



# 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”.



## Huguenot Descendants of Distinction: Benjamin Latrobe, America's First Professional Architect

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington, a Huguenot descendant,<sup>1</sup> laid the cornerstone for the United States Capitol in a ceremony conducted with Masonic rituals. Without a doubt, the Capitol building is one of the most imposing structures devoted to American liberty ever built. It was partially designed and built by America's first professional architect, **Benjamin H. Latrobe** (1764-1820), also a Huguenot descendant. Although many people contributed to its design and construction because it was burned, rebuilt and amended several times, it is Mr. Latrobe who is credited with pulling together the initial designs into a cohesive and structurally sound building and supervising its construction. His work on the central portion, the north wing, the Greek Ionic capital for the Senate Chamber, and more, are the lynchpin of this majestic monument to American freedom. Much of his work is still present today, and the Capitol arguably represents one of the greatest examples of Neoclassical architecture in America. The most notable difference between the appearance of the Capitol of today and Mr. Latrobe's own design is the later replacement of his smaller, more modest dome, with a much larger iron one.

Benjamin Latrobe was born in England to an American mother, Sarah Ferguson Force, who was from Pennsylvania, and a Moravian English father, Rev. Peter Force, who was of Huguenot descent.<sup>2</sup> His father was a prominent minister who ensured that Benjamin was highly educated and well-traveled. Benjamin Latrobe studied architecture and engineering, and moved to America toward the end of the 18th century after his wife died. He was already an established architect, and his work brought him to the attention of some of the most prominent American nation and city-builders of the era, most notably, Thomas Jefferson. As Mr. Latrobe and Thomas Jefferson both favored Greek revival-style architecture, in 1803, President Jefferson appointed Mr. Latrobe Surveyor of Public Buildings, and Architect of the Capitol. In addition to his work on the Capitol, Mr. Latrobe collaborated with President Jefferson on modifications to the President's House (the White House) to design its gorgeous porticoes and the east and west colonnades. President Madison retained Mr. Latrobe to help rebuild the Capitol and the White House after they were burned in the War of 1812. The Capitol's reconstruction was completed in 1824, just in time for a visit there by America's French patriot-friend, the Marquis de Lafayette, whom Mr. Latrobe had met back in 1796 when they were both houseguests of President George Washington at Mount Vernon. (See separate article and Mr. Latrobe's sketch of the young Lafayette at Mount Vernon, which appear elsewhere in this publication).

The graceful St. John's Episcopal Church, also referred to as the "Church of the Presidents," is another Benjamin Latrobe creation. It is located on the north side of Lafayette Square across from the White House. Presidents have attended services there since it was built in 1815.

The Navy Yard was another major ongoing project of Mr. Latrobe's throughout his tenure in Washington, D.C. Today, one can drive by its former entrance gate, called the "Latrobe Gate." It is viewed by many as one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture to be found in America. The Victorian building seen appended to it today was added years after Mr. Latrobe's time.

Many of Mr. Latrobe's architectural creations have been worthy of preservation, and are on the National Register of Historic Places. Throughout his career in Washington, Mr. Latrobe was engaged in civil engineering projects in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and New Orleans. He was particularly interested in designing America's first waterworks systems powered by Robert Fulton's new steam engine.

These and other permanent reminders of the Huguenots' patriotic, cultural, and humanitarian contribution to American society will enrich your appreciation of Washington, D.C. All Huguenot Society members should make a pilgrimage to Washington in 2011, not only to attend the Congress 2011 and our celebration of the 75th anniversary of our great Society, but also to honor our country's Huguenot forefathers.

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<sup>1</sup> See *The Cross of Languedoc*, Spring 2000. Additionally, see "Huguenot Settlers in America, 1600s to 1900s" by the Genealogical Publishing Company, citing "Huguenot Settlers in North America and Europe."

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**The National Huguenot Society, Inc.**  
**Official Call to the 75th Annual Congress:**  
**The NHS Diamond Jubilee Congress**

Washington Marriott Hotel  
 1221 22nd Street NW • Washington, DC  
 Phone: (202) 872-1500 • Fax: (202) 872-1424

**Friday, 8 April 2011**

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| 9:00 AM  | General Council Meeting (all NHS members are encouraged to attend)  |
| 11:45 AM | Board of General Officers (Standing Committee Chairmen may also attend)   |
| 2:00 PM  | Field Trip (exact time and place to convene in lobby will be announced at the General Council Meeting and posted at the registration table) |
| 6:30 PM  | 75th Diamond Jubilee Banquet: Black Tie Optional (cocktails followed by dinner and entertainment)   |
| 7:00 PM  | Dinner (Black Tie Optional)   |

**Saturday, 9 April 2011**

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| 8:30 AM          | Registration  |
| 9:30 AM          | Congress Convenes (members and guests are invited; voting only by Board of General Officers, State Member Society Presidents, and Registered Delegates) |
| 12:00            | Awards Luncheon (members and guests invited)  |
| 1:30 PM          | Congress Reconvenes for Installation of Officers and conclusion of business, followed by Wreath-Laying (members and guest invited)                      |
| 6:30 PM -8:00 PM | President's Reception (dressy casual attire) (members and guests invited)   |

**REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COSTS:** Registration fee, \$10.00, Friday night banquet, \$80.00, Saturday luncheon, \$45.00, being a total of \$135.00. (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 2011 to:

Rex Gradeless, Treasurer General  
 1748 S 75 E  
 Washington, IN 47501-8014

**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 2011. The rate is \$189.00 (not including tax), per night for single or double. Be sure to request the group rate for The National Huguenot Society, Inc., and request a confirmation number.

**DELEGATES:** The President of each State Member Society should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates representing their Society. Blank Credentials Forms will be mailed to all State Member Society Presidents. The completed Credentials forms should be mailed (if at all possible) before 15 March 2011 to the Credentials Committee Chairman, Linda Smith, whose name and address will be printed on the forms.

*All members and guests are encouraged to attend all meetings, functions, and events with the exception of the Board of General Officers meeting.*

## *THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS*

The President General presided over the General Council and 74th Annual Congress held at the Renaissance Washington DC Dupont Circle Hotel April 16-17, 2010. The meetings and programs were most productive, informative and entertaining, as reported in the Fall Issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

One of the most important actions taken during the 2010 Congress was to institute a policy of scheduling meetings further in advance. To that end, the dates and places of the 2011 Mid-year Meetings and 2012 Annual Congress have already been established and planning for those events is well under way. This officer is now soliciting invitations for the 2012 and subsequent years' Mid-year Meetings from the State Member Societies. The Mid-year General Council meeting and Board of General Officers meeting will be scheduled to immediately precede the Host State's Fall Assembly meeting. It is hoped that acceptable invitations will soon be forthcoming.

Another action of the 2010 Annual Congress, that this officer heartily endorses, is the initiation of the annual competition that provides cash awards for submissions of works by our Youth Registrants and Junior Members in various grade levels. While the competition got off to a rather late start, two entries received awards at the Mid-year meeting in Tempe, Arizona. It is hoped that the recipients, Rachel Hood and Sarah Hood, will attend the 75th Annual Congress to receive their awards in person.

This officer was so excited about going to Arizona for the 2010 Mid-year Meetings, and was deeply disappointed when she was unable to attend. Second Vice President General Janice Lorenz has the undying gratitude of the President General for stepping in and presiding over the meetings. Judging from the minutes of General Council and the reports elsewhere in this issue regarding the Arizona events, the President General missed a marvelous experience. It is certain that the 2011 Mid-year Meetings in Louisville will be most exciting and fun since Arizona has thrown down the gauntlet for offering super hospitality.

Now, this officer is eagerly looking forward to the gala celebration of the 75th Annual Congress and General Council meetings April 8-9 at the Washington Marriott Hotel. The Special Committee for the 75th Congress has some fantastic activities planned for this memorable occasion. The Presidents of all State Member Societies should plan to attend and urge their members to be there as well. This is one not to miss!

It was previously reported that the President General and Second Vice President General met with representatives of the group of former members who chose not to continue membership in The National Huguenot Society, Inc. and its State Member Society, the Huguenot Society of Virginia. At that meeting, an agreement in principle containing a mutually acceptable settlement was reached. After considerable "fine-tuning" during the year since that meeting, it is with great pleasure that this officer reports the settlement on behalf of the Huguenot Society of Virginia has been implemented. As soon as the check from that group clears, most of the treasury of the Huguenot Society of Virginia will be restored and most of the contents of its library returned along with its flags and banners. The cooperation of the representatives of the group of former members, now known as the "Virginia Huguenot Society," in getting the settlement approved by that group is greatly appreciated.

The President General has continued with her duties of receiving and approving invoices and statements for payment, using the approved Voucher System, and has responded to inquiries and communicated with State Member Societies' officers and members as well as non-members.

The President General is indebted to everyone for their prayers and good wishes the last six months while she and her husband, Jay, worked through the aftermath of the extensive reconstructive surgery on his foot and their other health issues. God willing, this New Year will see those things resolved.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as President General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. As this officer winds down her second term in this office, she wishes to acknowledge and express her gratitude for the devoted service of all the members of the Board of General Officers and Committee Chairmen who served with her during these two terms. It would have been impossible to do justice to this office without the loyalty and willingness to serve of those individuals. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted in the spirit of Huguenot faith and devotion,

Barbara C. MacManus, President General

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## MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

22 October 2010

Tempe, Arizona

The Fall Semi-Annual Meeting of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was held at the Fiesta Resort and Conference Center in Tempe, Arizona on October 22, 2010.

