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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 LA NOYE, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

### 2006 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING COME AND CELEBRATE OUR VERMONT HERITAGE 23 – 24 JUNE 2006

Our 2006 Reunion and Annual Meeting will be held in Burlington, Vermont on Friday 23 June to Sunday, 25 June at the Burlington Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center, 879 Williston Road, in beautiful Burlington, Vermont on the shores of Lake Champlain. Reunion activities will include a choice of two **Saturday afternoon tours** and your preference is needed **in advance**. Please see the tour details discussed below.

As was pointed out in the October- November 2005 issue, early Vermont history gives one an idea of the independent thinking of its citizens. Samuel de Champlain claimed this area for France around 1609. Later, in 1690, British soldiers from New York established a fort near Middlebury, on Otter Creek about 30 miles south of Burlington. Fort Drummer, the first permanent white settlement, was established in 1724



near Brattleboro. It was built near the Connecticut River by Massachusetts settlers for protection against the Indians. Between 1749 and 1763 the Royal Governor of New Hampshire made over 130 land grants to settlers. However, New York claimed the same land and tried to force the settlers to surrender their land or pay New York for it. In 1770 the settlers, having had enough interference from New York, organized a military force called the Green Mountain Boys. They drove the New York settlers out of Vermont. The Green Mountain Boys distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War by capturing Fort Ticonderoga with Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold in 1775. In January 1777 Vermont declared itself an independent republic and named its territory "New Connecticut." While still claiming part of this territory, the settlers ignored the competing land claims of New York and New Hampshire, and adopted their first constitution and renamed their land Vermont. After remaining independent for 14 years, Vermont settled the New York claims for \$30,000.00 and New Hampshire gave up its claims helping to clear the way for admission to the Union. In 1791 Vermont was admitted to the Union as the 14<sup>th</sup> state. (Continued on page 3)

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
DELANO KINDRED REUNION  
SHERATON BURLINGTON HOTEL &  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
23 TO 25 JUNE 2006**

**Friday, 23 June 2006**

1:00—4:00 PM	Board Meeting (Carleton Boardroom)
4:00—6:00 PM	Registration Pre-assembly (Hotel Lobby)
6:00—11:00 PM	Welcome Buffet & Program (Diamond I Ballroom)
7:00 PM	Buffet starts

**Saturday, 24 June 2006**

8:30—9:00 AM	Late Registration (Conference Center Lobby)
9:00—11:00 AM	Annual Membership Meeting (Emerald Ballroom I)
11:00—11:15 AM	Group Picture
11:30 AM—6:00 PM	Lunch (individual option) and Tour
6:00 PM—11:00 PM	Annual Banquet with Speaker (Emerald Ballroom I)
7:00 PM	Dinner served

**Sunday, 25 June 2006**

9:00—12:00 AM	Board Meeting (Carleton Boardroom)
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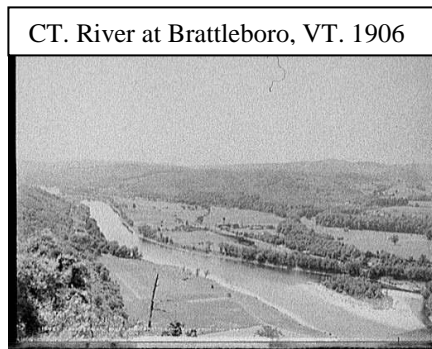
**Early DELANOs in Vermont**

At least two branches of the DELANO family



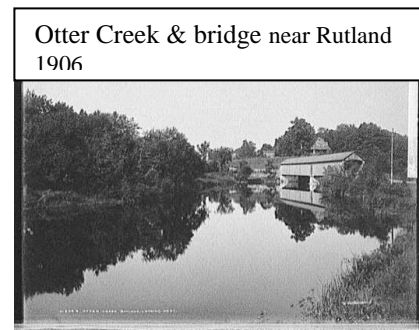
settled in Vermont in the 1700's. Most of them settled along the Connecticut River to the east of the Green Mountains. There the DELANO homesteads were in the territory of New Hampshire on the east side of the river as well in Vermont on the western shore. Other DELANOs settled in the Otter Creek Valley that opens on the Lake Champlain Valley on the west side of

the mountains. Along the shores of Lake Champlain many DELANOs had sons and daughters living on either side of the narrow,



southern portion of Lake Champlain—New York on the western side and Vermont on the eastern side.

