



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”.



Pictured above - the two 14th century towers at the old harbor entrance of La Rochelle, France, bore silent witness to the “Siege of La Rochelle”. Beginning 10 September 1627 the Huguenot stronghold La Rochelle, seaport city of western France located on the Bay of Biscay, was under siege from both land and sea. Approximately fourteen months later, 1 November 1628, the starving survivors capitulated.

– *COVER STORY*

The Edict of Nantes, April 1598, brought to an end the eighth civil war and promised the French Huguenots freedom to express their faith in and around a number of cities. **The port city of La Rochelle** became the unofficial capital of the Huguenots. Henri IV (the former Huguenot leader) was well aware that significant concessions to the Protestants would likely never be acceptable to the Catholic-controlled *parlements*. He therefore granted, in two royal warrants, both civil and religious rights to the Huguenots. The first provided an annual subsidy to pay the salaries of Huguenot pastors, designed to take the sting out of being forced to pay the ecclesiastical tithe. The second was far more important, as it guaranteed the Huguenots a strong military presence in the two hundred towns in their jurisdiction. Almost half were designated fortified towns, garrisoned with troops paid for by the crown, for which Henri provided an annual subsidy. The remaining towns were to be manned by a local citizen militia. Allowing the Huguenots to remain armed and in control of a number of prominent towns imposed on Henri's own authority. However it was a price to be paid in the hope of rights of co-existence for Protestants within Catholic France.

During the Renaissance, La Rochelle adopted reformist ideas, and from 1568 became a center for the Huguenots, initiating a period of freedom and prosperity, under its own governance. However, under the authority of Henri's successor, Louis XIII, cannon shots were exchanged on **10 September 1627** with Royal troops and the **Siege of La Rochelle**, the Huguenot stronghold, began, commanded by Cardinal et Duc de Richelieu. The city was isolated with entrenchments and all land approaches to La Rochelle captured; it remained only to blockade it by sea. Richelieu ordered his engineers and soldiers to build a mole of masonry, 1,700 yards long, across the entrance to the harbor, leaving an opening for the movement of the tides. So strong were the tides, that every day half the stones laid that day were washed away. French artillery was used against English ships that supplied the city. George Villiers, 1st Duke of *Buckingham, organized an attack on the island of Re to help the Huguenots but withdrew after losing over 4,000 men out of a force of 7,000. While organizing a second attack he was killed at Portsmouth by a naval officer who bore a personal grudge. The assassin was hanged and Buckingham was buried in Westminster Abbey.

**A fictionalized Buckingham is one of the characters in Alexander Dumas' "The Three Musketeers"*

Residents of La Rochelle resisted for 14 months, under the leadership of the Mayor, Jean Guitton, and with the diminishing help from England. Half the population of La Rochelle died of hunger, and the population of 27,000 decreased to 5,000 due to casualties, famine and disease. Only the richest could get a little meat; they paid forty-five

livres for a cat, two thousand for a cow. The mayor threatened to kill with his own dagger anyone who spoke of yielding. However after long months of famine and disease, Richelieu entered the city on horseback (30 October 1629).

The city surrendered and lost its mayor and its privileges, their territorial, political and military rights, but retained the religious freedom granted by the Edict of Nantes. The growing persecution of the Huguenots culminated with the **Edict of Fontainebleu** (October 1685) commonly known as the "Revocation of the Edict of Nantes".

Today, the city has beautifully maintained its past architecture. During WW II, La Rochelle was the last French city to be freed and thereby escaped damage.

*Neoma O. O'Brien
President General 2001 – 2003
Editor pro tempore*

La Rochelle – A Huguenot Remembers

*High above its ancient, gleaming walls
Were silvery towers reaching, upward, tall
Looking down on shimmering Bay Biscay
Where ships once sailed and children, smiling, played
Lovely La Rochelle ...
La gracieuse, bonne et belle!*

*But comes the hordes of Richelieu
Destroying everything that came to view
Unto the walls and very city gates
The people pray, the city stands and waits*

*Are we not safe, are we by God forsaken?
C'est le temps triste; le temps de tribulation.
The city falls. Somewhere a pontiff smiles
While even Ivan, the Terrible, decries. >1*

*Now only death will meet the rising sun
With man and wife and child all piled as one.
But, wait: a phoenix rises from the pain
Il est bien droit que de vous tous me plaigne? >2
(Is it not right that I should mourn you all?)*

Adieu, La Rochelle!

by: James Dewey O'Brien- February, 1996

>1. As the Pope praised the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day and Czar Ivan of Russia termed it "barbarous", the above attributions of their reactions to the deaths at La Rochelle seem appropriate.

>2. This line is from a poem of the period..

President General's Report (at) 2005 Semi-Annual Council Meeting San Antonio, Texas

The past six months have been busy ones for the President General who attended the Annual Congress in Washington, DC, where she was elected and installed. While in Washington, she visited our "Huguenot Collection" located in the DAR Library, conferred with Eric Grundset, Library Director, and sent copies of the bibliography to Carol Chew, Committee Chairman, and to Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien, under whose administration the transfer of the National Society's Library was placed on permanent loan with the DAR Library, 1776 D Street, N. W., Washington, DC. Immediately following the 2005 Annual Congress, the contract for publication of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Membership Directory – 2006 by B. C. Harris Publishing Company was sent to James Dewey O'Brien, Counselor General, for review prior to signing. The contract was signed and Neoma O'Brien, Honorary President General, was appointed as "Liaison Officer" for communications with Harris Publishing. This will be the Society's third membership directory published by Harris; prior directories having been published in 1997 and 2001. The President General resolved some confusion as to the responsibility for maintaining an up-to-date membership list. The Bylaws specify this as the responsibility of the Registrar General.

Chairmen of Standing Committees were appointed. David H. Harpole, Sr., M.D., First Vice President General and Membership Committee Chairman, was charged to encourage membership and expand our Qualified Ancestor base. Having served on the Official Hymn Selection Committee, the President General worked with Dr. Peter Mathews, of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, DeLand, Florida, to prepare "La Cevenole" for publication. Several members were approached, without success, about serving as Editor of "*The Cross of Languedoc*". Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien agreed to serve as Editor "Pro Tempore" for the first issue of this administration. She produced a beautiful one and we are appreciative.

The President General worked to resolve the status of the Huguenot Affiliate Society of Canada. Disbandment is recommended, with any of the eleven members, so wishing, to be transferred to Member-At-Large status.

An excessive amount of time was expended by this officer, and several others, in an unsuccessful effort to obtain meeting minutes, official elections records,

reports, etc. from the outgoing Recording Secretary General. The absence of official minutes caused considerable difficulty, particularly so when trying to transfer funds of the Society and obtain signature cards for accounts.

It is the duty of the President General to sign vouchers for payment of Society bills. She received bills and prepared approval vouchers for the Treasurer General to issue checks in a timely manner.

Having received several requests for copies of "Huguenot France" by Frances DuBois, this officer had VHS and DVD copies prepared for sale to interested members and others.

A packet, including a directory of names, addresses and e-mail addresses of General Officers, Committee Chairmen, and State Presidents was prepared for distribution at the October 2005 meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The President General received and acknowledged directories from the Washington, DC, Florida, Indiana, Maryland and Virginia Member (State) Societies which are very much appreciated. All correspondence, e-mails, and telephone calls have been handled by this officer as promptly as possible; support and encouragement to officers and members have been offered, as needed; Certificates of Membership have been signed and a Letter of Welcome and Greeting was written to new members, and letters of Condolence have been written, as necessary.

In summary, during these first six months, we have worked on the 2006 National Membership Directory, produced "*The Cross of Languedoc*", worked to correct the Mailing List, supported the Treasurer General's attempt to sort out and collect dues from all members, have the Book Award Committee reviewing publications to select the best one for the Annual Award, have the legal status of the Society in order, and have taken care of a number of "housekeeping details".

The President General expresses deep appreciation to all officers, chairmen, and members for their many hours of dedicated work and service, all of which, together, makes this Society strong and great. This officer appreciates all the help and support she has received that has been so helpful in carrying out her duties. It is truly an honor to serve as President General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

In True Huguenot Faith and Devotion,
Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe

General Officers

First Vice President General

David H. Harpole, Sr., MD
(Chairman of Membership Committee)

Nothing is more important for our Society than to continuously seek new members. Some of the State Societies are at risk of disbanding because of inadequate numbers of active members. This is surprising because Huguenot descendants have such a great heritage. We must do a better job of making the public (non-members) more aware of the tremendous contributions of our ancestors to world history, with particular emphasis upon the development of democracy. We would do a disservice to the courage of our forebears to allow a decrease of interest in the steadfastness of our cause. Let us all work together in order to succeed. There are some methods of operation which we should consider.