The Workshop of the General Council Meeting convened at 10:10 A.M. Janice M. Lorenz, Second Vice President General, who chaired the discussion, introduced the topics based in part upon a draft agenda provided by the President General. Members and guests present were, in addition to the chair: Fay Charpentier-Ford, Jerry Ford, Linda L. Smith, Bill Hearter, Lee T. Nelson, Georgiana Swanson, Nancy Brennan and Jan Cordell.

Topics presented:

Strategic Planning introduction: How should we define “success” - what metrics should we use to measure whether we have achieved “success?”

Membership numbers?

Participation - attending meetings?

Serving in office?

Requires further discussion: Comments included strive for membership volume growth, or at least that it not decline.

Membership Retention:

Resignations: Consider sending proposed resignations an “exit survey” to determine cause of dissatisfaction and whether we might persuade them to remain a member; consider that survey be conducted by an outside service;

Personal contact by phone is valuable and best way to update records;

The Cross can be used as a recruiting tool and/or might be included in new member packet e.g.: welcome letter, state yearbook/directory, state certificate, copy of approved application, The Cross;

New Member Acceptance/Welcome Packet from NHS Registrar:

NHS Registrar to copy the State President and Registrar when notification of approval and acceptance packet is sent to new member;

Include a copy of the approved application;

Include the latest copy of The Cross;

Include a survey seeking information about why they joined, what are their expectations, are they willing to serve on a national committee, what keeps them a member, what they did not like about application process - the questions need to discover problem areas so solutions might be provided; consider hiring outside service for survey;

New Member Welcome by State:

State President could make a welcome telephone call to new members;

State Registrar could send a welcome letter, a copy of State Society Directory, a State Society Certificate;

Member Services: how can we improve?

Recommendation: Offer States Standard Operating Procedures (similar to what was provided by the Registrar General for state registrars) – Guidelines and Procedure Manual with details of job performance, how-to’s for each job (officers, chairs), specifics of deadlines;

Bylaws: whether any provisions require revision; if so, how to revise;

Include guidance on issue of Protestantism;

Articulate why we want our bylaws to contain this requirement, verbalize why it is important to honor our ancestors in this manner and what it means to be a Protestant;

Mormons, Protestant sects and denominations – state societies need guidance for such applicants;

Solicit input, provide guidance on format and methodology for consideration of membership applications;

Articulate what the phrase in the objectives of our bylaws “tenets of the Protestant faith” means and how it impacts us today;

What does it mean to be a descendant of an Huguenot; how to be true to our Huguenot roots in the 21st Century;

Membership barriers can become cachet: exclusivity of membership not necessarily a negative to building membership;

Recommendation: Publish excerpts from time-to-time to stimulate thinking and advance understanding;  
Recommendation: Offer a separate workshop at Congress on these topics based upon prepared guidelines for discussion;

Meeting Attendance/Participation at meetings:

Tighten-up meetings: national meetings are too long, too repetitive;  
Need to be more “entertaining”, more “festive”;  
An outing or other activity in Washington, D. C. would be of interest;  
Dynamic speaker, impose time-limits;  
State Reports can be published but not read aloud at Congress and Midyear, vital information only to be provided by state presidents at NHS meetings, and NHS Registrar or President General could give an “overview” of “state of the state” and “state of the national” societies;  
Minutes do not need to be read – they have been previously approved by committee and published; can ask for corrections then approved as published or corrected without an additional reading;  
Information on Annual Meeting can be mailed out directly to state presidents in advance, then distributed to state members by State Corresponding Secretaries; need early notification of meeting dates;  
Idea book provided from “best ideas” of state societies;  
People need to be made aware that the national meeting is not just for officers and committee chairs;

Teleconferences/Conference Calls:

Can and would more people participate if we offer to conduct meetings including use of modern electronics?

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How to inspire participation? Need more information about them.

In addition, Registrar General Nancy W. Brennan gave a presentation on “Tips for Registrars”.

Develop a “notification of new membership report “ to be provided by the state registrar to the state society president. This report should include (but is not limited to): new member name, ancestor, and date of admission. Additionally, some background on the ancestor may be included and reported at society meetings. This ancestor information might also be extracted and included in The Cross;  
Registrar General can email applicant notice of approval and that the state registrar will be providing them with a copy of their application;  
Importance of keeping mailing addresses updated;  
Applications should be mailed “Priority Mail” to assure delivery.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 A. M. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 2 P. M.

Present at this time were:

General Officers (3) - Janice M. Lorenz, Second Vice President General, Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General, Nancy Wright Brennan, Registrar General;  
Honorary Presidents General (1) - Joyce M. Bockemuehl;  
State Society Presidents (3) - Lee Thomason Nelson, President Huguenot Society of Arizona, Linda L. Smith, President Huguenot Society of Florida/Credentials Chairman of the National Society, and Fay Charpentier-Ford, President Huguenot Society of Kentucky;  
Members (3) - Dr. William Hearter, Patricia Pittman and Georgiana Swanson, Arizona Society Members;  
Guests (1) - Jerry Ford.

The minutes of the General Council Meeting that was held in Washington D. C. on 16 April 2010, having been read and approved by committee and published in the Fall 2010 issue of The Cross of Languedoc, were accepted as published.

The Chair appointed Lee T. Nelson, President of the Huguenot Society of Arizona to serve with her as a Reading Committee.

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## Reports of the General Officers:

Registrar General Nancy W. Brennan – Oral and written report. Report filed.

Standing Committee Reports - No Reports.

## Special Committees

Register of Huguenot Ancestors, Fifth Edition: Update given by Nancy W. Brennan.

Need state societies to provide an estimate of number of issues that would be purchased: individuals, society, libraries in state;  
Will be “print on demand”.

Youth Committee: Update given by Jan Estelle Cordell.

Two essays in one age group were received from Tennessee for this beginning effort.  
Joyce M. Bockemuehl will investigate the possibility of transferring funds from the disbanded Michigan Society scholarship fund to the Youth Committee to further develop this project.  
The National society may provide guidelines and topical outlines to state societies to share with members and youths.

## Member Society Reports

Lee T. Nelson, Arizona Society President, gave the report for Arizona. It was filed.

The following state reports were filed: Florida, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

## Other Business

Kentucky State President Fay Charpentier-Ford confirmed an invitation from the Huguenot Society of Kentucky to host the Mid-year meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on October 7-8, 2011.

## Announcements

The Banquet will begin at 6:30 P. M. on the Pool Patio.

The Board of General Officers Meeting will be Saturday morning at 10:30 A. M. in the Executive Board Room.  
The Luncheon and Meeting of the Arizona Huguenot Society will be held on Saturday, beginning at 11:30 A. M. in the Red Rock Room in the adjacent Conference Center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P. M.

Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General

From the NHS President General

**PLEASE SEND CURRENT OFFICER CONTACT  
INFORMATION TO NATIONAL**

Please verify that a list of the current officers of your State Societies, with contact information, has been provided to the NHS President General, NHS Registrar General, NHS Treasurer General, NHS Corresponding Secretary General, and NHS Headquarters in San Antonio.

That should be done immediately after your elections of new officers. When possible, please transmit this information by email.

## REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

### Report of 2d Vice President General

Since our April 2010 Congress, as the 2d Vice President General, I have continued to support our President General with respect to all matters that required consultation, including but not limited to winding up the legal issues regarding the Virginia Society. I attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee in August. There, I gained my first exposure to what some of the genealogical research companies might do to assist lineage societies with their records, and also about how a lineage society should set up its bylaws. By the way, ours seem to comport with their recommendations.

The real focus of this officer's efforts has been in negotiating contracts with the Washington DC Marriott (on 22d Street, NW) to host our 2011 and 2012 Congresses. In the course of doing so, we have gathered information that should enable our Society's future event planners to determine what specific contractual details we have agreed to in the past, and what the ultimate cost of our events was. This kind of oversight is important in today's economy, but also because 2011 will be the National Huguenot Society's Diamond Jubilee, and our Committee desires to attract as many of you as possible to attend. Although we will still keep the same overall framework of two days of events, we are planning to conduct shorter meetings. We will wrap up our Friday meetings in the morning so that everyone who cares to go can join us on a "field trip" to the National Cathedral, a place of Huguenot interest. The Friday night Banquet promises to be a festive, elegant occasion, at which we will celebrate our Society's accomplishments over the course of 75 years. Therefore, attire will be "black tie optional," and there will be special champagne toasts to celebrate our 75th anniversary. On Saturday, our Congress meeting will include the election and installation of officers, and will be followed by a luncheon with entertainment. Finally, we will make our annual pilgrimage to the World War II Memorial [see photograph elsewhere in The Cross] to lay our Huguenot Wreath and say a prayer in memory of our nation's fallen soldiers.

As 2d VP General, I attended and presided at the Midyear Meeting in Arizona, in the absence of the President General. A separate report appears in The Cross about what a wonderful experience that trip was, thanks to our generous Arizona Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Lorenz

### Registrar General

Since the Annual meeting in April in Washington, this officer has approved 29 new members by application. Since April,

three (3) transfers have been processed. These include one (1) to Arizona, two (2) to Member at Large. Three (3) additional new Members at Large were approved. Seven (7) youth registration were processed. There were two (2) reinstatements.

Eleven (11) state societies gained new members. The state gaining the most new members was Oklahoma with 6 followed by Kentucky with 5. States with three new members each are California, Florida, and Texas.

This officer receives and answers requests for information from the website to the registrar's email and email requests for information to the Huguenot Society office.

