

The Cross of Languedoc

A Publication of the National Huguenot Society

Spring 2003

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



The marriage of Ernst d'Erlach, French Huguenot Nobleman and Princess Issena of the Timucuan Indian Tribe, is said to be the first Christian marriage in North America, having occurred in 1566. A marker in commemoration of this event was first placed by the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter, Huguenot Society of Florida on 13 May 1978. The immediate surroundings were no longer suitable. The marker has now been moved to this lovely site in the grassy area alongside a small wooden 1870's church. See the story of the marker's relocation in this issue on page 14.

IS YOUR STATE LISTED???

CONGRATULATIONS to the Florida State Society for its 16 new members from May 15, 2001 to December 18, 2002.

Other societies who had new members:

AL - 2 AR - 4 CA - 5 CT - 1
 DE - 1 DC - 5 GA - 7 IL - 1
 IN - 1 (S) KY - 5 MD - 3
 MN - 1 MS - 3 MO - 4 NH - 1
 NM - 1 PA - 5 TN - 4 TX - 8
 WA - 1 WI - 2 CANADA - 1

Look for names elsewhere in this issue

+++++

RECENT NEWS FROM TEXAS

The Huguenot Society of Texas, also known as The National Huguenot Society—Texas Division held its Annual Assembly on Saturday, 25 January in San Antonio, sponsored by the Languedoc Chapter. Honored guests included Mrs. James Dewey O'Brien, President General, and her husband Mr. O'Brien. The President General spoke to those at the well attended meeting concerning the status and future plans for the assured progress of The National Huguenot Society. Mrs. O'Brien installed the newly elected officers and Mrs. C. Lamar DeuPree, outgoing President, transferred the official State President Sunburst Insignia to Thomas Hershel Walters. Members responded with a standing ovation. Mrs. DeuPree was then elected Honorary President for life.

La ROCHELLE CHAPTER, TEXAS

La Rochelle Chapter sent two generous donations to the National Society, one in honor of Grace DeuPree for her dedicated service as Organizing Secretary General and another in honor of Nancy E. Harris for her devoted service as Treasurer General. Both Mrs. DeuPree and Mrs. Harris have served in these offices for the 2001—2003 term.

A Note from Your Editor

Many, many thanks to those of you who have sent in articles, changes of addresses and officers, or anything else about your State Society for this issue.

We would like to have articles about your Huguenot ancestors or present day relatives. Also, we want to have well-researched articles on Huguenot history.

This is YOUR publication so ideas are always welcome. The address for mailing information is on the back cover.

Remember it is very important that you send ALL changes to National Headquarters. The address is also on the back of this issue.

Hope you have a *great* year!

MarJo

***A THOUGHT...***

"Watch your thoughts;
they become your words.

Watch your words;
they become your actions.

Watch your actions;
they become your habits.

Watch your habits;
they become your character.

Watch your character;
it becomes your destiny."

The President General's Message

Let us welcome the Year of our Lord 2003! Our Society has been blessed in many ways and the ideals and philosophy of our Huguenot Faith remain strong.

A Scholarship Award, a first for the National Society, was awarded during the year 2002, in the amount of \$5,000, to one of our young members during his third year of college study. The restricted fund "for scholarships" uses accumulated interest only, to assist students whose background and performance have prepared them to appreciate the importance of the preservation of the history and beliefs of our common ancestry.

Copies of (2002 edition) National Bylaws, Standing Rules, and National Handbook printed under one cover are available. Member Societies are urged to order up-to-date copies for their officers and members. (Further information for ordering this publication and other supplies will be found in this issue.)

We have a newly revised Membership Application Form available, in both electronic and printed format. The form can be completed electronically, printed and sent with check along with the attached proofs to your State Registrar. The form is available from our web-site. It may be accessed from the following address: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Appl.pdf. The form is also available from the Headquarters Office. Please use the revised (October 2002) form for future applications.

Less than two years ago, our unrestricted funds were at a low of \$15,000 with mandated expenses of between \$1,200 and \$1,500 per month. With dues increased from \$5 to \$10, generous donations from individuals and Member Societies, and no paid employee (since 31 December 2001), our present financial status is quite adequate. (See report of the Treasurer General in this issue.)

Our Library has not been open to the public on a regular basis, but occupies a great deal of (rented) space. It seemed prudent to explore possibilities for placement of the Library where it would be open to the public and well-maintained with little or no expense to the Society. A most fortuitous opportunity has been opened to us which would maintain the National Huguenot Society's Library as a distinct, unified special collection, with its own card catalog - within another large, well-known library, located in Washington, DC, at no cost, nor rental. The matter will be considered at the Annual Congress of April 2003. When we no longer have a Registrar General in the Minneapolis, MN, area, our space rented there should be reduced and careful disposition and organization of our business office should be made. This will take time, effort, and our best judgment. With those considerations, we should become more efficient while further reducing our operating expenses.

The past two years presented challenges which were met by loyal and dedicated members. My appreciation to all and a special thanks to those Member (State) Societies who extended their kind invitation to this President General to attend your meetings. I was and am honored! Our membership should be increased! There are many who have real interest and the proper requirements for membership. We need young members - and they need us. May each of us carry with us our "Huguenot Spirit" and share it with those of common interest and heritage. With this, my last message to you as President General, I thank you for the privilege of serving this most unique and wonderful organization -- The National Huguenot Society!

