

We hope and trust that every person who receives a copy of this circular will, without unnecessary delay, give under the heading given below, all the information desired, tracing back his ancestry as far as may be possible; and all collateral branches and descendants, giving in regard to each individual, the place and date of his or her birth, death, marriage, and to whom. Town, County, Probate and Church Records, Family Bibles and Grave Stones may be consulted often and with great benefit; and as this is a matter of equal interest and importance to each one who bears the name of Delano, we ask your hearty co-operation.

Please give this careful and prompt attention, and when filled out return this circular to the undersigned.

I am, respectfully yours,

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A different mode of recording families has been adopted from those heretofore presented in genealogies, usually numbered. The oldest branch is completed before taking up the next name in the family and given thus: 1st of Jonathan Delano and so on. Biography and general history is given when known. Errors may be found throughout the work but the compiler has always tried to be correct. To speak of all persons who have manifested an interest in the perfection of the work would be to repeat much of its contents, therefore I will only mention a number of the more zealous ones who have labored with me in gathering data. Prof. Edward Chandler Delano is entitled to great praise for obtaining the records of a large number of branches.

Miss N. P. Delano of New Bedford shares the honor, for her energy and zeal in perfecting the Dartmouth records. L. L. Delano of Atlantic has rendered valuable services.

Rufus J. Delano of St. Louis Mrs. M. Delano Knapp of Chelsea & Hon. Columbus Delano late of Mt. Vernon his daughter Mrs. E. Delano Ames all have added much to the work in question.

Dr. Frank T. Delano of Rockville Center has also been most active. My brother Dennis D. Delano of Grand Rapids has assisted in solving many problems also Ellery L. De Lano of Wenatchee. One other person [whose grand father was Paul Delano of Fairhaven & Chili] is Mrs. Irene Delano Walbaum of Valparaiso deserves special mention.

I am under obligation to all who contributed to make the work complete, and shall ever hold their memory dear to my heart.

Some branches under the head of "broken" I failed to find the connecting link to the parent stem; who becoming indifferent to the memory of their ancestors thus lost their identity.

Genealogy though often a dry and untempting topic, either for reading or conversation, can sometimes be made most attractive. When therefore a family has made history, helped in founding states, ruled over the people and led armies, it is safe to say that its genealogy will prove to be at least instructive reading. Add to this that it is history and who can deny the real pleasure