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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.

Vrouwekerk Status Your Help is Still Needed!

In *Bonnes Nouvelles 31* we covered the effort of Dr. Jeremy Bangs to save the ruins of the Vrouwekerk. We were very grateful for those of you who took the effort and time to write letters supporting Dr. Bangs.

The Vrouwekerk (Church of Our Lady) was the old Walloon Church in Leiden, The Netherlands, where our ancestor Philippe de Lannoy was baptized on 6 November 1603. It was also the church in which his Uncle Francis Cooke and Aunt Hester Mahieu were married on 30 June the same year. As you know the descendants of

Philippe and Francis Cooke include at least three Presidents (Grant, Roosevelt, and Bush). This church was granted to a congregation of
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Dutch Town Losing Pilgrim Monuments

By KELLY NICKELL, Associated Press Writer
LEIDEN, Netherlands (AP) - The last vestiges of the Pilgrims' decade-long stay in the Netherlands face destruction to make room for a discotheque, shopping mall and parking garage. The moss-adorned brick wall in the historic center of this

Dutch town is all that remains of the Church of Our Lady, where the Pilgrims worshipped before they sailed to the Americas in 1620.

But if Leiden's City Fathers have their way, there will be nothing left to mark the Pilgrims' sojourn here, where they thrived in an atmosphere of religious tolerance

after fleeing England. The church wall and the nearby site of a hospital where Pilgrim leader

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JUST A REMINDER HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2000 DUES?

Although this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* is significantly late, due to conditions beyond our control, we would still like to remind you that this is the last issue you will receive unless you have renewed your membership for the year 2000. If your mailing label has "Dec. 1999" on it, it means that our records indicate that you have not renewed for the year 2000. Many of you have paid in advance and will have a "Dec. 2000" or a later year on your label. If you have already renewed, pass the enclosed membership application on to one of your relatives who is not a member and encourage him or her to join our

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about 6000 Walloon refugees driven out of Belgium and northern France during the Eighty Years war at the turn of the seventeenth century, Philippe's mother and father were such refugees.

Dr. Jeremy Bangs is a well-known art historian and genealogist whose research we frequently discuss or reference. You may recall that he is the Director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum Foundation (LAPMF) in that city. Thanks to the Leiden City and the Walloon Church document research of Dr. Bangs, published in the NEHGS Register Vol. CXLIII, we have independent documentation that proves that Philippe's grandfather was indeed Gysbert Lano or de Lannoy--see Bonnes Nouvelles # 18 & 19.

Last summer the City of Leiden started to proceed with their plan tear down the picturesque ruins of the medieval Vrouwekerk--an important work of Dutch architecture and a Pilgrim site. The destruction of these ruins is related to an overall urban development plan of building a shopping center where twenty medieval and seventeenth-century houses now stand--in a complex that includes the hospital hall where Myles Standish recuperated from the wounds he received while serving in the Dutch army.

Dr. Bangs, on behalf of the LAPMF, joined two other entities to appeal the destruction of the church ruins. At that time we asked that you help by writing letters of support to Judge Westenberg who was scheduled to hear the case in The Hague on 15 September. Judge Westenberg on reviewing the LAPMF charter had decided that it was a legitimate party in the case and could present evidence at the hearing.

When Dr. Bangs arrived at the hearing on 15 September he was informed that another Judge had replaced Judge Westenberg. The new Judge did not agree that the LAPMF was a legitimate party in the case. Consequently, because of this and other technicalities, which surprisingly materialized, Dr. Bangs was not allowed to speak. After the hearing, the Judge delayed his decision while he reviewed the evidence.

On or about Friday, 5 November (the day before the anniversary of Philippe de Lannoy's baptism in the Vrouwekerk 396 years ago) the Judge sided with the City of Leiden Town Council and gave permission to demolish the Vrouwekerk ruins.

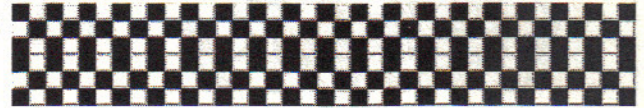
The LAPMF and the other appealing parties applied for an appeal of the Judges' decision to the Raad van State (equivalent to the U.S. Supreme Court). The cost of the appeal Dr. Bangs sent in on 28 December was about \$335 US.

On 11 January Dr. Bangs reported that his petition for appeal had been accepted and, happily, a Dutch environmental defense organization had agreed to provide Dr. Bangs with free legal assistance.

In the meantime Dr. Bangs needs some financial assistance to cover his costs for the appeal and other associated administrative costs. But **most of all he needs written support from all of us** in the form of letters or messages to the organizations **listed on the insert** in this newsletter. Please note that many of them can be contacted by e-mail. Note that if you previously

sent letters to Judge Westenberg, you can send the same letters to the Raad van State whose address is also listed on the insert. We have also included the Associated Press article by Kelly Nickell written last November in this newsletter.

Remember as long as the appeal to the Raad van State is not decided the City of Leiden cannot start demolishing the Vrouwekerk ruins, PLEASE HELP!



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Myles Standish recuperated from injuries he suffered while serving in the Dutch army are the only structures remaining from the Pilgrims' stay, according to Jeremy Bangs, a U.S. expert on the Pilgrims.

