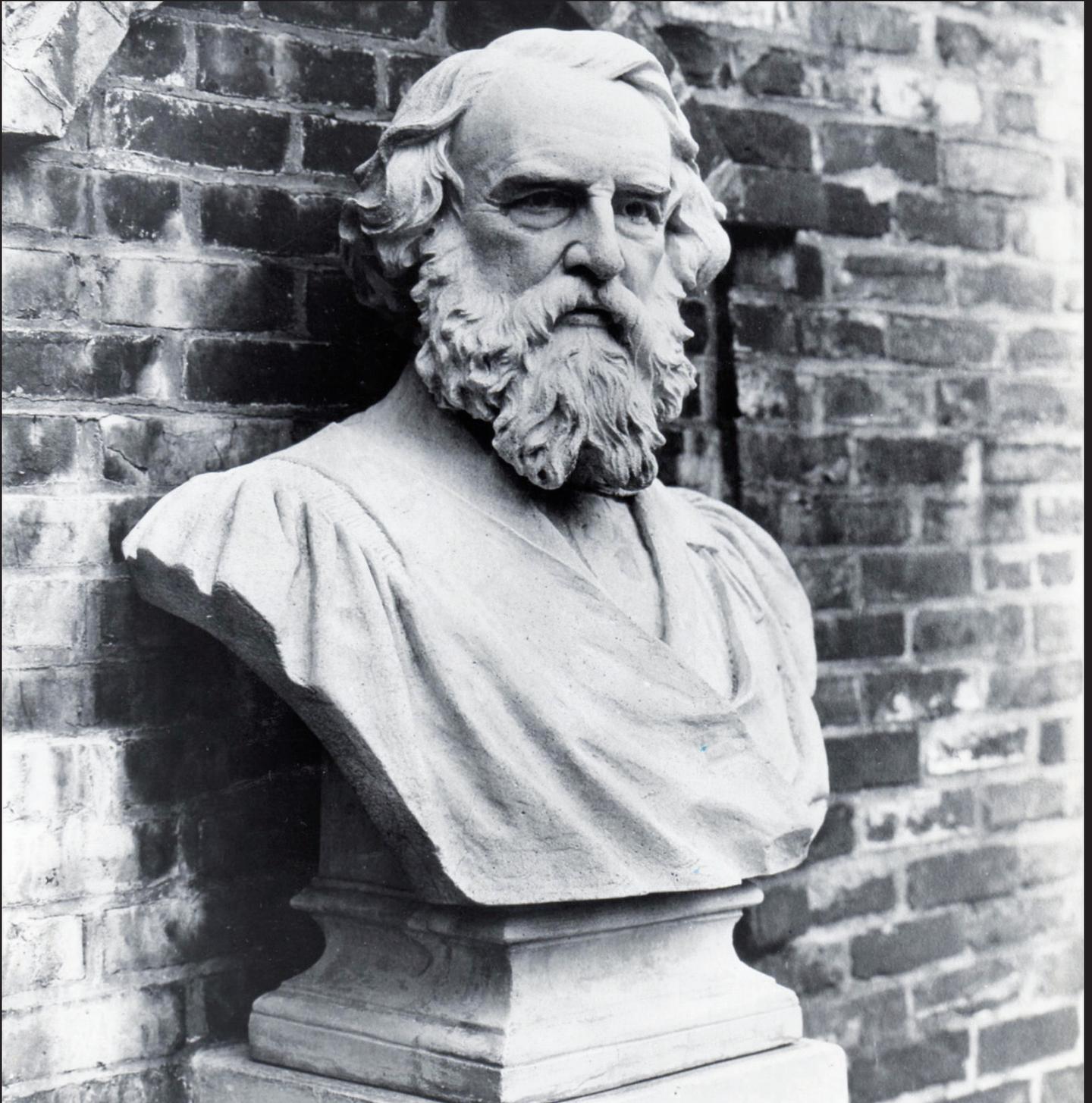




The Cross of Languedoc

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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.”



Bust of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which adorns the focal point of a garden path at The Wayside Inn, in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Courtesy: *Archives, The Wayside Inn.*

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW RENOWNED POET OF HUGUENOT DESCENT

By Editor Janice Murphy Lorenz, J.D.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) was a fine person of Huguenot descent and of quite distinguished family heritage. He grew up in a well-educated and privileged home in New England, and is descended from the Huguenot ancestor Priscilla Mullins, who traveled to America on the Mayflower with her husband, John Alden. He exemplified the Huguenot values that Huguenots of today cherish: in a nutshell, looking to his faith for daily sustenance, perseverance and endurance. He is said to have known, from the moment he chose to be a poet over a more traditional vocation, that he was meant to write about the deepest feelings of life. Although at first he found it necessary to hold a day job as a professor in order to support his family, his heart was always in his poetry. His Cambridge home was General George Washington's Headquarters during the Siege of Boston in 1775-1776, and is now a National Park Service historical site. He honored our Huguenot Revolutionary War hero, Paul Revere, in his *The Landlord's Tale: Paul Revere's Ride*.

The late 17th century Wayside Inn, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, was located roughly 20 miles to the west of his home. Longfellow visited it and wrote a famous poem entitled "Tales of a Wayside Inn." The Inn is still operating and has many tales to tell, having hosted many illustrious visitors, among them President Calvin Coolidge, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Robert Frost, and even John F. Kennedy. Among the many others who have patronized The Wayside Inn are my husband's Lorenz family. His brother Dennis married there in 1976 because his bride, Holly, grew up in Sudbury. It is popular for its colonial-era ambiance and features lovely grounds.

Longfellow was a prolific author, writing often about how to make the best of things and endure hardship, which we Huguenots instantly recognize as a signature theme of Huguenot character and culture. He said in 1879 that he was expressing his belief that life is something more than an idle dream. Hence the phrase, "footprints on the sands of time." This poem became a favorite means of conveying hope and spirit from the pulpit to congregations of all kinds. We hope you will enjoy the Longfellow excerpts in this issue of *The Cross*.



*Wayside Inn sign today, courtesy
Dudesleeper at en.wikipedia.*

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



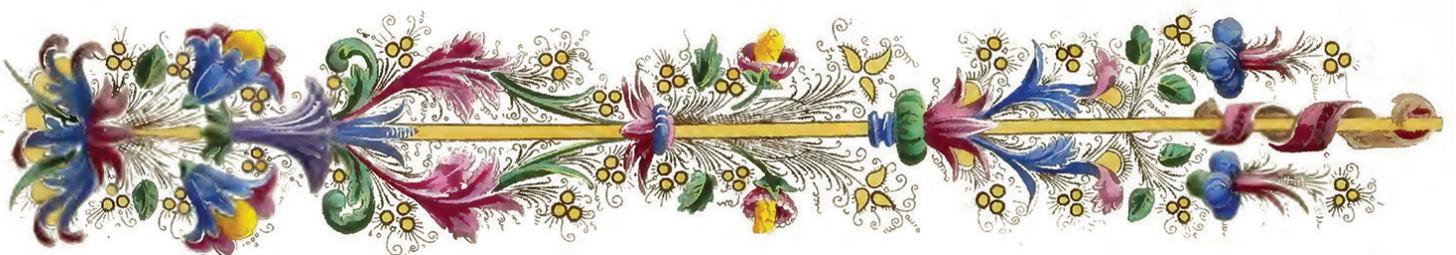
Greetings from the President General, We had a marvelous Congress in October in beautiful Huntsville, Alabama thanks to the efforts and diligent planning of State President Alice Jones and her committees and volunteers in the Alabama Society. Our accommodations were wonderful. The events planned for all were fun and well executed and enjoyed by everyone. Old friends were reunited and new **Friendships** were made. Thank you, Alice, and the Alabama Society for making our Congress so perfect!!

We also owe a debt to First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts whose job description in our Society includes helping to plan and coordinate Congress with the State Society. She and Sumner Hunnewell did a great job of handling the technology we needed for Board and Congress and we appreciate their hard work; as we all know, technology can be extremely challenging! Their efforts were rewarded with smooth sailing on that front. Thank you, Jo Lee and Sumner!

I want to say a word here about **Membership**. We are getting new members and there are lineage society members out there who want to join our organization. Are we doing everything we can to attract them, help them with the membership process, and make joining our fabulous group easy and less stressful? What can you as an individual member do to achieve increased membership? What can we do as a Society in 2023 and going forward to gather new friends as members? I want you to be thinking about that because we will be addressing these issues in the next few years.

The Oklahoma State Society President Becky Hold had to resign her office in November and we are grateful for her service over the years. Fortunately, Sue Allen has stepped up and taken the mantel. She will be a great State President! Thank you for your **Leadership**, Sue!

Remember the three ships!!
Janet B. Walker, President General





NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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CALL TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
of
The National Huguenot Society
Washington, D.C., 12 April 2023

The ARMY & NAVY CLUB on Farragut Square 901 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20006

- 9:30 AM Registration
- 10:00 AM General Council Meeting (General Officers, State Society Presidents; Chairman of Standing Committees)
- 12:00 PM Buffet Luncheon: All members and their guests are welcome - \$55.00/per person
- 1:00 PM Necrology Service led by Chaplain General - Joel Strauch
- 1:30 PM Board of General Officers (Elected national officers as defined in the NHS Bylaws)
A Zoom link is available for board members.
- 2:15 PM Benediction and Adjournment.

REGISTRATION

NAME(S): _____

NAME(S): _____

STATE(S): _____

NUMBER ATTENDING (@ \$55/person): _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ CHECK NUMBER: _____

Please RSVP by 31 March, 2023

Mail Registration and check to the NHS Treasurer General:
Brenda Winter, 701 Dorothy Ford Ln SW, Apt #115, Huntsville, AL 35801-7516



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SAVE THE DATE!

19-21 October, 2023

**The 88th Congress of The National Huguenot Society
Will be held in Macon, Georgia**

Where Soul Lives and the South Rocks!



Historic Macon was listed this month by Bloomberg as one of the Top 21 Places to Visit in 2023. With music history, multiple museums, historic architecture, vibrant downtown, being a popular movie location, and exuding Southern charm, Macon is celebrating its Bicentennial this year. Located a little over an hour south of the Atlanta airport, it sits in the middle of the state at the intersection of I-75 and I-16.

Let the Huguenot Society of Georgia roll out the red carpet and fill you with the Southern charm of historic Macon this October!

www.maconga.org

Details coming soon!

Macon building Courtesy Wikipedia



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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MINUTES OF THE NHS BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 6 October 2022

The Board Meeting of the Eighty-seventh Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 3:10 pm, on October 6, 2022 at the Embassy Suites, Huntsville, Alabama. The meeting was held in-person, and available via *Zoom*.

President General Walker welcomed the Board members and appointed a committee of Mary Frisch and Joyce Patton to review and approve the Minutes of this meeting.

The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

Recording Secretary General Robin Towns called the roll of Officers. A quorum was established and business may be conducted.

Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting were approved by committee and published in the Fall 2022 Issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Treasurer General's Report – Brenda Winter, Treasurer General, presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that the society currently has a total of 1296 members. Report attached.

Officer Reports

President General Janet Walker– The President General deferred her full report to the General Council meeting. Mrs. Walker expressed her gratitude for the caring and concern expressed by the members during the past year in the loss her beloved husband, member William O. Walker, and her father, member David Melson Butler. She reminded Board members to provide Motion Cards for Recording Secretary Robin Towns, who will present motions adopted by the Board to the Congress. The President General mentioned three important items of business:

1. The President General appointed Kathy Totten, Texas Society, as Assistant Registrar General to train under Registrar General Bill Buell;
2. She appointed Mary Frisch, Missouri Society, to serve on the Bylaws Review in preparation for the review of the Bylaws and Standing Rules by Parliamentarian Shirley Vanderbeck, RPR; and
3. She appointed Janice Lorenz as Chair of the Scholarly Works Committee, to replace Kim Burdick, who can no longer serve.

The President General presented a recommendation to go ahead with the purchase of the Gold and Silver Medals, approved during the Staley Administration. Janice Lorenz and Bill Buell were approved to receive these medals during the April 2022 Board Meeting. The Medals will be presented as soon as they are received and engraved.

She reminded the Board that the Nominating Committee will be elected during this Congress, and that the consent of the member must be received before they can be nominated to serve.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts – deferred report to Congress

Second Vice President General Mary Frisch – deferred report to Congress

Third Vice President General Marjorie Wilson – report filed.

