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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.

SEPTEMBER 11 2001

Dear Cousins,

Now that the shock, sadness, and perhaps some of the lingering grief has subsided from the terrible and catastrophic events of Tuesday, 11 September, we know that our way of life has been forever changed.

As far as we can determine there were no DELANOs listed as dead or missing at this time from the destruction in New York, at the Pentagon or at the crash site in Pennsylvania, but we all have seen the tragic impact of this tragedy upon many families. Many who lost their lives at the World Trade Center were citizens of other nations. Although this time the terrorists targeted the United States, this catastrophe could have easily happened in another democracy.

I know many of you have expressed your concerns, offered prayers and sent condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Many of you have given your time, effort and other support to where the need has been great. Many of us have received messages of support and we are very thankful for it.

Let us join together and, while calmly and deliberately focusing our resolve, go forward to eliminate terrorism throughout the world no matter how long it takes. At the same time, while remaining vigilant, we have the opportunity to make our countries safer while not losing those democratic rights we all enjoy.

Sincerely,
Cousin George

THE 2001 REUNION

Celebrating the Delanos of Maine
and Their Maritime Heritage

The New Meadows Inn, located between Brunswick and Bath Maine, was the gathering place for the 2001



Reunion. Historically, many coastal steamers anchored at Howard Point at the mouth of the New Meadows River. There they disembarked travelers onto steam launches to make the three-mile trip north to the Inn to stay or to partake of the Inn's renowned cuisine. Today there is a yacht marina across the river from the Inn. The Inn itself is also the site of a kayak and small boat rental establishment for vacationers. Under the flags of Canada, Chile and the United States 67 DELANO descendants gathered. Cousins **Carolyn and Elizabeth Clarke** traveled the farthest—from Utah. Cousins

Adelaide and Eugene

Viehman

traveled from Colorado.

Cousins **Jane**

Avery,

Muriel and

Ren

Cushing,

Charles

Gidley, and

Ed and Betty

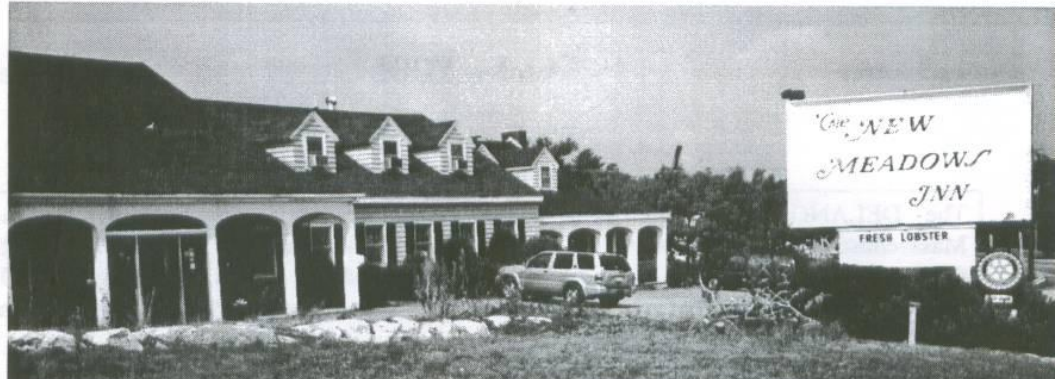
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came from Florida. Cousins **Herman and Charlene DELANO** and **Mary Iverson** came from Michigan. Cousins **Dianne and George Conwell, Ernest and Margaret DELANO, Frank DELANO, George DELANO, Malcolm Northam and Rebecca Dooley and Norma Smith** came from Virginia. Cousin **Judith Oppasser** traveled from Pennsylvania. Cousins **John and Jeanette Partis** came from New York. Cousins **Jack Somers** and **Abigail DELANO** traveled from Connecticut. Traveling from Massachusetts were Cousins **Joan Boldi, Bob and Nancy DELANO, Ray and Annette DELANO, Justine Fontaine, Ann, Dorothea and Bob Harris, Jean and Don Martinez, Roxanne McCaffrey, Beverly Panijan, Marjorie and Ernie Towers, Chuck and Marie Walker, Edie and Bill Ward, and Susan and Anton Winkler.** Cousins **Phyllis and Leslie Skinner** came from Vermont. From New Hampshire came Cousins **Earl Anderson, Roberta and Arnold Freedland, Joan and Lloyd Krumm, and Birger Nottestad.** Attending from Maine were Cousins **Howard Butler, James Cummings and his mother, Clinton DELANO, Malcolm and Joyce DELANO, John and Faith Marsland, Carroll and Marion Schroeder, and Charlotte Springer.**

Arriving at the New Meadows Inn, registrants were guided to the Tontine Room by a "Welcome" sign with the sailing ship FORTUNE designed by Cousin **Heather Sudbury.** The "Welcome Envelope" included a colorful program also designed by Cousin Heather,

showing the Reunion Events, information about "on your own" activities before and after the Reunion and the poem about Jabez DELANO of Livermore, Maine written by Cousin **James William Cummings.**

