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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.

Corrections to the July—August 2019 *Bonnes Nouvelles*

We have heard from two alert readers who have cited errors in our last newsletter. Cousin **Fred**



Grant¹ noted on page one, “From the Editor”, we showed a portrait of Warren Delano I, which we mislabeled as Warren Delano II. The portrait was painted by the renowned artist Charles Loring Elliott. We understand that this portrait was given to the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. by FDR’s uncle Frederic A. Delano. Unfortunately, it has not been shown in the Gallery of Art for some time. To correct our error in attempting to show a portrait of Warren Delano II we should have shown this, or a similar portrait shown on the left. Also, we received a letter from Cousin **Diana Gardner**² pointing out in the article about DELANOs on the Hudson, we erred by stating on page 9 that Warren Delano Jr.’s son Lyman and his spouse, Leila Burnett had four children. Diana stated they had six children – three boys and three girls. Obviously, our source, “Genealogical Geni”, was incorrect. Furthermore, Cousin Diana stated that the

estate was always known as Steen Valetje until it was sold outside the family in 1996. Diana should know since Lyman Delano was her grandfather. We thank both Cousins Fred and Diana for their informative corrections.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to greet our members who joined our society since July 2019.

Illinois: **William, Patricia, and Will Belke** from River Forest

Indiana: **Ruth Andrews** from Fort Wayne

Ohio: **James Jaeger** from Cincinnati

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

¹ Frederic Grant Jr. email of 8 September 2019

² Diana G. Gardner letter of 5 September 2019

THE 2019 DELANO KINDRED REUNION

The 2019 DELANO KINDRED Reunion was held at Hyde Park, New York on Tuesday September 10th and Wednesday September 11th. The Quality Inn, where most of the members stayed, was very close to all the activities and thus easy to get to.

After checking in at the Quality Inn on Wednesday the Registration, Greetings and Happy Hour were



held a short walkable distance across the Albany Post Road in a room at Coppola's Restaurant. There were about 35 attendees including at least 30 DELANO KINDRED members. President Terry DeLano introduced our guests, David and Manuela Roosevelt (David being a great grandson of FDR), Paul Sparrow (Director of the FDR Library) and our Speaker, Shannon Butler



(the Hyde Park genealogist). After the dinner the attendees heard Shannon Butler tell us about her topic for the evening "Defending Sara".

Library Dir. Paul Sparrow On Thursday, the Annual

held in the Wallace Center. It is discussed in another article in this newsletter. Following the meeting we met outside in the courtyard for the Reunion Group picture next to the statues of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. Many of the attendees took lunch in the Wallace Center's Uncle Sam's Canteen while others drove up the road to dine at the Eveready Diner. Attendees regrouped in the



Paul Sparrow, Dir. FDR Library

Wallace Center and then took the minibus over to the FDR Library for a fascinating tour. After splitting into two groups, members were taken through a phenomenal special exhibit entitled "D-Day: FDR and Churchill's Mighty Endeavor". In addition to important FDR papers, the exhibit included rare Churchill papers that were on loan from Cambridge University in England. The tour groups were also shown the library's portrait collection that included the refurbished portrait of Catherine Robbins Lyman Delano (the wife of Warren Delano II). Years ago, the DELANO KINDRED had contributed to the refurbishment of this portrait. Members were treated to a discussion of various books in the library including the Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves edition of "Delano's Voyages of Commerce and Discovery", which is a shorter version of Amasa Delano's Narrative of his voyages and travels in the Pacific, published in 1817. Seagraves is a granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.



Later that afternoon many members took advantage of a minibus ride from the Visitor Center to FDR's home "Springwood" for a private tour. They received a detailed briefing before and during the tour from an officer of the National Park Service. He informed the group that Springwood would be closed for the year 2020 for a much-needed upkeep and preservation.