Descendants of the Dr. Thomas Delano branch included **Marietta Delano Graves** (Marietta<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Lemuel<sup>4</sup>, Beriah<sup>3</sup>, Dr. Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>). She lived in Salisbury, VT in 1832. Her children Henry, Lucretia, Julius, Mary and Ellen all lived with their own families in the Vermont towns or villages of Orwell, Sudbury, Brandon and Pittsford where the Lemon Fair River and Otter Creek join; to the southeast of Lake Champlain.



The descendants of Lt Jonathan Delano's son Jonathan Jr. (DFIP # 28) settled in several areas of Vermont. Jonathan Jr. lived in Tolland, CT, but his sons, Nathan, Jonathan III, Sylvanus, Thomas, Timothy and Jethro, moved to the western part of Connecticut, settling in Litchfield County, CT and in Dutchess County, NY. Nathan eventually moved northeast to settle in Walpole, NH across the Connecticut River from Vermont. His route followed the wilderness trail along the Connecticut River to Canada. Pioneers built old Fort Dummer in Vermont near Brattleboro, about 20 miles south of Walpole, in 1724. In those days it was the most advanced outpost in the region..

Nathan's son **Nathan Jr.** (Nathan<sup>5-4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3-2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>) settled first in Windsor, VT on the west side of the Connecticut River in 1781, then moved west to Panton, VT on the shores of Lake Champlain. Records show he

probably served in Col. Bedell's Regiment of the New Hampshire militia and in Col. Yates' Regiment in the New York militia at times during the Revolutionary War. His children settled in Vermont and on the New York shores of Lake Champlain.

**Abisha Delano** (Abisha<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3-2</sup>, Philippe<sup>1</sup>), another son of Nathan, is said to have first settled in Dummerton, VT near Brattleboro on the Connecticut River. He served as a private in Col Bellows N.H. Regiment and in June 1777 marched to reinforce Fort Ticonderoga. It is likely that Abisha never arrived at the fort, because General St. Clair abandoned the Fort to the superior forces of General Burgoyne in early July. Abisha may have been at the battle of Hubbardton, at the north end of Half Moon Lake in July 7, 1777. Here, a successful rear-guard action by Col. Seth Warner's Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire troops ended British pursuit under Generals Frazer and Reidesel. Thus, Gen. St. Clair's American Army safely retreated from Forts Ticonderoga and Independence, located east of Ticonderoga and across Lake Champlain, to fight again near Bennington and Saratoga. As we know, Burgoyne's plans for British advance ended in defeat at Saratoga. Abisha's 12 children settled in many areas of Vermont as well as on the New York shores of Lake Champlain. Many of his grandchildren (over 47 in number) settled in Vermont or in New York near the shores of Lake Champlain. One of Abisha's great grandsons was the Honorable **Milton De Lano** a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Congress from the 26th District of New York from 1887 to 1891. Another was the Honorable **Columbus Delano** who was elected as a member of the 29<sup>th</sup> Congress from Ohio in 1845. He became Commissioner of the Internal Revenue and then Secretary of the Interior in the Grant Administration.

Jonathan Jr's. son **Jonathan III** also settled in Vermont near Hartford, just north of where highway I-89 crosses the Connecticut River at White River Junction, VT. Many of his nine children settled in Vermont or eastern New York. However his ninth son Hibbard Delano moved to Erie County, NY near Buffalo. Later

he moved with some of his family to Indiana Territory. One of Hibbard's great grandsons was **Major Joel Andrew Delano**, compiler of the second book of the GHAAHD; know as the 1899 Delano Genealogy.

While other descendants of other DELANO branches have settled in Vermont, those listed above were the major DELANO settlers in the state before 1900 that participated in and contributed to the state's early history.

## 2006 REUNION AND ANNUAL MEETING

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### Getting There:

By Air: Burlington Airport has flight service provided by most of the major airlines. The Sheraton Hotel provides a courtesy shuttle service to and from the airport.

### By Car:

#### **From the Northeast (ME & northern NH):**

take US. 2 west to Montpelier then take Interstate-89 North to Burlington Exit 14W.

**From the Boston area:** Take Interstate 93 North to Concord, NH. Pick up Interstate 89 North through New Hampshire into Vermont. Take Exit 14W, and the Sheraton is on the right.