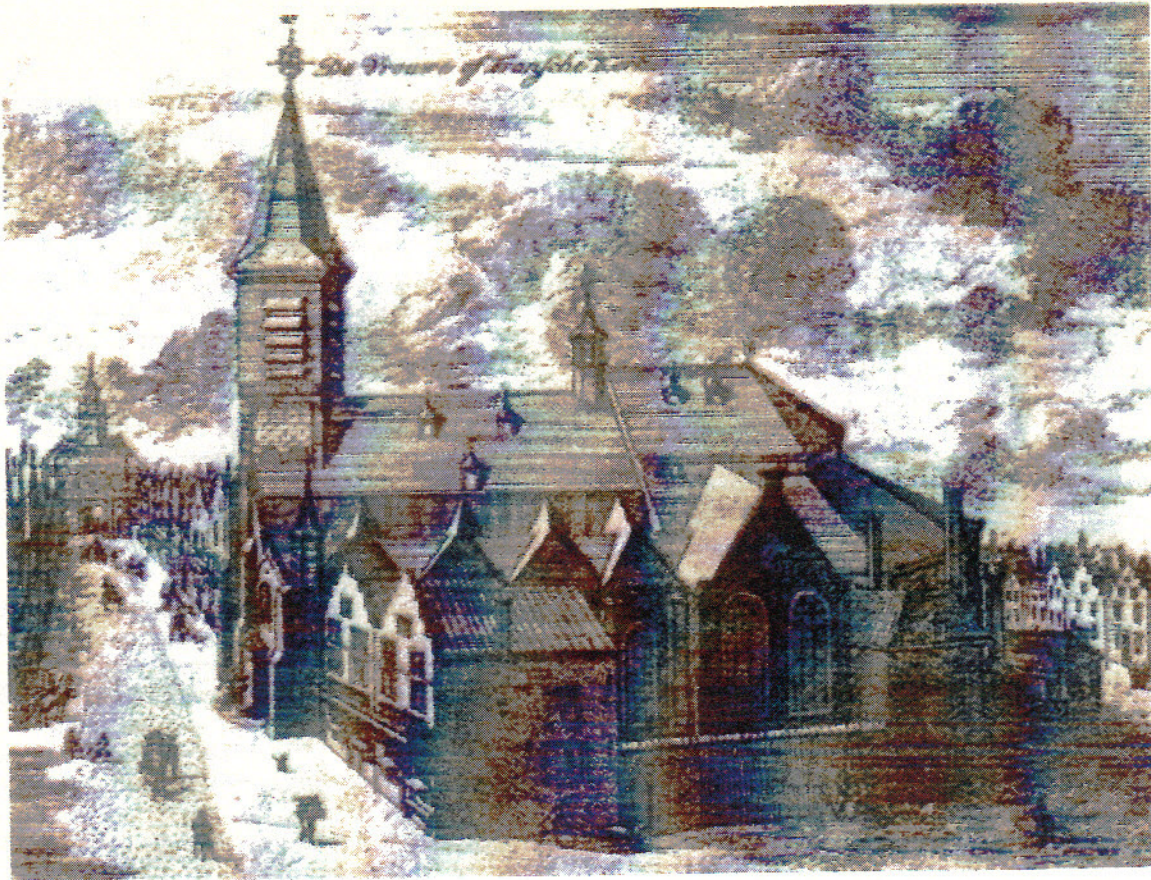
The last Pilgrim house in the city, William Bradford's, was torn down in 1985 to make way for a housing project. Now, the two remaining Pilgrim monuments and 20 other medieval and 17th-century landmarks may share a similar fate to make room for a major urban redevelopment project proposed by the City Council. "Once those building are gone, they're gone," said Bangs, former curator of Plimoth Plantation, a museum of Pilgrim history in Plymouth, Mass. "The council has suggested putting up signs where the landmarks once stood, but what's the point if nothing is left," said Bangs, who now lives in Leiden.

Jan Vellekoop, head of the Monument Preservation Commission, defended the project, saying some of Leiden's 1,300 historic sites have to be sacrificed so the city can modernize. "The city is a living organism and you can't stop time and keep everything in the 17th century because it was a nice time," Vellekoop said. "This is the 20th century, and there are new demands on the city to change and grow."

In a promotional brochure for the project, city officials say it will "give the heart of the city a new impulse" while "respecting the splendid monuments that are there." It makes no mention of the Pilgrim sites. Bangs accused the City Council of withholding information on the project and scheduling impromptu meetings on the issue to prevent protests.

The city officials responsible for the project, Tjeerd van Rij and Alexander Pechtold declined a request for comment on the issue. Jaap Moggre, chairman of the neighborhood association nearest the church square, said the city has refused to hear his group's objections, citing city ordinances that allow only residents whose homes directly overlook the plaza to file protests. None of the association members do. "I pass by the church square almost every day, and it will be a great loss to the neighborhood if it's destroyed," said Moggre. "It's really a beautiful place."

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The VROUWEKERK as it looked in the 1600's



The VROUWEKERK ruins after restoration in 1983
Note that the foundation base is still intact.

2000 REUNION

As mentioned in the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* the 2000 Reunion will be held in **Duxbury, MA on 11 and 12 August 2000**. The venue will be the **First Parish Church**, the site of the 1990 Reunion. It was the 1990 Reunion organized by Cousins Nancy B. Delano and David Kumpf (deceased) that created the spirit that led to the organizing of our Society.

Plans include a **Welcome Buffet** in the Parish House on Friday night, the Annual **Membership Meeting** Saturday morning, a tour of historic Delano homes and of course the **Reunion Banquet** Saturday evening. We are pleased that Cousin Jorge A. Delano has consented to be our **Speaker**. He will tell us about Captain Paul Delano (known as Don Pablo Delano Jefferson in Chile) and his son Paul Delano Hinckley, who started the Chilean Delano line. Since then these DELANOs have populated many other South American Countries. Also planned is a **Craft Show** (see the accompanying article), another **Fortune Cookie Contest**, as well as some **Exhibits**. Your 2000 Reunion Committee is working diligently on the Schedule of Events. More details will be forthcoming.

At the time of this writing it appears that accommodations may be tight and therefore require early reservations. We are attempting to find the most reasonable accommodations available. Detailed information will be available in the March *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

KINDRED CRAFT SHOW

Historically, the DELANO family has been noted for it's many skilled artists and artisans. We know that present DELANO KINDRED members have similar talents. The Duxbury Reunion in August will offer an opportunity for kindred to exhibit an example of a favorite craft. This is a show only, not a sale or a contest. Categories listed in the inserted entry form are examples only. Other crafts are welcome. Each person will be responsible for the security of his own item. The DELANO KINDRED will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the item.

If you have any questions about the DELANO KINDRED Craft Show at the Duxbury Reunion please contact Cousin Carolyn Clarke. Her address, phone and e-mail address are on the enclosed **KINDRED CRAFT SHOW ENTRY FORM**.

KUDOS

Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing**, our Genealogist has been installed as the Florida State Historian in that state's Society of Mayflower Descendants. We are very pleased that Cousin Muriel's fine genealogical abilities have been recognized by her selection to fill this prestigious position. With that honor comes the acronym of FLA.S.H. Congratulations **FLASH!**

The Michigan Library Association recently awarded Cousin **Martha DeLano Davis** the 1999 Library Trustee Citation of Merit. The prestigious award is in recognition of Cousin Marty's outstanding

effort in the development of local library service, promotion of library cooperation, participation in legislative and other efforts that benefit libraries and active involvement in the Michigan Library Association.

The award recognizes her efforts which since 1967 have transformed the Dexter, MI, library – a sleepy two-person operation located in a substation of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and located about 10 miles northwest of Ann Arbor – into a modern larger facility. Now known as the Washtenaw County Library, it provides services through out the county. Over the years the role of the library has changed and expanded from providing bookmobile services to outlying areas to being a leading library for the blind and physically disabled. Currently the library has 8,000 titles in house with access to 70,000 titles through a network of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Congratulations Martha!

We have learned that Cousin **Mary DeLano Rizzardi** is generously funding an outdoor amphitheater project at the Kalamazoo Nature Center; a conservancy organization dedicated to conservation and environmental education. A major project of the Nature Center is the preservation of the land around the virtually untouched land known as Coopers Glenn. Many DELANOs settled near this Glenn in the 1830s. Cousin Mary, who spent her childhood living in a farmhouse near the Glenn, thought that an amphitheater would be a fine addition the Center and add to its educational capabilities. Those who attended the 1995 Reunion in Kalamazoo had a chance to visit the Nature Center and the William Smith DeLano Homestead. The homestead farmland borders the Glenn. The Nature Center and the Homestead are listed on page 135 of the Reader's Digest "Off the Beaten Path" guide book. We appreciate Mary's thoughtful generosity!

