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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.

THE 2002 REUNION

Celebrating the DELANOs in the Whaling Industry

The multi-roomed White's Restaurant, situated between highways US 6 and I-195 east of Fall River, MA, was an excellent location for our 2002 Reunion. The décor was fashioned from pictures and artifacts from the famous Fall River Line coastal steamers. Today the White's is one of the largest facilities for functions between Providence RI and Cape Cod.

Over 48 DELANOs and their families gathered for the two-day affair. Cousins **E. Marie Gerttula** from Oregon and **Warren DeLano** from California traveled the farthest. From Florida came Cousins **Muriel and Ren Cushing**, **Ed and Betty Sullivan**, and **Sheryl Spain**. Cousins **John and Dori Dixon** traveled from South Carolina, Cousins **Verna and Harvey Finwick** drove from Tennessee, and Cousin **Cindy Prosser** came from Michigan. Cousin **Judy Oppasser** traveled from Pennsylvania. The Virginia contingent was made up of Cousins **Graceanne Barbour and Nancy De Angelis**, **George and Diana DeLano**, **Kitty DeLano**, **Malcolm Northam and Rebecca Dooley**, and **Megan Ralph**. Arriving from New York were Cousin **Devin Delano** and Cousins **Robert and Eleanor Webber**. Closer in, but out of state, came Cousins **Brookins and Laura Delano** of Vermont, Cousins **Joan and Lloyd Krumm** of New Hampshire, and Cousins **Marilyn Smith and Allen Bomes** as well as Cousin **John Somers** from Connecticut. The majority of Cousins attending, as one might expect, were from Massachusetts. They were Cousins **Joanne Boldi**, **Lois and C. Nason Burden**, **Margaret Delano**, **Robert and Nancy Delano**, **Shirley Denison**, **Justine Fontaine**, **Jeanne and Donald Martinez**, **Dorothea**, **Bob and Ann Harris**, **Linda and Gerald Monchik**, **Jean Smith**, **Charlotte and Edwin Springer**, **Marjorie and Ernie Towers**, **Edie and Bill Ward**, and **Susan and Anton Winkler**.

Registration was held in one of the Whites. The hospitality suites in the Hampton Inn adjacent to

DELANO KINDRED

2002 REUNION & ANNUAL MEETING



August 9, 10, 11, 2002
Colonial Room
White's Restaurant
Westport, MA

Welcome Envelope received by those registering, containing the Reunion Program and other information about the Reunion and the Annual Membership Meeting, an overview of American Whaling, and a chronology of the Delano Family of Fairhaven was compiled by Cousin **Ernie Towers**. The cover of the program, designed by Cousin **Jeff Boldi**, is shown on page one of this newsletter. Each attendee also received their colorful nametag with their DELANO KINDRED branch line of descent.

The Friday evening Welcome Buffet, held in the Colonial Room, was the opportunity to meet new Cousins and visit with everyone after a delicious buffet meal. According to the roster of those attending there were nine family groups representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, three representing the John Branch, twenty representing the Lt. Jonathan Branch and two representing the Samuel Branch. Cousin **Joanne Boldi** created a photo album of the 2001 Maine Reunion that was on display. A copy of an article about our reunion in the Fall River Herald was also on display. It featured a press interview with Cousin Shirley Denison. Cousin **Verna Finwick** displayed a fine collection of artifacts and memorabilia from her trip to Kenya last year.

“Late Registration” was held in the Colonial Room starting at 8:30 a.m. and was followed by the 2002 Annual Membership Meeting (discussed elsewhere in this issue). While the Group Picture was being taken the White’s efficient staff set-up the Colonial Room for the optional Deli Buffet Lunch which was sumptuous beyond expectations.

The caravan of cars, led by Cousins **Bob and Dorothea Harris**, departed for the National Whaling Museum in New Bedford a few minutes away. The Museum had been rebuilt and the surrounding buildings refurbished giving the area the look of New Bedford at the height of the whaling era. Our tour guides showed us the various collections of artifacts amassed by many Whalers, discussed the whaling industry and gave us view of a life aboard a whaling ship. We boarded the half scale model of the LAGODA, built in 1826 and owned by the prosperous shipping magnet Jonathan Bourne.

