

HUGUENOT HERALD

February 15, 1997

Happy New Year! Here we are already into 1997! This is going to be the year of the Huguenot. We have been planning for eight months and the big conference and Museum exhibit are just around the corner. I have so much to tell you I don't know where to start! Here go-o-oes!

We are going to try and print a Huguenot calendar of events for 1997 so everyone can stay abreast of all that is happening all over the world. We have been getting many requests for these dates and that will be a separate sheet at the end of the newsletter so you can take it out and put it on your calendar. We will include national as well as international events. In this newsletter there will also be a form to fill out and return IF you are planning to attend any of the events for EITHER of the Huguenot weekends in May. I urge you to pay attention as these weekends have begun to grow rapidly in size. I don't want you to lose a place on a tour or miss the annual meeting because you neglected to send in a reservation by the deadline.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Louis LeGrand from the Manakin Society has written a book, "PIERRE LEGRAND IN VIRGINIA". This volume lists the children of the French Huguenot, Pierre LeGrand, and his wife, Judith Vrill, with emphasis on the descendants of their son, Jean Pierre LeGrand and his wife, Jane Magdalen Michaux. Their six children are covered in separate chapters and are easily followed, in many cases, to the current generation. The cost of the book is \$38 which includes shipping. All inquiries can be made to : Louis E. LeGrand, 8100 Colebrook Road, Richmond, VA 23227-1613.

The Huguenot Legacy, the English silver exhibit that I told you about in an earlier newsletter, is absolutely magnificent according to Dr. & Mrs. Sandy Pike. They took the trip to Nashville, Tenn. and saw it at the Cheekwood Museum. They generously donated to our library a hardback catalogue of the pieces exhibited and I drooled through the whole book! This exhibit will be in several other parts of the country until it comes to rest in Boston for three years. Check the calendar to see if you are near AND DON'T MISS IT!

I want to apologize for any confusion over your dues bills sent the end of December. The bill was for 1997, not 1996. Also, I was not asking life members to pay dues. I was giving those members the chance to contribute to the building fund and to request any additional information they would like to have on the Society. Obviously, from the stack of angry letters I have collected on my desk, that point was not well made. I again apologize.

Renovation has begun on the kitchen house behind the library. We anticipate a finish date around April 1, 1997. Then we will take a breather to get ready for the two meetings in May and then begin the move of the library up to the second floor. This will allow us to expand the current first floor library into a

bigger research, reading area to accommodate our ever increasing number of researchers.

I want to thank every one of you generous souls for your donations to this project. I look back to eight years ago when I first started working for you, and look at where we are now, and it takes my breath away. We have become a research facility to be reckoned with, and we could not have done it without your support or your donations.

Mrs. Lucia Heins and Mrs. Mary Horlbeck are retiring. Who are they, you ask? Well, they have been your editors of the *Transactions* for the last eight years. They are two of the most devoted, hardworking members and have produced a magazine that is extremely professional, sophisticated, and read around the world. For some silly reason, they think they are getting too old to continue (does 76 sound old to you,? I DON'T THINK SO!) Anyway, we have found a young Mrs. Heins/Horlbeck in Susan Hemminger, a long time member of the Society. She has already taken over the reins and when she retires from teaching elementary school, she will come to work for us part time. We are very excited and want to wish her well!

We have a history intern from the College of Charleston for four months. Her name is Nancy Padgett and she works with us ten hours per week helping us on history projects we have been wanting to complete. In exchange, she gets 3 hours credit toward graduation. We have enjoyed having her and teaching her all about Huguenots!

Deadline for the James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship is March 15th! Please send all applications to the S.C. Historical Society, 100 Meeting Street, Chas., S.C. 29401.

Anyone wanting to amend their application so other family members can have membership using the short form, please contact co-registrars Emily Gadsden and Dot Huff. Remember our Society will not grow and be alive in the 21st century if you don't supply us with new young members!

