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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

This issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* provides the information about the 2018 DELANO KINDRED Reunion and Annual Meeting in Fairhaven Massachusetts. Also included is an analysis about Lt Jonathan DELANO's lands and will. A transcript of his 1720 will is provided for comparison. Updated information about the DELANOs of Scoticut Neck is provided as well as other articles of interest.



2018 Reunion and Annual Meeting

The 2018 Reunion and Annual Meeting will be held in Fairhaven, MA, on Wednesday, June 13th and Thursday June 14th. We are returning to Fairhaven and focusing on the old DELANO families of the Fairhaven area, the DELANO families living on Scoticut Neck and the West family for which West Island is named, Philippe's uncle John Cooke, and of course Warren Delano and his family. The Reunion is being held in mid-week to take advantage of available facilities and to keep the cost down for everyone. The planned events will be scheduled at two locations.

Wednesday, 13 June 2:00 PM to 7:30 PM Registration and the Educational Symposium with Speakers at the beautiful Millicent Library on Center Street in Fairhaven.

Thursday, 14 June 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Late Registration and the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting which will be followed by:

5:30 PM to 9:00 PM Social Hour and Buffet Dinner

We have inserted directions to both of these events in this newsletter.

A number of rooms have been blocked at the Fairhaven Hampton Inn, if you wish to stay there. The block is good until 13 May. Please see the details at the top of page 1 of the Reunion Registration form inserted in this newsletter.

Although there will be no formal "tour", a number of suggested places to see that have a DELANO connection, will be provided.

This should be a very interesting and informative Reunion. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Members

We are pleased to greet our members who have joined our society since June 2017.

Florida **Reynolds P. Cushing** of Punta Gorda

Tennessee **Lisa, David, Charles, & Elizabeth Williams** of Nashville

United Kingdom Col. **William Pemble Owen English CBE & Frances English** of Maidstone, Kent

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.

An Analysis of

Lt Jonathan DELANO's Lands in Old Dartmouth and Will

In this article we attempt to show how the act of Philippe de Lanoy (later known as Philip Delanoy) becoming a "Purchaser" in 1626 resulted in Lt Jonathan (DFIP 7) inheriting Philippe's share of land in Dartmouth and then becoming a "Proprietor" and receiving a share of the 1694 Land Division in Dartmouth by 1694. Lt Jonathan bequeathed his property to his wife Mercy (Warren) Delano, his children and two of his grandchildren. Although we have included a transcript of his will and codicil as well as his inventory, we try to better clarify it in this analysis.

How Lt Jonathan Obtained His Lands

The 1626 Purchase of Plimoth Plantation

England was familiar with the North American coast since the explorations of Bartholomew Gosnold had visited the Cape Cod and Buzzards Bay area in 1602. In 1620 a group of about 70 English businessmen, called "Adventurers", agreed to buy shares in an enterprise to transport a group of settlers (which included the Leiden Pilgrims and Strangers) to New England. By investing in this enterprise the Adventurers hoped to obtain significant profits. Over the next six years the Adventurers were discouraged over lack of profit in this enterprise. Many sold out their shares at a loss and the number of Adventurers dwindled to about 40.

On 26 October 1626 Isaac Allerton, as agent of the "Planters" of Plymouth Colony negotiated, in England, an agreement with the Adventurers; whereby the Adventurers sold for the price of 1800 pounds sterling all the "said stocks, shares, land, merchandise, and chattels" belonging to the Adventurers to the Planters. The Planters would later be known as the "Purchasers". This agreement was known as The 1626 Purchase. The names of 58 Purchasers, 53 from Plymouth Colony and 5 London men are listed in the Plymouth Colony Records¹. The list includes our ancestor, Phillip Delanoy. At that time the price of a Purchase share was a little over 31 pounds sterling. Referring to the Purchasers, Stratton states "these people were privileged above all others in future land grants in the colony"².

