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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

This issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* provides the information about results of the 2018 DELANO KINDRED Reunion and Annual Meeting in Fairhaven Massachusetts. Also included is an updated and corrected article about Lt Jonathan DELANO's lands and wills. Also included is information about the planned venues for the 2019 and 2020 DELANO KINDRED Reunions.

### The 2018 Reunion

Thanks to the advanced planning by Cousin **Cathy DELANO** the 2018 DELANO KINDRED Reunion was one of the most informative affairs in many years. Over 50 people including three of our speakers attended many of the functions.

The reunion schedule started at the Millicent Library Auditorium at noon on Wednesday, 13 June, with



attendee registration followed by an overview of DELANO genealogical publications scheduled to be completed in the next few years by Cousin **Muriel Cushing**. Members of the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society then spoke on various topics. Sally M. Aldrich presented an Overview Old Dartmouth Proprietors Records and Extracts from the Proprietors Book of Corporate Records. Richard Gifford discussed the location and history of various DELANO properties and associated deed transactions. Robert Harding spoke about the various DELANOs mentioned in the Old Dartmouth Town Meeting Records. Cousin **George DELANO** briefly discussed the lands Lt Jonathan DELANO “willed” to his heirs.

On Thursday, 14 June, attendees met at the Town Hall for the Reunion Group Picture, which was taken in the Hall’s Auditorium, surrounded by many of the paintings by Elizabeth T. DELANO. We were fortunate to have Chris Richard, the Fairhaven Director of Tourism, as our guide, for the Henry H. Rodgers Walking Tour of Fairhaven, which highlighted many of the buildings Rogers donated to Fairhaven.

During the afternoon, several members toured various sites of interest including, Riverside Cemetery, Lt. Jonathan DELANO’s grave in the Queen Ann Cemetery in nearby Acushnet, as well as the small DELANO cemetery near the south end of Scoticut Neck.

In the evening we met at the West Island Improvement Association Building on West Island for the DELANO KINDRED Annual Membership Meeting, led by President **Terry DELANO**.

During the Social Hour and Buffet



that followed, we were pleased to visit with our “cousins” whom we had not seen for some time and as well as our Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society speakers who also attended. A photo was taken of the attendees at this event. After the buffet dinner we bid farewell to our “cousins” whom we hope to see again at the 2019 Reunion in Hyde Park, New York.

### **The 2018 Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2018 Annual Membership Meeting was held at the West Island Improvement Association Building on 14 June at approximately 4:00 PM. A quorum of over 40 members attended. The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were approved and the Treasurer’s report was received. A summary of the Annual Committee Reports follows:

Finance Committee and Budget Discussion: The DELANO KINDRED ended the Fiscal Year with receipts of \$3,046 less than planned and \$6017 less in expenses than planned. So instead of the projected deficit of \$1591 we ended up with an excess of \$1381. This difference was mostly due to not sending funds to the Leiden American Pilgrim Foundation for work on the Plimoth Colony Land Records. Budget funding plans were directly affected by declining membership, the lack of Merchandise Sales and the 2017 Reunion deficit.

- Membership income was only 70% of the budget goal and there was no income from Merchandise Sales.
- Reunion expenses exceeded income by at least 30% of budget goal expectation. It should be noted that reunions should fund themselves.
- Donations, however, attained 104% of that expected.

The FY 18/19 Budget is basically a balanced budget that will provide an excess of \$616 and takes into account the previous year's reduction in membership. Project expenses remain the same as last Fiscal Year. The Membership approved the proposed FY 18/19 Budget.

Genealogy Report: As Cousin **Muriel Cushing** reported at the Symposium, the seventh and final DFIP will be published shortly by the Mayflower Society. She currently is working on a Mayflower Silver Book for Rebecca Alden who married Dr. Thomas Delano (DFIP 5), so it will include much of the DELANO line. After that she plans to complete the DELANO Silver Book. However, since Philippe de Lanoy did not arrive on the Mayflower the book will not be colored silver. She is considering a green colored cover for the book.

DNA Report: There was no activity in the DNA program this year.