That evening members were invited to the David and Manuela Roosevelts' home called the "Red House" which is near the FDR Library. The Red House was historically part of the Roosevelt family's Hudson River estate and home of James "Rosy" Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's older half-brother. David and Manuela are in the process of preserving the house which has been repainted a dark red in keeping with the original color. After delightful evening drinks and visiting, members went their various ways to dine. Thursday, members bid their farewells and departed Hyde Park. Many visited other landmarks in the area, such as the Vanderbilt Mansion on the north side of Hyde Park.

The Board of Directors held their meeting at the Quality Inn. We thank Cousins **Carolyn Marcinkowski**, **Cathy Delano** and others for making most of the arrangements for this very interesting and memorable Reunion.



David and Manuela

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As this year draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating the launch of our updated website, www.delanokindred.us. The updated site will allow us to put a searchable version of the GHAAHD online, as well as the two volumes of Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c by Dr. Jeremy Bangs that we sponsored. In addition, it will allow us to automate our membership processes (new members and renewals) so payment can be made immediately by credit card without having to mail in any forms or checks.

As is true for many Internet websites, access to the members-only portions of the site will be granted based upon your **EMAIL address** and a password. This makes it extremely important for us to have your correct email address; without it, access to the members-only portions of the website will not be possible. If you suspect we might not have your correct email address already, please provide it by sending an email to our Membership Chairperson, Jackie Delano (jbrew13@gmail.com) with a subject of "EMAIL ADDRESS" and put your name and Delano Kindred member number (it's on the mailing label of this newsletter if you don't remember it) in the message text. For those without an email address, we will continue to use the U.S. Mail to communicate with you but you will not be able to access the members-only portion of the website.

It has been well over a decade since we last raised our membership rates. Our fixed costs keep going up and we're adding credit card processing and a new website, so it's time for us to catch up a little

bit. In January, we will be increasing our membership rates by about 25%. As always, rates are lower when you renew for multiple years.

I'm excited about the opportunities our updated website will offer us to improve our service and become a more valuable research tool. I sincerely hope you find it useful and an improvement over our current website.

Cheers and Happy Holidays to you all!

Terry

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE DELANO KINDRED
HELD AT HYDE PARK, NEW YORK,
IN THE WALLACE VISITOR & EDUCATION CENTER
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2019 AT 9:30 AM**

At 9:33 AM President **Terry Delano** called the Membership Meeting to order. In his opening remarks he introduced Patricia Prunty, the Senior Director of Development of the Roosevelt Institute/The FDR Presidential Library and Museum, and then discussed the Meeting Agenda and provided an overview of the Reunion Program for the day.

After a Moment of Silence in memory of the lives lost on 11 September 2001, Cousin **Terry** noted that he believed that FDR would have called the September attack "a day of infamy" as he did for December 7th, 1941.

Quorum and Agenda Approval: It was determined that there was a quorum of 26 members and the Meeting's Agenda was approved by the members.

The **Secretary's Minutes of the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting:** The Meeting's 2018 Minutes were read and approved.

Reports: Members received the Proposed Agenda,

Financial/Budget Statements and the Treasurer's Report as well as the various Committee Reports briefly discussed below.

The **Auditor's Report** confirmed the review of the financial documents and the budget maintained and prepared by the Treasurer were acceptable. A motion was made and approved by the members to accept the Auditor's Report.

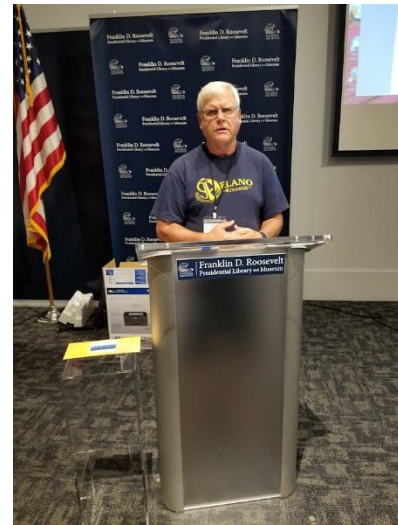
Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Cousin **Paula Delano**, the Finance Committee Chair, discussed the Treasurer's Report since Treasurer **David Grinnell** could not attend the meeting. **Paula** then discussed the Finance Committee Report. Financial highlights she noted included:

- There was a small surplus from last year.
- None of the \$2000.00 voted for the website overhaul had been expended.
- The financial status for this fiscal year is on track.
- The income is holding steady and has been flat from year to year, but slightly down from the last ten years.



