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## *Learning about DELANO history and genealogy* **DELANO KINDRED**

The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

In this issue we include the information about the 2019 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Hyde Park, NY on 10 through 12 September. We thank Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** for her steadfast effort in making arrangements for this Reunion. We hope to see you there in attendance. Also included is news about our members, a review of an historical novel entitled “Before the Mayflower”, information about Laura Franklin Delano who was a favorite cousin of FDR, and the results of the 2018 Contribution Program.

### **2019 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING** **“The Delano Influence on FDR”**

On Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> through Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> the 2019 DELANO KINDRED Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Information Center at the FDR National Historic Site, in Hyde Park, New York. It is located eight miles north of Poughkeepsie and just south of Hyde Park, New York at 4097 Albany Post Road (U.S. 9).



#### **Getting There – Please see the Map included at the end of this article.**

**By Air** - The closest major airport is Stewart International Airport (SWF) in Newburgh, New York (near junction of I-87 and I-84). Several major carriers (Allegiant, American, Delta and Jet Blue) have daily non-stop flights to Stewart from selected airports. Car rentals are available at the airport.

**By Car** - The FDR site is located on U.S. Route 9 in Hyde Park, about 8 miles north of the city of Poughkeepsie, NY. Route I-84 (the major east-west route and route from NYC)

bridges the Hudson River at Newburgh, NY about 21 miles south of Hyde Park. It connects with I-87 (the New York Thruway/the Garden State Parkway in NJ, the major north-south route). Take U.S. Route 9 north from I-84 through Poughkeepsie to Hyde Park. From Albany take the New York Thruway south to Kingston (Exit 19) then north from Kingston on route 32 and cross the Hudson River on route 199 to U.S. Route 9. Take U.S. Route 9 south about 12 miles to Hyde Park.

**By Rail** - Metro-North Railroad and Amtrak provide frequent rail service to Poughkeepsie. Amtrak provides frequent service from the north from Albany and from the south from New York's Pennsylvania Station. Metro Transit North provides frequent service from New York's Grand Central Station. Once you arrive in Poughkeepsie, you can rent a car or take a taxi, but there is a bus service – the Dutchess County Transit. The bus service operates from the Poughkeepsie train station, Monday - Saturday (Sundays and holidays excluded) and costs \$1.75. It leaves Poughkeepsie station at 6 minutes after the hour and arrives at the Wallace Visitor Center at the FDR site at 39 minutes after the hour from 8:39 AM to 6:39 PM.

It departs from the Visitor Center at 40 minutes after the hour starting at 8:40 AM to 6:40 PM and arrives at the Poughkeepsie train station at 6 minutes after the hour.

**Advance Reunion Reservations are Required:** To adequately plan and support the Tuesday evening dinner menu choices, tours, and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to attend. Please fill out the Registration Form inserted in this newsletter and send with your payment check to the address on page 2 to register for the Reunion. Please note that your payment check must be received by Saturday, 10 August, 2019 to avoid a Late Fee.



**Accommodations** – We have reserved a block of rooms at the Quality Inn at Hyde Park, NY located at 4142 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538 -- very short distance north of the FDR National Historic Site on Albany Post Road (Route 9). Our “DELANO Kindred Reunion” group rate is \$90.00 plus tax. If you choose to stay there you must call the Hyde Park Quality Inn to get this rate. Phone (845) 229-0088. You must make your reservation by 10 August 2019.

### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

#### Tuesday, 10 September:

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM: Registration, Meet and Greet, Happy Hour at Coppola's Restaurant, 4167 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY.

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM: Dinner and Speaker.

We are pleased to have Shannon Butler, the Historian of Hyde Park as our Speaker. Her topic will be “Defending Sara”.

#### Wednesday, 11 September:

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM: 2019 Annual Membership Meeting at the Wallace Visitors Center-- Annual Reports and the Election of Officers.

11:00 AM Group Pictures -- Immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch (on your own at Uncle Sam's Canteen in the Visitor Center) and Open Discussion / Genealogy Questions (in the Meeting Room).