Chaplain General Joel Strauch distributed copies of the Chaplain's Report, attached. The Memorial Service will be presented at the luncheon for eleven member deaths to be memorialized during Congress.

Finance Committee Chair Joel Strauch reported on the Finance Committee's work. Report attached. Full report to be deferred until Congress. Mr. Strauch presented a *Resolution for Scholarship Guidelines*. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Mary Long explained the Resolution, which is attached. The Resolution was voted upon. The Resolution was adopted.

Secretary General Robin Towns – No report.

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz – deferred report until Congress.

Organizing Secretary General Joyce Patton - deferred report until Congress.

Registrar General Bill Buell - deferred report until Congress.

Historian General Sumner Hunnewell – reported on the society's Website, which needs to be backed up in case of problems. The Ancestor database was hacked and has been corrected.

Genealogist General Nancy Brennan – Report to be read at Congress.

Counselor General Cathy Paunov - reported on state societies' legal status.

Parliamentarian Shirley Vanderbeck, PRP - deferred report until Congress

The Parliamentarian was recognized by the President General for excellent service to the National Society.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Joel Strauch, Chair, presented his report, attached.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

As required in the Bylaws, the election of one member of the Board to serve on the Nominating Committee was in order. The President General opened the floor for nominations. Joyce Patton nominated Mary Frisch. The motion was seconded. Cathy Paunov moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded. The vote was taken. Motion ADOPTED.

Announcements

President General announced that the St. Bartholomew's pin is available for members and may be worn on the official insignia ribbon, and that Officer Sashes and *Fleur de Lis* pins are available for National Officers.

There being no further business, President General Walker adjourned the Board meeting at 4:54 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Assistant Recording Secretary General



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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MINUTES of The National Huguenot Society 87TH CONGRESS 8 October 2022

The Eighty-seventh Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 9:50 am on October 8, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Huntsville, Alabama.

President General Walker appointed a committee to read the minutes of the 87th Congress of Jim Barr of Illinois and Elizabeth Sewell of AL. Parliamentarian Shirley Vanderbeck, PRP, is participating via *ZOOM* for this Congress.

The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Second Vice President General Mary Frisch.

The Huguenot Pledge to the US Flag was led by Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz.

The Salute to the Huguenot Flag was led by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns.

The Ritual was led by President General Janet Walker.

The Objectives of the Society were presented by Historian General Sumner Hunnewell.

President General Walker welcomed attendees to the Eighty-sixth Congress, and introduced the National Officers and Honorary Presidents General. She welcomed distinguished leaders of other National Societies present.

The Credentials Report was presented by Second Vice President General May Frisch, in the absence of Marjorie Wilson, Credentials Chair, attached. Mrs. Frisch moved to accept the Credentials Report. ADOPTED.

A quorum was established. President General Walker declared that the 87th Congress of the National Huguenot Society is assembled.

The Program and Standing Rules for the 87th Congress were presented by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts.

A Motion was made by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns. MOTION: To adopt the Standing Rules as presented. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

A Motion was made by Jim Barr, IL. MOTION: To adopt the printed Program as presented. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

Minutes of the April 13, 2022 Meeting were approved by committee and printed in the Fall 2022 issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*. Hearing no corrections, the minutes will be filed as approved by committee.

President General Walker appointed Counselor General Cathy Paunov as Timekeeper for Officer and Committee Chair Reports, allowing two minutes for each report.

President General Walker requested that Officers and Committee Chairs, and State Society Presidents to give a very brief report. Reports will be filed and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Officer Reports

President General Janet Walker delivered her Annual Report. Attached.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts delivered her report. Attached.

Second Vice President General – no report

Third Vice President General – Marjorie Wilson filed her report. Attached.

Chaplain – Rev. Joel Strauch presented his report, attached. The Memorial Service will be presented during the Congress Luncheon.

Finance: Joel Strauch, Chair presented the Finance Committee Report. Attached.

Recording Secretary General – Robin R. Towns, no report.

Corresponding Secretary General – Nancy Schultz presented her report. Attached.

Organizing Secretary General – Joyce Patton presented her report. Attached.

Treasurer General – Brenda Winter presented her report. The report was accepted and filed for audit. Attached.

Registrar General – William Buell's report was read by the Recording Secretary General. Attached.

Historian General – Sumner Hunnewell presented his report. Attached.

Genealogist General – Nancy Brennan, report filed. Attached.

Counselor General - Cathy Paunov presented her report. Attached.

Honorary Presidents General – no reports.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards for Scholarly Works – Kim Burdick. Report filed.

Bylaws – Barbara MacManus. Report filed.

Genealogy – Nancy Brennan. Report filed.

Membership – Mary Frisch. Report filed.

Programs & Arrangements – Jo Lee Potts. Report filed.

Publications – Janice Lorenz. Report filed.

Scholarships: Mary Long, Sarah Long, Co-Chairs. Mary Long reported. Attached.

Youth Essay Contest – Martha Ann Whitt. No report.

Special Committee Reports

Insignia – Jo Lee Potts reported. Attached.

Website – Sumner Hunnewell. Report covered in the Historian General's report.

Reports of State Society Presidents:

Alabama - Alice Jones reported. Attached

Arizona – John Thorne. No report.

Arkansas – Jerrie Townsend. No report.

California – Sherrie Worrell. Report read by the Recording Secretary General. Attached.

Delaware – Dain Simmons. No report.

District of Columbia – Lorraine Sims. No report.

Florida – Jo Lee Potts reported. Attached

Georgia - Robin Towns reported. Attached.

Illinois – Nancy Schultz reported. Attached.

Indiana – Sarah LaVorgna. No report.

Kansas – Kim Kincaid. No report.

Kentucky – Jolene Boyer. No report.

Maine – Edwin Garrett. No report.

Mississippi – Mary Margaret Buck reported. Attached

Missouri – Blair Pickard. No report.

Nebraska – Kathy Ocasio. No report.

Nevada –Kit Bowser. No report.

New Mexico – Virginia-Kay Massara. No report.

North Carolina – Ann Mueller reported. Attached.

Oklahoma – Becky Hold. No report.

Pennsylvania – Lydia Freeman. No report.

Tennessee – Ginger Bish. No report.

Texas – Jerry Chenault. No report.

Virginia – Joel Strauch reported. Attached

Washington – Marissa Goldenman. No report.

Unfinished Business

None



New Business

Election of Nominating Committee - President General Walker called for the Election of the Nominating Committee for the National Officers to serve for 2023 – 2025. The pertinent section of the *Bylaws: Article XII. Elections, Section D. Committee on Nominations* was read by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns. Nominating Committee members were duly elected in adherence to the Bylaws, as follows: Board of General Officers: elected Mary Frisch, MO, as its member; State Presidents: Nancy Schultz, IL, was nominated, voted upon *viva voce*, and duly elected; and two Nominees from among the membership: one member from east of the Mississippi River, Robin Towns, GA; and one member from west of the Mississippi River, Jerry Chenault, TX; both were nominated, voted upon *viva voce*, and duly elected.

Selecting Congress Host for 88th Congress in 2023 – President General Walker requested bids for hosting the 88th Congress in 2023.

- A bid was made by Jim Barr, IL, to nominate the Illinois Society to host the 88th Congress, to be held in the Chicago area. Motion was seconded.
- A bid was made by Georgia Society President Robin Towns to nominate the Georgia Society to host the 88th Congress in the Atlanta area. Motion was seconded.
- A standing vote was taken to determine the Host Society for the 88th Congress. Voting results: Illinois received five (5) votes. Georgia received fifteen (15) votes.

The 88th Congress will be held in Georgia and hosted by the Huguenot Society of Georgia.

Special Presentations: President General Walker Made two (2) Special Presentations, to Janice Lorenz and to Bill Buell, each to receive the society's Gold Medal for their outstanding service to the society.

Resolution: A Resolution by the Board of Officers was read into the Minutes by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns, honoring the Alabama Society and President Alice Jones for hosting the 87th Congress in Huntsville, Alabama. Attached.

Announcements

President General Walker announced that the next meeting will be held at *The Army and Navy Club* in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

President General Walker requested that all reports and photos be sent to *The Cross of Languedoc* Editor Janice Lorenz.

Recording Secretary General Robin Towns made the following motion: "I move that all acts of the Board and business conducted by the Society from October 6, 2022 through October 8 2022, including all business transacted during electronic meetings be affirmed, approved, and ratified by the members and made effective as official actions of the organization." The motion was seconded. Motion adopted.

There being no further business, President General Janet Walker adjourned the 87th Congress at 12:05 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Assistant Recording Secretary General

OFFICER REPORTS

President General's Report to the 87th Congress

I am so delighted to be with you all in Huntsville. Thanks so much to Alice Jones and the Alabama Society for all their work to make our Congress in Huntsville so special. I especially want to thank First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts for her work with the Alabama Society in making the arrangements for a successful Congress.

I did not envision this year to be the most challenging one in my life. I remember telling Janice Lorenz in a phone conversation last year before Congress in VA that if I was elected to another term as President General, I fully expected my father to pass away during that time. I had no idea that in this first year of my second term, I would also lose my 65-year-old husband: my high school and college sweetheart, and devoted spouse for almost 43 years. I never thought I would be planning two funerals and administering two estates within months of each other. First VP General Jo Lee Potts really stepped up to the plate and took over for months as I became a caregiver and widow. Thank you all for the many cards, flowers, texts, calls, and emails that you sent to me as individuals and State Societies. You have no idea how much they meant to me. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers since it has only been three months since my husband's death, and we are still in early grief.

I have enjoyed being in your service as your President General. I hope you still remember my theme of Membership – Friendship – Leadership. Those three things continue to be the lifeblood and future of our beloved National Huguenot Society. There are still many prospective members out there who want to join us. Find them!

Mostly, I want to thank my diligent officers and committee chairs. I am so proud of their devotion to NHS. We are all so fortunate to have had such skilled and knowledgeable leaders and State Presidents over this last year. We need every member: your enthusiasm, your devotion, and your participation in the National Huguenot Society.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the National Huguenot Society.

With Huguenot Faith and Friendship,
Janet B. Walker, President General

First Vice President General's Report to 87th Congress

I helped setup the April 13, 2022 Mid-Year Spring Gathering in Washington, DC at the Army and Navy Club. Arrangements have been made by this officer for the Spring Gathering in Washington, DC for April 12, 2023, at the Army and Navy Club. The event will start at 9:30.

I continued working with Alice Jones and her team in Alabama to set up the fall Congress. From this Congress a guide is being created for future Congress Chairs [Everything you need to know about selecting, scheduling, and planning a successful event.] It is in a draft form, but we will have it for future years.

We had a small committee look into a Walloon coin / updating the 1924 coin for 2024. We would need major US sponsorship and a US Senator to back the project and we to do have the backing.

We had a small committee look into updating the 1924 Walloon Stamps from 1924 from 2024. We had one graphic designer within the organization reach out, but the Postal Service requirements were above the designer's abilities and we are now past the deadlines.

My work with the American 250 Commission to get us included has been unsuccessful. The commission wants a monetary donation for big sponsors. There was nothing available for free or minimal cost.

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

In Huguenot Friendship,
Jo Lee Potts, First Vice President General

Second Vice President General & Membership Committee Chairman

All Members-at-Large were contacted either by email or by mailed hand written notes.

US MALs.....149 Canadian MALs.....6

**These numbers do not reflect 4 new members in MO or 1 transfer to KS or other unreported new members or resignations in the societies

- One hundred two US MALs were sent email messages. Six of those bounced.
- The six emails that bounced were sent hand written notes via regular mail.
- Four Canadian MALs were sent emails.

I received several very lovely responses from the email messages.

This officer aided in research and preparation of 6 new member applications for the Missouri Society. Four have been verified and two are in still in the works.

This officer successfully transferred her membership to the Kansas Society. Kansas is in the process of revitalization. One application is being worked on currently and is almost ready to submit.

This officer aided in the preparation and research for a Texas Society new member application and a Georgia Society new member application.

Mary Bannister Frisch, Second Vice President General

Third Vice President General & Members at Large Representative

It is an Honor to Serve in the Janet Butler Walker Administration.

Members at Large:

This officer continues collecting dues from the Members at Large and depositing them into the NHS Wells Fargo Account. This officer appreciates the thank you notes tucked inside the received dues about keeping them informed about the Society. This officer continues to update the Society's Members at Large roster through returned emails, Post Office returned mail, phone calls, and research. We are pleased that so many of our Members at Large are transferring to reorganized Societies. Many members chose to pay using the PayPal option on the National website under Membership, www.NationalHuguenotSociety.org. No trip to the post office for them, nor purchasing of stamps. Members also included donations to a the Endowment Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

The Society values our Members at Large with the cumulative experience and service among the members. This officer forwards the Society's Newsletter emailed to members to Members at Large in case they missed the first mailing.

