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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from

Gordon H. Garrett

In April of 1964, Major Francis O. Dukes, President of the Society, in frustration of the Society's most recent move (the fourth move in his memory) spoke of the need for a permanent home for the Society. He asked the members of the Society to begin a program of gifts, donations and legacies to purchase a permanent building. After the disastrous effects of Hurricane Hugo, in September, 1989, President Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. appointed a committee, composed of Arthur Wilcox, Daniel Ravenel, deRosset Myers, and Charles Menefee, to find a suitable permanent home. Under President Wilcox, this long-pursued goal was achieved, and in May, 1992, the Society moved into renovated offices at 138 Logan Street. Your support made this move possible, as well as a subsequent remodeling to expand usable space. All the debt associated with purchase, renovation and remodeling of the building has been paid, again due to the generosity of the membership.

The Society helped sponsor an international conference on Huguenot scholarship in May, 1997: "*Out of New Babylon: The Huguenot and Their Diaspora*." The papers of this conference, co-edited by Dr. Bertrand Van Ruymbeke, are now being published and Bertrand will autograph your copy at one of two book signings sponsored by the Society. One signing will be held after Sunday service, 11:30 am August 24, 2003, at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church at the corner of Church and Queen Streets. Another signing will take place at 5:30 pm August 27, 2003, at the Society's offices at 138 Logan Street. See the end of this newsletter for information on ordering your copy of *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora*.

While you are at 138 Logan, we encourage you to avail yourselves of the opportunity of touring the Society's facilities. Important and unique portions of our collections and library have by necessity been out of view, and you will have the opportunity of exploring these areas of the building while enjoying having your book signed.

## THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

from

William W. Bates, III

Greetings from 138 Logan Street! I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet so many members at our Annual Meeting. Please note a more complete discussion of the Annual Meeting, later in this newsletter.

Later you will also find names of members with whom we have lost contact. Mail to these members is returned and we have no forwarding address. If you recognize anyone on the list, and can help us re-establish contact, we would be most appreciative. We cannot send newsletters or *Transactions* or otherwise maintain contact if we do not have good mailing addresses.

I thank the vast majority of members who have already mailed their annual dues. We count on dues for about one-third of our operating budget. Without the arrival of dues early in each year, it is difficult to continue operations. If you have not already done so, please send in your dues. We need every member's support.

## 118th ANNUAL MEETING

The 118th Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina was held at the Charleston Museum on April 12, 2003. The meeting was chaired by President Daniel Ravenel. Of particular note during the meeting were:

*L'Esprit Huguenot* Award was presented to Past President Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. to honor his decades of extraordinary service to the Society and the state of South Carolina.

Presentation of certificates of appreciation for Renée Marshall, past Executive Director, and Susan Hemminger, Publications Editor.

Announcement of the first recipient of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina Graduate Scholarship: Mr. Kazimierz Bem, a student in The Netherlands. His essay, *The Vernezobres - A History of a Huguenot Family, Faith and Refuge* should appear in next year's *Transactions*.

The keynote address of the Annual Meeting was presented by Dr. Paula W. Carlo, professor of history at Nassau Community College, New York. Her address was titled "*Train Up a Child*": *Educating Huguenot Young People in Colonial New York*, and Dr. Carlo was able to draw parallels with education throughout the colonies, including South Carolina.

Past President Arthur W. Wilcox presented the report of the nominating committee and elections for officers of the Society for the coming year were held. New officers are:

President - Mr. Gordon H. Garrett

Secretary - Mrs. Helga W. Billings

Treasurer - Mr. I. Mayo Read

Vice-President for Charleston - Mr. B. deS. Boykin Rose

Vice-President for Goose Creek - Mrs. Marion R. Cato

Vice-President for Orange Quarter - Mrs. Jane B. Ball

Vice-President for French Santee - Mr. E. Patrick Corrigan, III

Vice-President for St. John's Berkeley - Mrs. Lenora S. Kessler

Vice-President for Purrysburg - Mr. David Maybank, Jr.

Vice-President for New Bordeaux - Mrs. Mary U. Pike

At the conclusion of the formal events of the Annual Meeting, President Gordon H. Garrett adjourned the meeting and a collation was held in the courtyard of the Museum, allowing informal discussions and time for renewing contacts within our membership.

The next day, Sunday, April 13, many members were able to attend services at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church on Church Street. The yearly French service, adapted from the Liturgies of Neufchatel and Vallangin, dated 1737 and 1772, was conducted by The Rev. Nigel Massey, of the French Church of St. Esprit in New York City.

The 119th Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the Charleston Museum. Please mark this date on your calendars and make plans to participate in the leadership of your Society and the comraderie of membership.

## HINTS FOR RESEARCHERS

Church records in books on South Carolina deeds may be indexed under ANY of the following terms:

Congregation of . . .      Parish of . . .      Trustees of . . .      Vestry and/or Wardens of . . .

