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## FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Another summer has come and gone at home base. We are now counting the days to the end of hurricane season. We are looking forward to the fall service. Our new Chaplain, Rev. Philip Porcher, has secured a guest minister with ties to the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church. Rev. Bryant, as our host minister, Rev. Porcher and our guest preacher, Rev. Tom Guerry, will conduct an excellent service for us on October 21.

This is an occasion of reflection and remembrance as we recognize the struggle for freedom to worship as one's conscience directs and the sacrifices that our ancestors made for this right. Interestingly, we come together as one congregation made up of members from multiple denominations, with our single purpose and shared ties to the French reformers.

Of interest and with, perhaps, a bit of concern, I can report to the general membership what we have seen in the Charleston paper about one of our most important landmarks of Huguenot history. The current owners of Middleburg, the home built by Benjamin Simons, are putting the property, including substantial acreage, up for sale by auction. The property was lovingly cared for in the past couple of decades, as it has been for its extensive history. Only careful preservation would allow a wooden home to survive the centuries. It is considered the oldest wooden house in South Carolina. It is also a true Huguenot treasure because it was built by a French man after he fled his homeland for Carolina. The Simons had a strong tie to the trading ports of the Dutch, as reflected in the choice of names for their home in the new world. Middleburg was the town where they sought refuge after fleeing La Rochelle and records of the time indicate a Simons presence there before the Revocation. As merchants, ties to Europe's busiest seventeenth century trading centers were of great importance. Hopefully, the property will remain intact in the hands of owners sensitive to the incredible history of the property and the Eastern Branch of the Cooper River.

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### QUESTIONNAIRE

Your response to the questionnaire has been gratifying – and very interesting. High priorities so far are increased information on Huguenot history and family genealogies, with all the related topics. Lowest are contact with other Huguenot societies and publicizing the scholarship program. Suggestions range from sponsoring courses on Huguenot history, putting family trees on the web, and hosting living history events. What do you think? We need your input to evaluate the wishes of the membership and plan for the future. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the questionnaire you received in the Annual Fund envelope and return it as soon as possible. Your opinion matters.

### Baynard: An Ancient Family Bearing Arms



Mr. Thomas G. Legare has generously donated copies of his grandmother's book *Baynard: An Ancient Family Bearing Arms* that we are making available to our members. Annie Baynard Simons, Secretary of the Society for many years, published her family history in 1972. The first half of the book studies the family in England and includes a section on documentary records. The second half of the book studies the family in Maryland, Delaware and South Carolina, also with a section of documentary records. The book contains illustrations and is fully indexed. A few of the American lines of the family listed in the index include Bailey, Chisolm, Mitchell, Seabrook, Simons, Whaley and Willingham. Copies are available for \$10 plus shipping. Please see our list of merchandise for information on how to order a copy.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 10:30 am Fall Service, Huguenot Church  
Sermon: Rev. Tom Guerry

# Sketches of Huguenot Ancestors

by Harriott Cheves Leland

## Michau – or was that Michaud?

The files of the Society contain a number of applications for membership using Michau as an ancestor. Some of the applications list Pierre Michau as the ancestor and some list Abraham Michau. Based up current research and evaluation of the information about the Michau line already in the files of the Society, Abraham Michau and Esther Jaudon will be listed as the ancestors of the Michau family in South Carolina. The information given in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina No. 88: 63-74 (The Mysterious 'Madeleine Rember' by Virginia Gourdin)* provides most of the documentation for this decision. If further information and documentation becomes available, this decision will be re-visited.

Some spell it *Michaud*, others use *Michau*, some insist upon *Micheau*, with and without an *x* –What is your preference – and does it make a difference? As the line now stands the spelling of the name is Michau. Variations in the records include Michaud and Micheau and Michaux. No primary documents containing the names were available for research, so the spelling presently in use by members of the Society will be used. Research using the *Quarto* volumes of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland turned up other spellings, but no references which fit the South Carolina Michau family.

