



# The Huguenot Herald

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 17, 6:30pm,  
Lecture: "Charles  
Towne 1678-1698:  
Surveying the Town"
- April 12, 4:00pm,  
Annual Meeting
- April 13, 10:30am,  
French Service, The  
Huguenot Church
- June 28, 3:30pm,  
Carolina Day Parade
- October 19, 10:30am,  
Fall Service

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## *Proprietary Records of South Carolina, Volume Three Abstracts of the Records of the Surveyor General of the Province, Charles Towne 1678-1698*

Edited and abstracted by Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland

We are very pleased to announce that *Volume Three of the Proprietary Records of South Carolina, Abstracts of the Records of the Surveyor General of the Province, Charles Towne 1678-1698* has been published and is for sale at the Society. It includes an informative and well-written introduction with sections on the arrival of the First Fleet in 1670, James Towne and other settlements, Charles Towne at Oyster Poynt and the office of Surveyor General. An extensive color section provides copies of maps of Charles Towne, including three prepared for this volume by the editors with the help of Society Board member, Dianne Watts Ressinger.

The book contains abstracts of the records of the Surveyor General, the Charles Towne lot admeasurements, which provide dates, names, occupations and information about the layout of Charles Towne at Oyster Poynt from 1678 to 1698. The appendix provides detailed histories and references for the first 100 or so lots laid out in Charles Towne at Oyster Poynt. The new maps show lots which had been granted by 1686 and outline the growth of the town, showing which lots had been purchased by 1679, 1689 and 1698.

Signed copies of the books are available at the Society. We also have copies of the 1686 and 1678-1698 Tricolor Map prepared for the book for sale. Copies of Volumes One (*Records of the Secretary of the Province 1675-1695*) and Volume Two (*Records of the Registrar of the Province, 1675-1696*) are also available. See the enclosed order sheet for information about ordering materials from the Society.

## **Book Talk and Signing by Cheves Leland and Susan Bates**

At 6:30 pm on Monday 17 March the Huguenot Society of South Carolina and the Friends of the Charleston County Public Library will host a book talk by Cheves Leland and Susan Bates at the library at 63 Calhoun Street.

The talk will feature *Volume Three of the Proprietary Records of South Carolina Series* which details the settlement of present-day Charleston from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1670 through 1699. The talk will present new insights and ideas as to how Charles Towne was settled and includes a powerpoint presentation with new maps made of the town.

Copies of books in the *Proprietary Records Series* will be available for sale, as will copies of the new maps prepared for the book. The talk will be followed by a reception at the Library and is open to the public.

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*(Questionnaire, continued from inside)*

## **Website**

We are in the process of making substantive changes to our website, which will include a fresh look, new text, a list of available library/archival materials, ancestor names, and will & Bible records. We welcome your comments and hope you will like and use it

## **Additional social events, meetings, lectures**

Meetings, lectures and other events give us the enjoyable opportunity to get to know one another and learn more about our “Huguenotness.” It would be helpful to receive specific suggestions for events and, especially, to have help facilitating an event. For instance, “lectures” or “living history” tell us what you’d like, but not what topics or time periods.

## **E-mail**

Although there have been problems with our server in the past, the most frequent issue we have with responding to e-mail requests is the “blocking” of our e-mail answer by the person requesting the information. If you send a request by e-mail, please include alternate contact information (i.e. phone, address) so we have another way of contacting you. Requests are answered in the order in which they are received, so please be patient.

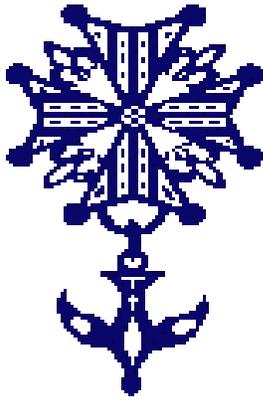
## **Volunteers**

We welcome volunteers and need people to help with tasks from inputting computer data to mailings and lots of things in between. If you have time to give, please let us know

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Society, thank you to all who responded to the survey – and please continue to offer your ideas and suggestions. We are approaching the 125<sup>th</sup> year since our organization was established and the 100<sup>th</sup> year since our incorporation. We hope you will look at our Society with renewed interest and enthusiasm and continue to offer your suggestions and support.

# From the President...

E.P. Corrigan III



Winter is upon us and we are looking forward to the Spring Meeting. Winter is gauged in Charleston by how many people have colds or sinus trouble, not by snow and ice. It is short and gets dark far too early. The nature of winter in the subtropics is not news to anyone, but some details of the Annual Meeting for 2008 may be. This year it will be on April 12. This is a Saturday and, as we have for many years now, we will meet in the auditorium of The Charleston Museum on Meeting Street, at four in the afternoon, give or take a few minutes. This year we will give our highest honor, *L'Esprit Huguenot Award* to a very deserving recipient. This award is only given when the Board thinks someone truly deserves it. It is not given every year so this adds to the special nature of this year's meeting.

The board will present to the membership its reports on last years' activities with no real surprises, and a new slate of officers and Board members will be elected. By April, I will have served my third term as your President and, by constitutional mandate, will step aside for a new president.

