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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from

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First, let me thank you for kindly allowing me to continue in this most interesting trust as your President. Each month brings more unusual and rewarding opportunities!

Earlier this year, several of the members, including The Reverend Robert L. Oliveros and Renée Marshall, as well as some supporters of The Society, The Reverend Philip Bryant, Pastor of the Huguenot Church, and Macky Hill, were interviewed by Michel DuPlat for French television. A video crew came to Charleston to tell our story. They also filmed a service at the Huguenot Church *en français*, much of which was included in the television presentation. The result was a high-quality and wonderful production. This was great exposure for our Society, and we have a VHS copy of the show at our library.

The Society, in this first year of expanding hours of operation and a larger budget, has matured with our very fine staff of Renée Marshall, Susan Hemminger, Dot Huff, and Cheves Leland. We are making great steps toward our multiple goals of debt eradication (the small loan reduced by \$10,000 in 2000 was used to restore the carriage house as a rental and to expand the library into the second and third floors), membership growth (Miss Leland and Chairman Rick Corrigan and an able committee are streamlining our procedures), intellectual activities (visits by scholars and members as well as the publishing of more Huguenot history), and financial support (our Annual Fund will be chaired by Boykin Rose and will have a goal in excess of our successful \$30,000 campaign last year). Also under financial news, I am pleased to report that the Investment Committee, chaired by Treasurer David Maybank, Jr., is now looking at a comprehensive plan to improve the rate of return on the Endowment (about \$250,000). In addition, our office has been told that we are soon to receive another large endowment gift.

We can have fun as well. Robert Prioleau chaired the Carolina Day activities for the Society and carried our banner in the parade!

All of these things are a joy to me personally. I must say that the health of your Society is good, but a great part of the credit belongs to stalwart Board Members as yet unmentioned: Lucia Heins, Wes Billings, Tom Cuttino, Gordon Garrett, Adelaide Waller, and, our newest addition representing Orange Quarter, Jane Ball.

When the Board had a little gathering for Barbara Claypoole prior to the Annual Meeting in April, it was the Pikes who stepped forward to make food and provide refreshments. They so often come up with the extra touch that makes the business of this Society fun and successful. Without their spirit, we would be at a loss!

Speaking of spirit, in closing let me thank as well the families of the descendants of New Bordeaux. I know that Mary Pike will write a report for your later reading, but I cannot resist telling you about the biannual meeting held at the site of that 1764 community. This occasion could only be characterized as a joyous reunion. Many families were represented and proudly stood when their names were announced. The food was wonderful and the speeches were emotional and enlightening. The fellowship and kindness shown all who represented the Huguenot Society (Immediate Past President Henry Laffitte, Chaplain Tom Cuttino and his wife Louise, and my wife Linda and me) could not have been more genuine and warm. I'll let Mary give you the particulars, but I must thank Sara Covin Juengst, the chairwoman of the McCormick County Historical Commission. All those fine folks at New Bordeaux proved once again that the spirit and sense of community that served our ancestors so well during the pioneer period still lives in all of us, thank God!

## AUTUMN MEETING

This year the Autumn Meeting will be held on October 15, 2000, at the Huguenot Church in Charleston. The service will begin at the usual time of 10:30 a.m. The collation will follow the service at Huguenot Heritage Hall, 44 Queen Street.

Dr. Robert E. Cuttino of the Baptist Church of Beaufort, S. C., will deliver the sermon. The Huguenot Church is indeed fortunate to have Dr. Cuttino for this most important service. A native of Sumter, S. C., he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts by Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C., and a Master of Divinity degree by Yale University School of Divinity. He has been awarded two Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees, one from the Baptist College at Charleston, the other by Furman University. Once he began his career as a Baptist pastor, he served in churches in Williston, Fairfax, Lake City, Lancaster, and Beaufort, all cities in South Carolina.

