



# BONNES NOUVELLES

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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 of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we provide the details about the 2014 Reunion and Annual Membership Meeting in Portland ME—June 12 to June 15. Those of you who have visited Portland, perhaps on the occasion of our 2008 Reunion, know of the city's many charms. Our Reunion Committee has highlighted many of its scenic places and neat things to do and see while you are there. We thank Cousins **Elizabeth Clark** and **Arden Clarke** for making the arrangements. This Reunion will be centered at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn, in South Portland, which is just a few miles north of the upscale and exclusive Delano Park neighborhood. It is very near the location of Barzillia Delano's blacksmith shop and lies on the south border of park that includes Fort Williams and the iconic Portland Head lighthouse. This is a Reunion you will not want to miss.

Also included in this issue are articles about the Federal Reserve Centennial and the DELANO Connection, the early DELANOs of Maine, news about some of our members--as well as new and departed members, the Annual Charitable Drawing, DELANO Board happenings, and a recent book by the well-known photographer, James Whitlock Delano.

### THE FEDERAL RESERVE CENTENNIAL AND A DELANO CONNECTION

Cousin **Diana Gardner** reminded us that last December the U.S. Federal Reserve celebrated its centennial year. She also reminded us of the DELANO connection to what became known as the first Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve.

#### Establishing the Federal Reserve<sup>1</sup>

As many readers know back in the 19th and early 20th century, financial panics and bank runs plagued our nation. The United States, the only one of the world's major financial powers without a central bank, was forced to turn to Wall Street for financial support. The Panic of 1907 prompted Americans to call for a central bank, instead of relying on the banks of Wall Street to bail out the U. S. in financial crises.

Recognizing that the nation could not continue to rely on wealthy banks to stem an economic and financial crisis, Congress passed the Aldrich-Vreeland Act on May 30, 1908. The legislation provided for the issuance of emergency currency and created the eighteen-member National Monetary Commission, chaired by [Sen. Nelson Aldrich](#).



<sup>1</sup> Courtesy of the staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Over the next three years, the Commission traveled to the major capitals of Europe and hosted a number of hearings in the United States. In January 1911, Aldrich unveiled a plan that, after a year of revision by the Commission, was presented to Congress in 1912 and called for a National Reserve Association. The Commission's proposal was attacked by committees in both chambers for giving too little control to the government and too much power to bankers, especially those who ran the largest institutions.

After the 1912 Presidential Election won by Woodrow Wilson, the House Banking and Currency Committee assigned a subcommittee under the leadership of [Rep. Carter Glass](#) to explore reforms to the Commission's proposals. Finally after much debate and wrangling, Congress passed the Federal Reserve Act, which President Woodrow Wilson signed into law on December 23, 1913, to provide our nation with a more stable and secure monetary and financial system.

### The DELANO Connection

Some of you may recall we included an article in the June 2001 *Bonnes Nouvelles* #37, on page 8, about Frederic Adrian Delano being the first vice chairman of the Federal Reserve and being one of the first five members appointed by President Wilson in 1914. As many of you know Frederic was FDR's uncle. Cousin Diana kindly sent us a copy of his biography that was written by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors for the Centennial celebration. From the GHAHD, page 505, we know he was born in Hong Kong in 1863 when his father, Captain Warren Delano II, was a senior partner, in charge of operations, at Russell and Company (one of the largest U.S. export-import companies in the China area).



He grew up on the family estate "Algonac" overlooking the Hudson River, just north of Newberg, New York. After being graduated with a bachelor's degree from Harvard, he began working for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad (CB&Q). He started as an apprentice machinist in Colorado, and advanced through the positions of rail inspector, superintendent of freight terminals and moving to Chicago as superintendent of motive power, and finally as general manager of the CB&Q. In 1905, he became president of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Co., as well as first vice president for the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railway. He became the president of Wabash in 1911. In 1913, he became president of the Chicago, Indianapolis, & Louisville Railway Company. He held this position until his appointment to the Federal Reserve Board.