Website Report: The introduction of PayPal invoicing program allows those who plan to attend our Reunions to register and pay on line. Also New Members may now register and pay their dues and initial registration charges on line. In the future it is planned to include the DELANO KINDRED Merchandise Program so that one may order and pay for books, Tee Shirts and other merchandise on line. It is also planned to make the GHAAHD and the Plymouth Colony Records available on the website. This is part of the effort to update and expand the coverage of our family on the website which is normally a new member's first contact with us.

Merchandise Sales Report: The transfer of duties from Cousin **Cindy Prosser** to Cousin **Elizabeth Clark** has been completed. The existing merchandise is now in the custody of Cousin Elizabeth and she is currently inventorying all of it. Funds will be needed to restock some of the items. Postal shipping rates and the cost of shipping boxes have substantially risen. Placing items on a section of the website and making the PayPal invoicing program available will add to purchasing convenience. Plans are being made to include a baseball cap with an embroidered ship FORTUNE and dates on it. Elizabeth would like your ideas on items you would like added to the merchandise that is sold.

Charitable Program: the DELANO KINDRED donated copies of the Plymouth Colony Records Deed Books to the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. They were Volume II, 1651 – 1663 and Volume III, part 1, 1664 – 1671. Since there were no recommendations by our membership of organizations to receive the Reunion Charitable Drawing funds, the Board decided to contribute these funds to the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society (DHAS). A check for \$200.00 was presented to the DHAS by Cousin **Cathy Delano**.

Membership Committee: Our membership continues on a downward slope. 26 members did not renew and those for whom we had email addresses were sent reminders. We received nine new members to bring the net loss to 17 as of the end of April 2017. It is hoped that the addition of the new website membership system which included payment through PayPal will make it easier for members to renew.

Membership Development: Cousin **Dan Platt** reported, by email, that he has not been able to accomplish much in this area. He is willing to share/handoff this area of responsibility and welcomes ideas to help with maintaining and increasing memberships and involvement in our Society.

Educational Committee Report:

- The overview of the Educational Newsletter noted that due to decrease in membership, the total number of member households that receive mailed newsletters has dropped below the postal bulk-rate mailing threshold of 200 items. Since the minimum bulk-rate mailing cost is for 200 items, it results in an increase in mailing cost of each newsletter sent to each household. Efforts will be made during the coming year to find a lower cost solution to decrease these costs. There has not been a significant increase in those members who only obtain their newsletters from the DELANO KINDRED website.
- It was noted that the planned upgrades in the DELANO KINDRED website will required additional funds for professional help. Because the Website is the first contact that potential new members have with our Society, it should be given the highest priority in additional funding. Much of this funding will need to come from donations through the Society's Contribution Program. All members were urged to help in this effort.
- In the European Research program continued efforts will continue to update the story of our DELANO family as funds permit. It was noted that an article entitled "To the Reader" had been added to the GHAAHD area of the website which cites significant errors in the publication. A copy of this article should be place in all copies of the GHAAHD sold in our Merchandise Program. An article entitled "A Significant Date in DELANOY/DELANO History" in the July-August 2017 *Bonnes Nouvelles* (NL #84) updates a GHAAHD section listed as on pages 62 to 70 "The first of the Holland house of Lannoy in New Amsterdam [New York]".

Election of Directors: The Nominating Committee introduced the candidates for Directors of the DELANO KINDRED. There were no nominations from the floor. Those elected as Directors were: Cousins **Mary Bertschmann, Reynolds Cushing, Jackie Delano, Frederic Grant Jr., Carolyn Marcinkowski, Gene Marcinkowski,** and **Terri Sorensen**. All former Directors who had served and were stepping down were thanked for their service over the years.

New Business: Website Improvement Funding: A proposal was received from Cousin **George English** to provide six articles for the Newsletter, provide a readable evidence-based story of the de Lannoys, provide a selection of 35 articles that he has reviewed with his comments and also improve the first paragraphs of the homepage. Cousin George was soliciting \$1500.00 for his effort. After extended discussion of the proposal, a spontaneous resolution was made from the floor which was seconded and unanimously approved by the meeting. The resolution directs the officers of the DELANO KINDRED to state to George English that the proposal is respectfully declined. A motion was then made and seconded to authorize expending up to \$2000.00 for improving the DELANO KINDRED website, since it is the first contact viewers have with our Family Society.