We compared the massive skeletons of several whales hung from the ceiling in the main entrance of the museum with the small whaleboat that

carried harpooners and seaman that rowed the boat in the chase of the sighted whale.

That evening we enjoyed another superb meal served by the fine White’s staff. Our speaker, Judith Lund, a former Whaling Museum curator and author spoke about the DELANO’s in the whaling industry. She pointed out that our family was not only prominent in the seafaring portion of the industry, but also was deeply involved in the support and merchandizing end of the industry. She discussed a typical progression of a young man in whaling as he worked up the ladder of responsibility from seaman through Mate to Captain. She pointed out the similarity of purchasing shares in a whaling ship’s cargo to that of today’s stock market. Ship Captains and Mates frequently bought shares in other vessels hoping these ships would have a successful cruise and they would receive a share of the profits. Captains and senior Mates often went from the sailing ships to the business of providing services such as warehousing, ship chandlery, sail making, and so forth. Coopers were in demand because more barrels for whale oil were always needed. Some were gaugers--those who determined the volume of oil in each barrel brought ashore. In booming New Bedford there was always a shortage of living space. While the men were at sea for many months—even several years, the women rented rooms in their homes to support themselves and to invest in whaling ship shares.

It was an informative and delightful evening to end a very pleasant Reunion. We wish to thank Dorothea **Harris**, **Ernie Towers**, **Muriel Cushing** and others for their hard work in organizing this event. We also thank Cousins **Closer in, but out of state, came Cousins Brookins and Laura Delano of Vermont, Cousins Joan and Lloyd Krumm of New Hampshire, and Cousins Marilyn Smith and Allen Bomes as well as Cousin John Somers from Connecticut. The majority of Cousins** for providing us with many photos of the occasion.

2002 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Eleventh Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President George B. DeLano at 9:15 a.m. in the Colonial Room at White's Restaurant in Westport, Massachusetts. After it was determined there was a quorum of over 35 members in good standing present, the President welcomed the members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Auditor's Report. Treasurer Roxanne McCaffery's resignation was accepted on 15 July. The Annual Audit and a consolidated balance sheet, distributed to the members were discussed. \$5000.00 of the Memorial Fund was placed in three Certificates of Deposit. The balance carried forward to FY 02-03 was \$10,719.42. The Society's total financial resources (cash balance plus CDs) were \$15, 719.42 an increase of \$2113.36. Most of the resources were made up the Memorial Fund (\$6065.80 which includes the CDs), Advance Dues (\$5052.00), the Publication Sales Account (\$2200.73), and the Reserve Balance (\$2019.81) which increased because of a temporary surplus in the Operating Budget Account. This surplus would have disappeared had outstanding reimbursement requests been paid. Gratitude was expressed for two Memorial Fund contributions totaling \$1500.00 made by Cousin Elizabeth Whiteman and Cousins Ray and Annette Delano.

Temporary Treasurer and Back-Up Reporting System. Until a new Treasurer can be appointed, Nancy Delano will write the checks and make the deposits and George DeLano will make quarterly audit reports in lieu of Treasurer's Reports. The Board asked for and received Membership approval for this temporary arrangement.

Amendment to Article V of the bylaws. Vice President John H. Somers discussed the proposed amendment Article V of the bylaws that changed the election of Officers to odd-years and continued the election of Directors on even years. The amendment was approved by over two-thirds of the members present.

Nominations and Elections. Joan Krumm, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout. Officers for one year: President, George B. DeLano, Vice President, John H. Somers, and Secretary, Robert Bisbee Delano. There was no Treasurer on the ballot at this time. For two years as Directors: Carolyn E. Clarke, Muriel C. Cushing, A. Brookins Delano, Herman W. DeLano, Nancy B. Delano, L. Reynolds LeVally, and Charlotte A. Springer. Nominating Committee: Clinton T. Delano (two-year term) and Robert F. Huber

(three-year term). There were no nominations from the floor. Teller, Verna Finwick, reported 34 ballots were cast with all nominees receiving 34 votes except Robert Delano who received 33 votes.

