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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

By the time you receive NL #88 it will be 2019 and we recognize that you will be receiving this one later than usual. One will recall that 416 years ago our common ancestor Philippe de Lanoy was born in Leiden in 1602 and was later baptized in the Vrouwekerk in Leiden on 6 November 1603. In this issue we include the developing news about the 2019 Reunion to be held in Hyde Park, New York, articles about the 2011 Vrouwekerk Plaque Ceremony in Leiden, a review of the book "Barons of Sea" that includes significant information about Warren Delano II, Membership Renewal Information, a Correction to the GHAHD, and other articles of interest. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year holidays and extend our best wishes to you for 2019.

### CHRISTMAS 1620<sup>1</sup>

Have you ever wondered where Philippe de Lannoy spent his 1620 Christmas? Well we know how the Pilgrims spent their first Christmas in New England. Some were on the MAYFLOWER anchored off Plymouth while others were ashore felling timber for building the first houses as well as a platform to hold their small cannons for the defense of the Plantation. *Mourt's Relation*, which chronicles the Pilgrims first year in New England, puts it this way.

"Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day, we went on shore, some to fell (timber), bring drink water aboard, but at night the master (of the MAYFLOWER) caused us to have some beer, and so on board we had divers time and then some beer, but on shore none at all."

Well, we know how the Pilgrims' spent the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, but we are not sure where Philippe was on that December 25<sup>th</sup>. A popular "tradition" in Canterbury, England is that Philippe went there after the SPEEDWELL, unable to sail on the open ocean, left Plymouth, England and put in to London. There was a large Walloon Church Congregation in Canterbury with many de Lannoys present. Many of these de Lannoys were thought to be in the weaving industry in that city. A former Chief Archivist of the Canterbury Cathedral believes that Philippe was there before he embarked on the FORTUNE. However when Cousin **George DELANO** tried to find documentation to verify this assertion at the Cathedral Archives, he was told the former Chief Archivist was not known for documenting his sources. So we are left with a "tradition" that Philippe spent his 1620 Christmas with some of his de Lannoy cousins in Canterbury.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: This is a reprint of the article that was included in the *Bonnes Nouvelles* #38 of October 2001. We think it is appropriate for the Holidays.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2019 REUNION

As noted in the last newsletter, Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** has been working on the planning for the 2019 Reunion. This Reunion will be held at Hyde Park, New York. Currently plans include meeting on the morning of **Wednesday, 11 September, 2019** in the Henry A. Wallace Center Building. In the afternoon a tour of the Franklin Roosevelt Home “Springwood” is planned. Other details including the Welcome Banquet and additional tours will be forthcoming. We thank Cousin Carolyn for her efforts on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED.

Things have changed significantly since we held our last Reunion at Hyde Park in 2003. Starting in November 2003, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum (National Archives and Records Administration), in cooperation with the National Park Service and the private non-profit Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, opened the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center. This was the first new facility to be added to the Roosevelt estate since the Library was constructed in 1941. It was named after the Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1940) and Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's third term. It offers visitors an array of new and expanded services designed to enhance their experiences in Hyde Park. The National Archives operates the FDR Library and Visitor Center while the National Park Service operates FDR's Home “Springwood”(shown on the left), Top Cottage and other facilities for the Roosevelt estate as well as the Vanderbilt Mansion a little north of Hyde Park.



It is possible that the final 2019 Reunion Program will include advance registration on Tuesday

the 12th and the opportunity to also visit the Vanderbilt Mansion on Thursday. So **SAVE THESE DATES** on your 2019 Calendar NOW. We will provide more information about the reunion in our March-April Newsletter.

## THANKSGIVING IN LEIDEN, THE NETHERLANDS IN 2011

For the DELANO KINDRED and other descendants of the French speaking (Walloon or Huguenot) refugees who escaped the tyranny of the Spanish brutality in Flanders, the 2011 Thanksgiving in Leiden holds special significance. Leiden had been a City of Refuge for these refugees. The Vrouwekerk, in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, was assigned by the City of Leiden to these refugees for worship. Philip Delano, the KINDRED's ancestor whose parents were Huguenots, was baptized in the Vrouwekerk. He came to the Plymouth Colony on the Fortune in 1621. He was a nephew of Pilgrims Francis



Cooke and Hester Mayhew (Mahieu) who were married in the Vrouwekerk. Another Leiden Pilgrim Huguenot was John Carver, the first Plymouth Colony governor.

