



The Cross of Languedoc

A Publication of the National Huguenot Society

August 2007

"May God keep us steadfast as He kept them steadfast, and in joy or in sorrow, may we know, as they knew, that underneath are the Everlasting Arms".



Cover Feature-

JOEL POINSETT: Namesake of the Poinsettia, Botanist, Doctor, and Founder of the Smithsonian Institute

Question: What do the Poinsettia and the Smithsonian Institution have in common? Answer: The prominent Huguenot descendant from South Carolina, politician Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851). Poinsett was by all reports the son of a Huguenot physician, Peter Poinsett. He was the quintessential Huguenot insofar as he was American and European-educated, studied medicine, law, and languages, was interested in military and political matters, served Presidents Madison and Van Buren over the years as an envoy and minister to South America and as a Secretary of War, served in his state legislature and also in Congress, yet always steadily pursued his passion for botany and science. This pervading sense of intellectual curiosity coupled with well-directed energy and political connections contributed permanent and lasting value to American culture. Poinsett's main contributions were twofold. First, while on a trip to the Mexican highlands, he recognized the beauty of the Aztec perennial plant, the Cuetlaxochitl, also known by the Latin name *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. He sent samples of it to his South Carolina plantations for propagation, and it ultimately became a popular indoor colorful winter plant displayed during the Christmas holiday season throughout North America. Its common name, the "poinsettia," is derived from John Poinsett's surname in honor of his having introduced it to North America.



The leaf-like "flowers" of the poinsettia are technically called "bracts."

Above: Giovanni Guarino Photography, PhotographersDirect.com

Cover Photo: Marmotta PhotoArt (Krys Bailey), PhotographersDirect.com

The second major contribution made by Joel Roberts Poinsett was to promote scientific study and appreciation in America and make it accessible to the American people, and he contributed to the achievement of tangible results in that regard. In 1838, he made sure there were naturalists on board the six ships that set sail from Norfolk, Virginia on a four year circumnavigation of the world as a part of the United States Exploring Expedition, knowing they would return with specimens from around the globe that could be studied by scientists for years and also displayed for the public to enjoy. In addition, in 1840 he co-founded the National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts, a group of politicians who wanted to centralize and showcase the relics of the country and its leaders in a national museum that would acknowledge and promote American leaders, technology, memorabilia, and the significant scientific collections of like-minded individuals. One such collector was British scientist John Smithson, who bequeathed his estate to his nephew or, if the nephew should die without heirs, to "the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." The nephew died without heirs in 1835, and Smithson's estate, which included a library, substantial funds, and various scientific collections, was made a part of a charitable trust in America. Thus Poinsett's and his group's vision ultimately became the Smithsonian Institution. Poinsett died in 1851.

Janice M. Lorenz
Editor

Sources: Smithsonianmagazine.com; Ecke.com; Edited Appletons Encyclopedia; Huguenot Heritage; Wikipedia.org.



Acceptance Address

*Barbara C. MacManus
President General*

Madam President General, Honorary Presidents General, Fellow Officers, State Presidents, Members and Guests:

Thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me to this highest office of the National Huguenot Society. I greatly appreciate the confidence you have expressed in my ability to handle the job, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this position.

Depending on how things go, I may not be so appreciative on down the road, but right now, I am humbled and most grateful for being elected President General of this prestigious organization.

Madam Honorary President General, Sylvia, I shall always cherish the relationship we have had during your term as President General and mine as Treasurer General. The openness of communication between us, and your enduring patience with me certainly made my job easier. You have been an outstanding President General, and an exemplary leader. It has been a pleasure working with you, and I hope I can continue to count on your guidance.

Madam Honorary President General, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Nadine, I don't know whether to thank you for persuading me to step up to this position after Dr. Harpole requested to be removed from the

slate or not. I'll let you know as time goes by. I am so grateful to all those with whom I have worked during the last four years – two on the Finance Committee and two as Treasurer General.

To you, Madam Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien, I am grateful for your store of knowledge about the history of the National Huguenot Society and thank you for sharing it with me. We all owe you a deep debt of gratitude for working so very hard to hold the Society together during its darkest days several years ago, and for pursuing recovery of much of the funds most folks considered "lost" forever. And also, for following up with the Executors to assure funding of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund bequest from which we provide the scholarships. Your tenacity and perseverance in both instances paid handsome rewards.

To you, Counselor General Dewey O'Brien, I thank you for your advice and counsel on legal, financial and tax issues. It was invaluable to me in the performance of my job as Treasurer General. (By-the-way, if Dewey is a bit light headed, its because I picked his brain so incessantly.)

To Chairman Leigh Pegues, who was unable to be here, and members of the Finance Committee, I am grateful for your assistance with budgeting and for your oversight and advise regarding the investment of the Society's funds and for being sure I exercised fiscal responsibility.

To all State Member Society Treasurers, thank you for your diligence in learning to use the annual Membership and Dues Summary form and for striving to get the dues payments in by January 15th. I know what a struggle that is, having been the Texas Society's Treasurer for a number of years.

To the members of my own Texas State Member Society and my Languedoc Chapter members, I also say "thank you" for the support and confidence you have expressed since learning of my nomination as President General.

(I'm beginning to sound like an Oscar winner at the Academy Awards ceremony!) Now, I would like for us to look to the future.

– cont pg 4

I want you all to know that this new administration is not “my” new administration; it is “our” new administration.

The National Huguenot Society, Inc. does not belong to just one or two or a few people “at the top,” it belongs to all its members. We are all in it together. A few members are elected to leadership positions in order to provide an orderly structure for conducting the business of the organization.

They are the “managers,” and as you all know, managers cannot and should not do everything themselves. They must delegate. So it is with the National Huguenot Society.

From the President General, to the Board of General Officers, to the General Council, to the Standing Committees and Appointed Committees, to the Membership: Together, we form a team.

During the administration of this team, I expect us to strive for unity, cohesiveness, cooperation, and service to our State Member Societies and Individual Members. I am asking each and every member to set aside, forgive and forget any and all pettiness, hurt feelings, and misunderstandings so that we represent one unified body.

Our Chenault Family National Association uses the expression, “In the Spirit of Kinship and Family Love,” and that is the spirit in which I expect us to work together. We must do this for the good of the National Huguenot Society, Inc.

I expect us to maintain open, honest, and straight forward communication. I expect us to be able to discuss things and voice opinions and differences without taking it personally or having it affect our friendships and working relationships.

Many of you here, and many of those who were unable to attend this meeting, will be asked to become involved in various capacities. I urge you to step up and become an active part of this team. We need your involvement!

Some folks who have performed the same functions year after year may be asked to do something different during this administration. And, by-the-way, if you are one of those who have grown accustomed to serving

in a certain appointed position, please, don’t get your feelings hurt if you are not asked to continue serving in that capacity.

It’s nothing personal. It’s just that we need to get more people involved at the National level, and we can not do it if the limited number of National appointments go to the same folks year after year. Please be assured that you are not being displaced, or as we say in Texas, “put out to pasture,” rather you will be a valuable resource for new appointees “getting their feet wet.”

Be assured also that all appointments will be made according to what I judge to be for the mutual benefit of the members and in the best interests of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., and not for political expediency. Politics is not my bag.

Again, thank you for the trust you are placing in me. I am very much aware that my effectiveness as President General is in your hands, and I humbly ask for your support.

Barbara C. MacManus
President General 2007-2009

INTERESTED, BUT NOT A MEMBER YET?

We encourage interested people to explore the possibility of becoming a member per the qualifications set forth on our website. See any ancestor names you recognize on our Welcome to New Members list? If your surname matches that of one of the ancestors listed for our new members herein, or one of those listed on our website, it might be worth exploring whether you might be descended from a common Huguenot ancestor. There is no guarantee, but it is possible that you could develop the necessary documentary proof of your lineage connection to one of our known Huguenots sufficient to support our membership criteria, provided you are also able to meet the other requirements for membership. We welcome new members!

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

71ST Annual Congress
Washington, DC
April 7, 2007

Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe
2005-2007

This President General has enjoyed a most interesting, fulfilling and enjoyable two years serving The National Huguenot Society, Inc. and has never been challenged more by anything as she has in keeping up with the work, meeting deadlines and resolving problems. She has loved very minute of it.

Her deep appreciation is expressed to the many members who have guided, helped, challenged, and encouraged her along the way. The loyalty and support of these dedicated members is deeply appreciated.

The Society has provided her with opportunities to meet its members at National Society meetings in Texas, Florida, and Washington, D.C. and has provided visits to Member Societies in Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and SAR Chapters, P.E.O., and libraries about the Huguenots, their descendants, and their unique heritage and contributions to the World and the United States of America. Several member (State) Societies and Chapters have also been spreading the word by giving programs and speaking to groups. This creates interest and results in new members.

Her duties have included checking bills and receipts and preparing vouchers for all Society expenditures, and signing legal and banking papers and forwarding to designated Officers or places, handling correspondence and telephone calls. Contracts were reviewed. Insurance policies were obtained and updated. Correspondence by letter and email has been handled; answered or forwarded. Items have been shipped to officers and members when requested. Deadlines were met. Two Annual Congresses combined with the General Council, and two Semiannual Board of General Officers' and General council meetings were presided at. Bylaw Amendments were handled. The 2006 national Directory was published by Harris Connect, Inc. and is available for sale to members. Materials consisting of books, and Huguenot records from Great Britain and Ireland were added to the "Huguenot Collection," housed in Washington, D.C. at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library, and may be accessed by members without fee. Two five

thousand dollar scholarships were awarded to worthy college students, selected by our fine Scholarship Award Committee. Recipients must be members of the Society. Two Book Awards of one thousand dollars each were awarded by our capable Awards, Books and Publications Committee to authors of books on Huguenot subjects. The Society's Applications for Membership were prepared for microfiche by the Archivist. This work was completed up to this year. Annual updates to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors were completed for 2005 and 2006 by the Registrar General. Additionally, we have had beautiful publications of The Cross of Languedoc. Our National website has been most helpful to members and nonmembers.

Working with such an outstanding team of capable, knowledgeable and industrious Honorary Presidents General, General Officers, Chairmen and members of Standing Committees, plus the supportive Presidents of the member (State) Societies has enabled the Society to have a most productive two-year administration. For all your work, dedication and support, this officer thanks you. To all members in the member Societies this officer expresses her appreciation and thanks for all your work, hospitality, cooperation, enthusiasm and dedication to the Huguenot cause. Thank you for allowing her to serve as President General these two years. This is your Society and you are the Society.

Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe
Honorary President General

NOTICE TO STATE MEMBER SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

From the President General

Please verify that a list of the current officers of your State Societies, with contact information, has been provided to the President General, Registrar General, Treasurer General, and Corresponding Secretary General of the National Huguenot Society, as well as to the Headquarters Office in Bloomington. That should be done immediately after elections of new officers. If it has not been done, please see that it is done immediately. Contact information for the new Board of General Officers appears within this issue of The Cross.

MINUTES
71st ANNUAL CONGRESS
THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
 7 April 2007

With a quorum present the 71st Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was called to order by President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe at 9:15AM on the 7th of April 2007 in the Rhode Island Room of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. The Recording Secretary General, Linda Moody Neal, was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made that anybody wishing a luncheon reservation should contact Mrs. Neoma O'Brien.