He resigned from the Board in 1918 to serve in World War I in the Army Corps of Engineers starting out in Tours, France as a major. After being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Transportation Corps he was appointed deputy director general of transportation for the Expeditionary Forces in France. Later he was promoted a full Colonel. After being honorably discharged on 1919, he was later appointed command colonel engineer for the Army Reserve Corps. His awards include the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal, and the French Legion of Honor for his service in France. Later he was awarded the Order of Sheng Li (Victory) for service to the Chinese Government in 1948.

He returned to the Federal Reserve service in 1921, being appointed a director at the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, VA and in 1936 he was appointed chairman of that Bank's board of directors.

Recognized for his talent, on the national and international scene, he was appointed a receiver in the 1922 Red River Boundary Case, Oklahoma vs. Texas, by the U.S. Supreme Court and was part of the League of Nation's International Commission concerning opium production in Persia. He also served as a member of the Smithsonian Board of Regents, trustee and chairman of the Brookings Institute and many planning commissions, including chairman of the National Park and Planning Commission of Washington D. C. and chaired the Committee of 100 of the Federal City (in the July-August 2013 *Bonnes Nouvelles* # 72).

In 1933 he invented and patented a one-way window glass and has published many articles in scholarly publications about banking, finance, transportation, urban planning and preservation of community and natural resources. Many of his personal papers are archived on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. He was a "man of all seasons."

## **BOARD HAPPENINGS**

### **CHAIR OF THE CHARITABLE PROGRAM**

We are pleased that Cousin **Terri Sorensen** has consented to chair the DELANO KINDRED Charitable Program. As you know this program manages the Annual Drawing Project and the annual contribution to the Plimoth Colony for the upkeep and maintenance of the Francis Cooke cottage. As you may recall Francis and Hester Cooke were Philippe de Lanoy's uncle and aunt. We believe when Philippe arrived on the FORTUNE in 1621 he helped his uncle and his cousin, John Cooke, build the cottage.

#### **THE DELANO KINDRED CHANGES ITS BANKING INSTITUTION**

After 23 years of banking with the Rockland Trust of Massachusetts the DELANO KINDRED Board approved changing its banking institution to the Wells Fargo Corporation. Wells Fargo has banks throughout the United States thus our Treasurer Cousin **David Grinnell**, who lives in California, can easily visit a Wells Fargo bank, in person, if it is needed.

It should be remembered that the DELANO family has had an historical association with Wells Fargo since 1855 when **Alonzo Delano** became the Wells Fargo agent in Grass Valley, California. In 1855 Grass Valley was a prosperous city of 3,500 people and had organized as a city in March of that year. Alonzo, then a prosperous merchant was elected as its Treasurer.

"On the night of September 13, 1855 a fire broke out and quickly spread through the city destroying more than 300 buildings in an area covering 30 acres. Virtually nothing was left except some charred wood planks and the Wells Fargo brick vault. As the townspeople gathered around the vault wondering if their money was still safe, they saw agent Delano dragging one of the few remaining shacks down the main street. He propped up his makeshift office next to the still smoldering vault and then began to unlock the vault door. Suspense lifted as every cent was in there. As the crowd cheered, Delano painted a burnt piece of wood declaring Wells Fargo open for business. Delano gave hope to the townspeople and they would never forget<sup>2</sup>."

### **2014 DELANO KINDRED Annual Charitable Drawing**

#### **Do you have a name of a Charitable Organization for this Drawing?**

At the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting the concept of selecting a Charitable Organization by a drawing at the Annual Reunion was approved. This drawing provides a one-time gift to a qualified local museum, conservancy or like institution whose holdings include DELANO documents, artifacts or memorabilia. These institutions must be qualified tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

As a DELANO KINDRED member you are encouraged to submit the name of a candidate organization that you wish to be considered by filling out the form provided as an insert in this newsletter to Charitable Program Committee Chair, Cousin **Terri Sorensen** at the address on the form. You need to include the IRS Tax ID Number or Employee ID Number which you can obtain from the candidate organization. Because the Charitable Program Committee reviews and selects those organizations that meet the standards of qualification, you should briefly describe the organization and what it does. Then briefly tell what DELANO items it has (such as artifacts, documents, or other holdings) or what programs it sponsors that are related to the DELANO family.

Please send your form to Cousin Terri so that she receives it by **15 May 2014**.