In 1803 the Vrouwekerk needed significant repairs and no services were held there. Eventually it sold and largely demolished in 1837. Over the years the remains of the structure were refurbished, but it was still considered a local eye-sore. In 1995 there was a proposal in the Leiden City Council to redevelop the area to make room for a shopping center. This resulted in encroachment of various companies. In fact today, the Leiden Olive Garden restaurant is situated on part of the Vrouwekerk nave.

This redevelopment proposal included the removal of the above-ground Vrouwekerk remains. The proposal led to protests from the United States, where the church was considered to have important historical significance.



Under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Bangs a number of organizations in the U.S., including the DELANO KINDRED, the [Roosevelt Institute](#), the [Mayflower Society](#) and the New York City's Historical Society expressed their opposition to the planned demolition. It is understood that the U.S. Ambassador to The Netherlands noted that the Vrouwekerk demolition would be a shame. Eventually, the City Council decided

to restore the remains of the church. This restoration was completed in 2009 and the Vrouwekerk was established as an historical site.

Dr. Bangs thought it appropriate to erect a plaque identifying the ruin's historical significance. He developed a bilingual (Dutch – English) text and designed the relief depicting the church which had the approval of the City of Leiden. Dr. Bangs approached the DELANO KINDRED with the idea for a bronze memorial plaque. The Kindred agreed to contribute \$3,000 in seed money towards the cost of the plaque and its president, Cousin **George DeLano**, recruited two Kindred members, Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing** and the late **Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr.**, to organize a fund raising campaign. Peggy M. Baker, Director/Librarian of the Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall, Robert E. Burt, President of the Florida Huguenot Society, and Carroll R. Goslee, Treasurer of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, were added to the committee. Carroll Goslee



was placed in charge of the donations. Besides the DELANO KINDRED, the Florida Huguenot Society, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, seven State Societies and one Colony of the Mayflower Descendants as well as sixteen individual families contributed to the Plaque Fund. By mid-August 2009 the campaign had collected \$11,630, an amount

sufficient to fund the casting and installation of the plaque.

In the summer of 2011, the Leiden city fathers announced the date for the dedication of a bronze plaque on our Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011, just before the American Thanksgiving Day service held in the historic Pieterskerk church. (The photo on the left shows the Vrouwekerk runins just prior to the plaque unveiling.)

The plaque's English text reads:

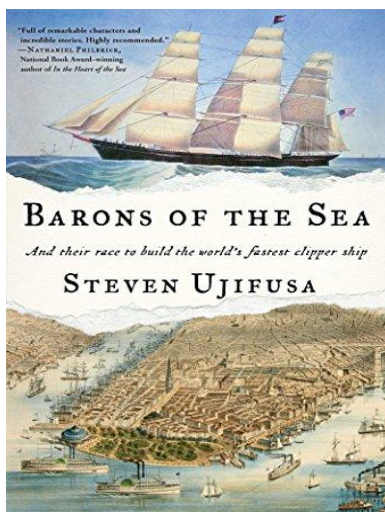
“A chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary was built around 1330, called The Vrouwekerk (Church of our Lady). The Vrouwekerk became the third parish after the annexation of the area as part of the City of Leiden. After the Reformation, in 1584 the church was assigned to the new

French Reformed congregation (the Walloon Church). They numbered as many as 6000 members in the 17th century and were granted an additional chapel on the Breestraat in 1638. Pastors included the theologians Gomarus and Trelcatius. Among members of the Walloon Church were “Mayflower” passengers François Coucke and his wife Hester Mahieu as well as their nephew Philippe de Lanoy, baptized here in 1603. They were among Walloons who joined the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in New England. Their descendants include American presidents Grant, Bush and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Jesse de Forest, leader of the colonists who settled Guyana and New Amsterdam (now called New York City), was also a member of this church. Because of dwindling numbers and the dilapidation of the Vrouwekerk, the Walloons withdrew in 1818 to their other chapel at the Breestraat where services in French continue. The Vrouwekerk was partly demolished in 1819, and more in the 1980s. Now only fragments of the wall and the foundations remain to recall this lively focus of life in medieval Leiden to remind one of Leiden’s place in the history of migration and refuge.”