We recalled that several of our DELANO descendants who came to Maine became Lighthouse Keepers. Blacksmith Barzillai DELANO was a member of the citizens' committee that pressed for the construction of the Portland Head Light, completed in 1787. Later he became its third Light Keeper. Jonathan DELANO, who came from Duxbury, settled in Woolwich, across



the Kennebec River from Bath, before 1789. He became the second Keeper of the Seguin Island Light. Some of his sons were seamen and others were also keepers of that light. DELANO's were hardy individuals, some of great endurance. Jabez DELANO, at the age of 72, walked 40 miles from Livermore to Augusta in one day. DELANO's farmed the land and invented machines to make their work easier and more productive. In 1849, Calvin DELANO, of Farmington Falls, invented and patented the "Independent Tooth Horse Rake," the first hay rake that a farmer could ride and manage. He also invented the "side hill plow" to aid farming in the surrounding hilly country.

The Friday evening Welcome Buffet was ample and delicious. Cousins were able to become reacquainted and to form new friendships. Around the walls of the room they were able to see the many crafts displayed by our "handy" Cousins.

On Saturday morning the "Late Registration" started at 8:30. To allow ample time for developing and copying, the Annual Reunion Photograph was taken near the rear terrace overlooking the New Meadows River prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Cousins **Elizabeth Clarke and Ann Harris** sped the film containing the Reunion Photograph to Bath and then headed back in the other direction to Brunswick to pick up lunches for those on the boat tour.

Those who did not want to take the boat tour to Seguin Island Light could take the tour of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. Those who decided to take

the boat tour formed carpools and rendezvoused in front of the Inn. Armed with local maps they headed towards Hermit Island where the “YANKEE” was docked; some 12 miles south of Bath. After some innovative navigation where some cars of the expedition passed others of the group in the opposite direction all participants arrived at the dock and boarded the “YANKEE”. The sun shown brightly as the hearty group headed around Hermit Island and southward into eastern reaches of Casco Bay. Those who ordered lunch dined on sodas and sandwiches as the boat rounded Small Point and took a heading due east towards Seguin Island and into some fog. Fortunately most of the fog lifted as the ship approached the Island. Although the Lighthouse and the Keepers’ houses was visible at a distance, only the house roofs and the light were visible when close to the island because of its the steep hills and cliffs. There was no dock at the anchorage. Landing the group on the island would have required many trips in a small boat; taking more time than was available.

Looking at the steep slopes from the Light to the boat landing and the distance from the light to the shore, the group had a better sense of the feelings of Rebecca Ann McCobb DELANO, granddaughter of

Jermain, President of the Friends of Seguin Island, spoke to us about the history of the Island, the Lighthouse, and its Keepers. The Friends of Seguin Island is a group that maintains the Lighthouse and the Keepers Houses and other outbuildings. He stated that it was not clear how the Island got its name. Although Seguin is a French name information from the Maine Maritime Museum suggests it may be corruption of an Indian name—see the accompanying article about your editor’s previous misspelling of the name Seguin. Seguin Island Light tower is only 35 feet high, but with the island’s 145-foot elevation; the light is one of the high-test lights on the rocky Main coast. Phil said at one time the island was heavily wooded, but the island was deforested by the Light Keepers to provide warmth for their families. Because of the distance and the treacherous weather around the island several families lived on the island to keep the light working. Seguin Island is the second foggiest point on the Maine coast. In the days of fog bells before foghorns were invented, Seguin Island light fog bell was tolled over 113 days in one year. Because there were so many families living on the island there was, at one time, a small school there.

It was a delightful evening and a wonderful Reunion.



Light keeper Jonathan DELANO. Rebecca was born on Seguin Island and went to school on the mainland, two and half miles away, by boat—her grandfather rowing. She recalled when the seas were rough she would be frightened, Jonathan would laugh at her and would row through the waves to the shore. After circling the island the group headed back to Hermit Island, stopping near a small rocky island full of seals, and then stopping at an another island where ospreys nested. Saturday evening after a delicious dinner, Philip

We wish to thank Cousins **Carolyn Clarke, Charlotte Springer, Dorothea Harris, Ann Harris, Elizabeth Clarke, Heather Sudbury, Ernie Towers, Muriel Cushing, Joan Krumm, John Marsland** and others for their hard work in organizing this occasion.



Registration



On board the YANKEE

Sequin Island



Our Speaker

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

AMANDA SEPULVEDA DELANO CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

We have heard from Cousin **Marcela Moreno-Sepulveda** that her great-aunt **Amanda Sepulveda-Delano** of Calgary, Alberta, Canada celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 August 2001. As far as we can tell she may be the oldest descendant of Philippe de Lannoy alive. We have sent her congratulatory note by email wishing her many more birthdays. If we are correct her lineage is as follows: Amanda Sepulveda-Delano¹⁰, Alejandro Sepulveda-Delano⁹, Guillermina Delano⁸, Jose Gregorio Delano⁷, Paul Hinckley Delano⁶, Capt. Paul Delano⁵, Nathan⁴, Jethro³, Lt. Jonathan², Philippe de Lannoy¹. Again, Congratulations Aunt Amanda!

