



The Cross of Languedoc

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



COVER FEATURE:

The Huguenot Colony at Oxford, Massachusetts

By Janice Murphy Lorenz, J.D.

“The savage arrow scathed them, and dark clouds
Involv'd their infant Zion, yet they bore
Toil and affliction with unwavering eye
Fixed on the heavens, and firm in hope sublime
Sank to their last repose. Full many a son
Among the noblest of our land looks back
Through Time's long vista, and exulting claims
These as his Sires.” --L.H.S., Holmes's Mem. 83

These beautiful words were written about the Huguenots at the early colony of Oxford, Massachusetts by Oliver Wendell Holmes's father in his memoir. Our devoted Connecticut Society member, Fred Herbert, is responsible for bringing this material to the Editor. Fred's piece on the Oxford settlement appears, too. His interest has generated information which will be useful in the Historian General's and my work on the Huguenot Founders of America book.

The well-known Huguenot émigré Gabriel Bernon, a merchant of La Rochelle who had fled to London, organized and brought a group of thirty Huguenot families to settle on a land grant in Oxford, Massachusetts, in the spring of 1686-1688, after first organizing in Boston. One writer says,

That there was real beauty in the plan on which the settlement was built, is readily seen. Above the whole, overlooking the valley for miles, was the main fort. Just below was Bondet hill, which, in its turn looked down on the church and lower fort, which stood at its foot. Still lower were the meadows, with the picturesque river winding through them, and beyond, on the higher banks, scattered up and down were the dwellings, and stretching behind these were the level plantations, and the receding forest hills made up the background. ...From these, and other evidence of their [the Huguenots'] skill in cultivation, it is easy to believe that during their residence here, these people wrought a great change in the aspect of the place, and that by their well directed labor, wide and fertile fields, and fruitful gardens were made to flourish, where before existed only the unprofitable growths of the original forests.

Daniels, *Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country or Oxford Prior to 1713*, Estes & Lauriat (Boston: 1880) at 70-71.

This Huguenot settlement was important due to its proximity to Boston, Rhode Island, Connecticut and a well-worn Indian trail route which later became a major transportation route for American colonists. Aside from Bernon, among the other Huguenot ancestor names which may ring familiar to us today are Bondet, Sigourney, Du Tuffeau, Laborie, Shumway and Martin.

There is little left of the original colony, but the Town of Oxford has preserved their fort, and celebration of the Huguenot settlement is a major event in Oxford's priorities. Oxford is well worth a visit—perhaps we could organize an event there and revive our inactive Massachusetts Society? As incentive, I present you with this image, from the above referenced book, to remind all of us of the importance of our ancestors' principles and willingness to sacrifice for the liberty and freedom of faith which we, their descendants, now enjoy in America.

Upon the first page of the earliest existing records of Oxford there stands alone a word of deep significance, placed there by one of the fathers of the town, as a charge to the coming generations. That suggestive word may fitly close this imperfect recital of the experiences of

THE HUGUENOTS IN THE NIPMUCK COUNTRY.

Remember

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
CALL TO APRIL 2014 LUNCHEON
Saturday, 12 April 2014
 Smith & Wollensky Restaurant
 1112 19th Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20036

ALL HUGUENOTS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME and encouraged to attend our Luncheon with cash bar and a Program, at 11:30 a.m. \$100/person. Please indicate which entree you would like: Charbroiled Filet Mignon, or Free-Range Chicken, or Signature Crab Cake. Send your entree choice, your check and the names of those attending to:

Janice M. Lorenz
 11529 Quillin Way
 Berlin, MD 21811-2567

Note to Elected and Appointed National Officers: The Board of National Officers will hold its semi-annual meeting prior to the luncheon, beginning at 9:30 a.m., by a separate Call to be issued directly to those participants.

CALL TO THE 79th CONGRESS
Saturday 4 October 2014 and Sunday 5 October 2014

PLEASE ATTEND the 79th Congress on Saturday, 4 October and concluding in the late afternoon of Sunday, 5 October 2014.

EVENTS

Saturday, 4 October 2014 9:00-11:30 a.m. Congress Meeting with General Council Meeting included
 Hampton Inn, Newburgh, NY

Saturday, 4 October 2014 12:00-2:00 p.m. Luncheon with program
 Hilton Garden Inn
 (across street)

Saturday Afternoon and Evening **ON YOUR OWN** for now; but plans for a special excursion are currently being considered

Sunday, 5 October 2014

New Paltz, NY 10:30 a.m. Church Service in French Church, New Paltz, NY
 11:30 a.m. Luncheon at Deyo Hall, New Paltz, NY
 1:30-3:00 p.m. Tour of Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY

Fees for the Meeting and Other Events are to be determined pending the completion of planning, and will be announced to your State President, to the National Board of General Officers, and in the Fall 2014 Cross of Languedoc.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Hampton Inn
 1292 Route 300
 Newburgh, NY 12550
 newburghny.hamptoninn.com
 845-567-9100

The NHS discounted room rate will be \$149/person for a basic room before tax. Book before 4 September 2014 to get our special rate.

Please plan to attend! We would love to meet our New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Canadian, and all of our other members from the North America there.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



We enjoyed a delightful Congress in Tulsa, Oklahoma, thanks to President Donna Gantt, our wonderful Oklahoma Society members, and Programs & Arrangements Chairman Sheila Richards and her committee, of which Honorary President General Barbara MacManus is an essential member. Space does not allow us to publish enough photographs to convey the sense of festivity and local color which were lent to the occasion through artful planning, from the programs, to the table decorations, to the arrangement of entertainment. The view from The Summit Club at the Banquet was spectacular, by the way, and our thanks go out to Fr. Sonny Smith for getting us into that Club for our dressy event. The details of the Congress meeting are contained in the Minutes, published herein, but one important thing not mentioned in the Minutes was the fact that the Texas Society sponsored the Saturday luncheon speaker Lloyd Bockstruck's transportation and meals, while the Arkansas Society sponsored that speaker's hotel accommodations; the Oklahoma Society sponsored the Banquet program from the Gilcrease Museum and the Banquet singer, as well as the entertainment portion of the Saturday luncheon. This generosity and foresight helped us keep the registration cost down, and we

hope it made a difference in terms of getting our event expenditures out of the red and into the black. Mr. Bockstruck was a knockout speaker—we all could have listened to him for hours, he was so full of interesting genealogical research tips.

We are starting a fundraising drive to establish an Endowment Fund, and require a minimum of \$10,000 before it will qualify for professional management which would enable us to get the best rate of return. Please consider giving to us! Your gift will grant us some additional freedom to accomplish our objectives. On another operational note, we still have a number of state societies which seem to be in transition from active into inactive status, and we would like to turn that around. We are hoping that we can revive the New York Society by holding our Congress there this October.

I have maintained correspondence with our contacts in the Jacksonville, Florida area, who inquired about the possible provenance of an ancient and allegedly Huguenot ring that was discovered on the beach near Ft. Caroline in the early 1900s. In response, I have arranged for a new acquaintance I made last year through the internet site LinkedIn, Dr. Carl Edwin Lindgren, who is the President of the American College of Genealogy, Heraldry and Documentary Sciences, to investigate and report back to us should they find anything of interest. In another fascinating development, I was just contacted by an architect who was featured on the History Channel's "America Unearthed" in 2012, claiming to have discovered the "real" location of the Huguenot colony, which is not in Florida at or near Ft. Caroline, but in Georgia. We are delighted that he reached out to us and extraordinarily interested in receiving his report.

In December, I attended the funeral of Rev. Ramsay Richardson, a Virginia Society member, near Charlottesville, Virginia. On a more upbeat note, a week later I had the privilege of attending the elegant annual Huguenot Society of America luncheon in New York City, where I was reacquainted with the Rev. Nigel Massey, pastor of the French Church Saint Esprit, which is so special to Huguenots in America for its historic importance. I was the guest of our generous and beloved Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller, and her husband, Bob. It was wonderful to meet Huguenots from around the country and witness the lovely manner in which another group of Huguenots celebrates their Huguenot heritage.

