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Learning about DELANO history and genealogy **DELANO KINDRED**

The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of PHILIPPE DE LA NOYE, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

First Recorded Land Sale

In the Plymouth Colony in 1627 Has Philip's Signature

In 1627 Philip Delanoy (as his name was recorded in 1627) made the first recorded land sale in the Plymouth Colony after the institution of private property. In 1627 he sold his one-acre of land, most likely his share of the 1623 land division, to Stephen Deane for £ 4¹. In the 1623 land division Philippe de la Noye (as he was known in 1623) and Moyses Simonson were allotted two acres in the second allotment of land (19 "akers") to the passengers on the FORTUNE. These grounds "lye beyond the f[irst] to the wood we[st] ward."² The first allotment of land (15 "akers") "lye to the sea, eastward." The lands allotted to the FORTUNE passenger appeared to be on the south side of the town brook between the sea and the woods.

Cousin **Muriel Cushing** kindly made a copy of the original record of the sale. We believe it has Philip's signature on that record. We have made an enlarged copy of the signature.

Looking at the sale agreement, we see that it was an installment sale. Stephen Deane agreed to pay Philip 20 shillings each year starting October 1627 and 20 shillings payable on the first day of October in 1628, 1629 and 1630. Since twenty shillings equaled 1 £ (one pound), the land was paid for by October 1630. We thank Cousin Muriel for sending a copy of the record of sale to us.

THE 2006 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fifteenth Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President George B. DeLano at 9:00 A.M. on 24 June 2006, in the Burlington Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center. Committee Annual reports and copies of the current bylaws were available as handouts to all attendees. It was determined there was a quorum of over 33 members in good standing.

¹ Stratton, Eugene Aubrey, FASG, Plymouth Colony, Its History & People 1620-1691, p. 280, Ancestry Publishing, Salt Lake City, UT.

² Ibid, pg 416.

Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting had been previously distributed to members present for their information and review. Secretary Margaret Delano was available to answer any questions about these minutes and they were accepted.

Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports: Treasurer Cynthia Prosser presented the FY 05-06 Treasurer's Report. Auditor George DeLano discussed the Society's Financial Condition based on the 3rd Quarter FY 05-06 Consolidated Balance Sheet that had been provided to the members present. He said the final FY 05-06 Audit Consolidated Balance Sheet will be available on the members-only website www.delanokindred.org. (Editor's note: The final FY 05-06 Audit Report containing the financial status and outlook for FY 06-07 is now available at the above mentioned website.) The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the membership.

Nominations and Elections: The Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout was presented. Directors elected for two-year terms were: Herman W. DeLano, Devin L. Delano, Nancy B. Delano, Wayne C. Dyer, L. Reynolds LeVally, Floyd S. Sanford and John H. Somers. George Delano III was elected to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term.

Committee Report Highlights: Most of the Committee Reports were provided to the members when they registered. These reports are available on the members' website, www.delanokindred.org. Committee Chairs summarized their report and responded to questions.

Highlights are provided below:

2006 FY Audit and Financial Outlook: Based on the information obtained from the 3rd Quarter Audit, it appeared that we end up with a slight surplus in our Administrative Operations Budget. Any surplus would be placed in our Reserve Account. However, our membership was significantly behind last year. As of 31 May 2006 there were 345 active members compared to 359 at the end of May in 2005. Since this is the source of our income for FY 06-07 there is concern that we will fall short of our expected income.

IRS Recognition of Tax-exempt Status: The organizational restructuring and financial paperwork necessary for submission to the IRS is almost complete. After consultation with our CPA we should be ready to submit the paperwork to the appropriate IRS Office.

2006 Charitable Program: The Charitable Program Description was approved by the Board and forwarded for approval by the membership. The program is now aligned with our "Charitable Purpose" as stated in article II of the DELANO KINDRED organizational papers. It is proposed that we continue our support of the restoration of the portrait of FDR's grandmother, Catherine Robbins Lyman Delano, and also support the Plimoth Plantation "living museum." Last Fiscal Year we contributed \$300.00 towards the portrait's restoration. The proposed Charitable Program for FY 06-07 is discussed under New Business.

Contact Committee: The Board deeply regretted that Cousin **Ernie Towers** was forced to retire as Chair of the Contact Committee. The Contact Committee provides limited "pro bono" genealogical assistance and information about the DELANO KINDRED to those who inquire via the DELANO KINDRED Guestbook on our "open" website. For FY 05-06 (June 2005 through May 2006) about 170 inquiries were received. Almost 25% were provided preliminary lines of descent because they were able to provide sufficient information from which their descent lines could be determined. So far no CY 2006 inquirer has become a member.

