

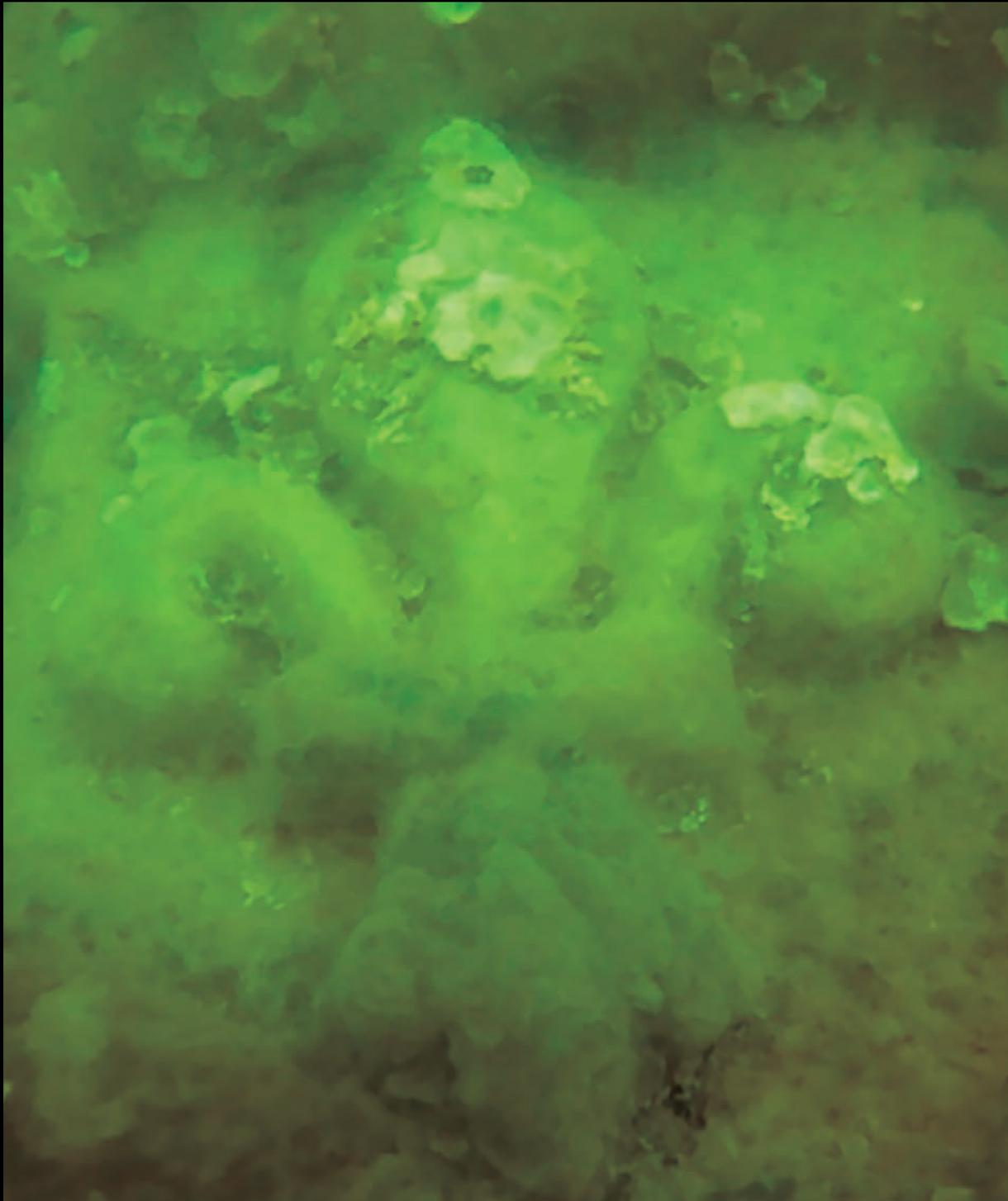


The Cross of Languedoc

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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”.



COULD THIS SUNKEN MARBLE MONUMENT, FROM A JUST-DISCOVERED FLORIDA SHIPWRECK, BELONG TO HUGUENOT CAPTAIN JEAN RIBAUT'S LOST SHIP FROM 1565?

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

Cover image and story credit: *Global Marine Exploration and livescience.com/60859-shipwreck-excavation-awaits-court-ruling.html* May 10, 2018.

It isn't often that the relevance of Huguenot history is dramatically presented in 21st century America, so it is with great fascination that we watch unfold the potential resolution of the 453-year-old mystery of what actually happened to French Huguenot explorer Jean Ribault's ship, *La Trinité*, when, in September of 1565, it sailed from Fort Caroline to St. Augustine, Florida and was lost. Miraculously, evidence of the fate of that ship's last voyage may, we repeat, may, have finally come to light. The matter involves a sixteenth century shipwreck, sunken French treasure bearing the coat of arms of France, incredibly valuable bronze cannons also bearing fleur-de-lys, and much other as-yet undocumented items. The true identity of the sunken ship and its surviving artifacts, which have yet to be recovered from the deep, is disputed in litigation filed in the U. S. District Court for Orlando, Florida.

The 16th century shipwreck was found in 2016 by a marine salvage firm called Global Marine Exploration, after it had obtained permission to explore off the coast of Cape Canaveral. But when the company sought a permit to recover the numerous artifacts found among the wrecked remains, litigation ensued. The State of Florida and France contend that the ship, whose hull is now missing, is the *La Trinité*, Jean Ribault's ship which was poised to attack the Spanish colony on St. Augustine but instead sank after sailing into a hurricane. The survivors were put to the sword by the Spanish, except for the few who claimed to be Catholic. Hence, Jean Ribault, famous explorer and Huguenot, lost his life in September of 1565. On the other hand, Global Marine Exploration contends that the ship is in fact Spanish, not French, that it was loaded with what appear to be clearly French artifacts because the Spaniards had plundered the Huguenot colony of Fort Caroline before sinking in the hurricane.

Among the artifacts which have come to light through photographs taken by Global Marine Exploration before its salvage operation was halted by litigation are bronze cannon engraved with French fleur-de-lys, and the marble monument depicted on the cover, which may have rested upon a marble pillar. Like the bronze cannons observed in the deep, the marble monument clearly bears a fleur-de-lys in bas-relief which probably constitutes the coat of arms of the King of France (*cover image*).

It now remains for the litigation to be concluded and the winner to recover whatever artifacts can be safely recovered from the seabed. The best way for the litigation to conclude would be for some of the artifacts to positively correlate with ancient archival records of the Huguenot colony's launching in 1562 by the still-young French King Charles IX. He reportedly believed in Admiral Coligny's vision of a Huguenot settlement in America that could open up new trade routes and help solve the problem of where the Huguenots might settle permanently and worship their religion freely.

John de Bry, a historical archaeologist in Florida, who is descended from 16th century Dutch-French publishers who took great interest in the Ribault expedition and of drawings about it, has taken on some of the task of searching for relevant archived records of the various Ribault-Huguenot expeditions to America, translating them, and then presenting them to appropriate authorities for review. John de Bry is returning to Paris this summer in hopes of finishing up his research, and, in a separate article, he explains more about what he and his nonprofit do and have accomplished thus far in this regard. We can support his efforts. He and Historical Archaeology are actively participating in making Huguenot history relevant in today's America.



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The hotel is offering NHS a Conference Rate, for a single or double room of \$219 (not including taxes/fees), and for anyone wishing to come early/stay late, this special rate will be applicable from Wednesday, October 3 to Tuesday, October 9 (subject to room availability). **The deadline for booking is Saturday, September 1, 2018.**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thurs	Oct 4	6:00 p.m.	Informal meetup in lobby; walk to a local restaurant for cocktails and dinner for those who are in town and care to join us.
Fri	Oct 5	4:00 p.m.	Registration. Sightseeing on your own, or take Transportation now from hotel to join us at 5:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, with dinner there to follow.
			Transportation to Museum event: If you desire transportation to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, we will leave as a group on a minibus, and will stay through dinner there. Fee of \$20/person using registration form.
		5:00 p.m.	Philadelphia Museum of Art. \$20/person/day general admission or \$18 for seniors 65+, to tour on your own at your own pace. An additional \$8/person if you want a one hour highlights tour by a Museum Guide.
		6:45 p.m.	Dinner for NHS at the Museum. \$29/person total. Dinner selection per attached Registration Form.
		8:45 p.m.	Museum closes. Minibus back to Sheraton for those who have so registered for it in advance.
Sat	Oct 6	8:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast. \$33/person total.
		9:00 a.m.	NHS Board meeting, Cook Room. <i>Elected NHS officers and HPGs only.</i>
		10:00 a.m.	Congress meeting convenes.

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
		12:30 p.m.	Luncheon in Frampton Room. Program. Necrology Service by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.
		2:00 p.m.	Congress reconvenes, if necessary, until concluded. Nominating Committee (which will be elected at this Congress) meets privately.
		6:30 p.m.	Transported (if you register for it) as a group for American cuisine Banquet Dinner on the <i>Moshulu</i> , the world's oldest and largest square rigged sailing vessel still afloat, which is now a docked restaurant on the Delaware River. Open air, handicapped-accessible deck and tented, heated space. See Moshulu.com. Dinner \$91/person.
		9:30 p.m.	Bus back to the Sheraton Hotel for those who registered for transportation.
Sunday	Oct 7	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own or meet up with your own party in the Sheraton restaurant or at Starbucks in the lobby.
		10:00 a.m.	Minibus transportation (for those who registered for it) departs from Sheraton to Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Park (approx. one hour drive). \$23/person round trip.
		11:45 a.m.	Special Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel. Re-dedication of the "Lafayette Window," the restoration of which the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania recently funded.
		12:45 p.m.	Luncheon in the Bishop White Library at the Washington Memorial Chapel, with historical commentary. \$35/person.
		2:15 p.m.	Bus back to Sheraton for those who registered.

PLEASE COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON'S MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND MEAL CHOICES.

Please obtain your Registration Form from 1) Your State President 2) from the NHS San Antonio Office or better yet, 3) download it from the National website at www.huguenot.netnation.com

You will be making your check payable to: The Huguenot Society of PA, enclosed with your 3 page Registration Form, addressed to Judy A. Moneta, Narberth Post Office, Box #9, 144 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, PA 19096, by Saturday, September 1, 2018.

Questions should be referred to Judy (PA Society) at: Phone: (610) 658-6324,
Email: monetajudy@Gmail.com

Upon registration you will receive an initial information sheet with planning ideas for your free time.

- Sites to see
- Some nearby area restaurants
- Parking options
- An area map to help you get oriented. (In town, we have easy to follow numbered north & south streets, named streets going east & west).
- The Independence Visitor Center is in the relatively new National Constitution Center, in our part of town, about 5 walking blocks from the hotel.
- A sample list of types of available tours, historic places, museums.



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

S11 April 2018
The Army Navy Club
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 Sandra Staley at 9:20 AM. The minutes of the October 2016 meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina were read by Recording Secretary Pro Tem Janet Walker. They were approved as corrected.

First Vice President General Janet Walker reported on plans for the 83rd Congress to be held in Philadelphia October 5-7. She also reported that our NHS Huguenot insignia is now listed on the Hamilton Insignia website.

Second Vice President Mary Margaret Buck talked about her progress on the Membership Directory. She is working with Bill Buell, Registrar General and the state societies. Her daughter is helping with the typing.

Chaplain General Rev. Joel Strauch gave his report.

Registrar General Bill Buell gave his report. He gave information about membership numbers and our Headquarters.

Treasurer General Jane Power gave a Treasurer's report. It will be filed for audit. Jane and Barbara MacManus were thanked for all their work on our NHS books and accounts.

Organizing Secretary General Nancy Schultz gave her report. There are no plans to add any chapters at this time.

Corresponding Secretary General Christine Crossan gave her report.

Historian General Ed Wilkinson gave his report and talked about social media.

Genealogist General Nancy Brennan gave her report. She is working on a 2nd revised update of our book. She is also still continuing to make the list of Revolutionary soldiers that connect to a Huguenot ancestor.

The Youth Contest Essay Awards Chairman Nancy Watson announced that the two outstanding young men who won were the grandsons of our Corresponding Secretary General Christine Crossan.

Janet Walker, Recording Secretary Pro Tem read the report of the Scholarship Committee. It has two nominees of outstanding qualifications for the 2018 Scholarship Award. Blake William Delaplane is a first year law student. His ancestor is Nicholas de La Plaine, Jr. Kailey Nygaard and is studying for a Master's in Teaching. Her ancestor is Daniel Streing. Jeannine Kallal moved by direction of the Scholarship Committee, Neoma O'Brien, Chairman, that the Board approve both students for our scholarship. Joel Strauch seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: An Ad Hoc Committee appointed by President General Sandra Staley comprised of Joel Strauch, Jane Power, Janice Lorenz, Sandra Staley and Barbara MacManus had a report. Joel Strauch read the Guidelines for Investment Policy approved at Congress October 2017 and talked about our investments and accounts. Joel and his committee were thanked for all their hard work.