BOARD DIRECTORY CORRECTION

We discovered we made some errors in the listing of the Board and Nominating Committee on page 11 of *Bonnes Nouvelles* #31. We have inserted a corrected listing in this issue. We are sorry for any inconvenience the errors may have caused.

Departed Cousins

We sadly report the deaths of four Cousins.

Hubert W. Delano

Cousin Hubert W. Delano of Pittsburgh, PA passed away on Sunday, 12 September 1999. You may have met Bert at the 1995 Kalamazoo Reunion or the 1998 gathering in Fairhaven. Bert was very interested in our heritage, especially our Huguenot ancestry. He had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1992.

In his own branch of the family he was a prime mover in the effort to restore the William Smith DeLano Homestead in Cooper, Michigan. The Homestead and its

farmland, now the property of the Kalamazoo Nature Center, was included in the 1995 Reunion tour. A sketch and pictures of the Homestead are included in *Bonnes Nouvelles* #14 and #15.

Although Bert retired several years ago, he formed his own public relations business and was a member of the national committee to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Statue of Liberty.

He leaves his wife June Sprague Delano, five children: Jonathan, Stephen, Christopher, Michael, and Sarah and many grandchildren.

Elizabeth Skinner DeLano Howard

Cousin Elizabeth D. Howard of Kalamazoo, MI passed away on 6 October 1999. She was an avid genealogist and was the inspiration for many in furthering their own interest and accomplishments in genealogy. She had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1995.

Born in Cooper, MI and a descendant of pioneer Ephraim Briggs DeLano, who came to the Michigan Territory in 1833, she gathered much of that branch's family history of settlement in Cooper Township, shared it with others and donated a great deal of it to the Western Michigan University Archives. Some of that history she shared with us in *Bonnes Nouvelles* #15. Through her efforts we know much about the lives of the early DELANO settlers in that region of the Michigan.

She leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jean Howard of Richmond, VA, a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Richard Clee of Scotts, MI, three grandchildren and a sister, Dr. Phyllis J. DeLano of Kalamazoo, MI.

George W. Delano

Cousin George W. Delano passed away on 14 October 1999 in South Yarmouth, MA. He was 86 years old. Born and educated in Brookline, MA, he was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art. He served in the Coast Guard as a Boatswains Mate 2nd Class in World War II. After the War he was employed as the Art Director for W.R. Grace & Co. in Cambridge, MA until his retirement.

Upon his retirement, he moved to Harwich Port, MA. An accomplished artist and an avid sailor, who enjoyed the ocean, he painted nautical works and made ship models. He was a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1992.

Marion Walton Delano

Cousin Marion W. Delano passed away on 29 December 1999 at his home in Snow Hill, MD. Born in Warsaw, VA, he was son of Randolph O. and Bernice Barnes Delano and a descendant of the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of the DELANO KINDRED. Marion attended the 1990 "founding" Reunion in Duxbury that included a large contingent of Northern Neck Virginian descendants.

He was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute receiving a BS degree in agriculture. He served

in the Army during World War II and has since then been associated with the farming industry as a farm manager for the W.T. Onley Canning Co., as a County Farm Agent and as an agricultural chemical salesman.

He is survived by four sons, Randolph W. Delano of Salisbury, MD, Lewis A. Delano of New York City, Michael Barnes Delano of Salisbury and Douglas Taylor Delano of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren and one brother, Robert B. Delano of Warsaw, VA.

BROCHURES

ABOUT THE DELANO KINDRED

The DELANO KINDRED Board has long recognized the need for a brochure that tells about our Society and can be sent to non-members. Cousin **Ernie Towers** took on the task of developing a low-cost brochure that could be easily duplicated by any member.

It sounds like that would be a simple task, but things are not always as simple as they seem. Ernie has worked diligently for many months and after many reviews has sent the master to Cousin **Ed Delano**, who is the head of the Society's Contact Committee.

The brochure is a black and white, single-sheet that tells about the KINDRED and includes a membership form that can be sent to our Duxbury address. As you know our membership has not grown since 1995. These forms can be placed in your local library's genealogical section as well as being mailed to prospective members.

We need **every member's help** in telling others about our family society. You can get copies of this brochure by contacting either Cousin **Ed Delano**, 3536 Duchess Trail, Dallas, TX 75229, Ph.: (214) 350-4972 or Cousin **Ernie Towers**, 54 Witchwood Road, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664, Ph.: (508) 394-4219, E-mail: erniet3@juno.com.

During this process Cousin Ernie has been working with our Internet Webmaster, Cousin **L. Reynolds LeVally**. Through Cousin Ren's effort there is now a colored brochure on our Website <http://www.delanoye.org>. We thank both Cousin Ernie for his leadership in the development of the brochure and Cousin Ren for placing a colorized version on the Website!

DELANO WEBSITE

<http://www.delanoye.org>

While "surfing" the Internet in October, Cousin **Frank Delano** discovered the Internet Websites owned and operated by **L. Reynolds LeVally**. Frank was impressed by the high quality of both sites. His interest increased when he discovered that one dealt with de Lannoy/DELANO line. Serious correspondence pursued and Frank alerted the Board and the DeList to the site's existence.

It turned out that Ren LeVally is a descendant of Philippe De La Noye through the Lt. Jonathan Branch. He extended an offer to the DELANO KINDRED to use the resources of one of the websites <http://www.delanoye.org>. After some discussion the Board accepted Cousin Ren LeVally's offer. Shortly, a

DELANO KINDRED Internet Committee will be appointed to advise and help Cousin Ren with the information on the site currently known as "The American House of DELANO". The website offers a wide range of genealogical and other historical information. As mentioned elsewhere, thanks to the effort of both Cousins **Ernie Towers** and **Ren LeVally**, included among the many pieces of information is a brochure with a membership application. This website, unlike many others, is updated almost daily.

We are extremely fortunate that such an accomplished and dedicated member as Cousin **L. Reynolds LeVally's** has offered the use one of his websites. Cousin Ren is employed at DPC Group, Inc. in Fort Worth, TX. Web Application Development, Information Systems, and Networking are his specialty. He has spent the past eight years designing LAN, WAN, Intranet, Extranet, Client/Server, and Internet-based applications. Thanks to Cousin Ren's spirited interest in genealogy and history, "The American House of DELANO" is one of the outstanding family Internet sites. Thank you Ren for being so generous with your time and Internet resources!

QUERIES

Margaret, John and Mary Delano

Back in late April of 1999 a wedding announcement caught the eye of Cousin Margaret L. Delano of Massachusetts in her local paper, the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The announcement said that Mary Delano daughter of Margaret and John Delano of Woodstock Valley, CT, had married Craig Webster in Rockport, ME on 1 January 1999.

Cousin Margaret, not being the mother-of-the-bride, wondered if these Delano's were members of the Kindred. We found they were not members.

Does anyone know who these DELANOs are?

