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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 expanded information about the 2019 DELANO KINDRED



Reunion and Annual Membership Meeting in Hyde Park, NY on 10 through 12 September. Also included are articles about the DELANO estates on both side of the Hudson River. On the west side of the Hudson, the Algonac estate, owned by Warren Delano II (shown on the left). On the eastern side, the Steen Valetje estate,



owned by his younger brother, Franklin Hughes Delano (shown on the right). Franklin H. Delano married Laura Astor. Please read the updated information about the 2020 and 2021 Annual Meetings in the issue. President **Terry Delano** and the DELANO KINDRED Board would like your views about future Reunion/Annual Meetings. Please fill out the questionnaire inserted in this issue and mail it to Cousin Terry at the address on the questionnaire. Also included is news of the DELANO KINDRED donation to the Plimoth Plantation as well as other information of interest. We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion and Annual Membership Meeting in September.

The 2020 and 2021 Reunions And the Annual Meeting Questionnaire

In an effort to plan ahead, it was tentatively planned to hold the 2020 Reunion in Duxbury with the Duxbury 2020 Celebration. Since then things have appeared to have changed. First of all, the Mayflower 2020 Celebration (400 years since the arrival of the Mayflower) will be overwhelming and overshadow any celebration in Duxbury in 2020. It appears, at this time, the Duxbury celebration will be in 2021. In view of that situation and considering that Philip de Lanoy arrived on the ship **FORTUNE** in 1621, it would be more appropriate to hold a Reunion at a Duxbury venue in 2021. This leaves open the

question as to where should we hold the 2020 Reunion. President **Terry Delano** has provided a questionnaire to ascertain the views of our members about future Reunions/Annual Meetings. We have inserted a copy of this questionnaire in this newsletter.

In considering the location of the 2020 Reunion one should realize holding it in the Plymouth Massachusetts area in 2020 will be very difficult. The celebration of the arrival of the Mayflower 400 years ago in 1620 starts in January and runs throughout the year with all sorts of activities. These activities become more frequent in the summer and early fall months. So squeezing in a DELANO KINDRED Reunion at Plymouth will be quite challenging.

It would be very helpful to the Board to know your views on our Annual Meetings. Please give it your early attention and mail it to Cousin Terry at the address on the form.

20019 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING "The Delano Influence on FDR"

On Tuesday September 10th through Thursday September 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 miles eight north Poughkeepsie and just south of Hyde Park, New York at 4097 Albany Post Road (U.S. 9).



Planning- Before Making Your Plans, You May Wish to Consider the Following:

Cousin **Cathy Delano** suggests for those planning to attend the Hyde Park Reunion this fall you may want to contact the **Dutchess Tourism Office**. You can request the 2019 Destination Guide – a comprehensive guide of maps, towns, restaurants, and activities. Just call Dutchess Tourism, (800) 445-3131, and they will happily mail you the big booklet. Alternatively, you can download it online at http://document.com/request-info>.

The **National Parks Service** also publishes specific brochures and beautiful aerial maps of the grounds of The FDR home, Springwood, The Library and Museum, and the Wallace Center http://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm>.

For those interested in the early Dutch settlements, the *New York Times* published an indepth article about the Dutch influence in the area accompanied by photographs of buildings still standing and the enjoyable drives to reach them. Google the article "Take a Drive Back in Time" by Russell Shorto and review the many comments this article generated.

With all the emphasis on the Dutch in Duchess County you might think that the county was named after the Dutch. History tells us otherwise according to the Dutchess Tourism Officer:

"When Henry Hudson sailed up the Hudson River in 1609, laying claim to the valley for the Dutch crown, the east bank of the river had been home to the Wappinger Indians and other member of the Algonquin Federation. They called one of their encampments Poughkeepsie, "the reed-covered lodge by the little water place."

In 1683, the colonial assembly established the twelve original counties of New York. Duchess was among them, named after Mary of Modena, then Duchess of York and the wife of the future King James II of England." Note the difference in spelling of the New York Dutchess County – with a "t".