Committee Report Highlights

Genealogy. Muriel C. Cushing, our genealogist, reported on the progress of the DELANO KINDRED Genealogical program. The DIFP to generations 5 & 6 is almost ready for draft review and editing. It will be published by the Mayflower Descendants and will be in two volumes. More details about the Genealogy Program are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. Member Cheryl T. Spain from Sarasota, Florida, discussed her research of her Delano-Spooner connection. Ernie Towers reported on his genealogy work in tracing the migration of the Delanos from Maine to New Hampshire. He stated there were at least 120 descendants in the northern New Hampshire area.

Contact Committee. Outgoing Director, Ernie Towers will become the new Chair of the DELANO KINDRED Contact Committee. He urged all members to give out membership forms which are in each newsletter whenever possible.

Membership Database. Verna Finwick, who maintains our membership database, gave a short report on the membership count and the various membership data presented in various reports she makes. She thanked her husband, Harvey Finwick, for his valuable help.

Future Plans Committee and History Committee. Vice President John Somers reported on our Future Plans and on the progress of the History Program. He thanked Ren LeVally for his help. He remarked that there are other genealogical organizations that meet every three years in Plymouth. He suggested other locations for Annual Meetings such as Boston, Sturbridge, MA, or Mystic, CT.

Membership Committee and Publication Sales. Nancy B. Delano reported on the state of

2002 REUNION GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



First Row (Seated on Floor): George B. De Lano, Robert B. Delano, Nancy B. Delano, Nancy B. DeAngelis, Graceanne Barbour, Devin Delano, Megan Delano Ralph.

Second Row (Seated) Lt to R: Judith A. Oppasser, Jean P. Smith, Lois Burden, Elizabeth W. Sullivan Jeanne Martinez, Justine Fontaine, Joan Krumm, Eleanor Webber, Dori Dixon, Charlotte Springer, Ann Harris, Dorothea A. Harris, Marjorie Towers, Catherine (Kitty) DeLano, Shirley Dennison, Margaret Delano, Cynthia A. Prosser, Sheryl Spain, Marie Gerttula, Diana De Lano.

Third Row (Standing): Rebecca Dooley, Malcolm Northam, Edward D. Sullivan, Donald Martinez, Jack Somers, Lloyd Krumm, Robert Webber, John Dixon, Warren C. DeLano, Bob Harris, Ernest Towers, Joanne Boldi, Verna Finwick, Harvey Finwick, Muriel Cushing, Reynolds Cushing, Anton Winkler, Susan Dillingham Winkler, Brookins Delano, Laura Delano, Edie Ward, Bill Ward.

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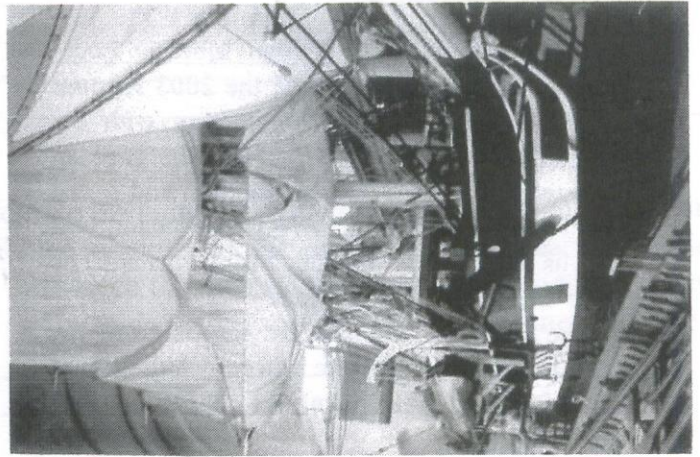


(Above) Marie Gertulla, Nancy DeAngelis, Joanne Boldi, Marjorie Towers, Graceanne Barbour