The Charitable Program Committee will review the candidates submitted to assure the qualifications are met. At the 2014 Reunion a drawing will be held of all qualified candidate organizations. The name of the candidate drawn will receive a check for \$100.00 from the DELANO KINDRED and that organization's name will be withdrawn and "retired" from consideration for the next Annual Drawing. If, at some time in the future, all qualified organizations have been selected then all the previously selected organization names would "come out of retirement" and be placed back into future drawings.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to help support these institutions either large or small that may not be well known or well endowed and have DELANO items in their holdings.

The following organizations have been past recipients: Mattapoissett Museum and Carriage House (2009), Sippican Historical Society (2010), Penobscot Marine Museum (2011), Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society (2012), and Fairhaven Colonial Club (2013).

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<sup>2</sup> "Alonzo's Nose" by Muriel C. Cushing, NL #53, Oct.-Nov.2006, p 10-11

## KUDOS

### DELANO COUSIN EARNS MASTERS DEGREE

We were pleased to receive the following from Cousin **Kathleen E. Lyons**. "On May 18, 2013 - One Day shy of my Fathers 81st Birthday - I received a Masters Degree in Medical Humanities from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey for my thesis "Health Care for Elderly Male Veterans: A Family Perspective". As part of my thesis, I interviewed my Father, Stephen Delano Lyons Sr., and my uncles, Walter L. Lyons Jr. and Edgar A. Bergholtz Jr. For my thesis I also drew upon family stories and letters dating back to World War I." Congratulations Cousin Kathleen!

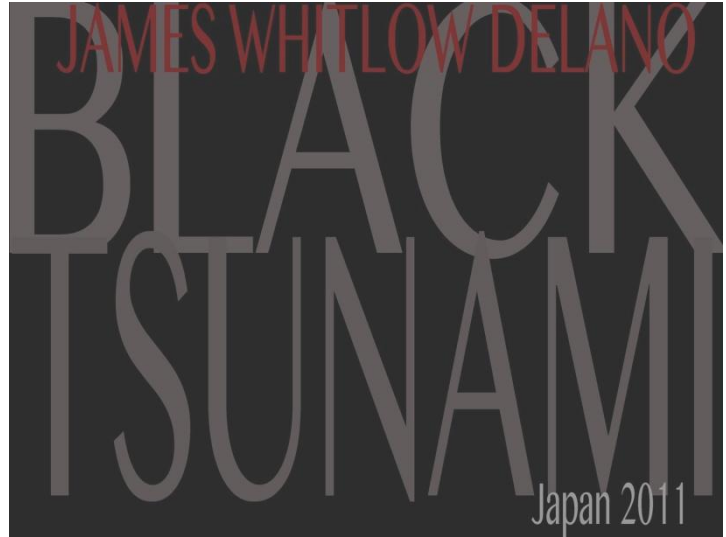
## BLACK TSUNAMI

By **James Whitlock Delano**

Many of our readers may recall we occasionally note the photographic efforts of renowned photographer, **James W. Delano**.

We are always pleased to learn that James Whitlock Delano has published a new book of his photographs or to learn of news about his participation in various international photographic expositions. His latest book, entitled *Black Tsunami*, documents the tragic devastation wrought by the giant waves and the ensuing nuclear disaster of March 11, 2011 in Fukushima Japan. His photos, shot the day after the tsunami reveal an unreal landscape littered with debris. His images, shot later in the nuclear exclusion zone, show farms, villages and uninhabited landscapes where ancestral graves, decaying buildings and neglected animals share the abandoned space. *Black Tsunami* includes; 80 black and white photographs, an introduction by James describing his journey to the area and an "afterword" by Bill Emmott, a former editor of the *Economist*. It is currently available through Amazon.

We are pleased to include some of these images below.



## Notice of Deadline For the Submission of Motions for The 2014 Annual Meeting

As noted elsewhere the 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, 14 June 2014, at the BEST WESTERN, Merry Manor Inn, in South Portland, Maine. In accordance with the DELANO KINDRED Bylaws (changed at the 2007 Annual Meeting), all Motions should have been received by the Secretary, Margaret L. Delano, 604 Hill Road, Boxborough, MA 01719 by Friday, 14 March 2014 (90 days before the Annual Meeting). If you have a proposed motion, please submit it to our Secretary now.



