



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.”



Channel Island Huguenots



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Top – Pierre Auguste Renoir, *Moulin Huet Bay, Guernsey*, courtesy Cincinnati Art Foundation & Google Art Project;

Bottom – Bartholomew, *Map France 1618-1648, A Literary & Historical Atlas of Europe* (1914), edited by Janice Murphy Lorenz.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, A SAFE ENGLISH CROWN PORT-IN-A-STORM FOR HUGUENOTS

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

The Channel Islands, which are located off the northern coast of France, specifically Normandy, were a key “safe port in a storm” for French Protestants who fled from their homes in response to harsh royal edicts and the dragonnades, or both. Falling under the umbrella of the British Crown, they were particularly appealing because they were closer than England, yet also solidly Calvinistic Protestant. We know the Channel Islands must have also offered some special attractive mystique because, in 1883, the famous Impressionist painter, Auguste Renoir, chose to spend time there; hence, the choice of one of his paintings about the islands for our cover.



What the Guernsey seascape may have looked like in the 16th & 17th Centuries, and indeed also today, since this is a relatively recent photo: courtesy Pixabay.

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The islands accepted increasing numbers of Huguenot immigrants during the mid-1500s. There, the Huguenots were permitted to live a traditional Huguenot lifestyle as dictated by Jean Calvin in Geneva. While in the Channel Islands, and particularly in Jersey and Guernsey, Huguenots contributed to their community, especially through the development of a new knitware industry which became an important component of the international wool trade. We are fortunate to present Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan's informative article about researching one's Huguenot ancestors from the Channel Islands, which appears later in this issue.

Charles Baird and other historians have advised us that many of the Huguenots from the seaport towns of western France, such as La Tremblade, La Rochelle, Saintonge, Aunis, Poitou, chose to escape to the Channel Islands and that some later made their way toward England, Rotterdam and other ports of safety.

In fact, the western seaport towns of France drew suffering Huguenots from the central regions of France like a magnet; they traveled across France to one of the western French seaport towns as step one of their long and secretive "journey" (a euphemism for the word "escape") out of France. The Huguenot Society of London wrote about the western France region back in 1912, as follows:

This remote district of marsh and island is the birthplace and cradle of the Reformation in Saintonge, and because of the remoteness and inaccessibility of the Arvert peninsula, the protection of the marshes, and the freedom of the sea, the resistance of its Protestantism was unbroken, and from the early days of Reformation to the Revolution, no part of Saintonge and Poitou was so constant to the faith, while from the creeks of Arvert and Marennes, fugitives were able to were able to find means of escape, which were barred to them in the large seaports of Bordeaux and La Rochelle. When once the dragoons and the marechaussee the latter not always so eager to capture them were evaded, the refugees found ready helpers in the freemen of the sea.

Many of the Huguenots who later chose to leave the Channel Islands for greener pastures tended to to settle permanently in western and southern England because of pre-existing commercial ties with the ports there, including Bristol, Plymouth, Stonehouse and Southampton. These long-established business relationships presented opportunities to earn a living and thus eased their passage out of the probably-quieter life in the Channel Islands.

Southampton, England, was a particular favorite of Huguenots, in large part because it was already on a major trade route for the international wool trade, its citizens spoke a French dialect familiar to Huguenots (in addition to English), and its "French House" there readily took them in. Moreover, Southampton's French House offered Francophone services for Huguenots, and raised financial assistance to aid the less fortunate Huguenots who needed it. To earn a living, Southampton offered opportunities for trade with the Channel Islands and other international trading seaports.

Huguenot surnames to be found in the Channel Islands either temporarily or permanently include Guérin, Gosset, Philip English, John Touzell, John Browne, Nicolas Chevalier, Peter Morrall, John Vouden, the Cabots, Augustine, Roy, Gano, Vincent and more. Again, look for Nancy Brennan's article later in this issue, which offers significant information and tips on researching Huguenots in the Channel Islands.

Sources: Samuel Smiles, *The Huguenots: Their Settlements, Churches, and Industries in England and Ireland*, Third Edition, (London: John Murray, Albemarle Street 1869); Robin Gwynn, *Strains of Worship: The Huguenots and Non-conformity*, *The Huguenots: History and Memory in Transnational Context: Essays in Honor*, edited by David J. B. Trim (2011); Preface, *The Huguenot Society of London* v20 (1912); Charles Baird, *The Huguenot Emigration to America*. Syvret, Marguerite. *Balleine's History of Jersey* (1959).





CALL TO THE NHS 90TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

**The Huguenot Society of Florida
Cordially Invites You to Come Enjoy the Stay
The 90th Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society**

Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville, JTB/Deerwood Park, 9745 Gate Parkway N, Jacksonville, FL

Rooms available October 1 – 5, 2025 for \$139/night plus applicable state and local taxes

Full Schedule, Pricing & Registration Form appear later in this issue

Thursday, October 2, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)
- 8:30 a.m. on your own, including lunch
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration in front of Deerwood I and II meeting rooms
- 1:00 – 6 p.m. Board of General Officers' Meeting – Deerwood I and II meeting rooms
- 7:00 p.m. Begin gathering in lobby to car pool to dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner and non-alcoholic beverages at Terra Gaucha Steakhouse, 4483 Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32216, individuals responsible for own alcoholic drinks

Friday, October 3, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration in front of Deerwood I and II meeting rooms
- 10:00 a.m. Leave for Fort Caroline National Memorial and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, 12713 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225 – alternative visit will be Beaches Museum and History Museum, 381 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
- 1:00 p.m. +/- Dutch treat lunch near Fort Caroline at Billy Jack's BBQ, 9560 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226 or Beaches Museum at Beachside Seafood, 120 3rd St S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
- 6:00 p.m. Cash bar and banquet in Deerwood I and II meeting rooms with PowerPoint program on "Florida Flags and Facts" given by Kitty McElhaney

Saturday, October 4, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration in front of Deerwood I and II meeting rooms
- 9:30 a.m. NHS 90th Congress convenes in Deerwood I and II meeting rooms
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon followed by Memorial Service
- 3:00 p.m. Congress adjourned with members and guests heading home or staying overnight

Sunday, October 5, 2025

7:30 a.m. If you stayed overnight, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)

Hotel reservations are available for Wednesday, October 1 – Sunday, October 5, 2025, NHS rate is \$139 per night plus tax for king/double rooms. Call 1-800-774-1500 and reference “National Huguenot” or “Huguenot Society of Florida o/b/o National Huguenot Society” to receive rate.

Cutoff date for reservations is Friday, September 5, 2025.

REGISTRATION FORM APPEARS LATER IN THIS ISSUE OF *The Cross of Languedoc*

OFFICER REPORTS

President General

I am grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve as President General. How are we doing?

1. Manage the Transition Through the Bylaw Changes

- a. Transition has gone well.
- b. A growth plan for 2025 is in place and we have started to advertise.
- c. Simplifying the Bylaws continues, and the revision of the NHS Standing Rules is progressing.

2. Maintain Rituals and Traditions

As reported in April and October 2024 there have been and will continue to be:

- a. No Ritual Changes
- b. No influx of other religions
- c. No changes in our talking points

Rituals remain an integral part of our meetings, alongside discussions of the seven Protestants and Catholic wars. These serve as valuable outreach opportunities. The 3rd Vice President General and the Registrar General will provide detailed updates on our membership status.

3. Improved Communications.

We have seen mixed results

- a. Reformatted the monthly newsletter has been a struggle. We have fallen in this area.
- b. The State President’s Training Program will continue. We did not do a training class in January as we did in 2024. We have delayed it for new state administrations installed in February – May to step forward. The training will occur in late May 2025.
- c. There will be a Member-At-Large Meeting via Zoom in late May 2025 and hopefully an additional one in the fall of 2025.

4. National Huguenot Documented Information Portal

The National Huguenot Documented Information Portal is now operational. This was made possible from the nonprofit grant from Microsoft. No action has occurred because of the President General’s professional work schedule. We are still having issues with MAC and iPad general officers gaining access.

5. Transition of Insignia Operations

Transition of the insignia operation is complete. Members can order online via the website or via check. City Pride Ltd is the provider for all insignia. Everything is postpaid and ships Priority 2 day once completed, however, lead times are running 4 months. See additional details in the Insignia report. The Past State President of the Huguenot Society of Florida became available for purchase November 1. Additional details are in the Insignia report.

6. Huguenot Park Partnership – Fort Caroline

This may be on hold. I have an onsite visit with the Timucuan Parks Foundation With budget cuts, we need to verify what is going on in the park. Timucuan Parks Foundation - (904) 374-1107 | info@timucuanparks.org; PO Box 351203, Jacksonville, FL 32235; 9953 Heckscher Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32226

7. Books for Kids Program – I had identified *Book Trust: Spreading the Joy of Reading - Book Trust*. We were ready to forward with information to the Board of General Officers, Treasure General, and the Finance Committee for review, however, there was substantial pushback to cancel the project. Members only want to support Huguenot only projects. Some felt they do not/did not want to support projects that can/could be considered a “political project”. This included the fact that most Huguenot families that came to the colonies and other locations “as reading families” because reading the Bible was so important to the culture.**8. Refurbishing the Huguenot section of the DAR library**

This is on hold. There is no communication with / from the DAR Library on the NHS contract. This project is being spearheaded by Cathy Paunov and Joyce Patton. We do not have a copy of the contract, we have seen a copy of the contract at the DAR, but we have not been able to get them to give us a copy of the contract and we know that the contract has expired.