Educational Program: The Educational Program has been realigned to bring it into agreement with our "Educational Purpose" stated in Article II mentioned above. It includes the Genealogical Program (recently updated), the History Program (now in updating stages), Memorial Program (under the management of the Memorial Committee when appointed and tasked), the Educational Newsletter (*Bonnes Nouvelles* — the only educational effort funded by membership dues), our Society's Internet Websites, the Scholarship Program (when developed), and various portions of our Annual Meetings. The Educational Program was recently approved and forwarded by the Board for approval by the membership as discussed under new business.

Genealogist's Report: As part of the Educational Program the Genealogical Program has been restructured to reflect the various ongoing projects under the Genealogist's purview. Our Genealogist, Muriel Cushing, reported the second part of the DFIP 5th/6th generations is progressing and she has added more information to the lineages in that volume. The project of placing this information on a CD is also growing. She discussed the planned DNA project, which is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. She suggested a project of placing a memorial gravestone

for Dr. Thomas Delano in the Old Burying Ground in Duxbury.

Future Plan: The Future Plans report briefly mentioned the possibility of developing a Scholarship Program and a member outline for communications and directions.

History Committee: Cousin **Joan Krum** gave a short History Report at the meeting and a demonstration of a portable recording device that can be used to record oral histories.

Membership Committee Report: The decreasing trend in our total membership is of great concern. When taking into account the number of new members and the number of non-renewing members, the trend has changed from a net increase of 30 members in 2003 to a lower net increase of 23 in 2004 to a net decrease of 5 in 2005. As stated earlier, at the end of May 2006 we were behind the May 2005 totals by 14 members. Concerning database management, it was pointed out that duplicate database information is maintained on the members' only website. This website allows one to find other members with the same ancestors (up to four generations). The information comes from each member's "Primary Descendancy Form" that was sent to all members to be filled out and returned. Since mid-2002 all new members receive a copy of this form with the welcome letter they receive from our president. Many members have not sent these forms into our Genealogist, Muriel Cushing. Please see the article about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Newsletter Annual Report: Newsletters were published in July-August 2005, October-November 2005 and March-April 2006. 930 newsletters were printed at a total cost of \$2631.22 or \$2.83 a copy. It was reported that the reorganization of the USPS Bulk rate processing centers for "mixed state" delivery has caused delays of up to 18 days or more. We are pleased that Cousin **Kathy Fenton** has volunteered to be the newsletter proofreader, which has added to its quality.

Logo Working Group Report: The Logo Working Group has been brainstorming and reviewing logo ideas for many months. The goal is to find a simple and clean logo that will reproduce well on merchandise such as hats and t-shirts, along with being used on informal papers. The modified design under discussion as of 31 May was included in the report. Although it received enthusiastic support by the membership, it was decided to allow the Board to review the design further.

President' Summation of FY 05-06 Progress:

Board Meetings: Over 12 meetings were held over the past fiscal year. The items of business included the realignment of the Society to reflect its "Educational and Charitable" Purposes, European Research, the logo, and the 2007 Annual Meeting in California.

Organizational Realignment:

Funding: Your Board approved the FY 04-05 Audit recommendations which approved using funds in the Memorial Fund for all Educational Purposes and for Charitable Purposes – on a "50/50" basis. Surpluses in certain accounts were transferred to the Memorial Fund and \$5000.00 was placed in a Memorial Fund CD account.

Organizational: The Educational Program was reorganized to include the various programs and projects that clearly support our "educational" purpose. Within the Educational Program the Genealogical Program was updated to reflect the European Research Program and the planned DNA Program, which are both elements of our Genealogy Program. The History Program is in the process of being updated to reflect the implications of the important parts of our family history, including its European history before 1621 that affected our ancestors.

The European Research Effort: Within this program is the European Research Working Group; a loosely formed group, that is attempting to research the data known to be listed in various areas including Britain, Holland, France. So far the results of checking the data that might shed light on our family line has been frustratingly sparse. No record of Guilbert (Gysbert) de Lannoy, Philippe de Lannoy's grandfather, has been found in England, yet Leiden documentation indicates he came to Leiden from Canterbury. During this spring Cousin George English traveled to Tourcoing to gather data in that part of France. Several contacts with Dr. Jeremy Bangs have been made on various questions concerning the Leiden data. An analysis of Bate's "*Delano Questions*" and "*Some Delano Answers*" was analyzed in two articles in the *Bonnes Nouvelles* and an English translation of Leverland's "*The FAMILY of JAN de LANNOY and his relations with the Pilgrim Fathers*" was found by Cousin **George English**. The alignment of the Working Group into the functions of the Genealogical Program is still underway.