Queries Still Outstanding

We have had no feedback that these queries have been answered. If they have been answered will the genealogical sleuth who provided the answer please provide inform your editor.

Who were Bertha Eudora DELANOs Parents?

Who was Jack J. DELANO Sr.? See page 4 of *Bonnes Nouvelles* #30.

Who is Elizabeth DELANO who is an accomplished skater and member of the Washington D.C. Figure Skating Club? **Who is metaphycsist Bill DELANO** of Washington D.C.? **Who is Agnes DELANO** the Mount Vernon College (Washington D. C.) art and philosophy teacher? She taught there from 1934 to 1955, **Who is Mae DELANO** of Mae DELANO Drive in Knox, IN? See page 5 of *Bonnes Nouvelles* #27.

Who are the descendants now living of Asa Curtiss and Elizabeth (Felts) Brown DELANO? See page 8 of *Bonnes Nouvelles* # 18.

Members who provide the correct answers to these apparently Unsolved Genealogical Mysteries will have their names entered into the DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Sleuth Hall Of Fame. You can contact

your Editor at the address on the last page of this newsletter.

1999 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The Board thanks all those who took their time to fill out the Annual Questionnaire and send it in to the editor.

As always your comments and suggestions are always welcome, but they wish to encourage you make comment at least once a year by distributing this questionnaire at the Annual Meeting and in the September *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Annual Meetings and Reunions

Frequently asked is where the membership would like to hold reunions that are held away from the southeastern Massachusetts area on the alternate odd years (2003 and beyond). As most of you know we plan to hold the 2001 Reunion in Maine. Areas listed received the following percentages of the votes.

(1) Cincinnati/Point Pleasant, OH	27%
(2) Denver/Littleton, CO	7%
(3) Oklahoma City/Tulsa, OK	7%
(4) Grass Valley, CA	7%
(5) Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park, NY	40%
(6) Beaver, UT	0%
(7) Other locations - Lebanon, CT	

Over 33% of those responding indicated they were willing to help as "contacts on the scene if the Reunion was to be held near their home.

The Annual Membership Directory

Over 67% of those responding indicated that they would prefer the Annual Membership Directory be arranged in alphabetical order without being grouped into the four regions.

Increasing Interest In Membership

Over 46% of those responding said they would be willing to help organize regional meetings while about 27% said they would be willing to contact past members and descendants who are non-members by phone. Suggestions to increase interest in membership and fellowship included obtaining an Internet Website and publishing booklets like the DIFP were frequent. Others included a follow-up program contacting past members, holding small reunions after major genealogical meetings, periodic publishing of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*, developing endowment funds, and consider having Reunion Banquet seating by Family Branches.

Again the Board thanks all those who participated in the Annual Questionnaire.

Genealogy Efforts Underway DELANO Family: Six Generations

In *Bonnes Nouvelles* #31 we covered the Mayflower Society's publishing of "Philippe de Lannoy or Philip Delano of the FORTUNE 1621", compiled by Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing**. Cousin Muriel and her genealogical coworkers have not rested on the laurels of this record-setting effort, which documented the first four generations of our family in the Americas. The work to perfect and update the genealogy of Philippe De La Noye descendants continues. Currently, this effort is

in the form of loose-leaf page publications for the first six generations by "family branch".

The Dr. Thomas Delano Branch and the Lt. Jonathan Delano Branch are the first two branches being worked on. As soon as those are published, other branches will follow. We hope that you will all help in any way that you can with this endeavor.

Corporal Jonathan & Lydia Briggs Delano Line Of the Lt. Jonathan Branch

Cousin **Mary Skinner**, who recently published the *Vital Records of Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan*, has completed compiling an updated edition of the William Smith DeLano family genealogy. William S. DeLano was the grandson of Corporal Jonathan Delano and Mary's latest effort represents the "first chapter" in the compilation of the Corporal Jonathan line.

All of the data Mary compiles in this effort will go into the DELANO KINDRED effort to update and perfect the DELANO FAMILY Genealogy including the Six Generation effort mentioned above. If you are a descendant of the Lt. Jonathan Branch and in the Corporal Jonathan Delano Line please be sure to contact Cousin Mary. Her address is: 404 Windsor Lane, Portage, MI 49002. Her e-mail address is ponchoplus@aol.com. You will be helping our overall effort.

Those who wish to receive a copy of the updated William Smith DeLano family genealogy may send a \$9.00 check to cover copying and postage charges to Mary Skinner at her mailing address above.

Marion Massachusetts DELANOs

Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** is compiling the Delano lines of the Delanos in Marion, MA and in Rochester Township, MA. Most of these families are in the Lt. Jonathan Branch. Carolyn is also interested in Maine Delanos. As you know many of our Delano ancestors moved north into the Maine District of Massachusetts after the Revolutionary War.

Fairhaven Massachusetts DELANOs

Cousin **Ernie Towers** has been helping in the compilation of the Delanos in Fairhaven, especially those associated with the Delano-Roosevelt lines. Ernie is also working on some of the Maine Delanos of the Dr. Thomas Branch.

South American DELANOs

Cousin **Jorge A. Delano** who resides in Farmington, CT has been updating the compilation of the Chilean Delano line started by sea captain Paul Delano Tripp who joined the in Chile's War of Independence against the Spanish. Mainly through the efforts of his son Paul Hinckley Delano, the family flourished in Chile and spread into other South American countries. Jorge recently presented a paper on Paul Sr. at the Navel Historic Museum in Washington, D.C. (pg. 5 of *Bonnes Nouvelles* #31). As our Reunion Speaker, he will tell us more about our Chilean Cousins

this coming August.

These are some of the members who are helping with our Society's Genealogy Program, which is under the direction of Cousin Muriel C. Cushing. There are many **other members** involved in this effort. If you would like to help, please contact Muriel at 605 Via Tunis Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, FL 33950, Ph: (941) 505-8408, e-mail: renmur@peganet.com.

Two French Admirals Aided by Two DELANOs In The Revolutionary War

In the last issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we mentioned that in 1781 when **Amasa DELANO** (Amasa,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Dr Thomas,² Philippe,¹) was in the merchant ship RUSSELL in Cape Francois, Martinique, he helped the French fleet under **Admiral Comte. de Grasse** by towing some of these ships out to sea.¹

As you know in the days of wooden ships and iron men, if there was no wind in the harbor anchorage and your ship had to put to sea, small boats with sailors at the oars were put in the water to tow the ship seaward. Out of the harbor the ships could find favorable winds to fill the sails. This was a slow, arduous task requiring several towboats per ship. The merchant ships in Cape Francois enjoyed the protection of the French and welcomed the opportunity to assist the de Grasse's fleet.

The fleet of twenty-four French ships sailed northward to the Virginia Capes (the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles). When the British fleet of nineteen ships under the command of Rear Admiral Graves, based in New York City, challenged the French fleet, de Grasse out maneuvered the British. Failing to gain the advantage, the British retired to New York City leaving the French in control of Chesapeake Bay. General George Washington was then able to surround the British army under General Cornwallis forcing the British to surrender; thus ending the war.

