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“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:

THE VERPLANCKS AND THEIR HISTORIC MOUNT GULIAN HOME, BOTH WITH HISTORIC AND HUGUENOT CONNECTIONS

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

As everyone now knows, the next National Huguenot Society Congress will be held in the New Paltz, New York area on the weekend of October 4, 2014. New Paltz is the home of one of the early Huguenot colonies and has been beautifully preserved and maintained by the Historic Huguenot Street organization. To acquaint you with some of the history of New Paltz Huguenots, we have reprinted an article in this issue called "The Just Shall Live By Faith," written by Francis DuBois, one of our members, several years ago. But did you know that New York is replete with historic sites of Huguenot significance? Let me tell you about one of them now, the one represented on the cover of this issue of The Cross of Languedoc, the historic home called Mount Gulian, located in the Fishkill-Beacon area of New York, across the Hudson River from the Newburgh-New Paltz area of the Huguenots. The prominent Old New York Dutch Verplanck family built Mount Gulian and has owned and lived in it for generations until more recent times. Mount Gulian figured prominently during part of the Revolutionary War. When it was recommended that NHS visit Mount Gulian while we are in the New York area for our meeting, I discovered that, by marriage occurring in the fourth generation, Huguenot blood was introduced into subsequent generations of the line of Verplancks associated with Mount Gulian. This Huguenot blood was introduced via marriages with the Crommelin family of Holland, a family whose name appears in the NHS 2012 Ancestor Register. The Crommelins were well-documented Huguenots who fled from St. Quentin, France, to Amsterdam, where they built an empire of commerce between Holland and America. This was the same type of business that the Dutch-born Verplancks engaged in once they came from France to Holland to New York, so it was natural that the two families would eventually intermarry and strengthen their familial and commercial bonds. Today, Mount Gulian is a historic property open for tours and special events, and a Verplanck still serves on its Board of Directors. We are looking forward to a tour of Mount Gulian in October.

What follows are the highlights, generation by generation, of the story of the Verplancks and their time at Mount Gulian.

1. Abraham Isaac Verplanck b. __ presumably in Holland. d. 1684

Abraham Verplanck came to America from Holland in about 1640. In about 1635, he had married a widow, **Maria Vigne Roos**, the daughter of Guleyn and Ariantje Cuvilje Vigne. Note-couldn't Vigne be a Huguenot surname? Yes, but that surname is not yet on our records at NHS, which means only that no member has successfully joined NHS on it. Land grants were made to Abraham Verplanck in 1643 and 1644. He and Maria and their family lived near Pearl Street in New York City. They had 9 children before Maria died in 1671. Their second child was born on 1 January 1637, a son named Guleyn, after Maria Vigne Roos's father. Their children's names are recorded in the Old Dutch Church in New York City, as preserved in Valentine's Manual. Abraham was at first a Loyalist to King of England in 1665, but may later have changed his mind.

2. Geleyn (Gulian) Verplanck b. 1/1/1637, d. 4/23/1684

Geleyn grew up to become a prominent merchant and citizen who practiced the Reformed Christian religion. In 1668, he married **Hendrikja Wessels**, daughter of one of the wealthiest men in old New York City. She probably brought a large estate to the marriage.

Geleyn (aka Gulian) Verplanck was twice a schepen, and served as a City Alderman. He bought 85,000 acres of land from the local Indians, in partnership with Francis Rombout and Stephanus Van Cortlandt, in 1683. The property, known as the Rombout Patent, was located in Dutchess County, in today's Fishkill-Beacon area. The partners worked the property by way of logging, hunting, business and crops, for the next 45 years. Meanwhile, back in New York City, the Verplanck family built a lovely mansion at No. 3 Wall Street in New York City and centered their daily lives there.

Cover Photo: Courtesy of Mount Gulian

Geleyn's and Hendrikja's eldest son was Samuel. After Geleyn's death in 1684, Hendrikja remarried, to Jacobus Kip of New York.

3. Samuel Verplanck b. 12/16/1669 d. 11/20/1698

Samuel Verplanck married 26 October 1691 **Ariantje Bayard**. She was born in 1667, the daughter of Balthazar Bayard and Marritje Loockermans Bayard. Doesn't Bayard sound like a Huguenot name? But no evidence could be located to support this suspicion. Samuel and Ariantje had four children before Samuel experienced a mishap at sea on 20 November 1698 while on a voyage from Curacao to Jamaica. Their youngest son, Gulian Verplanck, born 31 May 1698, was only six months old when Samuel, his father, died. Samuel was buried in Jamaica, but his will was proved in 1699, in New York. His widow, Ariantje, remarried.

4. Gulian Verplanck b. 5/31/1698 d. 11/11/1751

Not much is said about Gulian Verplanck's career. He would have grown up in a household without his biological father's presence. But he must have managed pretty well because he was able, in 1737, to marry the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in New York, **Marie Sinclair Crommelin** (1712-1751), the daughter of wealthy merchant Charles Crommelin. Charles was of Huguenot descent from both parents, who hailed from Amsterdam. Their business was the world of New York-Holland high-commerce. The Verplanck-Crommelin marriage was recorded in an English family Bible now located in the Verplanck Room at the Metropolitan Museum. The NHS 2012 Ancestor Register, at p131-132, goes into more detail about the Crommelin family and their Huguenot roots in the San Quentin area of France. Suffice it to say, the Crommelins are clearly of Huguenot descent.

Marie Sinclair's mother was Maryken/Maria Duyckinck, of one of the first Dutch families in America. Her father, Robert Sinclair, was of royal Scottish descent, through King James V and Lord Orkney. Marie Crommelin's family wealth brought the Verplancks even more deeply into the the highest echelons of the old New York City elite guard. They lived at 3 Wall Street, the Verplanck's Manhattan mansion.

By about 1730, the Verplanck family had branched out into the Albany area of New York. So it was understandable when our Verplancks in New York City decided to expand by building a colonial-style fieldstone house on the extensive land holdings in Dutchess County. This home was called "Mount Gulian" and the family used it as a summer home.

At this point the Crommelin-Verplanck story becomes genealogically complex. As background, let's introduce Marie's brother, Daniel Crommelin, who was born in 1707, and had gone to Amsterdam at age 17 to establish his own successful merchant and banking house there called Daniel Crommelin and Sons. It was a great success. Daniel Crommelin married Marie Le Plastier, who was also of Huguenot descent, in Amsterdam. They had a daughter named **Judith**, born 16 September 1739. Her name will come up again later. Daniel's firm made large loans to America after the Revolution.

Returning to our New York City Verplancks, Marie and Gulian had 4 children. They named their eldest son, born in 1739, Samuel. Gulian died in 1751. Unlike other Verplancks, he crafted his will so that the Verplanck land would be inherited solely by Samuel, and not by his wife or his other children. That Verplanck land now included the Wall Street residence in New York City, as well as Mount Gulian in Dutchess County.

5. Samuel Verplanck b. 9/19/1739 d. 1820

In keeping with family tradition, young Samuel traveled to Amsterdam to learn trade and commerce at the foot of his Uncle Daniel Crommelin. There, in 1761, he met and married (on 26 April 1761) his cousin **Judith Crommelin**, mentioned above. Judith was Daniel and Marie Crommelin's eldest daughter, born 1739 in Holland. Samuel and cousin/wife Judith were 22 years old at the marriage.

The couple established their home in New York City, where Samuel became a businessman. They lived in the Verplanck family's Wall Street mansion. The Wall Street residence had an illustrious history of its own. In this home on Wall Street, Col. Lewis Nicola proposed that George Washington be made a king.

Problems erupted in the marriage when, in 1775, the country's involvement with anti-British sentiment had increased, leading to the seizure of Manhattan by Britain in 1776. Samuel sided with the American revolutionaries and Judith sided with the British. Samuel moved to Fishkill, New York, leaving their son behind. Samuel remained a resident of Fishkill until his death. During his residence at Mount Gulian, the home played an important role in American history when, in 1782, Samuel turned over the use of Mount Gulian to General Fredrich Von Steuben and the Continental Army. Mount Gulian was located across the Hudson River from General George Washington's headquarters at Newburgh, New York, and therefore took on a militarily strategic significance. In 1783, after the surrender at Yorktown, General Von Steuben and other chief American officers created the Society of the Cincinnati, America's first veterans' fraternal organization, at Mount Gulian.

Judith decided to remain in their Wall Street mansion. Thereafter, she and Samuel apparently led separate lives. Judith even engaged in a close friendship with William Howe, commander of the British army, before he was recalled to England. Howe's brother led the British naval fleet.

Judith lived in the Wall Street home until her death in 1803.

6. Daniel Crommelin Verplanck, b 3/19/1762 d. 29 March 1834

Daniel's mother, Judith, raised Daniel after his father moved out of the Wall Street home in 1776, when Daniel was but four years old. Daniel not only grew up at the Wall Street home, he apparently continued to live there with his mother Judith after he had started his own family.

Daniel attended Columbia College and while there, met and married Elizabeth Johnson, the college President's daughter. They had two children before she died, in 1789, at age 25. One of them was Gulian Crommelin Verplanck, who was born 6 August 1786. He was only three years old when his mother died. Daniel's second marriage was to Mary Walton. Daniel and Mary Walton Verplanck had 7 children and lived at 3 Wall Street until 1803. They were living there in 1803 when Daniel's mother Judith died. The Wall Street house was closed and the furnishings were sent to Fishkill before being lodged on exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. The Museum maintains a "Verplanck Room" which displays portraits of Samuel Verplanck (who married his cousin, Judith Crommelin), and his younger brother Gulian, a precious and informative Verplanck Family Bible, and other artifacts.

In 1804, Daniel and second wife Mary moved to Fishkill-On-Hudson, into the Verplanck family's estate at Mount Gulian. There, Daniel took a great interest in agriculture and in improving the property. He extensively renovated the structure of the home and established gorgeous gardens with his daughter. Daniel went on to represent Dutchess County in Congress from 1803-1809. He also served as the first judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County, from 1828-1830. Daniel died 29 March 1834.