WE HAVE BEEN MISSPELLING THE WORD "Seguin"

In July Cousin **Jim Sayah** of Meriden, CT brought to your editor's attention that we had been misspelling "Seguin" as "Sequin". He ought to know because back in the 1800's the name Seguin in his father's French Canadian line was changed to Sayah. Sure enough, looking back through the *Bonnes Nouvelles* back issues we have almost consistently spelled the name with a "q" instead of a "g."

After checking his eyeglasses for stray q's your editor apologized for the error and asked Cousin Jim if he could find out who the Seguin Light was named after. Jim contacted some of his cousins in the Association Des Seguin d' Amerique.

The answer came back that there is no known Seguin that the light was named after. The name has intrigued some of the Seguin Family Association. Jim's informant visited Bath where he met Nathan Lipfert, the Library Director of the Maine Maritime Museum at Bath. He reported that Lipfert "... confirmed me that the island was named "LaTortue" by Champlain and that the name Seguin was probably derived from a native Indian name. It seemed that some Indians named it "Sigan," "Satquin" or Setquin". Pieces of a Seguin tug boat are kept at that museum, that tug boat launched on March 27, 1884 spent 83 years towing wooden vessels and cargo barges up and down the Kennebec River and along the Atlantic coast, from Maine to Virginia.

We thank Cousin Jim for informing us about our spelling error and his effort to find out more about the name of Seguin Light.

COUSIN VERNA GOES TO KENYA

How did you spend your summer? Well Cousin Verna L. Finwick spent part of her summer on a missionary medical trip to Orbit, Kayoli and other towns close by Nairobi, Kenya. She spent much of her time teaching first aid, CPR and HIV/AIDS education as well as assisting with HIV/AIDS testing for those living in these towns. She was impressed by the friendliness of the children, and saddened by the poverty and trash that abounded—she said was indescribable.

Describing the Kenyan town, Kayoli, she said, "There are masses of people everywhere. Some are dressed in business suits, some in native dress, and some in western dress. There are no dumps or a collection site. Everything in Kayoli is just tossed. We see chickens, pigs, dogs, sheep and goats all digging through the trash. The children play right along side the animals."

"There are apartment buildings everywhere. They are poorly constructed with rock or strange cement blocks. There is a central faucet for all of the people on each floor. We flush the toilet by pouring water from a bucket."

We thank Cousin Verna for sharing her experiences in Kenya with us and we are happy she returned safely.

CAPT. WARREN DELANO HOUSE IN FAIRHAVEN IS FOR SALE

We received notes from several Cousins that the Capt. Warren Delano house in Fairhaven, MA is for sale. Cousins Bill and Edie Ward brought it to our attention and Cousins Susan and Anton Winkler sent us the front page of the Boston Globe Real Estate section that devoted four columns and a large picture of the sunroom about the house. Those of you who attended the 1998 Reunion in Fairhaven will recall the tour we took through this house. Cousin Dorothea R. Paull was one to the docents for that portion of the tour. According to the Globe it is now known as the Sara Delano house.

Sara's son Franklin Delano Roosevelt spent many boyhood days at the house. It was there that he shocked his family by announcing his engagement to his distant cousin Eleanor Roosevelt. FDR is said to have held one of his last presidential campaign rallies just outside its doors in 1936.

The asking price for the house is \$529,000.00 and is already under contract. However, the realtor says it has already been under contract five times and each time the deal has fallen through. We thank Cousins Bill, Edie, Susan and Anton for sending in this news. We appreciate our alert readers!

2001 ANNUAL MEETING

President George B. DeLano called the Annual Membership Meeting to order a 9:00 a.m. on Saturday 4 August 2001 in the Greenhouse Room of the New Meadows Inn, West Bath Maine. A quorum of over 30 members was present. The **Secretary's Minutes** of the last Annual Meeting held in Duxbury, MA were approved.

Nominations & Elections. Chairman John Somers gave the Nominating Committee Report. Sara D. Kelly was nominated and elected for a three-year term on the Nominating Committee. In accordance with the bylaws, the Membership present ratified the appointment of the Roxanne McCaffrey as Treasurer who relieved Linda-rae D. Grant as Treasurer at the beginning of June 2001.

Committee Report Highlights.

Genealogy. Our Genealogist, Cousin Muriel C. Cushing, reported on the effort to compile a Marion/Rochester, MA Regional Genealogy booklet, which would be published to coincide with Marion's 150th Birthday Celebration. She also reported on the progress with the 5th and 6th generation of the DELANO Family In Progress series, which will essentially extend the DIFP to six generations.