Names and addresses of all new members are added to the mailing list. The list was submitted to the mailing service in August for the fall issue of The Cross of Languedoc. Changes of address are made on the master list and undeliverable magazine information is sent to the State Registrars.

Names of known deceased members have been submitted to the Chaplain General and deleted from the master list.

Nancy Wright Brennan

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### CALIFORNIA LA ROCHELLE CHAPTER NEWS

California's La Rochelle Chapter publishes a regular newsletter for its members. In it they include a brief description of the California Society's State board meeting, held on July 24, 2010 at the Courtyard Marriott, Pasadena, California, as well as a summer board meeting of the La Rochelle Chapter at Chaplain and Parliamentarian (Past President) Constance Fisher's house August 21st, 2010. The La Rochelle Chapter congratulates its VP of Programs Dr. Joy Garrison Cauffman, PhD, VP Program, provided great programs for all of its meetings. This past year Dr. Joy G. Cauffman was honored at the Ohio State University for her contributions to health education at COLUMBUS, Ohio. Dr. Joy Garrison Cauffman's research into detecting colorectal cancer resulted in life-saving changes in screening techniques. Physicians around the world began to advise their patients to schedule sigmoidoscopies and colonoscopies. Joy was the first female tenured Professor of Family Medicine in the Keck School of Medicine, at the University of Southern California (USC). For her contributions to health education, Dr. Joy Cauffman of Arcadia, Calif., was inducted into 2009 Hall of Fame at the Ohio State University. The Ohio State Alumni Association honored her. The National Huguenot Society joins in congratulating Dr. Cauffman for her distinguished contributions to the advancement of public health.

## STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

### Arizona

Madame President General, Officers, Members and Guests:

The Arizona Huguenot Society is growing! Thanks to the diligent efforts of our wonderful Registrar, Jan Cordell, we not only have obtained two new members over the summer months, but Jan's file contains FIVE prospective members as well, and Jan is focused on helping them with their paperwork and assisting in whatever other way possible.

Our Bylaws Committee has worked to update our bylaws and bring them into total compliance with National's. It was quite a job, as they had not been attended to since 1981! They will become an addendum to our new Yearbook which this President initiated in order to give our group a more professional image. Again, Jan Cordell has aided us in the preparation and completion of this directory.

We have been hard at work since being chosen as hosts for the President General's Mid-Year Meeting, ironing out all details pertaining to same, and having fun in the process! We have engaged an excellent speaker for the occasion, prepared name badges, table favors, door prize and decorations, etc. We are honored to meet and greet our esteemed President General and show everyone in attendance true Western style hospitality!

It is our goal to continue to educate those interested in genealogy about the history of the Huguenot people and to that end, we are working with two other lineage groups - Loyalists and Patriots and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, asking them to meet with us in Phoenix, both at our 4th Saturday in October and March get-togethers, in order for each to increase awareness of the other's background. It also will make for a more cohesive body of individuals sharing the same love of history and ancestry.

Our Arizona Huguenot Society is very pleased to have our own Jan Estelle Cordell named as the Recording Secretary General for the National Society. We know she will bring much to the table in enthusiasm and helpfulness. We honor her commitment to us all.

In Memory of those Ancestors who have gone before us...

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson

### Florida

The Huguenot Society of Florida reports 7 chapters and 190 members. At the end of 2009 the following chapters reported their memberships:

Admiral Gaspard de Coligny--38  
Henry of Navarre--11

Louis Dubois--14  
Jean Calvin--38  
Fleur de Lis--29  
Fort Caroline--33  
Ernst d' Erlach--27

The Semi Annual meeting of the Executive Council of the FL Society was held in a French restaurant in Winter Park on October 9, 2010 with 16 state officers and chapter presidents and representatives and guests in attendance.

The main goals at the Executive Council were to review and discuss participation in the National Huguenot Youth Contest, state scholarship funding, sales of tote bags, updates to the membership roster, the forthcoming new Huguenot ancestry book under research by Past National Registrar General, the FL state newsletter.

Unfortunately 6 deaths have occurred this year FL State Society Chaplain Atwood Brewton gave a report listing the loss of 6 members through death. Those members were: Gladys Collier Hilton of Henry of Navarre Chapter on Feb. 4, 2010. From Fort Caroline Chapter, 4 members: Marie Bigelow on July 22, 2010, Martha Blizzard on August 20, 2010, Grace Bowen on August 20, 2010 and Ruth Collette July 2, 2010. From Jean Calvin Chapter David Demarest on July 2, 2010. A memorial service for all deceased members will be held at the Annual Membership meeting February 12, 2011 and at the National Meeting April 9, 2011.

Registrar Charles Baker summarized his report showing five new adult members plus 1 youth member were approved so far this year. Pending at National are 1 new, 1 youth and 1 transfer. He continues to work with 3 others for proof documents.

Monica Darling Douglas Scholarship Chairman reported the 2010 State Scholarship Winner of \$650.00 was Mary-Kate Harvey of Tampa, FL who was sponsored by Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter.

One chapter faces dissolution since no one has stepped forward to take the position of officers. Chapter disbandment will be discussed further at the Annual Meeting in February 2011.

Florida State Corresponding Secretary Judi Adams reported she had sent out the "Call" to the Semi Annual meetings in a timely manner along with the State newsletter by email and by regular mail. She distributed the minutes for the Executive and Membership meetings and the youth contest information. She made changes to the yearbook as received from the chapters or through direct contacts with the members. She reminded those present to keep their chapter member information up to date with their address, phone number, and e-mail addresses to prevent returned mail. She is obtaining quotes on printing of the 2011 directory to

present to the board for approval in the future.

75 tote bags had been printed and purchased. Forty-one totes have been sold with 34 remaining to be sold at \$10 each. The society purchased 48 binders 5"x 8.5". 35 were given to members who joined from 2007 to the present. When the binders have been sold or distributed more may be purchased. They are available in 24 count boxes for \$2.89 each plus shipping cost.

Florida State Treasurer Brett D. Brown gave the Treasurers report. He had emailed the 2nd and 3rd Quarters' Financial reports to the board with the request to bring copies to the meeting for any discussion. His report was accepted and will be filed for review.

This president has pledged to visit all the chapters and has 2 meetings already on the calendar with willing visitation when it can be scheduled. She will be attending the Semi-Annual General Counsel Meeting of the National Huguenot Society in Phoenix, AZ October 22 and 23rd.

The Bylaws committee chaired by Dr. Edward Neugaard has labored since Fall 2009 to find appropriate words for some updates to the FL Bylaws, Rules of Incorporation and Standing Rules with the aid of our Counselor Mary Nelson Morgan. After further discussion by the Executive Council, the proposals will be circulated to membership for vote at the Annual Membership Meeting February 12, 2011 in St. Petersburg.

A slate of prospective state officers was put together by the Nominating Committee and will also be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting February 2011.

In Huguenot Faith,  
Linda Smith, President  
Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc

## Indiana

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year in April and in October at the lovely Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. Our Saturday dinner meetings are followed by programs of an educational, historical, or religious nature usually relevant to the Huguenots. Our speakers are primarily University faculty members.

On April 24, 2010, at our spring meeting Dr. Wilbur Williams, Professor of Biblical Literature and Archaeology at Indiana Wesleyan University, portrayed Abraham in costume during his dramatic presentation.

Our fall meeting was held on October 2, 2010. Dr. Michael A. Harbin, Professor of Biblical Studies and Department Chair at Taylor University, gave a program on the Huguenot influence in Ireland.

This year we have had two deaths and one reinstatement. Our current membership is 57 members and 5 associate members. Our membership ranges in age from 23 to 100, and our average attendance at meetings this year has been 23. As in most organizations, only a few members are willing to assume leadership roles. One membership application is currently in progress.

Allen Moore, Registrar and Treasurer

## Kentucky

Since the annual National Huguenot Society's meeting in Washington, D.C., April 2010, the Kentucky Huguenot Society has added new members on average of one approved prospect per month. Thanks to the efficient work of National Registrar Nancy Brennan, the approvals have been regular and generally consistent. Her practice of alerting us to people who inquire about membership to the national office is most appreciated. We make a point to contact the referred inquirers early, getting to know them by phone, sometimes taking them to lunch to further build bridges, or invite them as a guest to our next meeting. It seems to work – a win, win.

Attendance at our spring and fall meetings has increased gradually, even in light of some elder members who no longer travel to one location or the other. We meet alternately in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. Our members who have successfully carried the banner in the past now support us with their advice and ideas. Newer members are excited about becoming more involved in society activities. We have a very capable group serving on the nominating committee. This year the committee actually has people who let it be known that if asked, they would serve. Work experiences and talents will fit nicely with job descriptions for the officers. Additionally, four members will be appointed to form the Council, something that has been missing for over a decade.

Kentucky Huguenot is now developing the fifth issue of its newsletter, called The Huguenotes. Prior issues have received nice feedback and we think the publication contributes to the extra excitement within our society.

Our society meets jointly with Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and Manakin Huguenots. One is struggling a little to identify leaders to sustain future activities and may be forced to go to an at-large situation. Should that occur, Kentucky Huguenot is ready to invite them to make application and continue to enjoy the combined activities.

We hold half hour business sessions before moving to joint luncheon/speaker meetings. We have enhanced our business sessions, which involves improved supplemental materials and individual presentations confirmed prior to the meetings. We're hearing comments like, "I now understand the business of my society." And, "The manner you're doing our business makes me want to be more involved in all the

activities.” We function from a belief that great things can be achieved if you don’t worry about who gets the credit.