The 1652 Land Purchase of Dartmouth

The 1652 Land Purchase of Dartmouth was probably the largest purchase by the Plymouth Colony. The land which was purchased from the Wampanoag Indians included many of the towns in the southern part of today's Bristol County in Massachusetts. 34 of the original 53 1626 Purchasers living in the Colony shared this land³. It was estimated that each share

¹ PCR 2:177

² Stratton, Eugene Aubrey, *Plymouth Colony, Its History & Its People 1620-1691, Appendix F pp 419-420*

³ PCR 2:107

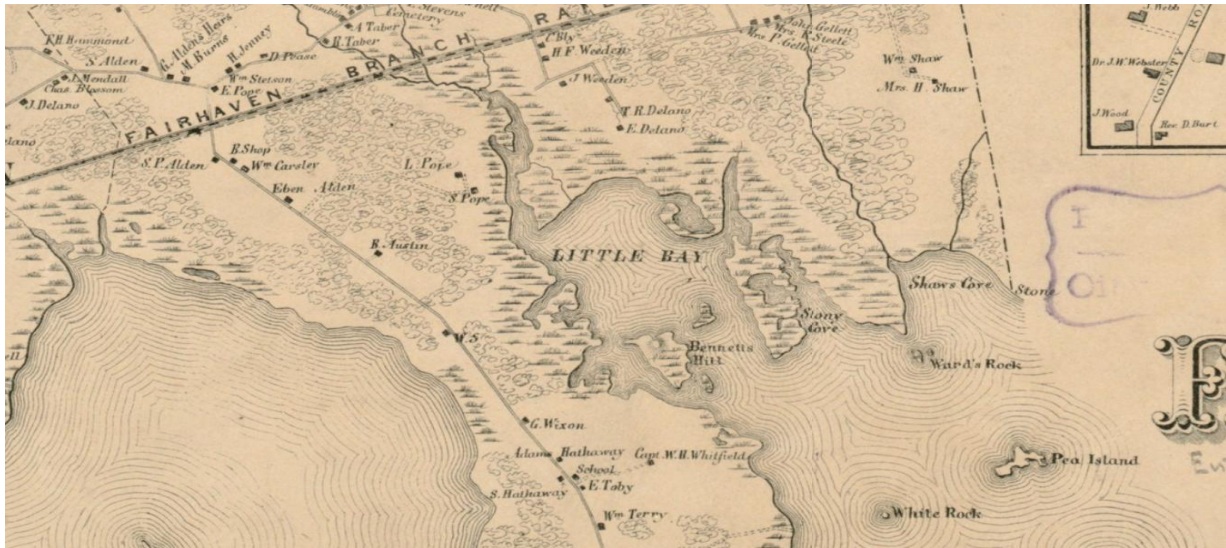
amounted to approximately 3200 acres. Philip “Delanoye”, then 50 years old, received one whole share and thus became a “Proprietor” of this land division.

The 1694 Land Division

Later, Philip must have given this share of the Dartmouth Land Purchase to his son Lt. Jonathan, because Lt Jonathan’s name appeared later on lists of these Proprietors in the 1694 Land Division signed by Governor Bradford on 13 November 1694. At that time Lt Jonathan was 47 years old. His share in this division was 800 acres so he had accumulated about 4000 acres through these two land divisions. This may likely be the reason that Lt. Jonathan is not mentioned in the August 22, 1681 memorandum serving as his father’s will.

Lt Jonathan’s Will

Lt. Jonathan’s will was dated 17 December 1720, eleven days before his death, and his codicil dated 22 December 1720. The inventory of all his property, taken on 30 January 1721, tells us some details about his various lands in Dartmouth, but it does not tell us where his homestead containing his dwelling house and barn were specifically located.



