



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”.



PAUL REVERE
A Patriot, Silversmith and Industrialist
Of Huguenot Descent

Paul Revere was the oldest surviving son of Apollos Rivoire, a French Huguenot refugee from Wallonia, who had anglicized his name to “Revere.” Apollos landed in Boston, where Paul was born, reportedly on 1 January 1735. Paul Revere’s mother was of English descent, and her maiden name was Hitchbourn.

Most of us who grew up in the United States are familiar with the story of Paul Revere’s famous midnight ride of April 18, 1775, from Boston to Lexington to warn colonists that the British troops were headed their way. It was feared that the British were marching toward Concord to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock and seize the weapon stores in Concord. In an effort coordinated by Dr. Joseph Warren, Revere and his companions Williams Dawes and Samuel Prescott set out in the black of night to cast a warning to the Americans. Their movements were planned in advance on behalf of the Boston Committee of Safety, including setting up in advance a lantern-lighting system (one if by land, two if by sea) to signal colonists in Charlestown as to the movement of the British should both Revere and Dawes be captured. Revere was indeed captured by the British before his mission could be completed, but was suddenly released and reached the house where Hancock and Adams were staying. He assisted them in safely departing the dangerous area. His warning allowed the minutemen to prepare for the Battle of Lexington, which launched the Revolutionary War. The adventure, embellished though it was, has been memorialized in a famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere,” written 19 April 1860, and first published in 1863 as a part of “Tales of a Wayside Inn.”

Revere served in the French and Indian War, participated in the Boston Tea Party, was a member of the Sons of Liberty, and was a courier for the Massachusetts Committee of Correspondence. His political interests notwithstanding, he actually made his living as a silversmith, as did his father, and inherited his father’s business when he was nineteen years old. He saw opportunity in the Revolutionary War by constructing a powder mill to supply colonial arms. He expanded his metalworking skills into engravings, and eventually the development of a copper-rolling and brass-casting foundry at Canton. Interestingly, his metalworking skills also translated into an orthodontic dentistry practice.

Paul Revere died on 10 May 1818 in Boston, and is buried at the Old Granary Burying Ground. The historical truth of the details of Revere’s ride have been debated due to the inaccuracies in Longfellow’s poem, and it has been said that Revere was not particularly well known while he lived. But it can also be said that Revere’s life demonstrates that he served his country by participating in political endeavors and his artistry, according to his principles.

Janice M. Lorenz, Editor

Sources: Answers.com; Encyclopedia Britannica; Wikipedia.org; nationalcenter.org/PaulRevere’sRide; and numerous other sources on the internet.

Front cover: Bronze statue of Paul Revere, located in historic North End, Boston, by American sculptor Cyrus Dallin (1861-1944). Photograph ©Jorgeantonio for Dreamstime.com.

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Official Call to the 72nd Annual Congress

The Washington Marriott Hotel
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The 72nd Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel Saturday, 5 April 2008. All members are encouraged to attend and are invited to bring guests. General Officers and Delegates representing at least ten (10) different State Member Societies must be present to have a quorum for the conduct of business at the Congress.

Among the items of business to come before the Congress at this meeting are the election of the Nominating Committee that will be charged with assembling a slate of officers to be presented at the 73rd Congress in 2009. There are also several important proposed amendments to the Bylaws that have been submitted by the Board of General Officers for consideration by this Congress. Every member should participate in the decisions made at Congress that affect their State Societies. Board of General Officers will meet the previous day, Friday, 4 April 2008, in the same hotel.

Please make every effort to attend. The fellowship and networking with fellow members and guests is most rewarding.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Meeting rooms to be determined)

Friday, 4 April 2008	1:30 PM	Meeting of the Board of General Officers
	6:30 PM	Annual Reception
	7:00 PM	Annual Banquet
Saturday, 5 April 2008	8:30 AM	Registration
	9:30 AM	Congress Convenes
	12:00 Noon	Luncheon
	1:30 PM	Congress Reconvenes

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

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COSTS: Registration fee, \$10.00, Friday night banquet, \$70.00, Saturday luncheon, \$45.00, being a total of \$125.00. (Omit the \$10.00 registration fees for guests.) Please make checks payable to: The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Payment should be mailed by 15 March 2008 to:

Robert R. Van Gulick, Treasurer General
 108 Swan Court
 North Wales, PA 19454-1129

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Room reservations should be made directly with the Washington Marriott Hotel as soon as possible, but no later than the cut-off date of Thursday, 13 March 2008. The rate is \$169.00, plus tax, per night for single or double. \$10.00 for each additional person, with a maximum of four people per room. Be sure to request the group rate for The National Huguenot Society, Inc., and request a confirmation number. Double check the confirmation number, rate, and dates of your stay.

DELEGATES: The President of each State Member Society should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates representing their Society. Blank forms will be mailed to all State Member Society Presidents. The completed Credentials forms should be mailed (if at all possible) before 15 March 2008 to the Credentials Committee Chairman, Rachel L. Wills, whose name and address will be printed on the forms.

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SEMIANNUAL MEETING

12-13 OCTOBER 2007 - INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

The President General spent the first few months of her term "transitioning" from Treasurer General to President General; i.e., sorting financial records for storage from those to be shipped to the new Treasurer General; getting bank records changed to reflect the change of officers and authorized signers; getting correct signature cards from the financial institutions and coordinating with the Treasurer General, Counselor General and Recording Secretary General to get the forms signed and returned to the banks, communicating with vendors to have the mailing address for the bills changed from the former President General to this officer was no small feat in itself. Standard operating procedure for processing receipts and payables has been successfully established between the new Treasurer General and the new President General; however, some of the changes of address have still not been successfully established with all of the financial institutions. This problem was, of course, compounded by the move and change of address of the President General in August.

During its April 2007 meeting, the incoming President General was charged by the Board of General Officers with writing a letter to Mrs. Ann Darst, the President of the group of former members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, objecting to the misrepresentation being circulated to the members of that State Member Society regarding the status of the "autonomous society" it established after a small percentage of its members voted to dissociate from the National Huguenot Society. This officer, as the new President General, did write such letter, copies of which were provided to the Counselor General and other members of the Board of General Officers.