Throughout his ministry Dr. Cuttino has been active in religious and civic affairs. He is a Founding Trustee of the Board of the Baptist College at Charleston and was a Trustee of North Greenville Junior College. In addition, Dr. Cuttino has been an Instructor in Religion at USC-Lancaster and USC-Beaufort. He has held several posts within the Southern Baptist

Convention and was president of the Lancaster Society for the Blind. Among his many awards is the Good Shepherd Award in Scouting.

Dr. Cuttino and his wife, the former Molly Leatherwood, are the parents of two children, Robert, Jr., and Jean Olivia Tilson. The Cuttinos have two grandchildren.

## FALL TOURS

### The Preservation Society of Charleston

The Preservation Society will hold its Fall Candlelight Tours of Homes and Gardens from September 21 to October 28. Of special interest to members of the Huguenot Society might be the four tours for the weekend of October 12-15: October 12<sup>th</sup>-Ashley Avenue Tour; October 13<sup>th</sup>-Upper Tradd Street Tour; October 14<sup>th</sup>-Church Street tour; and October 15<sup>th</sup>-South of Broad Afternoon Garden Tour & Tea. The first three tours are from 7 until 10 p.m. while the Sunday tour is from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be ordered by telephone {1-800-968-8175 or 843-722-4630} or mail {P. O. Box 521, Charleston, S. C. 29402}. For pertinent information, visit the Preservation Society at [www.preservationsociety.org](http://www.preservationsociety.org).

### Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society

Another tour that might be of interest to members of the Huguenot Society is "Edisto's Golden Age", The Island Tour of Historic Plantations and Churches. This tour will take place on October 14, 2000. On tour this year are Windsor Plantation, Middleton Plantation, Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, Seaside Plantation, Oak Island Plantation {grounds only}, Old First Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and, for the first time, Prospect Hill.

Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (6-16 years), and \$15.00 for members of the EIHPS. To reach the EIHPS, telephone 843-869-1954 or write to P. O. Box 393, Edisto Island, S. C. It is recommended that reservations be made early.

## AN IMPORTANT PUBLICATION

The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., has recently reissued *The Trail of the Huguenots in Europe, the United States, South Africa, and Canada* by George Elmore Reaman. Originally published in 1963, this book was published with corrections by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. in 1966 and reprinted in 1972 and 1983. *The Trail of the Huguenots* is an account of the Huguenot diaspora and the effect these people had on the places in which they settled.

This volume can be ordered from the publisher for \$25.00 plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling. For more than one book, add \$1.25 each for shipping and handling. For more information, check [www.GenealogyBookShop.com](http://www.GenealogyBookShop.com).

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### The James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship

The South Carolina Historical Society has announced the recipients of the Gignilliat Scholarship for this school year. Those who were awarded the scholarship are Mr. Benjamin DeKalb Byrd, Miss Louisa G. Carter, Miss B. Pringle Claypoole (a Junior Member of The Society), Mr. Jonathan Walker Duvall, Mr. George Benjamin Milam, and Miss P. Lanier Simmons. The Huguenot Society congratulates these young ladies and gentlemen and wishes them success in their scholastic endeavors!

### The Marie L. Rose Scholarship

Another Junior Member, Elizabeth Harrington Lambert, was awarded the Marie L. Rose Scholarship. A student at Agnes Scott College, Miss Lambert applied for the scholarship through the college. Miss Lambert and her mother, Member Julia Harrington Cross Lambert, learned of this scholarship from *the Huguenot Herald*! The Society congratulates Miss Lambert and wishes her the best school year possible!

## THOUGHTS AND WISHES FROM THE STAFF

From time to time, we here at the Society think of things that would be ever so helpful if only .... So, just in case there might be some aid and assistance among the members, each of us has contributed our thoughts and wishes to *The Huguenot Herald*. By the way, if "Thoughts and Wishes..." looks familiar, it is because this section was published almost 'as is' in the Summer *Herald*. The Staff thanks everyone for the earlier responses to these requests, and thanks everyone in advance for any future responses.

