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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 Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

### From The Editor

This issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* provides the information about the 2017 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina (Thursday, 14 September – Sunday 17 September). Also included in this issue is a short history of the historic town Charleston and an overview of its sights and its southern cuisines. Part Three of the account of the life of Joel A. Delano, the compiler of the GHAAHD, is included in this issue. We are pleased to include news of one of our oldest members, Cousin Virginia C. Kelley as well as reminder about the opportunity to submit your candidates for the Annual Charitable Drawing that is held at the Reunion. We thank our members who have generously donated to our DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program and sadly pay tribute to our Cousins who have departed from us. We have also included a current directory of your DELANO KINDRED Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs for your information as well as other information and notices.

### THE 2017 REUNION WILL BE HELD IN CHARLESTON, SC

At the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting it was announced that either Charleston, SC or Savannah, GA would be the venue for the 2017 Annual Meeting and Reunion. Upon investigation, your Reunion Committee decided on Charleston. Therefore, the 2017 Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel near the Airport in North Charleston, SC, from **September 14 to 17, 2017** – so save those dates and mark them on your calendar. Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, is planned as a “travel day” for those who don't want to travel on Friday and potentially miss the afternoon Educational/Genealogical Symposium or the Friday evening dinner. More details, including the Schedule of Events, Tours, the Banquet Menu and the Registration Form will be in the July issue of the *Bonnes*



*Nouvelles.* Details will also be posted on the DELANO KINDRED Website as soon as they are developed.

As usual, you will need to make your hotel reservation separately from your Annual Meeting reservation, so for those of you who might wish to get a head start, you can now make your reservation at the Hilton DoubleTree Airport Hotel, located at 7401 Northwoods Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29406. The reservation phone number is: (843) 518-6200. Be sure to mention the special DELANO KINDRED group to receive the room rate of \$129/night (before taxes) for either a room with two double beds or a room with a king bed. These rates are good for up to 3 days prior to or 3 days after our meeting dates if rooms are available for those extra days. All rooms are non-smoking.

#### A Brief History of Charleston

Founded and settled by English colonists in 1670, Charleston grew from a colonial seaport to a wealthy city by the mid-eighteenth century. Through the mid-nineteenth century, Charleston's economy prospered due to its busy seaport and the cultivation of rice, cotton, and indigo.

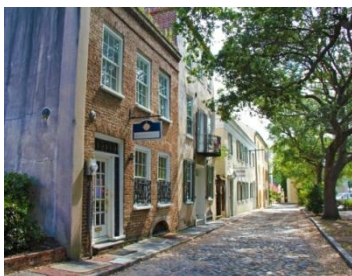


On December 24, 1860, the South Carolina General Assembly made the state the first to ever secede from the Union. On January 9, 1861, Citadel cadets fired the first shots of the American Civil War when they opened fire on the Union ship *Star of the West* entering Charleston's harbor. On April 12, 1861, shore batteries under the command of General Pierre G. T. Beauregard opened fire on the Union-held Fort Sumter in the harbor, thus signaling the beginning of the Civil War. Charleston was slow to recover from the devastation of the war. However, its pace of recovery became the foundation of the City's greatest asset – its vast inventory of historically significant architecture. Short on capital after the war, Charleston was forced to repair its existing damaged buildings instead of replacing them.



After the war, the City gradually lessened its dependence on agriculture and rebuilt its economy through trade and industry. Construction of the Navy Yard in 1904, just north of the City's boundaries, pushed Charleston vigorously into the twentieth century. During the first few decades of the 1900's, industrial and port activities increased dramatically. Later, major sources of capital came from the Charleston Naval Base, the area's medical industry and the tourism industry. Today approximately 4.51 million people visit our city annually generating an estimated economic impact of \$3.22 billion.

#### Some Places of Interest in Charleston



Charleston, SC is rich in Southern history, from the Greek Revival style City Market Hall that intersects at Meeting and Market Streets to the cobblestone avenues of the French Quarter. Nearly every block and building has its own history. Magnolia trees and old weeping willows grow along the waterfront Battery, one of the city's famous parks. There are too



many sights to see in one day, but most of them are in the French Quarter in the southern part of Charleston.