Two Silver Award medallions made by NW Medallion Company (now Metalcraft Mint/Susan Skaggs) are left. They are awarded to recognize special people in our Society who do great things. The successor company will find our die. Jane Power moved that we order 4 more silver and 2 gold. Barbara MacManus seconded. Motion passed. Sandra Staley will tell the Board by email what the cost will be. Barbara MacManus moved to amend her motion: She moved to purchase the medals subject to approval by the Board depending on the price. Bill Buell seconded. Motion passed.

President General Sandra Staley passed around two non-circulated coins minted in 1924 by the government to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Walloons coming to America. She proposed selling voices for one of the coins at Philadelphia. Discussion ensued.

Future meetings were discussed. Congress 2019 will be in Florida. Delaware and Georgia were discussed for Congress 2020.

Bylaws will be distributed today.

President General Sandra Staley adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Janet B. Walker, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

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NOTICE REGARDING YOUR ADDRESS

The mailing list for the Cross comes from the membership list for The National Huguenot Society; therefore, the mailing list is maintained by the National Registrar, William C. Buell, V, who can be reached at wcbuell@dslextrême.com. He receives and relies upon information from you and your state registrar, so if you see a problem or need to change your address, you need to notify not only Bill Buell, but also your state registrar. If the decedent was a member at large, please notify the NHS Registrar General of the death.

NHS OFFICER REPORTS

Second Vice President General

At the called Board Meeting following election at the National Huguenot Society Congress in Charleston I, as Second Vice President General, was given the responsibility of getting a new Membership Directory together. However, first on my agenda upon returning home from Charleston S.C. was to finish my previous assignment as Recording Secretary General in the Kallal administration.

Some of the work on the Directory was done before Christmas, which is fortunate because on January 5, 2018 I had an altercation with a treadmill and suffered a tuberosity fracture in my right shoulder. This situation was a hindrance but this officer muddled through it. I have worked with Registrar General Bill Buell via emailing and telephone calls and have called state registrars and presidents for ancestor information since many state reports forwarded to me from Treasurer General Jane Power did not include ancestors' names. The process of getting data into directory form has pushed this Second Vice President General into the 21st Century because I had to learn how to make an Excel spreadsheet. There is still a lot of typing to be done and I thank all who have sent the required elements needed in this process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Margaret Buck, Second Vice President General

Registrar General

Since no Registrar General's report was rendered at the October meeting I'll start by closing out 2017 with a brief synopsis.

In 2017, 48 new Members were approved, 34 Members were reported deceased and 87 Members were reported resigned or dropped. 50 of these 87 were California members dropped by their Treasurer.

In addition to this, with the disbanding of Ohio, 47 members were set adrift, so to speak. In January, President General Sandra Staley sent each of them a letter inviting them to Member at Large Status and so far 8 have done so.

This brings me to the current year. In the 3 months since January 1st, 28 New member applications have been approved and 1 rejected. 18 Transfers have been approved, including 8 from disbanded Ohio members and 5 from dropped California members. 2 reinstatements and 1 Supplemental have been approved. 2 New Ancestors have been approved (John Gruwell & Michael Paquinette), and 6 insignia orders were approved.

The Master Membership and Ancestor List has been updated and revised. A number of deceased, dropped and resigned members, some dating back 2 years, were found and removed from the list. Christine Crossan, Delaware Treasurer and David Bahn, Florida President very helpful in cleaning up this list.

The Registrar General is required to maintain a Membership and Ancestor List. This list was missing a number of the ancestors of Members who joined the Society prior to 2009. Using rosters and directories provided by State Officers many of these ancestors were recovered. Some 4 weeks ago, with the help of Cindy Clark of the Texas Huguenot Society we extracted the remaining missing ancestor's names directly from the application files. This list is now 98% up to date.

During the past 6 months I have received 3 applications which utilized the full 15 generations the current Application Form provides. This means we are getting to the time where 16 generations are needed. I have asked our Webmaster, Steve Gerth, to look at this problem, and by adjusting margins and deleting a couple of spaces, he has added a 16th generation on page 4.

With regard to sales, during the past 6 months, Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, and I have packaged and mailed out the following orders: 22 copies of the 2012 Register of Qualified Ancestors, 40 copies of the 2016 update, 7 charms, and one copy of Huguenot Migrations.

7 search and copy requests have been answered and too many to count email and phone queries have been answered.

One additional legal size filing cabinet was received as a gift from Corinne Staacke of the Texas State Society. This was utilized for Application files, permitting a reorganization of those files. It also freed up some additional cabinet space for the

Ancestor folders.

During the last 6 months, Total Deposits , resulting mostly from Book Sales, Member Fees and Dues amounted to \$9,293.

And finally, with the understanding that this number fluctuates and can never be correct, I estimate the current Membership of the National Huguenot Society, including 8 Canadian Members, to be 1,565.

William Collins Buell, V, Registrar General

Chaplain General

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

- Receiving notifications of the death of members and information on the next of kin; our reported necrology totals nine since our last Annual Congress meeting in October 2017;
- 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;
- Acting as a resource for the state societies, relating to activities of their chaplains;
- Continuing reading books on Reformed Christianity, Huguenot history, and genealogy, particularly *Protestants, The Faith That Made The Modern World*, by Alec Ryrie, *A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Human Story Retold Through Our Genes*, by Adam Rutherford; *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree* by A. J. Jacobs; and *Becoming German*, by Phillip Otterness;
- Responding to our President General's request to assist in the oversight of the Society's finances by assisting in the transition to our new Treasurer General, proposing and supporting our bylaw revisions as they impact the Treasurer General's oversight of the investments of the Society, and drafting and proposing an investment policy to more effectively manage the resources of the Society; and offering to re-activate our Finance Committee under our Treasurer General; and
- Supporting the activities of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, serving as Treasurer, initiating Bylaws changes, endorsed at our March meeting, and gained approval of our new Investment Policy Statement, which we will implement after membership approves bylaw changes at our fall meeting.

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 E. Strauch, Chaplain General

Treasurer General

This officer is pleased to report dues received from twenty-seven State Societies. A big thank you to each of the State Treasurers is in order! The bad news is, at this writing, the deadline for filing ePostcards to the IRS was 15 May. At this time, only thirteen states have responded. This non-action can result in the State Society losing its non-profit status. It is hoped these states not complying with the May deadline have other dates as filing deadlines.

This officer attended the Board meeting in April and was pleased to see so many registered for both the meeting and the luncheon. Twenty-five in attendance made an active meeting.

Reported at the Board meeting was the securing of all the various bank accounts and investments of the Society. All monies were located and accounted for. The task at hand now is to create a budget and a reporting of these accounts for the annual meeting in October.

The Society's records are shaping up! We are in good shape financially! Scholarships and awards checks have been issued and received! Thank you to all who helped make this happen!

Jane Routt Power, Treasurer General

Organizing Secretary General

This National Officer has been in contact with most of the Huguenot Societies throughout the country. There are no current plans to form new chapters within those states. The most pressing issues seem to be membership, recruitment of interest and availability of specific workshops for Huguenot Genealogy within their respective states. Most see that the process of applying and verification as key to their survival. Many agree that availability of application forms and information about meeting within their own sphere of lineage societies may be very beneficial to engage Prospective Members, perhaps through state genealogical societies.

Nancy R. Schultz, Organizing Secretary General

Genealogist General

This officer is continuing to maintain and update the list of “Huguenots and their Descendants in the Revolutionary War” which has proved to be a popular article for *The Cross of Languedoc*, with members offering their input.

The President General joined the Genealogist General, Languedoc Chapter President and Texas Society Vice President at a table for the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution on March 8, 2018, providing information about The National Huguenot Society. “Cross” magazines were distributed along with NHS bags and pencils. Many Texas DAR members stopped by the table to try to find their Huguenot ancestor in the 2012 Register and the 2016 Update. Subsequently, several have contacted the Texas State Registrar for membership information.

This officer presented a program on “Huguenots, who they were, where to find them, and how to research your Huguenot Ancestors” to The Captain Thomas Jefferson Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, on March 24, 2018 via Skype between Weslaco, Texas and San Antonio.

This officer presented a program on “Huguenots in Colonial New England” to the Elizabeth Winslow Chapter, National Society New England Women on January 19, 2018.

She attended the Huguenot Society of Texas State meeting in Dallas on February 3, 2018 along with Barbara MacManus, Susanne O’Brien, Nancy Watson and Bill Buell of the San Antonio Languedoc Chapter. She prepared the 2018 Yearbook for the Texas Society.

Nancy Wright Brennan, Genealogist General

HONORARY PRESIDENTS GENERAL REPORTS

Travis Du Priest (1993-1995)

This past year I have had the honor of being invited to address both the Huguenot Society of Illinois and the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin. Both meetings were held at outstanding French restaurants in Wheaton, IL, and Madison, WI respectively. My two addresses were titled “Four Reformations {intentional plural} and Their Reformers” and ended with a note on Huguenot spirituality within the context of the four major 16th century Reformations. In December I represented The National Huguenot Society and offered the prayer at the annual holiday luncheon in Milwaukee, for Wisconsin societies of Founders and Patriots, Society of the War of 1812, and Sons of the Revolution.

The Rev Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Ph.D., Honorary President General, NHS, and Vice President, Huguenot Society of Wisconsin

Joyce Bockemuehl (1997-1999)

I have moved to Cape Coral, Florida.

Joyce Bockemuehl, Honorary President General

Barbara C. MacManus

The following is my report as Honorary President General, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and Bylaws Chairman of The National Huguenot Society.

This officer has been quite busy during the interval since the General Council, Board of General Officers and Annual Congress met in Charleston, South Carolina last October.

As Assistant Treasurer, she has continued to assist the Treasurer General as requested in the transition of that office. It has been a privilege to work with such a capable, efficient and conscientious manager of National's financial affairs.

In her capacity as Membership Chairman, this officer has the responsibility of billing and collecting the dues of the 139 Members-at-Large, plus the 9 remaining Canadian Members-at-Large. Since October, one Member-at-Large has transferred to the Huguenot Society of Florida, three deaths have been reported and two billings were returned as undeliverable. This officer continues to try to locate those Members-at-Large whose mail is returned, and Members-at-Large who have been dropped, in hopes that some of them can be reinstated.

Three new Members-at-Large were added from October 1 through December 31, 2017, and 17 have been added from January 1 through April 2, 2018. Dues for one of the 139 Members-at-Large were waived in accordance with the National Bylaws Article IV, Section D 4.d.ii.). Additionally, the roster of members of the Huguenot Society of Ohio has been forwarded to this officer in anticipation that many of them may also transfer to Member-at-Large status should that State Member Society disband.

Of the current Members-at-Large, one is prepaid through 2023 and one is prepaid through 2019. Several had prepaid 2018 dues before the dues billings went out.

This officer has been working closely with the Registrar General in an effort to update the official National Huguenot Society mailing list and reconcile our Member-at-Large rosters by purging them of names of Members-at-Large that have been dropped or have not paid their dues in over two years, and by correcting mailing addresses of others as new addresses have become available.

This officer has completed incorporating the amendments approved at the 2017 Annual Congress into the National Huguenot Society Bylaws, subject to review by the Board of General Officers to confirm accuracy. Additionally, she has completed updating the State Member Society Handbook; also, subject to review of the Board of General Officers. Upon approval of the Board, these documents will be available to State Member Societies.

In addition, it has been this officer's privilege to field questions and otherwise communicate with officers and members of many of the State Member Societies as well as National Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs.

It has been a pleasure and most rewarding to serve the National Huguenot Society and its leadership.

Barbara C. MacManus, Honorary President General, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Bylaws Chairman



IN TRUE HUGUENOT SPIRIT, WE SHARE A RECENT NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT OUR ILLINOIS MEMBER, THE HONORABLE GLEN BOWER

Did you know that lawyer Glen Bower once served Huguenot descendant and former President George H. W. Bush as chairman of the United States Railroad Retirement Board, and has attended White House Christmas parties? He has served our country in many other capacities, as well.



Pictured is former Effingham County State's Attorney Glen Bower with President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, at the White House Christmas Party in December of 1992. Bower met the Bushes several times after being appointed by the President as the chairman of the United States Railroad Retirement Board in 1990. Submitted Photo

The byline and caption of Glen Bower's service to our country.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publications Committee

We are currently working on the planned new NHS and state officers directory, and hope to have details of our progress reported to the General Council by email soon.

Janice Murphy Lorenz, Chairman

Scholarly Works Committee

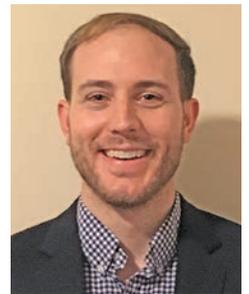
Greetings. Travis DuPriest and I, members of the book award committee, enthusiastically recommend the following book for the 2017 Scholarly Works Award: *Facing the Revocation: Huguenot Families, Faith, and the King's Will* by Carolyn Chappell Lougee, published by Oxford University Press in 2017.