In True Huguenot Faith and Devotion,
Neoma O. O'Brien - 13 January 2003

Minutes
Semi-Annual General Council Meeting
Saturday, October 5, 2002 - 9:00 A.M.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Neoma O'Brien, President General, called the meeting to order and opened with John Calvin's morning prayer, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reports of General Officers were given and are on file. Those present were:

Neoma O'Brien, President General.
Nadine Strang Hardin, Recording Secretary General.
Grace DeuPree, Organizing Secretary General.
Grace Virginia Rice, Registrar General.
C. William Swinford, Jr., Esq., Counselor General.
(Report of Treasurer General was read by the President General.)

Guests attending: Jim Barr of Illinois, Mary Ann Weber, Mary Kaufman, Betty Harp, of the Arkansas Society and Katherine Hulen, Past President of the Texas Society.

State President reports were given by Grace DeuPree, Texas Huguenot Society President and the Arkansas Huguenot Society report was given by Nadine Hardin for MarJo Dill, President, who was not able to attend Council Meeting. Reports are on file.

Jim Barr asked to speak. Mr. Barr said that an invitation for the Semi-Annual Huguenot meeting to be held in Illinois in October 2003 would be forthcoming from the Illinois Huguenot Society. Due to lack of a quorum, no decision could be made as to the time and place of the 2003 mid-year Council meeting.

New Business: (Could not be conducted due to lack of quorum.)

Actions and announcements from the General Officers' Meeting were read to the General Council and guests. There was discussion, but no action taken by the General Council due to the lack of a quorum.

Report (to Council) of Actions Taken by the Board of General Officers:

1. Upon motion by Grace Rice, Registrar General, the Board of General Officers approved the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. The Board voted to award the National Society Scholarship Award of \$5,000 to: Ryan Worrell of Lake Barrington, Illinois. Mr. Worrell is a member of the Huguenot Society of Illinois. His Huguenot ancestor is Charles Ehemel Houdette. The payment of the scholarship grant will be made directly to the educational institution where Mr. Worrell is enrolled: Concordia University, at River Forest, IL, where he has completed three years of study, maintaining a grade point average of 3.76.

II. The Board of General Officers approved the purchase price of the newly printed National Bylaws, Standing Rules and Handbook (printed under one cover). The price is \$6.00 each including shipping or \$5.00 each for ten or more if mailed to one address.

III. The Board deferred recommendation to the General Council for the selection of time and place for the Semi-Annual Council Meeting of October 2003. (Note: At the time, a quorum was expected to be present at the Semi-Annual Council Meeting of October 2002.)

IV. Decision was made by the Board of General Officers to request that First Vice President General Steven Gerth, as our Webmaster, to define Member Societies properly as a part of our "Web Page". This is to clarify that The National Huguenot Society has no "Affiliated Societies" within the United States or its territories.

Announcements:

The President General, Mrs. O'Brien, announced:

A. From Volume I of Huguenot Bible Records, The National Huguenot Society recently received a check for royalties in the approximate amount of \$300.00 from sales following the transfer of the copyright from Arthur Finnell to The National Huguenot Society. (The National Society now receives all royalties from sales of this volume, compiled from the Society's records.)

B. Regarding Volume II of Huguenot Bible Records, copyright application is being made.

C. Regarding the Advent matter: The court has ordered that the CD's be issued in the name of the purchaser.

Other Announcements:

By direction of the Annual Congress of April 2002, the Counselor General, C. William Swinford, Jr., reported that the authorization to open a margin account was signed by Joyce Bockemuehl, as President General; Reverend Dixon Barr, as First Vice President General; Lester DeTurk, as Treasurer General and attested by David Smith, as Recording Secretary General on September 3, 1997, on the form prepared by Charles Schwab.

The Semi-Annual General Council Meeting of October 5, 2002 was closed with a prayer by the President General, Mrs. O'Brien.

A tour of the Old State House followed the luncheon which was served in the DeSoto Parlor, Capital Hotel.

Nadine Strang Hardin, Recording Secretary General

*Board of General Officers Meeting
4 October 2002
General Council Meeting*



President General Neoma O'Brien; Little Rock Councilwoman Barbara Graves; AR State President MarJo Dill; Counselor General Bill Swinford



Registrar General Grace Rice



Above: AR Honorary President Jean Pollard; Dorothy Wilks; Recording Secretary General Nadine Hardin; AR Friend Robert Dill



Organizing Secretary General Grace DeuPree

Organizing Secretary General Grace DeuPree; TX Honorary President Katherine Hulen; Jim Barr of Illinois



Message from the Treasurer General

I hope you have had a good year. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Below you will find a listing of our current funds when the books were closed on December 31st.

Unrestricted Funds

Chevy Chase Bank C.D. matures March 30, 2003.....	5,629.72
Chevy Chase Bank Checking.....	<u>38,227.20</u>
	43,856.92

Restricted Funds

Burke & Herbert Bank C.D. matures Sept. 26, 2003.....	94,813.26
Capital One Bank C.D. matures April 23, 2003.....	83,502.77
Cardinal Bank C.D. matures May 21, 2003.....	14,223.64
Cardinal Bank Money Market.....	<u>5,082.40</u>
	197,622.07

The Restricted Funds are from the Estate of Mrs. Dickey. The bequest was restricted by will of Mrs. Dickey to be used only for Scholarships.

