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# **BONNES NOUVELLES**

#### Learning about DELANO history and genealogy



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.

## President's Message - Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

We are just three months away from our 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion. As you will read below, registration for this event is now open.

A special thank you to Bill Burrell for writing his Delano family history and sharing it with us as it is very interesting reading. We hope to see many of you at the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion! Tom Delano

# Delano Kindred 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion – September 12 & 13 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration is now open for the Delano Kindred 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion. All that is necessary is to go to the Delano Kindred website (https://www.delanokindred.us), then login and proceed to the 2025 annual meeting registration page. Once you have completed the registration page, and put in your billing information, and hit Submit, you will be all set. An email confirmation of your registration will follow.

All of our meetings and events over the two days of Sept. 12 & 13 will be held this year at the Alden House in Duxbury, MA. The planned expansion of the Alden Barn with a new Living History Museum is running behind schedule, so our meetings will be held in a tent next to the Alden Barn. We will be able to walk through the expanded Alden Barn and Living History Museum, but since there is no approved final occupancy permit for this addition, we are unable to meet in it. We expect to have the annual meeting, the board meetings, and the guest speakers on Zoom for kindred members and board members who are unable to attend the meetings. For Zoom meeting participants, we ask that you also register for the Zoom viewing on the Delano Kindred website just as is done for the in-person meeting.

Here is the meeting schedule for the 2025 Annual Meeting:

### Sept. 12

1:00PM 1<sup>st</sup> Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting – Alden House Tent 2:00PM Opening Remarks and Welcome – Alden House Tent 2:15PM Guest speaker – Lisa Pennington, Gov. General, Gen. Soc. of Mayflower Descendants 3:30PM Tours of the 1653 Alden House and the original Alden House site 4:30PM Reception with snacks and refreshments (optional)

5:30PM A catered dinner at the Alden House Tent (optional)

### Sept. 13

10:30AM Delano Kindred Annual Meeting – Alden House Tent 11:45AM Group Photograph - Alden House Tent

12:00PM A catered lunch at the Alden House Tent (optional)

1:00PM Guest speaker – Dr. Donna Curtin, Exec. Dir., Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plymouth

2:30PM A bus tour of the Duxbury Delano family, and other historical sights (optional)

4:00PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Delano Kindred Board Meeting – Alden House Tent

The Registration Fees for this 2025 Annual Meeting/Reunion are found below. The Friday dinner and reception, Saturday lunch, and bus/van tour are optional events, but we hope to see everyone at these events.

Meeting registration	\$20
<b>Friday</b> Friday afternoon reception (optional) Friday evening dinner (optional)	\$10 \$25
<b>Saturday</b> Saturday lunch (optional) Bus/van tour of historic Duxbury sights (option	\$25 nal) \$20

#### Total for all activities \$100

We look forward to seeing many of the Delano Kindred members at this meeting at the Alden House in Duxbury!

## My Delano Family Story By Bill Burrell

During the 2020 COVID lockdowns in Melbourne, Australia I finally found time to sift through my late mother's photos and correspondence. My mother, Gladys Ann Delano, was the second-to-last child of George Taylor Delano's twenty-two children by three wives, from 1870 to 1911, over a period of forty-one years. By today's norms, this sounds horrific, especially for the three wives. However, given the times and demographics of the Northern Neck of Virginia, where they were all born, it is not. Consider George's first wife died one month after her six-month-old daughter's death. His second wife gave birth to eleven children and two of those died before their first birthday – one more made it to sixteen months. His third wife – my maternal grandmother – gave birth to ten children, my mother being her ninth child. Aside from one deceased at six months, a good many made it to their sixties and beyond – my mother to 102.

Why torment my readers with my ancestral travails? I think it is necessary to understand my relationship to a maternal half first cousin – Linwood Ivan Delano – a man I never met.

Ivan's father, John Credy Delano, was my mother's paternal half-brother. John's son with Isabella Gallagher was born March 14, 1896. (I was born in 1949 - so you see my Delano tree is somewhat more like a "vine".)

Amongst my mother's photos in 2020, there was one photograph. It's an original from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is no inscription on it to identify the World War One "Doughboy". I did note the chevron on his left sleeve, not indicating his rank but instead identifying that he had been wounded.

After months of online searching my immediate family tree, I found my maternal

half first cousin, who had died in October 1918, in "France". He was Linwood Ivan Delano, born in 1896.

I could see no alternative reason for the son of a Virginia farmer being in France at that time, but for war. At this point, Ivan ceased to be just a relative. He also became my brother in arms. A Veteran.

Over these ensuing years, I searched online war cemetery records for Ivan's burial place, to no avail. Nothing in France, anyway. Through genealogy websites, I found hints at his draft induction, his Army service, and his name amongst a terse list of

war dead for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division, American Expeditionary Force. Most importantly, I found his US Army Serial Number. But where were Ivan's remains?

Facebook... love it or hate it, but it does have it positive uses. Early this year I queried the Delano Family of the Northern Neck Facebook site. It didn't take long, "He's buried in his mother's (Gallagher) family graveyard." They even gave me the address in Warsaw, VA.