Our member directory is now stored on an office computer and updated as changes occur. New members are added to an addendum page that does two things: (1) enables us to send each new member a directory that includes his/her information and (2) serves as a central repository to reference overall information needed in the next comprehensive directory.

We continue to experiment with ideas that might add more interest to our meetings. For example, although our meeting sequence includes music, we didn’t do it. We tried a recording of America The Beautiful by Ray Charles prior to the pledge to the US Flag. Received some good reactions. A couple of the members suggested we use Kate Smith’s God Bless America for one of our future meetings.

Additionally, while checking on an address, we discovered a 90-year old member, following us by newsletters, but wanting to participate. It was a delightful conversation. She has served in many organizations – two typed pages full – and said that she would love to attend our meetings, but is prevented by lack of transportation. We’re going to try something: We will feature her in The Huguenotes prior to one of our future meetings. Then, at the meeting, we’ll call her at home in southeast Kentucky and put her voice to the microphone for a few brief comments and then she will lead the pledge to the flag for the assembled members at the meeting. Not very high-tech, but may be very much high-touch.

On a statewide basis, we’re also toying with printing the day and month of member birthdays. They see their name in the newsletter and are encouraged to send one another cards and notes.

Fay Charpentier-Ford

## **Pennsylvania**

The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania held its annual meeting on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Allenberry Playhouse and Resort at Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. Sixteen members and seven guests were present.

Reports were presented by the President, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, Chaplain, Registrar, Historian, Scholarship Committee, and Finance Committee. A Chapter Report was presented by the Jean Ribault Chapter. No representative of the Languedoc Chapter was present to provide their report.

We are happy to report that our Digitization Project is now complete. All the records, applications, relevant supporting documents, and other items of that nature have been converted to digital format. They are available at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and

electronic copies of all items are in the possession of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. The original materials have been returned to their place of storage at the Historical Society.

Our website is currently up and running (pahuguenot.org), though additional construction and refinements will be ongoing.

We are in the final stages of a revision of our state by-laws. A vote on changes will be held at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Our Reformation Sunday observance is scheduled for October 24, 2010 due to scheduling conflicts at the Old Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

We continue our efforts to identify and mark historic sites that have significance to Huguenots. We are securing estimates on plaques that can be attached to these sites with an appropriate public ceremony. Also under consideration is the creation of a “Huguenot Trail of History” (or similar designation) that the public could follow from one location to another to enhance awareness of our ancestor’s role in the country’s development. We would be happy to coordinate our efforts in this regard with similar efforts by other state societies. Perhaps a national “Huguenot History Trail” could be developed.

We have revamped our scholarship awards procedure. We will now be offering a \$2000 scholarship to up to four recipients on an annual basis, as current recipients graduate and new ones replace them.

We will be purchasing advertisements in the state publications of other hereditary societies (SAR, DAR, SR, SUVCW, DUVCW, etc.) to increase awareness of our organization and increase our current membership base.

Our Social Committee is developing a schedule of activities that will allow our membership to interact in an informal manner. These might include wine dinners, theatre evenings, and wine tastings.

We have established a regular annual schedule for meetings of the Executive Board and the General membership at locations accessible to the membership of the entire state.

We are currently planning to have the largest possible presence at the upcoming National Conference in 2011. At this time, I have commitments from seven members who plan to attend.

At present, these are all the activities upon which I can report. I look forward to passing along good news to the National Society as it develops.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Horner, D.M.A.

## *2d Vice President General's Report on the Arizona Midyear Meeting 2010*

What a wonderful time we had at the Arizona Midyear Meeting, where the somewhat chilly weather was more than compensated for by the warm hospitality of our host, the Arizona Huguenot Society. Upon my arrival on a rainy and unexpectedly chilly Thursday afternoon, I was greeted at the front desk by a marvelous goody bag prepared by our Arizona hosts—specifically, Jan Cordell and Lee Thomasson Nelson-- that was full of local information and goodies, including the lovely illustrated poem, “Oh, Huguenots—Oh, Huguenots,” written by Lee Thomasson Nelson, which appears elsewhere within this issue.

Once I tore myself away from my goody bag full of fascinating information and treats, I called around the hotel to organize an impromptu dinner in the hotel restaurant for all Huguenots and their spouses who cared to join us. The hotel graciously offered us our own dining room, where the group savored a tasty meal and, true to the words of Lee Nelson’s “Oh, Huguenots” poem, those of us who had not met before got to know one another and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The next morning was a glorious day and the temperature was perfect as we began our General Council meeting in the morning, since we were all there and eager to get together to share our thoughts with one another. We were honored to have Honorary President General Joyce Bockemuehl in attendance, along with several Arizona Society members who were not present for our previous evening’s revelries. I am not sure whether the gift box of gourmet chocolates from the Arizona Society that I shared at the outset of the morning meeting had anything to do with the animation level of the discussion which followed, or with the fact that everyone wanted to return in the afternoon to complete our discussion and the Registrar’s workshop. At its conclusion, the General Council agreed that it had generated several practical, concrete recommendations for consideration by the Board, as well as some food for thought.

But the productive General Council meeting, the goody bag and the gift box of chocolates were only the beginning of the hospitality and treats that were to be heaped upon those who attended the two day program. That evening, we attended an elegant dinner on the poolside patio at the resort. As the evening drew to a close, AZ President Lee Nelson presented Honorary President General Joyce Bockemuehl with a gift. Then, in a completely unexpected and, I hate to say it, probably rigged lottery contest, I, as the stand-in for President General Barbara MacManus, wound up winning a gift set of scented candles that wafts delicious aromas through my office as I write this account of the occasion.

Although we did not have a quorum and therefore were unable to conduct a NHS Board meeting Saturday morning, we were not discouraged because we had accomplished so much in the General Council session the day before, and were still filled with enthusiasm from it. Our upbeat mood may also have been partially explained by another day of absolutely perfect weather and the prospect to attending a luncheon meeting hosted by the Arizona Society. This was yet another elegant affair. A large dining room was filled with Huguenots and a few members of some other societies who joined us. Due to her warm and friendly, yet efficient, leadership style, Arizona President Lee Nelson presided over a lively luncheon meeting attended by a room full of people who were all glad to be there and were clearly enjoying one another’s company. We were entertained by an interesting speaker, Dr. Lisa, who had us laughing several times at the little-known factoids she had found through her meticulous research.

Mind you, the smoothness with which this entire weekend affair was handled was also due to Jan Cordell’s cool, calm and collected energies. In addition to being a whiz at Robert’s Rules and a premier Recording Secretary General for NHS, Jan tirelessly worked behind the scenes as the “go-to” contact for whatever any of her Huguenot guests needed. She made sure that each of us got to the right meeting room, had everything we needed, and received any special menu requests. Then she topped it off by taking a few more hours of her time to drive a few of us with later flights on a tour of the area. We had a pleasant opportunity to enjoy the Arizona weather, browse some chic shops, and get a sense of the western history that accompanies the area.

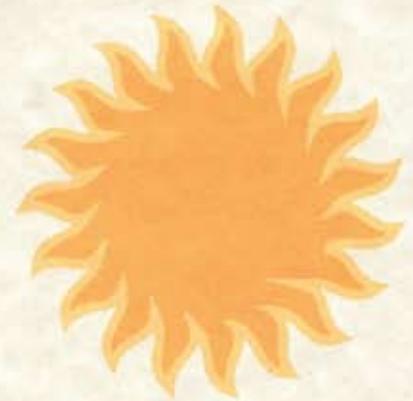
Enlightened by these experiences, warmed by the incredible Arizona hospitality, and almost needing one of the Florida Society’s canvas bags to carry my goodies for the flight home, it was time to leave sunny Arizona and head back to chilly Washington, D.C. Thank you, Arizona, for hosting a fabulous midyear meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Murphy Lorenz

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*OH, HUGUENOTS - OH, HUGUENOTS*  
*How delighted we are you're here.*  
*Arizona brings you "greetings" and much*  
*spirit of good cheer!*



*We welcome you and bid you "ya'ah'tee"*  
*A Navajo "Hello" on this most auspicious day...*

*May you find there's nothing lacking in the friendship we extend,*  
*and may your visit be superb, and*  
*never want to end.*

*The work we'll do and fun we'll have will be a memory*  
*that we'll cherish,*  
*To make new friends and share together the wonders of*  
*our heritage.*

*So know we're glad that you could come*  
*and join us for a while.*

*May our Arizona sunshine*  
*always make you smile!*



**Mrs. Lee T. Nelson • AZ State President**

# MEMORIES OF OUR MIDYEAR MEETING.....

Photographs courtesy Lee Thomasson Nelson, Linda Smith, Jerry Ford and Fay Charpentier-Ford



Friday Banquet L-R: Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY), Georgiana Swanson (AZ), Doug Baty (guest), Lee Nelson (AZ), Jan Estelle Cordell (AZ)



Saturday Luncheon: Jan Estelle Cordell (AZ) (left) and Lee Thomasson Nelson (AZ) (right) thank the speaker, Dr. Lisa (center).



Friday Banquet: Janice Murphy Lorenz wins the 3-candle doorprize.



Friday Banquet: Honorary President General Joyce Bockemuehl



General Council Meeting: L-R: NHS 2d VP General Janice Gerogiana Swanson (AZ), NHS Registrar General Nancy W Nelson (AZ President), Linda L. Smith (President FL), Dr. Wil



Thursday impromptu dinner: L-R: Jan Estelle Cordell, Janice Lorenz, AZ President Lee Thomasson Nelson, NHS Registrar Nancy Brennan, FL President Linda Smith, AZ member Gerogiana Swanson, KY President Fay Charpentier-Ford, and her husband, guest Jerry Ford.