1:00 PM VIP Tour of FDR's home

“Springwood” and the Roosevelt Library.

Later- Wednesday Evening: Dinner (on your own).

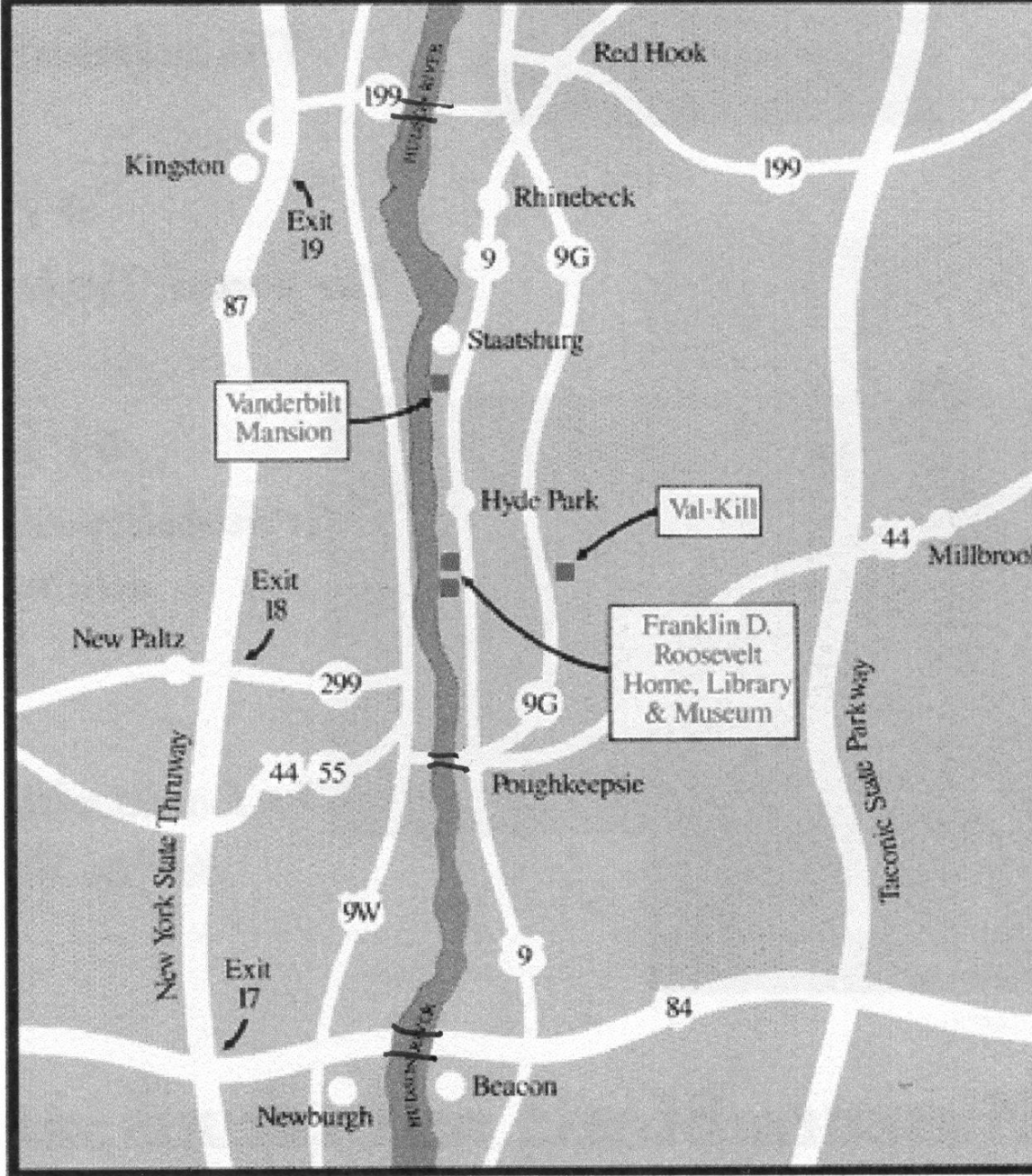
#### Thursday, 12 September

Departures and Farewells after breakfast at the Quality Inn.