The incoming administration was charged by that Board during that same meeting with working to try and solve the "Virginia problem." That has been the primary focus of this officer during the months since the April 2007 meeting. It is a pleasure to report that the Huguenot Society of Virginia, the State Member Society of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., has survived the initial crisis and remains a viable State Society. It is not totally whole yet, and has many hurdles ahead of it, including recovery of its records,

treasury, and other assets from the group that chose to withdraw from the National Huguenot Society, Inc., and thus from its State Member Society, the Huguenot Society of Virginia. The Huguenot Society of Virginia really does not want to get into a drawn out legal battle with the departing group and hesitates to spend the limited funds it does have on legal fees.

Mrs. Rachel L. Wills, a member of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, has done a "yeoman's job" of pulling the Huguenot Society of Virginia together, but needed to substantiate that she had authority to act in establishing a new bank account and to lend credence to her efforts on behalf of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and the National Huguenot Society. The Executive Committee of the National Huguenot Society voted to recognize Mrs. Wills as President Pro Tem of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. She was advised of this in writing. Unfortunately, the President General erred by stating in the letter provided to Mrs. Wills that the Board of General Officers had voted to so recognize her. This officer very much appreciated Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien's very kindly bringing the error to her attention. The Board of General Officers, at its Mid-year Meeting in Indianapolis this date, will be asked to ratify the action of the Executive Committee in this instance so that the statement of the President General that the Board of General Officers voted to recognize Mrs. Wills as President Pro Tem of the Huguenot Society of Virginia will be true.

Two other specific responsibilities with which the incoming administration was charged were to work with the members of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi and the Huguenot Society of Massachusetts to try to get those State Member Societies active again. As of this date, no progress has been made on those two assignments; however, they are not forgotten. The President General has asked the Organizing Secretary General to head up a Membership Task Force to work with the President General in tackling such problems,

The 71st Congress assigned the task of relocating the "Headquarters Office" to this administration. The assignment required the incoming President General to appoint a committee to locate and recommend a new

location for the office within very specific parameters. To that end, the President General will travel to Bloomington, MN, at the conclusion of this meeting to see first hand the current facilities and confer with Miss Grace Rice, the Archivist to evaluate the space needs of the office, based upon the work space currently being utilized, the existing equipment, furniture, archives and records. It is hoped that committee slots will be filled and a recommendation for relocating the office will be forthcoming by the April meeting.

Additional activities of the President General will be reported during the General Council meeting tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. MacManus, President General

SPACE AVAILABLE ON NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY WEBSITE

Does your state society or chapter have a web site? If it does the National Society Webmaster, First Vice President Stephen Gerth, would like to provide a link to your site from The National Huguenot Society website at:

<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/states/states.htm>

If your society or chapter does not yet have a website, the National Society webmaster may be able to help you as well. There is space available on the National Society website to host your society or chapter web pages. The local society or chapter is responsible for developing the look and content of its own site. If you have a person who can do the technical development of the site the National Society website can provide hosting space. If you need assistance in implementation the Webmaster is available to help your local chapter develop the site based upon the plans and design you provide.

Contact Stephen Gerth via email for more details at webmaster@huguenot.netnation.com.

The National Huguenot Society, Inc. General Council Meeting

Saturday

13 October 2007

The meeting was called to order by the President General at 2:40 pm at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Chaplain General offered the opening prayer.

Present were Barbara C. MacManus, President General; Stephen B. Gerth, First Vice President General; Allen W. Moore, Third Vice President General; Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling II, Chaplain General; Nancy W. Brennan, Recording Secretary General; Jeannine S. Kallal, Registrar General; Janice M. Lorenz, Counselor General; Nadine S. Hardin-Miller, Honorary President General (2003-2005); Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Honorary President General (2005-2007).

The minutes of the previous General Council meeting that was combined with the 71st Annual Congress 7 April 2007 were approved by a committee and circulated. No corrections were offered and the minutes are filed for record.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS

In actions taken by the Board of General Officers at its meeting of 12 October 2007, a motion by Janice M. Lorenz, Counselor General, to ratify the action of the Executive Committee of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. to recognize Rachel L. Wills as President Pro Tem of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, the Virginia State Member Society was seconded and adopted.

President General Barbara C. MacManus was authorized, by action of the Board of General Officers, to finalize arrangements for the 72nd Annual Congress to be held in Washington, DC, April 4 – 5, 2008.

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Several motions for Bylaws Amendments were approved by the Board of General Officers and will be presented as recommendations from the Board for adoption at the 72nd Annual Congress. Circulation of notice of the proposed Bylaws changes will be done timely and in appropriate form.

By action of the Board of General Officers, funds received by the National Huguenot Society that are designated for scholarships, other than the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Memorial Scholarship Fund, shall be disbursed according to criteria, time and frequency developed by the Scholarship Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of General Officers.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

President General, Barbara C. MacManus. Report filed for record.

First Vice President General, Stephen B. Gerth. No additions to oral report given at Board Meeting.

Second Vice President General, Ann D. Hallgren-Arrowsmith. Absent, no report submitted.

Third Vice President General, Allen W. Moore. No additions to oral report given at Board Meeting.

Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling II. Report filed for record.

Recording Secretary General, Nancy W. Brennan. No additions to oral report given at Board Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary General, Donna L. Gantt. Absent, no report submitted.

Organizing Secretary General, Chad C. Means. Absent, report submitted, filed for record.

Treasurer General, Robert R. Van Gulick. Absent, report submitted, filed for record.

Registrar General, Jeannine S. Kallal. Report filed for record.

Historian General, Carol W. Chew. Absent, no report submitted.

Counselor General, Janice M. Lorenz. No additions to oral report given at Board Meeting.

Surgeon General, Lee C. Park, M.D. Absent, no report submitted.

Genealogist General, C. Owen Johnson, J.D., L.L.M. Absent, no report submitted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Committee: Written report submitted by Sylvia F. McAuliffe and filed.

There were no other Standing Committee Reports.

STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

Huguenot Society of Virginia, Rachel L. Wills, President Pro Tem. Report filed for record.

No further reports.

NEW BUSINESS

The President General asked for the reference in the Bylaws relative to the issue of the Registrar General's request to eliminate the requirement to publish a yearly update of corrections and additions to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors. It was reported that the only reference found in the bylaws is Article IX, Powers and Duties of Officers, Section N, Paid or Contracted Services and Appointed Positions, SS 1. Paragraph c.

