

**“DELANOS” AND SURPRISES IN THE OLD  
DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS  
1680 - 1786**

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## Overview:

This paper combines selected material from an earlier work called **“REVELATIONS, SURPRISES AND TEDIUM IN THE TOWN MEETING RECORDS OF OLD DARTMOUTH”** which was presented by the author to the Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society in 2014 with original research in these ODTMR’s, (Old Dartmouth Town Meeting Records), done exclusively for this Delano Kindred gathering. This research locates and extracts every mention of the name “Delano” or any of its many variations in these records. In addition to presenting the extracted record (which is in hand-written form) I have transcribed and printed the record to allow for more facile examination. Additionally, I present a variety of excerpts from this rare archive which give insight into the way of life of Old Dartmouth as well as special actions prior to and during the Revolutionary War which I believe will be of interest to the kindred.

## Outline:

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- III. Extracts and transcriptions.
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## **I. Introduction to Old Dartmouth and its “Divisions”**

It is important to understand the geographical configuration of the original town of Old Dartmouth in order to more fully comprehend some of the practices and the context of the language used in local government as illustrated by the Town Meeting Records which are the basis for this paper. Some common words had distinctly different meanings in those days and understanding certain such usages is critical to a complete appreciation of what was going on. A few images will be useful in explaining.

### **ORIGINAL TOWN**



**DARTMOUTH-1 "OLD DARTMOUTH"  
(6 JUNE 1664-22 FEBRUARY 1787)  
118,662 ACRES**

## FIRST DIVISION

**DIVISION OF 22 FEB 1787  
DARTMOUTH-2 & NEW BEDFORD**



**DARTMOUTH-2  
(22 FEB 1787-2 JUL 1787)  
82,144 ACRES**

## SECOND DIVISION

**DIVISION OF 2 JULY 1787  
WESTPORT FROM DARTMOUTH-2**



**DARTMOUTH-3  
2 JULY 1787-PRESENT  
62,400 ACRES**



## THIRD DIVISION

**DIVISION OF 22 FEB 1812  
NEW BEDFORD-1 TO NEW BEDFORD-2 &  
FAIRHAVEN-1**



## FOURTH DIVISION

**DIVISION OF 13 FEB 1860  
FAIRHAVEN-2 TO ACUSHNET & FAIRHAVEN-2**



An important implication of these facts: A family such as the Delano family, living in a physical location in the Southeast section of the original town, without moving, would be recorded as residents of three different towns over time as the boundaries were changed. "Dartmouth" up until February 22, 1787, "New Bedford" from February 22, 1787 until February 22, 1812, and "Fairhaven" from February 22, 1812

until the present time. "Fairhaven" was further sub-divided on 18 February 1860 into "Fairhaven" and "Acushnet". Our excursion into the town meeting records of Old Dartmouth stops before the divisions and hence it is all "Dartmouth".

A key word usage needing close attention in order to interpret the town meeting records with full understanding is the word "village", often spelled "villedge" in those records. The modern meaning usually denotes a hamlet or small settlement but the usage in the old town meeting records is quite clearly different. Being such a large town geographically, when all travel was on foot or horseback, meant that governing needed to be sensitive to distances for traveling to and from town meeting and other functions of government activity. References to "villages" in these records had to do with large sections of land mass more like the word "town" means today. Another illustration explains this.

**THE "VILLAGES" OF OLD DARTMOUTH  
BEFORE THE FIRST DIVISION IN 1787**



## II. The Town Meeting Records and “Improvements in Their Accessibility”

In the years before the old town of Dartmouth was divided into New Bedford, Westport, & Dartmouth; and before New Bedford was divided into Fairhaven & New Bedford; and before Fairhaven was divided into Acushnet & Fairhaven; the Town Meeting was a critical element of town governance. The Town Meeting Records were handwritten by the various recorders and town clerks holding that responsibility over those early years. The early evidences of the actions and deliberations of our town fathers have been stored in the archives of the towns derived from Old Dartmouth and are the source of much useful information concerning our history. However, the condition of these records, due to their age and physical condition and because of the varied handwriting and free-form spelling habits of the original scribes make them difficult, if not impossible, to handle and to read.

### 1888 - FIRST IMPROVEMENT

Over the years much work has been accomplished trying to remedy this situation. On April 12, 1888 the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bedford created a special committee and charged them with the task described as follows:

*“...to make an investigation and report the condition of the Public Records of the original Town of Dartmouth, Town of New Bedford, and City of New Bedford which may be of value to New Bedford, with recommendation as to what is necessary to place them in intelligent condition and a proper state of preservation with the probable cost of the same”*

They reported back that having visited Dartmouth and examined the records they found them kept in a “large iron safe” and those of particular interest to New Bedford

*“were, many of them in a very dilapidated condition, those of 1776 to 1779 inclusive appeared to be lost, and the committee found documents evidently in the handwriting of the late James B. Congdon, Esq. Stating such to be the fact.”*

They also reported on those records they found to be of interest to New Bedford and described them in a general way as follows:

*“Two (2) large books bound in raw-hide of four hundred (400) pages each, more or less, containing records dating from 1682 to 1787 are of births and deaths and the other of Marriage Intentions and Marriages.*

*Two hundred (200) pages more or less, of loose(sic) leaves of records from 1679 to 1770. Fifty (50) pages of layout of highways, driftways, and Town Landings, badly dilapidated.*

*Twenty-five (25) pages of Town Meeting Records from 1770 to 1787.*

*Twenty-five (25) pages of earmarks badly worn from 1700 to 1770.*

*One page of State Elections from 1782 to 1787.*

*(Further) The committee thus find nearly 1200 pages which it will be worthwhile to preserve. They desire, in conclusion, to express their thanks to Mr. John H. Cornell for his courtesy and patience, he having devoted his whole afternoon to their service.”*

This report was submitted and signed by the Committee which was composed of: Stephen A. Brownell, Frederick A. Bradford, and Thomas D. Dexter. It was dated May 24, 1888.

In June 1888 the New Bedford City Council, on recommendation of the committee, appropriated money to copy the designated records and put the project under the direction of the Mayor and the City Clerk

*“as the authorities in Dartmouth will want the Records safely kept during the progress of the work” .*

The copyist who did the work was Etta F. Martin and in so doing she also performed important services for genealogists, historians, and local history researchers. These included the most important service of deciphering the obtuse and varied handwriting and spelling of the various scribes and clerks who had written the original records for Old Dartmouth. Etta's handwriting was crisp and clear and therefore added value to the records by allowing a reader to easily comprehend the words recorded originally. Secondly, in her transcriptions of the records, badly mangled misspellings were corrected but she noted in the side columns the original misspelled words she had replaced. This allows readers and researchers to get the original flavor and precise transcription if that type of precision is required. By keeping faithfully to the original pagination of the record books the transcription allows a user, if

desired, to go back to the original to compare it to her transcription. Some “purist” researchers really like this.

Of supreme importance; she created indexes to several of the record sets which she transcribed. These indexes facilitate finding specific pieces of information by historians, researchers and genealogists. From 1888 until 1969, these record transcriptions were only available at the New Bedford City Hall and could only be used if one traveled to New Bedford and worked in an anteroom of the City Clerk's Office. Not easy, even for local researchers!

### **1969-SECOND IMPROVEMENT**

In 1969, The Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah, an organization affiliated with the Mormon Church, as part of a long term on-going program to film and preserve primary records in historically significant locations throughout the world, filmed these transcriptions at the New Bedford City Hall. They also filmed many other of the City records as well as records of some of the local towns.

Some time after this they made reels of microfilm images of these pages available to libraries, and other research institutions, throughout the world for a modest fee. This meant that interested genealogists and local historians could access these transcriptions (and films of the original records) in any location which had the microfilm reel and a microfilm reader. After several years, the Church, initiated a program to digitize the microfilm records and make them available on various subscription websites dedicated to genealogical and local history and family history research. Unfortunately, the 1888 transcriptions of the Dartmouth Town Meeting Records 1674-1787 were not included in that program of digitization. Hence, even if one paid for a subscription to Ancestry.com or other like websites the transcriptions of the Dartmouth Town Records done in 1888 by Etta Martin were not available. An interested researcher might find a library or other institution with the microfilm copy and a microfilm reader, crank through the film and awkwardly make copies of appropriate pages to take

home and use in his or her work. Not a situation very conducive to casual or amateur historians!!

Being an avid and passionate fan of Old Dartmouth history and genealogy I had discovered the microfilm of the 1888 transcription at the NBFPL (New Bedford Free Public Library) and pored over that film for many many hours. Recently, as a member of the Dartmouth Historical Commission, the Dartmouth 350th Anniversary Committee, and the Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society I proposed the idea of providing both a printed copy and a digital file of these records for local genealogists, researchers, and historians of all the constituent towns of Old Dartmouth. (Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Westport). Initially, I was authorized by the Dartmouth Historical Commission to seek out a way to do this, with any expense being my personal contribution to the project, which was perfectly acceptable to me.

I began the work by writing a note to the trustees of the NBFPL seeking a donation of a copy of the microfilm which they have. This was politely refused with the suggestion that they would help me purchase a copy from the Mormon Church organization which handles sales of those items. The Trustees referred me to Janice Hodson, Curator of Art at the library. Janice guided me through the process of ordering the microfilm via the NBFPL purchasing system and after a wait of several weeks it arrived there, she called me, and I picked it up.

### **2014 - THIRD IMPROVEMENT**

After searching the internet and talking with technically qualified friends I discovered a firm in Rhode Island which offered services for converting microfilm images to digital files of the images. Hence, I transported the roll of microfilm to AMS Imaging of Warwick, RI with an order to convert the film images to a file of digital images in the "jpeg" format for viewing on computers.

### **FOURTH IMPROVEMENT**

We now have this collection of digital images and have facilitated researchers' access by providing these important early records via the internet for computer users. They can be found on the website of the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society, [DartmouthHAS.org](http://DartmouthHAS.org), in the "ARCHIVES" section of "CONTENTS".