Future Reunion Venues: Cousin **Tom Delano** gave an overview about the 2020 plans for Duxbury in conjunction with the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower celebration in Plymouth. Tom will try to coordinate the DELANO KINDRED 2020 Reunion with both the Plymouth 400th and the Duxbury 2020 celebrations as more event details for these celebrations are confirmed in the coming months. More details will follow. In regards to the venue for the 2019 Reunion, it was suggested that it be held in Hyde Park. Consideration is being given to Hyde Park and further developments will follow in the next newsletter.

Volunteers Needed and Closing Remarks: President **Terry Delano** asked again for members to volunteer to spread the workload especially in the areas of Fund Raising, Reunions, Nominating Committee, Website, and Membership Development. Help from the membership makes our Society stronger and richer in ideas.

### **The 2018 Board Meeting**

The 2018 Board Meeting convened at 6:15 PM on Thursday, 14 June 2018. A quorum of seven members was present making a valid quorum in accordance with the Bylaws. Present were: Cousins **Terry Delano, Bill Delano, David Grinnell, Carolyn and Gene Marcinkowski, Fred Grant** and **Ren Cushing**.

The Board thanked the outgoing Board members for their service on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED, The following items were discussed:

- a) Cousin **Mary Delano** and Cousin **Paula Delano** were respectively reaffirmed as DELANO KINDRED Auditor and Chair of the Finance Committee.
- b) Cousin **Donna Delano** was appointed for another term on the Nominating Committee.
- c) Cousin **Fred Grant** offered to head up the effort with Cousin **Fern Birtwistle** to bring past members back onto the active members list.
- d) Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** suggested focusing on the “Contributions made by DELANOs over the years” as part of the Mayflower 2020/2021 celebration in Plymouth, but more in conjunction with 2020 program planned in Duxbury.
- e) The possibility of selection of Hyde Park, NY, as the venue for the 2019 Reunion.
- f) It was noted that Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society (DHAS) has already added a link to our DELANO KINDRED website and, as part of the effort to create closer ties with that DHAS, we need to do the same by listing the DHAS website on our website.
- g) Secretary **Margaret Delano** noted that the new Board members needed to review and sign the DELANO KINDRED Inc. Conflict of Interest policy statements.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

### **The 2019 and 2020 Reunions**

#### **The 2019 Reunion:**

Currently consideration is being given to a September reunion in Hyde Park area in 2019. Further developments will follow in the next newsletter. Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** is coordinating the planning with others.

#### **The 2020 Reunion:**

Cousin **Tom Delano** will try to coordinate the 2020 Reunion with both the Plymouth 400th and the Duxbury 2020 celebrations. More event details for these celebrations will be confirmed in the coming months.

## **An Updated Analysis of Lt Jonathan DELANO's Lands in Old Dartmouth and Will**

In the March – April *Bonnes Nouvelles* (NL #86) we provided an “Analysis of Lt. Jonathan DELANO’s Lands in Old Dartmouth. We made some assumptions about Lt. Jonathan inheriting these lands from his father Philippe de Lanoy, which turned out to be incorrect. In this issue we provide an updated article of how the act of Philippe de Lanoy (later known as Philip Delanoy) becoming a “Purchaser” in 1626 resulted in Lt Jonathan obtaining land in Dartmouth and becoming a “Proprietor” of old Dartmouth Township. 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 Records<sup>1</sup>. 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”<sup>2</sup>.

#### The 1652 Land Purchase of Old 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. 36 colonists, who included many of the original 53 1626 Purchasers living in the Colony shared this land<sup>3</sup>. They formed a “Propriety” to administer the apportionment these land shares. It is estimated each share amounted to approximately 1552 acres. Each share contained 1500 acres of Upland, 36 acres of Meadow and 16 acres Cedar Swamp<sup>4</sup>. Philip “Delanoy”, then 50 years old, received one whole share and thus became a “Proprietor” of this land division. We discovered the first 36 pages of the “Deeds of Reapportionment” found on the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society (DHAS) website were actually later landowner claims for portions of the original 1652 Proprietor’s shares. From these claims it was discovered that Philip Delanoy had sold his share during the period of 1660 and 1661 to William Earl and John Russell (one-half share to each). Richard Gifford of the DHAS confirmed this sale in an April 2018 email.