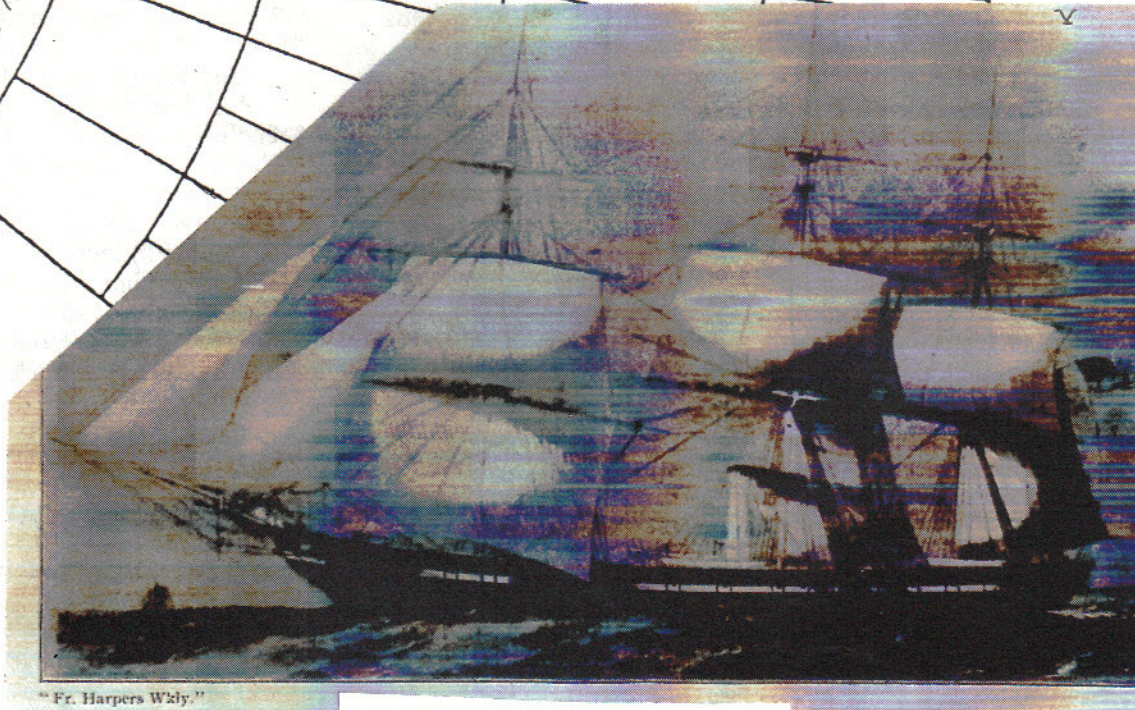
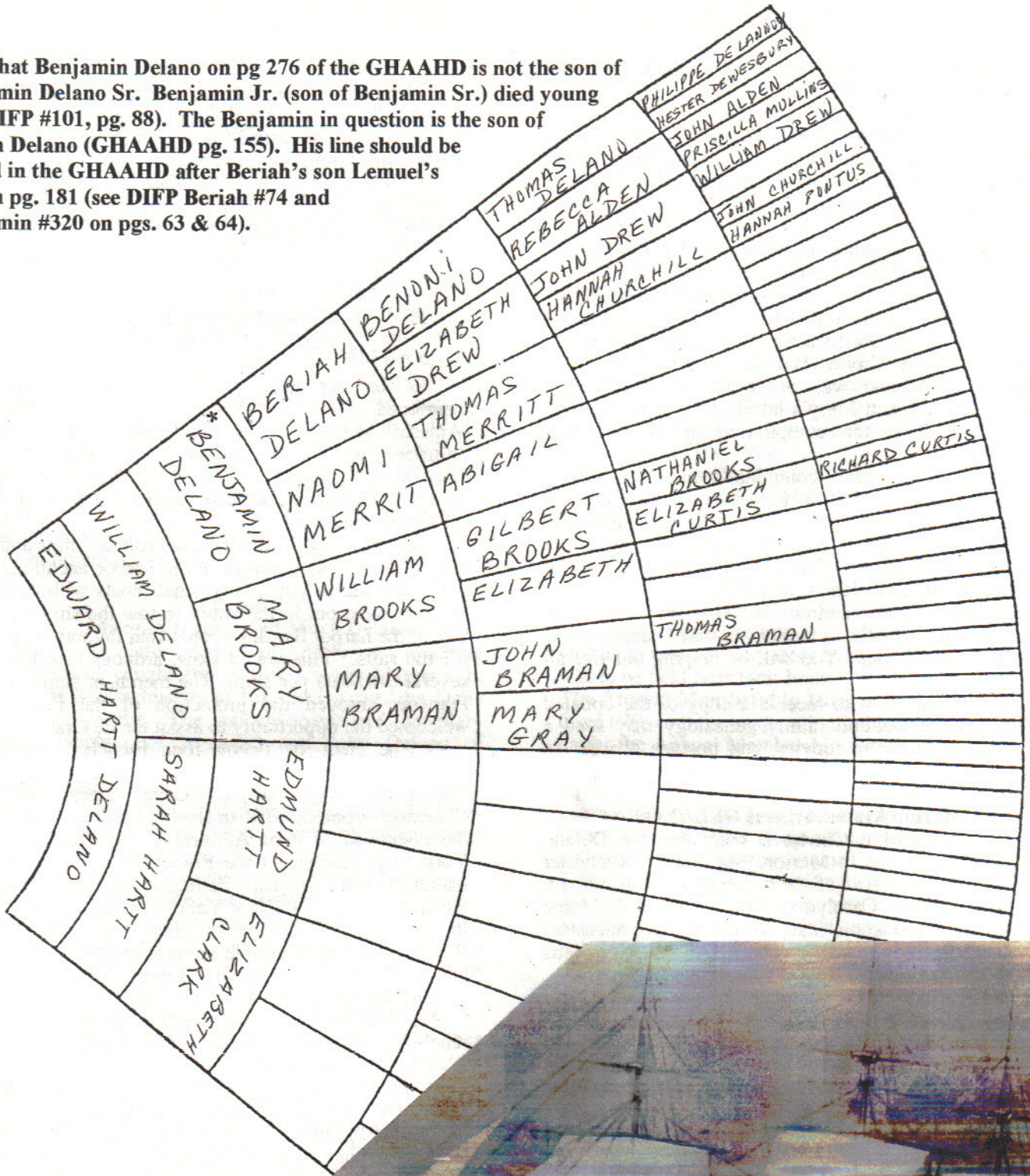
Earlier, in 1778 just after France had sided with rebellious colonies against the England, General Washington's army was then located near New York City. Lacking sufficient strength to conquer the British army, Washington planned an attack counting on the help of the French. He waited for a fleet of French ships under the command of **Admiral Comte. de Estang**. Washington had to cancel his plans when the largest of the French ships could not cross the sandbar at the mouth of the New York harbor.²

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¹ *Bonnes Nouvelles* Nr. 31, pg. 9.