Huguenot Representation:

I had the privilege of representing the Society at several events.

- The 99th Annual Congress in San Antonio, TX in November 2024.
- The January and March Jean Calvin Huguenot Chapter Meetings in Sarasota, Florida
- The March 2025, Huguenot Society of Alabama State Meeting.
- And the January 10·2025 - Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Meeting

Grateful, thankful, and with full humility, your servant,

Jo Lee Brooks Potts – National Huguenot Society President General 2023 – 2025

Third Vice President General

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Third Vice President in the Potts Administration we have worked together as a team to great success. Marjorie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, was able to distribute the Newsletter to all our Members at Large and answer questions.

This Officer mailed all the Dues notices to our MAL's and to the Kentucky and Indiana Societies. Our Registrar reported we have had a small number of responses as many are elderly members and they are not able to attend meetings and do not want to be MAL. Every member we can save is a big success! We will continue to make every effort to reconnect with these members. The new Organizing Secretary has been an amazing team member who believes in making things happen, Thank You, Brenda Eatmon Dorsett, for all your efforts to grow our society.

Those state societies who have not been meeting nor corresponding with their membership we are back in touch with these members. I believe our invitations to become MAL will keep these members until their state can reorganize. If at first, we don't succeed we will continue to try! Our President General is planning on inviting these members to attend a Zoom meeting explaining the importance of their membership and ways they can continue to participate in the Society. The last two disbanded states had a total of eighty-nine members; if half of these members would return to membership it would be a huge bonus to the National Society.

New Members over the past year are as follows:

Membership as of December 31, 2024: Total members: 1263

New Members 71

- 1 Youth Member (GA)
- 3 Transfer to MAL due to Moves
- 3 Supplementals
- 2 Reinstatement; (1 from NC) (1 from OH to MAL)

1 Junior Member 2 Reinstatement; (1 from NC) (1 from OH to MAL)

Details/Breakdown

6 Members at Large	2 District of Columbia	16 North Carolina	3 Florida
10 Texas	1 NE	1 IL	2 Washington State
1 AL	6 Kansas	1 TN	13 Georgia
2 Mississippi	4 Oklahoma	2 Virginia	

Total Membership April 2025: 1263 (per numbers of Third VP General)

I spoke with Registrar General Katherine Totten this afternoon. She was thrilled to see applications come rolling in, today was SEVEN. I know Georgia's application will arrive there tomorrow that will be six more. One being Honorary President General, Denise Van Buren from NY, who will be joining the Georgia Society.

We are holding on our own, but plans are being made to increase our membership soon. Remember every member is a member of the Membership Committee, go to work!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

My Highest Regards,

Joyce Ball Patton, Registrar General

Registrar General

January 1, 2025 thru March 31, 2025

Since 1 January:

- 17 New Member Applications have been approved, including 2 Junior members.
- Three (3) members from Indiana have transferred to Member at Large and 5 members from Kentucky have transferred.
- Two (2) members have been reinstated and 4 supplementals have been approved.
- 12 Members have been reported deceased on the End of Year state reports or directly to the Registrar General.

The current Member Count stands at 1,278. This number includes:

- Members in KY (40) and IN (26) who have not requested transfers and may ultimately be lost with the state societies disbanding;
- States reported that 14 members resigned and 82 members dropped as of the end of 2024;
- I have made 36 Address changes;
- Responded to 75 Membership and Research Queries;
- Two queries about the NHS Scholarships are resulting in 3 new member applications from the interested fathers and sons
- Deposited Dues& Fees
- Store Sales totaled: \$2,724.00.
- Three (3) store items have been sold, packaged and mailed, including 1 Huguenot Tie, 1 Huguenot Scarf and 1 2016 Consolidated Update to the 2012 RQHA
- Mailed two State President pins sold by the Insignia Committee

We are completely sold out of the 2012 RQHA and the 2020 Update. The *2025 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors* is in the final stages of editing and formatting.

As Registrar General of NHS I was honored to represent NHS at the TX DAR State Conference Opening Ceremonies, March 13 in Houston. TX DAR also offered NHS a table to present our organization to visitors at the Conference. As shown in our **Texas** report, I was joined by Genealogist General Nancy Brennan, and several of our TX members who live in Houston. We featured our list of DAR/SAR approved patriots and had a number of individuals find ancestors in our RQHA and request information on membership. Names and contact information are being sent to the two Texas Chapters. I encourage other State Societies to look for similar opportunities to introduce NHS to prospective members.

Katherine Pace Totten, Registrar General



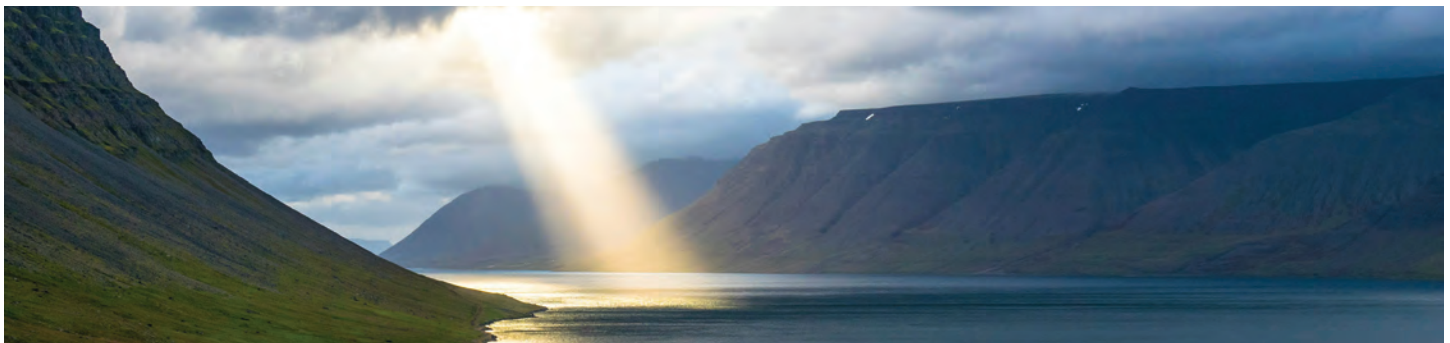
NHS FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

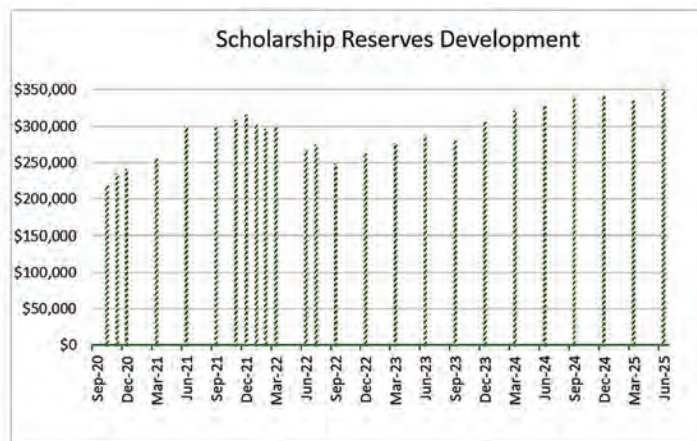
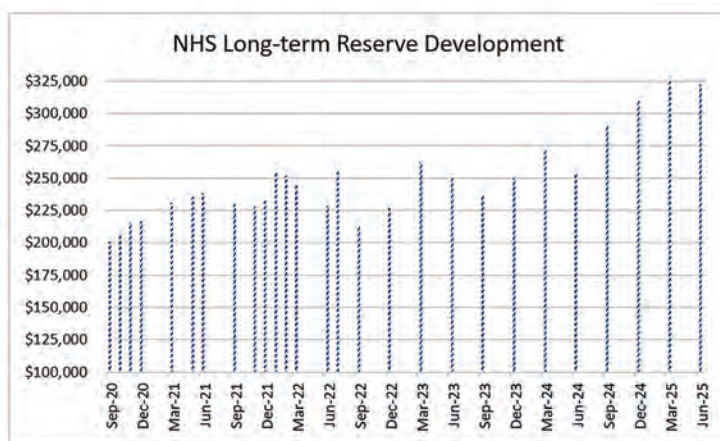
for the Six Months, Ending June 30, 2025

The financial markets rebounded during the second quarter of 2025, strengthening the finances of the National Huguenot Society. Below is a summary of key financial developments through the first half of the year. The Finance Committee is dedicated to collaborating with the Treasurer General to prepare financial reports each quarter, highlighting year-to-date results. We are pleased to outline major developments for the quarter.

Since the end of last year, the Society's overall resources have increased by 3.9% to \$718,973. This includes a 4.0% increase in our Scholarship reserve to \$355,879, a 3.3% increase in our General Purpose endowed reserves to \$40,149, and a 3.8% increase in our unencumbered reserves to \$322,258.

