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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from
Daniel Ravenel

As we enter the third quarter of the year, I am very pleased to report that our Society has been having a most productive year with several developments on the education side of our operations as well as a continued effort to improve our capabilities in the membership/genealogical area.

Both the "Huguenot in a Box", our elementary education project, and the Huguenot Society of South Carolina Scholarship were approved at our Board of Directors meeting held in June and are well underway. Much appreciation goes to Cheves Leland and her education committee and to Jane Ball and her scholarship committee.

To ease the process of applying, a list of family lines that are available for Short Form Applications has been started and it continues to grow each week. As a member, this list is available to you at our library at 138 Logan Street. Rick Corrigan has a great committee and we hope that their efforts are making this one of the best times to nominate a relative or friend for inclusion in the Society. Please join in our membership-building effort!

Our next order of business is the Annual Fund. In 1999 we began this important drive with a goal of \$30,000. Through your generosity, the goal was exceeded by \$3,000. So, in 2000 we raised the goal to \$50,000. This goal was exceeded by \$7,000. This year we have set our sights even higher with a targeted goal of \$70,000. In addition to our normal appeal, we are asking the seven hundred *Life Members* to consider a contribution to the Fund. Most of the Life Members joined the Society when the fee was \$100. The continuing income from this amount does not even cover the cost of the *Transactions* you received this summer.

Think of what this Society can do if it is properly supported. You will receive more about this from the Annual Fund chairman, Boykin Rose, as we gear up in November.

The membership asked us to do more. We responded with better service, longer operating hours, and more professionalism. In addition, the debt has been reduced to less than \$31,000, and we are telling our story to all who will listen. Thanks for your continued support.

ANNOUNCING THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina is pleased to announce the creation of a new graduate-level scholarship. The Huguenot Society of South Carolina Scholarship will be awarded to a student working toward a graduate degree in history. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of an essay contest. The winning submission will be published in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina*, and the author will receive a monetary award of \$1,000.

The essay must be a work of scholarship on a Huguenot subject that follows specific submittal guidelines. Essays may examine any aspect of the religious, political, economic, social, or intellectual history of the French or Walloon Protestants from the sixteenth century to the present. The essay may deal with any appropriate geographical area.

We hope that this new award will help stimulate Huguenot scholarship as well as an awareness of the Society as a scholarly resource.

The Society is especially grateful to the family and friends of our late member Mrs. Rosella Fontaine Jackson Watts. A contribution to the Scholarship Fund has been made through the Fontaine/Maury Society to the Huguenot Society of South Carolina Scholarship in her memory.

For details and deadlines, please contact the Society.

**INTERNATIONAL HUGUENOT CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2002
IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Come join the Huguenot Society of South Carolina on a tour to South Africa for the Conference and to see the beautiful sights of that country. Our tour will focus on the Cape Area. The Conference will be held at Stellenbosch, a quaint old town in itself that is located 45 minutes from Cape Town. Meet Huguenots from all over the world!

It will be spring at the Cape when native flora such as proteas will be in full bloom. The huge Southern Right whales from Antarctica will be calving along the shallow rick cliffs and beaches which permits close up viewing. You will see the antique gabled Huguenot architecture and learn about Huguenot furniture, copper, and silver. Huguenots have been in South Africa since the 1600s and still contribute much to their country. As a result, there are many historical buildings dating back three and a half centuries. The famous Huguenot Wine estates will be a highlight of your visit.

And don't forget the animals! All the animals you want to see are within an easy drive from Cape Town.

If you wish to see more of South Africa or Africa, optional post tour trips will be available. For example, you might want to take the fabled Blue Train to Johannesburg and then visit Kruger Park.

Let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Call McIntosh Travel at 843-723-4531. Price information will be available very, very soon.

AUTUMN MEETING

As mentioned in the Summer *Huguenot Herald*, the Autumn Meeting will be held at the Huguenot Church on Sunday, October 21. The guest minister will be The Reverend William Riley Covin, a former pastor of several Presbyterian Churches throughout the South. Mr. Covin is a member of the Huguenot Society. Your invitation is included with this newsletter.