By 1663 it is said he had “settled” near the Nasketucket River (often referred to as the “Tusket” River) which empties into Little Bay on the eastern side of Sconticut Neck. If the year, 1663, is correct, Lt Jonathan would have been 16 years old. He may have come to Dartmouth with his second cousin John Cooke and his family in 1662. He likely built a “lean-to” on the property to start his “settlement” in this area. Although “he is said to have built a mill on the “Tusket”



River about that time”⁴; it must have been a considerable time later. Although most of the Delanos settled in Fairhaven village, maps dated (in 1855 & 1871) note “E. Delano” and “T. R. Delano” as homesteaders along what looks to be Weeden Road. Primarily the East Fairhaven area at this time was used for farming. The large marsh next to the Nasketucket River was called the “moorlands”.⁵

The area along Weeden Road and the mouth of the Nasketucket River as well as these Delano homesteads (shown in the second map -- a section of the 1855 map of Fairhaven) . Note that a Grist Mill is shown at top of this map. At this time it is not known if this is the site of Lt. Jonathan’s mill or if this mill pond existed well over a hundred years before 1855. Note also that the Fairhaven Branch of the Old Colony Railroad may have passed through or near Lt. Jonathan’s property.

Lt Jonathan’s land holdings were spread over much of Dartmouth including areas in Sconticut Neck, as well as the White Cedar Swamp, believed to be north of the New Bedford Regional Airport.

Information from His Will and About His Heirs

We have attempted to consolidate the heirs’ holdings and the responsibilities of his son Nathaniel Delano who was the will’s executor. We also have included the DIFP family numbers and in the case of Lt. Jonathan’s wife, Mercy Warren, her Warren family number. We have also tried to use the current spelling of the wording of the will. We have included a transcript of Lt Jonathan’s will elsewhere in this issue for comparison.

His wife Mercy Warren (Warren MFIP 42)⁶: Mercy (Warren) Delano was a granddaughter of Richard Warren who came to the Plimoth Plantation on the Mayflower in 1620. She was born in Plymouth on 20 February 1657 and married Lt Jonathan in Dartmouth 28 February 1677/8. She was 63 years old at the time of Lt. Jonathan’s death. She received the best feather bed and furniture, two cows, ten sheep and one mare colt, “the eastern fire room with the half chamber over it” and half the lean-to and the cellar belonging to it “during her widowhood”. She also received all of Lt Jonathan’s “household goods” that are not disposed to other heirs in the will.

His son Jonathan (DFIP 28)⁷: Jonathan was 40 years old when his father died. From his will it appears that his son owned a “homestead” next to Lt. Jonathan. However according to the DFIP after Jonathan and Amy Hatch (the daughter of Joseph and Amy Hatch) were married in 1704) they lived in New Bedford where the first of their nine children were born. In 1722 they moved to Tolland, CT where Amy’s two brothers and other relatives had settled. He received “twenty shillings...together with what I have already given” him. It is possible the son Jonathan disposed of his land holdings in Dartmouth when he moved to Tolland.

His son Jabez (DFIP 29)⁸: Jabez was 38 years old when his father died. He was a carpenter and lived elsewhere in Dartmouth plying his trade. He married first a cousin Mary (DFIP 6 iii)⁹ daughter of John Delano (DFIP 6) and Mary Weston. Mary died in Dartmouth in 28 April 1715. Mary was the first descendant of Philip de Lanoy to be buried in the Queen Ann cemetery in

⁴ Richard, Christopher J. ,Director of the Fairhaven Tourist Bureau, *History of Fairhaven: Chronology of the 1600’s* copyright 2003,2013

⁵ Hemingway, Natalie L., Fairhaven MA, East Fairhaven, Nasketucket History, Book Two, copyright 2010

⁶ Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, & Janice A Beebe and Others, *Richard Warren of the MAYFLOWER*, 5TH Ed. GSMD 1995 pp 36-37

⁷ Cushing, Muriel Curtis, *Philip Delano of the “FORTUNE” 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations*, GSMD 1999, pp 27-28

⁸ Ibid pp 28-29

⁹ Ibid pp 7-8

Acushnet. Her husband, Jabez, and Lt Jonathan, are buried next to her. In 1716, Jabez married 2nd Hannah Peckham. Jabez also received “twenty shillings...together with what I have already given” him. Please see the Editor’s note concerning the 1714 surveys at the end of this article.

His daughter Mercy (DFIP 30)¹⁰: Mercy married Joseph Hatch (the son of Joseph and Amy Hatch). They lived in Tolland, CT where she died in 1734. Mercy likewise received “twenty shillings...together with what I have already given” her.