MOTION Jeannine Kallal moved to authorize the Registrar General to produce and circulate to the State Registrars a yearly update as needed in whatever form deemed necessary. Seconded and adopted. (Emphasis added)

COURTESY MOTION Dr. Walling moved to thank the Indiana Society and Allen Moore for a lovely day. Seconded and adopted.

MOTION to adjourn. Adopted.

COMMITTEE FOR REVIEWING OF BOOKS TO BE ADDED TO THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY COLLECTION

Carol Chew, Chairman

In the Spring of 2003 the Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, desiring to find a proper repository for its library of materials relating to Huguenot genealogy and history, voted to donate the Society's Library, then located at 9033 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 108, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55420-3535, by "Deed of Gift and Agreement", and to place the library of The National Huguenot Society, as a special collection in the DAR Library in Washington, DC.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, through its DAR Library, agreed to accept the library of Huguenot genealogical and historical materials and to catalog, arrange, and make available to all researchers the library of The National Huguenot Society Collection and agreed to maintain the collection as a distinct, unified compilation within the DAR Library. The DAR Library further agreed to accept future genealogical and historical materials from The National Huguenot Society for timely inclusion in its National Huguenot Society Collection.

In order that future contributions to the collection might be reviewed and a record made for their placement, a special committee was appointed by the then President General, in 2004.

In the years since, all winning selections of the "Book Award", have been transferred to the collection, as well as other donations and outright purchases. The "Book Review Committee" has been able to function very well with the excellent cooperation of the DAR Library.

Consultation, communication, and careful review by the Committee precedes the transfer of all materials to The National Huguenot Society Collection.

By pre-arrangement, on 19 September 2007, Carol Chew, Historian General and Committee

Chairman, and Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General and Committee Member, met with Eric Grundset, Director of DAR Library, at the DAR Library in Washington, DC. We discussed ways to expedite placement of materials on the shelves, and in general how to build an excellent Huguenot research library for public use and ways to make known the existence of the special collection. It was agreed that information would be placed on the DAR website. In addition, a number of books were delivered for placement, brought by Mrs. O'Brien in a "rolling suitcase".



Some publications recently placed on the shelves are: *A Passion for Survival* by Linda G. Layton. A true story of Marie Anne and Louis Payzant in the Eighteenth-century Nova Scotia; Nimbus Publishing Limited, P.O. Box 9166, Halifax, NS, B3K 5M8 Canada. (Huguenot Lineage) Donation by the author, who is a Member-At-Large, Canada.

The De Forests and the Walloon Founding of New Amsterdam (NY). Printed Privately in Connection with the Celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Settlement of New York by Walloons; Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie,

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Maryland 20716 U.S.A. (Huguenot Lineage) Donated by Grace Virginia Rice, former Registrar General.

The French Pilot by Allen Steele. A Seafaring Tale of Adventure and Faith; Printed and Published by Signs Publishing Company, (copyright 2005 by Signs Publishing Co.) Warburton, Victoria, Australia (Huguenot Lineage)

Erlangen by Gary C. Fouse. An American's History of a German Town; copyright 2005 by University Press of America, Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 20706 U.S.A. (On December 7, 1685, was issued the so-called "Bayreuth Privilege", which invited the Huguenots to resettle in the town of Erlangen.) (Huguenot Lineage and History) This was the 2006 winner of the Annual Book Award given by the Society.

The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Membership Directory 2006 (Front Desk Copy Only) This copy of the Society's Directory is kept at the front desk. A member of The National Huguenot Society may make use of the entire DAR Library without the usual charge for non-members, provided they are members of The National Huguenot Society. Membership can be proven by asking the librarian to check this Directory.

The National Society is most fortunate to have The National Huguenot Society Collection maintained as a distinct, unified compilation within the DAR Library. There is no cost to our Society, only the expectation that we will continue to support the collection by adding quality materials that are of use to researchers and to the public.

Should a Member Society or individual wish to donate to the collection, please contact either Mrs. Chew or Mrs. O'Brien before sending a volume. Please do not send donations directly to the DAR Library, as this will slow the process of actual placement on the shelves.

Many thanks to all those who have made contributions to the collection in the past.

MEMBER (STATE) SOCIETY NEWS

INDIANA SOCIETY

The Huguenot Society of Indiana held its fall meeting on October 13, 2007 at the beautiful Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. In attendance at the luncheon meeting were several national officers, who were welcomed by President Rose Kiersma. This meeting coincided with the semi-annual General Council meeting in Indianapolis.

New membership directories were distributed. The Williams Sisters Trio provided dinner music on their string instruments.



Dr. Kevin C. Robbins, Associate Professor of History at Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis, gave an illustrated, academic lecture on "the Huguenot Silversmiths of London."

A new member was welcomed, and it was announced that five prospective members have submitted their application papers.

The new Indiana Huguenot Society website can be found at: http://gradeless.com/in_huguenot.html.

A website listing all of the lineage societies of Indiana "Indiana Lineage Links" is now located at: http://gradeless.com/in_ll.htm.

Allen W. Moore
Registrar and Treasurer

MISSOURI SOCIETY

The semi-annual meeting of the Missouri Society was held in May 2007 at Jack's Restaurant in Columbia. The May and October meetings are combined with the Missouri Society Dames of the Court of Honor and the John Corbin chapter Daughters of the American Colonists.

In May, Missouri holds a memorial for members who have passed away during the year. A beautiful memorial was given by Chaplain Margaret Mobley for Charles Sheppard who was a descendant of Abraham Michaux.

Membership has been on the increase in Missouri, with the membership now standing at seventy with several prospective members. Missouri is very proud to have one of their members on the National Board. Chad Means is the newly elected Organizing Secretary General.

New officers were installed for 2007-2009 by using pens to describe the duties of each office to which they were elected. New President, Dallie Howerton, was presented with a royal purple pen which represents leadership; Vice President is Blair Pickard (the son of Dr. Clarence Pickard who was on the National Board as Surgeon General and who many remember with a great fondness); Chaplain Margaret Mobley was presented with a pen to write words of comfort; Secretary Dorothy Baumgartner was presented a pen for keeping the official records; Treasurer Sara Branton keeps



L to R New President, Dallie Howerton and Vice President, Blair Pickard

track of all the monies with her pen; Registrar Betty Swisher was presented with two pens to encourage membership; Historian Becky Lang was presented with a golden pen to record the golden memories of the Missouri Society.