Total on Hand December 31, 2002

Unrestricted Funds.....	43,856.92
Restricted Funds.....	<u>197,622.07</u>
	241,478.99

By January 8th, we have received the following dues for 2003.....	<u>6,300.00</u>
Balance on hand January 8, 2003.....	247,778.99

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mayflower Hotel in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy E. Harris
Treasurer General

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**May 15, 2001 to January 1, 2002**ALLEN, CHRISTINEA DIANNE
FLALLEN, MARGARET WRIGHT
FLATKINS, PAULA WALLACE
KYBADE, FRANCES S. SWITZER
MOBOWMAN, MARGARET ANN
TXBARRANCO, MATTIE WACKER
DCBITTING, MARK CLEVELAND, JR.
PACORNMAN, RUTH IRENE D.
PACOPE, DOROTHY DUNKER
FLCLEMONS, STEVEN WALTER BEN
CACARR, NANCY RUTH WELLS
TNDASHIELL, RICHARD THOMAS
DCDIBRELL, JAMES ANTHONY
TXDONNELLY, MRS. JOHN
CAELVEY, STEPHANIE ANNE
TXFISH, ROBERT WILLIAM
TXFICHTER, RICHARD EDWARD, JR.
DCGASTON, MABLE YOUNG
MSHANSON, COLLIN G.
TNKAUFMAN, KENNETH CARL
ARKENNA, BOBBIE GASTON
MSKARGES, IVEY B.
FLLEWIS, MARY ELIZABETH ELMORE
ARLESTER, VIRGINIA FONTAINE LEE
DCRODGERS, AMANDA VICTORIA
DEWITT GARODGERS, JENNIFER EMILY DEWITT
GARODGERS, PEYTON BRODNAX
DEWITT GARODGERS, THOMAS MALIN, JR.
GAROSS, RUTHERFORD JACK
ARRYALS, ROBERT BREWTON
FLSISSON, JOHN CARROLL
DCSTOVER, MARGARET JANE HARRIS
FLSUPLEE, MELVYN JAMES
PATILLOTSON, LINDA KAY M.
MOWELCH, MARGARET SUSAN ENGLISH
TXWHATLEY, BARBARA JEANNE
CAWRIGHT, ANNA ELIZABETH
FLWRIGHT, KENNETH LYNN
FLWRIGHT, OLIN SEYMOUR, III
FLWRIGHT, PAUL GLEN
FLWRIGHT, REBECCA NICHOLE
FLZIMMER, MARGARET E. COOPER
MN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**January 1 to December 18, 2002**

AGEE, WILLARD CURTIS, JR.	KY(S)	Matthew Agee
ASHCROFT, JACK BURTON	FL	Claude Lemaïter/Delameter
ASHLEY, PATRICIA ANDREWS	KY	Isaac Dubose
BITTING, JOHN STEVEN	PA	Louis Bevier
BULLARD, MARY FAIRFAX	KY	Gideon Macon
BULLARD, SUSAN AMO SWINFORD	KY	Gideon Macon
CHENEY, ANN HATCHETT	AL	Thomas DuPre
CHEW, CARRIE ELIZABETH	WI	Samuel Demourvell, M.D.
COOPER, JOSEPH MELVIN	TN	Guillaume Fouquet
CORNISH, GRACE WREN POLLARD	GA	Matthys Blanchan
DAVIS, PRISCILLA JOHNSTON	AR	Stephen/Etienne Mallett
DILLARD, JANICE ANN SPURRIER	MO	Pierre Gastineau
DOE, ELIZABETH	CAN	Nicholas DeLa Plaine
DUPRIEST, BENSON HUNTER	WI	Pierre LeGrand
DYER, SHELLEY ELIZABETH NELSON	MD	David Desmarets
DUPUY, THOMAS JEFFERSON, III	TN	Batholemew Dupuy
DIENER, NANCY LEE TURNBAUGH	PA	Pierre Maneval
FRIEDMAN, KATE MILLER GILBERT	CA	Isaac LeFevre
FORD, BETTY EVORA BROWNING	TX	Estinne Chenault
GILLETTE, ROBERT EDWARD	GA	Rev. William Gillette
HALAMKA, MARY LOUISE MARSHALL	IL	Hester Mahieu
HUNTINGTON, SARAH JANE	DE	Pierre Gastineau
JACOBS, TIMOTHY LESTER	CT	Hester Mahieu
JAGER, ROSEMARY SMITH	AL	Abraham LeMaster
JAKES, SHELLY ANN SCHABACKER	FL	John Vivion
MCGRATH, SHIRLEY ANN STEWART	CA	Hester Mahieu
MAMMEL, REBECCA TIERS	NM	Daniel Tiers
MATTHEWS, ELAINE LOUISE	MD	Jacob Balliet
MERY, JENNIFER KAROLYN JORDAN	TX	Robert Brasseur/Brashear, Sr.
MORRIS, KATHRYN LOVE	GA	Pierre LeGrand
MOORE, ALLEN WENDELL	IN (S)	Alice Gaylord/Gaillard
NOE, SUSANNA HAWTHORNE STEELE	WA	Mareen Duval
PEDEN, HENRY CLINT, Jr.	MD	Henry Cabaniss
RHODES, BARBARA BREWTON	FL	Rev. James/Jacques De La Fontaine III
ROGERS, WAYNE JEROME	CA	Henri Gachet
SMITH, LINDA LEE ANTRAM	FL	Francis Joseph Durand
STEWART, KEVIN WESTLEY	NH	Pierre Cresson
TETRICK, JANET SUCHY	FL	Thomas Guerin
TURNER, BETTE TAMPLETON CALHOUN	TX	Jean/John Brevard

(S) Supplement

HUGUENOTS IN IRELAND

By Dr. Arnold R. Lewis
Member of the California Society

What country has the largest capital city? Ireland of course, because it is always Dublin. Now if you will forgive that pun, how about learning also that Ireland and Dublin were once home to large communities of Huguenots?