(Above) Sheryl Spain, Shirley Denison, Bob & Nancy Delano

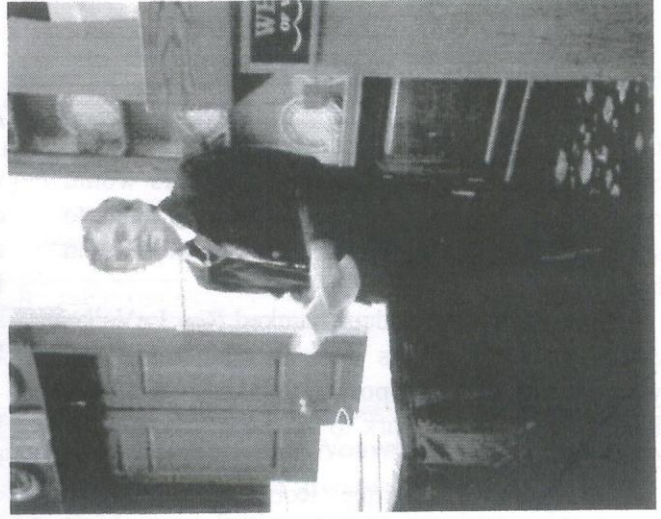
(Below) The LAGODA



(Below) Dorothea & Bob Harris with Edie Ward in background



(Below) Our Speaker Judith Lund



the membership and on the sales of publications. She said it would be helpful if members would pay their dues three years at a time. She plans to send out 60 dues reminder cards to those who have not renewed.

Internet. The President thanked Ren LeVally, our webmaster, for his work in maintaining the various websites supported by the DELANO KINDRED and his work to save the Vrouwekerk Church ruins.

Memorial Committee. Robert B. Delano, a member of the Memorial Committee, presented the Memorial Committee report of actions taken this year. The committee is considering a historic marker instead of a \$15,000.00 stone marker. He also said that documenting the location of the land on the school grounds that was originally owned by Philip Delano was proving to be difficult. Details are provided in another article in this

newsletter issue. He said the committee would like input from the Membership on the committee's plans. Susan Winkler suggested involving the high school students in their plans. It was hoped that the committee would receive some write-in comments on the Annual Membership Questionnaire.

Progress Made Towards Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status. George DeLano reported that we have met with a CPA and he has determined the category in which we best fit under the 501c(3) IRS code. It is his opinion that we have a fair chance of being recognized as a tax-exempt organization. It was his opinion that we should submit our request as close as possible to the end of our Fiscal Year. We had planned to do this, but the unexpected resignation of our Treasurer and the resulting difficulties of obtaining the financial data have delayed us. We hope to submit our request this fall.

FY 02-03 Operating Budget. Ernie Towers, Chair of the Finance Committee, briefed the membership about the proposed Operating Budget for the next Fiscal Year 02-03. The membership approved the FY 02-03 Operating Budget below.

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

INCOME (Based on a membership of 365 members @ \$13.00 each)	4745.00
EXPENDITURES	
Administration (Secretary, Treasurer, Membership).....	\$1595.00
Annual & Board Meeting	\$85.00
Genealogy Program	\$150.00
<i>Bonnes Nouvelles</i> Publishing	\$2400.00
Other unbudgeted items approved by the Board	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4730.00\$4730.00
BALANCE REMAINING	15.00

2003, 2004 & 2005 Annual Meeting Locations. Muriel Cushing reported the **2003 Annual Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the 2003 Reunion at **Hyde Park, NY**. She gave an overview of the plans for the Reunion and stated that a Park Ranger, a DELANO descendant, will assist us with many of the arrangements. The Ranger will also be the speaker.

The Board will await the results from the 2002 Annual Questionnaire before deciding on a venue for the **2004 Annual Meeting and Reunion**.

Based on the responses to the 2001 Annual Questionnaire the **2005 Annual Meeting and**

Reunion may be held in Salt Lake City, UT. Since the weather is quite warm there in August, it may be held in September.