After the luncheon with the other two societies, an interesting program on the Jamestown settlement was given by Pat Horton and Glenda Allen of the Huguenot Society. Pat and Glenda had just returned from the Jamestown 400th Year Celebration in Virginia. They had many pictures and interesting tidbits to share, plus the sheet of the newly released Jamestown postage stamp.

We are looking forward to our meeting in October. The new officers were given pens to carry on the many duties of the Huguenot Society, however members were reminded that they were the pages these pens need to perpetuate the memory and deeds, tenets of faith and devotion to liberty of our Huguenot Ancestors.

Sara Branton, Treasurer
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VIRGINIA SOCIETY

It was a pleasure to serve the National Society as Credentials and Registration Chairman, for the Annual Congress at the Mayflower Hotel, in Washington, DC, in April of this year by appointment of Sylvia McAuliffe, President General. However, it was done with some embarrassment and sadness.

On 31 March of this year, at the semiannual meeting of the Huguenot Society of Virginia in Tappahannock, Virginia, twenty-eight of the 40 members present voted to immediately dissociate from the National Huguenot Society. The vote had been close in the Council Meeting: 9 for separation and 7 against. In the general meeting, it was again very close.

The motion to dissociate was presented by Dr. David Harpole, who was then the First Vice President of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., and Past President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. Dr. Jackson Darst offered what he called a substitute motion that turned out to be an amendment to investigate the requirements

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needed for the new society to become a non-profit organization.

Dr. Arthur Stocker and Alice Sweeney, Honorary President General and past Genealogist General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc, respectively, and this member, then the Corresponding Secretary of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, stood up to speak on behalf of the National Society and to urge people to stay the course and stay with the National Society. Dr. Stocker came with a prepared statement and spoke eloquently. Mrs. Sweeney spoke with conviction, and this member spoke with conviction and grave concern.

Possible difficulties that would lie ahead for those who chose to separate were cited. This member, being the Corresponding Secretary, tried to read the names and statements of those who could not be at the meeting but had sent her emails protesting the action. She was told there was not enough time to hear them because elections and installation needed to take place so family members could enjoy the event. (It was a "members only" business meeting, and guests had been asked to leave the room.)

After a second count of the votes, there were more than enough affirmative votes for the motion to pass. No record was made of the names of those who voted to immediately dissociate. A motion by Gerald Runyan that no (electronic) recordings be made was passed. Attempts at note taking by this member were abandoned because of stunned disbelief of the actions.

The slate of officers was voted upon – with a new nominee for State President. This member had been the nominee for State President until it became known that she would not support the separation from the National Society. The election was quick and installation almost as fast. The new officers looked somewhat confused as they stood up for installation. It appeared none was sure of what had just happened because everything was happening very fast in a crowded and noisy room. There was no clarification of what had taken place.

Apparently this member was the only proposed officer who was privileged to know the plans that had evidently been in process for some time, and was told that it should be kept a secret. There had been hope that

cooler heads would prevail; however, upon receipt of the motion regarding the dissociation from the National Society, addressed to "Dear Huguenot Descendants," and signed, "Steadfastly, David H. Harpole", it was evident that it clearly had NOT blown over.

The Counselor General, James D. O'Brien, was notified and asked for his opinion of the legality of such action. A copy of the motion was faxed to the Counselor General, and he immediately wrote a legal opinion which was mailed to the entire Virginia membership so that the Virginia members would be forewarned and knowledgeable. The President General, Sylvia McAuliffe provided good, clear reasonable responses in rebuttal to Dr. Harpole's stated rationale supporting the motion. Her response was immediately sent by e-mail to all those with e-mail capabilities.

One new member who had refused to go to the 31 March meeting, said she had joined at the wrong time and wanted to go "at large" because this wasn't her battle. She wanted nothing to do with it. Several prospective members decided to change their minds about joining. Some were so disgusted with what they had heard at that meeting and the whole situation that they didn't want to have anything to do with the society.

Six days after that meeting, this member attended the Annual Congress as a State Delegate from the Huguenot Society of Virginia with reassurance from the Counselor General and others that she was still a member of The National Huguenot Society. The support and encouragement of the national officers, including that of Barbara MacManus, who was Treasurer General at the time and now President General, have been absolutely wonderful! Encouragement to proceed has come, with Huguenot faith and devotion, from all sides.

The summer was spent in trying to reorganize the Huguenot Society of Virginia – to pull the members together and to assure them that if enough wanted to stay with the National Society, then the Member State Society would still exist and that leaders were needed.

The President General and the Executive Committee members provided approval for this member to be recognized as President Pro Tem of the Huguenot Society of Virginia so that she could act with

the authority of the National Society; thus, providing credence in her efforts to ascertain the wishes of the remaining membership. The question of whether there were a sufficient number of members remaining to continue as a Member State of The National Huguenot Society had to be addressed.

A Call to Meeting at the Manakin Headquarters in Midlothian, Virginia, a centrally located meeting place for the Virginia membership, was sent out, with a request that 2008 dues be remitted as the indication of each member's support for the National Society. Included in the mailing was this writer's Delegate's Report from the Annual Congress and copies of two letters written by President General Barbara MacManus. One letter had been sent to Ann Darst, the President of the new autonomous society and the other to Alice Birdseye, the Registrar of the new society. The packets were sent to the entire membership of approximately 150 members, minus those who were elected as officers of the new society and those who spoke in favor of the separation and had voted to immediately dissociate.

The mailing was a success. Twenty-eight checks for 2008 dues were received with more promised and now, seven additional checks have been received. Yes, the Huguenot Society of Virginia; a member state of the National Huguenot Society, still exists! There has also been a modest number of luncheon reservations, 15 to date, and several phone calls of congratulations and exclamations of relief that the society still exists. Seven donations for the Huguenot Society of Virginia's scholarship fund were also received. A new checking account was opened and checks totaling more than \$1,000 were deposited.