Charleston has several cuisines. One is southern seafood (especially broiled oysters) garnished with fried green tomatoes from the famed restaurants of Husk, the Ordinary and Fig as well as a Charleston favorite, Leon's Oyster Shop. Another is the French specialties from the fine restaurants in



the French Quarter like the 39 Rue De Jean, the Chez Nous and the Fast & French Gaulart-Maliclet. Charleston is also known for its more plain cuisine like boiled peanuts, gyros and fried eggs and grits that are found in the food stalls of the Farmers' Market in Marion Square every Saturday.

Restaurants know for their libations include, the somewhat hidden, Gin Joint on King Street, known for its Mint Juleps, and the Westbrook Brewing Company, located in Mount Pleasant, across the Arthur Ravenel Bridge away from most of the tourists. Enjoy their homemade pretzels and sip some of Westbrook's famed ale. Westbrook's coveted Mexican cake, sells out within minutes of release.

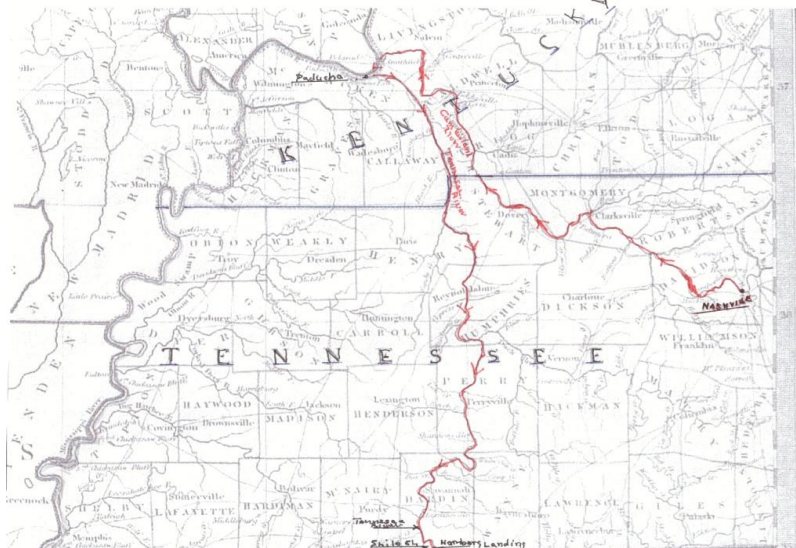


To see Charleston in one day is a challenge. You can see most of the sights by taking a tour of the French Quarter and if you wish to see Ft. Sumter, the National Park Service has a tour that includes the boat ride out to it in the harbor and return.

### Joel Andrew Delano Compiler of the GHAAHD (Part Three)

In part I of the adventures of Joel A. Delano we covered his life until the outbreak of the Civil War, in March 2016 NL # 80. Part II covered his adventures to January 1863, included in the November 2016 NL# 82. We conclude the story of his life in this issue—Part III.

**In the latter part of April 1863 my Col. (Streight) succeeded in obtaining a separate command of 4 Regts. on an expedition or raid through southern Ala. & Geo. (GA) to destroy railroads and bridges in the rear of Genl. Bragg. The four; 51<sup>st</sup> 73d Ind, 3<sup>rd</sup> O (OH) & 80<sup>th</sup> Ill. left Nashville, passed down the**