The Rév. Peter B. Irvine, Président Huguenot Société d'Ouisconsin, Committee Member

Scholarships Committee

It is a pleasure to report that The National Huguenot Society, Inc. is able to award two Scholarships for the year 2018.

Scholarship winner Blake William Delaplane has completed his first year at the University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. His undergraduate degree is from Rice University where he graduated magna cum laude with degrees in Policy Studies and Political Science. In both History of the Cold War and Modern Mexico, he studied the role of religion in addressing the conflicts that surround these two topics. While attending Rice University, Houston, Texas, he led a small group through Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, and played piano for the campus worship team. His work history includes paralegal work in Washington, DC.



Blake, originally from Sacramento, California, is a member of the Virginia Huguenot Society. His Huguenot ancestor is Nicholas de la Plaine, Jr., who came from France and settled in New Amsterdam in 1657. Blake tells us that he researched his Huguenot history for at least ten years, a research filled with wonderful discovery. He feels that his Huguenot heritage has remained a major part of his personal development. His father, Drake Delaplane, is also a new at-large member of The National Huguenot Society.

Scholarship winner Kailey Nygaard is currently attending the University of California, Irvine, to obtain her Master's Degree. In June 2018 she will receive a Master's Degree in Teaching as well as a teaching credential to teach History in a secondary school. She completed her undergraduate work at California State University, San Marcos, where she majored in History and minored in Music, and was on the Dean's List for multiple semesters. Kailey tells us that she can hardly remember a time when she did not want to be a history teacher and that after graduating from CSU, San Marcos she looked for an advanced teaching program and chose the University of California, Irvine, where she has a 4.0 GPA. We note courses in the Reformation and the Crusades.



Kailey's Huguenot ancestor is Daniel Streing. She is a member-at-large, as is her mother Laura Nygaard. The family resides in California.

Sincere congratulations to our two 2018 Scholarship Award winners!

NHS Scholarship Awards Committee

Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General, Chairman

Bernard Hugus

Alice Johnson Sweeney

Youth Committee

No report.

STATE MEMBER SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama met September 28, 2017, at The Country Club of Birmingham, Alabama. A program "A Trip to Manakintown" by Ann Black, Alice Jones and Linda Jacobs was enjoyed by all. They showed slides and gave details of their trip to Manakintown. We have joint meetings of The Huguenot Society of Alabama and the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin.

New officers were installed at this meeting. Martha Ann Whitt, President, First Vice President, Shealy Lynn, Chaplain, Steven Saxon, Secretary, Ann Black, Treasurer, Bonnie Shanks and Alice Jones, Registrar.

Our spring meeting was held at South Highland Presbyterian Church Chapel in Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley's sermon was "Grace Works". The service liturgy was drawn from the Liturgy of the Reformed Church of France, originally conceived by John Calvin in Strasburg. Our French prayer of Confession "Repentir" (O Divine Redeemer) presented by Heather Batey, Soprano and accompanied by organist, Derek Kluz. Adrienne Retief, daughter of Hugo and Ina Retief, deceased members of The Huguenot Society of Alabama read the French prayer. A wonderful reception followed the service.

The Huguenot Society of Alabama presented The Register of Qualified Ancestors to the Tuscaloosa Public Library in honor of Mary Joyce Ponder a member who passed away in January 2018. Placing this register was Alice Jones and Ann Black and are shown in the picture.

We have been very busy making plans for this next two years. We have already gained four new members and have other applications being prepared. This president has been blessed to be a part of this Huguenot Society.

Martha Ann Whitt, President

Arizona

Hohokam Colony, AZ Huguenot Society meets on the Fourth Saturday of March and October at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Central Phoenix. The meetings are held jointly with the National Society of Magna Carta Dames and Somerset Barons, Jamestown Society, and will be joined by National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims next October. All groups take turns hosting and presenting a program for the attendees to the luncheons. Several members are excited to attend the 83rd Congress in Philadelphia in October, but will not be traveling by covered wagon, as flying is much faster for us westerners.

Submitted by,
Kathy Machmer, President



Arizona Huguenot Society Hohokam Colonys.

California

The Huguenot Society of California, Inc. has been disbanded. Members of the Society may become Members at Large.

David Lawrence Grinnell, Former Vice President and Treasurer

Delaware

Our 2017-2018 year began on the evening of Sat August 12, 2017 with an excellent presentation on John Jay, a Revolutionary era patriot of Huguenot descent, given by historian and first-person interpreter, Phil Webster of Maryland. Our spring meeting was held on April 22, 2018, at the historic Hale Byrnes House in Stanton, Delaware, home of Delaware Chapter

President, Kim Burdick, who introduced the DE Society
Treasurer and National Corresponding Secretary General, Christine Crossan.

Mrs. Crossan reported on the National Board meeting at the Army-Navy Club in Washington, DC. And also commented on her recent trip to the Huguenot Memorial in Cape Town, South Africa. She recommended we read *The French Blood in America*, by Lucian J. Fosdick, recommended by Past National President Janice Lorenz.

Mr. Robin Crossan then reported on *Hammer of the Huguenot*, a book by Douglas Bond. His review of this book was printed in the Cross of Languedoc and is now included as one of the books recommended to Youth contestants to read. The Crossan grandsons, David (13 years old), Samuel (11 years old), and William (8 years old), were the 2017 winners of the Youth Contest. David and Will spoke briefly to the group about their entries.

Our guest lecturer, Bonny Beth Elwell of New Jersey, spoke on The DuBois, Van Meter, and Nieu Kirk families of Salem County, New Jersey. These three Huguenot families were some of the first settlers of Salem County, New Jersey and of Delaware. Bonny served as President of the Genealogical Society of Salem County for several years, and currently serves as Vice President of Membership for the Salem County Historical Society; as president of the Greater Elmer Area Historical Society; as an appointed commissioner of the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission; and as the appointed Upper Pittsgrove Township historian. Bonnie is a highly-engaging speaker and met several of our members who shared the same ancestors. She is the author of a book on the towns of Elmer, Upper Pittsgrove, and Pittsgrove, New Jersey, and of numerous articles on local history and genealogy.

Our next meeting will be held in early October at the 18th century Naudain House near Taylor's Bridge. The current owners, Lisa and John Elias, have been in the process of restoring this beautiful country home for nearly a decade. The Naudain family is one of Delaware's oldest families.

Respectfully submitted.
Kim Rogers Burdick, MA, MPA, President

Florida

Membership

Through May 2018, 5 new members have been approved. There are several more in process. We have been fortunate to have no deaths during 2018.

State Matters

At the Annual Meeting held in April at Lakewood Ranch, Jo Lee Potts presented a well received program on Faberge Eggs. The members voted to present two scholarships of \$800 each to students attending Florida Universities: Chad Tucker attends the University of Florida and Markus Dangel attends Florida State University. The membership voted to increase the amount of scholarships available in future years.

New member Sarah Potts presented the new website she had developed for the Huguenot Society of Florida. The website huguenotsocietyfl.org contains more information about the state society and the chapters. (Feel free to explore the website.)

Chapter Activities

The six chapters are active with meetings being held twice a year, although some were delayed because of Hurricane Irma. Program topics vary based on the interests of the members.

David Bahn, President

Georgia

Georgia's spring meeting was held in March at Idle Hour CC in Macon, Georgia. Our program *Fort Caroline - Some New Perspectives* was presented by Bill Weeks. Georgia began a program in late 2017 of donations to libraries for the purpose of rebinding older publications and books. Our first donation for rebinding went to Georgia Archives.

Georgia presented a display cabinet in memory of our past president, Dr. Charles Bell Upshaw, Jr., to the Statesboro Library.

The cabinet will serve as a display for Huguenot books and artifacts and sits prominently near the entrance.

Our membership currently is 131 and continues to grow, with the wonderful assistance of the national Registrar General Bill Buell. Word seems to be spreading that our Georgia Huguenot Society is out there and we are getting contacted through our website by interested people.

We continue our efforts to put The National Huguenot Society Ancestry Directory and Update in smaller libraries with genealogy departments across the state. Georgia's plans are to redesign our information pamphlet and get those out to libraries as well.

We are planning a two day summer field trip to present a donation to the new Tattnall County Archives on Friday, June 14th with some officers and members attending their Wiregrass Festival the following day.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Nichols Jones, President

Illinois

The Huguenot Society of Illinois continues to gain new members and enjoy meetings with old and new friends. In December and January, Registrar Linda Wingstrom, Treasurer Carol Wandschneider and President Nancy Schultz worked to provide an updated accurate Membership Roster for both the Treasurer General, Jane R. Power and the Registrar General, William Buell. Currently, the Huguenot Society of IL has 93 members.

The November 5, 2017 meeting at Suzette's Creperie in Historic Downtown Wheaton was well attended at 22 members, Prospective Members and guests.

The Illinois Society is enjoying success with our emphasis on French eateries as venues as well as French-oriented field trips! Of course, October 31, 2017 was celebrated, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, arguably one of the most important events in church history. The Rev. Travis DuPriest was our guest speaker presenting "The Four Reformations." He explained that reformations were an ongoing process and not just a singular occurrence with different focuses.

President Nancy Schultz attended the National Huguenot Society Meeting on April 11, 2018, at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC.

The May 6th meeting was held at Mon Ami Gabi in Oak Brook, IL. The attendance was very good and included prospective member Annis Luise Blyth and new member Jan Scherubel.

President Nancy Schultz brought brand new tote bags for the members to purchase. Our Society wishes to thank the Georgia Society for their assistance

We are planning on several members traveling to Philadelphia to attend Congress this coming October. Our next meeting will be on September 22, 2018 at Heritage Weekend in Peoria, Illinois.



Garde la foi,
Nancy Schultz, President

The new tote bag for the Huguenot Society of Illinois.



Left: June Chapek, Chaplain; Maurine Hoepfner; Annis "Diddy" Blyth. Right: Jan Scherubel..



Keith Wodarski, guest and husband of Ann Wilkerson; Jennifer Mills; Sue Erick. Right: Maurine Hoepfner; Diddy Blyth; June Chapek, Chaplain; Sonja "Sunny" Hayes, Director

Indiana

The Huguenot Society of Indiana met for its spring luncheon meeting on Saturday, May 12, at the Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis. The program was given by Mr. Steven T. Jackson, Madison County Historian. His topic was the early 19th century Moravian mission and settlement on White River in Madison County, Indiana. Research for the program came from his new book, *"If the River Could Talk: Stories of the White River in Madison County,"* newly published in May. Topics at the business meeting included membership eligibility and the revision of the Indiana Society's membership directory.

Dennis L. Babbitt, President

Maine

Although our Maine Society has not been active in some time, we are fortunate that its Treasurer, Clyde Ross, has continued to keep the small group in standing with National by payment of its annual dues. In addition, Clyde has a wonderful sense of humor, and keeps in regular contact with this Editor, always sending a smile!

Members at Large

Our friend René Péron in Canada is slowing down a bit, but has still managed to produce a translation of a reference book for the NHS registrar general and genealogist general to use, and has connected us to a new Canadian friend, Jacques Gagné, who is working on some very interesting research tips for us. So far, his work appears to be too large to try to publish in the Cross, so we will work to figure out some other outlet. We are delighted to keep in touch with our Canadian Huguenot friends.

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi has 22 members and several prospective members. HSM meets twice a year, in the Spring and in the Fall. Our next scheduled meeting is 28 April 2018 in Madison, Mississippi.

Mary Margaret Buck, President



Lynn Meador, Treasurer; Mary Margaret Buck, President; Vicky Pekich, Secretary

Nebraska

On February 17th, the Lincoln Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted their sixth annual American Heritage Dinner. The event was designed to foster education and camaraderie between the many patriotic organizations in Nebraska that have a common goal of remembrance and honoring our patriotic ancestors and their contributions to the United States. The dinner is held on the weekend closest to President George Washington's birthday, as a way of honoring and remembering him and the sacrifices of all our Patriot Ancestors.

Other participating patriotic organizations included: DAR, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mayflower Society, Huguenot Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters and Sons of the War of 1812, Magna Charta, Plantagenet Society, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Daughters of Founders



NE Society meeting 17 February 2018, L-R: Huguenot Members: Kathleen Ocasio, CMSgt Robert Knott, Paul Moore, John Parsons (application submitted), Thomas Masters, Judy Moore, Ann Reinert and John Reinert.

of North America 1492-1692, American Legion and the VFW. The interaction with representatives from other patriotic organizations, food, displays and speakers were enjoyed by all.

Robert L. Knott, Jr., President

North Carolina

North Carolina has been busy over the last year by increasing our membership. On January 1, 2017, we had 68 members; by January 1, 2018, we had 83 members.

We are reaching out to family, friends and members of other societies, asking them to join our society...those efforts are paying off.

Our current membership is 87, though there were 2 deaths and 2 resignations in 2017. We actively reach out to our many prospective members, encouraging and helping them when we can to complete their application.