"An estimated 10,000 expatriate French Protestants settled in Ireland between 1685 and 1760. There were at least 24 individual Huguenot colonies established in Ireland; the largest of these was concentrated in and around Dublin, and the next in size was at Portarlington. It is in these two areas that the most lasting imprint of these refugees can be discerned today." (Huguenot Historic Sites and Burials, Vol. 1, National Huguenot Society, Bloomington, Minn., 2001, p.37)

There is an old Huguenot cemetery in Dublin, dating from 1693.

The Encyclopedia Britannica states about Dublin: "The city's remarkable resurgence began at the end of the 17th century, when thousands of refugee Huguenot weavers from France settled in Protestant Dublin after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, curtailing their privileges." (Macropaedia, Vol. 17, p. 564)

Your writer subscribes to the magazine, "Ireland of the Welcomes," wherein interesting historical articles have mentioned the Huguenots by name in July/August and September/October, 2001.

I have visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, which Robert Ripley reminds us is the chief center of Protestant worship in that city, belonging to the Church of Ireland, which is Protestant. (Believe it or Not, Garden City, N.Y., 1946, p. 306)

A small chapel in St. Patrick's was used for worship by the Huguenot community beginning in 1665, states the Oxford Companion to Irish History, S.J. Connolly, editor, Oxford U. Press, 1998, p. 257.

Innumerable sources report how the Huguenots in Ireland introduced and developed the textile industry through poplin weaving, etc. One book relates this to Belfast, asserting that "French Huguenots fleeing persecution settled here, bringing their valuable skills in linen work." (Fodor's Travel Series, Ireland, New York, 1997, p. 349)

Personalizing this further, in 1998 my wife and I visited all five countries of the British Isles. We came to Ireland's town of Longford and its nearby Carriglass Manor, founded by Thomas LeFroy and other French Huguenots who had come there after living many decades in Canterbury, England.

The Manor's present owners and residents are very proud of their ancestry. In the hallway they display a list of the earliest Huguenots in the United Kingdom. And when we entered the reception parlor, the first object which caught my eye was a huge beautifully-bound book resting conspicuously on a table in the center of the room. What was the title? The Huguenots!

So we say Erin go bragh, Ireland forever, and add, may the Huguenots go bragh also!

OFFICIAL CALL

The National Huguenot Society

Friday, 4th April 2003 - Board of General Officers Meeting

Saturday, 5th April 2003 - 67th Annual Congress

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend this 67th Annual Congress!

DELEGATES:

The Presidents of Member Societies should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates of their Society. (The blank form will be mailed to the Presidents by the Corresponding Secretary General.) The Credentials Form should be completed and mailed before 20 March 2003 to Credentials Chair:

Mr. Barrett L. McKown
3580 South River Terrace
Edgewater, MD 21037-3245

SCHEDULE***Friday, 4th April 2003***

2:00 PM	Board Meeting	New Jersey Room (2nd floor)	
6:30 PM	Annual Reception	Senate Room (1st floor)	
7:30 PM	Annual Banquet	Senate Room	\$63.00

Saturday, 5th April 2003

8:30 AM	Registration	Senate Room	\$5.00
9:30 AM	Congress Convenes	Senate Room	
12:00 Noon	Luncheon	Georgia Room (2nd floor)	\$35.00
1:30 PM	Congress Reconvenes	Senate Room	
5:00 PM	Presidents General Tea	Mezzanine	\$25.00

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, LUNCH & TEA COST:

Checks for: Registration Fee, \$5.00; Banquet, \$63.00; Luncheon, \$35.00; Afternoon Tea, \$25.00 - a total of \$128.00 for all events. Checks should be made payable to The National Huguenot Society and mailed before 20 March 2003 to Program and Arrangements Chair:

Mr. David Stringfellow
10619 Lakeside Oak Court
Burke, VA 22015

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Room Reservations should be made with the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel before the cut-off date of 17 March 2003, by calling 202-347-3000 and asking for the reservations desk. Request the rate for Genealogical Related Societies. That rate is \$203.00 plus tax per night for single, double or up to four persons in a room. Request a confirmation number. If you wish, you might ask for a confirmation by mail. Check carefully the written confirmation date and rate.

Please make reservations as early as possible. Come and enjoy the company of fellow Huguenots and friends!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2002 HAS BEEN RECEIVED

Mr. Ryan Worrell, a third year student at Concordia University, has been awarded the 2002 Scholarship provided by The National Huguenot Society.

Mr. Worrell became a member of the Huguenot Society of Illinois on 8 November 2000, and met all criteria required for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

The five members of The Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Mr. Richard Dana Smith, Sr., carefully considered applications and passed along their recommendation of Mr. Worrell to the Board of General Officers for its approval.

In addition to his completed application and subject and grade transcript, Mr. Worrell attached a statement that is repeated below (in part).

My career goal is to become a Lutheran social studies or communications Professor.

I am trying to gather as much working experience as I can in college because some of my best teachers and professors were those that not only understand their subject, but also have used their knowledge in real world applications.

A scholarship from the Huguenots will help me in so many ways. It will help with the cost associated with the years of schooling that are still to come.

Since a teacher (especially one in a Lutheran school) does not get a high salary coming out of college, a scholarship will help lower the amount of loan money that I will need to pay after college. This scholarship will also make it possible for me to be able to have an internship while going to college, instead of working jobs that may pay a little more but don't help me gain the experience that I really need.

