



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”.



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THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY MASSACRE

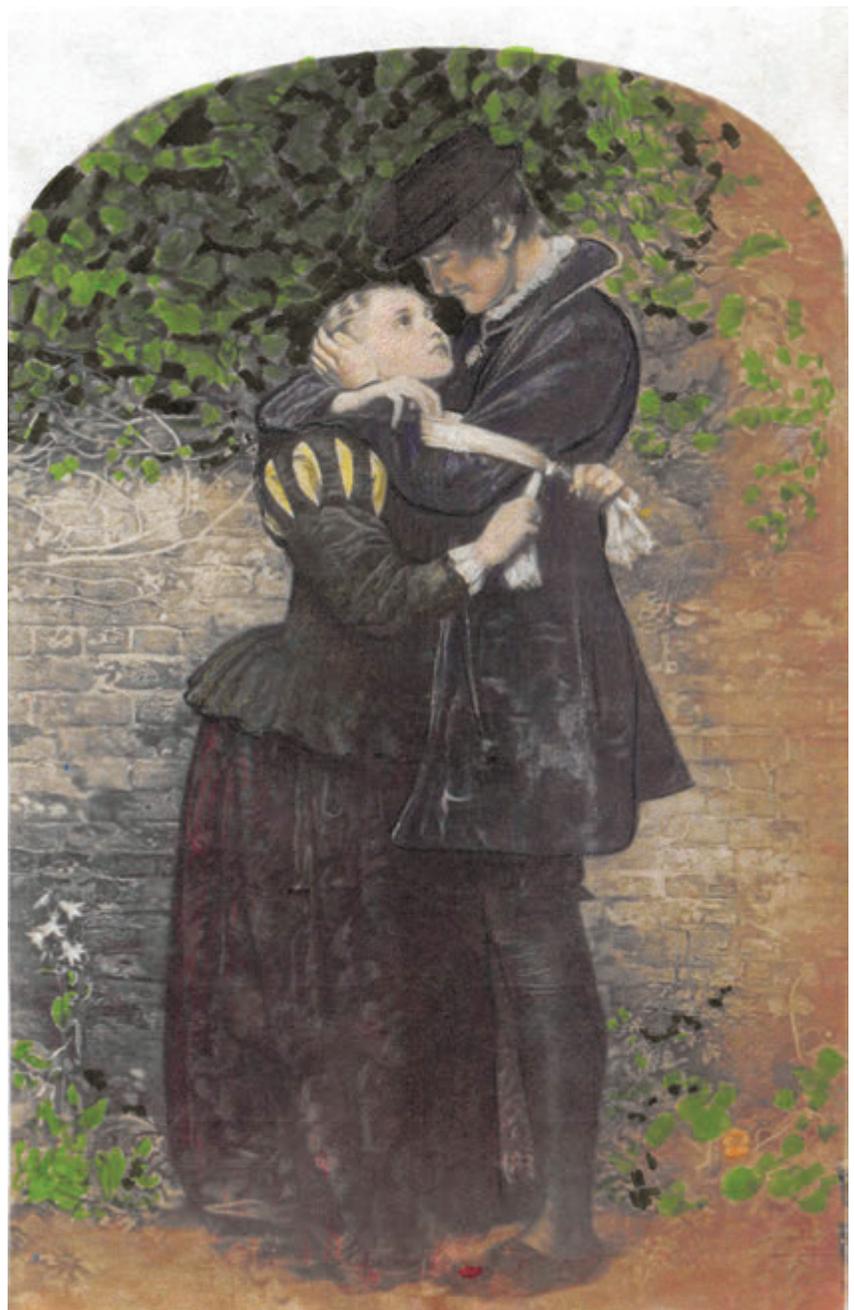
by Janice Gail Murphy Lorenz, J.D., Editor

The 450th anniversary of the nationwide slaughter of Huguenots which began in Paris in the wee hours of 24 August 1572 at the instigation of Queen Mother Catherine de Medicis and her inner circle of ardent Roman Catholic followers, and then spread with enthusiasm across France and continued for the following three weeks, is notable because of its impact upon Huguenot history. The commemoration of this terrible slaughter of French Protestants across France is made on 24 August each year in every Huguenot heart across the world. Huguenots observe this solemn anniversary because it was a government-approved genocide carried out by fanatical individuals in a wave of hatred which spread like a contagion across France. The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre represents one of the worst examples of religious persecution in the history of France. Upon hearing the news, Pope Gregory XIII had the medallion coins (appearing on the cover) struck to commemorate what many, but not all, Roman Catholics viewed as a "good start," so to speak, at wiping out the existence of the Reformed religion from France. *Ugonotturm Strages 1572* is the Latin phrase for "Huguenot Carnage 1572."

To say that anything good came of such carnage might be a bit of a stretch for some. The most important thing is that it did not deter the Huguenots from practicing their religion. Rather than sinking and cowering, the Reformed Church survived and grew in France. Secondly, the massacre triggered a wave of Huguenot emigration from France, leading some Huguenots to eventually find their way to America. Third, there are actually some beautiful and true stories of individual Catholics who lent a helping hand to individual Huguenots—some who were complete strangers to them, some who were mere acquaintances, and in some cases, some who were rivals but yet the Catholic benefactor was still moved to save them from certain death. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Matthew 5:7.

Lastly, one of the most moving historical paintings ever created is *The Huguenot* by John Everett Millais, a hand-colored version of which appears here.

The scene depicted in this painting portrays the female Catholic loved one of the young Huguenot gentleman attempting to tie a white scarf around his upper arm. The white armband was worn by Catholic Parisians during the massacre to signal that they were Catholic, and thus spare them from being slaughtered by their fellow Catholics. But the Huguenot, a man of principles who was not willing to deny his religious beliefs under any circumstances—not even to save his own life—is seen pulling the white scarf *off* of his upper arm, even as they embrace for what is probably the last time. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10. And as for the suffering Catholic girl in the painting, Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9.



PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Janet B. Walker,
President General

I hope all of our officers and members have had a restful and safe summer.

Before you know it, we'll be having our State Society fall meetings and preparing and packing for Congress in Huntsville, Alabama. The Alabama Society has been working very hard to plan fun events in addition to our important annual business meeting. First Vice President Jo Lee Potts has been working with them to assure all details will be covered. Don't miss this Congress!! You will never regret learning more about our Society and especially enjoying the fellowship of our members. You'll have new friends from all over the country. I really want to see YOU there!

One of our Northern states is gathering ideas and information for hosting our Congress in 2023. You'll hear more about this soon. State Society Presidents: PLEASE be thinking about when your state would like to host in 2024, 2025 and 2026. In fairness to all, we like to have it in different parts of the country. Be prepared to come to Congress and volunteer your state for one of these upcoming years.

Thank you for all you do for our Society. Continue to talk about us to your family and friends in other lineage societies.

Membership, Friendship, Leadership!!

Janet





NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
LIBERTY FAITH

CALL TO The 87th CONGRESS of

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Embassy Suites, 800 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801
6- 19 October 2022

THE ANNUAL CONGRESS EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST
Thursday	October 6	10:30 AM	Executive Board Meeting	\$10
Thursday	October 6	3:00 PM	Registration	
Thursday	October 6	7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner Ballroom, Embassy Suites Business Casual attire	\$ 55
Friday	October 7	7:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast at Embassy Suites included in cost of room	
Friday	October 7	8:30 AM	Tour of NASA Space and Rocket Center transportation included. Dutch Treat lunch at Mar's Grill Casual attire	\$35
Friday	October 7	6:00 PM	Reception and Banquet Ballroom Embassy Suites Cocktail attire	\$100
Saturday	October 8	7:30 AM	Breakfast included in cost of the room	
Saturday	October 8	9:30 AM	NHS Congress convenes in the Ballroom of Embassy Suites Business attire	
Saturday	October 8	1:00 PM	Luncheon followed by Memorial Service	\$50
Sunday	October 9	7:30 AM	Breakfast included in cost of the room	
Sunday	October 9		Departure on individual member schedules	
			Total	\$250

A block of 24 rooms has been reserved for NHS members. You may reserve your room by calling 1-256-327-7812 and using code NHA or by emailing alicebjones68@gmail.com for a direct link. You will receive the conference rate of \$159 plus applicable taxes. Parking is an additional \$12.00 per day for registered guests.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW FOR EACH
ATTENDEES'S MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEAL CHOICES**

Please complete and mail your completed Congress 2022 Registration Form with appropriate payment to
Alice B. Jones, 12387 Huntington Village Dr., Northport, AL 35475, by Sept 1, 2022

NHS ANNUAL CONGRESS 2022 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of attendee: _____

We have reserved a block of 24 rooms at Embassy Suites-Downtown, Huntsville, AL.
The congress rate is \$159 plus applicable taxes and daily parking fee of \$12.00

Attendees will make their room reservation by calling Embassy Suites Huntsville 1-256-327-7812 and using code NHA or by emailing Alice Jones alicebjones68@gmail.com to receive a direct link. Conference rate is \$159 plus applicable taxes and \$12 daily parking rate. To receive the conference rate, reservations must be made **before September 1, 2022.**

**Don't forget to indicate your food choice for Thursday's dinner and Saturday's luncheon.
Please let us know of any food allergies and we will try to accommodate.**

Attending any of the meetings/events: Yes _____ \$10

Attending Thursday night dinner (Cash Bar): Yes _____ \$55

Please choose one of the following meals: ___ Grilled Seared Chicken Breast OR ___ Poached Atlantic Salmon

Attending Tour of NASA Space & Rocket Center: Yes _____ \$35

Attending Hors d'oeuvres and Banquet (Cash Bar): Yes _____ \$100

Attending Luncheon and Memorial Service: Yes _____ \$50

Please choose one of the following meals: ___ Chicken BLT Salad OR ___ Sliced Smoked Turkey Sandwich

Total: \$250

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA



SURVEY OF HUGUENOT ANCESTORS

Please complete the following information about your Huguenot ancestors.

Huguenot Ancestor(s): _____

Date of Arrival in America: _____ Place of settlement _____

Colonies or states where their descendants may have lived.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES IN WASHINGTON, DC IN APRIL 2022



The Board of General Officers, attending in person and by Zoom. We are delighted to see Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller (AR) attending in person, and Honorary President General Barbara MacManus attending by Zoom.

The General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts, in the absence of President General Janet Butler Walker, at 10:07 am on April 13, 2022, at the Washington Room of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Jo Lee Potts, First Vice President General. The Huguenot Salute to the Flag of the United States was led by Jo Lee Potts, who also led the Ritual.

Marjorie Wilson, Third Vice President General, presented the Credentials Report. Twenty-nine (29) members were present, establishing a quorum.

A motion was made by Joyce Patton, Organizing Secretary General, to approve the Standing Rules, with amendments:

Amend Item # 2, requiring eight (8) members of the Board of General Officers to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Amend to add the following items concerning the use of ZOOM meetings:

- ZOOM participants are responsible for their technology working.
- ZOOM participants who drop off may not be readmitted. It is an active meeting, and the waiting room will not be monitored 100% of the time.
- ZOOM participants must be on mute when not speaking and will be muted without notice, especially if they are creating a distraction;
- ZOOM participants who may create distractions and fail to cease, after notice, will be dropped from the meeting and not allowed to re-enter.

Motion was seconded. Motion Adopted.

Vice President General Potts welcomed and introduced Officers, members, and guests.

Mrs. Potts called for the approval of the Agenda. Joyce Patton moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion Adopted.

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 meetings were approved by committee and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*. Vice President General Potts appointed a committee of Tawny Welch, Sumner Hunnewell, Barbara McManus, and Mary Long to read and approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting.

Reports of National Officers, Committee Chairs, and State Society Presidents – Reports should be brief and follow the Standing Rules. Reports will be filed and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Janet Walker, President General – report filed

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts presented her report. Second Vice President General Mary Frisch presented her report. Third Vice President General Marjorie Wilson – report filed.

Treasurer General Brenda Winter – absent. Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report were presented by Joel Strauch, Finance Chair, of which a copies are attached. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

- Financial Report was distributed and discussed.
- The 2022-2023 Budget was distributed and discussed. A Motion was presented from the Finance Committee to adopt the Budget. Motion Adopted.
- Scholarship Funds and Awards were presented for discussion.

Chaplain General's Report – Reverend Joel Strauch requested that reports of member deaths should be sent to him in a timely manner. Member deaths are published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Registrar General's Report – Bill Buell reported via ZOOM. The current membership count stands at one thousand four hundred (1400).

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz presented her report. Organizing Secretary General Joyce B. Patton presented her report.

Historian General Sumner G. Hunnewell presented his report. Genealogist General Nancy Brennan presented her report via Zoom.