Most importantly, there will be the annual collation with fine food, Huguenot punch, and members and guests catching up with each other. If you have never been to the Annual Meeting or have not come in recent years, I urge you to come this year.

On a more serious note, I am saddened to report that our most dear friend among any group or organization, The French Protestant (Huguenot) Church has suffered a very serious injury to its building, the beautiful, gothic revival place of worship on Church Street. I cannot report on the details for lack of complete knowledge but the Dock Street Theater across the street is undergoing a complete restoration. As part of this worthy project, a hole was needed for a large piece of equipment which will lay buried. I thought this was going in the middle of the street but, apparently, the construction crew was placing it under the sidewalk right up against the Church's fence. A huge piece of equipment began pounding the street and then a hole was dug. This caused immediate damage to the Church and the threat of catastrophic damage, as the Church's foundation was compromised. The Board of the Church immediately assembled a team of engineers, architects, and attorneys, and action is ongoing to preserve this wonderful jewel of a building and a monument to the Huguenot faith in America. Since I know this incident has not shaken the Church's leadership or the congregation's faith in the "one true foundation" of the Church, I expect that, after some hard work, all will be put right.

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## TOURS

***Walking with the Camisards*** April 6-13, 2008 or April 13-20, 2008.  
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***Huguenot Society Tour of Germany*** September 12-22, 2008.  
Sponsored by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.  
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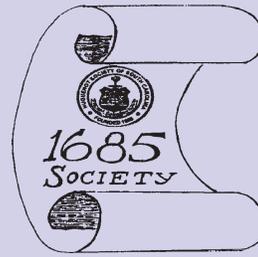
## Jewelry Prices Increase

You will notice that the cost of most of the jewelry, especially the gold jewelry, on our Merchandise list, has increased. We have been fortunate until now to be able to buy items made when the price of gold was considerably less. With the sharp rise in gold prices, that is no longer possible. The new prices are effective this newsletter and we cannot accept orders from the previous list.



## 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 received into membership at the January Board meeting.

Barfield, Laura Hood Sley.....Mt. Pleasant, SC <i>Elie Prioleau and Jeanne Burgeaud</i>	Lawrence, Ashley Jones.....Albuquerque, NM <i>Thomas de Guerin</i>
Craig, Mary Agnes Hood.....Charleston, SC <i>Thomas de Guerin</i>	McQueeney, Charlotte Aimar Simmons.....Mt. Pleasant, SC <i>Francois Salomon Legare and Anne Lancois</i>
Crowther, Anna (Nancy) Southerland White..... Beaufort, SC <i>Nicolas Martiau</i>	Meyer, Helen Gignilliat.....Kansas City, MO <i>Jean Francois Gignilliat and Susanne Le Serrurier</i>
Crowther, Carroll Logan.....Beaufort, SC <i>Jean DeJarnette</i>	Pellett, Martha Williams Wallace.....Greenville, SC <i>Henri deSaussure and Madelaine Brabant</i>
Cunningham Hannah Chase.....Tallahassee, FL <i>James LaRoche</i>	Pritchard, Edward K. III.....Charleston, SC <i>Pierre Bacot and Jacquine Mercier</i>
Dieter, Kimmie Adelaide Nichols....Pawley's Island, SC <i>Daniel Horry and Elizabeth Garnier</i>	Salley, George Bull, Jr.....Savannah, GA <i>Pierre LeGrand</i>
Hood, James Bernard.....Charleston, SC <i>Thomas de Guerin</i>	Stephens, Charles Albert.....Charleston, SC <i>Claude Philippe de Richebourg and Anne Chastain</i>
Igoe, Ann Bacot Boatwright.....Charleston, SC <i>Pierre Bacot and Jacquine Mercier</i>	Willis, Elizabeth Burnham Hood.....Charleston, SC <i>Thomas de Guerin</i>

# Genetic Genealogy – It’s in Your Genes!

by Capers W. McDonald

With the availability of safe and reasonably-priced “Genetic Genealogy” DNA testing kits by mail, there is a growing interest in developing family lineages and histories using this new information.

Genetic Genealogy testing is fundamentally of two types – assessing Y-DNA of men for their single paternal line, and testing mt-DNA of either men or women for their unique, all-maternal lineage. The first of these, Y-DNA, measures information from a man’s Y chromosome, found in the nucleus of his cells, which is present only in men and inherited from the father. This testing captures more frequent changes in DNA and therefore tends to be useful over shorter time-frames such as those of a family history or genealogical lineage. These results are therefore for the paternal line of one family – son to father, grandfather, etc. They show an individual pattern within a more general, shared “gene type” (or, scientifically-termed, “haplotype”). Interest in Y-DNA is basically for two pursuits, following surname lineages (such as for “DuBose” or “McDonald,” as below), or geographical lineages (such as for “French heritage” or “Essex, England”).