**From Connecticut:** Take I-91 to I-89 North then follow the same directions as above.

**From New York and South:** Drive to Interstate 87 North and follow it to Albany. In Albany, continue on 87 North (the Northway) to Exit 20 (Fort Ann/Whitehall). Take Route 149 (east/north) through Fort Ann to Whitehall. In Whitehall, pick up Route 4 (north/east). Follow Route 4 into Vermont. Once in Vermont, take first exit for route 22A (Fair Haven exit). Follow Route 22A North to Vergennes. In Vergennes, take Route 7 North to Burlington. In South Burlington, take 189 connector to Interstate 89 North. Take Exit 14W and the Sheraton is on the right. Approximate drive time from New York is 6 hours.

**From the West:** Take various Routes to Albany and continue on Interstate 87 following the directions above.

## Reunion Advance Registration &

**Reservations:** To adequately plan and support the meals and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to participate in each event. Registration and Reservations should be made by **5 June 2006**. Please note that this includes indicating your preferred group tour as provided on the updated registration form. If you have already sent in your registration form you can use the updated form to indicate your tour preference. The tours are described below.

**Accommodations:** We have blocked 20 standard Guestrooms for Friday night 23 June and Saturday night 24 June 2006 at the rate of \$139.00 + taxes of 9 %--about \$152.00 per night. We have also blocked 5 rooms for Thursday 22 June thru Saturday for those who wish to take advantage of seeing more of the Burlington attractions. Each room is for single or double occupancy, and there is an extra charge for additional adults in these rooms. Non-smoking and handicap accessible rooms are available. Individual reservations may be made to the Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Conference Center between 9:00 PM to 5:00PM EST at **(800) 677-6576**. Sheraton "Central" Reservations can be called at any time at **(800) 325-3535**. All guests should identify themselves as members of the **DELANO KINDRED Family Reunion Group**. Group rate reservations must be made prior to **24 May 2006**. Reservations may be cancelled prior to three (3) days of arrival; reservations cancelled within three (3) days of arrival will be charged one night's room rent. Should your plans change after you make your reservation and you must depart earlier than planned, please be sure to inform the hotel before or at the time of check in to avoid an "Early Departure Fee" of \$139.00.

**Reunion Registration:** Registration is scheduled in the Hotel Lobby Friday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registrants will receive a "Welcome Envelope" containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday in the Conference Center Lobby prior to the Annual Meeting in Emerald Ball Room I.



The Friday night **Welcome Buffet**, held in Diamond Room I, will be a night of fellowship and pleasantries where one can meet and greet new members as well as visit with old acquaintances. Genealogical consultations will also be available. The buffet menu will include Soup, Baked Scrod, Chicken Mediterranean, Garden Salad, seasonal vegetables, roasted potatoes or rice, roll & butter, desert and beverages. Other events may also be scheduled that evening.

On Saturday at 9:00 AM, the **2006 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in Emerald Room I. We plan to have the minutes and the committee reports available in advance at registration to reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting as we did last year. We plan to have the group photograph after this meeting.

**Lunch and Tours** will be at each individual's option to increase everyone's flexibility.

Your Reunion committee has arranged a choice of two group tours that can be taken Saturday afternoon. In order to plan



for the group ticket packages you must indicate on the updated Reunion Reservation Form which tour you and your party desire to go on **prior to 5 June**. Funds for the group tickets will be collected at the time of registration (4:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday and 8:30 to 9:00 AM on Saturday). Arrangements will be made for those who do not have vehicles to travel with others. The tours offered are as follows:

**Boat Cruise:** A ninety minute on Lake Champlain aboard the SS Northern Lights. The boat cruise group will leave the Sheraton Hotel after lunch and drive a short distance to the water front and board the cruise ship and then return to the hotel afterward. The estimated group rate cost for the cruise is \$9.95 per person.

**Shelburne Museum:** A guided tour covering the highlights of the famous Shelburne Museum which spans some 45 acres and featuring 37 buildings and preserves New England's proud, pre-industrial traditions, like the historic Lake Champlain Lighthouse, an old-fashioned covered bridge, carriages and sleighs, 18th and 19th century furniture, and even the remains of an old jail cell.