Counselor General Cathy Paunov presented her report and emphasized that State Societies must file an IRS 990N form, or if the case

that they are holding large assets and funds, they must file a 990. All State Societies must register with their Secretary of State as a corporation and pay the corporation fee annually. Counselor General Paunov further encouraged states to review their bylaws after the extensive changes to the NHS bylaws over the last two years.

Standing Committee Reports:

Scholarly Works – Kim Burdick, Chair, presented her report. Bylaws – Barbara McManus presented her report via ZOOM. Credentials – Marjorie Wilson presented her report.

Genealogy – Nancy Brennan - no report

Membership – Mary Frisch & Joyce Patton - no report.

Programs & Arrangements – Jo Lee Potts - no report.

Publications – Janice Lorenz & Mary Margaret Buck – no report.

Scholarships Mary Long, Chair, presented her report via ZOOM. Youth Contests Martha Witt – no report

Special Committee Reports: none

Huguenot Books and Archives Rev – report included in Historian General's report. Insignia – Jo Lee Potts, Chair, reported.

Website - Sumner Hunnewell, Chair, reported

Parliamentarian Shirley B. Vanderbeck, RPR, presented her report via ZOOM.

Reports of State Society Presidents:

Alabama Society – Alice Jones, President, reported.

California - Shari Worrell, President. Report was presented by Tawny Welch.

District of Columbia Society – Lorraine Sims, President. Report was presented by Bonnie Henn. Delaware Society - Kim Burdick, President, presented her report.

Florida Society – Jo Lee Potts, President, reported.

Georgia Society – Robin Towns, President, presented her report. Illinois Society – Nancy Schultz, President, presented her report.

Mississippi Society – Mary Margaret Buck, President, reported.

Pennsylvania Society – Lydia Freeman, President, presented her report via ZOOM.

General Council - in recess for Luncheon. The blessing was given by Joel Strauch, Chaplain General.

Texas Society – Jerry Chenault, President reported.

Virginia Society – Joel Strauch, President, presented his report, and presented ideas for commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, including the production of a US Postage Stamp.

Washington Society – Marissa Goldenman, President – report filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS.

19th International Meeting of the Huguenot Descendants, based in La Rochelle, France, will be held on September 19-25, 2022, announced by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts.

NSDAR America 250 Project - First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts reported that the National Huguenot Society is working on having Huguenot Patriots included in the *America 250 Project* listing.

Scholarly Works Committee – Kim Burdick, Chair, announced the recipient of the *Graham T. Farrar Scholarly Works Program Award* for 2022 is Stephen Davis, Ph. D, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, author of “The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion.” Steve Davis accepted the Award Certificate and the \$1000 award *via Zoom*, and presented an interesting review of his book.

Scholarship Committee – Mary Long, Chair, announced the recipient of the \$5000 Scholarship from the Dickey Scholarship Fund is Morgan Meer.

Annual Council - Alice Jones, President, Alabama Society, announced that the Annual Council will be held in Huntsville, Alabama on October 6-8, 2022. Deadline to register is September 1, 2022.

Memorial Service – Joel Strauch, Chaplain General, conducted the Memorial Service to honor deceased members.

Announcements:

The National Huguenot Society Congress will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, October 6-8, 2022.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts adjourned the meeting at 1:12 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General

MINUTES BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS

13 April 2022
Washington, DC

The meeting of the Board of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts at 1: 32 pm on April 13, 2022, in the Washington Room of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting was approved by committee and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*. First Vice President General Potts appointed a committee of Barbara McManus and Sumner Hunnewell to read and approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting.

Registrar General Bill Buell reported on his additional duties as storekeeper at Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. A motion was presented by Bill Buell: To appoint Kathy Totten as Assistant Registrar General, as of February 1, 2023. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion was laid upon the table, to be reconsidered at the National Congress in October 2022.

A discussion was led by First Vice President General Potts concerning the possibility of providing a ZOOM electronic meeting component for the October National Council Meeting. The points made were as follows:

- The Board is waiting upon cost numbers from Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel;
- For a professional operator, plus additional monitors and band width, the cost may be upwards of \$2500+ for the two (2) days;
- How does the society cover the cost? Should members using the *Zoom option* pay a fee? If so, how much? Will members attending electronically have voice and voting privileges?

It was determined that a separate meeting should be held by the Executive Board to discuss the matter as a single item before mid-May, once final cost numbers are provided by the hotel.

Insignia Committee – Jo Lee Potts, Chair, presented information on the creation of the proposed St. Bartholomew’s Day pin, and on the stock of Rosettes at Headquarters.

- A motion was made by the Insignia Committee, Organizing Secretary General Joyce Patton, to authorize the purchase of said pins by the society from *The Pin Center*, and to charge twenty five dollars (\$25) each for sale of the pin. Adopted.
- A motion was made by the Insignia Committee to charge twenty dollars (\$20) per rosette for the rosettes currently held in stock at Headquarters. Adopted.

Motions from the Insignia Committee:

- To approve all Officer Sashes as presented. Adopted.
- To award the *Gold Distinguished Service Medal* to Janice Lorenz. Adopted.
- To award the *Gold Distinguished Service Medal* to Bill Buell. Adopted.

Finance Committee – Joel Strauch, Chair. Resolutions from Finance Committee

1. Vanguard Authorization. Be it resolved that the following Officers of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., are authorized signors for the *Vanguard* investment accounts: Janet B. Walker, President General; Brenda C. Winter, Treasurer General; and Joel E. Strauch, Chair, Finance Committee; and are authorized to transact business with *Vanguard*. Adopted.
2. To award Stephen M. Davis, recipient of *Gresham T. Farrar, Jr. Scholarly Works Program Award*, the one thousand dollars (\$1000). Adopted.
3. To purchase and gift a copy of the book by Stephen M. Davis, Ph. D, “The French Huguenots and War of Religion,” recipient of the *Gresham T. Farrar, Jr. Scholarly Works Program Award*, to Mrs. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., with an acknowledgement by Joel Strauch. Adopted.
4. To award Morgan Meer, recipient of *Dickey Scholarship Fund* award, five thousand dollars (\$5000). Adopted.
5. To award two (2) awards of two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) each from the *Lois Lefler Fund* (for textbook assistance), to: 1. Carolina Dubois Webber of Florida, attending the University of Texas at Austin; and 2. Madeline Harris of Oklahoma, attending the University of Oklahoma. Adopted.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts adjourned the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General

OFFICER REPORTS

President General
April 13, 2022

Your President General has been busy since our last meeting on Zoom in April 2021. We had a very successful Congress in Charlottesville in October with the election of new officers to lead us for the next two years.

We are continuing to improve: our website thanks to our Webmaster Sumner Hunnewell; our insignia protocols thanks to Chairman Jo Lee Potts; our monthly email blasts thanks to Corresponding Sec. Gen. Nancy Schultz; and of course, our unparalleled magazine *The Cross of Languedoc* thanks to Editor Janice Lorenz. There are many others I could thank that are doing their jobs diligently and efficiently. Joel Strauch wears two hats at Chaplain General and Finance Chair, and with former TG Christine Crossan, has aided in making the financial processes smooth for our new TG Brenda Winter. Bill Buell also wears two hats as hard-working Registrar General and Store Keeper of all our items at Headquarters for sale and distribution. Our other officers, Mary Frisch, Marjorie Wilson, Joyce Patton, Nancy Brennan and Cathy Paunov plus appointed Parliamentarian Shirley Vanderbeck, PRP, are to be appreciated for all their work behind the scenes. I think the general membership has no idea how many emails, phone calls, note-making and other tasks are related to doing these important jobs for our Society.

Our State Presidents are now back on track since Covid restrictions have lifted and we can fellowship, enjoy programs, implement projects, award scholarships, take field trips and volunteer for our State Societies again.

We were proud to announce a new named Scholarship for our Society this year which Joel Strauch and Mary Long will report about. I won't steal their thunder!

I enjoyed traveling to Chicago in November and spending quality time with Illinois State President Nancy Schultz and her delegation of members who rolled out the red carpet for me. I have many new and dear friends in the Illinois Society and wouldn't take anything for the experience I had with these precious members. Thank you for inviting me and I look forward to holding Congress in Illinois in the near future!

Unfortunately, my father died soon after returning from my Illinois trip. I really appreciated the expressions of sympathy and love from so many of you. Tragically at the same time of my father's death and funeral my husband of 42 years experienced symptoms which we learned was Stage IV cancer and he is home now under Hospice care. Again, your cards, texts and expressions of love and care mean so much to me at this sad time.

Thank you for your understanding that my place is with my husband now. I will see you all in Alabama at Congress this October. Give our First Vice President Jo Lee Potts all the help and support that you always give me as she takes my place at this Semi-Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Love to you all,
Janet Butler Walker, President General NHS



First Vice President General

13 April 2022

Janet and Billy Walker, our President General and her husband (also a member) are experiencing a family crisis so I have stepped in to help field some of the day-to-day questions and set up the Spring Gathering in Washington DC.

The new society, Descendant of American Farmer Workers, for a short time, created a Facebook subgroup called Sharing Our Societies. There were three (3) Zoom meetings in 2021 starting in July. I was able to attend all three and represented the National Huguenot Society to over 750+ participants. We were able to convert several new members in 2021 and 2022. There are no longer any events occurring, but several regional, smaller groups have started and the 2nd VP / Membership Chair and Organizing Secretary General are trying to locate and make contact with these spin off groups.

I have worked with Alice Jones and the team in Alabama to set up the fall Congress. We have been getting pricing on professional logistics for the digital portion of the Congress and creating a "Congratulations – You are the Congress Chair" guide. [Everything you need to know about selecting, scheduling and planning a successful event.] It is in a very draft form, but we will have it for future years.

Through the Florida State website, I have worked with Jean-Marc Deray, a fellow Huguenot from Vienna, Austria. Jean-Marc came to Florida this past winter, saw our Florida website and put me in contact with Christiane Guttinger, the Secrétaire Générale of the Amitiés Huguenotes Internationales (AmHI) in Clichy, Paris. This outreach has secured every member of the NHS an invitation to attend the August and September gathering in France. Information went out in the April newsletter.

I am working to get the National Huguenot Society a voice and potential membership on the American 250 Commission. The commission wants a monetary donation for big sponsors. I am working to see what if anything be for free. Stay tuned. There may be ways to get our more than 150 patriots listed as direct Huguenot descendants. We need to be included at the table and our voices heard for our contributions to the efforts. The War for Independents could not have been won without the skills of the trades which may of our Huguenot ancestors brought from France. We need a voice.

There is a new PowerPoints / Zoom being completed for members to show on the historic events on the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Watch the website for the posting.

We are working on updating an update to the 2017 State Member Society Handbook.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Society.

In Huguenot Friendship,
Jo Lee Potts



Registrar General

Since 1 January, 8 New Regular Member Applications have been approved and 5 Members were reinstated. 2 transfers and 1 Supplemental were approved.

8 members have been reported deceased.

The Current Member Count stands at 1,400.

8 Insignia orders were approved, over 88 queries were responded to, and 59 address changes were made.

The Registrar General collected Dues, Fees, Store Sales, and Recovered Funds totaling: \$5,510.

37 Store items, as listed, have been sold, packaged and mailed:

7 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors

7 1016 Consolidated Update to the RQHA

10 2020 Update to the RQHA

3 Charms

2 Membership Directory, Fall 2020

2 Guidelines for Celebrating Traditions

1 Huguenot Lineage Research

1 Scarves

3 Ship Pins

1 Tote Bag

William Collins Buell V, Registrar General



Chaplain General

April 2022

We are glad to continue to serve as Chaplain General of the National Huguenot Society and to keep our fellow officers informed of our activities. Our activities have focused on receiving Reports of Deceased Members from state and chapter officers and sending condolence letters to the next of kin.

We have prepared our memorial service for our Dearly Departed Members, including all those of whom we have been notified since our last memorial service in Charlottesville in October 2021. We include the following members in our service and can include others if they are called to our attention before the beginning of the service:

Alabama

Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr.
Gregory Wayne Farrar

Arkansas

Margaret Jo Thornton Dill

Florida

Alvin Arthur Abbott
Claude Oliver Godwin

Georgia

Melson Butler

Indiana

Kyle B. Poorman
Allen Wendell Moore
Carolyn Whitcomb Jeffries

Kentucky

Rev. Jack Early

Members at large

Alice Lois Bostrom
Anita Lockhart Stacey
Shirley Denhard

Madge Terrill Tate

Missouri

Betty Lawson Swisher

North Carolina

Wanda Griffin
Polly Ann Hawkins Jarrett
Haynes William Rhodes, Jr.

Nebraska

Carroll Reinert

Pennsylvania

James Henry Levan, Jr.
Susan E. Helm
Edward Hibbs Buchanan, Jr.

Tennessee

Joseph Eugene Brown

Texas

Harry Jirou "Jerry" Dalton, Jr.
David William Oehler

Virginia

Virginia Kemp Holcombe

Family members

Jeanne Stewart Harkins
Michael Lee Legg

We thank state and local chapter officers who notify us of their deceased members and stand by to support state society and local chapter chaplains in carrying out their responsibilities.