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help us with the May meeting, please call me! We are expecting the biggest crowd ever and will need people to help us about one hour before the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

O.K.-here goes! The event of the century! Because of the number of events being offered, and because of the large number of people we are anticipating, an insert has been included in the newsletter. You must fill out the form, and return it with any money needed, to reserve your place. We will send you a ticket for admission. REMEMBER!! YOU MUST SEND IN THE MONEY FOR THE EVENTS YOU WISH TO ATTEND ALONG WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM!! We also need to know how many will be attending the Huguenot Church service on Sunday so they can decide whether to have one or two services.

FRIDAY-MAY 2nd-6p.m. Gala Opening of Huguenot Exhibit-Charleston Museum-members free; guests and non-members, \$5.00 per person.

SATURDAY-MAY 3rd-9a.m. Tour, HUGUENOT INFLUENCE IN CHARLESTON. We are again offering a 3hr. bus/walking tour of Charleston for our out of town guests and members who wish to learn about the contributions of the Huguenots to its society and culture. The Tour will include the Huguenot Church, the Joseph Manigault House, c.1803, considered one of the finest Adamesque Mansions in the country, and a stroll by some of the Huguenot Glebe Lands, lovely homes and gardens. Cost per person: \$27.00.

SATURDAY-4p.m. Annual meeting at the Charleston Museum, followed by a reception in the courtyard. Reception catered by Walter Prause. Cost: members free; guests and non-members, \$10.00 per person.*This auditorium only holds 300 people, so last minute reservations may not be able to be accommodated.

SUNDAY-MAY 4th-10:30 a.m. Annual French service at Huguenot Church with reception afterwards, 44 Queen Street.

MONDAY-MAY 5th-8:30 a.m. TOUR, PLANTATIONS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY. Travel along beautiful old country roads to two of the most important plantations in the South. Middleburg, built c.1697 by French Huguenot, Benjamin Simons, is the oldest house in South Carolina and the prototype for the single house design. Remains of the first rice mill (which did for rice what the cotton gin did for cotton) can still be seen on the grounds as well as a 19th century commissary building and a carriage house. Before continuing on to Middleton Place we will visit Pompion Hill Chapel (pronounced Pumkin in Charleston!) which was built as a Chapel of Ease for St. Thomas & Denis Parish in 1763. Middleton Place, plantation home of the Middleton family since 1741, has the oldest formal gardens in America. You will be able to explore the stablyards and tour the remaining wing of the house furnished with heirlooms from the Middleton family and enjoy a delicious luncheon in the pavilion. Cost per person: \$74.00. Menu:Okra gumbo, roast chicken, rice, vegetable, cornbread, dessert, coffee or tea.

TUESDAY-MAY 6th-8:45 a.m. TOUR OF HISTORIC BEAUFORT AND CHARLESFORT. A bus will leave Charleston and tour Parris Island to view the remains of Charlesfort, the short lived French Huguenot colony founded in 1562. After viewing the ruins and hearing a talk from an archeologist, you will tour the lovely village of Beaufort. Many of the stately homes were built as summer homes by the wealthy plantation owners prior to the Civil War. They made their fortunes by growing rice and later cotton. Your tour will be completed with a visit to St. Helena's Church, c.1724. Cost per person:\$39.00.

HUGUENOT CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14th-7p.m. OPENING SESSION, JON BUTLER. Huguenot reception follows, Blacklock House.