Regional Contact Committee. Cousin Ed Delano, chair of our Regional Contact Committee passed away in January, and as yet we have not found someone to take the lead of this committee. With the exposure provided by our webpage together with the DELIST we have increased our ability to reach our cousins who have computers. However we still need personal contact and coordination effort.

Membership Committee. Cousin Nancy B. Delano, our membership Chair, reported that our membership is growing. She asked members to look at the date in the right corner of their address label on their *Bonnes Nouvelles* newsletter. That number tells the date to renew your membership. If it says Dec. 2001 you should renew your membership in January 2002 to assure uninterrupted delivery of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

Treasurer's Report and the Report of the Audit Committee. The President thanked past Treasurer Cousin Linda-rae D. Grant for her hard work and timely responsiveness in providing reports during the past years. Her reports were very helpful in making future financial decisions that affect our Society. The FY 00-01 consolidated balance sheet developed by the Audit Committee was discussed. The Net Balance carried forward to FY 01-01 was \$13606.06 and increase of \$3,093.83 from the last Fiscal Year. Most of this balance was made up of Advanced Dues (\$5,795.00), the Book Sales Account (\$1,899.07), the Memorial Fund (\$4221.80—an increase of \$791.00), and the Reserve Balance of \$1995.77. It was noted that the Reunion Account showed a surplus at the end of the Fiscal Year, but not all the bills for the 2001 Reunion had been paid.

Costs for two Membership Directories (1999 & 2000) were paid during the FY 00-01. This plus the increase in the newsletter publishing costs caused a gross Operating Account deficit of \$-589.51. It also showed the reason for increasing the Annual Dues that fund the Operating Account.

Duxbury Memorial Group. Cousin Chuck Walker of the Duxbury Memorial Group reported that the Group was pursuing a plan for the Memorial to Philippe de Lannoy that would include one stone on some of the land he originally owned. The Group has found a large stone on the original property of his son Samuel that may be satisfactory. The Group is verifying the location of Philippe's original property in the vicinity of the Duxbury High School. Various other costs involving the erection of the Memorial are being researched. A design drawing of the planned Memorial will be created when the necessary information has been collected.

Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status. A committee has been formed to work on the application for recognition of Tax-exempt status to be sent to the IRS. An accountant will assist us with this effort.

2001 Annual Report. In his Annual Report the President thanked Cousin John Somers for his work in developing an approach to compiling the history of our Society and the history of our family. Computerized storage of will allow the us to place pictures and words on CD's for easy storage and easy access and will allow us to avoid many boxes of papers stored in various places.

The President cited the leadership of Cousin Ren LeVally to support Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs' effort to save the Vrouwekerk, the Leiden Church where Philippe de Lannoy was christened in 1603. Through the Internet, Cousin Ren brought the problem of saving the ruins of this church to the attention of many religious, historical, and genealogical organizations. The DELANO KINDRED is pleased that the City of Leiden is apparently making plans to save these ruins and other surrounding historic buildings and moving the previously planned Shopping Center elsewhere. The President pointed out that through Cousin Ren's efforts there are now several websites under the DELANO KINDRED umbrella dedicated to this effort as well as one showing views of various historic Leiden Churches. The President thanked all the members who had taken the time to write letters or send emails to the authorities in the Netherlands asking that the ruins be saved.

Future plans included developing various means of increasing our income so that when opportunities arise there will be funds available to cover any associated expenses. While most of the Reunions are held in the East it is planned to hold a Reunion in either Denver or Salt Lake City in the future. Our membership's responses on the 2001 Annual Questionnaire will help determine in which city it will be held.

Finance Committee & Annual Budget. Cousin Ernie Towers, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed the FY 01-02 Budget. He stated that realistically the budget was under continual pressure because expected costs leave little left for unexpected expenses. In this Fiscal Year's budget (shown below) there was no money allocated for unexpected or unbudgeted expenses and the budgeted remaining balance was only \$9.75. Means must be found to increase our income if we are to have some financial flexibility. On a motion the Membership approved the Annual Budget.

APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

INCOME (Based on a membership of 385 members @ \$11.15 each)	-----	\$4292.75
EXPENDITURES		
Administration (Secretary, Treasurer, Membership)-----	\$1095.00	
Annual & Board Meetings -----	\$260.00	
Genealogy Program -----	\$150.00	
<i>Bonnes Nouvelles</i> Publishing-----	\$2778.00	
Other unbudgeted items approved by the Board -----	\$00.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -----	<u>\$4238.00</u>	<u>\$4238.00</u>
BALANCE REMAINING -----		<u>\$ 9.75</u>

2002 & 2003 Annual Meeting Locations. The 2002 Annual Meeting will be held in the New Bedford area of MA during the second weekend of August. We are making plans to hold the 2003 Annual Meeting at Hyde Park, NY.

2001 Annual Questionnaire. The President pointed out the Annual Questionnaire was a means for the Board of Directors to receive the views of the Membership and that these views and recommendations were taken into account in the decisions of the Board. He asked that all members please fill out and mail in the questionnaire so that their views could be known.