Also, serving as President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, our State Society was honored to host the Annual Congress of the Society at Farmington Country Club in October 2021. Among the events were a tasting of the wines from Huguenot areas of France and dinner, tours of the historic Farmington Club House, Board of Officers and Congress meetings, luncheon and memorial service, tour of Monticello, an educational presentation on *Jefferson: Francophile* by Susan Stein from Monticello, and our gala dinner in the Jefferson Room at Farmington.

Since our last report we have engaged in discussions with Suzanne Farrar, who was interested in establishing a legacy for her late husband, resulting in the establishment of the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund, which supports our Scholarly Works awards. The Farrar Family funded the endowment with \$5,000 under a letter of understanding. Additionally, we have supported the Chair of our Scholarly Works program by recommending additional members, one who now serves on the committee.

We continue to provide oversight of the finances of the Society, as Chair of the Finance Committee, and support activities of other Committees, including importantly the Scholarship Committee.

Finally, we continue to read relevant books on Huguenot and colonial history, including *The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion: Three Centuries of Resistance for the Freedom of Conscience* by Stephen M. Davis, and a biography of the life of Francis Fauquier in *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* by John G. Kolp.

We thank our fellow officers and members for the opportunity to serve our community of Huguenots and to continue to focus on the faith tradition of the Huguenots.

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

Corresponding Secretary General

13 April 2022

This officer on her watch has put forth a National Newsletter since November 2021 through this month, April 2022. There are approximately 700 subscribers with ongoing additions, corrections and deletions.

The response has been gratifying. Importantly, the Scholarship Committee Chair, Mary Long, has indicated that applications and inquiries have risen noticeably with the monthly section. Watch for more scholarship information forthcoming on other offerings. Additionally, there have been responses from South Africa and London.

National Officer and State Society additions are sent to:

Nancy R. Schultz
Corresponding Secretary General
nancy.schultz@comcast.net
847-477-3231

The monthly Newsletters are very valuable for keeping members engaged across the country at regular intervals with new ideas and important dates and issues of interest.

Merci,
Nancy Schultz



Historian General and Webmaster

Madam President,

Your officer has been pleased to say that he has accomplished the following since his election in 2021. These fall within my office responsibilities as outlined in the Society's bylaws.

- I have worked within the Insignia Committee to develop a pin commemorating the 450th anniversary of the St. Bartholomew Day Massacre.
- I have updated the website as quickly as possible. Anything outside of my purview, I pass to Steve Allen of Egg Media to pursue.
- To aid researchers of Huguenot History, I provided free links to over 25 volumes that are on our "Suggested Reading" list on our website.
- To aid genealogical research, Registrar General Buell and I have started to update our List of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors database to display birth/death dates and source references to our Qualified Huguenot Ancestors books. This may spur sales of our books.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work with a board that is passionate about Huguenot history.

Sumner G. Hunnewell
Historian General



Treasurer General (Outgoing)

October 2021

[Note from the Editor: This report was inadvertently omitted from the Spring 2022 Cross of Languedoc.]

Our checking account reports a balance of \$61,518.86 as of September 30, 2021. Assets can be found within the Finance Committee's report. The proposed Budget for 2022 has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

The National Society has filed its first full IRS Form 990 for the year 2020 because our asset level had exceeded the limit for use of the shorter 990N e-postcard. Joshua Lerch of tax accountant firm Baum, Smith & Clemens, LLP, Harleysville, PA completed IRS Form 990 for the National Huguenot Society at a cost of \$1250. After several reviews and minor changes, this officer signed the Form 990, filed electronically by the tax accountant on 7/15/2021. It will eventually be available on the IRS.gov website.

The National Society received notice from Mr. Peter Ely, former Treasurer Connecticut Society, disbanded since 2015, of a scholarship fund held in custody by the Connecticut Society and invested since its inception in 1986 in Franklin Templeton, asking for help transferring it to NHS on 4/11/2021. After submitting an application with supporting documentation, this officer, with the help of Finance Chair Joel Strauch, secured control of the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund in the amount of \$38,279.58, with final signature sent 6/17/2021. We redeemed the Franklin Templeton fund in full \$39,726.72 to the Wells Fargo checking account 8/11/2021. It was deposited in the Society's Vanguard Scholarship Account in a separate fund Vanguard Wellington Investor CI, VWELX 8/17/2021. Rules for this new fund will be determined by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of General Officers, based on its original intent and qualifications.

A 2021 version of the Membership Summary report form and letter can be found in the Members Only section of our website. This officer also created new forms in .docx format, re-created in fillable .pdf form by Stephen Gerth, former webmaster and now posted on our website: NHS National Officer Time Sheet for National Officers to keep track of their volunteer hours for each year's IRS Form 990 and a State Donation Form for State Treasurers to complete and submit with their yearly summary or anytime.

All NHS governing documents compiled during my term have been posted on our website for secure storage and accessibility, along with existing Bylaws.

- IRS Letter of Determination
- Articles of Incorporation
- Texas Tax Exemption Verification Letter
- Bexar Tax Assessment Exemption Letter
- IRS Form 990 link

I have researched unclaimed property for all states in which the NHS had disbanded societies. These include Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio and Rhode Island and could amount to over \$14,700. I am prepared to refund holdings of \$46,548.56 to the newly reorganized DC Society as soon as it is voted October 5, 2021. Finance Chair Joel Strauch and I have compiled a spreadsheet of disbanded societies with any known funds held by the National Society.

This officer has kept account of the finances of the National Society, with all bills paid promptly, using free online Intuit Mint to download and categorize transactions from Wells Fargo Bank. This is compiled at least monthly into reports using Excel, reviewed quarterly by the Finance Committee. These financial statements are a complete compilation of the Society's resources. All PayPal orders and Member-at- Large dues payments at the new member rate of \$25 per year are promptly forwarded to the Registrar General for order fulfillment, and to the 3rd Vice-President General for MAL dues accounting.

Treasurer Documents are organized with current year's working receipts, invoices, statements, and reports in notebooks and electronically backed-up. Archive files from previous seven years are stored in secure storage boxes. Files have been organized and consolidated for transfer to the next Treasurer General. These documents include a new detailed Treasurer job description and calendar.

Over the past two years of my term as Treasurer General, I have closed the home office unused ATT account, saving \$200/month; acquired tax exempt status from the San Antonio Bexar Assessment District, saving \$200/year; discovered and recovered a \$10,000 erroneous transfer from our Wells Fargo checking account; removing unneeded auto coverage from our office liability insurance, saving \$119/year. The Society saves \$15/month Wells Fargo download charge for Quicken by using .csv file downloads and categorization within similar free online Intuit product Mint.com. Funds invested in CD's paying next to nothing were redeemed and all monies invested in appropriate accounts in newly opened Vanguard accounts, according to the Society's investment policy. Member dues to National, from either state societies or Members-at-Large have been equalized, beginning year 2022.

The official name of the society has been corrected with the IRS to match our Articles of Incorporation. All subordinate state societies whose fiscal year did not align with the parent organization have corrected this with the IRS.

I opened a PayPal account, initially used only for MAL dues payments online, and it is now the payment vehicle for our books and store items on the new website. I also opened an account with TechSoup, a group offering technology products at reduced prices to non-profit organizations.

I especially offer many thanks to Joel Strauch, our Chaplain General and Finance Chair, for all his help and advice.

Christine B. Crossan

STATE MEMBER SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

Our current membership of the Huguenot Society of Alabama is 50 members. Our meetings are followed by lunch and then the meeting of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. We meet twice a year and are so happy to have resumed in-person meetings.

Our September meeting featured a program commemorating the 450th Anniversary of the St. Bartholomew Massacre presented by our member Alice Jones. Following the program, new officers were elected for the 2021-2023 term. Our newly elected officers are President-Alice Ball Jones, Vice-President-Lucy C. Willis, Recording Secretary-Ann N. Black, Treasurer- Bonnie Shanks, Registrar-Brenda Winters, Chaplain- Robert Cheney and Historian/Librarian- Elizabeth Weir and Elizabeth Sewell.

Vice-President Lucy Willis presented our program for the September meeting. She gave an interesting account of the life of her ancestor Robert Picon/Pickens. Six prospective members were proposed and approved. They are currently working with our Registrar to submit their applications.

Plans were also discussed for the upcoming 87th Congress of the National Huguenot Society to be held at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville, Alabama on October 6-9, 2022. The Alabama Society is really looking forward to hosting this Congress and hope you will all make plans to attend.

2022 will be a busy and exciting year for our Society. It is my honor to serve my state.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Ball Jones, President



California

Although The California Huguenot Society continues to give five scholarships annually, we wanted to make a donation in another way.

The State President contacted the French Huguenot Church in Charleston, SC and worked hand in hand with the pastors and music director to find a way to make a donation.

The Huguenot Society of California donated \$1,000 to the French Huguenot Church. Our donation will be used to purchase both sheet music and song books for worship. If there is money left over it will also help pay for special soloists-singers as well as instrumentalists for special services such as their French service they do annually to commemorate the Edict of Nantes.

The church has two French services every year; fall and spring. During Christmas, Easter and these two French services, they have the most beautiful music done by college voice majors in our choir. They are a well known choir, so our donation will enhance the music given to the city of Charleston.

This year we have been able to give the following scholarships:

Golden Gate University in San Francisco, CA has an Endowment Balance of over \$170,000, awarding four (4) scholarships for a total of \$6,000 this year. The names of the scholarships and the amounts granted are:

Zelma McDonough Giles Scholarship - \$1536

Camville-Gaillard-Roche Scholarship - \$1357

Aileen Ross Scholarship - \$695

Dorothy Rhodes Unger Scholarship - \$2386

California Baptist University in Riverside, CA has an Endowment Balance of approximately \$59,000, awarding one (1) scholarship between \$2,000 - \$2500 depending on the annual return.

California is blessed to have a hard working board and supportive members. It is an honor to serve as the California State President.

In Huguenot Spirit,
Kelley Worrell

Florida

The Huguenot Society of Florida has been active since our last report of October 2021.

The State has five chapter which reported at our annual meeting March 26, 2022. For the last two years the Chapter of the Year has been the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter and this year it moved back to the Jean Calvin Chapter.

As of December 31, 2021, the State had one member pass in 2021 Dr. Claude Godwin – Fort Caroline, six members dropped, added one new dual member, added nine new members, added one reinstatement, lost seven resignations. We maintained 129 members and two junior members for a total of 143 members. We have learned of one additional member who passed in 2019, Albert Abbott.

The State will award three \$1000 scholarships through the Allen-Parker Scholarship in 2022. We are looking ways to increase contributions to state and chapter scholarship projects. The interest rates have not helped our scholarship CD funds.

Our state bylaws are going through a major overhaul. Our last revision was in 2014. We expect our new revision to be available in 2023.

Our internal financial review was completed for 2019-2021 and everything was in order and complete. The state is well managed and financially stable as are all five chapters.

Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter has Catherine A. Paunov (Mrs. Zlatko), as Chapter President. Cathy serves as our State Vice President and as the National Counselor General. As of December 31, 2021, the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter had 33 members. The Coligny Chapter held its first meeting in over a year in October at the Tampa Bay Yacht Club. The meeting joint and hybrid, in person/Zoom with the Florida Chapter of the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Chapter President Paunov providing the program on the Huguenot Pilgrim Migration. This Chapter meets again April 23, 2022, to install new officers again at the Tampa Yacht Club.

Ernst d'Erlach Chapter, has Marshall L. Brewton, serving as President Pro Tem with 11 members as of December 2021. The chapter was unable to meet in 2021.

Fort Caroline Chapter has Judi Adams as its President with 28 members as of December 2021. The chapter was fortunate and held two in person meetings in 2021 with programs and lunches. The meetings had 15 - 20 members and guests in attendance. The spring 2021 meeting was held at the Atlantic Beach Country Club, Atlantic Beach, Florida with chapter Registrar, Dianne Boren, provided the program on James Bronaugh, personal physician to Andrew Jackson. Dr. Bronaugh's 4th great grandfather, Paul Bruneau, was a Huguenot.

The fall 2021 meeting was held at the Beaches Museum, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The speaker was Chris Hoffman, Executive Director of the Beaches Museum and Mayor of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She spoke about the history of the museum, its historical buildings on the property and the beaches area. Fort Caroline.

Jean Calvin Chapter has Melva W. Odell Bartush as President with 41 members as of December 31, 2021. In 2021, the chapter had two virtual meetings and one hybrid meeting. In 2022 a new meeting location was selected at the Rosedale Golf and Country Club for the two hybrid meetings. Cathy Paunov was the speaker, State VP and Counselor General of the National Huguenot Society, at the January meeting giving a program on "Pilgrims and Huguenot Roots of the American Revolution".