A letter was sent to the 52 members who had not paid 2007 dues requesting payment of their 2007 dues. Letters sent by this writer to Ann Darst, the President, and to Paul Morrisette, the Treasurer of the new society have gotten no response.

Two of the officers elected and installed at that 31 March meeting have resigned from the new society and returned to the Huguenot Society of Virginia. Alice Birdseye, who was elected Registrar, has returned to the Huguenot Society of Virginia and brought with her this Society's membership application records, two new members and more papers pending. Her daughter, Susan Rodenberg, who was elected Recording Secretary of the new society, has also returned to the Huguenot

Society of Virginia after the former President changed the minutes of the meeting of 31 March to conform to her needs.

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has an excellent web site, www.Huguenots-Virginia.org, developed several years ago by this member and her husband. It is still linked to the National Huguenot Society web site. It contains the names of the officers pro tem of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. As of this date, they are: Rachel L. Wills, President Pro Tem; Alice Sweeney, Vice President Pro Tem; Rev. Francis Sloan Blair III, Chaplain Pro Tem; Susan Rodenberg, Recording Secretary Pro Tem; and Alice Birdseye, Registrar Pro Tem.

It has been reported that the checking account of the Huguenot Society of Virginia had been closed and the balance placed in a cashier's check. The operating funds as well as two CDs belonging to the Huguenot Society of Virginia are being held by the treasurer of the dissident group. One CD contains the fees paid by 21 life members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. The other CD contains the donations of the membership for the Huguenot Society of Virginia's scholarship fund. Apparently the operating funds checking account is open again because a disbursement to someone has been made and application fees of prospective members have been deposited. The customary fee to accompany the application when it is sent to the Registrar General, was retained.

The e-mail address for the treasurer of the new society, Paul Morrisette, is no longer valid, so e-mail efforts were returned, and there has been no response to voice mail messages. Correspondence has been sent to him via U. S. mail, and members living near him have been asked to please prevail upon him to return to the Huguenot Society of Virginia and bring its treasury with him. There has been no response to e-mail messages sent to the former Virginia State Treasurer, Gerald Runyan.

Janice Lorenz, Counselor General, has also been encouraging and has provided the name and address of an attorney she feels would be suitable for this situation. However, hiring a lawyer would drain the meager operating fund of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. Every effort is therefore being made to establish communication with the leaders of the

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dissident group in the hope that a mutual agreement can be reached and the assets of the Huguenot Society of Virginia returned without the costly expense of attorney fees. The treasury, state history book, library, flags, State President's insignia, all need to be returned to the Huguenot Society of Virginia, the rightful owner.

The dissident group may have their own autonomous society if they wish; however, they can not build their new society with the assets of the Huguenot Society of Virginia!

In Huguenot faith and devotion,
Rachel L. Wills (Mrs. A. Duane Wills)
President Pro Tem
Huguenot Society of Virginia

WASHINGTON, DC SOCIETY

On a beautiful cold day in Washington, DC, a group of Huguenots met for a lovely luncheon at an excellent French bistro, Le Chat Noir, to celebrate the Founder's Day for the Washington, DC Society. We were delighted that Virginia Lester, Corresponding Secretary, brought a guest, Elizabeth Harrington, who lives in La Rastediere, France. Mrs. Harrington is a Huguenot whose family fled to Holland, where she grew up.



L-R President Janice M. Lorenz, Recording Secretary Virginia Lester, Vice President John Sisson, Huguenot guest Mrs. E. J. C. Harrington, Corresponding Secretary Muriel Oehme, and immediate past President Shirley de la Barre

In a lively discussion over a delicious French-style meal, and perhaps a small glass of champagne, the need for separation of church and state was expressed. No one disagreed that had there been religious toleration in our ancestors' day, there would have been no need for them to flee France, and perhaps there would have been no Huguenots.

— DANIEL MAROT

Architect, Furniture Designer, Engraver, Artist of Huguenot Descent

Nancy Brennan's article mentioned the beautiful library at Leeds Castle that was modeled after Huguenot Daniel Marot's design. Daniel Marot was born in Paris in 1661, and died 4 June 1752 at The Hague. Why the Hague? Well, he designed the hall of audience for the States-General at The Hague. The son of Jean Marot, an architect and engraver, Daniel Marot was an architect, furniture designer and engraver specializing in the late baroque Louis XIV style. He started out at the Manufacture des Gobelins, King Louis XIV's official designer of tapestry and engravings.

Daniel Marot and his family were Huguenots and fled to Holland after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. There, his Louis XIV style was well received, including the interior design of the palace of Het Loo. He was employed by the Stadthouder, who later became King William III of England.

He moved to London in 1694 with King William, becoming one of his architects and Master of Works. His designs were beautiful, and have been recreated in part at Hampton Court in England. An image of his design of the state bed, The Melville Bed, in 1700, upholstered by (probably Catholic) Francis Lapiere, London, can be seen at the Victoria and Albert Museum website, vam.ac.uk.

Huguenot Grave of National Importance Dedicated in the Presence of Two Honorary Presidents General of The National Huguenot Society

The Rev'd Drs Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Jr. and Dixon Barr Participate in the Historic Marker Dedication for Peter Le Grand ("The Burgess")
The Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Kentucky

By Travis Du Priest

With photos by Dr. James Birchfield

On June 14th at 4:00 in the afternoon, in one the nation's most historic, park-like cemeteries and the resting place of Henry Clay, a small band of descendants and friends gathered to dedicate the newly-erected marker in The Lexington Cemetery for Peter Le Grand ("The Burgess") who served in the Virginia House of Burgesses from 1758 to 1776. The plaque is in keeping with others in the Cemetery designating both local and national notables: black oval metal with raised gold lettering, suspended from a tall black rod – very tasteful and impressive, standing solemnly beside the weathered flat stone that marks Peter's (d. 1813) resting place (see *Bluegrass Roots*, Vol. 33, No. 4, 193-195, published by the Kentucky Genealogical Society for the full story).

