



# The Huguenot Herald

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Meeting,  
Saturday, April 18,  
4pm
- French Service,  
Sunday, April 19,  
10:30am
- Danson House  
Symposium, May 15  
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- XVth International  
Meeting of the  
Huguenot  
Descendants,  
September 18-25  
www.huguenots.fr
- Fall Service, Sunday,  
October 18, 10:30am
- 5th International  
Huguenot Conference,  
Sept. 3-6, 2010  
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### **Painter in a Savage Land:**

### **The Strange Saga of the First European Artist in North America**

By Miles Harvey

(New York: Random House, 2008) hardback, 338 pages

In 1564, two years after the failed attempt to establish a colony at Port Royal, a group of Frenchmen attempted to establish another colony at Fort Caroline near modern Jacksonville, Florida. Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, a French Protestant, accompanied the expedition to act as official artist and cartographer and record images of the unknown lands and native peoples they encountered. While engravings of his work are instantly recognizable today, Le Moyne remained “little more than an historical footnote” until a collection of his work was auctioned at Sotheby’s in 1994. *Painter in a Savage Land* is a fascinating account of Le Moyne’s travels interwoven with the modern-day detective tale of the rediscovery of his work.

Led by fellow Huguenot René Laudonnière, the Fort Caroline expedition included three hundred French Calvinists. While meeting initial success in the construction of a substantial fortification, the expedition faced starvation, a mutiny, Indian warfare and the threat of Spanish attack. After suffering a year in horrific conditions, the surviving colonists resolved to return to France. Days before their departure, Jean Ribault arrived with supplies and several hundred additional colonists. Within the month, the Spanish launched a large-scale attack, routed the French and destroyed Fort Caroline. The Fort Caroline colony existed for little more than a year and a half. Only a few dozen colonists survived to return to France, including Le Moyne, Laudonnière and Ribault.

Persecution of the Huguenots eventually forced LeMoyne to immigrate to London where he became an advisor to Walter Raleigh as he planned his colonization efforts. Artistically, Le Moyne spent the rest of his life producing stunningly detailed botanical illustrations under the patronage of Lady Mary Sidney. With the encouragement of the brilliant engraver Theodor de Bry, Le Moyne reproduced from memory the drawings of the Fort Caroline expedition that were lost during his escape from the Spanish. It is de Bry’s set of engravings of the native Indian tribes, the colonists, the fort and the natural world around them that have survived. Le Moyne wrote a detailed account of the expedition to accompany the recreated drawings, which the author has used as the basis of *Painter in a Savage Land*.

Miles Harvey, the best-selling author of *The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime*, combines surviving records of the Fort Caroline expedition with a modern-day detective twist as he attempts to discover more of Le Moyne’s story and locate his surviving work. The book is a well-written

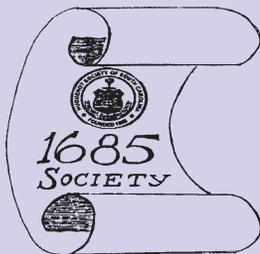
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Leaving a strong heritage is an important objective for all of us. We all have a desire to identify what really matters to us, and to pass it on to future generations as a strong heritage.



Including the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in your will or estate plan is one concrete step toward this objective. For over a hundred

and twenty years this Society has sought to preserve the history of the Huguenots, to promote a better understanding of their principles and values, and to maintain historical records of those Huguenots who came to this country.

Please consider including the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in your will or estate plan and, if you do, please let us know so that we can welcome you as a member of the 1685 Society. This is our way of saying “Merci beaucoup”!

*(Book Review, continued)*

history that is also a fast-paced and fascinating adventure tale. *Painter in a Savage Land* would be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in the history of the Huguenots.

Engravings of Le Moyne’s work can be seen via a link at the author’s website at [www.milesharvey.com](http://www.milesharvey.com).

*Painter in a Savage Land* is available from the Huguenot Society for \$27.00. See the enclosed order form on how to order.

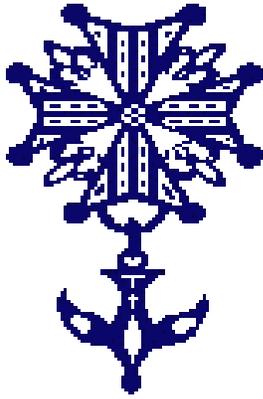
## New Members

The following were accepted into membership at the January Board meeting:

- Fayssoux, James Erwin ..... Mt. Pleasant, SC  
*Daniel Fayssoux*  
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*Andre Laurent*

# From the President...

## What do we learn from History?



After finishing their epic series, *The Story of Civilization*, Will and Ariel Durant reviewed the ten volumes to do some updating and make corrections. They also made notes on events and summaries in the ten volumes that they felt might help them to draw some conclusions about the nature of man, the role of governments, and ways to build sound relationships between countries in the future.

As they noted in their introduction to their essay, “The Lessons of History,” this was their attempt to answer the ultimate question for all historians: “Of what use have your studies been?” Is history merely a random tale of events written for amusement, or is there some wisdom which can be gleaned from the past?

Others have pondered this question. Some asserted that all history was just a tale written by the survivors, and was not necessarily an accurate account of the past. Henry Ford reputedly said, “All history is bunk!” Barbara Tuchman noted wryly that, “What we learn from history is that we don’t learn from history.”