The March program had Jo Lee Potts as the speaker, State President and 1st VP General of the National Huguenot Society giving a program on "St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre – 24 Aug 1572 - A Premeditated Choice or An Accident? You Decide". Jean Calvin has a chapter scholarship award - the Karlene Darling Scholarship. There were two \$500 awards in 2021, one to Douglas Poole and one to Grace Douglas. There is \$500 available to award in 2022.

Louis Dubois Chapter has Brett Brown as President with 16 members as of December 31, 2021. The chapter was not able to meet in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lee Potts, President



Illinois

The Illinois State Society currently has 104 members. Society Registrar Jenny Warner is actively preparing 4 applications of 9 Prospective Members to be sent to the Registrar General within a week we anticipate. The next meeting will be at a French venue in Evanston for May.

Our Council Officers 2021-2023 are Nancy Schultz, President; Darcy Juraska, Vice President; Ann Wilkerson, Recording Secretary; Jenny Warner, Registrar; James Barr, Treasurer; Deborah Domain, Chaplain; Historian/Librarian Cary Stone-Greenstein.

We have several members from Illinois registered for the April Semi-Annual Meeting: Deborah Domain, Chaplain; Ann Wilkerson, Recording Secretary; and Cary Stone-Greenstein, Historian; as well as several to join on Zoom.

Illinois Huguenots unable to be here send a resounding BONJOUR.

Nancy Schultz, President



Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi met 26 March 2022 via Zoom. President Mary Margaret Buck called the meeting to order. Past president Penny Lotterhos, who lives in Texas, led the meeting in a prayer from the Huguenot Church in Charleston. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Randall Chandler, the Huguenot Pledge to the U.S. Flag by Carla Riley, and the Pledge to the Huguenot Flag by Olivia Chandler.

The business meeting was followed by the program on scholarly works by President Buck. She announced the new Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr. Scholarly Work Fund which was highlighted in the Spring Issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*. Several of the books which have won awards by NHS were reviewed. A summary of Stephen M. Davis's *THE FRENCH HUGUENOTS AND WARS OF RELIGION*, was read. It was announced at the NHS Spring Gathering that this book won the Scholarly Work award.

Following the program announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned. The Fall Meeting will be held in September.

Mary Margaret Buck, President



Nebraska

The Nebraska Huguenot Society started 2021 on a high note with the visit of our national president, Janet Walker during our Zoom meeting in February. Members appreciated hearing her speak to the state of the Huguenot Society as well as her willingness to answer questions. It was a pleasure to visit with her.

We lost one long-time member who passed away. Membership is our highest priority. We have been focused on making sure that our local genealogy library has up-to-date reference materials for their patrons to do their research on potential Huguenot ancestors and we have placed flyers in their genealogy room. We have advertised our society in publications of other lineage societies in an attempt to garner new interest. We are also reaching out to various county genealogy societies to share information and answer questions they might have.

Many hours were spent on a long overdue project to update our bylaws and we are happy to have that done.

We have had interesting programs with members presenting programs about their ancestors and a video presentation of Historic Huguenot Street that was a walking tour of 18th century homes in New Paltz, NY.

The Nebraska Society is continuing its focus on membership in 2022 and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this event.

Kathy Ocasio, President



Pennsylvania

Greetings Fellow Huguenots,

Our State Society is getting back to meetings in person. We reached out to our membership to survey about having a Zoom meeting and an in-person meeting and most preferred the in-person. We are planning our Annual in-person meeting in the Gettysburg area for May 7th at the Altland House.

We greatly appreciate Susan Gillette Meer for creating an advertisement and an informational website to encourage interest in new membership. We would like to welcome to our State Society:

Maryibeth Wilt-Seibert

Margery Elizabeth Short

Marilyn Deyber Alexander (Transferred from New Hampshire)

Alice Page Eyman (Transferred from New Hampshire)

We have several other applicants that we are working with to become members.

I was notified that the Washington Memorial Chapel will be videotaping this year's French Alliance Day Service on Sunday May 1st at 2:00 pm and integrating it into the footage from last year, to show that it is not a one-time event. Hopefully the film will be released in the late Spring or early Summer. We look forward to seeing the Film.

We recently learned of the death of Edward Hibbs Buchanan, Jr. He had been a longtime member and served on the Council for many years. He was in his 90th year. He had strong interest in his family history and was part of several other ancestral organizations. We will greatly miss his sense of humor and his helpful input at Council Meetings.

Several years ago, our Council had approved and had our records digitized from 1918-2000 and the hard copies were given to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. We are now looking into and working on digitizing our records from 2001 – 2017.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith

Lydia R Freeman

President of the PA State Society, Interim PA State Registrar



Tennessee

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee currently has 52 members, including 3 new members. The Autumn Assembly was held at The Tea Cottage in Chattanooga, TN on Saturday, 6 November 2021. Members enjoyed fellowship and a lovely luncheon. A brief history and English translations of the version of "La Cévenole" traditionally utilized at French services were provided to the members. An interpretive reading in French was also presented.

A Memorial Service was held to honor 10 deceased members.

En le fois,

Ginger L. Bish, President



Texas

The annual assembly of the Huguenot Society of Texas was held as a Zoom meeting that combined the Languedoc and La Rochelle chapters.

A special program, live via Zoom, entitled "A Tour of Spitalfields" by Timothy Kidd, opened the assembly. Spitalfields is in the northeastern section of London where Huguenot refugees settled in the 17th century after fleeing persecution in France. When the Huguenot refugees began coming into the area, the settlement was established outside of the city walls since the Huguenots were mostly weavers by trade and seen as competition to the city's manufacturers. He described the homes of the weavers in great detail pointing out features unique to the home where the weavers practiced their artistry.

The year for Texas Society ended with a minimal gain in membership even as we experienced the passing of four members and some resignations. COVID had an effect on attendance and in one member passing. All chapter and state officers worked together to steady the course.

The new year looks exciting with a commitment to continue growth and participation. New members bring experience through their involvement in other organizations. The opening live program is new direction for the assembly and will be utilized for in future tours of other Huguenot settlements.

Jerry Chenault, President

Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has prepared our bi-annual Yearbook, which includes the President's letter:

"I am honored to serve as President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and thankful for the support of our officers and members, who share our mission to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of the men and women called Huguenots, to give expression to Huguenot tenets of faith and liberty, and to promote understanding for the good and welfare of the United States.

We are grateful for the guidance of our predecessor leaders who have maintained the quality and enthusiasm for our Society during the challenging period of the corona virus pandemic. We also recognize our members who have contributed their time and talents in leading the National Huguenot Society, hosting our last Annual Congress in Charlottesville in the fall of 2021, and participating in numerous National committees, including Scholarship, Scholarly Works and Finance.

Our officers encourage our current initiative to celebrate the contributions of Huguenot descendants to the development of colonial and revolutionary Virginia. Our upcoming Spring meeting will feature Francis Fauquier, who served as governor from 1758 to 1768. We encourage you to join us on Friday, May 13th at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond and to enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Huguenots.

Joel E. Strauch, President, 2022-2023"

Submitted as the Report of the Huguenot Society of Virginia



Washington DC

The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC reorganized on October 5, 2021, with 18 members and has been holding its meetings via Zoom. Our first meeting was held in November with seven members present. We gained one new member by application.

Our next meeting was held in March with nine members in attendance. A program on the historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY was presented. We had one supplemental approved and we have one reinstatement pending.

We are honored that a former member made a generous donation to our society in the memory of her mother, Dorothy Hubbell Smallwood, for scholarships.

We look forward to meeting in person in the future and having interesting programs about Huguenot history.

Lorraine Sims, President



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee and the Scholarly Works Award

The Awards Committee of the National Huguenot Society is tasked with publicizing and conducting the NHS's annual competition to recognize the best work of scholarship dealing with any aspect of Huguenot history in a paper, article, thesis, dissertation, movie, video production, or book produced during the calendar year preceding the year of the Annual Congress during which the award is to be made.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting of NHS in April, 2022 in Washington, DC, the Awards Committee recommended that the NHS Board grant the annual Scholarly Works Award to the 2021 publication of *The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion: Three Centuries of Resistance for Freedom of Conscience*, by Stephen M. Davis, Ph.D., D. Min. This award is in the amount of \$1,000 and is now supported by the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund.

The Committee had reviewed four candidates for the award.

The Board of General Officers commended the Award Committee on its thorough review and evaluation and accepted its recommendation for the award. Additionally, they recognized the contribution of the family of Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., for their support of the Award program.

In a brief presentation via zoom at our luncheon on April 13, 2022, Stephen M. Davis related his interest in French religious history that culminated in the publication of his book on the struggle of Huguenots for religious freedom.

Our Awards Committee is re-invigorated by the support of the Farrar family and joins me in thanking you for your making our program a success.

Joel Strauch, Advisor to the Awards Committee

Finance

NHS Investment Report

31 March 2022

The overall resources of the National Huguenot Society grew throughout 2021 and are unchanged for the first three months of 2022, despite significant volatility, as markets reflected the surge in Omicron cases, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the rising rates of inflation and the initiation of the Federal Reserve removing easy monetary policy.

The decline in value of our investments was offset by the funding of the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund and seasonal dues inflows. It is expected that the liquidity reserves will be more than ample to meet expenditures over the remaining months of the year.

The current asset allocation of the portfolio is:

Stocks	\$275,736	45.6%
Fixed Income	\$249,921	41.4%
Short-term	<u>\$78,611</u>	<u>13.0%</u>
	\$604,268	100.0%

While we maintain a significant allocation to equities - below our 50% policy limit, fund selections favor value.

Our fixed income allocation favors lower duration funds to dampen the impact of rising rates, and we maintain a reasonable short-term reserve to meet anticipated expenditures and dampen volatility, as well as to be positioned for investment opportunities that may present themselves in the coming months.

We expect the investment environment to reflect the underlying economic developments with continued challenges over the course of the year, as it will take time for the stunting economic dynamics to reach a new, lower growth equilibrium. Accordingly, our portfolio has gravitated toward a more risk averse allocation.

The March 31, 2022, financials are presented as exhibits, below.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, Chair
Finance Committee

Commemorating the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre



St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre by Francois Dubois



Queen Mother Catherine de Medici exults at daylight after the massacre by Debat-Ponsan.

With Heavy Huguenot Hearts



Massacre of Admiral Coligny on St. Bartholomew's Day, by Vasari.



King Charles IX brazens it out before the Paris Parliament, falsely claiming the Huguenots had plotted against the king.

NHS Balance Sheet					
3/31/2022					
-----3/31/2022-----					
<u>Assets</u>	<u>Restricted³</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Liability²</u>
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve	\$ 298,577.26
Dickey Fund	\$ 245,434.68		\$ 245,434.68		
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund ⁴		\$ 38,767.56	\$ 38,767.56		
General Scholarship Fund		14,375.02	14,375.02		
For General Purposes				General Purposes Reserve	\$ 37,095.94
Endowment Fund		\$ 10,925.86	\$ 10,925.86		
Dr. Farrar Scholarly Works Fund	4,783.64		4,783.64		
Lewis Fund	20,000.00	1,386.44	21,386.44		
Operating funds				Other Reserves and Capital	
Investment fund		\$ 209,131.90	\$ 209,131.90	Dissolved State Society	\$ 11,568.73
Liquidity fund ¹		59,462.81	59,462.81	Capital and Surplus	257,025.98
Total assets			\$ 604,267.91		\$ 604,267.91

¹Vanguard liquidity of \$12,436.84 + Wells Fargo Balance

²Fund balances

³Designated as Permanently Restricted

⁴Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund from Huguenot Society of Connecticut, initially for college text books.

Restricted funds are defined by the legal granting documents, whether from a foundation or individual donor.



CAPTAIN ABRAHAM MARKOE AND GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

Two Huguenot Descendants Contributing to the Founding of America

by Peter Morgan Adams (PA)

This is a follow-up article to the interesting information about Captain Abraham Markoe, Huguenot Gentleman and Patriot, as published in the Cross of Languedoc in its Spring 2022 edition on page 38. As we know, Captain Abraham Markoe, a Philadelphia Gentleman and Huguenot Patriot, was involved in the American Revolution.

George T. Flom, Professor of Foreign Languages at the University of Iowa, stated that the Society of Scandinaviensis was founded in Philadelphia in 1769 and its first President was Captain Abraham Markoe. He indicated this was the oldest Scandinavian Association in America. Flom stated this Society's greatest moment was when its first President, Captain Abraham Markoe, recognized General George Washington at a banquet in 1782. At that banquet Axel Von Ferson, a Swedish Count, was recognized as a hero at the Battle of Yorktown. Here, General George Washington decorated Ferson with the most prestigious Order of Cincinnati. At that banquet, General Washington went on to say that he was proud and aware of his ancestry and that his family's origins were at Wass, Denmark and that his ancestors had settled in England in 970. After hearing this, Captain Abraham Markoe, President of the Society of Scandinaviensis, recommended General George Washington be elected an honorary member of their Society. Consequently, in January of 1783, General George Washington became an Honorary Member of the Society of Scandinaviensis.