His son Nathan (DFIP 31)¹¹: died before 27 June 1720 so he is not mentioned in Lt Jonathan’s will. Nathan married Elizabeth Miller who later married Seth Howland in Middleboro after Nathan’s death.

His daughter Susannah (DFIP 32)¹²: died in 1718/9 in Tolland, CT and is not mentioned in Lt Jonathan’s will. She married Ebenezer Nye who later married Sarah Newcomb after Susannah’s death.

His son Nathaniel (DFIP 33)¹³: Nathaniel, then 25 years old, is named as the Executor of Lt. Jonathan’s will. He married Elizabeth Durfee (the daughter of Robert and Mary Durfee) in Freetown, MA in 1721.

As Executor Nathaniel was directed to:

- Provide his mother with properly cut fire wood “convenient for her use” throughout the year
- Provide assistance required for her cows and horse
- Provide 40 shillings a year to his mother, during her widowhood, and 40 shillings a year to her for each of his two brothers, Jethro and Thomas, until they come 21 years of age
- If Jethro and Thomas continue to live with their mother until they come of age, pay each of them when they come of age one pair of 4 year old Steers and one cow each
- Give one cow and 10 sheep to Lt Jonathan’s granddaughters Meribah Delano and Susana Nye when they are 18 years old
- Give six sheep to the maid Jerusha Bateman when she is 18 years old and is serving his mother Mercy
- Use, profit and improve all upland and marsh meadow given to Jethro and Thomas in the will until they are 21 years old, but that he will sell no more than 50 cord of wood from each of the upland property.

Nathaniel received the following lands (estimated from the will description):

- That part of the Lt Jonathan’s homestead north of the line running 250 degrees SW from Lt. Jonathan’s son’s homestead’s SW corner.
- 3.73 acres of marsh meadow lying at the foot of the homestead
- Lt Jonathan’s lot of land on Sconticut Neck
- One third part of Lt. Jonathan’s share of the Cedar Swamp (thought to be north of the New Bedford Regional Airport)
- One third of all Lt Jonathan’s undivided land within Dartmouth
- He receives Lt. Jonathan’s best gun and one feather bed and bedding
- All the remainder of Lt. Jonathan’s estate not disposed of in the will

His unmarried daughter Esther¹⁴: She was 22 years old when Lt Jonathan died.

- One feather bed and bolster

¹⁰ Ibid pp 29-30

¹¹ Ibid pp 30-31

¹² Ibid pp 31-32

¹³ Ibid pp 32-33

¹⁴ Ibid p 9

- One coverlid, two blankets, one pair of sheets.
- Two cows to be delivered by my Executor in 1724
- 15 pounds by my sons Nathaniel, Jethro and Thomas (viz. “5 pounds each”) on 1727

His son Jethro (DFIP 34)¹⁵: Jethro was 19 years old when Lt Jonathan died.

- The southern part of my homestead beginning at the lower end of Newman’s Neck and running north to the southern boundary of the homestead and the land not given to Nathaniel and Thomas.
- Lt Jonathan’s parcel of land on the western side of Newman’s Neck amounting to and estimated 2 acres and 77 rods.
- Half of the remaining portion of my lands (upland or Cedar Swamp)
- Continue to live with his mother until he comes of age and to help Nathaniel pay debts and legacies as he is ordered to pay out

His son Thomas (DFIP 35)¹⁶: Thomas was 16 years old at the time of Lt. Jonathan’s death.

- The remaining part of Lt. Jonathan’s homestead
- Lt Jonathan’s parcel of marsh in the “great meadow” (that was probably north of Acushnet and New Bedford)
- The remaining quarter part of the five acres given to Nathaniel
- Half of the remaining portion of my lands (upland or Cedar Swamp)
- Right of passage through lands given to Nathaniel and Jethro as required
- One feather bed when becomes of age
- One gun
- Continue to live with his mother until he comes of age and to help Nathaniel pay debts and legacies as he is ordered to pay out

His granddaughter Meribah Delano (DFIP 141)¹⁷: Meribah was 11 years old at the time Lt Jonathan died in 1720 which was the same year her father Nathan Delano died. She probably was living with her mother and step-father Seth Howland.