In attendance for the occasion were three Le Grand descendants: brother and sister, Kit and Bill Andrews, descendants through Abner LeGrand, son of Peter Le Grand "The Burgess" and Travis Du Priest, a collateral descendant through Peter The Burgess's brother Alexander Le Grand. Absent due to travel was Joseph Graves, Jr., the Andrew's cousin, also a Le Grand descendant as well as trustee of the Cemetery. It is hoped that other LeGrand descendants in and around Lexington, along with others interested in Kentucky and American history and Huguenots in particular, and perhaps especially school children, will find their way to the cemetery to see the handsome marker and honor this venerable colonial French Huguenot and Revolutionary War Patriot.

All in attendance—an impressive admixture of descendants and genealogists, including two Honorary Presidents of The National Huguenot

Society -- participated in the Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony:

The Rev'd Canon Dixon and Dr Frances Barr also a member of The National Huguenot Society, both nationally-renowned genealogists and members of numerous, prestigious hereditary societies. Fr. Barr, Dixon, has recently donated his personal genealogical library of over 5,000 volumes, to the University of Kentucky's Breckinridge Research Room in the Margaret I. King Library of Special Collections at U.K. and other genealogical libraries in the Commonwealth, including the DAR Library of Duncan Tavern in Paris, Kentucky.

Representing the Kentucky Genealogical Society, President Ann Pennington of Danville, Kentucky. Ms. Pennington is herself an impressive genealogist with a singular passion for the importance of grave stones and cemetery markers because of the importance they play in genealogical research. It was Ms. Pennington who encouraged Fr. Du Priest to write up the original marker adventure for *Bluegrass Roots*.

Two of Kentucky's renowned librarians, Dr. James and Martha Birchfield, Curator of Rare Books and professor of library science at the University, respectively. Both Jim and Martha are impressive hereditary and genealogical researchers, as well as noted antiquarians and preservationists. Dr. Birchfield also kindly photographed key elements of the afternoon ceremony. Fr. Du Priest has recently donated his collection of over 100 Church of England Books of Common Prayer covering the reign of each British monarch from 1592 (Queen Elizabeth I) to the present (Queen Elizabeth II), to the University of Kentucky Rare Book Room of the University of Kentucky.

Officiating at the dedication ceremony, comprising prayers and readings in French and English, The Rev'd Travis du Priest, was joined by The Rev'd Deaconal Canon, Dr. Paul Holbrook, Director of the King Library

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Dedication Service

Memorial Plaque for Peter Le Grand

Lexington Cemetery, 14 June 2007



Ann Pennington, President Kentucky Genealogical Society and Reverend Dr. Travis Dupriest



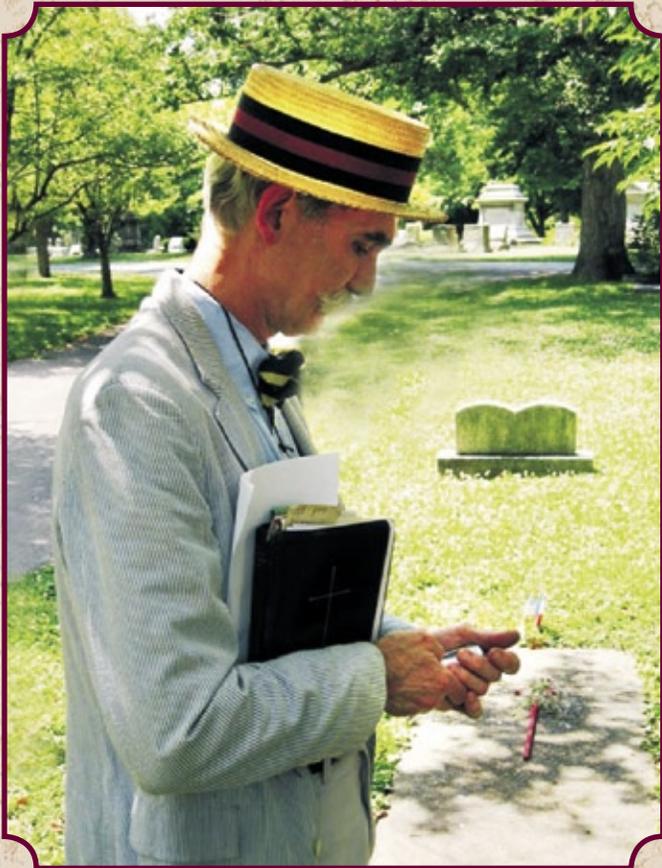
Le Grand descendants Kit Andrews and William Morton Andrews with Ann Pennington (right front) unveiling the plaque.



Kit Andrews, William Morton Andrews and Reverend Dr. Travis Dupriest with the Peter Le Grand Plaque.



Professor Martha Birchfield reads Psalm XXIII from the 1928 BCP.



The Reverend Dr. Paul Evans Holbrook



The Reverend Dr. Dixon Barr



The Reverend Dr. Travis DuPriest

Press at the University of Kentucky, who is active in a number of genealogical and hereditary societies in Kentucky and elsewhere. Canon Barr offered the final Benediction before Deacon Holbrook's Dismissal.

The ceremony was simple yet elegant and included two biblical readings, one from the Tyndale version; the other from The Authorized or "King James" Version of the Bible, by Martha Birchfield and Frances Barr, a blessing of the grave with Holy water from France (small French and American flags were placed at the head of the old tombstone), the unveiling by the descendants and Ann Pennington, a brief biography offered by Dr. Birchfield from Peter LeGrand In Virginia 1700 by Louis Le Grand, and comments from descendants.

Afterwards, Fr. Du Priest hosted an al fresco Champagne toast and collation of hors d'ouvriers and pastries on the Garden Patio of Stella's Kentucky Deli near The Lexington Cemetery. He was especially happy that people were pleased with the marker and the dedication. He thanks all involved for their encouragement to press forward with this project. He especially thanked Mr. Mark Durbin, Asst. Manager of The Lexington Cemetery for his role in procuring the Le Grand marker. At the collation afterwards, Ms. Pennington graciously thanked Dr. Du Priest for persisting with this project and expressed the hope that others who "do the same"!

To repeat the theme from the original "Markers Make" Bluegrass Roots article written prior to the good news that a marker would be placed at Peter Le Grand's grave, "Markers {do indeed} Make {cemetery research}"!