The author contacted West Point and met with a graduate of West Point to discuss this history. Adrienne M. Harrison, a West Point Graduate and PhD with twenty-years as a military leader and private sector executive, with military decorations including the Meritorious Service Medal, two Bronze Stars, and a Combat Action Badge stated George Washington's lineage was most likely Norwegian. She said "did you know he was over 6' 4"?" She informed the author that his height was likely due to a recessive gene from his tall Norwegian ancestors.

I am honored to bring this forgotten history to light and look forward to sharing new information about Captain Abraham Markoe, a Huguenot Gentleman, Patriot and Founder of America, to the members of the National Huguenot Society.

Peter Morgan Adams, PO Box 296, Valley Forge, PA 19481-0296

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AND MARCH 31, 2022 INCOME STATEMENT					
01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022, Brenda Winter, Treasurer General					
(Wells Fargo Account)					
OPERATING INCOME		Budget 2021	Budget 2022	Income Actual 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022	Receipts Actual 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022
Dues	State Dues	\$ 27,120	\$ 37,325	\$ 31,185	\$ 31,185
	MAL Dues	\$ 2,265	\$ -	\$ 970	\$ 970
Fees	Fees Income	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 165	\$ 165
Sales	Book Sales	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,000	\$ 627	\$ 627
	Store Sales	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	\$ 419	\$ 419
	Lightning Source	\$ 400	\$ 1,100	\$ 197	\$ 197
Donations	Donation income	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ 320	\$ 320
	Pin donation	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 33
Events	Board Mtg In	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Congress Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,628	\$ -	\$ -
	Investment Income	\$ 5,000			
	Reclaimed Property				\$ 154
	Transfer In				\$ 5,000
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 48,285	\$ 59,053	\$ 33,916	\$ 39,070
OPERATING EXPENSES		Budget 2021	Budget 2022	Expenses Actual 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 7,896	\$ 8,136	\$ 2,054	\$ 2,054
	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 25	\$ 25
	Shipping	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 295	\$ 295
	Liability Insurance	\$ 325	\$ 327	\$ 362	\$ 362
	D&O Insurance	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,540	\$ -	\$ -
	Bank Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Website	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 60	\$ 60
	Tax Accountant		\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Scholarship Award	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship		\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
Publications	Printing	\$ 11,500	\$ 17,000	\$ 6,785	\$ 6,785
	Cross Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 825	\$ 825
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Congress Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,700	\$ -	\$ -
	Speaker fees	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -
	Donation Expense	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Travel Allowanc	President	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Registrar	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 23	\$ 23
	Transfer bet Banks				\$ 5,000
	Reorganized Society				\$ 46,549
	TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$ 48,061.00	\$ 59,053.00	\$ 10,429.07	\$ 61,977.63
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 224.00	\$ -	\$ 23,486.45	\$ (22,907.87)
1/01/2022 to 03/31/2022		Investment Account (Vanguard)			
Consolidate Accounts					
	Income returns			\$ 3,786.47	
	Net unrealized gain/losses			(33,747.64)	
	Consolidated Vanguard total			\$ (29,961.17)	
	Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)			\$ (6,474.72)	

Insignia

The National Insignia Committee consists of Peter Adams, Robin Towns, Joyce Patton, Sumner Hunnewell, Jo Lee Potts, and Janet Walker

St. Bartholomew Day Massacre Day Pin artwork was approved by committee, and at the time of this report, we need approval for the die boards from the “store account” line item. This approval will come from the Board at the Spring Gathering. Final cost for the pin will be set by the Board at the Spring Meeting. Pin Center in Las Vegas, NV is the provider. If fully approved, these will be available through the NHS office in San Antonio, Texas on the NHS website. This pin is insignia ribbon approved. Proceeds from the pin currently go into the NHS general fund. The pin can be purchased by anyone and can be worn anywhere. It will come with a talking points card about the August 24, 1572, events.

Chapter officer and committee chair pins are complete. City Pride is the provider. At the time of this report, we are waiting on City Pride to complete the connection on their website. These are available for members who live in the states with chapters: Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. As soon as the order link posts, you are ready to go: Hereditary Society Jewelry (cityprideltd.com) The link will be listed on the NHS website.

The Insignia Chair and National President continue trying to work with Hamilton Jeweler to find solutions to the issues with the Sunbursts and website. Hamilton admits that they have made Sunburst in error. Having them repair your Sunburst will require you to return it to Hamilton. We want them to be fair.

At the time of this report there are pins listed on their website that are not ours. Hamilton is not removing the pins because members ordered them, and they were approved for purchase by us and sent. I.e., there is no NHS State Past President’s Pin. Please do not purchase the pins. If you have one of these pins, contact Hamilton to see if you can return it. Please do not put it on your insignia ribbon as it is unapproved.

The Insignia Committee is working on an Insignia Guidebook. The book will list all the pins and pin locations to help avoid future issues. We have a draft of the book now. More information to follow.

At the time of this report, NHS Rosettes are available from the from the NSH store once an updated price is set by the Executive Board. An order link will be corrected via the NHS website The supplier is Dexter Rosettes.

National Officer and State President Sashes are ready, but we have not been able to bring them before the Congress due to lack of time at the Congress meetings. We will post information in the upcoming newsletters and bring the information before the 2022 Congress.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lee Potts, Chair



Scholarship

Recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to the Board of the NHS for The 2022 Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship Recipient

Madame President General and National Board of Elected Officers:

The Scholarship Committee has chosen Ms. Morgan Meer as its 2022 winner. Our committee was fortunate to have a number of qualified applicants, and we enjoyed a collegial, albeit spirited, debate in reaching our consensus.

Ms. Meer is currently a junior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Communication Rhetoric and Museum Studies, with minors in History and Film & Media Studies. As of the fall 2021 semester, her GPA was 3.857. She is a member of the National Huguenot Society in Pennsylvania. She has served as a national officer in the National Society Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR) and also as Pennsylvania NSCAR State President. Her signature project was to raise \$10,000 to benefit the Meadowcroft Rockshelter, a National Historic Landmark and archaeological site.

Her career goals include working as a historian, probably in a museum in an education-focused capacity. She has found great satisfaction in her history educator efforts to date, and she hopes “to continue (my) mission of creating emotional connections that help people better understand both the world of the past and (the) present.”

Next steps: The Scholarship Committee requests that the NHS Board approve Ms. Meer as the winner. As per the NHS Bylaws, after that approval, we will then follow up with details of how the funds would be disbursed to the University of Pittsburgh f/b/o Ms. Meer.

Thank you.
 Mary Long, Co-Chair
 Sarah Long, Co-Chair
 Bernie Hugus
 Alice J. Sweeney

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 JOSEPHINE WELLS DICKEY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Morgan Meer

The Scholarship Committee of the National Huguenot Society is pleased to announce selection of Ms. Morgan Meer as its 2022 winner of the Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship.

Ms. Meer is currently a junior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Communication Rhetoric and Museum Studies, with minors in History and Film & Media Studies. Her career goals include working as a historian, probably in a museum or historical site in an education-focused capacity. She has found great satisfaction in her history educator efforts to date, and she hopes “to continue (my) mission of creating emotional connections that help people better understand both the world of the past and (the) present.”

Ms. Meer is a member of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. She has served as a national officer in the National Society Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR) and also as State President of Pennsylvania NSCAR.

The Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund annually awards \$5,000, payable to the bursar’s office at the winner’s university.

Mary Long, Co-Chair
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 Bernie Hugus
 Alice J. Sweeney

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 LOIS LEFFLER WALKER SCHOLARSHIP ASSIST FUND RECIPIENTS



Caroline Dubois-Weber

The Scholarship Committee has selected two outstanding collegiate Huguenots for the inaugural (to NHS) Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund awards. Each student will receive a \$250 stipend, payable to the bursar’s office at her university.

Our winners are Caroline DuBois-Weber, a junior at the University of Texas-Austin and Madeline Harris, a junior at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Ms. DuBois-Weber is double-majoring in Neuroscience and Classics; Ms. Harris is majoring in Health and Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy.

The Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund, which originated in 1986 within the currently-inactive Connecticut Society, came under the auspices of the National Huguenot Society in 2021. Ms. Walker intended the funds to be used “for the purpose of assisting worthy Huguenot students in college who are direct descendants of a Society member with the purchase of textbooks.”

Mary Long, Co-Chair
 Sarah Long, Co-Chair
 Bernie Hugus
 Alice J. Sweeney



Madeline Harris

Youth

It is with great Huguenot pride that I can share with our members the essays of the following young Huguenots descendants. Yes these winners have Huguenot ancestry as this is one of the qualifications to enter this contest.

David Crossan, Jr. entered the high school division with his essay “Huguenot Immigration to America” David shared with us describing “Bartholomew’s Day Massacre” where thousands of Protestants were killed on August 24th and 25th 1572. Protestant shops were looted and destroyed. As the persecution continued the Huguenots began to look for other countries to live so they could freely practice their religion.

David gave footnotes showing his research information. Great work David and thank you for entering this essay contest.

William Crossan chose for his essay the famous “Swamp Fox” our Revolutionary War soldier Francis Marion. This soldier was born in 1732 on a big farm called Goatfield Plantation in South Carolina. His grandparents were French Huguenots. Frances Marion became famous for leading a bunch of untrained soldiers to many victories. His fighting in the south was much different from traditional fighting. Frances Marion is often referred to as the father of guerrilla warfare. He earned the title of general during our Revolutionary War. William Crossan said “ I am proud to call myself a Huguenot descendant because of all the brave contributions other Huguenot descendants have made to America and to this world.”

We are proud of William Crossan and we thank you for sharing this Huguenot information.

Jack Crossan is eight years old and he chose to share with us information about John D. Rockefeller. We all have heard about this famous man, but how many of us knew that he was of Huguenot descent? Jack Crossan said “John D. Rockefeller contributed to America by producing oil and using his money to do good things.”

Jack Crossan sent his picture and a display showing information about John D. Rockefeller. Jack we thank you for being a winner!

Jane Criscuolo Level 1 is the second place winner and submitted her creation of the Huguenot Cross into a felt pillow. Of course the Huguenot Cross is the symbol of the Huguenots in America.. Jane sent two pictures of her art creation of the Huguenot Cross. Jane we thank you for sharing this beautiful pillow with our National Huguenot Society.

In Huguenot Faith,
Martha Ann Whitt, Chairman



2021 YOUTH CONTEST SUBMISSIONS YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY WINNER

Huguenot Immigration to America

by David Adair Crossan, Jr., Junior Member

Huguenots who fled from France in an effort to maintain religious freedom are a perfect model to all those who are under religious persecution today. Their morals did not waiver in the face of adversity. The aim of this essay is to explore what their impact was on American society at the time. I will look at the overall impact of the Huguenots in America during this time and then I will hone in on one family's story who settled in the Carolinas.

In order to understand the Huguenots' impact on American society, we first have to understand their origins in France. A Huguenot can be simply defined as a French Protestant in the 16th and 17th centuries. They suffered brutal persecution under Louis XIV. All of which stemmed from the revocation of the Edict of Nantes under his rule. The Edict of Nantes previously had provided religious liberty to Protestants in France. This general attitude towards French Protestants led to the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Due to rising tensions between Protestants and Catholics in France, Catherine De Medici plotted to kill a Huguenot, Admiral Coligny. The plot failed but he was left severely wounded. French Protestants grew angered at this injustice. In an attempt to silence them and cover up her guilt, she ordered what is now known as the Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Thousands of Protestants were killed on August 24th and 25th, 1572. Protestant shops were looted and destroyed. Tensions after that were higher than ever and the killing and persecution did not stop even after such atrocities as St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre.¹ Now that we have an accurate picture of the situation in France, we can better understand the character of Huguenots and what led them to take the actions that they did.

Because of this constant persecution, Huguenots began to look for other countries that they could freely practice their religion. The Huguenot Society of America says in an article on Huguenots, "Huguenot settlers immigrated to the American colonies directly from France and indirectly from the Protestant countries of Europe, including the Netherlands, England, Germany, and Switzerland."²

Now that we have a proper understanding of what drove them to the colonies and through what means they got there, we can continue to talk about how they settled in the colonies. When Huguenots settled, they retained much of their French culture. Even in the new world, they remained set apart from the other inhabitants of the land. While it is unfortunate that they had to leave France, leaving helped open up many trade and intellectual networks between countries.