NHS Balance Sheet					
6/30/2025					
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<u>Assets</u>	<u>Restricted³</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Reserves²</u>
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve	\$ 355,879.09
Dickey Fund	\$ 260,342.17		\$ 260,342.17		
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund ⁴		\$ 49,712.42	\$ 49,712.42		
Huguenot Student Resource Fund		45,824.50	45,824.50		
For General Purposes				General Purposes Reserve	\$ 40,149.05
Endowment Fund		\$ 14,176.90	\$ 14,176.90		
Dr. Farrar Scholarly V	5,947.71		5,947.71		
Lewis Fund	20,024.44	-	20,024.44		
Operating funds				Other Reserves	
Investment fund		\$ 278,715.90	\$ 278,715.90	Dissolved State Society	\$ 687.42
Liquidity fund ¹		44,229.45	44,229.45	Long-term Reserves	322,257.93
Total assets			\$ 718,973.49		\$ 718,973.49
¹ Vanguard liquidity of \$9,553.02 and Wells Fargo & Chase Balances					
² Fund balances					
³ Designated as Permanently Restricted					
⁴ Lois 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 the continued sound treasury management of our Treasurer General and are detailed in a separate submission by the Treasurer General. Financial activities have expanded for ongoing programs, including the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist fund. The Scholarship Fund was the recipient of gifts from our members. The Scholarship Committee has expanded the use of the General Scholarship Fund to reflect the protocols of the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund, making several awards of \$500 each. Accordingly, we have renamed the General Scholarship Fund the Huguenot Student Resource Fund.

The Society continues to maintain strong reserves to support its long-term operations and mission. While the equity market performed poorly in the first quarter, it rebounded in the second quarter of the year, however, the broader economy and financial markets continue to face an unusual level of uncertainty. Primary concerns include:

- The administration's fiscal policies and debt management
- Its tariff policies,
- A slowdown in corporate and consumer spending,
- The Federal Reserve's ability to sustain economic growth while keeping inflation low.

We anticipate that the investment environment will continue to reflect these economic challenges throughout the remainder of the year. The rising risk of an economic slowdown coupled with elevated inflation presents a dilemma for both the Federal Reserve and investors.

Our investments are within the limits of our investment policy, with a lower allocation to equities, compared to our policy target of 40%. For fixed income and short term, we are above our policy target.

We plan to maintain fixed income allocations above target levels as interest rates are expected to decline further. Currently, 8% of our fixed income holdings are protected against unexpected inflation increases. Given continued uncertainty in global markets, we are holding our asset allocation steady.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel E. Strauch, CFA® Finance Committee, Chair

TREASURER GENERAL REPORT

2025 Midyear Financial Report

OPERATING INCOME		Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Income Actual to date
Dues	2024-25 State Dues	\$ 26,490.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,580.00
	2025 MAL Dues	\$ 1,074.79	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 475.94
	2026 MAL Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Fees	Application Fees Income	\$ 6,009.01	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,998.00
Sales	Book Sales	\$ 2,471.53	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 22.05
	Store Sales	\$ 1,973.44	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 174.95
	Lightning Source/Amazon	\$ 402.57	\$ 300.00	\$ 148.60
	Insignia	\$ 13,466.36	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,398.90
Donations	Donation Income	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,583.00
	Pin donation	\$ 26.95	\$ -	
Events	Mid-year Meeting	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,020.00
	Congress Income	\$ 8,300.05	\$ 6,000.00	
	Investment Income	\$ 23,621.62	\$ 10,000.00	
	Reclaimed Property*	\$ 687.42		
	Transfer In from disbanded K&	\$ 33.33	\$ 800.00	\$ 798.10
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		\$ 90,662	\$ 60,300	\$ 38,199.54

OPERATING EXPENSES		Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Expenses Actual Year to Date
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 9,030.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,680.00
	Office Supplies		\$ 500.00	
	Liability Insurance	\$ 370.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 590.36
	D&O Insurance	\$ 1,539.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,539.00
	Website	\$ 210.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00
	Tax Accountant (2023 and 2024)	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,480.00
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.00
	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Dickey Scholarship Award	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Schol	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Huguenot Student Resource F	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Insignia and internal awards	Insignia, Internal Awards, Ribbons	\$ 11,622.20	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,132.25
	Sales Tax remitted	\$ 68.90	\$ 75.00	
Publications	Cross Printing	\$ 14,764.68	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 6,384.37
	Cross Postage	\$ 2,555.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,262.01

	Amazon and Lightning Source	\$ 178.21	\$ 100.00	\$ 24.00
	Lineage Society Advertising		\$ 1,500.00	
	Special Publications		\$ 5,000.00	
Store	Store Inventory		\$ 1,000.00	
	Mailing, Copying, etc.	\$ 520.01	\$ 575.00	\$ 583.35
Events	Mid-year Meeting Expense	\$ 2,828.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,530.72
	Congress Expense	\$ 14,577.40	\$ 5,000.00	
	Speaker fees		\$ 400.00	
	Donation Expense		\$ 435.00	
Travel Allowance	President	1000	\$ 1,000.00	
	Registrar		\$ 500.00	\$ 28.39
	Transfer Out	410		
	TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$ 69,885	\$ 69,785.00	\$ 29,604.45
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 20,777	\$ (9,485.00)	\$ 8,595
Checking Account Balances				
		12/31/2024	6/30/2025	
	Wells Fargo	\$6,515.03	\$ 5,913.63	
	JPMorgan Chase	\$25,112.96	\$ 28,762.80	
	Cash on Hand	\$ 31,627.99	\$ 34,676.43	
Investment Accounts (Vanguard)				
		12/31/2024	6/30/2025	Gain/Loss YTD
	Dickey and Walker Scholarshi	\$ 342,125.70	\$ 355,879.15	\$ 13,753.45
	General Operating Funds, inc	\$ 274,278.40	\$ 287,992.82	\$ 13,714.42
	General Scholarship Funds, ir	\$ 38,869.12	\$ 40,153.82	\$ 1,284.70
	TOTAL	\$ 655,273.22	\$ 684,025.79	\$ 28,752.57

STATES

Florida

Greetings from The Huguenot Society of Florida and its four active state chapters still holding meetings in person or via Zoom. At the end of 2024, we had acquired three new members. However, we lost 10, leaving us with 120 members at the beginning of 2025. Financially, the Huguenot Society of Florida is sound and in good condition in all accounts.

Our members continue to generously contribute to both chapter and state scholarships.

The Huguenot Society of Florida's 72nd Annual State Meeting is scheduled for April 25 - 26, 2025 at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, Orlando, Florida.

Paul Christian DuBois-Weber is our 2025 renewal nominee for the Florida Society's state scholarship.

Judith J. Adams, President

Georgia

The Georgia Society has been extremely busy promoting Membership and Enthusiasm. It has been an honor to serve as President and # 1 cheerleader! Two short years and so many things have been accomplished; the Huguenot Bench Dedication in Huguenot, Georgia, a wonderful 2023 National Congress in Macon, which was attended by members from 11 states and guests. There was time set aside for research, tours, wonderful meals, speakers and gifts for everyone.

Awards were announced, and of course we welcomed 10 new members, thanks to our Registrar Ginny Griffith and the members who assisted with applications. Georgia continues to recruit members; Honorary President General Denise Van Buren will be our newest member soon. We have a long list of Prospective Members who are working diligently on their application. Don't you have a friend in Georgia that would like to become a member?

We have much to look forward to with the plans being made by the Hunt-Clements Administration, remember every member is part of the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, invite your friends have your family join and always speak with love and admiration regarding this society. I am sure we can find a special award for the member who invites the most members. Continuing with the Honorary President General Janet Walker's Theme; Membership, Friendship and Leadership, Georgia is one of the leaders in the National Society because of your love and dedication.

The Spring meeting will be April 26, at Petite Violette beginning at 11:00 AM. We need 50 members and guests to meet our quota, please invite your family and friends to join us for a delightful meal and wonderful dessert. The cost is \$42.00 Please make your reservations today with Michael Black, our Treasurer. He is an excellent Treasurer and good friend who has always assisted me when I needed a favor. You will not want to miss the program on the "Early Huguenots" and how they became known as the Huguenots. Robin Towns will be our speaker. It might be worth driving over from Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, or South Carolina we would welcome you with open arms.

Madame President General, I am sorry that I was not able to go with my friends to DC this year, but I am wishing each one of you a delightful time. It has been an Honor to serve as Georgia President and I will always treasure the memories and members.

Joyce Ball Patton, President

Illinois

Our October 2024 meeting was at a French restaurant. Our program was presented by our Treasurer, Robin Turpin, on the Bayeaux Tapestry. The members enjoyed hearing the history and some of us heard our ancestor's name during the program. Illinois is happy to have Nancy Renfrow Schultz serving as our NHS 2nd Vice President General, Lynne Ostfeld, Esq. as NHS Counselor General, Jeannine Sheldon Kallal, an NHS HPG who serves on the Genealogy Committee, and Stephen Brown Gerth, who serves on the Publicity Committee.