# 2014 REUNION



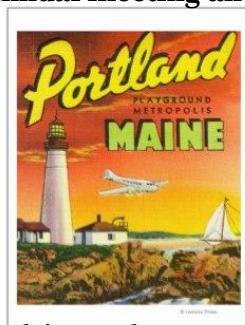
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& travel NOW

PORTLAND, MAINE

**Thursday, June 12th – Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Join the fun at our annual reunion in the coastal city of Portland, in the beautiful state of  
Maine.**

**We will have delicious meals and entertainment. A guided lighthouse trolley tour, a Lobster bake  
near the beach, and the annual meeting and genealogical symposium.**



*Lodging and events at the*

**Best Western Merry Manor Inn**

**Make your lodging reservations (code: DelanoKindredReunion) By 5/12/2014**

207-774-6151 [merrymanorinn.com](http://merrymanorinn.com)

700 Main Street, South Portland, Maine 04106

Rate: \$89.00. per night, +8% tax.

*Double occupancy. \$10.00 additional person, queen and king rooms available, same price.*

*Full sit down American breakfast is included with your room rate, airport taxi transportation reimbursements,  
indoor/outdoor pool & jacuzzi, free internet, ADA accessible, centrally located in the greater Portland area.*

## FLY

Boston, MA (BOS), Portland, ME Jetport (PWM), or Manchester, NH (MHT)

*Car rental from Boston or Manchester. Taxi with hotel reimbursement an option at Portland airport*

## RIDE

Amtrak Downeaster train. Boston to Portland 2.5 hrs. 5. Car rental or taxi to hotel

## ROADSTER

Drive the Maine Turnpike 95. Exit 45 to Rt. 1 *2 ½ hr. drive from Boston*

## BUS

Concord Coach lines (comfy) bus from Boston airport to downtown Portland. *Taxi to hotel*



Here are a few of the many options for exploring the area:

**Contemplate ancestor Barzillai Delano's life as the lighthouse keeper at Fort Williams in 1796**

**Sun rise on the Atlantic Ocean, very early in the morning**

*(Longest days of the year, June, 19th 4:18 am -7:45 pm, 927 mins.)*



**Old Port downtown district: shopping, dining, historic buildings, cafes and cobblestone streets**

**Read poetry and see the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow house on Congress Street**



**Guided tour of the historic landmark Portland Observatory**

*the only remaining maritime signal tower and its 103 steps to the lantern deck*

**Old Orchard Beach. Sandy beach, 7 miles long and the**

**historic amusement park** *(Downeaster train goes from Portland to OOB)*



**Ferry boat rides on Casco Bay and its many islands.** *Sometimes called the Calendar islands for the myth that there are 365 of them (try 250).*

**Visit an Island. Peaks Island is a 20 minute ferry ride at Casco Bay Lines in downtown Portland**

**Rent a sea kayak, paddle the bay, picnic on an island or**

**circumnavigate a historic fort**

**Try candlepin bowling, if you dare.** *Instructions – [masscandlepin.com](http://masscandlepin.com), [big20bowling.com](http://big20bowling.com) is a*

*6 min drive from hotel*

**Clam chowder and lobster rolls. Also the Birthplace of the “Italian” sandwich – try Amatos**





**Microbreweries, brewpubs & coffee shops** (Including Geary's, Gritty's, Shipyard, Casco Bay & Alligash)

1700's, Evergreen and Forest)

**L.L. Bean flagship store in Freeport, Maine** (Downeaster train goes from Portland to Freeport)



**Walk the Eastern Promenade up on Munjoy Hill**

**Crescent Beach State Park in Cape Elizabeth & Willard Beach in South Portland**



**Ocean Tides: Portland has tidal ranges of 11 feet, two times daily**

**Urban walking trails:** Bug light and Spring Point light park, 900 foot granite breakwater, WWII memorial, museum

**Boats and fish: Active working waterfront on Commercial street in downtown Portland**

**Art and Culture, Portland Museum of Art &**



**Art galleries**

**Narrow gauge railroad**

**Farmers Market in**

(Saturday)