So, 410 years after Henry Hudson sailed on the now Hudson River -- it appears that our reunion timing is perfect for more exploration and adventure.

"Leaf peepers" start to arrive as early as mid-September so we may be treated to a magnificent display of autumn foliage. The entire surrounding area promises to be the perfect backdrop for the 2019 DELANO KINDRED Reunion.

Be sure to make your reservation soon to insure your hotel room and special rate.

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.

DELANO KINDRED 2019 ANNUAL MEETING and REUNION PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM: REGISTRATION, GREETINGS, HAPPY HOUR at Coppola's Restaurant, 4167 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY.
- 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM: DINNER and SPEAKER (Shannon Butler on "Defending Sara")



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

- 9 AM 9:30 AM: REGISTRATION (continued) and set-up at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor's Center Multi-purpose room, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY
- 9:30 AM to 11 AM: Annual Meeting at the Wallace Center
- o Moment of Silence to honor those lost or wounded in the 9/11 terrorist attacks
- o Annual Meeting items (Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports, Old Business, New Business (2020 & 2021 Plans), Election of Officers, etc.)
- 11:00 AM: Pictures by the statues of Eleanor & Franklin outside in courtyard
- 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM; Open Discussion / Genealogy Questions with Delano Kindred genealogist Muriel Curtis Cushing
- 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM: Lunch (on your own on site at Uncle Sam's Canteen or at Eveready Diner across the street)
- 1:45 PM: Regroup at mosaic



for walk or minibus ride to Library/Museum



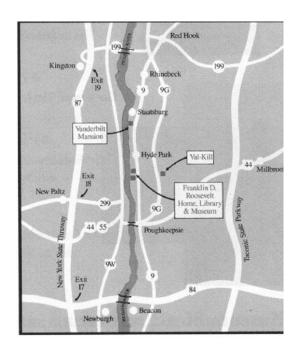
- 2 PM to 4 PM: Tour of the Library (Delano portraits, artifacts & archives) and special exhibit (*D-Day: FDR and*
- Churchill's "Mighty Endeavor")
- 4:00 PM: Gather outside Library/Museum to walk/ride to FDR's home
- 4:30 PM: Private Tour of FDR's home ("Springwood")
- 5:30 PM: Return to hotel to refresh
- 6:30 PM: Hold Open for possible special event
- DINNER: On your own Wednesday evening



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th - DEPARTURE

- 10 AM: Board of Directors meeting at Quality Inn (in the breakfast area)
- There is much to see in the area... stay an extra day or two and be a tourist!
- o Top Cottage
- o Eleanor's Cottage, Val-Kill
- o Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site
- o etc.

Area Map



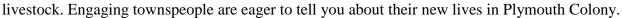
The DELANO KINDRED 2019 PILMOTH PLANTATION DONATION

Each year the DELANO KINRED makes a donation to the Plimoth Plantation. As many of you know there is a replica of Francis Cooke's family house there. Many times there are enactors representing some of the Cooke family present. When they are asked the whereabouts of Philippe de Lanoy they usually respond he is out hunting or out fishing. Back in 19 November 2011, the Cooke house caught fire; apparently from the house's chimney. Our donations helped

its rebuilding.

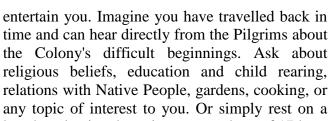
Cousin **Terri Sorenson**, who chairs the Charitable Program, reports this year's donation will go towards the costs of the newly built replica of a 17th Century English village described below.

The 17th-Century English Village is a re-creation of the small farming and maritime community built by the Pilgrims along the shore of Plymouth Harbor. The English Village brings colonial Plymouth vividly to life. Here, you will find modest timber-framed houses furnished with reproductions of the types of objects that the Pilgrims owned, aromatic kitchen gardens and heritage breeds





The people you meet are costumed role players portraying actual residents of Plymouth Colony. They have adopted the names, viewpoints and life histories of the people who lived and worked in the Colony. Each has a unique story to tell. Their viewpoints might shock or fascinate you, educate or



bench and enjoy the unique atmosphere of 17th-century Plymouth Colony.