The direct link is: <http://dartmouthhas.org/research-archives.html>

### **PREVIEW OF INTERESTING TYPICAL FINDINGS**

From the earliest days of the town it was geographically subdivided into three sections roughly equivalent to the land West of the river called variously Coaxcet, Noquechoke, or Westport; that East of said river up to a point a few miles West of the river called Cushena or Acushnet; and the area East of that, up to the eastern boundary of the town. These three sections, in the beginning were called Coaxet or Coxet, Ponaganset, and Cushena. Later these names were changed to Acoaxet, Apponegansett, and Acushnet and, still later to Westport, Dartmouth, and New Bedford. Much later, of course, this old New Bedford was divided into New Bedford and Fairhaven and finally, in 1860 Old Fairhaven was divided into Fairhaven and Acushnet.



### III. Extracts and Transcriptions THE DELANO NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

*Format and nomenclature to better understand the following tables:* Presented below are tables of extracts and transcriptions from the ODTMRs in a sequence based on the dates when the individual Delanos named in the records first appeared in "said" records. There is presented a table for each individual person named in the records. It is probable that in some cases there may be two tables for the same person but unless it is clearly true they are presented as two separate individuals. Examples; "Jonathan", "Lieut. Jonathan" and "Jonathan Jr." and "Nathaniel" and "Nathaniel Jr.". Those who know the family genealogy better than I and who see other facts which allow them to combine these tables may do so but it would be presumptuous if I did so without more understanding, hence they are given separately.

The information in the tables needs little explanation. The header provides the first name of the Delano being recorded followed by the first year in which a record with that name appears in the ODTMRs followed by the last year "said" name appears. (If it appears only once, only one year is shown.) Column by Column: "NAME", provides the first name of the Delano in the record; "PAGE" supplies the page number in the ODTMRs data base (actually inscribed on the page itself); "YEAR MONTH DAY" furnishes the actual date of the Dartmouth Town Meeting Record where the name was found; "TEXT" renders either (1) the title of the "office" or function of government which the named Delano was associated with, or (2) a transcription of the extract from the record.

**JONATHAN:** (1ST RECORD, 1680, LAST RECORD 1721)

SUMMARY: Constable, Rater, Oath of Fidelity, Deputy, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Commissioner, Commissioner, Mill Owner, Juryman, Petitioner in re Taunton Bridge.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Jonathan"</b>				
<b>PAGE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TEXT</b>
2	1680	MAY	4	CONSTABLE
3	1682	SEP	1	"...Jonathan Delino John Smith and Joseph Allen are chosen raters"
4	1684	AUG	18	"...Voluntin Huddleston John Smith and Jonathan Delino are chosen raters"
5	1684	DEC	10	OATH OF FIDELITY
5	1685	MAY	29	DEPUTY
7	1686	MAY	24	SELECTMAN
7	1686	MAY	24	SELECTMAN
9	1686	AUG	30	RATER
9	1687	MAY	16	SELECTMAN
9	1687	JULY	?	SELECTMAN
10	1689	JAN	8	RATER
10	1690	DEC	7	RATER
11	1692/93	MAR	30	TOWN CLERK
11	1692/93	MAR	30	TOWN COMMISSIONER
11	1692	JULY	25	COMMISSIONER
12	1695	MAR	?	SELECTMAN
13	1695	MAY	13	"...it is also ordered at sd meeting that the Constables setting of three papers one at Jonathan Delino's mill one at Return Badcoks mill + one at the Ricketson's Mill showing the place and cause of meeting shall be accounted sufficient warning for Town meetings"
13	1696	MAR	30	SELECTMAN
14	1696	MAR	30	"also...Thomas Taber and Jonathan Dilano were chosen and appointed as agents for the Town of Dartmouth to appear at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas or quarter session to be holden at Bristol to answer the complaint of Ralph Earl of said Dartmouth"
15	1698	MAR	14	SELECTMAN
17	1699	SEP	5	"JURYMAN FOR TRIALS AT A SUPERIOR COURT HELD AT BRISTOL"
19	1701/02	MAR	17	SELECTMAN
29	1710	MAR	8	SELECTMAN
31	1711/12	MAR	3	"Voted that Capt Seth Pope and Jonathan Delano and Thomas Taber Jun. Send a petition to the General Court at Boston praying the Town's excuse from being at any charge toward repairing Taunton Bridge ..."
37	1717	APR	29	SELECTMAN
42	1721	OCT	?	JURYMAN

JONATHAN, JR. : (1ST RECORD, 1700, LAST RECORD 1700)

**SUMMARY:** Constable.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Jonathan. Jr. "					
NAME	PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
JONATHAN, JR.	18	1700	MAR	28	CONSTABLE

JABEZ: (1ST RECORD, 1709, LAST RECORD 1727)