On a final note, we are delighted to announce that Registrar General Nancy Wright Brennan has been invited to speak at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in San Antonio on 27- 30 August 2014, an annual event which is attended by hundreds of genealogists and genealogical and historical societies from across the nation each year. Nancy was one of a large number of genealogists who were considered for inclusion in this national convention of historical and genealogical societies, so it was a great honor that she was among those selected to speak. We are sponsoring her for this important event, at which she will speak about Huguenot genealogical research. We are hoping that she will have an opportunity to take a few Ancestor Register books and sell them to attendees while she is there.



We hope to see all of you at our April 12, 2014 Luncheon at Smith & Wollensky Restaurant in Washington, DC, and in New Paltz, New York on October 4-5, 2014, for our annual Congress events!

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,
Janice

Cover photograph: Sarah Loranger, photographer, and Claire Wilson, Town of Oxford.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

This youth contest is designed to encourage our eligible young relatives and friends to register as youth or as an NHS member, pursuant to NHS Bylaws. We look forward to a strong showing in 2014.

Program Timeline

January 1: Opening date for Candidate Submissions

January 3: Prior Year's Winners Announced by email by the President General to State Presidents after the Youth Committee Chairman has notified the winners, the other candidates, and the President General

April Gathering: Announce prior year's winners

October Congress: Introduce the winners, if present

November 1: Closing date for Candidate Submissions

Program Requirements:

1. Candidates must be students in elementary or high school and must be eligible for and either registered with National as a Youth or have applied for membership. Candidates under age 16 must pay the applicable fee and have a relative submit an Application for Youth Registration for the Candidate, or enroll the Candidate as a Junior Member of the National Huguenot Society. Youth Registration forms available on the NHS webpage: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Youth_Registration_Form.pdf. Candidates who are 16 years old or older are required to submit an application for membership if they have not already done so. Application forms are available at: http://huguenot.netnation.com/forms/NHS_Appl.pdf.

Email submissions to natlhugsoc@att.net between January 1st and 12:00 a.m. November 1st.

Contest Topics and Prizes:

Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and thoughtful handling of the topic.

Level 1 – Grades 2-4: Each student will submit an art piece to illustrate contributions of Huguenots or Huguenot descendants to America. Each submission should have an accompanying title or short statement to explain the relationship of the artwork to the theme. Artwork should be scanned into a computer or digitally photographed so that it can be emailed. Please submit in PDF or JPEG format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$100; 2d Place=\$50; 3d Place=\$25.

Level 2 – Grades 5-8: Each student will either: (1) submit an essay on “What it means to me to be a descendant of a Huguenot.” Information about their specific ancestor may be cited. Visual images may also be included; (2) Or, students will read and submit a review one of the books listed below. Essays should be at least 300 words in length. Please submit in PDF format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$200; 2d Place=\$100; 3d Place=\$50.

Level 3 – Grades 9-12: Each student will submit an essay on “What I’ve learned about the migration of Huguenots to other lands.” Visual images may be included. These might include maps or other types of illustrations. Essay should be at least 500 words in length. Please submit in PDF format. Prizes: 1st Place=\$500; 2d Place=\$250; 3d Place=\$100.

Books about Huguenots for Young Readers:

1. The Escape: Adventures of Three Huguenot Children Fleeing Persecution. A. Van Der Jagt.
 2. Huguenot Garden, Douglas Jones.
 3. Escape Across the Wide Sea, Katherine Kirkpatrick.
 4. The Refugees: Tale of Two Continents, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
 5. Francis Marion & The Legend of the Swamp Fox, Kate Salley Palmer.
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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.'S 78th ANNUAL CONGRESS

October 5, 2013

The Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President General Janice Lorenz in the Parkview West Room of the Double Tree Hotel Warren Place in Tulsa, OK.

The Annual Congress is held annually for the transaction of business. In odd numbered years Congress shall elect officers of the National Society. Congress shall be comprised of the Board of General Officers; Presidents of the Member Societies and elected Delegates from each Member Society as designated in the Bylaws.

Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith gave the Invocation and led the Morning Prayers. President General Lorenz led the Pledge to the Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of United States of America.

President General acknowledged and thanked the Oklahoma Society for the beautiful arrangements and efforts given for two days of meetings.

The Roll Call of Officers and Standing and Special Committee Chairmen was read by the Recording Secretary. The following responded:

President General Janice Lorenz;	Honorary President General Barbara MacManus;
1st Vice President General Rev. Father Paul Smith;	Appointed Parliamentarian Roger Smith;
2nd Vice President General Sheila Richards;	Bylaws Chairman Rev. Father Paul Smith;
Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith;	Credentials Chairman Jane Hamlin;
Recording Secretary General Linda Smith;	Finance Chairman Roger Smith;
Corresponding Secretary General Noella Oberlin;	Genealogy Chairman Jeannine Kallal;
Organizing Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck;	Publications Chairman Janice Lorenz;
Treasurer General Rex Gradeless;	Insignia Chairman Sheila Richards
Registrar General Nancy Brennan;	Membership Chairman Barbara MacManus
Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal;	Program/Arrangements Chairman Sheila Richards.
Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller;	

CREDENTIALS AND QUORUM

Credentials Chairman Jane Hamlin attested the following to be present:

Nine (9) National Officers and two (2) Honorary President Generals. Twelve (12) Member States were represented. A total Delegate strength of twenty-four (24) members signed in. The Credentials Report is filed with the Minutes.

General Officers and delegates representing 10 different Member Societies shall constitute a quorum. The Credentials Chairman moved the report be adopted. It was seconded and passed after discussion. A quorum was declared.

PROGRAM AND STANDING RULES

Printed Programs with Standing Rules were distributed. James Barr moved the adoption of the distributed Printed Program and Standing Rules and the dispensation of the reading of the Standing Rules. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously after discussion.

PAST MINUTES

The Minutes of the 77th Annual Congress held April 12, 2013 had been read and approved by committee and published. Hearing no further corrections, the Minutes were approved as published.

A Minutes Reading Committee for the current Minutes comprised of Penny Lotterhos and Juanita Jones was appointed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer General Rex Gradeless distributed and read the Treasurer's Report. This included a year-end Balance Sheet through September 30, 2013, an Activity Sheet and a Profit and Loss Sheet from January 2013 through September 2013. The overall financial picture of the Society is improving due to financial savings instituted by the President General and the sale of 5th Edition Huguenot Registers. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for the Finance Committee's audit. Questions were answered.

The Treasurer General distributed the proposed 2014 Budget and answered questions. He recommended the Budget be approved. James Barr moved the Budget be adopted. After a second and discussion the Budget was approved.

Treasurer General Gradeless moved, based on a motion passed by the Board of General Officers, that Congress allow the Treasurer General to include a National Headquarters Office Development Fund in his budget. After a second and discussion, the motion passed.

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS!

Membership in the NHS provides 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 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.

CALL FOR CONTESTANTS IN THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST

A generous bequest from a member of The National Huguenot Society has made it possible for the National Huguenot Society to award a \$5000 scholarship each year to a qualified college or postgraduate student who is a member of the NHS. The scholarship is not based upon financial need. The deadline for application is February 1st of the year in which the award is to be made. A winner is selected by the Board of General Officers of NHS at its April meeting, and the winner is announced at the April Congress meeting. The scholarship award is paid directly to the winner's educational institution. This one-time award is limited to \$5000 per student, and is not renewable.

