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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.

### Presidents Message – Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

Welcome to the March 2025 Delano Kindred newsletter. I trust this edition of the newsletter finds everybody well as we are soon exiting the Winter season.

The focus of the March newsletter is the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion which will be here before too much longer.

We expect the April newsletter to be out in another month, but if it is delayed, please everyone have a very Happy Easter!

Tom Delano

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## **Delano Kindred 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion – September 12 & 13**

We are just under 6 months away from the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting/Reunion at the newly expanded and remodeled Alden Barn and Living History Museum in Duxbury, MA. The Delano Kindred and its members are the second highest lineage society contributors, after the Alden Kindred, to this project.

All of our meetings and events over the two days of Sept. 12 & 13 will be held in the barn and museum. We expect to have the annual meeting, the board meetings, and the guest speakers on Zoom for kindred members and board members who are unable to attend the meetings. At present, here is what the tentative meeting schedule looks like:

### **Sept. 12**

1:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 PM Guest speaker

3:00 PM Tours of the 1653 Alden House and the original 1634 Alden House site

4:30 PM Reception with snacks and refreshments

5:30 PM A catered dinner at the Alden Barn

### **Sept. 13**

10:30 AM Delano Kindred Annual Meeting

12:00 PM A catered lunch at the Alden Barn

1:00 PM Guest speaker

2:30 PM An optional bus tour of Delano family, and other Pilgrim historical sights in the Town of Duxbury

4:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Delano Kindred Board Meeting

The 2025 annual meeting planning team are still working on several of the meeting details including the final meeting costs. We expect to have all of the meeting planning done in the next several weeks and you will learn more about it in the April newsletter. At that time, the Delano Kindred website will also be open for online registration for this meeting.

We look forward to seeing many of the Delano Kindred members at this meeting in the new and expanded Alden Barn and Living History Museum!



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## Warren Delano II

### By Pam Stickney Pettengell

The business ventures of Warren Delano II (1809-1898) established his family as one of the 400 wealthiest in America.

Warren Delano II was born on 13 July 1809 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The eldest son of Captain Warren and Deborah Perry Church Delano, Warren II descended from Warren I, Ephraim, Thomas, Jonathan, and Philippe. He graduated from Fairhaven Academy and became an apprentice at a Boston merchant bank and shipping firm.

Warren left the United States in 1833 at the age of 24 to follow the trading routes the Delanos already had established - venturing to South America, the Pacific Islands, and China. It was the age of the swift clipper ships. In Canton, he worked for Russell & Company, a Boston tea company. Warren lived in China for nine years, becoming a Senior Partner in the company and its Chief of Operations for Macao, Canton, and Hong Kong.

In the early 18th century, the Portuguese and English began selling opium from India to the Chinese. By 1773, the British were the leading suppliers, but other Western countries including the U.S. gradually joined in. This highly addictive narcotic led to social and economic problems in China, and the emperor outlawed its importation and cultivation in 1796. Despite this, the opium trade flourished for years. Warren's greatest achievement with Russell & Company was expanding its trade in opium. While tea was the staple of the China trade, opium ran a close, shadowy second.

China's efforts to enforce opium restrictions and the Western countries' response

came to a head in 1839 with armed conflict between Britain and China. This was the first Opium War (1839-42).