## The Director

### ☼ Volunteer Researchers Wanted ☼

We are looking for some volunteer researchers in different counties and states who would be willing to do some occasional research for us in their local areas. As we work on documenting family lines and helping future members with their applications, we sometimes can not find information locally, and need to go to the source county or state. (Usually it is something as simple as checking a state census or a county deed or will book.) At the moment we have research projects that would benefit greatly from some research in Clarendon or Sumter Counties in South Carolina, in Virginia (especially Richmond), and in Maryland. We also sometimes need simple research from other South Carolina counties, Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Texas. If anyone would be interested in an occasional trip to your local library or archive to help us, please call Renée or Cheves. We would love to hear from you!

## The Registrar

Keeping the membership records up-to-date is an ongoing and somewhat daunting task. The Registrar would appreciate it greatly if members would keep her informed of changes of name, address, telephone numbers, and any other pertinent and important information. She would also like to know of any deaths that occur throughout the year.

## The Archivist/Librarian/Researcher

First of all I would like to thank all of you who have made me feel welcome and who've borne with me as I learn how things work here. I am enjoying what I'm doing and I hope you will let me know if we can help you with your research or questions. I would also like to ask your help with some things which need to be done and with some acquisitions we would like to find for the Library.

Thanks to help from Mrs. Fogleman and Mrs. Gay, we have rearranged the Library so it is more user-friendly, meaning that we can find things more quickly. We now need to update the Card Catalogue to reflect the new additions to the library and to weed out duplicate cards. We also need to add a lot of new material to our Vertical Files and organize the folders so that what is in them is easily available for researchers. There are also several boxes of papers and materials which have to be sorted and catalogued, and I would like to check the Card File against our Library to be sure we have everything listed, both that we have the items and that they are listed.

I also need a committee to work with me in setting up an Education Program for the Society. It looks to me as though there may be something in the list for everyone, so give me a call and let's see what we can accomplish together.

As far as acquisitions are concerned, we would love to have a donation of the *1870 Census* for Charleston and nearby counties, as well as the *1880 Census Records*. We need the early volumes of the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, especially volumes 3 through 8 and Vols. 17:4; 18:2,3,4; 19:1-4; and 20:2. We can use copies of early *City Directories*, and we do not have a copy of Vol. 2 (1748-53) of Holcomb's *Petitions for Land from the S. C. Council Journals*. Although I could continue for quite a while, I'll end with one purchase which would open up a lot of information which we have had for years but which is difficult to use. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has just announced publication of an Index to Vols. 76-123—the cost before September 15<sup>th</sup> is \$100.00. We have volumes of the *Pennsylvania Magazine* beginning in 1900, but no cumulative index. A real treat would be to have a copy of the new Index, as well as the first one published in 1954.

Christmas is a long way away, and since July is past we can't do Christmas in July, but if you can help with any of the above requests, we'll feel as though we have a little bit of Christmas right now. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

## The Editor

Pagemaker 6.5 is a wonderful tool for preparing *Transactions* for publication. For the past two years it has made the jobs of The Editor as well as those at State Printing Company a whole lot easier. However, there is much more to learn about the software but nowhere to learn it. So, if anyone who has had experience with Pagemaker could help with a few of the finer points of the software, The Editor would be more than grateful! One specific area that comes to mind is that of Master Pages. How are they set up?

## REMEMBER OUR GIFTS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Please remember gifts from The Society when you are planning your Christmas shopping. We have a nice selection of Huguenot Cross jewelry available, as well as books, silk ties, golf shirts, tote bags, aprons, and many other items. Please call The Society if you would like our complete gift and book list, or see the gift list on our website, [www.huguenotsociety.org](http://www.huguenotsociety.org). Please order jewelry early to make sure we have what you need by Christmas! We will soon have gold Huguenot Cross earrings for \$125/pair plus shipping. They will be post style and will be approximately 5/8" long.

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