A candidate must meet all of the following criteria in order to be considered for this award:

1. Be a regular member of The National Huguenot Society, having met all requirements for that membership.
2. Be a currently-enrolled student at an accredited college or graduate school who has completed at least two years of college with a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale;
3. Have satisfactorily completed at least two semesters of history which include, at least in part, a history of religion.
4. The completed Scholarship Application form and its required attachments must be emailed or mailed on or before February 1st to the chairman of the Scholarship Committee, whose name and address appear at the bottom of the Scholarship Application form. The application form may be obtained on the NHS website, huguenot.netnation.com. It must be timely completed and submitted along with the attachments specified in the instructions, and mailed as a package to the individual identified at the bottom of the form.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee:

Mrs. Neoma O'Brien • 812 Braeburn Drive, Ft. Washington, MD 20744 • 301-292-9372 • noob13@verizon.net

REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

Reports were received and read from the: President General; the Corresponding Secretary General; the Historian General; the Counselor General and the Genealogist General. Reports will be filed with the Minutes.

Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith had previously printed and provided a Book of Prayers to use at memorials, maintained a list of faithful departed, mailed notes to all families of the departed and requested all deaths be reported on the form provided on the National website to both he and the Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

Registrar General Nancy Brennan reported that one hundred fifty nine (159) copies of "Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society" 5th Edition" were ordered and mailed out to members and twenty two (22) copies to non-members. Further copies had been sold through Amazon.com. She further added fifty-seven (57) applications and two (2) supplemental applications were approved through September 2013. VA gained the most new members with eleven (11), TX with seven (7) and FL with six (6). Certificates have been mailed. About two hundred (200) requests for information have come through the website.

An Update booklet to the 5th Edition has been prepared by the National Registrar and Genealogist General containing four (4) new ancestors, two (2) corrected lineages and one (1) closed line. Based on an approved motion from the Board of General Officers, a motion was passed to mail the Update to the National Register, upon request, at a cost of \$5.00.

The Registrar General further requested proposed changes to the NHS Application Form allowing information to be published by the National Huguenot Society, if the applicant approves, and also asking how the applicant heard about the Society. She also requested a change to Standing Rule #2 so that NHS can publish updated Ancestor Registers, Bible Records, and similar publications, using the non-private material in applications. These recommendations were referred to the Bylaws Committee.

Honorary President General and Membership Chairman Barbara MacManus indicated she is contacting all Members-At-Large and past Members-At-Large. As she was appointed Assistant Treasurer General at the 77th Congress, she is sending dues notices to Members-At-Large instructing them to send their dues directly to her, as approved, for more efficient tracking of the roster of MAL members and accounting for their dues. Past Members-At-Large are urged to consider reinstating their memberships to a State Society if one exists in the area where they live.

Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal explained that research necessitated changes requiring the Updated booklet to the 5th Edition of the Huguenot Register. She stressed reading the Preface of the 5th Edition to explain the requirements for application proofs needed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee and Audit Chairman Roger Smith read the Audit Report finding all accounts were appropriately recorded and reconciled and all funds deposited in FDIC insured accounts. The financial records were found to be accurate and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Chairman moved the Audit Report be accepted. After a second and discussion, the motion passed. The Audit Report will be filed with the Minutes.

The Finance Committee recommended an Endowment Fund be established and available for member contribution, only the interest on which would be used to support such things as National Congresses. The States of GA and KY indicated they will tentatively contribute seed money to the Endowment Fund to get it started. Once established, funds would be solicited from Members and State Societies. Once the fund reached \$10,000.00 it may be handled by a professional fund manager. Until the fund reached that amount, the Treasurer General would hold the funds separately from other restricted and non-restricted funds.

The Finance Committee moved that Congress establish an Endowment Fund, as approved by the Board of General Officers, the administration and structure of which to be determined by the Board of General Officers.

GA President Geoffrey Oosterhoudt moved to amend the motion creating a committee of three (3) State Society members to be appointed to oversee the Endowment Fund and to advise the Board. It was seconded and passed after discussion. The Finance Chairman moved the primary motion as amended be accepted. After a second and discussion, the motion as amended was passed.

Bylaws Chairman Rev. Father Paul Smith indicated there were no Bylaw changes requiring action at this time but proposed changes will be reviewed and discussed at the Board of General Officers meeting 10:00 a.m. Sat. April 12, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

Insignia Chairman Sheila Richards presented sketches of Huguenot Society insignias with an explanation of their possible future purchase by members. Sketches will be filed with the Minutes.

The insignia Chairman moved Congress adopt the insignias and that Hamilton jewelers create the insignias as approved by the Board of General Officers. The insignias would be available for purchase by membership to wear on the membership ribbon. Further, that Rosettes be available for the men to purchase for their lapels. The insignias represented would be for: Honorary State President; Endowment Fund; State Officers; State Chairmen and National Chairmen. After a second and discussion, the motion passed.

Upon recommendation of the Board of General Officers, Barbara MacManus moved Congress require a minimum member donation of \$100.00 be given to the Endowment Fund to be eligible to purchase the Endowment Insignia. After a second and discussion, the motion passed.

Insignia Chairman Richards produced a "Parliamentary Procedure and Protocol" booklet for the Society on request of the President General. The booklet will be reviewed by the President General, the National Registrar and the Parliamentarian before it is printed or distributed.

Programs and Arrangements Chairman Sheila Richards announced the 79th Annual Congress will meet October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2014 in Newburg, NY. Rooms will be booked at the Hampton Inn in Newburg. Tours are pending to the village of New Paltz founded in 1678 by French Huguenots and other points of interest in the area. A Sunday church service will be held in New Paltz led by Rev. Father Paul Smith. A lunch will follow at Deyo Hall. Details will be published in "The Cross."

Publications Chairman Janice Lorenz noted a budget item labeled Products will allow development of products such as cards and stationery with the Huguenot logo for sale as a fundraiser.

She also requested the Society publish Gregory Smith Master's Thesis in conjunction with another short publication combining them into one publication. Mr. Smith was our 2012 Scholarly Award winner. Funds still in the Publications 2013 Budget would be used.

REPORTS OF STATE PRESIDENTS

Reports were received from the State Presidents from: KY; VA; TX; PA; IL; GA; OK and MS. The reports were read and filed with the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

In light of the extreme dedication and concretely beneficial contributions made by James Dewey O'Brien, J.D., former Counselor General of the National Huguenot Society, who recently prepared and filed necessary paperwork enabling the National Huguenot Society to be compliant in Maryland, its state of incorporation, the President General recommended Congress approve awarding him the National Huguenot Society's Distinguished Service Medal. Nadine Hardin-Miller moved the award be approved. After a second and discussion, the motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Noella Oberlin suggested period dress at the 2014 gathering in New Paltz and a Huguenot tour to Europe.

Linda Smith provided information that Rev. Dwyn Munger would be leading a professional Huguenot-Waldensian Heritage Tour in 2014.

President General announced the Board of General Officers will meet Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Smith & Wollensky Restaurant, 19th ST. NW, Washington D.C. followed by a noon luncheon open to all members and guests.

Past Illinois State President James Barr indicated interest of the State Society of IL to sponsor the Fall 2015 Congress with meetings to be held in the Springfield, IL area.

The President General reminded all to meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the hotel for the shuttle to the evening dinner at the Summit Club downtown Tulsa.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30. Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith gave the Blessing before lunch.

Following lunch, renowned genealogist, author, educator and 30-year supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, Lloyd Bockstruck inspired and entertained the group.

Professional musician Melody Campbell sang "The Lord's Prayer" a cappella accompanied by Indian Sign Language performer Gloria Fortney.

After a Benediction by Acting Chaplain General Rev. Father Paul Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Linda L. Antram Smith, Recording Secretary General

Reading Committee Approval:

Penny Lotterhos

Juanita Jones

REPORTS OF VARIOUS GENERAL OFFICERS

Treasurer General's Activity Report, 5 October 2013

During the period since the Treasurer General's prior Activity Report to the present, I have completed the following tasks:

Prepared and filed the federal income tax return, and other related disclosures, including information about affiliated state societies under our group exemption letter.