It's pleasure to serve as Illinois President during your term.

Jane D. Schleinzer

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi had 22 members 1 January 2025. Since that time, we have welcomed Kent Kirkham as a new member and have a prospective member. Another application is pending approval. We are planning to have a spring meeting in the Northwestern part of the state and another later in the year in the Jackson, Mississippi area.

Mary Margaret Buck, President

Nebraska

State President, Kathy Ocasio, hosted the October 2024 meeting at her home. After all business was completed, members enjoyed a social hour visiting with prospective members who had also been invited to the meeting.



The February 2025 meeting was held in Lincoln, Nebraska where members gathered with the Sons of the American Revolution at their annual American Heritage Banquet.

We are pleased to report one new member with an application for another nearing completion. As we continue our focus on membership in 2025, we will keep looking for opportunities to share information about the National Huguenot Society.

Kathy Ocasio, President

Texas Languedoc Chapter

Languedoc Chapter is beginning 2025 with the same growth we had in 2024. Since January 1, we have welcomed 4 members giving us a total of 67 members. Three are from new applications, the fourth is a reinstatement from Houston that belonged to a Texas Chapter that withdrew from membership in the early 2000's. One of our new members has also completed 3 supplementals.

Languedoc Chapter held our regular meeting in February and elected officers to serve from 2025-2027. Elected Officers are: President: Kathy Totten, Vice President: Susanne O'Brien, Secretary: Pat Anders-Fisher, Treasurer: Pat Sethney, Registrar: Ron Powell, and Chaplain: Susan Middleton. We are thrilled that two are new members to the Society. New member Adrienne Danke has volunteered to present our Huguenot Minute. We will be looking for additional ways to involve our members.

The February meeting had the largest attendance (24) since the beginning of Covid. We had members that drove 1.5 to 3 hours from Austin, Houston, La Grange, Port Lavaca and a Prospective Member came from Corpus Christi. Vice President Susanne O'Brien presented the program on "How the Huguenots Helped Win WWII" which described the growth of the silk industry brought to England from France. We continue to feature a "Huguenot Minute" to remind members of events in our Huguenot history.

Languedoc Chapter has a list of 10+ local prospective members that are working on papers and will be contacting an additional 6 ladies that requested information at the TXDAR state conference. We invite all prospective members to our meetings. Our future meetings are June 9, 2025 and October 13, 2025.

Katherine Pace Totten, President

COMMITTEES

Insignia

Jo Lee Potts - Chair; Joyce Ball Patton; Robin Towns; Sumner Hunnewell; Peter Adams; Janet Walker

The committee has not met formally since Oct 2024; however, we answered questions on how to wear insignia and continued work on specifications. The insignia guidebook has been on hold.

We have a few items on hand, but 99% of items are made to order coming directly from City Pride. The only issue we have with City Pride is lead time. Current lead time is 4 months. They attribute this to their make-to-order and the high volumes for Christmas and Heritage Fortnight. NHS members and the committee find this unacceptable. Jo Lee approached both Cathy Paunov, Treasurer General, and Joel Strauch, Finance Committee Chair, to determine if it was feasible to keep a few items in stock ourselves. They agreed, with continued discussions to follow. We are keeping a few mini-insignia, as this is our biggest seller. We may add additional unengraved items which are to-be-determined.

We have no NHS logo charms aka the “Pamela Wright Charm” remaining. It was determined at Mid-year not to order any more of the “Pamela Wright Charm” and the Insignia committee was charged to modify the existing logo. *More to follow in our future reports.*

November 1, 2024, the Society started accepting orders for the new Past State President’s Pin. The pin is large [~ 2” x 1”] and is \$75.00, postage and clear presentation box included. The stock is maintained at the San Antonio office and the vendor is Pin Center out of Las Vegas, NV.

It is a pleasure to represent the society.

Jo Lee Potts – Insignia Chair

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee currently consists of the Registrar General Katherine Totten, Genealogist General Nancy Brennan, and myself as Chair & Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc*. We have been industriously augmenting, revising, and otherwise preparing and finalizing the upcoming *2025 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors*, and it currently stands at about 800 pages long. We hope, but cannot promise, to keep the price to \$100 or less and to offer a discount to our members purchasing through the San Antonio Office. Alas, however, final pricing details must await the final page count before calculations are possible.

In the past 18 months since I retired from full time work, almost no day has passed without our committee working to clarify details and supplement the RQHA with helpful information, going further than in our past publications to identify even more of the numerous intermarriages and interconnections of Huguenot families, and to mark the cases where more proof is needed. Nancy and Kathy, along with our dearly departed former Registrar General, William Collins Buell V, have identified several new Primary Ancestors, and we have collaborated to prepare accurate revised ancestor entries for several existing Primary Ancestors’ entries. Our **People Index** has been updated and expanded to constitute a thorough index of our members’ Huguenot ancestors, descendants, and their inner circle. And, thanks to Nancy Brennan, we’ve flagged those Huguenots who have been officially recognized as **Patriots** in the Revolutionary War, plus have noted several who have not yet been confirmed. All flagged Huguenots appear in the **People Index** and also in a separate **Huguenot Patriots Index**. But the biggest new feature in the 2025 Edition is a **Place Names Index** of the countries, cities, counties & towns referenced in each of our ancestor entries, which offers a new perspective of the history and journey of our ancestors.

Overall, your Editor has compiled more than 36,000 index entries in our 3 indexes, perhaps explaining why the book has taken so long to finalize for publication. Rest assured, however, that we are in the final stages of proofing and adding maps, and then we’ll publish. The book *should* be ready for publication sometime in late July or August, at which time we will issue an announcement along with pertinent purchasing information.

Janice Murphy Lorenz, Chair & Editor & Publisher

Scholarly Works Committee

One of the Co-Chairmen and a member of the Scholarly Works Committee resigned the first of 2025. Therefore, President General Jo Lee Potts asked Peggy Stottmann of Florida to be on the committee, for which this chairman is thankful. We were unable to secure others to help with the selection of a winner for the 2024 Scholarly Works Award.

Three books were reviewed. One, *LEGACIES ON THE LAND: Historic Houses, Hamlets, and Landscapes of Southern Ulster County* edited by Vals Osborne, is a beautiful book. It showcases historic houses, hamlets, and landscapes of southern Ulster County, New York. New Paltz, New York is where numerous Huguenots made their homes after arriving in the Colonies. We dismissed it as a candidate because of a lack of Huguenot content, which left the two contenders.

A PEDDLER'S TALE: Religious Exile and Community in Early Modern Switzerland, by Kristine Wirts and published by the LSU Press is of interest. Jean Giraud, a Huguenot businessman from La Grave in the French Alps, is the central figure. He wrote in his *livre la raison*, an account book, information concerning the times and his flight to Vevey, Switzerland. Wirts wove a story from the gleanings of his *livre* and included other references to support her conclusions.

THE WAR OF THE CAMISARDS (1702-1704): Huguenot Insurrection during the Reign of Louis XIV, by Stephen M. Davis is about the last of the French Wars of Religion. Little is known about this bloody war in the Cevennes and this group of Huguenots called the Camisards. Davis gives an interesting background of the conflict and the plight of these simple Huguenot peasants armed almost solely with farming tools in their fight for freedom of conscience and religion as their desire to defend their faith drove them to offense.

In trying to pick out a winner the question of what the criteria should be in the selection came up. We agreed that there needs to be some clarification here. Based on what we discussed, the Scholarly Works Committee recommends that *THE WAR OF THE CAMISARDS*, published in 2024, be selected for the Scholarly Works Award.

Mary Margaret Buck, Chairman

Scholarships Committee

The National Huguenot Society annually awards merit scholarships for post-secondary study. Details for qualifying, and application forms, for the scholarships are found on the National Huguenot Society's website. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to have awarded six very promising students these scholarships as approved by the Board of General Managers at its April 9, 2025, meeting. The following informational notes about our winners are current as of the time of their selection.

Ava Caroline Trussell Wins the 2025 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship

The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship winner for 2025 is Ms. Ava Caroline Trussell. Ms. Trussell is a member of The Huguenot Society of Georgia and a lineal descendant of Nicholas Lanier. Ms. Trussell is currently a junior at the University of Georgia majoring in Communication Studies and minoring in Political Science, intending to attend law school after her graduation. She served as State President of the Georgia Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and is active in Student Government and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She also works as a Tour Guide for UGA visitors and volunteers with the Athens Area Humane Society,



2025 Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Awards Go To Five Students

The National Huguenot Society's Board of General Officers awards to David Crossan, Jr., Paul-Christien Dubois-Weber, Natalie Franks, William Wimberly, and Pascal Young its 2025 Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Awards, which are funded through our general scholarship funds, including income from Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund and the National Huguenot Society General Scholarship Fund.

The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Award winners for 2025 are David Crossan, Jr., Paul-Christian Dubois-Weber, Natalie Franks, Christopher William Wimberly, Jr., and Pascal Young.