Friday Banquet: Linda Smith (FL), Jan Estelle Cordell (AZ), Lee Nelson (AZ), Janiced Murphy Lorenz (DC), and Gerogianan Swanson (AZ)



Friday Banquet: Jerry Ford (guest) and Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY).



Murphy Lorenz (DC), Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY President), Wright Brennan (TX), Patricia Pittman (AZ), Lee Thomasson  
liam Hearter (FL)



Arizona President Lee Thomasson Nelson with her poem, "Oh, Huguenots—Oh, Huguenots."

## OUR NEW CONNECTION TO THE DUTCH COLONIAL SOCIETY

The Washington DC Society is pleased to welcome its newest member, Timothy Finton, a lawyer at the State Department, and President of The Dutch Colonial Society. The Dutch Colonial Society was founded in 1962 to commemorate the tercentenary of the Dutch settlement in 1631 at Zwaanendael "valley of the swans," now Lewes, Delaware. However, the Society was conceived as one which accepted ancestors who settled anywhere in the United States of America. Many members of the National Huguenot Society have found that they also have qualifying ancestors for the Dutch Colonial Society. Membership in the Society is by invitation only. You may receive information from the President, Timothy C. Finton, Esq., who can be reached at TCFinton@msn.com. We know that NHS has numerous other cross-connections to the Dutch Colonial Society as well as to other worthy heritage societies. We will look forward to learning about those interconnections on a local and national level going forward.

## UPDATE ON NEW REGISTER OF QUALIFIED HUGUENOT ANCESTORS

Jeannine Kallal's massive undertaking to verify, correct, and revise the 1995 National Huguenot Society's Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors and its ten subsequent updates is almost completed. The result will be the publication of a brand new, updated 2011 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors. The Register will contain the actual lineages from the Huguenot ancestor down three or four generations, which is what distinguishes it from the list of qualified Huguenot ancestors posted on the NHS website.

Almost every entry from the 1995 edition has been corrected, additional information provided, and families expanded. Place names have been added and/or corrected with information regarding their location. Diacritical marks are included for the first time. All new ancestors proven since the 1995 edition are included. The new book is a completely new book, not just an update to the 1995.

This book will help everyone to prove their lineage to a Huguenot Ancestor. It is imperative that every State registrar should have the new Register as soon as it is published.

## BON MOTS: EXPLORING THE LANGUAGE OF OUR HERITAGE

By Mme. Le Mot

"Dragoons"

You may have encountered the word dragoon in your study of our ancestry. It refers to mounted infantry, aka men on horseback, and was probably taken from the weapons they carried, the dragon. Yes, the meaning is the same in English. The weapon was a blunderbuss in handgun form. It was muzzle-loaded with a flared barrel and would have "spit" fire when it was discharged. Some early weapons were actually decorated with an engraved dragon around the muzzle.

Following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, Louis XIV established "Dragonnades" in an early form of psychological warfare. The dragoons, "missionaries in boots," were quartered in homes of Protestants to either force them to re-convert to Catholicism, or emigrate. These ruffians in uniform were free to use the goods of the household as their own, even to the point of selling them. They drank, gambled and otherwise misbehaved. Imagine, if you can, the distress and terror the devout householders must have experienced.

The policy was successful, but costly for France. In one brief year, Louis XIV claimed the Protestant population of France had been reduced to a meager 1,000–1,500 from a pre-Revocation estimate of over three-quarters of a million persons. These estimates are probably exaggerated. Other sources suggest France lost 200,000 Huguenot citizens by the end of the 17th Century. Remember, however, this was a well-educated group with many skilled artisans and talented tradesmen. France's loss was truly America's gain.

### PLEASE SEND THE EDITOR YOUR ARTICLES

We want to know about subjects that interest you and will make an effort to work with you to publish material that our members and potential members might find interesting. Articles can be as short as one paragraph up to 3 pages long. Please submit your proposals and any accompanying photographs to the Editor by email ([editor@huguenot.netnation.com](mailto:editor@huguenot.netnation.com)).

Janice Murphy Lorenz  
Editor

## TIPS FROM STATE SOCIETIES SERIES

By Fay Charpentier-Ford, Kentucky Society President

### Swap Ideas

Sometimes an idea is actually something you knew already, but a reminder gives it freshness. Occasionally, an idea emerges that really is new to you and teases the mind to try it. This is the purpose of Swap Ideas. You tell us your ideas; we'll tell you ours. Let's begin. If it moves you, try it.

Idea #1 - Add music to your meeting. Most Huguenot suggested agendas have a place for music, but few take advantage of it. At a recent meeting, without notice, we had the song, "America The Beautiful," sung by Ray Charles and played through the microphone. Conversations ceased. Ears perked. Pleasant expressions shaped faces. It led us to the Pledge. Lots of compliments following the meeting. Some suggested additional songs, such as Kate Smith's "God Bless America." Very easy to member test.

Item #2 - Create a one or two page newsletter, front and back, and mail it with your meeting announcements so it can hitchhike on the same postage. Decide upon a name. Set the format of the page and tell your computer to do it in two columns. Then just decide what you want to say. Pretend a few members are sitting at the coffee table with you and you're just conversing with them. Add a photo from time to time. Make it a balance of some Huguenot stuff and recognition of things recently achieved. Tell of upcoming interests. Before you know it, you'll be tempted to add more

pages. Don't do that. Just make sure your two pages are even more jam-packed with good stuff. Get it started and find others who want to help the effort.

Item #3 - Hereditary societies face aging populations who have driving limitations, especially at dusk. If your society meets in various locations, hopefully, they can attend the closer meetings. If not, your member audience dwindles and dwindles. Note who is missing. Contact them. These members have accumulated experience and resources you can't substitute. They may be members in other organizations and can even advise you of excellent speakers to enhance your programs. Do officer calls. Divide the list among your officers and actually call and talk with them. They're important, so let them know. In the process, seek their ideas. Find members from the same general area who are receptive to car pool to meetings. This is a win...win...win.

Now, you see how this works. Swap your ideas and explain them. Be an idea giver and a user. If you're waiting for a traffic light and your mind flashes an "Oh, they might like to hear about that." Make a note. Go home and flesh out the idea. Send it to the Editor. You'll get the credit. One of these days when Huguenots get together, a member might say to you, "Wow! You're the one who had that great idea. We tried it and it worked beautifully! Thank you."

NOTE: This column contains some excerpts of the ideas mentioned in the Kentucky Society's report, which appears elsewhere in The Cross. As you provide ideas, such duplication in future columns will become less likely.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2011 MIDYEAR MEETING DETAILS

### Our Greater Louisville, Kentucky Huguenots Await Your Visit

The Kentucky Huguenot Society will host the National Huguenot Society's mid-year meeting in Jeffersonville, Indiana (part of the greater Louisville, Kentucky) on October 7-8, 2011, at the **Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel**. The Sheraton is located just across the Ohio River bridge from downtown Louisville, has a beautiful view of downtown Louisville, and was the winner of the 2010 local customer satisfaction award. Rooms have been guaranteed for NHS members at \$119 per night, plus tax. Come early or stay late at the same rate. We plan to dine together at the prestigious private Pendennis Club for Friday dinner. Attendees may reserve rooms directly with the Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel any time between now and two weeks prior to the meeting by calling toll-free **1-800-325-3535**, and say that you are attending the National Huguenot Society meeting in October. The closest airport is the Louisville International Airport, and the Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel offers free courtesy transportation. Hotel parking is free.

Known as the "Gateway to the South," you will arrive during the colorful fall foliage and overlook one of America's major waterways, the Ohio River, the area where Lewis and Clark assembled for their expedition, or hike along the falls fossil beds, among the largest in the world. Sheraton guests will be within walking distance of six restaurants from Kingfish to Japanese grill; and five minutes from "museum row" that includes the Sons of the American Revolution National Genealogical Library, Frazier International History Museum, Natural History Museum, Hillerich and Bradsby Louisville Slugger bat factory and museum, and even some ghost tours. There is also Churchill Downs, where the Kentucky Derby is run each May, and its museum, which boasts an impressive media show in the round. If more sedate settings appeal, there are the gorgeous Cave Hill and Zachary Taylor Cemeteries.

Come meet Huguenots from other states, be involved in discussions with national officers, and learn how to enhance activities at home. There's something for everyone, so "y'all come." Fay Charpentier-Ford, our KY President, has offered her email address [Faynjerrytoo2005@aol.com](mailto:Faynjerrytoo2005@aol.com) should you wish to contact a local organizer of the event.

## YOUTH COMMITTEE'S INAUGURAL ESSAY CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

The Tennessee Society has produced the two inaugural Essay Contest winners in the Grades 5-8 level category. That category required each entrant to submit an essay on "What it means to me to be a descendant of a Huguenot." Rachel Hood, the 7th grade daughter of Tennessee Society President John Hood, and Sarah Hood, his 5th grade daughter, submitted the following winning essays. The key objective of the Youth Committee is to help invigorate state societies and strengthen family ties by involving our younger members in an educational program.

First Place Winning Essay: What it Means to me to be a Huguenot Descendant  
By Rachel Hood, 7th Grade, Ocoee Middle School, Bradley County, TN



As one of the many Huguenot descendants all around the globe, I am particularly proud to be one. Why? Because I live in the spectacular country of America, land of the free, home of the brave. It's really a shame that 17th century France couldn't be more like present day America. In America today, you can worship God any way that suits your beliefs, in 17th century France you had to be Roman Catholic. That is the main reason why I am personally extremely proud to be part of this noble ancestry.

