

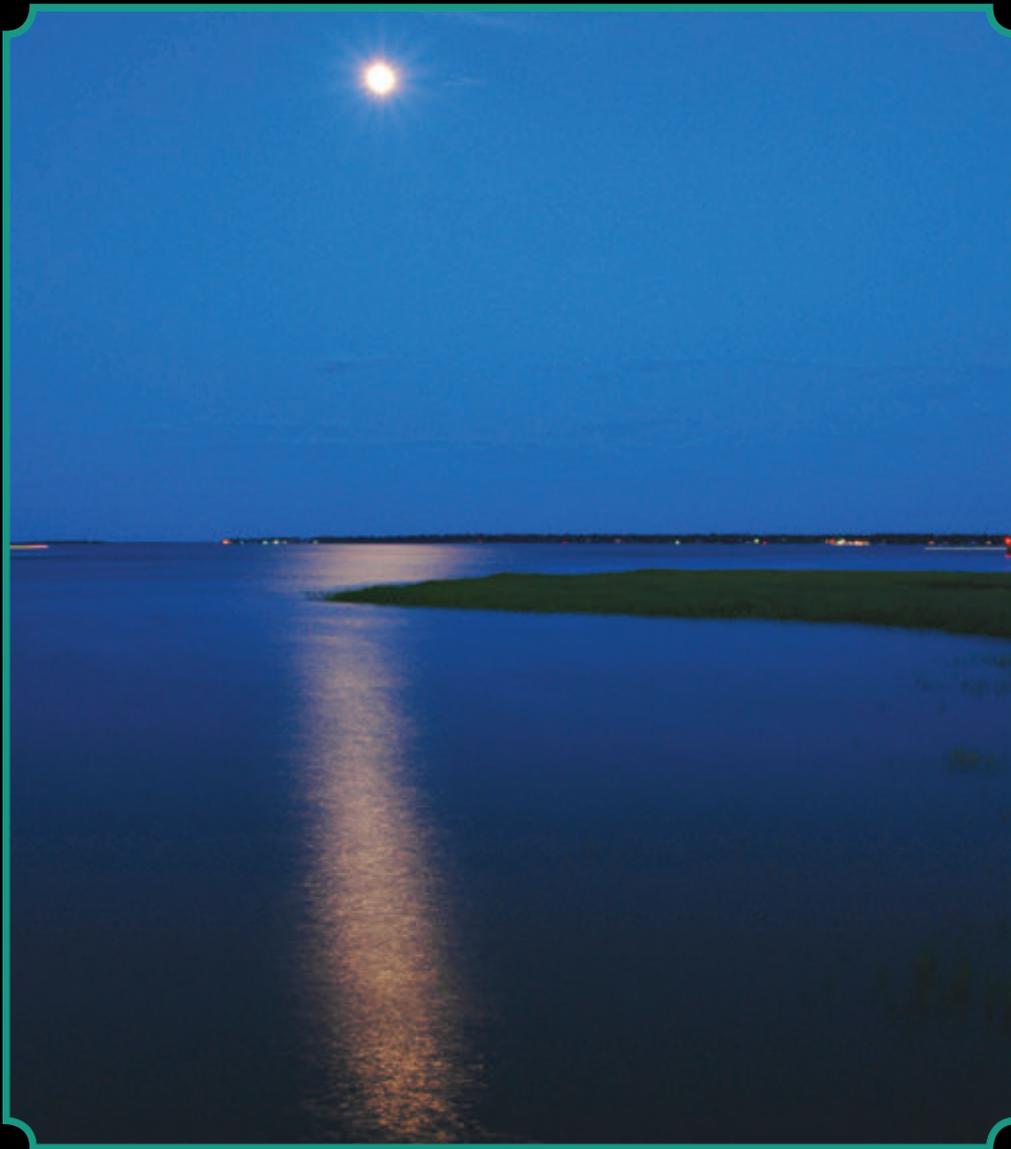


The Cross of Languedoc

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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: General Lafayette and the Huguenots

By Janice Murphy Lorenz, J.D.

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After a seven-week voyage to America during which the Marquis de Lafayette battled seasickness, late on an evening in 1777, his newly-purchased ship arrived off the Charleston, South Carolina coast. Their ultimate destination was Philadelphia, but they knew they weren't there yet, and there were British ships harassing them nearby. Traveling in small rowboats toward shore, they found themselves near Georgetown, South Carolina, at the mouth of the Pedee River. Attracted by a point of light amidst the darkness, Lafayette, Baron de Kalb, who spoke passable English, and a few other sailing companions encountered several African American slaves who were night fishing, and led them to the house of their master, Major Benjamin Huger. Huger could identify well with Lafayette's bold mission to fight for America's freedom, for he was a descendant of the Huguenot Daniel Huger, who had fled from La Rochelle to America seeking religious liberty. He knew exactly who his visitors were once they introduced themselves, because the news of their generous and ambitious expedition had already reached American shores. Accordingly, Major Huger welcomed the group into his home with open arms and ensured their comfort. Hence, Lafayette's first night in America, in an American bed, was spent in the home of a Huguenot.



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It so happened that Major Huger had a young son named Francis Kinloch Huger, who was captivated in particular by the Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette was kind to the boy, sitting him on his knee and walking the grounds of the plantation together as Lafayette explained his love of the cause of liberty to the boy. This visit and Lafayette's subsequent accomplishments as a warrior for American liberty had a profound impact upon the character of young Francis Huger; so much so, that in 1794, when he was a young adult studying medicine in Vienna, Austria, and learned that Lafayette, who had been imprisoned in unknown locations for several years during the French Revolution, was being held at that time at the bleak isolated prison located at Olmütz, Austria, he decided to rescue Lafayette. Francis Huger then entered joined forces with a German physician acquaintance, Dr. Bolling, who had already partially implemented a daring plan to help Lafayette escape from prison. The best moment for success would be while Lafayette was taken out by his prison wardens on an excursion in the fresh air. Using Lafayette's prison physician as an unwitting accomplice to deliver pamphlets and reading material to Lafayette which contained secret instructions written in "invisible ink" lemon juice, they planned Lafayette's escape. On the designated day, they brought an extra horse and met up with Lafayette's prison carriage on a road near the prison. At a signal, Lafayette broke free, mounted the spare horse and galloped off. But there was a serious glitch—he had misunderstood the directions he was given, due to the language barrier and the lightning-fast pace at which his escape was effectuated—and they were all captured and imprisoned, separately confined and enchained.

Eventually, all three men were released from imprisonment in Austria. Francis Huger returned to South Carolina and, in 1824, when General Lafayette returned to American soil for one last visit before his death, he visited Charleston on his tour of America. After having been gifted by Congress with \$200,000 in honor of his fight for American liberty, his entourage worked its way to Charleston, escorted by a troop of uniformed young men riding fine white horses. Lafayette's carriage included the Governor of South Carolina, Lafayette's son, George Washington Lafayette, and Major Benjamin Huger, the son of the now-Colonel Francis Kinloch Huger. At Charleston, Lafayette "in the most earnest but delicate manner, pressed a part of the gift which Congress had just given him into Colonel Huger's hands. 'You shared my prison,' he said, 'now share my wealth. I cannot be rich while you are poor.' Colonel Huger, with great feeling, declined. 'He had enough for his daughters,' he said, 'and he had taught his sons to provide for themselves.'" A medallion bearing Colonel Francis Kinloch Huger's likeness was presented to him.



Francis Kinloch Huger Medallion.
The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine v83 (1911)

As you all well know, Charleston and the state of South Carolina offer the gift of many Huguenot influences for those with eyes to see them. The list of Huguenot names and deeds worthy of Huguenot memory there is long and demands our further exploration.

Sources: Charleston, The Place and the People; The Century Illustrated; The True Lafayette.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



My Fellow Huguenots,

Since my last letter to you, the Society met in Washington, DC, at the Mayflower on 9 April 2016. Attending were Janice Murphy Lorenz, Honorary President General, all but 3 of the General Officers and six State Presidents.

The minutes from the previous meeting in Springfield, IL, were approved as published. First Vice President General Sandra Hendrick Staley gave a report on the plans for the October 14-15, 2016 meeting in Charleston, SC. She has done a fantastic job and the meeting promises to be a special one. The Call is in this edition of *The Cross*. Please observe the deadlines. The Call will also be posted on our website, www.huguenot.netnation.com. We are planning a visit to the Huguenot Church as a group. There are many other historic sites in Charleston and Sandra has gathered information for those interested. Plan to come in a few days early or stay after our meetings.

Two \$5000 scholarships were awarded to Hayley A. McCloud, a student at the University of NC School of Law and to William E. Campbell, a student at Columbia Business School. Neoma O'Kelley O'Brien, Chairman. Two Youth Awards were given to David and Samuel Crossan, grandsons of 2nd Vice President General Christine B. Crossan.

It was decided to have an addition to the *2012 Register of Qualified Ancestors* published. It will contain all the new ancestors approved since then as well as additional information and any necessary corrections. Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan, Honorary President General Janice Murphy Lorenz and myself are working on this project. It should be available by fall—look on our website for more information regarding price and how to order it.

There will be an amendment to the National Bylaws which will be voted upon at our October meeting. The amendment is as follows: “The Treasurer General shall promptly pay all bills and reimbursements for the Society and send statements for goods and services due to the Society.” Since the amendment was proposed at the meeting and no advance notice was sent, it could not be voted upon in April. It will be on the agenda in October.