Our registrar, Tom Rightmyer, is a new member and he is “learning the ropes.” We have an Application Review Committee to look at applications, via email, before they are sent to the state registrar for processing. North Carolina feels fortunate to have Bill Buell, Registrar General, giving us instructions and answering questions before we submit applications and forms.

We had the largest group ever to attend a Huguenot Society of North Carolina meeting. Seven new members attended the meeting with 6 receiving a copy of *A History of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina*.

Dr. Dudley Marchi, professor at North Carolina State University, wrote a book, “FraNCe.” He was our guest speaker at our annual meeting held on April 7, 2018. Many of our prospective members and members listened in awe as he mentioned their Huguenot ancestor.

During that meeting, we had a memorial service for Ysobel Litchfield who had been a member for 21 years.

We voted on changing our bylaws to eliminate the Lifetime Membership category for new members. This will also affect our Standing Rules and all were ratified at our April 2018 meeting.

Members with milestone memberships were recognized in 2017: Carla Odom for 20 years and Anne Washburn with 10. Four certificates will be presented this year.

We communicate with almost all of our members via email. We also have a website and send a newsletter to all members.

NC appreciates the continued help we receive from all National Officers and other State Society Officers...for that we THANK YOU and wish you success!

In Huguenot Faith,
Elaine Baldasare, State President,



The North Carolina Society attendees, who are so numerous we could not list each of their names here (the HPG/Editor loves when that happens!), included prior state president, Dr. Judith Rembert, seated L, and current state president, Elaine Baldasare, seated R.



Betty McCain, Cal Hepler, Carol Cason (reinstated), Pat Gooding, Virginia Cobb, Dr. Glenn Davis, and Bill Jarrett.

Pennsylvania

Hello Fellow Huguenots,

The PA Huguenot Society is now in the middle of celebrating our 100th Anniversary year. We started the year by celebrating the 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 14th at 11:00am at the First City Parish of Reading City Church, which was formerly First Reformed Church, the building where the charter meeting of the First Huguenot Pennsylvania State Society was held in 1918. We had a commemorative worship service where we dedicated a plaque honoring the 100th year of the Pennsylvania State Huguenot Society; a proclamation was sent from the Mayor of the City of Reading recognizing the Centennial of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania; and our living past presidents were given memento pins to commemorate their years of service. One of the ministers gave a brief history of the church.



Following the service we had a catered luncheon with a decorated 100th anniversary cake. We had a great turnout.

For October, we are excited about having people register to come to the **83rd NHS Annual Congress in Philadelphia**. We want to remind everyone to allow some extra time to visit other sites through out the City. There are many other events going on during this time so we highly recommend making your reservations early and plan to stay some extra days so you can see more of the many sites that are in walking distance of the hotel. Our 100th anniversary Reformation Sunday October 28th will be celebrated at the Zion Reformed U.C.C. in Allentown, another location of one of the first meeting places of the PA Huguenot Society.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,

Lydia R. Freeman
President of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania
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Mark Dimick and Lydia Freeman, President, present commemorative plaque



Tennessee

The *Huguenot Society of Tennessee* currently has approximately 64 dues-paying members as well as several others whose dues are paid by the society (these are, typically, our members who are quite advanced in age).

The Spring Assembly was held on April 7, 2018 at the Fairyland Club, Lookout Mountain, GA with 21 people present. Fellowship hour was followed by the luncheon, speaker, and the semi-annual business meeting. There were 15 members, four (4) new prospective members, speaker, and a guest. Member T. J. Du Puy presented a clock to the President for display at the meeting. Patterns developed by Mr. Du Puy (shown here) are free to any Huguenot Society member for the asking.

These were sent to the members that have provided email addresses.

If a member prefers that Mr. Du Puy print it off, this can be provided for a small cost to cover the paper, ink, and postage. If interested in acquiring one of these lovely items, please contact T. J. Du Puy at one of the three email addresses below

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Dr. Herbert (Dwight) Page spoke on “Rubens’ Cycle of Paintings Glorifying the Reign of King Henri IV France (1589-1610)”. King Henri was revered as “the good king” and was the father of the Bourbon dynasty. Dr. Page is a professor of French and European History at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. Dr. Page provided 4 paintings that revealed the life of King Henri. It was his second wife, Marie de Medici (Italian) that was responsible for the Rubens’ paintings to influence French in art.

Following reading of the minutes and officer’s reports, our historian presented the scrapbook of pictures and other items she has put together for our Society. The book is a wonderful presentation of our recent and past happenings. The members appreciate her hard work in doing this.

Our registrar is very excited to be working with a national registrar that is providing clear guidance for new application submittals. This is especially important as we have four new prospective members.

- Bylaws - The changes to the bylaws accepted by the membership need to be incorporated into the Huguenot Society of Tennessee bylaws and ensure they do not conflict with National Bylaws. The President appointed a committee, consisting of the Board Members to bring forward a revised set of by-laws at the next meeting. Vice-President John Hood to take lead on providing notes (proposed revisions) from last meeting.
- Changes in membership – President Carolyn Marvil informed the membership that we have lost two members since Dec 2017, one to resignation and one due to death. Our registrar will submit these two members for removal in the very near future. Three more members are “on the bubble” for removal. If their payment is not received end of April they will also be removed from our membership.
- Supplemental certificates can be obtained for \$15 when supplemental ancestors are approved. A check for \$15 for each ancestor would need to be mailed to the National Registrar.
- Treasurer Jo Hill read a letter received from Madame Duvet in France (affiliated with St Jean-du-Gard). It had been written in French and was translated into English by a friend of hers. It was a very appreciative note and recognized that our Society was not seeking anything other than to lend a helping hand in preserving the past heritage of Huguenots (our ancestors).

NEW BUSINESS

- The future cost for meetings at the Fairyland Club will increase. The membership voted to continue to meet at the Fairyland Club and spread the additional cost (\$100) across the membership for the luncheon.
- Consolidated Update Book (NHS Ancestors) – The Society voted to place the revised ancestor book of the Society in the same libraries where the National Huguenot Society Ancestor books were previously placed. Jo Hill will acquire 3 or 4 books. A motion was made and seconded to place the books in the same libraries – Memphis, National Archives (Nashville), and Chattanooga – where the original copies were placed.
- The membership voted delegates for the National Fall Convention that will be held the weekend of October 5, 2018 in Philadelphia. Two delegates were nominated and approved: President Carolyn Marvil and Dan Rineer, who is also a member of the Pennsylvania Huguenot Society.
- After much discussion, it was decided that the membership list and directory would be tabled until the next meeting as costs need to be determined.

TRIP TO SOUTHERN FRANCE September – October 2019. President Carolyn Marvil provided an overview of a draft itinerary received just in time from a European tour operator (shown below). Articles provided to the tour operator as input included: (1) ancestor’s origins for those that had expressed an interest in a trip to France, (2) the top 10 castles and top 10 medieval castles in France, and (3) Huguenot Museums & top sites. The trip is anticipated for 12 days +/- in Europe (total approx. 15 days), 4-star hotel accommodations with breakfast (and possibly some dinners). The trip would include a bus, bus driver, and tour guide (interpreter). Highlights include:

- **3 nights in Paris** – trip to Versailles, Louvre (Henri IV’s second wife contracted to influence French culture and art - Rubens), and possibly other castles; drive from Paris to La Rochelle, lunch in Orleans and continue on to visit Château de Chambord on the way to La Rochelle.

Memories of April 2018 Semi-Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C.



President General Sandra Staley presents Silver Award to Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus (TX)



Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan (TX) and Registrar General William Buell, V (TX) in foreground, with Robin Crossan (DE guest) and wife Corresponding Secretary General Christine Crossan (DE) at back table on left; unidentified lady whose name I hope to supply soon; Jane Schlienzer (IL), and Marjo Dill (AR).



President General Sandra Staley (TX), Geoffrey La Rochelette (TX), and Honorary President General Jeannine Kallal (IL) at the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America (HSC) event during heritage week in Washington, DC



The Huguenots at the HSC Event: L-R: Jane Schlienzer (IL), Honorary President General and Editor Janice Murphy Lorenz (DC), Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan (TX), Honorary President General Jeannine Sheldon Kallal (IL), President General Sandra Staley, Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus (TX), Youth Committee Chairman Nancy Watson (TX), Shirley de la Barre (DC), First Vice President General Janet B. Walker (GA), and Treasurer General Jane R. Power (TX)



President General Sandra Staley (TX) and Youth Committee Chairman Nancy Watson (TX)



The National Huguenot Society Board of elected officers. L-R: Historian General Ed Wilkerson (AR); Chaplain General Rev. Joel E. Strauch (VA); Corresponding SG Christine Crossan (DE); First Vice President General Janet B. Walke (GA); President General Sandra Staley (TX); Second Vice President Mary Margaret Buck (MS); Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus (TX); behind her is Organizing SG Nancy R. Schultz (IL); Honorary President General Jeannine Kallal (IL); Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan (TX); and Registrar General William Buell, V (TX).



Marjo Düü (AK) and Second Vice President General Mary Margaret Buck (MS)



Our table at the HSC: from left around table to the right: Shirley de la Barre (DC); Lewis L. "Ted" Neilsen, Jr., Chancellor of National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons; Treasurer General Jane R. Power (TX), John Bourne, former President General of Colonial Clergy; President General Sandra Staley (TX), Honorary President General Janice Lorenz (DC), Honorary President General Barbara MacManus (TX), Youth Committee Chairman Nancy Watson (TX), Genealogist General Nancy W. Brennan (TX), and Kitti Michalowicz. Not to be forgotten at the other table are our dear friend and flag man Peter Dixon and his wife.



Barry Christopher Howard (MD) and Carla Whitenurst Odom (NC) leading at the HSC event



Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan (TX) and Honorary President General and Editor Janice Murphy Lorenz (DC) share a laugh at the HSC event



The Texas Huguenot Nancys, Nancy Watson (TX) and Nancy Brennan (TX)



Richard Wright (VA) at the HSC

- **2 nights in La Rochelle (Poitou-Charentes)** - full day guided excursion with a visit of the The Rochelais Museum of Protestant History, Port-des-Barques, and Souibise.
- **2-3 nights in Bordeaux (Aquitaine)**- 1 Full day guided excursion to the Dordogne region, then to the village / Castle Castelnau-la-Chapelle and possibly Castle Bonaguil, a ½ day guided tour of Bordeaux; day trip to Biarritz and Port-of-Saint Jean-de-Luz then on to Pau. **1-2 nights in Pau (Haute Pyrenees)** – visit Chateau de Pau (Henri IV's birthplace) and possibly Pyrenees-Atlantiques. Drive to Montpellier, with a stop in Montauban or Toulouse, and stop at Carcassonne (beautiful walled city in the Languedoc region).
- **3 nights in Montpellier (Languedoc-Roussillon)**- Full day guided excursion to Saint-Jean-du-Gard and Saint-Jean-de-Maruéjols-et-Avéjan. A potential additional excursion to Nimes and Avignon (Provence). Fly back via Lyon or Nice.



The speaker commented that the route sounded like a beautiful trip as we would take a southern route through France along the Pyrenees mountains.

For any National Huguenot Society member that is interested in this trip, PLEASE EMAIL Carolyn Marvil at cbmarvil@gmail.com. Details will not be finalized until late summer. Budgetary estimates are not available at this time as airlines do not provide costs until 11 months prior to departure. The final trip details will be unveiled at the November 2018 Fall Assembly. This is a trip for Huguenot descendants and their families.

Carolyn Marvil, President

Texas



David Dibrell, Treasurer; Nancy Watson, Vice President; Hank Voegtle, President; Sandra Staley, TX Society Chaplain NHS President General; and Dr. Ted Campbell of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, at the February 3, 2018 Texas Society meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Washington

Washington State is proud to report we are growing, with a gain in three new members in the past year, with several prospectives in the wings. We were saddened by the death of Past State President Donald Wingerson last August; he held the position for 10 years, and members shared their memories at our biennial Fall church meeting. In memoriam of our departed members we donate a copy of the Qualified Ancestors book and supplement to a genealogical center or library near the residence of the recently passed member; for Don we donated to the Fiske Library in Seattle. We continue to reach out to other similar period lineage organizations in hopes of gaining new prospective members, as well as disbursing our society brochures.

At our Fall meeting we approved our biennial donation to Canterbury Cathedral, and State Treasurer David Raese shared pictures from the recent archeological dig he participated in in the Holy Land.

At our Spring meeting State Secretary (and Past State President) Peggy Goldenman spoke on Le Filles du Roi, many of whom were raised Protestant and converted—after being orphaned by sieges—to Catholicism for a better chance of survival in New France (Quebec).

The new Washington Society officers 2017-2019 look forward to receiving referrals for membership. Their contact information is as follows:

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Peggy J Goldenman – Ex Officio

Editor's Note of Corrections: To correct an error in our prior issue about the Washington state society, we are happy to announce that Richard Wingerson, a former Washington Society member, is still alive.

Washington, D.C.