The Huguenots lead rough lives. They were treated differently just because of their religion. The king of France tried everything to get the Huguenots to convert to Roman Catholicism: they were offered money, and if they didn't convert the king ordered his soldiers to stay in their houses. How cruel! Besides this mistreatment, some people couldn't get certain jobs because they were Huguenots. Huguenots couldn't be midwives because the king wanted every new

baby born baptized into the Roman Catholic church! He would do this by force! How mean! I live in a country where every one is treated equally. If only the king could have used this method and just let the Huguenots worship in their own way.

As I have mentioned before, I am proud to live in a country in which I am allowed to worship God as I feel fit. Sometimes I wish that it would have been so for 17th century France. For example, during the St Bartholomew's Day massacre, the king should have checked his sources before immediately deciding that the Protestants were trying to attack them (which they weren't by the way) and carrying out plans for mass Huguenot massacre. As a result of this massacre many Huguenots were killed or fled France. Unfortunately, the Huguenots were France's entire middle class! Later King Louis XIV's cousin, the king of Spain, wrote a letter to king Louis XIV thanking him for sending France's most talented people!

In a way, I am grateful for what happened. I'm not grateful because hundreds of Huguenots were either killed or run out of France, I am happy because my ancestors fled to America. Thanks to them I am able to live in this free nation. The Huguenots were extremely brave people, and that's why I am truly proud to be a Huguenot descendant

Second Place Winning Essay: Huguenots

By Sarah Hood, 5th Grade, Prospect Elementary School, Bradley County, TN



The Huguenots were people who were forced out of France because of their beliefs. One reason they moved was because of a massacre that happened on St. Bartholomew's Day. That must have been a very sad and scary day. I would have hunkered down in a corner, and prayed that it would end and be over with soon. I am a descendent of a Huguenot, and I am proud that they stood up for their beliefs.

I think that the Huguenots were strong and bold in their faith. They faced many challenges. Royal soldiers, or Dragoons, constantly patrolled the streets, and soldiers even slept in their houses. When the soldiers slept in the home of a Huguenot, they would treat the Huguenots without respect, and would want the best of everything. Sometimes soldiers were ordered by the king to kill certain people. Huguenots had low paying jobs, such as working in a fabric shop, small grocery store, or fish market. The King made a rule that would not allow them to have higher paying jobs such as doctors, teachers or lawyers. The children also had tough

times. They lost their Roman Catholic friends when they found out they were Huguenots. Many times they were called names and teased. Those children must have been very sad, and lonely.

Men, women, and children had to change their beliefs, leave the country, or be killed. That would have been a very hard decision! I honestly don't know what I would have done. Some would boldly stand up for their beliefs, and would preach in the crowds. If soldiers found out, however, they would put them in prison, or kill them. Many people died because of their faith. When the Huguenots fled, some came to America. So that's why there are Huguenot descendents today in America. I am one of them, and I'm very proud of it.

## *COME TO CONGRESS 2011!*

Compelling reasons exist for our members and guests to attend the 75th Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. on 8-9 April 2011, because it is the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the 75th Annual Congress of our society. This festive 2-day event will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel. All members and guests are encouraged to attend, specifics indicated in the official Call elsewhere in this publication. We will be electing NHS officers for the 2011-2013 term. Therefore, General Officers and Delegates representing at least ten (10) different State Member Societies must be present to constitute a quorum to conduct business at the Congress meeting.

Friday, 8 April 2011, will be a special day packed with unique events. It will begin with a General Council meeting. All NHS members are encouraged to attend this lively meeting and raise discussion points.

The Board of General Officers will convene immediately afterwards for a working-lunch meeting. While the Board is busy, our members are encouraged to eat lunch at the place of their choice.

At a time to be announced that morning, everyone will reconvene in the hotel lobby for a 1-2 hour complimentary Field Trip to a location of Huguenot interest.

But most of all, you won't want to miss the Friday evening Diamond Jubilee Banquet, a "black tie optional" event for all members and guests, which promises to be a festive occasion because it will feature an Annual Cocktail Hour Prelude, and a special Annual Dinner, with champagne toasts and musical entertainment.

On Saturday, 9 April 2011, Congress will convene for general business and to elect new national officers. Members and guests are invited to attend, but only members participate in discussion, and only the Board of General Officers, Presidents of State Member Societies and Registered Delegates may vote. The Congress meeting includes an Awards Luncheon, Memorial Service and Installation of Officers, which all members and guests are encouraged to attend and enjoy. It is a tradition of the NHS to follow the conclusion of the Annual Congress with a trip to the nearby World War II Memorial for the annual NHS Wreath-Laying in honor of our nation's fallen soldiers.

To relax after a busy schedule of events, all members and guests who are still in town Saturday evening are invited to enjoy a complimentary President's Reception in the hotel. At this reception, the outgoing President General and the incoming President General will provide a Huguenot welcome to all who join them.

We have a festive, celebratory weekend planned for you because we all enjoy mingling with our fellow Huguenots and their guests. It is our fervent hope to get to know our membership and their families, so please make every effort to attend.

## A Huguenot Highlights Tour of Washington, D.C.

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

Our upcoming Congress will be the 75th anniversary of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., and therefore a festive celebration is being planned for our Friday evening Banquet and our Saturday luncheon. It would be delightful if it could be attended by as many of our members and guests as possible. In preparation for this special occasion, and knowing that many of you will attend our Congress while also attending the functions of your other society memberships during the week following, it seemed fitting to explore what local attractions might interest Huguenots who are spending a few days in Washington.

It is striking to note how many of America's founding fathers, politicians, and defenders of our country were Huguenot descendants. Viewed from that perspective, Washington, D.C. becomes a fascinating wealth of tangible evidence of the Huguenots' contribution to our nation's founding, its defense, and its culture. Please consider this Huguenot Highlights "Tour" of Washington, D.C., introducing you to places that are representative of the many instances of Huguenot heritage in Washington, D.C.



1. Perhaps the most outstanding example of the Huguenot contribution to the founding of America by an individual is George Washington (1732-1799), the "father of our country." He is descended from the NHS-approved Huguenot ancestor, Nicolas Martiau.<sup>1</sup> The magnificent **Washington Monument** stands as but one of the many proud memorials of this great patriot. So much can be said of Washington's accomplishments and character that are worthy of much more time than we are able to devote in this highlight tour. When you visit the Washington Monument, imagine that you were present when George Washington himself laid its cornerstone.

2. Next, we will visit the **Capitol** to see the Neoclassical design that Huguenot descendant, the architect Benjamin Latrobe, so excelled at creating. We shall stop to look in National Statuary Hall (south of the Rotunda, the old House wing), the Old Senate Chamber, and in the Old Supreme Court Chamber. The architecture and statuary alone are enough reason to pay this imposing, majestic building a visit; when our nation's history and our Huguenot connections are factored in, a tour of the Capitol becomes almost mandatory.

3. While we are in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, let us briefly visit the **Library of Congress**, located across and down the street from the Capitol building. The lynchpin of the library is the 1867 purchase by Congress of the precious collection of original documents and manuscripts edited by Huguenot descendant Peter Force (1790-1868), a printer, a politician, the editor of the National Journal, an archivist and a historian. Mr. Force was a Huguenot descendant, born in New Jersey, who resided for a time in New Palz, New York, before moving to Washington, D.C. for a job relating to the Government Printing Office. He is renowned for his volumes of "Tracts and Other Papers Relating Principally to the Origin, Settlement, and Colonies in North America from the Discovery of the Country to the Year 1776." He was also a prominent member of the Columbian Institute for the Promotion of Arts and Sciences.<sup>2</sup> The Library of Congress is a fascinating building full of symbolic statuary and other artwork which is well worth your time to visit.

4. Leaving the Library of Congress and heading west on Independence Avenue to the Mall, you will find the **Freer Gallery** of the Smithsonian Institute, which is now joined with the Sackler Gallery. The Freer Gallery was founded thanks to the funds and magnificent collection of both Asian art and Whistler art collected by Huguenot descendant, Charles Lang Freer,<sup>3</sup> whose Huguenot ancestor was Hugo Freer of New Palz, New York, whose home has been preserved in that historic Huguenot community. Mr. Freer made his fortune as a railroad car manufacturer and grew to become a passionate devotee of

Asian art of all kinds. He counted among his friends one of the most famous and eccentric artists of his time, James Whistler. Perhaps one of the most fitting legacies a wealthy business tycoon with no descendants might leave to his country is an art collection such as that at the Freer Gallery.

5. To experience an example of Huguenots as humanitarians, you should also visit the **Holocaust Memorial Museum**, to see its exhibit honoring a predominantly Huguenot village in France that sheltered and saved the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II.<sup>4</sup> One of the Protestant leaders of this cause lost his life for his labors. But what better tribute is there,

than to be remembered as a true humanitarian for people of another religion which shares our Huguenot desire for the freedom to worship their religion with absolute liberty of conscience and without threat of persecution or death.



6. Now let us continue our journey westward, over to Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest and the **White House**. Recalling that Mr. Benjamin Latrobe was our nation's first professional architect, and that he practiced in Washington, D.C. during that great city's formative years, one can imagine how exciting it must have been for Mr. Latrobe to have collaborated with President Jefferson on modifications to the President's House (the White House). President Madison retained him to help rebuild after the structure and its contents were burned in the War of 1812. Mr. Latrobe is credited with the design of the building's gorgeous porticoes and the east and west colonnades we see today. Although construction of the White House was not completed during George Washington's lifetime, the Huguenot connections to our nation's first President, and the knowledge that other Presidents of Huguenot descent resided there during their important service to our country, are reasons for you to enjoy and appreciate a close-up look at this lovely building.