**SUMMARY:** Petty Juryman, Juryman, Town Clerk, Petitioner in re Taunton Bridge, Surveyor, Moderator.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Jabez"</b>				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
25	1709	OCT	8	PETTY JURYMAN
31	1711/12	JAN	1	"JURY MAN FOR NEXT COURT AT BRISTOL"
31	1711/12	MAR	3	TOWN CLERK
32	1712	MAY	12	"...also at sd meeting Mr Samuel Hunt Capt. Seth Pope Capt Thomas Taber Lieut Jonathan Delano and Jabez Delano were chosen agents to petition the General Court at Boston for the Town's excuse from being at any charge toward the repairing Taunton Bridge"
31	1715	SEP	6	PETTY JURYMAN
43	1722	MAR	27	SURVEYOR OF THE HIGHWAYS
55	1727	APR	9	Moderator

**LIEUT. JONATHAN:** (1ST RECORD, 1712, LAST RECORD 1712)

**SUMMARY:** Petitioner in re Taunton Bridge.

THE "**DELANO**" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Lieut. Jonathan"</b>				
<b>PAGE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TEXT</b>
32	1712	MAY	12	"...also at sd meeting Mr Samuel Hunt Capt. Seth Pope Capt Thomas Taber <b>Lieut Jonathan Delano</b> and Jabez Delano were chosen agents to petition the General Court at Boston for the Town's excuse from being at any charge toward the repairing Taunton Bridge"

NATHANIEL, JR.: (1ST RECORD, 1722, LAST RECORD 1756)

**SUMMARY:** Constable, Surveyor

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS -"Nathaniel, Jr."				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
42	1722	MAR	27	CONSTABLE
358	1756	MAR	29	"John Soule John Lawton Jonathan Soule Henry Brightman George Brownel Jr William Russell William Anthony Joseph Barker William Wood Abraham Russell William Sanford Jonathan Sherman John Ricketson Increase Allen John Jenne Jonathan Hathaway shoemaker Thomas West John Bennet Samuel Willis Esq. <b>Nathaniel Delano Jun</b> Seth Morton was chosen <b>Surveyrs of ye Highways for ye year ensuing.</b> "



**NATHANIEL:** (1ST RECORD, 1727, LAST RECORD 1781)

SUMMARY: Committeeman (Financial Auditor), (Financial Investigator), Pettyjuryman (Supreme Court), Representative, Moderator, Representative to the General Court, (Road Designer), Grandjuryman for Superior Court, Committeeman, Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet Village, Fishing Lawman, Constable.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS -"Nathaniel"				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
55	1727	APR	9	"...it was also Voted that Capt Samull Cornell Beriah Goddard and <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> or any two of them to be a <b>Committee and to be under oath to examine to determine where the Town's money hath been disposed of and how it hath been disposed of and to whom and for what that hath been raised by rate or other ways to defray Town charges ever since the beginning of the year 1718 and to call the several Town Treasurers to account</b> that have been in the time since with our present Town Treasurer and to make up a final settlement with them and all others that have any of the Town's money in their hands and the sd Committee are empowered to sue any of the several Treasurers or any of them that shall refuse or neglect to make up accounts with sd Committee when required and also to call any person or persons whatsoever that may have any of the money which of right belongs to the Town and to have no money in any ones hands that belongs to the Town except it be due them from the Town except in hand of our present Treasurer and when and so often as any person that hath any of the money which belongeth to the Town and neglecteth or refuseth to make up accounts when required the sd Committee is empowered to sue for sd money and recover it for the use of the Town and to see that all those to whom the Town is or hath been indebted to ever since the beginning of the year 1718 as aforesd are paid their just dues out of the said money and receipts are passed where needful that the Town may not be forced to pay the same over again and that the sd Committee give in what they have done or can do in the particulars above mentioned by a report to the next Annual meeting in March."
69	1728	JULY	28	"... voted that Capt. Samuell Cornell <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> + Beriah Goddard be a <b>Committee to call the Town Treasurer for the time being or the former Town Treasurers if need be to an account and to sue them</b> or either of them if they refuse or neglect to account with sd Committee and to assist the present Town Treasurer in making up accounts and sue all or every other person or persons where any money appears to be justly due to sd Town of Dartmouth and that the sd Committee do bring in and render an account of their proceedings at the next annual meeting.
77	1729	AUG	11	"..voted that <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> shall have two and fifty shillings for service done for the Town"
79	1729	SEP	1	" <b>Pettyjuryman for the Superior Court</b> "
90	1731	MAY	18	<b>Representative</b>
99	1733	MAR	30	<b>Moderator</b>
100	1733	MAR	30	<b>Moderator</b>
101	1733	MAR	30	"...Voted that <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> shall have ten shillings a day more than is allowed by law for his going to <b>represent this Town at the Great and General Court in Boston.</b> "
101	1733	MAR	30	"...Voted that <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> shall have sixteen shillings for two days <b>laying out ways.</b> "
111	1734	SEP	2	" <b>Grandjuryman for Superior Court</b> "

