

# **DELANO KINDRED, INC.**

## **EUROPEAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

### **Report**

**1 August 2021**

The European Research Committee has been reconstituted by the Board of Directors, and met on 28 May 2021 to discuss plans for moving forward with a strategic plan. Becket Soule was elected chairman at this meeting; the members listed at the end of this report were named and have agreed to serve, and have brought the committee to its full complement. The committee is not currently looking for additional members, and has moved to identifying areas of research and new projects.

#### **AREAS OF RESEARCH:**

##### **Ancestors of Philippe de la Noye.**

The website gives as part of the work of the committee the establishment (or not) of the royal lineage of Philippe de la Noye. This should be expanded to simply researching the ancestors of Philippe, since they are indeed our ancestors, whether or not they are royal. There are quite a few volumes of records from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries from Amiens, Lille, and Flanders being published now. The initial step here would be twofold:

- identifying which European scholars might be best approached to look at the records, particularly court records, from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The easiest group to look at are those who are already in the area. Both academics as well as genealogists might be approached.
- identifying what documents should be looked for. In addition to Turcoing, Leiden, Flanders and northern France should be surveyed. The records that have survived are somewhat spotty, as some collections are complete, while others are missing completely. Court records are probably the most accessible, along with church records.

##### **Philippe in England:**

If Philippe was present in England before he came to the New World, he may have left a footprint somewhere. There may be a connection with the Cooke and Mahieu names in the area. Here the documentation might be scanty ~ the Huguenot congregation in Canterbury may not have records that go back very far. Philippe would probably not be in Church of England parish records; while Kent is the obvious place to start, he may have been in a city elsewhere, depending on what connections Philippe had formed. This will be very closely connected with the next section. There are a number of researchers who are already working on Pilgrim/Separatist connections and origins in England.

### **Connections to Passengers of the *Fortune***

The principal and most accessible way to approach this is to look at the other passengers on the *Fortune* and see what their associations, relationships, families, etc. can tell us about connections to Philippe. He probably knew some, if not most, of the people on the *Fortune*, and may have had a connection with people like, e.g., Edward Bumpas (Edouard Bompasse), who was his Duxbury neighbour. While the passengers on the *Mayflower* have been researched in infinitesimal detail, the same cannot be said for the passengers on the *Fortune* (except for Robert Cushman). Robert Charles Anderson has done quite a bit of work on everyone who arrived in the Plymouth Colony between 1620 and 1633 as part of the Great Migration Project: he would have quite a few ideas, and connections on both sides of the Atlantic, in part because he has been doing this for over thirty years. This would also yield benefits of connecting to other work done by other researchers on other families which may be relevant to the Delano lines.

### **DNA:**

The search for Philippe's ancestry is closely related to the DNA research.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Put together a strategic plan for research for the next three years.
2. Compile a genealogical sketch on all of the known passengers on the *Fortune*, in time for the 2021 Delano Kindred Reunion.
3. Compile an (annotated?) bibliography on published works on Philippe Delano and his family, particularly on his European origins.
4. Coordinate with the DNA committee to investigate possible leads.

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