Deposited funds as received from the President General, Registrar General, the headquarters office, state member societies, members-at-large and individuals.

Disbursed payment of bills and invoices as received, approved, and submitted by the President General or as budgeted by Congress.

Reviewed and reconciled bank statements from various financial institutions in which funds of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. are maintained.

Posted deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the statement of accounts.

Prepared the 2013 Year to Date Financial Statements and Reports to be presented at the Annual Congress on October 5, 2013.

Rex Gradeless, CPA

Treasurer General's Year End Report, 5 October 2013

Over the last two years we have strived to cut our expenses to match our revenue and are almost at the break even point. With continued effort we can become fiscally responsible and perhaps even start down the road of rebuilding our reserves.

Interest rates continue to remain very low with no real expectations of improvement over the next few years. Therefore, we will need to monitor our expenses closely for several years to come.

We will need to engage in more long term financial planning if we are to grow as a society. One area that I would like to see the finance committee work on would be a campaign to raise funds for a permanent national headquarters. This

would also include at some point a small part-time staff to oversee the headquarters and our membership needs.

Another area for the finance committee would be to help in long term financial planning so that we could increase our revenue stream to better meet the needs or wants of our membership. We need to be more aggressive with our investment funds while maintaining secure growth. I welcome your ideas and comments concerning our current financial picture, structured growth, and ideas for the future.

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. does hereby submit this report and the attached financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex Gradeless, CPA

Counselor General

The Counselor General Mary Nelson Morgan, Esq., has submitted a report to Congress, updating us about the proposed changes to our application form and various other issues pertaining to maintaining our good standing with the state of Maryland, where NHS is incorporated, and with the IRS concerning our tax-exempt status.

Genealogist General

The Registrar General and this officer have consulted on three ancestors since April. After much discussion and research, three entries in the 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors have been changed.

One, on Daniel Ferée, was entirely rewritten upon receipt of better documentation. Better chronology was given for the events among other things. The second was regarding Pierre Mabile. Information was sent that made it clear that Pierre was not the father of Casper and the line appears to be of Dutch origin, not French. That line, now considered to be Mabie, is closed pending additional information. The third revision was for Jean Valliant.

Another consultation was re Michael DeBolt. A prospective member had submitted a paper on that line. The last entry for him was in the 1975 Register and that entry was preceded by a question mark. The Registrar General and I agreed that the line appeared to be German and with no satisfactory proof that he was a Huguenot.

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The Registrar General and I have consulted on several new ancestors: Jean Goux, Johannes Hench, Simon de Ruine and Louis Taquet. She provided the information and I edited it. These entries will be in the next Update. We are trying to keep future entries in the style used in the 2012 Register.

Several typos and the like were noticed in the 2012 Register and corrections were sent to the Registrar General for inclusion in subsequent publications. I thank the Registrar General for her help and cooperation. These are not always easy decisions and it helps when we are on the same page.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal, Genealogist General

Honorary President General MacManus

This officer, as Membership Chairman, has the responsibility of sending dues statements to each of the Members-at-Large. Those statements will be mailed out upon receipt of the roster of current Members-at-Large. Communication will also be mailed to those on previous Member-at-Large lists who have been dropped for non-payment to encourage them to reinstate their memberships or become members of the State Huguenot Societies in the states where they live if there are state societies in those states. In order for the Membership Chairman to better track the status of Members-at-Large, they will be instructed to send their dues payments directly to this officer in accordance with prior approval.

The Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., in session in Washington, D.C., April 6, 2013, approved appointment of this officer to the position of Assistant Treasurer General. In that capacity, this officer opened checking and savings accounts at Wells Fargo Bank which has branches in San Antonio, Texas, near the NHS OFFICE, and in Washington, Indiana, near the Treasurer General, as well as branches near the President General and near this officer. In so doing, this officer, as the Assistant Treasurer, and the Registrar General will be able to deposit funds received directly to Wells Fargo, thus eliminating the need to mail checks to the Treasurer General. Lists of those deposits will be e-mailed to the Treasurer General. The President General and the Treasurer General can monitor those accounts online, and the Treasurer General will transfer the funds to the National Society's operating account.

Additionally, as Assistant Treasurer General, this officer will periodically monitor the various bank depository accounts

and CD investments of the National Society and perform such other duties as assigned by the Treasurer General, the President General, the Board of General Officers, and the Congress of the National Huguenot Society.

This officer appreciates the confidence placed in her by the President General, the Treasurer General, and the Congress, and shall strive to be worthy of that confidence and to satisfactorily fulfill the duties associated with the appointments indicated herein. It is an honor and a privilege to be of service to the National Huguenot Society, Inc., and its outstanding leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacManus, Honorary President General,
Membership Chairman, Assistant Treasurer General

STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama held its fall meeting of 2013 at the Country Club of Birmingham. Our speaker was one of our own members, Barbara Nye. Her program was on her Huguenot ancestor, Mareen Duvall.

Vice President Ruby Hassell conducted a memorial service to remember our deceased members. They were Leigh Pegues, Ann Briglia, Joe Patrick, Ernest Hansberger, Marie Duffee, Jim Cooper, Bob Cheney and Glenn Garner, husband of our Past President, Barbara Garner.

Following the program, members had lunch at tables decorated with fall flowers.

Plans are under way for our Huguenot Church service to be held in March of 2014.

Steven Saxon, President

Arkansas

The Huguenot Society of Arkansas meets three times a year in the months of March, June and October at the Little Rock Country Club, Little Rock, AR. We have a membership of 58, 5 youths, 2 Friends and 4 associates. We try and have good and interesting programs as well as give a \$750.00 scholarship to a high school senior going to college. Last year we gave 3 scholarships for a total of \$1500.00. They went to (1) Anna Coker, a 2013 graduate from Stuttgart

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IL Past President Jim Barr, IL President Jane Hamlin, and National First Vice President General Father Sonny Smith



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President General Lorenz presents the Silver Award to Registrar General Nancy Brennan and honors author and Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal, also a Silver Award Winner



Recording Secretary General Linda Smith (FL), Parliamentarian Roger Smith (FL), Registrar General Nancy Brennan, a glimpse of Ann Oppenheimer (TX), and Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal

20 Memories of



Carol Hartman (AR) and AR President Frankie Oschner



*National Huguenot Society Board at Congress: L-R R
Linda Smith, Janice Lorenz, Father Sonny Smith, Jean
Richards*



L-R: Registrar General Nancy Brennan, Ann Oppenheimer (TX), TX President David Dibrell, and Lloyd Bockstruck, our Saturday luncheon star.



Member at Large Marilyn Reagan, Corresponding Secretary general Noella Oberlin, Second Vice President General Sheila Richards, Georgia President Geoffrey Oosterhoudt

2013 of Congress



OK hostesses Mildred Greenstreet and Sue Hill join OK President Donna Gantt in receiving recognition for their fine hospitality



L-R Rex Gradeless, Noella Oberlin, Nancy Brennan, Jeannine Kallal, Mary Margaret Buck, Sheila



OK President and premiere state hostess Donna Gantt, with Honorary Presidents General Nadine Hardin-Miller (AR) and Barbara MacManus (TX)

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High School; granddaughter of Jean Pollard. Anna will attend the University of Arkansas; (2) Stoney Austin Burk, a 2013 graduate from Cabot High School and grandson of Leon and Priscilla Davis, who will attend Arkansas State University; and (3) Audrey Thomas, a 2013 graduate from Navarre High School in Navarre, Florida, granddaughter of Thomas and Ernestine Cuthbert, and niece of Nadine Hardin-Miller and her husband, Bob Miller, and of Erline Gillson. Audrey will attend Florida State University. Our Society also had two National Winners of the Youth Contest of 2012: Rebecca Jones representing grades 2-4 and her sister Rachel Jones representing grades 5-8. Their essays and pictures were printed in our National magazine last spring. Their mother, grandmother and great grandmother have been Huguenot members of our Arkansas Society. The girls were our special guest last spring at our March meeting. They read their essays and received their checks from National. We are very proud of both girls and our youth in general.