In conclusion, through the generosity of a couple of groups, including my church, I have been able to do relatively well financially so far in college. It has been awe-inspiring to see how much people have been behind me on the road to becoming a teacher. It has been said that teachers are the most needed, and least compensated profession out there. Because of the generosity shown to me by my church and groups like you I realize the importance of the profession that I am entering, and it gives me an extra boost of will power on those late night study and writing sessions.

The National Huguenot Society has forwarded the award amount of \$5,000 to the proper business office at Concordia University. Concordia University has applied the amount to the account of this well motivated student.

Congratulations, Ryan! Our best wishes to you in your studies and for a fulfilling and happy life!

THANK YOU TO SO MANY!!

The National Huguenot Society owes its existence to many who, by their membership alone, promote the Faith and Philosophy of the Huguenots. We are especially appreciative of those members who have given willingly their time, talent, and financial assistance in these past two years.

Listed are contributions that have been made since our last reporting:

Neoma O. O'Brien, President General

This donation is from an endorsed check made payable to her as an "honorarium" from the Maryland Society, following her visit with them. So, thank you to the Huguenot Society of Maryland.

Edwin Johnson of Nashville, TN

(Donation sent in memory of his mother, Ruth Johnson #21-310.)

Nancy E. Harris, Treasurer General

Mrs. Harris has made a number of other donations. In addition to those, she has upon many occasions paid smaller bills that are rightfully the expense of the Society. She has never submitted a bill for postage to the Society and has insisted that she personally take care of those expenses.

Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis

Member of the California Society

A third donation from Dr. Lewis - 29 Oct. 2002

Mrs. Carey D. Myers

President, Illinois Society

(Our apologies for the failure to list this earlier (personal) contribution from Mrs. Myers.)

There was only one request for donations made. The request was made by the President General and published in the "Cross", once. Your response to the need of the Society has indeed been heartwarming.

Over these past (almost) two years the financial contributions from individuals and the Member (State) Societies have brought to us a grand total of \$12,650. At the approximate time that the request for donations was made, the Society (unexpectedly) received a bequest from the estate of Past President General, Col. James C. Calhoun, in the amount of \$5,000. Col. Calhoun served the Society well in his lifetime and we are grateful for his service and his remembrance. The bequest has gathered interest in an FDIC insured account. Both the \$12,650 in donations and the \$5,000 (plus interest) is included in the Treasurer General's Report in "Unrestricted Funds".

Just prior to our "going to press" with this issue of the Cross of Languedoc, the President General received from Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis confirmation of his wish to establish a fund in memory of his parents to be known as: The Ray and Anna Lewis Memorial Fund. Dr. Lewis requests only a minimum of conditions: 1. That the full title indicated above be used in order to perpetuate the personal identity of his parents. 2. Administered by the Board of General Officers or others appointed by them and that the fund be invested in only insured savings accounts. 3. That the principal (\$10,000) be kept intact in perpetuity, with only the interest being expended for the purposes of The National Huguenot Society.

Members of the Executive Committee were contacted immediately by the President General, for permission to accept the fund with the conditions set forth. (This fund is, of course, not reflected in the Treasurer's report.)

The dedication of our members is unequalled. All should know that our future is bright and each of us has a responsibility to serve well.

Neoma O. O'Brien, President General
Elected Term of Office (April) 2001 - 2003

*FOLLOW-UP ON THE RELOCATION OF THE ERNST d'ERLACH HUGUENOT
MARKER AND REORGANIZATION OF THE ERNEST d'ERLACH CHAPTER IN
FLORIDA*

by

Mrs. Raymond J. McAuliffe

On May 13, 1978, an attractive granite monument was dedicated in Ormond Beach, Florida by the now disbanded Ernst d'Erlach Chapter in what was then called Huguenot Park. This marker commemorated the first Christian marriage in North America in 1566 between Ernst d'Erlach, a French Huguenot Nobleman and Princess Issena of the Timucuan Indian Tribe.

In July 2002, Lee Collison and Lillian Swingle, former State President of the Huguenot Society of Florida, visited Ormond Beach and asked Sylvia McAuliffe, an Ormond Beach resident and former member of the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter to take them to see the marker. It was found sinking in the sand, in a congested, isolated area now occupied by a water treatment storage and pumping facility. Significant vandalism was evident and it was unlikely that anyone would be interested in visiting the spot.

The three ladies agreed that corrective action was indicated. Sylvia was commissioned to "do something". With the assistance of local historian Gordon Kipp several relocation areas "Near the Site" of the Timucuan village of Chief Ostinola were considered. Safety, security, and high visibility were the prime considerations. The Huguenot message needed to be perpetuated.

With the approval of Roberta Somach, State President of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Sylvia began working with Ormond Beach officials, primarily John Miskell, Facilities Maintenance Manager. After three months discussion, the marker was relocated by the city to Bailey River-bridge Park - at no cost to the Society.

The park, at the northwest corner of Granada Bridge across the Halifax River, was named for Charles Bailey, former mayor of Ormond Beach and a guest speaker at Ernst d'Erlach Chapter meetings. The marker is now in a tended grassy area in front of a small, wooden 1870's church. There is a large fountain in front of the church, flower beds, and the Flag of the United States of America waves over the site. Park benches are strategically placed for those who wish to sit and enjoy the surroundings. Picnic tables behind the church provide a pleasant view of the Halifax River.