Other Business.

Cousin Clinton Delano asked that in the future meetings begin by saluting the flag and a prayer. A motion for the Board to consider this request was made and seconded and accepted.

Cousin John H. Somers asked for a "vote of confidence" for the Board to change the by-laws to stagger the terms of the Directors and Officers so that in future years Directors and Officers would not be elected on the same years. The motion was made and seconded and accepted by the membership present

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

2002 ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

The 2002 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2002 in Westport, MA near Fall River and New Bedford. As usual it will be part of the 2002 Reunion on Friday and Saturday 9 & 10 August. The venue will be White's Restaurant across from the Westport Hampton Inn. The theme of the Reunion will be the DELANO Whale Masters and will include a tour to the National Whaling Museum in New Bedford. The Board thanks Cousins Dorothea A. Harris and Ernie Towers for their efforts in planning this event. Please make note of it on your calendars. More information will be available in the March 2002 *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

DELANO KINDRED DECALS

Thanks to the effort of Cousin **Muriel Cushing** a DELANO KINDRED Decal has been created. The design of the lion on a shield is listed as East Flanders and is used frequently in heraldry of the Low Countries (Belgium and the Netherlands) according to *Heraldry, Customs, and Styles* by Carl-Alexander von Volborth. This is the area Jan de Lannoy and Marie Mahieu came from—as listed in their betrothal record.

The Mylar black on silver decals, shown in actual size, are weatherproof and can be easily placed on smooth surfaces. We are using this as a "money raiser." You can receive one decal for a donation of \$3.00 or receive two decals for a donation of \$5.00.



If you wish to be an owner of one of these nifty decals that identify you as a member of the DELANO KINDRED please send a check made out to the DELANO KINDRED and enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to Muriel C. Cushing, 605 Via Tunis Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, FL 33950. Muriel will be happy to send you the decal pronto.

VROUWEKERK NEWS

In the June 2001 *Bonnes Nouvelles* it was reported that Councilman Pechtold, the Alderman for Culture and Monuments, was quoted as saying the Vrouwekerk ruins were deemed an important monument and would be preserved. This was indeed good news.

Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs forwarded a June newspaper article that appeared in the Leiden MAREPOST which told of the construction of wooden "boxing" around the Vrouwekerk's original walls as a protective measure. Apparently some of the bricks are loose and could fall from the wall or be removed. The article said that a city project leader had been appointed to coordinate the activities of planning and developing the monuments, and the square appropriately for such an historic site.

Dr. Bangs reported in early June he and the U.S. Ambassador, Cynthia Schneider met with Councilman Pechtold, landscape architects, and town officials to discuss preliminary ideas. In early July, Dr. Bangs met with the lead architect at the Aalmarkt square and discussed various possibilities for the preservation of the ruins and other monuments.

On 19 September Leiden's town government and the development representatives presented their new plan for the Aalmarkt Area, which contains many historic monuments including the Vrouwekerk ruins. Dr. Bangs reports that the plans have been redrawn so that the Aalmarkt blocks are spared. In addition to preserving the Vrouwekerk ruins, the St. Catherine's Hospital wing identified as the place where, in 1601, Myles Standish recuperated from wounds received while a soldier in the Dutch army will be preserved. Myles Standish, as you may recall, was a British soldier in the Dutch wars and he became a friend of Rev. John Robinson's in Leiden.

While this is good news there will be some opposition to other parts of the new plan. They include the demolition of a beloved school, the building a parking garage which will cause congestion in the area, the removal of the few remaining garden areas for construction of new buildings, and the demolition of three historic houses to make room for a bridge and a new street to provide access to the Aalmarkt.

If you have access to the Internet, you can view the new plan for the Aalmarkt at <http://www.aalmarkt.org>.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

This will be the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* issued in Calendar Year 2001. As the New Year of 2002 arrives so does the time to pay your 2002 Annual Membership Dues if you have not already done so. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues in advance please look at the mailing label on this *Bonnes Nouvelles*. If, in the upper right hand corner there is a date, in red letters, of Dec. 2001; then your dues run out at the end of 2001.

In order to continue to be a member in good standing and to continue to receive the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we must receive your 2002 dues. A 2002 Membership form is included in this issue for your convenience. You can help your Society reduce mailing costs by sending your dues in soon. It saves considerable postage costs.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Dr. Phyllis Janes DeLano

We sadly report the death of Cousin Phyllis DeLano of Kalamazoo, Michigan on 18 September 2001. She was 88. Cousin Phyllis had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1992. Born on 15 May 1913 in Cooper Township, she was the daughter of H. Dale and Myrtie Skinner DeLano and a great granddaughter of pioneer Ephraim Briggs DeLano who brought his family to the Michigan Territory from New York in 1835 after purchasing land two years earlier (see *Bonnes Nouvelles* of June/July 1995, pg. 7). She and her sister Elizabeth D. Howard, who lived next door, were devoted to history of the DELANOs in Michigan and had many artifacts, stories, photographs, furniture, and documents; some already organized and placed in the care of the Western Michigan University archives and the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society. Cousin Phyllis recorded authentic stories associated with the artifacts, passed down from her mother, who painstakingly documented the family history. Her sister Elizabeth, an avid genealogist and also a member of the DELANO KINDRED, recorded many stories of the family before she died (see *Bonnes Nouvelles* Dec. 1999 pg. 5).