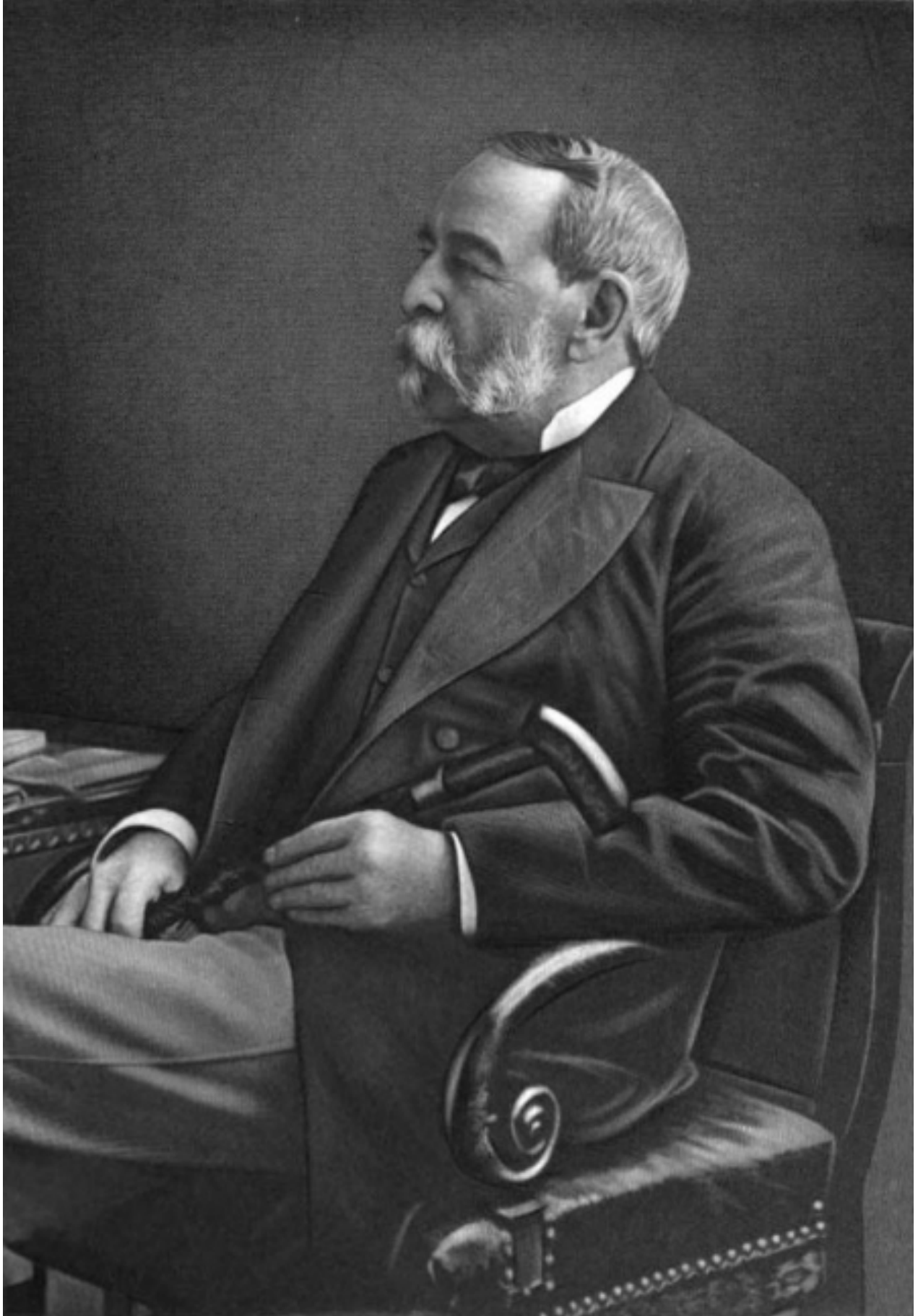
In March 1841, Warren was captured by Chinese soldiers who thought he was British. Disgusted by British war atrocities, he didn't appreciate being associated with them. Unlike his father who'd been taken by the British during the War of 1812, Warren's Chinese captivity was brief. China lost the war, and while the opium trade remained illegal, the treaty established five ports where foreigners could live and work outside Chinese legal jurisdiction, trading with whomever they pleased.

By 1843, Warren was quite prosperous, and he returned home a suitable match for aristocratic young women. That year, he married Catherine Robbins Lyman, daughter of Massachusetts Supreme Court Judge Joseph Lyman and his wife, Anne Jean Robbins. They sailed immediately to China. Returning to America three years later, Warren retired to be an investor.