Barbara MacManus, Allen Moore, Janice Lorenz, and Dr. Lee Park were appointed by the President General to read and attest to the minutes.

Rev. Gregory Dimik, a member of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, offered the prayer.

Jeannine S. Kallal read the objectives of the Society.

Mrs. Rachel L. Wills of Virginia, Chairman of the Credential Committee, announced there was a quorum with at least 12 State Member Societies being present.

The Adoption of the Congress Standing Rules was approved by mutual consent.

The Adoption of the Congress Program, after corrections noted, with the order of business prescribed, was adopted.

Nadine Hardin-Miller made the MOTION that the General Council combine its meeting with the Annual Congress. 2nd by Barbara MacManus. The motion was adopted.

The MOTION that the 71st Annual Congress combine its meeting with the General Council. was made by Barbara Schulz of FL. 2nd by David Hope of PA. The Motion was adopted.

Recording Secretary General, Linda Moody Neal, reported that the minutes of the 70th Annual Congress were read and corrected by a committee consisting of Honorary President General Nadine S. Hardin-Miller and Dr. David Harpole, First Vice-President General, and published in the August 2006 issue of "The Cross

of Languedoc." With no corrections, the minutes were filed.

President General McAuliffe appointed Nancy Brennan of Texas as Timekeeper of the 71st Annual Congress.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS:

1. President General Sylvia McAuliffe gave a report dated April 7, 2007; it was filed.

2. First Vice-President General Ann D. Hallgren-Arrowsmith, who had moved up from Second Vice-President General, was not present.

3. Second Vice-President General Stephen B. Gerth, who had moved up from Third Vice-President General, was not present.

4. There was no Third Vice-President General.

5. Chaplain General Rev. Albert C. Walling II gave an oral report and distributed booklets of the Necrology of members 2006-2007 for the Memorial service planned after the luncheon. Also, a dedication of the wreath at the WWII Memorial will be held after the adjournment of Annual Congress.

6. Treasurer General Barbara C. MacManus gave the following reports:

A. Treasurer General's Activity Report.

B. Treasurer General's 2006 Year-End Report stating a balance in all funds of \$474,584.99.

C. Treasurer General's First Quarter Report showed the total of all funds on hand as of 31 March 2007, being \$494,838.38.

D. The National Huguenot Society, Inc., Budget Report 31 December 2006, showed revenue exceeded budget by \$7,253.15 and expenses were \$4,360.65 below budget.

(All reports were filed)

Linda Moody Neal read the AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT for the Year End 2006 as submitted by Todd

B.D. Frary, President, Huguenot Society of Georgia. Mrs. Neal made a MOTION that the 71st Annual Congress accept the Report of the Auditing Committee, carrying with it the Annual Report of the Treasurer General. 2nd by Audrey Peacock of FL. The Motion was adopted. (Audit report filed.)

Nadine Hardin-Miler made a MOTION, with 2nd by Shirley de la Barre, that the Report of the 2006 Budget be accepted. Motion carried.

7. Recording Secretary General Linda M. Neal read her report (attached).

8. Corresponding Secretary General Barbara Baylis was absent. Her mailed report was filed.

9. Organizing Secretary General absent.

10. Registrar General Jeannine Kallal read a report (attached).

11. Historian General Carol Chew gave a report (filed)

12. Counselor General James Dewey O'Brien gave an oral summation of his written report with addendum as submitted. He responded to the Virginia Huguenot Society.

13. Surgeon General Lee Crandall Park, M.D. had no report.

14. Genealogist General Dr. Charles Owen Johnson gave an oral report stating no case or controversy of membership had occurred. He also interpreted the Bylaws as to the duties of his office.

OTHER REPORTS:

Archivist Grace Rice read her report. (filed)

Reports of Honorary Presidents General:

One was given by Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien stated that a royalty has been received unexpectedly by Harris Publishing. She recommended overruns of the Harris Directory be sold at a fixed price by The National Huguenot Society, Inc. No action was taken after questions were answered.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS was given by Linda Moody Neal from the meeting held April 6, 2007. The following motions were adopted:

1. That Janice S. Dillard is to receive the scholarship.
2. That the Scholarship Committee be allowed to make a recommendation to a mid-year Board of General Officers Meeting as to the winner of a scholarship, provided a suitable candidate(s) becomes eligible, and that a check can be issued twice a year.
3. That a letter from the Board of General Officers be sent to Ann Jackson Darst of the breakaway group stating that we regret the resignation of those who voted to withdraw from The Huguenot Society of Virginia and its parent organization, The National Huguenot Society, Inc., as amended.
4. That the Board of General Officers recommend that the society proceed to disband the Idaho member society per the request of Lila Hill, Registrar and "Treasurer, by default". Idaho has just 5 members, does not have a quorum at meetings and cannot obtain a slate of officers. The members are elderly and have asked twice for release and relief.
5. That resolution of the Huguenot Society of Massachusetts situation be deferred to the next administration.
6. To defer action on The Huguenot Society of Mississippi to the next administration.
7. To recommend to the Congress that a committee be appointed in the next administration to prepare the Bylaws, as amended, the Standing Rules, and the Handbook for publication and that it be given authority to edit and arrange text of the amended Bylaws as necessary, prior to publication.
8. That an attached full-page proposal to authorize the incoming President General to appoint a committee composed of 5 members to effectuate the move of the National Headquarters Office to a location selected by the committee, said committee to consist of no more than 2 members from any one of at least 4 States, and shall include the incoming President General.

A vote was taken on #4 and passed. The Idaho Society will be disbanded.

A 10-minute recess was taken at 11:05AM.

When the meeting resumed at 11:15AM, questions were answered by Barbara MacManus regarding the recommendation to move the National Headquarters Office.

After the discussion, a MOTION was made to authorize the incoming President General to proceed with relocating The National Huguenot Society, Inc., Headquarters Office in accordance with the summary of #8 above. The motion was approved and adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made that officers should remain after the meeting for photographs. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II also wanted to add an addendum to his oral report that a vast correspondence to the families of the deceased members had taken place in the past year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Awards, Published Works, and Books Committee report was sent by chairman, Jean M. Hyde. It was read by Chad Means, a member of that committee. (filed).

The committee of Books and Archives Review, "The Huguenot Collection," by Carol Chew was given within the text of her Historian General's Report earlier.

Finance Committee member James Dewey O'Brien gave a brief oral report praising those responsible for the present financial situation of The National Huguenot Society, Inc..

Program and Arrangements chairman Neoma O'Brien gave a short oral report.

Bylaws Chairman sent a report that her work had been completed.

Publicity and Web-Master chairman absent; no report.

REPORTS OF STATE PRESIDENTS:

Alabama's report was read by State President, Barbara Hunt. (filed)

Arizona was absent.

Arkansas was absent but mailed a report. (filed)

California was absent but mailed a report. (filed)

Connecticut and Delaware were absent.

Washington, DC report was read by Shirley de la Barre. (attached)

Florida, Georgia, Idaho and Illinois were absent.

Indiana report was read by Allen Moore. (filed)
Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, and Maine were absent.
Maryland was read by Dr. Lee Park. (filed)

Minnesota and Mississippi were absent.

Missouri will submit a deferred report.

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT was given by Chairman, Rachel Wills:

9 General Officers
2 Honorary Presidents General
28 State delegates
4 guests
14 States represented
For a total of 43 people present.

The MOTION was made by Rachel L. Wills that, by direction of the Committee, the report of the Credentials Committee be adopted. It was approved.

Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and Ohio were absent.
Oklahoma President, Donna Gant, gave an oral report.

Pennsylvania President, Mark Dimik, read a report. (filed).

Rhode Island and Tennessee were absent.

Texas President, Aubrey Wilson, read a report. (filed).

Washington State was absent.

Wisconsin report was filed.

At 11: 55AM there was a recess for the luncheon held in the Pennsylvania Room of the Mayflower Hotel.

At 1:30PM the Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. Albert C. Walling II.

The Session reconvened at 1:48PM

There was no unfinished business from the morning session.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Dimik made a MOTION that the amendment to the Bylaws sponsored by the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania to remove the words, "from France", from Article III, Section d., 1...a..Line 4e of the Bylaws

of the National Huguenot Society, for the reasons stated in their circulated proposal, be adopted.

A discussion followed. With more than two-thirds of the members entitled to vote being present, the vote was taken and the motion carried. The Bylaws will be amended to remove the words, "from France."

The MOTION from the Board of General Officers to amend the Bylaws Article X, Congresses-Section f., Procedures subsection 1: by striking out "twelve" (12) and substituting "ten" (10) Art. X, Sec. F, 1, amended would read: "General Officers and delegates representing ten (10) different Member Societies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and for the election of officers." Motion carried and was adopted after a discussion and vote.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nadine Hardin-Miller was Chairman. Other members of the committee present were Barbara MacManus and Linda Neal.

President General, Barbara C. MacManus, TX

First Vice President General, Stephen B. Gerth, IL

Second Vice President General, Ann D. Hallgren-Arrowsmith, Washington, DC

Third Vice President General, Allen W. Moore, IN

Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling II, Washington, DC

Recording Secretary General, Nancy W. Brennan, TX

Corresponding Secretary General, Donna L. Gantt, OK

Organizing Secretary General, Chad C. Means, MO

Treasurer General, Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr., PA

Registrar General, Jeannine S. Kallal, IL

Historian General, Carol W. Chew, WI

Counselor General, Janice M. Lorenz, Washington DC

Surgeon General, Lee Crandall Park, M.D., MD

Genealogist General, Dr. Charles Owen Johnson, Washington, DC

The slate of officers as presented was elected unanimously, since there were no further nominations from the floor.

A short break was taken followed by the INSTALLATIONS OF NEW OFFICERS of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., conducted by the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling II.

Nadine Hardin-Miller made a MOTION that Sylvia F. McAuliffe be named an Honorary President General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.. 2nd by Jeannine Kallal. Mrs. McAuliffe was elected unanimously.

A closing prayer was given by Chaplain General Dr. Albert C. Walling II.

In an effort to set the date for the 72nd Annual Congress in 2008, Barbara MacManus will contact the sales office at the Mayflower Hotel as soon as it is opened. She will let members know the Annual Congress dates.

President General Barbara MacManus gave an acceptance speech. She announced the goals of the new administration. She then asked for the support of all members.

Since there was no further business, the Congress was ADJOURNED at 3:39PM.

Linda Moody Neal
Recording Secretary General

WHAT IF.....

What if you lived in France today? You would have a conservative new president, Nicolas Sarkozy, who is of Hungarian descent. His popularity is soaring and he promises to implement reform in many areas. One area of great concern in France today is the high unemployment rate. For an informative and amusing article about, for example, whether the arguably time-wasting (from an American viewpoint) French tradition of greeting one another, including one's work colleagues, by kissing them on each cheek, would become a topic of reform efforts, see "French kiss, lunches hinder reform."