Those of you who attended the memorable 1995 Reunion in Kalamazoo, Michigan may remember that Cousin Phyllis coordinated the entire event. She was a frequent contributor to the *Bonnes Nouvelles* and her last contribution, sent in July, is included in this "News from Our Members" section of this newsletter. Phyllis was also a collector of Christmas ornaments and decorations. If you visited her home during that holiday season you would find her living and dining rooms covered with all sorts of decorations. One of her efforts was to collect pictures of all the grave markers of her ancestors. She had all, but two generations in her line back to Lt. Jonathan Delano.

Her nephew Robert M. Howard, his wife Jean and son Adam; her niece Sarah Elizabeth Howard Clee, and her husband Richard, and daughters Emily and Betsy; cousins Sally T. Appleyard, Larry and Mary Skinner, and others survive Cousin Phyllis.

After her retirement in 1978 from a distinguished career as a psychologist and psychology professor in other parts of the U.S., she became involved in many activities in the Kalamazoo area including helping to organize the Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo and the Disability Resource Center, serving with the Literacy Network of Kalamazoo and the Salvation army, and offering

psychotherapy to patients with leukemia and multiple sclerosis. Her community work earned her a Kalamazoo county Treasurer award in 1991. "I haven't done these things because I wanted to get more marks in heaven, I did them because they were needed," she said in a 1993 interview with the Kalamazoo Gazette.

She was a member of the Kalamazoo Chapter of Altrusa International Service Club and the Kalamazoo Nature Center. She was still active as the archivist for the Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity. After years of driving her little car around the city she hated being dependent on others to take her places after her eyes started failing, "...but", she said, "I'm learning to accept help graciously." Her niece Sarah said, "Aunt Phyllis, you've spent your life helping others. Now let them help you."

After she was graduated from State High School she earned degrees in English, Clinical Psychology and Counseling & Personnel/Human Development at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Wayne University, Detroit, and Columbia University, New York.

A Memorial Service for Cousin Phyllis was held on 21 October at the Cooper Congregational Church, where she was a member. Her remains were buried in "Evergreen" West Cooper Cemetery. Our sincere condolences go to her niece Elizabeth and nephew Robert, her cousins and their families.

Alden Delano Headley

We sadly report the belated news of the passing of Cousin Alden Delano Headley of Baltimore, Maryland on 2 January 2001. Cousin Alden had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1997. A member of the Dr. Thomas Branch, Alden was a great- great-grandson of Captain George Delano who sailed to the Northern Neck of Virginia about 1823. His mother, Madie Viola Delano Headley, was the 11th child of Moses Self Delano. Moses Self Delano's father was Joseph Patterson Delano.

Sadly Alden's wife, Joy A. Headley predeceased him on 27 December 2000. She was a retired employee of the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company. His children Samuel P. Headley, Keith Strehlein, and Elisabeth Spencer; and his sisters Cousin Elizabeth Eich of Grand Haven, Michigan and Cousin Margaret "Lee" Barton of Baltimore survive him. Nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive him.

A Memorial Service was held in Towson, Maryland and interment was in the Totuskey Baptist Church Cemetery, Hainesville, in the Northern Neck of Virginia. We send our belated sympathy to Alden's children, sisters Margaret and Elizabeth and their families.

Letter to the Editor

Concerning Frederic A. Delano of the 1918 Federal Reserve

14 June 2001

Dear Editor:

Re: Recent issue, "Frederic A. Delano and the 1914 Federal Reserve Board"

In *The Burling Books*¹, which I am currently publishing (they will be shipped in August 2001), Edward Burling of Washington D. C. is quoted:

Letter dated 11 June 1986: My mother had just one sibling, my aunt Matilda Delano. She was married to Frederick A. Delano, the brother of Franklin Roosevelt's mother. On the rare occasions I encountered the President he would always remember our relationship and pass some remark about "Uncle Fred" and "Aunt Tilly."

Edward was the son of Edward Burnham Burling, founder of *Covington and Burling*, the prestigious Washington law firm. Edward Burnham did, indeed, marry Louise Green Peasley who was born 2 June 1878. Her sister Matilda Annis Peasley, who married Frederick Adrien Delano, was born 2 October 1867, as confirmed by the *New York Herald Tribune*, 2 June 1943 (obituary).

I enjoy your newsletter. My husband receives it as a member of the Delano Kindred; we are tenth cousins since we both derive from the Mahieus in Holland

Sincerely

Jane Thompson-Stahr

We thank Jane for sending this interesting letter giving us more insight into FDR's friendliness and thoughtfulness in regards to his relatives. We note that Sara Delano's brother's first name is correctly spelled Frederick in the GHAHD, pg. 506, but in the magazine article from The Region the "k" is missing.