In the concluding chapter of their essay the Durants note that, above all else, history is the discerning and recording of mankind’s heritage. As our collective heritage grows, mankind’s skills and arts should rise proportionately to higher levels.

Historians do not compile history just to recount mankind’s follies and tragedies, but to commemorate exceptional people who have advanced the state of civilization. The contribution of great people extends beyond their lifetime, and provides durable meaning to their lives.

This viewpoint suggests that we should all broaden our knowledge of history, especially as it relates to our own country, communities, and ancestors, and convey it to future generations. As the Durants wrote, “If a man is fortunate he will, before he dies, gather up as much as he can of his civilized heritage and transmit it to his children. And to his final breath he will be grateful for this inexhaustible legacy, knowing that it is our nourishing mother and our lasting life.”

Robert M. Prioleau  
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### IN MEMORIAM

*Virginia Brockinton Gourdin*

*20 Feb 1920 - 14 Feb 2009*

The Society regrets to announce the death of Virginia Brockinton Gourdin. Miss Gourdin was born in Kingstree, SC, a daughter of Peter Gaillard Gourdin and Ada Brockinton Gourdin. Miss Gourdin became a member of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in 1954 and was well-known to its members for her in-depth research and articles on the history of South Carolina and our Huguenot ancestors. Her insights to the history of the Huguenots in South Carolina will be missed and her contributions will be remembered.

# Sketches

by Harriott Cheves Leland

*These Sketches were begun with the idea of providing documentation for the ancestors claimed by members of the Society. That usually happens, but occasionally research turns up questions instead of providing answers. A recent request by a prospective member who wants to join the Society using Aaron Pinson as the ancestor is a case in point.*

## Aaron Pinson

Two former members of the Society claimed Aaron Pinson as an ancestor. He is listed in their files as having died in 1794, as having a wife named Elizabeth and children named Joseph Pinson who married Margery and Jemima Pinson who married John Henry. There is very little documentation in either file and nothing to provide proof that Pinson was Huguenot.

According to the information in the Society's Vertical File on Pinson, there were two men named Aaron Pinson. One was the above mentioned man who was in North Carolina by 1754 and then moved to South Carolina where he and his wife were members of Raeburn's Creek Church in Laurens County, where he preached. This Aaron Pinson is referred to as Reverend Pinson. His will was written on 21 Feb 1794 and the estate settlement was requested on 3 Sept 1803 by which time his wife Elizabeth was dead. Their children, named in Pinson's will were John, Aaron, Joseph, Moses (named executor in 1803), Isaac, Jemima (wife of John Henry), Mary (deceased wife of Solomon Cole by 1794), two unnamed daughters, one the wife of Thomas Shurley and the other the wife of Joseph Fowler and an unidentified child. The information, which has references and documentation, does not include anything as to the origins of this Aaron Pinson. The information from the will is listed, but there is not a copy of the will.

According to the information in the file, another man named Aaron Pinson lived in Luneville, VA with a wife named Elizabeth. He died in VA in 1758. His son Aaron married Delilah Stovall and was in Granville County, NC by 1769. The son's will was written 5 Apr 1801 in NC and proved in May of the same year. The children named in his will were Thomas Pinson, Elizabeth Campbell, Dorcas Austin, Sarah Reed, Amy Cunningham, William Pinson, Aaron Pinson, John Pinson, Mary Evans, Isaac Pinson, David Pinson and Zachariah Pinson. This Aaron Pinson refused to take the Oath of Allegiance in 1778. Entries on at least one family tree on Ancestry.com show

"Aaron Pinson, born in VA c. 1700 or in Wales c. 1688, married to Elizabeth Rambo, died in VA in 1758" as the son of Thomas Pinson, born in Plymouth, Mass, and his wife Elizabeth White, born in Sussex, England. There is no documentation given for this information.

No connection between the two men has been found. At this time there are no current members using Aaron Pinson as an ancestor. The name does not appear in the records of Manakintowne or in other VA record books such as *Turf and Twig* or in *Huguenot Emigrants to VA*. The name Pinson/Pincon does appear in the *Publications and Quarto* volumes of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland, but there is no indication of a connection with the Pinsons in America. However, a 1705 naturalization record does not show the name James Pinson as French [in *The Laws of Virginia...* by WK winfree, p. 40.]

Further proof that either of these men named Aaron Pinson was Huguenot or was a descendant of Huguenots is needed. If you have documentation which would help, please let us know.

## **Dr. Gerald Bray to Speak**

The Society is pleased to welcome Dr. Gerald Lewis Bray as its guest speaker at the Annual Meeting, April 18, 2009. He will also conduct the French service on Sunday morning, April 19.

Dr. Bray, an ordained minister of the Church of England, is the author of several books on the development of Protestant churches, especially the Anglican Church, during the Reformation. He is a professor at Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, in Birmingham, AL.

As in the past, the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday at 4:00pm in the auditorium of The Charleston Museum. The French Service will be at 10:30 at the Huguenot Church on Sunday.

## **Microfiche Reader Available**

The Society has a microfiche reader to give away. If you are interested or know of an organization or individual that could use it, please call the Society office.

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