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Motions were made and approved by the members to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Finance Committee's Report.



President Terry Delano

Contact Committee: Cousin **Terry** explained that the Contact Committee needs to develop a more effective process to contact those whose membership has expired. Cousin **Paula** stated that Membership Chair, **Jackie Delano**, sent post cards to renewal members. The challenges of catching the attention of busy members for renewing their membership were discussed.

During a brief break a Museum Video, prepared by the Museum Staff, was shown that included movies of Sara DELANO Roosevelt's travels representing her son, FDR, and the country throughout the U. S. and Europe.

Historian/DNA Report:

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** stated there had been no DNA activity recently and that the main purpose had been to verify descendant lines to Philippe. Cousin **Terry** noted there had been some inquiries from Quebec, Canada.

Educational Committee Report, Educational Newsletter Report and the European Research Committee Report:

Cousin **George B. DeLano** provided an overview of these reports.

- **Educational Committee Report:** It summarized the efforts of the DNA/Genealogy Program, the Internet/Website Programs as well as the Educational Newsletter Program.
- **Educational Newsletter Report:** It highlighted efforts to reduce the cost of newsletter mailing and to speed up delivery of the newsletters throughout the United States. He stated information from our members is greatly appreciated.
- **The European Research Report:** This report containing overviews
- of the previous reports from 2014 through 2018 were included in the 2019 report.

Genealogy Report: Cousin **Terry** announced that Cousin **Muriel Cushing** has just finished the final book of the DELANO Families in Progress (DFIP). He noted that there were a few copies available at the meeting for those members who wish to purchase a copy. Cousin **Muriel** stated that she is still working on a book focused on Thomas DELANO and Rebecca Alden. Her goal is to finish this volume by 2021. She then plans to prepare one comprehensive volume on the DELANO Family that will incorporate the information of the DFIP series. Cousin **Ren Cushing** noted that **Muriel's** work on these volumes represented 18 years of genealogical research and compilation.

Merchandising Report: Cousin **Terry** summarized the report from Merchandising Chair Cousin **Elizabeth Clarke**, who could not attend this meeting. Overall, there has been no significant income from sales. Elizabeth continues to seek ideas for restocking popular items and add new items including baseball caps with the DELANO KINDRED logo and new items of clothing such as a casual shirt with collar and tee shirts with imprinting on the back as well as the front.

Genealogy Program Certificate Program: The DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Program encourages all member to provide their lineage back to Philippe de Lanoy using the program's forms that include spaces for documentation. Once approved by Cousin **Muriel Cushing**, the information will be incorporated into the DELANO KINDRED genealogical data base. At that time the member will receive a certificate stating their line of descent. It has been decided to develop a new design of this certificate. Several proposed designs were shown for comments by the members. It is expected that a newly designed certificate, based upon the members' comments will be made.

Educational Website Report: Cousin **Terry** stated that the funds previously budgeted for upgrading the DELANO KINDRED website had not been used because of the difficulty in finding a company that can handle the website's various uses of information and content issues, such as content security, protection of copywrite items, and preventing downloading and unauthorized use. Terry has found a business, BreeSoft, LLC, that has the capability for this specialized content protection.

The cost for this security protection will be \$3500.00 plus a \$350.00/yr. hosting and management fee. Also, there is another new company, WHMCS (an all-in-one client management, billing and support solution for online business organizations) that is needed to supply the base software that BreeSoft would run on their servers and customize for the website. The cost of the WHMCS services will be \$300.00/yr. Membership discussion of these additional expenditures included the point that these more sophisticated internet tools are expected by all internet website organizations. Also, processes such as automated membership are of great benefit to our organization. It was noted that although the

DELANO KINDRED Inc. has a current account balance of \$17,700.00 these unanticipated costs would exceed the approved budget by membership. This would require the annual budget to be revised. Since the DELANO KINDRED is a registered IRS 501(c) charitable organization, improving the Educational Website capabilities by offering valuable historical materials on-line to members would be in the KINDRED's charitable and educational mission.