The museum also contains the restored 220-foot steamboat *Ticonderoga*; a National Historic Landmark and the last walking beam side-wheel passenger steamer in existence. Built in Shelburne, VT in 1906, it operated as a day boat on Lake Champlain serving ports along the New York and Vermont shores until 1953. In 1955, the *Ti* was moved two miles overland from the lake to Shelburne Museum in a remarkable engineering effort that stands as one of the great feats of maritime preservation



The museum's extraordinary and extensive collection of 19th-century American paintings features Hudson River School landscapes, Luminist seascapes, portraits, still-lives, and genre scenes. Artists include Thomas Cole, John Kensett, Albert Bierstadt, Martin Johnson Heade, Fitz Hugh Lane, John Singleton

Copley, William Merritt Chase, John Peto, Winslow Homer, Eastman Johnson, and John Quidor.

20th-century paintings include work by Grandma Moses, Carl Rungius, and Andrew Wyeth. The largest group is 600 pictures by landscape and sporting artist Ogden Pleissner. About 40 of his works are on rotating exhibition in Pleissner Gallery, which also displays the artist's Manchester, VT studio, moved to the Museum in 1986.

Equally impressive is the Museum's Impressionist collection that includes five works by Claude Monet, four by Edouard Manet, seven by Edgar Degas, and four pastels and two prints by



Mary Cassatt. Several were first exhibited in Paris in the famed Impressionist Exhibitions of the 1870s and '80s. Also on display are works by pre-Impressionist French painters Gustave Courbet, Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, and Charles-Francois Daubigny.

The museum tour group will leave the Hotel after lunch and travel about 10 miles to south the museum where it will meet the tour guide. The estimated cost for this guide tour is \$18.00 per person and the ticket will be valid on Sunday as well; offering a chance to see more of this fabulous museum the following day.

The **2006 Banquet Dinner, Friday, 24 June**, will be served at 7:00 PM in order to give those on tour time to freshen up after returning to their guestroom. The menu will include entrée choice of Thinly Sliced Tender Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Blue with accompaniments similar (but slightly different) from the previous evening and Caramel Apple Custard Pie for desert. A cash bar will be available both nights. The scheduled **Banquet Speaker** will be Erick Tichonuk from the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, located on the shores of Lake Champlain near Vergennes, VT. He will discuss the formation and history of Lake Champlain and its impact on the region.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since December 2005.

### California

**Patrick Delano Whitfield** of Occidental

### Connecticut

**William Wallace Porter** of Mystic

### New Hampshire

**Mark A. Fortin** of Berlin

### New York

**David Riley Delano III** of New York City

**Anne Delano Steinert** of Dobbs Ferry

### North Carolina

**Bobby Jay Smith** of High Point

**WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!**

## DEPARTED COUSINS

### **Ray Osborne Delano Jr.**

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Cousin **Ray O. Delano Jr.** of Lakeville, Massachusetts on 16 December 2005. Cousin Ray had been an active member of the DELANO KINDRED, serving on the Memorial Committee. He contributed mightily to the effort to erect the Historical Marker to Philip Delano on the High School grounds in Duxbury. Many of you have enjoyed the company of Ray and his wife Annette at our annual Reunions. Ray was 82 years old and had been a member of our family society since 1993. His line of descent was through the Samuel Delano branch of the family.

He was born in Boston the son of the late Ray O. and Mary M. (Gallivan) Delano. He was graduated from Rindge Technology in Cambridge, MA, Northeastern University, Cornell University and the New York State Veterinary College. He interned for a year and was a resident at Angel Memorial Animal hospital in Boston for a year. During World War II he served in the Specialized Training Program of the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the U.S. Army. In 1948 he opened his own veterinarian practice

He was a member of the Church of Our Saviour in Lakeville, several Historical Associations, the MA Veterinary Association,

the Mayflower Lodge A.F.&A.M., Aleppo Shrine, and General Society of Mayflower Descendants as well as being a trustee of the Rock Cemetery Association.

He is survived by his loving wife, Annette, a daughter Linda-Rae Delano Grant of Summerville, S.C.; two sons, Dennis P. Delano and Ray O. Delano III, both of Lakeville, a brother Robert B. Delano of Duxbury; three grandchildren and one great grandson.

We will greatly miss Ray and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Annette and her family and to his brother Bob.

### **Katherine Louise Delano**

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Cousin **Katherine Louise Delano** of Helena, Montana who passed away on 21 December 2005 at the age of 78. Many of you met and were acquainted with Katy Lou and her husband John at either our 2003 Reunion in Hyde Park, NY or the 1998 Reunion at Fairhaven, MA.