**NATHANIEL:** (1ST RECORD, 1727, LAST RECORD 1781) continued

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

136	1737	OCT 18	<b>Grandjuryman</b>
336	1754	APR 19	"Joseph Tucker <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> and Jonathan Soul hatter ware chosen a <b>committee</b> persuant to the tenor and form of the the second article in the warrant for this meeting" (checking Selectmen on what has become of the Town's money)
405	1762	MAR 23	" <b>Surveyor of Highways</b> "
409	1763	MAR 22	" <b>Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet village</b> "
412	1764	MAR 20	" <b>Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet village</b> "
463	1771	MAY 21	"At a Town meeting leagale warned and held at the Town House in Dartmouth on Tuesday the 21 <sup>st</sup> Day of May AD 1771 said meeting was regulated by the Selectmen Elisha Tobey Esq was chosen to represent this Town in a Great and General Court appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesties service at Harvard College in Cambridge upon Wednesday the 29 <sup>th</sup> day of May instant. And then the Town though(t) proper to act upon the second article in the above Warrant and chose Walter Spooner Moderator. And voted to lay a duty of two shillings lawfull money per barrel on all fish seined within the harbors or coves of this Town this present year and the duty rased thereby to be paid to the Town Treasurer for the use of said Town. ... and then voted that Jireh Willis David Shephard Gamaliel Church <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> Henry Howland Capt Elihu Akin + Capt Thomas Hix be a <b>committee to inspect into the taking of said fish with full power to demand Security of any person presuming to seine said fish in said Town payable to the Treasurer of said Town +in case of refusal to seize their fishing craft or so much of their fish from time to time as shall be sufficient to answer for two shilling per barrel for all that they shall take and Charges.</b> "
485	1773	MAY 18	" <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> chosen Constable in Rome Will <sup>m</sup> White"
485	1773	MAY 18	" <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> was excused from serving Constable by a Vote of the Town and Isaac Howland Jun was chosen Constable in his sted and Refused to sere in that office."
494	1774	MAR 22	"Seth Russell Thomas Kimpton Silas Swift Joseph Severance Isaac Vincent Stephen Hathaway Zerviah Wood Edmond Pope Ezekiel Jenne <b>Nathaniel Delino</b> Samuel Cornish Jun. Cephas Wing Moses Washburn Jun. and Isaac Pope was Chosen <b>Surveyors of highways for Aqushnet Village.</b> "
555	1781	APR 2	"... and Prince Shearman Peleg Gifford Joseph Samson Nathan Nye Jonathan Tobey Jur Jireh Swift Jur Isaac Spooner Seth Jenne Samuel Allen William Tallman Thomas Kempton Caleb Russell Seth Hathaway Zurviah Wood <b>Nathaniel Delano</b> + Obed Nye chosen <b>Surveyors for Acushnet Village</b> " (pp 555, 556)



**JETHRO: (1ST RECORD, 1742, LAST RECORD 1760)**

SUMMARY: Agent in Defense of the Town, Assessor, Committeeman, Collector in Lawsuit, Agent for the Town against Secession Proposal of Acushnet Village, Selectman, Constable, Assessor.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Jethro"				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
206	1742	AUG	30	"...Moses Mendall was chosen agent in behalf of the Town of Dartmouth to make answer to the <b>three actions brought against said Town</b> by Beriah Goddard and John Tripp James Howland and <b>Jethro Delano</b> and Eliakim Willis at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holdin at Bristol on the second Tuesday of September next."
218	1743/44	MAR	12	" 2ly, To act and do something in order to stop an execution that is liable to be brought against the Town by James Howland John Tripp and <b>Jethro Delano</b> the former <b>Assessors</b> "
214	1744	MAR	20	"...Nathaniel Soul Abraham Shearman <b>Jethro Delano</b> was chosen <b>Assessor for the year ensuing</b> "
225	1744	JUL	26	"3ly For the Town to act and do something in order to stop an execution that is liable to be brought against the Town by James Howland John Tripp and <b>Jethro Delano</b> the former <b>Assessors.</b> "
227	1744	SEP	25	"...Warrant: 1ly- Whereas in August 1741 Samu <sup>l</sup> Willis Esq <sup>r</sup> and Abraham Sharmin were chosen Agents for the Town of Dartmouth or either of them to sue and recover of James Howland Stephen West Jun <sup>r</sup> and Beriah Goddard Dartmouth's part of ye sixty thousand pounds loan it being 925-5-0 with ye interest for the same and ye said Abraham Sharmin having since pursued the said Stephen West Jr. and Beriah Goddard and by virtue of said vote to final judgment and execution and now for theTown to take ye matter into consideration and order the said Abraham Shearmin out of sd money recovered of sd Beriah Goddard and Stephen West Jr. to pay and satisfy a <b>judgment obtained against this Town</b> by John Tripp James Howland and <b>Jethro Dilino</b> at ye Superior Court held at Bristol October A.D. 1742 and ye remainder of of sd 925-5-0 to satisfy such of ye Towns debts as they shall then order and in case of sd Sharmin's noncompliance to choose an agent to prosecute him in ye law for the same."
230	1744	OCT		"1ly - Whereas there is an <b>execution</b> to the amount of 641-5-4 old tener: John Tripp James Howland and <b>Jethro Dillino</b> the former <b>Assessors</b> are plaintiffs: has been served lately on sundry of the inhabitants of said Dartmouth and now for the Town to act and do something as they may at said meeting think proper for the speedy payment of the above said sum due upon said execution to prevent the said persons already attached and others that may be hereafter taken from being committed to the gaol or otherwise do as ye Town at said meeting may think proper in that affair."
238	1745	APR	9	"Humphrey Wady Thomas Briggs <b>Jethro Dealano</b> was chosen a <b>Committe to perform the third article in the warrant for this meeting</b> "
239	1745	APR	9	"...William Bennett was chosen in ye room of <b>Jethro Dealano</b> to serve with Humphrey Wady and Thomas Briggs in a <b>Committee agreeable to ye: third article in ye warrant for this meeting.</b> "

