"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"
The headline of the 2015 *Financial Times* article caught my eye immediately. “Lunch with Axel Dumas, Hermès: ‘Like most Protestants, we think long term and do not like to have debts.”’ [Jo Ellison, *Financial Times*, 2015.]

What could being Protestant have to do with Hermès International, one of the most iconic luxury goods brands in the world? Lots, apparently. The Hermès story dates back to 1837, with Thierry Hermès, who was born in Krefeld, which was then in France but is now in Germany. He was orphaned, but went on to found a leather goods store in Paris in 1837, making harnesses for haute société’s carriages and equipage. An important part of the family narrative is their Protestantism. This was explained by the late Jean-Louis Dumas, a Protestant whose funeral was held at the Reformed church of the Holy Spirit in Paris in 2016. [“Jean-Louis Dumas Dead at 72,” by Godfrey Deeny, *Fashion Wire Daily*, June 8, 2016.]

He said that being persecuted for their religion “contributed to Hermès’s success in the luxury business; by keeping to themselves, the family learned to succeed as merchants.” [Dana Thomas, Deluxe: *How Luxury Lost Its Luster*. Penguin Group (USA) LLC (2007).]

Axel Dumas, a sixth generation Hermès, has also publicly alluded to the importance of generational family values including valuing high-quality work and a Protestant capitalism work ethic. When he was interviewed by the *Financial Times* as the newly appointed descendant to run the luxury goods enterprise in 2015, he said, “Craft culture is a part of the family’s creed, says Axel Dumas: “I think, in a sense Max Weber...the sociologist and economist who wrote ‘Protestant ethics and the spirit of Capitalism’—which, like most Protestants in France, we believe in know-how. We think long term and we do not like to have debts.”’ [Financial Times, 2015.]

The highest quality of perfectionism is a mantra within the company, cost being secondary or lower in priority. Every family member involved in the company has the proper skills—encouraged and mentored by senior family mentors to obtain an education and broaden their perspective with other work experience first. One of their fundamental tenets is to appreciate their humble trade--Jean-Louis Dumas viewed the family and its artisan workers as peasants, “working the land to yield fruit.” [From Hermès To Eternity, by Laura Jacobs, *Vanity Fair*, September 2007.]

Axel Dumas’s grandmother was a Hermès, who married Robert Dumas.

The company’s organizational chart apparently has always, and continues today, to read a bit as a genealogical family tree chart. Thierry Hermès’s son, Émile-Charles Hermès, maintained the success of his father’s store and expanded it somewhat. But it was Émile-Charles’s son, Émile-Maurice, who died in 1951, who led the store to international status and significantly expanded its product line into silk and other goods. Émile-Maurice had four daughters, one of whom married Robert Dumas, who took over management in 1951, and one of whom married Jean-René Guérandard, who became a co-manager in 1951. Axel Hermès now serves as Chief Executive; Pierre-Alexis Dumas, his cousin who is Jean-Louis Dumas’s son, serves as the EVP Artistic director, signing off that every product maintains the spirit and image of Hermès; and his other cousin, (female) Pascale Mussard (descended from the Guérandard line), now serves as the head of “Petit h” division, which repurposes elements of the Hermès company’s raw materials and accoutrements into new products. It should be noted that Pierre-Alexis is one of the directors of the Protestant Solidarity of France and Armenia Association. [wikipedia, January 2017, citing Voir sa fiche. Reforme: Un regard protestant sur l’actualité politique, religieuse, économique, sociale et culturelle.” Reforme.net] It may also be of interest to learn that there are numerous other cousins and family members involved as owners of the company, and that their individual net worth might reach, if not exceed, $1 billion apiece.

The Hermès brand is a longstanding part of what has been known for more than a century as the “H.S.P.”, or “Haute Société Protestant” in France, “a powerful minority within a predominantly Catholic country.” [“Jean-Louis Dumas Dead at 72,” by Godfrey Deeny, *Fashion Wire Daily*, June 8, 2016.] The family is an example of the Huguenots who stayed in France despite the dangers of persecution.
THE PRESIDENT GENERAL’S REPORT TO CONGRESS

My Fellow Huguenots,

It is that time again when we are starting to think about our April meeting. The reservation form is in this issue of The Cross. Please be sure and to send it and your check by the deadline.

Our proposed meeting in Charleston came to an abrupt end, due to Hurricane Matthew. After watching the Weather Channel for 3 days and finally hearing the Mayor of Charleston ask people to stay clear of his city, I had to make the hard choice to cancel our meeting. Perhaps if I could have waited a few more days, that might have changed but a timely cancellation meant no one would lose money on plane tickets, hotel reservations, etc. I thank those who contacted me afterwards to say that I was right to do what I did. I appreciated that very much.

One more thing re Charleston. First Vice President General Sandra Staley took it upon herself to make a “reconnaissance” visit to Charleston. She stayed at the hotel, talked to the staff, checked out the menus, and gave me valuable information. It was a blessing and I appreciated it so much. So, kudos to Sandra!

Fortunately, some of the items that were on the October 2016 meeting agenda were dealt with via email. We will decide at the April 2017 meeting where the next Congress will be. The main item of the October 2017 meeting will be the election of new national officers, so we definitely need to meet next October!

The April 2017 meeting will follow the usual pattern – Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m., General Meeting at 10:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon. Final details will be sent to all officers, chairmen and state presidents in March. One of the main orders of business will be the selection of the Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend.

We are excited about a new item. Pamela Wright has designed a charm for us. There is a form to order it in this issue of The Cross. An informal poll was taken last fall to find out if there was interest in such an item. It showed that there were several of you who like to purchase it, so we decided to go forward. It is designed to go on a chain or bracelet – it is not for use on a branch bar. This is more of a logo, not the national symbol, which is still the Cross of Languedoc. A picture of the charm appears in this Cross. The charm is 1 inch in length and 0.7” wide. Our National Office in San Antonio will be handling the orders. A Charm Order Form is included in this Cross issue and on our website, www.huguenot.netnation.com.

I look forward to seeing many of you in D.C. in April. Always a busy time but everyone seems to enjoy it. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome. I appreciate hearing from you.

En la foi,

Jeannine
Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

NHS Charm Order Form for Members

Name________________________________________________________ Member #_________________________
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Phone: Home ______________________ Cell:_____________________   Email _____________________________
Number of charms _________ X $30 each = $_______:______
Postage is included in the price. Make checks payable to The National Huguenot Society. Mail this form and your check to:
National Huguenot Society
7340 Blanco Road, Suite 104
San Antonio, TX 78216-4970
CALL TO MEETINGS AND LUNCHEON
12 APRIL 2017
Mayflower Renaissance Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20016

PLEASE JOIN US for a NHS Board Meeting (for Board Members only), a General Council Meeting (open to all) and a Luncheon on Wednesday, 12 April 2017, at the Mayflower. Dress code is business casual: jackets and ties for men, business attire for women.