² World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 16, pg. 267, Chicago, USA, 1979.

* Note that Benjamin Delano on pg 276 of the GHAHD is not the son of Benjamin Delano Sr. Benjamin Jr. (son of Benjamin Sr.) died young (see DIFP #101, pg. 88). The Benjamin in question is the son of Beriah Delano (GHAHD pg. 155). His line should be placed in the GHAHD after Beriah's son Lemuel's line on pg. 181 (see DIFP Beriah #74 and Benjamin #320 on pgs. 63 & 64).



Fr. Harpers Whly."

U. S. Steam Sloop HARTFORD

EDWARD HARTT DELANO NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR U.S.N.

Edward Hartt Delano is noted in the GHAHD on page 278 as the U. S. Navy Naval Constructor who built two ships that gained fame in the Civil War. One was the steam frigate **U.S.S. MERRIMAC** that was later converted to the ironclad **C. S. S. VIRGINIA**, and the other was the steam frigate **U.S.S. HARTFORD**, Adm. Farragut's famous flagship. Steam frigates used steam only for speed under light wind conditions. It is interesting to note that both of these famous ships met their end in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Edward Hartt Delano had been commissioned a Naval Constructor in 1848. After his commission he was sent to Pensacola, then to Norfolk where he probably worked at the Gosport Navy Yard. He was then sent to Charlestown, MA where he became Constructor in charge of that Yard.

The MERRIMAC

The MERRIMAC was launched in the Charlestown, MA Navy Yard on 14 June 1855. Built in haste she was, by armament criteria, one of the most powerful vessels afloat. She was "a trial ship, built along with five other steam frigates" (the WABASH, COLORADO, ROANOKE, MINNESOTA, and the NIAGARA) "as a statement to the world in 1856 that the United States "would not be lost in the flood tide of an arms race that precipitated from the Crimean War"³

The MERRIMAC, it turned out, had problems. "She had hardly left the view of her builders when her troubles began. Far from the minds of Secretary of the Navy Dobbins, and Constructors Lenthall and (Edward Hartt) Delano was the possibility that the MERRIMAC might harbor international embarrassment."⁴ By the time she reached her first homeport, Norfolk, Virginia, it was found she rolled deeply in heavy seas and her engines raced badly under those conditions. Also, her steam control valves in her boilers could malfunction causing her engines to shut down.

On top of these problems came the Delafield Report from the Crimean War front, which identified a need for ships to be ironclad in order to challenge shore batteries. Great Britain and France had already started to build ironclad ships and considered the MERRIMAC class of steam frigate inadequate. The press criticized the new steam frigate class as a symbol of the United States' refusal to enter the new era of modern battleships already starting in Europe.

In spite of these problems the MERRIMAC continued in service. She saw duty with the Atlantic Fleet and then after a short tour of service with the Pacific Fleet, returned, in April 1861, to Gosport Naval Shipyard at Portsmouth, Virginia. Because of chronic problems, her entire machinery was condemned and was partially dismantled. She was in a sorry state at the time Virginia was contemplating secession.

On April 20th, with groups of officers in the shipyard resigning, talk of rebellion rampant, harassment from the townspeople and the Virginia State Militia, and the Elizabeth River obstructed near Craney Island, the Gosport Shipyard Commandant decided to burn or scuttle all the ships at the yard and in the stream next to it. As a result the MERRIMAC was sunk and burned "down to her copperline". Shortly thereafter Union forces evacuated the yard.

By June 1861 the MERRIMAC had been refloated and shortly thereafter renamed the C.S.S. VIRGINIA. She was clad with iron plate and her troublesome machinery was repaired and proved adequate for calm seas. After a trial run in February 1862, she sortied into Hampton Roads on March 8th. On that day the C. S. S. VIRGINIA rammed the U. S. S. CUMBERLAND, heavily damaged the grounded U. S. S. CONGRESS and in the confusion of the battle caused the U. S. S. MINNESOTA to be grounded. In the process of ramming the CUMBERLAND the VIRGINIA had lost her ram.

Having proven the superiority of ironclads over wooden ships, the VIRGINIA retired to Gosport to for the night. The next day the VIRGINIA sortied to finish the grounded MINNESOTA and thus break the Union blockade of Hampton Roads. The crew of the VIRGINIA was unaware that the U. S. S. MONITOR had entered the Roads and was stationed next to the MINNESOTA. Consequently, the VIRGINIA was not armed to battle another ironclad.

As we all know the battle was a stalemate. The battle did prove that the only way to defend against an ironclad ship was with another ironclad. At the end of March 9, 1862, both ships retired and the Union blockade of Hampton Roads was still in place. It is not known if the VIRGINIA's missing ram would have made a difference in the battle.

In Gosport, the VIRGINIA was fitted with a new ram, refitted iron plate and specialized ammunition to fight the MONITOR. On April 8th she sortied with the Confederate James River Flotilla to again attempt to break the blockade. Unfortunately, the machinery problems that had haunted her as the MERRIMAC returned and she broke down forcing her return to Gosport.

With General McClellan's invasion of the peninsula underway, pressure mounted to evacuate Gosport. Because of the VIRGINIA's deep draft, due to her armor, it was believed she would not be able to sail up the James River to Richmond. Therefore to prevent Union capture, she was ordered to be destroyed. The VIRGINIA was fired and sunk off Craney Island in Hampton Roads on May 11, 1862.