10:00 AM: Board of Directors Meeting (in the Quality Inn Breakfast Area).

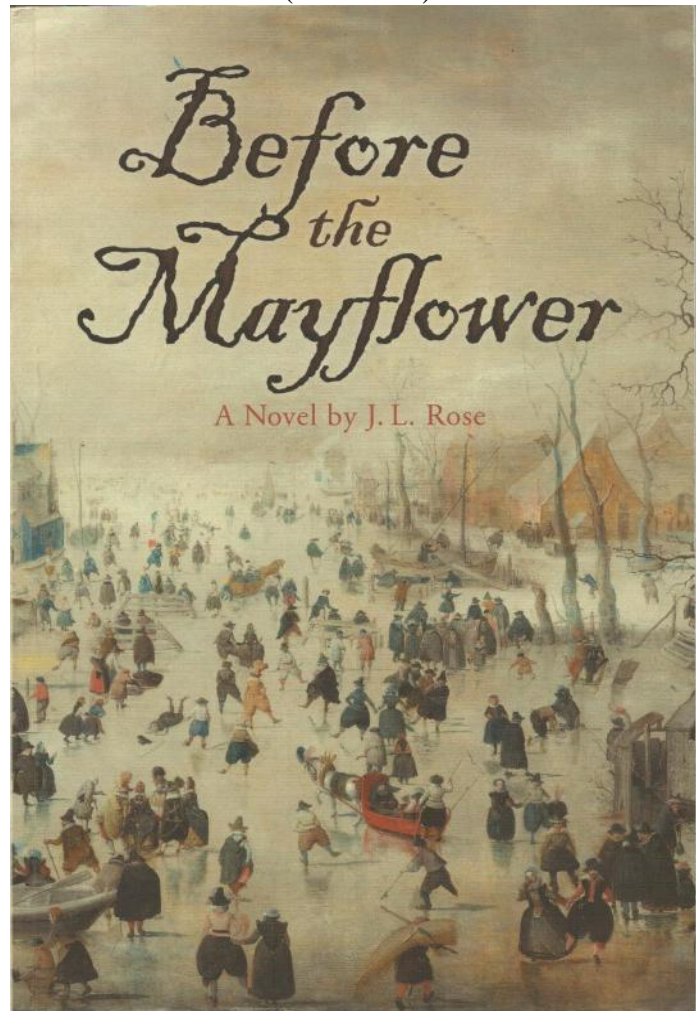


# Area Map



## BEFORE THE MAYFLOWER

A Novel by J. L. Rose  
(A Review)



As the title suggests, this book is an historical novel about the period from 1587 to 1620, before the final departure of the Mayflower from Portsmouth, England. It describes the activities of the Puritans and those gathering to follow Pastor John Robinson in Leiden. Although our de Lanoy heritage flows from French speaking Flanders (Wallonia), we are related through marriage to many of those who were Mayflower passengers.

This book tells of the effort to print religious articles and books which were contrary to the Church of England under the reign of King James. This effort forced the printers to move or establish printing presses in the Netherlands; many being located in Leiden. It also tells of the pressures on the Robinson congregation due to the political pressure of the King of England, the religious unrest within the Dutch Reformed Church and other encroachments on the congregation's freedom that led to the decision to cross the Atlantic to the New World. Not all made the decision to leave Europe.

To tell the story of Puritans, many of whom became the Pilgrims of the Mayflower, the author uses a combination of factual and fictitious main characters in this story. The narrative mainly centers on the fictitious Okes family of London and the two Okes daughters. Rose is the younger and Elizabeth is the older sister. "Fictitious" Elizabeth Okes marries the factual Edward Winslow. Both depart for New England on the Mayflower. The author points out that this is one



of the intentional errors in this novel and notes that the first wife of Edward Winslow was actually Elizabeth Barker.