Website Contributions: We are pleased that many of you have contributed to the Website Fund that helps pay for the maintenance of our several websites, and greatly appreciate those donations. This is an ongoing

Educational Fund project that keeps our websites going. Thank you!!

Publication Sales: There has been an increase in DFIP requests and more recently requests for the GHAHD. At the end of the 3rd Qtr profits from sales of the various publications amounted to \$308.96 for this Fiscal Year. Your Board transferred \$1100.00 of accumulated profits to the Memorial Fund so that it could be used for Educational and Charitable Purposes.

Members Leaving the Board: I wish to thank Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** for her many years of service

as a Director on our Board. Her thoughtful and well-organized recommendations work has been a great help to us. We are pleased that she will continue as the Chair of the Membership Committee. Also I wish to thank Joan Krumm who has served on the Board since 2002 and before that as a member and eventually Chair of the Nominating Committee. She was our Historian for several years as well. She has provided thoughtful counsel on many occasions as the Board endeavored to address many questions concerning our Society. We thank them both for their fine and steadfast service.

FY 06-07 Administrative Operations Budget: The members had received a copy of next Fiscal Year's Budget. After a brief discussion, the members present approved this budget outlined below.

PROPOSED FY 06-07 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUDGET

INCOME:

Membership Dues: (360Members x \$13.00)-----	\$4680.00
New Members Administrative Fees (20 New Members @ \$10.00) -----	200.00
<u>Total Income-----</u>	<u>\$4880.00</u>

EXPENSES

Annual and Board Meetings-----	\$ 480.00
Office Admin. & Membership-----	1567.00
Genealogy Administration -----	50.00
<u>Educational Newsletter-----</u>	<u>2750.00</u>
Total Expenses-----	\$4847.00
	Less Expenditures - <u>\$4847.00</u>
Funds Available For Unbudgeted Administrative Items Approved by the Board of Directors---	\$ 33.00

2007 & 2008 Annual Meeting Locations: The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert, California on Friday, 29 June and Saturday, 30 June 2007. The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held somewhere in New England. More details will be available later.

New Business: The membership discussed and approved the proposals outlined below:

Educational Program:

- The Educational Program Description as forwarded.
- Continued support to the website effort as an "identified educational program.
- Authorization of the Board to review educational funding in the future to determine the feasibility of allocating, from the Memorial Fund, an amount not to exceed

\$150.00 for use in matching designated website contributions.

- Funds not to exceed \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund to be allocated for various European Research Efforts that meet the Board approved funding criteria.
- An amount from the Memorial not to exceed \$600.00 for the possible use in establishing the DELANO KINDRED Y-DNA Program.
- The Educational Committee review of funding after the 2nd Quarter in FY 06-07 Audit to determine if additional funds are needed for the Educational Program Effort and make recommendations to the Board.
- Authorization of the Board to augment the allocation of funds to the identified Educational Program effort as it considers prudent.

Charitable Program:

- The Charitable Program Description as forwarded.
- Continued support of the Catherine Robbins Delano portrait restoration and the allocation of funds from the Memorial Fund in the amount not to exceed \$150.00 for use in matching designated contributions to the portrait's restoration.

The Plimoth Plantation is identified as a Charitable Project and funds will be allocated from the Memorial Fund not to exceed \$300.00 for a corporate sponsorship, prior to Dec. 2006. Designated contributions to be added as an additional contribution by the end of the Fiscal Year.

- The Board is to identify part of the remaining Memorial Fund to be added to the Memorial CD Fund.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned about 11:15 AM and members organized for the Group Photograph.

2006 REUNION GROUP PICTURE



We tried taking the Group Picture in the Amphitheater after the Annual Meeting. We really had to squeeze in together. Some members are not visible. We thank Cousin **Pat Walker** for taking the picture.

On the floor, l. to r: George DeLano, Ron Prosser, Cindy Prosser, Margaret Delano, Elizabeth Sullivan, & Ed. Sullivan.

Seated: Dorothea Harris, Joan Krumm, Carolyn Clarke, Audrey Moran, Susan Winkler, & Jean Paterwick.

1st row standing: Marie Walker, Marion Schroeder, Bob Harris, Ann Harris, Carol Wolf, Roberta Banks, Frank Banks, Joan Winkler, Alan Winkler, & Ava Paterwick.

2nd row: Chuck Walker, Maria Dering, Susan Delano, Frank Delano, Dick Wolf, Wayne Dyer, Malcolm Northam, Judie Oppasser (behind Joan Winkler, we think), Terry Delano, Diana DeLano, & Miriam Bosak.