The Rev'd Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Ph.D. served as Chaplain and then President of The National Huguenot Society and is a direct descendant of Robert de Presse who emigrated to New Kent Co., Virginia ca. 1687; Pierre Le Grand, emigrant to Manakin, Virginia in 1700, as well as Abraham Michaux and Susanne Rochet, also of Manakin. He has written and spoken

widely on Huguenot emigration to colonial America, including a National Huguenot award-winning essay on American writers of Huguenot descent, and pieces on Huguenot-Anglican relations.

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Janice Murphy Lorenz
Editor

Highlights and Disappointments Of My Trip to England and France

By Nancy Wright Brennan, C.G.

Attempt to see Huguenot sites and the works of Huguenot artists in England and Scotland requires advance planning and timing. I had done the planning before the trip, but my timing was not good. My personal itinerary was not the purpose of the trip. It was for my grandson's high school graduation gift, so I knew my time would be limited to see Huguenot sites.

Our trip started in Edinburgh Scotland where we toured the Royal Yacht Britannia and then to northern England where we visited Holy Island and Alnwick Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland, but better known recently as the film location of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (known in America as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*) and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. It was also used in the filming of *Becket*, *Mary Queen of Scots*, *Ivanhoe*, *Robin Hood-Prince of Thieves* and *Elizabeth*. Alnwick is an outstanding castle and I've seen many castles.

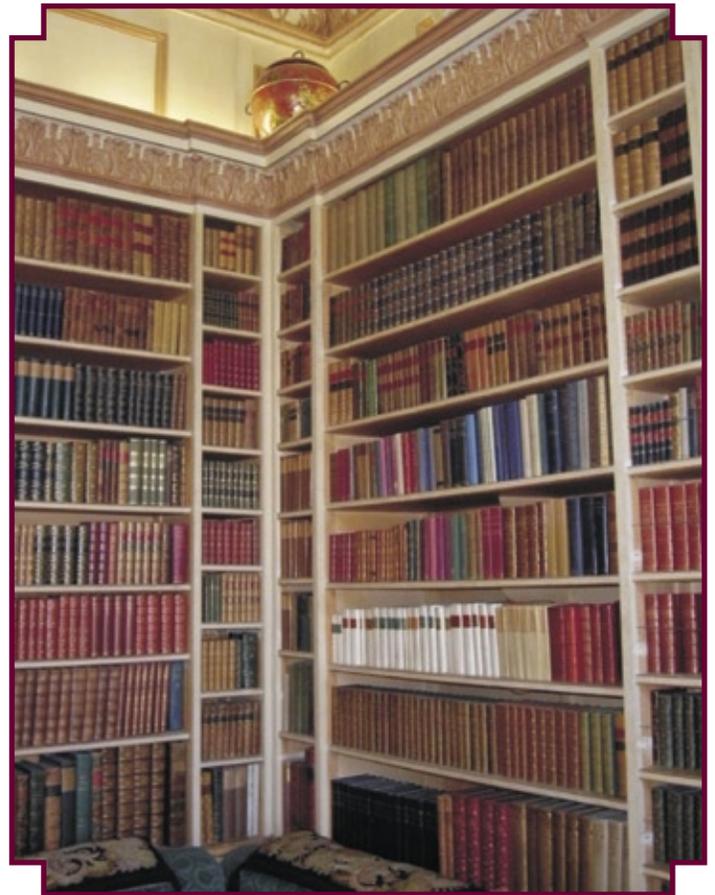
After a brief stop in York, we were off to London. We arrived there the morning of June 1. My grandsons and I had been in London together twice before, so we had done and seen many of the regular tourist things like St. Paul's Cathedral but that was before I knew as much about the Huguenot artists and craftsmen who lived and worked in London. Even though I had to pay admission (again) for the three of us, I wanted to look at the Tijou Gates, which I had seen before, but had not realized the Huguenot significance. The magnificent wrought-iron gates are the work of Jean Tijou French Huguenot metal worker. Tijou began the work on the gates the end of 1694¹. The acanthus decoration is highlighted in gleaming gold.

First disappointment: No pictures are allowed in St. Paul's Cathedral and a guard was standing near. The guard was old and little. Maybe my 6'5 and 7' tall grandsons could have overpowered him long enough for me to get a photo. We didn't try.

Another place I wanted to visit in London was the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland at University College.

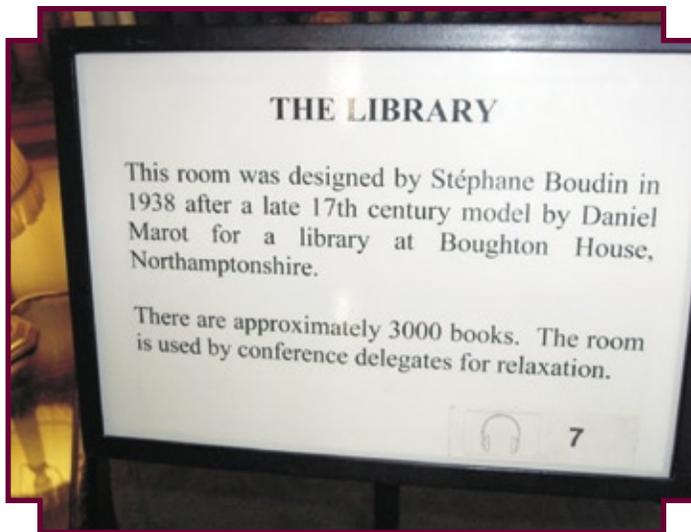
Second disappointment: It was closed and not scheduled to open until Monday, June 4, the day we had to leave London at 6 am.

On Saturday, June 2, we took a tour to Leeds Castle and Canterbury. Leeds was a new experience for me but I had heard that it was one of the best. It certainly lives up to its reputation as "the loveliest castle in the world". The 900 year old castle has been through numerous owners and was acquired in 1926 by Lady Baillie who completely restored the castle. Imagine my surprise when I walked into the beautiful library and saw that it was modeled after Daniel Marot's design. Marot was a Huguenot refugee who fled to the Court of William of Orange in 1684². He influenced architecture and design in France and England. A Highlight!