Old Business. Vice President John Somers reported on the following proposals. Based upon the recommendation the committee studying the Lifetime Membership Proposal, the Board believed such a membership category would be too complicated to manage and not cost effective for our Society. He reported that the Pledge of Allegiance proposal was tabled by the Board because of our foreign members and the fact that we display flags of several countries besides the U.S. flag. The board has implemented the proposal to start each Annual Meeting with a prayer.

New Business. Charitable Program: President George DeLano stated the reasons and plans for a Charitable giving Program that would not interfere with the Memorial Fund contributions. The Board is working on such a Program for charitable giving to tax-exempt organizations that fit the purposes of our bylaws. It is believed such a program will enhance our chances of gaining IRS recognition as a tax-exempt organization.

Annual Questionnaires. The President encouraged everyone to complete the 2002 Annual Questionnaire. It is an opportunity for the Membership to let the Board know their views. The Board takes these questionnaire responses into consideration before making decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Thanks to Cousin **Jon Delano** of Pittsburgh we suggest that all descendants of Philippe de Lannoy offer a Thanksgiving Toast to Priscilla Mullens for luring Philippe to America. Though a tradition is not necessarily fact, the tradition in Jon's story of why our common ancestor, Philippe de Lannoy came to Plymouth in the FORTUNE makes a wonderful tale to tell at Thanksgiving. We again quote a shortened version of Jon's story printed in November 21, 1996 issue of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* titled "A place at the table".

The American tradition of Thanksgiving is a wondrous mix of religion and historical commemoration, but in my family the holiday has special meaning. You see, my great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather was there. This is not exactly the story of the Pilgrims, the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock, and the first Thanksgiving, which is drilled deep within the American psyche from grade school. It is a tale of unrequited love.

Nearly 400 years ago, there lived in Leiden, Holland, a family named de Lannoy. Jean and Marie de Lannoy were Huguenots who had left France in 1596 to practice their religion in Holland ...a well-known sanctuary for unconventional beliefs. Their son Philippe was born there. So well known was this country's tolerance that a group of English Separatists arrived in Leiden in 1607. Marie de Lannoy befriended the Separatists and...young Philippe

grew up with many English friends. After 11 years in Holland, the Separatists secured a land grant from the Virginia Company to settle in America. So in 1620, the Separatists returned to England to provision two ships for a trek across the Atlantic, the Mayflower and the Speedwell. The smaller Speedwell proved unseaworthy, so two-thirds of its passengers were crammed on board the Mayflower. Literally missing the first boat in the one-third left behind in Plymouth, England, was 18-year-old Philippe de Lannoy.

Why did this French-Dutch lad want to join a bunch of austere English dissidents on a dangerous voyage? Adventure might have something to do with it, but the family story goes that Philippe had fallen in love with Priscilla Mullens, the daughter of William Mullens, and the object of much rivalry between Capt. Miles Standish and John Alden. Well, not to be deterred by missing the Mayflower, Philippe jumped aboard the second ship to America, the Fortune, which landed in Plymouth in November of 1621. He missed the Pilgrim's first harsh winter of 1620-21, although he arrived in time for the first Thanksgiving. But sadly, despite his best French charm, Philippe was spurned by Priscilla for another, the much-maligned "Speak for Yourself" John Alden.

No matter, on this Thanksgiving as in the past, we Delanos shall give thanks to the elusive Priscilla Mullens for luring our ancestor to the New World.



DELANOs IN THE NEWS

Billie Jo DELANO of Millers Tavern, VA (near Richmond) was selected to participate in the Nationals' 2002 Miss Teen Richmond pageant competition that took place July 7th. She competed for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes, and gifts distributed



among the contestants. The Teen Division in which she participated included young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19.

Unfortunately, the DELANO beauty lost out to Jennifer Michel Bond. Had she won the title she would have represented Richmond and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America

National Competition in Orlando, FL, with prizes of over \$60,000.00 and a five-day expense paid trip to Florida. We are sorry Billie Jo lost, but she gave it a try! We thank Cousins **Frank Delano** and **Robert B. Delano Jr.** of Virginia for sending the news clipping from the *Rappahannock Times* about Billie Jo Delano.