Charitable Program: Cousin **Terry** stated there was only one nominee for the Annual Drawing for \$200.00, the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society (DRHS). It was noted in the past the KINDRED has supported the DRHS's projects that are relevant to our organization. The Roosevelt Institute was also identified as a possible nominee for 2020. It was also pointed out that the DELANO KINDRED annually donates \$500.00 to the Plimoth Plantation, but this donation could be changed or stopped if the membership approves. It was noted that all nominees must be a registered 501(c)3 organization or a foreign equivalent.

The membership approved the Committees' Annual Reports.

Other Business:

Contact from the DRHS: Cousin Terry told of being contacted by Erin McGough, Executive Director of the DRHS for funding assistance in the preservation of a 1791 logbook written by Samuel Delano Jr. Cousin **Tom Delano** told of the discovery of the 1791 logbook of the ship *Grace* that included details of the ship's visit to Japan in the spring of 1791. Tom noted the importance of this logbook since it chronicled the first visit of an American vessel to Japan. The details about this logbook are included in the separate article titled "The Logbook of the Brig *GRACE* (1791)" in this newsletter. The DRHS needed \$3600.00 (approximately one-third of the total preservation which amounted to \$10,000.00). After a lengthy discussion the membership agreed to consider donating the amount of \$3600.00 to the DRHS.

Budget Revision and Decisions: As a result of the additional website cost and the DRHS donation increases the membership agreed to review and revise the previously approved budget. With only \$250.00 in excess in the previously approved budget the costs of the website work and the requested DRHS donation would result in an over expenditure of \$5150.00. After more discussion motions were made and approved to provide the funds needed for the website work and the donation of \$3600.00 to the DRHS for the preservation of the historically important *Grace* logbook in a revised budget.

Future DELANO KINDRED Meetings: For the 2020 Reunion most of the membership present voted in favor of meeting the week after the 400 Year Mayflower Celebration events in Plymouth. Cousin **Terry** summarized the results of the completed surveys that he received as of 6 September.

- The time of year preferred was mid-September to mid-October.
- The time of the week preferred: 40 percent wanted it on a weekend, but 60 percent had no preference.
- 33 percent wished to meet right after the Mayflower Society's meetings, but 67 percent preferred another time.
- About 67 percent of the respondents preferred meeting in Duxbury in 2021.

Cousins **Roberta** and **Frank Banks** reminded the members assembled that the Reunion Planning Committee needs flexibility and asked about the possibility of holding a Reunion in the Great Smokey Mountains area.

Elections and Nominations: Cousin **Terry** stated that the current Officers are presented as a slate for the coming two years. He then asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made and seconded to elect the current group of Officers who will serve until 2021. The membership voted in favor of the motion.

Cousin **Terry** asked for a volunteer for the Nominating Committee seat that is open. Cousin **Tom Delano** volunteered, and he will serve until 2022.

Board Meeting: **Terry** reminded the Officers and Directors of the Board Meeting in the Quality Inn Lobby at 10:00 AM, Thursday Morning, 12 September 2019.

Adjournment: The Membership Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASED IN 2020

As noted by President **Terry Delano**, the DELANO KINDRED Board has approved a 25 percent Membership Dues increase starting in January 2020. Cousin Terry pointed out that this is the first time Membership Dues have been increased in ten years. When spread over ten years, this 25 percent dues increase amounts to a 1.25 percent increase per year. This increase is less than the Social Security Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase over the same period; which amounted to a 2.27 percent increase per year. The new 2020 Membership Dues are shown below.