Retirement was short-lived. Warren was called back to Hong Kong by Russell & Company. He settled his family in the Hudson Valley while he was gone and purchased an estate there upon his return. He named it Algonac. Unfortunately, Warren's wealth evaporated in the panic of 1857, and in 1860, he returned to the China tea and opium trade to recoup his fortune. Rebuilding took longer than expected, and in 1866 Catherine and their first seven (of eleven) children joined him in Hong Kong, living in a community of American and European families. In the end, it was the American Civil War that saved Warren's wealth. He shipped opium to the Medical Bureau of the U.S. War Department to ease the pain of the wounded and dying.

During his lifetime, Warren also had financial interests in U.S. land development, real estate, coal and iron mining, and railroad companies.

Catherine Delano died in 1896, and Warren died in January 1898 at Algonac. After the funeral there, he was buried next to Catherine in the Delano family tomb at Fairhaven's Riverside Cemetery. Warren left behind multiple children and grandchildren, most notably grandson Franklin Delano Roosevelt.



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**In Memoriam**  
**Great Losses in the Virginia Delano family**  
Special posting by Nick Neagle, editor, of Malden, MA

It is with great sadness that we announce two losses in the Delano family. On February 15th, 2025, I lost my grandfather, Howard D. Delano of Ophelia, VA. He was a major influence on my love of my family history and how it connected to the country and the world. On March 21, 2025, I lost my paternal uncle, Richard D. Delano of Church Road, VA. (More to come in regards to my uncle since it just happened)

I have gathered some thoughts about my grandfather, Howard Delano, and included them here in this newsletter. He was an intelligent, patient, and kind person. He wasn't perfect, but he was a great mentor and guide. He helped me think about family as well as guided me on how to make a good living in this world. I am forever thankful and grateful for all he did for me. From engineering to weather, from fishing to cooking, and from books to digging ditches - he was a grandfather I will love forever.

Here are some thoughts shared by my brother, Matthew Neagle of Richmond, VA, about my grandfather.

*End me in Warsaw, where the rolling hills of fields give way to creeks and streams that turn into rivers that feed into the 35 million year old Chesapeake Bay. 35 million years ago a meteor hit Earth and formed the only thing Howard loved more than his family.*

*Howard is the person I look exactly like. I am lucky for that. Delano genes are strong like dandelion roots and we can grow beards that make wizards jealous.*

*The Delano spirit is resilient and strong.*

*Delanos are always up for adventure and trying to live our best lives. We are artists, we are scientists, we are loving friends, we are top-shelf chefs, we are philosophers and Howard was all of those people in one body. Virginia renaissance man.*

*Howard put the father in grandfather.*

*Howard is a link to the past too. His stories were better than any classic film. If anyone were to play him in a movie, it would have to be Orson Welles.*

*His heart was always full of love.*

*Howard's love had no boundaries.*

*Howard was a human that the thirst for knowledge drove him. His passion for compassion came from how much he loved Jesus*

*. He knew strength and love is how the world survives. We love Howard Dorman Delano, frontiersman from Warsaw. His love could never be contained in his physical body and all you had to do was look around him to see it in action.*

*Everyone who crossed Howard's path became a better person because of it. Toughness is a Delano trait but so is love and kindness.*

*The day after Howard passed the wind howled at 60mph thru Virginia. The James River was up to 16 feet from the storm that came with the storm and then the perfect snow storm came through, perfect in that it was only a couple of inches and melted after two days. We just had a beautiful spring week before this funeral, thank you Howard. Today is beautiful, next week will be grey and stormy and a time for reflection.*

*Howard's spirit is boundless. He is around us.*

*His love is too strong to cease. Most likely you'll feel him at the dinner table, when the table is in conversation and then later when you sit on the porch after dinner and talk to each*