She was born 9 March 1927 to Dr. G. D. and Grace Hubble Shallenberger in Missoula, MT. The daughter of a college professor, who for 37 years chaired the University of Montana Physics Department, Katy began her long relationship with the U. of M. She was graduated from the university in 1949 having studied dietetics and home economics. She married one of her classmates, John L. Delano of Billings. On 10 September 2005 they celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Katy and John reminded lifelong advocates of the University. Katy served as president of the U. of M. Alumni Association in 1978-79, participated in fund drives and helped organize the University's Helena Day gatherings, and served on the search committee that chose the University's president. In 2004 she and John were presented the University's Presidential Service Award for their "fierce loyalty" to the university

For all her public service Katy moved quietly on behalf of her friends, her church and her favorite service organization, PEO, which works to provide educational opportunities for women. She was an excellent cook and was always taking meals to sick friends. She was

involved in almost every aspect of her church, St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral; from the Altar Guild and Episcopal Church Women to Christmas bazaars and the annual output of plum puddings. She enjoyed tennis, cross-country skiing and walks with her friends.

She left behind a loving family, countless friends, a grateful church and alma mater. She was preceded in death by her parents, Grace and G. D. Shallenberger, a brother, William Shallenberger, and an infant son, John Garvin Delano. She is survived by a brother, Garvin Shallenberger of Laguna Beach, CA; her beloved husband John of Helena; daughters Marcia and her husband James Barnfknecht of Helena, and Joan and her husband Scott Hantz of Colstrip; grandsons Bradley and John Barnfknecht and Carlin and Samuel Hantz, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Katy's husband John has submitted several articles to the *Bonnes Nouvelles* over the years, but we are told that it was Katy's "eagle eye" that spotted the article about Frederic A. Delano and the 1914 Federal Reserve Board that was featured in the June 2001 newsletter. We will miss seeing Katy at future reunions and we send our sincere condolences to Cousin John and the entire family.

#### **Margaret Priscilla Downs Glendinning**

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Cousin **Margaret Glendinning**, on 22 January 2006, in San Marcos, Texas after a recurrence of Breast Cancer at the age of 70. She was born on 20 September 1935 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Sewall H. and Laura M. (Skinner) Downs. She was a member of the Lt. Jonathan branch of the family and was a great<sup>3</sup> granddaughter of Ephraim Briggs DeLano who came to Michigan Territory in 1833 via the Erie Canal, across Lake Erie and via ox teamed wagons to Cooper Township north of Kalamazoo.

She left Michigan to study at the New England Conservatory of Music and then worked as a floor model and buyer for Macy's of New York. She traveled to Bermuda, Canada and England and then, in 1967, came to Texas with her then-husband Walter and three young

daughters. In the ensuing years she began a career as a licensed professional counselor and a healing energy therapist. She became a writer, creating books under the name of Margaret French. Spending her last years in San Marcos, she continued to her lifelong interest in politics via spirited discussions with friends and colleagues, encouraging them to remember the difference one person makes in their community.

Many of you may remember Margaret who attended the 1998 Reunion at Fairhaven. Some of us worked with Margaret when she served on the Nominating Committee and in other capacities several years ago. Margaret helped develop our interest in the Internet as an aid in Genealogy by contributing an article entitled "Introduction to the Internet" in the March-April 1997 *Bonnes Nouvelles*. One of her genealogical passions was finding the descendants of Samuel Briggs DeLano who was in a Michigan regiment during the Civil War and afterwards moved to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Margaret is survived by her daughters Laura, Ruth, and Bonnie; sons-in law Grand McDaniels and John Romano, and granddaughter Juliet Romano. She was preceded in death by her steadfast companion Bill Shinnick. We miss Margaret and send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

#### **Nancy Lyle Elam**

We sadly report the death of **Nancy Lyle Elam** of Hughesville, MD on 2 March 2006. Nancy was 70 years old and was born in Village, VA on August 1935 to the late Charlotte B. Dawson Delano and Claude L Delano. She was the great-great grand daughter of Capt. George (of the Dr. Thomas Delano branch) and Nancy Delano who settled in the "northern neck" of Virginia in the early 1820's.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Richard J. Elam Sr. She is survived by her children, Cathy L. Roach, Ricky J. Elam, and Diane L. Beatrez; sisters Marilyn Susa, Joan Delano, and Charlene Strange; and six grandchildren.

We extend our sympathies to her children, sisters and grandchildren.