The Members at Large look forward to *The Cross of Languedoc*. Many say they read it cover to cover. Great job, Janice Lorenz.

Credentials: This officer thanks the States that sent in their Credentials Forms. A thank you was sent through email and phone calls. It was a pleasure talking with many across the country.

Finance Committee: It was a pleasure serving on the Finance Committee with Joel Strauch as Chairman. Great job, Joel.

In Huguenot Faith,
Marjorie Nolan Wilson, Third Vice President General

Corresponding Secretary General

This National Officer has composed and distributed electronically a Monthly Newsletter as approved by the President General over the first 12 months of her term. The topics serve to keep members connected with coming events, interesting Huguenot subjects, and information from various committee chairs in a timely way. The Newsletter sparks questions from the subscribers as well as articles of interest for valuable references. Utilizing button links back to the national website encourages readers to visit the website.

The Scholarship Committee has reported that more interest has been generated by the monthly reminders.

Deadlines are easily related to the membership for contests and so on. Much interest has been generated for the new pins that have been introduced by the Insignia Committee.

It has been an honor to serve the National Society. Attendance at Congress remains a highlight!

Nancy R. Schultz, Corresponding Secretary General

Counselor General

I am honored to continue to serve as the Counselor General of the Society during the second Janet Butler Walker administration. I attended the annual meeting in October 2021 in delightful Charlottesville, Virginia. Additionally, I attended the April mid-year meeting in Washington, DC. During the 2021-22 fiscal year, I have responded to the National Society's officers and committees, and state societies on legal issues, including non-profit status, incorporation in various states, Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and the need to maintain or revive 501(c)(3) status. I maintain a database of both current and former state societies that include their corporate and IRS status. I have also served as an ex officio member of the Finance Committee.

For the fifth year in a row I will be attending the State Bar of Texas annual Non-Profit Governance course next week. Much of the material which will be presented has application to our Society, a "foreign" corporation in Texas, as we are incorporated in Maryland. It also covers more general issues such as the IRS 990 Form, charitable bequests and fiduciary responsibilities. Additionally, I receive almost daily updates from the Maryland Secretary of State to ensure compliance in both states.

Although most are already incorporated, I urge other State societies to become a not-for-profit corporation. Advice of local counsel is highly recommended. In addition, it is imperative that state societies file all requisite reporting forms and 990-Ns annually.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the National Society.
Catherine A. Paunov, Member, Texas State Bar

Historian General / Webmaster

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

- 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 reviewed 20 years of *The Cross of Languedoc* and listed all substantial articles on our "Suggested Reading" list on our website.
- To aid genealogical research, Registrar General Buell and I finished updating 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 continues to be a distinct pleasure to work with a board that is passionate about Huguenot history.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Historian General, Webmaster

Organizing Secretary General

This Officer has contacted several people who have shown interest in organizing a Society in their State. With the lingering difficulties of COVID, they felt it was not the right time to organize but hoped 2023 would give our world time to recover and we would no longer fear going to meetings. I have encouraged these people to begin searching for Prospective Members who have an ancestor and could easily complete their application.

It was an honor to attend the Spring meeting in Washington, DC; it was interesting and productive. We missed our beautiful President General who so capably leads our Society. I continue to pray for her peace and comfort.

Please contact this Officer if you know of anyone who is interested in becoming an Organizing State President or reorganizing a disbanded society. I am looking forward to a better future for our society and may the remainder of this year bring more new members, good health, and peace.

Joyce Patton, Organizing Secretary General

Roll of the Dearly Departed for October 2022 Memorial Service

Arkansas

Linda Sue King Fontaine

Arizona

Alice June Garrigus

Delaware

Marion Crain Stewart

District of Columbia

Honorable Richard Abell

Florida

Scott Schoeder Morris

Georgia

William "Billy" Otis Walker

Illinois

Richard E. Wilson

Jessie Murle Edwards

Indiana

Dr. Donald Gradeless

Mississippi

Doris Dolly Newcomb McMurchy

North Carolina

George Bull Salley, Jr.

Texas

Scott Schoeder Morris

Judith Jane Moody Oehler

John H. Lyle, Jr.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S YEAR END 2022 REPORT

Submitted 12 January 2023

During 2022

- 34 New Member Applications were approved;
- 7 Members were reinstated;
- 5 Transfers were approved; and
- 2 Supplemental Applications were approved.
- 21 Members were reported deceased;
- 9 Members Resigned in good standing; and
- 34 Members were dropped for non-payment of dues.

The Member Count as of 31 December 2022 is 1372.

- 19 Insignia Orders were approved;
- 118 Address changes were made;
- 232 Queries were responded to;
- 3 new Ancestors were added and
- 7 Ancestors were revised.

In October, President General Janet Walker, appointed Katherine Totten as Assistant Registrar General. She is now managing the packaging and mailing all PayPal paid store items, and assisting in the management of the National Office.

- The Registrar General collected and deposited Dues, Fees, Store Sales, and Recovered Funds totaling: \$20,842.
- 119 Store items, partially listed below, were sold, packaged and mailed
- 18 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors
- 17 2016 Consolidated Update to the RQHA
- 25 2020 Update to the RQHA
- 8 Charms
- 11 Membership Directory, Fall 2020
- 6 Guidelines for Celebrating Traditions
- 2 Huguenot France, CD
- 3 Huguenot Lineage Research
- 7 Neckties
- 5 Scarves
- 7 Ship Pins
- 2 Tote Bags
- 5 Rosettes
- 51 St. Bartholomew Pins

William Collins Buell V, Registrar General

Treasurer General

Our checking account reports a balance of \$36,932.34 as of September 30, 2022. 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 2021 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 \$1315.00. After several reviews and minor changes, this officer signed the Form 990, filed electronically by the tax accountant 13 Sep 2022. It will eventually be available on the IRS.gov website.

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. I kept the PayPal account, initially used only for MAL dues payments online, and now the payment vehicle for our books and store items on the new website. I forwarded these monies received to Mr. William Buell who immediately sent the sales items and posted the MAL dues. I especially offer many thanks to Joel Strauch, our Chaplain General and Finance Chair, and also, Christine Crossan, whose steps I had to follow. I appreciate their expert help and advice.

Treasurer Documents are organized with current year's working receipts, invoices, statements, and reports in notebooks and will be electronically backed-up. All incoming emails have been kept on my b123win@gmail.com account.

Scholarship checks received:

1. Arizona \$100.00
2. Texas \$150.00
3. Gresham Farrar Scholarly Works \$5,000.00

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

Brenda Winter, Treasurer General

MEMBER STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama meets in March and September of each year. Our March 24, 2022, meeting was a business meeting to discuss plans for the 87th Congress of the National Huguenot Society to be held in Huntsville, Alabama, and the role our members will take in making this endeavor successful. A budget was approved and a Congress planning committee was appointed. Our vice-president, Lucy Willis presented a very informative program about her ancestor, Robert Picon/Picken, and her ancestral line through her mother.

Our September 22, 2022, meeting was held at the Birmingham Country Club. In the absence of our scheduled speaker, this officer presented a program about our deceased member, Gresham T. Farrar and the Scholarly Works Fund established by his family. The book *The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion*, written by author Stephen Davis, this year's recipient, was reviewed.

To attract new members, this officer presented programs about the influence of the French Huguenots in the early colonies to two lineage societies in the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa area. There was an increased interest in our Alabama Society resulting in seven prospective members who are currently preparing applications.

It has been an honor to serve the Walker Administration as President of the Alabama Society this year and to help host the 87th Congress.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Ball Jones



Arizona

The Huguenot Society of Arizona meets on the 4th Saturday of March and October in Phoenix, Arizona. This meeting is joint with several other lineage societies as many of our members belong to multiple societies. The additional societies are The Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva, Dames and Barons of the Magna Charta, and The Jamestowne Society. The responsibility to serve as the meeting "host" to arrange the speaker program and serve as the chairperson rotates amongst these five societies. Each society is given a turn to present an update about its activities, membership, financials, etc. This arrangement has worked very well and assures a good turnout for our meetings.



The October 22, 2022 lunch meeting was held at the Red Devil Italian Restaurant in Phoenix. The speaker was John Thorne, President of The Huguenot Society of Arizona. He is also Regent of the Arizona Division of the Dames and Barons of the Magna Charta. John's presentation concerned Knights and Armour of the Middle Ages, the life of William Marshall (1147- 1219), and the culture of medieval times. After an excellent video screen presentation there was a good discussion and many interesting questions were raised. Above is a photo taken at this meeting showing John Thorne, standing, and Ann Curry, Treasurer of The Huguenot Society of Arizona, at the podium.

California

Although the California Huguenot Society continues to give scholarships annually, we wanted to donate in another way. We completed a project of donating \$1,000 to the French Huguenot Church in Charleston, SC. The church was able to purchase The Church Choir Book, Vol II and The Second Motet Book for their choir.

We continue to provide seven annual scholarships to deserving California students, in Northern and in Southern California:

1. California Baptist University – after scholarship distribution we have \$70,658.82 in the Endowment Fund.

Scholarships awarded to:

- a. Isabelle Ramos - \$1,000
- b. Joseph Lures - \$1,000
- c. Annalisa Williams - \$1,000

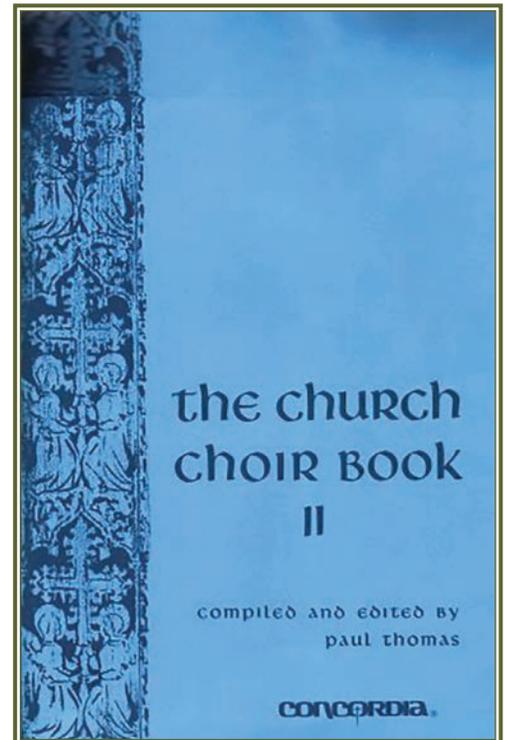
2. Golden Gate University- after scholarship distribution we have a total of \$172,085 in the 4 Endowment Funds.

Scholarships and amounts awarded were:

- a. Zelma McDonough Giles Scholarship - \$1536
- b. Camville-Gaillard-Roche Scholarship - \$1357
- c. Aileen Ross Scholarship - \$695
- d. Dorothy Rhodes Unger Scholarship - \$2386

The breakdown for the individual fund is:

- a. Zelma McDonough Giles Scholarship - \$44,607
- b. Camville-Gaillard-Roche Scholarship - \$39,326
- c. Aileen Ross Scholarship - \$16,910
- d. Dorothy Rhodes Unger Scholarship - \$71,242



Our group sends Mail Call cards (over 200) to veterans going on Honor Flights and send birthday cards to veterans attaining the age of 90+.

The California Huguenot Society welcomed 9 new members and 1 member through transfer. We currently have 45 members.

This administration goes out of office on February 7, 2023. It has been a privilege to serve as the Reorganizing State President of the Huguenot Society of California. Through the hard work of our Board and the support of our members we have accomplished much during this administration. The new board is a good one and will continue doing good things. It has been an honor to serve as the California State President.

In Huguenot Spirit,
Shari Kelley Worrell, President

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Memories of the



National Huguenot Society officers at the Space Center. Front row President General Janet Butler Walker, Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz, Organizing Secretary General Joyce Patton, Recording Secretary General/ Georgia Society President Robin Towns. Second row First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts, Treasurer General Brenda Winter; Third row Counselor General Catherine Paunov, Historian General/ Webmaster Sumner Hunnewell, and Chaplain General/Finance Committee Chairman Joel Strauch.