3rd row: Sandy Sanford, Robert Webber, Muriel Cushing, Eleanor Webber, Howard Delano, Mary Delano, Carroll Schroeder (we think) & Martin Bosak. We are sorry if we missed somebody.

THE 2006 REUNION CELEBRATING OUR VERMONT HERITAGE

Our 2006 Reunion was held in Burlington Vermont on the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain. About 52 DELANO descendants and some of their spouses attended all or part of the Reunion. The Burlington Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center was an excellent venue, having easy access to the Interstate highway and the airport. It was located just a few miles from the Burlington waterfront and other areas of interest. We were delighted that two new members, Cousin **Franklin R. DeLano** and his wife **Marjorie** from Kentwood, MI and Cousin **Alan Winkler** and his wife **Joann** from Medford, MA, could join us.

Cousin **Earl and Mary Delano** from California traveled the farthest; Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** came from Utah. Cousins **Cindy and Ron Prosser** also came from Michigan. Cousins **Muriel and Ren Cushing** and **Ed and Elizabeth Sullivan** traveled from Florida. Cousin **Judie Oppasser** came from Pennsylvania. Cousins **George and Diana DeLano** and Cousin **Malcolm Northam** traveled from Virginia. Cousins **Miriam and Martin Bosak** traveled from New Jersey. From Maine came Cousins **Carroll and Marion Schroeder**. This year the New York contingent was made up of Cousins **Floyd Sanford and Maria Dering, Robert and Eleanor Webber, and Dick and Carol Wolf**. Connecticut was represented by Cousins **Roberta and Francis Banks, Audrey Moran, Marilyn Smith** and Cousins **Jean and Ava Paterwick**. Cousins **Margaret Delano, Dorothea, Bob and Ann Harris, Chuck and Marie Walker** and **Susan Winkler** made up the rest of the Massachusetts group. The New Hampshire contingent included Cousins **Earl Anderson with Mark Fortin, Franklin and Susan Delano, and Joan Krumm**. Vermont was represented by Cousins **Terry and Paula Delano, Wayne Dyer, Phyllis and Les Skinner** and **Pat Walker**. There were two family groups representing the Philip Jr. Branch, 12 representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, two representing the John Branch, 11 representing the Lt. Jonathan Branch and two representing the Samuel Branch.

The registration desk was located outside the Diamond Ballroom at the hotel. Members received their Welcome Envelopes, containing the Reunion Program and information about some of the Burlington area attractions. Registrants were also provided with their nametags with their DELANO KINDRED branch line of descent. To speed up the proceedings of the Annual Membership Meeting on

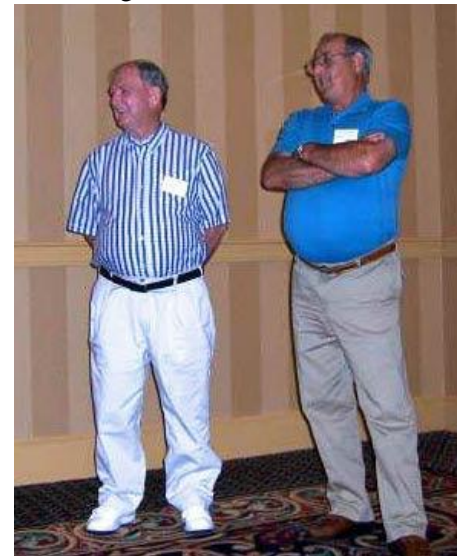
Saturday morning, a packet containing copies of the last year's meeting minutes and this year's committee reports were provided.

The Welcome Buffet on Friday evening was delicious. After the meal Cousin George DeLano welcomed everyone with special recognition of the new members present. This year we had an interesting, but confusing set of Cousins attending the reunion. Cousin George introduced Cousin **Franklin R. Delano** who lives in Londonderry, NH and Cousin **Franklin R. DeLano** who lives on Londonderry Drive in Kentwood MI. While it was not the first time we had members with the same name attending a reunion, it was the first time there were also similarities in their addresses. This did cause some confusion, during the reservation process.

Cousin **Ed Sullivan** gave us a short talk concerning his first year as Governor General of the Mayflower Descendants. He said that much of the rationale for compiling the Mayflower Families In Progress (MFIP) genealogical publication series, which is planned to cover at least five generations, was that five generations from 1620 (the arrival of the MAYFLOWER at Plymouth) would, in most cases, end at the time of the Revolutionary War. Knowing that the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) have high documentation requirements, it would then be fairly easy to connect those appropriate descent lines to the Mayflower Descendants.