Source: CNN.com, publishing an article by Reuters, 30 May 2007.
[Http://us.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/europe/05/30/france.lunches.reut/index.html](http://us.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/europe/05/30/france.lunches.reut/index.html)

**BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS
THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
2007-2009**

PRESIDENT GENERAL

Barbara C. MacManus
710 Agave Court
Fredericksburg, TX 78624-2538
Tel: 830-992-3027
Fax: 830-992-3027
E-mail: barcmac@austin.rr.com

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL**

Stephen B. Gerth
3819 Knight Street
Glenview, IL 60025-1234
Tel: 847-998-1793
Fax: 312-923-1251
E-mail: sbgerth@comcast.net

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL**

Ann C. Hallgren-Arrowsmith
408 Sassafras Court
Bel Air, MD 21015-6022
Tel: 410-515-1824
E-mail: AHALLGREN@yahoo.com

**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL**

Allen W. Moore
1109 North County Road 400 West
Kokomo, IN 46901-3880
Tel: 765-452-3502

CHAPLAIN GENERAL

The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling II
8406 Lofty Lane
Round Rock, TX 78687-3467
Tel: 512-246-2732
E-mail: acw2cww@sbcglobal.net

**RECORDING SECRETARY
GENERAL**

Nancy W. Brennan
6 Barcom Court
San Antonio, TX 78218-6023
Tel: 210-824-5829
E-mail: nwbrennan@sbcglobal.net

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
GENERAL**

Donna L. Gantt
5921 West Orlando Circle
Broken Arrow, OK 74011-1152
Tel: 918-249-8877
E-mail: okiebug@aol.com

**ORGANIZING SECRETARY
GENERAL**

Chad C. Means
345 North La Salle Street, #4805
Chicago, IL 60610-6391
Tel: 312-527-4880
E-mail: Chad.Means@gt.com

TREASURER GENERAL

Robert R. Van Gulick
108 Swan Court
North Wales, PA 19454-1129
Tel: 215-806-5426
E-mail: vangulick@aol.com

REGISTRAR GENERAL

Jeannine S. Kallal
1296 Casa Solana Drive
Wheaton, IL 60187-8216
Tel: 630-668-0375
Fax: 630-668-0375*51
E-mail: NHSRegistrar@aol.com

HISTORIAN GENERAL

Carol W. Chew
8920 North Lake Drive
Bayside, WI 53217-1940
Tel: 414-351-0644
E-mail: cchew@wi.rr.com

COUNSELOR GENERAL

Janice M. Lorenz, Esquire
700 New Hampshire Ave, NW #507
Washington, DC 20037
Tel: 202-965-5155
E-mail: Lorenzj1@verizon.net

SURGEON GENERAL

Lee Crandall Park, M.D.
308 Turnbridge Road
Baltimore, MD 21212-3803
Tel: 410-323-6374

GENEALOGIST GENERAL

Charles Owen Johnson, J.D., LL.M.
April to November
2111 Jefferson Davis Pkwy, Apt. 809
Crystal Plaza South
Arlington, VA 22202-3137
Tel: 703-415-1473
November to April
3450 South Ocean Boulevard
The Patrician, No. 223
Palm Beach, FL 33280-5936
Tel: 561-586-1969

HONORARY PRESIDENTS GENERAL

Prof. Arthur Frederick Stocker
President General 1991-1993
250 Pantops Mountain Road
Charlottesville, VA 22911-8694
Tel: 434-972-3217

The Rev. Travis T. DuPriest, Jr., Ph.D.
President General 1993-1995
508 DeKoven Avenue
Racine, WI 53403-2754
Tel: 414-632-2798
E-mail: tdupriest@wi.rr.com

Dr. Philip W. Bernstorff
President General 1995-1997
7505 East Tenth Circle North
Wichita, KS 67206-3844
Tel: 316-634-1774

Mrs. Joyce M. Bockemuehl
President General 1997-1999
4800 North Harsdale Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-2411
Tel: 248-646-0748

The Rev. Dr. Dixon Barr
President General 1999-2001
308 Clinton Road
Lexington, KY 40502-2354
Tel: 859-266-5063
E-mail: Dab32@insightbb.com

Mrs. James Dewey O'Brien (Neoma)
President General 2001-2003
812 Braeburn Drive
Fort Washington, MD 20744-6021
Tel: 301-292-9372
Email: noob13@comcast.net

Mrs. Nadine Strang Hardin-Miller
President General 2003-2005
2917 Cliff Drive
Fort Smith, AR 72901-7710
Tel: 479-646-1517
Fax: 479-646-0455
Email: nshardin@aol.com

Mrs. Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe
President General 2005-2007
128 Deer Lake Circle
Ormond Beach, FL 32174-4260
Tel: 386-677-3582
E-mail: sfrmcauliffe@cfl.rr.com

OFFICIAL CALL

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Board of General Officers Meeting and Semi-Annual General Counsel Meeting

Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites

8787 Keystone Crossing • Indianapolis, IN 46240

Phone: 317-846-2700 • Fax: 317-574-6775

The Fall Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of General Officers and the General Counsel of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., will be hosted by The Huguenot Society of Indiana in Indianapolis. The National Huguenot Society was invited to hold its mid-year meetings in Indianapolis, IN, to coincide with the state meeting of the Huguenot Society of Indiana. Our Board of General Officers meeting will be Friday afternoon, October 12th, followed by a reception and dinner that evening. We will join the Indiana Society at the beautiful Meridian Hills Country Club for their meeting, luncheon and speaker Saturday, October 13th, and hold our General Council meeting that afternoon.

Friday, 12 October 2007	1:30 PM	Meeting of the Board of General Officers
	6:30 PM	Reception and Dinner
Saturday, 13 October 2007	10:30 AM	Join the Meeting and Luncheon of The Huguenot Society Indiana
	2:30 PM	Meeting of the General Council

Note: Standing Committee Chairmen are invited to attend the Meeting of the Board of General Officers. All other meetings and meal functions are open, and all members and guests are encouraged to attend those.

All General Officers, State Presidents, Members, and Guests are urged to come meet and network with your contemporaries from across the country. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and learn from each other ways to build attendance at State meetings and to keep your State Society strong. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the workings of the National Society and to voice your opinions and offer suggestions for improvement at the National level. Please be there!

The Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites is situated in the city's most prestigious location, Keystone at the Crossing. It is convenient to both downtown and the Indianapolis International Airport. "Shop 'til you drop" at the Fashion Mall that features over 100 upscale stores. It is connected to the hotel by a skywalk. The hotel's location allows easy access to exciting sports attractions, interesting cultural events, many sites to see, and all that Indianapolis has to offer.

Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is served by American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Midwest, Northwest, Southwest, United, and US Airways. It is served by approximately 30 daily non-stop flights with additional service to more than 100 locations. It is easily accessible from I-70 and I-465. Commonly referred to as the "Crossroads of America, Indianapolis is intersected by: I-69, I-70, I-74, I-65, I-465, I-865, US 40, and numerous State Roads.

Total cost for the meeting, including registration, Friday night dinner and Saturday luncheon is \$95.00. Cost for those who are only attending meal functions is \$55.00 for dinner and \$25.00 for the luncheon.

Please make checks payable to The National Huguenot Society, Inc. AND MAIL BY 5 SEPTEMBER 2007 to:

Barbara C. MacManus, President General

710 Agave Court

Fredericksburg, TX 78624-2538

Telephone: 830-992-3027 Fax: 830-992-3027 E-mail: barcmac@austin.rr.com

Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel as soon as possible. Request the National Huguenot Society rate of \$105 single. There will be an additional \$10 charge for each additional person sharing the room. Room rates are exclusive of tax. You MUST cancel at least 24 hours before your scheduled arrival if you find you are unable to fulfill your reservation. The hotel also may charge an early departure fee for checking out prior to your reserved checkout date unless you inform them of any change of scheduled length of stay at or before checkin. You are most welcome to come early and/or extend your stay. Fall is usually quite delightful in Indiana, and there are many things to do and see. Look forward to seeing you there.

Chaplain General

The Rev. Dr. Albert Clinton Walling II

It is our custom each year at the Congress to set aside a special part of the program to honor our beloved members whose passing into the Life Eternal occurred since the last Congress. The necrology report has been compiled by the Chaplain General from the names submitted to him. The list of the deceased is overwhelmingly made up of the recently departed. Some names are from several years ago and were only reported recently.

The Memorial Wreath was placed at the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

Memorial Roll Call of Necrology 2006-2007

Arizona

Frances Isabel Morrison
Robert Rockwell
Virginia Chesley Barnes Young

Arkansas

Virginia Chesley Barnes Young
Mary Esther Womeldorff

California

Margaret Maxine Bear Roberts

District of Columbia

Nancy Louise Edwards Harris
Grace Dent Reaney Sisson
William Wallace Sellers, Jr.

Delaware

Lucy Barnes

Florida

Patricia Curtis Bradley
Martin Pierson Brown
Janett Suchy Tetrick

Georgia

Mrs. John A. Dunaway
John W. Gillette
Hilda Tippins Parker

Illinois

Adeline Potter Beier
Virginia Clohset

Iowa

Edward Roy Hays
Hazel Orton

Kansas

Alice Martin
Janice Mary Hathaway Amos

Kentucky

Lorine Hood Faulconer Paulson

Maryland

Alice Mary Crandall Park
Mary Moorehead Foard Peterson

Massachusetts

Edward Ferry
Adelaide MacFarlane Lewis
Elizabeth Bradford Storer

Minnesota

Alice Z. Tippet

Missouri

Troy E. DeHaven
Charles Sheppard

Nebraska

Fred Moeller

New Mexico

Marjorie F. Sieplain Day
Frieda Massara
Dorothy Dell Berger Vulgan
James Kelly Walton
Florence Mather Wengerd

North Carolina

Hattie Connell Bowers
Floyd Otis Blackwell
Richard Wallace Kesler
Frank Richard Walker

Ohio

Katherine Brinkdopke
Ernestine Hammond

Pennsylvania

Nancy H. Burkey
Jane Crouse
Jane G. Frame
Richard J. Hoffman

Adda Kuchta
 Elaine M. Lewandowski
 Mary Brunhouse Peterson
 Homer A. Rhule
 Ethlyne Schultz
 Richard Alan Scudder
 Florence M. Wood

Texas

Edna P. Pritchard

Virginia

Nancy Poindexter Hall
 William Albert Rose, Jr.
 Hilda Deane Bruce Fitz-Randolph

Wisconsin

Eva Roberts

Member-at-Large

Nanon Moore Elrod

The Chaplain General expresses his gratitude to our President General, Mrs. Sylvia F. McAuliffe, and to the State Presidents, the Chaplains and the Registrar General, Jeannine Kallal. They have all been kind and cooperative and diligent in reporting names and pertinent data, as have numerous other members.

The Rev. Dr. Albert Clinton Walling II
 Chaplain General

Recording Secretary General

Linda Moody Neal

The minutes of the 70th Annual Congress were read and corrected by a committee consisting of Honorary President General Nadine S. Hardin-Miller and Dr. David Harpole, First Vice President General and published in the August 2006 issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

The minutes of the Semi-annual General Council meeting held in Daytona Beach, Florida on 17 October 2006 were read and corrected by a committee consisting of Barbara MacManus, Treasurer General and Carla Odom, President of The Huguenot Society of Virginia and published in the January 2007 issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Other activities performed by this officer included the signing of financial documents, along with Treasurer General, President General and Counselor General, e.g., signature cards at various lending institutions where funds of our Society have been transferred for a higher interest rate in my capacity as Secretary of our Organization.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your Recording Secretary General for the past two years. I have received many reports from General Officers, National Committee Chairmen and State Presidents in a timely fashion of their admirable activities. Receiving these reports makes the duty of a recording secretary much easier. I have stayed committed to the responsibility of my office. And I thank the appointed committees who reviewed my minutes before publication for good diction, punctuation and spelling, since minutes are a permanent record of an organization. I have bound a new minute book containing the minutes of the past several years; and I used archive-quality page protectors.