First Huguenot Astronaut, Nancy Schultz (IL)



Meeting attendees



above:
Mississippi President Mary Margaret Buck with members Randall Chandler and Olivia Chandler

87th Congress



President General conducting the meeting



The President General with members and guests



Huguenot group gathering for a tour



Meeting attendees

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Thank you notes from California Scholarship Winners.

Dear Friends,

Hi, I am Annalisa Williams. I am going into my second year of college and am majoring in Psychology and Christian Studies. I am writing this letter to thank you for your generous Winter 2022 Huguenot Society of California Endowed Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and your willingness to invest in my education and be a part of my academic journey. I realize many applied for this, but I was selected, which I do not take lightly. As I continue my studies, I hope to

further my knowledge in these fields to become a psychologist one day. After my undergrad, I desire to continue my education at CBU in the PsyD program. Eventually, to work in various areas such as a church, overseas, a school, or therapy. I am passionate about being able to impact those around me by taking care of individuals mental health while also investing in them spiritually. Again thank you for this scholarship and allowing me to pursue my education.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Williams

Dear Friends,

My name is Joseph Lures and I am a senior at CBU studying both kinesiology and Christian studies. I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generosity in providing myself and my family with a way to continue pursuing my education at CBU. It is a widely known fact that the cost of college is great nowadays, and families such as my own struggle to pay that cost from time to time. The funding from this scholarship is a blessing due to the fact it provides great assistance

in tackling the subject of this year's tuition. I am extremely grateful to have been considered for the Huguenot Society of California Scholarship and will do everything I can to be a good steward of what God has blessed me with. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lures

Dear Friends,
My name is Isabelle Ramas but everyone that knows me calls me Izzy. I am a criminal justice and philosophy major with a concentration in Administrative Justice. I am truly grateful of the opportunity to have applied for this scholarship and even more appreciative that I was selected winner of the scholarship. This scholarship will aid me tremendously; my grandpa whom I call Papa passed away 6 months and 21 days ago, today. He was my everything and I was his. When he got really sick I was the one taking care of him while at the same time trying to keep up in school and trying to work. His health declined rapidly so I ended up quitting my job to be his around the clock caregiver. His passing affected my ability to go back to work for some time so this scholarship is truly removing stressful weight off my shoulders. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Izzy Ramas

District of Columbia

The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC has been working on membership.

Since we reorganized in October, 2021, we have had one reinstatement. Our current membership is 19 and we have five prospective members.

Society members will be attending the DC-MD-VA Hereditary Society Holiday Luncheon in December. The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC is a sponsor of the event and will have table with brochures and will be giving a short talk about the society.

Lorraine Sims, President



Florida

The Huguenot Society of Florida has been active since our last report of April 2022. The State has five chapters which have reported. The Florida Chapter of the Year was the Jean Calvin Chapter.

The State will award three \$1000 scholarships through the Allen-Parker Scholarship in 2022.

- Hunter Reilly – Mechanical Engineering – University of Florida
- Douglas Poole – Mechanical Engineering – Florida Polytechnic University
- Christina DuBois Webber – Electrical Engineering – University of Florida

The state is well managed and financially stable.

The Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter, Fort Caroline Chapter, and Jean Calvin Chapter are healthy with strong leadership and growth.

Ernst d'Erlach Chapter and Louis Dubois Chapter are struggling. Members are aging and Covid has not been kind to these chapters with the inability to meet.

Jo Lee Potts, President



Georgia

Our society's year has been very busy. Several of our members were pleased to attend the *National Huguenot Society Semi-Annual Meeting* and luncheon, held at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 12, 2022, including Robin Towns, President, Georgia Society and Recording Secretary General; Joyce Patton, Vice President, Georgia Society, and Organizing Secretary General, and Marjorie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, Georgia Society, and Third VP General.

The Huguenot Society of Georgia's Spring Meeting was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at *Idle Hour Country Club* in Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Society was honored with the presence of our President General Janet Walker. Dr. Saralyn



Huguenot, Georgia Bench Marker at Elberton, Elbert County, Georgia

DeSmet, Ph.D., Professor of Modern Languages, Wesleyan College, presented an interesting and informative program entitled “French Language and Culture Around the World.” The meeting included a luncheon and business meeting, where the membership voted to sponsor ten (10) wreaths for “Wreaths Across America,” sponsor a full-page ad in the Georgia DAR State Conference Program, and establish an Annual Membership in “*Lineage Societies of Georgia*” to publicize our activities. Delegates were elected for the National Congress in October 2022.



The Huguenot Society of Georgia Officers with National Huguenot Society President General, Janet Walker, front and center

State Second Vice President John Trussell and State Curator Dr. Cheryl Hunt Clements have worked diligently to research the placement of an historical marker for the now-extinct Elbert

County town of *Huguenot, Georgia*. The marker has now been obtained and installed, and is located on the *Granite City Walking Trail*. The Fall Meeting and Dedication Ceremony, including a luncheon and day of exciting activities, was planned and scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022. The event unfortunately had to be postponed, due to the fore-casted threat of inclement weather associated with Hurricane Ian, affecting Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. The event is being rescheduled for 2023.



John Trussell, 2d VP; Dr. Saralyn DeSmet, Spring Meeting Speaker; and Georgia President Robin Towns (who is also the NHS Recording Secretary General)

President General; Marjorie Wilson, Third Vice President General; Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General; and Joyce B. Patton, Organizing Secretary General.

Exciting news will be shared in this issue of *The Cross* and at Georgia’s January 27, 2023 meeting concerning the *88th National Congress* to be held in October 2023 in historic Macon, Georgia. Members of the Georgia Huguenot Society, the home state society of the President General Janet Walker, are making plans to host the National Congress, showcasing our wonderful State of Georgia, and providing an exciting and outstanding meeting.

The Huguenot Society of Georgia enjoyed representation at the *87th National Congress* in Huntsville, Alabama, including President General Janet B. Walker and delegates Robin R. Towns, President; Joyce B. Patton, First Vice President; and Dr. Cheryl Hunt Clements, Curator. We are proud of our own Janet Walker, serving as President General, for her very successful National Congress! The Congress voted to meet in the State of Georgia for the *88th National Congress*. Georgia Members elected to serve as Officers of the National Society for 2022-2024 are Janet B. Walker,

Robin Towns, President

Illinois

This officer is honored to represent the Illinois State Society in Huntsville, Alabama at the 87th Congress and on the National level serving as Corresponding Secretary General. Also present at Congress was Illinois Treasurer, James F. Barr.

The Illinois State Society currently has 107 members with several applications for Prospective Members soon to be started. The newest members welcomed are Lydia Roll, Bridget Castle, Linda Baker, Patricia Evans. This officer will continue to assist applicants in any way possible.

The State grieves the loss of two long-term members, Murle Edwards and Richard Willson.

Illinois 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.

Meetings are well attended and convene at French creperies, bistros, and cafes in the greater Chicago area. One meeting per year includes the central and southern Illinois geographical area members.

Thank you to all who come together in the worthy organization in person!!!

It is a privilege to serve in reverence and spiritual connection to the Huguenot who persevered to maintain their beliefs for the ages no matter what for their own sakes as well as the common good.

Nancy Schultz, President



Mississippi

The first in-person meeting in three years was held Friday, September 23, 2022 in Hernando, Mississippi at AC's Restaurant. Randall Chandler gave the blessing for our lunch.

The meeting was led by President Mary Margaret Buck. Randall Chandler gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Prestage, the Huguenot Pledge of Allegiance by Carla Maitland, the Salute to the Huguenot Flag by Norma Biggers, and the Solemn Oath was read by Bettye Van Vulpen.

An interesting biographical sketch of Admiral Gaspard Coligny was given by Olivia Chandler.

Business consisted of purchase of books for some libraries. It was noted that our bylaws need revising. We currently have 28 members and 2 youth registrations. We were represented at the 87th NHS Congress by myself (State President Mary Margaret Buck) and by Mississippi Society members Randall and Olivia Chandler.

Mary Margaret Buck, President



James F. Barr, Illinois Society Treasurer, Nancy Schultz, Illinois Society President and NHS Corresponding Secretary General, and Janet Walker, NHS President General

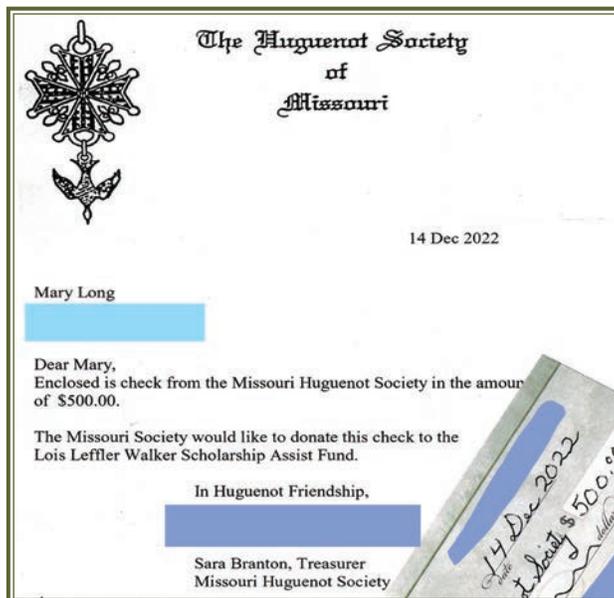
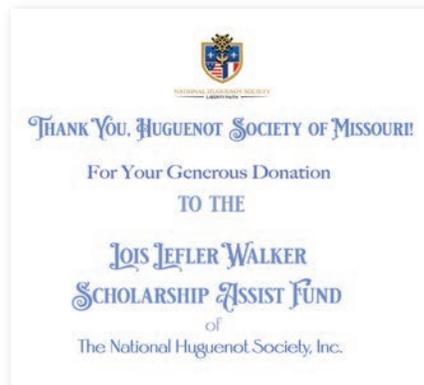


Mississippi Society: Front row William Prestage, Mary Margaret Buck, Olivia Chandler, Randall Chandler. Back row Carla Riley, Bettye Van Vulpen, Carla Maitland, Norma Biggers

Missouri

The National Huguenot Society announces that the Huguenot Society of Missouri has made a generous donation of \$500.00 to the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund.

Mary Long, NHS Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, advises that this is our first national scholarship gift from a state society! The National Huguenot Society and its Scholarship Committee are ever so grateful for this gift, Missouri!



North Carolina

A delegation from North Carolina attended the National Huguenot Society's 87th Congress in Huntsville, Alabama in October. Mary Long represented our state as Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Our active membership currently stands at 94. We mourn the deaths of North Carolina members Haynes Rhodes and Rev. George Salley.

President Ann Mueller spoke to the Wilson County, NC Genealogical Society in November, 2022. The topic was "Finding Hidden Huguenots in Your Family Tree."

Ann Mueller, President



NC Members Mary Long and NC President Ann Mueller, with NHS President Janet Walker in Huntsville



Ann Mueller, President, Huguenot Society of North Carolina

Oklahoma

The Huguenot Society of Oklahoma is a small organization with only 17 members, who are scattered all over the state. It would not be feasible to have monthly meetings, as attendance would be very low. This is the reason that we meet only once a year.

I, Rebecca Osmond Hold, resigned as President of the Huguenot Society of Oklahoma on 16 November 2022.

Our current officers are the following:

- President: Sue Allen
- Vice President: Donna Gantt
- Secretary: TBD
- Treasurer: Gayle Demeyer
- Registrar: Carole Martin

Rebecca Ann Osmond Hold, former President



Pennsylvania

Greetings Fellow Huguenots,

I regret not being able to attend the 87th Congress in Alabama due to my full time job, which I will be retiring from this December 2022. Hopefully I will be able to attend the 88th Congress in 2023.

We had a good turnout at the Altland House in the Gettysburg area. In talking, we found out that the Altland House has some Huguenot history.

We have a new prospective member, Gregory May. I have gotten his completed application and proofs, so hopefully when you read this, he will be a new member.

We are in the process of designing a PA Huguenot Flag brochure, submitting an agreement about the displaying of the flags at Washington Memorial Chapel and working on the project to educate visitors to the Chapel about our PA Society Huguenot Flags.

We are doing more research on companies that digitize records.

We are praying for our minister, Rev. Clayton Ames III, who has had some health issues and is unable to lead our Reformation Sunday Service. He will be missed.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,
Lydia R. Freeman, President, Interim Registrar



An Excerpt From
A PSALM OF LIFE
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked
brother,
seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Tennessee

Including two new members, the membership of the Huguenot Society of Tennessee is 50, with gratitude to the efforts of Registrar Nancy Carr. The Autumn Gathering was held in East Ridge with a luncheon at Wally's Restaurant. Past President, Carolyn Marvil, submitted an article and photo to *The Chattanooga*. The Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, 1 April 2023.