10:00 a.m. Board of General Officers Meeting (Board, please be prepared to meet after the General Meeting or luncheon to finish up any unfinished business.)
11:00 a.m. General Council Meeting for State Presidents, Committee Members, and all interested Members and Guests.
12:00 noon Luncheon. $80 per person if up to 2 alcoholic beverages are desired; OR $60 per person if no alcoholic beverages are desired.
1:00 p.m. Necrology Service by Chaplain General Joel Strauch and President General Jeannine Kallal. Program to follow.
1:45 p.m. Adjourn Luncheon and vacate dining room.
2:00 p.m. As needed, reconvene Board or General meetings, or convene Committee Meetings.

We hope to see many of you there!

The Registration Fee to attend the either the Board Meeting or the General Council Meeting, or both, is $10/person. The price of the luncheon is stated above.

Before 1 April 2017, please send
• your registration form (given below) or the information itself,
• AND your check, payable to the National Huguenot Society,
• to: Janice M. Lorenz, 8340 Greensboro Drive, Unit 514, McLean, VA 22102-3504

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NOTE TO ALL: This order form is also posted on our national website: www.huguenot.netnation.com.
OFFICERS REPORTS

Registrar General

This semi-annual report on new members, supplemental applications and youth registrations is dated from Jun 1 thru Dec 31, 2016.

Thirty Four new member applications were approved & 6 applications are pending. Of these, 2 new ancestors were approved: Peter Mallard and Sebastian Cline. Fourteen supplemental applications were approved including a new ancestor, Jacques Remy. Fifty requests for information about membership from the website have been answered. Address corrections, deceased members, journal returns, and dropped/resigned member information are being made to the Master List. The biggest job is updating the master mailing list and is constantly being thoroughly reviewed for errors in additions and corrections. Each State Registrar will be asked to review their current mailing lists and promptly report any changes.

This officer sincerely appreciates everyone for their assistance in helping the RG headquarters and the team effort is good. More help is accepted with cheery smiles and gratitude.

Submitted by:
Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Registrar General

Organizing Secretary General

We have several Societies that are still struggling at this time: DC and Kansas both need a President, Registrar and Treasurer. As most of you know, New York has disbanded. I reported in April that CT had lost its President by death and after contacting the members of that state society no one seemed interested in taking a leadership role.

Nancy Brennan received recent information that a chapter in Northern California is interested in revitalizing. We will hopefully assist them in getting that chapter up and going again.

Surely some of us have friends from our other lineage organizations in these disbanded states that are of Huguenot descent. You may also know some of our Huguenot members who currently reside in one of these challenged states. Please reach out to them and see if they may be interested in forming or reactivating a Society by taking an office. Then have them contact me and I will help them to the best of my ability. We cannot afford to lose our connection to these state Societies!

My contact email address is: jbw81574@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing that there is interest in getting these state Societies up and going again! Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the health of your state society. I am here to help.

With Huguenot faith and friendship,
Janet B. Walker, President

Genealogist General

As Genealogist General, this officer has assisted the Registrar General with supplemental applications, responded to email and written correspondence from individuals regarding Huguenot ancestors. Email requests are forwarded to the appropriate states if the request is regarding possible membership. Some emails are requesting further information on a Huguenot ancestor or a suspected Huguenot ancestor. This is supplied, if possible.

Huguenot Office:

This officer fills requests for duplicate copies of previously approved applications from those requesting them. In the past six months, nine copies of the 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society Fifth edition have been mailed, one copy of Historic Huguenot Sites and Burials, and thirteen copies of the 2016 Consolidated Update.
Deposits have been made to the bank and copies sent to the Treasurer General.

Scanning of applications and filing continues. Phone calls are returned, when possible, however since the office is not staffed daily, the telephone is not the most effective way to communicate with the office. Emails are checked daily.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wright Brennan, Genealogist General, Office Manager

Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus’s Report Fall 2016

This officer was very disappointed that it was necessary for the 2016 Annual Congress to be cancelled. She was looking forward to visiting Charleston, SC, as everyone else was, and especially looking forward to being with her Huguenot friends after missing the General Council and Board meetings in Washington, D.C., last April.

She is most grateful for the prayers and expressions of sympathy and condolences sent to her and her family during the final days of her husband’s time of suffering and death which occurred a few days before the April meetings. Such thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

As appointed Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chairman, this officer has had the responsibility of billing and collecting dues of the Members-at-Large of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., as well as those of the members of six disbanded and inactive State Member Societies who continued their membership without having transferred to another State Society or to Member-at-Large status.

It was determined that all of those remaining members from the disbanded and inactive state societies could no longer remain members without transferring to an active State Member Society or to Member-at-Large status.

During the course of the past year, this officer has completed the merger of those members of disbanded and inactive State Societies who wished to continue their membership into the Member-at-Large category or to active State Societies of their choice.

As a part of that process, this officer has purged the mailing lists maintained by this officer for purposes of billing and communication with all such members, as well as the Members-at-Large, to eliminate all those who had not paid dues for a period of two years or more, or have transferred to active State Member Societies.

This officer has processed and mailed dues statements for the merged and remaining Members-at-Large, including the Canadian members, being a total of 135.

It was an honor for this officer to represent The National Huguenot Society, Inc., at the annual banquet at the Texas State Conference of the Colonial Dames XVII Century in February. It provided an opportunity to answer questions and explain who the Huguenots were and what the National Huguenot Society, Inc., is all about.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus, Honorary President General
Assistant Treasurer/Membership Chairman
Alabama

The Annual General Business Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Alabama was held on September 24, 2016 at the Mountain Brook Club in Birmingham, Alabama. This was a dual meeting of the Huguenot Society of Alabama and The Alabama Branch of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. The gathering was attended more than 30 members and guests. There was a Board Meeting prior to the General Business Meeting and Educational Program. Steve Saxon, our Chaplain, delivered a lovely Invocation and the Assembly sang the Doxology and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Registrar, Kathryn Porter, announced that we have one new member, two applications submitted and two papers “in the works”. We were also sad to learn of the passing of one of our members, Mrs. Lillian White.

One highlight of the day was the wonderful program from Dr. James Herod. Dr. Herod, whose wife Martha helped with the slideshow presentation, gave an informative program on the Huguenot history. The program was titled, “Huguenots – Heretics or Heroes”. Dr. and Mrs. Herod live in south Alabama and Dr. Herod is an active member in the Alabama Branch of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin.

The General Business Meeting and Educational Program were followed by a lovely French meal that was enjoyed by all members and guest. The members and their guests lingered long into the afternoon talking with each other about family heritage and current events.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hornak, President

Arizona

Greetings from Arizona!