Every State Society should have a membership chairperson. There should be group meetings of the membership chairs at our National Society meetings. There needs to be frequent e-mail exchanges of information among the group.

Each state committee chair should supply a list of the ancestors of all members so that the national chair of membership could assist in deeper research of the listed families to find more relatives for active recruiting. On occasions, hundreds of eligible names can be found. The Registrars have plenty of work to do handling the papers of applicants, and our membership chairpersons would confine activities and emphasis to recruiting. Of course, if an opportunity arose to be able to help an applicant find proof of descent, a membership committee person would want to do so.

It must be kept in mind that membership persons, similar to registrars, may be handling private information which should be kept within the Society.

A message from this chairman to all State Presidents: Please appoint your local membership chairperson now so that we can get going. Notify our President General and myself of your choice.

With Steadfastness and respect for our Cause,

David Harpole
David H. Harpole, Sr., MD
First Vice President General
&
Membership Committee Chair

Third Vice President General

Stephen B. Gerth

Our Third Vice President General created and has maintained our *WEBSITE* since its inception and the Society is grateful! Please visit it often as new material is being added on a regular basis. Just type in: <http://www.huguenot.netnation.com>

Our webmaster, Steven B. Gerth, is doing a remarkable job, not only in updating the web, but in addition he responds or forwards the many queries that come to the website regarding membership, etc. that come from all over our country and Europe.

Chaplain General

The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II

Rev. Walling has prepared a Necrology Report Form to be completed and returned to the Chaplain General for each member death that occurs. It is requested that a copy of the completed form be sent not only to the Chaplain General but that a copy also be sent to the President General.

The form has been sent to all Member (State) Presidents and is available to State Presidents, Chapter Presidents, State Chaplains, and Chapter Chaplains by request.

It is requested that copies of the form be made for use as needed. Prompt and complete reporting will enable the Chaplain General to send condolences to the next of kin of deceased members in a timely manner, and will be most helpful in preparing the Memorial Service at Annual Congress.

Recording Secretary General

Linda M. Neal

The Recording Secretary General was pressed into service soon after her election and installation and worked with the President General, Treasurer General, Counselor General, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to secure authority, by affidavit, to authorize elected officers to fulfill their duties as signatories to the Society's accounts.

She has recorded minutes of the 2005 Semi-Annual General Council Meeting and those minutes, having been read and approved by two readers in addition to the President General, are published as follows:

**THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT
SOCIETY, INC.
SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**8 October 2005
San Antonio, Texas**

The October (2005) General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., held at La Mansion del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, Texas was called to order at 9:05 AM by the President General, Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe. The Invocation was given by Royal Leigh Pegues, State President of the Huguenot Society of Alabama, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag. The introduction of guests followed.

The President General appointed Janice Lorenz and Jeannine Kallal as readers of the minutes of the General Council Meeting.

Reports of the General Officers and Auditor were received from the following and are attached to these Minutes:

President General, Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe
First Vice President General, David H. Harpole, Sr., MD
Chaplain General, The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II
Recording Secretary General, Linda M. Neal
Corresponding Secretary General, Barbara Baylis
Treasurer General, Barbara C. MacManus
Audit Committee Report by:

Frank Seldon Sutherland-Hall, Chairman
Registrar General, Jeannine S. Kallal
Historian General, Carol W. Chew
Counselor General, James Dewey O'Brien

Royal Leigh Pegues, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to adopt the Report of the Audit Committee, carrying with it the Report of the Treasurer General. Carol W. Chew seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The President General called for Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Awards: Books, Published Work, etc.

Jean M. Hyde, Chairman (Not present; report read.)

Bylaws Committee: Report presented by James Dewey O'Brien, Committee Member.

Reports of the State Societies were received from the following:

Alabama, Royal Leigh Pegues, State President

Washington, DC, Janice M. Lorenz, (State) First Vice President

Florida, Robert Eugene Burt, State President

Texas, Frank Seldon Sutherland-Hall, State President.

Under New Business, the following motions were made: Barbara C. MacManus moved that the National Huguenot Society provide, at no cost to the State Society, a copy of the Bylaws and Handbook to each officer of each Member (State) Society and local Chapters. The copies would then become the property of the State Society or Chapter and passed to their successors. Dr. David H. Harpole seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Meeting was recessed for the luncheon and program at 11:40 AM and reconvened at 1:50 PM.

Mrs. James Dewey O'Brien (Neoma), Honorary President General, moved that the Board of General Officers recommend to the (2006) Annual Congress that the Michigan Member Society be disbanded. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President General announced that a workshop for Registrars and Treasurers conducted by June Walters, Barbara C. MacManus and Jeannine Kallal would follow the meeting.

There being no further business, the General Council Meeting was adjourned by President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe at 2:28 PM, following a Benediction by Chaplain General, The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Walling, II.

Linda Neal

Linda M. Neal

Recording Secretary General

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Harris Publishing Company will mail to all members, with mailing beginning on 19 December 2005, a questionnaire for each member to complete. It is important that we all respond accurately and completely in order to make The National Huguenot Society Membership Directory – 2006 a reliable resource for our Society.

It is important that the completed form be returned as quickly as possible. We hope to have directions for completing the form by e-mail. However, this is not a certainty at this time. Members are also asked to "subscribe to purchase" when asked.

Corresponding Secretary General

Barbara Roberts Baylis

The 2005 – 2007 Directory of the General Council: General Officers, National Chairmen, Honorary Presidents General and Member (State) Society Presidents was assembled and delivered to our President General in September.

This officer hopes corrections will be few. Please let me know if you find mistakes or have an addition. The last page is a **“Change of Address Form”** which can be copied. Changes should be mailed or e-mailed to the President General, to the Treasurer General, to the Corresponding Secretary General and to the Registrar General.

Only eleven Member (State) Societies sent a list of their officers to the Corresponding Secretary General. For information as to the officers of all other Member Societies we had to make telephone calls or cross our fingers and hope for the best. This lack of response may explain some corrections that will have to be made in the directory. (Of course, the fact that a disk in my spine decided to collapse didn't help matters either.)

Our very tactful President General said, when she received the shipment of books, “We will be able to spot them on the shelf!” It was my decision to use Huguenot colors and gold is one of the colors in our ribbon. The printer did not have our beautiful “French blue” and every lineage organization uses white. So, as the President General says, “You can spot it quickly!”.

I did one more thing without asking the President General's approval. I placed the sheet in the front with her picture and address. Our President General is deserving of having a page dedicated to her for the time and effort she spends in behalf of the Society.

My thanks to Sylvia McAuliffe, President General; Barbara C. MacManus, Treasurer General; and Jeannine Kallal, Registrar General, for their help in obtaining names and addresses.

Thanks to those Member (State) Societies who did correspond and send in information. Thanks to the members of the Society for allowing me to serve as your Corresponding Secretary General.

Barbara Baylis
Barbara Roberts Baylis
Corresponding Secretary General

Organizing Secretary General

Betty L. Lawson Swisher

At the Board of General Officers Meeting on Friday, 7 October 2005, held at La Mansion del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, it was moved that the vacancy in the office of Organizing Secretary General be filled with Mrs. Betty Swisher, Past President and present Registrar of the Huguenot Society of Missouri. Mrs. Swisher will serve as Organizing Secretary General until the Annual Congress of 2006, at which time the Board of General Officers will request that she be confirmed by the Congress.

Mrs. Swisher may be contacted at:
14592 Shibley Road; Green Castle, MO 63544-3114;
Telephone (660) 488-5333 or BSwisher@NEMR.net

Treasurer General's Activity Report

Barbara C. MacManus

During the period from my installation as Treasurer General on 8 April 2005 to the present, I have accomplished the following tasks:

Arranged for change over of signature cards for all financial institutions in which National Society funds are deposited; reviewed all bank transactions and supporting documentation forwarded to me by the previous Treasurer General; reconciled all bank statements from May 2003 through the fiscal year 2004 and first 4 months of 2005 that were forwarded to me by the previous Treasurer General; generated a beginning “Trial Balance” as of 31 December 2003.

I posted all of the 2004 financial transactions to a “Quicken” account to determine and confirm the correct beginning fund balances for fiscal 2005; produced computerized transaction reports and financial statements in preparation for the audit of 2004 records; submitted requests for and received approval of extensions for filing of the 2004 Federal tax return; prepared and mailed dues billing for 87 Members-At-Large and have received and posted payment from more than 25 percent of them.