I was also appointed to serve on the National Bylaws committee and elected to serve on the nominating committee; both experiences were educational.

I have felt I was part of an excellent team of General Officers who have strived to work together for the success and goals of our society, especially our President General, Sylvia McAuliffe. Traveling to San Antonio, Texas, Washington, DC, and Daytona Beach for meetings has been fun and a rewarding experience. I have made many new friends, and thank you for allowing me to serve the Society.

Linda Moody Neal
 Recording Secretary General

Corresponding Secretary General

Barbara Roberts Baylis

During the 2006-2007 Term, this officer has kept current the database of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Directory. The Directory consists of The General Council, National Officers, National Chairmen, Honorary President Generals and State Presidents. Corrections and changes were passed out at the 2006 April meeting. The next corrections and changes will be made in the new Directory to be printed and mailed by the new Corresponding Secretary in the summer of 2007.

I did not receive a Directory when I came into office in 2005. Our President General and I corresponded with many phone calls and emails to find correct information. Rather than a chore, I found this to be to my advantage in my position as Corresponding Secretary. This correspondence gave me the opportunity to meet and visit with so many nice people in our Society

Two mailings were sent from April 2006 to February 2007:

1. The Minutes of the April 2006 General meeting held in Washington, DC and The President's Call to the 2006 October Board meeting held in Daytona Beach, Florida; and

2. The President's Call to the April 2007 General meeting to be held in Washington, DC, Minutes of the Daytona Beach, FL meeting and Bylaw amendment to Article X, the Report of the Nominating Committee and "Due Dates" from the Handbook.

I have enjoyed my two years of service to The National Huguenot Society. The lasting friendships are an added pleasure in life. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Barbara Roberts Baylis
Corresponding Secretary General

Treasurer General's Activity Report

Barbara MacManus

During the period since the Treasurer General's last report on 17 October 2006 to the present, I have accomplished the following tasks:

Communicated with State member Society Treasurers regarding collection of 2007 National fees (dues) and reconciling membership records.

Communicated with State member Society Presidents of states that were late submitting 2007 National fees (dues).

Timely deposited all funds received from the Registrar General, the Headquarters Office, State Member Societies, Members-at-Large, and individuals.

Promptly disbursed payment of all bills and invoices approved and submitted by the President General in accordance with the established voucher system;

Promptly posted all deposited receipts and disbursed checks

to the books of account in the computerized Quick Books system.

Reviewed and reconciled all bank statements from the various financial institutions in which the funds of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. are held.

Monitored all time deposits and researched current interest rates and yields and timely reinvested maturing time deposits in the FDIC insured financial institutions that were most advantageous as determined in collaboration with members of the Finance Committee.

Kept the president General and Finance Committee advised of the status of LI checking, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts and provided them quarterly financial statements and budget comparison reports.

Closed the books for the year 2006 and submitted the records and supporting documentation to the Audit Committee for audit.

Completed and filed the Maryland State Personal Property and Business Activity report.

Completed and filed the 2006 Federal Tax Return.

Reported to the Credentials Committee the State Member Societies eligible to be represented at the 2006 Congress based on timely payment of annual fees (dues).

Kept a roster of registrants for the 71st Annual Congress and promptly reported updates to the Credentials Committee Chairman and the Program and Arrangements Committee Chairman. Advised of the status of all checking.

Exchanged communications with the Registrar General regarding status of Members-at-Large.

Prepared 2006 Year End Financial Statements and Reports as well as First Quarter 2007 Financial Statements and Reports to be presented at the 71st Annual Congress on 7 April 2007.

These tasks were performed humbly and with pride in and loyalty to my Huguenot heritage and the National Huguenot Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacManus
Treasurer General

Treasurer General's 2006 Year End Report

7 April 2007

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., does hereby submit the following Year End Financial Report as of 31 December 2006:

The balance of funds on hand at the beginning of the year 2006, including the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund of \$291,700.41, the Ray and Anna Lewis Memorial Fund of \$21,246.86, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$80,330.25, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$62,683.67, totaled \$455,961.19.

There was received from all sources during the period from 1 January through 31 December 2006, \$49,069.49. During the same period, the disbursements totaled \$32,852.68, leaving a net increase in funds for the year 2006 of \$18,623.80.

Balance of funds on hand as of 31 December 2006, including the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$299,101.29, the Ray and Anna Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$20,146.34, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$83,542.34, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$71,795.02, totaled \$474,584.99.

The attached Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2006, includes printouts of the ending 31 December 2005 Balance Sheet, a detailed accounting of Revenue and Expense, and the 31 December 2006 Balance Sheet showing restricted and unrestricted funds balances.

Also attached is a Worksheet showing verification of Account Balances in the various financial institutions and a worksheet showing those Account Balances allocated to the various Funds to which they belong.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus
Treasurer General
Registrar General
Jeannine S. Kallal

Since this officer's last report at the Semi-Annual General Council Meeting on 17 October 2006 to this

date, 36 new members have been approved. Once supplemental paper was approved. There have been 19 transfers in that same period, 1 dual membership, 4 reinstatements, and 5 Youth Registrations were completed.

Since the last Annual Congress on 8 April 2006: 85 new members by application, 6 supplemental papers, 26 transfers, 3 dual memberships, 4 reinstatements, 1 reinstatement plus transfer, 2 junior to senior memberships.

In the last year 25 of the Societies had at least one new member by application. Missouri led the way with 13 new members. Kudos to Betty Swisher, state Registrar for Missouri. Texas was second with 12 new members, 2 reinstatements and 3 supplementals, congratulations to Nancy L. Brennan. Virginia was third with 12 new members and 1 reinstatement.

The totals for this administration, 7 April 2005-7 April 2007: 157 new members including 4 juniors; 18 supplementals; 29 transfers; 3 dual memberships; 7 reinstatements; 1 reinstatement/transfer; 2 junior to senior memberships; 8 Youth Registrations.

The mailing list continues to be a work in progress. Unfortunately, it is usually after a mailing of The Cross that we learn that someone has moved. State societies need to let this officer know about those changes in a timely manner. As soon as a new address is provided by the Post Office, the State Treasurers and/or Registrars are informed of the change. The downside is that this information by the Post office comes at the cost of a minimum of 75 cents.

The State Registrar Report Form was sent out in January. There was fairly good response this year. The 2006 Update was produced. The anticipated new edition of the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors is on hold at the moment. Barry Gerth of the Illinois Society continues to do the memberships certificates at no cost to the Society. A new certificate for supplemental papers will be used. It will be less expensive to produce.

This officer has attended all meetings and has carried out all the duties of this office.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
2005-2007

Memories from Annual Congress 20



L-R: Barbara C. Hunt (AL), Donna L. Gannt (OK)



L-R: Sandra Ann Thomas (FL), Peter A. Dixon (honorary member and keeper of flags)



L-R: Emily Hornak (talented photographer, future member and guest of her aunt, Barbara Hunt), Barbara Hunt (AL)



L-R: Allen W. Moore (IN), Rev. G. F. Dimick (PA)



L-R: Jeannine Kallal (IL), Linda Moody Neal (FL), Barbara Hunt (AL), Sylvia McAuliffe (FL)



Left side of banquet room



Neoma O'Brien (DC) thanks pianist Justin Simone



Right side of banquet room



Placement of Wreath at the World War II Memorial. L-R: Neoma O'Brien (DC), Nadine Hardin Miller (AR), Sylvia McAuliffe (FL), Barbara MacManus (TX), Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II (TX)



L-R: President General Sylvia McAuliffe (FL) presides over the 71st Annual Congress meeting while Allen W. Moore (IN), Indiana State President, gives his report; and Treasurer General Barbara MacManus (TX), and Counselor General James Dewey O'Brien (DC) are seated at the leadership table.



Newly elected and outgoing officers gather. L-R: Nadine Hardin Miller, Honorary President General; Barbara MacManus, elected President General, outgoing Treasurer General; Janice Lorenz, elected Conselor General; Allen W. Moore, elected 3d Vice President General; Jeannine Kallal, Registrar General; Linda M. Neal, outgoing Recording Secretary General; Sylvia McAuliffe, outgoing President General, Honorary President General; Carol Chew, Historian General; Owen Johnson, Genealogist General; Rev. Albert Walling, Chaplain General; James Dewey O'Brien, outgoing Counselor General; Lee Crandall Park, M.D., Surgeon General.

Historian General

Carol Chew

In January of this year, the National Huguenot Society again contributed to the Huguenot Collection at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., with the contribution of a collection of Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland publications. Those volumes are: 40, 43-45, and 48-59.

Carol Chew
Historian General

Counselor General

James Dewey O'Brien, J.D.

This will be my last Annual Congress as your Counselor General. Although I deeply appreciated the opportunity to serve a second term, I felt that personal obligations should have my full attention. The National Huguenot Society seems to be in good shape and a well-qualified, practicing attorney is available for that post.

If I have seemed to be a strict constructionist on legal questions that have come before the Society, I attribute that, in part, to my basic legal training in the Louisiana Civil Code which comes primarily from the Code Napoleon, which, in turn, was based on the Roman Justinian Code. This legal philosophy is one of strictly adhering to the written word. For most of its history, the United States followed the English tradition of the unwritten "common law" of evidence.

This "unwritten law" eventually was replaced by the present written Federal Rules of Evidence.

To those who may wonder why I go into this detail, I respond that we descendants of Huguenots, who suffered from both law and lawlessness, should cherish the rule of just laws stemming from the governed. It is, indeed, a pearl beyond price.

As the legal matters for approximately one-half of the year have been reported and published, I will not revisit those. Since then, I have been informed by the U. S. Attorney for the Northern Judicial District of California, San Jose Division, through our Registered Agent, Mr. William Riddle of Elkton, MD, that the sentencing of the broker who acted for this Society in the Advent Trust matter has been postponed again.

(As reported previously, he pleaded guilty to charges, arising in California, brought by California investors. We recovered our investment.)

The duties of the Counselor General of The National Huguenot Society include: "He shall give legal opinions on matters affecting the National Society, when called upon by proper authorities to do so." (Art. IX, Section K(2)). Subsequent to the Semi-Annual Council Meeting in October, 2006 at Daytona Beach, FL, I was asked to write a legal opinion on whether the Executive Committee of the Board of General Officers had the authority to execute a lease for a period of three years, binding this Society to a three-year contract costing some \$17,000 for that period.