The rededication of this historical marker is planned for the spring of 2003 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Florida in Ormond Beach. This marker activity is the impetus for the pending reorganization of Ernst d'Eriach Chapter of the Huguenot Society. Sylvia McAuliffe was approved as organizing president.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR SOCIETY MEETINGS

DELAWARE

At our spring meeting the Delaware Society honored Registrar Bill Brown with a Delaware Huguenot Society Honor Award for his many years faithful service and hard work. The group also voted on making a \$100 contribution to the Friends of Bombay Hook for the upkeep of the Allee House as a memorial to the three members who died in the past year. Delaware Society dues have been raised to \$15 to reflect the increase in National dues.

We are bustling along with many projects and activities. Our fall meeting was held at the Allee House at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, October 6. This beautiful Huguenot farm sits in an unspoiled 18th century landscape. We had a very good attendance, including some members of the Delaware Descendants of the Mayflower. Members Barbara Board and AnnieLou Abernathy were presented with Huguenot Honor Awards for their dedicated service to our organization. Professor John Gardner of Delaware State University gave an excellent slide presentation on naturalists of Huguenot descent that was well-received by the audience. Several descendants of the Porcher family were especially delighted to learn more about their distinguished ancestors.

President Kim Burdick, now president of both Delaware Huguenot and Mayflower societies, plans to increase our visibility through joint programs such as this one. An attractive brochure listing names of all qualified Huguenot ancestors has been produced. Plans are afoot for 2003 and 2004. Suggested ideas include a bus trip to historic New Paltz, New York and a Huguenot decorative arts conference

featuring top-quality scholars and historians. Kim was delighted to be contacted by Jane Bernbach of the French Heritage Society, headquartered in New York City and Paris, about the French history of Delaware. The French Heritage Society, formerly FVMF, is planning a publication including some American sites, to coincide with their own anniversary celebration.

Kim Burdick, President

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C. has celebrated the 75th Anniversary of its founding on December 12, 1927, at its Founders Day Meeting on December 7, 2002 at the Westchester Dining Room in Washington, D.C. Sixteen members and guests were present including President General Neoma O'Brien and Treasurer General Nancy Harris, both of whom are members of the Washington, D.C. Society as their home state society. The Governor General gave a very informative presentation at the meeting, entitled, "Who We Are, What We Do and Where We Are Going – Quo Vadis".

The Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C. was formed as the result of a small group of Huguenot descendants issuing a public call through a newspaper notice for a meeting of all persons of Huguenot descent in the vicinity who were interested in forming such a society. Approximately 75 persons came to the meeting on December 12, 1927 which resulted in the organization of the Society.

David Stringfellow, President

MISSOURI

The Missouri Society met May 18, 2002 at Jack's Restaurant in Columbia with President Betty Swisher presiding. Since many of our Huguenot members are in other societies that meet in May in Columbia, it was decided to combine groups: The Huguenot Society, The National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor, and the John Corbin Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists.

The program was given by Sara Branton on "How We Became Huguenot Descendants". She traced our heritage from being French cave dwellers, to being hut dwellers, to the civilization of Gaul by the Romans, to John Calvin, to Henry of Navarre as King Henry IV who issued the Edict of Nantes in 1598 only to be revoked by King Louis XIV in 1685. After which, many of our ancestors fled to England, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and America with just the clothes on their backs. Life for our ancestors was much easier after the 1787 Edict of Toleration.

Our 2nd meeting, October 19, 2002, was held again with the above mentioned societies in Columbia. The program was "Antiques Roadshow". Members brought a portable antique to show and share.

We are happy to report that Jean Hyde and Chad Means are on the Committee.

We also miss our good friend and fellow member, Dr. Jack Pickard, who passed away in July. He left big void in our group, but he will be forever in our hearts. A memorial was given to the National Huguenot Society in memory of Jack.

We will meet in May 2003 and elect new officers.
Sara Branton, Treasurer

ARKANSAS

At our fall meeting on October 2, the Arkansas Society welcomed our special guest, President General Neoma O'Brien. The Society was also pleased to welcome its newest member, Priscilla Davis and her husband who has

become a Friend of the Arkansas Society.

President General O'Brien gave an informative presentation about the National Society followed by a question and answer period.

Plans were finalized for the Thelma Martineau Award in honor of our Organizing President who organized the Arkansas Society February 28, 1979 in Little Rock. It was suggested that a scrapbook be maintained to record the recipients.

State President, MarJo Dill, discussed the plans for the Mid-year Council Meeting which was held the following weekend in Little Rock at the Capital Hotel.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at the Country Club of Little Rock.

MarJo Dill, President

TENNESSEE

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee hosted a dinner Friday evening, November 1st and a Fall Assembly meeting on Saturday, November 2nd, both honoring National President General Mrs. Neoma O'Brien.

The dinner was held at the well-known "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" where Mrs. O'Brien stayed on Friday night, and the meeting at the historic Fairyland Club on Lookout Mountain on Saturday, which is our regular meeting place. President General O'Brien spoke to us on "An Update", covering recent Huguenot affairs and our concerns for the future financial outlook, particularly for our scholarship program.

We were pleased and so honored to have this lovely and very capable lady visit our Society and our Chattanooga.

Elizabeth Driver, President

President General O'Brien enjoys her visits with...

Arkansas and Tennessee



President General O'Brien sharing information with the AR Society



President General O'Brien visits with Tennessee Fellow Huguenots



After the luncheon with President General O'Brien, State President MarJo Dill, Honorary President Jean Pollard, and AR member, Mary Ann Webber



TN State President Elizabeth Driver and TN State Registrar Carol Hach discuss ideas with President General O'Brien



ATTENTION CHAPTER and STATE PRESIDENTS!