## The Michau Family in South Carolina

Pierre Michau and his brother Abraham Michau were both in Carolina when the St. Julien Naturalization *Liste* was made in 1696. Pierre was married to Sara Bertonneau, widow of Daniel Jaudon and Abraham was married to Esther Jaudon, daughter of Sara Bertonneau and Elie Jaudon.<sup>1</sup>

Pierre Michau and Sara Bertonneau (widow Jaudon) are listed on the St. Julien *Liste* #89. No children are listed with them. It is possible that they had children after the 1696 *Liste* was prepared,<sup>2</sup> however there is no definite proof of children. Pierre Michau died before 26 May 1706.<sup>3</sup> Increasing the probability that Pierre and Sara Michau did not have children, or that their children did not survive, is the fact that in his will, Pierre Michau left his wife Sara Bertonneau a life interest in his estate, which went to the children of his brother Abraham at her death.<sup>4</sup>

Abraham Michau and his wife Esther Jaudon are also listed on the St. Julien *Liste* #89, in the household of his brother Pierre Michau and her mother Sara Bertonneau. Abraham Michau and Esther Jaudon are listed as having the following children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Jeanne, b. 1689 and probably married to Moise Carion
2. Esther, b. 1691 and possibly married to Jean Jacques Guerry (his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife)
3. Charlotte, b. 1693, fate unknown

Two other children are probably theirs, both born after the *Liste* was made:<sup>6</sup>

4. Abraham who married 1<sup>st</sup> to Charlotte \_\_\_ and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Lydia \_\_\_\_\_. According one source he mentioned land devised to him by his father Abraham Michau.<sup>7</sup> His will was written in 1765 and names his children.<sup>8</sup>
5. Daniel, b. by 1706, probably married Mary Jenins, daughter of James & Mary Jenins<sup>9</sup>

Abraham Michau owned land at Echaw and died between 8 Mar 1705 and 26 May 1706. His widow Esther Jaudon may have married as her 3<sup>rd</sup> husband, Noé Serré, whose 1726 will provided for his wife Esther.<sup>10</sup> In the 1744 will of Serré's son Noah Serré, Abraham Michau is mentioned as his "brother" and Noah Michau as his godson.<sup>11</sup>

We would be glad to hear from researchers who have additional or different documentation for the ancestors used by members of this Society. Please contact us if you have information to share. Thank you.

### (Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> St. Julien *Liste* # 89; Van Ruymbekke Eden: 226, 234, 237

<sup>2</sup> *Transactions* 87:136

<sup>3</sup> *Transactions* 88: 71

<sup>4</sup> *Transactions* 88: 71

<sup>5</sup> St Julien *Liste* # 89; *Transactions* 88: 73

<sup>6</sup> *Transactions* 88: 73

<sup>7</sup> *Transactions* 88: 73 (SC Archivies, Memorials, Vol. 3: 483)

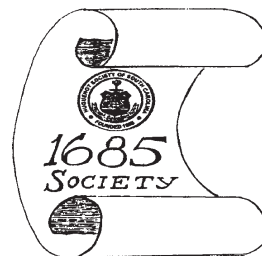
<sup>8</sup> Moore- *Wills III*: 70-1

<sup>9</sup> Moore-*Wills II*: 241

<sup>10</sup> *Transactions* 88: 70; Moore & Simmons-*Wills I*: 154

<sup>11</sup> Moore-*Wills II*: 52

## Plan a Gift to Leave a Legacy



Now is the time to make a future gift to the Huguenot Society!

Bequests or future gifts not only assure that the history of the Huguenots will remain alive, but they also offer possible advantages in estate planning.

In many cases, planned giving can be a way to reduce estate and inheritance taxes. Gifts made from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) before the end of this year are one of the best ways to reduce taxes on estate assets. We recommend you discuss this possibility with your tax advisor.

If you include the Huguenot Society in your estate plans, we would like to include you in the **1685 Society**. This is our way of recognizing members who have planned a future gift to preserve their legacy!

## NEW MEMBERS

The following applicants were accepted into the Society at the July meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- Joseph Peyton Bailey III. .... Augusta, GA  
*Antoine Gabeau*
- Joseph Peyton Bailey IV ..... Augusta, GA  
*Antoine Gabeau*
- Margaret MacKinnon Bailey ..... Augusta, GA  
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- Mary Welborn Hopkins Zelif ..... Atlanta, GA  
*Daniel Huger*

## Register of Carolina Huguenots – Partial Listing of 81 Refugee Families

by Edward Lining Manigault and Horry Frost Prioleau

This four volume book includes the names and dates of some 22,261 descendants of 81 French Protestant refugees who immigrated to Carolina to escape persecution and begin new lives in the Lowcountry. If you have ever wondered how inter-connected some, or most, of these families were, these books will help answer that question for you. In addition to showing the links between families, these books can also be used by descendants to trace their lineage back to a specific Huguenot ancestor. Sources and detailed information are not given; however, the Register does provide a basis to which traditional genealogical sources and references can be added.