BERTRAND DELANOE STABBED!

Bertrand DELANOE, the Mayor of Paris was recently stabbed in the abdomen at 2:30 a.m. Sunday of 6 October in an ornate salon of Paris City Hall, which was opened to the public for an all-night fete. He underwent an operation and was to remain hospitalized for about eight days.

The suspect, Azedine Berkane, 39, remained in custody Monday and was to undergo a second psychiatric exam, according to France-Info radio. The attack early Sunday on Mayor Bertrand Delanoe was the third on French public officials this year. The attacker lunged at Delanoe as he walked in the crowd of hundreds of people. The mayor never lost consciousness and ordered the party to continue "until 8 a.m., as planned," according to his aides.

Berkane, an unemployed French man of Algerian descent, was immediately wrestled to the ground and arrested. "We didn't see him coming," Delanoe's communications director, Anne-Sylvie Schneider, was quoting as saying in the daily newspaper *Liberation*. "I thought he was punching him (the mayor) in the stomach ... (but) Bertrand Delanoe said, 'He knifed me.'"

Judicial officials said the suspect was to be placed under investigation - a step short of being charged - on

Tuesday after his detention was prolonged for 24 hours. Berkane described himself as a practicing Muslim, however, investigators said the suspect had no links with radical groups and that they were treating the attack as a common crime.

Delanoe, a Socialist elected in 2001, broke a century long hold by the right wing on Paris. Early on, he began marking his tenure with special events like the all-night party. In July, after the French Soccer Team was eliminated from the competition by Brazil, the magnanimous 52 year old Mayor presented the Grand Medal to the Brazilian soccer star Ronaldinho, who professionally plays on the French Saint-Germain team. "It's a veritable love story that Paris shares with Brazil," exclaimed Bertrand, when the French team was eliminated. "The Brazilian team became the team of France."

We thank Elaine Ganley of the Associated Press and Cousin **Nancy Delano** for spotting the news bit about Bertrand awarding the medal in *The Patriot Ledger*.

DELANO PARK IN DECATUR, ALABAMA

Thanks to one of our alert readers, Cousin **Robert B. Delano Jr.** ("Chip") of Richmond, VA we have discovered another Delano Park. We suppose there are quite a few, but the only other one we know of is Delano Park, ME. A Decatur Alabama organization known as the "Friends of Delano Park" is dedicated to the restoration of the park.

Delano Park dates to 1887 when well-known landscape architect Nathan Franklin Barrett designed plans for what was then called Albany. It remained mostly undeveloped, however, until the 1930s when the national park-building effort by the WPA came to Decatur and added the stone structures, designed by Carolyn Cortner Smith, Alabama's first licensed female architect. In 1941 the park was named in memory of Sara Delano Roosevelt (GHAARD p. 505).

Restoration plans for Delano Park impressed the state's preservation planner who reviewed Decatur's oldest park Tuesday. The plans include rebuilding the wading pool and re-establishing the rose garden. Mary Schell of the Alabama Historical Commission complimented the Friends of Delano Park for recognizing the stone structures built in the 1930s by Works Progress Administration as well as for involving the entire city in developing a master plan for restoring and enhancing the park.

The \$200,000 restoration project got off to a good start when U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Huntsville, presented a \$50,000.00 federal check to the City of Decatur. Cramer, a member of the VA/HUD and

Independent Agencies Appropriation Subcommittee, obtained a grant through the Economic Development Initiative Program. We thank Cousin Chip for spotting this information and to Paul Huggins of the *Decatur Daily*.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since June 2002.