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Memories of the Semi-Annual Midyear Meeting April 2025



Treasurer General Cathy Paunov (FL)
and Washington (State) President
David Raese (WA)



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General Robin Towns (GA), Second Vice President General Nancy
Schultz (IL), and Organizing Secretary General Brenda Dorsett (NC)



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Joel Strauch (VA) and Counselor General Lynn Ostfeld (IL)



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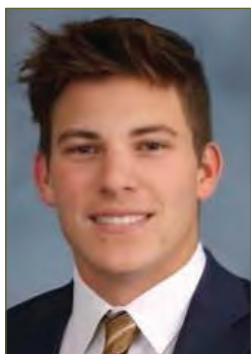
*"In God is my salvation and my glory;
the Rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."*

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Mr. David Crossan, Jr.



Mr. Paul-Christian
DuBois-Weber



Ms. Natalie Franks



Mr. Christopher William
Wimberly, Jr.



Ms. Pascal Young

Mr. David Crossan, Jr., is a member of The Huguenot Society of Delaware and a lineal descendant of Nicholas Gaylard. He is a junior at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, majoring in Accounting and Data Analysis. He was captain of his high school basketball team and has coached youth basketball. He also works part-time as a DoorDash driver.

Mr. Paul-Christian DuBois-Weber is a member of The Huguenot Society of Florida and a lineal descendant of Louis DuBois. He is a senior at the University of Florida majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He was part of the audio-visual team which fabricated and installed part of the new Harry Potter and the Ministry of Magic Ride at Universal Orlando's Epic Universe. He has worked as a sailing instructor, most recently as Head, for many years and is an Eagle Scout.

Ms. Natalie Franks is a junior at Colorado State University majoring in Interior Architecture and Design with a focus area in Psychology. She says, "I want to have a positive impact on my community by creating spaces where people can be comfortable and that bring them joy." She has worked as a graphic designer for a church and also in retail.

Mr. Christopher William Wimberly, Jr., is a sophomore in the University of South Carolina Honors College majoring in Molecular Biology/Biochemistry. He is a member of the PreMed Society and held customer-facing positions in food service.

Ms. Pascal Young is a junior at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, majoring in Language and Literature with a concentration in Creative Writing. She deeply engaged with two campus publications. She works as a private tutor and has been a camp counselor and a line cook.

The National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee invites all members of the National Huguenot Society to celebrate the accomplishments of these talented and hard-working scholars!

Submitted by

Mary R. Long, Co-Chair

Sarah R. Long, Co-Chair

Jerry Chenault

Jeremy Smith

Shari Worrell

Youth Committee Annual Youth Contest Guidelines

for details, see the NHS Website, www.nationalhuguenotsociety.org

The National Huguenot Society (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 eligible young relatives and friends of members to register as youth, or to join as an NHS member. The winning submissions will be announced and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Program Timeline

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS & JUNIOR MEMBERS, SUPPLEMENTALS, TRANSFERS, & REINSTATEMENTS

We warmly welcome 32 new Members and 2 Junior Members to the Huguenot fold, and celebrate our 3 Reinstatements, 11 Transfers, & 4 Supplementals

STATE	NEW MEMBERS	ANCESTOR
Alabama	William Alton Carter	Mareen Duval
California	Douglas James Gilham, Jr.	Nicholas Gaylord
Florida	Pauline Graber Stoltzfus	Hans Graber [NEW]
	Nancy Diane Vallowe Kinsey	Gabriel Maupin
Georgia	Christopher William Wimberly, Jr.	Nicholas Martiau
	Stephanie Nicole Goehring Harms	Nicholas Martiau
	Denise Doring Van Buren *an Honorary President General of the NSDAR	Hugo Freer
	Christopher Daniel Stokes	Nicholas Lanier
	Elizabeth Ann Cuvelier Bennett	Robert Brasseur
	Joyce Marie Lanneau Stepter	Pierre LaNoue/Laneau [NEW]
	Lillouise Green Nelson	Pierre Leger
Members at Large	Dieckmann Jane Wolfe Cogill	Joris Jansen Rapalje
	David Franklin Shumway	Peter Shumway
	Nathan Charles Shumway	Peter Shumway
Mississippi	Kent William Kirkham	Joris Jansen Rapalje
	Diane Lorraine Ellis Coleman-Horne	Jacques Mahieu
North Carolina	Susan Jennifer tull Byerlay	Nicholas Martiau
	Elizabeth Hamblen Galentine	Jean Bertolet
	Dennis Bruce Miller	Pierre La Verduce
	Amanda Ruth Hodges	Pierre Mallard
	Elizabeth White Converse	Robert Brashear II
	Helen Winston Miller	Gideon Macon
Texas	Pauline Gail Mladenka Hendryx	Mareen Duval
	Rhonda Corasue Garner Hahn	Chrétien/Christian DuBois
	Laura Keene Floyd Levitan	Karl Rahm
	Ashley Marie Heller Baade	Jean/John Henno/Eno
	Amy Marie Floyd Billasch	Guillaume La Vigne

	REINSTATEMENTS	
Florida	Rhonda Sovacool Johnson	Hester Mahieu
North Carolina	Glenn Miller Davis	Claudius Pegues
Texas	Jolee Pimlott Haddock	Jacques Cossart
	NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS	
North Carolina	Mary Bradley Bolton	René De St. Julien
	Jack Michael May	Gabriel Maupin
	TRANSFERS	
Members at Large (3 transferred from IN)	Robert Dean Rati	Peter Monfoort
	Charles Frederick Bragg	Mareen Duval
	Dennis Lee Babbitt	Daniel Férée
(6 from KY)	Margaret Anissa Penn Davis	Antoine Gevaudan
	Terry O. Brown	Benjamin L'Hommedeu
	Martha Lucille Haney	Pierre Chastain
	Leslie ann rogers Miller	Louis Dubois
	Marsha Theiss Hicks	Mareen Duval
	Linda Jeanne Couch Conrad	Jean Panetier
DC (from MAL)	Camellia Hope Crockett Reece	Étienne Mallet
OK (from MO)	Patsy Longino Limpus	Mark Hardin
	SUPPLEMENTALS	
Texas	Rhonda Hahn	Catherine Blanchan, Mathieu Blanchan, Louis DuBois
Washington	Leland Michael Hutchins	Christian Deyo

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED HUGUENOT MEMBERS

**Those Huguenot Members Called Home to God
since Publication Spring 2024 *Cross of Languedoc***

At our Memorial Service on 9 April 2025 in Washington, DC, we honored the following departed members and include here those whose passing we have been informed of since then:

Arizona

Gwendolyn S. Wharton

Florida

Patricia Ann Dunlap

Georgia

Natalie Brewton

Barfield

Frederic Clarence

Beil, III

Grace Walter

Missouri

Amos Overton Durrett

Karen Lea Hill Walker

Phyllis Raylene Cornine

North Carolina

Carla Odom

Joanne Reese Thompson

Elna Grace DuBose West

Texas

Marjorie Amonette

Chambers

Corrine Cowan Staacke

Members at Large

Cynthia Collin Stong

THE JOY IS IN THE JOURNEY –

How Personality Types Shape Where We Go and How We Got Here

My parents could not have been more different and neither could their families.

My father wanted to be an extravert, but he was stiff, reserved and stoic. My mother was a natural extrovert. She had a big, warm smile, with a natural outgoing personality. She rounded out my father's rough edges.

My father's family, yes most of them were very blunt. No sugar coating. If they were happy, you knew it. If they were mad, you knew it. If you were the reason they were angry, God bless you. They were immediately angry; run, here came Thor's hammer and you knew why. Conflict, not a problem. Conflict resolution, another story.

By comparison mom's family, who knew. Happy all the time, even when they were mad. You might be able to tell when they were mad if and when their faces turned red and steam rolling out their ears. They avoided conflict at all costs. There was no issue leaving the scene of the crime with you scratching your head and wondering what happened. At some point in time, you may or may not have been told two, five, ten years later. Yes the joy is in the journey and the grudge.

When I look at the contrast over 48 years of research, it helps explain some of the stark differences in the family careers. My father's family were primarily farmers for more than 400 years. When they got angry they could tell their spouse, children, or chickens, after the bridge burning with relatively few consequences. By comparison, Mom's family who were more public facing careers, attorneys, crafts persons, watchmakers, blacksmiths, and painters would have suffered greatly from a blunt behavior. Were the DNA behavior traits learned or in their personalities by carrier selection? The public facing carrier choices could have had greater ramifications from bad behavior. The joy would not have been in the journey.

Having these two widely different types of DNA in our mix did not necessarily serve us well growing up. Which side do you chose growing up and how do you mix them or do you? The joy is not necessarily in the journey.

A cousin asked me a couple of days ago a question I had never been asked. "When did you know you would be hooked into genealogy?" I had never been asked that question and my response was simple. "I didn't know I was hooked until my ancestors started coming to me." My cousin looked perplexed. "The joy was in the journey." It started out to keep two promises to my Dad and to prove family stories true or false. Then the search became more and turned into a game. I met great people who become lifelong friends. I checked things off my bucket list items. I added items to the list. The game became more of what I could do instead of what I did. I was not there yet.