The second type of testing, of mt-DNA, looks at DNA found in our cell’s mitochondria, which are passed on to both men and women from our mothers. Our mt-DNA therefore represents maternal lines – son or daughter to mother and her female ancestors – and so crosses many family names. However this type of DNA changes very slowly and therefore runs to thousands of years of prehistory, best representing migration studies. Huguenot Society members can enjoy learning from both Y-DNA and mt-DNA, of course, but it primarily will be the Y-DNA – changing over more recent and shorter time spans – that will help most in understanding lineages.

One example of the usefulness of Y-DNA testing is looking at geographic dispersions of families when the intermediate generations are not well documented. Huguenot interests might be, for example, the Legares or Ravenels in the “western country” of Kentucky believing that they have descended from early South Carolina colonists, but not knowing all of the intermediate generations. It may be that they are not closely related to Low country colonists at all, descending from Canadians, or the opposite – but comparative DNA will tell and not “be forgetting”!

As the number of people tested increases, better information is learned. However, the “Genetic Genealogy” system works best when *traditional genealogical documentation* is correlated with Y-DNA testing. The following example demonstrates this benefit. . .

The largest group of widely-related people studied this far is the more than 500 participants in the Clan Donald Project – those of Scottish heritage bearing names as diverse as Arnot, Huchon and , yes, McDonald. This is an extended example of studying geographic dispersion and has benefited tremendously from Y-DNA results in the past seven years. For example, there has long been disagreement among historians about the origins of the “clan chiefs” in Clan Donald, which is one of the oldest and largest clans in Scotland. One controversial theory was that the chieftains were essentially of Viking stock – conquering immigrants from Scandinavia who took over the earlier Celtic and Pictish chief’s lands and titles. This would differentiate them from the indigenous stock of early people in what is today Scotland, of course, and should therefore show them with different, Scandinavian-type Y-DNA patterns (a haplotype, or “gene type” designated R1a). Following testing, this turned out to be the case – all of the recognized, living chiefs within Clan Donald have essentially Norwegian Y-DNA, while most of the rest of the modern “clan” have other patterns (predominately gene type R1b). We can have confidence in this conclusion because the lineages of these modern chiefs are very well documented within the recent, 1500-year history of Scotland.

Genetic Genealogy testing *does not* involve “giving blood” (only mouth swabs), learning or disclosure of any medical information, or even providing the names or whereabouts of recent or living generations. It *does* require determining Y-DNA lines for living donors who have well-documented, traditional paper genealogies. And, by choice of each person tested, results can either remain fully confidential or be publicly disclosed in databases or to friends and family.

If this brief introduction has been helpful and there is sufficient interest, perhaps some follow-up articles or a discussion seminar can be arranged!

# Questionnaire 2007

Karen B. King, Executive Director

A questionnaire soliciting answers and comments from members was sent out with the Annual Fund appeal in September of last year. Five percent of the membership responded; the results are listed below. Please be aware that the numbers do not always add up because not every respondent answered every question.

Many thoughtful suggestions and comments were received; they have been grouped into areas of interest/concern. Your responses will help us to prioritize our long range plans.

Of the 95 questionnaires returned, 34 were from the Charleston area, 59 were from elsewhere

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Low</u>
Publishing articles of Huguenot History	75	15	2
Articles on genealogy of families	65	19	8
Special lectures or presentations	34	36	13
Trips to historic sites in South Carolina	41	33	13
Trips to Huguenot sites elsewhere	26	32	26
Speakers at the annual meetings	41	28	14
Articles in <i>Transactions</i>	52	22	7
Articles in the newsletter	49	31	5
Contact with other Huguenot societies	22	42	21
Improved availability of family records	67	16	2
Facilitate membership application process	33	39	11
Enhance our website	25	36	15
Publicize the scholarship programs	19	48	18
Offer more books and items for sale	28	40	17

## Family Genealogies/Records

The most frequent concern was making genealogical information more complete and more easily accessible. The membership files of the Society are open for researchers to use; information contained in them (except personal information of living people) can be copied. Since 1992, the Society has required copies of all necessary documentation for new members. Although this is sometimes distressful for descendants of members who were accepted years ago, it gives the Society more complete and accurate records. Unfortunately, many of our earlier files do not contain documentation, only the lineage sheet. If you have records you think we might need, please contact us.

The application form and directions for completing it is available on-line and applicants are instructed to contact the Society to see what documentation we already have on a lineage. This documentation can be referred to and not actually included in new applications. Short form applications must be requested from the Society and can be used by applicants related within three generations to a documented member. We are currently updating the application forms to make them more user-friendly.

There were also requests that this information be posted on our webpage. This, obviously, requires that the information is formatted for that process. We request that new member submit with their application a CD with that information. However, the process of actually getting the information on the webpage is still being discussed and will take time and include expenses. The Society is especially sensitive to privacy and security issues. *The Master Genealogist* is our database and would welcome volunteers familiar with inputting genealogical data.

The short sketches of immigrants have proved to be enormously popular. However, these sketches have to be researched and the information verified and footnoted. Again, this turns out to be an “as time permits” activity.

The reference library is free for members to use; a small fee is charged for non-members. Although we provide assistance when researchers and members come in, we cannot do unlimited research for an individual or family. Researchers and members can complete the form found on-line and in our office to request us to undertake a search.

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