#### The 1694 Land Division Deed

Lt Jonathan’s name appeared later on lists of these Proprietors in the 1694 Confirmatory Deed signed by Governor Bradford on 13 November 1694. At that time Lt Jonathan was 47 years old. According to the land claims in the DHAS Deeds of Reapportionment, Lt Jonathan had claims of 1/6<sup>th</sup> of John Cooke’s share (in 1681), 1/4<sup>th</sup> of John Cooke’s share (in 1691), and 25 acres purchased from John Shaw (in 1691). He continued to claim land after that time including 80 acres from Samuel Hixe (Hicks) in 1697 and 16 acres of cedar swamp by 1713. Richard Gifford cautions that using the amount of acreage in a claim of an original Dartmouth share is not helpful. When we added up parcels of his land he gave to his heirs, based on the Deeds of Reapportionment, we found a total acreage of 392 acres and 262 rods (presumably square rods). Richard Gifford (a researcher at the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society) used another method to calculate the number of acres Lt Jonathan accumulated and arrived at “about 390 acres”. In the inventory of Lt. Jonathan’s will there is mention of a 41 acre land parcel. This acreage may be not be included in the

<sup>1</sup> PCR 2:177

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

<sup>3</sup> PCR 2:107

<sup>4</sup> Aldrich, Sally M. *The Dartmouth Propriety: Land Ownership in the Township Before 1800*, p.21, Honors Thesis presented to the Faculty, Southeastern Massachusetts University, May 1987

total acreage previously mentioned. It is not clear what the origin of this land is or its location. The amount of acreage owned by various proprietors is further complicated by the fact the most of the records were destroyed in a fire at the Propriety Clerks home where they were kept in 1725. That fire was 5 years after Lt. Jonathan died.

### 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 cousin John Cooke and his family in 1662. He likely built a "lean-to" on the property to start his "settlement" in this area. He "is said to have built a mill on the "Tusket" River about that time"<sup>5</sup>; it must have been a considerable time later. Although most of the Delanos settled in Fairhaven village, maps dated (in 1855 & 1856) note "E. Delano" and "T. R. Delano" as homesteaders along what looks to be Weeden Road. Most of the East Fairhaven area at this time was used for farming. The large marsh next to the Nasketucket River was called the "moorlands".<sup>6</sup>



The area along Weeden Road and the mouth of the Nasketucket River as well as these Delano homesteads are shown above in 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 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.

<sup>5</sup> Richard, Christopher J., Director of the Fairhaven Tourist Bureau, *History of Fairhaven: Chronology of the 1600's* copyright 2003,2013

<sup>6</sup> Hemingway, Natalie L., Fairhaven MA, East Fairhaven, Nasketucket History, Book Two, copyright 2010

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)<sup>7</sup>:** 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 Jr. (DFIP 28)<sup>8</sup>:** Jonathan Jr. was 40 years old when his father died. From his father's will it appears that he owned a "homestead" next to Lt. Jonathan. However according to the DFIP, after Jonathan Jr. 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 was 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 that Jonathan Jr. disposed of his land holdings in Dartmouth when he moved to Tolland.

**His son Jabez (DFIP 29)<sup>9</sup>:** 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),<sup>10</sup> daughter of John Delano (DFIP 6) and Mary Weston. Mary died in Dartmouth in 28 April 1715. Mary was the first descendant of Philippe de Lanoy to be buried in the Queen Ann cemetery in Acushnet. Her husband, Jabez, and Lt Jonathan, are buried next to her. In 1716, Jabez married 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Peckham. Jabez also received "twenty shillings...together with what I have already given" him.

**His daughter Mercy (DFIP 30)<sup>11</sup>:** 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)<sup>12</sup>:** 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)<sup>13</sup>:** 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)<sup>14</sup>:** 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.

<sup>7</sup> Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, & Janice A Beebe and Others, *Richard Warren of the MAYFLOWER*, 5<sup>TH</sup> Ed. GSMD 1995 pp 36-37

<sup>8</sup> Cushing, Muriel Curtis, *Philip Delano of the "FORTUNE" 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations*, GSMD 1999, pp 27-28

<sup>9</sup> Ibid pp 28-29

<sup>10</sup> Ibid pp 7-8

<sup>11</sup> Ibid pp 29-30

<sup>12</sup> Ibid pp 30-31

<sup>13</sup> Ibid pp 31-32

<sup>14</sup> Ibid pp 32-33

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 Esther<sup>15</sup>:** She was 22 years old when Lt Jonathan died.