7. Gulian Crommelin Verplanck b. 8/6/1786, d. 3/18/1870

Gulian's mother having died at a very young age meant that Gulian was basically raised by his grandmother, Judith, at the Wall Street residence she shared with Gulian's father, Daniel, and Daniel's second wife, Mary Walton Verplanck.

Following his father's tradition, Gulian Crommelin Verplanck graduated from Columbia College in 1801. He proved to be the youngest bachelor of arts graduate there. But unlike his father, Gulian did not travel to Amsterdam to study commerce under the tutelage of Daniel Crommelin and Sons; we do not know why. Instead, he read for the law. He started a practice in New York City. Then he traveled for several years in Europe. In 1811, Gulian married Mary

Elizabeth Fenno of Boston and Philadelphia. Her father published the United States Gazette, a federal paper which strongly supported George Washington's administration. But Mary Elizabeth "Eliza" Fenno died of consumption in 1817, on one of their trips to Paris seeking a better climate for her illness. She was buried in Paris. Gulian did not remarry.

In 1822, the Verplanck family's long-time residence at 3 Wall Street was demolished and replaced by the Branch Bank of the United States, whose facade in 1924 was preserved as the front of the Metropolitan Museum's American Wing. Gulian lived at 14th Street, but maintained the Mount Gulian home, as well.

In addition to his political career Gulian C. Verplanck maintained a brilliant literary career, and served in a variety of appointed and political positions over the course of his life. He was viewed as a part of the famous "Knickerbocker Group" which included Washington Irving, William Cullen Bryant, Edgar Allen Poe, and other notable literary names.

Gulian Crommelin Verplanck died a peaceful death at his New York City home on 14th Street.

8. William Samuel Verplanck was born 15 October 1812 and was baptized in his father's favorite church, Trinity Episcopal Church. He came to own a home in the Fishkill area called New Place, but he also maintained the Verplanck's Mount Gulian estate. He and his wife had eight children.

Epilogue: The Mount Gulian home burned down in 1931, but the valuable contents were saved. The structure was restored in 1976 and is now a historic site. A Verplanck daughter sits on the Mount Gulian Historic Site's Board of Trustees, maintaining the family's tradition of continuous association with this important piece of New York historical property. More information about the Verplanck family can be found on the Mount Gulian website, in the sources below, and on the internet.

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NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
LIBERTY FAITH

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONGRESS

CALL TO 79th CONGRESS 2014 IN NEW YORK

PLEASE JOIN US for a Weekend in Historic New York from Friday, 3 October 2014 through Sunday, 5 October 2014. We have planned a weekend of activities, but our only business meetings will take place on Saturday morning, 4 October 2014 at the Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury, 60 Centre Drive, Central Valley, NY 10917.

Our Meeting Motel: Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury, 60 Centre Drive, Central Valley, NY 10917. Telephone 845-782-9600. www.harrimanwoodburyhamptoninn.com. Free breakfast; free wireless internet. Discounted rate for NHS until September 1, 2014 is \$189/night. You may book online at the NHS rate of \$189/night by going to <http://tinyurl.com/2014-NHS>.

The following is a summary of the activities planned for our Huguenot Weekend in Historic New York.

FRIDAY, 3 October

- *3:15 p.m. Leave the Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury for a one-hour tour of Mount Gulian, 145 Sterling St, Beacon, NY 12508, a historic home built and owned by the famous Verplanck family of Old New York. The descendants of the original Verplanck were of Huguenot descent. \$6/person.
- *5:00 p.m. Leave Mount Gulian for restaurant.
- 5:00 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner at Mary Kelly's Irish Pub, 37 Lamplight St, Beacon, NY 12508. Will order off the menu, separate checks.
- *7:30 p.m. Leave Mary Kelly's Irish Pub and return to our hotel.

SATURDAY, 4 October

- 8:30 a.m. Registration. Amsterdam Room, Hampton Inn. Registration is \$15/per person
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. General Council/Congress Meetings. Amsterdam Room, Hampton Inn.
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon at Hampton Inn, ordered in from local Italian restaurant. \$40 per person.
- 2:00 p.m. Board Meeting (elected National officers and Honorary Presidents General)
Everyone else is On Your Own; use hotel shuttle bus for local transport.
- *5:30 p.m. Leave Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury for The Powelton Club, 29 Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY 12550.

6:00 p.m.-

8:45 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner at The Powelton Club, a private country club in Newburgh, New York. \$100/per person. Hors d'oeuvres to be served during cocktail hour. Powelton Club Specialty Salad as appetizer, warm rolls with butter. Choose between four delicious entrees: 1. Filet Mignon with mushroom Bordelaise sauce; 2. Roasted Chicken with long stem artichokes and roasted tomatoes with a lemon jus; 3. Grilled Salmon with tomato and Kalamata olive salad; or 4. Vegetarian Strudel with phyllo dough and roasted root vegetables, herbed goat cheese and tomato pesto served with a side salad. Choice of entrée to be indicated on registration form. Wine will also be served with the meal. Cocktail attire.

*8:45 p.m.-

9:00 p.m. Leave Powelton Club and return us to Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury, 60 Centre Dr., Central Valley, NY

SUNDAY, 5 October

*10:00 a.m. Leave for the Huguenot Reformed Church, 92 Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY 12561.

10:30 a.m. Church service, Huguenot Reformed Church, 92 Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY 12561. Conducted by our own Fr. Sonny Smith, beginning about 10:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., depending upon our group's actual arrival time.

11:45 a.m. Luncheon, Deyo Hall, on site at Historic Huguenot Street; catered, casual. \$40/person.

1:30 p.m.-

3:30 or 4:00 Tour of Historic Huguenot Street. \$12/person.

*4:00 p.m. After the tour, a few people with cars might leave for home directly from New Paltz. Others may be staying over Sunday night and will not leave until Monday morning.

*5:00 p.m. -

7:00 p.m. Dinner at Rock and Rye Tavern, 255 Huguenot St, New Paltz, NY 12561. Restaurant does not open until 5:00 p.m. Order off menu. Separate checks. Supposed to be "fabulous."

*7:00 p.m. Return to Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury, 60 Centre St, Central Valley, NY

Transportation: *Note: Transportation is being arranged for those who indicate when registering that they will need it. We hope to avoid it, but our logistics are complex, so A SEPARATE TRANSPORTATION CHARGE MAY APPLY LATER, once arrangements can be more accurately completed. All times indicated below which involve transportation pickups and drop-offs are estimates and could be changed slightly on site. Restaurants where we are paying by separate checks are also subject to change, depending upon the size of our party.*

The Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury provides local shuttle service only. It is willing to provide our members with shuttle service to/from Stewart Airport ONLY if you will call them and arrange it ahead of your trip and then follow any other instructions they may have. If this will not work for you, you will need to make other arrangements regarding airport pickup and drop-off.

Obtain Registration Forms from your State President or from the NHS San Antonio office, or download it from our website at www.huguenot.netnation.com.

At this time, the total for a person who participates in all activities is \$213.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings, dear Huguenots. We have several exciting developments to share with you. First, you will recall that we have planned a “pilgrimage” Congress in the New Paltz, New York area for 3-5 October 2014. Our hotel has unexpectedly changed locations, from Newburgh to a Hampton Inn in Central Valley, New York. But the object of our gathering remains the same, which is to unite us in Huguenot fellowship for a weekend of fun activities in historic New York, starting on 3 October with a tour of Mount Gulian, and culminating in an visit on Sunday 5 October to Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, the location of the old Huguenot colony which has been beautifully preserved. Our Call To Congress is actually two pages long, there is so much planned for us. We apologize if the change in hotels and in firming up our rather complex logistical planning, which may have caused The Cross to be mailed out a bit late. At this meeting, a Nominating Committee will be elected and tasked with proposing a slate of national officers to run at the election to be held at the Congress of 2015 in Springfield, Illinois.

We are delighted to report that the National Huguenot Society was placed back on solid financial footing by the end of 2013, and that after dues payments were received for 2014, our financial condition is even more solid. We have succeeded in getting NHS on track in an economy which has been persistently sluggish, in which interest income on our accounts has seemed almost nonexistent. Additionally, we remind you that we have established an Endowment Fund , which requires a minimum balance of \$10,000 in order to qualify for professional management and the best rate of return. We hope you will consider donating at least \$100 to the Endowment Fund. That will qualify you to purchase our new Endowment Pin, designed by our own Second Vice President General, Sheila Richards, with Hamilton Jewelers. That pin and other new insignia are pictured in this issue of The Cross. The Endowment Fund will be monitored by the Treasurer General, the Finance Committee, and also by a panel of three members, who will be appointed as soon as the first donation is made. Send your donation payable to National Huguenot Society Endowment Fund, and send it to our Treasurer General, Rex Gradeless, at P.O. Box 112, Auburn, IN 46706-0112.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that we have a new national logo, which will appear on some new products to be offered for sale to our members in the near future. Here is the main logo, which was approved by the Board at its April meeting in Washington, DC.

A very productive Board of General Officers (elected officers, Honorary Presidents General) was held in April in Washington, DC, and was followed by a well-attended luncheon. At the luncheon, the National Huguenot Society awarded our beloved James Dewey O’Brien, J.D., with the “Silver Award,” the Distinguished Service Award, which is one of the highest awards recognized by NHS. More about that honor to this most deserving individual appears elsewhere in this issue.

In early June, this President General visited our marvelous Arkansas Society, which had a strong turnout for its luncheon. Arkansas showered me with a warm Southern welcome, great conversation, great food, a beautiful setting (the Country Club of Little Rock), and surprised me at the end by presenting me with the highest award granted by Huguenot Society of Arkansas, the Thelma Cook Martineau Award for leadership and service. I will try always to live up to this honor. Many thanks to our beloved Honorary President General Nadine Strang Hardin-Miller, who organized my trip and showed me such a wonderful time.