**THE FRENCH CHURCH AT CHARLES TOWN, OYSTER POINT, BEFORE 1700**  
by Harriott Cheves Leland, Archivist and Researcher for the Society

I am presently working with Susan Bates, wife of our Director and daughter of Agnes Baldwin, abstracting early records of the province of Carolina for publication of what will probably be four volumes. The first volume, which we are getting ready for publication, will contain abstracts from the books of Charles Town Lot admeasurements for the town at Oyster Point, present day Charleston. Information about the French church, found in the book of Charles Town lot admeasurements, follows. A copy of the original book, begun in 1679, was made in 1849. Both the original and the 1849 copy have been laminated and microfilmed. The books and microfilm are available at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia. The abstracted entries which follow contain the original spelling of names and include editorial comments in brackets.

- 4 Mar 1681 Carolina ss: By a warrant dated 3 Mar 1681 under the hand of the Hon. Joseph West, Gov. and Landgrave, I have laid out unto Mr. Michael Louell /Lawell one town lot in Charles Towne known by the No. (65), butting Northward upon a little street that runneth westerly from Cooper River by the lot of Mr. Maybank and Mr. Pendarvis, Southward upon the lot of Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup> Deall and butting Eastward upon the lot of Francis Gratia and Westward upon a little street that runneth almost parallel with Cooper River and Mr. Henery Symonds door. [In the margin is written] The French Church No 65 Michall Lovell.  
[Lot #65 is the site of the present Huguenot Church on the Southeast corner of Church and Queen Streets.]

- 22 June 1694 Carolina ss: By a warrant dated 21 June 1694 under the hand & Seal of the Hon. Thomas Smith, Gov. and Landgrave, I have laid out unto Capt. George Deersly one town lot at Charles Towne, known by the No. (89), bounding Northward upon the lot of Mr. Henry Hughes and Southward upon the lot formerly of William Witehear and butting Eastward upon the Great Street that leadeth from the Oyster Point to the Market Place and Westward upon a piece of Ground Called the French Churchyard.  
[Lot # 89 butts to the West on lot # 93 which was on the East side of present day King Street, North of Tradd Street, where present day Nos. 88-98 King Street stand. According to *Information for Guides of Historic Charleston, South Carolina* (1985), the French Church leased 7 lots in this location to tradesmen in 1742.]

- [no date] Carolina ss: [There is a large blank space with the following written in the margin] The French Church Yard No. 91.  
[H.A.M. Smith on the deSaussure Map (SC Historical & Genealogical Magazine 9:12ff) shows Lot 91 on King Street between lots 92 and 93. The Bull Map (SC Dept. of Archives & History) does not show Lot 91, but has two lots labelled #92 - one with a triangle in it which corresponds to #92 on the deSaussure Map. These lots would have been on the East side of King Street, between Broad and Tradd Streets.]

- 23 Mar 1693/4 Carolina ss: By a warrant dated 17 Mar 1693/4 under the hand and Seal of the Hon. Tho Smith, Gov. and Landgrave, I have laid out unto Mr. Anthoney Borau one town lot at Charles Towne known by the No. 104, butting Eastward upon the lot of Mr. Pawly, Westward upon the lot of the sd Borau, and Northward upon a Great Street that runneth from Cooper River to the Market Place and Southward upon the French Churchyard.

[According to these entries the churchyard would have been Lot 94, located directly to the South of lots 103 and 104 which were on the Southeast corner of Broad and King Streets.]

**HINTS FOR RESEARCHERS**

The South Carolina Archives has its on-line index up and running at:  
<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/research.htm>

## TRIPS AND TRAVEL

### Comité Protestant Des Amitiés Françaises a L'Étranger Thirteenth International Meeting of Huguenot Descendants

The XIIIth International meeting of Huguenot descendants will be held September 3-10, 2003, in Cévennes, the historic region of the Camisards' resistance to the King's dragoons in the eighteenth century. We are informed that while all places for this tour were filled, some vacancies have occurred by cancellations. For more information contact the Comité, by mail at: 47 rue de Clinchy, Paris 75311, Cedex 09 or by e-mail through: [CPAFE@AOL.COM.AFE](mailto:CPAFE@AOL.COM.AFE)

### Meeting and Forum Concerning the Waldesian People in Luberon Region of French Provence

September 20-21, 2003, in Cavaillon (Vaucluse - France). For about a hundred years, throughout the 15th and 16th centuries, a part of the Waldesian people worked, lived and brought up their families in the Luberon region of French Provence. Who were these people? Where were their places of origin? What became of them? For more information visit the web site:

[www.routevaudoisluberon.com](http://www.routevaudoisluberon.com)

## FAMILY REUNIONS

### All DuBose Reunion

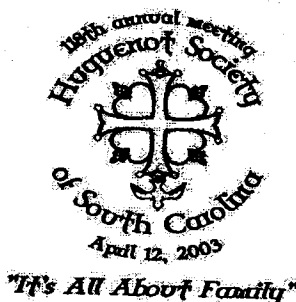
A reunion is being planned for October 31st through November 2nd. Planning is still underway and will allow participation for all or only a part of the weekend. The reunion will take place in the Charleston, SC area. Please contact Tobie Reynolds for the latest information and to be included on e-mail messages concerning plans. You can reach Tobie at: [tobi41@yahoo.com](mailto:tobi41@yahoo.com)