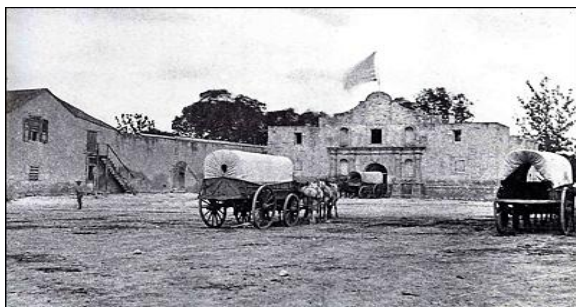


**Cumberland & Ohio Rivers to Paducah Ky, up the Tennessee (River) to Hamburg (Landing), and mounted and started on the raid. Genl. Forest of the rebel Cav. hearing of our contemplated raid succeeded in getting in our rear and pressing close to our rear guard we were compelled to halt, form a line of battle, and on Apr 29 1863 the battle of Days Gap Ala was fought, the enemy repulsed, a section of his Artillery captured & destroyed, for four days had a running fight between Col Straight (Streight) Union forces & Genl. Forest, Confed. near Rome Ga where we surrendered May 3-1863.** The goal of Streight's raid was to cut off the Western & Atlantic Railroad, which supplied General Braxton Bragg's Confederate army in Middle Tennessee. Starting in Nashville, Tennessee, Streight and his men first traveled to Eastport, Mississippi, and then eastward to Tuscumbia, Alabama. On April 26, 1863, Streight left Tuscumbia and marched southeastward. Streight's initial movements were screened by Union Brig. Gen. Grenville Dodge's troops. On April 30 at Day's Gap on Sand Mountain, Forrest caught up with Streight's expedition and attacked his rear guard. Streight's men managed to repulse this attack and as a result they continued their march to avoid any further delays and envelopments caused by the Confederate troops. This battle set off a chain of skirmishes and engagements at Crooked Creek (April 30), Hog Mountain (April 30), Blountsville (May 1), Black Creek/Gadsden (May 2), and Blount's Plantation (May 2). Finally, on May 3, Forrest surrounded Streight's exhausted men three miles east of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, and forced their surrender. They were sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Streight and some of his men escaped on February 9, 1864.

**Prisoner of War. – Little did I think , when surrender was made that I should be held for 22 months in the vile prison pens of the south such as Libby in Richmond Va, Macon Ga, Charleston & Columbia S.C., but such was the case.**

**I was paroled and passed through the line Mar 1-1865 near Wilmington N.C. thence to Annapolis Md where a good square meal was obtained and relished. Thirty days furlough to visit home and friends was given me which was enjoyed, after which I was ordered to re-join my Co. & Regt. at Nashville to which I reported May following. Before Joel returned to Nashville he married Amanda Melissa Sandefur on 8 May 1865 in Indianapolis, IN. The Regt. with others was ordered to Texas and on Aug 1865 we reached our destination at San Antonio where I was mustered out of the service Dec. 14, 1865 as a**

**Captain, U.S. Army. However, Joel was promoted to Major of the 51<sup>st</sup> Ind. Veteran Volunteers on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1864 by the Governor of Indiana—so he held the rank of Captain in the United States Army, but held the rank of Major in the 51<sup>st</sup>**



*The Alamo in the 1860s (Institute of Texan Cultures)*

**Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers.**





**Upon the organization of (GAR) Post 291 Dpt. of Mich. Jan. 1885 was elected its first Commander and held office (after interval of 2 years) for 7 years in succession & Adj. For the Post of 3 years.** Joel joined his brother Dennis Delphi Delano who had moved north from Shelby County, Indiana to the Michigan Counties of Allegan, Newaygo and Kent in the 1850's.



There older brother George Washington Delano (who was killed in the steamship Sultana explosion near Memphis at the end of the Civil War) had already settled in Allegan County, MI prior to joining the Union Army. The "**Grand Army of the Republic**" (GAR---Note the GAR medal on the right) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), Union Navy (U.S. Navy), Marines and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service who served in the American Civil War for the Northern/Federal forces. Founded in 1866 in Decatur, Illinois, and growing to include hundreds of posts (local community units) across the nation, (predominately in the North, but also a few in the South and West), it was dissolved in 1956 when its last member, Albert Woolson (1850–1956) of Duluth, Minnesota, died. Linking men through their experience of the war, the G.A.R. became among the first organized advocacy groups in American politics, supporting voting rights for black veterans, promoting patriotic education, helping to make Memorial Day a national holiday, lobbying the United States Congress to establish regular veterans' pensions, and supporting Republican political candidates. Its peak membership, at more than 490,000, was in 1890, a high point of various Civil War commemorative and monument dedication ceremonies. It was succeeded by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.), composed of male descendants of Union Army and Union Navy veterans.

**With no intention on my part towards compiling a genealogy of the Delano family, I commenced an enquiry in reference in m own immediate branch only, but soon found myself deeply involved, this occurred Feb 1889. The work became fascinating as I continued and if I have accomplished anything in this labor of love to meet your approbation I feel fully compensated in my long drawn out task. Only asking you to overlook shortcomings and be charitably inclined; I bid you adieu—Joel Andrew Delano.**

Joel's wife, Amanda Melissa died in Indianapolis in 1886. In later years it is believed Joel lived in Grand Rapids, MI with his younger brother Dennis. Joel died in 1901 at the age of 70. For many years we did not know where Joel was buried. Thanks to the efforts of a former member, Don Delano, Joel's grave was located in Oakhill Cemetery in



Joel Andrew DELANO's Gravestone

the small military graves area. During the 1999 Grand Rapids Reunion many of the attendees visited Joel's grave on a very rainy afternoon. It should be noted that because the "o" in Delano on the gravestone can be mistaken for a "d" the DAR listing of graves in the graveyard lists the headstone as "Deland, Capt. J.A.; n.d.; Co.F 51st Ind. Inf."