*The new logo of
The National Huguenot Society*

In late June, I traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to participate in the Unveiling of Visit Jacksonville’s new door and to attend various events celebrating the 450th Commemoration of the First American Thanksgiving of 1564 by the two Huguenot explorers to create a colony in America. This French, Huguenot colony was established at Fort Caroline, near Jacksonville. Or at least, that is what has been believed for the past 450 years; there is a recent controversy as to whether the true location of the colony was in Georgia, so the festivities I attended in Jacksonville included a program by two professors of archaeology about the controversy. The Florida events were special from start to finish.

After the Visit Jacksonville Door Unveiling by the Florida Secretary of State, there was a “De Laudonniere Luncheon” in honor of the Huguenot explorer who survived the Spanish slaughter, returned to France, and wrote about his experience. His descendant, Christophe de Laudonniere Goulaine, owns and operates the original chateau in France, Chateau Goulaine, the oldest winery in France, which produced the wine which we enjoyed at the luncheon. At noon, he and Jean Ribault’s descendant, Gaetan Ribault, who now resides in a chateau in Nantes, France, joined us by Skype and FaceTime for an international toast. It was good to visit with our Florida Society’s David Bahn, and Nancy Corwin, our national Counselor General, Mary Nelson Morgan and her son. I also enjoyed the company of Michael Fisher, a fellow lawyer, who owns the rare and beautiful collection of De Bry drawings about Fort Caroline which are currently on display at the Cummer Museum. Afterward, several dignitaries were treated to a special tour of the Cummer Museum to see those incredibly informative drawings, and more. It displays many gorgeous works of art, a number of them by artists of Huguenot descent. From there, we toured the Museum of Science and History, which hosted several interesting exhibits about Fort Caroline and the Jacksonville area. After the museum tours, I attended a business meeting with representatives of the Mayor’s Office, Visit Jacksonville, the National Park Service, the French Consul of Florida and Honorary Consul of Jacksonville. The meeting was conducted by Joanelle Mulrain, tirelessly creative volunteer. Joanelle is hoping to prove her line to Huguenot ancestor Rucker, and we certainly hope she will soon join our Florida Society.



The new door at Jacksonville’s tourism office, which very clearly recognizes the two Huguenot explorers of 1562 and 1564.

The day culminated in a reception at City Hall, organized by Mayor Alvin Brown’s Office and Emily Lisska, Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society. City Hall was filled with various Jacksonville City Council officials and others dressed in historical costumes, citizens, and French dignitaries. Several of us were presented with Keys to the City of Jacksonville by Mayor Alvin Brown. I was asked to join in making a few brief remarks, which I made on behalf of the National Huguenot Society, and then we proceeded into the auditorium for a fascinating program about the true location of Fort Caroline. Jacksonville is a friend of the National Huguenot Society and indeed of all Huguenots, and it would be wonderful if we could all join in supporting the City’s efforts. One way that might be done is for everyone to attend their 450th Gala dinner event planned for November 2, 2014. Check the City’s website, coj.net, for details.

The Illinois Society has invited us to hold our 2015 Congress in Springfield, Illinois, on 9-10 October 2015 at the Hilton Springfield. We have negotiated a room rate there of \$100/night for a standard room, if you make your reservation (call 1-800-445-8667) by September 17, 2015. The Programs & Arrangements Committee is working with the Huguenot Society of Illinois in planning the details of those meetings and activities. At that meeting, an election of national officers will be held.

Meanwhile, we hope to see as many of you as possible at our 2014 Congress in New York in October. Until then,

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,
Janice

NOTICE OF THE 2015 WORLD HUGUENOT CENTER INTERNATIONAL MEETING

The Comité Protestant des Amitiés Françaises à l’Etranger (World Huguenot Center) will hold its next International Meeting in September 2015 in the Bordeaux region of France. Some of our members have expressed great interest in attending, so we will notify you of additional details as we receive them. You may contact the World Huguenot Center directly at contact@huguenots.fr. The World Huguenot Center was created in 1915 to make French Protestantism known in protestant circles throughout the world. Its triennial international meetings of Huguenot descendants are held in a different region of France each time.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS SPRING MEETING, APRIL 12, 2014

The April Meeting of the Board of General Officers of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., was called to order in the Smith and Wollensky Restaurant in Washington, D.C. on April 12 at 9.30 a.m. by President General Janice Murphy Lorenz.

Chaplain General Joel Strauch gave the Invocation and led the Prayers. President General Janice Murphy Lorenz led the Pledge to the Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of United States of America.

The Board of General Officers meet at least once as nearly possible mid-way between meetings of the Annual Congress and makes a report of any actions taken, as well as actions recommended, to the next Annual Congress. Six General Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Roll Call of Officers was read by the President General. The following responded:

President General Janice Murphy Lorenz	Organizing Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck
First Vice President General Rev. Paul Weeghman Smith	Registrar General Nancy Wright Brennan
Third Vice President General Alice Johnson Sweeney	Genealogist General—Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
Corresponding Secretary General Noella Mae Oberlin	Chaplain General Joel Strauch
	Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien

There was a quorum of at least six present.

PAST MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Congress for 2013 had been read and approved by committee and published. Hearing no further corrections, the Minutes were approved as published.

A Minutes Reading Committee for the current Minutes comprised of Mary Margaret Buck and Jeannine Sheldon Kallal was appointed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Rex Gradeless, Treasurer General, the Treasurer's Reports for 2013 and for 2014 Year to Date were read by President General Janice Lorenz. The reports were placed in the file and will be published in the Cross.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

President General Janice Murphy Lorenz discussed the current disposition of the finances stating that the sales of the 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors has been good and that, as of the close of 2013, our Balance Sheet shows a net gain of \$2,300. Furthermore, we collected dues from most state societies in January 2014 totaling \$18,000. Therefore, after three years of sacrifices, there is now a marked improvement in the overall finances of NHS.

The President General informed the Board that members had expressed excitement that the yearly Congress would be held in New Paltz, NY in October. Besides the Congress meeting on Saturday morning, the events would include a tour of Mount Gulian on Friday afternoon and dinner at a local private club on Saturday night, if that can be arranged through connections. After a Sunday morning church service at the French Church in New Paltz, and lunch at the Deyo House on Historic Huguenot Street, the Congress events will end at about 3.30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. As the meeting hotel in Central Valley, New York, is about 20 minutes away from the places we are planning to hold events during Congress, NHS may need to supply transportation to the various events. NHS may need to consider paying for any such costs.

The President General reported. She stated that the National Society does not hear regularly from some of our state societies. Some of them are nevertheless doing well, but silence from some of the others indicates that they are foundering. Some are missing key officers such as President, Treasurer or Registrar, such as the Washington, DC society, which at present has no President or Registrar. Indiana has several life members, and thus, its ability to collect annual dues is limited. Other states are similarly situated. Tennessee's Treasurer has been ill, and Connecticut has also had some problems. Using Maine with its low number of only a handful of members as an example, the President General stated that the size of the state is not indicative of the success of the society.

Chaplain General Joel Strauch expressed a concern that he did not have a current Necrology list.

Registrar General Nancy Brennan reported that during the year 2013 there had been 76 applications, seven supplemental ancestors, and seven youth applications processed. Among the state societies, Virginia led with 11 applications processed while Texas had nine and Florida and Tennessee had tied for third place with seven each. For January through April, 2014, 21 had been approved, one reinstated, four members had transferred to another state, and there was one youth registration. The number one request for 2013 had been for reasons why a Huguenot ancestor was not listed in the 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors. Of the new Directory, 207 had been shipped as of April, 2014. This number did not include those purchased from Amazon or Barnes and Noble as those stores counted sales in a certain number of units and not individual books. During 2013 49 members died and 97 were dropped or resigned.

Historian General Peter Morgan Adams' report was read by the President General. A form to be used for people to submit information for the Huguenot Founders book project will be published in the Cross.

Genealogist General Jeannine Sheldon Kallal reported that updates to the 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors were ready to be published and would include the Landry and the Ramey families, and other new additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Scholarship Committee Chairman Neoma O'Brien reported that Michael Dominick Dangi, a student at the University of Florida at Gainesville with a grade point average of 3.93, has been selected by the Committee as the winner of the 2014 National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award. Neoma O'Brien moved that the scholarship of \$5,000 be awarded to him, and Jeannine Kallal seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

The Scholarly Works Committee Chairman Lee Nelson reported in a written report that the Committee has chosen a book by Geoffrey Treasure called *The Huguenots* as the winner of the 2013 Scholarly Works Award, which carries a \$1000 prize to the author. The Rev. Paul Smith moved that Mr. Treasure's book be awarded the \$1,000 annual Scholarly Works Award for 2013, and Mary Margaret Buck seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Publications Committee Chairman Janice Murphy Lorenz reported that the 2012 Scholarly Works Award winner—the Master's Thesis entitled "The Puritans of France—Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century America" by Gregory Smith, a high school history teacher who is getting his master's degree at New York University -- will be published in 2014 as a paperback along with a special Collection of interesting footnote material which is cited in the thesis and which is in the public domain. The book will be offered for sale by NHS through the San Antonio office and online. The Chairman responded to questions about on demand publishing.

Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien raised the question that the Board consider publishing the Cross once a year, in January, instead of twice a year, as a possible cost savings. After a discussion, there was no motion made.

The Publications Chairman reported that with the selection of a new NHS logo, we will be ready to start selling products such as cards, stationery and other items to our members. The Chairman reported that the Committee launched a design contest for the design of a logo. The award-winning design will get \$300. The Board examined five images of designs and discussed the merits of each one. NHS may ask the winning designer to make any desired final changes that the Board requests. Joel Strauch moved that the designer of the image identified as Fiqi #27 be awarded the prize and the Rev. Paul

Smith seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously. The Rev Paul Smith also moved that the Board agree to purchase a second logo design, one by Kalisar #11 and Jeannine Kallal seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Registrar General Nancy Brennan announced that she would be a speaker at the annual meeting of the Federation of Generational Societies to be held in the convention center in San Antonio, TX, during the last week of August and that it was possible for the National Huguenot Society to have a booth during the meetings. The Registrar General explained that for the three days, Thursday through Saturday, the cost for the booth would be \$199.00 and National Huguenot Society books and pamphlets on Edict of Nantes and other subjects could be sold there. The Rev. Paul Smith moved that the National Society pay for a booth and Joel Strauch seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously. Noella Oberlin, Corresponding Secretary General, agreed to assist at the booth.