Select Membership Type:

_____ **Adult Descendant** 1 year@\$23.00, 2 years @ \$38.00, 3 years @ \$50.00.....
 \$ _____
or Spouse of Descendant

_____ **Adult Descendant AND Spouse** 1 year@\$33.00, 2 years @ \$58.00, 3 years @ \$80.00.....
 \$ _____

Name of Spouse: _____

_____ **Family Descendant Membership** 1 year@\$38.00, 2 years @ \$68.00, 3 years @ \$95.00.....
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 (Includes Descendant & Spouse, plus any Descendant Children under 18 years of age.)
 Names of Spouse and Descendant
 Children _____

I certify that the above-named persons are a spouse of or children of a descendant of PHILLIPE DE LANOY

_____ **Associate (Non-Descendant)** 1 year@\$23.00, 2 years @ \$38.00, 3 years @ \$50.00.....
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NEW VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTED

On 11 October the DELANO KINDRED Board of Directors ratified the appointment of Cousin **Matt Delano** as the Vice President of our family Society. Cousin Matt lives in Christiansburg, Virginia in the foothills of the far western Mountains of the state near Virginia Tech and Radford Universities. We are pleased that Cousin Matt has accepted the appointment vacated by the sad and untimely death of his father Cousin **Bill Delano** who lived in San Antonio, TX. According to our bylaws, Matt's appointment by the Board remains until our next Annual Meeting, when the general membership will have the opportunity to continue the appointment until the normal expiration of the term at our 2021 Annual Meeting. Welcome Aboard Matt!

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

TOM AND KRISTIN DELANO VISIT LEIDEN

In October 2019 Cousins **Tom** and **Kristin Delano** traveled to Leiden, Holland. There they were fortunate to meet Dr. Jeremy Bangs which was a pleasant surprise for them. They spent a very interesting hour with him at the Leiden American Pilgrims Museum. One of the items Dr. Bangs showed Tom was an old Alms Box, the kind that were used in the 1600s in churches such as the Vrouwekerk. Tom and Kris visited the site of the Vrouwekerk and viewed the bronze plaque given to the City of Leiden by a group that included the DELANO KINDRED, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and many individual descendant donors. Besides the canal tour past many of Leiden's historic places, they were able to find



the location of the house that may have been sold by Philippe DeLanoy.³ Tom reported that property where this house once stood is now occupied by a Moroccan grocery store. If you visit Leiden, Tom suggests that you also visit the Weaver's House Museum, because it gives you an insight to the type of house Phillippe may have lived in. He was impressed by the excellence of the staff in this museum. We thank Tom and Kris for the many photos they sent us – many are included in this newsletter.



DELANO KINDRED MEMBERS OF PUNTA GORDA FLORIDA MEET

We heard from Cousin **Ren Cushing** that he and Cousin **Muriel Cushing** met and had lunch with Cousin **Cheryl Wellence** and her husband Leo at a local Punta Gorda restaurant in October. All live in that city. Cousin Ren sent a photo of the meeting. On the left are Cousin Cheryl and husband Leo and on the right are Cousins Muriel and Ren.

DEPARTED COUSINS

William G. Delano Jr.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our Vice President William G. Delano Jr. Cousin Bill died on September 18th in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 74. Those members who attended the Hyde Park Reunion will remember him being there just a week earlier. Bill was born in Glendale, California, the son of William G. Delano and Helen J. Hubert on 11 September 1945. His parents moved to Espanola, New Mexico, just north of Santa Fe where he grew up. He was graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1968 and he entered the U.S. Army that same year. In 1969 he married Donna Ruth Taylor and served a tour in Vietnam before returning to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to complete his tour of army service. Bill entered Law School at the St. Mary's University and after graduation practiced law in San Antonio. He also joined the U.S. Army Reserve for many years; retiring in 2005. Bill's line of DELANO descent is through the Lt. Jonathan branch of our family. He enjoyed reading, collecting and selling books as well as traveling to California and New England to see family.

Bill is survived by his wife Donna and their three children, a daughter Jeanne and her husband Brian Salay and their two children (Sofia and Max); a son, Billy; and son, Matt and his wife, Jackie, and by William's younger sister, Mary Delano, and his younger brother, Michael Delano, as well as numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. We extend our sincere condolences to Donna and her family.