Huguenot intellectual elites started academic journals on Protestant theology that were circulated mainly in Huguenot circles at first. While at first only intended for Huguenot audiences, these journals began to spread to other social circles as well and became very popular. Even as they adopted English as their new language, they continued to use their first language as teachers. In this way, French culture was infused into the colonies. Huguenots had a very high view of their culture and religious views. They often referred to themselves as God's elect people.³

Today, we could take a lesson from the Huguenots. They underwent untold difficulty to do the will of God. How much less difficult is it for us to follow Christ today. But even so, the difficulty that we do encounter we cannot shy away from. We must have the same courage to undergo difficulty as the Huguenots had. God blessed the Huguenots for following his will and so will he you when you do his will.

¹ Britannica, T. Editors of Encyclopaedia. "Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day." Encyclopedia Britannica, August 17, 2021. <https://www.britannica.com/event/Massacre-of-Saint-Bartholomews-Day>.

² "Huguenot History." The Huguenot Society of America. Accessed November 20, 2021. <https://www.huguenotsocietyofamerica.org/history/huguenot-history/>.

³ Susanne Lachenicht. "Huguenot Immigrants and the Formation of National Identities, 1548-1787." *The Historical Journal* 50, no. 2 (2007): 309–31. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4140132>.

YOUTH ESSAY WINNER

William Crossan

Swamp Fox

“Believe me good sir, I wish to be clear of every public employment, but to retire when my country calls for my poor abilities, I should call cowardice.” This quote from Francis Marion shows his dedication, bravery, and humility. I enjoyed learning more about Francis Marion as I read the book *The Swamp Fox* by Kate Sally Palmer.

The famous Francis Marion was born in 1732 on a big farm called Goatfield Plantation in South Carolina. His grandparents were French Huguenots. I am also a Huguenot descendant. Francis Marion became a general in the Revolutionary War. He played a key role in the War because he led many victories in the south. The type of fighting he led in the south was much different from traditional fighting. Francis Marion is often referred to as the father of guerrilla warfare.

Marion is most famous for leading a bunch of untrained soldiers to many victories. Most people think of George Washington as the main hero in the Revolutionary War, but generals in the south, such as Marion, played a key part in the war too. Marion wasn't as well supplied as the British were, and he was in the swamp land, which was hard to use, but he made it work. Marion didn't have the best soldiers to work with. They were untrained and most of them were farmers. However, Marion used what he did have to outsmart the enemy and win battles. Once Marion shared his food with one of the British generals. When things looked bad he never gave up and kept fighting. I am proud to call myself a Huguenot descendant because of all the brave contributions other Huguenot descendants have made to America and to the world. I am inspired by the Swamp Fox's legacy of dedication, bravery, and humility.

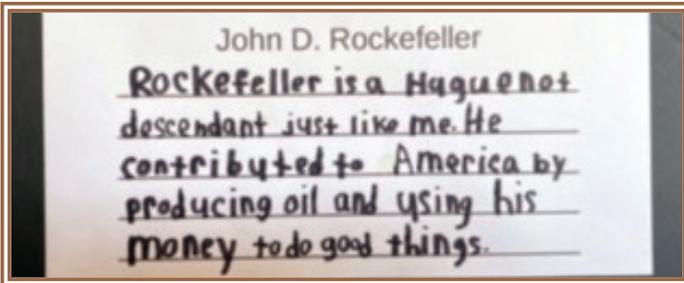
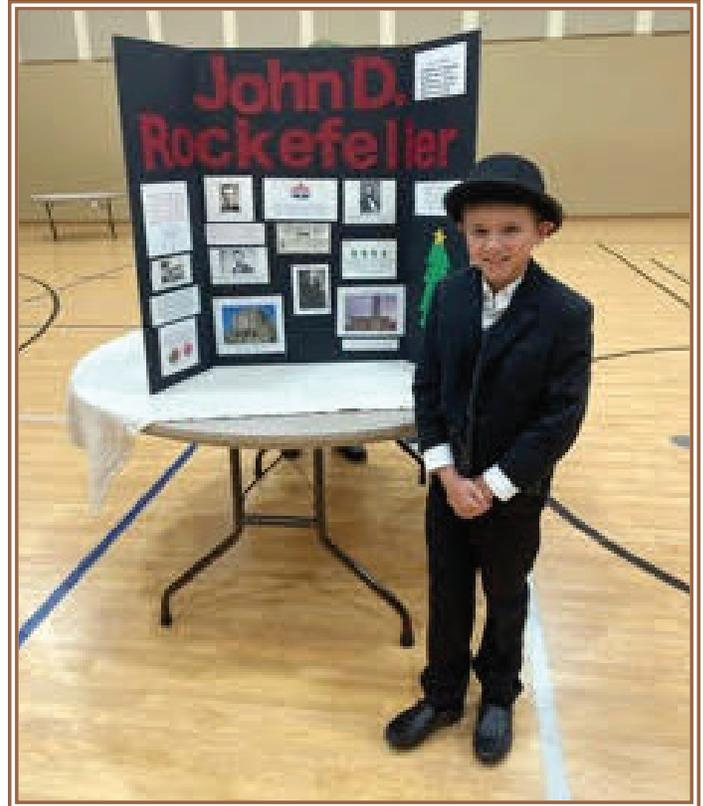
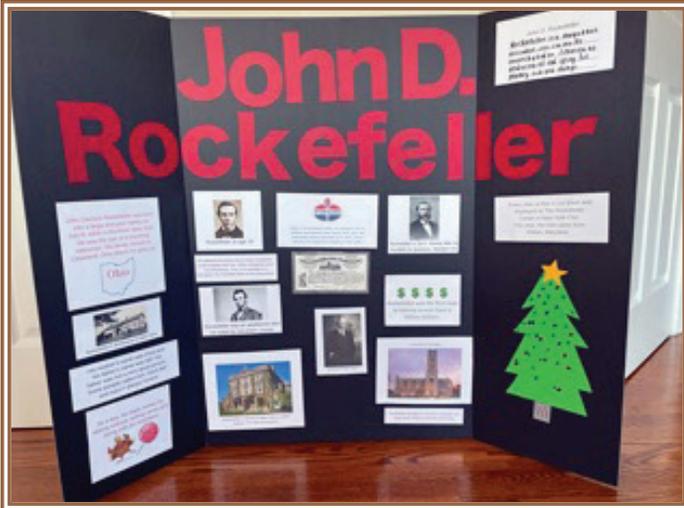


YOUTH CONTEST WINNER

Level 1, Third Grade

Jack Crossan, age 8

John D. Rockefeller



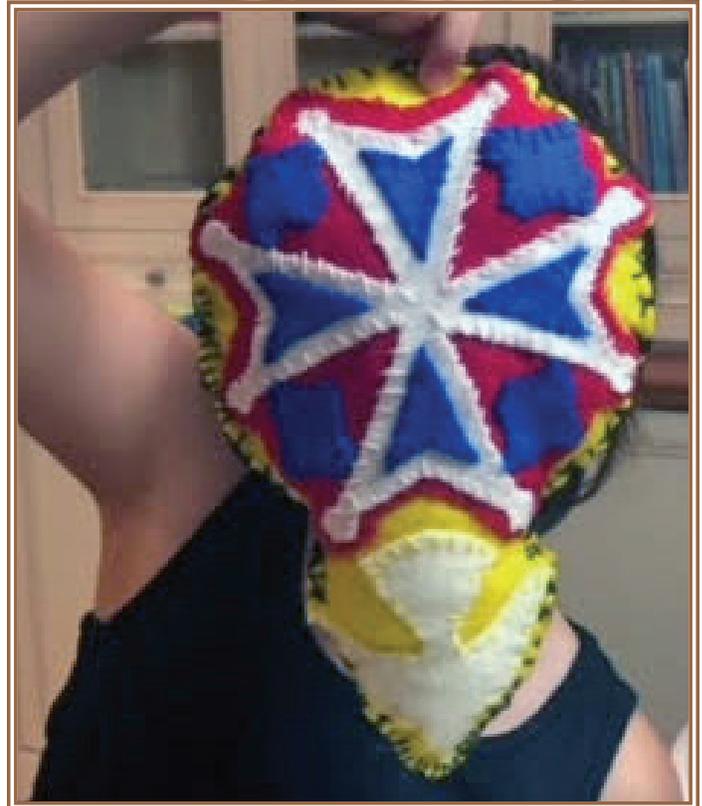
SECOND PLACE WINNER 2021

Level 1 Youth Registrant Entry, Delaware Society

Jane Criscuolo

The Huguenot Cross

Jane Criscuolo's creative art entry was a felt pillow Huguenot Cross. She created it while discussing her family's Huguenot heritage and the meaning behind this important symbol of Huguenots in America.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

From 24 May 2021 to 31 May 2022

Alabama

Judy Grace Howell Taylor
Mary Elizabeth Bates
Paula Joyce Richardson
Stephen Glenn Sexton

Arkansas

Carrie Lynn Johnson Kulesh
Nonnie Lee Dyer Carroll

Arizona

Ginger Lee Roberts
Kathryn Ann Christmann
Roberta Frances Turner Beville

California

Judith Ann Parsons Baxter
Glenn David Martin
Rhonda Jean Cowell Pierce

Washington, DC

Patricia O'Brien Everts
Katherine Lamar Williamson Arth

Florida

Kimberly Morris Dubois-Weber
Caroline Kate Dubois-Weber
Paul-Christian Dubois-Weber
Malinda Dawn Ashley
Mary Elizabeth White McIntyre

Georgia

Michael Maxwell Black

Illinois

Lydia Shanklin Roll
Bridget Maria Cooper Castle
Caroline Elisabeth Heintzelman

Members At Large

Linda Lee Konitzer
Florence Wilcoxson Mathews
Katherine Marie Johnson
Douglass Mather Mabee
Lauren Susanne Stephens
Benjamin Ganson Webster

Missouri

Morgan Meyr Lynn Lake

Nevada

Jonathan Cobb Dickey
Robert Lawrence Stoecklin

Oklahoma

Gayle Anna Ferguson Demeyer

Pennsylvania

Margery Elizabeth Short

Tennessee

Emily Jane Moon Bitner
Wanda Faye Holder Taylor
Katie Scarlett Taylor

Texas

Susan Ellen Sonnek Collins
Lucille Marie Van Buren Gilbreath
Virginia Louise Clary
Betty Guy Backer

Virginia

Shelly Faye Wallace Logar

Washington

Karen Moore Neuharth



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A conversation with public historian Robert Brewton Ryals Our 2004 Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship winner

by Mary Long, Co-Chair, NHS Scholarship Committee



Past NHS Scholarship Winner and Public Historian Robert Bruton Ryals, as orator of the annual celebration of Meck Dec Day in Charlotte, North Carolina.

My mother, Barbara Brewton Rhodes, and my Great Aunt Lucille Wood inspired and encouraged my fascination with family history, especially my Huguenot lineage. Great-Aunt Lucille traced our family's Huguenot lineage for her application the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC).

My mother and great-aunt cultivated this interest and appreciation of my own family's Huguenot history and genealogy. The intrinsic links through time I experienced with my Fontaine lineage inspired me to examine the broader scope of history. Half of our family lineage on my mother's side connects to the Fontaine family. The Fontaine family is quite extensive and there is an organization devoted to maintaining connections within this family. It is called the Fontaine-Maury Society. The "Maury" part of the name refers to the Maury family

who was part of a kinship network between the families which had been established in France, long before both families emigrated from France to the British Isles. This kinship network was quite strong when both families emigrated from Ireland to Williamsburg and the Tidewater Virginia area.



Photo includes Lucille Wood's 1940's NHS insignia (photo – the more embellished of the two insignia) and my mother's 2002 insignia (photo – the less embellished).

As a child, my family vacations included history. My mother was particularly proud of the family legacy evident in Colonial Williamsburg. Bruton Parish church, though named after a place, not my family, is there. At the adjacent College of William and Mary, my 7th great-grandfather Francis Fontaine taught Latin and Greek. Francis' father, the Reverend James Fontaine III, did not come to America. Half the family stayed in the British Isles. James Fontaine III was also an educator who taught at Trinity College in Dublin. We can thank him for documenting the genealogy and family history of the family in his memoirs. James made several copies of his memoirs for his children. One of the manuscripts has survived and is in protective possession at University of Virginia Library.

The first known English translation of his memoirs from the original French was done by Ann Maury, his great-great granddaughter during 1825-1826, and was later published in 1838 as [A Tale of the Huguenots, or, Memoirs of a French Refugee Family](#). It is full of swashbuckling action and edge-of-your-seat intrigue, and I think it could make a great movie or miniseries!

I believe that history lovers have a natural strength and inclination for context. I think it's built into our DNA. My role of a public historian in period dress is talking about important subjects or demonstrating a particular craft of skill, taking a subject not as taught in high school, dry and date-oriented, bringing it to life so people can learn and appreciate history contextually.

What does a public historian do? What other careers are history-focused? How are they interrelated?