Registrar General Ann Carlton Oppenheimer brought up the subject of the use of DNA in proving ancestry. No decision was made.

A proposal by Classic Bronze Resources, LLC, of Cincinnati, OH, was discussed. The company has produced National Huguenot Society grave markers. It was decided to allow them to be an official source as there was absolutely no cost to the Society. Their contact information is on the NHS website.

I think that brings everyone up to date! Please consider coming to Charleston, a lovely Southern city with many ties to our Huguenot ancestors.

En la foi,
Jeannine
Jeannine Sheldon Kallal



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
LIBERTY FAITH

CALL TO 81st CONGRESS

14-15 October 2016

Holiday Inn

425 Meeting Street

Charleston, SC

1-843-718-2327

Please join us in beautiful Charleston, a city with Huguenot history. The meeting dates are above but plan to come in early and/or stay late. The room rate for the nights of Friday 14 October and Saturday 15 October is \$269 + \$36.32 taxes=total \$305.32/night. The NHS rate for other nights before and after those dates is \$169 plus \$22.82 tax (total \$191.82). If you come in on Tuesday 11 October, the cost is \$169 + \$22.82 (taxes); if you stay on after 15 October and leave the following Tuesday morning 18 October, the cost is \$169 + \$22.82 (taxes). Parking (valet) is \$19/per night regardless of how many times you may leave and come back. There is a Registration fee of \$10 for those who plan to attend any of the meetings. Book by September 1, 2016 to get the NHS discounted rate.

There will be an informal dinner Thursday night at a local restaurant.

Friday, Oct 14:

2:00 p.m. - National Board meeting

6:00 p.m. - For those who wish to, we will meet informally in the lobby bar

7:00 p.m. - Banquet and program— cocktail attire. \$65/person. Wine tickets will be sold for cash or check.

Saturday, Oct 15:

8:30 a.m. - Registration will begin: Wine tickets sold for luncheon

9:00 a.m. - Congress will convene

12:00 Buffet Luncheon and Program. \$53/person. Requires wine ticket.

2:00 p.m. - Congress will reconvene

Sunday, Oct 16:

Morning Service at the Huguenot Church (no fee)

81st Congress 2016 Registration Information: (If you are attending one or more meetings, the Banquet, and the Luncheon, the total amount to register would be \$128.)

Names of attendee _____

Attending any of the meetings Yes _____ \$10

Attending Banquet Yes _____ \$65

Attending Buffet Luncheon Yes _____ \$53

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Please mail your registration information and check by October 1, 2016, to Jeannine Kallal, 1296 Casa Solana Dr., Wheaton, IL 60189-8216. Her email is jsk1296@aol.com if you have any questions.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
9 April 2016
The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.**

The General Council of the National Huguenot Society consists of all members and guests. This is a creative session designed to encourage the discussion of issues concerning state presidents and members. No quorum is required for this meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President Jeannine Kallal and the invocation was given by Chaplain General Joel Strauch and The Sacred Oath was recited.

Reports of the General Officers:

President General Jeannine Kallal reported that our flags which had been stored in DC are now at headquarters in San Antonio. She also reported that the two concerns during this meeting are that of the upcoming Congress to be held in Charleston, South Carolina and that of bronze grave markers, made by Classic Bronze Resources in Cincinnati, Ohio.

First Vice President General told of the plans underway for the NHS Congress October 14-16, 2016 in Charleston, SC. It is to be held at the Holiday Inn on Meeting Street at \$269.00 per night. Plans are being made to worship in The Huguenot Church in Charleston. We will need to arrive early since there is a family group planning to worship there that Sunday. Sandra told of things that we can do while in Charleston. She also mentioned the Emigrant Festival in London during June.

Chaplain General Joel Strauch has received notifications of deaths and has written personal notes to the family members. He has led memorial services for deceased members.

Registrar General Ann Oppenheimer reported that since October 2015 thirteen new applications have been approved and that seven applications are pending for final review. There have been two reinstatements, three transfers, and one youth registration. Also, two applications have been submitted for new Huguenot ancestors and are being researched. Organizing Secretary General announced that several of our state societies are struggling and need leadership.

Janice Lorenz, Honorary President General, told the assembly of the proposed Consolidated Update and a 2016 publication of the REGISTER Of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors with the updates included.

A motion to have our October Meeting in Charleston, SC, presented by First Vice President General Sandra Staley and seconded by Emily Hornak of Alabama, was approved.

Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, spoke on the digitalization of records for Family Search and Huguenot Records for proof of lineage.

We recessed for a delicious lunch. After lunch Chaplain General Joel Strauch led the Memorial Service in which thirty five members were remembered.

Janice Lorenz gave a program on NHS demographics.

At 2:00 PM President General Kallal reconvened the meeting. The states with reports were:

Georgia-Janet Walker, State President

Illinois-Nancy Schultz, State President

Mississippi-Mary Margaret Buck, State President

Texas-Nancy Brennan, State President

Virginia-Stuart Whitehead, State President

The report of the Scholarly Works Committee was given by Janice Lorenz. Several books, FRENCH SANTEE, EXPERIENCING EXILE, BITTER TRADE, and HUGUENOT JEAN ROU 1638-1711, were considered. FRENCH SANTEE was recommended to be the winner. The motion to accept the recommended book was presented by Nancy Brennan and seconded by Ann Oppenheimer. Motion passed.

The subject of using DNA in proving ancestry was brought forward. The question is whether we want to consider this or not.

The brochure concerning the proposed grave markers was passed out to those who had not received on earlier. An example of one was also passed around. President General Kallal is to look further into this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Present:

Jeannine Kallal	Sandra Staley	Christine Crossan
Joel Strauch	Ann Openheimer	Nancy Brennan
Noella Oberlin	Janet Walker	Mary Margaret Buck
Edward Wilkinson	Nancy Schultz	Stuart Alan Whitehead

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

9 April 2016

The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The Board of General Officers consists of the elected National Officers and the Honorary Presidents General of the National Huguenot Society.

The meeting was called to order by President General Jeannine Kallal at 9:30 A.M. The invocation was given by Chaplain General The Rev. Joel Strauch.

The minutes of the 9 October 2015 meeting held at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, Illinois have been approved by committee, published, and distributed. They were approved as published.

Reports:

First Vice President General Sandra Staley reported on plans being made for the upcoming congress to be held October 14-15, 2016 in Charleston, South Carolina. It is to be at the Holiday Inn on Meeting Street with the cost of rooms being \$269.00 a night. She has spoken with someone at The Huguenot Church concerning NHS being able to worship there and was told that we could, however NHS members will need to be there early in order to secure seating. There are plans to have a Plain People lunch (Family Style) and a Banquet on Saturday. She brought forth the motion to meet in Charleston at the Holiday Inn in Charleston, South Carolina October 14-16 which was seconded by Janet Walker, Organizing Secretary General and passed.

Sandra also told of the Spitalfields Festival in London which is to take place in June 2016 and encouraged members to go.

Neoma O'Brian, Honorary President General, presented the 2016 Scholarship Award nominees. They are Hayley A. McCloud, a student at The University of North Carolina School of Law and William Eugene Edward Campbell, a student at Columbia Business School. She told about each candidate and presented the motion to accept each candidate for a \$5,000.00 scholarship. The motion, seconded by Sandra Staley, passed.

The Calvin Chapter in Florida has requested that Honorary Membership be approved for non-member John R. Brown. Mr. Brown has brought friends and members to meetings and helps set up flags for meetings and store them. The motion to grant

this honor was presented by Sandra Staley, First Vice President General, and seconded by Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General. The Board approved this measure.

Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, told of a proposed estimated 32 page Update of consolidated additions to THE REGISTER. Approval is needed to publish the book on demand. Honorary President Janice Lorenz stated that the cost of printing the book at Lightning Source would be \$2.16.

It was suggested that we publish THE REGISTER with the consolidated additions for a future edition. A motion was presented by Nancy Brennan to produce the consolidated update through Lightning Source with the cost to be determined plus postage for books purchased from the San Antonio office. It was seconded by Noella Oberlin, Corresponding Secretary. The motion passed.

Honorary President General Janice Lorenz presented the motion “that we publish a consolidated 2016 Register to combine the 2012 Register and the 2016 consolidate Update, and a shipping fee to be determined by the San Antonio Office for books sold through the office”. The motion, seconded by Janet Walker, Organizing Secretary General, carried.

President General Jeannine Kallal passed out booklets telling about grave markers with the Huguenot Cross which has been designed by Dick Stein, President and owner of Classic Bronze Resources LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio. One was shown to the Board. There is no initial cost to us. The motion to pursue this was presented by Janice Lorenz and seconded by Sandra Staley, First Vice President General. Motion carried.

There was a question concerning progress of the publication of a yearbook by Harris Publications, voted on at the Congress in Springfield, Illinois.

Joel Strauch gave report on the Finance Committee.

A proposed amendment to bylaws concerning duties of the Treasurer General was presented Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, who read duties but noted there is nothing concerning payment of bills. The amendment would state “The Treasurer General shall promptly pay all bills and reimbursements for the Society and send statements for goods and services due to the Society.”

The General Board Meeting was adjourned.