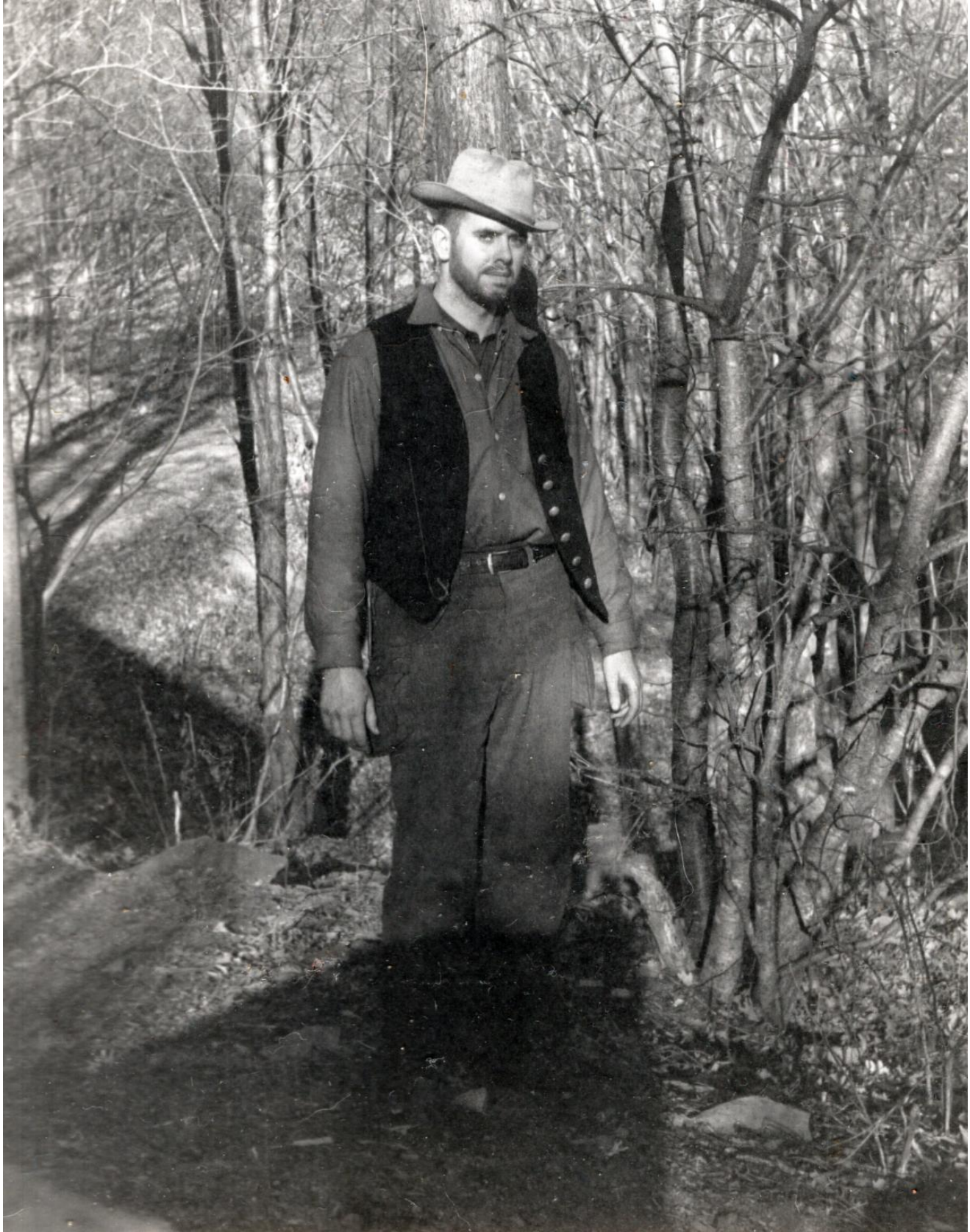
*other, connect with each other, and share stories and ideas with each other, like he loved. We love you, Howard Dorman Delano.*

Some more words about Howard are here from my incredible maternal first cousin, Ava Delano Abbott of Normal, IL. She was very close to our grandfather and I am so thankful to be able to share our stories and thoughts on him.