**Deering Oaks Park**

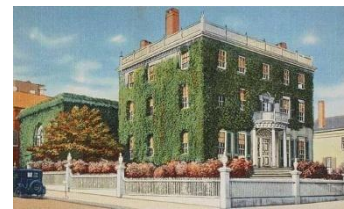


**Tour the McLellan-Sweet Mansion and/or**

**Victoria Mansion**

**Visit 60 lighthouses in Maine!**

**Flag day is Saturday, June 14th and Father's day is Sunday,**



**the**

**June 15th**

**Helpful links:**

Amtrak: [amtrakdowneaster.com](http://amtrakdowneaster.com) (Leaves from North Station)

PDX airport: [portlandjetport.org](http://portlandjetport.org)

BOS airport: [massport.com/logan-airport/](http://massport.com/logan-airport/)

MBTA (the "T" subway in Boston) [mbta.com](http://mbta.com)

MHT airport: [flymanchester.com](http://flymanchester.com)

Bus from Boston: [concordcoachlines.com](http://concordcoachlines.com)

Visit Maine: [visitmaine.com](http://visitmaine.com)

Portland Visitors site: [visitportland.com](http://visitportland.com)



## DELANOs IN MAINE

(Updated from NL # 57)

Many DELANOs settled in Maine, generally after the Revolutionary War. They were industrious individuals of many trades and professions. Many were sea captains, sailors and fishermen while others were farmers, lumberman and tradesmen. With the exception of descendants of Philippe de Lanoy's son John, some descendants of all his sons settled in the territory that became the State of Maine.

### Philip DELANO Jr. Branch

In the GHAARD one finds that members of the Philippe de Lanoy's son, Philip Jr., settled there in the 1770s. Mariner Hopestill Delano (DFIP 201 & GHAARD p 109) sailed, with his family, his own ship from Kingston, MA to Woolwich, ME in 1775. His descendants populated the towns of Bath Georgetown, New Castle and Damariscotta. Another member of the Philip Jr. Branch of the family, Alpheus Delano (DFIP 213 & GHAARD p 128) settled in Friendship, ME before 1771. Many of his descendants settled near that town and inland, on the west side of Penobscot Bay, in Warren, Waldoboro and Appleton Ridge.

### Dr. Thomas DELANO Branch

The branch of the DELANOs that can claim the most Maine settlers is the Dr. Thomas Delano Branch. His son Thomas Delano 2<sup>nd</sup> (DFIP 18 & GHAARD p 181) died in Falmouth, ME, just north of Portland, around 1740. The descendants of Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> populated Portland and Cape Elizabeth. One of his descendants, Barzillai Delano (DFIP 340 & GHAARD pg 182), was an early Keeper of the Portland Head Light<sup>3</sup> located just to the north of Delano Park, ME.



Descendants of Jonathan Delano (DFIP 20 & GHAARD p 188, who was another son of Dr. Thomas) settled further inland. Zebedee Delano (DFIP 366 & GHAARD p 188), a grandson of Jonathan Delano, settled in Winthrop, Livermore, Lewiston and Hallowell between the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers. They were hardy souls. Jabez Delano, a son of Zebedee, was "a man of great endurance. When Jabez was 72, he walked 40 miles from Livermore to Augusta a distance of 40 miles in one day".<sup>4</sup> Another descendant of Zebedee, Calvin Delano (GHAARD p 194), invented and patented the "Independent tooth horse rake" and the "side-hill plow".<sup>5</sup> Another of Zebedee's many descendants was Edward Warren Delano, (GHAARD p 200) a partner in the Rudolf and Delano building firm in Philadelphia, who designed and built the first U.S. highway cloverleaf entrance and exit.<sup>6</sup>



Many descendants of Jonathan Delano settled in the same general area and toward the northeast near Bangor. Some settled further to the north northeast in Aroostook River Valley near Presque Isle. Others settled in the Bath, Woolwich and Georgetown area. Another Jonathan Delano (a grandson of the previously mentioned Jonathan) was a Keeper of the Seguin Island Light<sup>7</sup> just to the south of Georgetown Island. Many of those who attended the 2001 Reunion in West Bath, ME took an afternoon boat tour around Seguin Island.