NEW BUSINESS

President General Janice Murphy Lorenz announced that the Huguenot Society of Illinois has invited the National Huguenot Society to hold the annual Congress of 2015 in Springfield, but that there is now a discussion within the Illinois Society regarding whether Chicago would be a better location. The Rev. Paul Smith moved that the Board agree and Jeannine Kallal seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved.

The President General circulated a letter received from the Indiana Society seeking advice on its declining annual renewal memberships versus its number of life members, and in volunteers to plan and lead their gatherings. A discussion ensued about ideas for helping Indiana and other societies with a disproportionate number of life members. One of the main ideas was that the success of a state society seems to be directly linked to its willingness to use the internet. That can be done by using emails to communicate with members, and by creating a website to be listed on the national website along with other state's websites.

The President General asked whether NHS would wish to resume donating a small amount to support Cathedral of the Pines, a worthy nonprofit. NHS has not donated in the past few years, in an effort to contain costs. Nancy Brennan made a motion in favor of donating \$50. The motion was seconded by Jeannine Kallal. After discussion the motion was approved.

The meeting recessed for the April Luncheon at 11:30. Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith gave the Blessing before lunch.

After the meal, Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith Rev. Paul Smith led the Necrology service with Scripture and the reading of the names of the deceased members.

James Dewey O'Brien, J.D., former Counselor General of the National Huguenot Society, was awarded the National Huguenot Society's Distinguished Service Medal by President General Lorenz.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the close of the luncheon, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

THE REGISTER OF QUALIFIED HUGUENOT ANCESTORS, Fifth Edition, 2012, IS STILL AVAILABLE

Anyone may purchase this informative reference book from our San Antonio office by downloading an order form from the NHS website, www.netnation.huguenot.com, or by calling the office at 210-366-9995 to make arrangements. WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS.

REPORTS FROM STATE SOCIETIES

Arkansas

The President General attended the June meeting of the Huguenot Society of Arkansas. At the meeting, Seth Cook was presented with the Arkansas Society's scholarship. Seth plans to study to become a nurse anesthetist. Here are some photographs taken at the luncheon.



Arkansas members Seth Cook and Shirley Barham, with Arkansas Vice President Nadine Hardin-Miller and Arkansas Registrar Carol Hartman



Robert Miller (guest), President General Lorenz, Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller (VP of Arkansas Society), and Betty Harp (former President, Arkansas Society)



Nadine Hardin-Miller, NHS Honorary President General and Vice President of the Arkansas Society, presents NHS President General Janice Lorenz with Arkansas' Martineu Award for service and leadership

Seth Cook, the winner of the Arkansas Society's Scholarship for 2014, and President General Lorenz



California

The California Society has been busy taking all of the steps necessary to ensure compliance with California laws regarding its charter.

David Grinnell, Vice President, Treasurer

Delaware

Delaware currently has 24 members. Our new officers are President Kim Burdick of Newark, Treasurer Christine Crossan of Bear, Registrar Geraldine Dorman of Newark, and Vice President/Secretary John Kai Lassen of Greenville.

We had a great meeting at the Hale-Byrnes House with speaker Thomas Weikel of Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, New York. At the meeting, Sam Crossan gave a book



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report on one of several children's books about Huguenots, *Escape Across the Wide Sea*.

Christine Crossan, Treasurer

The historic Huguenot home, Allée House, at Bombay Hook is in need of restoration. It was built in the mid-1750s by Abraham Allée, the son of a Huguenot, and it considered to be among the finest examples of an early Delaware farmhouse.



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After remaining in the Allée family for several generations, it was sold to the United States government in 1962. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Funds are immediately needed for remediation needed to prevent the house from collapsing into the marsh. That remediation



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will be followed by the completion of restoration efforts. It is a beautiful old place in an unspoiled original marshland setting, and is truly worth contributing to and spreading the word to other Huguenots. More information can be found on the internet website, <http://www.friendsofbombayhook.org/>

Kim Burdick, President

Florida

Fort Caroline Chapter

Since the February, 2013 state meeting, the Fort Caroline Chapter has held two meetings at the Selva Marina Country Club in Atlantic Beach, Florida with 12-15 members and guests present at the meetings.

The March 16 meeting featured Emily Lisska, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society. She spoke about the 500th anniversary of the visit to Florida by Ponce de Leon in 2013. The exact site of his landing on the Coast is unknown, but it is thought to be between Melbourne and St Augustine.

The September meeting speaker was Marshall Brewton of the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter in Florida. He presented a program highlighting the Huguenot experience in France from the time of Calvin to the earlier 1800s. He used multiple French coins from the period to illustrate the several periods of Huguenot and royal history.

The Chapter gained one member and lost long-time member Beckwith Bowen. The membership remained the same at 30 during the year.

Alexis Intriago, granddaughter of Chapter member Dr. Claude Godwin received one of the two scholarships from the Huguenot Society of Florida for her second year at Florida Atlantic University.

David Bahn, Acting President, and Mary Morgan, National Counselor General, attended the Laudonniere Luncheon on June 30, 2014 in Jacksonville, about which the President General has written. They are planning to attend the November 2, 2014 celebration, as well. The City of Jacksonville will have more details posted on its website: coj.net/450. Please plan on attending one or more of the upcoming events to celebrate our Huguenot Heritage.

David Bahn, President, Fort Caroline Chapter

Louis DuBois Chapter

I have been elected President to replace Ted Duay and the report for you is as follows;

The annual meeting was held 20 July 2013 at the Lauderdale By The Sea restaurant, The Sea Watch. where elections were held for the term 2013-2015. Elected were; President, Zoe Stout, Vice Pres, TBA, Secretary, Brett Brown, Treasurer, Ted Duay, Registrar, Brett Brown, Chaplain, Debbie Duay and Historian, Cynthia Van Buren.

A donation has been made for \$150 for the Allen Parker Scholarship fund. Another donation of \$200 was made to the Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church in memory of Col. Raymond Shipley donated by the family foundation of member Cynthia Van Buren. Memorial prayers were given for Col. Shipley and for Ruth Powell who had previously been President of the Huguenot Society of Michigan.

Retiring President Ted Duay is the Florida State SAR President and continues as Chapter Treasurer and outlined the new dues structure.

The present membership numbers 10 and we have several prospective members that are being helped by the registrar and hope to increase our membership by year end.

The Chapter made a donation to the Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County of the Register of Qualified Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition, 2012 to be made available to researchers at the library.

Submitted by Zoe Stout, President, Louis DuBois Chapter

Ernst d'Erlach Chapter

The Ernst d'Erlach Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Florida has 23 members. The Chapter lost two members, one deceased, and one delinquent/dropped during the 2013 calendar year. Our registrar is actively working with one promising prospective member, and is following up with two others. The chapter holds three meetings annually: January, May, and October. Our January and October meetings are held in DeLand, and our May meeting is held in Ormond Beach. Chapter officers are: President Marshall Brewton, Vice-President John Coffin, Secretary Lila Sandstrom, Treasurer Ann Register, Registrar Charles Baker, Chaplain Kathryn Thomas, and Historian/Librarian Madeline May.

Our beloved member, Sarah Wilbanks, passed on May 05, 2013. The May meeting was dedicated to Sarah, and a Huguenot Memorial was held for her at that time.

In 2013, the chapter purchased the new Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors.

The chapter donated \$269.00 to the Allen-Parker scholarship fund during the 2013 calendar year. Included in this amount was a \$100.00 donation in memory of Sarah Wilbanks.

For the January meeting, Ruth Ann Fay spoke on the "Huguenot Diaspora in Europe", and Marshall Brewton spoke on the religious symbols included in the painting, A Huguenot, by Sir John Millais.

Our May meeting was held in the chapel at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens, Ormond Beach. The presentation, by Marshall Brewton, was "Coins in Huguenot History", and included several original French coins of particular Huguenot interest, including two original coins minted by the Huguenots in the 16th and 17th centuries. There is little or no information about these Huguenot coins available in English, and it was a rare opportunity to actually see these coins. Much of this presentation was also given to the Ft. Caroline Chapter, Jacksonville, in September, and to the Fontaine-Maury Society annual meeting, New Bern, North Carolina, in October.

Our October meeting included a presentation by Marshall Brewton on Huguenot mereau tokens and Huguenot commemorative coins. Several recasts of original Huguenot mereaux (communion or identification tokens), as well as Huguenot commemorative coins, were on display.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Brewton, President, Ernst d'Erlach Chapter

Georgia

The Georgia Society invites all to Georgia's Fall Meeting, which promises to be the most exciting and explosive that has ever been given in the State. As some of you may have heard, this past February, two professors, both retired, one from Florida State and one from the University of Florida, presented papers at a symposium on Ft. Caroline that was being held Florida State. The two professors, after much research and study in Paris, believe that they now may be able to prove that the location of Ft. Caroline lies not where it has historically been assumed to be for the last 150 years by archaeologists and historians, on the south bank of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, FL, but rather at the mouth of the Altamaha River, south of Darien, GA. Obviously this has thrown the world of archaeology on its ear, with much dissent and controversy, for no remains of the fort have ever been found, despite numerous digs over the last 150 years. The search for Ft. Caroline has become the "Holy Grail" of American archaeology.

The Huguenot Society of Georgia has invited the two professors, Dr. Anita Spring, professor emeritus in Archaeology from the University of Florida, and Dr. Fletcher Crowe, retired historian, with a PhD in History from Florida State University, to come present a program at our Fall Meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Augusta, GA. The Society has planned the Fall Meeting as our Saturday noon luncheon, with a cocktail party at 6:30 PM on the evening

before, on Friday, October 17, 2014. We are inviting a broad spectrum of people to our event, including all Huguenots, regardless of society affiliation, as well as members of many other lineage and heritage societies, and others who may be interested in Georgia and Religious history as well. Word of mouth is already beginning to spread extremely well, and the hotel rooms will go fast, so please consider your travel plans carefully. We have secured a block of rooms at very competitive rates, for a limited time. All of the hotel information needed is contained in the press release and invitation.