Family genealogy chose me. About a decade and a half ago there was an older lady in our Huguenot chapter who told me her biggest research secret for success, after I shared my biggest frustration concerning a brick wall. She said, "Dear, at this level, you have been chosen. You're working too hard. Some ancestors you will never find. You don't find your ancestors who don't want to be found. Your ancestors find you. The joy is in the journey. When your ancestors are ready to be found they will find you." I took a step back. Over the years, she has been 100% correct.

Many times, I have found things when I wasn't looking. My genealogy journey has taken me places, introduced me to people, and exposed me to experiences unimaginable to the 16-year-old who made and kept two promises to her Dad. Yes the joy truly is in the journey.

As your Huguenot Cousin, let me ask you, "Did you choose this lifestyle, hobby, career, or path or did it choose you?" What are the most joyful moments is in your journey. Has it been the hunt or the sharing? How has it impacted you and made you smile or giggle? How have personalities impacted family choice and career? Appreciate and make the most of every aspect of your journey and enjoy the ride.

Jo Lee Potts



SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION FORM

for the

NHS 90TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville JTB/Deerwood Park

9745 Gate Parkway Boulevard | Jacksonville, FL 32246

October 2 – 4, 2025

Sponsored by the National Huguenot Society and Huguenot Society of Florida

Hotel reservations are available for Wednesday, October 1 – Sunday, October 5, 2025. NHS rate is \$139 per night plus tax for king/double rooms. Free parking, free Wi-Fi, free hot breakfast, streaming tv. Call 1-800-774-1500 and reference “National Huguenot” or “Huguenot Society of Florida o/b/o National Huguenot Society” to receive rate. **Cutoff date for room reservations is Friday, September 5, 2025.**

**** Please advise if you have any food allergies and we will try to accommodate.**

2025 CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

Member Name: _____ Member State: _____

Phone Number: _____ State or Chapter Office: _____

E-mail: _____

Guest Name: _____

Submit by September 2, 2025

Mail a completed registration form for each individual attending and a combined check made payable to Huguenot Society of Florida and mail to Courtney Osborne, State Treasurer,
4357 Habana Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32217

Day, Date, Description		Cost pp	Amount
Registration fee (all attendees)		\$45	
Thursday, October 2			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)		
8:30 a.m.	On your own, including lunch, St. Johns Town Center, close by located at the intersection of J. Turner Butler Boulevard and Gate Parkway		
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration in front of Deerwood I and II meeting rooms		
1:00 – 6 p.m.	Board of General Officers' Meeting – Deerwood I and II meeting rooms		
7:00 p.m.	Begin gathering in lobby to car pool for dinner		
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner and non-alcoholic beverages at Terra Gaucha Steakhouse, 4483 Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32216, individuals responsible for own alcoholic drinks	\$85	

Friday, October 3			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)		
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration in front of Deerwood I and II meeting rooms		
9:45 a.m.	Begin gathering in lobby to car pool to Fort Caroline or Beaches Museum		
10:00 a.m.	Leave for Fort Caroline National Memorial and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, 12713 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225 – alternative visit will be Beaches Museum and History Museum, 381 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250		
1:00 p.m. +/-	Dutch treat lunch near Fort Caroline at Billy Jack's BBQ, 9560 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226 or Beaches Museum at Beachside Seafood, 120 3rd St S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250		
6:00 p.m.	Cash bar, individuals responsible for own alcoholic drinks		
6:30 p.m.	Dinner buffet/banquet in Deerwood I and II meeting rooms with PowerPoint program on "Florida Flags and Facts" given by Kitty McElhaney	\$65	
	Choose one of the following entrees and list in the column to the right: > Slow roasted beef, sliced, au jus and horseradish cream or > Herb roasted turkey w/pecan dressing and gravy Entrees served with green salad w/dressing, roasted red potatoes w/ rosemary and seasonal vegetables, rolls, butter, tea, coffee and key lime pie	Entrée choice	
Saturday, October 4			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast on your own, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)		
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Registration in Deerwood I and II meeting rooms		
9:30 a.m.	NHS 90th Congress convenes in Deerwood I and II meeting rooms		
1:00 p.m.	Luncheon followed by Memorial Service		
	Lunch includes an assortment of sandwiches on a platter which includes sliced roast beef and cheddar on nine grain roll, sliced turkey w/Monterey jack on brioche roll, ham and Swiss on croissant and mesquite chicken breast w/provolone on kaiser roll – all platters accompanied by condiments, chips, pickle spears, fruit basket, cookies, tea, coffee and water	\$30	
3:00 p.m.	Congress adjourned with members and guests heading home or staying overnight		
Sunday, October 5			
7:30 a.m.	If you stayed overnight, complimentary buffet breakfast included for two persons per room (excluding cook to order items)		
Total registration and food			\$

HISTORIAN GENERAL & WEBMASTER

Madam President,

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.

- Kept our website up to date (news, officer information, forms, mailing aliases, scholarship information, award winners, &c.). Anything outside of my purview (especially state society webpages), I pass to Steve Allen of Egg Media to pursue.
- Worked with you to properly list all of our Hamilton purchased insignia, sashes, and pins on the website. Updates were made as necessary.
- Updated the References portion of the website with additional book references and substantial Cross of Languedoc articles (Fall 2023 – Spring 2025).

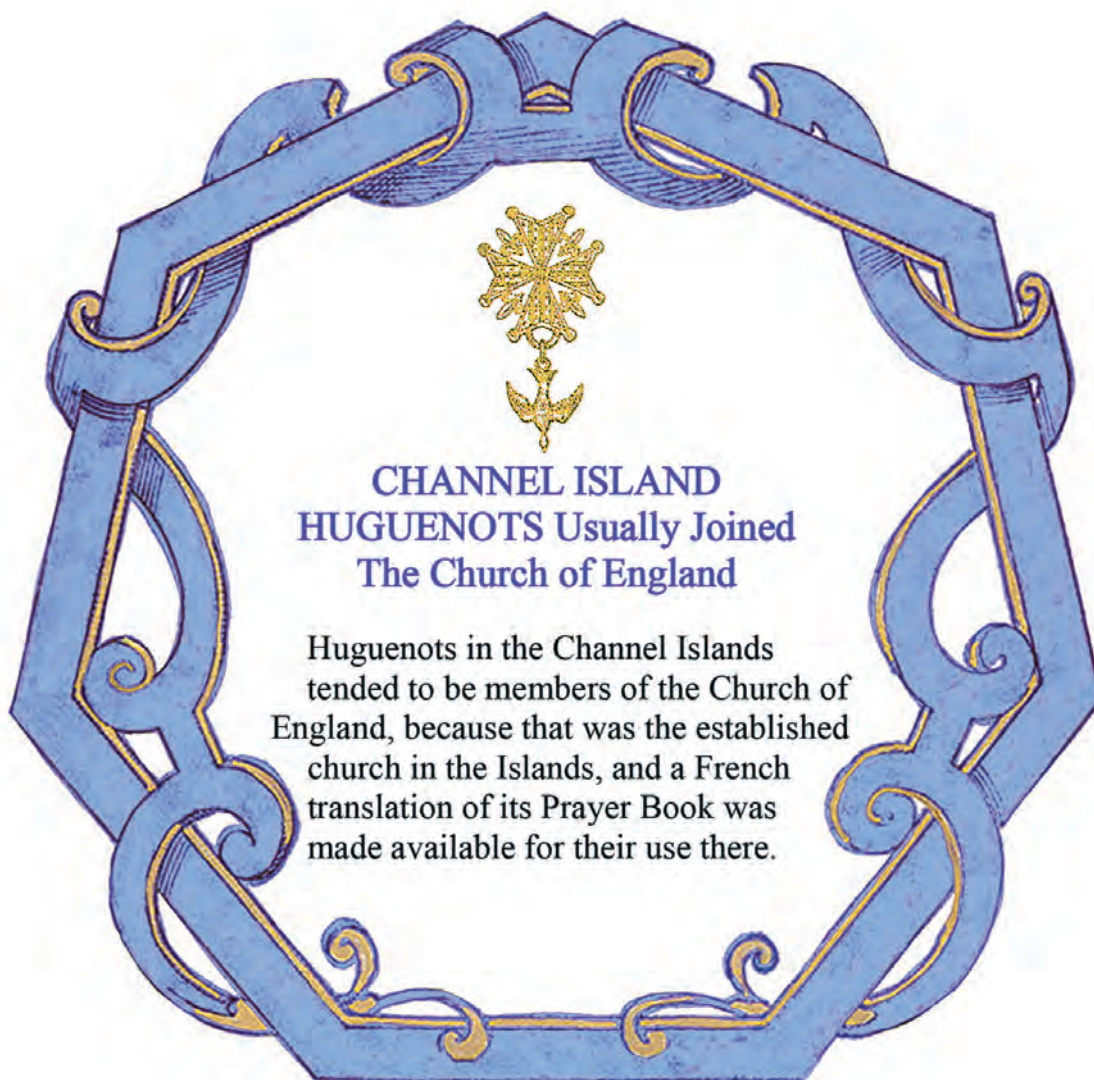
If anyone knows of any Huguenot books that we might include on our website, please let me know.