Although the answer seemed apparent in the plain wording of Art. VII, Sec. D(2)(a) of the Bylaws, which restricts the Executive Committee to acting for the Board of General Officers, of which it is a part, "between meetings of the Board", I felt it necessary to analyze this provision within the context of the provisions establishing the Board itself and the Annual Congress. As the power of the Board extends only "between meetings of the Annual Congress", and the Annual Congress is the supreme governing body of the Society, I concluded that only Congress could approve relocation of the National Headquarters with a lease extending years beyond "between meetings".

However, in the event that no State Society presents a detailed, concrete plan for relocating the Headquarters Office on which the Annual Congress can vote, here is a possible solution. Based upon a close reading of Art. X which covers all aspects of that body, I believe Congress has the power to authorize the incoming President General to appoint a committee to carry out, under detailed guidelines set by Congress, including the limits of expenditures, the establishment of a new National Headquarters Office that meets those guidelines. The spending power of Congress is subject to the review of the Finance Committee and the Board of General Officers and their recommendations received.

On or about March 20, 2007, I received word that a motion would be presented to the Huguenot Society of Virginia, a Member (State) Society of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., at its semi-annual Meeting on March 31, 2007, to "dissociate itself from the National Huguenot Society, effective immediately"; to be "autonomous"; to elect its own officers and,

essentially, to do those things that a new organization would do, including acquiring its own TIN and “501-c3) designation”. It states: “All assets, liabilities, records, memorabilia, will remain with the newly disassociated organization.”

I have been informed by persons who were present that the motion passed narrowly both in the board meeting and in the assemblage of some 44 persons at Tappahannock, VA. Among those present was Honorary President General Arthur Stocker of Charlottesville, VA, who read a prepared statement that strongly urged that the Huguenot Society of Virginia remain a Member Society of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

In the short time available, I prepared a legal opinion on this matter, as I am required to do under the Bylaws upon request. It was read and approved by the President General and the Treasurer General, and suggested changes were made. It was mailed to all members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and to members of the Board of General Officers.

It should be noted that the proposed motion to “dissociate” from the National Society was sent to members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia under the cover letter of “David H. Harpole” dated March 2, 2007. Dr. Harpole was, at that time, the First Vice President of The National Huguenot Society. So far as I have been able to determine, he did not send a copy of this proposed motion to any member of the Board of General Officers of which he was a member. A copy of that letter and proposed motion to “dissociate” is attached and offered as a part of this report.

In essence, my legal opinion was that the group voting for this motion had no authority to take the name, or the assets, of the Huguenot Society of Virginia which is a Member (State) Society of The National Huguenot Society; that they could resign as individuals but could not change the membership status of those who either voted against the motion to “dissociate” or did not attend or vote.

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has a membership of about 150.

It would be contrary to IRS regulations for the breakaway group to keep the name of the existing member Society of VA. Each year the Treasurer General is required to, and does, send a list of all Member (State) Societies of

The National Huguenot Society to the Internal Revenue Service. VA, like all other Member States, is under the tax exempt umbrella of The National Huguenot Society and has its own identification number as a Member Society of the “parent” organization (NHS). A copy of that legal opinion is attached and made a part of this report.

In Huguenot Faith and Devotion,

James Dewey O’Brien, J. D.
Counselor General 2005-2007

Archivist

Grace V. Rice

Time in the National Office, one day each week, is spent filling orders, readying correspondence for replies, and removing duplicate proofs and unnecessary lineage proofs from the Ancestor Files. Because there is no typewriter in the office, another hour or so is spent at home typing the correspondence replies.

When I became Registrar General, Office Secretary and Chairman of Archives about five years ago, there were thirty-five file boxes of member proofs in the archives that had not been filed by my predecessor because there was no more room in the filing cabinets. Since then, much time has been spent sorting and discarding duplicates and lineage proofs, both in the unfiled folders and in the folders already inside the filing cabinets.

Paid help has been involved in readying the transfer of our library, and volunteer help in rebinding the state member application binders that had been taken apart about six years ago to put the member applications on microfiche, and never replaced.

Microfiching our Applications Files has been completed during this administration. However, this is ongoing, as new applications are being constantly received.

There is challenging work before us, to get the Ancestor Proof Files in order, alphabetized, and indexed for ease of accessibility so that this material can be placed on microfiche for preservation and use.

The Society needs to publish a new, updated “Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National

—Reports continued on page 20

Huguenot Society, Inc.” This is long overdue, since the Fourth Edition was published in 1995. The Registrars General have published Annual Updates each year, including 2006, since that time.

In order to facilitate the issuance of the new Register, this office and Archives must be relocated to a place where there are more capable and interested members to follow through on this project.

Grace V. Rice
Chairman: Archives

Book Award Committee

Jean M. Hyde

We have received an excellent entry for this year. All members of the Committee have read it. The title is “From new Babylon to Eden.” Its author is Bertrand Van Ruymbeke.

The book is about the Huguenots and their migration to Colonial South Carolina.

Committee Members:
Chad Christopher Means
Dr. Travis du Priest

Jean M. Hyde
Chairman

Audit Committee Report

3 April 2007
Todd B. D. Frary

Bon jour mon Huguenots de camarade!

It has been my honor and privilege to perform an audit of the financial records of the National Huguenot Society, copies of which were provided me by our Treasurer General, Mrs. Barbara C. MacManus. I have examined the financial records in their entirety and have found nothing out of the ordinary or that raises any concerns on my behalf. Our Treasurer General has scrupulously maintained a full accounting of the financial activities of the Society and I found no instances where documents or receipts were not provided or were missing. Indeed, our Treasurer General is maintaining the highest level of accounting and record-keeping that I have seen in

any of the organizations in which I am a member. I am certain that anyone who examines the package our Treasurer General has put together will be similarly impressed.

The four annotations included by our Treasurer General represented the only items that I had any questions about and her annotations of those four completely satisfied any questions I had. Based on the excellent record-keeping of our financial records I have no recommendations or suggestions for improvements or remediation on the behalf of the Treasurer General. My own pronouncement is that we are indeed fortunate to have someone who is willing to invest the time and effort to maintain such excellent record-keeping. Should anyone wish to speak with me regarding any aspect of the audit please feel freed to do so!

Le vôtre sincerement,
Todd B. D. Frary, President
Huguenot Society of Georgia

Alabama Teams Up With Manakin Huguenot Society To Attend Church Service



L-R: Barbara Cade Hunt, President; Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley, Minister, South Highland Presbyterian Church; and Mrs. T. Jack Dorough, President, The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia.

STATE REPORTS —

Arkansas

Betty Harp

Meetings of the Huguenot Society of Arkansas have been well attended the past year. Our programs have been varied and informative as we learned about Faberge eggs, antiques, and Colonial Arkansas.

A scholarship was presented to Nicole McClanahan, a college freshman, in memory of Virginia Chesley Barnes Young, a charter member.

A few years ago, the Huguenot Society of Arkansas established the Martineau Award in memory of Thelma Martineau, our Organizing President, and a past National officer. Guidelines for awarding this honor list as one of the criteria a person who enriches our state or nation by holding office, by performing church related work or by working as an educator or philanthropist. At our October meeting, this was presented to Honorable Morris Shepard Arnold, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit. Judge Arnold has a distinguished academic background, and was appointed United States Circuit Court Judge by President George Bush on May 26, 1992. He has written 8 books and numerous articles on the subject of legal history and the history of Colonial Arkansas.

Four members joined during the year, and we are grateful for this new interest in the organization. We are using the brochure that can be printed from the Huguenot website to encourage prospective members.

New officers have been installed for the coming two years.

Betty Harp
President 2005-2007

California

Donna Bennett Cole

The Huguenot Society of California was very active in 2006. The State Meeting was held at the Four Points Sheraton in Monrovia California, on March 24, 2007. The State Board meeting was held before the annual meeting. State Treasurer gave her report on the finances, and the \$2.00 increase in dues has helped the State Society to not run in the red. The bylaw committee of three will be working on any changes that will be made

at Nationals. The next Annual Meeting is to be held in Northern California. Officers gave their reports and we adjourned for lunch.

The annual meeting was opened by President Donna Bennett Cole, who welcomed all those in attendance and introduced the past State Presidents, Chapter Presidents, and the Speaker, First Vice President James Freeman Blauer who gave a program on the "Walloons" which was well received by those present.

La Rochelle Chapter President Barbara Whatley and San Francisco Bay Chapter President Shirley Williams were both given a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding work they have accomplished in their Chapters. The State Officers' reports were presented, a memorial service was given and State Officers were installed by Past President Phyllis Rothrock for the year 2007-2009. They are listed below.

President Donna Bennett Cole; First Vice President James Freeman Blauer; Second Vice President Wayne Rogers; Recording Secretary Elizabeth Breithaupt; Corresponding Secretary Lola Robertson; Treasurer Shirley Williams; Registrar Gloria Kent; Chaplain Giovan V. King.

Chapter Presidents La Rochelle, and San Francisco Bay, gave their reports. The State Society has 75 members, with 20 Life Members, four junior members, two deceased members, three unpaid, three resigned and two associated members. State Registrar Gloria Kent reported on having two new members and three applications ready and two prospective members attended the meeting. Chapter meetings are held in October, January, march, April and May. The Chapters continued to grow financial through numerous donations and proper investments. These donations continued to allow the Chapters the ability to subsidize our fine speaker and more importantly the ability to provide worthy candidates a healthy scholarship on an annual basis. The 2006 recipient was Michelle DuVigneaud, graduate student at Stanford. Four scholarships were given out at Golden Gate University.

The chapters continue to be healthy and continue to meet the objectives of promoting patriotism, history, education and religion in order to perpetuate the memory, spirit, and deeds of the men and women called Huguenots.

Donna Bennett Cole
Donnacole03@aol.com
President

Delaware

Jayne S. Huntington

The Delaware Huguenot Society held two meetings in 2006. Both meetings were held at the Brandywine Public Library on Foulk Road, in North Wilmington.

The Honorary French Consul of the Newport News-Yorktown, Virginia area, Mme. Nicole Yancey, was the guest speaker at our April 2006 meeting. She told us about her research related to the Manakin area Huguenots.

Our fall meeting was held in October. Charles Almond, Esq., was our guest speaker. Mr. Almond told us about his research into the life of Joseph-Eugene Philippe Cappelle, believed to be a Walloon, who was the surgeon with Rochambeau's army.

Dr. Cappelle is buried at Old Swedes Churchyard in Wilmington, Delaware.

After the American Revolution, Cappelle became a permanent resident of Delaware. He was a founding member of both the Delaware Medical Society and also of the Free Masons.

Several members participated in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route's programs held the last weekend in September throughout New Castle County. Events included the performance of a one-act musical, entitled, "Billy Lee's Washington;" a wreath laying at Cappelle's grave; and a lecture given by His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, Ambassador of France to the United States.

Jayne S. Huntington
President

Indiana

Allen W. Moore

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year in Indianapolis. Our April 8, 2006, meeting was held at the Meridian Hills Country Club. The program was provided by Dr. Lorna Shoemaker, Assistant Professor of church History and Director of the Library at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She gave a scholarly talk on religious persecution through the ages as well as the present day. At the business meeting, the members unanimously voted against a proposed bylaw change.

The October 7, 2006 meeting was also held at the

Meridian Hills Country Club. Dinner music was provided by the Williams sisters. It was an honor to have President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe be our guest and give a very informative and interesting talk on the struggles of the Huguenots through the ages in France and the numerous contributions they have made.