Mary Margaret Buck, Recording Secretary General

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

The office of Second Vice President reports that this office has had no activity since my installation in October, 2015.
Christine Crossan

CHAPLAIN GENERAL'S REPORT

I continue to enjoy participating in our ministry on behalf of the members of the National Huguenot Society. Among our activities since our last annual meeting are:

- Receiving notifications of the death of members and information on the next of kin; our necrology totals 53 since our last annual meeting, and 31 since our Congress in October, 2015;
- Writing personal notes of condolence to the families of our members;
- Leading worship for our memorial services for the Huguenot Faithfully Departed, at our annual meetings and congresses, with an emphasis on selecting liturgies that reflect our Reformed faith;
- Serving on the nominating committee for our new class of officers in 2015;
- Acting as a resource for the state societies, relating to activities of their chaplains;
- Continuing reading of books on our Huguenot ancestors, particularly *The Huguenots of Paris And The Coming of Religious Freedom, 1685-1789*, by David Garrioch and *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed: A Social History of Calvinism*, by Philip Benedict
- Responding to our President General's request to assist in the management of the Society's finances by re-activating our Finance Committee

I appreciate the help and support that our officers and members have extended to me over the past year and look forward to continuing to serve the National Huguenot Society.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Joel Strauch

ORGANIZING SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

This officer started off with a challenge by our President General to contact the President of the Connecticut Society Fannie Gabriel. Jeannine said that she had communication from Mrs. Gabriel that she was not in good health and needed help with the CT Society. After unreturned phone calls and letters to Mrs. Gabriel, and subsequent letters to every member of the CT Society, I have the sad duty to report that she passed away in October 2015. The CT Society now has no officers and I have been unable to get any of the existing members to take an office and reactivate the Society.

We also have several other Societies that are struggling at this time: DC and Kansas both need a President, Registrar and Treasurer. As most of you know, New York has disbanded.

Surely some of us know able-bodied men and women of Huguenot descent in these states from our other lineage organizations. You may also know some of our members who currently reside in one of these challenged states. Please reach out to them and see if they may be interested in forming or reactivating a Society by taking an office. Then have them contact me and I will help them to the best of my ability. We cannot afford to lose our connection to these state Societies!

My contact email address was incorrect in the most recent Cross. Please correct your records: jbw81574@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing that there is interest in getting these state Societies up and going again!

With Huguenot faith and friendship,
Janet B. Walker

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S REPORT

New additions have been made to our membership and our Youth Registrations. See Welcome to New Members list in this Cross.

Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Registrar General

GENEALOGIST GENERAL'S REPORT

Since October, this officer has transferred files, templates, lists, forms, etc. to the Registrar General; assisted the Registrar General with the application of a potentially new ancestor, Ann Bourradier; and helped answer some queries from prospective members through the website. Several people have contacted the office regarding membership, either connecting to a relative who was a former member or wanting to reinstate their own membership if they were dropped. Some of the phone calls and emails are from people seeking information about a specific ancestor or information about contacting a state society.

Office duties have included scanning approved applications, filing documents, and purging duplicate or unnecessary material from the files. Mail is received and requests for books, notecards or other items are filled. Phone messages are responded to and information passed to the Registrar General regarding changes of address or queries about membership.

More than five 2012 Register books with 2013-2015 Updates included have been mailed since October, as well as one *Huguenot Historic Sites and Burials* book and one *Edict of Nantes* book.

The National Huguenot Society's flags are now safely stored in the San Antonio Office.

Nancy W. Brennan, Genealogist General

REPORT OF HONORARY PRESIDENT GENERAL REV. TRAVIS T. DUPRIEST, JR., Ph.D.

It has been my pleasure to continue to serve on the Scholarly Awards Committee of the National Huguenot Society, under the well-organized Chairmanship of Lee Nelson. I would say that 2015 was a banner year with seven submissions, most of which were fine pieces of scholarship. It is gratifying to think that this many books would be published by leading university presses in one year on Huguenot history!

It has also been my pleasure and honor to represent the National Huguenot Society at the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois, the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Wisconsin, and at the Holiday Luncheon at the Wisconsin Club for the Society of the War of 1812, Founders & Patriots, and Sons of the Revolution.

Mrs. Carol Chew and I have had several meetings planning the re-invigorating of the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin, and now have in place a new slate of officers, with the Rev. Peter Irvine as our new Wisconsin President. Peter is an exemplary Huguenot and has wonderful ideas for sharing ideas on the internet as well as for programs for our meetings, the next of which will be at the Milwaukee Museum of Art, with a tour of the French collection led by Wisconsin member, Barbara Brown Lee, a former Art Museum staff member.

As a side note, I was invited to give a talk and power-point presentation in the "Second Tuesday" Series at The DeKoven Foundation for Church Work in Racine, Wisconsin. My topic was Colonial Churches, and, of course, I had several examples of Huguenot Churches. Part II will include even more on Huguenot Churches in New York, Virginia, and South Carolina.

Submitted in Huguenot Faith and Devotion, Travis DuPriest



L-R The Rev. Peter Irvine, new President Huguenot Society of Wisconsin, The Rev. Travis DuPriest, Honorary President General of NHS, and friends from Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois meeting at the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest, Illinois

REPORTS FROM STATE SOCIETIES

Arizona

The Huguenot Society of Arizona held its spring meeting of 2016 on March 26th at the Blue Water Grill in Phoenix. This was a joint meeting with the State Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons and, for the second time, the newly organized First Arizona Company of the Jamestowne Society. The meeting began with the introduction of all Jamestowne Society members that were in attendance followed by the presentation. Rick Burke, Governor of this company, spoke to us about the history of the Jamestown, Virginia colony. Included was a slide show detailing recent archaeological finds at the site and what these new discoveries will tell us about those long-ago inhabitants many of whom are our ancestors.

After lunch, the Huguenot meeting was held. Mention was made of the book donation by former AZ State Society president, Lee T. Nelson, "A Biography of Samuel Chappuzeau Seventeenth-Century French Huguenot Playwright, Scholar, Traveler, and Preacher" to the West Valley Genealogical Library (WVGS) in Youngtown, Arizona. Here is a picture showing the cover of the book.

Below is a picture of the beautiful bookplate designed and printed by Lee's husband, Jack Nelson. He should be given credit for designing our lovely Calls to meetings and our Yearbooks. Lee is to be thanked for arranging the venue and meals for all of our joint meetings, certainly not an easy task. They are truly a much respected and appreciated 'power couple.'

After the Magna Charta meeting, we adjourned with invitations from the three societies to all attendees to continue work on their lineage. We expect to find several new members for each group now that our meetings are held jointly.

Our fall meeting will be held on October 26th, again at the Blue Water Grill. The host will be the Magna Charta Society. The speaker is yet to be determined. Our March meeting, hosted by the Arizona State Huguenot Society, will include the installation of the officers for the 2017-2019 term. We wish all members a successful summer hunt in the ongoing search for ancestors and will meet again in the fall.

Dusti Ide, President

Georgia

For my President's Project I would like to continue the purchase and placement of significant books and publications on Huguenot ancestry and history in our state libraries.

When I attended our National meeting recently in Washington, DC Janice Lorenz gave the report for Scholarly Works and announced the winner after passing around the five entries. "French Santee – A Huguenot Settlement in Colonial South Carolina" by Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland was the choice for best scholarly works and we were all impressed by the quality of research and presentation of the information, illustrations and fold-out map.

For this reason I want to propose that we place 18-20 of the "French Santee" books in the libraries around the state on the attached list. The books can be ordered through the Huguenot Society of SC office. It was published in 2015 by Otter Bay Books and retails for \$50 with \$7.50 shipping and handling.

I was so taken by the book and the detailed list of ancestors that as soon as I got home I ordered my personal copy of the book. After looking it over at my leisure I am even more impressed. I think all of you, as well as library patrons around our state, will be, too.



L-R Dusti Ide, President Huguenot Society of Arizona, and Karen Zeppenfeld, WVGS Library Director



AZ President Dusti Ide and WVGS Library Director Karen Zeppenfeld, with beautiful bookplate designed and printed by Jack Nelson]

I would also like to propose that any of the 18-20 libraries listed on the attached sheet that do not have our National Ancestor Register with any updates that we place that book there as well. Our state Librarian Geoff Oosterhoudt has done a yeoman's job of inventorying our state libraries and getting our ancestor book on their shelves. Let's get them in any important genealogical libraries that we may have overlooked or didn't know about.

Getting these books in our state libraries can only benefit our Society. Prospective members can glean knowledge about their ancestors which will encourage them to find out about us and hopefully join. This will grow our membership as well as educating library patrons about our ancestors. Win-win!!

The National Huguenot Society's website, huguenot.netnation.com, has added a link to the newly-updated Georgia Society's website. The Georgia Society's website address is: www.huguenotga.org

Janet Butler Walker, President

Illinois

Two members from Illinois, President Nancy Schultz and member Leslie Reynolds, had the pleasure of attending the National Huguenot Society meeting at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC, on April 9, 2016. This was the occasion of the first such meeting under the direction of the Illinois member President General.

In May, we were again so fortunate to engage Jeannine for her first State Presentation in the great state of Illinois. Her comments that the presentation was simply put, among friends, off-the-cuff, certainly was all of that. Thank you!! Several members from Illinois plan to attend the upcoming National Congress in Charleston, SC, in October 2016.