- One feather bed and bolster
- 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)<sup>16</sup>:** 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)<sup>17</sup>:** 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)<sup>18</sup>:** 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)<sup>19</sup>:** 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.

**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.

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<sup>15</sup> Ibid p 9

<sup>16</sup> Ibid p 33

<sup>17</sup> Ibid pp 33-34

<sup>18</sup> Ibid pp118-119

<sup>19</sup> Ibid pp 119-120



### **Nancy B. (Foss) Delano**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of one of the founders of the DELANO KINDRED, Cousin **Nancy Delano**. She was 93 years old when she passed away on 26 May 2018.

She was the spouse of Cousin **Robert B. Delano** whose line of descent is through the Samuel Delano Branch of our family. As many know it was through the foresightedness of Nancy along with the now deceased, Cousin David Kumpf, that the first gathering of the descendants of Philippe de Lanoy was held in Duxbury on 17 and 18 August 1990. It was Cousin Nancy who organized the venue at the First Parish Church. Everyone was amazed that about 135 descendants attended.

Over the years she was a leader in the DELANO KINDRED as Treasurer, from 1991 through 1995, and then a Director and Membership Chair from 1995 through 2006. She continued as Director through 2008. Cousin Nancy contributed her efforts in establishing the initial Merchandizing Program (then known as the Book Sales Program) and also actively helped plan other Reunions held in Duxbury.

Those who attended the 2017 Reunion in Charleston, SC were pleased that Nancy and husband Bob Delano attended the Banquet Dinner along with their daughter, Barbara, who lives near Charleston.

We will greatly miss Cousin Nancy, who set the example of Delano Spouses being active members in our Society. We send our heartfelt condolences to Cousin Bob and his family: daughters, Barbara Brangiforte of South Carolina, Marcia Reed of Duxbury, and Julie Aubrey of Georgia, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to greet our members who have joined our society since April 2018. This time they come from Canada as well as the United States.

California: **Gail Suda** from Irvine

Canada.:

The **Rev. Warren B. Soule** from Ottawa, Ontario

**David J. Delano** from Woodstock, Ontario

Iowa: **Peggy D. Harris** from Mitchellville

Massachusetts **Susan D. Wainio** from Mattapoisett

Tennessee: **Lisa M. Brooks** from Columbia

Texas: **Linda A. Chamberlain** from Denton

Washington: **Philip A. Gaynor** from Colville

**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.

### **Correction to NL #86 New Members**

We received word that the New Members from the United Kingdom in our last newsletter (March-April 2018 NL#86) should read as follows:

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

We apologize for any inconvenienced that this error may have caused.

### **A Contribution Program Reminder**

We have passed the mid-point in our calendar year and we hope you will be making a tax-deductible charitable donation to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program if you have not already done so. As you know the DELANO KINDRED has a 501(c)(3) federal exemption status, so your donation is fully deductible. If you have not made a donation yet, please plan to do so. All charitable donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Your participation will help the DELANO KINDRED continue to maintain its tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status.

At the 2018 Annual Meeting in Fairhaven this June, it was decided to make the major financial effort in upgrading the DELANO KINDRED website since it is the most likely place viewers will first know about our Family Society. Therefore the website should be "eye-catching" and appeal to the viewers' interest as well as being "user-friendly". It is expected the upgrade will aide in adding membership in our Family Society.

We hope you will help in this effort by making a donation this calendar year. A copy of the Contribution Form is inserted in this *Bonnes Nouvelles* and is also on the DELANO KINDRED website ([www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)). Even if you cannot find this form there you can mail a check with your donation payable to: DELANO KINDRED and send it to:

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### The 2018 Genealogical and Educational Symposium

The 2018 Genealogical and Educational Symposium was held in the Millicent Library Auditorium commencing shortly after 2 PM on Wednesday, 13 June. After introductions by President, **Terry** Delano and information about next day's reunion schedules by Cousin **Cathy** Delano, our Genealogist,

**Muriel Cushing**, provided an overview of DELANO genealogical publications scheduled to be completed in the next few years. The final DELANO Family In Progress (DFIP) – the seventh book will soon be published by the Mayflower Society. She is planning the hard cover DELANO Genealogy Book which is similar to the Mayflower “Silver Books”, but since Philip de Lanoy was not a Mayflower Passenger, the cover cannot be silver colored so at the present time she is considering a green tinted color for the cover. She is also working on a Mayflower Silver Book for the Rebecca Alden genealogical line. Rebecca married Dr. Thomas Delano (DFIP#5). Together they had nine children, so much of Rebecca's line of descent is a DELANO line.