- One cow and 10 sheep when she is 18 years old

His granddaughter Susanna Nye (DFIP 142)¹⁸: Susanna was 2 years old when Lt Jonathan died. Her mother died in the year she was born and she was probably living with her step-mother Sarah Newcomb and her father Ebenezer Nye.

- One cow and 10 sheep when she is 18 years old

His maid Jerusha Bateman:

- 6 sheep, if she continues to serve his wife Mercy, to be delivered when she is 18 years old by the Executor

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Editor has found eleven 1714 land surveys of Jabez and Jonathan Delano. These surveys are in written script and have yet to be transcribed.

¹⁵ Ibid p 33

¹⁶ Ibid pp 33-34

¹⁷ Ibid pp118-119

¹⁸ Ibid pp 119-120

Transcript of The Will and Inventory of Lt Jonathan Delano ¹⁹

We have included a transcript of Lt Jonathan Delano's original will. As noted, in the footnote below, the Bristol County Vital Records Office stated the original will was "badly broken and took some work to provide this transcript. We are not sure when this transcript was made. You will note that it uses the original spelling and abbreviations of that day. You will frequently see the abbreviation "sd" which means "said".

[Jonathan Delano's Will From original will]

"Jonathan Delano of Dartmouth yeoman" made his will 17 December, 1720. Bequests were as follows:

To "**Mercy my wife** . my best feather bed with all the furniture belonging to it and two Cowes" also "the Eastermost fire room of my dwelling house with half the chamber over it and half the lentoo and celer belonging to it during her widowhood" also "ten sheep"

To "**my son Nathaniel Delano** (whom I likewise make my exector) that part of my homsted whereon my dwelling house and Barn stands to be divided from the remaining part of my Homsted by a line to begin at a heap of stones the southwesterly Corner bound of my son Jonathan Delanos Homsted and to run west twenty degrees southerly across my land : with three quarter of that percel of marsh meadow at the foot thereof that lies for five acres and to be the Easterly part thereof I also give Unto him my lot of land lying in Sconticut neck with one third part of my right in ceader Swamps and one third part of all my right in the undivided lands within sd Dartmouth I also give him my best gun"

To "**my son Jethro Delano** the souther part of my Homsted to begin at lower end of the neck called Newlands Neck and to extend Northerly till it comes to the pine tree bound mentioned for a bound in the survey of sd homsted and from sd pine tree to extend still northerly in the line of sd homsted sixty foure rods and from thence to be divided from that part hereafter given to my son thomas Delano by a west line to run across [to the other side of said homsted I allso*] give to my Sd son Jethro my lot or percel of meadow Scituate on the westward side of Newlands neck aforsd containing by estimation two acres and seventy seven rods"

To "**my son Thomas Delano** all the remaining part of my homsted with my lot or percel of marsh meadow scituat in the great meadow containing by estimation one acre and one hundred and fifty seven rods, also the remaining quarter part of that five acres whereof the other three quarters is above given to my son Nathaniel"

"I give all the rest of my lands whether upland or cedar Swamp divided and undivided not above disposed of to **my sons Jethro Delano and Thomas Delano** to be equally divided between them"

¹⁹ Note from the Bristol County, MA Vital Records Office: "The original will, codicil, inventory, receipt of the widow, and executor's bond are still preserved in the files of the Bristol County, Mass., Registry of Probate; but the will is badly broken, and it has been necessary to complete our transcript from the record. We here present exhaustive abstracts of all records, and original documents on file, relating to the settlement of the estate. This article has been prepared at the expense of Mrs. Robert M. Fairleigh, of Hopkinsville, Ky., a descendant of Jonathan and Mercy (Warren) Delano, through their son, Jonathan Delano, Jr., of Dartmouth, Mass., and Tolland, Conn."

"**my son Thomas Delano** Shall have liberty to to pass and repass through the lands above given to my sons Nathaniel and Jethro to the meadows above given to him as ocasion may require".

