

Genealogy, DNA Report

Hello cousins.

The Rebecca Alden Delano silver book to be published by the Mayflower Society is nearly finished. Jane Fiske who is a retired editor and researcher of the New England Historic Genealogical Society has been gracious to edit the book for us. She is also retired but still active with many societies so her time is precious. Also, the silver book guidelines have changed several times slowing down the process of preparing the book for publication. My dream was to have it done by our 400th anniversary meeting in Duxbury and I am sorry.

As the silver books are considered the best researched publications to date we are very particular with documentation which leads me to the DNA project.

DNA Project Report

When I started the project ca. 1999 people had to go through the administrator and at the time I could request their line of descent in order to keep a record of their line. It didn't matter who wanted to join but their Delano lines are very important to our genealogical research. A few did refuse which was o.k. even though I did stress that the information and their results would be confidential.

There are some families that have been difficult to document and one family that I am still working on is the Jane Arminda Delano, Director of American Red Cross in WW I. A descendant's DNA line and cousin of Jane's shows that he is not a Delano descendant. He would be a cousin of Jane's but the 6th generation will be deleted because of the lineage question. Meaning that Jane's father's family (including Jane & her sister) will not be featured.

The DNA project has been very helpful in establishing a good footprint of Philippe's DNA and has solved several questions for members. Some, have found they are not descendants but many have been delighted to establish their heritage.

Please let me know your lines of descent. As we move forward with the generations we need the information and any documentation you may want to provide.

Relatively submitted by Muriel Curtis Cushing.