I received permission from the President General, and with input from the Counselor General, composed and mailed letters to an additional 16 Members-At-Large who were victims of hurricane Katrina exempting them from paying 2006 National Huguenot Society dues. I prepared and mailed annual Membership Summary forms to 38 Member Society Treasurers, along with instructions for use of the forms, and cover letters soliciting payment of dues. ***Continued to next page >***

Treasurer General's Activity Report continued:

This officer prepared and mailed the President General's letter to 82 Canadian Members and Friends of the National Huguenot Society inviting them to become Members-At-Large (if they qualify for membership) or subscribers to *Cross of Languedoc*.

Your Treasurer General worked with the Registrar General and the Corresponding Secretary General in updating and synchronizing the mailing lists and e-mail addresses of Member (State) Society Treasurers and Registrars.

In preparation for the National Society's **Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of General Officers and General Council Meeting (2005)** to be held in San Antonio, Texas, this officer planned a workshop for Treasurers and Registrars to be conducted by the Treasurer General, Registrar General, and Past Assistant Registrar General in conjunction with the General Council Meeting on Saturday, 8 October 2005. She personally contacted or attempted to contact by mail, e-mail or telephone all Member Society Treasurers and Registrars encouraging them to attend the General Council Meeting and workshop for Treasurers and Registrars. Arrangements with the hotel and meal functions for the semi-annual events were made and this officer received and tracked registration and prepared name tags and programs for the (2005) Semi-Annual Meetings of the National Society held in San Antonio, Texas.

The Treasurer General has promptly deposited and posted funds received into the appropriate National Huguenot Society accounts at the various financial institutions upon receipt; disbursed and posted payments of invoices immediately upon receipt of voucher authorization from the President General. She has prepared and produced the attached Financial Report for the period from 1 January 2005 through 30 September 2005.

These tasks were performed humbly and with pride in and loyalty to my **Huguenot heritage** and the **National Huguenot Society**.

Barbara C. MacManus

Treasurer General's Financial Report

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., does hereby submit the following Financial Report as of 30 September 2005:

The balance of funds on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$286,868.83, the Ray and Anna Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$20,618.85, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$78,077.78, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$54,178.90, totaled \$439,744.36.

Balance of funds on hand as of 30 September 2005 was \$452,086.55, being the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$289,600.62, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$21,081.92, and the Unrestricted Funds totaling \$141,404.01, consisting of the Advent Recovery Funds of \$79,961.05, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$61,442.96.

The attached Financial Report through 30 September 2005, includes printouts of the beginning Trial Balance of 31 December 2004, a Detailed Profit and Loss Statement, a Profit and Loss Summary Statement, and the Balance Sheet showing restricted and unrestricted funds balances. Also attached is a Worksheet with Account Balances allocated to the various Funds to which they belong. (*Complete Financial Report is on file.*)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. MacManus
Treasurer General



Above at Banquet, San Antonio: Sylvia McAuliffe, Linda Neal and Barbara MacManus.

Registrar General

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

Since this officer's report at the Annual Congress of April 2005, thirty-nine applications and seven supplemental applications have been approved (19 April 2005 to 4 October 2005). Eight applications are being held for additional documentation and State Registrars have been notified with suggestions as to what is needed for approval of these applications. Three Youth Registrations were approved and certificates sent. Requests for three transfers, one reinstatement and one dual membership were processed.

All deaths and membership changes have been made to the master membership list. All monies collected have been tabulated and sent to the Treasurer General. Completed files and approved applications and supplemental papers have been sent to the Society's Archives in Bloomington, Minnesota. E-mails have been answered and membership referrals made to the State Registrars. Most, all but seven, State Registrars have e-mail, making this officer's job a bit easier. Telephone calls have been made and letters written when needed.

Barry Gerth of the Illinois Society has continued to serve the Society by generating all Membership Certificates, at no cost to the Society. Work on the 2005 Update of Ancestors has begun. Remaining copies of the 2004 Update were sent to the Archives in Minnesota. This officer continues to send updates of qualified Huguenot Ancestors to our Webmaster, Steven B. Gerth, for publication on the website. All forms needed by the State Registrars are to be found on our website! Forms for grave markers are also available from the website.

National Bylaws cite among the duties of the Registrar General, those of maintaining a Members and Ancestor Index. Therefore, this officer has attempted to update the Society's mailing list. All State Registrars were contacted for revisions. Returned issues of the *Cross* have made it apparent that there were more errors than originally thought. This officer also contacted all State Treasurers for help. There have been 26 responses, to date. This is a constant and ongoing project, requiring cooperation from all Member (State) Societies.

This officer thanks all for their assistance in helping her carry out all the duties of her office. Every effort is being made to reduce the number of returned issues of the *Cross* and to insure that all our members receive all issues of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
Registrar General

Historian General

Carol W. Chew

The Historian General has prepared a form for the use of Member (State) Society Historians and the form has been mailed to each Member Society. Please complete the form to the extent that you can and mail to this officer by 15 March 2006. This will enable the Historian General to prepare her combined report for Annual Congress in April.

Before the project of canvassing each State for historical information, this officer did NOT know of Huguenot connections within her home State of Wisconsin. Since, we have discovered these links: Wisconsin-born sculptor Vinnie Ream who created statues for the National Capitol; Michelet House, restored the home of a Huguenot family who came from Norway to the western part of the State; Secretary of War Poinsett's urging of the military importance for building a canal in Portage, Wisconsin; Brigadier General Henry Robert's authorship of *Robert's Rules of Order* during the winter of 1876-77 in Milwaukee; Robert Marion La Follette, one of the U.S. Senate's "Famous Five"; a small piece of ground next to Lake Michigan known as the "Dutch Cemetery" which is the burial place of French families who settled first in the Netherlands and later in Wisconsin; and Julia Ward Howe's help in organizing a woman's club in Milwaukee which was the second in the U.S. Check your State for "Huguenots" and Huguenot influence. You may be surprised!

Carol W. Chew
Historian General

History Footnote: An Irish Connection

By 1661 the number of Protestants in France had grown to over one million; in 1685 Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes and made Protestantism illegal, with the result that more than 400,000 fled the country. About 500 were settled in Portarlinton, Ireland, by 1700. These settlers were mostly from the military, having fought with William of Orange in the wars of the late 17th century against the army of James II; in conflicts such as the Battle of the Boyne, the sieges of Limerick and the Battle of Aughrim.

Marquis de Ruvigny had been a general in the Williamite forces, seeing himself as a patron of the Huguenot regiments, he settled them and their families on an estate which had been given to him, as a personal gift, by King William. The hope of de Ruvigny was to recreate a miniature France in Portarlinton.

Counselor General

James Dewey O'Brien, J.D.

Greetings to all Member (State) Societies! I am happy to report that The National Huguenot Society, Inc. has fulfilled all the requirements of the State of Maryland, our State of Incorporation, including filing a list of the General Officers elected in April 2005, with the appropriate State offices. Fortunately, I had frequent contact with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) when I was Chairman of the Finance Committee. It is a pleasure to report, again, that we are a corporation in **good standing in all respects!** I have kept in contact with our Agent for Service of Process, Mr. William Riddle, Attorney at Law, Elkton, MD, who serves without remuneration, as we all do, although he is not a member of our Society.

I was happy, indeed, to turn over my former duties as Chairman of the Finance Committee to Mr. Royal Leigh Pegues of Montgomery, AL, who is the President of the Alabama (Member) Society. As you may recall, during my term as Chairman of that Committee I circulated a letter from the Internal Revenue Service to the Member (State) Societies in which that agency reaffirmed our tax exempt status and explained in more detail why we are tax exempt. That letter stated that we are tax exempt because we are a 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills the requirements of Sec. 509(a)(2), Internal Revenue Code, the principal tests being that we receive **more** than one-third of our receipts from **dues and gifts or donations** and **not more** than one-third of our receipts from investment income. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that institutions such as ours have broad public support as evidenced by dues and donations. Gross receipts from events or income from fulfilling our chartered purpose may be added to the "more than one-third" side of the equation. The purpose of going into this again is that we have new officers and these rules apply to the Member (State) Societies.

As the IRS instructions for filing Forms 990 or 990-EZ apply to the States as well as to the National Society, it might be well to note that these instructions can be confusing. Under the caption "Who Should File", it is stated that "If an organization's gross receipts during the year are less than \$100,000 and its total assets at the end of the year are less than \$250,000, it may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990". But this applies only if "the organization does not meet any of the exceptions in General Instruction B". However, the well-known exception that organizations with annual gross receipts normally of not over \$25,000 do not have to file returns

says nothing at all about assets. (Instructions, p. 3, Sec. B entitled "Organizations not Required to File".) Thus, the quotation concerning assets appears merely intended to show what form to file *if the organization is required to file under the general rule, i.e. more than \$25,000 in receipts.*

As the computations of the "more than one-third" and less than one-third ratio are based on the figures for the four years immediately preceding the "tax year", this does not appear to be a likely problem for the National Society in the foreseeable future due to receipt of the last part of the Dickey Scholarship bequest and the generous donations by Dr. Arnold R. Lewis to the Anna and Ray Lewis Memorial Fund, plus, of course, the dues received each year.