Our State Society held its first meeting of the 2016-2017 term at the Blue Water Grill in Phoenix, AZ on October 22nd. We met with the Magna Charta Dames and Barons, the Jamestowne Society, and, our newest group, the Descendants of Lady Godiva, a newly chartered Arizona society. Our program was “How marriage was viewed in the Middle Ages,” a portion of the video “Medieval Lives.”

We have five new members and three were inducted on Saturday. They are Jane Bowen, Shirley Thorne, wife of our Registrar John Thorne, and Lisa Reis. Not present for the photo were Evelyn and Ruth Nightingale. The induction ceremony was written and read by Lee T. Nelson, former Arizona Huguenot Society president. We have several prospective members so it is to be hoped that our society will continue to grow.

The Huguenot Society charm was discussed and some members have expressed an interest in its purchase. We are looking forward to the holidays and then to the last meeting of this administration in March when our new officers will be installed. Once again, these groups will come together in fellowship. These gatherings of different organizations are excellent sources for new members and, by speaking with others, our research skills are sharpened.

We send all of you our warmest Arizona wishes!

Sincerely,
Dusti Ide, President
Delaware

President Kim Burdick has continued to arrange interesting programs and speakers for the Delaware Society. At their September 2017 meeting, NHS Chaplain General Joel Strauch was the featured speaker. He presented a program entitled, *Huguenots—A Rich Vein in American Genealogy*. The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. and a light dinner was served. The meeting was held at the 18th century museum Hale-Byrnes House in Stanton, Delaware, near Newark, where historian and author Kim serves as the resident curator. Among her many activities in 2016 featuring the convergence of history and culture was an illustrated talk for The Archeological Society of Delaware on *How the Marquis Saved American Civilization*. Together with NHS Second VP General Christine Crossan, Kim and our Delaware members keep the Delaware Society humming along.

Janice Lorenz for Kim Burdick, President

Florida

David Bahn, the President of the Florida Society, provides this report, first about the state society as a whole, and then the specifics of the activities of the numerous chapters of our Florida Society. Florida is one of our largest state member societies.

Membership

Through October 2016, 7 new members have been approved. There are several more in process. State Registrar Cathy Paunov is working carefully to make sure that applications meet the current standards required of all of the lineage organizations. Thus far, we have had three deaths of long-time members: Don Randolph, Bill Thomas and Roger Smith.

State Matters

At the Annual State Society Meeting, David Bahn of the Fort Caroline Chapter presented a program on “Jean Ribault – Two Forts.” Jean Ribault was the first Huguenot to explore the Atlantic Coast in 1562-1565. He first discovered the May (St. Johns) River, the site of Fort Caroline in Jacksonville, and then sailed north to Beaufort, SC and founded the second Fort: Charlesfort. Undersea archeologists have recently discovered the wreckage of a French ship that might be part of Ribault’s fleet.

The state members voted to present three scholarships of $550 each to students attending Florida Universities: Chad Tucker and Alexander Douglas attend the University of Florida and Michael Dangl attends Florida State University.

Fleur des Lis Chapter

The Fleur de Lis Chapter serves the descendants of Huguenots residing in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Our normal tradition is to have two meetings per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Our venue is the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove. Because of the untimely passing of one of our longest-term members, Don Randolph, in March of 2016, we chose not to have a spring meeting. Our fall meeting was set for Thursday, November 10, 2016. Our tradition is first to have a brief business meeting followed by a lecture from one of our members and a light lunch. Our officers continue to be: J.B. deRosset, President; Freddy Neal, Chaplain; and Charlen Randolph, Treasurer.

Fort Caroline

The Chapter held two meetings during the year, returning to the Atlantic Beach Country Club, the completely rebuilt Selva Marina. Membership held essentially the same with only one member resigning. The program for the September 2016 meeting was a book report prepared by one of our members of the book “Lest Innocent Blood be Shed.” This is the story of rescue missions performed by French Protestants in Le Chambon, France during WW II. One new member application has been approved and several more are in progress in 2016.

Louis DuBois

Our 1st meeting for 2016 was held in June with a guest speaker Larry Vick, who is an active member and treasurer/registrar of the Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County and a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) and one of six 23 And Me Ancestry Ambassadors. We enjoyed his presentation about the use of DNA in genealogy.
The meeting included motions being made to donate $200 to the Allen Parker Scholarship Fund and to budget $100 for miscellaneous expenses. It was reported that the grandson of one of our members is the recipient of a $550 grant from the Scholarship Fund. Two membership applications have been approved and others are in process. The December 2016 meeting featured a 13th generation Huguenot descendant, art historian and archivist as our speaker.

Admiral Gaspard de Coligny
Our chapter held two meetings at the Tampa Bay Yacht and Country Club in 2016. Catherine Paunov entertained us in February with interesting stories about her Huguenot ancestors who settled in New Amsterdam. Cathy is serving as Registrar for our Florida State Huguenot Society. She is a co-author of “Magna Charta Sureties and their Castles: An Illustrated Guide.” In October, Doris Wooden shared her experience with DNA that she had submitted to Ancestry. Among her matches was a woman in New York who had been adopted in the 1950s as a newborn and was trying to find her birth family; contact with the state had provided little information about her birth parents. Louann contacted Doris who reviewed her family tree and narrowed the search to two cousins. On her way back to Florida from California, by way of her home state of Pennsylvania, Doris met with Louann and her cousins who provided more information about the possible birth mother who had passed away several years earlier. While visiting family, the possible birth father admitted that he was Louann’s father. Doris said that God used her to help Louann learn who her parents are. The power of DNA to help families come together is amazing.

Jean Calvin
The Jean Calvin Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Florida met three times last year as scheduled. Each business meeting began at 11:00 and was held in a private dining room at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota, FL. The restaurant served a sumptuous family style meal at noon after our business meeting followed by a program. In October 2015 our Chapter passed a Resolution honoring Monica Darling Douglas who chaired both the Chapter’s Karlene Darling Scholarship and the State’s Allen-Parker Scholarship for many years. Her family had helped establish both scholarships and had provided continuous support from the beginning. Another Resolution was passed naming John Brown as Very Important Person (V.I.P.) of our Chapter with a request for him to be named as an Honorary Member of the State Society. This action passed at the State Meeting in April 2016. Mr. Brown was not eligible for membership by ancestry but has been a regular attendee providing continuous support and willingness to transport members and set up flags at the meetings. Our membership waned and expanded throughout the year maintaining an average membership of 50. New Calvin Chapter Scholarship Chairman Melva Bartush announced the selection of Alexander Douglas III as recipient of the Chapter’s Karlene Darling Scholarship. Christina Roark presented a program on her Huguenot Marot ancestor line. Sharon Spry outlined the connections between her Huguenot Gedeon Merlet line as well as the connections to “filles du roi” (Roman Catholic Daughters of the King.) Penny Sapp urged us to attend National Huguenot Congress October 14-16, 2016 with a program outlining her Charleston, SC Huguenot ancestry. Once a year the Huguenot Church in Charleston holds a service in French and Congress attendees will be able to attend on October 16, 2016. Penny holds an active membership in the Huguenot Society of South Carolina and has Cuttino/Couthonnau cousins in the Charleston area.