President George DeLano and Robert Burt, president of the Florida Huguenot Society, attended the dedication ceremony which was followed by a Thanksgiving Celebration Service in the Pieterskerk and attended by American citizens living in the Netherlands. More photos of the ceremony are available in the Nov. – Dec. 2011 *Bonnes Nouvelles* pp 6-7.).

## Barons of the Sea By Steven Ujifusa A Book Review



Anyone who is interested in the story of Warren Delano II’s life and his experience in China working for Russell & Company – the leading broker of tea, opium and luxury goods on the Pearl River in Canton-- will find this book extremely interesting. This book weaves the story of the development of the fast Clipper sailing ships, and through the story the happenings of Warren Delano II’s life and career.

In Chapter One the story opens in Canton where Warren Delano, then a junior partner in the Boston based factor firm, Bryant & Sturgis, was rower in an American boat racing a British boat for the Canton Silver Cup award from the 1837 Canton Regatta Club.

Although the Chinese government forbade boat racing the British and American firms raced anyway. The government also forbade trading in opium, but the British firms and American firms traded the commodity anyway. The British firms smuggled opium into China from India and the American firms obtained

opium from Turkey. A Quaker run firm was the only American firm that refrained from dealing in opium.

The major British firm was Jardine Matheson & Co. and the major American firm was Russell & Co. In January 1839 Bryant & Sturgis was dissolved and taken over by Russell & Co. in a reorganization. Thus Warren Delano became a partner in the reorganized firm. Robert B. Forbes was the managing partner in the reorganized firm and Abiel A. Low was a key partner in the firm. Partners were guaranteed \$25,000 a year from the firms' profits. Therefore a partner could earn his "competence" of \$100,000 in four years. This sum had the "buying power" of over 2.6 million in today's dollars. So with his "competence" a former partner returning to the United States was a rich man.



The Chinese craved opium and the British and Americans craved tea. The clipper ships that brought opium in to China anchored in the Whampoa anchorage south of Canton and prepared their holds for the early spring bohea and hyson teas. Once the holds of the clippers were filled with chests of these highly desirable teas the clippers raced through the Indian Ocean and into the South Atlantic heading for London and New York. Tea arriving on first clippers in these ports could be sold at extraordinary high prices giving the selling broker a very handsome profit.

The demand for these high profits drove ship builders to design new and faster ships. Consequently *Barons of the Sea* documents the building and design of faster sailing ships for the large shipping merchants like Howland & Aspinwall, A. A. Low & Brother, Grinnell, Mintern & Co. and N. L. & G. Griswold.

The author sites famous ship builders and designers such as clipper builder, Donald McKay, and ship designer John W. Griffith, as well as major sailing captains, among them the famed Nathaniel Palmer. The author adds the impact of the 1849 California Gold Rush on ship design and the sailing difficulties of traveling around Cape Horn as well as other historical events. Notable clipper ships, including the famous *Flying Cloud* built by Donald McKay, and purchased by Moses Grinnell of Grinnell, Minturn & Company are discussed in some detail by



the author.

All this is woven into the life of Warren Delano II, his marriage and the early trip with his bride to Hong Kong, and the building of his mansion "Algonac". The story also tells of his financial downfall and his decision to rebuild his financial fortune by going back to China -- again managing Russell & Co. In the end he retires in Algonac surrounded by his family, his collection of oriental art and other artifacts.

Steven Ujifusa brings us a detailed story of the race to build the fastest sailing ships in the world and provides a large number of endnote references for the reader's interest. Among the endnotes, particularly in the first three chapters, one finds references to Cousin **Frederic Delano Grant Jr.**'s article "A Fair, Honorable, and Legitimate Trade" in the *American Heritage* 37, no. 5 (1986). In the book's Appendix the author includes some ship hull, mast and sail diagrams which aid the reader's understanding.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to greet our members who have joined our society since September 2018.