### **Charles H. Delano**

We received a short notice about the death of **Charles H. Delano** who passed away in Springfield, Missouri on 4 February 2006 at the age of 87. He was formerly from the Kendall and Holley area in eastern Orleans County, New York. He was predeceased by his son Thomas and survived by his children Liz and her husband Kevin (?) and Charles Delano and wife Brenda of West Virginia, and Eric Mitchell and his wife Vicki and daughter Shelly of Missouri, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. We extend our sympathies to his family.

We suspect that Charles at one time was a member of the Morton, New York Volunteer Fire Department, because donations in his memory were requested to be made to the Morton Fire Company. Morton is located on the Orleans-Monroe County line in New York State. Although we are not sure, we suspect that Charles may have been descended from a line in the Lt. Jonathan Branch. Several different families lived in Orleans and Monroe Counties. It is possible one of his ancestors is Roger Delano (GHAAHD p. 414), who died in nearby Clarkson, New York about 1850.

We thank Cousin **Don Partis** for sending the notice to us. If anyone knows of Charles H. Delano, we would appreciate having that additional information.

### **Claire Delano Whitmore McGill**

The New York Times reported the death of **Claire Delano Whitmore McGill** who passed away on 5 December 2005 at her daughter's home in Asbury Park, NJ. Claire was remembered for intellect, wit and sense of humor. She was an outspoken advocate of family and civic causes.

After graduation from the University of North Carolina in 1939, she attended Columbia University Teacher's College where she earned two Master's Degrees in English and Counseling. She was a member of several Honor Sororities while attending North Carolina and Columbia. During World War II she served in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Communications Watch Officer at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. A member of the Coding Board, she received a Letter of Commendation and the Victory Medal WWII.

After completing her Navy tour and marrying Harold Dugdale, Claire was a reporter and wrote a weekly column "Know Your

Government" for the Alaska Sunday Press, in Juneau. She returned to New York after her divorce from Mr. Dugdale and taught English in New York City and then was Guidance Counselor for 17 years in Leonia, New Jersey. She was predeceased by her second husband Edward McGill, who died in 1987.

Claire was a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden and William Brewster, Colonel Daniel Whitmore of the American Revolution, and of the late Rev. Edward Ayer, Chaplin of the Connecticut Senate. Her father, Ralph Delano Whitmore, a cousin of Franklin Delano, Roosevelt and the poet Emily Dickenson, shared an Academy Award for improvements in Cinemascope while working for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox.

Claire is survived by her daughter Betsy Old, grandson Forrest R. Old III and son-in-law Michael Nash; sisters-in-law Bernadine and Peggy Whitmore and eight nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held in Sunderland Massachusetts where her family has lived for over 200 years.

### **G. Dorothea Ellis**

Just before going to press we received the brief but sad news that Cousin **G. Dorothea Ellis** of West Dennis, Massachusetts had passed away on or about 20 February, 2006. Cousin Dorothea, aged 97 years, had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 2000.

Originally from Marion, MA, her early years were spent in Milton, MA, with summers at the Ellis homestead in Marion. G. Dorothea graduated from Radcliffe College, spent some years in a convent and later worked for Raytheon in the early days of computers. We understand that she was the first female engineer ever hired by the Raytheon Corporation in the 1940's.

Her line of descent is through the Lt. Jonathan branch of the family. She was an avid researcher, compiling volumes of genealogy of the Ellis family and allied families. She was predeceased by her sister Miriam W. Ellis last July and another sister earlier. She is survived by her older brother Carl Ellis who is approaching his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We send our condolences to brother Carl, but we send also our best wishes to him as he approaches his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## 2005 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

We wish to thank all of our members who took the time to send in their Annual Questionnaires for 2005. While not everyone responded to all the questions your Board appreciates the time and thoughtful answers you provided and will certainly use your answers and comments in their work in the coming years. Here are the results of the questionnaire responses.

### Reunion Locations:

2008 (somewhere in New England): Portland ME. 50%, Sturbridge, MA 38%, Hartford, CT 12%. The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge in western Massachusetts was also suggested as a venue.

We were pleased that two members said they would be willing to help as an on-the-scenes contact if a Reunion was held in their area.