Please disseminate this invitation and information to all the members of your State Societies, and come join us for what should prove to be a fun, most interesting event!
Geoffrey C. Oosterhoudt, President

Kansas

The Kansas Society has 24 members. It has not met recently, and its President, Betty Bernstorf, has passed away. Kansas therefore needs to organize new leadership in order to keep moving. Twenty-four members is substantial! The first step is for a Kansas member to volunteer to organize a meeting at which new officers will be elected. Please contact Mary Margaret Buck, national's Organizing Secretary General, at 901-388-9124 or jaymarbuck@hotmail.com.

Kentucky

The Kentucky Huguenot Society continues to meet jointly with Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin for luncheons with speakers in spring and fall. Each society meets individually for business prior to the combined meetings. The most recent meeting date was Saturday, 5 April 2014, in Lexington, Kentucky.

Our Board was told the National Huguenot Society hopes to acquire a minimum of \$10,000 for investment funds, based on an initiative by a general officer from Georgia. We did not know Georgia made its donation conditional to the appointment of an oversight committee composed of a minimum of three state Huguenot leaders. Kentucky has earmarked funds for the investment, including the stipulation of an oversight committee comprised of only state leaders. If the goal of \$10,000 fails to be attained or the oversight committee is not functional, then Kentucky will reevaluate its contribution and consider supporting another Huguenot area.

During two recent meetings, Kentucky Huguenot leaders discussed admitting Catholics for membership. While there is empathy for members whose children and grandchildren

have married into the Catholic faith or simply converted to Catholicism, there remains strong, majority opposition to changing the eligibility requirements for membership.

Our speaker at the combined meeting was William P. Carrell, II who gave a power-point presentation on "Lineage Societies: From Noble Aspirations to Frivolity".

Kentucky Huguenot's next meeting is scheduled 25 October 2014 in Louisville, Kentucky. Kentucky Huguenot has ninety (90) total members with four people in various stages of completing applications.

With many years of experience, each member has special credit. Bettie identified over 500 sites, many were Confederate. Lucille served as KY Treasurer for 27 years; currently serves as Historian. Frances has held several offices, written books about the Episcopal Church and plays competitive bridge. Alice is a true researcher having helped numerous people with their difficult queries utilizing her substantial knowledge of informational resources. Fay serves as KY Registrar.

Patricia Hutt, President.



Lexington, Kentucky Advisors still meeting. Front row, L-R Bettie Tuttle, Lucille Haney. Second row Frances Barr, Fay Charpentier-Ford, Alice Hills

Mississippi

Mary Margaret Buck, NHS Organizing Secretary General, continues to serve as the President of the Mississippi Society. She has attended all national meetings in her capacity as a national officer, and in her capacity as the state president.

North Carolina

I cannot think of a better way to give you a Report from North Carolina than to present our Minutes. Everything that

we are attempting to accomplish is noted. In addition, this State President represented The North Carolina Huguenot Society: the State Meeting in Durham of the Daughters of the American Revolution both in May 2013 and 2014; the National Huguenot Society Annual Luncheon (April 2014) in Washington, D.C.

We are very proud of our Book, A HISTORY of the HUGUENOT SOCIETY of NORTH CAROLINA, by Roger Kammerer. Included is the Review by Member Suzanne Sauter.

We plan to learn The Huguenot Hymn, La Cevenole, and use it as part of our Program during our next State Meeting, April 11th 2015.

I hope to see a lot of Huguenot faces October 5th weekend in New Paltz, New York for our National Meeting. And maybe...Bordeaux, France September 2015!

Respectfully in our Huguenot faith,
Judith C. Rembert, President

Excerpts From the Minutes of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina Meeting

The 2014 annual meeting of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina, held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Carolina Club, Chapel Hill, NC was called to order by President Judith Rembert at 12 noon. Registrar Larry Rozier gave his report and it was accepted. One member passed away, one resigned, ten were non-responsive and were dropped and two members transferred to Texas. We had five new members and several prospective members are working on applications. Chaplain Suzanne Steward conducted the Memorial Service, remembering member Garland Scott Tucker, Jr.

Old Business: Book Sales, *History of the Huguenot Society in North Carolina*: Chris Rozier reported that we need to sell \$1,200 (80) books in order to break even. Suzanne Sauter noted there has been no progress on the website but would begin working with Ann Mueller to get the website on line.

New Business: Gerry Gilbert suggested that a review of our Book be sent to National for possible publication in *The Cross of Languedoc* which may stimulate sales. Suzanne Sauter volunteered to write the review.

President Rembert is looking for volunteers for a calling committee to call members with no email.

President Rembert suggested a Communication Committee

to keep in touch with members in various parts of the state. A member in Asheville suggested Skype as a tool to connect with far flung members during our annual meeting. Treasurer Rozier introduced a motion to name a Research Committee to investigate the possibility of a scholarship program. Motion was seconded and approved. Past President Cheryl Fetterman reported that a Huguenot Ancestry Interest group has been formed in New Bern. Vice President Elaine Baldasare and President Rembert presented the following membership certificates:

Cheryl Fetterman – 10 years; Charlotte Fetterman – 10 years; Linda Little (absent) – 30 years; and Larry Rozier – 10 years. President Rembert reported that she will be attending the meeting of The National Huguenot Society on April 12, 2014 in Washington, DC. The 79th Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society will be held October 4-5, 2014 in New Paltz, NY. All members are invited. The International meeting will be held in Bordeaux, France in September 2015 (exact dates have not been set).

William G. Jarrett, Jr. gave an interesting program entitled “Jacob Forney Sr.: From France through Pennsylvania, to Lincoln County.” Huguenot refugee Jacob Forney, Sr. was also a patriot with Revolutionary War service in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

Chaplain Suzanne Steward gave the benediction. President Rembert closed the meeting and members and guests adjourned for a group picture.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Cope Mueller, Secretary

Pennsylvania

The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania continues our theme of educating the next generation. We continue to process the surveys, and update the records from some of the generations that lost contact with our society. We have had several people interested in becoming members, so we our helping them organize the needed paperwork.

We had a great turn out for our annual meeting on May 3, 2014 at the Ship Inn in Exton, Pa. The food was delicious, and the service was very good. Our speaker was Miranda Hodgkins from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. She talked about Dr. Ogier a Huguenot, who was a medical doctor that served his church and community. He is buried with his family in the church graveyard. Some of us went to the Church after lunch for a brief memorial service by Pastor Maxine Doremann at the gravesite. Our society is planning to have this year’s Reformation Sunday at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and possibly dedicate a brass plaque, in

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Left to right: Emily Hornak (AL), Marilyn Holmquist (NH), Nancy Shultz (IL)



Emily Hornak (AL), Nancy Shultz (DE), Robin Crossan (Guest)



Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal (IL)



Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal (IL), Corresponding Secretary General Noella Oberlin (TN), Organizing Secretary General and Mississippi President Mary Margaret Buck, Third Vice President General Alice Sweeney (VA)

LUNCHEON



hultz (IL), Christine Crossan



*First Vice President General Fr. Paul W. Smith (KY) and
President General Janice M. Lorenz (DC)*



*Honorary Virginia Society President Rachel Wills, Anne
Sizemore, President of the Huguenot Society of Missouri,
and Judith Rembert, President of the Huguenot Society of
South Carolina*



*Shirley de la Barre (DC), First Vice President General Fr.
Paul W Smith (KY), and President General Janice Lorenz
(DC)*

Dr. Ogier's name, that will be mounted to the gravestone. The French Alliance Service on May 4, 2014 at Valley Forge Chapel did not have as big a turn out as last year, possibly due to the weather. The rainy skies cleared up and the sun came out in time for the presentation of the wreath.

This year we are trying to secure a picnic in the Bishop White Library at Valley Forge Chapel with a tour of the Huguenot stained glass window located in the Chapel. We were trying to have the picnic in June, but there were scheduling conflicts, so now we are aiming for September. The Jean Ribault Chapter is having a luncheon with a meeting June 14, 2014, at the Historic Accomac Inn in Hellam, Pa. Their speaker is Chris Vera who is Director of the Columbia Historical Society, who will talk about the tunnels of Columbia.



PA Society President Lydia Freeman with dignitaries after the 2014 French Alliance Service Valley Forge

A small group of us are hoping to attend the 79th Congress in New Paltz, NY, on October 4th & 5th, 2014.

Lydia Freeman, President

Virginia

Our last Huguenot meeting was at Ford's Colony Country Club, in Williamsburg, VA on March 22, 2014. We had 28 attending and many have e-mailed me to express their pleasure with the programs that we have had. Our speaker was the Reverend Michael Stone, the Rector for The Manakin Episcopal Church, Midlothian, VA. <http://manakin.org/about/contact.html> He is a very dynamic speaker and everyone enjoyed having him as our guest. There were a few members who remembered to bring can goods, but Alice Birdseye was kind enough to take her hat off and pass it around to collect funds for Rev. Stone's outreach program. It was all in good fun and for a good cause.

Our Sponsors for the luncheon were Alice Birdseye and Susan Webber. They provided spring tulips as our center pieces and each person received a small Easter Basket with goodies. The tables sparked our imagination that spring was close at hand, even though we have had snow several times since then. It was a beautiful setting for lunch.

We have added Diana Bakke, a new member, to our Scholarship Committee, and Gary Rose, husband of Brenda



The Huguenot Society of Virginia meeting

Rose, Ph.D. has volunteered to be an assistant to Duane Wills, our Web Master.

Ginger Stephen, our Registrar, presented 7 new prospective members for a vote. All were passed. We also had a new transfer in. Since then Pat Newbern has presented her daughter for membership. Sometimes we forget that new members may be as close as our own relatives.

I presented certificates to two new Associate Members:
Gary T. Rose – spouse of Brenda Rose, Ph.D.
Margaret Calhoun Moses – spouse of Edward M. Moses, Col. USA Ret.



Alice Birdseye passes the hat for Rev. Stone's outreach program

Susan Webber has done a marvelous job with our yearbooks. The Cover Page with the gold insignia & black French Script type on a white back-ground is elegant. We were thrilled to receive them. Susan was so up to date that the books include our new Associate Members.