Public history is a little bit more a practical, an applied way of not just teaching history as an academic historian but also preserving history as an archivist or special collections librarian. I hold two masters' degrees. The first one is in Library Science which trained me archival principles and how to do archival arrangement. The second degree in History, trained me how to interpret materials within an historical framework.

My goal is to make history come alive for people who have never enjoyed it or were bored by it in high school. A public historian can provide an accessible introduction to a subject or era or concept – "edutainment", so to speak. Living history interpreters present facts in interesting ways to make them tangible and relevant. Living history and historical interpretation offers a three-dimensional format, engaging multiple senses.

Public history can either be paid or volunteer work. People who dress up and do living history or as reenactors tell stories,

focus on making history real, interesting, and engaging for the general public. What's fun about history is the stories. Yes, we have the facts, and perhaps even a proven DNA connection, but it's really the stories that makes history come to life. Storytelling has been my passion even before graduate school.

Academic historians focus on teaching, research and publication. They develop new insights, arguments, perspectives and viewpoints that help to bring about new ways of looking at history, which is very, very important.

Archivists/curators play a fundamentally important role in industry of history that is diverse. Fields in archival management include history museum curators for rare books, manuscript and document collections, museum directors, and docents. The roles can, and often do, overlap!

How did you become a Public Historian and Historical Interpreter?

Well, I've had diverse professional experiences in my life. Prior to graduate school, I worked at the Florida Supreme Court doing computer technical support. It was a good job but not my true passion. One day, I went out to Mission San Luis, a historical and archaeological site there in Tallahassee. It was the site of a 17th-century Spanish mission and Native American village. I saw people on site at various interpretive areas, dressed in period clothing and interacting with people. Something about the experience, meeting people who were there, seeing how engaged and passionate the reenactors were "flipped a switch" in me.

For the next several months, the seed that had been planted that day continued to grow and blossom. I began volunteering at Mission San Luis in period dress and I realize that I needed to be doing THIS. I made the decision to return to school to earn my second masters degree in History. My wonderful wife Sharon, a very special lady, embraced this idea. We met in library school. She understood who she had married and she understood my passion for history and genealogy. She also knew how passionate my mother and I were about our Huguenot lineage! Sharon made a beautiful Huguenot stained glass Cross of Languedoc for my mother prior to our marriage in 2002 as a Christmas gift. I will always cherish the moment when my mother opened that gift box! Sharon's art had a special place of honor in my mother's home.

What is your educational background that prepared you for this work?

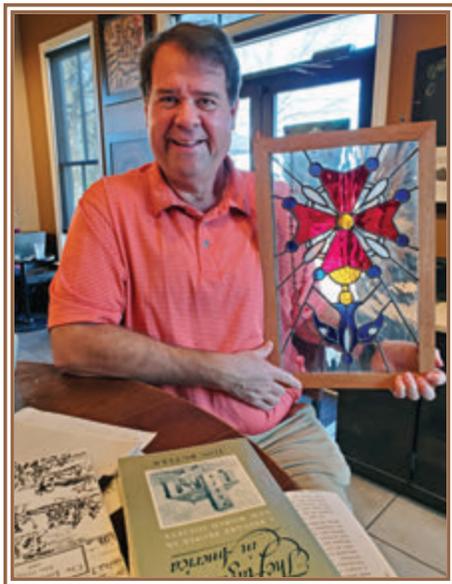


Photo of stained glass Huguenot cross.

Florida State University, Master of Arts in History, Historical Administration and Public History. I also have a Master of Library and Information Science. During my masters studies, I won this scholarship and also the Florida Huguenot Society merit scholarship. Both scholarships helped pave the way for me to realize my dream of getting my masters degree in History and working as a public historian.

Upon graduation with my masters degree in History, I worked as an archivist and researcher at the Claude Pepper Library and Museum at Florida State University. The late Senator Pepper believed that it was important to give people a hand up and The National Huguenot Society award did that for me. It gave me a hand up so I could realize my dream and I am eternally grateful to the Society for being given that hand up.

How has the presentation of Public History in terms of accessibility and inclusion changed over time? The primary focus of your living history work is the late-18th century during the American Revolutionary War. As the demographics of our country continue to change, and politics are so divisive, how do we keep making the founding of this country and the historical context of the times that led to its growth and development relevant to all Americans?

What unites us is more important than what divides us! Historical interpretation has evolved to become much more multicultural diverse over the years and this adds to historical perspective and accuracy. We now weave multiple narratives.

For example, I volunteer as a docent and guide at the Charlotte Museum of History. The museum integrates Native American, European descent, and African origin perspectives in its ground and homesite tours and this facilitates a much more inclusive narrative. I also volunteer at Historic Brattonsville, an 18th and 19th century historic site, in York County, South Carolina. Brattonsville developed a successful interpretive program called "By the Sweat of Their Brows" that highlights the experiences of the enslaved persons at that site using African-American interpreters. Programs in that vein, developed by public historians who come from different backgrounds, help contextualize the whole story of a place and time. It is particularly effective for people representing their own ethnicity to present interpretative programs from their ancestral histories.

The challenge in presenting an evolving view of history is not to publicly villainize a demographic but not to praise them either. From the perspective of our 21st century lens, wrongs happened. We know this because this is where we have come to in terms of understanding equality and the need for equality in our society. We also need to recognize that it's difficult to force our the 21st century perspective into the context of the 18th or 19th century, where that understanding was not present or just beginning to emerge. However, we can use those older perspectives as a teaching tool for understanding how our society has evolved and still needs to evolve toward cultural acceptance and equality.

One day, in the future, we too will be judged, scrutinized for things we have done, and part of that is just the nature of change. As Mark Twain noted, "history doesn't necessarily repeat itself, but it often rhymes." Change is very slow and certainly there will continue to be sense of frustration about the slow pace of social change. That is understandable. So, from a professional perspective historical interpreters have to be very careful how we interpret these things. A tangible way of advancing change includes word choice and expression. For example, the term "slaves" is a derogatory and offensive term for 21st century audiences. We now used the expression "enslaved persons" because this humanizes those who experienced this brutal existence. The new expression acknowledgement the humanity of the people at that time. At the same time, it acknowledges that what was acceptable in mainstream society then (e.g. – the peculiar institution of slavery) is not acceptable today.

It's crucial to be very careful about how we present information to the general public, especially when it comes to questions that you don't have the correct answer. Never lie. People know if you're lying. It's much better to say, "That's a great question and I honestly don't have an answer to that but I can help you find the correct answer." Integrity is paramount in historic interpretation.

You are a familiar face around the Carolinas! Where would you recommend your fellow NHS members visit when they are in the area?

I love anything that involves drama with an engaging historic scenario. Here are my top sites/events.

I recommend the Battle of Camden (SC) Revolutionary War reenactment in November. It's a big event, a 2-day event and one of the larger Revolutionary War special event weekends in the United States.

Another good Revolutionary War battle reenactment is held in March each year in Greensboro, NC. It's the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. It's not held at the National Park Site but it's still a good one.

Fort Dobbs (Statesville, NC) does good programs on a topic that people aren't as familiar with, the French and Indian War. The new fort there is where you can get into black powder firings. It brilliantly evokes the sounds and smells of gunpowder while seeing people moving in action. Another comparable event is up at Mt. Vernon (VA), where they have a really good mock battle scenarios.

Also, I like the nighttime scenarios at the Cowpens (SC) National Military Park Site held on either the second or third weekend of January each year. They have terrific nighttime scenarios which are based on historic fact but presented in a "you are here" format. There's something about doing scripted historic scenarios at night which present a different, creative vibe than daytime programs. Kings Mountain National Military Park (York County, SC) has done a similar type of nighttime program in October each year, but it will take time to rebuild these and other events due to the pandemic.

For non-reenactment sites, I would recommend the Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site in Summerville, SC. Dorchester was an early 18th century town that had a fort constructed there during the French and Indian War. The tabby ruins of the fort are still there, sitting on top of a small bluff looking down on the Ashley River. Fellow Huguenot Francis Marion, aka The Swamp Fox, commanded the garrison there early in the Revolutionary War. Not far is Charleston which, as all of us Huguenots know, was a very important site for Huguenot immigrants. The Huguenot Church is a must see for anyone with Huguenot ancestry in my opinion.

Another important site is Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC, a town founded by Swiss immigrants and it was a Huguenot enclave. New Bern served as the colonial capital for several years up to the Revolutionary War period. My ancestors, Francis Fontaine, Jr. and his brother John Fontaine, lived there and engaged in the occupation of being house joiners, a skilled trade. Of course, what you see there today is a modern reconstruction but it still has a way of taking a person back in time.

And, as I mentioned previously, Historic Brattonsville (York Co., SC) and the Hezekiah Alexander House on the grounds of the Charlotte (NC) Museum of History are terrific museums to visit in the Charlotte-area. Who knows? Maybe I'll meet one of the *Cross of Languedoc* readers who decides to come and visit the Charlotte-area.

THE HUGUENOTS OF SPITALFIELDS

by Tim Kidd

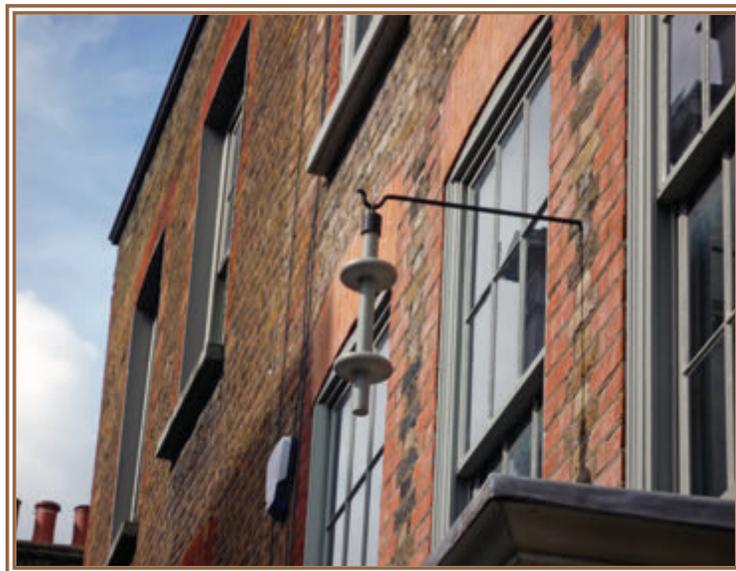
After 30 years working in the City of London, I decided to use my background knowledge of London to train to be a tour guide and a fellow trainee was Charlie de Wet. Charlie was not only descended from Huguenot stock but also lived in Spitalfields and wanted more people to appreciate how much the Huguenot immigrants had contributed to British life. She established a charity – Huguenots of Spitalfields – to disseminate information, particularly to schoolchildren. To finance all this, she and a few of her tour guide friends led guided walking tours, at first around Spitalfields and, later, around the other areas of London where Huguenots settled.

On 5th February 2022, I led a tour of Spitalfields for the Texas branch of the Huguenots. It was not the usual walking tour, though, as I was at home, in London, whilst everyone else joined me from their homes in the United States, via Zoom.

So much for the background – now I'll tell you more about the tour.

The obvious starting point is: why would anyone call an area “Spitalfields”? A monastery, founded in the area in the 12th century, was renowned for offering *hospitality* to poor travelers who walked past their door on the way into London to seek work. The monastery became known as St Mary Hospital, which soon became abbreviated to St Mary Spital. When Henry VIII closed down the monastery in the 16th century, the lands surrounding it became available for public use. They were the Spital Fields, hence the current name of Spitalfields.

The land, being outside the City of London, was relatively cheap and offered a tempting opportunity to two London lawyers to build a housing estate for the French Huguenot refugees, who began arriving in large numbers after Louis XIV instigated widespread persecution of French Protestants, in 1685.



Thanks to 20th century campaigners, who lived in Spitalfields, we can still marvel at the understated elegance of these 18th century houses in streets like Fournier Street. My main picture shows one such house but look carefully and you will see a bobbin hanging to the left of the middle front door.

A closer view of the bobbin is also shown. This would have been very familiar to a weaver, as it held the thread used to make cloth. The Huguenot silk merchants hung them outside their homes to advertise their business and attract, not only customers, but journeymen weavers, who worked the looms on the top floors of the merchants' homes.

Like so many charities that rely on organizing events for groups of people to raise funds, Huguenots of Spitalfields virtually ceased generating income once Covid-19 arrived in the UK. Sadly, the charity was wound up at the end of 2021 but its legacy is enormous, with thousands of adults and children having a better appreciation of all that the Huguenots contributed to our life. The charity's educational materials will impart that knowledge to many thousands in the future.



A NOTE ABOUT DR. STEPHEN DAVIS

*Author of Our Scholarly Works
Award-Winning Publication for 2021*

Stephen Davis's scholarly work about Huguenots had an interesting beginning in the form of his Ph.D. dissertation at Columbia International University. Dr. Davis and his wife are passionate about initiating churches in the United States, France and Romania. He teaches twice a year in Cameroon, and when in the United States, he is an elder at Grace Church, in Philadelphia, a multilingual church he established with his brother in 2010.