2009 (away from New England): 50% of the respondents favored Williamsburg, VA and 38% favored Washington, D.C. 25% of the members responding favored a venue somewhere in Ohio, while 12% would like a Reunion in Michigan. One member suggested Mohonk Mountain House near New Paltz, NY where the Huguenot Museum is located. Members suggested Utah and Montana for locations if a reunion was held in the Mountain States and South Carolina and Florida were mentioned if a reunion was held in other locations outside New England. Warm Springs, Georgia was a suggested venue also.

### Membership in Genealogical or Historical Organizations:

Member of Another Family Organization: 38% of those responding said they were or had been members of other family organizations such as the Alden Kindred and similar societies.

Membership in a local Genealogical Organization: Only 12% of the respondents said they were members of the Genealogical Society in their locale.

Membership in National Genealogical or Historical Organizations: 38% of those who responded said they were already members or planned to become members of a national genealogical or historical organization. The organizations most frequently listed were the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. Many others were listed and one member was a member of over ten such organizations.

### Local Libraries:

Members reported that 42% of their local libraries had "Genealogical Sections" while 29% did not have

a dedicated genealogical section. Also, 29% of the respondents were unsure if their libraries had a genealogical area. No respondent was aware they could purchase a DFIP as a gift for their library's genealogical section. One member commented that he would consider giving a DFIP to his library.

### Other Comments

Newsletter: Enjoy the newsletter and the fervor about accuracy and historical data.

Reunions: I haven't attended a Reunion, but will do so

I hope to be at the Vermont Reunion

I can only attend Reunions in my area.

Consider Reunions at FDR State Park or Warm Springs, GA

Research: Concerning research in Flanders; it is important for the DELANO KINDRED or a representative on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED join the Genealogical Group Region Nord.

## THE PUBLICATION ORDER FORM HAS BEEN UPDATED

The increase in postage rates and an increase in the price of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of *Philip Delano of the "Fortune" 1621 (Generations One thru Four)* (DFIP) has made it necessary to change the publication order form. The price of the DFIP has been increased \$2.00 and now is the same price as the DFIP 5/6-I (*Philip Delano of the "Fortune" (Fifty and Sixth Generations) Part I*).

We have inserted a new publication form in this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* along with a DELANO KINDRED Decal order form.

As always proceeds from the GHAHD are deposited in the Memorial Fund.

### Updating Your E-mail Address

*We have found that many of our members who have e-mail addresses have not kept them updated. We send out e-mail notification of the publication of each newsletter, and also when there is other time sensitive information. A recent e-mail that was sent found that a number of e-mail addresses that we have in our records are no longer active addresses.*

*If you have changed your e-mail since your last renewal, we would appreciate an update of your address. Please send an e-mail containing your current address to [ren@delanoye.org](mailto:ren@delanoye.org). Thank you.*

**PHOTOGRAPHER  
JAMES WHITLOW DELANO  
EXHIBITS PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHINA**

In our July-August 2005 issue we reported the noted photographer and Cousin **James Whitlow Delano** showed some of his photographic art at an international exposition in Viterbo, Italy. Cousin

James reported last fall he participated in another exhibition in Milan showing a collection of seventy-five black and white photographs in his first book, Empire: Impressions from China. These pictures were taken on his extensive travels in China several years ago. The exhibition, from 20 October



through 20 November 2005, was in Milan's La Triennale di Milano Museum; built in a 1930's minimalist neo-classical style. It is housed in the Palazzo dell'Arte. James says the location and building are worthy of a visit. La Triennale is part of the monumental "quadrilateral" which is a park surrounded by the Sforzesco Castle, the Arch of Peace and the Arena. "Now, the changing leaves are in full color," he reported. Critics have said James photographs explore things "under the surface:" studies of lights, shapes, energies and emotion as well as the Chinese reactions to the intrusion of one foreign observer. It is said that the exhibition introduces a critical look, sometimes ironic, but always informed, of China and its people. We congratulate Cousin James on the successful exhibition of his first book of photographs. We wish we could have been there to see them in this beautiful section of Milan.

**A Letter of Thanks from  
Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute**

As you may recall we mailed our members' contributions that were designated for the cost of restoration of the portrait of FDR's maternal grandmother, Catherine Robbins Lyman Delano, to the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (FERI). Those of you who attended the 2002 Hyde Park Reunion will recall we viewed the portrait on our tour of the FDR Library. Your Board of Directors voted to provide matching funds in the sum of \$150.00 from our Charitable Account to double the amount contributed to this effort.