The *Register*, four volumes of families from Bacot to Villepontoux, includes a brief outline of the ancestor and a cross-referenced index of names. The Register is a print-on-demand book available from [lulu.com/hfprioleau](http://lulu.com/hfprioleau). The index can be reviewed on-line and downloaded at no charge. Copies of the four volume set can be ordered singly or as a set from [lulu.com](http://lulu.com) by following the on-line instructions.

As is evident from their names, both of the authors are descendants of immigrants who came to Carolina from France prior to 1700. They worked together on-line to develop the *Register of Carolina Huguenots*. Using internet sources, historical publications and personal investigation, Manigault developed a database of over 40,000 individuals. Prioleau added some data and formatted the book using RootsMagic software. The Huguenot Society of South Carolina is pleased to recognize their contribution to the history of the Huguenots. Copies of the volumes are available for research at the Society and information about ordering personal copies is available at [lulu.com/hfprioleau](http://lulu.com/hfprioleau) on the Internet. The book can be previewed, the index downloaded and the set ordered at the website.

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

by Harriott Cheves Leland

As you know, the Society depends upon membership dues to fund a large part of its expenses. We have included a checklist with our Annual Fund letter this year and hope that you will fill it out and return it to us with your comments and suggestions. We are especially interested in finding out how and why you joined the Society and what we can do to keep you as members, as well as to encourage others to join the Society.

The list of members which was published in Transactions 110 yielded some interesting information, as well as indicating that there is much-needed work to be done to up-date and standardize our membership files. As was true of our ancestors, we come from a varied background and from a lot of different places.

As of August 2006 the Society had a total of 1845 members (not including Libraries). The membership was composed of: 1257 Active members, 40 Junior members, 501 Life Members and 47 Over 90/Hardship.

Our records show that we had members from 35 states and 4 foreign countries. The amount of members in the various states ranged from 1,064 in South Carolina to 1 each in Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas, North Dakota and Vermont. Georgia and North Carolina had the highest totals of all the other states, with 193 and 127 members, respectively. After them came Florida with 70, Virginia with 69, Texas with 48, Alabama with 41, California with 40, and Tennessee with 35. The other states include Louisiana with 19, Maryland with 15, New York with 14, Mississippi with 12 and Connecticut and Kentucky with 10 each. Following these were Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington with 8, Pennsylvania with 7, Oklahoma and Rhode Island with 6, the District of Columbia with 5, Illinois, Maine, Michigan and Missouri with 3 and Indiana and Ohio with 2. Foreign countries include England with 3, Canada, France and Germany with 1 each.

The membership figures as of August 2007 show a total of 1865 members broken down as follows: 1243 Active members, 64 Junior members, 498 Life Members and 60 Over 90/Hardship.

There are some 305 ancestors represented by our members, about 1/2 of the total number of ancestors claimed over the years by members of the Society. Of the represented ancestors, probably 1/10 have files with copies of documentation for the lineages in the files. We encourage all members to update their files by sending in copies of birth, marriage and death records, as well as other documentation

(Census, *Bible* and church records, photographs of tombstones or epitaphs, copies of wills and probate records). Please remember that family histories and genealogies which present the lineage, but which do not include citations or copies of the primary source of the information are not accepted as documentation. Information from the Internet must also include the primary source citations.

Despite our loss of members from death, disinterest or disconnects, we show a total gain of 20 new members this year. We encourage each of you to encourage your relatives and friends to join the Society – and we hope to be able to report to you at this time next year that our membership records an active and growing interest in the Society.