During the past year, we have recruited two new members, two members have resigned, and we learned of one death that occurred before this past year. Currently, we have 43 life members and 23 regular members, making a total of 66 members. Our dinner meetings are followed by educational programs. Currently we are looking at ways to increase attendance and participation.

Allen W. Moore
President

Maryland

Barrett L. McKown

The Maryland Society held three general meetings and two council meetings between the 2006 Congress and the 2007 Congress.

The May 21, 2006 luncheon meeting was held at the L'Hirondelle Club (The Swallow) in Ruxton, Maryland. Dr. Orest Ranum, Professor Emeritus in French History from The Johns Hopkins University gave his interesting talk relating the life and fascinating works of Huguenot Bernard Palissy (1509-1590), entitled "A Huguenot and the Natural World." Mr. Palissy was a ceramicist, designer, glassworker, and painter. We are very fortunate to have support and access through Dr. Ranum to knowledgeable speakers on French and Huguenot history.

The October 15, 2006 luncheon meeting was held again at the L'Hirondelle Club. The President was unable to be in attendance due to traveling, and the meeting and program were conducted by the two Vice Presidents, Connie Sparrow and Mary Park. The program was the slide Tour of Huguenot Sites in France photographed with taped narration by Frances DuBois, our former State President 1984-1989.

The recent meeting of March 18, 2007 again was held at the L'Hirondelle Club.

Barrett L. McKown
President
bmckown@aacpl.net

Pennsylvania

Mark S. Dimick

Greetings from the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania!

I am pleased to report that our Society continues to be active as we look forward to celebrating our 90th anniversary in 2008.

Last year our 88th Annual Assembly was held on May 6, a date prescribed by our Society Bylaws because it commemorates the celebration at Valley Forge "of the news of the French Alliance." Members were encouraged to attend the festivities held at Valley Forge National Park on that afternoon following a business meeting and luncheon in the dining room of Shannondell, a convenient suburban Philadelphia location we have been privileged to use for numerous meetings thanks to the continued invitation of Past President Daniel Black.

On Reformation Sunday, State Chaplain The Rev. G.F. Dimick, conducted the annual memorial church service at the historic Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Reamstown, Lancaster County. The sermon was offered by the Rev. Michael Sigman, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Congregational Church. Special music was provided by Lydia Thompson Klinger, Principal Flutist of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra and a descendant of Huguenot Daniel Giraud-Gerow. A copy of the program is attached.

Our membership stands at 259. While approximately two-thirds of the members reside in Pennsylvania itself, almost 90 Huguenots in 30 states maintain their membership in the Pennsylvania Society. I wish publicly to thank our Treasurer, Gladys Clarke Buck, for her recent work in tracking down members with whom for a time we had lost contact, and our Registrar, Katharine Both, for her work in streamlining our application process.

The Jean Ribault Chapter (Louise May, President) is active and growing in the south-central part of the state. There are two meetings per year, both with instructive speakers.

The Languedoc Chapter (Katharine Both, President) is centered in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Our 2007 annual Assembly will be held in conjunction with a Languedoc Chapter meeting at the historic Brush Creek United Church of Christ outside Adamsburg, PA. We will hold a memorial church service including the laying of a wreath at the grave of a Huguenot buried in the church cemetery. Dinner, naturally, will follow! Our Society for years has operated out of the Philadelphia area and enjoyed the historic riches of that corner of the state; I personally am excited at this opportunity to experience Huguenot-related places and people in other parts of Pennsylvania.

We continue to sponsor two college scholarships per year and anticipate exploring new ways to impact the youth who represent the future of the Huguenot Society.

Thanks to all the officers for the time they give to furthering the aims of the Society.

To God alone be the glory; great things he hath done.

Mark S. Dimick
President

Texas

Frank Hall

The Texas Society met on January 20, 2007 in San Antonio. In a formal ceremony, Frank Hall turned the reins of the organization over to President-elect Aubrey L. Wilson of Austin.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to proposals and suggestions for healing the rift that occurred several years ago and resulted in a schism separating three of the Texas chapters from the National Society. All present agreed that this was a deplorable situation.

It was further agreed that Present-elect Wilson's main objectives in 2007 was to address this problem with an all-out effort to effect a solution that would be meaningful and satisfactory to all the parties involved. Accordingly, Wilson is pursuing a course of action that hopefully will restore unity to the Texas Huguenots.

Frank Hall
President

Washington, DC

Shirley de la Barre

We have about 76 members in our society. We have 2 or 3 meetings yearly. Every year we have a Day of Remembrance Service. This past October, we had the service in the Bethlehem Chapel at the Washington National Cathedral. It was conducted by our own Rev. Richard Fichter. The organist played the Huguenot hymn, "Le Cevenole." After the service we proceeded to a Wisconsin Avenue restaurant.

Last month we had our business meeting at the Westchester. We elected and installed officers for the next two years. We also chose delegates for this Congress. After lunch, Neoma O'Brien gave a short talk on Huguenots of Ireland.

Shirley de la Barre
President 2005-2007

SANDRA ANN THOMAS MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO THE BOOK AWARDS PROGRAM

Sandra Ann Thomas, member of the Erst d'Erlach Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Florida, presented a generous donation to the "Book Awards Program" of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., in memory of her mother, Josephine Bogie Thomas, and in honor of President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe, during the banquet preceding the 71st Annual Congress at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC.



L-R: Barbara MacManus, Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Sandra Ann Thomas, Chad Means

The inspiration for this generous gift was Sandra's mother, who took her to France in 1975 to visit the prison Tour de Constance (Tower of Constance) located in Aigues Mortes, France, where 15 year old Huguenot Marie Durand was captured in 1730 and imprisoned for 39 years because her brother was the Protestant minister known as the "Pastor of the Desert."

The Tour de Constance was built by Duke Philip the Bold and was controlled by Huguenots during part of the religious civil wars in France. In 1632, King Louis XII gained control of it, and King Louis XIV ultimately converted it into a women's prison.

Marie's father tried to prevent this disastrous development by marrying young Marie off to Matthew Serres, but unfortunately, Matthew was also arrested. Her father, too, was captured, and ultimately was hanged.

During her long imprisonment, Marie Durand endured the agonies and discomforts of primitive prison conditions of her time. Yet she is known to have led the women in singing Psalms and it is said that she never renounced her own Protestant beliefs. She exhibited

the true Huguenot spirit of "making the best of it," and served as an inspiration of hope to her fellow prisoners. Surprisingly, she was permitted to write letters to authorities and influential people, such as the popular philosophers Voltaire and Rousseau, appealing to them for reform of the appalling prison conditions in which she and her fellow inmates found themselves. She succeeded in winning improvements for all prisoners before she was released by intervention of the Governor of Languedoc, who by 1767 was prepared to and did stand up to King Louis XV and release Marie Durand.

As if all of that were not enough, Marie Durand is most beloved to Huguenots for one of her most enduring acts, which was to scratch the word "Resistée" on the stone floor of her cell, where it still remains visible today. Incidentally, Sandra reports that she saw the word on the floor, not the wall, as is widely reported.

Seeing such evidence of faith and belief made a strong impression on Sandra and inspired this generous and long-lasting gift to the National Huguenot Society. We are truly grateful that Sandra thought of such a wonderful way to express her support for the furtherance of Huguenot principles. Her gift will benefit us all and will serve as an inspiration to others.

See <http://chi.gospel.com.net> and its citations for the source of this article and for more detail on the life and times of Marie Durand.

Arkansas Elects New Officers

Mary Lewis is the new President of the Huguenot Society of Arkansas. Her telephone number is 870-696-3850, and her email address is lewismary1@wmconnect.com.

Other officers elected by the Arkansas Society were:

Vice President: Mary Kaufman
arnoldkaufman@sbcglobal.net

Chaplain: Priscilla Davis (Mrs. Leon)
prisdavis731@cablelynx.com

Secretary: MarJo Dill (Mrs. Robert)
southernlucy@cablelynx.com

Treasurer: Ella Ann Peters (Mrs. Flave)
Flave49@sbcglobal.net

Registrar: Nancy Askew (Mrs. Jess L., Jr.)
naskew@windstream.net

Historian/Curator/Librarian: Olivia Olson
Oliviaar77@cox.net

BOOK AWARD GOES TO FROM NEW BABYLON TO EDEN

BY DR. BERTRAND VAN RUYMBEKE

The Awards Committee selected the book *From New Babylon To Eden, The Huguenots and their Migration to Colonial South Carolina* (Columbia, University of South Carolina Press, 2006), by Dr. Bertrand Van Ruymbeke, for the Book Award. Dr. Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Ph.D., La Sorbonne-Nouvelle, 1995) is a professor of American history at the Université de Paris VIII at Saint-Denis. He has taught at the Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin, at the College of Charleston, SC, and the Université de Toulouse.

Earning reviews that describe him as “perhaps the leading scholar of colonial British America” (in the opinion of Jack P. Greene, Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University) and his book as “a compelling view of the Huguenots’ arrival and remarkable experience in South Carolina” (Jon Butler, Howard R. Lamar Professor of History and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University), and “a major addition to early modern European migration studies,” (Jack P. Greene, above), Dr. Van Ruymbeke is a prolific authority on the subject of Huguenots. He was the co-editor of *Memory and Identity, The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora* (Columbia, University of South Carolina Press, 2003), *Les Huguenots et l’Atlantique, Histoire, memoire et patrimoine* (Paris, Presses Universitaires de Paris-Sorbonne, 2007) and author of *From New Babylon to Eden, The Huguenots and their Migration to Colonial South Carolina* (Columbia, University of South Carolina Press, 2006).

The University of South Carolina Press website contains a synopsis of the book and the book reviews referred to above, explaining that the book concentrates on the story of why the Huguenots left France, what they expected upon their arrival in Charleston versus what they found, and how they adapted and assimilated into American life.

We shall all hope that Dr. Van Ruymbeke will continue to publish his research and insights about Huguenots, as it greatly enriches our Huguenot community and spirit.

Indiana Elects New Officers

The Huguenot society of Indiana elected and installed new officers on 14 April 2007 for the 2007-2009 term.



They are, pictured L-R:
Allen W. Moore, Dr. Mary E. Kiersma, Rose Mary Kiersma, Marshall Miller, Robert Rati, and William M. Ramey.

Washington, DC Elects New Officers



At a luncheon meeting in March, the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, elected the following officers for the 2007-2009 term.

Standing L-R:
President: Mrs. Janice Murphy Lorenz
Registrar/Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Muriel Oehme
Chaplain: The Rev. Richard Fichter
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Virginia Lester
Treasurer: Mrs. Suzanne Fichter
Historian/Librarian: Mrs. Neoma O'Brien
Councilor: Mrs. Eleanor Niebell
Vice President: Mr. John Sisson (not pictured)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

19 October 2006 – 3 June 2007

We are so pleased to welcome the following new members, and congratulate our existing members who provided proof to support the addition of one or more supplemental Huguenot ancestors to their records. We look forward to many fine years of fellowship with you.