## Thanks to Our Contributing Members

The Board of Directors of The DELANO KINDRED Inc. wish to thank those whose names appear below for their generous and tax-deductible gifts and donations to the various funds of the Society, during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Gary Delano	Audrey Moran	Malcolm Northam
George B DeLano	George Terry Delano	Joseph MacMillan
Mary E Momburg	Gerald and Christina Intemann	William Delano
Margaret Delano	Ann Harris	

As we start the new calendar year we hope you will consider making a contribution to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program as part of your charitable giving for 2017. At the Annual Membership Meeting the approved Contribution Program Budget for the coming Fiscal Year was \$4737.00. If each DELANO KINDRED member gave \$11.98 (the average price of two McDonald's "Big Mac-Meals") the total contributions would be \$2827.28, which would be over half the Contribution Program Budget. Surely your Family Society is worth a charitable donation close to the price of two "Big Mac-Meals".

All charitable donations to the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program are tax deductible and greatly appreciated by your Board of Directors. We have inserted a copy of the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Form in this issue for your convenience. Please note that it lists the various projects (Memorialization, Charitable and Educational) that make up our Contribution Program that are in keeping with our organized purpose as a 501 (c ) (3) tax-exempt corporation.

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

### Virginia Conley Kelley Celebrates Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We were pleased to receive news that Cousin **Virginia C. Kelley** recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock, VA. Members of her family, church, community and other longtime friends joined her for this momentous occasion. Born in Remo, VA on Christmas Day in 1916, Virginia was the daughter of the late James Gilliam and Emily Delano Conley and the granddaughter of the late Pelham Augustus and Sarah Doggett Delano. She was the fifth of ten children and still resides in her home overlooking Chesapeake Bay. She has been blessed with two children, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren who represent the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> generations from our descendant Philippe de Lanoy through the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of our family. Cousin Virginia has been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993. We greatly appreciate receiving this news from Cousin **Anne Conley Bromley**, who is Cousin Virginia's sister.



We send our sincere congratulations to Cousin Virginia and are pleased to have received the accompanying photograph of Virginia on her birthday

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE

### FOR SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

As noted elsewhere, the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday 16 September in Charleston South Carolina. In accordance with the DELANO KINDRED Bylaws (changed at the 2007

Annual Meeting), all Motions to come before this Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary, Margaret L. Delano, no later than 17 June 2017 (90 days before the Annual Meeting).

## **DELANO KINDRED Annual Charitable Drawing Charitable Organization Candidates Needed**

### **Do you have a name of a Charitable Organization for this Drawing?**

The 2017 Reunion will be the occasion of our eighth Annual Charitable Drawing. This drawing provides a one-time gift to a qualified local museum, conservancy or like institution whose holdings include DELANO documents, artifacts or memorabilia. These institutions must be a qualified tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 organization.

As a DELANO KINDRED member you are encouraged to submit the name of a candidate organization that you wish to be considered by filling out the form provided as an insert in this newsletter to Charitable Program Committee Chair, Cousin **Terri Sorensen** at the address on the form. You need to include the IRS Tax ID. Number or Employee ID. Number, which you can obtain from the candidate organization. Because the Charitable Program Committee reviews and selects those organizations that meet the standards of qualification, you should briefly describe the organization and what it does. Then briefly tell what DELANO items it has (such as artifacts, documents, or other holdings) or what programs it sponsors that are related to the DELANO family. Please send your form to Cousin Terri so that she receives it by **5 June 2017**.

The Charitable Program Committee will review the candidates submitted to assure the qualifications are met. At the 2017 Reunion a drawing will be held of all qualified candidate organizations. The name of the candidate drawn will receive a check for \$200.00 from the DELANO KINDRED and that organization's name will be withdrawn and "retired" from consideration for the next Annual Drawing. If, at some time in the future, all qualified organizations have been selected then all the previously selected organization names would "come out of retirement" and be placed back into future drawings.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to help support these institutions, either large or small, that may not be well known or well endowed that have DELANO items in their holdings. The Drawing is another means of documenting the DELANO KINDRED as a charitable organization.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to greet our members who have joined our society since November 2016.