Please send information about your chapter and state events to the Editor. Include such information as when and where you meet, the number of meetings you have and give any special projects/events you are working on.

The address for mailing is on the back of this publication.

Thanks!

The Allees of Bombay Hook

from an essay by George Caley

THE LAND

Before Penn's arrival, persons living in the center of the colony petitioned the English Governor Andros to establish a county from the south of Duck Creek and north of Cedar Creek with the Delaware River on the east and the colony of Maryland on the west. The petition was granted and named St. Jones. Penn renamed that area Kent, the southern territory then called Whorekill he renamed Sussex, and the northern territory, New Amstel, he now called New Castle. In the meantime New Amsterdam had become New York and New Jersey.

THE REFORMATION

Now to the people. We will roll back the pages of time to the 1500's and the beginning of the reformation or revolt against the teachings of the Catholic Church. The most noted persons who led the revolt (not in order) were John Calvin, John Knox, Martin Luther, John Huss, and Ulrich Zwingli. Due to their teachings, wars were fought and new countries were created. In predominately Catholic countries, non-Catholics were persecuted. Switzerland, Bohemia, Moravia, and Holland were predominately Protestant along with England, predominately Anglican since Henry VIII broke with the Pope over divorcement.

Many people from Catholic states and from England fled to Holland and Switzerland, while in various states of Germany especially along the Rhine River there was a semi-truce between Catholics and Lutherans. Those in France who followed the teachings of John Calvin were called Huguenots. Those who followed Calvin's teachings in Holland were known as Dutch Reformed.

With the settlement of eastern North America religious refugees came from England, Germany, France, Spain, the Austrian Empire. They left from the European ports of Amsterdam, Mannheim, Germany and many English ports. English sea captains were not averse to having a cargo of refugees. Except for Massachusetts and Virginia, all of the colonies held a laissez-faire attitude towards the religious feelings of the settlers.

THE PEOPLE

Now, back to William Penn and the others. On March 26, 1684 William Penn granted 600 acres of land on Kent-on-Delaware to John Dawson who on December 16, 1684 sold the same land called Woodstock Bower to John Albertson and John Manford of Queens County, New York. These men were land speculators. The next speculators were Francis Richardson of Philadelphia and his daughter Rebecca who had inherited 360 acres known as Islington, which had originally been 1500 acres.

Enter Jean d'Ailly. That was his French name. He was the son of Nicholas d'Ailly and his wife, Marie Tybout. As she had been previously married, she was known as Madame Tybout. Nicholas was born in 1640 in the area of Flanders called Artois. He married Madame Tybout in early 1665. Their son, Jean d'Ailly was born in late 1665. They were French followers of Calvin known as Huguenots and their family fled France during one of the persecutions. The family went first to Mannheim, Germany, the seat of a Protestant prince and later moved to Amsterdam. In 1680 they came on an English ship, Faith, to New York. Later they moved to Hackensack, New Jersey.

In 1683 Jean d'Ailly married Susan LaRue Helling of Hackensack. They had ten children. John Allee (notice anglicized spelling taken from a deed) purchased from Albertson and Manford the 600 acres of Woodstock

Bower, Delaware. Susan, John's wife, died in Hackensack in 1708 and between that year and 1711 he and his family moved to Duck Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware. On November 12, 1711 John Allee of Duck Creek purchased Islington containing 360 acres from Richardson and Murray. Islington adjoined Woodstock Bower.

Now the questions—How did they come here? In a boat across the river? Where did they live? What did they bring with them? His deed listed John Allee as a yeoman, which we now know, meant he was a farmer. Then on May 12, 1713 he was listed as John Alloi as he purchased 1500 more adjoining acres of land which had originally belonged to Frances Richardson. On February 19, 1718 John Alley wrote his will, which was probated on March 16 of the same year, thus he may have died on March 6. His children were listed by their English names: Jane who was married twice—first to Steven Van Woorhis, and second to Simon VanWinkle; Abram who married Mary Raymond; Peter who married Margaret Van Voorhes (after his father's death Peter and Margaret moved back to New Jersey). The name in this line eventually came to be spelled Alyea; John who married Gertrude—; Susannah married three times, to Andries Tibou, to John Van Gasken, and to Edward Long; Jacob; Hannah/Ann who married John Hawkins; Mary who married William Cahoon; Elizabeth who married J. Alger; Rachael who married Captain James Tybout and Nicholas VanDyke.

Abraham supposedly erected the Allee House on Woodstock Bower between 1753 and 1757. Jonathan, Abraham's son, inherited the house and plantation in 1775 and it went through a series of Allee descendants. Abraham Alle, Jr. had a son Abraham who married Sarah Tilton. They had a daughter named Sarah Tilton Allee. She married ___ Connor.