Of side interest, it has not been known until recently what was the English origin and background of Elizabeth Barker. In the recent *New England Historic Genealogical Society's Register*, Winter 2019 issue, there are two articles about Elizabeth Barker. One is about her English origin<sup>1</sup> and a companion article is about her will which was made in Leiden in 1619<sup>2</sup>

The novel opens on a cold morning 17 February 1587. William Brewster, the clerk to Sir William Davidson, visits the Tower of London where Davidson, who was the Queen's Secretary, had been banished by Queen Elizabeth. The author then backtracks several days to give the reader the reason for his banishment—the outcome of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots.

It is Davidson's interest in books that brings Brewster into contact with the printer, Nicolas Okes. The story of Nicolas Okes becoming a printer and his eventual provision of books to Brewster for Secretary Davidson follows.



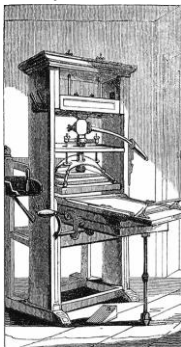
The author then develops the story of the fictitious Okes family which we follow through the entire novel. Nicolas' marriage to Rose Brewer and their children follow. The death of Queen Elizabeth in March of 1603, the change in reign to King James, and the establishment of the Church of England results in the restriction on religious books throughout England. This event produces significant pressure on the printers who must be members in good standing in the Stationer's Company to be in the printing business in England.



The reader is introduced to Scrooby Manor and William Brewster's family when Rose Okes and her children leave London to avoid the plague. Just prior to the trip to Scrooby we are introduced to Thomas Brewer whose large holdings of lands containing Fullers Earth are tied to the wool trade since it is used to clean the wool of lanolin, grease and dirt to prepare it for combing and then dyeing and weaving.

It is through letters between William Brewster, Nicolas Okes and John Carver that we learn of the Protestant Flemish Walloons who have fled to Norwich because of their religious persecution. The reader is also introduced to the respected theologian John Robinson.

By 1609, because of King James' insistence on religious adherence to the Church of England as well as the persecution of those printers who printed Separatist religious publications, there is a massive effort to escape to the Netherlands and eventually Leiden. Leiden's reputation as a glorious city with its University and enlightened views on religion and less restricted printing is very desirable for many of the Separatists. During this period we meet the young William Bradford and learn of the death of a son of the Brewster family and the death of John Carver's first wife Marie de Lannoy Carver.



In 1610 we learn of John Carver's interest in the wool cloth trade and his interest in supporting the printing and distribution of Separatist books. Because of the



<sup>1</sup> Sue Allan, Caleb Johnson, and Simon Neal, "The English Origin and Separatist Background of *Mayflower* Passenger Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow," *NEHSGR* 173, Winter 2019, pp 5-17.

<sup>2</sup> Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, "The Will of *Mayflower* Passenger Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow," *NEHSGR* 173, Winter 2019, pp 18-25.

pressure on the Stationery's Company and the King's inspectors of the printers, most of these books were printed in the Netherlands and many were printed in Leiden.



In 1611 John Robinson with the help of some of his congregation was able to purchase the Green Gate (or Groen Poort). Many apartments were built on its grounds over several years and it was then referred to as the Green Close. About eight years later we find that Elizabeth Okes is being married to the young Edward Winslow who had gained a position in Leiden. Rose Okes has fallen in love with a Kings Post carrier, Hugh Mercer who is married to a woman named Sarah in a town north of London. All the Okes family, except Nicolas, travel to Leiden for the occasion. In Leiden Rose sees how wonderful the city is and meets Jonathan Brewster who has a successful business making ribbon. He courts Rose who tries to forget Hugh Mercer. There Rose sees many of the wonders of Leiden. Through

this courtship we get glimpses of the University of Leiden, the botanical gardens, the medical observatory, and other parts of the University as well as other activities in Leiden such as winter ice skating.