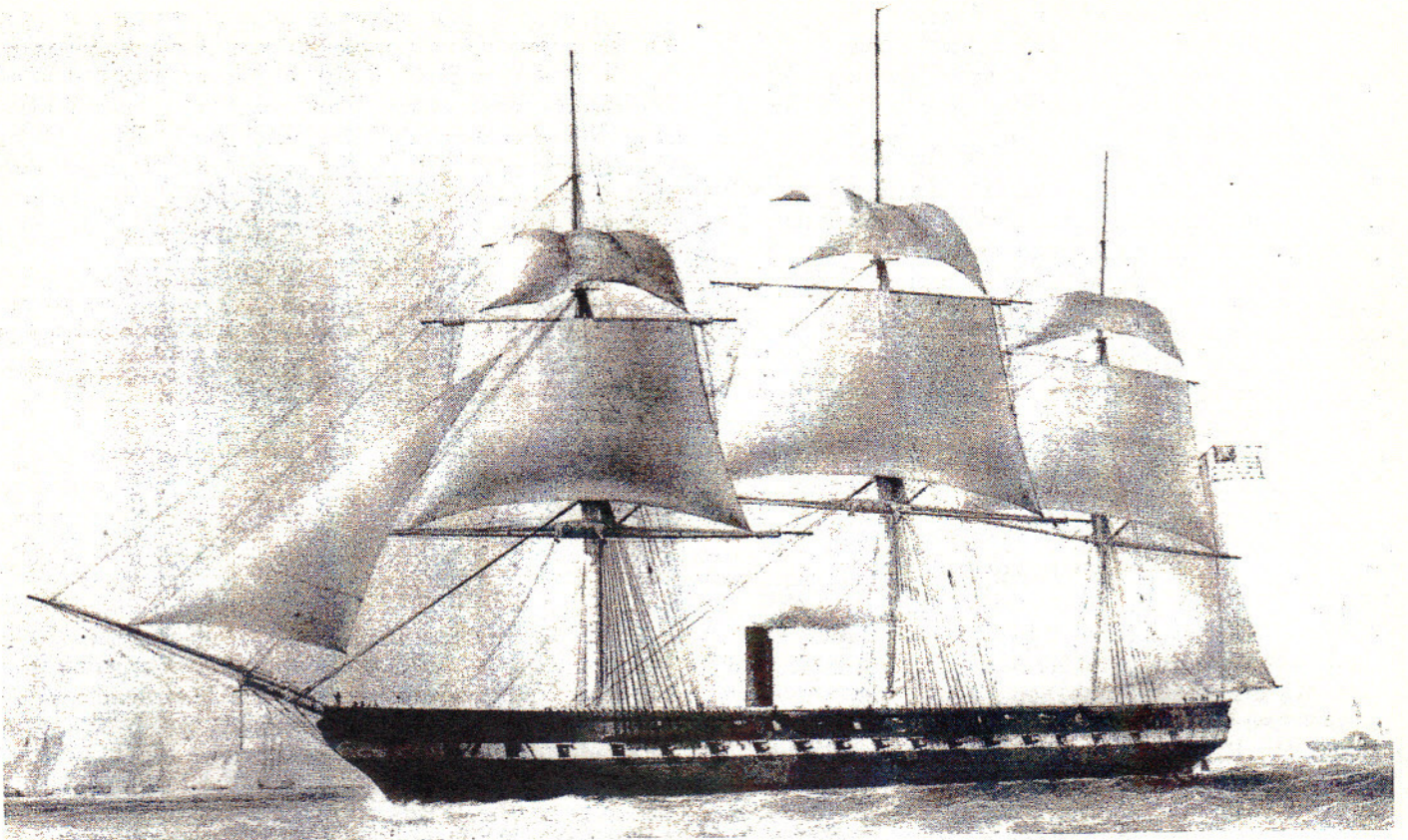
The HARTFORD

The U. S. S. HARTFORD was Edward Hartt Delano's other famous ship. She was launched at the Charlestown Navy Yard in 1858, one year before Delano died.

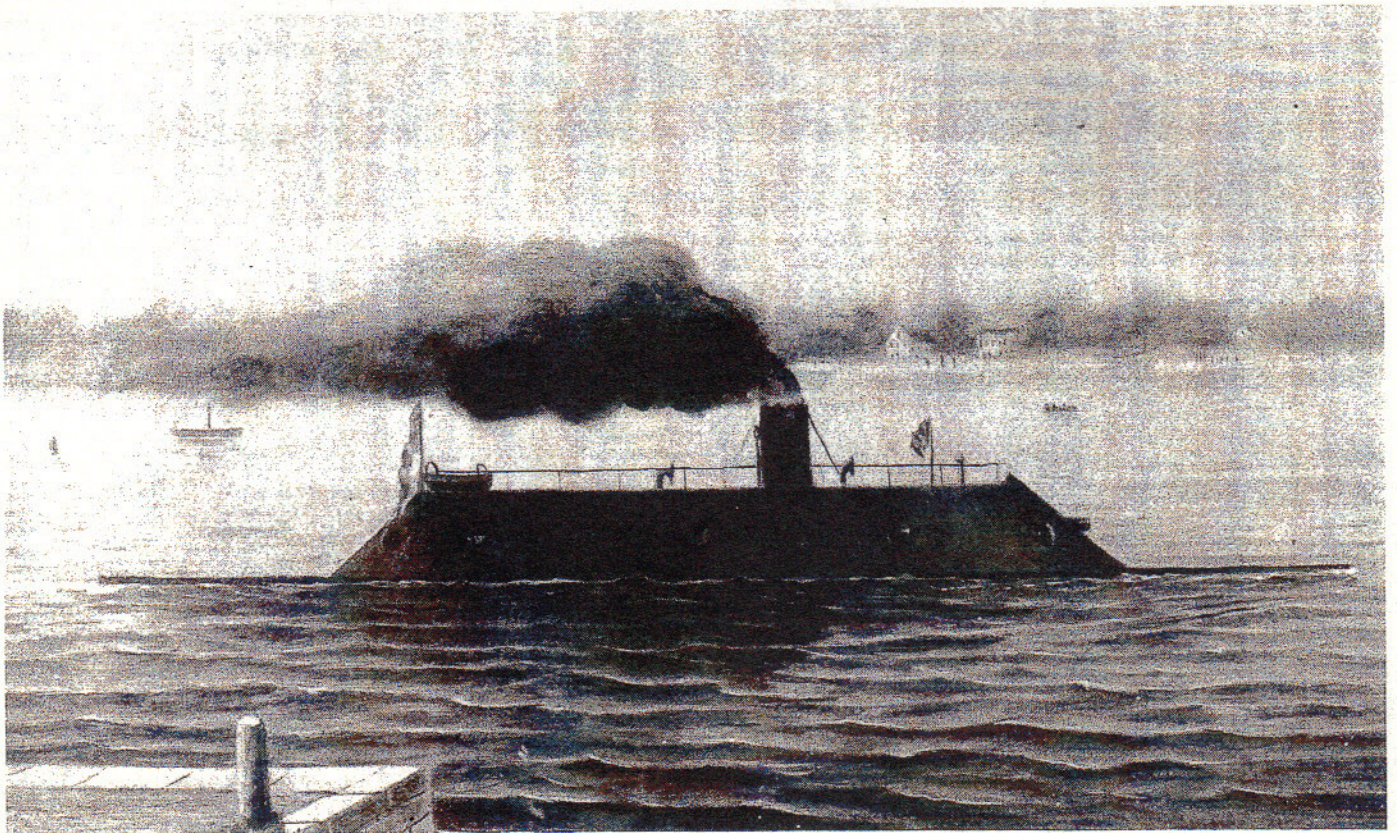
Farragut commanded the HARTFORD at the outbreak of the Civil War. The ship saw action in the

³ Flanders, Alan B., The MERRIMAC, 1982, p.3

⁴ Ibid.



U. S. Steam Frigate MERRIMAC, built in 1858



C.S.S. VIRGINIA Passing Fort Norfolk, 8 March 1862

capture of New Orleans in 1862 and Vicksburg in 1863. Her greatest battle was the battle of Mobile Bay when she swept past forts and the minefields with Farragut shouting, "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!"

After the Civil War, the HARTFORD was relegated to a receiving ship in Norfolk. Later she was used as a training ship. She was stripped of her masts and guns. Then over the years she gradually deteriorated while tied up at a pier in Norfolk. Efforts to restore her failed due to the high cost. Sadly, the HARTFORD was sold to a junk dealer in 1957 and was burned at the edge of the water.