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¹ The Burling Books: Ancestors and Descendants of Edward and Grace Burling, Quakers: 1600-2000, Gateway Press (Baltimore: 2001)

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we included the 2001 Annual Questionnaire. Each year in the fall we distribute a questionnaire in order to receive the views of the membership. Your Board will try to act on your suggestion whenever feasible. This year the questionnaire seeks questions about the membership in order to obtain a profile of the membership as a whole. Also we wish to know your desires about sites for future reunions, ascertain information about the newsletter, mailing labels and the Genealogy Project, as well as your desire to participate in your Society in various capacities. We would also like your ideas on new initiatives that the DELANO KINDRED might take on in the future.

Please take time to complete and mail your questionnaire to reach us by January 2002. This is your Society and we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas.

WEBSITE HAPPENINGS

Delano Kindred "Hosts" Four Websites

Thanks to the ingenuity and effort of our Webmaster, Cousin **Ren LeVally** the DELANO KINDRED is the "umbrella organization" for four websites. Our DELANO KINDRED website: www.delanoye.org, the website dedicated to saving the Vrouwekerk: www.vrouwekerk.org, the website dedicated to the development plan for the Leiden Aalmarkt: www.aalmarkt.org, and the website www.machtwacht.nl which, although under the Society's umbrella is hosted separately. There have been over 100,000 visitors to these websites with the Vrouwekerk site being the most popular.

A new website www.leidenchurches.org is "under construction." The purpose of this website is to raise the awareness of and the appreciation for the Leiden historical churches as well as to gain support for the restoration of the Pieterskerk. The Pieterskerk is plagued with an infestation of deathwatch beetles. To repair the beetle damage to the church's wooden structure is massive. Photos and commentary of the Pieterskerk and other Leiden churches are planned.

Vrouwekerk Website Recognized

We are happy to report that the international historic architectural website Glass Steel and Stone recognized the Save the Vrouwekerk website, www.vrouwekerk.org, by designating it as the "Link of the Week." Webmaster Ren LeVally was thanked for the websites "contribution to architecture on the Internet." Congratulations Ren!

Christmas 1620

Have you ever wondered where Philippe de Lannoy spent his 1620 Christmas? We know how the Pilgrims spent Christmas in New England. Some were on the MAYFLOWER anchored off Plymouth while others were ashore felling timber for building the first houses as well as a platform to hold their small cannons for the defense

of the Plantation. *Mourt's Relation*, which chronicles the Pilgrims first year in New England, puts it this way.

"Monday, the 25th day, we went on shore, some to fell (timber), bring drink water aboard, but at night the master (of the MAYFLOWER) caused us to have some beer, and so on board we had divers time and then some beer, but on shore none at all."

Well, we know how the Pilgrims' spent the 25th of December, but we are not sure where Philippe was on that December 25th. A popular "tradition" in Canterbury, England is that Philippe went there after the SPEEDWELL, unable to sail on the open ocean, left Plymouth, England and put in to London. There was a large Walloon Church Congregation in Canterbury with many de Lannoys present. Many were thought to be in the weaving industry in that city. A former Chief Archivist of the Canterbury Cathedral believes that Philippe was there before he embarked on the FORTUNE. However when Cousin **George DeLano** tried to find documentation to verify this assertion at the Cathedral Archives, he was told the former Chief Archivist was not known for documenting his sources. So we are left with a "tradition" that Philippe spent his 1620 Christmas with some of his de Lannoy cousins in Canterbury.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Society since May. They are:

Florida	Jane Avery of Vero Beach
Illinois	Sandra D. Scott of Normal
Maine	Howard D. Butler of Harpswell
Massachusetts	Beverly Panjian of Arlington
Nebraska	Mary Louise James of Omaha
New York	Donald C. Partis of Batavia
Pennsylvania	Judith A. Oppasser of Malvern
Texas	Beverly L.D. Harris of Houston
Utah	Richard Rackham of Clearfield
Virginia	Richard M. Myers of Springfield

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

We are delighted you have joined us!

DELANO FITCH --A "TRUE ROMANCE" FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

We were pleased that some of our "alert readers" spotted and sent us an article about Capt. Henry Delano Fitch6 (Sally Delano Fitch5, Thomas4, Thomas3, Lt. Jonathan2, Philippe1) in the "L.A. Then and Now" series by Cecilia Rasmussen of the Los Angeles Times newspaper of 11 March 2001.

Looking through various archives, Cousin Ren LeVally found references to Capt. Fitch on pages 280-284 of William Ellsworth Smythe's History of San Diego. Here is a brief history about Fitch.

"Captain Fitch was a native of New Bedford, Mass. In 1826-30, he was master of the Mexican brig MARIA ESTER, calling at California ports. In 1827 he announced his intention of becoming a Mexican citizen and was

naturalized in 1833. He was baptized at San Diego in 1829 as Enrique Domingo Fitch.”