We were pleased to receive the following letter from Christopher N. Breiseth, President and CEO of FERI, that was addressed to our Treasurer, Cindy Prosser.

*"Dear Ms. Prosser:*

*Thank you for your generous contribution of \$300.00 to the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute toward the restoration of the William West portrait of Catherine Robbins Lyman Delano, in the memory of Philippe de Lannoy the first Delano to land in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621.*

*The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute is pleased to assist the Library in acquiring and restoring important articles, like the Delano portrait, to preserve the history of the Roosevelt family for generations to come. We appreciate your support for our efforts."*

*Signed*

*Christopher N. Breiseth*

We thank all those who sent in designated contributions towards the restoration of this portrait. You can see this beautiful portrait in color on our open website and you can contribute directly for the restoration there. Also, if you wish to contribute to this effort you may send your contribution to our Treasurer, Cynthia Prosser at our Michigan membership address:

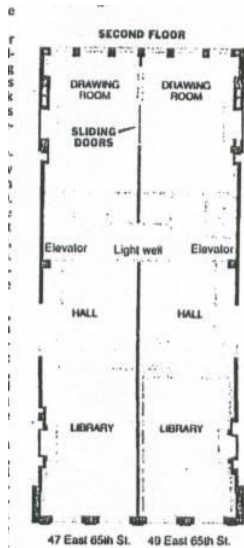
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## The Sara Delano Roosevelt House In New York City

Those who have read the many biographies about FDR including Jan Pottker's "Sara and Eleanor" (reviewed in the July-August 2004 *Bonnes Nouvelles*) will recall that the FDR & Eleanor's home 125 on 36<sup>th</sup> St. in New York City was becoming cramped as the Roosevelt's children were born. Sara Roosevelt, who spent a considerable amount of time caring for the well grandchildren when another grandchild was sick, decided the time had come to give her son's growing family more living space.



In 1907 she bought and demolished two old houses on 65th Street between Madison and Park Avenues and commissioned a house designed by Charles A. Platt, the architect for the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery in Washington D.C. The house, a Christmas present for Franklin and Eleanor, was actually two houses constructed at 47 and 49 65<sup>th</sup> St. in New York City. The twin-house aspect had not been mentioned in Sara's letter to her son and daughter-in-law that originally described the gift. Each house was 35 feet wide and six stories high. Sara lived in number 47 and Franklin and Eleanor lived in number 49. The homes were practically mirror images of each other and were connected by a sliding door on the second floor and the children's bedrooms on the 4th floor.



"There was barely room enough for both Mrs. Roosevelts, even in a building with two libraries, two dining rooms, two kitchens, two butler's pantries, two laundries, two trunk rooms, two elevators, six stairways and 20 bedrooms (8 for the Roosevelts, 12 for the servants).

Besides the awkward in-law arrangement, the house knew sorrow and tribulation. First came the death of the infant Franklin Jr. in 1909. (Another son was later given the same name.) Then in 1921, Roosevelt returned from Campobello Island, New Brunswick, stricken with polio. The elevators, though not much larger than phone booths, must have seemed a prescient godsend.

Jubilation also filled the house, never more so than at 1:40 a.m. on Nov. 9, 1932, when Governor Roosevelt came home from Democratic headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore, where he learned he had been elected president. "This is the greatest night of my life," he told his mother as she greeted him at the door<sup>1</sup>

Though she spent most of her time at Hyde Park, number 47 was Sara Roosevelt's New York City home until the day she died. Franklin and Eleanor used number 49 as their New York City residence until he was elected President in 1933. After Sara's death, Eleanor put the property up for sale. It was bought in 1942 for \$50,000 by a citizens' group, turned over to Hunter College and reopened in 1943 as the Sara Delano Roosevelt Memorial House, with social and athletic clubs in No. 47 and an interfaith center at No. 49. Later it was used as the college's Student Center until 1992 when it had fallen into disrepair.

In February of 2003 the City University of New York (Hunter College is the largest college of that institution) announced a project to renovate and restore the buildings as a public policy institute concerned with social and humanitarian issues. Known as the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute Project, the university will use bond money for most of the \$20 million project and will raise the remaining funds from private donors. The project is expected to be completed in 2007.

*We thank Cousin Ann Delano Steinert for bringing the New York Times article to our attention.*

<sup>1</sup> David W. Dunlap, "Fixing Monument to Mother-in-law," New York Times, March 18, 2003, pg B-1