After Connor's death Sarah married John Hoffecker. Sarah and John's daughter, Ann Allee Hoffecker, married Alexander Peterson. Before that marriage, Alexander Peterson, through a series of buying and selling and lawsuits, secured title to Woodstock Bower and the Allee House. At his death, Peterson willed the property to his daughter, Sarah Peterson. Sarah Peterson, in turn, willed it to her nephew, Daniel Corbit, son of her sister Emily. Daniel Corbit died in 1940 with The Wilmington Trust Company acting as Trustee for his estate. The Trust Company sold the property on August 5, 1949 to Joseph McClements, Sr. and his wife, Laura. The McClements in turn on November 27, 1962, sold the Allee House to the United States Government. The house and land were then annexed to the Bombay Hook Federal Wildlife Refuge.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

George Caley, a retired history teacher in the Smyrna, Delaware school system was largely single-handedly responsible for saving the Allee House from destruction. In 1971 the Allee House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today this beautiful 18th century Huguenot Farm is one of Delaware's most prized historic houses.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY'S WEB AND WHAT IS AVAILABLE

<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com>
will start you on an interesting browse!

In addition, one may download the newly revised Membership Application Form. The form may then be completed electronically and printed. Please be sure that you print the form on acid free, legal size paper -- 24-pound weight is preferable. Most office supply stores now carry the required paper, at modest cost.

The address to access "Forms" is:

http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Appl.pdf

Steven B. Gerth, First Vice President General and our Webmaster spends many hours updating and adding to this site. **Many, many, thanks, Steve!**

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY AND AMERICAN FLAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Mr. Peter Arrott Dixon has sets of small National Huguenot Society and American Flags with stand. Each flag measures four inches by six inches. The price of each set is \$15.00, which covers packing and postage. The set makes an ideal table or desk decoration.

Checks should be made payable to: Peter Arrott Dixon and mailed to him at: 111 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3803.

Mr. Peter Arrott Dixon has held the appointive position of Captain of the Color Guard for many years. He stores and cares for the many flags that represent the Member (State) Societies. Each year those flags are placed on display during General Congress, through the efforts of Mr. Dixon.

Thank you, Peter!

NEW SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FROM

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

9033 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 108, Bloomington, MN 55420-3535
natlhuguesoc@juno.com Telephone: 952-885-9776

National Bylaws, Standing Rules, and National Handbook (2002 edition) printed under one cover - available at \$6.00 per copy including postage. Orders of 10 copies or more, if mailed to one address are \$5.00 per copy including postage

Membership Application Forms - (revised October 2002) printed copies are \$2.00 per set, including postage.

Some More Thoughts...

Life is not the wick, nor the candle. It is the flame.

It's the price of leadership to do the thing you believe has to be done at the time it must be done.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Fees and Dues

Application For Membership Fee.....	\$ 30.00
Supplemental Lineage Fee.....	\$ 25.00
Membership Reinstatement Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Membership Transfer Fee.....	\$ 15.00
Youth Application Fee (includes Certificate).....	\$ 5.00

(Fees are non-refundable)

There is no National Life Membership available through the National Society. Member (State) Societies are responsible for payment of National Dues of a member, if the Member Society has offered "Life Membership" and accepted payment from the member for that purpose.

Annual National Dues—Regular Members.....	\$ 10.00
Annual National Dues—Members At Large.....	\$ 15.00
Friends of the Society—May be elected by a Member (State) Society. They may receive The Cross of Languedoc upon payment of an annual fee (forwarded by the Member Society) to offset mailing cost of	\$ 5.00

A Member (State) Society may confer Associate Membership upon the spouse of a Member in good standing at the local level. There are no "National Dues" for such membership as they do not hold membership in the National Society.

New Member Applications Should Include:

Payment of dues for one year in advance (\$10.00) sent along with the Application For Membership Fee (\$30.00), with Completed Application and proof of lineage with acceptable Huguenot ancestry, all of which shall be sent to the Registrar General.

Can You Help....

Burnham Casterline
240 S. Valley Rd.
Barrington, IL 60010
847.382.2646 Burnline@aol.com
is looking for information on
Francis Casterline/Casterling
Born 1672, died 1768, NJ
wife **Phebe Woodruff.**

Other names are **Benjamin** and
Isaac Casterline and **Ruth**
Mather.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Queries will be placed in THE CROSS OF LANGUEDOC for those seeking to prove descent from a French Huguenot or someone may wish to obtain more family information.

Please send queries to the Editor, with a check in the amount of \$5.00 per query made payable to The National Huguenot Society.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4th and 5th, 2003

Friday and Saturday
67th Annual Congress of
The National Huguenot Society,
Renaissance Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

June 2, 2003

Monday
Deadline for the Fall 2003 issue of
THE CROSS OF LANGUEDOC

Anytime, 2003

Be sure to attend your Chapter and/or State
meetings

Anytime, 2003

Share with others our historical Huguenot heritage

YOUR PUBLICATION

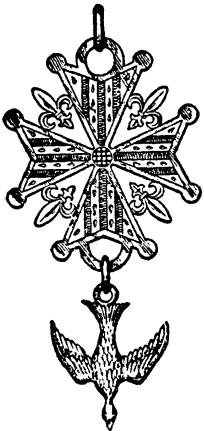
The Cross of Languedoc is published twice a year. All Member Societies are encouraged to send articles or reports of activities to the Editor of The Cross. Pictures are a plus!

The Editor is: Mrs. MarJo Thornton Dill
8 Southern Pines Drive
Pine Bluff, AR 71603-6934
Home 870.536.2158 FAX 870.536.6639
e-mail: southern@seark.net

and

Be sure to send any change of address OR change in state officers as quickly as possible to the

National Headquarters
9033 Lyndale Avenue, South, Suite 108
Bloomington, MN 55420-3535
952.885.9776
E-mail: natlhuguesoc@juno.com



THE CROSS OF LANGUEDOC

The National Huguenot Society

**9033 Lyndale Avenue South
Suite 108
Bloomington, MN 55420-3535**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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