To "**my two sons Jonathan Delano and Jabez Delano** each twenty Shillings together with what I have already given them"

To "**my Daughter Esther Delano** one feather Bed and bolster and one Coverlid two blankits and one pair of Sheets" also "two Cows to be delivered [unto her*] by my executor four years after my decease" also "fifteen pounds in money to be paid to her at the expiration of seven years after my decease by my three sons (viz) Nathaniel Delano Jethro Delano and Thomas Delano (that is to say) each of them to pay the sum of five pounds"

To "**my daughter Mercy Hatchf** twenty shillings together with what I have already given her"

To "**my Grandaughter Meribah Delano** one Cow and ten Sheep to be paid by my executor when she comes to the age of eighteen years"

To "**my Grandaughter Susana Nye** one cow and ten sheep to be paid by my executor when se attains to the age of eighteen years"

To "**my maid Jerusha Bateson** six sheep to be delivered to her by my executor when She comes to the age of eighteen years if She continues to serve my wife or if Shee decease with my executor till then"

To "**my son Nathaniel Delano** one feather bed and bedding"

To "**my sons Jethro delano and Thomas Delano** each one feather bed and bedding to be delivered to them as they come to the age of twenty one years and I give to my Sd Son Thomas one gun"

"it is my will that my Sd Sons Jethro and Thomas shall Continue with there mother and there Brother nathaniel until they come to the age of twenty one years in order to help there sd brother to pay such debts and legasies as he is hereby ordered to pay out and if they so Continue my executor shall pay unto each of them one pair of Steers Steers of four year old and one Cow as they Come to the age of twenty one years"

To "**my sd wife all my household goods** except what is before disposed of", also "one mair colt"

"**my sd son Nathaniel** Shall find his mother with fire wood all the year round cut fit for the fire Convenient for her use during her widowhood and dureing sd time shall find her keeping and what tendance the season may require for two cows and one horse kind"

"**my three sons namly Nathaniel Delano Jethro delano and Thomas Delano** Shall pay to their mother each the Sum of fourty Shillings a year during her widowhood in such provition

• The words in brackets are supplied from the record.²⁰

As She Shal need and that **my sd son Nathaniel** Shall pay the sd sum of fourty Shillings a year for each of his sd brothers untill they come to the age of twenty one years"

"I give all the remander of my estate of what kind soever to **my Sd Son Nathaniel Delano**"

The witnesses were Bartholomew West, Thomas Pope and Thomas Taber, Jr.

On 6 March, 1720/21, Thomas Taber, Jr. and Thomas Pope made oath, that they, with Bartholomew West, witnessed the will. [Also recorded, 3: 707.]

[From original codicil]

On 22 December, 1720, Jonathan Delano added a **codicil** to his will, as follows: "I . . . give unto **my son Nathaniel Delano** the use profit and improvement of all the upland and Marsh meadow in my sd last will given to my two sons **Jethro delano** and **Thomas Delano** untill they each

²⁰ See IMano-Spooner note, on page 192. Bristol County, MA Vital Records Office

attain to the age of twenty one years only it is my will that he Shall not make Sale of above fifty Cord of wood from each of their parts of upland above sd:"

The codicil was witnessed by Thomas Pope, Sara Jenne and Thomas Taber, Jr. On 6 March, 1720/21, Thomas Taber, Jr. and Thomas Pope made oath that they, with Sara Jenne, witnessed the will. [Also recorded, 3: 709.]

[3:707] The will was probated 6 March, 1720/21, and administration granted to Nathaniel Delano, the executor named.

[From the original document]

The inventory was taken, at Dartmouth, 30 January, 1720/21, by Philip Taber, Stephen West, Jr., and Thomas Taber, Jr. The real estate was as follows: "his Homestead" £950; "Salt marsh meadow" £95; "41 acers and § of land" £125; "a lot of land in Sconticut neck" £45; "a cedar Swamp lot and undivided land" £25. The total amount of the inventory was £1630, 16s. Nathaniel Delano, executor, made oath to the inventory, 6 March, 1720/21. [Also recorded, 3:710.]

[From original document] On 1 March, 1720/21, "Mercy Delano widow and Relict of Jonathan Delano late of Dartmouth deceased" certified that she was "Satisfied with what my Husband has ordered for me by his last will and Shal accept thereof in lew of my right of thirds" . Mercy signed by a mark. Thomas Taber, Jr. was the only witness. [Also recorded, 3:710.]