Ernst d’Erlach
Ernst d’Erlach chapter membership currently stands at 20. The chapter regrets to report the deaths of two members during the past year: Lee Collison (died November 5, 2015), and Bill Thomas (died June 19, 2016). The chapter registrar is currently working with four prospective members. One member’s application approved in February 2016. The chapter meeting dates and venue are as follows: 2nd Saturdays of March, July, and November, at Woodland Towers, 113 W. Chipola Ave, DeLand, FL. The meetings begin at 11:00 am. Chapter officers are: President Marshall Brewton, Secretary Lila Sanstrom, Treasurer Ann Register, Registrar Charles Baker, Chaplain Kathryn Thomas, and Historian/Librarian Madeline May. The chapter donated $210.00 to the Allen-Parker scholarship fund for the 2015 calendar year, accepting the challenge from the Huguenot Society of Florida to donate at least $10 per member.

Georgia
The Huguenot Society of Georgia met on August 20, 2016 at the Atlanta Country Club in Marietta, Georgia. The program was “The Huguenot Society of Georgia 45th Anniversary” and included special memories presented by some of our members. Our state society through our President’s Project is continuing to place Huguenot related books in our state libraries. Members were encouraged to gather their old Cross magazines and donate them to their local library. Our society has many
interested prospects on our Prospective Member list but the challenge has been getting them to fill out the application and include their proofs. Georgia has recently had several children join the Youth Program of our National Society. The Zada Bird Brannen Scholarship administered by our state society and held by the Georgia Baptist Association was awarded last fall to Shelby Gowdy, a student at North Georgia University and a member of our society.

Janet Butler Walker, President

Illinois

September 17, 2016 marked the date of the Fall Meeting of the Illinois Society and the first year of participation at the statewide annual Illinois Heritage Alliance (Heritage Weekend). President Nancy Schultz convened this meeting in Peoria at the Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria with members, guests and prospective members including Madame President General Jeannine Kallal, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Registrar; Kimberly Nagy, Historian; Linda Mizell, Recording Secretary Pro Temp; Sonya Hayes, Jane Schleinzer. As a result of interest and enthusiasm for the Huguenot Society, Registrar Cary Stone-Greenstein has submitted three applications for verification. Another attendee has just to sign her completed application to also be submitted. The central location of the heritage event in Illinois did indeed increase the visibility of the Huguenot Society for those interested and for membership attendance.

The outing to the French restaurant, Chez Jacques, provided an opportunity for the Wisconsin and the Illinois societies to enjoy each others company with excellent French cuisine and music of the dulcimer provided by Rev. Peter Irvine. Director James Barr and President Nancy Schultz were in attendance.

Respectfully,
Nancy Schultz, President

Canadian Members at Large

Editor’s Note: The following report was submitted by our Canadian Huguenot friend, René E. S. Péron, Member at Large, along with an article about some of the historical research being done in Canada by one of his friends, published separately elsewhere in this issue. Both René and his wife are long-time members of NHS. They are both in their mid-90s and, although having recently found it necessary to move into a care facility to cope with his wife’s illness, René has been a stalwart email companion of this Editor. The following is from Monsieur Péron’s cover email to the Editor, which is worthy of publication on a number of levels. “As long as I live, I hope to be able to maintain communication with the National society and enjoy their publications. Unfortunately, [because my wife’s condition requires my attention]...several articles I would like to “pen” remain in abeyance.” Nevertheless, René has indeed penned the following report and gathered information for the other article. His devotion to Huguenot history in Canada is much appreciated by all of us.

Further to the undersigned’s report on page 21 of the fall 2016 issue of The Cross of Languedoc I feel it important to emphasise that Canada, as we now know it, was indeed founded by Huguenots although that fact was deliberately hidden. Possibly several, if not many, of these Huguenots were related in one way or another to those who, in the same era, emigrated to the U.S.

This being said it is also of import to let members of the Society know and realize the interaction there has existed over the centuries through the migration of folk from Nouvelle-France (Canada, and particularly Québec) to the States as well as
flow of people who came to Canada from the U.S. for various reasons and at times under unusual circumstances. It is also of interest to note that many of these migrants were of Huguenot descent. Suffice it to say that Pointe-Claire, a Montréal suburb, is now the home of much research on the subject under the impetus of one Jacques Gagné, a member and valued researcher of the Quebec Family History Society.

Said Society as well as Jacques Gagné, along with a few associates, have been, are, intensively searching for clues, records, archives, both on this continent and in Europe, leading to the discovery of Huguenot ancestors. Were it that the Canadian Huguenot society was still functioning, the combination of its records, many now held by the QFHS, and the new research undertaken, there would be and there is an accumulated wealth of data, web sites, and other tools now available to Canadians and, for that matter, to anyone becoming a member of QFHS.

We might be less numerous in Canada but we are no less proud of our heritage which draws its substance and history from the same sources as do U. S. citizens and members of The National Huguenot Society.

René Péron, Member at Large
Ottawa, October 2016

Mississippi

Mississippi Society met in October 2016.

North Carolina

The North Carolina officers continue to promote The National Huguenot Society and generate interest in joining the Society. Our main goal has been to increase membership.

The new procedures put in place in 2015 for voting on members via email and for the state president to follow up with welcoming the new member has helped our efforts in gaining 16 members.

Registrar Marie Thiele is ever the busy one…accepting, reviewing and sending in applications to National. As of October 20th, The Huguenot Society of North Carolina has 70 members. A memorial service will be held at our next meeting for member, Barbara Hall, who passed 12 days after her admission. We also had another member who moved to TX and, with that, her membership.
Having a state website has proven to be invaluable. We continue to be grateful for the job that the National Webmaster, Stephen Gerth, did in setting up and continually updating our website.

North Carolina will once again offer a $1,000 college scholarship to be presented at our April 2017 meeting.

With the slow selling of our NC History book, the Board subsequently approved to gift a copy to those in attendance at our April meeting who did not already have one. We continue to try and sell the book but we are planning to send a copy to as many North Carolina public libraries as we can.

In 2016, 5 members have been recognized for membership milestones and certificates were mailed to them: for 20 years - Carmen Hiott and Ysobel Litchfield; for 10 years - William Rozier, Libby McAteer and Elaine Baldasare. Three more membership certificates will be mailed before the end of this year.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-February to our April 8, 2017 meeting to our membership and individuals who are interested in The National Huguenot Society. We are looking forward to the program that will be presented by Mr. Randell Jones.