Your visit to the 17th century is self-guided, so please explore the Village at your own pace. Feel free to walk in on the Pilgrims as they eat dinner, join a lively conversation in the street, or participate in hands-on activities that vary with the season and time of day. In addition to our role players, you may also encounter Museum Guides who speak from a modern perspective and can give you additional background on life in the 1600s and how the Museum accurately re-creates this world.

In 1623, Emmanuel Altham - a visitor to Plymouth - wrote of the town:

It is well situated upon high hill close unto the seaside... In this plantation is about twenty houses, four

or five of which are very fair and pleasant, and the rest (as time will serve) shall be made better. And this town is in such manner that it makes a great street between the houses, and at the upper end of the town there is a strong fort, both by nature and art, with six pieces of reasonable good artillery mounted thereon... This town is paled about with pale of eight foot long, or thereabouts, and in the pale are three great gates.... And lastly, the town is furnished with a company of honest men...

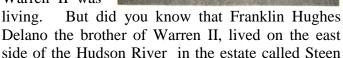


DELANOS ON THE HUDSON

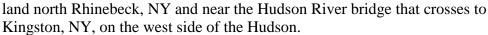
We know there were many large, family estates on both sides of the Hudson River and the DELANOs were no exception. We have discussed the Warren Delano II estate on the west side of the Hudson River just north of Newburg, NY¹. This estate, you will recall, was called Algonac. The DELANO KINDRED Website has photos of



Algonac taken years ago when Warren II was



Valetje (which means little stone valley in Dutch). Steen Valetje was located on the



Both Warren II (DFIP #650i) and Franklin H.(DFIP #650iii) were sons of Captain Warren Delano I and Debora Perry Church of Fairhaven, MA. Many of you who visited Fairhaven have seen the "Delano Homestead", the house of Captain Warren Delano I. Franklin Hughes Delano was born in 1813 and was an uncle of Sara Delano Roosevelt and grand-uncle and "namesake" of Franklin Delano Roosevelt².



He was involved in many financial ventures, especially in shipping with his brothers Warren, Frederick, and Edward. In 1839 he became a partner in the large shipping concern, Grinnell,

¹ See Bonnes Nouvelles NL #76 "Algonac" pg 5

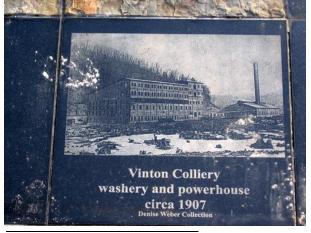
² WIKIPEDIA "Franklin Hughes Delano" (Hereafter WIK FHD)

Minturn & Company³. He became the U.S. Consul for Chile at New York from 1840 to 1851. In 1844 he married Laura Eugenia Astor, the daughter of William Backhouse Astor. As a wedding gift, Laura's father gave the couple 95 acres of land from the Astor "Rokeby" estate near Barrytown, NY, just north of Rhinebeck⁴. In 1849 he hired English architect Frank Wills to build an Italianate style country estate known as Steen Valetje, which was completed in 1851. In New York the Delano's lived at 190 Madison Avenue. He and his brother Warren, along with Asa Packer, managed a land company and purchased several thousand of acres in Pennsylvania and established the town of Delano, PA⁵. Due to the Astor family's large block of railroad stock, Franklin also served as the president of the largest railroad in Alabama which after many years of consolidations was absorbed by the Southern Railway Company and eventually the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

After his retirement in 1851 he and his wife traveled to Europe spending much of their time in Italy and Monte Carlo, Monaco. They finally took up residence in Monte Carlo where he died in 1893. Laura died in 1902. As he and Laura had no children, Steen Valetje was left to his nephew Warren Delano Jr. Portraits of Franklin and Laura hang in the dining room of FDR's Hyde Park home "Springwood".