[From unrecorded bond]

On 6 March, 1720/21, Nathaniel Delano of Dartmouth, as executor, with Thomas Taber, Jr. and Thomas Pope, both of Dartmouth, as sureties, gave a bond for £1000. The witnesses were John Cary and John Gary, Jr.

Don't Forget the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program for 2018

As we start the new calendar year we hope you will consider making a contribution to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program as part of your charitable giving for 2018. If each DELANO KINDRED member gave \$11.98 (the average price of two McDonald's "Big Mac-Meals") the total contributions would be \$2827.28. Surely your Family Society is worth a charitable donation close to the price of two "Big Mac-Meals".

All charitable donations to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program are tax deductible and greatly appreciated by your Board of Directors. We have inserted a copy of the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Form in this issue for your convenience. Please note that it lists the various projects (Memorialization, Charitable and Educational) that make up our Contribution Program that are in keeping with our organized purpose as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt corporation.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Robert Barnes Delano

We sadly report the passing of Cousin **Robert Barnes Delano** of Warsaw, Virginia on 5 December 2017 at the age of 93. Cousin Robert was the founding Vice President of the DELANO KINDRED when it organized in 1991 through 1997. He had been a steadfast member of our Society until his death.

Robert was born on 8 July 1924 at Welford's Wharf in Richmond County of the "Northern Neck" of Virginia. He was graduated from Warsaw High School in 1941. He attended Virginia Tech University and upon being graduated in 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Army Calvary and served in the China-India-Burma area during WW II.

Following the war he served as an assistant county agent for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service in three counties in central Virginia. In 1947 he assumed the management of his ancestral farm, Level Green, becoming a dairy farmer and later a grain farmer. Robert always supported the interests and lives of the nation's farmers and this interest started a long and distinguished career in farm organizations. In 1955 he helped organize the Richmond County Farm Bureau and from 1959 to 1980 he served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and its eight affiliates. He served as its

President from 1962 to 1980. In 1967 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau (AFBF), then served as its Vice President and then, in 1980, served as its President for six years. At that time the AFBF was the world's largest agricultural association representing 3.3 million farm families.

During his distinguished agricultural career Robert held many distinctive and honorary positions. He served on the Virginia Tech University Board of Visitors from 1984 to 1998. He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1985 and received the University's Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 2002. In the same year he was inducted into the Virginia Tech William Preston Society and served as the Society's President from 2008 to 2010.

Additionally, Robert made significant contributions to his state and community in which he lived. He served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Neck State Bank. He was a deacon, Sunday school teacher and a life-long member of the Warsaw Baptist Church.

Robert's DELANO KINDRED line of descent is through the Dr. Thomas branch of our family and like most of the Delano's of Northern Neck is related through the costal mariner, Captain George Delano who sailed south from Massachusetts to Virginia's coast along the Chesapeake Bay.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Delano Gouldin, and husband, Richard W. Gouldin, Jr., of Warsaw, his son, Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr., and wife, Mary Ann Delano, of Richmond, four grandsons, Richard Gouldin (Ellyn), Walton Gouldin (Katie), Philip Delano and John Delano and a great-grandson, Nicholas Anthony Gouldin. He was predeceased by his devoted wife of 67 years, Martha Webb Delano, his parents, Randolph O. Delano and Bernice Barnes Delano, and his brother, Marion W. Delano. We are thankful for Cousin Robert's interest and efforts on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED and extend our sincere condolences to Susan D. Gouldin's and Robert B. Delano Jr.'s families.

James D. DuMont

James D. DuMont of Grand Ledge, Michigan passed away on 5 December 2017 at the age of 57.