In Huguenot Faith,
Elaine Baldasare, President

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**Pennsylvania**

Fellow Huguenots

Our Reformation Sunday Service went very well, at the Pequea Evangelica Congregational Church, in memory of Rev. Gregory Dimick. Several of the congregation from the church attended and joined us afterwards for lunch.

The restoration on the Valley Forge Chapel’s “Window of Settlement” has begun. The work was postponed from September 2016 to January 2017 so the company could finish up other jobs. We are very excited about having the funds to restore this window, thanks to many of our current members and past members.

We are in the process of putting together a committee that will work on the plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania in 2018.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,
Lydia R. Freeman, President

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**Tennessee**

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee continues to meet regularly and has approximately 67 dues-paying members as well as several others whose dues are paid by the society (these are, typically, our members who are quite advanced in age).

Our Spring 2016 Assembly was held in a local Methodist church rather a country club. Members present at that meeting made positive comments about holding our meeting in a church and, as a result, we may begin to hold our meetings in Protestant churches throughout the state. Members of the church’s youth program volunteered to serve as waiters and waitresses during the luncheon portion of the meeting. These young people were preparing to go on a mission trip to El Salvador in the summer. The society showed its appreciation to them by making a generous donation toward their mission trip.

The 2016 Fall Assembly was held at the Fairyland Club on Lookout Mountain. Although no program was planned for the meeting, our Vice-President, Carolyn Marvil, offered to give a presentation regarding her trip to Charleston, SC and the
Huguenot Church. She provided handouts that featured rich, detailed photographs of the major features of the church and highlights of the town. It was a very interesting presentation.

Following VP Marvil’s presentation, our Chaplain, Lenore Levy, performed a memorial service for the members of our society who have passed away since the last memorial service. As usual, Lenore did a wonderful job. We are very fortunate to have her as our Chaplain.

The business portion of the meeting consisted of an ambitious agenda with a great deal of lively, productive discussion. The approved changes to the by-laws are as follows:

1. The by-laws will no longer state that every meeting will be held in Chattanooga. The by-laws will now read that the Fall Assembly will be held in the Chattanooga area and that the Spring Assembly will be held within the state of Tennessee.

2. Those applying for Full Membership will be strongly encouraged to attend at least one meeting in person prior to his/her application being forwarded to the national society by the state registrar. This can be waived, on a case-by-case basis, if circumstances warrant it.

3. All dollar amounts mentioned in the by-laws will be removed. Any dollar amounts for fee, dues, etc. will be placed in a new “Standing Rules” document.

4. The officer positions of Surgeon and Captain of the Color Guard were eliminated. Care of the society’s flags will now be the responsibility of the curator.

We have begun donating copies of the book “Hammer of the Huguenots” throughout the state in hopes that it will generate awareness and interest in Huguenot history. The story in the book takes place in France in the early years of the Protestant Reformation (prior to the massacre that took place on St. Bartholomew’s Day in 1572). It was written with a middle-school-age audience in mind. The back of the book has excellent timeline of Huguenot history and a helpful glossary of terms.

The Tennessee Society was able to send a gift of 465 € (Euros) to help with the restoration of the old church in St. Jean du Gard in southern France. We have received a couple of “Thank you” letters that (once they are accurately translated from French) will be read at the next meeting. What can be discerned at this point is that they are very grateful for our gift and they want us to remain in contact and perhaps visit the area and learn about their history. We may try to send another donation to St. Jean du Gard in the near future. Meanwhile, the Tennessee Society sent a picture of our Society members with a poster presentation about our donation and the thanks we received from the St. Jean du Gard church.

[Note from the Editor: John Hood also produces a newsletter for the Tennessee Society. If you are interested in starting one for your state society, please contact him for details as to how he developed his very professional-looking and informative newsletter.]

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Hood, President
Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia is revisiting its scholarship fund guidelines. At the moment, Virginia has the same requirements as national; however, we have been unable to issue any state scholarships for several years, as we have not had an applicant who met the criteria. Therefore, we are exploring a scholarship fund focusing on undergraduate students with similar, but less stringent requirements.

We are also offering the opportunity to purchase magnetic name tags for our members in place of our current paper, necklace type arrangement.

We added one new member since our spring National meeting, David Andrew Harris, and have several other applications working their way through the process. Sadly, we lost member Lorraine Jones Andrews.

Our next Huguenot Society of Virginia meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 22 Oct 2016 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossing Hotel and Conference Center, Glen Allen, VA. For our guest speaker we are pleased to have Dr. Ryan K. Smith, Professor of History, Virginia Commonwealth University who will speak on Huguenot burials in the wider context of Richmond’s historical cemeteries.

Among the agenda items for our meeting will be a memorial service for Lorraine Jones Andrews and the selection of a committee to prepare a slate for our organization’s next group of officers, which will take office in the Spring of 2017. We will also relay any subject matter stemming from the National meeting.

In Huguenot Faith,
Stuart A. Whitehead, President

Washington, DC

Editor’s Note: Although the Washington, DC Society is currently inactive, we are delighted to report that its Registrar, James Dewey O’Brien, has reached age 100, and is still going strong and staying in touch with friends and family. We are hoping to see NHS Honorary President General Neoma O. O’Brien, who is Washington, DC’s Corresponding Secretary, at our NHS Board meeting at the Mayflower in April.

Wisconsin

The Huguenot Society of Wisconsin met at the Milwaukee Art Museum on the Episcopal Feast Day of John Calvin on May 28. Barbara Brown Lee, longtime docent at the museum and member of the Society, led us on a tour of the French Collection and other outstanding works of art, including silver vessels crafted by Paul Revere, Huguenot and American patriot (see photo). Seventeen members attended the luncheon and program, including Jim Barr (past president of the Illinois Society), Joan Brammer, Karen Bromer (past president of the Wisconsin Society), Carol Chew (secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Society), Daniel Chew (photographer), Travis DuPriest (vice president of the Wisconsin Society), Mabel DuPriest, Elizabeth Echols, Sharon Echols, Jack Frederickson, Susan Frederickson (member of the Illinois Society), Peter Irvine (president of the Wisconsin Society), Bee Janssen, Charlotte Pronnet, Josef Pronnet, and Robert Schenck (past president of the Holland Society). Our next meeting will take place October 29th, the Eve of Reformation Sunday, at Chez Jacques in Milwaukee, and will feature a program on the life and music of Claude Goudimel, Huguenot composer and martyr.

In Huguenot Faith,
Rev. Peter Irvine, President
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND YOUTH REGISTRANTS!