NEW MEMBER	STATE SOCIETY	ANCESTOR
Backus, Charlene Ione Slezak	WI	Andre Naudin
Bailey, Virginia Ashworth	FL	Hester Mahieu
Beccue, Henrietta Phyllis Braasch	FL	Abraham Sy
Blakeney, John MacNaughtan	WA	Pierre Bacot
Braasch, Elda Marie	FL	Abraham Sy
Breihaupt, Elizabeth Budd	CA	Marie Beau (Supp #1) Johannes de Peyster II (Supp #2)
Brody, Lynn Ann Nail	VA	David des Marest
Buchanan, Adaline Jane Ruble	MD	Joris Jansen de Rapalje
Campbell, Marjorie Evelyn Van Duzer	FL	Guillaume de la Vigne (Supp #7) Jean Vassall (Supp #8)
Cole, Reba Louise Moore	AR	Pierre Dutoit
Davis, Jane Elizabeth	TX	Gabriel Bobo
De la Barre, Carmen Jean	DC	Abraham de la Barre
Denny, Susan Lenore Williams	CA	Reuel Pierre Rulon
Duncan, Bonnie Jean Hodge	VA	Gabriel Maupin
Engelbrecht, Jay Robert *	PA	Francois Clavell
Fomby, Jennifer Lynn	TX	Lewis Latane
Geanes, Virginia Kathleen Johnson	DC	Etienne Mallet
Gibson, Dorothy Peggy Dupree	VA	Louis DuPre
Griffith, Beverly Ann Thompson	MO	Abraham Michaux
Hicks, Marguerite Urbane Belote	VA	Jacques d'Auge
Hilton, Gladys Elizabeth Collier	FL	Jeremie Cothonneau
Holland, Mary Emily Moody	GA	Pierre LeGrand
James, Mary Luphelia Wells	TN	Mareen Duvall
Kooistra, John Samuel	AR	Abraham Soblet
Kooistra, Martha Ann Peters	AR	Abraham Soblet
Latham, John William	OH	Joris Jansen Rapalje
Levy, Lenore Clare Laurence	TN	Louis DuBois
Lewis, Augustine Warner III	VA	Lewis Latane
Luscombe, Jo Ellen Jennette	IL	Pierre Chastain
Malek, Donna Lee Wilkinson	CA	Abraham SalleAntoine Gevaudan (Supp #1)
Mann, Kristin L. Wagner **	PA	Francois Clavell
Mathes, Lucinda Ann Burns	PA	Gideon Merlitt
Mertes, Lynne Hendey	CA	John Vassall (Supp)
Moore, Allen Wendell	IN	Philippe Casier (Supp #1)
Nakajima, Martha Ann DeWitt	MA	LAbraham Rutan (Supp #1)
Neugaard, Edward Joseph	FL	Pierre Feret
Newland, Kathryn Hoffman Shield	VA	Vincent Runyon
Noble, Christie Ann	IA	Nicholas Gaillard
O'Connor, Janis Windham	TX	Pierre LeGrand
O'Connor, Michael Patrick	TX	Pierre LeGrand

Oehler, David William	TX	Jan de la Chaire
Oehler, Judith Jane Moody	TX	Jan de la Chaire
Oehler, Paul Edwin	TX	Jan de la Chaire
Oosterhoudt, Geoffrey Carmichael	GA	William Pickens
Patrick, Joseph Dudley	AL	Jean Bodine
Poplin, Martha Faye Harris	AR	Jacques Cossart
Rayle, Albert Amis IV	AR	Daniel Streing
Rayle, Elizabeth Hardin	AR	Daniel Streing
Rembert, Susan Diane	TN	Andre Rembert
Richardson, Donald Charles	FL	Mark Hardin
Sapp, Katherine Sue (Penny) Collier	FL	Jeremie Cothonneau
Schmitz, Mackie Rae Linfor	CA	David Demarest
Sizemore, Anne Catherine Mills	MO	Jean DeJarnette
Sizemore, Edward Scott	MO	Jean DeJarnette
Sizemore, Richard Mason	MO	Jean DeJarnette
Sizemore, Robert Christan	MO	Jean DeJarnette
Sovacool, Teryl Wanda Shaw	FL	Hester Mahieu
Steward, Suzanne Duvall	NC	Mareen Duvall
Thomas, Kathryn Washburn Schmidt	FL	Ambroise Sicard
Tillotson, John Martin	MO	Gabriel Maupin
Upchurch, William Jay	DC	Etienne Mallet
Washburn, Anne Colleen Burton	NC	Robert DePriest
Webber, Susan Elizabeth Pemberton	VA	Louis Dumas
Wesley, Barbara Dale Webb	TX	Jacques LeRoux
Wright, Sally Jo Effinger	DE	Matthew Blanchan
Zeagler, Millard Fillmore Jr.	TX	Lewis Latane

Supp indicates "Supplemental Ancestor"
*Admitted to membership 8 August 2006

MAL indicates "Member at Large"
**Admitted to membership 8 June 2006

SOME REMARKS ON EDITED HUGUENOT CORRESPONDENCE

Donald A. Randolph

The understanding of the Huguenots' story, ever more carefully and ever more in depth, is a modern-day aspiration. The pertinent scholarship that is coming out today in this regard is not resting on its laurels. Certainly its contributors would not be content with any idea that Huguenot history is solely a limited theme from the past, with limited resources for its study so circumscribed that what can be drawn upon has probably already been divulged, exploited, and thoroughly exhausted through prior investigation.

No, far from lessening nowadays, the interest in this religious group's history and its culture still grows apace, with steady reexaminations and new clarifications of their various elements. Apart from the high quality of the scholarship involved, there are other matters that make possible this contemporary inquiry and additional reassessment. One such

feasibility is the fact that the Huguenots left behind in many places, Switzerland, France, Germany, England, Holland, America, even Poland and Hungary, a vast accumulation of correspondence to and fro, a key and intimate resource for the revealing of their existences, life styles, and inner contemplations. We are fortunate that somehow so much of it has survived the centuries to reach us.

It would be excessive to try to go into all of the Huguenot writers involved with this particular form of still existent documentation, for they are large in number. Rather, this presentation will restrict itself to some of greater repute that are being subjected to this present-day trend of a closer, finer academic scrutiny.

A recent book reminds us again of a long-sustained

—Continued on page 28

tradition: the locating, the selecting out, and the editing and publication of Huguenot correspondence. Written in French, *Les grands intermediaires culturels de la Republique des Lettres* (The great cultural intermediaries of the Republic of Letters), (2005), is not in matter of fact simply one more collection of such writing. Instead, as its subtitle explains, it consists of a series of studies on networks of correspondence that existed from the sixteenth through the eighteenth century. These networks tended to evolve around a principal intermediary, a core person of distinction. So each chapter in this publication is devoted to a different great intermediary, beginning with Erasmus. Of these central figures, three were influential, celebrated Huguenots of note.

Thus, its chapter 10, which we owe to Antony McKenna, is concisely entitled “La corespondance de Pierre Bayle” (pp. 307-338). Subsequently, Christiane Berkvens-Stevelinck presents to us in Chapter 12 “Prosper Marchand, intermediaire du Refuge Huguenot” (pp. 361-386). Jens Haseler closes out the selections thereafter with “Jean-Henry Samuel Formey—correspondance academique et journalistique” (pp. 413-434). Each study is of considerable length and dense with data with regard to epistolary exchanges. The authors, Haseler, Berkvens-Stevelinck and McKenna, are highly recognized specialists on seventeenth and eighteenth century savants.

There is another article on networks worth mentioning, on with the additional advantage of being written in English. This study, called “informal networks,” constitutes the sixth chapter of the first volume of a work directed by Knur Hankinson, *The Cambridge History of Eighteenth Century Philosophy*, dated 2006. Its author, Ann Thomson, goes into the importance of exiled Huguenots in England and Holland for the circulation of new ideas, enlightened exiles who went even further, mixing into this flow of creative output arguments against and denunciations of papal authority and its intolerance. She, too, then, brings up Pierre Bayle and his tremendous contribution to this successful guiding of the thinking of the day.

Bayle, who epitomized this kind of intellectual key correspondent, was born in the year 1647 in the small French town called Carla. His father, Jean, a reformed preacher, led the local church. Jean Bayle did not fare too well, either financially or in his chosen profession, for it is said that his sermons were so dull that they could put his listeners asleep. Yet the good man was solid and steadfast in his convictions—moreso than his son, who for a short while drifted away spiritually to the Catholic faith. Pierre, later, once again a protestant, relocated

to several cities in and out of France until settling at last at Rotterdam. In that prestigious center the exile became a professor of history and philosophy and with the publication of his masterpiece, the *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique*, he began to exert across Europe the power of his mental sway. The dictionary, really a kind of encyclopedia, was even smuggled into France.

Bayle’s memory has been blessed by excellent biographers. They include, for instance, from his own day, his co-worker and close associate Pierre Desmaiseaux—another Huguenot whose correspondence has been published. And, from our own times, Elisabeth Labrousse, who has written many valuable books and articles on his life and works, and on his correspondence. In 2004, working with a team of editors from the Voltaire Foundation of Oxford, she produced volume 3 of the correspondence of Pierre Bayle, covering the years 1678 to 1683 and attaining with this third volume up to the letter numbered 241. Hubert Bost, who also served on the team with volume 2, produced in 2006 his own Pierre Bayle, an extraordinarily complete biography that will be difficult to surpass.

As stated earlier, the first step for editors, in the publishing of Huguenot correspondence, is to trace down and ascertain its present location. While chance discoveries of previously unfound items may occur, normally editors turn to the libraries, archives and private collections where a truly impressive amount of Huguenot correspondence has been able to survive. Of course most of these materials remain sheltered in European repositories—but not all. For instance, McKenna, who lists various whereabouts of Bayle’s at hand collected correspondence, points out that the part of it that has found haven and safeguard in New York, in the Library of the University of Columbia.

Moreover, more mundane mail from European Huguenots was received by friends and relatives in our country’s colonies. Thus, in 1935, writing for the Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, Susan Smythe Bennett could translate “A letter from Jacob Bourdillon of London, pastor of the church of L’Artillerie, to Paul Turquand of Carolina” (pp. 49-57).

As for selecting out, the possibilities are boundless. The editor may wish to publish a single letter, a cache of them, or a very extensive and varied sampling, depending on accessibility and any special intent. The desire may be to bring to press every known letter of the writer, or to restrict the selection to his correspondence with his family—or her family, or

with some other famous figure of the day, or with a respondent to whom the writer sends news regarding some monumental event like the massacre of the night of Saint Bartholomew.

The presentation of the letters themselves can also be done in many ways. Their context, their message, may come preceded by an introduction or prologue, and be followed by copious or limited notes, by an epilogue or appendices, by a brief or an extensive bibliography. An editor often places just before a letter's text some type of pre-script indicators. They could be the exact date of the letter, its number within the collection, or, when respondents' replies are also mixed in, some form of symbol that indicates that person's identity without having to wait to see the signature at the end. Thus a pre-script indicator like J7, JACOLOT could anticipate letter number seven from Isaac Jacolot.