The Members of the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society (DHAS) then spoke on various topics.

**Sally M. Aldrich** presented an Overview Old Dartmouth Proprietors Records and Extracts from the Proprietors Book of Corporate Records.

- She told how Dartmouth was different from other New England towns, because there was no government grant to build a new community and the whole tract of land was held for a group of “Old Comers” who mostly had come to Plymouth before 1627.
- She pointed out that the Dartmouth Propriety owned all the land and although the Town of Dartmouth was chartered in 1664, you did not have to own land to live in the town or vote on town matters.
- To own land you bought a share or part of a share from a share or partial share owner. That made you a Proprietor.
- She noted that the town and the Propriety kept separate records. She told that the Propriety kept their records in the Clerks house. In 1725 the Clerk's house burned down and with all its records so what exists today is a partial reconstruction of the Proprietor's records from 1660 to 1725 and from 1726 to 1800. Originally there were five books in very poor condition. In 1867 the Massachusetts Legislature commissioned James Congdon to transcribe these books.
- She told how the Propriety held meetings of the Dartmouth shareholders. Decisions were recorded by the Clerk. The Propriety voted on the divisions of the three categories of land: Upland where homestead farms existed, Meadow which had salt of fresh marshes, and the Cedar Swamp.
- The Propriety also appointed surveyors and surveyor committees. When the Propriety voted on a division of the land's three categories, a shareholder could claim the land parcel he wanted. He then would have it surveyed and receive a “return of survey” which he would then take to the Clerk who would record the details of the survey. The Clerk would then give the “return of survey” back to back to the owner who then owned the parcel privately and could do with it what he wished.
- Sally pointed out many of the problems the Propriety had. She said, if the propriety had gridded out the whole Dartmouth tract and had the shareholders draw lots back 1652, its problems would have been solved and the Propriety would have then gone out of business. She pointed out that, besides records loss due to the fire, the shareholders ignored the set deadlines set by the Propriety so it extended the deadlines without end. Accordingly, the Propriety lost track of who the shareholders were and who was eligible to vote. Proprietors took many small parcels in similar categories not in one place, but all over the township so the Propriety could not adequately reconstruct their records after the fire. The Propriety eventually went out of business with the last annual meeting in 1779, but by the mid 1800's the courts ruled that landowners could rely on the Proprietor's Record, returns of surveys, or surveyor's field notes for title their land.