The O'Briens are the most prominent members of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC. James Dewey O'Brien, our former NHS Counselor General, turned 101 this year, and continues his long practice of sharing his institutional and legal knowledge with us, not to mention also sharing some of the most beautiful music selections on earth. He has earned a NHS Silver Award for his long and excellent service to NHS. Dewey and his wife, our NHS Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien, are celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary this year! Neoma is the long-serving chairman of the Scholarship Award Committee, one of the biggest responsibilities at NHS. She continues to show her love for our national society by sharing of her innate steady guidance and deep institutional knowledge of NHS. We are so fortunate that they, and our wonderful DC Society Treasurer, Suzanne Fichter, are also still keeping the DC Society in our thoughts. Might we organize a luncheon soon, and rope in Skip Keats and many other Huguenot friends in DC to join us?



ABOUT DELEGATES TO CONGRESS 2018 IN PHILADELPHIA

The NHS Bylaws require a minimum of six NHS Board members to be present in order to constitute a quorum at the NHS Board meetings.

The NHS Bylaws require a minimum of 10 different states to be represented at Congress by either their state president or their Delegates, in order to constitute a quorum at NHS Congress meetings. A State President counts in favor of her state, as do the Delegates. Each state should also elect at least two Delegates to represent their state at Congress, even if their state president is planning to attend—why not add some voting power to the meeting? National Bylaws explain how to determine the number of delegates your state is permitted. The names of your elected Delegates should be forwarded to the President General or her Credentials Chairman prior to Congress.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY MEMBERS!

NEW MEMBER	ANCESTOR	NEW MEMBER	ANCESTOR
Alabama		North Carolina	
Jerry Rae Green	Richbourg, Claude Philippe de	Virginia Routh Booher	
Sandra Dale Allen Carter	Martiau, Nicholas	Demarets/Demarest, David	Patricia Lois Orton Gooding
Valerie White Harris	Lannoy, Jean de	La Chaumette, Jean de	Evelyn Price Brush
Brenda Gail Clardy Winter	Marchand, Henri	Demarets/Demarest, David	William Pershing Geiger
Norma Edwina Glass Williams	Mathieu Agee	Pershing, Frederick	
		Elizabeth Ward	
		Pittman Stephenson	Lamar, Thomas
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Kimberly Lynne		Toni Lynn Swearingen	
Edwards Jones	Jarnette, Jean de	Osequeda	Barette, Barbara de
Florida		Henry Peronneau Roberts	Peronneau, Henri
Linda Marie Allen Greenberg	Grewell, John		
Markus Julius Dangl	Feret, Pierre	Tennessee	
Patricia Ann Duncan Bankhead	Dozier, Leonard	Lynda Faye Winkler Logan	Laurents, Jean
Dorothy Hendrix Hope	La Fontaine, Jacques de III	Darwin Finlay Duvall Concon	Duvall, Maren
Sarah Marie Potts	Brasseur, Robert		
		Texas	
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Glenda Jeanne Harkins	Bascom, Robert	Betty Chisolm Hutzler	LaRoche, Jacques/James
Judy Diane Womack Womack	Lanier, Nicholas	Virginia Ruth Holmes Biehl	Brevard, Jean
		Linda Hansen Ogle	Theball, James
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Sally Diane Butcher Clemmons	Purviance, Jacques	Jerry Aston Chenault	Chenault, Etienne
Janet Carolyn Moore Scherubel	Flourney, Laurent	Donna Lynn Moore	Vautrin, Samuel
Charlene Wolvin Tavarozzi	Dillier, Caspar Elias	Paula Aydelotte Owen	Aydelott, David
		Kelli Owen Quin	Aydelott, David
Kentucky		Washington	
Sandra Darlene		Mary Josephine	
Plummer Craddock	Chastain, Pierre	Shepler Paliganoff	Pershing, Frederick
Kathryn Lee Griggs Bux	Rapalje, Joris Janszen	Peggy Jane Riviere	Vassall, Jean
New Hampshire			
Marillyn Deyber Alexander	Gaillard, Nicholas		
Nevada			
Kathie Sue Willis Miner	Trabue, Antoine		

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Arkansas

David Hardin

Delaware

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Georgia

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Mary Ann Brener Hillemeier (Maryland)

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Evelyn McClure (Indiana) (*no formal confirmation received by Chaplain General*)

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	DAR Ancestor #		DAR Ancestor #
Christian Ankeny , Lt. PA Son of Johann Theobold Agne Grandson of Johann Heinrich Agne Great Grandson of Pierre/Peter Anguenet/ Agney/Ankeny	A002923	Joseph Bondurant , Patriotic service VA Son of Jean Pierre/John Peter Bondurant	A011941
Peter Ankeny , Lt Col. PA Son of Johann Theobold Agne Grandson of Johann Heinrich Agne Great Grandson of Pierre/Peter Anguenet/ Agney/Ankeny	A002826	Johann Martin Simon/ John Bonnet , Civil service PA Son of Jean Jacques Bonnet(t)	A012019
Timothy Batchelder , Private, NH Son of Nathaniel Batchelder b. 1719 Grandson of Nathaniel Batchelder b. 1690 Great Grandson of Nathaniel Batchelder b. 1659 GG Grandson of Nathaniel Batchelder b. 1630 GGG Grandson of Hester (Mercer) Bachiler GGGG Grandson of Jean de Coquiel and Jeanne LeClerc GGGGG Grandson of Jehan de Coquiel dit le Mercier, Signeur d' Aischaval	A206862	Samuel Bonnet , Patriotic service VA Son of Jean Jacques Bonnet (t)	A012024
John Jean Benning Capt. VA Son of Antoine/Anthony Benin/Benning Grandson of François/ Francis Benin/Benning	A009337	Jean/John Bouchillon , Lt. militia SC (immigrant)	A204451
John Bennett Private PA Son of Arthur Bennet Grandson of Isaac Bennet Great grandson of Adriaen/Arie Bennet Great great grandson of Willem Adriaenese Ben(n)et	A134822	Robert Brevard , Patriotic service NC Son of Jean Brevard	A014078
John Bernard Soldier VA Son of John Bernard Grandson of Pierre/Peter Bernard	A009543	James Brewer , Capt. NJ Son of Pierre/Peter Bruyère/Bruère Grandson of Jacques Bruyère/Bruère	A014113
Lewis Bobo , Patriotic Service, Capt. SC Son of Spencer Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau Grandson of Gabriel Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/ Bodeau	A011632	John Brickey , Patriotic service VA Son of Peter Brique/Bricquet/Brickey Grandson of Jean de/John Brique/Bricquet/Brickey	A091099
Sampson Bobo , Capt. SC Militia Son of Spencer Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau Grandson of Gabriel Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/ Bodeau	A011633	George Brokaw , Private NJ Son of Abraham Brokaw Grandson of Bourgeon Broucard/Brokaw/Bragaw	A014801 A014795
		Andrew Chaudoin , Private VA Son of François/Francis Chaudoin/Chadouin	A021261
		John Chaudoin , Private VA A207264 Son of François/Francis Chaudoin/Chadouin	
		William Cothonneau/Cuttino Civil service, Patriotic service SC Son of Jeremiah Cothonneau/Cuttino Grandson of Pierre Cothonneau/Cuttino Great grandson of Jérémie Cothonneau/Cuttino	A029241
		Peter David , Patriotic service VA Son of Pierre David Grandson of Pierre David Great grandson of Pierre David	A030042

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Anthony Dibrell , Patriotic service VA Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/ Dubril/Dibrell	A033489	William Garrard , Col. VA	A044158
Charles Dibrell , Ensign VA Son of Anthony/Antoine Dibrell Grandson of Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/Dubril/Dibrell	A033500	James Garrard , Col. VA Grandsons of Pierre/Peter Gar(r)ard	A044132
Anthony Dibrell , Jr., Private VA Son of Anthony/Antoine Dibrell Grandson of Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/Dubril/Dibrell	A033493	Isaac Garrison , Patriotic service, NC Son of Isaac Garrison Grandson of Isaac Garrison	A044314
Abraham DuBois , Capt. NJ Son Abraham Dubois Grandson of Abraham DuBois Great grandson of Louis DuBois Great great grandson of Chétien DuBois	A033934	Isaac Garrison , Lt. NY Son of Beverly/Bavil Garrison Grandson of Isaac Garrison	A044308
Benjamin Dumas , Patriotic service NC Son of Benjamin Dumas Grandson of Jérôme/Jeremiah Dumas	A034556*	Pierre/Peter Gibert , Lt. SC (immigrant)	A044728
David Dumas , Patriotic service NC Son of Benjamin Dumas Grandson of Jérôme/Jeremiah Dumas	A034568	Johannes Hench Patriotic Service PA (Immigrant)	A054616
Peter Fayssoux , Lt. Patriotic service SC Son of Daniel Fayssoux/Foisseau	A039563	John Hench , LT. PA	A054612
Moses Fish , Soldier CT Son of Moses Fish and Elizabeth Morgan Grandson of John Morgan Great grandson of John Morgan and Rachel Deming Great great grandson of John Deming and Honor Treat 3rd great grandson of Alice Gaylord and Richard Treat 4th great grandson of Hugh Gaylord 5th great grandson of Nicholas Gaylord	A041951	Elizabeth DuPre Britton (Goddard) Jenkins - Patriotic Service Daughter of Joseph Britton and Sarah DuPre Granddaughter of Josias DuPre Jr. Great granddaughter of Josias DuPre Sr.	A062052
James Ford , Sr., Patriotic Service VA Son of Pierre Fauré Grandson of Daniel Isaac Fauré	A040837	James Jenkins , Private SC Son of Elizabeth DuPre Britton (Goddard) Jenkins Grandson of Joseph Britton and Sarah DuPre Great grandson of Josias DuPre Jr. Great great grandson of Josias DuPre, Sr.	A062067
Peter Forney , Capt. NC Son of Jacob Ferney/Fernay/Forney/Farney Grandson of Pierre Ferney/Fernay/Forney/Farney	A041561	René La Force , Civil Service Soldier VA Son of René LaForce	A207408
Isham Fuqua , Patriotic Service VA Son of Ralph Fouquet/Fuqua(y) Grandson of Guillaume Fouquet/Fuqua(y)	A042670	Francis Lamar III , Capt. NC Son of Francis II La Mare/ Delamar/Lamar Grandson of François La Mare/ Delamar/Lamar	A031423
		Pierre/Philippe LeRoy , soldier SC Son of Pierre Michel LeRoy	A069403
		David Le Baron , Private, CT Son of James LeBaron Grandson of Francis LeBaron	A068301
		Isaac Le Van , Sr., Patriotic Service PA Son of Daniel Le Van	A069598
		Daniel Le Van , Civil Service PA (son of Isaac, Sr.)	A069597

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Abraham Le Van , Patriotic Service PA (son of Isaac, Sr.)	A069596	Andrew Picon/Pickens/Pickins Brig. Gen. SC Son of Andrew Picon/Pickens/Pickins Grandson of William Picon/Pickens/Pickins Great grandson of Robert (aka André) Picon/Pickens/ Pickins	A090968
Isaac Le Van, Jr. , Patriotic Service PA (son of Isaac, Sr.)	A069598		
Andrew Louis/Lewis , Brig. Gen. Patriotic service VA Son of John Louis/Lewis Grandson of Andrew Louis/Lewis Great grandson on Guillaume/ William Louis/Lewis	A069714	John Ernest Poyas , Patriotic Service SC Son of Jean Louis Poyas	A092373
John Mawney , Physician & surgeon RI Son of John Mawney, Sr. Grandson of Peter Mawney Great Grandson of Moïse/Moses Le Moine/LeMoyne	A075773	Robert Purviance , Civil Service, Patriotic Service MD Son of Samuel Purviance Grandson of Jacques II Purviance Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A092324
Peter Melott , 2nd Lt. MD Son of Theodorus Mellott Grandson of Jean Pierre Mellott/JohnPeterson Mellott Great Grandson of Gideon Merlet/Marlitt/Malott	A077310	James Purviance , Capt. NC Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A092319
Andrew Mershon , Patriotic service NJ Son of Henry Merchon Grandson of Henri Marchand	A078241	David Purviance , Patriotic service NC Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A200047
Houghton Mershon , Patriotic service NJ Son of Henry Merchon Grandson of Henri Marchand	A132073	John Purviance , Civil Service, Patriotic service NC Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A092322
Thomas Merchon , Patriotic service NJ Son of Henry Merchon Grandson of Henri Marchand	A078253	Peter Quintard , Sgt. CT Son of Isaac Quintard Grandson of Isaac Quintard	A093300
Henry Mouzon II , Capt. SC Son of Henry Mouzon Grandson of Louis/Lewis Mouzon	A206502	Ludwig Ranck , Private VA Son of John Philip Ranck Grandson of Hans Valentine Ranck Great Grandson of Jean Valentine Ranc	A093899
John Pasteur , Naval Capt. VA Son of Jean Pasteur	A088497		
Frederick Pechin , Private MA (Maine Dist.) Son of John George Pechin	A087411	Glode Requa , Capt., Patriotic service, NY Son of Glode Requier/Requa/L'Escuyer/L'Equier Grandson of Gabriel Requier/Requa/L'Escuyer/ L'Equier	A095507
Frédéric/Frederick/Friedrich Pershing/Pförshing Patriotic ser. PA (immigrant)	A089558		
Christian Pershing/Pförshing Patriotic ser. PA (son of Frederick)	A207874	Christian Riblet , non commissioned officer PA Son of Bartholomew Riblet(te) Grandson of Christian Riblet(te)	A096086

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Paul Revere , Civil Service, Patriotic service Lt. Col. MA Son of Apollos/Paul Rivoire/Revere Grandson of Isaac Rivoire/Revere Great grandson of Jean de Rivoire/Revere	A095546	John Swearingen , Patriotic service, PA Son of Van Swearingen Grandson of Thomas Swearingen Great grandson of Barbara deBarrette and Gerritt van Swearingen	A111704
Pierre Jacques/James Roquemore , Patriotic Service GA Son of Pierre Roquemore/Roquemaure	A097577	Van Swearingen , Patriotic service, MD Son of Thomas van Swearingen Grandson of Barbara deBarrette and Gerritt van Swearingen	A111736
Samuel Swilley , soldier SC Son of Stephen Souillé/Souillet Grandson of Nicolas Souillé/Souillet Grandson of Jean Souillé/Souillet	A112055	Samuel Woting , Corporal PA Son of Abraham Vautrin/Votrin/Wotring	A130664
John Sevier , Col. VA Son of Valentine Xavier/Sevier Grandson of Jean/John Xavier/Sevier	A102092	Abraham Wotring , Lt. PA Son of Abraham Vautrin/Votrin/Wotring	A130660
Valentine Sevier , Jr., Maj. Civil service VA Son of Valentine Xavier/Sevier Grandson of Jean/John Xavier/Sevier	A102097	*For a correction to Benjamin Dumas's Ancestor Number, we thank Patsy O'Neal (TX). The corrected number appears here.	