California: **Sandra Finegan** from San Francisco

Connecticut: **Anne Yeager** from Torrington  
**Diane Kriscenski** from

Unionville

Washington: **Edwin Dierdorff** of Bellevue

Maine: **Marylyn Pratt** from Belgrade Lakes

Maryland: **Noel Delano** and **Jerry Havens**  
from Upper Marlboro

Vermont: **Eric Thraikill** from Burlington

**WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!** We look forward to many years of fellowship with you and we hope that membership in the DELANO KINDRED will be a source of pride and pleasure for you.

## Some Significant Dates in DELANO History March, April and May (2017)

### Birthdays

**21 March 1642: Dr. Thomas Delano**, the fourth child of Philippe de Lanoy was born. He married Rebecca Alden in October 1667.

**27 April 1697: Hannah Churchill (40)** the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Rebecca (8) and John Churchill was born.

Also on **27 April 1822**, President [**Hiram**] **Ulysses Simpson Grant(509iv1)** was born, in Point Pleasant, OH.

**10 May 1704: Thomas Delano (35)** the 13<sup>th</sup> child of Lt Jonathan Delano was born.

On **15 June 1775**, **Captain Paul Delano(615xiii)** was born in Dartmouth Township (Fairhaven), Massachusetts. He sailed to Chile, arriving at Valparaiso on 23 June 1819. He fought in the War of Independence against Spain. His family joined him in Chile thus starting the DELANO family in Chile.

**May 7, 1767 Henry Delano Fitch(640i)** was born on Nantucket Island. He became a sea going trader and, in order to honorably marry the beautiful San Diegan, Josefia Carillo, he became a Mexican citizen and was known as Don Enrique Domingo Fitch. In 1841 he received a grant of land covering much of the Alexander Valley in northern California. He is buried in the Presidio Hill Cemetery in San Diego.

### Events

**27 March 1634:** The Plymouth Colony Tax List “rated” **Philip Delanoy (1)** 9 Shillings.

**7 April 1709: Rebecca Delano (8)** the 8<sup>th</sup> child of Philippe de Lanoy died. She married John Churchill.

**7 April 1765: Jane Delano**, the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Philip Delano “Jr.” (2) died. She was unmarried.

**15 April 1915: Jane Arminda Delano** founder of the Red Cross Nursing Service died in Savenay, Loire-Atlantique, France. Initially buried France, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously. The year following her death her remains were brought back to the United States by the Army Quartermaster Corps and re-interred in the nurses section at Arlington National Cemetery. At the top of the hill overlooking the nurses section is a bronze memorial to Jane Delano and the 296 nurses, who lost their lives during World War I. Military funeral services, prior to burial, were held Saturday, September 18, 1920.



**May 9, 1575: Jean the son of Guilbert de Lanoy** was baptized in the Church of St.

Christophe in Tourcoing, Flanders (now France). The church’s ancient baptizmal font is shown to the right.

**May 22 1627**, the first lot of the **Plymouth Colony 1627 Division of Cattle** fell to Francis Cooke and his Company which included **Phillip Delanoy (1)**.



### Departed Cousins

#### George D. Gerpheide

We sadly report the death of Cousin George DeLano Gerpheide of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Cousin George was born on 23 September 1923 to George Henry and Vera (DeLano) Gerpheide. He had spent most of his 93 years in that city. His line of descent was through the Lt. Jonathan branch of our family and he was a third generation descendant of the pioneer William Smith DeLano, who settled in Michigan Territory in the early 1830’s. He had been a steadfast member of the **DELANO KINDRED** since 1993.