Ginger L. Bish, President



Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia gathered at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for our fall meeting, lunch and a tour of Huguenot related works of art in their fine collection. The museum's restaurant, Amuse, is among the top dining places in Richmond with beautiful ambiance and delicious fare.

Among the works of art that our docents presented were Hubert Robert's Tomb of Gaspard II de Coligny, Henri Rousseau's American Indian Struggling with a Gorilla, Frederic Bazile's The Artist's Studio, and the outstanding collection of Fabergé Eggs and Tiffany lamps.



Rousseau, Bazile, Fabergé and Tiffany all were of Huguenot descent and presented their masterful, artistic talents and their disciplined capabilities to develop beautiful art that has come down to us through the centuries, as well as becoming cultural icons. In our continued interest in Huguenot history and culture, our regional and national museums offer a rich vein for our members to pursue.

Joel Strauch, President



Washington

The Huguenot Society of Washington held its first post-pandemic lock-down meeting since February 29, 2020, in late October 2022. Only two officers attended. Our 16 members are spread over four states: WA, ID, OR and MD. Several are unable to travel due to age, family health, or distance, and some executives have held onto the same positions for nearly ten years out of necessity. The agenda focused heavily on the future of the state organization: creating a potential slate of officers for election at the Spring 2023 meeting in late March, and how we can best meet the needs of our widespread, geographically distant members. Under examination: updating our state bylaws to allow for on-line meetings, an in-person vote would be required.

Marissa Goldenman, President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee 2022 Year End Report

Financial markets closed out 2022 with modestly positive performance in the last quarter of the year; the impact on the National Huguenot Society remained significant for the year. The Finance Committee is committed to working with the Treasurer General to prepare financials every quarter, reporting year to date results. We are glad to highlight major developments for 2022.

The overall resources of the Society decreased by 9.7% to \$547,358, comprised of a decrease in our Scholarship reserve by 17% to \$263,083, an increase of our General Purpose endowed reserves by 4.2%% to \$34,336 and an decrease of 2.6% of our unencumbered reserves to \$227,708.

NHS Balance Sheet		-----12/31/2022-----				
Assets	Restricted ¹	Unrestricted	Total		Reserves ²	
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve	\$ 263,082.69	
Dickey Fund	\$ 207,155.67		\$ 207,155.67			
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund ⁴		\$ 35,486.44	\$ 35,486.44			
General Scholarship Fund		20,440.58	20,440.58			
For General Purposes				General Purposes Reserve	\$ 34,336.00	
Endowment Fund		\$ 10,061.23	\$ 10,061.23			
Dr. Farrar Scholarly Works Fund	4,211.07		4,211.07			
Lewis Fund	20,000.00	63.70	20,063.70			
Operating funds				Other Reserves		
Investment fund		\$ 208,100.07	\$ 208,100.07	Dissolved State Society	\$ 22,231.12	
Liquidity fund ¹		41,839.06	41,839.06	Long-term Reserves	227,708.01	
Total assets					\$ 547,357.82	

¹Vanguard liquidity of \$7,365.65 + Wells Fargo Balance
²Fund balances
³Designated as Permanently Restricted
⁴Lois Leffler 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.



The operating results of the Society reflect continued sound treasury management of our Treasurer General for 2022, supporting the ongoing operations of the Society. Income items were in line with our initial budget for 2022, after eliminating the Congress Income, as we present the Congress income and expenses on a net basis. Expense items were below budget for the year, netting the Society operating income of \$6,900 with the investment income providing an overall year to date results of \$17,500, before considering the significant depreciation of our investments of \$102,000.

Among the most notable areas of financial activities in 2022 were the implementation of new and ongoing programs, including the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist fund, where awards were made to three recipients, and the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar Scholarly Works program; as well as several State Societies, which supported these programs with designated gifts.

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AND DECEMBER 31, 2022 INCOME STATEMENT					
01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022, Brenda Winter, Treasurer General					
(Wells Fargo Account)					
OPERATING INCOME		Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Income Actual 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	Receipts Actual 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022
Dues	State Dues	\$ 23,700	\$ 37,325	\$ 36,220	\$ 36,220
	MAL Dues	2,275	-	2,271	2,271
Fees	Fees Income	5,124	4,000	2,764	2,764
Sales	Book Sales	3,787	3,000	1,323	1,323
	Store Sales	3,686	1,500	2,886	2,886
	Lightning Source	805	1,100	785	785
Donations	Donation income	2,655	1,000	470	470
	Pin donation	496	-	874	874
Events	Board Mtg In	-	1,500	1,485	1,485
	Congress income	13,736	9,628	-	0
	Investment Income	18,034			17,449
	Reclaimed Property	\$ -			\$ 12,512
	Transfer In	\$ -			\$ 52,559
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 74,297	\$ 59,053	\$ 49,078	\$ 131,596
OPERATING EXPENSES		Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Expenses Actual 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 7,458	\$ 8,136	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,336
	Office Supplies	903	\$ 1,000	534	534
	Shipping	1,308	\$ 1,000	1,047	1,047
	Liability Insurance	327	\$ 327	362	362
	D&O Insurance	1,539	\$ 1,540	1,539	1,539
	Bank Fee	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Website	516	\$ 300	325	325
	Tax Accountant	1,250	\$ 1,250	1,315	1,315
Awards	Youth Contest	850	\$ 1,000	900	900
	Scholarly Works Award	1,000	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000
	Scholarship Award	-	\$ 5,000	5,000	5,000
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship	-	\$ 2,000	500	500
Publications	Printing	16,406	\$ 17,000	14,546	14,546
	Cross Postage	2,827	\$ 2,800	1,639	1,639
Store	Store Inventory	4,702	\$ 2,000	-	-
Events	Board Mtg Exp	-	\$ 1,500	2,311	2,311
	Congress Expense	13,414	\$ 10,700	1,431	1,431
	Speaker fees	-	\$ 400	-	-
	Donation Expense	2,100	\$ 100	1,115	1,115
Travel Allowance	President	1,499	\$ 1,500	-	-
	Registrar	565	\$ 500	241	241
	Transfer Out	-			\$ 14,645
	Reorganized Society				\$ 46,549
	TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$ 56,663	\$ 59,053	\$ 42,141	\$ 103,334
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 17,634	\$ -	\$ 6,937	\$ 28,262
1/01/2022 to 12/31/2022		Investment Account (Vanguard)			
Consolidate Accounts					
	Income returns			\$ 17,448.72	
	Net unrealized gain/losses			(102,110.27)	
				Consolidated Vanguard total	\$ (84,661.55)
	Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)				\$ (77,724.82)

While the National Huguenot Society continues to maintain robust reserves to support our long-term operation and success, the financial markets clearly impacted our resources. Though both the equity and fixed income markets performed poorly, these issues facing the markets are now better known: the persistence of inflation, the determination of the Federal Reserve to raise rates to mute inflation by curtailing economic demand, and the adjustments of the global economy to the disruption of energy and commodity markets with the ongoing war in the Ukraine. While the concern of the COVID-19 pandemic is receding, the disruptions it caused on employment participation and stimulative fiscal policy will likely be with us for the next several quarters. Policy makers are projecting continued rate increases into late in the year, before inflation comes back down and interest rates plateau..

Our investments continue to maintain a lower risk profile than our investment policy limits:

Stocks	\$ 238,602	43.6%
Fixed Income	244,505	44.7%
Short-term	<u>63,603</u>	11.6%
	\$ 546,710	100.0%

As we maintain significant short-term reserves to meet our obligations over the next year, we continue to look for investment opportunities as rates reach their peak and recessionary forces in the economy manifest themselves. We will present investment recommendations as opportunities are developed.

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

Insignia Committee

The National Insignia Committee is chaired by Jo Lee Potts, and is comprised of the following members: Peter Adams, Robin Towns, Joyce Patton, Sumner Hunnewell, and Janet Walker.

St. Bartholomew Day Massacre Day Pin artwork was approved by the Board at the April Semi-Annual Meeting and to order the minimum quality of pins from Pin Center to sell out of the NHS San Antonio headquarters. Final cost for the pin was set by the Board at \$25, which includes postage. This pin can be worn on or off the insignia ribbon. The pin can be worn by members and non-members. The purpose of the pin is to 1) share our heritage and 2) remind individuals that killing individuals for their religious beliefs, no matter what religion or denomination, is wrong.

Proceeds from the pin currently go into the NHS general fund. The pin can be purchased by anyone and can be worn anywhere. It is available on our website.

Chapter officer and committee chair pins are complete. City Pride is the provider. They are still not on the City Pride website, but you can call City Pride and order them. These are available for members who live in the states with chapters: Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Phone number is 1-888-679-8888.

Hamilton Jeweler admitted to the error with the 2" Sunbursts and website. They have removed the incorrect Sunbursts and pins that were on our site in error. If you still have a smaller Cross of Languedoc and you want the correct one, contact Hamilton directly. There is no repair of the Sunburst. Sunburst will require you to return your Sunburst pay a charge due to increases in metal prices. Pins listed on the Hamilton website that are not ours have been removed.

The Insignia Committee continues 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.

NHS Rosettes are available from the NHS store. The price was set by the Board at the April meeting and they are on the website. The supplier is Dexter Rosettes.

All National Officer Sashes were fully approved at the April meeting. They have since been distributed. You can see them here in Congress.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lee Potts, Chair

Scholarly Works Committee

This committee is now chaired by Janice Lorenz and consists of members Stuart Whitehead (VA), Brenda Rose (VA), and Mary Margaret Buck (MS).

We are considering several publications for the 2022 Award, but have encountered some issues involving discrepancies between the copyright date and the date of first publication. We want to consider publications which were first published in the contest year; here, i.e., in 2022. But we have found that, after ordering a book, it will sometimes disclose in the hard copy that it was *first* published much earlier than 2022, thus disqualifying it from consideration for the 2022 award. The book review by Stuart Whitehead which appears in this issue of *The Cross of Languedoc* provides an excellent example of this, where the publication was quite good, but had been first published many years ago.

The committee expects to complete its 2022 review soon, and will make its recommendation as to a winning publication to the Board in April.

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,
Janice Lorenz, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Madame President General and Delegates to the 87th Congress:

It is our honor to have completed our first year as co-chairs of the NHS Scholarship Committee. We are grateful that Alice Sweeney (VA) and Bernie Hugus (IL) have agreed to continue their thoughtful and informed service on this committee.

The 2022 winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is Ms. Morgan Meer (ancestor: Rev. William Gillet(t)), who is studying Communication Rhetoric and Museum Studies with minors in History and Film & Media Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her career goals including working as a historian in an education-focused capacity.

The 2022 winners of the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award are Ms. Caroline Dubois-Weber (ancestor: Louis DuBois), who is studying Neuroscience and Classics at the University of Texas-Austin, and Ms. Madeline Harris (ancestor: Peter Rucker), who is studying Health and Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy, at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

The application process for the next \$5,000 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is officially open! Please consult the NHS website, the Scholarships section. The application form can be found there.

The Scholarship Committee submitted revised guidelines for the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Award, which the National Society has taken over from the former Connecticut Society, for appropriate approvals at this Congress. We are thrilled and grateful to have received the approval of the Board of General Officers on October 6, 2022. We will work with Sumner Hunnewell to update the NHS website, and we will also reach out directly to State Presidents to disseminate the revised guidelines and new Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Award application form promptly after this Congress.

The deadline for both applications to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee is February 1. State Presidents, please advertise these merit-based scholarship opportunities to your state membership as soon as possible.

Because our scholarships are such a significant component of the Society's non-profit service work, we are raising awareness with a short message in the NHS monthly newsletter as well as with a new feature-length article in *The Cross of Languedoc* focused on past winners. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship has been awarded since 2002. Honorary President General and current *Cross* editor Janice Lorenz has worked with us to launch a regular column in *The Cross*, a "Where Are They Now?" program interviewing our outstanding scholars about their lives and careers since they became scholarship winners. Our first two interviewees were (spring 2022) Dr. Joel Wuthnow (ancestor: Jean Bertrand), 2003 winner and a distinguished China scholar at the National Defense College in Washington, DC, and (fall 2022) Robert Brewton Ryals (ancestor: Francis Fontaine), 2004 winner and well-known public historian in NC and SC.