The other information we found when putting out the membership list is that our membership records need a lot of work and research. We have begun that process by making a list of all the people claimed as ancestors by members of the Society since it began in 1865. The list will be added to our Website as soon as we have done a little more work on it. In compiling the Ancestor List, we found a number of cases of mistaken identify (both mis-identified ancestors, such as listing Sampson Bobo instead of Gabriel Baubeau, and what might be called non-Huguenots, people claimed as ancestors, but whose “Huguenotness” has yet to be established). In addition, we have identified a number of possible ancestors who have never been claimed or used. We found some instances where both a father and son, or sons, were claimed by different people and we need to decide if all or only the elder ancestor should be listed. In addition, in most instances women have been ignored as ancestors and only the male line has been listed. We are adding the name of the female ancestor where appropriate and where it is known.

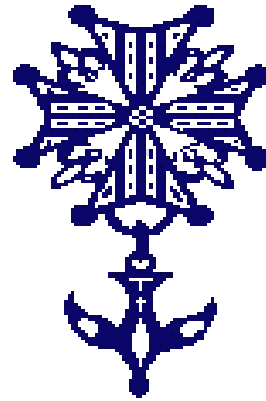
In making the membership list, a big problem arose in the spelling of names. America being not only a melting pot, but the cauldron of ancestry that it was (and, indeed, still is), it is not difficult to understand how and why names and spellings vary so much in early records. That makes it all the more difficult to determine how a name was spelled at the time and how it should be spelled (and alphabetized) now.

We hope some of you will be able to help us by providing documentation for your ancestors if we do not already have it. We have several research projects which could use an on-site volunteer in another state or city who could go to a local repository and search for information. If this sounds interesting to you, please let us know. In future *Heralds*, we will try to provide a more specific list of the information we need.

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The Society is continuing its efforts to provide accurate and updated information about the ancestors used by our members. We are also slowly (very slowly) inputting the data in our files to a computer program (The Master Genealogist) donated by a Board member. Although I am fearful that the computer will melt when we have completed the task and try to merge the information (at some quite distant time in the future), we continue to add data as time permits.



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## Huguenot Sketch: GABRIEL BAUBEAU, born c. 1651 probably in St. Sauvant, France

Gabriel Baubeau, aged 30, is listed in the town of St. Sauvant with his brothers Laurence aged 25, and Jean, aged 24, and their parents Gabriel Baubeau and Catherine Rivault. Their names appear in a list dated 1681 which includes sentences of death for those on the list. The 1681 list is followed by a second document headed "Recanted in 1681 at the inquiry in Couhe." In the second document the same Baubeau family appears under the heading "At Saint Sauvant."<sup>1</sup>

The next documentation found, dated 25 Oct 1700, is a grant to Robert Nash in St. Stephen's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia for the transportation of seven people, one of them named Gabriel Baubau.<sup>2</sup>

On 19 Feb 1703 Gabriel Bobo (Bubau) witnessed a deed made by Elizabeth White, whom he then evidently married before Oct of that year. She was the daughter of Thomas Spencer and the widow of James White. By 1704, Elizabeth Bobo was listed by herself with no mention of Gabriel, leading to the assumption that he was dead by then. The only child of Gabriel and Elizabeth Spencer Bobo is thought to be a son, Spencer. There is no record of his birth or baptism and the first mention of him is as a defendant in a suit brought in 1733.<sup>3</sup>

The names Sampson and Spencer Bobo had been listed as the names of the ancestor of this line, but the ancestor has now been changed to Gabriel Baubeau.

Another familiar name on the pages we have the *Dictionnaire des Familles du Poitou, 1680-1780* is that of Gaillard. We

are trying to get a copy of *Dictionnaire* to see if it will give more information on the Baubeau and other families.

The Society extends its thanks to member Bryan S. Johnson whose diligence and persistence have finally resulted in correcting a case of mistaken identity for one of the ancestors used by members of this Society. In addition to his research on the ancestor, the Society also has information from Robert J. Stevens which sheds light on some of the later generations.

### (Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> *Dictionnaire des Familles du Poitou, 1680-1780, Vol. 1* by Pasteur Jean Rivierre. Translated in an unpublished MS by Robert J. Stevens.

<sup>2</sup> Johnson, Bryan Scott. "Huguenots in the Backcountry: The Bobo Family of France Virginia and South Carolina." *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina #100: 37*. It is interesting that the first name on the list of transportees is John Boyd, although it is believed that there is no connection with Jean Boyd and his 1686 Map.

<sup>3</sup> Johnson in *Transactions #100: 38-9*.