The Counselor General has also been asked for advice by the President General on the contract entered into with Harris Publishing Company to publish The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Membership Directory – 2006. Their services have proved quite satisfactory in the past and a source of some revenue to the Society. The Society receives a small royalty for each book that is sold. Your help and support for this project would benefit the Society.

James Dewey O'Brien
James Dewey O'Brien, J.D.
Counselor General

Le bleu de Nimes

Almost all of us have at one time or another worn "blue Jeans" or something made of denim.

What most of us do not know is that "blue denim" was created in Nimes, Provence, France.

In France, "le bleu de Nimes", was the name given to a very strong cotton fabric, which was first used for making clothes for workers.

More About Nimes

It was founded by Greeks; was a chief city of Roman Gaul; plundered by Vandals and Visigoths in the 5th Century; occupied by Saracens until 737; under Counts of Toulouse in the 10th Century; joined French Crown in 1229; and a Protestant stronghold in the 16th Century.

A fully functional roman-built coliseum is still standing there today.

THE FOUNDER OF THE RED CROSS A DESCENDANT OF HUGUENOTS

By: Charlen A. Randolph

In the summer of 1859 a thirty year old Swiss businessman traveling through northern Italy near the town of Solferino happened to witness the aftermath of one of the most brutal battles of the 19th Century. The French were attempting to drive the Austrians out of northern Italy. The young man stopped his carriage and viewed the carnage. It was a visual image that would haunt him for the remainder of his life. Thousands of soldiers were killed, wounded or infected and those who were still alive were crying out in agony, pleading for food and water.

In the nearby town of Castiglione the young man immediately went to work, organizing volunteers from nearby towns and passing tourists. He sent teams to take food and water to the wounded, cleanse their wounds and transport them to makeshift hospitals set up in the homes of the local townsfolk. He requested help from the French military and was shocked to learn that there were only six doctors available for several thousand soldiers, a disproportion that was not unusual in that era.

To his joy he observed that soon the volunteers had forgotten the nationality of the wounded and were all brothers (“Tutti Fratelli”). The name of that young man was **Henry (Henri) Dunant** who later was to become the founder of the Red Cross.

When Dunant returned to Geneva he was inspired to write his story “The Memoirs of Solferino”, a book that described the battle, the graphic details of the aftermath and the presentation of a plan. Why was it not possible to create volunteer relief societies during times of peace, to be trained and ready to offer care for the wartime wounded? Together with that, he also recommended the formation of relief societies with permanent status, prepared to render services at times of epidemics, floods, fires, and other unexpected catastrophes.

His book was widely read by a shocked public and instantly he became a celebrity. Gustave Moynier of Geneva, a jurist dedicated to social welfare issues, approached Dunant to discuss the possibility of forming a committee to transform Dunant’s ideas into action. On February 7, 1863 the Geneva Society of Public Welfare appointed a committee of five: Gustave Moynier (President), Henri Dunant (Secretary), along with Dr. Louis Appia, General Guillaume Henri Dufour, and Dr. Theodore Maunoir.

Gustave Moynier and Henri Dunant complemented each other inasmuch as Moynier was an effective administrator and Dunant was an enthusiastic visionary, filled with ideas and skilled in gaining support for their cause. However, having contrasting personalities, the two experienced conflicts immediately. Moynier became a rival of Dunant, envious of his celebrity.

At personal expense and neglecting his own business affairs, Dunant traveled throughout Europe in a successful effort to garner support for an international conference. This conference produced on October 29, 1863 a fundamental **Charter**, marking the birth of the **Red Cross**. A shorter conference, the Geneva Convention of August 22, 1864, provided for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded Armies in the Field. This same conference opened up the way to treaty laws pertaining to the rules of war, international humanitarian law and the **Hague conventions**. An emblem was adopted to identify volunteers, hospitals and ambulance wagons, providing them with protection and conferring legal status of neutrality. The emblem was a red cross on a white background, (the Swiss flag in reverse).

In 1867 a Swiss bank, the Credit Genevois, went into bankruptcy. Dunant, who had been a member of the board, was totally ruined financially and was personally disgraced. Criminal charges were filed against him. Moynier took this opportunity to ease Dunant out as Secretary and as a member of the Committee. Dunant left Geneva, abandoned by friends and feeling deeply humiliated. In this city of Calvin and predestination, there was little forgiveness for failure – evidence of lack of divine grace. He would never return again to his native city.

Dunant traveled across Europe, living in poverty, obscurity and solitude. His letters to his family reveal that he felt depressed and remorseful for bringing shame on them. He attended one or two conferences and delivered a paper in London in 1872 proposing uniformity in the conditions of prisoners of war. He never stopped working on such humanitarian causes as disarmament, anti-slavery issues, an international court of law for the arbitration of conflicts between nations and prisoner of war protection. After the experience in World War I with massive casualties and thousands of soldiers who had been thrown into prisoner of war camps, a treaty was at long last signed: The Geneva Convention of 1929 which provided for the protection of prisoners of war. Dunant was also the author of many published articles and speeches.

After a 20 year hiatus Dunant was rediscovered by a young reporter, Georg Baumburger. He was living in a small Swiss town called Heiden and residing in a residential hospital for the poor in Room 12, a spare, single room he considered his sanctuary. When news circulated that Dunant was alive, he became a celebrity again. Thus re-energized, he struggled for international arbitration of conflicts, disarmament and peace.

His main supporter, Bertha von Sutter, a Viennese aristocrat, worked hard to see that Dunant was awarded the first Nobel Prize for Peace, (shared with Frederic Passy), in 1901. Dunant said that he had grown used to poverty and donated his portion of the prize proceeds to charity.

Dunant was born as Jean Henri Dunant on May 8, 1828 in Geneva. His father, Jean Jacques Dunant (1789-1875), was an affluent businessman, magistrate of the Geneva Court and Superintendent of an orphanage. His mother was Anne-Antoinette Colladon. The family was humanitarian, civic minded, religious and prosperous. He received a strict Protestant education and attended the prestigious College founded by Calvin.

What shaped Dunant? Martin Gumpert, one of his biographers, said that Dunant lived a veiled life in the sense that he had no life of his own. Gumpert found insufficient documentation in Dunant's private sphere to fully describe him as a person. He was never married, was abandoned by friends after his bankruptcy and there were few people to interview who had intimate knowledge of him. His life appeared to be the Red Cross.

Dunant was born in a Geneva of the 19th Century that was recognized as a model of Christian charity as well as social and philanthropic activity. The City sponsored many social welfare programs, was pluralistic and politically neutral. His family was civic minded, humanitarian and religious. As a youth, Dunant, became part of a religious movement called the "Awakening" and in 1851 he became a member of a committee of an Evangelical Alliance Movement that advocated tolerance and commitment to religion. He was also involved with one of the groups that developed into the worldwide "Young Men's Christian Association".

A biographer, Pierre Boissier, read family letters and states that Dunant acknowledged his mother's influence on him. Boissier quoted Dunant as saying that such a vast and universal humanitarian work does not develop from circumstances fortuitously and that the instrument utilized must be prepared beforehand for the work for which it is destined. Boissier found that Dunant's mother aroused in him a keen compassion for the unhappy, the humble, the oppressed and the outcasts of society. As a child he accompanied his mother to the darker side of Geneva on her visits to the poor and sick. He remembered that these visits were his first encounter with the harsh reality of poverty and suffering.