Thank you.
Mary Long, Co-Chair

NHS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS INFORMATION FOR APPLICATANTS

Revised October 2022 and approved
by President General Janet Walker 20 Nov 2022

The National Huguenot Society currently offers two merit scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is available to NHS members only; the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund award is available to members as well as children/grandchildren of NHS members.

Applications for both Scholarships are available on the National Huguenot Society's website under the Membership tab.

1. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund

- a. The late Jacqueline Wells Dickey's bequest has permitted the National Huguenot Society to offer scholarships since 2002.
 - b. Applications, available on the NHS website, are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
 - c. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. (meeting all requirements for that membership).
 - d. The recipient must be a student at an accredited college or graduate school who has had at least two semesters of history which include, in part, history of religion.
 - e. The recipient must have completed at least two years of college, maintaining a 3.0 average.
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- f. Scholarships are limited to \$5,000 per student. Scholarships are not renewable.
- g. Need is not a factor.
- h. All applicants for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship are also considered for the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award. However, the winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund award in the same grant year.

2. The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund

- a. The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund, created in 1986 by Sterling M. Lefler and originally administered by the Huguenot Society of Connecticut (currently inactive), is now administered by the national Society. The bequest was originally intended to assist “worthy Huguenot students in college who are direct descendants of a Society member with the purchase of textbooks.” The terms of the bequest allow funds to be granted to children or grandchildren of current NHS members.
- b. Applications, available on the NHS website, are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
- c. The recipient(s) must be enrolled as either a returning undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university. Applications are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
- d. The grant for each recipient of the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist fund is limited to a maximum of \$500 per year. Grants may be awarded to several recipients each year. A student may receive this award more than one year, but a new application is required for each year.
- e. Need is not a factor.
- f. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to educational institutions.
- g. Winning the National Huguenot Society’s Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award does not preclude the winner(s) from subsequently applying or reapplying for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund award. All applicants for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship are also considered for the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award.

Thank you!



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.

ANNOUNCING OUR 2022 YOUTH CONTEST WINNERS

Martha Whitt, Chairman, Youth Contest

1. Level I: First Place-Jack Ryan Crossan; Second Place-Duncan Henderson McClure Sharp.
2. Level II: William Crossan
3. Level III: Claire Gleason

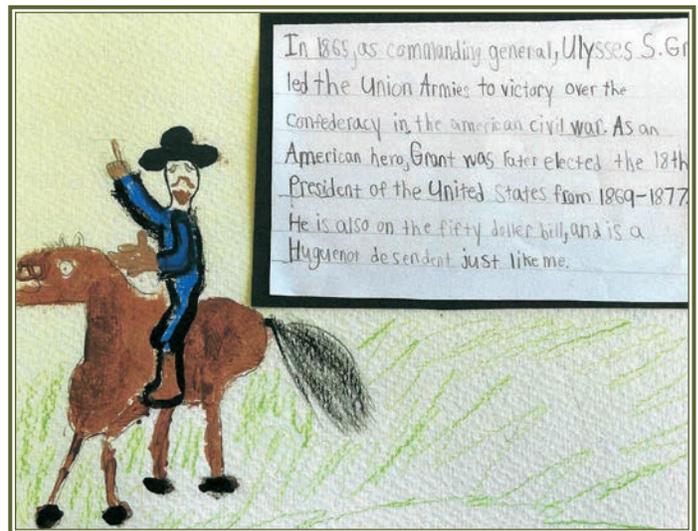
This year we had four entrants for the Youth Huguenot Essay Contest. Our youngest essay winner was Jack Ryan Crossan who is in the 4th grade, (Level 1).

1. Jack presented a drawing of a soldier on a horse. This was to represent a Union Army Soldier in the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant. This famous American hero General Grant was elected the 18th President of the United States serving as President from 1869-1877. Grant is also on the U.S. currency fifty dollar bill. Just like Jack Crossan, General Grant was also a Huguenot.
2. William Crossan, who is in the 7th grade and 13 years old (Level II), presented an essay titled "The Perseverance of Huguenots." William told about Marie Durand, a Huguenot who was in prison for 38 years just for believing in God and refusing to recant her religious beliefs. At any time during this 38 years she could have been released however, she refused to renounce her protestant beliefs. She lived 6 years after her release from prison and died at the age of 65. William noted the countries that welcomed the Huguenots and then shared their many contributions to society. He also named several famous Huguenots who became presidents, generals, businessmen and inventors.

THE PERSEVERANCE OF HUGUENOTS

By William Crossan

Can you imagine being in prison for 38 years just for believing in God? Marie Durand was a Huguenot who practiced her faith with her family by reading the bible daily and having secret meetings with other Huguenots. At the age of 18, Marie was put in prison because of her faith. She was in prison for 38 years. She could have been released at any time if she just recanted her belief, but she never did and was finally released after 38 years. She lived 8 years after being released and died at the age of 65. This is one of many stories of Huguenots, who were persecuted. I am proud to be a Huguenot descendant because they were hard-working and devoted in the face of persecution. They can be an example for me to stand up for my faith through opposition and hard times.



Level One Essay Winner Jack Crossan

Huguenots were French protestants who left France and moved to America because of unfairness and persecution in religion. In America, they could have religious freedom and new opportunities. Protestantism originated in the 1600s during the Reformation, in which they believe the Bible is the main authority in matters of religious truth, and that humans are saved solely by the grace of God alone.

Huguenots and Huguenot descendants are hard-working and their contribution to society has been great. We see this in characters such as Ulysses S. Grant, Paul Revere, Theodore Roosevelt, John D. Rockefeller, and Thomas Edison. As you hear these names, you immediately think of their contributions to society. These men contributed in different ways as Presidents, generals, businessmen, and inventors.

I am a descendant of Nicolas Gaillard. The word Gaillard means “vigorous strong.” Although I don’t know much about my Ancestor, I can be sure of his perseverance and hard work by the stories of other Huguenots. 2 Corinthians 15:7 says, “But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”

3. We were so excited to have an entry from Claire Naudain Gleason a new applicant this year. Claire is 14 years old and in the 9th grade. (Level III) She is a Junior Member of the Delaware Society. Her essay entry was titled. “The Migration of Huguenots to Other Lands.” She led us from the beginning of the French Huguenots and the leadership of John Calvin and his Calvinism influence and beliefs through the persecution of the French Huguenots in France and the different countries where the Huguenots sought refuge from death and persecution for their religious beliefs. Claire said in the beginning many Huguenots were discriminated against in other countries. Now we see the influence of the brave, talented, Huguenots such as the many streets with Huguenot names in New Rochelle, NY and a park in Richmond, Virginia named the Huguenot Park. Claire says this makes her proud to be a Huguenot descendant.

4. We were delighted to welcome another new participant, an entrant into the Level One art contest, Duncan Henderson McClure Sharp. We loved Duncan’s work and were thrilled to see him win the \$50 second place prize. We want him to return next year!

Note to Our Youth Winners From The President General

The President General congratulates these fine young people for their winning entries in the Youth Contest. We are so proud of the interest and support of our students and their parents for applying to win. The Delaware Society places an emphasis on their youth and this contest. They are to be commended for that!! Other State Societies should take note and be led by their example.

Janet B. Walker, President General

The Migration of Huguenots to Other Lands

I have learned many things since beginning this essay, but what has stuck with me the most is that Huguenots are extremely resilient and brave. Although they faced many great challenges in the past, they persevered and settled in areas and became important members of communities. I see their influence in and around my own travels, and am proud that I am connected to the Huguenots of the past and present.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Huguenots were French Protestants that followed the teachings of John Calvin, who began Calvinism. Calvinism is a religion that practices predestination; that God is responsible for all things that may happen in life. Huguenots fled France because their religion was immensely frowned upon by the French Catholic Government, they were driven out with persecution and violence. It was not an ideal time to be a Huguenot in France. As a result about 200,000 Huguenots fled France and scattered across the globe, many relocated and ended up in non-Catholic Europe, Germany, Scandinavia, and Switzerland. They settled wherever they could best pursue their occupations, many were artisans, weavers, silversmiths, and watchmen.



When Huguenots fled France they had to start over; find new jobs, new houses, and a new way of life. It was difficult to find the perfect place to settle down. Britain was not friendly with French King Louis XIV, and they did not agree on most things. Therefore, many Huguenots ended up being welcomed in Britain, as a result, about one fifth of the Huguenot population settled down and started their new lives there. Only a handful of Huguenots settled in South Africa, near the cape of Good Hope. South Africans gave them farmland but they were not allowed to fraternize with the Dutch. Many Huguenots settled in America, beating the mass movement later to come, unfortunately many were slaughtered by Spanish troops. I learned that some settled around New Rochelle, NY, and noticed there are many street names there that connect to my ancestors. I’ve also noticed that in the Richmond, VA area there was a park by a hotel I stayed at, Huguenot Park! It made me proud of my Huguenot history and also more curious about it. Many years ago, Huguenots were discriminated against, no matter where they went, that’s why it’s so important for people to learn more.

I’m glad they were able to find places where they were able to settle, and obviously become important parts of their communities to have roads and parks named after them.

(Different ways of leaving France, an engraving by Jani Lulliers)

Today Huguenots have continued to migrate all over the globe. My ancestor, Elias Naudain, born in 1655, went from La Tremblade, France to South Hampton, England in 1682, he married Jahel Arnaud, and they had four children, Arnaud Naudain, Mary Naudain, Elias Naudain II, and Francoise Naudain. In 1686 his son, Elias Naudain II settled in Narragansett County, New Rochelle, NY, That then led to my Grandfather, and then Mother. I am extremely grateful and beholden to not just my family, but every single Huguenot who encountered hardships as they found a safe and welcoming new home. They had extraordinary strength to stand up for their rights and not give up, even when things got most unbearably hard. I absolutely loved learning about my ancestors and what they fought so outstandingly hard for, all so they could practice their religion in peace. I’ve learned that even though moving can be hard, it can result in a better situation for generations to come. I am so happy for where I am today and my Huguenot ancestry that got me here.

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TALES OF A WAYSIDE INN

Prelude

The Wayside Inn

One Autumn night, in Sudbury town,
Across the meadows bare and brown,
The windows of the Wayside Inn
Gleamed red with fire-light through the leaves
Of woodbine, hanging from the eaves
Their crimson curtains rent and thin.

As ancient is this hostelry
As any in the land may be,
Built in the old Colonial day,
When men lived in a grander way,
With ampler hospitality;
A kind of old Hobgoblin Hall,
Now somewhat fallen to decay,
With weather-stains upon the wall,
And stairways worn, and crazy doors,
And creaking and uneven floors,
And chimneys huge, and tiled and tall.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Conversation With Carrie Chew

2005 Winner of the National Huguenot Society's

Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship. Today, An Attorney at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC

By Mary Long, Co-Chair, NHS Scholarship Committee



ML: You are a committed Francophile. Did your Huguenot heritage influence your desire to become fluent in French and to study in France? Please describe your experiences in France, first at the Sorbonne, and subsequently as you moved around the country.

CC: No, I didn't know about my Huguenot heritage till later. I started studying French early on, at age 5. This activity encouraged a general interest and gave me earlier jump than students who don't study a foreign language till middle or high school. I had a knack for it, so I kept going with my study of French.

My Sorbonne experience was a month-long deep dive for non-native French speakers, a culture - and language - intensive summer program. It was taught by a stern French professor and was more intense than I bargained for! That was the first of a number of trips to France for study, and I ultimately spent a year of teaching in an English language program there.

I also started studying Arabic while in France. Algerians and other North Africans constitute a large minority there. This course of study supplemented and enhanced my understanding of modern France.

ML: How would you advise a student today who seeks to study in France – yes/no, and if yes, would it be to follow in your footsteps, or to study in another city?

CC: Yes! Spend a little time in Paris and also an entirely different region. Most of my experience was in the southern half of the country, particularly in Toulouse and Montpellier, with some trips to places such as Bordeaux and Cognac. Paris is not all of France! To extent possible, try to get a more diverse viewpoint.

ML: How has the ability to understand the French perspective without translation impacted your view of current French politics?

CC: I normally listen to NPR. If I'm digging into French media, I try to do something lighter, a podcast or something. I really enjoy "Transfert"--each episode is a real-life story told anonymously by the person who lived it. Unfortunately, all the French reading I do now at work is rather technical, trade-specific text. It's been a while since I've regularly listened to a serious French news feed in my spare time. However, having a general broad understanding of French people and France itself definitely influences my take on current events involving France.

I do talk to French friends about an election here or there or other interesting topics. The uproar over (President of France Emmanuel) Macron and the "yellow vests" reminded me that there, strikes are not unusual. I can't say I miss that part of living in France!