### Pierre Chastain Family Association

All descendants of Pierre Chastain are invited to the 28th annual reunion of the family association October 3 - 5, 2003. The most common spelling variations of the name are: Chasteen, Chastaine, Chastine, Chesteen, Chasten, Castine and Shastid. This year's meeting will be at the Tulsa, Oklahoma Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, 6808 s 107th East Ave. For further information on family membership in the association contact Membership Chair: Tim Chastain, 155 Cassidy Rd, Thomasville, GA 31792. For information on the reunion contact Publicity Chair: Carrie Chastain at: [jdchastain@cox-internet.com](mailto:jdchastain@cox-internet.com)

## MERCHANDISING MEMO

A limited number of T-shirts were made for the 118th Annual Meeting of the Society. These shirts, in Forest Green, feature the Huguenot Cross, the date of the 188th Meeting, and the legend: "It's All About Family." Shirts are still available in adult sizes Small to Extra-Large and sell for \$12, including postage and handling. Even if you were not able to attend the Annual Meeting, support your Society by ordering one for yourself or a family member. Send your order to: 138 Logan St, Charleston, SC 29401-1941



## FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK

by Harriott Cheves Leland

The library has undergone a transformation thanks in large part to Barbara Claypoole, Phyllis Sinkler and Alix Sanchez. In addition to re-organizing the books on the shelves (a project begun three years ago using guidelines suggested by Marguerite Fogleman), we have renumbered all the books and cards, added cards for books which had none, removed cards for which we could not find books, identified duplicate copies of books and compiled a list of Vertical Files. We are presently continuing the task of entering each book into the computer (up to 1,101 volumes now), compiling a list of books we need for the library and looking at preservation and maintenance needs. We are also identifying and making a list of all the wills and Bible records we have in member files and hope to complete this project in the near future. Immediate plans include organizing the materials in the vertical files so they are easier to find and use and compiling a list of the Bible records we have in member and vertical files.

We have welcomed a number of researchers in the library this Spring, and continue to receive research requests from the Internet. We have received several donations to the library, including a substantial gift to purchase books.

In organizing and cataloguing the library we have found a number of interesting items with which volunteers could help. One item is a small book of daily readings, with no publication date. The book contains handwritten entries on most pages for births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of a variety of people, with entries dating from the mid-1800s through the 1920s. The names include Gaillard, Porcher, Gourdin, deSaussure and others. We would like to transcribe the entries and add them to our Vertical Files and would like a volunteer to do this work. Please call us at 723-3235 if you are interested in this or any other library project. If you have research questions or suggestions of books you would like to see in the library, please let us know.

### MISSING LINKS & LOST CONTACTS \*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Elizabeth A. B. Berry	White Rock, SC
James G. Burkette, Jr.	Mt Pleasant, SC
Ann Elizabeth Nelson Curtis	Vidalia, GA
Martha Moon Davis	Atlanta, GA
Margaret L. R. Deprater	Richmond, VA
Clifford Poinsett Exum	Columbia, SC
Stuart G. Gilmer	Atlanta, GA
Margaret M. McC. Harper	Birmingham, AL
Angus MacAulay Lawton	Isle of Palms, SC
Elizabeth S. C. Ligon	Charlotte, NC
Harriet G. D. Lucas	Walterboro, SC
Paul M. Mazyck	Chicago, IL
Suzanne D. T. McInerney	Riverside, CA
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Evelyn Taylor Mumford	Tallahassee, FL
Charles Horry Prioleau	Houston, TX
Beverly C. Sossomon	Highlands, NC
Mrs. James B. Stokes, Jr.	Isle of Palms, SC
Catherine S. K. Thoroman	Clarksville, GA
Amy T. Witte	Austin, TX

\* If you have a current mailing address for any of these members, please help us get in contact with them.



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**BOOK ORDER FORM**

After many delays, *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora* will soon to be available. The book, based on papers delivered in the 1997 conference "Out of New Babylon: The Huguenots and Their Diaspora," co-sponsored by the Huguenot Society, is edited by Dr. Bertrand van Ruymbeke and Dr. Randy J. Sparks. The 256-page cloth book will be available from the Society in late August for \$39.95, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. We are planning a book signing in late August, and will be able to provide our members copies signed by Dr. Ruymbeke. Please reserve your copy of this interesting publication by returning the form at the bottom of this page, or contact us by e-mail: [director@cchat.com](mailto:director@cchat.com).

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Please reserve for me a copy of *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora*, edited by Bertrand Van Ruymbeke and Randy J. Sparks. I understand the cost of this 256-page volume is \$39.95 and there is a \$3.50 charge for shipping and handling. I will return payment upon receipt of the book.

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