Our goal for the next two years will be to interest more adults in becoming members and find more youths interested in their Protestant heritage.

Frankie Ochsner, President

Illinois

The Huguenot Society of Illinois meets twice a year for lunch and a program. In May we were honored to have our President General, Janice Lorenz, as our guest and speaker for our anniversary celebration. We were also honored to have as our guest Honorary President General Rev. Travis Du Priest present recollections of our society. The Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Jeannine Kallal for her dedication and work on our new Register of Ancestors. President General Lorenz installed our new slate of officers and then was rushed to the airport for her flight to Pennsylvania.

We have two scholarship winners: Chelsea Gange, who will be attending DuPaul, and Amanda Nagy, who will be attending Indiana. We have two new members by application: Ruth Ann Stevens Holecek and Diane Louise McNamara. Our membership stands at 98 plus one junior. We have donated the Ancestor Register to South Suburban Genealogy Society, Winnetka Northfield Library, Arlington Heights Library, Wheaton Public Library, Newberry Library and one to the Illinois Society Registrar.

Jane Schleinzer was the delegate to the General Council meeting April 12, 2013, in Washington, DC. She sent her report on the induction of the new National Officers. She told of the meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the award to Jeannine for her exceptional work on the Registry.

In August a number of lineage groups meet "downstate." We were represented by our Immediate Past President Jim Barr.

Jim Barr, Jeannine Kallal, and Jane Hamlin will represent Illinois at the Convention in Tulsa. "OKALHOMA!" Here we come!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Hamlin, President

Kentucky

October 22, 2013 marked National Huguenot Society of Kentucky's fifty-fifth year in operation. Our officers for the 2013-2015 term are:

President – Patricia Hutt
Vice President – Ray Hughes
Chaplain – Jolene Boyer
Recording Secretary – Michael Christian
Treasurer – Rev. Paul W. Smith
Registrar – Fay Charpentier-Ford
Historian – Terry Collis

The Kentucky Society holds two luncheon meetings each year in conjunction with Huguenot of Manakin and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, each society meets



Installation of officers 2013-2015 – April 20, 2013 meeting held at the Lexington Country Club in Lexington, Kentucky. Pictured are: Fay Charpentier-Ford, Registrar, Terry Collis, Historian, Patti Hutt, President and Rev. Paul W. Smith, Treasurer (l-r). Officers not pictured are Jolene Boyer, Chaplain, Michael Christian, Recording Secretary and Ray Hughes, Vice President.

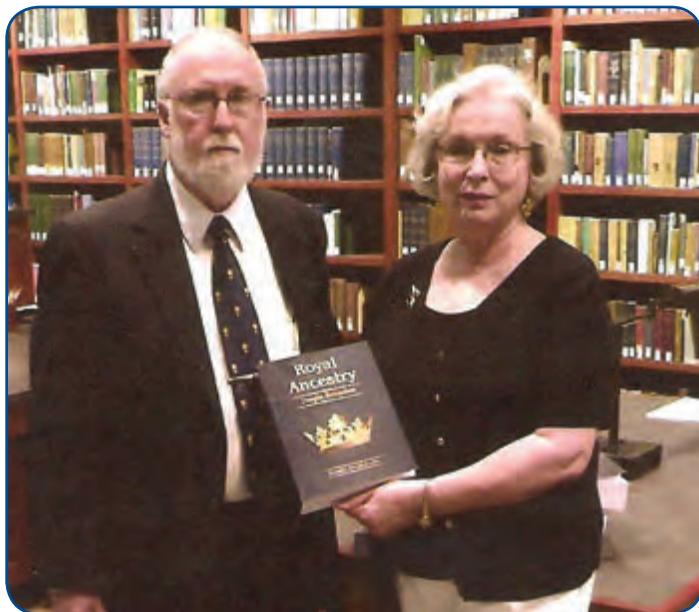
separately for business prior to the combined luncheon with speaker. Securing the speaker and meeting arrangements are shared on a rotating basis. The next meeting is set for April 21, 2014 following the fortnight hereditary activities in DC.



Exchange of presidential insignias between outgoing President Fay Charpentier-Ford and incoming President Patricia A. Hutt. (l-r)



The inside of the French Huguenot Church in Charleston, SC. Pictured are descendants of Mareen Duvall, Huguenot Immigrant. l-r: Donna Sutherland, LaDonna Sutherland and Patricia Hutt, KY President



Kentucky Huguenot Society and Kentucky Branch of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims recently donated the five-volume publication "Royal Ancestry" by Douglas Richardson. The donation was presented to the SAR National Genealogical Library in memory of Rev. Dr. Dixon Barr, former state and national officer to both societies. Earlier the 2012 edition of approved Huguenot ancestors was also donated to the SAR Library. Pictured are: SAR Librarian Michael Christian receives books from Huguenot President Patricia Hutt

Per action of the members present at the October meeting, Kentucky has pledged \$1,000 to help the development of a NHS Endowment Fund. Also there is interest in expanded support of books and scholarship in Kentucky.

Kentucky has four new members since the annual April 2013 national meeting in Washington DC. Others are still gathering documentation to complete their applications. Increasing membership remains an emphasis.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Our members at large are one of our largest membership categories, even though technically they are not entitled to vote at Congress because they do not have a state society to represent as a delegate. Despite this, the President General has maintained a regular correspondence with one of our most venerated Members at Large, Rene Peron, who lives in Canada. Mr. Peron has kept the President General informed about a number of issues pertaining to Canadian Huguenots. In another development concerning Members at Large, we were delighted to meet Member at Large Marilyn Reagan, from New York, at the Tulsa Congress in October 2013. We are hoping to see her again at our Congress 2014 in the New Paltz, NY area.

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi recently met and we were pleased to have a prospective member present.

This President and Past President Penny Lotterhos attended the National Congress in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in October, which we enjoyed. We are looking forward to an increased membership for 2014.

In Huguenot Faith,
Mary Margaret Buck, President



Penny Lotterhos MS and MS President Mary Margaret Buck at Congress in Tulsa.

Missouri

At the May 2013 meeting, Anne Sizemore was installed as the new President of the Missouri Society. Anne was sworn



*MO President Anne Sizemore and
MO Vice President Blair Pickard*



MO Society members Kyle Branton and Delaney Branton

in and given two small booklets, "Peaceful Moments" and "Happy Thoughts" to help her with her new term as President. The other officers installed were Blair Pickard as Vice President and with a calendar to keep open dates should Anne need to call on him for help; Alva Cunningham, as Chaplain, received a book of prayers and cards; Jane Smith, as Recording Secretary, received a package of pens; Sara Branton, as Treasurer, received a small calculator; Pat Horton as registrar received an address book, hopefully to be filled with new members; Nina Carter as Historian received pages of sparkles as she will be putting sparkling memories into the history book.

Anne is an active member and her three sons, Robert, Richard, and Edward, are in the Society. Blair and his sister Lydia are busy members who are the children of Dr. Clarence Pickard, who held the National Office of Surgeon General when he passed away in 2002. Jane Smith is the daughter of Virginia Nichols, who has since passed away, so family Huguenot ties are very important. The Society has been active in getting new members and encouraging younger members to take part. One occasion was the auditing of the treasurer's books by two members who attend Kansas University.

The Society meets two times a year, May and October, in Columbia, Missouri, located in the center of the state to encourage attendance. The Society has a joint meeting with lunch and a program with the Missouri Society Dames of the Court of Honor and the John Corbin-Martha Custis chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists.

