plantation site and the harbor.





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