JETHRO: (1ST RECORD, 1742, LAST RECORD 1760) continued

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

242	1745	APR 9	"Swanzey October 19 <sup>th</sup> day 1744. These may certify whom it may or doth concern that I James Howland of Dartmouth within named have received a bond signed by Abraham Sherman one of the inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth on whom the execution was levied with conditions for the payment of the debt and cost within mentioned which bond is payable to me the subscriber and bares the date the 17 <sup>th</sup> instant and do by Virtue of a Power of Attorney from the within named <b>Jethro Delano</b> : + in behalf of the within named John Tripp hereby <b>acknowledge that I have received full satisfaction for the debt and cost</b> with(in) mentioned as fully as if I had received the debt and cost of Daniel Barny the coroner that levied the execution upon the said Abraham aforesaid. I say received. James Howland. The abovesaid account was allow <sup>d</sup> by a Vote of the Town at a Town Meeting held by adjournment on ye s <sup>d</sup> Tuesday of April 1745."
267	1747	SEP 22	"...firstly voted by dividing the House it being a full meeting whether the Town was willing that Accushenet should be taken off said Town by the known bounds of Accushenet village agreeable to the petition of a small number of the inhabitants of sd village put into the General Court at Boston for that and it past in the negative by a unanimous vote except Samuell Willis Esq. Who was present and declared himself to stand neutral. 2 ly it was put to vote whether the Town would choose agents in behalf of said Town to show reason why the abovesd petition should not be granted and it past in the affirmative. 3 ly it was put to vote whether Capt Lemue <sup>l</sup> Pope & Christopher Turner or either of them should be agents in behalf of said Town to make answer to the abovesaid petition and it past in the affirmative. 4 ly it was put to a vote whether there should be a com <sup>tee</sup> to assist the said agent in the preparing an answer to the above said petition and it past in the affirmative. 5 ly it was put to vote whether <b>Jethro Delano</b> Jonathan Taber & Stephen West Jun <sup>r</sup> be the Comittee and it past in the affirmative."
321	1753	MAR 23	" <b>Jethro Delano</b> Jirah Swift and Capt. Nathaniel Sowle were chosen <b>Select-men</b> for the ensuing year"
324	1753	MAY 18	"James Allen was chosen <b>Select-man</b> in roome of <b>Jethro Delano</b> who was chosen at the Annual meeting in March last past for the choice of Town officers and refused to serve."
360	1756	MAY 31	"The Town meet according to adjournment and chose John Waday & <b>Jethro Delano</b> <b>Constables</b> in ye room of Giles Slocum & Nathan Davis who was last chosen."
365	1756	Jul 24	"Voted and Excepted That William Wood and Phillip Cannon be <b>Constables</b> in ye room of <b>Jethro Delano</b> and John Wady:"
392	1760	MAR 24	"Abraham Sherman <b>Jethro Delano</b> & Christopher Cadman wer chosen <b>Assessors</b> by a majority of the votes of this meeting"



**CAPT. JETHRO:** (1ST RECORD, 1754, LAST RECORD 1754)

SUMMARY: Surveyor of Highways in Acushnet Village.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Capt. Jethro"				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
334	1754	MAR	27	"Caleb Jenney, <b>Capt Jethro Delano</b> , Bartholomew West, Seth Morton, Philip Cannon, William Allen the second, and Ebenezer Willis were chosen <b>Surveyors of highways in Accushnet village.</b> "
335	1754	APR	19	"Ebenezer Willis Philip Cannon William Wood (Glazier) Caleb Jenne Seth Morton <b>Capt. Jethro Delano</b> , was chosen <b>Surveyors for Acuishnet Village.</b> "

**NATHAN:** (1ST RECORD, 1762, LAST RECORD 1780)

SUMMARY: Surveyor of Highways, Committeeman (Revolutionary War), Assessor.