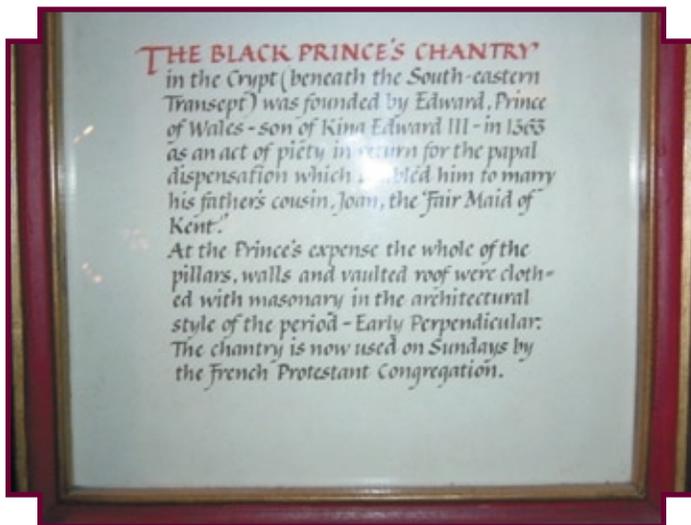
Leeds Castle Library bookshelves

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Leeds Castle historical sign

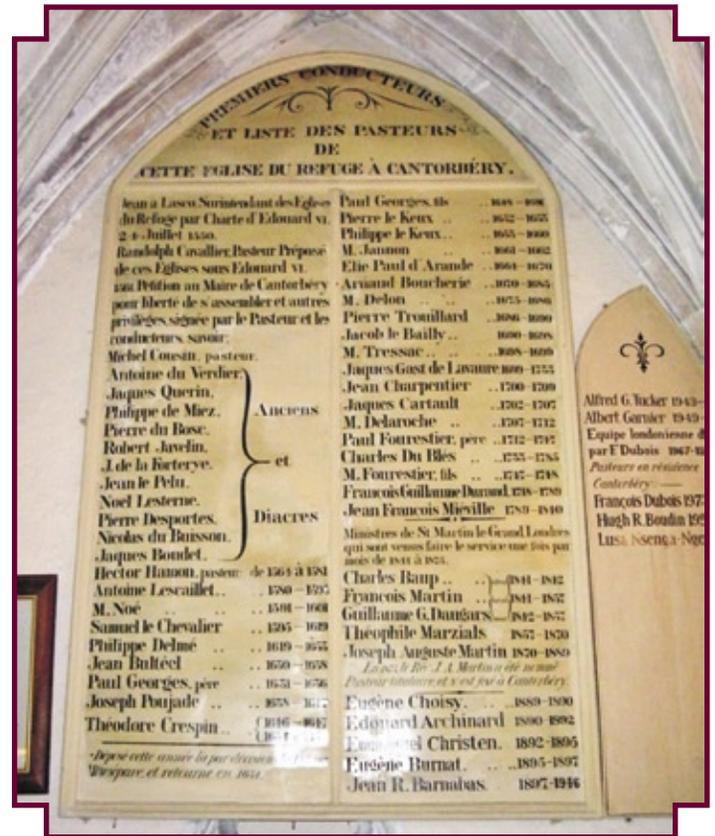
Our tour continued to the east of England and on to Canterbury. I had been to Canterbury Cathedral and knew that the Huguenots' chapel was in the Crypt but I had not seen it because it is kept locked. I approached one of the Cathedral guides and ask how to gain entrance to the chapel. She found a Virger who is responsible for the care of the interior of the Cathedral. The Virger had the key and opened the chapel for me. Another Highlight!



The Huguenot Chapel, Black Prince Chantry, at Canterbury Cathedral

The Huguenot chapel, known as the Black Prince Chantry, began to be used in 1895 where French services according to the Reformed liturgical tradition continue to the present day. In the 16th century, the

Huguenot population of the town of Canterbury accounted for about one third to one half of the 9000 inhabitants³. A plaque in the chapel lists the pastors from the 1500's to present.



Back in London, we went to Victoria and Albert Museum hoping to see the works of Huguenot artists. The textiles are located on the second floor but the entire second floor was closed. This was a disappointment as I was hoping to see the tapestries of Huguenot artists. The works of several Huguenot silversmiths may also be found in the Victoria & Albert museum, however the silver galleries are extensive and not organized to find a particular artist. They are organized by style and time period. No doubt, there is a catalog which locates each piece but it was not accessible to me and asking for information did not help.

We visited the Spitalfields area of East London where the Huguenots settled in the 1700's and where the French Immigrants established their silk manufacturing industry. The modern Christ Church in Spitalfields has been extensively renovated and has little connection to the Huguenot churches that were established in the 17th and 18th centuries. The Market, across the street

from the church, was built in 1887, but the site as a market dates to the 13th century.



Spitalfields Church

Our trip continued on to Paris where we were able to walk from our Hotel to the Louvre but on the way walked past the French Protestant Library. Again, unfortunately, it was closed.

Despite my disappointments in not seeing the Huguenot art and the libraries being closed, the boys and I had a great time. My grandsons would not have wanted to go to the libraries, anyway. As it was, they were very patient with my wanting to take the long “tube” ride to see Spitalfields. Our trip included much more than this article describes and the experiences will be with us for a long time.

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OF INTEREST . . .

The statue of Paul Revere was arguably the result of Cyrus Edwin Dallin's entry into a competition to develop an equestrian statue of Paul Revere. Although neither Dallin nor anyone else won the commission, Dallin spent the next 58 years lobbying to obtain the commission.

Cyrus Edwin Dallin (1861-1944) was born in Utah to a Presbyterian family who were originally members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. As a child, he was a talented artist, and was sent to Boston in about 1880 to study at the sculpture school of T.H. Bartlett. In Boston, he befriended the famous artist John Singer Sargent. He married, settled in Arlington, Massachusetts, and was very productive.

Aside from the statue of Paul Revere, which he finally succeeded in erecting in 1940 after contributing to the cost himself, he created many Native American sculptures, the most notable being his Appeal to the Great Spirit, which can be found outside the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and at many other locations. He sculpted the angel Moroni for the top of the LDS Salt Lake City Temple, even though he was not a member of that church.

Cyrus Dallin was also an athlete. He competed in archery at the Olympic Summer Games of 1904 in St. Louis, Missouri, winning a bronze medal in team competition.

Sources: Dallin.org; wikipedia.org.

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