Sara Branton, Treasurer

New York

The President General has been greatly encouraged by the positive voicemail messages left for her by New York

Society member John Mark Hilliard. His most recent message praised the Ancestor Register book and the need to honor Jeannine Kallal, its author.

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina met officially on April 6, 2014 at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill. Rituals, business, and reports were conducted and presented. The long awaited multi-year project to publish "The History of North Carolina Huguenots" was announced. Unfortunately, Keats Sparrow had died in 2009 before his work was finished, but thankfully, he was able to finalize his research and bibliography prior to his death. Therefore, we are grateful to Roger Kammerer for completing the manuscript. Suzanne Sauter and Marie Thiele were acknowledged for their editorial contributions. Books were/are made available for the purchase price of \$15 each; if mailed, \$20.

During the Memorial Service, three of our members who had died were honored:

- 8-168 Lionel B. Harper, Past President of The Huguenot Society of North Carolina 1991-1993
1934-2012
- 8-210 Catherine Olivia Philyaw Tyndall (Mrs. Jesse P.)
1929-2012
- 8-154 Eula Delema Agee Pierson (Mrs. Stanley L.)
1912-2013

After Lunch, for the Program, member Judith Rembert reminisced about growing up in the South and learning about her French Huguenot ancestors. She shared the experiences of traveling to the tiny village of Pont en Royans in Southeastern France, the home of her immigrant ancestor.

The new officers for the 2013-2015 terms were installed:

Judith Rembert, President
Elaine Baldasare, Vice President
Chris Rozier, Treasurer
Ann Mueller, Secretary
Larry Rozier, Registrar
Suzanne Steward, Chaplain

When the Membership Booklets for the coming year were mailed, included were the Minutes and a Letter asking for everyone's input regarding every aspect of our Huguenot Society of North Carolina organization. It is our goal to:

1) have every member involved in some manner 2) increase membership 3) increase attendance at our State annual meeting as well as the National meetings. If the members

so wish, small get-togethers can be arranged. In order to disseminate information and greetings, Committees are being set up and plans formulated with specifics. For example, we are asking that members with e mail access be responsible for members without e mail, i.e., a Call



Some of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina in 2013

Committee. Our Vice President is creating Certificates for our members to designate the number of years in The Huguenot Society of North Carolina. Our Past President has been, and is, involved with those of Huguenot ancestry in Eastern North Carolina, especially in the New Bern and Wilmington areas.

Our website should be online soon.

Our next official annual meeting is Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill.

Humbly submitted in our Huguenot faith,
Judith Rembert, President

Pennsylvania

Dear Fellow Huguenots,

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and an enjoyable summer. I am disappointed that I can't make the 78th Annual Congress in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was looking forward to staying with friends and meeting the Oklahoma Huguenots but there have been many changes in my job as a special education teacher. I was not able to get coverage for me to take off.

This year the Pennsylvania Huguenot Society is working on teaching the next generation.

Our Annual meeting in May 2013 went really well. Our Pennsylvania Huguenot Society was honored to be included in the French Alliance Service at the Episcopal Church at the Washington Memorial Chapel. We learned about the history of the Huguenot stained glass window in the chapel. We had our first picnic in the summer, which had a good turn out. There were some members that came that, hadn't been to an event before. We hope to continue having a picnic each year, it offers members an opportunity to share stories about their ancestors and get to know one another in a different more relaxed setting. Our fall Reformation Sunday Service will be at Old Salem Church in Lebanon, Pa.

The Jean Ribault Chapter is excited about their fall 2013 meeting that will be at the Historic Farnsworth House Inn in Gettysburg, PA. The speaker will be Jim Getty, local Abraham Lincoln look-alike, actor, and historian.

A survey was sent out to all our members in the spring, to help our society reconnect. We have had a great response, that will help us plan events in the future, and develop more involvement.

I pray the 78th Annual Congress will go well and many will attend.

Lydia R. Freeman, President

Texas

The Huguenot Society of Texas met in San Antonio on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at which time new officers were elected and installed. The special guest was President General Janice Murphy Lorenz who gave an inspiring talk before installing the new Officers.

The 2014 annual meeting will be hosted by La Rochelle Chapter and will occur on Saturday, February 1, 2014 in Dallas. The meeting will be held at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Conference Center. La Rochelle Chapter will meet at 10am, lunch will be served at noon and the Texas Society will meet at 2pm.

The National Meeting in Tulsa attracted members from both Languedoc and La Rochelle Chapters. The Texas Society is proud to sponsor the registration and meals for our Saturday Luncheon Speaker, Lloyd Bockstruck.

Languedoc Chapter continues to thrive and grow. Its June 10th meeting was held at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio and featured an interesting program by Steve Nabie on "The Settlement of New Netherland and New York." Languedoc Chapter will meet again on October 14th.

La Rochelle Chapter continues to struggle. Its April 27th meeting was held in Canton, Texas with a small crowd attending. The group discussed ways to increase attendance and attracting new members. La Rochelle Chapter will likely meet October 19th. The location and speaker will be announced.

Our Registrar General Nancy Brennan will be a speaker at the Texas Heritage Societies meeting in San Antonio on October 25-26. We still receive rave reviews of Nancy's and Jeannine Kallal's work on our Register of Huguenot Ancestors.

State Registrar William C. Buell, reports that we had five (5) new members; three in Languedoc Chapter and two in La Rochelle Chapter. La Rochelle gained with two transfers from North Carolina. Languedoc lost one member who transferred to Florida. The State Registrar has been very busy but welcomes more activity. Now is the time to encourage new members.

We hope to see each of you at the next meeting of one of our Chapters and then at the State Meeting in Dallas next February.

David Benton Dibrell, President

Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has been very active. We have looked over our By-laws & realized that they had not been updated in many years. Susan Pemberton Webber took on the task as Chairman and with the help from Brenda Payne Rose, Ph.D. and Col. US Army (Ret.) Edward Merillat Moses, they spent many hours working on this project and recommended changes that were approved at our Oct 26th meeting. Thank you all for an outstanding job.



VA Society Queen Bess

This was our first meeting under the new administration and was held at the ballroom of the Montclair Golf & Country Club in Northern Virginia. We dined on roast chicken breast stuffed with asiago cheese and spinach & served with oven roasted potatoes with a vegetable medley. Of course we



VA Society President Virginia Hurtes Rouse

had salad and dessert as well. There were 33 in attendance, several were prospective members. We were very happy to see Barbara Rose, a long time Life Member and Alice Birdseye, who recently lost her husband, Elmer. Alice even brought her lovely teenage granddaughter, Emma Rodenberg.

We were entertained by Mary Ann Jung who has appeared on CNN, the Today Show, Good Morning America, and in newspapers around the world. Mary Ann is an award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar. She portrayed Good Queen Bess, who many of you may recall had been imprisoned for nearly a year on suspicion of supporting Protestant rebels. One of the first things that Queen Elizabeth did during her reign (1558-1603) was to set up the foundation for what would become the Protestant Church of England. Many Huguenots fled from France to England and then to America. The program was engaging, entertaining and very knowledgeable. Several of our members participated, Rev. Gary Rose and his wife Brenda (our Recording Secretary) as well as, Stuart Whitehead (our Librarian) and Kelly Wheeler (a guest).

I have since sent out a President's Letter to let members know all of the business that was carried on at the meeting and to fill them in on the Outstanding Program that we all enjoyed. We also have the pictures on our webpage that were posted by Duane Wills and taken by Ralph Sweeney.

The Huguenot Society of Virginia is growing by leaps & bound. We have many more prospective members whose applications are in different stages of completion. The year 2013 is not out and we have already had 12 new members approved and one transfer in. Ginger Renee Stephens has just taken on the job of Registrar and has already turned in another application.

Our Librarian, Stuart Whitehead, brought all of our books for members to borrow. You may borrow a book at one meeting & return it at the next. Several of us did have a chance to look through some of the books.