During his middle and high school years he constructed several gas-powered go-carts, a one-passenger glider airplane and numerous model airplanes for competition. He attended Western State Teachers College (now Western Michigan University) prior to attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Upon returning to Kalamazoo he was employed at the Kalamazoo Stamping and Die Company. An outdoorsman, he was an active skier and was co-founder of the Kalamazoo Ski Club. As a camping and hiking enthusiast, he served the Boy Scout Troop 205 for many years. In Utah he climbed DELANO Peak (noted in the Dec. 1993 *Bonnes Nouvelles*, NL #9 p. 9). Sailing was a life-long interest which he enjoyed with his 28 foot sail boat. He taught navigation with the United States Power Squadrons where he was recognized as a Life Member. After retirement he ran regularly and in his late 60's hiked down into the Grand Canyon and up the other side then back down and up to return to where he started. In his 70's he skied the slopes of Snowbird, Utah, before he hung up his skis in his 80's. Besides his wife of 64 years Shirley Anderson Gerpheide, of Kalamazoo, he is survived by two sons, George E. Gerpheide and his spouse, Kay, of Utah and John M. Gerpheide and his spouse Cathy of Virginia; nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a sister, Joan G. Colgren of Kalamazoo. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family.

### **Hugh S. Delano**

We have received very belated news of the passing of Cousin Hugh Stafford Delano on 5 April 2015, at the age of 81. Cousin Hugh had been a long time member of the **DELANO KINDRED** since 1993. He was born in Cranford, NJ on 14 December, 1933, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ingalls Delano. He attended Washington College in Chestertown, MD and Rutgers University. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps and rose to rank of Staff Sergeant. Much of his military career was in the Philippines at Subic Bay before being honorably discharged in 1956. After returning to Cranford, he married Marylou Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Lyons.

During his high school years Hugh was a sportswriter for the *Cranford Citizen and Chronicle*. That experience and his love of sports developed into a long career in journalism. First employed as a general news reporter, he advanced to sports columnist and assistant sports editor in 1967. 1968 he joined the *Newark Evening and Sunday News* and covered the New York Yankees and New York Mets, the New York Giants football and New York Knicks basketball. In 1969 he started fulltime coverage of the National Hockey League and the New York Rangers. It was there he established his identity and "The Ice Man" in a weekly column. In 1971 he joined the *New York Post* continuing hockey coverage until his retirement in 1983.

Hugh contributed articles to numerous sports magazines, including *The Hockey News*, *Sports Illustrated* and *The New York Times*. Along with NHL players Ken Hodge, and Don Awrey, he wrote the book "Power Hockey". In 1976, he wrote "Eddie A Goalie's Story" a biography of the New York Rangers goalie, Ed Giacomin. As a well known sportswriter, Hugh received many awards which were culminated by his induction into the National Hockey League of Fame. The ceremony took place in the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and Ed Giacomin presented Hugh with that honor.

Hugh had a strong interest in military history, especially that of the U. S. Marine Corps. He was a member of various Marine Corps Associations and other veterans associations, including the American Legion and Sons of the American Revolution, as well as many other historical associations.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marylou; four sons and their families that include three grandchildren. We extend our belated sympathies to Marylou and family.

### **Marjorie T. Towers**

We were very recently and sorrowfully informed of the death of Cousin **Marjorie Taylor (DeLano) Towers** who passed away on Thursday 2 March 2017. She was 94 years old and she had been a member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993. Marjorie was the third child of Willis and Carrie DeLano. She was born on 25 November, 1922 in Chelsea, MA. She was graduated from Chelsea High School in 1940

and Burdett College in 1942. She married Ernest J. Towers on Jan 1, 1943. They had two children; Joanne Christine and Betty Louise. She traveled for several years with her husband, Ernest, who was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the US Army Coastal Defense Command where he was deployed in various costal defense positions in the US and Canada.

Marjorie is an 11th generation descendant of Philippe deLanoy through the Dr. Thomas Branch of our family. You may remember meeting Marjorie and Ernest at many of the DELANO KINDRED Reunions held in the New England Region.

A homemaker for many years, she returned to the workplace in 1964 and retired in 1984 as Payroll Supervisor for Sears Roebuck Co. in Saugus, MA. In 1986 when Ernest retired they moved to South Yarmouth, MA, and West Yarmouth and lived on Cape Cod for 26 years.

She was a life member and Past Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter O.E.S. She was an avid gardener in the Garden Club of South Yarmouth. She was involved with many activities in the club and met longtime friends. She also did woodworking, carving and painting in her retired life.

In November 2007, Marjorie and Ernest moved to West Newbury, MA to be closer to family and spent four years there. In August 2011, Marjorie moved to the Elizabeth Calsey House in Amesbury, MA and enjoyed her days with the folks at the house. In August 2012, she moved to Country Center for Health and Rehabilitation and resided there for 5 years.