Anne-Antoinette Colladon (October 2, 1800-February 2, 1868) was the daughter of Henri Colladon (born May 14, 1772) and Jenne Marthe Gille. Henri Colladon was director of the General Hospital and Mayor of Avully. Anne-Antoinette was descended from the renowned Colladon family, **French Huguenots from La Chatre in Berry, France**. The Colladon family was one of the first families in France to profess Calvinism. Leon and Germain Colladon were brothers, both born in La Chatre in Berry, both jurists and married to sisters (Guimot and Clauda, respectively). Their father was Germain Colladon, Sr., a jurist and Doctor of Law, from La Chatre and married to Guillemette de la Bretonnier. **Leon and Germain Colladon** immigrated from Bourges to Geneva with their families around 1550 due to persecution from the Roman Catholic Church. Leon died in 1552. His younger brother, Germain (1510-1594) was a close friend of Calvin with whom he had attended law school in Paris. **Germain Colladon** helped to revise the civil and political code of Geneva in 1568. Leon's son,

Nicolas Colladon, was also close to Calvin and in fact replaced Calvin in the Chair of Theology in 1562. Calvin had been in declining health and died in 1564. Leon's other son, **Germain Colladon**, had been arrested in France for Protestantism and sentenced to life servitude on the galleys. The distinguished Colladon family in Geneva either secretly paid a ransom or unofficially negotiated his release before he started his sentence. He immigrated to Geneva in 1552 and married in 1553 Christophra Trembley, whose wealthy Huguenot family came from Charlieu, France. **Jean Henri Dunant** was directly descended from Leon's son **Germain Colladon**.

Dunant died in Heiden, Switzerland on October 31, 1910. Caroline Moorhead states that he initiated a movement which has no equal in size or commitment outside of organized religion. She asks what the five founders would think of the world as it exists today with its savagery? She believes that the passionate dreamer, Dunant, would enthusiastically and energetically attempt to meet the challenge!

Charlen A. Randolph
17 August 2005

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About the author:

Mrs. Randolph, when asked to provide a bit about herself, modestly replied:

"..... you probably only need to know three things:

1. *I am a member of the National Huguenot Society and have been serving as Treasurer of one of our Florida State Chapters, the Fleur de Lis Chapter.*
2. *I am an active Volunteer with the American Red Cross.*
3. *I hold a Master's Degree in Social Work.*

AND – I am certainly glad that Germain Colladon was saved from lifetime servitude in the galleys. That was not only nice for him, but if that had not occurred, Henri Dunant would never have been born. It must have been destiny."

Well said! – Ed., pro tem

Standing Committee Reports

Award Committee

Jean M. Hyde, Chairman

We are pleased to announce that our award prize of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be given to the author of what is judged by the **Award Committee** to be the best work of scholarship that is a paper, an article, a thesis (or dissertation) or a book "covering any aspect of the Huguenot movement and produced during the period of 1 January 2005 thru 15 January 2006".

This prize is awarded regularly in the Spring of each year, and the winner is announced at the Annual Congress of the Society, which will be held in Washington, DC, in April 2006.

Entries should be sent to:

Mrs. Jean M. Hyde
1010 Brentwood Circle
Kansas City, MO 64112-2341

All entries should reach her *no later* than 15 January 2006. Entries will normally be retained after judging and kept in the library of the National Huguenot Society which is located in the NSDAR Library in Washington, DC. However, on request, they will be returned to the submitter.

The decision of the judges will be final.

Respectfully,

Jean M. Hyde
 Jean M Hyde

Telephone: 816-531-6224
 E-mail: jmh64112@yahoo.com

Question:

What do you know of the ship *Mary and Ann*, of London, commanded by George Haws which arrived the 23rd of July 1700 at James City, Virginia, after about 13 weeks passage, with two hundred and five people "*aboord ye ship*". It was a "**first**" and should be an easy question for many of you!

The "answer" to the question published in the Fall Issue of August 2005 will be found elsewhere in this issue. Did you know or find the answer?

Audit Committee

Frank Seldon Sutherland-Hall, Chairman

The Audit Committee consisting of Frank S. Hall, President of the Huguenot Society of Texas, and Linda Hess, President of the La Rochelle Chapter of Texas, reviewed the financial records of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., for the period ending December 31, 2004, and the financial reports for that period generated by the current Treasurer General. The Audit Committee found the financial records and reports to be in good order and in agreement with balances reported by the various financial institutions in which the funds of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. are deposited, the total of which was \$439,744.36. The Audit Committee commends Treasurer General Barbara C. MacManus for her diligence and dedication to detail.

The Audit Committee recommends that additional verification of inventory of merchandise for sale be made available for the next audit.

The Audit Committee hereby submits this Audit Report to be placed before the membership for approval at the next Business Meeting, 8 October 2005.

Frank S. Hall
Linda Hess

Audit Committee
 21 September 2005

A Reminder of Huguenot Supplies Available

Video: "Huguenot France" by Frances DuBois	\$15.00
DVD: "Huguenot France" by Frances DuBois	\$15.00
Note Cards: "Evening Hymn – Huguenot Refugees" (12 Cards and Envelopes)	\$8.00
Note Cards: Languedoc Version of Gold Cross on Cream Vellum (12 Cards & Envelopes)	\$8.00
<u>Louise Moillon, Seventeenth Century Still Life Artist</u> By: Helen Chastain Sowa, 1998 (86 pages, 14 in color)	\$20.00
<u>Huguenot Lineage Research</u> , based on migration routes, By: Dr. Melford S. Dickinson	\$20.00

All the above may be ordered from the Archives at:
9033 Lyndale Ave., South – Suite 108;
Bloomington, MN 55420-3535.

Member (State) Society Reports

District of Columbia (Washington, DC)

A New Tradition for The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC!

The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, celebrated its Day of Remembrance Service (2005) at the beautiful Washington National Cathedral on October 1st, resuming an old tradition for this Society and enhancing it with new features, such as the singing of the National Huguenot Society's official hymn, La Cevenole, by a baritone soloist (supplied by the Cathedral), and an emphasis upon music. The Washington, DC, Society was founded in 1927 and has always enjoyed a strong presence and membership. Beginning years ago, it particularly enjoyed holding its Day of Remembrance Service in the lovely Bethlehem Chapel on the lower level of the Cathedral, as evidenced by an area permanently established outside of that Chapel devoted to Huguenot remembrance, which displays the flag of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC. Over the years, however, the service had come to be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, another charming Washington landmark designed by an architect of Huguenot ancestry. This year, however, it was decided to resume holding the service at the Washington National Cathedral and to extend invitations not only to members of own Society, but also to members of the Virginia and Maryland Societies living near the Washington metropolitan area

who might be interested in joining us in fellowship and perhaps visiting Washington for the beautiful Fall weekend.

The magical and unforgettable atmosphere of the Bethlehem Chapel was the perfect setting for the ringing hymns and beautiful organ music that were featured as the theme of the service, in keeping with our Huguenot ancestors' practice of singing hymns together. The service was officiated by one of the Washington, DC, Society's own, Rev. Richard Fichter, who was ordained at this very Cathedral and now resides in Kilmarnock, Virginia. His touching comments led the group in paying tribute to the members of the Society who passed away during the year, to our Huguenot ancestors, and to those who sacrificed as a result of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The highlight of the service was unquestionably the baritone soloist's rendition of "La Cevenole". This special, haunting melodic hymn was sung, probably for the first time on these shores, 75 years ago at the Washington Society's Organization Meeting in 1927. Blessed with sunny weather, Huguenot members, friends and their guests walked to a nearby French bistro to enjoy a delicious luncheon after the service. The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, hopes to welcome a growing number of National Huguenot Society members, friends and guests to join in the celebration of our heritage in the coming years at this remarkably lovely and memorable service.

Janice Lorenz

First Vice President

Huguenot Society of Washington, DC

Below: At Bethlehem Chapel, Rev. Richard Fichter



Florida Member (State) Society

The Admiral Gaspard deColigny Chapter, Florida Huguenot Society, met at the St. Petersburg, FL Yacht Club on Saturday, October 29, 2005 with 20 persons present. The guest of honor and keynote speaker was Mr. Robert E. Burt, President of the Florida Huguenot Society and former President of the Kansas Huguenot Society as well. His wife, Trudy, accompanied him. Mr. Burt, and his late wife, Mary Ann Bates Burt, did extensive research on their respective families over several years and published five books on their individual family genealogies, one of which was on Mr. Burt's Huguenot ancestor, Jacques Bruyere, *Jacques Bruyere, A French Huguenot and Descendants*.

Mr. Burt spoke on "The Huguenots", mainly covering how his Huguenot ancestor, Jacques Bruyere and wife Louise (Douslot), escaped from what is thought to be the Champagne region of France, finding refuge under the Count Maurice de Solms-Greifenstein at Daubhausen, between Cologne and Wetzlar. A plaque with the Huguenot cross was erected in the town where there were 230 descendants of the Huguenots; dedicated to the 59 original French Huguenot refugees who came there. The name of Jacques Bruyere is among them. Descendants of Jacques Bruyere, who were ancestors of Mr. Burt, were found in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania before some migrated west. The Americanized name can now be found as Bruere or Brewer.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of people doing research in order to find one's heritage and ancestry. He would not have found his Huguenot Ancestor, and many other significant ancestors, without doing the thorough research of his family tree. Mr. Burt encouraged all to do research and encourage others to do so as well. The Florida Society's current endeavor and goal is the same as the National Huguenot Society's, and that is to find new members, and to grow into a strong Society to carry on the Huguenot tradition and history.