At times editors of Huguenot correspondence must contend with problems in language. The book on networks makes clear some of the difficulties of this nature. Since editors are also translators, they must be prepared to deal not only with the modern languages, but with Latin, Greek and Hebrew as well. Early modern scholars, many of them ministers, were fully trained in the classics, were Latinists, and employed the ancient tongue with confidence and care. Bayle learned Latin and Greek from his father, Calvin's principal works were written in Latin, and Theodore Beza, Calvin's successor in Geneva, was a professor of Greek at Lausanne.

A vaguer area of difficulty for editors arises out of a Huguenot foreboding. Particularly in France, during the fury of the religious wars, letter writers feared that what they wrote might fall into dangerous hands, that it might be intercepted en route and then be perused to their personal detriment by an ideological or a religious foe. So editors come across letters sometimes written with ambiguous wording, or sometimes riddled with in-group codings for secrecy's sake. The tendency to conceal even affected literature, and it is no surprise, given such antecedents, to find an article by Z. Porat called "The art of deceiving: the rhetoric of veiled writing in Pierre Bayle's Historical and Critical Dictionary." This study is dated 1973.

Finally, a few words regarding productivity seem appropriate. Elisabeth Labrousse reported in an inventory of the correspondence of Pierre Bayle, dated 1961, 1644 known letters, 927 being his and 717 being addressed to him. Only shortly before that date, in 1960, another beautifully edited series was begun. This project was put out by the Society of the Historical Museum of the Reformation, Geneva, and it was done

by several different scholarly teams. Ongoing, the series was the correspondence of Theodore de Beza. By 2005, the sequence had reached its volume 27, which represented the year 1586 in Beza's life. For how much more is to come, just consider that Beza lived until 1605, and was still actively preaching and writing in his 80's.

As for Formey, a second generation Huguenot in Germany and the Secretary of the Academy of Sciences for Prussia, Haseler lists as this man's total correspondence 17,000 letters written by 2427 correspondents in six languages, of which 1,400 were written by Formey himself.

It is difficult not to wonder, with regard to the large scale production of so many letters by these intermediaries, and by other Huguenots like them—it is difficult not to wonder where did they find the time for it all, the energy and the strength? How could the sickly Calvin work into the turmoil of his hectic schedule this additional demanding activity, when in Geneva alone, it is estimated, he wrote thousands of sermons? The Calvinists were faced by the debilitating effects of the many illnesses of the day, such as catarrh, gout, grippe, cholera and malaria.

Nevertheless, in spite of all these obstacles, overwork, religious travail, and the challenges constantly brought on by maladies and disease—in an age of primitive medicine—our Huguenot theologians and men of culture carried on, able to devote themselves somehow to a vast legacy and leaving behind an inheritance that continues to be of capital importance to modern historians. The letters of these intermediaries, as ambiguous and as filled with puzzling abbreviations as some of them were, still serve to provide today's scholars with eyewitness accounts and commentaries, which help them to see and understand ever more clearly the past in which these correspondents lived. Their output, written perhaps by flickering candlelight and with very tired eyes, represents one more valuable accomplishment of our Huguenot ancestors worthy of our utmost admiration and respect.

Donald A. Randolph
Historian and Past President
Fleur de Lis Chapter
Huguenot Society of Florida

Dr. Randolph is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Miami, where he was a Professor of foreign languages for more than thirty years before his retirement. He has held several offices in the Florida Society. We are fortunate that Dr. Randolph has continued to devote his valuable expertise to the study of Huguenots, and to share his findings with us.

DELANO KINDRED DEDICATES MARKER IN DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

By Muriel Curtis Cushing, Jean Calvin Chapter,
Florida Society

On 17 June 2005 the DELANO KINDRED dedicated a memorial marker in Duxbury, Massachusetts on part of the 40 acres granted in 1637 to Philippe de La Noye/deLannoy/Delano “bounded by the land of John Alden lying on the south side, the sea on the east side, and the lands of Edward Bumpasse on the west side.”¹



Philippe Delano [sic] was born in Leiden, Holland and baptized in the Walloon Church on 6 November 16032, he was the descendant of Huguenot refugees who had fled from the southern provinces of Belgium (now France) collectively know as Wallonia, the land of the Walloons.²

To date, Philippe’s grandfather Guillebert de Lannoy is believed to have fled to England prior to 24 August 1572, the day of St. Bartholomew’s Massacre. He probably settled first in London, then in Sandwich, and later joined the larger Huguenot congregation in Canterbury, England.³ On Easter Day, 1591, Guillebert de Lannoy, his wife and their daughter Marguerite were received as members of the Walloon Church in Leiden.⁴ A few years later on 14 October 1595, their son Jan deLannoy was received as a member of the Walloon Church of Leiden, “by confession of faith.”⁴ Marie Mahieu, his future wife, also joined the church on the same date. On 13 January 1596 the banns of Jan Lano [sic] and Mary [sic] Mahieu (parents of Philippe) were published.⁵ Although the Mahieus are said to have come from London, they had previously been in Canterbury as noted in the betrothal of Marie’s sister Hester Mahieu to Franchoys Couck (Francis Cooke) on 4 July 1603 which lists Hester as “from Canterbury.”⁶

The foreword of the Francis Cooke genealogy written by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs and published by the Mayflower society notes that “from the preserved lists of people who took communion in the Leiden Walloon congregation, we learn that between 1600 and 1620, one hundred ninety-one people joined the congregation with testimonial letters of transfer from the Walloon congregation of Norwich, one hundred twenty-seven joined with letters of transfer from the Walloon church at Canterbury, and sixty-three joined with letters of transfer from the Walloon church at London. This points to a great deal of movement and suggests constant communication among the various dispersed refugee groups.”⁷ In addition to the above congregations from England are listed smaller groups with letters of transfer from approximately 66 churches in different areas of France, Switzerland, northern Netherlands and Germany including L’Olive (the name of a secret congregation in Catholic-occupied territory).⁷

In June 2006 the DELANO KINDRED began a Y-chromosome DNA project with the goals of: solving some of our unknown lines; determining a good signature of Philippe’s DNA; and discovering answers to remaining questions about our European ancestry through research and DNA testing. By testing proven lines of four of Philippe’s sons viz: Thomas Delano married Rebecca Alden, Jonathan Delano married Mercy Warren, Samuel Delano married Elizabeth Standish and Philip Delano married Elizabeth Sampson we have been able to establish what we consider a good signature (base) of Philippe’s DNA and we are now looking to test proven lines of those in Europe with the surname of Delannoy or variant spellings. If interested, please visit our website www.Delanoye.org for more information.

References: [1] Plymouth Colony Records 1:67; [2] NEHGR 143:197-8 (Leiden Records by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs); [3] Audrey Bateman The Mayflower Connection p.5; [4] NEHGR 143:197-8, Leiden Municipal Archives Walloon church Records nr. 40; [5] letter to George DeLano, President of the DELANO Kindred from Mr. T.N. Schelhaas, Keeper of the records of the City of Leiden, citing Judicial Archives nr. 89, vol C, folio 142 (marriage of Jan and Marie); [6] NEHGR 143:197-8, Judicial Archives Marriage Register nr. 89, vol.E, folio 69; [7] Francis Cooke, Mayflower Families through five generations MF12:xii.

HUGUENOTS IN IRELAND

No year in Irish history is better known than 1690. No battle is more famous than William III's victory over James II at the River Boyne.

James II of England had lost the throne in the bloodless "Glorious Revolution" of 1688. King James's second marriage to Mary of Modena (a Catholic) had produced a son. Surviving children of his first marriage to Ann Hyde were the Princess Mary and Princess Ann.

William was Prince of Orange, a Dutch-speaking Protestant married to James's daughter Mary. William and Mary became ruling monarchs at the request of parliament which was fearful of a return to the Catholic faith should James remain on the throne and with a male heir.

James sought refuge with Louis XIV of France, who saw an opportunity to strike at William through Ireland. He provided French officers and arms for James, who landed at Kinsale in March 1689. James quickly summoned a parliament, largely Catholic, which proceeded to repeal the legislation under which Protestant settlers had acquired land.

William could not ignore the threat from Ireland. William landed in Carrickfergus in Ulster 14 June 1690 and marched south to take Dublin. The Williamite forces included English, Scottish, Dutch, Danish, Huguenots, and Ulster Protestant troops.

James fought a delaying action and chose to place his line of defense at the Boyne River approximately 50 Km. from Dublin. The battle was fought on 1 July 1690. The Jacobite forces were approximately 25,000 and the Williamite forces approximately 36,000. Casualties for the Jacobites were approximately 1,500 and the Williamites 750.

William marched to Dublin two days later, the Jacobites abandoned the city and marched to Limerick on the river Shannon, where they were besieged. James, defeated, returned to France. His supporters fought on until The Treaty of Limerick in 1691.

Small numbers of Huguenot refugees had come to Ireland, mainly via England, from 1620 to 1641, and again with Cromwell in 1649, but it was in 1685, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, that the main body of Huguenots began to arrive, mostly from the countryside around the city of La Rochelle.

After the Williamite wars, large Huguenot settlements were established in Portarlington, Cork, Dublin, Waterford and Lisburn. In the course of time, they became thoroughly absorbed into Irish society through intermarriage and many French names are still familiar in Ireland today.

The small town of Portarlington is a town with a very special history. Portarlington was a Huguenot town, settled by French Protestants. These settlers were mostly from the military, having fought with William of Orange in the wars of the late 17th Century against the army of James II, in conflicts such as the Battle of the Boyne, the sieges of Limerick and the Battle of Aughrim. Henri Massue (1648 – 1720) who was Marquis de Ruvigny and then Earl of Galway had been a general in the Williamite forces and seeing himself as a patron of the Huguenot regiments, he settled them and their families on an estate which had been given to him, as a personal gift, by King William.

The French Church at Portarlington is still there, as is the cemetery with French names on the headstones. Also preserved are the registers begun by Pasteur Jacques Gillet in 1694 written in French.

Approximately two hundred forty-four years after the first entry in Pasteur Gillet's register, in 1938, came one of the greatest achievements of the Irish Government – the enactment of the new Constitution of an independent Ireland.

The Irish Constitution asserts that Ireland is a sovereign and democratic state, that all powers derive under God from the people, who are the final arbiters of any and every question. It guarantees freedom of conscience and free profession and practice of religion.

The tenets of Huguenot faith surely must have been influential in assuring freedom of religion in the Republic of Ireland's Constitution.

Neoma O'Kelley O'Brien
17 March 2007

(Program – Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, Annual Meeting – Westchester, Cathedral Avenue, Washington, DC)

Editor's Note: This story provides an example of the influence of Huguenots on world history.

The Cross of Languedoc is a publication of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
9033 Lyndale Avenue S, Suite 108
Bloomington, MN 55420-3535



Website: www.huguenot.netnation.com
Webmaster: Stephen Gerth



Editor: Janice Murphy Lorenz
All Member (State) Societies are encouraged to send reports of your Society's activities to the editor at:
700 New Hampshire Ave., NW #507
Washington, D.C. 20037
Email: Lorenzj1@verizon.net



Publisher: Vossburg and Associates
430 Brandon Street, Suite I
Greensburg, PA 15601



The Cross of Languedoc
A Publication of
The National Huguenot Society
9033 Lyndale Avenue South
Suite 108
Bloomington, MN 55420-3535

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S POSTAGE
PAID
Permit # 88
Greensburg, PA