Eloise Brooks has done an exemplary job on the Newsletter that went out in January. She updated everyone as to what has happened within our Huguenot Society of Virginia and also included an article submitted by Stuart Whitehead, our

I can't thank Eloise enough for the professional job that she has done. We all are looking forward to her next Newsletter that should come out in June.

As the Virginia State President, I have represented us at many different events since our last meeting.

I was invited and attended The DAR Virginia State Conference in Roanoke, VA and was recognized at the VIP table on opening night as The Virginia State President of The National Huguenot Society (The Huguenot Society of Virginia.)

On Sunday April 6th, as the Virginia State President, I attended the 400th Wedding Anniversary of Pocahontas and John Rolfe at Collingwood in Alexandria, VA. I also attended the National Huguenot Luncheon held in Washington, DC along with two of our distinguished members, Rachel Wills, Past State President, and Alice Sweeney, Past State President, and current National Third Vice President General.

I attended Heritage Weeks that are always held in Washington, DC every April. Many different hereditary societies have their annual conferences there and as a member of many of them, I have spread the word and promoted The National Huguenot Society as well as The Huguenot Society of Virginia. I am ecstatic that we are getting recognition and promoting our Society in so many places.

Virginia Hurtes Rouse, President



Margaret Calhoun Moses receives Associate Membership certificate from Virginia President Virginia Hurtes Rouse

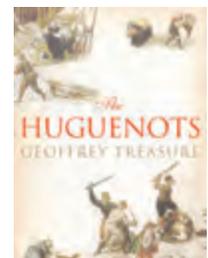
Librarian, on his ancestor Captain John Vassall II. There were many beautiful pictures throughout the Newsletter. As Editor, Eloise wrote a wonderful article "The French Protestant (Huguenot) Church in America Today" which focused on the life of Herbert Leo Stein-Schneider who officiated at her wedding in 1973. I first met Eloise in Northern Virginia, but she & her husband now live in Charleston SC., where there is still a French Church that holds services. <http://www.huguenot-church.org/>

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF THE 2013 SCHOLARLY WORK AWARD, THE HUGUENOTS, AUTHORED BY GEOFFREY TREASURE

The National Huguenot Society announces with great pleasure the selection by our Scholarly Awards Committee, led by Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson of Arizona, of the informative book entitled *The Huguenots*, by British author Geoffrey Treasure, as the winner of the NHS 2013 Scholarly Work Award. This masterpiece of Huguenot details was published by the Yale University Press, whose website now opens its description with the well-deserved commendation bestowed by NHS:

"Winner of the 2014 [sic] National Huguenot Society award for the best original work of scholarship covering any aspect of the Huguenot movement."

Mr. Treasure was Senior Master at the famous Harrow School prior to his retirement. He lives in Herfordshire, UK. We are grateful to him for his scholarship on this subject which is of such interest to our members around the world.



HUGUENOT FOUNDERS OF AMERICA BOOK PROJECT

The Historian General and the National Huguenot Society are proposing that we create a new book that will showcase the “Huguenot Founders of America.” Our purpose is to highlight those individuals having Huguenot ancestry and to illustrate how they or their descendants contributed to the founding and betterment of America. The title of the proposed new book will be “Huguenot Founders of America.” We define Founders as those individuals with Huguenot ancestors who settled in America prior to May 13, 1657. Influencers are defined as those with Huguenot ancestors who settled after this date.

Our request is for members to send the names of proven Huguenot descendants and their biographical information (see sample below for the details). We intend to compile all qualifying submissions into a new publication designed to educate and enlighten readers about our ancestors. We believe this new publication will inspire greater interest in our Society because we anticipate book sales to individuals, schools, colleges, universities, libraries and historians - both nationally and internationally.

We intend to use this publication to assist in fulfilling our mission and attract new members. We believe this book can be a new tool to help educate non-members about our Society, promote our mission and help us engage individuals who may not know about us but may qualify for membership. The more submissions we receive from our members, the more robust and comprehensive the publication will be and its value will be enhanced. Consequently, we encourage wide membership participation and wholeheartedly request and anticipate hundreds of submissions. All qualifying submissions will be compiled into a beautiful first edition designed to portray our heritage and educate readers about the Huguenot Founders of America.

To answer the question “How do I make a qualifying submission?,” immediately following this introduction is a sample of an actual submission for your review followed by the standardized template form. Please use the standardized form because it requests information highly valued by our target audience and it provides a uniform format designed to streamline the publication process.

The high profile Huguenot founders such as George Washington, Henry Laurens, John Jay, Alexander Hamilton and Gouverneur Morris will be included in the publication. Noteworthy, as the sample submission reveals, we are also interested in rediscovering those influencers who may not be as well-known and lived in more modern time.

Our intent is to publish as many qualified Huguenot descendants as our members will share with us. We look forward to learning from you about those Huguenot’s who contributed and influenced the formation and betterment of America. We are not only interested in those before and during the American Revolution but we are also interested in learning about those who lived in more modern time. We encourage submissions from all State Society members and from all Members at Large. We can all choose to become contributors in this first edition called “Huguenot Founders of America”.

Send all submissions by email to kkpadams@aol.com I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,
Peter M. Adams, NHS Historian General, kkpadams@aol.com



SUBMISSION FORM FOR HISTORIAN GENERAL'S HUGUENOT FOUNDERS BOOK PROJECT

The information you submit can be as long or as short as you like; it will be reviewed and edited, and we will try to publish as much as possible of the verifiable information you supply.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Content based on factual information is entirely up to you.

CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICA - Content is up to you. Send a photo if you have one.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS - If you don't know the answer respond with "Don't know".

1. State Proposing Submission (if a State is submitting this information)
2. Name of NHS member submitting this, indicate your membership status; provide your email address
3. Name of Proposed Submission Individual.
4. City or Location and State most influenced by the proposed individual.
5. Date of Individual's Birth _____ City and State of Birth _____
6. Date of Individual's Death _____ City and State of Death _____
7. Location of Tombstone (if known)
8. Does this individual have a permanent marker or monument indicating Huguenot ancestry?
9. Who was the original Huguenot Ancestor? What date did this ancestor come to America?
10. Was the proposed individual a Freemason? If so where and what Lodge?
11. (We are interested in finding out more about any correlation between Huguenot descent and membership in the Freemasons.)
12. Did the proposed individual have Military experience? If so when, where and what rank?
13. Did the proposed individual serve under General George Washington?
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Book Review of
The History of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina

The year 2013 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the society that would become the Huguenot Society of North Carolina. In honor of that occasion, a history of the state society was commissioned, resulting in the new book: Kamerer, Roger. *History of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina* (2013). Included in the book are summaries of meetings and officers. The book also incorporates a list of members and the ancestors that were cited to join the National Huguenot Society.

As most members of the National Huguenot Society know, some of these ancestors are no longer on list of qualified Huguenot ancestors (<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/ancestor/AncestorLookup.php>) nor in the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition published in 2012. Some of these ancestors probably are French Protestant but lack proper documentation. Other ancestors have been found not to be Huguenots. Moreover, there are the thousands of families for which research into their French origins is lacking since oral tradition is insufficient. The list of North Carolina members and their ancestors are of interest to members and descendants of members in the state society and those researching ancestors and descendants in other state societies.

The book has a much broader appeal. Information about the under-researched topic of Huguenot settlement in North Carolina is included along with a bibliography by the late W. Keats Sparrow, PhD. Dr. Sparrow was an active member of the state society and indefatigable supporter of research and a scholarly researcher into North Carolina Huguenots. He was Dean Emeritus of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences of East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. He was a specialist in the literature of colonial Carolina and consequently interested in colonial history and records. All too often Huguenot settlement in North Carolina has taken the tone of a “valley of humility between two mountains of conceit.” Huguenots came to North Carolina by moving up from South Carolina or down from Virginia. Though many Huguenot descendants in this state did come from other colonies and states, there was early settlement directly by some hardy families that have received little scholarly attention.

The book also has a lively discussion about the definition of Huguenot given the changing boundaries of the kingdom of France from the posting date of Martin Luther’s 95 theses, October 31, 1517, to the signing of the Edict of Versailles, better known as the Edict of Toleration, on November 7, 1787. During these 270 years, the boundaries of France moved north and east. France gained control of lands in French speaking areas of the low countries covering the southern area of the Seventeen Provinces of Hapsburg Netherlands. In addition, the provinces of Alsace, Lorraine, and Franche-Comté were added and some areas that were under the control of the Dukes of Savoy.

In summary, this book is of interest to those who are interested not only in the history of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina but also research into the settlement of Huguenot families outside of the frequently mentioned settlements in the areas of Charleston, SC, Manakintown, VA, New Amsterdam, NY, New Paltz, NY and Oxford, MA.

The book is available for purchase in soft cover for \$20 through the Registrar, Larry Rozier, at nchsregistrar@att.net.

Review by Suzanne Sauter, M.D.,
Huguenot Society of North Carolina, April, 2014.

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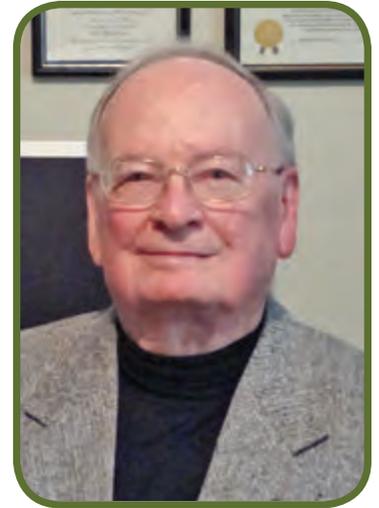
The National Huguenot Society awarded its Distinguished Service Medal to James Dewey O'Brien on Saturday, 12 April 2014. The awarding took place at the Board of General Officers Luncheon, Washington, DC, attended by members of the National Society and friends.

The silver medallion for distinguished service is presented to one who has made distinctive contributions to the National Society.