ML: Who is your National Huguenot Society qualifying ancestor?

CC: Samuel Mortimer Damourvel / Damourville / DeMourvelle / Damourvell (b.c. 1672 – d.a. 8 Aug 1723). When I submitted my own application for the NHS scholarship, I learned that he was buried in Virginia. I wound up having some old family history in my adopted region of the US that I didn't know about!

ML: Who in your family particularly gravitates toward family history and stewarding artifacts?

CC: My mother is the genealogy buff in my family, and she has been President of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Huguenot Society.

ML: Are you a native of the Midwest?

CC: I was born Portland, Oregon, and our family later moved to Wisconsin. I went to college and law school in the Twin Cities. I moved to Washington, DC, right out of law school.

ML: How have you seen the greater Washington, DC, area evolve during your 17 years as a professional living there? How has this affected on your daily life?

CC: Since I moved to Washington, DC, in 2005, the restaurant scene has become much trendier in a good way. Years ago, the food tended to be bland and lackluster, with some exceptions, but then, Washington, DC, was a town where everyone grabbed a sandwich on white bread as an afterthought while networking. Now it's more creative and a cooler city with a lot of walkable areas and neighborhoods. I try to avoid driving in DC proper because it's too hard to park and there's usually a lot of traffic.

ML: How did you choose your legal practice area?

CC: Honestly, I chose Washington, DC as the place I wanted to live. I was interested in a more cosmopolitan area and international exposure. The jobs came along and I have been here ever since!

ML: You chose a legal specialization in Electronic Discovery (E-discovery). Please elaborate on what that means – how would you describe that specialty to a non-attorney? How has technology changed the process of Discovery in investigations?

CC: Typically, in a legal action, both sides exchange information, a process called Discovery. Discovery is a significant part of preparing for a trial. E-discovery is the modern spin on that traditional legal process. In the 21st century, so many things are communicated digitally rather than via paper. E-discovery involves using new and evolving search mechanisms and computer-assisted analytics in order to handle the exponentially growing masses of email, texts, instant messages, and other electronic documents and media. Any form of communication that is stored in any way may be subsequently read by counsel as a part of the Discovery process.

E-discovery is the 21st century way of how best to both manage large quantities of data and also find the proverbial “needles in haystacks.” Although machine learning as a method of sifting through large amounts of information is becoming increasingly more advanced, human judgment is still required for high-level review and analysis, which helps cull and organize findings into actionable evidence.

ML: How would you counsel a college student who is considering a career in law?

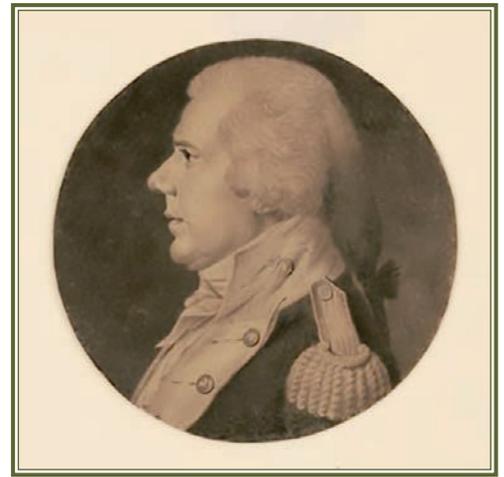
CC: Get a good mentor! Take time to prepare for the LSAT and learn from others' experiences before you. Try to have some face time with current law students and lawyers practicing in areas that interest you. Talk to people at different points on the legal career journey, from students to seasoned veterans. Wherever you can find help, ask for it—don't get behind!

CAPTAIN ABRAHAM MARKOE

By Peter Morgan Adams

Captain Abraham Markoe was a Huguenot Descendant, a Philadelphia Gentleman and a Patriot of the American Revolution.

Abraham Markoe was born on the Danish Island of St. Croix in the Caribbean where he successfully managed his family's large sugarcane plantation. Its products, sugar and rum, were sold internationally and transported by ship to ports throughout the world. After raising his family and achieving notable mercantile success in St. Croix, Markoe turned the operation of the plantation over to his sons and he immigrated to Philadelphia prior to the American Revolution. Abraham maintained his shipping business connections and became an important Philadelphia gentleman. He imported various products into the colonies - including gunpowder which he sold to the early American Government prior to its declared war against Great Britain. (1)

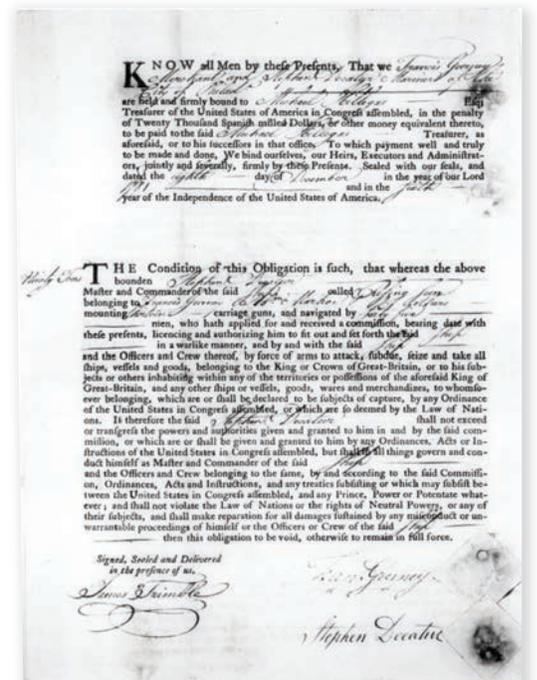


Abraham's leadership and management skills were further utilized when he assisted in sponsoring and financing the Philadelphia Light Horse - one of the earliest military organizations formed before the outbreak of the declared war between the American colonies and Great Britain. In fact, Markoe was elected the First Captain of the Philadelphia Light Horse. When the King of Denmark issued a neutrality edict in 1775, Abraham Markoe, a Danish citizen, stepped down as the First Captain of the Philadelphia Light Horse and took a less conspicuous role during the American Revolution. He leveraged his well-established shipping connections and assisted in financing the American Navy. (2)

At the outset of the American Revolution, the American Navy consisted of Privateer Ships which were privately owned war ships fitted for the purpose of attacking and seizing ships belonging to Great Britain. Abraham Markoe financed a 90-ton Privateer called the Rising Sun. This was one of several ships financed by Markoe for the purpose of benefiting the patriotic cause. Michael Hillegas, Treasurer of the United States, approved Markoe's investment in the war ship with its 13 mounted guns and a crew of 47 men. (3) Stephen Decatur Sr. was the Commodore of the Rising Sun. It was reported in 1782 that one of its most notable successes was its capture of the British ship, the Grace, with a valuable cargo. (4)

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WHO WAS JEAN CALVIN?

By LTC Jack V. Cowan USA (Ret)

Huguenot Society of Texas

Who was Jean Calvin? Simple, he was a preacher who became one of the leaders of the Reformation and whose doctrine became that of at least some but not all of the Huguenots and the Presbyterian Church. But that's like describing an orange without peeling it and tasting what's inside. So let's peel Calvin and get to the man and what made him and his doctrine known as "Calvinism".

Calvin is made up of three parts, the Catholic Church, the Bible, and the Reformation in that chronological order. Let's start at the beginning, the Catholic Church.

When Emperor Constantine took over the Roman Empire, it was on the verge of revolt. The Christian movement was in full swing and disrupting the Pagan controlled Empire. Constantine had to do something to reunite his empire, so he called on the local Roman Church. His story was, he had seen the light and had converted to Christianity. This story might seem believable if it not for the fact he remained the head of the pagan cult that worshiped the sun god Mithras and refused to be baptized until he lay dying.

Nonetheless, he made himself the Bishop of the Roman Church and changed Christian doctrine forever by merging it with his pagan rituals. He changed the day of worship from the Sabbath to the god of the sun day, Sunday. He made December 25 Christ's birthday which was the birthday of Mithras and integrated numerous other pagan celebrations into the Roman Church. Using his power as supreme emperor he made mandatory his doctrine over all Christian Churches. If they refused, they were murdered, and their religious books were burned. Thus was the beginning of the Catholic religion.

It is important to note that at this time, there were many Christian groups or churches throughout the Empire, and each had a slightly different Christian belief. Consequently, each had their own Christian writings or "gospels".

The earliest books in the New Testament are the Book of Acts and letters of Paul. The four Gospels were not written until much later. The Book of Mark, the earliest is said to have been written about 40 years after Christ died and The Book of John 55 – 60 years after Christ. We know a lot more about the works of the Bible now than did Calvin and the other Reformers, due to recent discovery of early manuscripts and technology. Thus we have them at a disadvantage and must give them latitude in judgment.

The first grouping of the books of the New Testament was in the 4th century A.D. by Athanasius, a bishop of Alexandria, Egypt.

To help unify all the different Christian churches and their scriptures, Constantine organized meetings such as the Council of Nicea to answer major questions but it was not until the council of Carthage in 397A.D. that it was decided which books should be regarded as "Scripture." It was decided a book should be included in the Bible if:

It is thought to have been written by one of Jesus' apostles or a close companion of an apostle in the first century A.D. and can be assumed to have been widely read among the Christian churches. Its teachings must coincide with those of the Catholic Church.

The result was the Bible commonly referred to as the Catholic Vulgate Bible. It must be noted that the original writings of the New Testament were in Greek and today all we have are hand copies of hand copies of copies of copies. The Kings James Version of the New Testament was translated from some of the earlier Greek writings, however since then even earlier Greeks versions have been discovered revealing over 30,000 differences. You see, each time the writings were hand copied; mistakes were made, mostly minor. There are differences that are, however meaningful. As for example, the story of the stoning of the prostitute in Gospel of John was added at a later date.

The point of this is that it shows the Catholic Dogma was not based on the Bible as the Bible had not really been put together at the time the Dogma was instituted. Thus when people started reading the Bible it became obvious the Catholic Church was not following the Bible.

Soon challenging of the Church's power and control came from groups within the Catholic Church who had access to the Bible. There were many reformers that came to the defense of the Bible and the Christian Faith. Names like Hinrich Bullinger who under the influence of the Waldensians group believed in a more symbolic understanding of the Eucharist. A Christian group about this same time, the Waldensians and the Cathars in Southern France, were almost annihilated by the Catholic Church. They also condemned the idolatry worship of the Catholic Church and considered the Papacy the Antichrist of Rome.

John Wycliffe of England rejected the papacy and denounced the wealth of the clergy which had been gained from fleecing the poor. He also rejected transubstantiation. He translated the Bible into the English language, and was called *“the morning-star of the Reformation”*.

John Huss of today’s Czech Republic, was Martin Luther’s and many reformer’s hero preaching against indulgences, and against the church’s brutality. He followed Wycliffe’s in reading the Bible and soon pushed for a moral reform of the church. He was burned at the stake and as the flames engulfed his body he said, *“Lord Jesus, it is for thee that I patiently endure this cruel death. I pray thee to have mercy on my enemies.”*

Martin Luther is well known for his contributions to the reformation which was due to his use of the new technology, the printing press. Ulrich Zwingli, who stated *“If it can’t be found in the Bible, don’t believe it and don’t do it”*, even before Luther, protested the sale of indulgences to free the soul from the Catholic invented “purgatory”.

An Indulgence basically is a piece of paper, signed by the pope with a papal seal on it, saying that you have this “forgiveness”. That piece of paper can get you out of doing the good works that you need to do to make up to God for the sins that you’ve done including crimes. The Church’s explanation for how this works has to do with a theory known as the Treasure House of Merit. According to this theory back in the early days of the Church, when the Apostles and Church Fathers, and great saintly Christians led such good Christian lives, so when they died they only had to cash in with God a certain amount of their merit to get to heaven. And they had merit left over that they didn’t need to get to heaven. According to the theory, they donated this merit to the Church, and the pope then took control of this merit, and could sell such as he pleased.

In 1523, statues and paintings of Jesus Christ, Mary and saints were removed from these new Reformed Christian churches and the Bible became law.

In 1525, parts of Switzerland continued reforms, abolishing the mass and replacing it with a simpler service.

In 1531, the Catholics attacked Protestants in Switzerland, at the Battle of Kappel. Zwingli, who had joined the Protestants as a chaplain, was killed in the battle and the Catholics quartered, burned, and defiled him with dung. His protégés, Heinrich Bullinger and John Calvin carried on his reformation movement.