THE IMPORTANCE OF DNA TESTING TO THE PROGRESS OF MAKING GENEALOGICAL CONNECTIONS, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND REUNITING DIVIDED RELATIVES

We have Glen Bower to thank for bringing to our attention an article in The Smithsonian.com magazine written by Julissa Trevino about the DNA relationships database created by Yaniv Erlich, who is now the chief science officer of MyHeritage, the DNA testing company that owns Geni.com. Using additional data such as public profiles and records, his work has resulted in a giant genealogy database which has thus far linked something like 5.3 million family trees, connecting more than 13 million relatives. It has also been able to track migrations, including the *Mayflower* ancestors and their descendants. The article is dated 5 March 2018 and is entitled, "*This May Be the World's Largest Family Tree.*"

Another article along the same lines stressed the high value of 23andme, a DNA testing service with an extensive database, which led to two 72 year old women finding out that they had been switched shortly after birth in December, 1945. 14 June 2018 <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5840127/Two-72-year-old-women-discover-switched-birth.html>.

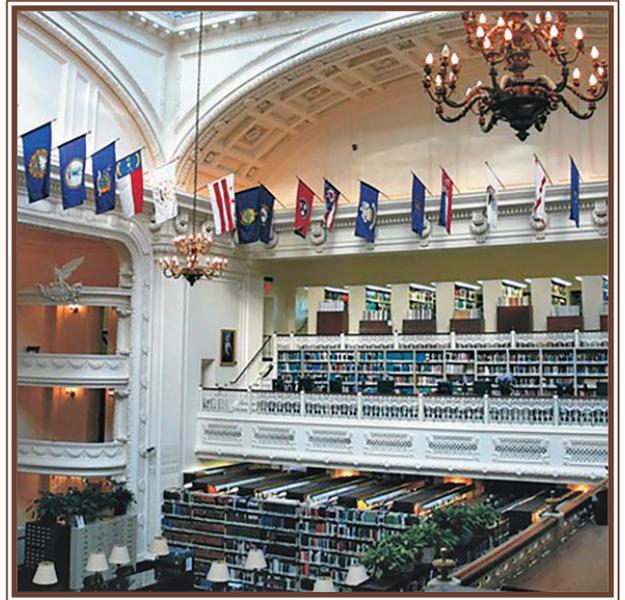
HE HUGUENOT COLLECTION: HUGUENOT HERITAGE PRESERVED IN A MAJOR GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

By Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General

Shown here from the cover of our 2006 Cross is the interior of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library. The location of the National Huguenot Society Collection can be seen on the second level. Efforts are being made to increase both the quality and quantity of Huguenot research material located here.

The National Huguenot Society had for many years maintained a library located at rented space at the National Headquarters Office in Bloomington, MN. Since it was impossible to keep the library open to the public it seemed prudent to explore possibilities for placement of the Library where it would be open to the public, well-housed and well-maintained, without expense to our Society. A most fortunate opportunity was opened to us in early 2003.

With approved vote by the Annual Congress of April 2003, The National Huguenot Society entered into a Deed of Gift and Agreement, with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. NSDAR through its DAR Library agreed to accept the library of Huguenot genealogical and historical materials and agreed to catalogue, arrange, and make available to all researchers the library of the National Huguenot Society as a special collection to be called the *National Huguenot Society Collection*, and agreed to maintain the collection as a distinct, unified compilation within the DAR Library. NSDAR also agreed that members of the National Huguenot Society may have access to the DAR Library and thereby to the National Huguenot Collection without paying a daily entrance fee.



The National Huguenot Society continues to place materials for research in the National Huguenot Society Collection. A Special Committee has been established to “review” and determine what worthwhile additions should be added. It is the hope of the Society that our collection will grow to be among the best Huguenot research centers available. In 2005, CDs purchased from the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland were added, consisting of many Registers of French Churches, such as: Threadneedle Street, Spitalfields, Le Carre and Berwick Street, Savoy, Spring Gardens and Les Grecs, Chapel Royal, St. James, Swallow Street, Hungerford Market (later Castle Street), all of London. Also, records of Walloon and Huguenot Churches outside London available on CD Rom were added.

The Chairman of the Special Committee for Acquisitions, our Historian General, met with the Finance Committee preceding the 70th Annual Congress (April 2006) and requested funds for the purchase of hard copies, now available, of French Records in Britain and Ireland. Many of these records are invaluable to the researcher and will be easy to use in their printed form. Their addition will greatly enhance our collection.

Each year the Society gives an award for the best publication of the year having to do with a Huguenot subject in whole or in part. The winning publication is placed in the collection. Also other submissions are often donated to the collection by the author and are much appreciated.

Donations of materials for the collection will be accepted, subject to review by the Special Committee (for acquisitions). Monetary donations for the purchase of desirable materials are always welcome and those should be sent to the Treasurer General stating that the funds should be used for the National Huguenot Society Collection.

The National Huguenot Society Collection is located within the NSDAR Library, at 1776 D Street, N.W.; Washington, DC. Members are encouraged to make use of this collection by visiting whenever possible.

Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General, Chairman of The Huguenot Collection Committee

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MANNHEIM: A VISIONARY CITY AND ITS VISIONARY CHURCHES

*By John J. Hood, Vice-President,
Huguenot Society of Tennessee*

In the 1500's, what we know today as the German city of Mannheim was little more than a small village of about 700 inhabitants. As the Protestant Reformation unleashed powerful societal changes that swept across Europe, life in Mannheim appears to have gone on as it had before. There were some Calvinist refugees from the Spanish Netherlands (Walloons) that arrived in Mannheim during this time, but it appears there were only a small number of them. By the beginning of the 1600's, however, Mannheim would undergo great changes by going from a small village to a major city and instituting changes that would make it unique in the world well into the 21st century.

Elector of the Palatinate Friedrich IV (1574-1610) was a visionary man and a staunch Calvinist. With Mannheim lying at the confluence of the Neckar and Rhein Rivers, he saw conditions favorable for a new city with respect to both commerce and defense. The new city would be patterned on the Renaissance ideal for a city with streets laid



Elector of the Palatinate Friedrich IV (1574-1610)

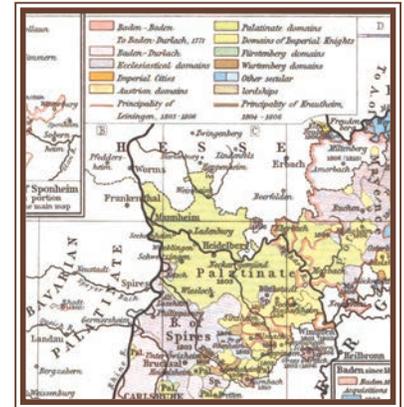
out in perpendicular and parallel lines which would form blocks, or as they are called in Mannheim, "Quadrants". The quadrants in Mannheim are identified by letter and number combinations and the letter-number combinations are used to identify the location of buildings. There are no street names in Mannheim and buildings do not have house numbers; the identification of the quadrant gives the location of the building. This makes Mannheim unique in the world.

Plans for the new city were drawn-up in 1606 and the charter was granted in 1607. The old village was torn down and inhabitants resettled elsewhere. Work began immediately on the new city.

The star-shaped, outer walls of this new city formed its forward defensive works. Inside the city was an additional, smaller, star-shaped structure whose walls rose high above the rest of the city and formed the inner defensive works. This was called the Citadel Friedrichsburg and it held the Elector's castle as well as the arsenals, barracks and gunpowder magazines. Between the outer defensive works and the walls of the citadel was the area where the quadrants were created.

As the quadrants were laid out, Friedrich IV had Quadrant R2 reserved for a city church to be used by the Reformed communities. Since the German and French Reformed communities shared the same theology but spoke different languages, he wanted them to be able to use one building. He had the idea that it should be one church building with two wings that shared a tower in common. The German-speaking congregants would use one wing of the building and the French-speaking congregants would use the other.

Friedrich IV wanted skilled, educated immigrants to populate his new city. He had in mind to make Mannheim similar to the city of Frankenthal which was down the Rhein River from where Mannheim was being built. He had notices distributed throughout the region that were printed in German, Latin, French and Dutch. These notices outlined the privileges available to those relocating to Mannheim. Although many skilled immigrants (largely Calvinist) came to Mannheim, the city's population grew much slower than Friedrich had hoped.



Map of the German States and Württemberg. Shepherd



Elector of the Palatinate Friedrich V (1596-1632)

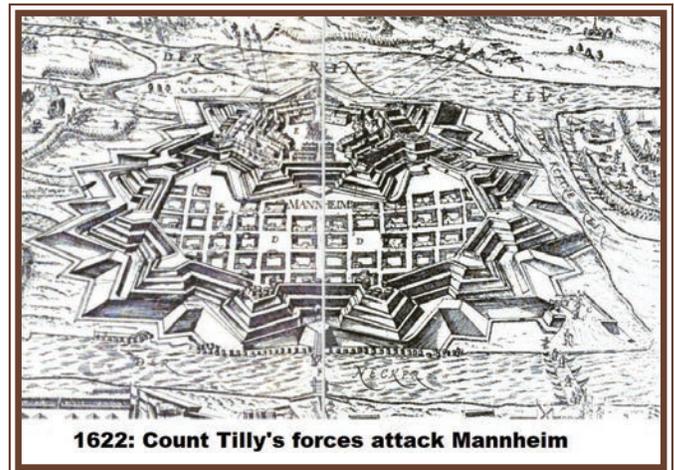
Elector of the Palatinate Friedrich IV (1574-1610)

Friedrich IV died in 1610 and his son, Friedrich V, succeeded him as Elector of the Palatinate. Friedrich V (and his guardians early in his reign) continued the work of his father in developing and building Mannheim. Once Friedrich reached adulthood, he married Elizabeth Stuart. She was the daughter of King James I of England and her brother, Charles, would one day become the King of England.

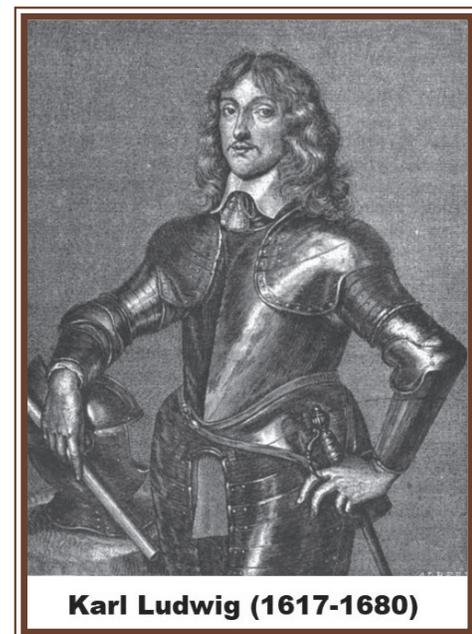
The first child of Friedrich V and Elizabeth was a son born in 1617. They named their son Karl Ludwig. Shortly after the birth of Karl Ludwig, major events happened in rapid succession across the Holy Roman Empire. In 1618, the Protestant princes in Bohemia staged a revolt, beginning with the Defenestration of Prague. This event is now considered the beginning of the Thirty-Years War. As the revolt continued into the year 1619, the Protestant, Bohemian princes offered Friedrich V the Bohemian crown. Friedrich accepted the offer to become the King of Bohemia, and he and his family moved from the Palatinate to Bohemia.