Florida, **Cheryl D. Wellence** from Punta Gorda

Missouri, **Michelle R. Birdsell** from Parkville

Massachusetts, **Priscilla R. Fagan** from Westport

New Jersey, **Lyn Phillips** from Rosenhayen  
Ohio, **Nathan Dana** from Canal Winchester

Michigan, **Rodney R. Jewett** from Mason

**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.

### Membership Dues Reminder

Membership Dues Renewal Forms have been included in this newsletter for the convenience of all members whose membership expired on 31 December 2018. If you are unsure if you need to renew your membership, please look at your mailing address label. It has the expiration date of your DELANO KINDRED membership. If the date on your mailing label is "**Dec. 2018**" then your membership expired on 31 December 2018. If you have all ready sent in your dues for 2019 and your mailing label shows Dec 2018, it will be updated soon.

The label on your newsletter has been updated as in this example: DM #93 Dec 2018".

The first two letters describe your membership type:

DM Descendant Member

DF Descendant Family

DS Descendant Spouse

S Spouse

AM Associate Member

The number after the # is the addressee's Membership I.D. number (in this case 93).

The date at the end is the date the addressee's membership expires.

If your membership expired there are now three options to renew your membership.

**Option 1:** Fill out the inserted Membership Renewal form and mail it to Membership Chairperson, Jackie Delano with your check for the total amount.

Her address is: **3304 Meridian Market Drive, Fuquay – Varina, NC 27526-5754.**

**Option 2:** Send an EMAIL to Jackie Delano ([jbrew13@gmail.com](mailto:jbrew13@gmail.com)), with "Membership Renewal" as the subject and include the Member ID number from your mailing label. If you just want to renew your membership without changes, tell Jackie the number of years (1, 2, or 3) to renew your membership for.

**Option 3:** Log on to the Delano Kindred web site ([www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us)). In case you forgot, your user ID is your first name followed by your Member ID number. (You can request a password reset from the logon screen if you need to do that.) Once logged on, you'll see the form to renew your membership.

In either of Options 2 or 3, Jackie will send you an email invoice (via PayPal) that you can pay with a credit card. You do not need a PayPal account to do this. Of course, you can always use the “Contact Us” option on the Delano Kindred web site if you have questions or need assistance.

## DEPARTED COUSINS

### **Robert Bisbee Delano**

We sadly announce the passing of Cousin **Robert B. Delano** of Duxbury, MA who passed away on 24 October 2018 at the age of 96. Cousin Bob had been a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since it was organized in 1991. Cousin Bob’s line of descent was through the Samuel Delano Branch of our family. He was the husband of the late Nancy Foss Delano who passed away in May of this year. We were pleased to see Cousins Bob and Nancy at the 2017 Reunion in Charleston, SC. We will miss seeing Cousin Bob and we send our sincere condolences to his family; daughters, Barbara Brangiforte of South Carolina, Marcia Reed of Duxbury, and Julie Aubrey of Georgia, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

### **Clarence W. Walker**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Cousin Clarence (Chuck) Walker on 19 December 2018. He was 95 years old. Many of us have known Chuck who was active in the DELANO KINDRED and was known for his leadership in the erection of the Philip Delano Memorial Marker on the grounds of the Ellison High School. The School grounds were part of the original 40 acres granted to Philip in 1637. Chuck was a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993 and his line of descent was through the Philip Jr. Delano branch of our family. After he was graduated from high school, he enrolled in Northeastern University in Boston. His studies were interrupted by World War II and he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served in the European Theater. In 1946 he married the love of his life, Marie Mahler of nearby Kingston, MA. After graduation from Northeastern University, he joined his father and his brother in what was to become Walker Brothers Real Estate Brokerage.

Over the years he served on many committees that affected the township of Duxbury including Duxbury’s first Finance Committee, the Town Charter Committee, the Duxbury Beach Study, and as Chairman of the Planning Board. He was active in many civic organizations such as the American Legion and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the vestry and sang in the choir at St. John’s Episcopal Church. He enjoyed golf and working in his vegetable garden and was a Boston Red Sox fan.

In recognition of his dedication to Duxbury he was selected as the Grand Marshall of the 2006 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. He also received a National Presidential Service Award in 2009. Chuck is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marie, and by three daughters, Linda Seale of Duxbury, Judy Walker of Maplewood, NJ, Sharon Solstice of Walnut Creek, CA – and by three grandchildren. We send our sincere condolences to Marie and her family.



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Articles and information about descendants of the DELANO family are always welcome and greatly appreciated by your editor. Every effort will be made to include them as soon as space permits.

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