Unfortunately, I did not accomplish an aspirational goal outlined last year to provide some content for our *Newsletters* about particular Huguenots of interest.

I am waiting for the latest edition of the *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society*, so I can update the individual ancestor lists to reflect the new listings.

It *always* is a distinct pleasure to work with a board that is passionate about Huguenot history.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Historian General & Webmaster



ANNOUNCEMENT

College and Postgraduate Student Scholarships Offered by NHS

Thanks to several generous bequests, the National Huguenot Society (NHS) 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 below.

The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund

- The late Jacqueline Wells Dickey's bequest has permitted the National Huguenot Society to offer scholarships since 2002.
- 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.
- The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. (meeting all requirements for that membership).
- 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.
- The recipient must have completed at least two years of college, maintaining a 3.0 average.
- Scholarships are limited to \$5,000 per student. Scholarships are not renewable.
- Need is not a factor.
- 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.

The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Need is not a factor.
- Scholarship checks will be issued directly to educational institutions.
- 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.

Application forms

These application forms must be completed and submitted together with all the attachments specified in the instructions and mailed as a package to the individual identified at the bottom of the application form. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Co-Chairs of the Scholarship Committee via email at scholarship@nationalhuguenotsociety.org.



Jacqueline Wells Dickey
Scholarship Application



Lois Lefler Walker
Scholarship Assist
Award Application



NHS REPRESENTED AT THE TX DAR STATE CONFERENCE, HOUSTON

Attendees of the TX DAR State Conference in Houston last March were invited to check our Registers of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors (2012, 2016 & 2020), as well as the Revolutionary War List, for their lineage. Lots of interest in the NHS was generated by our appearance and display.

Genealogist General Nancy Brennan(R) and Registrar General Kathy Totten (L) promoting the NHS at the TX DAR's Lineage Societies room in Houston, 13 March 2025

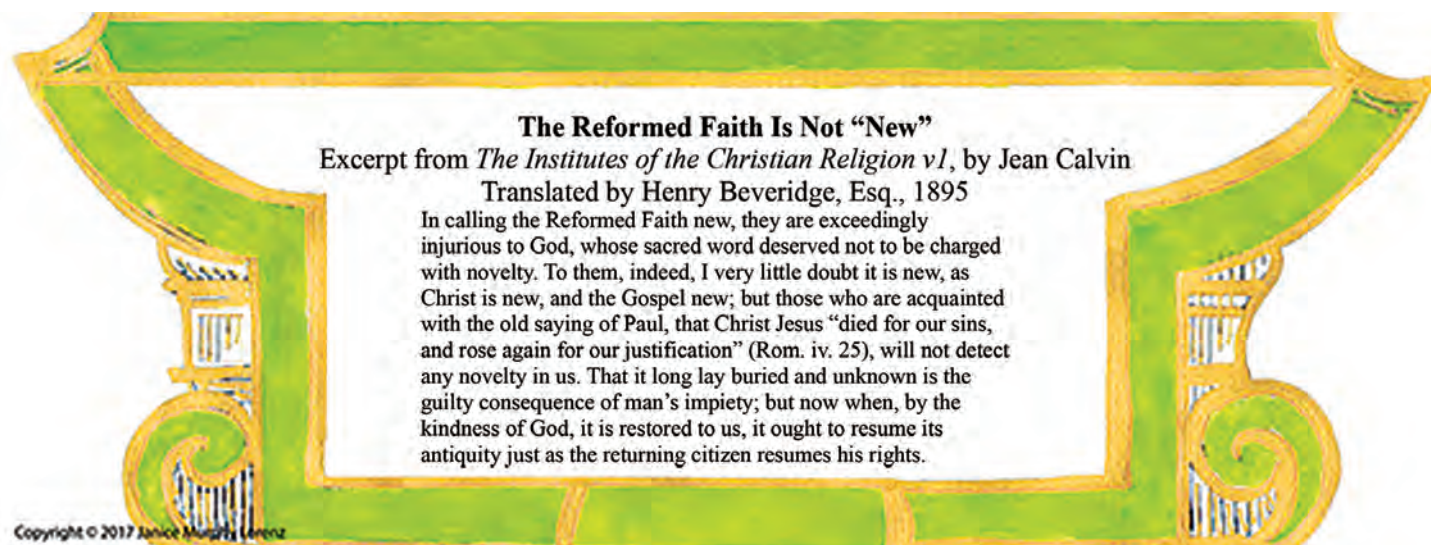
CHECK OUT THIS HANDY NEW REFERENCE BOOK

The Complete Guide to LINEAGE SOCIETIES: The Who, What, Where, and How,

by Kimberly Ormsby Nagy, MD AG®, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company (2024)

Book Review by Janice Murphy Lorenz

As most of us are aware, each lineage society requires PROOF of one's lineage, something that, due to wars and the passage of time, may present a gap or other conundrums to the researcher. Dr. Nagy's book provides a discussion of how to join a lineage society, the types of proof necessary to successfully apply to a lineage society, and the application process required. Dr. Nagy's analysis will guide purposeful genealogical research, providing valuable insights regarding the identification, possible locations and comprehension of the key genealogical records needed in order to support an application to a lineage society. Like Dr. Nagy, all of us have derived much personal satisfaction by affiliating with one or more lineage societies, our interest having been unwittingly yet permanently captured as we were researching our family tree. Joining a hereditary society offers a unique and incomparable depth and meaning to one's perspective of world history and American history, and also of one's individual ancestry. The 80-page Guide is small enough to easily tuck into a briefcase or handbag and use it while visiting genealogical libraries for your research. Its value is in preparing one to effectively conduct the necessary research, properly prepare the application, and then successfully join one or more of these worthy organizations. The book can be purchased on Amazon or on the Genealogical Publishing website.



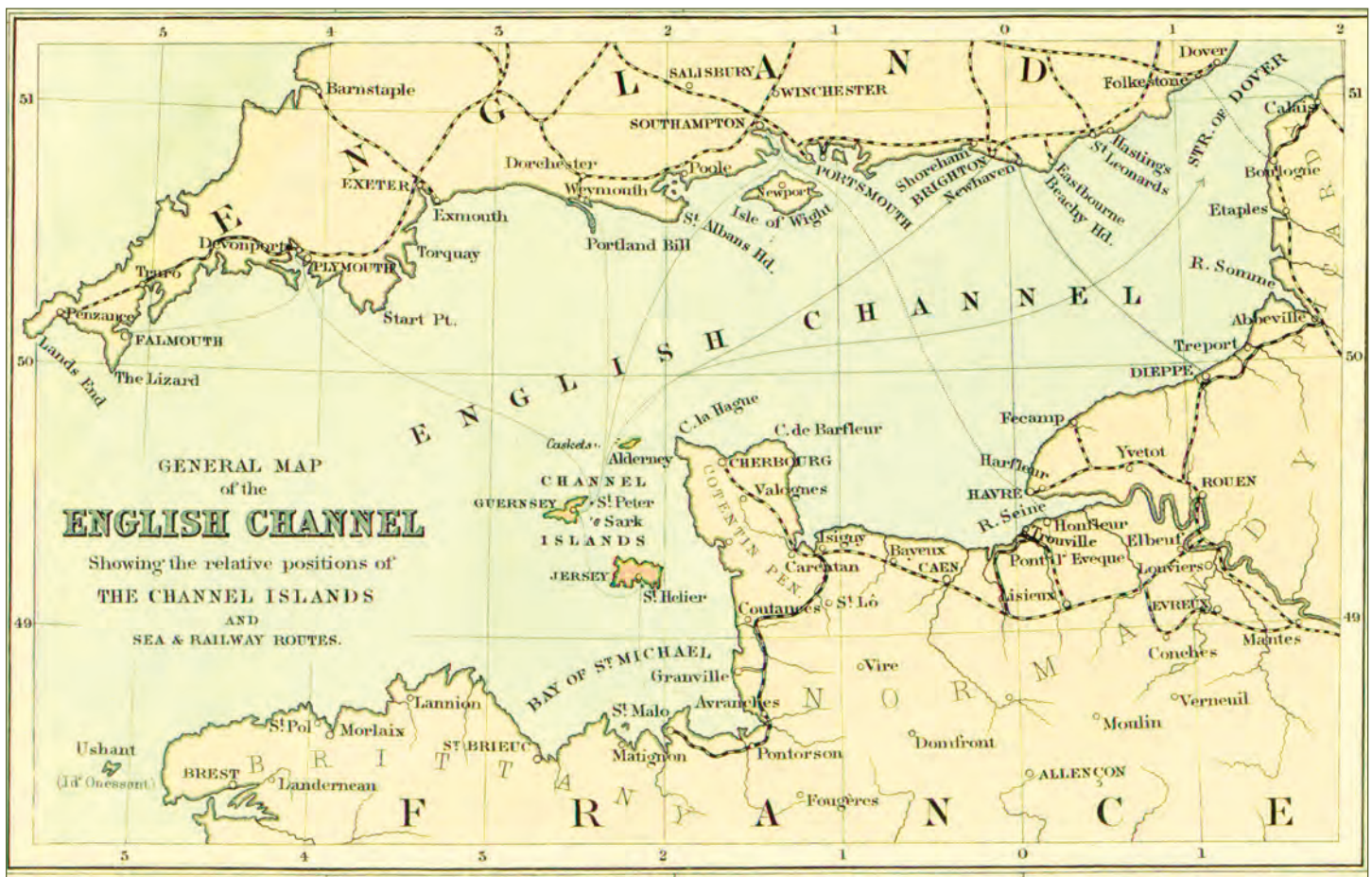


GENERATIONS COME AND GO

Aye, thus it is, one generation comes,
Another goes, and mingles in the dust;
And thus we come and go,
and come and go,
Each, for a little moment,
filling up some little place;
And thus we disappear
In quick succession; and it shall be so
Till time, in one vast perpetuity,
Be swallowed up.