The medal is impressive, depicting the 14th century stone towers (Tour de la Chaine) at the port city of La Rochelle, France. La Rochelle became the unofficial capital of the Huguenots after the Edict of Nantes, April 1598, granted religious freedom to the French Huguenots in and around a number of cities.

Mr. O'Brien has served the National Huguenot Society as Counselor General and as Finance Chairman. He has continued pro bono legal work for the Society for many years. When the tax status of the Society seemed at risk he filed "amended returns" for three years and has continued "distinguished service" for the Society.

Mr. O'Brien retired as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice and since that time he has given assistance to many genealogically based organizations either as a National Officer, a member, or as a friend. He is the husband of Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary National President, NSDCW and Honorary President General, NHS.



James Dewey O'Brien, NHS Distinguished Service Award Winner



President General Janice Lorenz presents James Dewey O'Brien with the NHS Distinguished Service Award



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THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER FOR 2014

Michael Dominik Dangel, an undergraduate student at the University of Florida, at Gainesville, is the winner of the National Huguenot Society's Scholarship Award for the year 2014. Michael is majoring in Biochemistry. He has maintained a 3.93 grade point average. His academic goal is to attend Medical School after graduation.

Michael is a volunteer research assistant at the Malcolm Randall V. A. Medical Center in Gainesville. He is a member of "Gator Teens", a group within the University of Florida's Center for Leadership and Service that goes once a week to meet one-on-one with high school students to serve as mentors. Michael divides his time carefully between a challenging curriculum, community service and research.

Michael became a member of The Huguenot Society of Florida on 1 July 2013. He descends from Pierre Feret of Lille, France, who fled to Canterbury, England. Descendants immigrated to America in 1638.

Our congratulations and very best wishes to this most worthy Huguenot descendant.

Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General and Chairman of the NHS Scholarship Award Committee
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THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

By Frances Maitland DuBois, Former Second Vice President General

This is a re-publication of a talk which was first published in the February 1984 issue of The Cross of Languedoc. Mrs. DuBois delivered the talk to The Suzanne Rochet Chapter of The Huguenot Society founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, the Virginia Tate Branch of The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, and the [now defunct] Huguenot Society of Maryland.

The Huguenots with their vision of duty towards God and man, their deep religious convictions, and their economic and political justice, sowed the seed of freedom of thought and democracy that is ours today. In fact, every American, whether he knows it or not, owes his very freedom to those dedicated Huguenots.

The Huguenots took with them their Christian faith and made contributions to the economic and cultural life of their new homeland. The Huguenots were so impressive with their skills and virtues that prejudice was disarmed and they were warmly welcomed. The character and ethics they demonstrated made HONEST AS A HUGUENOT a proverb. They did not seek to live apart, but accepted the life and work they had come to. They made the best of it, shaped along the lines of their faith in God and Christ as Christians. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within us," and St. Paul said, "The just shall live by faith."

With the realization of this truth is how they could endure the hardships and persecutions that would be hard for us to endure today, and perhaps we should examine our own faith. The truth made them FREE. They adapted into the mainstream of religious thought, slowly merging with the Anglican, Reformed Dutch Church, and Lutheran churches. They were not a group of slackers. Work was a part of their life. They were an industrious and thrifty people who lived and believed in the ethic, "HE WHO WILL NOT WORK SHALL NOT EAT," a good thought for us to think about on today's political scene. In less than a year the average Huguenot would rise from poverty to self-support and in a single generation we find them establishing schools, becoming members of councils, and respected leaders. Henry Cabot Lodge said, "I believe that in proportion to their numbers, the Huguenots produced and gave to the American Republic more men of ability than of any other race."

In 1624 the first thirty Huguenot families arrived and settled in the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam. Some of these families moved up the Hudson to Orange. Peter Minuit was of Huguenot descent and welcomed them warmly. Peter Stuyvesant was not a tolerant man, as he did not look favorably on Quakers, Jews, Roman Catholics, and other faiths, except those that followed the Calvinist doctrine. Fortunately for Huguenots, their religion met with his approval. He paid tribute to the earliest group of Huguenot settlers with these words, "The most respected, respectable and valued accession ever made to the population of our country." In New York, the Huguenots became so numerous that by 1652 the Reformed Dutch Church made special provisions for them. The relations between the Dutch and French were excellent. So evenly matched were these two nationalities that by 1656 all government and town proclamations were issued in French and Dutch. The Huguenots had the instinct to blend.

In many cases they lost their identity, but the New Paltz group of Huguenots differed from their comrades in persecution, as you will see. The New Paltz patentees fled from Lille and Calais in French Flanders and found refuge in and around Mannheim, the capital of the Palatinate, or PFALZ, region of Germany. They were often referred to as Walloons. They were all wise enough to leave France before it was too late to take their money and possessions. They must have had investments in Holland and England, as they did not seem to have to worry about funds when they came to America. They understood the English language; some spoke Dutch, but they preferred to speak French. They were well educated, fairly wealthy, and most of them bore coat-of-arms. The noted historian Baird says LeFevre, Crispell, Blanchan, Hasbrouck, etc., were associated with Louis DuBois at Mannheim. I know that Louis DuBois, my ancestor, was in Mannheim by 1655 because he married Catherine Blanchan in that year. They could not remain there long, as the armies of Louis XIV repeatedly invaded the region near the Rhine, and things became worse when Louis gained complete control in 1661.

ANTOINE CRISPELL, the first of the New Paltz Patentees to come to America, sailed on the Gilded Otter with his father-in-law, Matthew Blanchan, in June of 1660. Governor Stuyvesant gave Blanchan a letter to Sergeant Romp, who was at the Dutch settlement at Kingston some thirty miles up the Hudson River.

Next, LOUIS DUBOIS, also a son-in-law of Blanchan, came in August of 1660, sailing on the St. Jan Baptist with his wife and his sons, Abraham and Isaac. Crispell, Blanchan, and DuBois all got land at Hurley, three miles from Kingston. Negotiations had been going on between the Dutch and the Indians, who wanted their chiefs returned who had been sent to Curacao and sold as slaves by Stuyvesant. Resentment grew when the Dutch attacked the Indian village. Thinking it was caused by the French Huguenots, the Indians burned Hurley and parts of Kingston on June 10, 1663, and the wife of Louis DuBois and three of his children were among those taken captive. Three months later, with the help of Captain Krieger, Louis surprised the Indians and recovered the prisoners as they were about to be burned at the stake. As was habit of martyrs, Catherine DuBois had begun to sing the 137th Psalm. The Indians, liking the music, delayed in lighting the fire, and so they were saved. On Louis' return he passed through the fertile lowlands of the Walkill, and it reminded him of the mountains and forest lining the valley when he had escaped to the Pfalz in Germany.

ANDRIES LEFEVRE followed his friends in 1665. Because of increased disturbance in the province, no one else left until 1672, when JEAN HASBROUCK and his wife, the daughter of Christian Deyo, joined their friends. LOUIS BEVIER, a cousin of Hasbrouck, came in 1673. ABRAHAM HASBROUCK joined his brother in 1675. HUGO FRERE, with his wife, three children and his brother SIMON, came in 1676. CHRISTIAN DEYO, with his son PIERRE, daughter-in-law, three children and his three unmarried daughters, who later married Abraham DuBois, Abraham Hasbrouck, and Simon LeFevre, probably came that same year. Thus slowly, the little groups reunited to live in peace.

In 1677, the small-knit group, related to each other in one way or another, longed for their own settlement where they could speak their own language. Most likely the continuous threat of the French in the New World made this particular group of Huguenots want to retire from centers of population. One notes that none of the Patentees placed the name of his mother or father in the family Bible. One wonders why. They must have feared the government of France, as Canada was not far away and the French and English were juggling for position in the New World. It also stands to reason that the parents of the Patentees were quite prominent on the list of French Huguenots held by the French king. Traffic in furs with the Indians was becoming less profitable, and they felt cultivation of the soil a more necessary occupation. Undoubtedly, Louis remembered those lowlands when he had rescued the captives and he thought they would be a perfect place to establish their French Community. So he became the founder and leader of New Paltz. They called their settlement NEW PALTZ after fond remembrances of their first place of rest in exile, the PFALZ.

On May 26, 1677 over 39,000 acres of land were purchased from the Indians, who signed the deed at Hurley to Louis DuBois and his associates. This deed, along with the patent that Governor Andross gave them later, are preserved at New Paltz, New York. There were twelve in all, and they were called "the Patentees." Antoine Crispell, who shared in the patent, remained at Hurley, but the eleven who did come were Louis DuBois with his sons, Abraham and Isaac, Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck, Christian and Pierre Deyo, Hugo and Simon Frere, Louis Bevier and Andries LeFevre. The Patentees agreed to pay to the Indians: 40 kettles (10 large, 30 small), 40 adzes, 400 fathoms white network, and 400 fathoms black network (we believe this to be lace), 60 pairs of stockings (one-half in small sizes), 100 bars of lead, 1 keg of powder, 60 blankets, 1 measure tobacco, 40 axes, 40 shirts, 40 oars, 4 kegs of wine, 100 needles, 100 awls, 40 pieces of heavy woolen cloth, 2 horses (1 stallion and 1 mare). The treaty and purchase agreement drawn up between these two parties has been observed annually for over 300 years, and is held by the Indians to be one of the fairest treaties in the history of our country.

From Kingston to New Paltz they came in three carts in the spring of 1678, and the site of their encampment is still called "Tri-Cor." upon arrival they read from the 37th Psalm: "Trust in the Lord and do good so you will dwell in the land and enjoy security. For those blessed by the Lord shall possess the land but the wicked shall be cut off." I am reminded of the Beatitude, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Together the Huguenots labored, cleared the land, and planted the first crops. They divided the eland by word of mouth and not deed. The first settlers undoubtedly lived on what we now call Huguenot Street. At first, they built log cabins, but by toil they gathered rocks, hewn lumber, and with an exercise of thrift the Huguenots raised themselves to a degree of prosperity to begin building their stone houses in 1692.