The Illinois Society was invited to join the Wisconsin Society for an outing to the Milwaukee Art Museum, by dual member and president, Rev. Peter Irvine. The date selected was May 28th, Feast Day of John Calvin. Director Jim Barr is quoted as saying the trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum was very enjoyable. The Fredricksons from Illinois were in attendance. Peter arranged for a luncheon at the Museum and a guided tour for the combined Huguenot group. Thank you!

The next Illinois Huguenot Society meeting is scheduled to convene for the fall at the Illinois Heritage Weekend in Peoria, Illinois, in September. On October 29, 2016, the Eve of Reformation Sunday, the two societies, Illinois and Wisconsin, will host a meeting in Milwaukee at the French restaurant, Chez Jacques, for a grand time of friendship and acquaintance. Peter is planning a program on the life and music of Claude Goudimel, Huguenot composer and martyr.

Nancy Schultz, President

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi has met twice since NHS congress in October 2015. Our Fall 2015 meeting was held in Madison, Mississippi. Penny and Joe Lotterhos presented a slide program on their trip to The Holy Land which had been in the summer. It was most interesting.

There was an election of officers except for Secretary. The new officers are:

President	Mary Margaret Buck
Vice President	William Prestage
Treasurer	Lynn Meador
Chaplain	Clarissa Davis



L-R: NHS President General Jeannine Kallal with Illinois Huguenot Society President Nancy Schultz

Registrar Mary Margaret Buck
Genealogist Kay Hudson

The spring 2016 meeting was also held in Madison. Vicky Pekich's sister was introduced as a prospective member. Several husbands of members were present.

President Buck appointed Vicky Pekich Secretary.

Lynn Meador, who had been to Charleston, S.C. in January, showed her pictures of the Huguenot Church there. Then President Buck told about The French Friedrichstadt Church in Brandenburg, Germany. It was bombed in World War II and reconstructed in 1977. She also told of the Edict of Potsdam, written in 1685 after the Edict of Nantes was repealed. The Edict of Potsdam welcomed the Huguenots into Prussia. Our next meeting will be in October 2016.

Mary Margaret Buck, President

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina met on April 2, 2016 at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill, NC. A social was held prior to the meeting which began at Noon.

Elaine Baldasare, president, welcomed all to the 78th year anniversary of our society. Mary Ann Hepler, chaplain, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the Huguenot Flag.

Marie Thiele, registrar, had the honor of introducing our guests. It was a terrific turnout: we had 43 members and guests present. Of those, 17 were prospective members. We also had 2 new members in attendance: Malinda Johnson and John Garrett.

The officers of our society were recognized: Jane Thomas, vice president; Mary Ann Hepler, chaplain; Marie Thiele, registrar; Ann Mueller, treasurer; Carol Jutte, secretary and Suzanne Sauter, historian. A much-deserved round of applause was given for their work over the last year.

Mary Ann continued the meeting by holding a beautiful and moving Memorial Service to three members: Sue Pierson, former state president (1993-1995), Mincey Copeland and Patsy Jimison. Mary Ann's granddaughter, Ellie Hepler, a registered Youth with the National Huguenot Society, assisted as a page in lighting a candle and placing a white carnation in a vase as each name was called.

After lunch, we returned to our meeting with our member, Sam Southern's, brother Michael, giving a power point presentation on their Huguenot ancestor. Michael did extensive research and "walked" us thru the family's movement from VA to NC and into TN. We have been fortunate over the last four years to have members and prospectives give a program on their Huguenot ancestor.



The NC Huguenot Society at their 2016 meeting

Officers gave their reports and motions were made and seconded to approve their submissions. The recently changed Bylaws and Standing Rules which had been voted on were ratified at this meeting. We voted to invite 4 new prospectives to join the Society.

Since the April 2015 meeting, we have recognized 7 members with certificates for membership milestones and 6 more are slated to be mailed this year.

Ann presented a certificate to Haley McCloud, a North Carolina Huguenot Society member and student at UNC-CH. \$1,000 will be sent to the University as Haley continues her education there. It was a pleasure to work with the membership in

setting the criteria for members to apply for this NC Society Scholarship Award and to be able to present the scholarship in 2016.

Judith Rembert, previous State President, was recognized for her leadership during the 2013-2015 term. She was presented with a Chuck Norton Huguenot pendant and a certificate in recognition for all she did during her term, especially attending National meetings. What Judi did for the NC Society was truly remarkable.

A few announcements were made and the group adjourned to take a group picture.

In Huguenot Faith,
Elaine Baldasare, President

Pennsylvania

Dear Fellow Huguenots,

I hope everyone has had a prosperous year. Our spring meeting went very well, the turnout was not as many members as I had hoped. The French Alliance Day at Valley Forge was very well attended despite the periodic rain.

Our picnic in June was well attended; I shared about the flags in our state society collection. We had two scholarship recipients Becca and Emily Snyder attend that gave a short musical performance. Their grandmother Nancy Snyder is working on the girl's papers to become lifetime members. We also discussed ideas for celebrating our 100th Anniversary of our State Society.



President Lydia Freeman (center) Pennsylvania Society members at Valley Forge with Honorary President General Lorenz (in purple), and NHS Honorary Historian general Peter M. Adams (PA) (far right)

Lydia R. Freeman

Tennessee

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee held its 2016 Spring Assembly in Cleveland at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Members from as far away as Memphis were in attendance. Dr. Dwight Page of Bryan College was the speaker for this meeting. Dr. Page is a professor of languages and linguistics, teaches courses on the history of France and is a member of the Swiss-American Historical Society. He gave an excellent presentation entitled, "The Advent of the Huguenot Faith in Sixteenth Century Reformation France." His presentation was well-received, as he was able to make the complex events in France from the reigns of King Francis I to King Louis XIV (from 1515 to 1715) very easy to understand.



NC Society member Haley McLoud, is presented with a Certificate for winning the NC Society's Scholarship Award

In September 2016 the work on the "Window of Settlement" is set to begin. We are still taking donations; many of our state members have made sizable contributions. If you are interested in being part of this historic opportunity, please send a check to made payable to the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, with Donations for stain glass window repair in the memo. Then mail the check to John W. Beitel, 175 W. North St. Apt. 423A, Nazareth, PA. 18064.

In the fall we are planning to celebrate Reformation Sunday at Pequea Evangelical Congregational Church, in memory of Rev. Gregory Dimick. He had been the senior pastor there for many years.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith



TN Society President John Hood with Dr. Dwight Page of Bryan College

Following the presentation by Dr. Page, the members approved a couple of significant actions. The TN Society had recently been collecting individual donations to be used for renovation and restoration work on the Protestant Church at St. Jean du Gard, located in southern France. The members decided to make a general donation from the Society's treasury to send to the church, as well. Once all donations have been received, the Society will be able to send a gift of over \$500 to the church at St. Jean du Gard.

At the November 2015 meeting, members decided to purchase 24 copies of a recently published book on Huguenot history entitled "Hammer of the Huguenots." These books were made available at the spring 2016 meeting so that members could donate them to libraries and schools throughout the area. The story in the book takes place in France in the early years of the Protestant Reformation, prior to the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1572. It was written with a middle-school-age audience in mind. The back of the book has an excellent timeline of Huguenot history and a helpful glossary of terms.

Members of the Wesley Memorial Student Ministries volunteered to serve as waiters and waitresses during the luncheon portion of the meeting. These youth are preparing to go on a mission trip to El Salvador later this summer. The Society showed its appreciation to them by making a generous donation toward their mission trip.

John Hood, President



TN Society members socialize before their 2016 meeting



Display of book, Hammer of the Huguenots, at the TN Society 2015 meeting

Virginia



VA Society President Stuart A. Whitehead and Professor Mack P. Holt

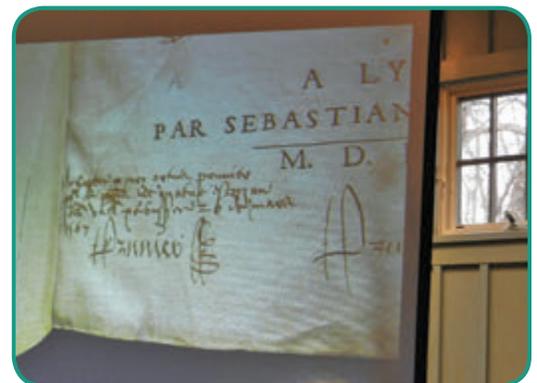
The Huguenot Society of Virginia continues to have an active and enthusiastic membership. Our Registrar, Judy Scovronski, has done a superb job of transitioning our paper records to an electronic medium. This allows for more accurate cross-referencing and ease of record keeping. This was not an easy task and we appreciate both Judy's initiative and patience!

We have conducted two enjoyable meetings over the last twelve months. Our goal has been to better educate ourselves about Huguenot history, both in Virginia and more broadly in France. To that end we have had guest speaker Ms. Susan Agee Riggs, Special Collection Librarian, College of William and Mary, who spoke of the Huguenot settlement in Virginia and the Huguenot population of Williamsburg. She also provided us lists of Huguenot library holdings and titles the College seeks to complete to their collection.

In March, we were treated to hear Prof. Mack P. Holt, Professor of History, George Mason University.

Professor Holt's presentation was entitled "How the Huguenots Read the Bible in Sixteenth Century France" and was based on analysis of marginalia and notes on over 400 Huguenot bibles. It was fascinating and provided an insight to the lives of our ancestors.