Dorothy Seabury Hornus

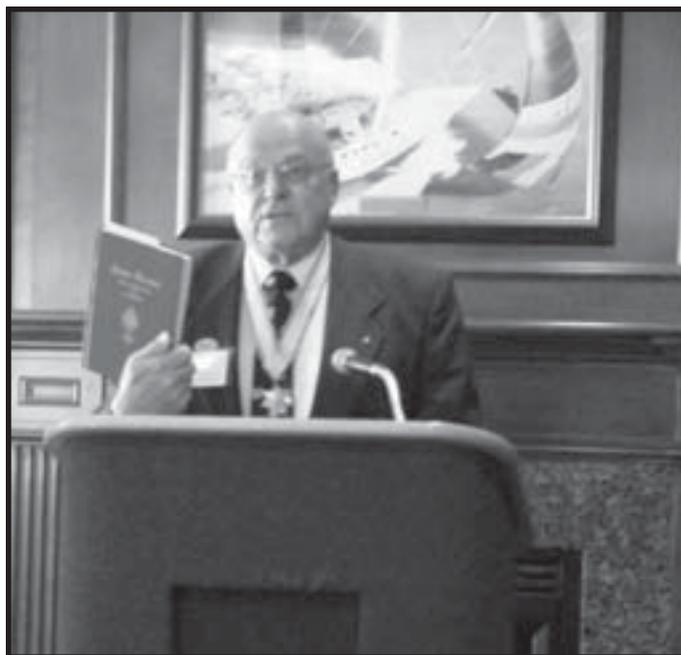
Admiral Gaspard deColigny Chapter (Florida)
Chapter Vice President and Recording Secretary

Pictures: (Top) L-R: Betty Raup, guest; Annie-Kate Carpenter, member; Robert Raup, Coligny Chapter Registrar; Alex Cernkovic, prospective member; Lynda Schoonover, Coligny Chapter Chaplain; Lou Wyatt,

prospective member; Jim Zink, guest; Frances "Rooney" Zink, Coligny Chapter Treasurer; Trudy Burt, guest and wife of Florida State Huguenot Society President; Robert Burt, Florida State Huguenot Society President & Speaker; Linda Moody Neal, Coligny Chapter President, Florida State Recording Secretary & Recording Secretary General, National Huguenot Society; Dorothy Hornus, Coligny Chapter Vice President, & Recording Secretary; Shirley Wilkie, guest; Ron Wilkie, guest; Olin Wright, Jr., member; Peg Wright, associate member. Not shown: Lou Hormus, and Dennis Neal, associate members.



& Robert E. Burt, President Florida Huguenot Society



News of The Huguenot Society of Georgia

Library Activities

For many years The Huguenot Society of Georgia has maintained a cordial relationship with the Statesboro Regional Library in Statesboro in the southeastern section of Georgia. The genealogical area in this library, the Brannen Room, is named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawton Brannen, who were Charter Members of the Georgia Society, which was founded in 1971 by Mrs. Brannen. The genealogical collection gathered by her over a lifetime of research forms the nucleus of material in the Brannen Room. Over the years, The Huguenot Society of Georgia has made frequent financial contributions to the library for acquisition of items of help in the research of Huguenot families. In addition, many of our members have also made financial contributions, as well as making gifts of books. As a result of our efforts, the Brannen Room of the Statesboro Regional Library now contains an outstanding collection of material of interest to Huguenot researchers.

At its Fall Meeting in 2004 The Huguenot Society of Georgia voted to explore the possibility of an association with the Cobb County Public Library in Marietta, Georgia, with a view toward establishing a Huguenot research facility in north Georgia. The Society's suggestion was well received by the Library, and an initial cash donation was made by the Society. This has been followed by an additional cash contribution as well as a gift of copies of many issues of the *Transaction of the South Carolina Huguenot Society*. These publications offer detailed histories of many Huguenot families, and include articles dealing with the early history of the Protestant Movement. An index provides easy access to subjects of interest. The Georgia Society plans to continue its support of this initiative.

Scholarship Fund

The Zada Bird Brannen Scholarship Fund, sponsored by The Huguenot Society of Georgia and administered by the Georgia Baptist Foundation, had a market value in excess of \$26,000 as of December 31, 2004. The interest from this Fund is awarded annually in the form of a scholarship to a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a current member of the Georgia Society. The amount of the award in 2005 is approximately \$1,050. The award is based on the judging of essays written by the applicants on the subject "What It Means to Be a Huguenot".

Youth Registrants

The Georgia Society is pleased to have added six Youth Registrants since the publication of the last Yearbook. We now have a total of 18 Youth Registrants, who, we

hope, will carry forward the work of the Society in years to come.

Spring Meeting, 2005

The 2005 Spring meeting of the Society was held at the Statesboro Regional Library. The speaker was Dr. David Seaman, a Professor of French at Georgia Southern University, who holds a Master's degree in German and a Doctorate in French, both from Stanford University. Artist, author, winemaker and bicyclist, Dr. Seaman spoke on the Lettrist movement in France. A moving Memorial Service was conducted by Elizabeth Stirling Colton, Acting Chaplain, honoring the memory of Curtis Gordon Hames, Christine Williams Patrick and Bogardus Werth. An outstanding family-style lunch was served at the Beaver House, across the street from the Library.

Guyton B. McCall

Treasurer, The Huguenot Society of Georgia

Answer to "Question"

(Question published in August 2005 issue was: What do you know of the date 10 December 1520?)

The attitude of Martin Luther became more and more one of outspoken opposition to the Pope and to the doctrines of the Church itself, and so far had his opposition now advanced that the Roman authorities decided to crush it. In October 1520, therefore, the memorable bull excommunicating Luther and his friends was published at Leipzig.

Luther appealed to the Emperor for protection and when he learned that the papal envoys were burning his books, he decided to reply in kind. He issued an invitation to the "pious and studious youths" of Wittenberg to assemble outside the Elster gate of the city on the morning of **10 December 1520**. There, with his own hands, he cast the papal bull into a fire, along with some canonical decrees and volumes of scholastic theology. In one act he symbolized his rejection of canon law, of Aquinas's philosophy, and of any coercive authority of the Church. The students collected other books of the kind, and with them kept the fire burning till late afternoon. On 11 December 1520 Luther proclaimed that no man could be saved unless he renounced the rule of the papacy. The monk had excommunicated the pope.

Editor's note: Among the requirements for membership, one must be descended from a Huguenot who ...subsequent to 10 December 1520 and prior to the promulgation on 28 November 1787 of the Edict of Toleration, emigrated from France to America or some other country, or ... (Article III, Section D, a. – National Bylaws.)

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Official Call
Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC

Members and Friends are cordially invited to attend the 70th Annual Congress
Friday, 7 April 2006 – Board of General Officers Meeting
Saturday, 8 April 2006 – Annual Congress

DELEGATES:

The Presidents of member Societies should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates of their Society. (The blank form will be mailed to all State Presidents.) The Credentials Form should be completed and mailed (if at all possible) **before** 15 March 2006 **to** the Credentials Chairman:

Barry L. McKown
3580 South River Terrace
Edgewater, MD 21037-3245

SCHEDULE**Friday, 7 April 2006**

2:00 PM	Board Meeting	Board Room, (subject to change)	
6:30 PM	Annual Reception	(check schedule board in lobby)	
7:00 PM	Annual Banquet	(check schedule board in lobby)	Cost: \$68.00

Saturday, 8 April 2006

8:30 AM	Registration	Colonial Theater	Reg. fee: \$ 5.00
9:30 AM	Congress Convenes	Colonial Theater	
12:00 Noon	Luncheon	(place to be announced)	Cost: \$48.00
1:30	Congress Reconvenes	Colonial Theater	

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COST:

Registration fee, \$5.00; Banquet, \$68.00; Luncheon, \$48.00 – a total of \$121.00 for all events. Checks should be made payable to The National Huguenot Society and mailed before 15 March 2006 to:

Barry L. McKown
at the above address, before 15 March 2006

Hotel Reservations:

Room reservations should be made with the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel before the cut-off date of 1 March 2006, (sooner if at all possible) by calling 202-347-3000 and asking for the reservations desk. Request the rate for Genealogical Related Societies. That rate is \$214.00 plus tax per night for single, double or up to four persons in a room. Request a confirmation number. Double check the confirmation number and the rate AND date of your stay. **Please make reservations as early as possible. Annual Congress is for everyone!**