<sup>3</sup> *Bonnes Nouvelles* #28, September 1998, p 10

<sup>4</sup> GHAARD p 192

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid* p 191

<sup>6</sup> Newsletter # 20, September 1996, p 10

<sup>7</sup> *Bonnes Nouvelles* #28, *Ibid*



### **Lt Jonathan DELANO Branch**

Only a small number of descendants in the Lt Jonathan Branch settled in Maine. These were descendants of Lt Jonathan's great<sup>3</sup> grandson Eliashib Delano (DFIP 612 & GHAHD P 463). Eliashib moved to Hampden, ME sometime before his son Hatsuld Knowles Delano was born in 1794. While some of these descendants moved west to the plains states, Eliashib's grandson, Hatcil Delano, as well as many of his descendants settled along the Penobscot River in the towns of Verona, Bucksport, and Winterport as well as Bangor.

### **Samuel DELANO Branch**

Descendants of Samuel Delano's great grandson Joseph Delano (DFIP 763 & GHAHD p511) settled mainly on Vinalhaven Island located east southeast of Rockland, ME. Descendants continued to thrive on Vinalhaven through the 1890s. A few settled in Portland and on Long Island in Casco Bay.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since December 2013.

#### Arizona

**Cody M. DELANO** of Mesa  
**Ellen O. DELANO** of Scottsdale  
**Kelle D. DELANO** of Phoenix  
**Michael DELANO** of Scottsdale

#### California

**Hugh P. DELANO** of San Clemente  
**Jeanne M. DELANO** of Belmont  
**Mary L. DELANO** of Imperial Beach  
**William F. DELANO** of Imperial Beach  
**Eugene Marcinkowski** of Cloverdale  
**Brian Salay** of Belmont  
**Maximillian DELANO Salay** of Belmont  
**Sofia Josephine Salay** of Belmont

#### Connecticut

**Eleanor P. Gunn** of Winstead

#### Maine

**John Robert DELANO** of Rockport

#### New Hampshire

**Peter W. DELANO** of Bedford

#### New Jersey

**Jonathan L. DELANO** of Cranford

#### Nevada

**Craig L. DELANO** of Henderson

#### Pennsylvania

**Jane L. DELANO** of Pittsburgh

#### Texas

**Matthew G. DELANO** of San Antonio  
**Carolyn Starkweather** of San Antonio

#### Vermont

**Kaitlin N. DELANO** of Burlington

#### Virginia

**Elizabeth C. Johnson** of Great Falls

**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.

# **DELANO KINDRED 2014 REUNION TENTATIVE AGENDA TO HELP YOU WITH TRAVEL PLANNING**

*Updates will be posted on the website and a final agenda will be in your registration packet*

**All planned events located at or meeting at the Merry Manor Best Western  
Hotel**

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Lodging rooms are available for the same rate before and after the reunion dates  
Travel date to arrive in Portland for lodging and dinner on your own.  
There is a GOOD restaurant at the Merry Manor Hotel as a dinning option.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

REGISTRATION at hotel. (sign in for your packet of information) 8:30 – 9:00 am

BOARD MEETING (for board members) 9:00 -10:30 am

GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM & EDUCATION with President Muriel Cushing 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Self guided tourist activities all day.

Easy taxi rides to downtown Portland. Approx. 10\$. We might have our own shuttle driver. TBD

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION 6:00 -- 6:45 pm

WELCOME DINNER at hotel: Social hr. 6:00 pm, Dinner & entertainment 7:00 -- 9:00 pm

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

ALL MEMBERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (please attend): 9:00 am – 11:00 am. At hotel.

Lighthouse trolley tour and Lobster bake dinner: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Meet in lobby of hotel.

Group photograph: A time and place where we can all be together. Time TBD.

Other tourist activities on your own.

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

BOARD MEETING (for board members) 8:30-10:00 am

Bye and see you next year!