She was predeceased by her husband on March 16, 2011 after 67 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her sister Louise Brown, her brother Willis DeLano, and her sister-in-law, Sigrid Tillson. She is survived by her daughters, Joanne Boldi and her husband Richard of Amesbury and Betty Welch and her husband William of Lake Oswego, OR. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michelle Ault of Newburyport, Jeff Boldi and his wife Laura McCarriston of Plaistow, NH, Carrie Welch and her wife Jannie Huang of Portland, OR, and Kaitlin Friedmann and her husband Brian of West Freehold, NJ; as well as her great-grandsons; Nicolas Ault, Taylor Huang Welch, Jacob and Cameron Friedmann and her niece, Laurie Scott of Deltona, FL.

We send our heartfelt condolences to her daughters, Joan and Betty and their families.

## **Errors in Book One of the GHAAHD**

### **Continue to Cause Mistakes in Many Family Lines of Descent**

Although the *Genealogy History and Alliances of the American House of Delano 1621 to 1899* (GHAAHD), is an amazing and wonderful publication it does have some errors. These errors are more frequent in Book one of this two book publication and frequently do cause erroneous assumptions about our family's line of descent prior to 1575.

#### **Guilbert de Lanoy (Philippe de Lanoy's grandfather).**

Periodically, we receive queries and notes about the line of descent for Philippe de Lanoy's grandfather, Guilbert (Gysbert) de Lannoy published in Book one of the GHAAHD. Many of these report that Guilbert was the disinherited son of Seigneur Jean de Molembais and Jenne de Ligne. This is based on the **erroneous "proof"** by Mortimer Delano "de Lannoy" on page 48 of the GHAAHD. This has been shown to be erroneous due to many factors and cannot be verified by genealogically acceptable documentation. Anytime you see publications stating that Guilbert de Lannoy's father is Jean de Molembais you can be assured that it is based upon Mortimer Delano's proof. As a result of Dr. Bangs' 2007 research in the Lille Regional Records Office (covered in NL #55 of July-August 2007, page 3) we can document our family's line to the Baptism of Jean de Lanoy on 9 May 1575 via the record of his Baptism in the Church of St. Christophe in Tourcoing.

#### **Philippe de Lanoy's mother's second marriage to Jan Peysn (or Pesijn)**

In researching the various records in Leiden one realizes there were many people with the name de Lannoy or variations thereof. The frequency of these people in the records can often lead to a false conclusion of relationship without the validation of other documents or other data. Such is the case of relating Maria de Lannoy (who married Jan Pesyn) as being the mother of our descendant Philippe de

Lanoy. This error was documented in a letter from T. N. Schelhaas, Gemeentearchief Leiden (Keeper of the Records of the City of Leiden). Mr. Schelhaas' letter, which has been referenced in various articles (including N #37 of June 2001 and the DIFP), is quoted below.

“Unfortunately I have to tell you that the person, represented on this painting, is NOT Marie Mahieu the mother of Philippe de Lannoy, but Marie de Lannoy, wife of Jan Pesijn, the founder of the Jan Pesijnhof. First a few data on the founders of the Jan Pesijnhof, as can be found in the Municipal Record Office:

Jan Besijn or Pesijn married Marie de Lannoy (or de la No) in Leiden, in the Walloon Church, the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1636. The bridegroom came from Wallonia and she came from Bondu in Artois (North of France). Before their marriage they respectively lived at the Oude Singel (a canal) and in the St. Ursulasteeg (an alley), but never in the Kloksteeg, where the almshouse is situated. They only had one child: Marie who died in May 1652, when she was 14 years old. As they had no descendants, they found(ed) an almshouse by their will, which came into effect when the widow died in November 1680, living, at that time, at the St. Jacobsgracht (a canal). She was buried in St. Peters Church in the week of 23-30 November.”<sup>1</sup> Consequently the portrait of Marie de Lannoy, referred to on page 49 and shown in Plate III (as the mother of Philippe) of the GHAARD is **erroneous**.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE INSERTS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

For your information we have placed four inserts in this newsletter. They are as follows:

An Index of the articles contained in the 2016 *Bonnes Nouvelles* NL #80, NL #81 & NL #82,  
a DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program form, for your donation to our tax-exempt giving program,  
a DELANO KINDRED Annual Charity Drawing form for submitting candidates for this drawing, and a  
directory 2016-2017 Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs so that you can contact them if you so  
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