A PLETHORA OF HUGUENOTS YET TO BE PROVEN

By Nancy Wright Brennan, Genealogist General



Map, Channel Islands, from BnF via wikimediacommons.com

The extensive 2025 *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society* contains close to 700 Huguenot ancestors. About half of those have been proven by application. Some ancestors have many descendants; others have just a few. Many conscientious researchers have diligently proved new Huguenots. There are many more to be discovered.

Due to a query from a person who thought he might have an Huguenot ancestor, a new and interesting resource was discovered, which is revealing a gold mine of possible Huguenots. One of the ancestors mentioned in the query was identified as having roots in the Isle of Jersey, which led to the references listed in the 2012 Register of the identified Huguenots who had settled in one of the Channel Islands. Nicolas Effard, Jean Gosset, Louis Paisant/Paysant, Vincent Rongnion/Runyon/Runyan, and Simon Rivoire/Revere are qualified ancestors with member descendants. Rev. Pierre de Caumont, Jacques Guillet, Nicholas Le/LaGrove/LeGrou, Pierre Garcelon and Pierre Tourgée/Tourjée/Torge are proven ancestors with no NHS member descendants. A consistent source for these Huguenots is *The Quiet Adventurers in North America* by Marion G. Turk.

Investigating this source led to an unlimited number of Huguenots. According to Turk, “The [Channel] Islands, during the 1700s were nearly inundated at times with the number of Huguenots fleeing from French persecution”.¹ The author lists some of the thousands of Huguenot surnames with Channel Island connection, some of whom were established there for over a century.²

Most Huguenots stayed for short periods of time before heading for Ireland, Scotland and colonies in North America. Other Huguenots had arrived in the Islands in the 1500s.³

The seven inhabited Channel Islands are in the Bay of Mont St. Michel between the French Provinces of Normandy and Brittany. They are British Crown Dependencies but are not part of the United Kingdom.⁴ Bailiwick of Jersey is the largest of the islands. It is divided into twelve parishes which are named after their parish church. St. Helier is the capital of Jersey and is the most populous.⁵ The Parish Church of St Helier is the parish church of the [town] of Saint Helier, capital of Jersey. In 1548 Edward VI ordered the destruction of all aspects of 'Popish Superstition' within the churches of his realm. The Jerseymen, strongly influenced by Huguenot immigrants fleeing persecution in France, carried out the King's orders.⁶

The parish church is known as the Town Church and is the oldest building in St Helier. After the Reformation, the church became a Huguenot temple, and eight successive Rectors were French Huguenot ministers.⁷ One of those, Nicolas Effard, was installed as the rector of St. Saviour in Jersey on 25 March 1587.⁸ "Kings Majesties rents & revenues in 1607: St Saviour "Pentions. Nicollas Effart, Minister of the Parish oweth yearly for the pentions of his benefice, payable at two termes of the year, by equall portions (viz) at Easter & Michaelmas, per annum 13 escus 10 sols".⁹

Jacques I Guillet and Louis Philippe Paisant/ Paysant's children were all baptized at St. Helier Church Isle of Jersey.¹⁰ Both of these "Primary Ancestors" from the Channel Islands are included among the approximately 659 "Primary Ancestors" in the upcoming **2025 REGISTER OF QUALIFIED HUGUENOT ANCESTORS**. In the RQHA, Primary Ancestors are going to appear using a unique display typeface and color, so that they will be easily identified in the People Index.

The upcoming 2025 NHS Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors currently lists a number of Channel Island Primary Ancestors and descendants, but they are relatively few in number as compared to the list of Turk's eligible families, such as De Faye, Duchemin, Hemery, St. Croix, to name only a few.¹¹

Whether any of your Huguenot ancestors may have stayed a time in the Channel Islands should be explored by genealogical researchers. Vast sources for Channel Island ancestors include:

- Channel Island Family History Society <https://www.jerseyfamilyhistory.org/> which has census and history books, lists of 185 journal issues and titles of articles.
- Jerripedia https://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Huguenot_refugees has French refugee marriages in St Helier 1684-1729 and abjurations.
- Jersey Heritage <https://catalogue.jerseyheritage.org/> has wills and testaments from 1663 and more.
- Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland <https://www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/>, of which NHS is a member

The wealth of Channel Island information cannot be ignored. Huguenot researchers need to dig deeper.

¹ Turk, Marion G. *The Quiet Adventurers in North America Canada*, (Heritage Books Westminster Maryland 2009) page 42.

² *Ibid.* page 44.

³ *Ibid.* page 42

⁴ Backhurst, Marie-Louise, *Tracing Your Channel Island Ancestors A Guide for Family Historians*, (Barnsley, South Yorkshire Pen & Sword Books Ltd, 2011) page introduction.

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Helier, accessed 3 June 2025

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parish_Church_of_St_Helier, accessed 3 June 2025

⁷ Hunt, Peter (2010). *A guide to the Churches of Jersey. Jersey: Société Jersiaise.*

⁸ Kallal, page 180.

⁹ https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/St_Saviour_Parish_Church. Accessed 3 June 2025

¹⁰ Kallal, Jeannine Sheldon, *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition 2012* (The National Huguenot Society), page 237 and 382.

¹¹ Turk, page 44.

LET HUGUENOTS SPREAD JOY



All who joy
would win
Must share it,
Happiness was
born a twin.
Byron.

A sunny temper gilds
the edge of life's blackest
cloud.

Guthrie.

What seems to us affliction
Is oft a hand that helps us to our wish.
So may it fall with thee—if Heaven
approves!

Sheridan Knowles.



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Some of Those Channel Island Huguenots Who Came to America

Salem

Ammon Stapleton, in *Memorials of the Huguenots in America: With Special Reference to Their Emigration to Pennsylvania*, informs us of the following regarding many of the Channel Islands Huguenots who decided to move onwards to America:

Among the earliest arrivals of Huguenots in New England were a number of families who settled in Salem perhaps as early as 1660. They were, for the most part, from the Channel Islands, whither they had fled from France. In 1662 Dr. John Touton, of La Rochelle, France, directed a petition to the Governor of Massachusetts for permission for himself and a large number of others who were expelled because of their religion to settle in that Province. This petition was favorably received and we accordingly find that a considerable influx of refugees took place.

In 1680 agents from La Rochelle arrived in Boston to gain permission and make arrangements for the settlement of their persecuted people there, and during the next few years, many families arrived in an utterly destitute condition; by 1682, it was necessary to take up collections in the churches for their benefit.

When finally the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685) extinguished the last vestige of their civil and religious rights, a very large number, aggregating hundreds, came to Boston, prior to 1690. From this point many scattered to various colonies.

Stapleton, Rev. Ammon, A.M., M.S., *Memorials of the Huguenots In America, With Special Reference to their Emigration to Pennsylvania*, Huguenot Publishing Company, Carlisle, PA (1901).

Boston

The Tale of Joseph Roy of St. Aubin, Jersey, Immigrant to Boston and New Jersey

By Charles Baird, in *History of the Huguenot Emigration to America* v2, at 193, citing William B. Sprague, D.D., *Annals of the American Pulpit* v6 at 62 (1860).
[The following is an excerpt:]

Joseph Roy is a Huguenot who settled in Boston after having first fled to the Isle of Jersey. He remained 11 years in Boston, and then removed to Woodbridge, New Jersey. His family finally settled in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where five generations have lived ever since (as of the mid-1800s when Charles Baird wrote this passage).

Francis Gerneaux escaped to the Isle of Guernsey during the bloody persecution that arose in consequence of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. One of his neighbors having been martyred, a faithful servant of his deceased friend informed him that he himself had been doomed to the same fate, and that he was to suffer that very night, at twelve o'clock. Being a gentleman of wealth, and having trustworthy and influential friends around him, he at once secured a vessel and, having caused his family to be placed on board, he was himself conveyed in a hogshead to the same retreat. Before morning, the vessel was not to be seen from the harbor.

Mindful of the condition of other persons at other Protestant settlements he so managed as to send his boat ashore at several of those places and by this means his company of emigrants was much enlarged. They sailed for America, and arrived safely at New York. Mr. Gerneau died at the extraordinary age of 103 years. His surname was corrupted over the years to become Gano.

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