California

Katherine Nelson of Los Angeles

Andrew Northam of Redondo Beach

Connecticut

Allen S. Bomes of Westport

Elizabeth Bomes of Westport

Zachary Bomes of Westport

Marilyn A. Smith of Westport

Massachusetts

Barbara Delano Harding of Lexington

Jean P. Smith of Taunton

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

VROUWEKERK DEVELOPMENTS

An Historic Plaque is planned

As reported in the March 2002 *Bonnes Nouvelles* the threat of a referendum in Leiden resulted in the withdrawal of the planned Aalmarkt Urban Renewal Project. A new project group headed by the Inspector of National Buildings was appointed to examine the renovation plans in order to save more buildings and monuments. Dr. Bangs was to be a member of this project group that will make recommendations to be incorporated into a revised urban-renewal plan. The new plan was to be unveiled on 1 October.

As you may recall the Aalmarkt (Eel Market) is an historic area containing many historic buildings, the ruins of the Vrouwekerk, and St Catherine's hospital where Myles Standish recuperated from wounds in the War of Independence from Spain. The Vrouwekerk was the church of the Huguenot, Walloon congregation where Philippe de Lannoy was baptized on 6 November 1603¹ and his Uncle Francis and his Aunt Hester Mahieu Cooke were probably married there before 1604².

Dr. Bangs reports that "instead of presenting them in full, the town unveiled its sketches for the new plans, but without the accompanying text. Without the explanation it is still guesswork to figure out what

¹ Bangs, J. D., *Leiden Records*, p. 197, NEHGR Vol. CXLIII Jul 1989.

² *Ibid.* p. 196.

exactly is meant. It appears, however, that all the registered historic monuments are saved. It is unclear what is intended for the St. Catherine's hospital, although it looks as if it is supposed to be saved."

More definite is the intention to unveil a historic plaque at the Vrouwekerk ruin, with information about the importance of the Vrouwekerk in medieval Leiden and in its post-Reformation function as a Huguenot church. This will mention the baptism of Philip Delano. Dr. Bangs has been reliably assured that this is going to happen. He is supposed to be shown the text in advance, for comment, but has not seen it yet.

He still is a little uneasy about the full intention of some of the aldermen, but what is being said is all positive. The statements being made to Bangs are that the historic remains will be preserved and incorporated in new plans for renovating the Vrouwekerk Square.

Luckily, the change in the government in The Hague after the last elections, and the downward shift in the economy, means there is no money available for large-scale demolition and construction projects."

We thank Dr. Bangs for this update and will follow his reports of these developments closely.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

This will be the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* issued in Calendar Year 2002. As the New Year of 2003 arrives so does the time to pay your 2002 Annual Membership Dues if you already have not 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. 2002; then your dues will expire at the end of 2002.

In order to continue to be a member in good standing and to continue to receive the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we must receive your 2003 dues. Won't you please take a moment to renew, NOW? A 2003 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.

GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

DIFP Second Edition and DIFP5/6

Cousin **Muriel C. Cushing**, our Genealogist, reports that she is spending the month of October updating the DIFP and working on DIFP5/6 (the 5th and 6th generations of Philip Delano or Philippe de Lannoy). She says the Mayflower Society which publishes the DIFP is now sold out of the first edition. She is updating it for the second edition. As it turns out Nancy B. Delano, who is in charge of our Publications Sales has the last of the first edition DIFPs. Now the

Mayflower Society is referring all requests for the DIFP to Nancy.

At the 2002 Annual Meeting, Muriel reported that she was collecting information for the 5th and 6th generations. She now believes she has enough documentation to compile the DIFP5/6 for publication. DIFP5/6 will be a continuation of the original DIFP and will be in two volumes, each being the size of the original DIFP. One DIFP5/6 has been compiled it will be edited and previewed by members of the Mayflower Society and then published.

Lt. Jonathan Line

Muriel also reports that she has compiled the documentation of eight generations of the Lt. Jonathan Branch. This is in large part due to the efforts of many members. She is hopeful that she will have enough documentation to make it worth while to assemble a ten-generation publication in loose-leaf notebooks. She says she still does not have enough members' lines--particularly in some parts of the 8th, 9th and 10th generations. Consequently the documentation in these generations will be sparse. As previously stated on page 6 of the March 2001 *Bonnes Nouvelles* Muriel needs YOUR help. She emphasizes that this publication, as with all the publications in the DELANO KINDRED Genealogy Project, are YOUR publications. It is your documentation that contributes to these publications. You can help by sending in the documentation of your line. Once the Lt. Jonathan Line notebook is published, the next line currently scheduled is the Dr. Thomas Line.