COME AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF FELLOW HUGUENOTS AND FRIENDS!
COME AND HELP MAKE THE DECISIONS FOR AN EVEN BETTER SOCIETY,
WITH TRUE HUGUENOT FAITH AND DEVOTION!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

And
 Congratulations to those who
 Have had Supplemental
 Papers Approved

Alabama

8 June 2005
 Cain, Frederick Hilliard
 Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

11 July 2005
 Cain, Jonathan Walker
 Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

11 July 2005
 Cain, Patrick Martin
 Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

11 July 2005
 Cain, Patrick Martin, II **J**
 Ancestor: Nicholas Lanier

Arkansas

20 April 2005
 Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Elmore
 Ancestor: Jeremiah Dumas **S**

22 April 2005
 Dekmatel, Cheryl Young
 Ancestor: Jean Pierre Bondurant

Arizona

3 October 2005
 Harter, William R., Jr.
 Ancestor: Jean E. Benezet

4 October 2005
 Thorne, John Kandelin
 Ancestor: Bourgon Broucard

California

8 June 2005
 Mertes, Lynne Hendey
 Ancestor: Pierre Bontecou **S**

8 June 2005
 Mertes, Lynne Hendey
 Ancestor: Jean Bouton **S**

20 August 2005
 Beckman, Kathryn Ann
 Ancestor: Daniel Jouet, Jr.

California – continued
 23 August 2005
 DuVigneaud, Michelle A.
 Ancestor: Jeanne LeSueur

31 October 2005
 Deana Jenell Roberts
 Ancestor: Catalina Trico

Delaware

1 October 2005
 King, Gladys M. Dorman
 Ancestor: Gideon Merlet

Florida

19 April 2005
 Ball, Mary Annette Brashear
 Ancestor: Benois Brasseur

8 May 2005
 Baker, Charles Lambert
 Ancestor: Leuren des Cou

3 July 2005
 Abbott, Cora Williams
 Ancestor: Magdelaine Joire **S**

20 July 2005
 Herron, Daphne Brashear
 Ancestor: Benois Brasseur

11 August 2005
 Cushing, Muriel Curtis
 Ancestor: Philip de la Noye

22 August 2005
 McGarvey, Katherine W.
 Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand

10 October 2005
 Brashear, Amelia Jane
 Ancestor: Benois Brasseur

10 October 2005
 Brashear, Benjamin B.
 Ancestor: Benois Brasseur

13 October 2005
 Sandstrom, Lila Wilbanks
 Ancestor: Samuel Peronneau **S**

Georgia

9 May 2005
 Clark, Elsie A. East
 Ancestor: Guillaume des Meaux

25 May 2005
 Ford, Harold Douglass
 Ancestor: Alexander Boyer

2 July 2005
 Boney, Jane F. Lancaster
 Ancestor: Jean de Jarnat

17 July 2005
 Newton, A. Elizabeth McCannon
 Ancestor: Pierre David

Illinois

10 June 2005
 Buckles, Stanley Dee
 Ancestor: Jacques Deplancque

Indiana

6 June 2005
 Kiersma, John Robert
 Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

22 June 2005
 Johnson, Malinda J. Moore
 Ancestor: Jean Belleville

27 June 2005
 Pearson, Martha Moore
 Ancestor: Jean Belleville

11 September 2005
 Williams, Holly Brianna
 Ancestor: Jean Belleville

Iowa

29 July 2005
 Latos, Christopher Rath
 Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

NEW MEMBERS

& Supplemental Papers Approved – continued

Kentucky

30 July 2005
Hicks, Marsha Theiss
Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

6 October 2005
Perrine, William E.
Ancestor: Daniel Perrin

15 October 2005
Thompson, Donna Stark
Ancestor: Pierre Fauconnier **S**

15 October 2005
Thompson, Donna Stard
Anc.: Guillaume DePlancque **S**

17 October 2005
Kasting, Robert L.
Ancestor Jean Fourquerean

Maryland

19 October 2005
Keech, Edwina Dashiell
Ancestor: Jacques de Chiel

Member-At-Large

14 August 2005
Nelson, Barbara Reaves
Ancestor: Jean Gosset

19 October 2005
Gaba, Victor, J.
Ancestor: Guillaume Tunnel

Missouri

6 June 2005
Smith, Iola J. Nichols
Ancestor: Cornelius Dabney

18 September 2005
Pickard, E. Blair
Ancestor: Robert Brasseur

New Hampshire

20 April 2005
Stewart, Ray Downie
Ancestor Phillippe du Trieux

New York

31 May 2005
Chamberlain, Jacqueline Fox
Ancestor: Nicholas Gaillard

North Carolina

3 July 2005
Southern, Samuel Ogburn
Ancestor: La Veuve Faure

3 October 2005
Price, Jean Bertolet, II
Ancestor: Jean Bertolet

Tennessee

13 June 2005
Ashcraft, Sarah B.Minter
Ancestor: William Pickens

31 October 2005
David Phillip Halle, III **J**
Ancestor: Nicholas Martiuau

28 June 2005
Hood, John Jay
Ancestor: Louis DuBois

24 September 2005
Brown, Thomas W., III
Ancestor: William Pickens

Texas

25 May 2005
Thompson, Kevin Paul
Ancestor: Daniel Guerin, Sr.

8 June 2005
Turner, Bette T. Calhoun
Ancestor: Theodore Agrippa
D'Aubigne **S**

Virginia

8 May 2005
Strange, Nancy E. Kilmon
Ancestor: Vincent Runyon

19 May 2005
Paul, Dennis King
Ancestor: Francis de la Mare

4 July 2005
Sherman, Elizabeth J.
Ancestor: Robert Easley

Virginia – continued

29 August 2005
Cook, Patricia J.Catey
Ancestor: Hugo Freer

Transfers

30 June 2005
Voss, Mary Owens Holmes
To: FL from TN

30 June 2005
Voss, Edwin Armstrong Price
To: FL from TN

27 July 2005
Giffin, Robert Todd
To: IN from KY

Dual Membership

15 August 2005
Calhoun, Lois E. Lindsey
Member: IL , & FL

Reinstatements

4 October 2005
Reneau, Thomina W.Lewis
Original VA Member
Reinstated: VA

Please note:

S - indicates Supplemental

J - indicates Junior Member

**This list includes actions through
31 October 2005.**

Member (State) Society Reports

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Huguenot Society of Missouri

The May 2005 meeting of the Missouri Society was held at Jack's restaurant in Columbia combined with the National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor and the John Corbin Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists.

A beautiful memorial was given by the Chaplain for two of our members who had passed away since last May. Elizabeth Marshall, ancestor Louis DuBois and Frances McKinney, ancestor Gabriel Maupin, a past Missouri Society President.

New officers were installed using herbs that matched each office. New President, Pat Horton, was presented with a live lavender plant and the use of lavender in her office was explained. Other officers were presented with a packet of seeds as they were installed: Vice President, Carol Johnson, chamomile; Chaplain, Margaret Mobley, rosemary; Recording Secretary, Anne Abraham, marjoram; Treasurer, Sara Branton, dill; Registrar, Betty Swisher, basil; Historian, Becky Lang, sage. Members were reminded that they are the "herbs" that bring special qualities and zest to our Missouri Society.

At the October meeting, again combined with the other groups, President Pat Horton announced three new members: Becky Fox, Blair Pickard, and Jane Smith, bringing the membership in Missouri to 61. Betty Swisher gave a short program on Registrar's duties, documentation, and do's and don'ts when filling our papers. The program was helpful to all, not just registrars. Missouri is proud to have Jean Hyde and Chad Means on the National Committee of Published Works and Books Award.

Sara Branton

Treasurer

Huguenot Society of Missouri

Picture at top of page:

Outgoing President (left) Tammy Friedman and Incoming President (right) Pat Horton

Picture taken at meeting of: 21 May 2005



Pain Au Thym

(Tyme Bread)

*Combine one package dry yeast with one cup warm water and one tablespoon soft shortening. Add 3 to 4 cups flour, a tablespoon of **tyme** and a teaspoon of salt and knead on a lightly floured board.*

Cover with a damp cloth and allow the dough to rise in a warm place for approximately one hour, or until the dough has doubled..

Knead briefly, then let the dough rise and double a second time.

Knead again for five to ten minutes. Shape dough into a loaf. Place on a greased cooking sheet. Cut crisscrosses with a knife. Brush the top with cold water and let stand for one and one-half hours and brush again with cold water.

Bake for 10 minutes at 425 degrees. Brush again with water, reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees and bake 10 minutes longer. Brush again with water and continue baking until golden brown, an additional 15 to 20 minutes.