We were fortunate to have in attendance a Charter Member of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, from 1963, Anne Snidow Frazer with her daughter and member Jane Loving Frazer Holland, who traveled from Indiana. Past President Rachael Wills presented Anne with a wrist corsage to mark the occasion.



Example of a Huguenot Bible Notation from Professor Holt's presentation

A special thanks goes to our Web Master, Duane Wills, who has done a terrific job documenting our activities and posting the photos on our Huguenot Society of Virginia web page. Duane also included on our web-site a complete listing of our library holdings, bi-laws and the application process. Additionally, we published and distributed our 2015-2017 yearbook to all our members; the books included a listing of our current national officers.

Finally, we are donating \$100 to the National Huguenot Society Fund, as our members remain committed to supporting the activities of our national organization. Accordingly, we are in the process of revisiting our State Scholarship Fund. We have formed an action group to provide recommendations as to how better to achieve a financially sustainable program that offers Virginia scholarships on a regular basis.

Stuart A. Whitehead, President

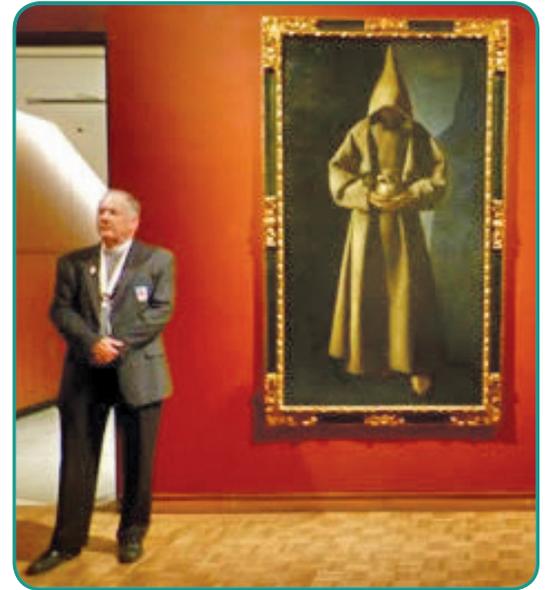
Wisconsin

The Huguenot Society of Wisconsin met at the Milwaukee Art Museum on the Episcopal Feast Day of John Calvin on May 28, 2016. Barbara Brown Lee, longtime docent at the museum and member of the Society, led us on a tour of the French Collection and other outstanding works of art, including silver vessels crafted by Paul Revere, Huguenot and American patriot (see photo). Seventeen members attended the luncheon and program, including Jim Barr (past president of the Illinois Society), Joan Brammer, Karen Broman (past president of the Wisconsin Society), Carol Chew (secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Society), Daniel Chew (photographer), Travis DuPriest (honorary president general of the National Huguenot Society, serving as vice president of the Wisconsin Society), Mabel DuPriest, Elizabeth Echols, Sharon Echols, Jack Frederickson, Susan Frederickson (member of the Illinois Society), Peter Irvine (president of the Wisconsin Society), Bee Janssen, Charlotte Pronnet, Josef Pronnet, and Robert Schenck (past president of the Holland Society). Our next meeting will take place October 29th, the Eve of Reformation Sunday, at Chez Jacques in Milwaukee, and will feature a program on the life and music of Claude Goudimel, Huguenot composer and martyr.

Rev. Peter Irvine, President



Charter Member Anne Snidow Frazer and her daughter, Jane Loving Frazer Holland



Wisconsin Huguenot Society President The Rev. Peter Irvine at the Milwaukee Art Museum



Silverware crafted by Paul Revere, Huguenot and American Patriot



L-R: The Rev. Travis DuPriest, Honorary President General of NHS, and IL Society Director James F. Barr, contemplating a monstrance clock

ANNOUNCING THE NATIONAL ANNUAL SCHOLARS

The Scholarship Award is awarded annually and is made possible by a generous bequest in e scholarships. 2016 marks the 15th year that The National Huguenot Society has awarded schola as an undergraduate or graduate student. This year, 2016, we find that we have



Haley A. McLoud, University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. Member of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina. Descendant of Christophe Feret/Ferre.

Haley A. McLoud is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a History major. The following statement is from Haley's application: *I have a particular interest in how the lives of people – both ordinary and extraordinary play out in the unfolding drama that we look back upon as “history”. The knowledge that ancestors of mine, principled people guided by conscience, played their role in history so honorably and steadfastly, is truly gratifying. It brings with it an obligation not to squander the gifts and lessons they passed on to me.*

Based on her performance in high school, Haley was awarded a National Merit Scholarship for her undergraduate years at UNC. She was chosen to participate in two UNC honors study abroad programs one to London for history and one to Germany, Denmark and Sweden for sustainability studies and urban planning. In her last undergraduate semester she worked part time with the town of Chapel Hill as their Sustainability Intern before graduation a semester early in December of 2013.

After graduation, it was her intention to work in order to earn money to help pay for attending law school at a later date. She is determined to finance law school herself (with the help of student loans) rather than burden her parents with the expense. She has worked for one and a half years with NC GreenPower,, a non profit promoting solar power, as their Business Fellow. During this time, she studied for and took the LSAT exam (scoring in the top 91%).

Haley is now enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of Law, having completed her first semester there. She did not spare herself, taking a full 15 hours with a grade point average of 3.06.

Again, from Haley's application: *My goal is to continue to pursue the study of law, to work hard and do as well as I can, and, ultimately, to become a lawyer – most likely practicing public interest law in the field of environmental law. My future goal is always to be guided by not only the ethical standards of the profession but also as those standards are informed and amplified by the legacy of integrity and honor embodied in our Huguenot ancestors.*

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF 2016

excess of \$300,000 left to the Society by will with the stipulation that the bequest be used for
scholarships to outstanding members of our Society who are presently attending an accredited college
and two extraordinary students equally worthy, a young man and a young woman.



*William Eugene Edgar Campbell, MBA candidate,
Columbia Business School, NY. Member of the
Huguenot Society of California. Descendant of
David des Marets.*

William Eugene Edgar Campbell is a graduate of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. He graduated with an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology with a minor in Engineering. Immediately after graduation he went to work for Stroz Friedberg in New York City and was employed there until 2015. Based on a desire to be self employed he applied to, was accepted and since started at Columbia Business School as an MBA candidate. His grade point average is 3.2. William has been a member of the California Huguenot Society for five years.

William expressed gratitude to us for his scholarship, in the following letter:

To The Scholarship Award Committee,

Thank you for the generous National Huguenot Society Scholarship. I am honored and thankful to have received this award which helps me considerably in pursuing my studies.

I am excited to inform the Committee that I have recently been elected our Vice President of Honor and Citizenship by the Columbia Business School Student Body – this position is tasked with strengthening and steering the school's culture. I am proud to bring the Huguenot's values of reason, tolerance, and virtue to my community, and will be sure to look towards the past while charting out our future.

Thank you again,

William Campbell

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Our President General re-activated our Finance Committee and asked me to reach out to officers and past presidents for their advice and participation. We selected members to serve on the Committee to support their particular areas of engagement for the Society:

Treasurer	Rex Gradeless
Scholarship	Neoma O'Brien
Huguenot Office	Nancy Brennan
The Cross/Publications	Janice Lorenz
Website/Social Media	Steve Gerth
Audit	Roger Smith
Program	Jeannine Kallal
Investments	Joel Strauch

We suggested key areas for the Finance Committee to address:

- Identify the long term financial objectives of the Society: to provide a stable financial basis for the NHS to achieve our long term mission;
- Identify and operate with the resources that have been given to the Society and managed over our history with particular attention to bequests and gifts that serve as scholarship endowments, recognizing specific restrictions that apply
- Identify the appropriate segregation of assets into specific funds to reflect the directives of the grantors and accordingly develop appropriate investment plans for each of the individual funds and for the portfolio as a whole
- Propose plans for the management of liquid and operating assets of the Society
- Review the annual revenue and expense budget and make suggestions in terms of fees and expense generating activities
- Suggestion changes in financial reporting to reflect our financial organization
- Report and coordinate with the President General and Officers of the Society

We are mindful of the experience and history of the Society in the investment markets and the constraints of our governing bylaws to carefully limit the financial risks of the Society.

We have coordinated with our Treasurer General in re-investing the proceeds of maturing certificates of deposits and proposed several tactics to receive more attractive rates and better manage our portfolio of CDs.

We look forward to receiving input from our committee members and the officers of the Society and to continuing our conversations on these important topics.

Joel Strauch, CFA®, Chairman

Scholarship Award Committee

Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General and member of the Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C., continues to excellently lead the Scholarship Award Committee for the National Huguenot Society. This year's winners—yes, that's plural because there were two of them—are announced in the centerfold spread of this issue of *The Cross*.

Publications Committee

By October, Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, Jeannine Kallal, President General, and myself expect to have completed the small publication discussed in the Minutes of our April meetings, *the Consolidated 2016 Update to the Register of Approved Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition 2012*. This will be a short softcover book containing the new ancestors which have been approved since 2012. Once this Consolidated 2016 Update is completed, it will be offered for sale on Amazon.com, in addition to being sold from our Office. A current version printed at the San

Antonio Office, but not in softcover book format, is currently available from our Office for a small charge. The final vision of the Committee is to combine the information contained in the 2012 Ancestor Register and the Consolidated 2016 Update, to form one brand new publication in softcover, to be sold from our San Antonio Office and online through Amazon.com.