Justine A. Fontaine

It is with a heavy heart that we report the death of Cousin Justine A. Fontaine on 17 July, at the age of 93, in Duxbury Massachusetts. Cousin Justine's DELANO line of descent is through the Samuel branch of our family. She has been a longtime and steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1992.

Although she was born in Philadelphia to Henrietta Goreke and Philip W. Delano, she grew up in Duxbury on the family farm. She loved music and after being graduated from Duxbury High School attended the Leland Powers School of Radio and Theatre before marrying her husband of 48 years, George O. Fontaine.

They moved to North Attleboro in the 1950's but spent their summers in Duxbury fishing and clamming in Duxbury Bay. While raising three children, Justine sang with the Harmonettes; competing in the barbershop quartet and chorus in the U. S. and Canada. She returned to school and was graduated in 1966 from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health School of Nursing. She and George returned to Duxbury in 1970 where they joined a candlepin bowling league and a square-dancing club. She continued her love of music, teaching her grandsons to play the guitar, and holding "sing-alongs" in local nursing homes as well as singing in the First Parish Church choir.

After retiring she indulged her love of travel and adventure, riding an elephant in Thailand, Bird watching in Trinidad, exploring Pompeii, enjoying pastry in Vienna and cruising the Nile in Egypt.

³ Bangs, J.D. *Strangers and Pilgrims Travellers and Sojourners, Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*, Chapt. 9, pp340-341 also see the map on p 700.

Cousin Justine is survived by her daughter Cousin Jeanne Martinez of Duxbury and sons George Orié Fontaine Jr. and Philip Fontaine of Duxbury and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband George and brothers Philip and C. Martin Delano. We extend our sincere sympathy to her extended family.

The Logbook of Brig *GRACE* (1791)

On 16 August Cousin **Terry Delano** received an e-mail from Erin McGough, Executive Director of the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society (DRHS), stating the DRHS was in the possession of a logbook that documents the 1791 encounter of the brig *Grace* successfully trading with the Japanese 62 years before Commodore Mathew Perry forced the entry of American vessels into Japan for trading in 1853. The *Grace* sailed into the harbor of Kushimoto (spelled Koshimoto in the logbook) with another ship, *The Lady Washington*, on 1 May 1791. The logbook clerk of the *Grace* was Samuel Delano Jr. (DFIP#371iv). The significance of the logbook was brought to the DRHS's attention by the scholars Scott Ridley and Hayato Sakurai, because it provides the American view of the fifth documented visit of a ship to Japan by owned by a country that was prohibited from trading with the Japanese at that time. According to the DRHS, "historian Scott Ridley (author of *Morning of Fire* about the sister ship *Lady Washington*) has described the log as 'a rare record of America's first visit to the closed nation of Japan in 1791. The visit is noted in fragments in Japanese archives, but this book, written day-to-day aboard the brig *Grace* as it lay in the harbor of Koshimoto, is the only American document to emerge from the voyage. It is a remarkable artifact.' The Japan-U.S. friendship Memorial Museum in Koshimoto is dedicated to this important ... contact."



Original Logbook

Amasa Delano (DFIP#371i) and his brother Samuel Delano Jr. sailed from Boston aboard the *Massachusetts* headed toward Canton. After stopping in Jakarta, they sailed for Canton on 7 September 1790⁴. After surviving a typhoon near Canton on 27 September, they arrived in Macau on 30 September and proceeded up the river to Canton.⁵ The *Massachusetts* was sold to the Danish East India Company. Amasa and Samuel were contracted to repair the ship. After the repair was completed in the early spring of 1791, Amasa arranged for his brother, Samuel, to sail with Captain Douglas of the *Grace*. In April of 1791, the *Grace* (shown on the left) departed Macau in company