Alabama
Angela Comfort  Ancestor: Jacques Garrigues
Robert Martin Cheney, Jr.  Ancestor: Pierre Dutoit
Elizabeth Cheney Sewell  Ancestor: Pierre Dutoit

Arkansas
Richard Michael DeLaughter  Ancestor: David De Lattre, Jr.
Richard’s three daughters, Karina, Jenna Marie, and Janna Renee, are Youth Registrants
Janice Fayethurow King  Ancestor: John Fonvielle
Susan Louise Wilkinson  Ancestor: Antoine Desasure Perronett de Crocketagne

Arizona
Martha Jane Genter Bowen  Ancestor: Casper Elias Diller
Shirley Ann Walsh Thorne  Ancestor: Joris Janszen Rapalje
Patricia Ruth Nightingale  Ancestor: Guillaume Fouquet/Fuqua
Evelyn Marie Nightingale  Ancestor: Guillaume Fouquet/Fuqua
Lisa Marie Reis  Ancestor: Daniel Perrin/Perrine/Pareyn

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Victoria Kay Scott Ernst  Ancestor: Jaohn Mauzy, son of Michael Mauzy

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Mary Dianne Drake Boren  Ancestor: Vincent Rongnion/Runyou/Runyan
Sara Louise Stout  Ancestor: Willem Adraiense Bennet
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Theresa Jane Sawyer Cobb  Ancestor: Jacques (James) Jerauld/Gerould
Victoria Lea Valdes Kattel  Ancestor: Jean de la Fontaine

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Johnny Vincent Eads Peavy  Ancestor: John Root/Roote 1

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Mississippi
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North Carolina
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Sarah Elizabeth Deacon  Ancestor: Louis/Lewis Dupre/Dupree
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John Robert Harman, Jr.  Ancestor: Leonard d’Auge
Jesse Robert Boykin III  Ancestor: Thomas Lamar
Eleanor Braxton Cline Ruziecki  Ancestor: NEW ANCESTOR: Sebastian Bostian Cline

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Martha Jane Everman Jones  Ancestor: Henri Marchand
Robert Elton Gindratt  Ancestor: Abraham Gindrat

Virginia
David Andrew Harris  Ancestor: Chrestien DuBois
John Speers Holt  Ancestor: Pierre/Peter Garrad

NECROLOGY: FAREWELL TO OUR DEARLY DEPARTED HUGUENOT MEMBERS

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California
Barbara Jean McNew 10/22/2016

Florida
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Robert Burt

Illinois
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Tennessee
Alice DuBose Conlin

Texas
Frederick P. Atchley 4/30/2016
Jay Stuart MacManus 4/13/2016

Virginia
Lorraine Jones Andrews 6/22/2016

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General
Committee Reports

Publications

We were very pleased to have published in late September 2016 a *Consolidated Update to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society Fifth Edition 2012*. It is meant to be used for genealogical research in conjunction with the 2012 publication. It contains updates for the years 2013-2015, including new approved Huguenot ancestors, revised or expanded ancestor lineages, corrections to the 2012 Ancestor Register, and a new closed line. Per our customary practice, we are selling the book directly to members and nonmembers through our website, our San Antonio office, at a price of $14 plus $4 shipping for members, or $17 plus $4 shipping for nonmembers. The Consolidated Update book is also sold online through vendors such as Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.

In addition, we are still steadily selling our *2012 Ancestor Register* from the San Antonio office and online, at the rate of more than 35/year online alone. We also continue to produce *The Cross of Languedoc* twice a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice M. Lorenz, Chairman

Webmaster Report

The Webmaster reported that he expects 2017 expenses for hosting our national website to cost approximately $300, payable in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen B. Gerth, Webmaster

TENNESSEE YOUTH NEWS

This is as reported in the Tennessee Society’s newsletter. We quote directly:

Every three years, the Mustang Marching Band at Walker Valley High School is invited to march in the London New Year’s Day parade. For the 2016 New Year’s Day parade, the Walker Valley band was once again invited to participate. John Hood had two children in the Walker Valley High School Band, his daughter Rachel (12th grade) and Sarah (10th grade). Since the band director had previously met John’s son Samuel (8th grade at middle school), he allowed Sam to march with the high school band. In addition to marching in the parade, they went on a number of small, guided tours. When there were periods of free time, John ran to the UK National Archives and later the family attended services at a church where their ancestors worshipped in the 1630’s during the reign of King Charles I.

Canadian Huguenot Connections

René Péron, our Huguenot friend in Canada, has suggested that someone study the relationship between the Huguenot migration in Canada and that of the United Empire Loyalists, who left the U.S. to settle in Canada after the American Revolution.
ANNOUNCING THE NHS YOUTH CONTEST WINNER FOR 2016

David Crossan, Jr., Grade 7, is the winner of the annual NHS Youth Contest in 2016, with his essay entry about Francis Marion. David attends Tall Oaks Classical School in Bear, Delaware, and is the grandson of NHS Second Vice President General, Christine Crossan. The following is David's essay.

Francis Marion and the Legend of the Swamp Fox

“Swamp Fox” is a book about Francis Marion who started out as a sickly boy who was born in 1732 at Goatfield Plantation in St. John’s Parish, Berkeley, South Carolina. He was the youngest of 6 children who loved adventure and playing in the swampland. His parents were Huguenots who had come over from France because of religious persecution. As an adult he moved to Belle Isle, Gabriel’s farm on the Santee River. His farm produced rice and indigo. South Carolina was very rich back in those days, mostly because of slave labor.

Marion volunteered to fight in a war against the Cherokee. The Cherokee had been attacking homes and people. The Americans beat the Cherokee. When the Cherokee war was over he went back to farming. He had a good reputation and was respected among many people. He was elected for the First South Carolina Provincial Congress. He volunteered to fight in the Revolutionary War as a commander. Marion didn’t have trained soldiers. All he had was a bunch of farmers in regular homemade clothing.

Marion and his band of farmers were ordered to meet General Gates. The band of about 20 men was so pathetic that the generals had a hard time keeping Gate’s men from laughing at Marion’s band. Major James had asked for a commander. Gates sent Francis to command the Williamsburg Militia. Marion wore a crescent on his hat that had liberty or death inscribed on it. Marion and his militia burned ships on the Santee River that the British could use to cross. Gates had been defeated at Camden. Tons of guns and soldiers were lost. Thomas Sumter’s army was made to surrender at Fishing Creek by Tarleton. A lot was lost in that battle yet not as much as at Camden. Marion’s militia was now the only soldiers left to fight of the Tories and Red Coats.

Marion went on annoying, attacking, and stealing from the British mostly during the night. Marion had a network of spies to keep the American army informed of the movements of the British. A small army of British were going to cross the Santee River, so the Militia attacked them on their way to the ferry. They gained much from the Army they attacked including 150 more troops. Most of the troops refused to go with Marion and/or deserted.