*My Grandfather, Howard Dorman Delano, to me from the time I was a little girl till now as a 44-year-old mother and Grandmother has been a man of almost a mythical legend. Built up in my own mind from my experiences starting as a young girl sitting on his lap listening to tales about Br'er Rabbit, looking up at this larger-than-life man who was both stoic, tall, strong, and equally loving with a smile and a laugh in his face when we did something amusing. He took it in good humor when I would take running leaps to hop on him as he napped in his favorite chair, he was a patient man when there was mischief to be had. If you had done something wrong, he gave you a look, and really that was enough. He gave me this look for instance, when I showed my Grandma how to shop on her Kindle. Throughout my teen years, he was there, always with wise advice through my good times and my many mistakes. I will cherish forever the times we spent cooking together, we used to make a mean sausage. He was a master at cooking and he did so with a science. Everything was so exact and he would explain the science as to why everything must be just so even as it often went over our heads. Sometimes your mind would wander, uh oh I don't think I'm smart enough for this conversation and then you're lost. Then he would say "Ava, I think you are distracted". He really had a passion for learning and an amazing ability to understand it all. He was a great man who taught me, if I wanted to do something all I needed was the willingness to learn and the tools to accomplish the task. It was not just me, this is something he passed down to my Dad. Imagine how lucky I am, two generations of Delano men teaching me that I can do anything. For example, if I have a plumbing or a wiring issue in my home, the professionals or well-meaning other men (not my husband, he knows better and appreciates this) will say I shouldn't be tinkering around with that stuff. My Grandad would laugh at this, he would send me a book and some tools and tell me what to do and it gets fixed. I have the confidence to try things many girls would find intimidating. I've done many things on my own that I credit to my Grandad and Dad. Grandad has been also an inspirational person to my sons, his two Great Grandsons, and my Husband who were always inspired by his personality and his love for his family. Everyone, including me, considers him someone we want to be like. I hope I continue in life to make him proud, as I will forever miss his hugs and conversation.*

I know that is a lot to read, so thank you if you are still here. I am also including his obituary below. Blessings and love to all of my Delano kin.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/howard-delano-obituary?id=57615707>



Howard Delano - Self-portrait - Shennendoah Mountains, VA - mid 1960s

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## **REMINDER – Membership Renewals & Suspensions**

If you received a notice that your service (i.e. membership) was suspended due to non-payment and you would like to reinstate your membership, here are two ways to do that:

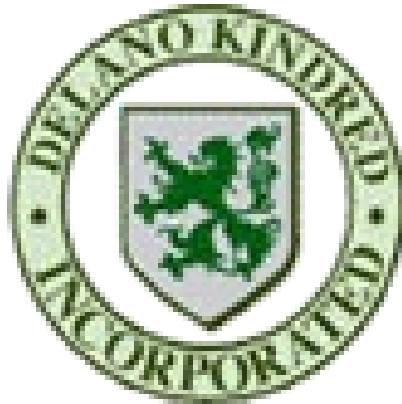
1) Go to <http://www.delanokindred.us> and log on (your email address is your user



ID). The account screen will offer an opportunity for you to pay your outstanding invoice using a credit card (via PayPal). Your membership will be automatically reinstated once the invoice has been paid.

2) Go to the CONTACT US page on the website and ask for assistance in renewing your membership

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## **New Delano Kindred Members**

**No new Delano Kindred members this month**

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### **2025 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates**

**Board of Director's Meetings (All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: May 3, 2025.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Sept. 12 & 13, 2025. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Nov. 1, 2025

**Dates for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion, Duxbury and  
Plymouth, MA  
September 12-13, 2025**

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### **Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page**

The Delano Kindred Facebook page is now up to 106 users which is not bad after just over a year in operation. For those of you who have not checked out our Facebook page, then please do so. If you are already a member of the Delano Kindred Facebook page, please tell other family members about it. The recent posts have been excellent, and you will learn a much about the Delano family history both in Europe and here in North America.

To find this page on Facebook, please search for "Delano Kindred" on Facebook,

and WELCOME!

Here is a direct link to the Delano Kindred Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551863466059>

**See you on Facebook!**

**A Note for All Members -**

If you change your email address, please use the "Contact Us" option on the Delano Kindred website to let us know. Your email addresses are tied to your logins for using the website and you cannot use it or reset your password without a current email. Thank you and let us know of any questions!

**DELANO KINDRED 2024-2025**

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