The Brig GRACE

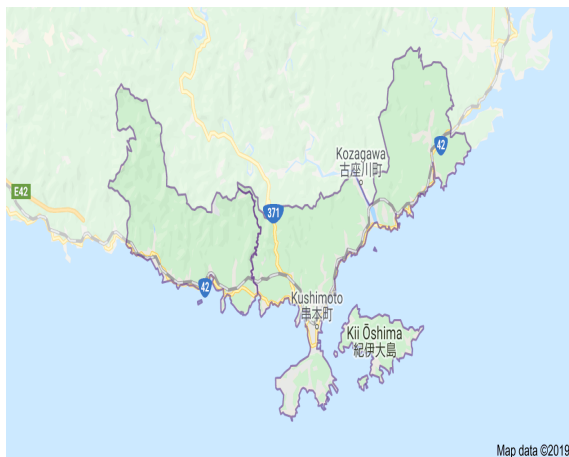
⁴"Delano's Voyages of Commerce and Discovery" ... Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves, Editor, American Classics, Berkshire House Publishers © 1994, p15.

⁵ Ibid, p16.

with the *Lady Washington*, commanded by Captain Kendrick, for Northwest America by way of Japan. They planned to stop in Japan to open trade with Japan⁶. Samuel's duty aboard the *Grace* was ship's clerk so he kept the log of the voyage. "As the ships approached, they were caught in a storm and swept toward the Kii Peninsula by the Kuroshio Current. Seeking shelter, they entered the channel between Kozo on the mainland and the island Kii Oshima. Then they moved into the protected bay behind the island, near the village of Kushimoto. The village head man sent a message to the daimyo at Wakayama Castle as did the head man of near-by Koza village. After the storm had passed a few villagers approached the ships, despite the law forbidding contact with foreigners. Kendrick invited them aboard the *Washington*, and a few did. Some of the Chinese crewmen were able to communicate via written notes. They said they had been driven to port by the storm and would not stay more than three to five days, but they also carried trade goods, especially sea otter furs. Kendrick and Douglas soon discovered that the Japanese had no interest in



Honshu Island, Japan showing Kushimoto underlined in Red



It is said that Samuel Delano Jr. sailed with Captain Douglas throughout the Northern Pacific aboard the *Grace*.

Because of the logbook's significant importance, the DRHS realized the logbook's need of conservation and digitization. This process would protect the logbook from the expected renewed attention, handling and research. The DRHS had secured funding for 2/3rds of the cost for this process and was looking for donors for the remaining 1/3rd, which is \$3,600.00. This situation was brought before the DELANO KINDRED members at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting at Hyde Park. At

⁶ Wikipedia Captain of the *Grace* references Scott Ridley (2010) "Morning Fire" John Kendrick's' Daring American Odyssey in the Pacific, Harper – Collins pp 221-226.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

this meeting the members agreed to modify the DELANO KINDRED annual budget to provide a donation of \$3600.00 to cover the remaining cost for the conservation and digitization of the logbook.

DELANO KINDRED CHECKS GIVEN TO THE DUXBURY RURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On 17 September Cousin **Tom Delano** presented two checks to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's (DRHS) Executive Director, Erin McGough. One check, for \$200.00, was given to the DRHS as the DELANO KINDRED Annual Charitable Gift and the other, for \$3600.00, was given for funding the preservation of the brigantine *Grace* 1791 Logbook which was written by the ship's clerk, Samuel Delano Jr. Erin McGough sent the DELANO KINDRED two letters expressing thanks for the DELANO KINDRED's generosity.



DUXBURY RURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY (DRHS) RECEPTION FOR THE PRESERVED GRACE LOGBOOK

On November 19th the DRHS held a reception for the occasion of receiving the preserved copy of the 1791 Logbook of the Brigantine *GRACE*. Cousins **Tom and Kris Delano** and Cousin **Fred Grant** represented



the DELANO KINDRED at this meeting. Among the other notable attendees were Carolyn Ravenscroft, DR&HS Historian and Archivist, Erin McGough, DRHS Executive Director and author Scott Ridley. The women who spent almost 70 hours conserving the logbook also attended and recognized for their work. During the reception Scott



Ridley, who co-authored a book with Hayato Sakurai titled "America's First Visit to Japan; Voyage of the Lady Washington and the Grace", discussed the logbook's importance in documenting this historical event.



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