Because King James was enraged about the books being printed in the Netherlands, he pressured the Dutch to close many printer shops. William Brewster who authored many of these publications became a hunted man and was forced to leave Leiden and hide in another town. Thomas Brewer is escorted to England for questioning. Religious controversy within the Dutch Reformed Church was causing discord within Leiden.

All of these pressures caused the Robinson congregation to plan to leave the Netherlands and join a group of merchant adventurers to cross the Atlantic for the purpose of colonizing the northern portion of the Virginia territory. The sixty ton Speedwell was hired to bring the congregation to England to embark with the larger Mayflower to cross the Atlantic so many of Robinson's congregation journeyed to Delfshaven to board the ship.



Rose and Jonathan Brewster sail on the Speedwell with the Mayflower where Rose finds the cramped, smelly quarters below decks unbearable. Because of its small size, there is little room on the Main Deck for the passengers to catch a breath of fresh air. Consequently, the passengers remained "below decks" most of the time. Finally, at Portsmouth, the decision is made that only the Mayflower is seaworthy to cross the Atlantic. Rose's sister Elizabeth and her husband Edward Winslow are chosen to board the Mayflower, but Rose and Jonathan are not. In the end Jonathan makes arrangement to go back to Leiden, but Rose decides she will stay in London and eventually marries Hugh Mercer whose wife and child have died.

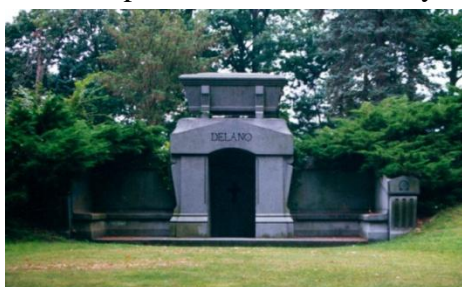
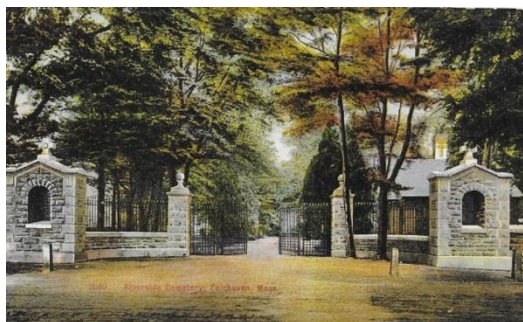
The author develops the story generally using conversations between the various characters who are speaking in the words and dialect of the period. The characters who are used to tell this story follow the customs of the times. Descriptions of the clothing and homes are well described.

At the back of the book the author conveniently provides a list of the factual and the fictitious main characters. Additionally, the author provides a list of suggested reading which the reader will find helpful in understanding the history of the times as well as the organizations that impact on the novel's story. A list of websites entitled "Touring the Novel's Path" is provided by the author for various places in England and various cities in The Netherlands as well as in Plymouth, MA. We note that the author, J. L. Rose, is a resident of Duxbury, MA where she resides with her husband. Because of her dedication to keeping history alive, all proceeds from this book will be donated to the Plimoth Plantation, (Plymouth, MA) and the American Leiden Pilgrim Museum as well as the Pieterskerk, Hooglandsekerk and the Weaver's House Museum (all in Leiden) and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

## KUDOS

We were pleased to learn that Cousin **Fred D. Grant Jr.** assumed the office of President of the Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven on 1 November 2018. Cousin Fred's great, great, great grandfather Warren Delano I (DFIP 650) was Riverside's first President.