The Publications Committee has also launched very actively its research for the *Huguenot Founders of America* book. This publication was originally envisioned by Honorary Historian General Peter Morgan Adams and will describe the Colonial-era and later contributions in various fields of endeavor of our Huguenot ancestors and their descendants in America. Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, Honorary President General Janice Lorenz, and Honorary Historian General Peter Adams are currently engaged in gathering data for the book.

As a final note, we are winding up work on Gregory Michael Smith's Master's Thesis with accompanying articles and color illustrations, and the finished product, entitled *A Huguenot Tour of 19th Century Literature*, is expected to be available for sale from our San Antonio Office and on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble online by October. If so, we will bring several copies to Charleston for you to peruse and purchase.

Janice Murphy Lorenz, J.D., Chairman

Scholarly Works Award Committee

The winner of the 2015 Scholarly Works Award of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. is *French Santee*, a book written by authors Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland, and published by the Huguenot Society of South Carolina (which is unrelated to NHS). This award pays \$1000 for the best scholarly work about Huguenots published in the specified calendar year. Our outgoing Awards Committee Chairman, Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson, stated: "This is an excellent Huguenot genealogical reference. Much detail, with amazing documents and biographies, has been brought to bear regarding these first settlers. We learned a great deal about the various families and how they perceived their new country in a challenging and different environment from what they had left behind. The research by the authors was extensive, from the many translations that were necessary to include in this work, and the myriad of sources referenced. It also contained much personalization, making one feel he could be a part of some of the scenes and events that took place.

"We are pleased to recognize the work of these fine authors and hope they can enjoy the \$500 each in award money. We would also hope that this book becomes available to not only our own membership, but to the greater public as a great learning and historical reference."

LeGrand Descendants Visit Colonial Williamsburg Plaque Honoring Ancestor Peter LeGrand

In June 2016, Travis DuPriest, Honorary President General of the National Huguenot Society, introduced three generations of LeGrand descendants to the plaque at Colonial Williamsburg commemorating ancestor Peter LeGrand who, along with others in the House of Burgesses, served during the build-up to the American Revolution in the 1770s. Pictured left to right are: Travis Talmadge DuPriest; his son, Travis Edgerton DuPriest; his granddaughter, Madeline Rose DuPriest; Lauren Booth, holding hers and Benson Hunter DuPriest's daughter, Evan. Travis has enrolled both Maddie and Evan as Youth Members of NHS.



FAITHFULLY DEPARTED HUGUENOTS, As Reported to Our Chaplain General

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René Péron, one of our devoted Members at Large in Canada, reports as follows:

On the historical scheme of things I can report that much interest has been aroused in the last half century re the history of the first Huguenots who founded (yes the Huguenots were the first founders of Nouvelle-France) this country, now become Canada. Part of the old files/magazines published by the Canadian Society, now defunct, have been collected and are in the hands of the Québec Family History Society of Pointe Claire, a suburb of Montréal. Even the notes and extensive articles by a former president thereof have been resuscitated and are now in safe keeping. Thus some, not all, of the data that had been dispersed at the closing of the Canadian entity has been collected and will soon be available for researchers in this country, even though much of the old library has been lost having been given out to diverse entities. [Hence, he submitted to us the "Huguenot Heritage" article which appeared in the Spring 2016 Cross of Languedoc.]

Jacques Gagné, a member of the present day Québec Family History Society in Pointe Claire, has made it a particular interest of his to try to trace Huguenot and Protestant religious influences, be they English or French, throughout the centuries, from the 1600s to the last century. In collecting such data, it is interesting to find that, among other bits of information: some eight or so of the first governors of Nouvelle France, now Québec, yes eight, were Huguenots, and that one Samuel de Champlain was also of the same religious persuasion; that some 300 of the first colonists to settle here were Huguenots, even though they had to become officially Roman Catholic to settle on the land, thus Representing a good proportion of the then very small population; that, in the first flux of colonists to Nouvelle France my ancestor, Francois Péron, was most influential through the people he brought to this continent as mentioned in my "Huguenot Heritage" article. The Perron family association motto is *Toujours en marche* (Forward, Always). Be it ever so.

A final note is that The Genevan Psalter article was indeed of much interest, as I remembered one of Montreal's revered and greatest organists telling me at an organists' convention that he had been much moved at hearing the Psalms sung in one of the French language Protestant churches in Montréal. This item impressed me all the more as this gentleman had been the Roman Catholic organist at Montreal's famous (visited by folk from all over the world) Oratoire Saint Joseph, better known in English as St Joseph's Oratory. I shall try to reach this gentleman to send him a copy of the article; I might also find that Jacques Gagné is so interested, having been involved in the music industry before retiring.

THE GERMAN HUGUENOT CENTER in BAD KARLSHAFEN, GERMANY

By John Hood, President, Huguenot Society of Tennessee

Anyone wishing to do research on their ancestry in Europe would do well to plan a trip to the German Huguenot Center (*Deutsche Hugenotten Zentrum*) in Bad Karlshafen, Germany. This institution is a “one-stop-shop” for anything pertaining to the history of the Huguenots in Germany. It is a large, three-story building which houses a museum, library and genealogical research center. The town of Bad Karlshafen is a picturesque place located in northwest Germany that was left untouched by the ravages of World War II.

When one arrives at the city square in Bad Karlshafen, it is easy to locate the gate that leads to the German Huguenot Center as it is marked by a large, blue banner which bears the Cross of Languedoc. Should the banner not be on display, it can still be found easily as entrance to the center is on the opposite side of the city square from city hall (*der Rathaus*) of Bad Karlshafen.



The first two floors of the building comprise the museum.

The displays at the beginning of the museum tour concentrate on the development of the reformed (i.e., protestant) movement in France and its subsequent spread to Geneva, Switzerland. It was in Geneva where John Calvin (1509-1564) and his followers trained pastors to return to France and to minister to the protestant communities in France. The next series of displays address the topic of those who fled from France into Germany during times of religious persecution. Some of those who came to Germany were in the country for only a short while, moving on to other places such as England, Poland, Russia or the Dutch holdings in North America and South Africa. Other refugees remained in certain places in Germany and many of those remaining displays address the impact that the Huguenots made after settling in Germany. The larger, more significant placards on numerous displays have explanations written both in German and English. A number of smaller placards that have tantalizing details are written only in German.

One of the displays on the second floor that may be of great interest to American researchers is a book dealing with the places of Huguenot refuge in Germany (*“Orte des Refuge”*). This book is mounted on a stand and all of the pages are laminated. Each page focuses on a city (or town) in Germany in which the Huguenots settled. The page for each city has a picture of the church building that was associated with the Huguenots, the early history of the city and the church, and the bottom of the page lists the surnames of most of the Huguenot families that were associated with that locale.

The library and genealogical research room are both located on the third floor of the building. The library has a large collection of books related to the history of the Huguenots, the majority of them focusing on the Huguenots in Germany. The library portion of the third floor is roomy and has plenty of chairs and tables. On one wall is a large map showing all of the cities of known Huguenot settlement stretching from Germany’s border with France all the way to the Baltic states and the western regions of Russia.

The genealogical research room is spacious and comfortable. Large tables are available that allow researchers to spread out their documents and charts. It has an extensive collection of microfilmed European records and two microfilm readers. There is at least one computer in the research room that has access to a database of Huguenot records. Staff assistance is recommended in using this database.

The city of Bad Karlshafen is accessible by rail (*Deutsche Bahn*) and is the recommended form of travel. The German Huguenot Center is a short walk from the railroad station. For those who do not speak



German, the staff at the center can arrange to have an English-speaking member assist you if you let them know the date of your arrival in advance. It's recommended that those visiting the center should allow enough time to see the museum in addition to the time needed for genealogical research. It is also worth allowing time to see the charming town of Bad Karlshafen. The town was spared from allied bombing in World War II and is a beautiful example of what old German towns looked like prior to post-war reconstruction. It is somewhat off the proverbial "beaten path" in Germany and, hence, is not over-commercialized like other German locales that desire and expect heavy tourist traffic. A passing knowledge of the German language will prove very helpful in dealing with the inhabitants in shops, restaurants, hotels and the like.



The town of Bad Karlshafen was founded in the 1699 by French Huguenots. The Landgrave of Hesse-Kassel, Karl I (or Charles I, 1654-1730) granted the Huguenots refuge in the lands of his pale. In appreciation for being granted sanctuary, the Huguenot refugees named the town in honor of him. Around the same time, Karl I developed an ambitious plan to develop a system of canals in the region to develop trade. Hence, the city square in Bad Karlshafen was built around a large, rectangular, man-made lake that is connected to a network of canals. The city hall (*der Rathaus*) is on the opposite side of the square from the German Huguenot Center. The tower that rises from the city hall houses a carillon that plays "Ode to Joy" a few minutes after the bell has struck the hour. This is a small event that is worth experiencing and capturing on video.

Beauty, history as well as a very good chance of discovering information on one's Huguenot family are all excellent reasons for an American researcher to plan a visit to Bad Karlshafen and the German Huguenot Center.