**An ol' Maine saying ...if you don't like the weatha` wait 5 minutes - pack  
accordingly**



*A reminder that the weather in this area can be fickle.*

*Pack a warm jacket, wind and rain protection, as well as mild warm weather clothing.*

*Our events are casual, but feel free to dress up for Friday night's dinner, if you wish.*

*Trolley and Lobsters on Saturday will be outside events.*

**June Weather: Avg. High 73.2, Avg. Low 53.6**

## **DEPARTED COUSIN**

### **Captain Ernest Taylor Delano**

We were saddened to learn of the death of Capt. **Ernest Taylor Delano**, a waterman of Northumberland County, Virginia. He died peacefully, at the age of 94, surrounded by his loving family on December 19, 2013 at his home in the hamlet of Mila situated on the south bank of the Great Wicomico River on the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Ernest was a combat veteran of World War II and he captained menhaden fishing vessels for nearly 30 years on the Gulf and East Coasts. On the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the September 17, 2009 *Rappahannock Record* of Kilmarnock, VA included an article about Captain Ernest which we included in the November-December 2009 *Bonnes Nouvelles* #62. The article gave testimony to Ernest's encyclopedic knowledge of the bottoms of every creek and tributary along Chesapeake Bay as well as his knowledge of boats that have plied the bay's waters.

He was a descendant of Philippe de Lanoy through the Dr. Thomas branch of the family that includes Sgt. Cornelius Delano, of the Revolutionary War, and Captain George Delano, who was born in Duxbury, MA (1784) and died in Oldhams, VA (1848). Captain George, who was Ernest's great great grandfather, was the progenitor of many Delano descendants on the Northern Neck peninsula. Ernest was a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993.

Ernest is survived by his daughters, Barbara J. Delano and Sandra M. Delano, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers, Wilson Delano and Franklin Delano, two sisters, Helen Sampson and Frances Barr and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased in death by his two wives, Emily Gaskins Delano and Margaret Jones Headley Delano and two brothers, Oldham Delano and Alfred Delano.

Ernest's funeral service was held December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kilmarnock Methodist Church and he was buried in the cemetery of the Mila Methodist Church, of which he was an active, lifelong member. Waters from the Chesapeake Bay and its nearby tributaries were sprinkled on his grave. Both services were attended by many relatives and friends. One of them was Charles L. Forrest, 81 of Mathews County, VA.

On a cold December night in 1968 Forrest was the master of the "Fenwick Island," a 130-foot-long fishing vessel laden with 520,000 menhaden off the North Carolina coast. A fast-moving cold front caused 60-knot winds, 25-foot waves and the "Fenwick Island" to capsize and sink. Wearing life jackets, Forrest and his 13 crew members jumped into the frigid water.

Ernest was the captain of another fish boat nearby. He maneuvered his vessel through the high seas and winds to where he had last seen the lights of the "Fenwick Island." Ernest's crew pulled seven survivors, including Forrest, from the water. "I don't know how he did what he did that awful night, but I'm alive today on account of him," said Forrest after the funeral.

"I wish we could have saved them all," Ernest once said.

We send our sincere condolences to Ernest's family. We know that the Northern Neck and Chesapeake Bay watermen have lost one of their most knowledgeable mariners and friends.

We thank Cousin **Frank Delano** for sending a copy of Cousin Ernest's obituary to us.



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## **THE 2014 REUNION WILL BE HELD IN SOUTH PORTLAND MAINE ON 12 TO 15 JUNE**

The DELANO KINDRED *BONNES NOUVELLES* is the official, educational newsletter of the DELANO KINDRED, Inc., Boxborough, MA. It is published three times a year and is mailed from Merrifield, VA, U.S.A. The *BONNES NOUVELLES* staff includes George DeLano (editor), Carolyn Clarke (address labels), and Diana DeLano (distribution).

It is planned to publish the next *BONNES NOUVELLES* #75 in early August 2014, and the following three *Bonnes Nouvelles* as indicated: #76 (November-December 2014), # 77 (March-April 2015) and #78 (July-August 2015) .

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.

It has been our practice to mail one *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member-household address. We would be happy to mail one copy of each issue of the *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member at a household address if desired. It may be desirable, especially in the case of Family Memberships that more than one copy is sent to an address. If you wish an additional copy, free of charge, for another member in your household, please send the name and membership number of that member to the editor.