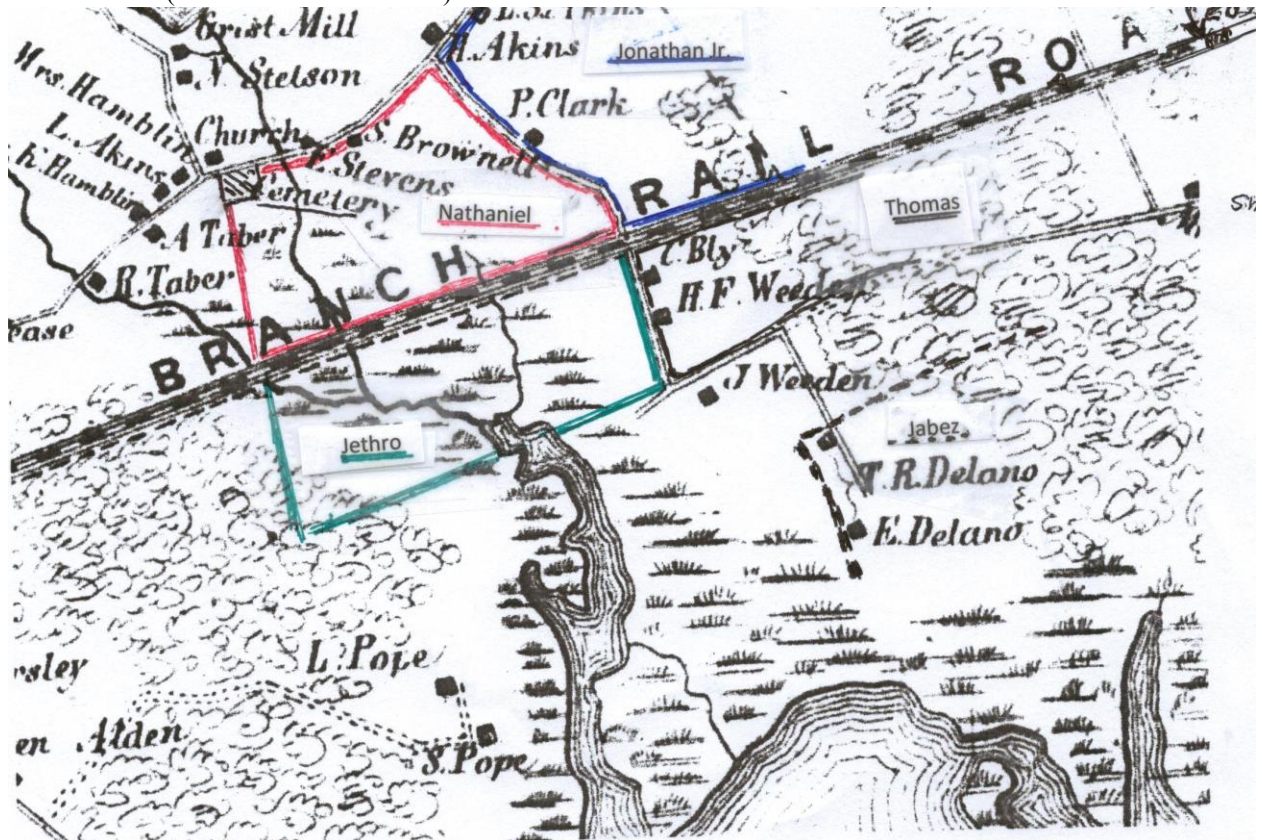
**Richard Gifford** discussed the location and history of various DELANO properties and associated deed transactions.

- He showed current photos of various parcels of real estate that had a DELANO history generally spread from the Westport area south to the Fairhaven area.

He also discussed the alignment of the Fairhaven Branch of the Old Colonial Railroad on an 1856 map of Fairhaven which angles 20 degrees south of west when approaching Fairhaven. He pointed out that it follows the same bearing orientation as surveys of Lt Jonathan's land parcels that he gave to his sons

in his will. He then identified the approximate location of land parcels of various sons as shown on the map below:

- Nathaniel (outlined in red) 44 acres: on the south side of the road with the N.W. corner of his property was at “the burying ground (note the cemetery on the map).
- Jonathan Jr. (outlined in blue): to the East of Weeden Road and North of the railroad.
- Thomas (outlined in black): East of Weeden Road and South of the railroad.
- Jethro (outlined in green): West of Weeden Road and South of the railroad.
- Jabez (outlined in hatched black): in the location of T. R. Delano’s and E. Delano’s homesteads.



**Robert Harding** spoke about:

- The various divisions of the Dartmouth Propriety into various townships over time.
- The various DELANOs names mentioned in the Old Dartmouth Town Meeting Records. For example, the name Jonathan Delano is mentioned 26 times in these records from 1680 through 1712. These include positions or actions of Constable, Rater, Oath of Fidelity, Deputy, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Commissioner, Mill Owner, Juryman, agents in the Taunton Bridge petition. There was one specific listing of Jonathan Jr. found. Jabez was listed 7 times, Nathaniel 20 times, and Nathaniel Jr. 2 times.

Cousin **George DELANO** briefly discussed the lands Lt Jonathan DELANO “willed” to his heirs. He passed out copies of Deeds of Reapportionment (with a printed copy of each Field Survey accompanied with the written script of that survey made by James Congdon) for each parcel of land given to his sons as mentioned in his will.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Cousin **Cathy Delano** noted that these presentations by members of the DHAS are currently available in video in Studio D on the DHAS website at <http://dartmouthhas.org/studiod.html>: Look for the Delano Gathering.



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