In 1703, some of the original Patentees were dead. The survivors met and made a deed to each living on his cleared land, plus the undivided 12th part of the whole patent. They gave the legal representative of those dead a full share of their ancestor's land. The fact that no serious misunderstanding arose during nearly a quarter of a century is a credit to this peace-loving community. "The Just shall live by Faith."

By 1712, they had enlarged most of the stone houses as we see them today. Luckily, the town moved further north, and so the original houses of the Huguenots were saved from demolition and bear solemn witness to those early pioneers. These houses were tenaciously held on to, and lived in by the descendants of the Patentees, which makes them unique. The houses are now the property of the Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz, New York, which was founded in 1898. They include the Bevier-Elting house, Hugo Frere house, houses of Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck, LeFevre house, Deyo house, and the Old Fort built by the grandson of Louis Dubois in 1705. The houses are of interest not only because of original floors, beams, glass, hinges, locks, etc., but also because they contain some of the original furnishings.

The first stone church was built at New Paltz in 1717. Abraham DuBois was the only one of the Patentees to help in building the first stone church of 1717, as the rest were dead. The Walloon Church or French Church was rebuilt in 1972 as a faithfully reproduced replica of the first stone church of 1717. All the Patentees and their wives are buried here except DuBois and Crispell, who are buried at Kingston. After seven years of researching, rebuilding of the Church began. When early sketches were contradictory, they sought their answers in the stone houses, where floors, stone works, hinges, and windows had survived. Original records listed ownership of pews proving a seating capacity of 55 to 60. The roof is like a Flemish hip roof. The cupola on top was where a man climbed a ladder to sound a horn or conch shell for services.

One of the earliest log buildings was devoted to the uses of Church and school. Here the Huguenots kept alive the tradition of the Reformation—"The Just shall live by Faith." Five years after the establishment of the town a regular church was organized, with Pierre Daille, who had arrived in 1683, as the first Pastor. He told the heads of the families to elect a Deacon and Elder.

The first entry in the early Church records preserved at New Paltz is in Louis DuBois' handwriting, as Elder. Daille was mostly in New York City, but he came to New Paltz in the spring and fall. David Bonrepos followed, ministering from 1696-1700, coming from his church on Staten Island twice a year. These journeys by the pastors were long and hard, but it was their devotion to God and his people and their deep dedication that they traveled so far.

From 1700 to 1730 they had no regular pastor, as they were not yet united with the Dutch Church, but they never neglected their religious duties. During this 30 year period, these Huguenots proved that they were no petty sectarians, because they took their children for baptism to the Kingston Dutch Church 16 miles away. In summer they made the rough journey by foot and horseback to join their Dutch brethren for communion. I am reminded what St. Paul promised the early Roman Christians that since the Holy Spirit lived in them, nothing could separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." (Romans: 31).

About 1738 the Dutch language came into more general use. In 1753, Pastor Vrooman became the first installed Dutch pastor. From this date the Dutch language was considered established in New Paltz. In 1773 a larger stone church was constructed. It was not until 1796 that a sermon was occasionally given in English, but by 1799 the new minister was expected to preach half the sermons in English and half in Dutch.

Going over the records it appears that none of the Patentees and few of their children inter-married with the Dutch until the 3rd generation. In fact, out of the 21 grandchildren of Simon LeFevre, not one selected a partner of the Holland race. They married people of French descent not residing in New Paltz, and only six children of the Patentees married Dutchmen. Other children of the Patentees who settled outside of New Paltz inter-married with the Dutch, to a greater extent.

Of great interest is a deed of gift to Jean Cottin, schoolmaster, of a house and lot in 1689. This deed of gift only eleven years after the date of the settlement shows the character of the Patentees. First, it showed how much they prized education, by the fact that they already had a schoolmaster. It showed that the church was of the utmost importance, as this deed mentions a lot set aside for this building. It also showed they were businessmen with practical ideas, as they did not want to bind themselves to the sale of the property to any person "not of good life and manners." We must remember that the Patentees were all freemen. They were never under any form of debt to any government or person. they all could read

and write. They all had financial means which they must have brought out of Europe.

The form of government was unlike any in Colonial history. First, the heads of the families met and settled public business. But as the town grew, this primitive democracy gave to a unique institution known as the DUZINE, or 12 men. The idea came from the banks of the Rhine and the only other Huguenot colony governed was founded about the same in South Africa. The Duzine, a rule of elders, had the power of dividing land in the Patent and also controlled the undivided lands. The Duzine was composed of one representative from each of the twelve families, and for one half-century was a miniature republic exercising judicial and legislative powers with the church having no higher authority than its own members. By 1728 there were 24 proprietors and the Duzine of 12 who were elected annually by popular vote. They managed the town's business until 1785, when the town became incorporated into the state government.

I would like to conclude with what Dr. Sizoo, a great leader of the Reformed Church in America, said in 1938 of the Huguenot contributions. "FREEDOM was their main concern. Greece taught the world how to think. Persia taught the world how to dream. Rome taught the world how to rule. Phoenicia taught the world how to sail. England taught the world how to colonize, but the Huguenots taught the world how to be free."

I say to you, it is not enough to revere our ancestors, but it is our duty to further their dreams and hopes in our unsettled world. Secularism and indifference all too often mark the decline of Christian faith. Let us go forth and make our ancestors proud of our deeds.

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CALL FOR CONTESTANTS IN THE 2015 ANNUAL NHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST

A generous bequest from a member of The National Huguenot Society has made it possible for the National Huguenot Society to award a \$5000 scholarship each year to a qualified college or postgraduate student who is a member of the NHS. The scholarship is not based upon financial need. The deadline for application is February 1st of the year in which the award is to be made. A winner is selected by the Board of General Officers of NHS at its April meeting, and the winner is announced. The scholarship award is paid directly to the winner's educational institution. This one-time award is limited to \$5000 per student, and is not renewable.

A candidate must meet all of the following criteria in order to be considered for this award:

1. Be a regular member of The National Huguenot Society, having met all requirements for that membership.
2. Be a currently-enrolled student at an accredited college or graduate school who has completed at least two years of college with a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale;
3. Have satisfactorily completed at least two semesters of history which include, at least in part, a history of religion.
4. The completed Scholarship Application form and its required attachments must be emailed or mailed on or before February 1st to the chairman of the Scholarship Committee, whose name and address appear at the bottom of the Scholarship Application form. The application form may be obtained on the NHS website, huguenot.netnation.com. It must be timely completed and submitted along with the attachments specified in the instructions, and mailed as a package to the individual identified at the bottom of the form.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee:

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Let's Clarify Junior Membership and Youth Registration

Youth Registrations grant a certificate to a young person who is not yet 16 years old who has a family member of NHS in good standing sponsor them for the Youth Registration. The purpose is to establish interest and potential membership eligibility for the Youth, who is related to an existing member. Youth Registration is accomplished by filling out an Application for Youth Registration Form. It documents the ancestral line and ensures qualification of the Youth for later membership. There is no fee for Youth Registration. Youths who are Registered are eligible to participate in Youth Contests. Youth Registration expires when the Youth reaches age 16.

Alternatively, a person under the age of 16 may elect to apply for a Junior Membership. A Junior Membership IS an actual membership, for persons who are under the age of 16 years. It is accomplished by filling out a membership application and paying a fee. Junior Members are eligible to participate in Youth Contests. The Junior Membership expires when the Junior reaches age 16.

Neither the Youth Registrant nor the Junior Member automatically becomes a regular adult member once they reach the age of 16 years. When they turn 16, they must notify their state society or the national Registrar of their wish to become a regular member, and then must follow the Registrar's instructions and pay the fees required of a new regular member.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

This youth contest is designed to encourage our eligible young relatives and friends to register as youth or as an NHS member, pursuant to NHS Bylaws. We look forward to a strong showing in 2014.

Program Timeline:

January 1: Opening date for Candidate Submissions

January 3: Prior Year's Winners Announced by email by the President General to State Presidents after the Youth Committee Chairman has notified the winners, the other candidates, and the President General

April Gathering: Announce prior year's winners October Congress: Introduce the winners, if present November 1: Closing date for Candidate Submissions

Program Requirements:

1. Candidates must be students in elementary or high school and must be eligible for and either registered with National as a Youth or have applied for membership. Candidates under age 16 must pay the applicable fee and have a relative submit an Application for Youth Registration for the Candidate, or enroll the Candidate as a Junior Member of the National Huguenot Society. Youth Registration forms available on the NHS webpage: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Youth_Registration_Form.pdf. Candidates who are 16 years old or older are required to submit an application for membership if they have not already done so. Application forms are available at: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Appl.pdf.

Email submissions to natlhugsoc@att.net between January 1st and 12:00 a.m. November 1st.

Contest Topics and Prizes:

Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and thoughtful handling of the topic.

Level 1 – Grades 2-4: Each student will submit an art piece to illustrate contributions of Huguenots or Huguenot descendants to America. Each submission should have an accompanying title or short statement to explain the relationship of the artwork to the theme. Artwork should be scanned into a computer or digitally photographed so that it can be emailed. Please submit in PDF or JPEG format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$100; 2d Place=\$50; 3d Place=\$25.

Level 2 – Grades 5-8: Each student will either: (1) submit an essay on “What it means to me to be a descendant of a Huguenot.” Information about their specific ancestor may be cited. Visual images may also be included; (2) Or, students will read and submit a review one of the books listed below. Essays should be at least 300 words in length. Please submit in PDF format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$200; 2d Place=\$100; 3d Place=\$50.

Level 3 – Grades 9-12: Each student will submit an essay on “What I’ve learned about the migration of Huguenots to other lands.” Visual images may be included. These might include maps or other types of illustrations. Essay should be at least 500 words in length. Please submit in PDF format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$500; 2d Place=\$250; 3d Place=\$100.

Books about Huguenots for Young Readers:

1. The Escape: Adventures of Three Huguenot Children Fleeing Persecution. A. Van Der Jagt.
2. Huguenot Garden, Douglas Jones.
3. Escape Across the Wide Sea, Katherine Kirkpatrick.
4. The Refugees: Tale of Two Continents, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
5. Francis Marion & The Legend of the Swamp Fox, Kate Salley Palmer.



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