By accepting the Bohemian crown, Friedrich caused the war to escalate. The Protestant armies were soundly defeated by Imperial and Catholic forces soon after his coronation. Friedrich and his family and his followers had to flee Prague for the Palatinate in 1620. Fighting between the armies continued as the Protestants retreated and they were defeated at nearly every engagement. Mannheim was attacked by Imperial Troops led by Count Tilly in 1622 and the city was captured. After its capture, Mannheim ceased to exist as a city and functioned largely as a military base.

Friedrich and his family finally left the Palatinate and lived in exile in Holland for many years. During the family's time in exile, young Karl Ludwig was schooled in the city of Leyden. In addition to his formal studies, he grew up witnessing the wealth created from the free-market nature of the Dutch economy. He



1622: Count Tilly's forces attack Mannheim
In 1622, Count Tilly's Imperial troops attacked Mannheim, which appeared as shown above at that time



Karl Ludwig (1617-1680)

New Elector of the Palatinate Karl Ludwig (1617-1680)

also saw the progress made by the Dutch in various fields of the arts and sciences. Lastly, he experienced the religious freedom and tolerance practiced in Dutch society. All these lessons found their way back to Mannheim many years later.

In 1632, Friedrich V died while still in exile. His son, Karl Ludwig, was named the new Elector of the Palatinate. Later that same year, Protestant troops from Sweden (under the leadership of their king, Gustavus Adolphus) successfully drove south through the Palatinate and captured Heidelberg (which is south of Mannheim). The royal family was able to return to the Palatinate. Although the Elector and his family had returned to their kingdom, they were little more than token monarchs as the Swedes had the real military and political power in the Palatinate.

This awkward political arrangement between the Swedes and the Electoral family did not last very long. In 1634, Imperial forces pushed the Swedes out of Heidelberg and other parts of the Palatinate. Karl Ludwig and the Electoral family once again went back into exile in Holland.

Rather than remain in Holland, Karl Ludwig decided to move to England in 1635. This decision is not too surprising as Karl Ludwig's uncle at that time was King Charles I of England. What Karl Ludwig observed while in England refined his thinking about what he learned in Holland. Like Holland, he saw the wealth that was growing in England as the country moved ever closer to free trade. Unlike Holland, he saw the growing turmoil between the Anglicans (the established church of England) and the Calvinists

(Puritans and Presbyterians) that would soon plunge their nation into the chaos of a civil war. These lessons, too, found their way back to Mannheim.

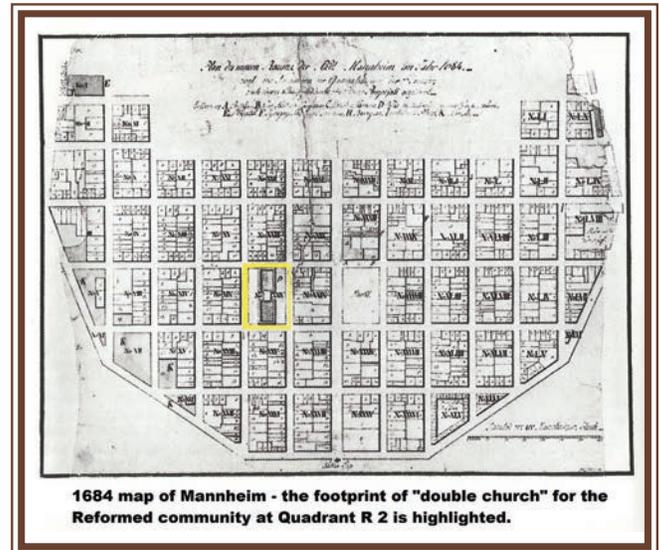
The Peace of Westphalia in 1648 brought an end to the Thirty-Years War and it permitted Karl Ludwig to return to the Palatinate as the Elector. Much of the Palatinate had been devastated during the war. Mannheim, in particular, had no citizens remaining. As far as the buildings in the city are concerned, the fortifications remained standing as did the city hall, but all other homes and buildings were mostly shells.

Mannheim received a new charter in 1652, and Karl Ludwig went to work immediately to re-build Mannheim. He would attempt to make the same Frankenthal-like city that his grandfather (Friedrich IV) tried to build. In contrast to his grandfather's plans, Karl Ludwig made two major changes.

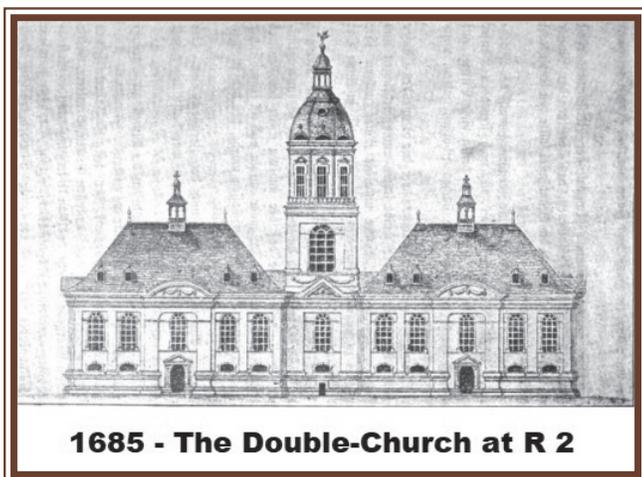
First, unlike Frankenthal, there would be drastically fewer economic regulations. There would be no guilds. Also, there would be no tolls of any kind for 20 years. There would be no restrictions on employment and no established rate of wages. In others words, it would be a *laissez-faire* economic system (exceedingly rare for that time period).

Second, there would be a different approach to religion. Through his studies and his experiences abroad, Karl Ludwig subscribed to a philosophy that (in the German language) would be called *die Aufgeklärtheit*, which means something close to "sophisticated enlightenment". As someone with perspective of *die Aufgeklärtheit*, Karl Ludwig had an appreciation for the sciences. He was also leery of the fanaticism and intolerance of various religious groups vying for supremacy. By the same token, he was hopeful that harmony could exist among the various Christian sects, and that in the future there could be unity among them.

Karl Ludwig's decrees and his recruitment tactics seemed to have worked well in rebuilding Mannheim. During the years from 1648 to 1680, he was probably the most successful ruler within the Holy Roman Empire in restoring his devastated territory. In 1663, the population of Mannheim had grown to around 3,000, two-thirds of whom were Calvinists of Walloon, Dutch and French origin.



1684 map of Mannheim, with the footprint of the *Doppelkirche* (double-church) for the Reformed community highlighted at Quadrant R 2.



1685 - The Double-Church at R 2

The progress of the Double-Church as of 1685

In these early years of Mannheim's re-birth, worship services for all were held in the great hall of the city building. By 1665, a temporary wooden structure had been built in Quadrant R2 for the French Reformed community (as had been planned by Friedrich IV). Within a few years (1672), the German Reformed community was also using the church located in Quadrant R2.

King Louis XIV of France waged war against the Netherlands and the Holy Roman Empire from 1672 to 1679. Mannheim was never directly affected by the fighting, but neither was it completely unaffected. In 1674, French troops under Field Marshal Turenne swept through the northern part of the Palatinate and caused refugees to spread southward toward Mannheim and other cities. Many of these refugees were Calvinists and they were welcomed in Mannheim.

With the Reformed community using its temporary building in Quadrant R2, Karl Ludwig turned his attention toward the *Konkordienkirche* that he envisioned. “*Konkordienkirche*” can be translated as “Church of Concord” or “Church of Harmony” or simply as the “Unity Church”. This would be the Hofkirche (that is, the church of the Elector’s court) and it would be where Karl Ludwig would attempt to bring unity among the various Christian denominations. Within the walls of the Citadel Friedrichsburg, construction began on the *Konkordienkirche* in 1677 and it was completed in 1680. It was consecrated in a solemn ceremony on June 27, 1680 with Lutheran, Roman Catholic and German Reformed clergy all participating.

Even though there was a great deal of religious freedom and tolerance in Mannheim, there was still a “Calvinist discipline” to which all residents were expected to adhere. Anyone caught working on the Sabbath was severely punished. “Church drivers” ensured that all church members were in attendance for worship. Jews and Roman Catholics were not to be seen on the streets on Sunday mornings and merrymaking during the worship services was forbidden.

Karl Ludwig died on August 28, 1680 and was succeeded by his son, Karl. With the *Konkordienkirche* complete and functional, Elector Karl focused attention back to the church in Quadrant R2. In 1683, Karl gave the order for blueprints to be drawn-up for a permanent and stately *Doppelkirche* (double-church) to be built in Quadrant R2 for the Reformed community as envisioned by his great-grandfather, Friedrich IV. Elector Karl participated in the ground-breaking ceremony in 1684 for the new Reformed church building.

The year 1685 began well for the residents of Mannheim. The city was prospering and had a population reaching nearly 10,000. This included 80 Jewish families who had the freedom to live anywhere in the city that they desired. Groundwork was progressing on the double-church in Quadrant R2 when Elector Karl died that year.

Elector Karl died without an heir. He was the last Palatine Elector from the Palatine-Simmern line which was a Calvinist family. Karl was succeeded by a close relative, Philip Wilhelm of the Palatine-Neuberg family who were Roman Catholic. Even though he was Catholic, Philip Wilhelm continued the work of his predecessor. He laid the cornerstone for the double-church in R2 on October 13, 1685. The German portion of the church (the south wing) was consecrated on October 6, 1688 and the first worship service was held on October 21, 1688.

By this time, the foundations of the French part of the double-church (the north wing) had been laid and construction work had started.

The choice of Philip Wilhelm to succeed Karl as Elector was controversial. King Louis XIV of France challenged this succession by stating that he had a claim to the Electorate of the Palatinate. The late Elector Karl had a sister (Liselotte by name) who had married the Duke of Orleans who, in turn, was a brother to Louis XIV. There was no peaceful resolution to this dispute, and in 1688 King Louis XIV launched what is now known as the War of the Palatinate Succession.

Many cities and towns in the Palatinate fell to the French Army. Mannheim was captured without a fight on November 18, 1688. The French continued to push through the Palatinate until the Holy Roman Empire formed a military alliance with other powers that could successfully repel the French. Realizing that they could not hold the territory that they had conquered, the French engaged in “scorched-earth” tactics as they retreated back to France. They would leave nothing of value for the Germans. In Mannheim, all the citizens were expelled from the city. At the double-church in Quadrant R2, the last service was held on March 6, 1689. The church and other major buildings in Mannheim were blown-up and set ablaze on March 8, 1689.



One of the current windows in the Konkordienkirche

There was very little activity in Mannheim (if any at all) outside of military operations after its destruction in 1689. After

the Peace Treaty of Rijswijk in 1697 ended France's war with the Holy Roman Empire (and its allies), Mannheim began the re-building process for a second time. In his Religious Declaration of 1705, Elector Johann Philip confirmed the Reformed community's possession of Quadrant R2 and promised to have the double-church re-built. However, the Citadel Friedrichsburg and the *Konkordienkirche* would not be re-built. The area that once comprised the citadel would be made level with the rest of the city and integrated into the quadrant system. Even though the *Konkordienkirche* would not be re-built (that is, the one inside of the citadel), the title of "*Konkordienkirche*" and its mission were transferred to the church in Quadrant R2. Even though the church building would be a *Doppelkirche* design for the two Reformed communities, it would also be a city church that would be open to all Christians regardless of denomination in compliance with Karl Ludwig's vision.



The Konkordienkirche in R2 today (outline enhanced)

As the church was being re-built after the War of the Palatinate Succession, the number of citizens in Mannheim of Huguenot and Walloon background began to dwindle. Many of these Huguenot and Walloons had re-settled over time in Magdeburg and did not wish to return to Mannheim. As their presence continued to decline in Mannheim, the north wing of the double-church was converted into a school. The south wing continued to have worship services as in years past.

Since the re-building of the church building in the early 18th century, the *Konkordienkirche* has been damaged a number of times over the centuries by a variety of causes. The last time that the building was damaged was during an Allied bombing raid in 1943. Once again, the *Konkordienkirche* was re-built according to the double-church design. The south wing was re-built to be a church and the north wing was re-built to be a school. To honor the memory of the Huguenots, Walloons and other Calvinists who formed the first Protestant community in Quadrant R2, the new stained-glass windows were made to have no recognizable patterns in them. This is because the Calvinists were very careful in observing the second commandment prohibition about making graven images.

To the present day, the *Konkordienkirche* in Quadrant R2 still functions as a building that is open to people of many different faiths. Furthermore, the city and the university still have a reputation for open-mindedness and toleration. The spirit of the city, the Quadrants and the *Konkordienkirche* are all lasting monuments to the visionary work of the Calvinist Electors Friedrich IV and Karl Ludwig.