LITERARY NOTES

*Pierre Gibert, Esq., The Devoted Huguenot:
A History of the French Settlement of New Bordeaux, South Carolina*

Through the generosity of the author, Society member Miss Anne C. Gibert, we are able to offer copies of *Pierre Gibert, Esq., The Devoted Huguenot* for sale. Published in 1976, the book was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the American Association of State and Local History. The book is a wonderful resource for New Bordeaux families. Copies are available at the Huguenot Society for \$34.95 plus \$3.50 for shipping.

Christian History Magazine

The summer 2001 issue (Issue 71, Vol XX, No.3) of *Christian History* magazine is devoted to the Huguenots and the Wars of Religion. It includes an article by Dr. Bertrand van Ruymbeke on the repression of the Huguenots in France. You can visit the magazine's web site at www.christianhistory.net or if you are interested in obtaining a copy, contact the Huguenot Society for more information.

FALL TOURS

Edisto's Golden Age

The Island Tour of Historic Plantations and Churches will be held this year on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Included on the tour are Brick House Ruins (*grounds only*), Middleton Plantation, Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, Blue House (*first time on tour*), Oak Island Plantation (*grounds only*), Old First Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Green's Point/Point of Pines (*first time on tour*).

The Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society asks that reservations be made early. Reservations are prepaid and are non-refundable. Reservations made before October 1st will be acknowledged. After that, reservations will be held at EIHP's headquarters. Adult tickets are \$20.00 each and \$5.00 each for those who are ages 6-16. Members' tickets are \$15.00.

For further information, please call the EIHP at 843-869-1954 or write P. O. Box 393, Edisto Island, S. C. 29438.

Fall Candlelight Tours

The 2001 Fall Candlelight Tours sponsored by the Preservation Society of Charleston begin the weekend of Friday, September 20th and end Saturday, October 27th. The various tours cover a good portion of the peninsula and include houses and gardens that are not often on tour. Of particular interest to the membership might be the tours scheduled for October 18th-20th (the weekend of the Autumn Meeting). These tours include East Battery/Lower Tradd Street, Harleston Village, and Vanderhorst Street Tours.

Tickets are \$35 per person, per tour. Special rates are available for weekends, groups and Preservation Society members. For detailed information, please contact the Preservation Society of Charleston by telephone (843-722-4630) or by mail (P. O. Box 521, Charleston, S. C. 29402).

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The South Carolina Historical Society has announced that the Selection Committee for the James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship has renewed the scholarships of Miss Louisa G. Carter of Charleston, S. C.; Miss Barbara Pringle Claypoole of Charleston, S. C.; and Miss Pauline Lanier Simmons of Folly Beach, S. C. New recipients of the scholarship are Miss Taylor Mareen Duval of Boca Raton, Florida; Mr. George Marion Reed of Johns Island, S. C.; and Mr. Chilton Stocker Edwards Simmons of Folly Beach, S. C.

February 15, 2002, is the next deadline for the James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship. Please contact either the South Carolina Historical Society or the Huguenot Society for application forms and information.

DID YOU KNOW...? An Exercise in Huguenot History by Harriott Cheves Leland

For the young or inquisitive, we will try to include something in each issue of *The Huguenot Herald* which will test your knowledge of your forebears. Can you match one of the original Huguenots or a descendant with the house in Charleston owned or lived in by the family? The answers are on the bottom of the page! Good Luck!

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| 1. #34 Meeting Street | A. Daniel Ravenel |
| 2. #28 Elliott Street | B. Daniel Huger |
| 3. #141 Church Street | C. Jacques de Bordeaux |
| 4. #68 Broad Street | D. Elisha Poinsett |
| 5. #106 Broad Street | E. Philip Porcher |
| 6. #19 Archdale Street | F. Richard Capers |
| 7. # 90 Church Street | G. Thomas Legaré |
| 8. # 69 Church Street | H. Alexander Peronneau |
| 9. # 64 South Battery | I. Henry William deSaussure |
| 10. # 18 Montagu Street | J. Henry Deas Lesesne |

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

For information on the many rewarding volunteer opportunities at the Huguenot Society, please call Renée or Cheves at 843-723-3235.

ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISE IN HUGUENOT HISTORY

1. B; 2. D; 3. H; 4. A; 5. C; 6. E; 7. G; 8. F; 9. J; 10. I
For more information on Huguenot houses, see *Transactions* 79: 1-39.

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