THE SHIP BUILDING LINE OF EDWARD HARTT DELANO

(Edward⁷, William⁶, Benjamin⁵, Beriah⁴, Benoi³, Dr. Thoms², Philippe¹)

So the two famous ships that Edward Hartt Delano constructed met their end in Hampton Roads. What about Edward Hartt Delano? Well, he was descended from Dr. Thomas DELANO branch of the family (see the Fan Chart on page ___). According to page 276 of the GHAAHD, Joseph Delano, the eighth child of Dr. Thomas, settled in Ashdod⁵ (on the west side of the east branch of the South River) – see the map of Colonial Duxbury on page 44 in *Duxbury, A Guide*. Apparently Joseph's son, Benjamin Delano Sr. moved from Ashdod up the Old Path to Pembroke, because when he married Lydia Jackson in 1745, he lived there. By 1760 Benjamin Sr. and Lydia Delano had moved to Boston, because William (their fourth child) was baptized in the New North Church that year.

However, at this point the GHAAHD is in error. Benjamin Jr. their first child died the same year he was born—see DIFP pg. 88 # 101. Cousin Muriel points out this Benjamin Jr.'s death has been substantiated in the new Alden MF (Mayflower Families) 16: 1: 533, 575. On page 276 the GHAAHD picks up the line of Benjamin (son of Beriah DIFP# 320) which should follow Beriah's son Lemuel on near the bottom of pg. 181 in the GHAAHD.

Benjamin (son of Beriah—alias "Benjamin Jr.) and his brother, Sylvanus built the Wanton shipyard on the North River. The first preserved record of a Delano ship built there (in 1796) was the schooner ROVER, owned by Sylvanus.

Benjamin's son William Delano was Edward Hartt Delano's father. William was known for building many very large vessels. William married Sarah Hartt daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth (Clark) Hartt on 27 December 1778. Edmund Hartt was the owner of the shipyard in Boston that built the U. S. S. CONSTITUTION, launched there on September 20, 1797.⁶

Edward Hartt Delano's older brothers, William Hartt Delano (known as "Lord North") and Benjamin Franklin Delano, were also ship builders. The three Delano brothers were involved in a venture that converted the oak in forests on Grand Island in the Niagara River, NY, into seven sailing vessels. Benjamin F. built the first steam vessel that plied between East Boston and Boston. Later, in 1847, Benjamin Franklin Delano received an appointment as a Naval Constructor and served in Portsmouth NH and then, in 1850, in the Brooklyn Navy Yard where he became Chief Naval Constructor.

Two French Admirals (continued from page 7)

The "pilot" for that fleet was Captain Calvin DELANO. Calvin was a Captain of a Company in the Revolutionary War from 1778 to 1780.⁷ His daughter, Deborah (Deborah⁵, Calvin⁴, Jethro³, Lt. Jonathan², Philippe¹) married her second cousin Silversmith Jabez DELANO (Jabez⁵, Ephraim⁴, Thomas³, Lt. Jonathan², Philippe¹). The inscription on her tombstone, carved by her husband and also published in the New Bedford *Mercury* in 1848 by her son Jabez Jr. said, "Sixty nine years thou hast been the occupant of that little shop. Our mother in mind & habits so harmoniously corresponded with thine.' How could it be otherwise? As daughter of Calvin Delano of virtuous deeds and social dignity who was recorded on court records of Virginia as Calvin Delano of New Bedford New England and honest man." As Pilot he was the constant companion of the French Count de Estang at whose table he dined during the passage of the fleet from the West Indies to Boston during the Revolution.⁸

So as you see, two DELANOs, one a sea captain and one later an army captain aided two French Admirals in the Revolutionary War.

⁵ Pillsbury, Katherine H., *Duxbury, A Guide*, Duxbury Rural & Historic Society, 1999, p. 48.

⁶ Miller, Nathan, *The U. S. Navy, An Illustrated History*, Naval Institute Press, p. 37.

⁷GHAAHD, pg. 478.

⁸Ibid. pg. 501



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Please Continue to Do Your Part to Save the Vrouwekerk

Dr. Jeremy Bangs informed us in late June and early July that the Vrouwekerk ruins (the church in which our Philippe de La Noye was baptized and his Aunt Hester and Uncle Francis Cooke were married) are in danger of being removed. Additionally, a large section where twenty medieval and seventeenth-century houses now stand is also endangered.

Dr. Bangs, being concerned, has become a "party" in the legal action to stop the removal of these ruins. Although the initial hearing in September was not successful, the parties involved have appealed to the Raad van State (the Dutch equivalent of our Supreme Court). He has again asked for **your support** by writing letters or messages of concern to the various officials concerned in this matter. If you have a computer and e-mail capability you can send messages to many of these officials and organizations.

Although, the DELANO KINDRED has written a letter to the Raad van State, Dr Bangs indicated that more letters or messages of concern would be very helpful in the effort to save the ruins. Please read the Associated Press release in this issue and then help by sending a short letter or message of concern.

Here is a theme you might use to improvise upon in writing your own letter or message. Visualize traveling to Leiden at sometime in the future to see the sites important to your heritage. Visualize taking your children or grandchildren and not being able to see these ruins where their ancestor was baptized 396 years ago. Wouldn't it be distressing to find that the City of Leiden had let the ruins of the church of our Walloon ancestors disappear. Weave those thoughts into this basic theme in the letter outlined below. **Please help. You can make a difference!**

Dear Sir(s):

I was distressed to read of reports that the City of Leiden is planning the destruction of more medieval and seventeenth century buildings and ruins which are of value as historical monuments. Many have strong association with the Pilgrims and refugees driven out of Belgium and northern France during the Eighty Years' War. Among the ruins scheduled for destruction are the Vrouwekerk; a church that was granted to a congregation of about 6000 Walloon refugees.

Several church members joined the Pilgrims, including Philippe de la Noye who was baptized there in 1603 and Francis Cooke and Hester Mahieu who were married there the same year. They joined the Pilgrims who immigrated to Plymouth in New England. Among their descendants are U.S. Presidents Grant, Roosevelt and Bush.

It is surprising when the interest in the Walloon contribution to the Pilgrim movement is growing, that Leiden, the "City of Refugees", is planning the destruction of the ruins of this church while at the same time encouraging tourist interest in Leiden's past. This action appears to be unfortunate and contradictory in many respects. Conserving and maintaining the ruins of this structure in a small, well cared-for public square would be preferable alternative and, in the long run, financially more beneficial to the city.

I thank you for any help you can give to save this important monument to the Walloon Refugees and the Pilgrims.

Sincerely yours,

See the address options on the back of this form

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In addition, now that Dr. Bangs appeal will be accepted, it would be useful if letters can be sent to the Raad van State.

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Be sure to reference this dossier : Stg. Arent van 's-Gravesande/BW Leiden

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