THURSDAY, MAY 15th-9 a.m., 11a.m., 2p.m., & 4p.m.- Lectures

8p.m.-Lecture by Dr. Charles DePratter at the
Charleston Museum. Lecture will be on Charlesfort ruins.
Friday, MAY 16th-9 a.m., 11a.m., 2p.m., & 4p.m.-Lectures
6:30 p.m. special French service and reception,
Huguenot Church.
SATURDAY, MAY 17th-9 a.m., 11a.m., 2p.m. & 6p.m.-Lectures
8p.m. Gala dinner, location to be announced

Discounted rates have been negotiated for this event. If you are making your own travel arrangements please use McIntosh Travel, the conference agent. Call Sara Palmer at 1-800 541-7863 or fax her at 803-769-2491. They offer a conference discount and your purchase will give the conference additional funding. Also walking tours of downtown Charleston featuring the College of Charleston campus, the Huguenot Church and other Huguenot sites will be offered from 2-4p.m. Tuesday, May 13th and 10-12p.m. and 2-4p.m. Wednesday, May 14th. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Anyone wishing the complete list of lectures and lecturers please contact Barbara at the Huguenot office-803 723-3235. A brochure will be mailed soon from the College of Charleston with an inclusive price for the series and receptions, dinners. If you are not on my list you need to call, as I will be giving this list to Dr. Sparks for mailings to our members.

We are so excited about these two events. Thirty members of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland will be at our annual meeting as well as Dr & Mrs. Philip Bernstorff. He is the president of the National Huguenot Society. Several members of the National Huguenot Society and Huguenot Society of America will be in attendance also. It will be a happening and should not be missed!