In San Diego “he kept a general store in Old Town for many years and in 1845 this was the only store in the place; there had been some other small shops previously. He bought and sold hides, tallow, and furs, outfitted otter hunters, and made trading voyages along the coast. At different times he was a partner of Stearns, McKinley, Temple and Paty. He was San Diego's first syndico, in 1835, and held other public offices.

In 1841 he received a grant of the Sotoyomi Rancho, in Sonoma County, and began to develop his interests there. In 1845, he made the first survey and map of the pueblo lands.

He died in San Diego in 1849, and was the last person buried on Presidio Hill.” The story of his elopement with Señorita Joséfa Carrillo is romantically told in Celia Rasmussen’s article below. Because of its length we have broken it in three parts. The first part in this newsletter and the others will be in following newsletters. Although the genealogical relationships are stretched considerably beyond reality it does make a good yarn so we will save the corrections until the end. Here is the story.

“A Love That Even the Governor Couldn’t Crush”

Part One

“Movie romances can’t hold a candle to history’s real thing—such as a poignant love story of a rebellious Spanish beauty who captured the heart of a Yankee sea captain, and whose descendants include a U.S. president. The pinnacle of this romance—California’s first elopement—also bore bitter fruit: The couple were jailed separately for six months, and a scorned governor’s jealousy led him to try to stop their marriage. But it made a compelling legend that would live on.

Until 1848, Americans were forbidden to enter Mexican-ruled California. They came just the same. One of them who sought adventure and fortune in spite of the ban was Henry Delano Fitch, a Massachusetts-born sailing man.

In 1826, he was captain of the *Maria Ester*, one in a fleet of American-owned merchant ships that glided into California ports. They carried smuggled sugar, liquor and other exotic merchandise to trade for cowhides which traders called “leather dollars.”

On a San Diego stop during that trip, the tall, blue-eyed, 27 year-old captain caused quite a stir among the eligible señoritas. But it was the 16-year-old daughter of the influential Jonquin and Maria Ignacia Carrillo who caught the captain’s eye when she came aboard to shop for dress fabric.

Maria Antonia Natalia Elija Carrillo, nicknamed Josefa, was quite taken with Fitch. She invited the captain to a party that her parents were hosting for the governor.

The governor Jose Maria Echeandia, was described as a “thin, juiceless man” who might have weighed 123 pounds with rocks in his pockets, but he adored Josefa. His coughing spells, many believed, were faked—an excuse to move the entire state capital from Monterey to San Diego to be near his beloved. Many a morning,

before dawn, he sang love songs under her window, while locals pulled pillows over their heads.

Although the match would mean even more social and political power for the Carrillo family, Josefa never took him seriously, referring to him as “a funny, ugly little bantam rooster of a man,” one of her descendants recorded. California was amused at his unrequited love. Actor Leo Carrillo, a great-great-great-nephew of Josefa and Fitch, wrote in his book “The California I Love” that the governor acted “...lovesick, like a youth in his teens....He had ants in his pantalones.”

During the fiesta at her parents’ home, Josefa flirted outrageously with Fitch on the dance floor, and all the while the governor watched with disdain and jealousy. Fitch quickly fell in love, and his written promise of marriage followed. Even though he was a foreigner, Josefa’s parents liked his dashing looks and good manners and approved of the match.

But a powerful man’s jealousy can be ugly.

Romances moved slowly then. Fitch set about building his fortune. The marriage needed the official approval of Mexico City. The governor nipped that in the bud.

Yet even if they had to wed without approval of church and state, the couple were determined. In April 1829, Fitch converted to Catholicism and then secretly enlisted help of a Dominican friar who baptized him. The padre promised to marry the couple the next day in Carrillos’ San Diego home, now the Presidio Hills Golf Course clubhouse.

But the still-jealous governor got wind of the plans. At the moment the bride and groom joined hands, a messenger arrived with an order from the governor: Stop the wedding.

The nuptials collapsed. Josefa’s uncle, an aide to the governor, refused to serve as witness, fearing his employer’s wrath and even imprisonment. Reluctantly, the padre changed his mind too.

Fitch insisted that the ceremony proceed. Josefa, in tears, pleaded with the padre. He did not relent—but he did remind them that, in other countries, the laws were less stringent.

“Why don’t you carry me off, Don Enrique’ the bride-to-be mused half-humorously to her betrothed. There and then, Fitch and Josefa sat down with their good friend Josefa’s cousin, Pio Pico, who within a few years would become governor himself. Fitch returned to his ship, and that night he anchored off Point Loma, waiting for high tide and his bride.

Josefa not wanting to implicate her parents, escaped her home in darkness leaving a note. Her cousin Pio Pico was waiting. He gallantly swung her up into his saddle and astride on of his favorite racehorses, he took off with Josefa heading south for Point Loma.