How many times did I drive by that road as a young man, before I enlisted in the US Navy?

A very dear cousin (yep, there are many in the Northern Neck) helped me by driving out and finding the gravesite. Ivan was there, next to his mother who predeceased him by nine years. Cousin Steve sent me a photo of Ivan's and his mother's shared gravestone. The first thing I noticed was the absence of a U.S. Government Medallion. They are issued for U.S. Veteran' headstones who are not buried in National Cemeteries.

Where to go from here? Who's the nearest/next living relative? Oh. OK, that'd be me. Having dealt with the U.S. military I thought that this would be easy. Now that we knew he was in a private gravesite in Virginia, it should be just a matter of sourcing his discharge papers. Not quite. The National Personnel Records Center was the easy part. Obtaining his Honorable Discharge papers were no problem. The Veterans Affairs application form wasn't so hard either. Cousin Steve so generously helped by taking that form out to the current land owners for signature, permitting us to affix the Medallion. However, when I came to submit said form...

The Veterans Affairs wanted me to identify myself (I'm a Veteran? You have me on record?) and my relationship to Ivan. (Refer to the first paragraph.)

Having lived in Australia for these 50-odd years, I had to go through the id.me worm wormhole to deem myself eligible to "Quick Submit" Ivan's application on the VA's website.

The Medallion arrived at Cousin Steve's home in record time, about one week from application.

Several weeks later Steve braved Virginia's early spring weather to affix the Medallion on our late cousin's grave.

Mission accomplished. Why? Why was it so important – to me and, I dare say, Cousin Steve? (His dad served, too.)

You can see from these [*see cloud folder for pictures to insert*] photos a smattering of Ivan's short life in uniform. In his twenty-two and a half years on this earth, he

spent the last 9 months of his life in the United States Army as a Private, 163<sup>rd</sup> Infantry G Company.

However, there's more. In the Official History of the 82nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces published in 1920 edited by Lt. Col. G. Edward Buxton Jr., also

co-written with his Division Officers. The book places the 163<sup>rd</sup> at Varennes-en-

Argonne from October 7<sup>th,</sup> 1918. Those who read WWI history may remember that the Meuse–Argonne offensive between September through to Armistice in November that year was "the deadliest campaign in the history of the United States Army."

So, did Ivan see the front line – the trenches? His cause of death was reported to me "cerebral meningitis". He died on the tenth of October. Looking at the three possible causes – bacterial, viral, and fungal, and the incubation times for them, he would most likely not have had time to face combat. There were many reported cases of what the military doctors from that time called "barracks disease". Ivan most likely contracted his illness on the ship while sailing over to France. Between 1919 and 1922, the U.S. government identified, located, and exhumed

about 44,000 bodies and shipped them home for burial. Ivan was amongst them, arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey, in October 1920. He was then shipped to Naylor's Wharf, Virginia, to be received by his father. Being a father, I can only imagine what grief Half-Uncle John went through those years.

Granted, Ivan probably did not see the enemy in 1918 but he died all the same in the service of his country. Another Delano who gave his "last full measure of devotion".

I sincerely hope that he will be remembered by all of us Delano Kindred this last Memorial Day, when we pause to reflect and pay homage to those fallen for our freedom.

Lest we forget!

# **REMINDER – Membership Renewals & Suspensions**

If you received a notice that your service (i.e. membership) was suspended due to non-payment and you would like to reinstate your membership, here are two ways to do that:

1) Go to http://www.delanokindred.us and log on (your email address is your user ID). The account screen will offer an opportunity for you to pay your outstanding invoice using a credit card (via PayPal). Your membership will be automatically reinstated once the invoice has been paid.

2) Go to the CONTACT US page on the website and ask for assistance in renewing your membership



## **New Delano Kindred Members**

Tish Knopp, Descendant Member from Parker CO. Diane Baker, Descendant Member from East Greenbush, NY Michael Rollins, Associate Member from Lincoln, RI

Welcome to the Delano Kindred!

2025 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates
Board of Director's Meetings (All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter: May 3, 2025.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Sept. 12 & 13, 2025. 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter: Nov. 1, 2025
Dates for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion, Duxbury and Plymouth, MA September 12-13, 2025

## Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page

The Delano Kindred Facebook page is now up to 116 users which is good for almost a year and a half in operation. For those of you who have not checked out our Facebook page, then please do so. If you are already a member of the Delano Kindred Facebook page, please tell other family members about it. The recent posts have been excellent, and you will learn a much about the Delano family history both in Europe and here in North America.

To find this page on Facebook, please search for "Delano Kindred" on Facebook, and WELCOME!

Here is a direct link to the Delano Kindred Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551863466059

See you on Facebook!

#### A Note for All Members -

If you change your email address, please use the "Contact Us" option on the Delano Kindred website to let us know. Your email addresses are tied to your logins for using the website, and you cannot use it or reset your password without a current email. Thank you, and let us know of any questions!

#### DELANO KINDRED 2024-2025

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