Warren Delano Jr.(DFIP#650i6) was born at Algonac in 1852. He was graduated from Harvard in 1874 and then joined the management of the Union Mining Company in Mt Savage, Maryland. His uncle Franklin Hughes Delano, and James Roosevelt, who would marry his sister Sara Delano in 1880, were on the Board of Trustees of this company. In 1875 he inherited Steen Valetje⁶. In 1876 he married Jennie Walters who was the daughter of William Thompson Walters, a well known merchant and art collector. Jennie was the sister of Henry Walters who formed the

famed Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, MD⁷. Henry Walters gave architect Williams Adams





Delano his first major commission. Warren and Jennie lived in the "Bruce House" in Mt Savage In 1880 Warren became the until 1882. Manager of Mt. Savage Fire Brick Company and a Director of the Union Mining Company. In 1900 the Warren Delano Jr. family moved to East Orange, NJ. By 1901 he was president of the Delano Coal Company, which was a subsidiary of Lackawanna Steel Company. Delano Coal was one of the largest coal operations in Pennsylvania. It also owned the Vinton Colliery Company (which later acquired

³ See Bonnes Nouvelles NL#88 "Barron's of the Sea" pg 5—dicusses Grinnell, Minturn & Co.

⁴ WIK FHD

⁵ Ibid

⁶ WIKIPEDIA "Warren Delano IV"

⁷ See Bonnes Nouvelles NL #65 "Delano Family Album Found" pg 5.

⁸ See Bonnes Nouvelles NL #45 "William Adams Delano Architect (1874-1960)" pg 8.

the historic Buena Vista Furnace—a hot blast iron furnace built in 1847). In 1902 Warren became a Director of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N). By 1910 the Delano family moved to the Manhattan area of New York City and in 1915 Warren became a Vice President of the L&N. His father-in-law, Henry Walters was the Chairman of the L&N Board. The family spent more time in Steen Valetje and had settled there before 1920. By that time Warren had expanded the property and a large horse stable was added in this effort. At the time of his death on 9 September 1920, he was the President of the Delano Coal Company, Chairman of the Board of the Vinton Colliery Company and a Director of the Union Mining Company.

Warren's son Lyman Delano⁹ inherited Steen Valetje. Born on 16 July 1883, Lyman was graduated from Harvard in 1906. In keeping with the railroad tradition of the family, he was employed in various capacities with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, becoming its first vice president in 1916. He married Leila Burnett in 1908 and they had four children. Lyman and

Leila undertook extensive works on the house, giving it a neo-Georgian style and renaming the estate Mandara. Lyman died in 1944. The family kept Steen Valetje until 1966 when it was sold outside the family. According to real estate information its name was changed from Madara to Alatanta and was listed for



sale in 2014 for 22 million dollars. 10

NEW MEMBERS

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

Florida

Cristian A Delano who lives in Naples

Donald W. Pritchard who lives in Jasper

Kansas

Megan K. Monroe who lives in Westwood

Nevada

Jonathan Dickey who lives in Reno

North Carolina

Micha Rapoza who lives in Mt. Holly

Ohio

Patricia A. Farnsworth who lives in Newark

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

⁹ Geological Geni "Lyman Delano" (1883 – 1944)

¹⁰ House Histree, http://househistree.com/houses/atalanta

New York Times Article Mentions the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum

We were pleased that Cousin **Cathy Delano** brought an April 27th *New Your Times* article to our attention, that mentions a 1615 Geneva Bible stolen 20 years ago from the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh. The article was titled *400-Year-Old Bible Stolen From Pittsburgh Library Is Recovered in the Netherlands*. It turns out that the bible was recovered from a Dutch museum and the museum turned out to be the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. As you probably know Dr. Jeremy Bangs is the director of this museum. Using sales records, investigators last year traced the Bible to a museum focused on American pilgrims in Leiden, The Netherlands, Bangs said. Mike Manko, a spokesman for the Allegheny County district attorney, said that the museum bought the Bible in 2015 through a private seller for \$1200.00, and that today it was currently appraised at \$5,500.00. Dr. Bangs said he had acquired the Bible from a reputable seller for exhibitions, scheduled to take place in 2020 and 2021 in Massachusetts, on the books that Pilgrims owned.