Adapted (not copied) from: Provence Quilts and Cuisine by: Marie-Christine Flocard & Cosabeth Parriaud, C&T Publishing, 2002.

We find that the above works – most of the time. Editor

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina held a spring meeting at the University Club at North Carolina State University on April 2, 2005. There were twenty in attendance as the State President James Blocker called the meeting to order.

After various reports by the State Officers, Dr. Suzanne Sauter, our Chaplain, conducted a lovely memorial service for one of our members, Miriam Phifer, who passed away.

The members enjoyed a delicious lunch selected by our Past President, Dr. Linda Little. After lunch, Dr. Jonathan Reid, History Professor from East Carolina University, introduced our speaker, Deborah Shoop. Mrs. Shoop is working on her masters thesis, "The Influence of the Huguenots in the Carolinas".

N. Larry Rozier

Registrar, The Huguenot Society of North Carolina

Pictured below: (L-R) President, James Blocker; Past President, Sue Pierson; Treasurer, Dr. Oris Blackwell; Vice President, Marie Thiele; Chaplain, Dr. Suzanne Sauter; Past President, Dr. Linda Little; Secretary, Mary Ann Hepler; and Registrar, N. Larry Rozier.

Long Live Henry Fourth!

Long Life to Henry,
And may this song ne'er cease!
God grant his children
And Children's children peace, —
Til some man comes taking
The moon between his teeth!

Henry IV, called Henry of Navarre, (1589-1610) was a favorite hero with the people of Paris. A great statue of him on horseback was erected on the Pont Neuf, one of the principal bridges of Paris.

*Henry IV was the **first** King of France from the family of the **Bourbons** and was related no doubt to that famous Duke, who is always being summoned by the children of France to take the tower, when they play "**The tower, on guard!**" Henry's children's children did indeed keep their seats on the throne of France for two hundred years, — not til someone came "taking the moon between his teeth!" but until the French Revolution swept his great, great, great, great, great grandson, Louis XVI, off the throne, and created a republic.*

From: Nursery Friends From France translated by Olive Beaupre Miller, published by: The Book House for Children, 1952.



The Huguenot Society of Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia met Saturday, 29 October 2005 at the Army Navy Country Club at Arlington, VA, for their Annual Day of Remembrance. State President Carla Odom presided. After opening rituals led by Paul Morrisette and Donald Shelton, the following distinguished members were recognized: Dr. David Harpole, Sr., First Vice President General, Past Virginia State President; Barbara Rose, Honorary Vice President General, Honorary Assistant Chaplain General; Paul Morrisette, Gerald Runyan, and Jackson Darst, Past Presidents of the Virginia Society; State Officers Ormonde Wilkinson, Vice President; Helen Shelton, Chaplain; Rachel Wills, Corresponding Secretary; Gerald Runyan, Treasurer; Alice Birdseye, Registrar; and Council Members John Martin and Ann Darst.

State President Carla Odom reported that Dr. David Harpole, Alice Sweeney and she attended the 69th Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society last April in Washington, DC. The following month Patsy and Harold Underhill hosted the Wills, Birdseyes and Odoms at their home to pool knowledge about the membership for publication of the recent yearbook. The State Council has commended that committee for their efforts. President Odom represented The Virginia Huguenot Society at the Jamestown Day Celebration. In June the DuVal Family Association hosted the president at their annual meeting in Richmond where she brought the program "*The Huguenot Flight to America*". The State President was commissioned to restore the marble plaque rededicated at Mason's Hall in Richmond on John Marshall's 250th birthday celebration. The State President recently spoke to The Reverend Robert Hunt Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists and to the Highland Street Methodist Men about "*Religious Freedom: Motivation for Immigration*". One Virginia Society article was featured in the latest issue of "*The Cross of Languedoc*".

Vice President Ormonde Wilkinson announced details approved by Council for the March 2006 Annual Meeting scheduled at Olivet Presbyterian Church near Charlottesville. The program will feature a tour of the historic church. The Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey Richardson invited the Council to convene beforehand at their nearby home.

Corresponding Secretary Rachel Wills' suggestion was adopted that the State Society provide the semi-annual newsletter, call and society minutes for members wishing to receive them on line and regular postal service to remaining members. The Council commended Duane Wills for establishing a beautiful web page for the State

Society that has also been connected to the National Huguenot Society site.

The Council also commended Registrar Alice Birdseye for her Record Preservation Project of duplicating the old Virginia Society application records some of which were in extremely fragile condition onto acid free paper. She also placed all the applications in acid free sleeves. Members were encouraged to view the records on exhibit. She reported several prospective applicants were approved by Council and stated those individuals would be receiving applications soon.

Ann Darst has been appointed Chairman of the new Membership Committee established for the purpose of seeking qualified applicants and helping them locate the proofs necessary for Society membership. Suzanne Reynolds was appointed Chairman of the Scholarship Committee that awards scholarships to Huguenot descendants. Details will be included in the March call. Paul Morrisette has been appointed Audit Chairman. Patsy Underhill sent the Nominating Committee report for the 2006-2009 term. The committee is comprised of three individuals from across the State.

Duane and Rachel Wills were commended for making all the arrangements for the meeting at their club. Following the luncheon the Annual Memorial Service was conducted by Chaplain Helen Shelton. Dr. David Harpole presented a program entitled "Migration of the French Huguenots Across Europe". Dr. Harpole received the Past President's pin in appreciation for his faithful service to The Virginia Huguenot Society and best wishes for success in his current term as First Vice President General of The National Huguenot Society. After the Benediction the members were adjourned to go forth in Huguenot faith. Individuals wishing to learn more about The Huguenot Society of Virginia may contact the State President through the web page.

Carla Odom
President



Dr Harpole, speaker - 29 October 2005

The Huguenot Society of Wisconsin (Report for Meeting of the General Council at San Antonio – October 8, 2005)

Our Spring program and luncheon were held at the Milwaukee Art Museum. We met at the entrance to the Calatrava wing to begin our tour of the *Degas Sculptures* exhibit with member Barbara Brown Lee, the museum's chief educator, as our guide. She explained that the artist used wax models he made to help him study three-dimensional motion. Barbara told us the wax pieces were discovered after the artist's death when they were found in less than pristine condition. Although Degas didn't design the majority of them to be shown to the public, they have been carefully and lovingly cast in bronze so that the artist's handiwork can be seen. Degas had a positive influence on Huguenot descendant Mary Cassatt's career:

In 1877 Cassatt met Degas, who advised her to join the Impressionists. "I accepted with joy. Now I could work with absolute independence without considering the opinion of a jury. I had already recognized who were my true masters. I admired Monet, Courbet, and Degas. I took leave of conventional art. I began to live." A close friendship with Degas began, which lasted until Degas' death in 1917. Degas and Renoir greatly influenced her style of painting. For a long time Cassatt was even thought of as a pupil of Degas. Though their relations were those of two friends, the influence was mutual. Once, on seeing some of Mary's work, Degas said that he would not have admitted that a woman could draw so well.

Our luncheon was held on the museum's bridge in the beautiful Quadracci Suite overlooking Lake Michigan. New officers were

elected. Karen Broman was selected as new president of our society. Karen is currently planning a November meeting.

Carol Chew was nominated and elected Honorary President of the Wisconsin Huguenot Society during our Spring meeting. She is currently serving at the National level in the capacity of Historian General. We were excited and proud as a State society when this year's recipient of the National Scholarship Award went to our very own Carrie Chew who was graduating with a law degree in May. What an honor for her, her family, and the State society.

We continue to encourage membership and appreciate the recent offer of assistance from the Virginia Society to make available information from their growing Huguenot data base. To date we have several prospective members who will be working on papers this fall and we are hopeful for an increase in our membership. We did suffer a loss of a member, but continue to encourage active participation and seek to encourage awareness of Huguenot history.

In closing, as the group ventures through the wonderful waterways of San Antonio and the Riverwalk, I encourage everyone to visit the Alamo. My personal connection is a distant relative, James Butler Bonham, a commander in the South Carolina militia, who is remembered for risking his life on several occasions to get messages out to garner help for the courageous volunteers and then joining them in their gallant stand.

Karen E. Broman

Wisconsin Society President

Touring on San Antonio River- Photo by Daniel Chew



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The Archives, located in Bloomington, MN, has additional copies of the last issue (August 2005) which had as the front cover, the painting: "A Huguenot", by John Everett Millais. We have received requests for additional copies of that issue. Please contact the office if you wish a copy or copies – many have given copies to prospective members or libraries. The Editor, pro tempore, thanks the members who were very kind in their communication to her concerning that issue.

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