Regional Booklets

You may recall that another facet of the Genealogical Project is the publication of Regional Genealogies, following the lead of Cousin **Mary Skinner**, who started documenting the DELANO Lines in Cooper Township in Michigan and is expanding it to cover the descendants of Corporal Jonathan DeLano—see the March 1999 and 2001 *Bonnes Nouvelles*, pages 9 and 6 respectively. Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** is collaborating with Muriel on the Rochester/Marion, MA, DELANOs. This work is still getting underway.

2002 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we included the 2002 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 your views about the location and time of year in which our Annual Meetings and Reunions are held. We would also like any comments you might have and 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. The results of the responses to the questionnaire will be presented in the March 2003 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

DEPARTED COUSINS

The Reverend R. Richard Long

We sadly report the death of **The Reverend R. Richard Long**, husband of Cousin **Beverly Long**. Richard who was a retired journalist and deacon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lake Worth, died Saturday, July 13th, 2002. Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 25, 1931 he served four years in the U.S. Air Force in Korea and three years in the Marine Corps Reserve.

After his discharge he attended college in New Hampshire while working as a reporter-photographer for the Manchester *Union Leader*. He was employed for 19 years by The *New York Times* as associate editor and manager of the New York Times News Service, traveling extensively in Asia and South America. He moved to Florida after a serious heart attack and heart surgery in 1975. For a short time he was news editor for the Palm Beach *Times* before joining the National Enquirer group as editor of one of its publications. He retired in 1996.

Rev. Long completed three years of study at the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida's School for Christian Studies and was ordained a deacon in 1985. He served eight years as a chaplain at Bishop Gray Inn, an Episcopal nursing and retirement center in Lake Worth. Since 1996 he had been assigned to St. Andrew's. Deacon Long is survived by Beverly, his beloved wife of 50 years; three daughters, Cheryl Wellence and her husband Leo of Palm Beach Gardens, Deborah Fairall and her husband Ray of Boca Raton; and Bethany Bouchard and her husband Jerry of Hampton, Virginia; and two grandchildren, Douglas and Stephanie Fairall of Boca Raton.

Services were held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Lake Worth on Wednesday, July 17th, 2002. We send our condolences to Cousin Beverly and her family.

J. Delbert Wells

We belatedly and sadly report the death of Cousin **J. Delbert Wells** husband of Cousin **Guila D. Wells** of Jefferson City Missouri who passed away on Aug. 6, 2001, at his home. He was born Feb. 9, 1914, in Guymon, Okla., a son of Rolley L. and Anna Cora Monroe Wells. He was married Aug. 21, 1935, in Guymon, to Guila Delano, who survives at the home. Delbert had been an member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1998 and had attended several reunions with Cousin Guila.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Panhandle A. & M. College and a master's degree and a teaching certificate from Oklahoma State University. A teacher and a farmer, he worked for several farm bureaus and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Agribusiness and Rural Affairs Committee; First United Methodist Church,

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where he taught Sunday school; the Jefferson City Council;

Jefferson City Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons; Rotary Club; and Masonic Lodge 43, A.F. & A.M. His other positions included the Board of the Cole County Nutrition Council; Board of Gambrill Gardens Methodist Home; the Jefferson City Police Board; and the Jefferson City Police Personnel Board.

Other survivors include: three sons, Ronald Wells, Ponca City, Okla., Robert Wells, Brownsburg, Ind., and Dennis Wells, Algonquin, Ill.; one daughter, Donna Coon, Dewitt, Mich.; one brother, Lewis Wells, Plains, Kan.; one sister, Elinor Keesling, Newton, Kan.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. One son, Duane Alan Wells, died Oct. 16, 1989.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City. The Rev. Mark West officiated. We send our deep sympathy to Cousin Guila and her family.