The Bible was among hundreds of rare books, maps and other items, worth about \$8 million in total that the authorities have said were stolen by the archivist in charge of the collection over nearly 20 years. Prosecutors say the archivist, Gregory Priore, 62, sometimes walked out of the building with the items in plain sight. He then sold the works to a prominent book dealer, John Schulman, 55, whose shop was a block away and who had appeared as an expert appraiser on the television show "Antiques Roadshow," according to an affidavit.

The Bible was translated by English Protestant exiles in Geneva during the reign of Queen Mary Tudor. It is also called a "Breeches Bible" because of its unusual translation in Genesis 3:7—"Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knewe that they were naked, and they sewed

figtree leaues together, and made themselues breeches," the site states. The King James Bible does not use the word "breeches."

An addition to the book's cover, which Mr. Bangs said was most likely made in the 19th century, reads "Holy Bible — Breeches Edition." It is weathered, with evidence of mold on some pages, and loose binding.

Mr. Bangs said that investigators initially contacted him last year and



asked him to mail the Bible back. Given its delicate condition, he questioned whether the request was real, he said.

After learning more about the Pittsburgh case, Mr. Bangs said he contacted the Dutch police, who assigned an investigator trained in handling artwork to take possession of the Bible and

transport it to the American Embassy. The F.B.I. said its own Art Crime Team helped to bring the Bible back to the United States, covered in Bubble Wrap and nestled in a protective container.

Mr. Manko said that investigators were making progress in recovering other works as well. An initial search turned up 24 items, and 18 "cannibalized" or partial items, from a warehouse. Since then, investigators have recovered 18 books and 293 maps, plates and pamphlets, worth about \$1.6 million, he said.

The case has shocked the rare-book world. Until the theft was discovered and Mr. Priore was fired in 2017, he had been the sole archivist for the collection of rare books in the Oliver Room at the Carnegie Library, which is Pittsburgh's public library system. Mr. Schulman was a respected member of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America. The organization said he once led its ethics committee.

We thank Cousin Cathy for bringing this to our attention.

A CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM REMINDER

As we pass the mid-point in our calendar year we hope you will be making a tax-deductable charitable donation to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program if you have not already done so. As you know the DELANO KINDRED has a 501(c)(3) federal exemption status, so your donation is fully deductable. If you have not made a donation yet, please plan to do so. All charitable donations are greatly appreciated and will help the DELANO KINDRED continue to maintain its tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status. We have inserted a contribution form in this newsletter for your convenience.

DEPARTED DELANOs

Philip W. Delano Jr.

We recently learned of the sad news that Philip Wesley Delano Jr. of Kingston, MA died on 22 June 2019. He was 91 years old and a brother of Cousin **Justine Fontaine**. Philip was a longtime resident of Duxbury before he moved to Kingston. He was born on 20 June 1928 to Henrietta (Goerke) and Philip W. Delano Sr. He grew up on the family farm and was graduated from Duxbury High School in 1946. He earned a degree in Animal Husbandry at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation he worked on the family farm.

Philip served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was awarded the Combat Infantry Man's Badge for Meritorious Service. Upon his discharge he married Barbra Leonard in Long Beach California and they settled in Duxbury where Philip worked for 33 years with the New England Telephone Co. Upon his retirement in 1989 he remained active tending his tree farm and garden. He was an avid golfer playing at the North Hill Country Club every day.

Philip was predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara after their marriage of 64 years. He is survived by his sister Justine Fontaine and two daughters. Philip's DELANO line of descent is through the Samuel Branch of the family.

We extend our sincere condolences to Cousin Justine.



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THE 2019 DELANO KINDRED REUNION WILL BE HELD AT HYDE PARK, NY SEPTEMBER $10^{\rm TH}$ THROUGH $12^{\rm TH}$ – RESERVATION FORMS IN THIS ISSUE

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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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