THE "**DELANO**" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Nathan"</b>				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
405	1762	MAR	23	"Surveyor of Highways"
509-2	1775	MAR	21	"Barnabas Russell Wesson Tallman Jethro Hathaway Joseph Samson William Kimpton Peleg Dalino Zerviah Wood Benja <sup>m</sup> Blossom <b>Nathan Dalino</b> Seth Morton and Seth Hathaway son of Benjamin Joseph Demons Silas Swift Nathaniel Spooner and Joseph Russell Juner <b>Surveyors</b> " (pp 509-2,509-3)
508-4	1776	JAN	7	"Voted that Benjamin Akin Esq. Capt. Philip Taber De <sup>p</sup> Samuel Perry James Akin Nathan <sup>el</sup> Richmond Richard Kirby George Brownell Fortunatus Sherman Seth Pope John Perkins John Smith 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thomas Crandon Gamaliel Brient Abraham Smith John Chase Griffeth Barney John Alden Daniel Eggery <b>Nathan Delino</b> William Wood 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Philip Sherman be of said <b>Committee</b> and that they be contined in said serves until the Acts or parts of Acts mentioned in the Continental Congress Association Agreement be repealed." (pp 508-4, 509)
536	1780	MAR	28	"Alden Spooner <b>Nathan Delano</b> Abraham Smith Benja <sup>m</sup> Russell John Smith Christopher Gifford and Richard Kirby are chosen <b>Assessors</b> for the ensuing year"

**ABISHA:** (1ST RECORD, 1764, LAST RECORD 1776)

SUMMARY: Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet Village, Constable, Committeeman -"Committee of Correspondence & Safety" (Revolutionary War).

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Abisha"</b>				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
412	1764	MAR	20	"Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet village"
418	1765	MAR	25	"William Bowdash Jonathan Shearman Timothy Maxfield Ju' Richard Kirby Thomas Pell Abraham Shearman Daniel Russell Jonathan Tallman Jonathan Hussey Prince Allen Jedidiah Allen Cornelius Jenne <b>Abisha Delano</b> Ephraim Kempton Samuel Haws Isaac Pope Samuel Pope Thomas Pope Samuel Cornish John Hathaway Edward Wing Peleg Huddlestone William Wood James Soul Jonathan Brownell and Philip Howland were chosen <b>Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing</b> "
437	1768	MAY	17	" <b>Abisha Delano</b> Philip Allen + Robert Gifford was chosen <b>Constables</b> "
438	1768	JUN	21	" <b>Abisha Delano</b> was excused by a vote of the Town from serving <b>Constable</b> by reason of Infirmary of Body he producing a certificate from under the hand of a Phycian that he an infirm man and not able of body to serve in the office of Constable."
439	1768	JUN	21	"William Tallman was chosen <b>Constable</b> in the room of <b>Abisha Delano</b> "
452	1770	MAR	30	"James Tucker <b>Abisha Delano</b> + Thomas Howland Jun chosen <b>Constables for the ensuing year.</b> " (Temporary infirmity!!)
453	1770	MAY	24	" <b>Abisha Delano</b> and William Taber fines for not serving <b>Constables</b> Voted to Isaac Spooner."
510-2	1776	MAY	21	"Gamaliel Church Seth Pope Abraham Shearman <b>Abisha Delano</b> Griffen Barney Benj" Akin Fortunatis Shearman Philip Shearman James Soul Nathaniel Richman Philip Taber Pardon Brownell + William Wood was chosen a <b>Committee of Correspondence and Safty</b> "

CALVIN: (1ST RECORD, 1780, LAST RECORD 1780)

**SUMMARY:** Selectman.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS - "Calvin"				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
536	1780	MAR	28	"Voted that there be seven <b>Selectmen</b> this year: Richard Kirby Benj <sup>a</sup> Russell Alden Spooner William Davis Thomas Kempton Melatiah Hathaway + <b>Calvin Delano</b> are chosen Selectmen for the ensuing year."



**PELEG:** (1ST RECORD, 1764, LAST RECORD 1776)

SUMMARY: Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet Village.

THE "DELANO" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS -"Peleg"</b>				
PAGE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	TEXT
412	1764	MAR	20	"Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet village"
509-2	1775	MAR	21	"Barnabas Russell Wesson Tallman Jethro Hathaway Joseph Samson William Kimpton <b>Peleg Dalino</b> Zerviah Wood Benja <sup>m</sup> Blossom Nathan Dalino Seth Morton and Seth Hathaway son of Benjamin Joseph Demons Silas Swift Nathaniel Spooner and Joseph Russell Juner <b>Surveyors</b> " (pp 509-2,509-3)
510	1776	MAR	8	"Philip Shearman Butler Shearman John Smith Nathaniel Fance Richard Collins John Maxfield William Hart Junr. Thomas Allen ye 2 <sup>nd</sup> Benja <sup>m</sup> Smith Jun' Thomas Hicks ye 2 <sup>nd</sup> Josiah Wood Giles Slocum Joseph Allen Ebenezer Androus Paul Pratt: Bial Gifford Joseph Russell Junr Barnabas Russell Wesson Tallman Nathaniel Spooner Isaac Pope Ignatius Dillingham <b>Peleg Delano</b> Seth Morton James Kempton Luen Pope Benj <sup>o</sup> Blossom John Tinkcom Gamaliel Church + Joseph Pope Lemuel Manchester James Soul Wesson Kirby William Earl Stokes Potter Pardon Brownell Elijah Gifford Thomas Cornell Job Anthony Stephen Potter + Ruben Sherman chosen <b>Surveyors of Highways</b> "

**RICHARD:** (1ST RECORD, 1786, LAST RECORD 1786)

SUMMARY: Surveyor of Highways for Acushnet Village.