Eloise Brooks will be the Editor for our First Newsletter that should be coming out in January.

We are very lucky to have several French speaking members who have asked questions about the translations of our Oath & are working with National to make it correct.

I visited the Huguenot Trail and the old Manakin Church.

We are traveling all over the Commonwealth of Virginia and spreading the word that there is an active Huguenot Society that would love to have new members. We are alive, fun, energetic and very Proud of our Huguenot Roots.

Virginia Hurtes Rouse, President

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!

OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS CONTINUOUSLY TEACHES HUGUENOT HISTORY

By Fred Herbert

“In 1686, we came to America. We had a ten-week ship ride from France. Isaac Bertrand Du Tuffeau helped lead us on our journey from Boston, through the wilderness of the Bay Path to Oxford. As we arrived closer to our reserved area, we could see charred areas where the Nipmuck Indians had burned to make space for farming.”

“The longer we spent in Oxford the more comfortable and adjusted we had begun to feel in our new home. During the 10 years that we lived near the Fort, we had created many jobs that have made this community a real town. There were gristmills for corn and leather tanners to make gloves and hats. My father, whose usual job was farming, spend a lot of time working at the new sawmill.”

The above paragraphs are from a winner’s entry in the annual Memorial Day essay contest, for the town’s schoolchildren, sanctioned by the Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford. The town’s children start to learn of the Huguenots at an early age. For about a haft century, the society has been conducting these schoolchildren essay contests, year after year, and this is not the only way Oxford celebrates its Huguenot history.

There is a Huguenot float in town parades. “Huguenot Square” is the name of the town center. “Huguenot Arms “is the name of the elderly housing unit. “Huguenot Steamer No.1” is the name of the Fire Department Museum. The well-marked “Huguenot Road” leads past the 400-year-old “Huguenot Oak,” to the ruins of the old “Huguenot Fort,” where Easter Sunrise Services are conducted on the “Huguenot Altar,” and well-attended annual picnics occur, each with a different Huguenot theme.

Two years before the Mystre of Nimes designed the 1688 Huguenot Cross, the Oxford Huguenots began their Massachusetts settlement to which they walked more than 50 miles from Boston, over three days, with wagons lumbering alongside loaded with household goods, farm implements, and supplies. They built a complete community, homes, church, productive mills, a fort for safety, and planted gardens, vineyards and orchards.

The Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford Massachusetts, formed in June 1881, laid a cornerstone at the location of the original fort for a suitable future monument. Three years later, in the fall of 1884, the monument was completed and dedicated with an appropriate ceremony. The well-maintained monument is beautiful, a granite cross 13 feet high, standing on a 4-foot square base with two sides engraved in English and two sides engraved in French. The National Historic Register certified the Oxford Huguenot Fort to the registry in 1988.

The Society meets often; its newsletter is the “Huguenot Voice.” It has worked to keep Huguenot history alive for the past 133 years, beginning 50 years before the founding of the National Huguenot Society, and their activities continue today. Indian attacks finally forced the Huguenots to abandon their early Oxford settlement in 1704. However, each generation learns the story anew, so Oxford will never forget the Huguenots.



Fred Herbert, Huguenot Society of Connecticut, at the Town of Oxford's "Huguenot Steamer No. 1" Fire Department Museum

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS, SUPPLEMENTALS, AND YOUTH REGISTRATION

Alabama

Harriet Popwell Anthony

Ancestor: John Pankey/Panetier

Arizona

Ann Louise Taylor Curry

Ancestor: Daniel Perrine/Pareyn

Karen Lee Speer Davis

Ancestor: Robert Brasseur/Brashear

Kathy J. Foley Machmer

Ancestor: William Vassall

Arkansas

Seth Brian Cook

Ancestor: Mathieu Agee

Florida

Nancy Corwin

transfer from TX to FL

Jennifer Jarvis Peerson Kaufman

Ancestor: David desMarest/Demarest

Michael Dominik Dangl

Ancestor: Pierre Feret

Peggy Ann Nettleton Stottmann

Ancestor: Louis DuBois

Victoria Lee Schulz Facemire

Ancestor: Pierre Bowdoin/Baudoin

Andrea Lynch Cole

Ancestor: Francis Posey

Georgia

Mary Elizabeth Swann Whitley

Ancestor: Marquis de Jean Paul Hulings

Susan Jeannette Beach Sloan

Ancestor: Louis DuBois

David Kirk Peavy, Jr.

Ancestor: John Root/Route

Rachel Bloodworth Walker Lewis

Ancestor: Jerome Dumas

Jane Virginia Parker Rogers

Ancestor: Jean de la Fontaine

Kelly Leigh Jackson

Ancestor: Jean de la Fontaine

Illinois

Linda Lou Wisner Wingstrom

Ancestor: Jacques deSellaire/Sallière/Cellier/Zeller

Sonja Hayes reinstatement

Ancestor: Antoine Crispell

Karen Jeanne Holmes Malone

Ancestor: Jacques/Jacob Remy/Ramey

Kentucky

Kenney Shropshire Roseberry

Ancestor Michael Mauzé/Mauzy

Sidney Clay Roseberry, Jr.

Ancestor Michael Mauzé/Mauzy

Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Reynolds Kuster

Ancestor: Nicolas Martiau

Theodore Roosevelt Kuster

Ancestor: Heinrich Frey

Mississippi

Clarissa Louise Behr Davis, D.M.

Ancestor: Joris Janssen de Rapalje

Evana Christie Davis Bock

Ancestor: Joris Janssen de Rapalje

Eleana Michele Davis

Ancestor: Joris Janssen de Rapalje

Missouri

Patricia Ruth Larkin Horton Supp. #1

Ancestor: Jean Crocheron

Janice Jean Richey Stevens

Ancestor: David Demarest

Marilyn Jean Ravenscraft Feaster

Ancestor: Jean Augustine/John Gustin

Nevada

Lois Ann Strong Shoupe

Ancestor: Jacques Pineau/Pineo

North Carolina

Carol Aileen Campbell Boyd Jutte
Mary Erwin Roff Long

Ancestor: Rev. Jean Ranc
Ancestor: Joris Janson Rapalje

Oklahoma

Larry Scott Koger
Joyce Ann Williams

Ancestor: Antoine Crocketagné
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Pennsylvania

John Howard Frantz

Ancestor: Paulus Frantz

Tennessee

Theresa Ann Swafford
Benjamin Meredith Johnson
Joyce Ann Thorp Johnson
Katherine Anne McGrath
Kimberley Joyce McGrath
Norma Gordon Viall Scales
Beverly Jane Jay Martin

Ancestor: Guillaume Fouquet/Fugua
Ancestor: Jean Brevard
Ancestor: Robert dePriest/Prest/Press
Ancestor: Robert dePriest/Prest/Press
Ancestor: Robert dePriest/Prest/Press
Ancestor: Leonard Dozier
Ancestor: Pierre Prevatte

Texas

Lois Jones
Sonja Bolton
David Berton Meade
William Avey Wood, Jr.
Nancy Hess Blackburn
Elaine Hamlin
Micheal Thompson Wells
Sasha Anne Wells

transfer to TX
transfer to TX
Ancestor: Jacques Mathieu
Ancestor: Jean George Goux/Goud
Ancestor: Abraham Soblet/Sublet(te)
Ancestor: Mareen Devall
Ancestor: Etienne Cheneau/Chenault
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Virginia

Roderick Macdonald III
Suzanne Fichter
Janice Ilene Miller Welch
Catherine Lee Wills Brudvig
Magdalena Rachel Brudvig
Rebecca Anne Wills Burke
Ian Matthew Burke
Devlin Michael Burke
David Micah Loveday
Diana Lynn Bakke
Kenneth A. Burt
George B. Salley, Jr.
Judith Anne Jackson Scovronski

Ancestor: Thomas Bonnel(1)
Dual membership DC & VA
Ancestor: Rev. William Gillet(t)/Gyllet
Ancestor: Cornelius 'Aubigné/Aubigney/Dabney
Ancestor: Cornelius d'Aubigné/Aubigney/Dabney
Ancestor: Jacques/Jacob Remy/Remey
Trans. From FL Ancestor: Pierre Bruyere
Dual Membership GA & VA
Ancestor: Vincent Rongnion/Runyon

How To Obtain Copies of The Cross

Copies of The Cross may be obtained by contacting the NHS office in San Antonio by telephone (210-366-9995) or by email (natlhugsoc@att.net). Individual members may obtain one copy for free. State Member Societies may obtain up to 3 copies free; for requests of 4-8 copies, there is a charge of \$5.00 for postage and packaging. For those other than State Members Societies, the cost is \$3.00 per copy, which includes postage.