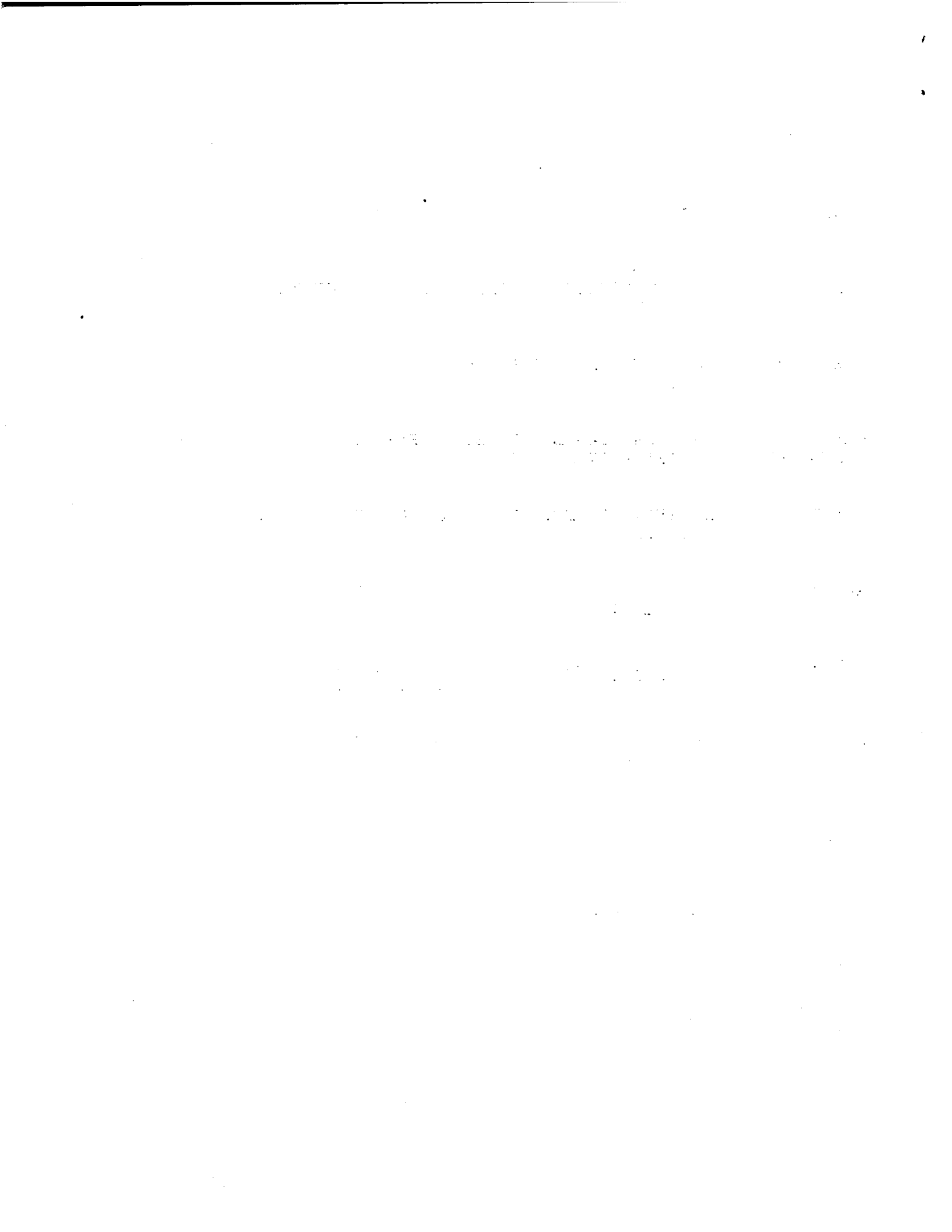
CALENDAR OF HUGUENOT EVENTS

1997

- JANUARY 23 "THE HUGUENOT LEGACY: ENGLISH SILVER 1680-1760"
-APRIL 13 ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM, ST. LOUIS, MO.
- APRIL 18 ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
- APRIL 20 ANNUAL HUGUENOT SERVICE, L'EGLISE FRANCAISE DU
SAINT-ESPRIT, NEW YORK
- MAY 2- "FROM NEW BABYLON TO EDEN" EXHIBIT-CHARLESTON MUSEUM
SEPTEMBER 29 CHARLESTON, S.C.
- MAY 3 HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF S.C. ANNUAL MEETING, CHARLESTON
MUSEUM
- MAY 4 ANNUAL HUGUENOT SERVICE, FRENCH HUGUENOT CHURCH
CHARLESTON, S.C.
- MAY 4, 5 PLANTATION TOUR/BEAUFORT CHARLESFORT TOUR, OFFERED
BY HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF S.C., CHARLESTON, S.C.
- MAY 14-17 "OUT OF NEW BABYLON: THE HUGUENOTS AND THEIR
DIASPORA", CONFERENCE, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON,
CHARLESTON, S.C.
- JUNE 12-14 ANNUAL MEETING OF HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF MANAKIN,
CHARLESTON, S.C.
- OCTOBER 9-14 11TH INTERNATIONAL REUNION OF HUGUENOT DESCENDANTS,
MULHOUSE, FRANCE

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- FEBRUARY 23- "THE HUGUENOT LEGACY: ENGLISH SILVER 1680-1760"
MAY 30 COOPER-HEWITT NATIONAL DESIGN MUSEUM
NEW YORK, N.Y.
- APRIL 17-18 QUADRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE EDICT OF NANTES
MONTELMAR, FRANCE. HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF S.C.
TOUR- MCINTOSH TRAVEL



RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS APRIL 15, 1997

ATTENDING

FRIDAY MAY 2-HUGUENOT EXHIBIT AT CHAS. MUSEUM
AND RECEPTION MEMBERS (free) _____

NON-MEMBERS AND GUESTS @\$5.00 each _____

SATURDAY, MAY 3-HUGUENOT CITY BUS TOUR 9-12p.m. @\$27 each _____

SATURDAY, MAY 3-ANNUAL MEETING AND RECEPTION, 4-6:30p.m.
MEMBERS (free) _____

NON-MEMBERS AND GUESTS @\$10.00 each _____

SUNDAY, MAY 4-ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE, HUGUENOT CHURCH
AND RECEPTION, 44 QUEEN ST. _____

MONDAY, MAY 5-PLANTATION TOUR, 8:30 a.m.-4p.m. @\$74 each _____

TUESDAY, MAY 6-BEAUFORT/CHARLESFORT TOUR, 8:45a.m.-4p.m.
@\$39 each _____

TOTAL AMOUNT AND # ATTENDING \$ _____

ADDRESS WHERE TICKETS ARE TO BE MAILED:

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

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