Saturday morning, members gathered in the hotel's Conference Amphitheater for the 2006 Annual Meeting (discussed elsewhere). Afterwards, attendees gathered for the group photograph taken by Cousin Pat Walker. This year we used our own resources when we discovered that the cost of a Burlington area professional photographer was excessive.

Everyone broke for lunch and then re-grouped for their choice of afternoon tours — the boat cruise on Lake Champlain or the tour of the Shelburne



Museum. While much of the lower eastern states were beginning to feel the brunt of flooding rains that ravaged the northeast, the weather was perfect that afternoon. Those who went on the boat cruise on beautiful Lake Champlain heard a bit of the lake's history and the Battle of Valcour Island. Members who visited the Shelburne Museum entered through an octagonal barn; one of the many "period" buildings in the museum collection. One of the major exhibits was the well preserved lake steamer TICONDEROGA that was carefully transported via a specially built railroad from the docks at Shelburne to the museum site over 3 miles away. Walking through the ship's well-maintained decks and passages, one can get a sense of that time in history when lake steamer transportation was at its height. The paintings by Monet, Manet, Degas and others on exhibit in the various buildings were some that are not frequently exhibited elsewhere. While visiting the Ogden Pleissner Gallery, one could see a re-creation of his studio and some of the original World War II drawings that were featured in *Life* magazine years ago.

That evening after an excellent Banquet Dinner, our speaker was Chris Sabin from the Lake



Champlain Maritime Museum. He was standing in for Erick Tichonuk who could not be with us. Chris told us about the history of the Lake and the resulting industrial boom the area enjoyed once the canal was constructed linking Lake Champlain with the Hudson River. He also discussed the aspects of the Battle of Valcour Island in 11 October 1776. While it was a tactical victory for the British in their plan to control the Champlain and Hudson River Valley, it turned out to be a strategic victory for the American Colonies, because it delayed the invasion of General Burgoyne's Army until 1777. This delay allowed the American

forces to organize and fight several delaying battles in 1777 culminating with the Battle of Saratoga in which Burgoyne's forces were defeated. This ended the British effort to divide the American rebel forces and eventually led to the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA years later.

We wish to thank Cousins **Pat Walker** and **Terry Delano** for making the arrangements for speaker and organizing the tours as well as taking care of many of the numerous details that come up in the course of a reunion. We also thank Cousins **Diana DeLano, Margaret Delano, and Cindy Prosser** for assisting at the registration table. The efforts of these Cousins helped the reunion to run smoothly and successfully.

DELANO KINDRED DNA PROJECT

At the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting, members approved the allocation of \$600.00 to be expended in the DELANO KINDRED DNA Project. This project will be part of the Society's Genealogical Program and will be under the supervision of our Genealogist, Cousin **Muriel Cushing**. The primary goal of this project is to obtain a database of DELANO Y-DNA (DNA tests that use the male Y chromosome) for use in determining the relationship of male surname lines of descent. We have engaged Family Tree DNA, a premier genetic genealogy organization, to do the testing.

To develop this Y-DNA database, we needed certified DELANO surnamed males from each branch of the family who would agree to participate, i.e. one DELANO surnamed male with a line of descent from each of the sons of Philippe de Lannoy – Philip Jr., Dr. Thomas, Lt. Jonathan, Samuel, and John. So far we have identified candidates from the branches of Philip Jr., Dr. Thomas, Lt. Jonathan, and Samuel. At this point we do not know of any DELANO surnamed member who is certified to descend through Philippe's son John. Those participating will receive a numbered swab kit and an individual password to assure confidentiality. Once the Y-DNA samples (obtained from swabbing the participant's inner cheek) are received by Family Tree DNA, it will take approximately six weeks for the results to be obtained.

We have requested the results be in a "25 marker" genetic readout. This should give us the "marker depth" to trace back, with some accuracy, to the 1500s — to the time of Guilbert (Gysbert) de Lannoy's parents. The cost of each test is \$150.00; so we can obligate funds for four of these tests.