THE "**DELANO**" NAME IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS

<b>DELANO NAME IN OLD DARTMOUTH TOWN MEETING RECORDS -"Richard"</b>				
<b>PAGE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TEXT</b>
595	1786	MAR	21	"Surveyors of Highways for Cuishnet Village are: Barnabas Russell, Abraham Russell, Micah Spooner, Philip Spooner, Seth Hathaway, John Summerton, Obed Hathaway, Henry Jenne, Joseph Demons, Samuel Hathaway, <b>Richard Delano</b> , Batholomew Akin, Stephen Hathaway, Benjamin Delingham, William Tallman and Amos Bennett."



# LIFE WAS DIFFERENT THEN

## ANIMALS, WILD AND DOMESTICATED MORE IMPORTANT

### NAMES OF ANIMALS IN THE COLLECTION OF ODTMRs1674-1787

**DOMESTIC:** GEESE, HOGS/SWINE, SHEEP, RAMS, HORSES, STEERS, HEIFERS, OXEN, GOATS, COWS

**WILD:** WILD CATS, BEARS, WOLVES, SQUIRRELS, BLACKBIRDS, CROWS, FISH, DEER

Some Samples:

#### ABSTRACTS AND EXTRACTS TRANSCRIBED

TEXT	OTHER SPELLING-1
<p>The Town have ordered that the Indians shall have liberty to hunt provided that they <i>do</i> kill three <i>wolves</i> or <i>three bears</i>: or pay <i>ten</i> shilling yearly to <i>each village</i>. The Indians that belong to Quishnet are to pay ten shillings to John Spooner and the Indians belonging to ponaganset are to pay ten shillings to Return Badcock and the Indians of Colset are to pay <i>ten</i> shillings to Jeames Sison the aforesaid <i>money</i> is to <i>received</i> for the Town's use and delivered to the Town at their demand. (ODTMR: 5, 1684, SEP 24)</p>	<p>doe, villidg, thre, woolves, bares, teen, mony, tenn, received</p>
<p>that whereas it doth appear that Indian Robben living at Saconet did kill a <i>wolf</i> some time this last year within the to wnship of Dartmouth that he shall have six shillings paid unto him out of the Town's rate by the Constable at some convenient time after the making of this years rate and that any Indian or Indians that shall kill any <i>wolves</i> or <i>bears</i> hereafter within this Township and bring the heads of said <i>wolf</i> or <i>bear</i> to the Constable shall have six shillings paid unto him or them for each <i>wolf</i> or <i>bear</i> so killed. Also ordered that the English shall have ten shillings for the killing of a <i>wolf</i> or <i>bear</i> within this Township to be paid out of the town rate by the Constable (ODTMR 6, 1685, MAY 29)</p>	<p>appere, woof, living, convenient, bares, woolves, woof, etch, English tin</p>
<p>2 ly: It is ordered that <i>horse kind</i> of 2 year old and upwards shall be valued at fifty shillings a piece <i>oxen</i> at seven pounds a yoke <i>steers</i> of four year old and upwards to be counted <i>oxen</i> and <i>steers</i> and <i>heifers</i> of two year old and three year old to be counted as <i>cows</i> and <i>cows</i> to be valued at forty shillings a piece and <i>yearling</i> both <i>mete</i>(sic) and <i>horsekind</i> to be valued at twenty shillings a piece and <i>sheep</i> and <i>goats</i> of a year old and upwards at five shillings a piece and <i>swine</i> of a year old and upwards at eight shillings a piece. (ODTMR 8, 1686, JUL 26)</p>	<p>yearlings, apece, valued, gots, shepe, shelings, eaight, metinghouse, year e</p>
<p>{Early tax abatement and tax transfer program} At a Town Meting(sic) . . . it is also ordered at said meeting that every householder being a planter shall kill 12 <i>blackbirds</i> between the first day of January and the middle of May yearly on pain of forfeiting three half pence for every <i>bird</i> they shall neglect of killing of sd number sd forfeitures to be added to each defective person's Town rate yearly to be paid to the Town stock and further it is ordered that for every <i>blackbird</i> that shall be killed within the Town within the time limited over the number of 12 to each planter as above shall be paid 1 penny out of the Town stock or be abated out of their rate in the next Town Rate. It is also ordered that each <i>crow</i> that shall be killed within the sd time yearly shall be reckoned for three <i>blackbirds</i>. It is also ordered that Joseph Tripp Matthew Wing Nathan Howland John Russell and Isaac Spooner be the persons to take account of what <i>birds</i> are killed in the Town and give an account yearly to the Selectmen so that the penalty maybe laid on those that are such as are negligent and money may be raised to pay to them that kill more than their number. It is also ordered that there shall be a law book bought for the Town's use and be paid for out of the Town rate above sd. (ODTMR 21, 1704, JAN 29)</p>	<p>houlder, midle, burd, forfeitures, 1 penny, account, penaltie</p>