He was a 5th generation descendant of pioneer William Smith DeLano of Cooper Center Michigan. William S. DeLano came to Cooper in 1837. James is survived by his wife of over 20 years, Cheryl L. (Moyer), three children, a grandson and seven great grand children along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Thanks to Our Members

Who Supported the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program in 2017

The Board of Directors of the DELANO KINDRED Inc. wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals who donated to the various funds of the Kindred during the year 2017. Their donations totaled of \$3,444.00 to the following designated funds:

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George B. DeLano	Stephen Lyons	James Sager
George T. Delano	Bonnie MacDonald	Linda Schumacher
George T. Delano III	Joseph MacMillian	Mary Sholkovitz
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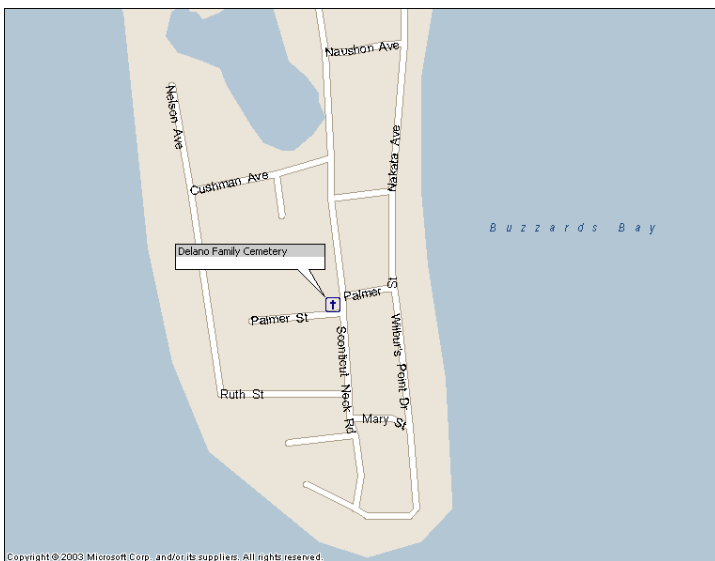
Early DELANO Settlers of Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven, MA (updated)

The 2018 Reunion at Fairhaven includes plans for a Reunion buffet dinner at the West Island Improvement Association building located on Sconticut Neck at the causeway road to West Island. This affords the opportunity for attending members to visit early DELANO property sites on the Neck. In the November-December issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* (NL #73) we included an article about the small DELANO cemetery on Sconticut Neck, mentioned by Cousin **Toney Hopkins**, and a history of the Neck written by Mable L. Potter in 1943.²¹ Potter's interesting history mentions the DELANOs who owned property on the Neck. It does have some errors as it names Lt Jonathan Delano's son Thomas (DFIP 35) as Joshua and confuses a Lemuel Delano, as the son of Jethro Delano (DFIP 34) and Elizabeth Pope. This son was Ruben Delano (DFIP 154). Your editor also made an error in the NL #83 article stating that West Island was west of Sconticut Neck when it actually is east of the Neck. West Island (originally known as Mackatan Island) was renamed for Stephen West whose lands included this island.

To sort out which of Lt Jonathan's sons and grandsons owned land on the Neck one would have to review the will of Lt. Jonathan. Initially the his lands on Sconticut Neck were given to his son and will executor Nathaniel (DFIP 33) but, were apparently later divided with his brothers Jethro (DFIP 34) and Thomas (DFIP 35). Jethro's sons Nathan (DFIP 153), Ruben (DFIP 154) and Joshua (DFIP 157) were given lands on the Neck. In addition, Joshua purchased additional Neck farmland from William Kempton. This land was divided and his sons Joshua Jr. (DFIP 630) and Jethro (DFIP 631) were given parts of it.

The lands inherited by Joshua Jr. included "the burying place". According to Mable Potter's History of the Neck this cemetery is the burial spot for Joshua's wife, Eunice (Ellis) Delano and his daughter, who was probably Patience (the widow of Frederick Plummer Stevens).

According to the photo there is also a small gravestone which may be the remains of daughter Jane who died after living only one year. **This small cemetery bordered by a stone wall is located at the corner of Sconticut Neck Road and Palmer Street, on the right as you drive south on the Neck and is located on the attached map.**



Delano Cemetery 1986: Sconticut Neck: Fairhaven

²¹ Potter, Mable L. "History of Sconticut Neck", Millicent Library, Fairhaven, MA (available on the Internet)



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