Once we receive the results of these tests we will be able to firmly identify our DELANO/de Lannoy genetic line. We are then prepared to move towards our additional goals that include:

- Authenticating theories regarding our ancestry: Since the 1899 publication of the “two book” GHAHHD there has been controversy over “book one” (The Heraldic and Genealogical History of the Maison de Franchimont and de Lannoy, edited and arranged by Mortimer Delano). Over the years the GHAHHD has been criticized for its overall awkward arrangement and for its claim that the DELANOs are descended from nobility with royal connections. When the DELANO KINDRED was organized, it was decided to take the position that while it would be nice to be descended from nobility, we feel it best if we claim descendancy from what has been proven until further evidence can be found. Now with DNA we can be more optimistic that the puzzle may someday be solved.
- Validating existing lineages: Several years ago a descendant expressed an obscure and unproven genealogical “tradition” in regard to Lt. Jonathan not being a son of Philippe de Lannoy. It is believed this is what Major Joel A. Delano, the compiler of “book two” refers to as, “A most absurd tradition repeated by our grand father and father, which seemed very plausible, was often told causing belief in the story.”³ The story places Jonathan, aged 16, in London when Cromwell rode through the town. The only so-called supportive evidence is that Jonathan was not named in the memorandum that served as Philippe’s will. However Lt. Jonathan’s gravestone in the Acushnet Cemetery lists his death date and his age at death, clearly showing he could not have been a teenager in 1636—yet there are still questions. The Y-DNA database should additionally validate Lt Jonathan’s descendancy from Philippe de Lannoy.
- Solve genealogical “dead ends” and “brick walls”: In the past few years DNA testing has become an acceptable technique to provide proof of relationships and, when properly managed, can add proof to lines of descent. In most cases, Y-DNA has been used to determine the relationship of male surname lines of descent. Our DNA project will be listed on the Family Tree DNA

webpage. Researchers who have genealogical problem lines and suspect their ancestor is related to a DELANO may request that their DNA be compared to the DELANO KINDRED genetic database at their own expense, provided we receive a copy of the results. This information may help to clarify a suspected, but difficult to prove, family connection.

- Reduce the number of “unknown lines” in the GHAHHD: At the end of the DELANO Genealogy are listed families that Joel A. Delano was unable to connect. We have been able to solve some of the lineages, but many are still without proof and parentage. Some of the lines may be surname variations such as Dillano, Delenno, Delannoy, etc. and, as a goal, the establishment of DELANO surname relationship variations should be considered.
- Develop a DNA database for future European Research: There has been research that includes the DELANO/de Lannoy line in the Netherlands due to research by Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs, B.N. Leverland, and some others using the data in the Leiden Municipal Archives, but there has been little known expert, archival research done to determine Guilbert (Gysbert) de Lannoy’s family in the Lille region of France. Because of the relatively sparse information available, it is unrealistic to expect that genealogically acceptable documentation will be found in a relatively short time. The DELANO KINDRED genetic database, when established, will be able to test a suspected line using the Y-DNA techniques to add additional information that may support a European connection. Eventually, we hope to compare certified European De Lannoy Y-DNA to assist in our efforts of establishing Guilbert’s (Gysbert’s) ancestors.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Delano Kindred since March 2006:

Massachusetts

Earl DeChristopher of Weston

Allan G. Winkler of Medford

Michigan

Franklin R. DeLano of Kentwood

New York

Jennifer Elizabeth Rolfe of New York City

³ GHAHHD pg 96

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

NEWLY ARRIVED COUSINS

Cameren Everett Blevins

We were very happy to receive the report by Cousin **Ernest E. Blevins** of Villa Rica, Georgia, announcing the birth of his grandson **Cameren E. Blevins** on 8 May 2006. Cameren is the son of Ernest Jr. and Lisa Blevins and joins their growing family with two sisters Savannah Gayle and Ana Grace. We send our hearty congratulations to the entire family.

DEPARTED COUSINS

George Mercer Brooke Jr.

We received the sad news that Cousin **George M. Brooke Jr.** of Lexington, Virginia, died on 16 June 2006 at the age of 91. He was born in Tokyo, Japan, on 21 October 1914, the son of the late Colonel George Mercer Brooke USA, and Isabel Hilton Brooke. Following his father's retirement in 1928, the family moved to Lexington. 14-year-old George became well involved in the Boy Scouts eventually becoming one of the first Eagle Scouts in the area of Rockingham County, VA. He continued his involvement in the Boy Scouts, eventually serving as president of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and as a Scouting Coordinator for Cub Scout Pack 29. In recognition of his tireless work in scouting he received the Silver Beaver Award as the Outstanding Scouter in the Southern District.

He was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1936 and received his MA in history from Washington and Lee University in 1942. Except for a period of military service in World War II Cousin George taught history at VMI. In 1955 he received his doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina.