Riverside began in the winter of 1846-47, when Warren Delano II (DFIP 650i), a Fairhaven native, China trader, and the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, purchased a parcel of land that had once been part of the Jonathan Nye farm. The cemetery was laid out and a corporation



was formed in March of 1850, with Delano's father, Warren I, serving as first president. The cemetery was consecrated on Sunday, July 7, 1850. The trustees have since acquired additional property and the cemetery now encompasses approximately 44 acres. Many of Warren Delano's family are buried in the DELANO Tomb in this cemetery.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

### Australia

**Nicola M. Stone** who lives in Palmwoods, Queensland

### California

**Brooke A. Salgado** who lives in Rancho Cucamonga

**Gary Theisen** who lives in Elk Grove

### Florida

**Susana T. Segura** who lives in Naples

### Maine

**Joseph A. Delano** who lives in Freeport

### Massachusetts

**Melissa A. Moniz** who lives in Fairhaven

### North Carolina

**Micha Mae Rapoza** who lives in Mount Holly

### Oregon

**Dustin B. Sluman** who lives in Newberg

### Utah

**Bonnie Bippes** who lives in Ogden

### Texas

**Catherine B. Danko** who lives in Austin

**Simone D. Danko** who lives in Dallas

**WELLCOME 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.

## Thanks to Our Contributing Members

The Board of Directors of The DELANO KINDRED Inc. wish to thank those whose names appear below for their generous and tax-deductible gifts and donations to the various funds of the Society, during the year ending on December 31, 2018.

**Carol Capachione, Joan Colgren, Bernard Connelly, Barbara Jo Delano, Donald Lee Delano, George Delano III, George B. DeLano, Mary L Delano, William Delano, Patricia Douglass, Sandra Finegan, Mary Kitchen, John Kriscenski, Iris Miller, Frances Moon, Malcolm Northam, Dorothy Poniatowski, Mary Ross, Susan Thorson, Clarence Walker, Edith Ward, American Endowment Foundation, Delano Kindred, Inc.**

Donations to our DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program totaled \$2994.00 as follows:

General Memorial Fund: \$1023.00

Memorialization Program

Gravestone Preservation Project: \$136.00

Charitable Programs:

Annual Charity Drawing: \$85.00

Plimoth Plantation Support: \$130.00

Educational Programs:

DNA Program: \$20.00

European Research: \$0.00

Educational Website: \$1471.00

Other Donations:

Leiden American Pilgrim Foundation: \$45.00

Plymouth Colony Records Project: \$84.00

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 2019. Twenty-two donors participated in our 2018 Contribution Program. If the remaining 210 DELANO KINDRED members gave \$11.98 (the average price of two McDonald's "Big Mac-Meals") the total contributions would have been \$5509.80. 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.



## Laura Franklin Delano A Favorite Cousin of FDR

We were pleased to receive a note from Cousin **Diana Gardner** about a short documentary film by Leigh Anne Bishop entitled “The History of Laura Franklin Delano. The film can be “Googled” by entering “Leigh Anne Bishop – The History of Laura Franklin Delano. The film is about 37 minutes long and is narrated by members of the Rhinebeck Historical Society.

Laura Franklin Delano was the daughter of Warren Delano III, President of the Delano Coal Company, one of the largest operations in Pennsylvania, and Jennie Walters Delano. Although Laura was born in Orange, New Jersey, she was raised in Dutchess County, New York where her father had inherited the Franklin Hughes Delano and Laura Astor mansion known as “Steen Valetje”. An accomplished carriage driver, she won numerous awards at the annual Dutchess County Fair driving her father's horses, raised on his vast estate in nearby Barrytown-on-Hudson.

A well known breeder of Irish Setters and Dachshunds, she was a member of the Westminster Kennel Club for many years and a judge at leading dog shows in the United States and abroad. Described in the family as a 'law unto herself'; her peculiar style of clothes, overabundant display of jewelry, purple-dyed hair, and sharply accented "widow's peak", that she carefully applied to her forehead each morning, became her trademark.

Known as Cousin “Polly”, she was a favorite cousin of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and she traveled extensively with him during political junkets and on tours of inspection during the war years. She was in his company when he was fatally struck at the 'Little White House' at Warm Springs, Georgia. It was to Laura Delano that he spoke his last known coherent words, "Be careful!, as she assisted in carrying the President to his bedroom, just prior to his death.

This film will reward the viewer with many photos of Algonac, the Warren Delano family, and the Walters family.