7. Standing in front of the White House, if you look across Lafayette Square you will see the lovely **St. John's Episcopal Church**, better known as the "Church of the Presidents," located on the north side of Lafayette Square. Built in 1815, the bell for this graceful church was cast by another Huguenot descendant, the son of Paul Revere.<sup>5</sup> Services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m., and a tour may be taken afterward.

After attending a service at St. John's Episcopal Church, would you care to cross the street to Jackson Place, to visit **Decatur House**? It, too, was designed by Huguenot descendant Benjamin Latrobe. It was owned by a famous Commodore of Huguenot descent, Commodore Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), who so bravely fought for our country in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812.<sup>6</sup>

8. Drive back past the Washington Monument, and visit the **World War II Memorial**. Can one possibly stand amongst that scenic landmark, and fail to think of Huguenot descendant, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who guided our country through that mighty conflict?<sup>7</sup> You might also stop by the austere, yet powerfully moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to remember and respect the painful conflict faced by another President of Huguenot descent, Lyndon Johnson.<sup>8</sup>

9. Surely an opportunity to appreciate a fabulous Fabergé egg would come close to constituting a pinnacle of a fine art experience. Therefore, we recommend that you arrange to visit the **Hillwood Museum** in northwest Washington to see not only its Fabergé egg collection, but also to tour that lovely former residence of a newspaper mogul. Lunch or tea in the cafe might make for a peaceful interlude, as well. Fabergé was, of course, one of the world's most famous and extraordinarily gifted jewelers, and he was of Huguenot descent.<sup>9</sup> (*see photo page 22*)

10. Two other landmarks may help round out your Huguenot Highlights Tour of Washington, D.C.: the **Latrobe Gate** at the  
(*continued on page 22*)

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former entrance to the Navy Yard, and Latrobe's cenotaphs at Congressional Cemetery. Designed by Mr. Latrobe and constructed in 1804, the Latrobe Gate at the former Navy Yard entrance is touted by the National Register of Historic Places as one of the oldest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the United States. A late Victorian building has since been added to its structure since Mr. Latrobe's time. A bit further down the road at that end of town, **Congressional Cemetery** is the burial site of war veterans from almost every war. Aside from the opportunity to find your Huguenot relatives who may be buried there, you must see the Congressional Cemetery Cenotaphs, or empty tombs, that were designed by Mr. Latrobe to honor members of Congress who died in office.

We hope you will come to Washington, D.C., and attend our Banquet and the Congress meetings. A visit to one or more of these sites of Huguenot interest should surely be an enjoyable addition to your trip.

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### INTERESTED, BUT NOT A MEMBER YET?

We encourage interested people to explore the possibility of becoming a member per the qualifications set forth on our website. See any ancestor names you recognize on our Welcome to New Members list? If your surname matches that of one of the ancestors listed for our new members herein, or one of those listed on our website, it might be worth exploring whether you could be descended from a common Huguenot ancestor.

We welcome new members!

## REMARKS FROM ARIZONA SOCIETY PRESIDENT NELSON TO NATIONAL

The Arizona Society was both honored and delighted to have hosted the Mid-Year Meeting in our State's sunny climate October 22 - 23. The super heat of the summer was gone, replaced by cool evenings and pleasant days.

Much energy was present in both the workshops, meetings and fun aspects of each day, and good discussion was had regarding the many issues pertaining to the Society and goals set forth by our President General. We will look to see many of our thoughts and suggestions we brought to the table at the conference, reviewed by the Board at its next Executive meeting.

We want to thank our own Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General from our Arizona Society, for all her hard work as our Conference Coordinator as she thoughtfully designed gift bags, centerpieces, informational and promotional items, tour suggestions, etc. She kept everything running smoothly and really brought it all together for everyone's benefit. We also want to thank our guests from out-of-state who shared so much with us, as we learned more about the Society from their different viewpoints and perspectives. They are our new friends and we hope to see them - and many others of this esteemed Society at the Mid-Year Meeting to be held in Kentucky in 2011.

The Best to All of You as we look to the future through a most remarkable past....  
Lee Thomasson Nelson

### Book Reviews: The CD "FAMILY ARCHIVES: HUGUENOT SETTLERS IN AMERICA, 1600s-1900s"

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

If you are a Registrar embarking upon a genealogical research project for Huguenot ancestors and their early kin, you will want to add this useful resource CD to your arsenal of primary source material. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., it operates with the Family Archive Viewer (downloadable for free from the internet). Its primary value stems from its ability to easily search the contents of its specially selected reference books, which pertain to Huguenots, by entering specific names or search terms. With the click of a button, it conducts a rapid search of a rich mixture of American and international source material, such as "Huguenot Pedigrees," "Huguenot Emigration To Virginia and To the Settlement at Manakin-town," "Memoir Concerning the French Settlements and French Settlers In the Colony of Rhode Island," "The Huguenot Settlements In Ireland," "List of French and Swiss Protestants Settled in Charleston," "Memorials of the Huguenots In America, with Special Reference To Their Emigration To Pennsylvania," and "Family Names of Huguenot Refugees to America," to name but a few. Although it was a disappointment

not to find the name of my own Manakin ancestor via a search of "Huguenot Emigration To Virginia and To the Settlement At Manakin-town," I was able to find authority supporting the Huguenot ancestry of two of the Huguenot descendants featured in the Cover Feature of this Cross, George Washington and Charles Lang Freer. I also easily found confirmation of the Huguenot lineage of George Washington's Huguenot tutor, James Marye, the topic of a brief sketch in this Cross. Finding credible support for George Washington's Huguenot lineage was particularly important because his lineage was a matter of contention in times past, such that his Huguenot connection was not made until many years following his death. This CD contains such a broad array of Huguenot-related sources that it proves particularly useful for the initial stage of research of Huguenot roots. It may be purchased at the website for the Genealogical Publishing Company, [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com). That website contains a wealth of other Huguenot-related resource material published by Genealogical Publishing Company that would be valuable to anyone interested in exploring a deeper dive into the Huguenot world.

### A Huguenot Educates and Influences The Father of Our Country, Huguenot Descendant George Washington

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

There is evidence that one of George Washington's tutors during his boyhood was a Huguenot, James Marye. [Listed on NHS website's approved ancestors list.] The Rev. James Marye was one of the early ministers of Manakintowne in Virginia, and conducted an academy in connection with the church. After Rev. Marye's excellent reputation caused church wardens to call the Rev. Marye to lead St. George's Parish in Fredericksburg, George Washington attended his academy there for a time. A New York Times article published on May 22, 1904 entitled "New Light on the Youth of Washington: Influence on His Character of the Rev. James Marye—Origin of the Famous 'Rules of Civility,'" makes the connection between Rev. Marye and George Washington's 110 "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation," which young George Washington studied as a boy and which one imagines may have potentially influenced Washington's moral, religious and patriotic practices. The Rev. Marye was born Catholic in Rouen, France. He received a typical Jesuit College education – considered a fine classical education by many -- before converting to Protestantism and settling in America to become one of the early ministers at Manakintowne. The article relies upon the research and conclusions of Moncure D. Conway and the British Museum that it was Rev. Marye who translated the "Rules" from French into English. The article also makes an interesting aside about the December, 1862 battle of Marye's Heights, which was fought on the grounds of the Marye's family estate. [The article referred to herein was located on [spiderbytes.nytimes.com/free\\_1904\\_05\\_00001.html](http://spiderbytes.nytimes.com/free_1904_05_00001.html)]

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010

**Arizona***Approved: 20 May 2010*

Eleanore Hayes Smith

Ancestor: Gabriel LaBoyteaux

**Arkansas***Approved: 17 May 2010*

Warren Small

Ancestor: Jean Lucadou New Ancestor

**California***Approved: 14 Jan 2010*

Jack Carl Cunningham

Ancestor: Joris Jansen Rapalje

*Approved: 14 Jan 2010*

Michael John Cunningham

Ancestor: Joris Jansen Rapalje

*Approved: 20 Jan 2010*

Lana Lou Nail Patterson

Ancestor: David Demarets/Demarest

*Approved: 19 July 2010*

Judith Ann Richardson Weaver

Ancestor: Bourgan Broucard

*Approved: 28 Aug 2010*

Douglas Allen Campbell

Ancestor: David Des Marets

*Approved: 23 Sep 2010*

Courtney Morehen

Ancestor: Heinrich Frey

**DC***Approved: 17 May 2010*

Timothy Christopher Finton

Ancestor: René St. Julian

**Florida***Approved: 17 Feb 2010*

William Hunter Camp II

Ancestor: Abraham DuPont

*Approved: 30 Mar 2010*

Penelope Creighton Dewell

Ancestor: Jean Panetier

*Approved: 22 Jun 2010*

John Earle Skillman III

Ancestor: Jean Mercereau

*Approved: 7 Aug 2010*

Reynolds Prince Cushing

Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

*Approved: 9 Aug 2010*

Sheryl Ann Turner Spain

Ancestor: Philippe delaNoy/Delano

**Georgia***Approved: 17 Feb 2010*

Juanita Gail Nichols Jones

Ancestor: Rev. Jacques Sanxay

**Illinois***Approved: 8 Mar 2010*

Chelsea Tyler Gange

Ancestor: Guillaume Hugues

*Approved: 5 Apr 2010*

Gregory Shanks Glawe

Ancestor: Daniel Streing

*Approved: 27 Jun 2010*

Ada Margaret Hurrie

Ancestor: Thomas Bonnel(l)

*Approved: 28 Oct 2010*

Cary Randall Stone-Greenstein

Ancestor: David Demarest

*Approved: 28 Oct 2010*

Linda Anne Sperry Mizell

Ancestor: Mathieu Agee

**Kentucky***Approved: 8 Dec 2009*

Holman Ragland Wilson, Jr.