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L-R Mary Margaret Buck, Christine Crossan, Jeannine Kallal, Sandra Staley, Joel Strauch. Standing L-R Janet Walker, Noella Oberlin, Ed Wilkinson, Ann Oppenheimer, and Nancy Brennan

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Billy Walker, guest; Janet Walker (GA), Organizing Secretary General



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Eldon Kaplan, J.D., NHS Flag Man and guest; Emily Hornak, President Huguenot Society of Alabama, and Peter Dixon, NHS Flag Man and honorary member, Huguenot Society of Washington DC

MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY PATHFINDER OF THE SEAS

Trace Donald Burk of Austin, Arkansas
Winner of the Arkansas Huguenot Society Scholarship 2016

Matthew Fontaine Maury was born on January 14, 1806 near Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was descended from Matthew Maury and Mary Anne Fontaine, Huguenots, on the father's side, while his maternal ancestor (Minor) received a grant of land in Virginia from King Charles II.

These Huguenots were among the many thousands of brave spirits who defied the threats of persecution for their religious beliefs, left France forever and braved exile and poverty for their faith. In coming to Virginia, they brought with them their names, their courage, and their resolve to worship God according to their consciences. Here, they had absolute freedom to think, to work, and to worship God in their own way, with People who welcomed and loved them for their fidelity to a common faith.

Among these exiles the families of de La Fontaine and Maury, who had participated in a prominent part in the resistance offered by the Huguenots of France, arrived in Virginia in 1714. Identified in a common cause and a common misfortune, they were connected by marriage before leaving France, and became still more closely affiliated in Virginia.

When Matthew was five years old, his father emigrated to Tennessee, a village eighteen miles north of Nashville. Here Matthew assisted his father and brothers in the farm work. In short, the family lived the lives of early settlers in what was then a new country and what today is named Maury County.

Matthew attended rural schools until he was nearly killed in a fall from a tree at the age of twelve. No longer able to do hard work, he was sent to Harpeth Academy where he applied himself and soon became assistant teacher.

Without his father's knowledge or consent, young Maury talked Congressman Sam Houston of Tennessee into getting him an appointment as midshipman in the United States Navy. His voyages took him to Europe, and South America. Returning in 1834, he married Ann Hull Herndon of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

In 1836, Maury was promoted to the grade of lieutenant. In 1839, he suffered a fall from a carriage that left him lamed for life. Unable to perform active duties, he devoted his time to study and the improvement of the navy.

In the interest of commerce, Maury advocated the warehousing system. In 1842, he was appointed superintendent of the depots of charts and instruments at Washington. As naval observatory astronomer, he added the task of determining the direction of ocean winds and currents. In 1855, he published *The Physical Geography of the Sea*, the first textbook of modern oceanography. In the early 1850s, the idea of a trans-Atlantic cable was being discussed, and Maury prepared a chart representing in profile the bottom of the Atlantic, called "the telegraphic plateau." The citizens of New York presented him with a silver service and a purse of five thousand dollars in appreciation of his contributions to commerce.

In the growing dissension between the North and the South, his sympathies were naturally with his home state, Virginia, but he favored conciliation. Three days after the secession of Virginia, he tendered his resignation and proceeded to Richmond, where he was commissioned a commander in the Confederate States Navy.

He established the naval submarine service at Richmond and experimented with electric mines, eventually perfecting an "electric torpedo" (naval mine) which raised havoc with northern shipping. Maury had experience with the transatlantic cable and electricity flowing through wires under water when working with Cyrus West Field and Samuel Finley Brees Morse. The torpedoes, similar to present-day contact mines, were said by the Secretary of the Navy in 1865 "to have cost the union more vessels than all other causes combined."

Before the bureau was far advanced, Commander Maury was sent to England as a special agent. Here his international reputation made him an effective spokesman for the Confederate States of America. He was instrumental in securing needed ships and continued his experiments with electric mines. With the purpose of using these mines, he set out for America, but when he reached the West Indies, the Confederacy had collapsed.

He returned to England where he busied himself with perfecting his electric mines and where he wrote a series of geographies for school use. He was presented with a purse of three thousand guineas raised by popular subscription in gratitude for his services to the maritime world, and Cambridge University honored him with the degree of doctor of laws.

Maury returned to the United States in 1868 to accept the professorship of meteorology at the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, where he stressed the importance of weather forecasting. While on a lecture tour in the fall of 1872 in promotion of this idea, he became ill in St. Louis and died on February 1, 1873.

A self-educated scientist, Maury led his biographer, John W. Wayland, to write in 1930, "The thing...that made Maury a great man was his ability to see the invisible.... He saw the cable before it was laid. He saw a railroad across the continent before it was built. He saw a ship canal from the Mississippi to the Great Lakes before it was dug.... He saw a great training school for our naval officers...and weather reports for our farmers, long before either was a reality. He saw a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama more than a century before it was constructed. He was a seer and a pathfinder not only on the seas, but under the seas, across the lands, and among the stars."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR, Trace Donald Burk, who currently attends Cabot High School in Cabot, Arkansas:

After high school, I will be attending the University of Central Arkansas. I will attend there for at least 2-3 years; then transfer to the University of Arkansas to get a degree in botany. I plan to get a job doing what I love, while living as a Christian and being a member of the Huguenot Society of Arkansas. I am currently doing a job over the summer that is very similar to the career I would like to pursue. The job is at the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture in Lonoke Arkansas. The job primarily focuses on the improvement of our crop development. We find out what herbicide will kill all the types of weeds, without harming the actual crop. I find this very interesting and enjoyable.

Family is a very important aspect of my life. My family has impacted the way I live and the way I view things around me. Without family you would not know about all the different cultures from which you have come.

I am a member of the Cabot United Methodist Church. I attend church every Sunday and Wednesday and I play the drums in youth and every other week in the contemporary service. I believe that Christ is my lord and savior and he has died for all of our sins. I also believe you should strive to live as Jesus asked us, by following his actions. One should also learn how to love others.

Carol Hartman, Arkansas Society Registrar, is descended from Matthew Fontaine Maury. She reports that two verses inspired Maury to find the "paths" or "channels" of the sea, described by Trace Donald Burk in his article in this Cross:

Psalm 8:8: The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
Psalm 18:15: Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST

The Scholarship Award is awarded annually and is made possible by a generous bequest left to the Society by will of Jacquelyn Wells Dickey, who stipulated its use for scholarships.

Rules for the Society's Scholarship Award are as follows:

1. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society (meeting all requirements). Members of Member Societies and Members-at-Large are eligible.
2. Award will be given to a student at an accredited college or graduate school who has had at least two semesters of history which include in part history of religion.
3. Student should have completed at least two years of college, while maintaining a 3.0 minimum average before receiving scholarship money from the Society.
4. Need is not necessarily a factor.
5. Scholarship will be limited to \$5,000.00 per student and is not renewable.
6. Application forms may be obtained and completed on line from the website of the Society. Completed applications, with attachments, must be mailed to the Chairman National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award Committee. (Address will be found on the Application Form.) Process of selection is to be determined by the Committee with adherence to these guidelines.
7. The Committee will report its recommendations to the Board of General Officers in April of each year, for final approval.
8. The Scholarship Award check will be issued directly to the educational institution.
9. Applications should include grades from the preceding fall semester. Completed applications should be received by the Chairman on or before 1 February of the year of the award.

The National Society is honored to have made scholarship awards to dedicated members and excellent students beginning in 2002. Those award winning students are listed below:

2002 – Ryan Richard Worrell – Concordia University, Chicago, IL (pre-law)

2003 – Joel R. Wuthnow – Princeton University

2004 – Robert Brewton Ryals – graduate student – Florida State University

2005 - Carrie Chew – Hamline University of Law, St. Paul, MN

2006 – Jennifer Ann Dillinger – Harvard Divinity School

2007 - Janice S. Dillard

2008 – John MacNaughton Blakeney - George Fox University, Newberg, OR

2008 - Joseph Preston Holland – University of Alabama

(We were able to make two awards in 2008. The two students seemed equally qualified and we were fortunate to enjoy excellent interest rates for the Scholarship Fund, at the time.)

2009 – Simone Antonia Oppen – University of California at Berkeley

2010 – Amelia Baldwin Fromherz – Louisiana State University, School of Medicine, New Orleans

2011 – Katherine Elvey – University of Cincinnati

2012 – Christopher Cowden Wardlaw Rayburn – Univ. of NC, School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

2013 – Heather Christine Jackson – Medical College of Wisconsin

2014 – Michael Dominik Dangel – Univ. of Florida, at Gainesville, FL

2015 - Sarah Renwick Long – Georgetown University, Washington, DC

The Scholarship Award is one of our more worthy projects. We look forward to its continuation.

ANNOUNCING THE 2015 YOUTH CONTEST WINNERS

The winning submissions for the 2015 Youth Contest were made by David Crossan, Jr., Grade 6, Level 2, and his brother Samuel Crossan, Grade 4, Level 1.

David Crossan, Jr. submitted this essay on the book, the Huguenot Garden.

Huguenot Garden is a book about Huguenots escaping from the King of France and his green dragoons (soldiers of the King). The main characters are Renee and Albret.