Credit to www.ciu.edu for this information.



HUGUENOT EVENTS IN FRANCE

Christiane Guttinger, Secrétaire générale of the Amitiés huguenotes internationales (AmHI), 47, rue de Clichy, 75009 Paris, informs us of several activities in France that all Huguenots should be aware of and try to attend.

For the moment, what is scheduled for St-Barthelemy commemoration is a conference in Sorbonne-University (document joined) 19-21 May 2022.

In Château-Thierry Memorial protestant church, I am preparing an exhibition on Gaspard II de Coligny which will open between middle May and October. This American-Memorial Church (unique Memorial protestant church out of USA) was built by the Reformed Church of America in 1924 in memory of the protestant soldiers who died on French soil in 1917-1918 (Château-Thierry is near Belleau Wood which battle was won by American troops over the Germans in July 1918) and given to the Reformed Church of France on the day of its inauguration on July 1924, becoming the protestant parish of Château-Thierry.

During the last years the church and its exceptional program of stained-glass windows has been renovated. One with a portrait of Coligny, is in some way introducing a big window dedicated to French-American friendship, illustrating Pershing's sentence « La Fayette we are here ! » said in front of La Fayette's tomb in Paris on July 4th 1917. Every year we open a little exhibition in order to open the church to visitors, especially American visitors, who come every year for the Memorial Day (end of May) in Bois-Belleau American cemetery, and this year we plan to honor Coligny who was governor of Picardy and died 450 years on the day before St-Barthelemy Day.

In Paris, we can organize a little walk including the visit of the protestant church of the Oratoire-du-Louvre where stands a statue of Coligny to a plaque dedicated to St-Barthelemy-day near the statue of Henry IV on City Island.

Every year on the Sunday around August 24th, the protestant parish of the Oratoire organizes a little ceremony with flowers in front of Coligny's monument. It may be more official this year.

I am on your disposal to send you more information if I know more about these commemorations.

We already have for La Rochelle some participants from the Huguenot Society of South Carolina and would very much appreciate if some other Huguenot descendants would join the meeting.

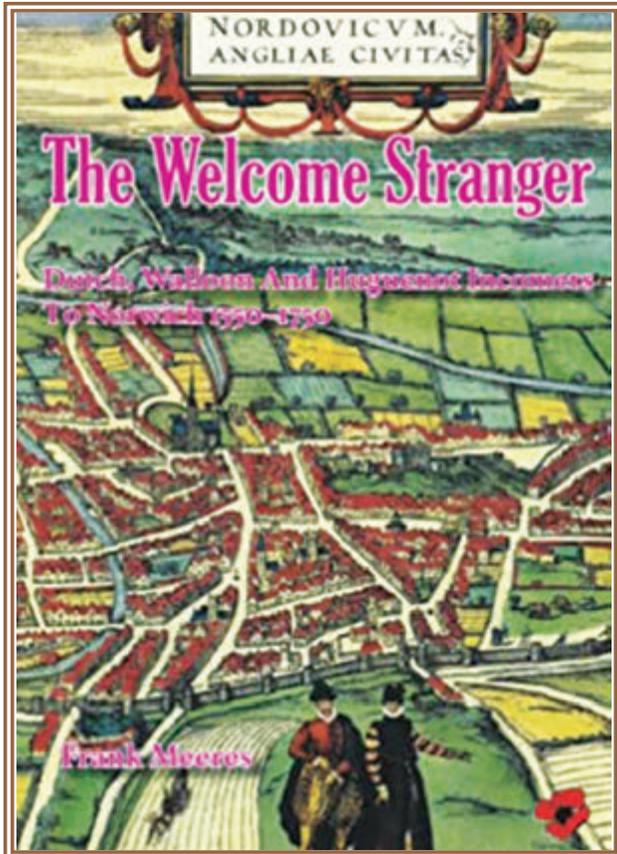
AMITIÉS HUGUENOTES INTERNATIONALES XIXth INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF HUGUENOT DESCENDANTS based in La Rochelle, September 19-25, 2022

Details are contained in the President General's April Newsletter, which is sent to NHS members who have elected to receive it. First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts also has the relevant information to sign up for this important Huguenot event in France.

ABOUT AN OUTSTANDING 2021 SCHOLARLY WORKS AWARD CONTENDER

The Welcome Stranger **Dutch, Walloon And Huguenot Incomers to Norwich 1550-1750**

by Frank Meeres, Author



This book is a very thoroughly researched survey which documents the arrival, co-habitation, and integration of protestant diaspora into Norwich England from the area largely defined by modern northern Belgium and the Netherlands. Meeres presents the material in a fact-based style that takes the reader through a journey of two centuries, often providing historical background and context along the way, to help the reader better understand the conditions surrounding key events. As the title suggests the book focuses on two groups: the Dutch and Walloons. Toward the end the Huguenots are given a specific chapter; however, there are occasional references to Huguenots when he describes the “French” Walloons throughout the book.

The welcoming of Protestants from the continent to Norwich was born of necessity. Northern Europe was in turmoil owing to a Protestant revolt within the “Spanish Netherlands”. As a result, those who could flee found refuge in England, as well as other Protestant countries. In the case of Norwich, their textile industry was in decline, and some saw the importation of skilled weavers from the Lowlands as the solution. In 1566, Norwich invited 24 Dutchman and six Walloons to reinvigorate their weaving industry. Initially each family was limited to 10 household members or 300 people total. Over the subsequent years the numbers swelled as generations grew and new arrivals added to the communities. By 1575 nearly one quarter of the Norwich inhabitants were immigrant refugees.

In terms of outcome, Meeres explains that the invitation had the desired effect. New weaving techniques, and new textiles were developed in Norwich. Englishmen apprenticed the immigrant

weavers and soon other skilled artisans (silversmiths, and goldsmiths for example) began to establish businesses in Norwich. The immigrants had to make their own way, pay rent for housing or facilities for worship, pay taxes while accepting less rights than English citizens. Over time there was some xenophobic friction and the immigrants both bore the brunt and the ultimate protection of English law. As in most immigration stories, some prospered and some remained poor. Meeres documents their success by presenting wills, census and church records, and personal inventories.

Subsequent generations began to assimilate and achieve English citizenship, others returned to the continent after the Spanish expulsion and the establishment of Protestant Netherlands and portions of Belgium. The Huguenots fleeing religious persecution in France represent the last major wave of refugees and had the advantage of joining and reinvigorating the Norwich French speaking community. Like their predecessors, they also brought useful skills to Norwich, for example clock-making, to the benefit of all. It is an interesting fact that some families which returned to Leiden in the Netherlands were also joined by English non-conformists. This colony would be among those who would ultimately travel to America, for religious freedom, beginning with the Mayflower voyage.

The research that supports this book is excellent and, through the lens of one English city, captures the story of immigrants searching for religious freedom. This book should be considered for a scholarly award.

207 pages,

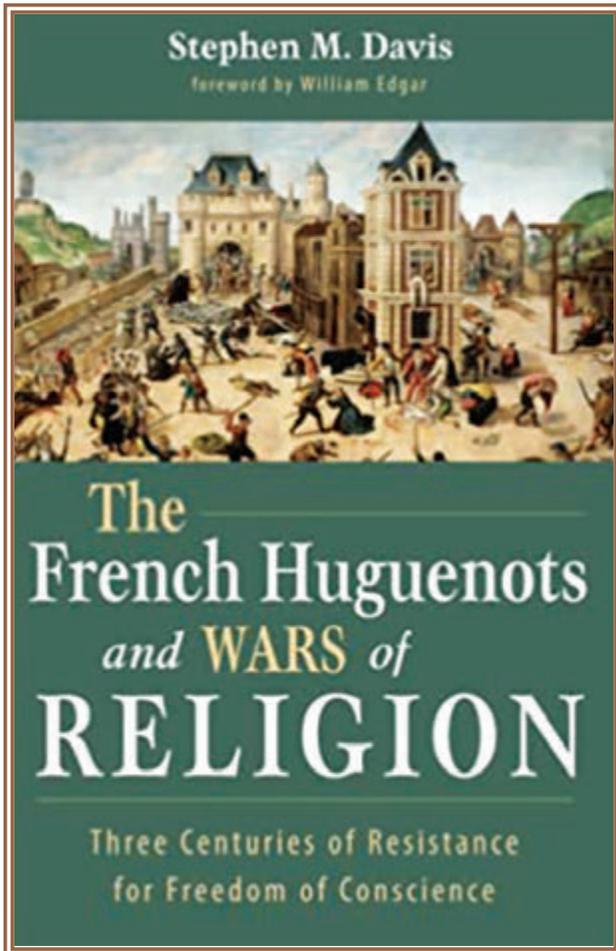
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**REVIEWS OF THE WINNING PUBLICATION
OF THE
2021 SCHOLARLY WORKS AWARD**

**The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion by Stephen Davis
Submitted to the Awards Committee**

by Awards Committee Member Mary Margaret Buck (MS)



The 2021 Scholarly Works Award winning book.

This 121 page book, imagined by the author as a primer, summarizes 300 years of conflict between Reformed Christians, the French Huguenots, and the Roman Catholic Church in eight chapters. Stephen Davis relates the history of the Huguenot and their struggle for religious freedom with both the corrupted Catholic Church and the policies of the French Monarchy with clarity. He provides the background that led to the Reformation and struggles of early reformers such as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin who disrupted religious monopoly.

Davis describes the rise of the Reformed Faith and the efforts of zealous Catholics and the Church to suppress it. He writes of the Wars of Religion with its massacres, Henry IV's Edict of Nantes and its provisions which gave Huguenots some freedoms, and the heinous treatment of the Huguenots at the hands of Henry IV's progeny, his son Louis XIII and his grandson Louis XIV. Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes with the Edict of Revocation which ordered demolition of Protestant Temples, forbade protestant assemblies, ordered the pastors to either leave or convert, etc. In order to eradicate Huguenots *dragons* were placed in protestant homes to make sure that Mass was attended and to cause havoc until the Huguenots family recanted. In the words of the author "The Revocation reestablished the union of the throne and altar leading to the persecution of the Huguenots who had valiantly fought for the principle of freedom of conscience." It took another hundred years of persecution before the Act of Toleration was enacted by Louis XVI. It gave the Huguenots some of the freedoms they were seeking. Two years later was the French Revolution and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen gave Huguenots equal rights and freedom of worship. Thousands of Huguenots had fled France to escape tyranny and to obtain freedom of religion since the sixteenth century, finally they could have them in France.

Lastly, Davis's Conclusion brings us to the twenty-first century and challenges of today's world. His words are food for thought. I feel that Stephen Davis's book should be considered for the NHS Scholarly Award.

by Awards Committee Member Brenda Payne Rose, Ph.D.

The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion by Stephen M. Davis was a very readable book, but also well-researched and documented. I enjoyed learning more about the ongoing wars of religion over such a long time. I would certainly approve this book for our award.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

The NHS youth contest is designed to invigorate our state societies, raise Huguenot awareness among our youth, and strengthen family ties between members and their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews by sponsoring a contest for students. We aim to encourage our eligible young relatives and friends to register as youth or to join as an NHS member.

Program Timeline:

January 1: Opening date for current year Youth Contest Candidate Submissions;

January 1: The Committee Chairman notifies the President General of the prior calendar year's proposed Youth Contest winners. Once the President General has approved those winners, the Committee Chairman notifies the winners. The Chairman should forward the winning submissions along with the winners' names and state to the Editor of the Cross of Languedoc for publication. The President General should notify the Treasurer General to promptly issue checks to the winners in accordance with the amounts promised in the Youth Contest Guidelines.

November 20: Closing date for the current year Youth Contest 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 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 costs \$10.00 per youth. Forms available on the NHS webpage: www.nationalhuguenotsociety.org
2. ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD CONTAIN: The Youth's Name, Grade, Age, Address, and State Society, and a title. Attention should also be paid to spelling and grammar.
3. Prepare your submissions in Microsoft Word format (or JPG format for the Level 1 submissions) whenever possible; if not possible, use PDF. Email them to Martha Ann Whitt at jameswhitt11@msn.com between January 1st and November 20th.

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 JPEG format if possible; if not, use PDF. 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; OR (2) Students will read and submit a review one of the books listed below. Essays should be at least 300 words in length, contain a title, and be composed in proper form with attention to correct spelling and grammar. Please submit in Microsoft Word format; if not, use PDF. 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, such as maps or other types of illustrations. The essay should be at least 500 words in length, contain a title, and be composed in proper form with attention to correct spelling and grammar. Please submit essay in Microsoft Word, if possible; if not, use PDF. Prizes: 1st Place=\$500; 2d Place=\$250; 3d Place=\$100.



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