Marion became famous throughout the country because of the victory. Francis was always on the move. He had people join him on the way. After a battle the band would shrink back down to a few men. He liked to keep the British on their toes. The British became discouraged because of all the defeats they had experienced. He was not violent toward innocent men, except in battle. In one attack Colonel Ball was killed. Marion went raiding from encampment to encampment. Tory support in South Carolina declined as a result of the defeats. Marion was promoted to a General. Two British generals tried to capture and kill the Swamp Fox yet, of course, they could not. He got orders to go after all the British outposts along the Santee and Congaree rivers. They found a St Joseph’s plantation that had been taken over by the British. His band of troops set fire to the home.

Overall this was an amazing book that shows how amazing Huguenots are. This also shows that we all have a thing we can use to improve the world, we just need to find it and use it to glorify God and enjoy him forever. I love this book and would recommend it to anyone from ages 7-100. Many more books exist about Huguenots and how they are faithful to their faith.

Respectfully submitted,
David Crossan, Jr.
ANNOUNCING OUR NEW 2016 CONSOLIDATED UPDATE
to the Register of Qualified Huguenot ancestors of The National Huguenot Society Fifth Edition 2012

This 2016 Consolidated Update is a supplement to The National Huguenot Society’s previously published Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition 2012. You need this Consolidated Update supplement to stay current with
- New approved Huguenot ancestors;
- Revised or expanded ancestor lineages;
- Corrections to the 2012 Ancestor Register;
- New closed lineages.

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Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

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The city of Frankenthal, Germany and its oldest church have been shaped over the centuries by the historical forces of Christianity in Europe. Its origins date back to the medieval period with the establishment of a monastery and a convent. It later became one of the earliest cities of refuge in Germany for Protestants in the first decades of the Protestant Reformation. If anyone has a Protestant, refugee ancestor (be they Huguenot, Walloon, Dutch Reformed, etc.), then those ancestors may have lived for some time in Frankenthal in their search for a home where they could worship freely and in safety.

In the year 1119, a man from the city of Worms named Erkenbert donated land for the construction of an Augustinian abbey where the city of Frankenthal is now located (the city of Worms lies to north of Frankenthal). Erkenbert is held in high esteem by the Germans seeing as how references to him address him as “Blessed Erkenbert”, suggesting that he was close to being considered a saint.

About the time the abbey was to be consecrated in the year 1125, Erkenbert’s wife established a convent near the abbey. The abbey was known as “Greater Frankenthal” and the convent was known as “Lesser Frankenthal”. The abbey was formally given the name of “Abbey of St. Mary Magdalene”.

During the medieval period, it appears that Frankenthal consisted of little more than the abbey and the convent. It seems as though it was a pastoral, spiritual locale. This would not continue to be the case, however. As the storm clouds of the Protestant Reformation began gathering, Frankenthal would find itself drawn up in the storm of religious strife.

To the north of Frankenthal lies the city of Worms. It was in Worms in 1521 that a young monk named Martin Luther stood before the assembled authorities of the Holy Roman Empire (der Reichstag) and refused to recant his published works, stating, “Here I stand, I can do no other.” After Luther’s declaration, the populace of Worms was so rebellious that the next “Reichstag” meetings could no longer be held in Worms. Instead, they were held south of Frankenthal in the city of Speyer in 1525 and 1529. At the Reichstag in 1529, the Emperor decided to reverse his earlier decree that allowed limited religious freedom within the Empire and would (thereby) coerce all Germans to conform to Roman Catholicism. The electors and other nobles present who objected to this withdrawal of their religious freedoms wrote a letter of “protest” to the Emperor, and this is origin of the word “Protestant”. By lying between Worms and Speyer, Frankenthal was on the axis on which the Protestant Reformation in Germany was rotating. In addition to this, Frankenthal sits along an old, trans-continental migration trail in Europe and that made it a natural stop for people moving across Europe during the years of religious strife.

The Peasants’ War (also called the “Peasants’ Rebellion”) broke out across Germany in 1521 in response to Martin Luther’s appearance before the Reichstag at Worms and Luther’s subsequent disappearance. This war (or rebellion) wrought great destruction across Germany and Frankenthal was not spared. German peasants in the area raided, looted and severely damaged the abbey, the convent and ancillary buildings. The abbey and convent appeared to have languished over the next few decades.

Following the lead of Henry VIII in England, the Elector of the Palatinate, Frederick III, dissolved the abbey and convent in 1562 and seized their assets. In that same year, Frederick invited a group of Dutch Calvinists in Frankfurt to re-settle in
Frankenthal. These Dutch Calvinists first settled in Frankfurt after having fled the Inquisition that started in 1560 in their homeland under Philip II (of Spain). However, the Lutherans in Frankfurt were making life very rough for the Dutch Calvinists. The spiritual leader of the Dutch Calvinists in Frankfurt was a man named Petrus Dathenus (or “Pieter Datheen” in Dutch). When the invitation came from Frederick to relocate to Frankenthal, Dathenus/Datheen and his followers accepted the invitation. He and 58 families (total about 250 people) travelled from Frankfurt to Frankenthal and moved into the abandoned buildings of the abbey and the convent. They began to restore and renovate the buildings.

While Dutch Calvinists were seeking refuge, the Calvinists in France were still trying to negotiate a workable arrangement with the French court where they could still practice their religion freely and remain in France. John Calvin was still alive in 1562 and had been instructing his followers to heed the Apostle Paul’s instruction to obey government authorities and not to use their religion as an excuse to be rebellious. This led to a tolerable situation in France even after Calvin’s death in 1564. However, after the massacre on St. Bartholomew’s Day in 1572, Calvin’s followers started to question the belief that they could remain in France. Many of them decided that it was time to leave the country.

Huguenot and Walloon refugees began flowing into the nearby city of Heidelberg after 1572. Unfortunately, Elector Frederick III died in 1576 and he was succeeded by his son, Ludwig VI. Ludwig was a Lutheran and held his court in Heidelberg. One of Ludwig’s first acts upon assuming power was to expel all of the Calvinists (Huguenots, Walloons, Dutch Reformed, etc.) from Heidelberg. These groups sailed down the Rhein River and were welcomed in Frankenthal by Ludwig’s brother, Johan Casimir, who was a Calvinist. These were the first Huguenots to arrive in Frankenthal.

With the influx of these refugees, Frankenthal became a thriving city beginning around 1580 and lasting until 1618. The city became renowned for its textile industry. There were also goldsmiths in Frankenthal, and the city could also boast of having its own school of painting.

The Thirty Years War began in 1618 and was (largely) a war between the Protestants and an alliance of the Habsburgs and the Catholic League. Frankenthal lay very close to the front lines of the conflict and was soon caught-up in the to-and-fro movements of the combatants. In 1623, Spanish troops occupied the city and all were churches forced to function as Roman Catholic churches. Then in 1632, the city was liberated by the Swedes (on the side of the Protestants) but was later re-taken that same year by the Spaniards who held it until the end of the Thirty Years War. The Peace of Westphalia was concluded in 1648 and was meant to bring an end to the Thirty Years War. However, the parties who signed the treaty did not immediately abide by all of its terms. Although Spanish troops were supposed to have left Frankenthal, they did not evacuate the city until 1651. Although the protestant church was damaged, the Protestant community re-built their church and were able to worship freely again.