The story begins with the two twins out in the yard, tending to their gardens with Boucle, their little lamb. Suddenly, their mother calls them in and asks them to go to the market with Abraham, their oldest brother, and get some flour. On their way, they get knocked over by some overly ruthless dragoons. They continue their trip to the bakery. When they come out, they hear a herald of the king, proclaiming that any dragoon can sleep in any Huguenots' home for as long as they want. They run all the way home to tell their parents. After this, they had their evening meal and devotion, music, and prayer. Then, they went to bed. In the morning they were awakened rudely by Boucle. After chores, they went to visit their mother who was pregnant and ill. She told them about the times when she was in the convent and how she escaped. After that, they went and made poppy circlets for their mother. After this, they had the evening meal and the normal "before bed" routine. And right before bed, mother told them that tomorrow was going to be a very special day. The next day, the girls were anxious to begin the day. They heard shouts in the streets and go to see what the fuss was all about. They saw some girls they had seen before. The girls greeted them and asked them to go to St. Bartholomew's day celebration. The twins ran to ask their mother's permission. Their mother said no because this was a day when many Huguenots were killed by a King of France. When the twins told the girls they mocked them because of their faith.

Soon the baby was to be born and their mother needed a midwife. So they sent Abraham out, but he was immediately caught by the green dragoons. So, they sent the twins. Albret got caught, but Renee didn't. Since Albret knew the way and Renee didn't, they switched places. Albret soon had the midwife and the baby Phoebe was born. In a few days, the twins went to the fabric store with father. They went the long way home so they could go by the water. Father told them the story of Abraham and how God richly blessed him by telling him that his offspring was to be more than the stars in the sky and the sand on the beach.

The next day was Sunday and so, as all Huguenots do, they put on their best clothes and went to church. The pastor told Father that dragoons had raided and stayed in some of the Huguenots' homes. Later that day, the dragoons came to their home and raided it. They pushed the men of the house to the walls and held them there. Then the captain tried to touch the women of the house. At that the men of the house broke free and lunged at the captain, but the dragoons held them back and put several swords at their necks. Suddenly, a Roman deacon burst in and told a lie to get the mean dragoons out. They left, but they took Mary's flute, furniture, and other objects. The next morning they set off to Uncle Philippe's home on a rainy day. About half the way there, they met their kind uncle in a wagon to take them home. Soon, they were home and they were warm by the fireplace with their cousins. That day the men worked in the fields and the girls and women worked and played at the house. After the evening meal, their cousin, Louis, came through the door. The three men talked of their beliefs. Louis was a "Freethinker" and set himself up as a god for himself. After the talk, Louis stayed with them for several days; but before he left, Uncle Philippe gave him an old Bible.

That very next day, Uncle Philippe taught them how to crush grapes to make red wine. After that delight, the twins overheard the two mothers talking of the king and his wicked ways. They eventually joined in on the conversation and learned how to tell if people are really Christians. The next morning was the Lord's Day and so they went into town for church. When they got there, they saw some Catholics and dragoons burning down and wrecking a Huguenot home. The pastor told them that their home was not safe and that the king had banned all Huguenot church services. So later that day, they went to the woods where they would have their church service. About the middle of the sermon, a young man came rushing in and told them that dragoons were coming and so everyone but the pastor had to flee. When the dragoons got there, the pastor tried to slow them down by asking the captain a lot of questions.

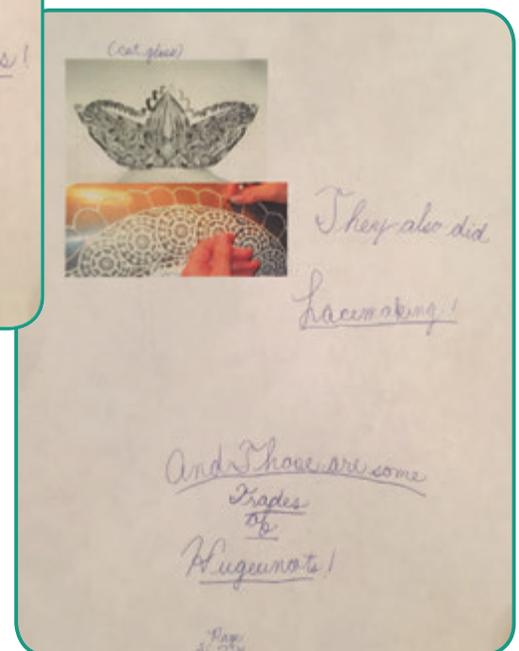
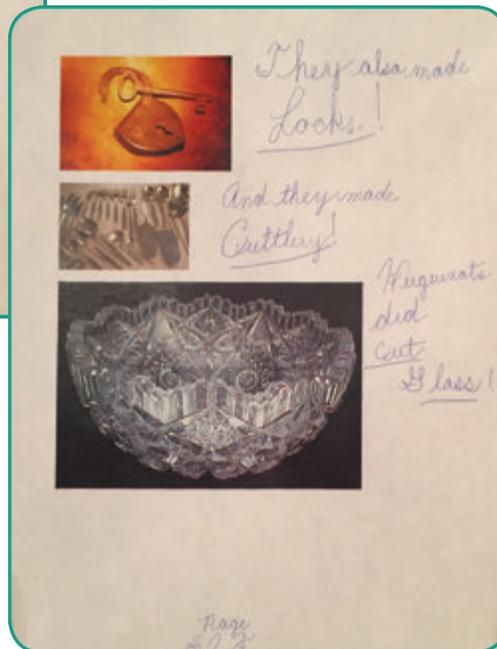
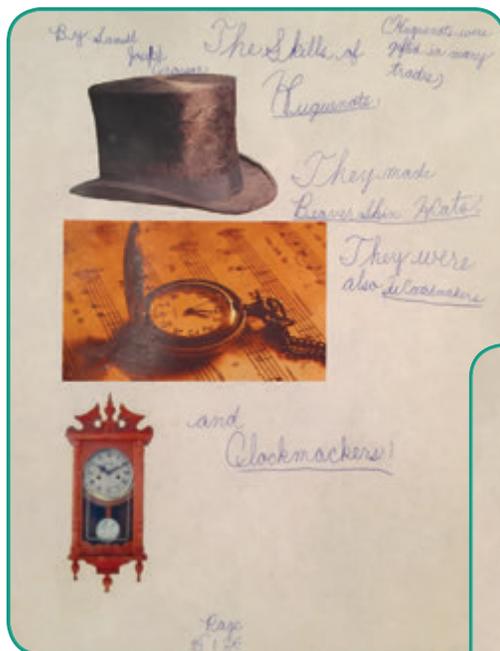
After a while, they took him away and no one ever saw him again. Most of the families had to sleep in the forest, but none were caught.

Two times they tried to sail away at night. The first time it failed. The second time they sailed away happy to be free, yet still sad, for they had to leave many cherished possessions such as the little lamb Boucle. Soon they were in England and they were happy. They bought a house by the beach. Later, Mary and her cousin got a violin to learn how to play. Not long after that, father had a surprise for the twins. They walked outside to see two little lambs just for them.

I think this is a great story that should be read by all people at some point in their lives. It shows the importance of staying true to one's faith. It can also show us how difficult it is to stay true to one's faith. I think this because every person should know how some people perished and sacrificed to make our faith stronger and to make sure that the next generation knows the one true God.

-David Crossan Jr.

Samuel Crossan submitted this colorful report as the winning entry:



2016 YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

The NHS youth contest is designed to invigorate our state societies, raise Huguenot awareness among our youth, and strengthen family ties between members and their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews by sponsoring a contest for students. We aim to encourage our eligible young relatives and friends to register as youth or to join as an NHS member. We look forward to a strong showing in 2016.

Program Timeline:

January 1: Opening date for current year Youth Contest Candidate Submissions; **January 15:** Winners for *prior* year's Youth Contest announced by email by the President General to State Presidents after the Youth Committee Chairman has notified the winners and the other candidates. **November 20:** Closing date for current year Youth Contest 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 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 costs \$10.00 per youth. Forms available on the NHS webpage: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Youth_Registration_Form.pdf.
2. Email submissions in PDF format (or JPG format for the Level 1 submissions) to natlhugsoc@att.net between January 1st and November 20th.

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.

Some 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.

Call for Submissions to the 2016 NHS Annual Scholarly Work \$1000 Award Competition

An important part of the National Huguenot Society's mission is to recognize the best work of scholarship about any aspect of Huguenot history in a paper, article, thesis, dissertation, movie, video production, or book, first produced during one calendar year (January 1st through December 31st), as demonstrated by its published copyright date. The copyright date is found on the page behind the title page of a book, and at the beginning of other forms of publications.

The scholarly work must be translated to English.

A copy of the publication must be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Awards for consideration by the Committee, Kim Rogers Burdick, kimburdick@aol.com. Alternatively, the Committee Chairman may request authorization from the President General to purchase a scholarly work the Committee wishes to consider, should the publisher or author not respond favorably to a request for a review copy of the publication.

Submissions for the award may be made from January 1st through December 31st of the calendar year whose copyright year is under consideration, such that the deadline for submitting a scholarly work for consideration for is January 1st of the year following the copyright year of the publication.

Entries are considered by the Committee on Awards, which makes a recommendation to the NHS Board at the NHS Board's April meeting in Washington, DC. The NHS Board votes on the recommendation. The Committee chairman then notifies the winner—the publishing house or the author, depending upon whose contact information is readily available.

The NHS President General must then request the NHS Treasurer General to issue a check in the amount of \$1000 to the author of the winning publication.

The entries which were considered are donated to the Huguenot Collection at the National Huguenot Society at the Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, DC, if appropriate. If sent to the Committee gratis the entry will, however, be returned upon request of the submitter.



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