Ancestor: Pierre Chastain

*Approved: 10 Dec 2009*

Patricia Ann Mayden Hutt

Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

*Approved: 31 May 2010*

Aaron Bradley Thomas Adams

Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

*Approved: 2 Jul 2010*

Mary Anne Stokes Moore

Ancestor: Martin Hardin/Hardewyn

*Approved: 15 Jul 2010*

Lowry Rush Watkins, Jr.

Ancestor: Joseph Boulet/Bullitt

*Approved: 1 Sep 2010*

Richard Lynn Deavers

Ancestor: Louis DuBois

*Approved: 28 Sep 2010*

John Hunt Stites III

Ancestor: Paul Micou

**Member-at-Large***Approved: 21 Jan 2010*

David Lawrence Grinnell

Ancestor: Piere Targe/Tourgee

*Approved: 23 Sep 2010*

Philip Allen Reeser

Ancestor: Jacob de Turk

*Approved: 25 Sep 2010*

John Steven Felsberg

Ancestor: Anthonie Bonneau

*Approved: 18 Oct 2010*

Jessica Lauren Duke

Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

**Missouri***Approved: 29 Mar 2010*

Anna May Pennington

Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

**Nebraska***Approved: 6 Aug 2010*

Sandra Ann Stratton Spicer

Ancestor: Daniel Duval

**Oklahoma***Approved: 23 May 2010*

Darlene Heannette Scott Shawn

Ancestor: Vincent Runyon/Rongnion

*Approved: 31 May 2010*

Phyllis Ellen Jones Cantrell

Ancestor: Isaac Selover

*Approved: 3 Jun 2010*

Vera Victoria Varnon Larkin

Ancestor: Francois Pochet/Posey

*Approved: 15 Jun 2010*

Orlean Victoria Ericson

Ancestor: Francois Pochet/Posey

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Brandon Daniel Byrd

Ancestor: Francois Pochet/Posey

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(Helen) Mildred A Greenstreet

Ancestor Hillaire Rousseau

**Tennessee***Approved: 23 Nov 2009*

Jason Michael Maloney

Ancestor: Louis Dubois

**Approved: 3 Feb 2010**

Mary Lucinda Robertson Waters

Ancestor: Bartholomew Dupuy

**Approved: 28 Aug 2010**

Michele Gwen Waddell

Ancestor: Thomas Bonnell

**Approved: 3 Oct 2010**

Mary Ann Dillard Ross

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Ancestor: Jacques Cossart

**Texas****Approved: 21 Mar 2010**

Nancy Sims LaPrade Smith

Ancestor: Gabriel Maupin

**Approved: 22 Mar 2010**

Thomas James McCormick

Ancestor: Jean Paul Frederick de

Hulingues

**Approved: 22 Mar 2010**

William Collins Buell V

Ancestor: Michel le Comte

**Approved: 15 Sep 2010**

Karen Avery Miller

Ancestor: Marc duSauchoy

**Approved: 20 Sep 2010**

Christina DeBaun Kelly

Ancestor: Joost DeBaun

**Approved: 18 Oct 2010**

Karen Elizabeth McClendon

Ancestor: Barbara deBarrette

**Virginia****Approved: 5 Apr 2010**

Ronnie Gerald Durie

Ancestor: Pierre Durier

**Approved: 12 Apr 2010**

Jennifer Marie Hilbert Baker

Ancestor: Bourgon Brocard

**Approved: 2 Nov 2010**

Janet Muriel Lewis Downing

Ancestor: Jean Vassall

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED YOUTH****Alabama**

Ava Killion Cain

**Florida**

Alexa Jane Kennedy

John Wayne Behun

David Jason Behun

**Georgia**

Alexander Greene Crittenden

Margaret Hope Crittenden

**Oklahoma**

Nicholas Barnett Ericson

Ryan Allen Ericson

**Tennessee**

Alexa Jane Kennedy

Sarah Jean Elizabeth Hood

**CALLING ALL POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS!**

Membership in the NHS provides you with an opportunity to meet and socialize with people who share an interest in history and in honoring our ancestors of Huguenot heritage. You may be surprised to discover ancient connections as you begin to attend meetings, become involved, and get to know our organization. In one state society alone there are two instances of members who discovered that they are related via a common ancestor ten generations or so back. You will enjoy enhancing your knowledge of Huguenot history, Huguenot notables, and familiarizing yourself with your own worthy Huguenot heritage.

Membership requirements are as stated in the National (NHS) Bylaws, as follows:

Any person shall be eligible as a Regular Member who is:

- of Christian Protestant faith, above the age of sixteen years, adheres to the Huguenot principles of Faith and Liberty, and is lineally descended in the male or female line from a Huguenot without regard to ethnic origin or adherence to any particular sect of Protestantism, who
- subsequent to 10 December 1520, and who, prior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787, emigrated to North America or some other country,
- or, a Huguenot who, in spite of religious persecution, remained in France. France is defined as any territory lying within the Kingdom of France on the date of the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787.

## Benjamin Latrobe and the Marquis de Lafayette Visit Mount Vernon

Architect Benjamin H. Latrobe was privileged to visit Mount Vernon and President George Washington, on Sunday, July 16, 1796. There, he spent considerable time privately visiting with George Washington, and in getting acquainted with the President's illustrious young houseguest, the Marquis de Lafayette. During his visit, Mr. Latrobe made one of the few, if not only, informal sketches of George Washington (see image, from page 55 of the Journal of Benjamin H. Latrobe, which appears elsewhere within The Cross). In addition, he made a sketch of Martha Washington, her daughter, Miss Custis, the Marquis de Lafayette, and Lafayette's tutor, who was the young new soldier's traveling companion (see image entitled by Mr. Latrobe as "Another Classic Group at Mount Vernon" from page 63 of his Journal).



## IRISH ARTIST TOMMY BARR CREATES WORK OF ART OUT OF THE EDICT OF NANTES

We were delighted to be contacted by Tommy Barr, an Irish artist, and informed that he was inspired by the Huguenots to create a series of Huguenot motif collages entitled "Un Beau Refuge." What makes his collages particularly unique and special is that he threaded the original text from the 1598 Edict of Nantes through them. This series was a part of his recent exhibit at the Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery in Waterford, Ireland. The image presented here is entitled "Waterford." You may take a closer look at this and his other work at <http://tbarrart.homestead.com>.



## NOTICE REGARDING THE HUGUENOT LIBRARY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

As you may know, the Huguenot Library has been housed at UCL Library Service's Special Collections since 1957. The Library and Archive was formed from the collections of the Huguenot Society and the French Hospital and contains the most complete body of Huguenot literature in Great Britain.

Many records from the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland have been obtained by the National Huguenot Society, Inc. and have been made a part of our Society's "Huguenot Collection" located at the DAR Library at 1776 D Street, NW, Washington, DC. Why not include a visit to the Huguenot Collection as a part of your trip to Washington, DC, for Congress?

For those of you who are planning to visit the Huguenot Library located in London, please be advised that, due to the relocation of Special Collections to temporary premises during the summer of 2011, services at the Huguenot Library will be affected as follows:

### Monday 24th January - Friday 25th March 2011

Hampstead Road Reading Room opening hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1000-1700 (by appointment only).

### From Monday 28th March 2011

Hampstead Road Reading Room closed. From then until late September 2011 there will be no access to the Huguenot Library's collections, to allow for the physical move of the facilities and collections.

The Huguenot Library's enquiry service will continue to operate throughout the closure period.

### September 2011

Access to collections re-opened in temporary facilities.

Further details of the temporary facilities and re-opening of the collections for study will be announced at a later date. Please watch the Library's web pages for further updates. The website address is [www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/library-and-archive.html](http://www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/library-and-archive.html).

Questions may be directed to Librarian Lucy Gwynn, The Huguenot Society, Tel: 020 7679 5199.

## US Capitol and George Washington Factoids

In the US Capitol rotunda hangs a lovely painting by John Trumbull entitled the "Surrender of Cornwallis" which shows the first symbolic moments of American independence, namely, the surrender of the British army at Yorktown in 1781. Why does General George Washington, a Huguenot descendant and the leader of the American military, appear only in the background of the painting, when he was representing the victorious Americans in this ceremony of British surrender? As described by the Architect of the Capitol: In the center of the scene, American General Benjamin Lincoln appears mounted on a white horse. He extends his right hand toward the sword carried by the surrendering British officer, who heads the long line of troops that extends into the background. To the left, French officers appear standing and mounted beneath the white banner of the royal Bourbon family. On the right are American officers beneath the Stars and Stripes; among them are the Marquis de Lafayette and Colonel Jonathan Trumbull, the brother of the painter. General George Washington, riding a brown horse, stayed in the background because Lord Cornwallis himself was not present for the surrender.



[See [http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/rotunda/surrender\\_corwallis.cfm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/art/rotunda/surrender_corwallis.cfm)].

Another interesting fact is that "all of the French officers in the painting were painted from life by Trumbull in 1787, at Thomas Jefferson's house in Paris, while Mr. Jefferson was serving as the American Minister to France." [Sherrill, Charles H., French Memories of Eighteenth-Century America (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1915) at 10.]



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