NECROLOGY REPORT FOR 2013

ARKANSAS

Alma Nell Brown, 6/11/2013
Nadia Elizabeth Price Strid 9/28/2013
Tara Hardin Black, 11/28/2013

CONNECTICUT

John Strang, 3/25/2012

FLORIDA

Ruth Burr Powell, 4/14/2013
Sarah Clark Wilbanks, 5/5/2013
Beckwith Lockwood James Bowen, 6/12/2013

ILLINOIS

Lois Marie Culver Kline, 6/20/2013
Esther Reed, 10/4/2013

INDIANA

Gwendolyn S. Moburg, 1/1/2013
Jack Ray Reber, 1/7/2013
Earl Mann, 7/16/2013
Marshall Eldon Miller, 8/3/2013
Jane Elizabeth Crugar Haenisch, 8/11/2013

KANSAS

Ruby G. Griffith, 5/21/2013
Betty James Bernstorf, 10/31/2013

KENTUCKY

David Arthur Jones, 4/20/2013
Mrs. Harold Nickell (Helen Cortis Stacy), 5/29/2013

MEMBERS AT LARGE

S. Kay Montgomery, Iowa, 12/12/2013
Walter Fred Mason, Montana 5/8/2013

NEVADA

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NOTICE OF THE 2015 WORLD HUGUENOT CENTER INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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WINNERS OF THE YOUTH CONTEST 2013 AND THEIR SUBMISSIONS

Rachel Hood, The Level 3 First Place Winner, Awarded the \$500 Prize

What I've Learned about the Migrations of Huguenots to Other Lands
by Rachel Hood, Youth Registrant, Huguenot Society of Tennessee
(Age 15, Tenth Grade, Walker Valley High School)

The Huguenots were members of France's reformed church. It was their belief that salvation was acquired through a person's own faith and not through the church. However, this idea was scorned by most of the people in 16th century France, and because of this the Huguenots would proceed to be persecuted. In order to escape from the persecution, many of the Huguenots were forced to flee France for other lands. It is estimated that about a quarter of a million Huguenots left France for places such as: South Africa, North America, the Netherlands, Wales, England, Ireland, Germany and Scandinavia.

The Huguenot settlement in South Africa began as individual settlers along the Cape of Good Hope. Later on, more Huguenots arrived and started a settlement in Franschoek, Dutch for "French Corner". The Huguenots who fled to South Africa left a lasting impression on the area, many farms and families in the Western Cape Province still bear French names.

While some of the Huguenots escaped south to Africa, others headed west to North America. In 1562, Jean Ribault established the first Huguenot settlement in North America. The settlement was called Fort Caroline and was located in present-day Jacksonville Florida. However this settlement was short lived, in 1565 Spanish soldiers, trying to defend La Florida, attacked and killed Ribault and many of his followers. The next group of Huguenot refugees to come to North America settled in a Dutch colony called New Netherland. In 1628, these settlers formed L'Église Française à la Nouvelle-Amsterdam (the French church in New Amsterdam). This church continues today as L'Eglise du Saint-Esprit; part of the Episcopal (Anglican) denomination. Later in 1700, several hundred Huguenots came to the colony of Virginia from England, after being promised land grants in Lower Norfolk County.

Many Huguenots fled France for other continents, but some remained in Europe, fleeing instead to the Netherlands, Wales, England, and Ireland. Many Huguenots fought alongside the Dutch during the Dutch Revolt, so the Dutch Republic was a place of safety for many Huguenot refugees. Some of the Huguenots settled in Wales, where a little bit of their French heritage still remains. While only some Huguenots went to Wales, it is estimated that over 50,000 Huguenots and Protestant Walloons fled to England. Many of the Huguenots that escaped to England were weavers, and many of the weaver's windows on their houses continue to survive today. A good portion of the Huguenots who fled to England later moved to Ireland, encouraged by Parliaments' act concerning Protestants settling in Ireland. The Huguenots who moved their contributed to Ireland's flax and linen production. Some of the Huguenots rose to people of importance, serving as mayors in Dublin, Cork, Youghal and Waterford in the 17th and 18th centuries.

An estimated 50,000 Huguenots fled to safety in the mostly Protestant counties of Germany and Scandinavia. About 20,000 of these were welcomed in Brandenburg-Prussia and were granted special privileges. Others moved to Berlin and created two new neighborhoods: Dorotheenstadt and Friedrichstadt. Some of these Huguenots immigrated to America in the 1890s. In Bad Karlshafen, there is a Huguenot museum and archive.

In conclusion, Hundreds of thousands of Huguenots fled France, most of them remained in Europe, but some fled to an entirely different continent. Just about everywhere they went though, they left a lasting impression on the area, some of these can still be seen today, such as the weavers windows or the Huguenot Museum, but I think that the greatest impression made is the fact that we as descendants still continue to honor and remember the sacrifices and journeys that the Huguenots made for their faith.

Samuel Hood, TN Society Youth Registrant, Wins The \$200 First Place Prize for Level 2

Book Report on Huguenot Garden

by Samuel Hood, Youth Registrant, Huguenot Society of Tennessee

(Age 11, Sixth Grade, Ocoee Middle School)

Did you ever read a story about a high ruler makes a law to only follow his religion and someone didn't because they believe in their own religion? I have read one of those books and I would like to tell you about it.

The book I am talking about is called Huguenot Garden. The main characters are Renee and Albert with their family, the Martineau family. What happened in the first chapter of the book, Renee and Albert went to get some groceries with their brother Abraham. When they were going to one of the shops, they saw the king's soldiers proclaiming something. When they got home they learned that their father was in the crowd and he said the king may bring his soldiers to live in the Huguenots home. Father and mother help calm down their children with Psalms and put them to bed. In chapter two, you learn that their mother is pregnant so the twins help clean up her room and made her poppy necklaces. After that, they made a meal for a sick family named the Boucher family. After that they had their own meal and went to bed.

In the third chapter the twins did not know what happened on St. Bartholomew's Day, and they thought it was a good day and asked their mom if they could go to the celebration. Their mother told them that this day was a sad day for the Huguenots. That night they had relatives over for mourning about that day. In the middle and ending chapters, the mother had her baby and she named her Phoebe. Phoebe was baptized at church that Sunday and later that evening they were forced to have dragoons in their house and go to the Roman Church of the king.

The next day they left their town and went to the country to live with their Uncle Philippe. That Sunday when they went to church they saw that their church was destroyed. They had a secret place where they could worship, but during the sermon the dragoons came. The pastor told everyone to run deep into the woods and he would buy them some time by getting himself captured. They never saw him again. When they got back to the farm they decided to leave for England. But the first person that said he would help them was forced to leave by the dragoons. The second one that said he would take them hid his boat and they got to England. Abraham wanted to be a pastor and follow ministry. The families lived in peace for the rest of their lives.

I find this story really interesting. The Martineau family was independent and went against the king when he made laws to stop them, but they stayed with their religion.

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