Cousin George published four books including a biography of his grandfather, Commander John Mercer Brooke CSN (1826-1906). Interestingly, fourteen years after graduating from the US Naval Academy in 1847, his grandfather resigned his commission in April 1861 and "went south," joining the Confederate Navy soon after as a Lieutenant. John Brooke was deeply involved in the conversion of the burned US steam frigate **Merrimack** into the ironclad CSS **Virginia**. You may recall the **Merrimack** was built by Edward Hartt Delano USN Constructor (see *Bonnes Nouvelles* #32 pg 9). Commander Brooke was also involved in the design and production of heavy rifled guns for the Southern war effort. Promoted to

Commander in September 1862, he became Chief of the Confederate Navy's Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography in March 1863, and served in that post until the Civil War ended more than two years later.

Cousin George was descended from Philippe de Lannoy through his son Dr. Thomas Delano. He has been a member since 1998. He was president and founding member of the Rockbridge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Society of Cincinnati and the Mayflower Society. He was very active in the American Cancer Society, serving on the Board of Directors and as president of the Rockbridge County Unit, and heavily involved in other voluntary organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Frances, his son, Col. George Mercer Brooke III USMC(Ret.) and his wife Jane—all of Lexington, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. We send our belated condolences to his wife Frances and her entire family.

Dietrich Dean Delano

We were saddened to learn of the death of Cousin **Dietrich D. Delano** of Warsaw, Virginia, on 31 July 2006. Cousin Dietrich was born on 4 July 1938, the son of Orrin C. and Hilda B. Delano. He grew up in Richmond County on the Virginia Northern Neck and was employed by the GTE Telephone Company of Warsaw for 37 years until his retirement. He was a charter member of the Richmond County Rescue Squad, a member of the Richmond County Fire Department from 1960 to 1970 and a deacon in the Cobham Park Baptist Church. He is survived by his devoted wife Betty T. Delano, sisters-in-law Polly Delano of Howerton, VA and Alelia Delano Gordon of Dallas, TX; nine devoted nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Calvert H. Delano and Clyde Edwin Delano (a past Director of the DELANO KINDRED).

Dietrich has been a long-time member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1995 and was descended from Philippe de Lannoy through his son Dr. Thomas Delano. We remember him attending the 1997 Reunion at Stratford Hall Plantation in Westmoreland County, VA that was combined with the DELANO Northern Neck Reunion near Oldhams, VA.

We send our deep sympathy to his wife Betty and her family and his sisters-in-law, Polly and Alelia.

Ellen May Jones

We received the belated news of the death of Cousin **Ellen M. Jones** on 8 March 2006 at the age of 96. Cousin Ellen had been a long and steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993 and was a descendant of Philippe de Lannoy through his son Lt. Jonathan Delano.

She was born on 11 June 1909 in Waterbury, Vermont, to George E. May and Josephine Nichols May. The May family moved to Amarillo, Texas in 1926 where Ellen was graduated from High School a year later. She was a member of the first class of Amarillo College, which was established in 1929. The fledgling college held its first classes upstairs in the Amarillo City Auditorium.

Ellen was a gifted musician and played the trumpet for the original Amarillo Philharmonic Orchestra. Later she was the business manager and played her trumpet in the Melody Maids, an all-girl orchestra, which was famous in the tri-state area (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) during the 1930s.

Ellen married C. Owsley Jones on 15 November 1930 and during World War II was the clerk/secretary for the Potter County Ration Board and then for the college chancellor. In 1952 she and her husband moved to Dallas where she was the executive secretary for the Regional Office of State Farm Insurance. Upon her retirement from State Farm in 1974 they moved back to Amarillo.

She became deeply involved in genealogical research and was an active member and officer of many heritage and genealogical organizations, including the Amarillo Colony of the Mayflower Descendants, the Daniel Wing Chapter of the Colonial Dames, the Arredondo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Amarillo Genealogical Society and many others. She had written at least one genealogical book.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband on 11 May 1990, after almost 60 years of marriage, and a sister Geraldine May Kalokowski, also in 1990. Survivors include her brother George N. May of Michigan, two sisters, Gretchen May Hertner and Barbara May Honea and her husband James, all of Amarillo; nine nephews, and four nieces.

Her sister Barbara said, "She was proud of her heritage and her membership in the *Delano Kindred, Inc.* She enjoyed the news of the organization in [the] *Bonnes Nouvelles.*" We send our heartfelt condolences to Ellen's brother and sisters and their families.

COUSINS IN A PARADE

How did you celebrate the 4th of July this year? Many of us had picnics, watched fireworks, grilled something on the "barby," but how many of you were a Grand Marshall in a parade that day? Well one of our Cousins was the Grand Marshall of the Duxbury 4th of July Parade. One of our alert photographers snapped this photo of the Grand Marshall,



Cousin **Chuck Walker** and his wife **Marie** in a yellow convertible leading the Duxbury 4th of July Parade. Congratulations Chuck!