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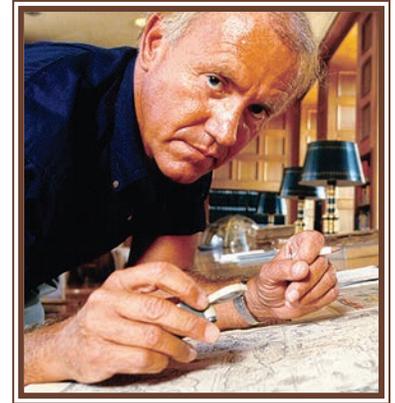
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Huguenots, this historical archaeological research in the archives and libraries of Paris is vital to The National Huguenot Society! John De Bry explains why, in his own words, below.

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Back in 1993 I was able to locate the arming papers of the Jean Ribault fleet of 1565, which consisted of a listing of armament, i.e. cannons, ammunition, small arms, and utensils associated with weaponry, documents signed by the principal actors of this expedition, all prominent Huguenots, such as the Grand Admiral of France and leader of the Huguenots, Gaspard de Coligny, Lord of Châtillon, Jean Ribault, leader of the expedition, his son Jacques, Nicolas d'Ornano, aka Corsette, as he was from Corsica, and many others. At the time the late Senator Charles E. Bennett had arranged for the U.S. Park Service to purchase copies of the documents and cover my expenses. For years afterwards I continued to search for more related documents but never found much. Then in 2016 the serendipity discovery of what appears to represent la Trinité, Jean Ribault's flagship, served as a mental prod for me to intensify my archival research.

My previous discoveries had all been at the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), the equivalent to our Library of Congress, so I decided to resume research there. I decided to consult correspondence between the French ambassador to the Spanish court of Philip II and the French sovereign Charles IX, thinking that there may be some communications regarding Florida. The ambassador was Baron Raymond de Beccarie de Pavie, Seigneur de Fourquevaux, simply known as Baron Raymond de Fourquevaux. I had asked a distinguished archivist if she had ever consulted this set of documents, to which she replied that she had done so many years ago but that there was "very little" regarding Florida and the events of 1565. Nevertheless, figuring her focus at the time was probably quite different than mine, I decided to consult this collection.

The collection of letters is split into two volumes; Volume I (BnF, français 10751) covers the years 14 July 1565 to 3 October 1568; Volume II (BnF, français 10752) covers the years 15 October 1565 through 17 April 1572. Raymond de Fourquevaux died in Narbonne on 4 July 1574. The letters were copied at the initiative of Raymond's son, François, in 1596. In the late 1800s the originals were still at the Fourquevaux castle in Haute-Garonne, while royal orders and letters were kept in Rouen. At this time it is unknown if the originals are still extant and, possibly, in the Fourquevaux castle, although the latter is somewhat doubtful.

These two volumes have not been digitized so the 1596 originals were made available to me. Given the limited amount of time during the initial trip I was able to go through part of the first volume (BnF français 10751), stopping at page 1411 (of 1478 pages) and leaving a number of correspondences in between unrecorded, the letter starting on page 1411 is a letter from King Charles IX to Fourquevaux dated 20 July 1568.

A second one-week trip was undertaken in September 2017 and allowed this researcher to complete the lecture and recording of BnF, français 10751 (Volume I), then in November 2017 I was able to spend an entire month at the Bibliothèque, and "attack" Volume II correspondence.

Each and every letter must be read, or at least gone through, in order to find letters, or mentions in a letter, dealing with Florida. Some of the letters written to and by Queen Catherine de' Medici contain mentions of Florida, so this exercise is very important. It must be understood that, although the penmanship of these copies is good, one nevertheless deals with

old French and archaic words and spelling, so going through those letters is time consuming and on-the-spot transcribing is even more challenging.

For important letters dealing wholly or in great part with Florida and the events of September 1565, time was taken to do a transcription of the entire document and photographs were not always taken, again because of the time constraint. The reason for doing so is that because people expressed themselves vastly differently than today it is practically impossible to guess words that are masked by the binding of the pages, more specifically at the fold of two pages. When doing the transcription on-the-spot one can gently push the pages apart to see the words, something that is often impossible when looking at a photograph.

Volume II, BnF français 10752, contains more references to Florida. Those extremely successful research trips gave me confidence that more documents would be found while examining the second volume of manuscript documents, which was the case, but that other areas of the Bibliothèque nationale must be searched, and I wonder if correspondence from the previous ambassador to the court of Spain might yield important information pertaining to orders given by Charles IX authorizing the 1565 expedition, the purchase of the *Trinité*, etc., although it is likely that such documents were generated and only transmitted within France. All those would be extremely important documents.

Baron Raymond de Fourquevaux was named Ambassador to the Spanish Court of Philip II in July 1565. He arrived in Segovia on 4 October of that year and presented his letters of royal accreditation on the 18th, the day he was granted his first audience with King Philip II. During his tenure as French Ambassador to the Spanish Court, from October 1565 through March 1572, Fourquevaux wrote and sent four hundred and six letters and dispatches. The regularity of his letters, an average of one every two weeks, attests to Fourquevaux's diligence and intelligence. Fourquevaux wrote not only to Charles IX but also to Queen Catherine de' Medici, always mentioning in his letter to the King that he had written to the Queen, or advising the Queen he had written to her son the King (Monsieur Votre fils le Roy). His letters to Catherine de' Medici were usually more about her daughter, Elisabeth de Valois, her health, mood, etc., than any other, more serious, State affairs, reserving those for his master Charles IX.



Fort Caroline, as published by De Bry's publisher-ancestor about 400 years ago.

It is also obvious throughout the correspondence between the ambassador and the king that Charles IX was rather fond of Fourquevaux and very much appreciated this long-distance friendship. If Fourquevaux was a bit late in sending a letter, as soon as received Charles IX would write back that he had been worried and even disappointed when too much time had elapsed between letters.

As for Catherine de' Medici, she was always suspicious of the Spanish intentions and simply did not trust Spain, always thinking that Spain was hiding things from her and was always ready to betray her, so she was heavily counting on Fourquevaux for news about the Spanish Court.

Basically Fourquevaux was always taking the "temperature" of the court, advising not only the Queen but also her son, Charles IX, always gathering intelligence and rumors around him, trying to guess Spain's position on various affairs. What is most important to historians today is that in Fourquevaux's correspondence one can establish the "state of mind" of the Spanish Court, especially towards France.

Of all things there is nothing more important to our research than the affairs of Florida, and the correspondence so far examined has a good number of items dealing with this issue. In 1565 the French fleet under the command of Jean Ribault sailed out of Dieppe and Le Havre de Grâce to arrive in Florida in September of that year at the order of the Grand Admiral of France, Gaspard de Coligny, Lord of Châtillon. Coligny was not only the Grand Admiral of France but was also the leader of the French Protestants, better known as Huguenots, so he had made sure that Jean Ribault, also a Huguenot from Dieppe, had filled his ranks with as many protestants as possible¹.

Actually, this was Coligny's second attempt as he had tried to establish a French colony in Brazil in 1555 on an island in Guanabara Bay near what is now Rio de Janeiro, calling it France Antarctique, this time under the command and leadership

of Vice-admiral Nicolas Durand de Villegaignon². This colony also failed after it was destroyed by the Portuguese in 1560³.

Pedro Menéndez de Avilés was given the task to dislodge the French from Florida and claim the land in the name of Philip II, something that had initially been done by Juan Ponce de León in April 1513^{4,5,6}. On 20 September 1565 Menéndez attacked the Fort the French had built, which had been named Fort Caroline in honor of Charles IX, and massacred most of the occupants, burning the fort with the intention of rebuilding it and renaming it San Mateo. Women and children under fifteen were spared from being massacred and were taken into custody by the Spaniards.

Following the taking of the fort, Pedro Menéndez learned that the French fleet that had intended to attack the Spanish had been surprised by a hurricane that sank all four ships, including the admiral ship *la Trinité* and the vice-admiral ship *l'Émérillon*. Menéndez and his soldiers met the French survivors at an inlet and proceeded to run through all of them, including Jean Ribault, at the exception of a few who professed to be Catholic. The French colony was no more.

The situation and incidents of Florida created much tension between the two kingdoms, after all Philip II was Charles IX's brother-in-law as he was married to the French king's sister, Elisabeth de Valois, and Philip II's mother-in-law was Queen Catherine de' Medici, additionally the two countries were at peace.

Charles IX had funded the three French expeditions to Florida of 1562, 1564, and 1565, and had even purchased the admiral ship *la Trinité* in 1565, yet he acted, at times, as if he was not aware of those expeditions⁷. One of the arguments brought up by Fourquevaux was that thirty years prior to 1565 Florida was named *la Côte des Bretons*, because it was claimed that navigators from Brittany had sailed to Florida, and that navigation had always been free, and that Florida was a long way from Spanish possessions, and that if there was no clause in the peace treaty of 1559 pertaining to Florida then it was the fault of Spain, not France.

The powerful Duke of Alba replied that the Catholic King of Spain would employ all of his forces to recover his property. By that time Fourquevaux feared the worst for the French in Florida, now known as New France.

What is interesting is how Charles IX tried to conceal the fact that he financed and supported those expeditions, and when Fourquevaux saw that Philip II was starting to blame Gaspard de Coligny, calling him "a disturber of the peace" he seized upon this opportunity to encourage focusing the blame on the Grand Admiral rather than his king.

However, there was still a lot of resentment over the Fort Caroline massacre perpetrated by Pedro Menéndez, widows and orphans walked to Paris to demand justice, and the French Court, through Fourquevaux, demanded reparation and wrote that "Pierre Melendez has been more deserving of an executioner than a good soldier"⁹.

But by now Philip II must have been aware of, or had even seen, the documents discovered by Menéndez at Fort Caroline implicating Gaspard de Coligny as the main instigator of the expeditions, and now he demanded justification as to why French soldiers and French subjects were in Florida, as well as demanding that Coligny be punished. Fourquevaux felt that Philip II had shifted the blame to the French for the death of Spaniards in Florida in order to cover the fact that Menéndez had slaughtered most of the French at Fort Caroline as well as the survivors of the sinking of the four ships, including Jean Ribault.

Slowly, Philip II was starting to be a bit more open, and both Charles IX and Fourquevaux felt it was time to demand reparation for the Florida massacre. However those instructions were given to him by Queen Catherine de' Medici, not directly by the king.

My research continues and I hope to be able to discover Charles IX's orders for this expedition, as well as the purchase documents for *la Trinité*, which would be a fantastic find. More importantly it will revive the memory of the sacrifices made by those brave Huguenots and how their actions changed history forever. My dream is to see this historical information make its way to school books all over the United States, to make sure that people learn about this most important part of the history of the United States, and to correct misconceptions. After all, the French Huguenots came to America in 1562, some 58 years before the Pilgrims arrived in America. I plan on returning to the French archives this year but, as usual, funding is a problem and the major stumbling block to further archival research. Time will tell.

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¹Gaspard de Coligny, seigneur de Châtillon (16 February 1519 – 14 August 1572), Colonel General of the Infantry (1547), Grand Admiral of France (1552). He converted to Protestantism around 1558, influenced by his brother d'Andelot.

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⁶Juan Ponce de León was a Spanish explorer and conquistador. He became the first Governor of Puerto Rico by appointment of the Spanish crown. He is credited with discovering Florida in April 1513, claiming it for Spain.

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⁸The Peace of Cateau-Cambrésis was signed between Henry II of France and Philip II of Spain on 3 April 1559, at Cateau-Cambrésis, some twenty kilometers southeast of Cambrai.[14] Under its terms, France restored Piedmont and Savoy to the Duke of Savoy, and Corsica to the Republic of Genoa, but retained Saluzzo, Calais and the three Bishoprics: Metz, Toul, and Verdun. Spain retained Franche-Comté, but, more importantly, the treaty confirmed its direct control of Milan, Naples, Sicily, Sardinia, and the State of Presidi (in Italy), and indirectly (through dominance of the rulers of Tuscany, Genoa, and other minor states) of northern Italy. The Pope was also their natural ally. The only truly independent entities on Italian soil were Savoy and the Republic of Venice. Spanish control of Italy lasted until the early eighteenth century. Ultimately, the treaty ended the 60 year, Habsburg-Valois wars.

⁹Pedro Menéndez is referred to as "Pierre Melendez" throughout all the documents.

CORRECTION

In our article about Huguenots in Colonial America: A Legacy of Freedom, we made an error with respect to Franklin Delano Roosevelt; he was the 32nd President of the United States, not the 26th, as we have been reminded by Peggy Goldenman, Past President, Secretary, Washington State Huguenot Society; and by Charles MacDonald. Thanks to both of you for setting us straight.

In addition, we should have referenced the earliest settlement at the Charlesfort, on Parris Island, settled in 1562 by Jean Ribault, and abandoned in 1563; and the later-settled Spanish settlement of Santa Elena. Our friend Miss Harriott Cheves Leland, Historian and Researcher, The Huguenot Society of South Carolina, reminds us that the Charlesfort-Santa Elena Site "was the earliest known European attempt to acquire a foothold in North America," and that Admiral Coligny was involved in its organization.



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