In the early 16th century, two cousins grew up near one another in Noyon, France. The name of the oldest was

Pierre Olivetan, and the name of the younger was Jean Calvin.

Both boys were sent to further their education in Paris. While Jean took up the honorable study of law, Pierre was trained in a newly developed field ancient languages. Greek and Hebrew had recently been reintroduced to western Europe by a series of events. The fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks had brought Greek scholars fleeing westward with their manuscripts. The expulsion of the Jews by Ferdinand and Isabella had driven Jewish scholars across the Pyrenees Mountains with their Hebrew scrolls. These exiles had found refuge in cities like Paris where they were welcomed as teachers. The Protestant Reformation was now in full swing across all Europe.

The study of the original languages had led Pierre to compare Biblical Scripture with the church practices. Very soon, Pierre became a decided Protestant. It was dangerous to be an open Protestant in Paris as some bold preachers had been executed for daring to question Roman dogma.

Jean was alarmed that his older cousin had left the Catholic faith and Pierre was concerned that Jean was adhering to pagan traditions which had no basis in Scripture. Jean would often pray for the conversion of Pierre. And Pierre prayed to Christ for the conversion of Jean. Little by little Jean was converted to the Reformed faith. He became convinced of God’s omnipotence and felt himself sent by God to proclaim religious truth. Like the mature Luther, he felt assured of his own salvation, and this feeling set him on a firm path toward founding a new church.

In late 1533, his Protestant sentiments were revealed when he sided with the rector of the University of Paris, who preached a Lutheran sermon which drew Catholic threats and caused Calvin to flee Catholic France.

Long before John Calvin would establish Geneva as the stronghold of Protestantism, Olivétan came to Geneva in the spring of 1532 and became the tutor to the sons of one of the members of the Geneva council. Olivétan’s teaching laid the foundation for the work that his younger cousin would later do in the city. In fact, much of the credit for Calvin’s work can be attributed to his older cousin,

During that winter of 1532, William Farel pressed upon Olivétan the need for a Bible translated directly from the Greek and Hebrew into the French. He became a warm friend of the Waldensian pastors and traveled into the Piedmont districts to consult with them and to view their treasured manuscript.

It was on June 4, 1535 that his work was finally finished. The Waldensian churches were the ones who paid for the first printing and the Bibles rolled off the presses of a converted printer named Wingle. The Waldensians who first appeared in Lyons France about 1170 quickly spread over France and even Italy and were known as the Poor Men of Lyons and later become Southern France's Huguenots.

Olivetán's Bible was later translated it into an English version known as the Geneva Bible which was used by virtually all the reformers and was brought to America on the Mayflower,

Calvin's Paris years ended late in 1533 because the government became less tolerant of the reform movement. Eventually he made his way to Basel, then Protestant but tolerant of religious variety. His beliefs before his flight to Switzerland were probably not incompatible with Roman Catholic orthodoxy. But they underwent a change when he began to study theology intensively in Basel, probably in part to clarify his own beliefs.

There were several translation from the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew Bible into the German, French and English language, during this period.

Calvin began his writings with a preface to a French translation of the Bible by his cousin Pierre Olivétan and then undertook what became the first edition of the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. The final versions appeared in 1559 and 1560. The *Institutes* was not accepted however, by all Protestant leaders.

Up on discovering that Calvin was spending a night in Geneva late in 1536, the reformer and preacher Guillaume Farel, then struggling to plant Protestantism in that town, persuaded him to remain to help in this work. The Reformation was in trouble in Geneva, which reflected a resistance to religious and moral reform. The resistance was all the more serious because the town council in Geneva, as in other Protestant towns, exercised ultimate control over the church and the ministers. Calvin favored church overseeing state, just as Zwingli had before. The council however, as in Lutheran Germany, put the state in charge. The uncompromising difference between the council and Calvin resulted in his expulsion from Geneva in May 1538.

Calvin found refuge for the next three years in the German Protestant city of Strasbourg, where he was pastor of a church for French-speaking refugees and also lectured on the Bible; there he published his commentary on the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

There too, in 1540, he married Idelette de Bure, the widow of a man he had converted from Anabaptism. Although none of their children survived infancy, their marital relationship proved to be extremely warm. During his Strasbourg years Calvin also learned much about the administration of an urban church from Martin Bucer, its chief pastor. Meanwhile Calvin's attendance at various international religious conferences made him acquainted with other Protestant leaders and gave him experience in debating with Roman Catholic theologians. Henceforth he was a major figure in international Protestantism.

In September 1541 Calvin was invited back to Geneva, where the Protestant revolution, without strong leadership, had become insecure.

Because he was now in a much stronger position, the town council in November enacted his, "**The Church Ordinance of 1541**". The plan held that in the church in Geneva, there would be four kinds of officials: pastors, who would preach the word of God to the people; doctors, who would be theologians defining doctrine (and, by the way, Calvin would be the only one of those); elders, who were laymen but who would be active in regulating the moral life of citizens; and finally, deacons, who would provide poor relief. In charge of the Church would be a committee known as the Consistory Council. On it would sit both pastors and elders. It would have a dual task. Part of its task would simply be running the Church, but another part of its task would be enforcing moral behavior on the people in their private lives. There were laws, rules, regulations issued by the Church against things Calvin felt immoral, such as gambling, prostitution, dancing, and drinking. All these things were made against the law of the Church, and the city.

Calvin was influenced by several Catholic writers like Saint Augustine and relied heavily on the Old Testament. Thus some of his doctrines were considered appalling to many other reformers of that time.

One such was his doctrine of Predestination, which he took from Augustine and called it The Providence of God.

Briefly it is the belief that God is in complete control over everything that happens in the universe, even evil deeds. It dilutes "Free Will" and limits salvation to the "elect". I'll leave the details of this doctrine to you as I have read Calvin's book and have a slightly different take of that doctrine than you will find on the Internet. I strongly suggest you read his book, **The Institutes of the Christian Religion**. You will be at least surprised if not highly enlightened.

During Calvin's governing of Geneva, Protestant refugees from all over Europe fled to Geneva, most returning to their home land and of course, they carried Calvin's teachings with them and became the Scottish Presbyterians and English Puritans. Some but not all the Huguenots from France fled to Geneva. Many stayed in Southern France and took issue with Calvin's teachings. So it is a misinterpretation of history to say that the Huguenots were Calvinists. At least some were Waldensian and anti-Calvinist.

There were also those in Geneva who took issue with his stern rulings against dancing, musical interments, theatrical performance, adultery, profanity and other immoral acts. He wanted Geneva to be a heaven-on-earth with no tolerance for immorality. One thing he couldn't do was stop people from drinking. So he opened religious propaganda shops, where you can come and get a drink, but while you are drinking you have to listen to somebody read the Bible. He saw that as a compromise he had to make. He also introduced a new form of church service, which was based on a sermon, hymn-singing and prayers, very similar to modern-day Protestant services. In many ways he pioneered what became the major kind of Protestant church service of today.

Between 1542 and 1546, 76 people were banished from Geneva and at least 58 were executed for disobeying his Ordinances.

Michael Servetus was one Christian refuge from Vienne, France, who made the mistake of fleeing to Calvin's Geneva. On 13 August, he attended a sermon by Calvin at Geneva. He was arrested after the service and all his property was confiscated. His crime was writing books that went against Calvin's Predestination and the Catholic Trinity. At his trial, Servetus was condemned on two counts, for spreading and preaching Nontrinitarianism, and anti-infant baptism. On 27 October, Servetus was burnt alive, atop a pyre of his own books. His last words were: "Jesus, Son of the Eternal God, have mercy on me."

Most reformers denounced this execution and became harsh critics of Calvin pleading for churches to stop putting people to death, even for heresy, describing it as against the love and forgiveness Christ taught his followers. Servetus' writings influenced the beginnings of the Unitarian movement in Poland and led to the separation of the Polish brethren from the Calvinist Reformed Church in Poland,

Jacobus Armimius, one of Calvin's enemies, may have been the most influential of Calvin's opponents who's teachings of "free will", love and forgiveness lives on in the Methodist and Pentecostal churches.

Calvin slept relatively little and ate little during his life and by 1559 his health problems had become bad—regular bouts of malaria-like fever, tuberculosis, ulcerated veins, kidney stones, and other problems.

Calvin's friend and colleague Theodore Beza recorded this of his last days:

"The interval to his death he spent in almost constant prayer. . . . In his sufferings he often groaned like David, "I was silent, O Lord, because thou didst it." . . . I have also heard him say, "You, O Lord crush me; but it is abundantly sufficient for me to know that this is from your hand." Calvin may also have remembered the words that he had written long ago in his Catechism: "For death for believers is now nothing but passage to a better life. . . . Hence it follows that death is no longer to be dreaded. We are rather to follow Christ our leader with undaunted mind, who, as he did not perish in death, will not suffer us to perish."

The catholic reign of terror continued until 1648 when the bloody religious wars which killed over 8,000,000 people ended with the Treaty of Westphalia and the Protestant religion and Calvinism were finally recognized as an official religion.

Well there you have the story of Jean Calvin, the good, the bad and the ugly.

His contribution to the Protestant faith came at a critical time and at the very least help save it from being overcome by what the reformers deemed the anti-Christ Catholic Church.

"Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts; the knowledge of God and of ourselves."

JEAN CALVIN



BOOK REVIEW

The Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina

By Arthur Henry Hirsch, PhD

Written in 1928, the book is organized as a study, in the 19th century tradition of “collecting information” upon which more recent scholarship in many fields is built. As such, it reflects expressions and characterizations which are no longer in use; however, as a collection of material, it is very informative, especially for those readers unfamiliar with South Carolina history and the Huguenot experience there.

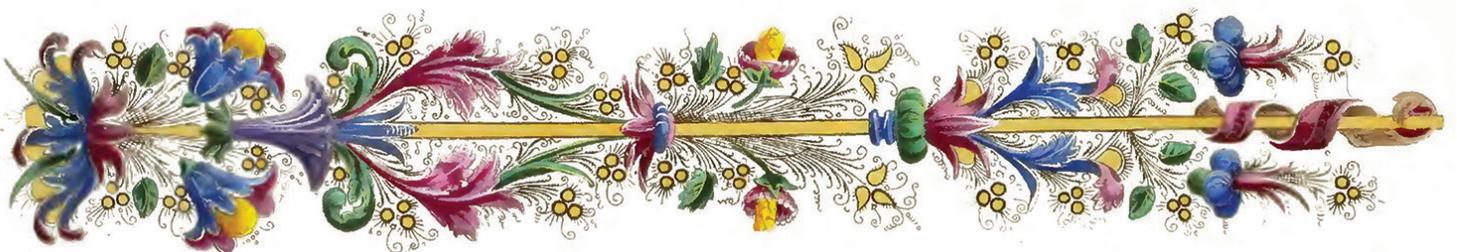
Hirsch illuminates the simultaneity of the Huguenot struggle in France, the way-station aspects of life in England and the pioneering enterprise forging a new life in America. He identifies many families and ties the Huguenot experience to American patriots and luminaries, bringing a relevance to the history which may otherwise be missed. His detailed description of colonization, governance, religious establishment, and assimilation portray the American melting pot while retaining elements of a religious and cultural identity that continue today.

In later chapters Hirsch captures the challenges of Huguenot dissent and assimilation, noting the uneven orientation and perspectives of the French immigrants. To the extent that English law, Anglican influence, cross-cultural interaction, and the erosion of a French identity over time all combined to blur the distinctions between ethnicities, Hirsch demonstrates that the transition was not without friction. As an example, for well over a century private schools and tutors actively taught the French language and a wide variety of contemporary academic topics. Likewise, women received similar opportunities, yet more attune to the gender specific interests of the time.

Finally, Hirsch captures Huguenot prosperity: their economic success and rural industry. Armed with documentation he describes how Huguenots acquired land and faced the challenge of operating large estates given the need for manual labor. He describes the significant importation of slaves, augmented by servants, and the highlights the fact that significant proportion of wealth was found in human bondage. The extent and variety of economic interests encompassed all manner of agricultural affairs, reflecting the changing nature of consumerism and the antecedence to industrialization, especially in the production of rice, indigo and cotton.

While the book is dated, it contains the facts of observations relevant to understanding the Huguenot experience in South Carolina and, tangentially, nearby colonies. Hirsch concludes that as a religious effort to retain a Calvinist identity they failed; this perspective probably should be revisited. As an economic engine the Huguenots were major contributors to American prosperity. I recommend this book but would augment it by reading more contemporary studies.

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