An engraving published by Matthäus Merian in 1650 of the city of Frankenthal shows the church in the center of the town, having exterior walls in the shape of a cross. The entire city is surrounded by fortified walls. The church is identified as the “Netherlander and French Church”. There is a smaller church nearby identified as the “German Church”. (Image from Topographia Palatinatus Rheni Et Vicinarum Regionum.)

By this time (1650-51), King Louis XIV of France had been on the throne for eight years. Louis XIV had begun his campaign to slowly put more and more restrictions on the Huguenots in France so as to force them back into the Roman Catholic Church. Although Louis forbade Huguenots to leave the country, small groups of refugees were escaping from France and many were settling in Frankenthal. From 1651 onward, there was a great influx of Huguenots and Walloons into Frankenthal. Although the church books have survived and been re-printed many times, the Minute Book of the Frankenthal church from this time period has just recently been published. As of this writing, it is published only in German with long, original quotations in French.
Huguenot refugees continued to arrive in Frankenthal over the decades. Some remained in Frankenthal while others were able to sail to North America on Dutch vessels until the Dutch holdings in North America were seized by the British in 1664.

All was peaceful and prosperous in Frankenthal until the outbreak of the Palatine War of Succession in 1689. French troops under Louis XIV captured Frankenthal that year and the church building was badly damaged. At the conclusion of this war, the church (still using the old abbey) was restored.

The current church building was erected between the years 1820 and 1823. Although the building is smaller than the original abbey, its current walls still rest on a large portion of the foundation of the old abbey. The northern and western walls of the original abbey are still standing and are referred to as the “Erkenbert Ruins”. These ruins form a courtyard behind the church which is currently used for various public gatherings. Many of the current streets in Frankenthal are the same as those that appear on Merian’s 1650 map. Other modern-day streets follow the outline of the old fortifications that once surrounded the city.

The church was damaged again in an allied bombing raid in September 1943. It was re-built during the years of 1950 to 1952 to the same dimensions of the 1820-23 church and was re-named “Church of the Twelve Apostles”. The current congregation refers to itself as a “United Protestant Evangelical Christian Church”.

If you already know that you had ancestor from Frankenthal, you may be curious as to why it may be identified in certain records as “Frankenthal, Bavaria”. Many sources in America will use the phrase “Frankenthal, Bavaria” yet if you study a map of modern Bavaria, you will find that there is no city by the name of “Frankenthal”. The only city named Frankenthal in Germany is along the Rhein River in the Pfalz region of Germany (which is a long way from Bavaria). Furthermore, if you are familiar with Bavaria, you are aware that Bavaria is and has been over 95% Roman Catholic. It would make no sense for Protestants fleeing religious persecution settle in Bavaria. So why do some resources state that it is located in Bavaria? For the answer, we go back to the year 1815 and the Treaty of Vienna. After Napoleon had finally been defeated at Waterloo, the various nations of Europe convened in Vienna to establish the boundaries between their countries that had been erased during Napoleonic occupation. Prior to Napoleon’s invasion, Germany had been known as the “Holy Roman Empire” but that “empire” ceased to exist after Napoleon invaded it. As part of the 1815 settlement, many cities in the Pfalz region (also called the Palatinate) were given to the King of Bavaria. It remained a part of the Kingdom of Bavaria until regional boundaries were re-drawn in 1946. During these years (1815-1946), many of the church records were transcribed and published, hence they were labeled (although only in a political sense) as “Frankenthal, Bavaria”. The people of Frankenthal and the surrounding area, however, consider themselves historically and culturally to be part of the Pfalz-Rheinland. Therefore, it makes no sense to speak of “Frankenthal, Bavaria” any more than it does to refer to “Paris, Germany” if someone was born in Paris in, say, 1942 (during the German occupation of France). Therefore, if you
have anything in your family group sheets or genealogy software that says, “Frankenthal, Bavaria”, you may want to change them to read, “Frankenthal, Pfalz-Rheinland” or “Frankenthal, Palatinate”.

If you are taking a tour in the Rheinland region of Germany, you may want to consider a stop in Frankenthal as you travel around Worms, Speyer, Mannheim and other places. The Church of the Twelve Apostles and the Erkenbert ruins are interesting to see. Not far from the church is the Erkenbert Museum which tells the story of Frankenthal and has many artifacts relating to the history of the city. If you are visiting while a fair is in progress, you should sample some of the local food, especially a “Samaugen”.

ABOUT DELEGATES TO CONGRESS 2017

At Congress, we require a quorum of 6 elected NHS officers to be present for the NHS Board meeting. But more importantly, a quorum requires at least one duly-elected state delegate, or state president, or NHS officer, from 12 different states to be represented at the Congress meeting.

State Presidents should begin thinking about electing their delegates to represent their state at the 2017 Congress meeting in October, even though the date and location for that meeting will not be established until our April 2017 meeting in Washington, DC. To elect the right number of delegates, the state president must first know how many dues-paying members are in their state society. That information should be in the hands of the state registrar. Each state society is entitled to elect two delegates, no matter how big the state’s membership is. In addition, one additional delegate can be elected for each 50 dues-paying members of the state society.

The names of your elected delegates should be forwarded to President General Jeannine Kallal prior to the October 2017 meeting. The transmission of that information can be made by email to her at jsk1296@aol.com or you can mail it to her at Jeannine Kallal, 1296 Casa Solana Drive Wheaton IL 60189-82116

Canadian Member-at-Large René Péron has translated and submitted a paragraph from Histoire du Canada, written by “one highly regarded François-Xavier Garneau (1809-1866) who had, under duress, to eliminate a statement he published in the first edition of his book. It goes like this:”

Thus it was that Richelieu made a grave mistake when he agreed that Protestants be excluded from Nouvelle-France; if it were necessary to expulse one of the two religions, it would have been better in the interest of the colony to have this exclusion apply to the Catholics who seldom emigrated; he dealt Canada a fatal blow in closing the entry in a formal manner to the Huguenots through the establishment of the Compagnie des Cent Associés.

René has also shared information with the Editor from his colleague, Jacques Gagné, about the Protestant Filles du Roy in New France, including the news that Hillary Clinton, the American politician, has a French Protestant ancestor, Catherine Paulo (1645-1721), who was baptized at the Protestant Temple in La Rochelle, France. She died in Montreal in 1721. For more information, see Maison St-Gabriel at www.maisonsaint-gabriel.qc.ca/fr/programmation/350e-filles-du-roy.php. Then enter “Famille Paulo Protestants de La Rochelle en Aunis.” There is much more information available, but we regret that there was not enough room in this issue of The Cross to publish it.