### A Photograph of Cousin Muriel Cushing on a Ladder

Cousins Muriel and Ren Cushing were recently in Duxbury, MA. Cousin Muriel is writing an article for a publication for the “Duxbury 2020” which will celebrate the settling of the town in conjunction with the Mayflower 2020 – which marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower in Plimouth in 1620. The publication is planned to be a collection of stories about the early settlers and history of old “Duxborow”. Muriel’s article is about our common ancestor Philip Delano. The publication’s compiler wanted photos of the various authors and she decided to have a photo of herself next to the DELANO historical marker located on the Ellison High School grounds. In order to do this Muriel had to



stand on a ladder and photographer Ren did also. Ren sent us this photo of the occasion.

## Two French Admirals Aided by Two DELANOs In The Revolutionary War

In a recent issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we mentioned that in 1781 when **Amasa DELANO** (Amasa,<sup>6</sup> Samuel,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> Dr Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Philippe,<sup>1</sup>) was in the merchant ship RUSSELL in Cape Francois, Martinique, he helped the French fleet under **Admiral Comte. de Grasse** by towing some of these ships out to sea.<sup>3</sup>



As you know, in the days of wooden ships and iron men, if there was no wind in the harbor anchorage and your ship had to put to sea, small boats with sailors at the oars were put in the water to tow the ship seaward. Out of the harbor the ships could find favorable winds to fill the sails. This was a slow, arduous task requiring several towboats per ship. The merchant ships in Cape Francois enjoyed the protection of the French and welcomed the opportunity to assist de Grasse's fleet.

The fleet of twenty-four French ships sailed northward to the Virginia Capes (the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles). When the British fleet of nineteen ships under the command of Rear Admiral Graves, based in New York City, challenged the French fleet, de Grasse out maneuvered the British. Failing to gain the advantage, the British retired to New York City leaving the French in control of Chesapeake Bay. General George Washington was then able to surround the British army under General Cornwallis forcing the British to surrender; thus ending the war.

Earlier, in 1778 just after France had sided with rebellious colonies against England, General Washington's army was located near New York City. Lacking sufficient strength to conquer the British army, Washington planned an attack counting on the help of the French. He waited for a fleet of French ships under the command of **Admiral Comte. de Estang**. Washington had to cancel his plans when the largest of the French ships could not cross the sandbar at the mouth of the New York harbor.<sup>4</sup>



The "pilot" for that fleet was Captain **Calvin DELANO**. Calvin was a Captain of a Company in the Revolutionary War from 1778 to 1780.<sup>5</sup> His daughter, Deborah (Deborah,<sup>5</sup> Calvin,<sup>4</sup> Jethro,<sup>3</sup> Lt. Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> Philippe<sup>1</sup>) married her second cousin Silversmith Jabez DELANO (Jabez,<sup>5</sup> Ephraim,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Lt. Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> Philippe<sup>1</sup>). The inscription on her tombstone, carved by her husband and also published in the *New Bedford Mercury* in 1848 by her son Jabez Jr. said, "Sixty nine years thou hast been the occupant of that little shop. Our mother in mind & habits so harmoniously corresponded with thine.' How could it be otherwise? As a daughter of Calvin Delano of virtuous deeds and social dignity who was recorded on court records of Virginia as Calvin Delano of New Bedford New England an honest man." As Pilot he was the constant companion of the French Count de Estang at whose table he dined during the passage of the fleet from the West Indies to Boston during the Revolution.<sup>6</sup>

So as you see, two DELANOs, one a sea captain and one later an army captain aided two French Admirals in the Revolutionary War.

<sup>3</sup> *Bonnes Nouvelles* Nr. 31, pg. 9.

<sup>4</sup> World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 16, pg. 267, Chicago, USA, 1979.

<sup>5</sup> GHAAHD, pg. 478.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. pg. 501





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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.

Comments and requests for back copies may be requested by writing to George B. DeLano, Editor, at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148. The back newsletter cost is currently \$3.00 per copy.

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