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL PROJECT PRELIMINARY FORM?

One of the primary goals of The DELANO Kindred is to update and expand upon The Genealogy, History and Alliances of The American House of Delano, 1621-1899 (GHAHD), published in 1899.

Muriel Curtis Cushing (DELANO Kindred genealogist and Mayflower Florida State Historian) has compiled Philip Delano of the "Fortune" 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations as well as the first book of the Fifth and Sixth Generations. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants published these books. Muriel continues to work on additional volumes of these generations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! It is our goal to continue with subsequent generations. As the research reaches into the 20th century, we have new generations not covered in GHAHD; we must depend on you as primary sources of information.

When you became a member you received a welcome letter from the president along with a membership card and a form for listing your DELANO ancestors. One of your membership responsibilities includes: "Contributing genealogical, historical, biographical and other information and, in general, support the purposes and aims of the

Society.”⁴ As you know, the DELANO KINDRED Genealogical Program is one of your Society’s major efforts that supports its purposes and aims. As a responsible member of the DELANO KINDRED, you should make every effort to fill out the Preliminary Form and send it to Cousin Muriel.

If you have previously completed the form, we thank you. If you have not completed it, we urge you to please fill out the form at once and send it to Muriel. Members who document their DELANO lineage are eligible to receive a handsome certificate. If you need a new form, or require assistance in determining your ancestors, please contact:

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND AND OTHER DESIGNATED FUNDS AS RELATED TO OUR EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

Over the years we have been grateful for the generous contributions by many of our members to the DELANO KINDRED Memorial Fund and to our designated educational and charitable efforts such as the Website Support Fund and the Catherine Robins Lyman Delano (FDR’s grandmother) Portrait Restoration Fund. We thank you for your thoughtful generosity.

As you know the DELANO KINDRED is organized in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for educational and charitable purposes in order to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of PHILIPPE DE LA NOYE. During the past year your Board agreed that the Memorial Fund may be used for funding both Educational and Charitable purposes as a memorial to Philippe de Lannoy. This action was discussed in detail on page 7 of the Oct.-Nov. 2005 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* #50. Your Board also realigned the Society to better reflect these purposes by dividing our functional effort into Educational and Charitable categories as well as Administration. This resulted in the description of the Educational Program and the Charitable Programs that were discussed at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

FY 06-07 Charitable Effort: As noted in the “New Business” portion of the article about the 2006 Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Board, the Membership continued the **Portrait Restoration** effort as a part of our Charitable Program and designated the **Plimoth Plantation** also as part of our charitable effort.

Most of you are familiar with the beautiful portrait of FDR’s grandmother that is in need of restoration. Those of you who attended the 2003 Reunion at Hyde Park had the opportunity to view the portrait. You can also see it on our “open” website (www.delanoye.org).

Over the years many of you have visited the Plimoth Plantation during reunions in the Plymouth/Duxbury area. As you know the Plimoth Plantation has skilled re-enactors in the to-scale village (circa 1627) who are Philippe’s Uncle Francis and Aunt Hester Cooke. At times in the past when a young male actor, skilled in the French language, is available, Philippe de Lannoy’s character is re-enacted. Some of our members had conversations with “Philippe.”

FY 06-07 Educational Effort: The Educational Program is made up of the Genealogical Program (containing the DFIP series and CD project, membership participation through completion of their preliminary form documentation, Regional Genealogies, European Research Program, which includes the European Research Working Group, Y-DNA Program, and Website genealogical display), the History Program, the Memorial Program, the Educational Newsletter and Membership Directory, a Scholarship Program (when established) and our Websites.

At the Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Board, the Membership continued the **Website** effort for educational support with matching funds and identified the **European Research** Program and the **Y-DNA** Program as educational programs for funding effort.

Contributions: Now when you contribute to the **Memorial Fund** you will know that half of your contribution will go towards our Educational Effort and half will go towards our Charitable Effort. If you prefer to contribute specifically to a designated Charitable Effort (**Portrait** or **Plimoth Plantation**) or Educational Effort (**Website**, **European Research** or **Y-DNA**) you may do so by writing the name of the effort on a check and send it to: **DELANO KINDRED, INC, C/O Cynthia Prosser, P.O. Box 773, Schoolcraft, MI, 49087-0773.**

New Membership Form: To assist you in this effort we have inserted the new and updated 2007 Membership Form in this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. Since the Membership Form is inserted in your newsletter several times a year, in addition to using it to renew your membership, you can use this form for contribution purposes at any time and for informing us of any change in your address.

⁴ DELANO KINDRED bylaws, Art. III, section 5.b.