

THE HUGUENOT HERALD

March 8, 1995

One Hundredth Tenth Anniversary Meeting
Huguenot Society of South Carolina
April 23, 1995, 4 p.m.
in the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church
Charleston, South Carolina

Address to be given by: Dr. Alexander Moore
President, S.C. Historical Society
Topic: Frenchmen into Freedom: Huguenot Political
Acculturation before 1720.

Collation follows: 44 Queen Street
Guest Fee: \$5.00

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If there are any of you out there wondering whether to join the next Huguenot Society Tour of France scheduled for later this summer, take my advice and go. You will have a wonderful time retracing your ancestors' lives and will also be helping the Society with a valuable financial contribution toward our building fund.

We have worked hard in the last few years to put the Society on a sound financial footing and to expand and improve service to members, students, and researchers. We finished last year within our budget and we have made great progress in paying down our debts.

What we should be concentrating on now is the building up of an endowment so that we will have regular income apart from membership dues, which right now are our major source of funds. If we can build an adequate endowment we can reduce the possibility of dues increases in the future.

We must also restore reserve funds depleted by the effects of the storm in 1989. As many of you recall, if it had not been for our reserve funds we could never have undertaken the rebuilding of the Society.

As our budget stands now, it leaves little room for contributions we should be making to reserve and endowment funds. There are many ways in which the members can help, the obvious one being to give the Huguenot Society a place in their estate planning and their charitable contributions each year.

Many years ago the Society, in an effort to expand membership, offered Life memberships anywhere from \$20 to \$175. Many took advantage of the offer and the benefits to the Society have been great. Out of a membership of about 2400, we have about 650 Life members, who as a group value their status very highly. Time and inflation have, however, greatly eroded the benefit that Life membership conferred upon the Society and have presented

us instead with a problem of how to keep things going in an organization which exempts more than a quarter of its membership from paying dues. In January, we asked Life members to consider allowing us to bill them for regular dues. It is a pleasure to be able to report that about 60 members have extended that permission thus adding some \$2,500 to dues income.

One of our major undertakings in late 1994 and early 1995 was the protection and/or restoration of the monuments to Huguenot settlements in South Carolina erected early in the 20th century. They are the stone crosses which mark the various settlements from the Savannah River to Santee, many of which are threatened by urban development. This year we have allocated a substantial amount of money to renovation of these monuments and the acre (God's Acre) of land in which each stands. As of now, all of these monuments are in good shape except one--that at Goose Creek. It is located in a dismal area near Highway I-26 in Berkeley county which appears to be a rendezvous for druggies, car thieves, and God knows what. We recently cleared the area in which it stands (behind a fence) of fallen timber and thick underbrush. We feared that this might attract unwelcomed attention but we hoped not. We were mistaken. Within a few weeks it was visited by vandals who overthrew the cross. We are studying the situation but have not yet decided whether we will put the cross back in place or leave it lying where it is. As time goes on, we must expect to have more problems of this kind.

Arthur M. Wilcox
President

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BONJOUR, MES AMIS! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! Settle down into your favorite chair, now, because I have lots of news to tell you and you need to give me your best undivided attention!

First of all, we have a super weekend scheduled for this annual meeting, **SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1995** On Friday, April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., Mrs. Annie Allen will present a thirty minute slide show on last fall's tour to France. It should prove to be very interesting especially if you are planning to take the tour this August as some of the slides will be of places that you will be going.

Then, on Saturday, April 23rd, at 4 p.m., Dr. Alexander Moore, President of the S.C. Historical Society, will be our guest speaker. His topic will be, "Frenchmen into Freedom: Huguenot Political Acculturation before 1720." Dr. Alexander Moore, a published author who has written on a variety of subjects involving South Carolina history, was named Executive Director of the South Carolina Historical Society last August. A native of Summerville, S.C. and a graduate of The College of Charleston, he received his masters and doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina He has authored books and articles on Indian trading, colonial South Carolina history, and on historians and their work. In 1988, he edited three volumes of the writings of Henry A.M. Smith, and for more than a decade he was assistant editor of The Papers of John C. Calhoun. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Moore to our meeting, so please come and give him a rousing reception!

The annual meeting will be held again this year at the Huguenot

Church, corner of Church and Queen Streets on Saturday at 4p.m. with a reception to follow at 44 Queen Street. Parking is in the same parking lot across the street from 44 Queen. Sunday, April 23rd, is the annual French service where Dr. Fred Northrup from Seattle, Washington will be the guest minister. **THEN** (I told you I had a great weekend planned, didn't I?) on Monday, April 24th from 10-4 p.m., we are going to have a "Huguenot Ramble". What's that, you say? **WELL**---We will meet at the Huguenot Society at 138 Logan Street at 9:45a.m. and leave promptly at 10a.m. for a caravan to the four Huguenot crosses recently cleaned up in the Charleston area!! First stop will be French Santee near Jamestown for Stop #1 (car pooling would be a great idea). There will be maps available for those who want to go on their own. French Santee will be open from 11-1p.m. Then, stop #2 is at French Quarter, St. Denis from 12-2p.m. for a "bring your own picnic lunch" (maybe chairs and table, a little wine!) After lunch, stop #3 will be at St. John's Berkeley followed by stop #4 at the Goose Creek monument. These last two monuments have recently been cleaned up by the Huguenot Society. Unfortunately, yesterday, I received word that the Goose Creek monument has already been vandalized so we will try to have it cleaned up again by the ramble.

LIFE MEMBERS! PLEASE send us your birthdates and telephone numbers. All active members who have not done this with your dues notice, shame on you!! We have asked for several years now. Also, for all the ladies in the audience who have not sent in their maiden names, please do so! Surely, you want to be known throughout the centuries as yourself!

Also, anyone who would like to have their certificate redone in case you have misplaced or destroyed it, please send \$10 and your name and birthdate to Barbara Claypoole. It will take approximately 6 weeks to be done.

Anyone interested in the French tour, please contact McIntosh Travel, Miss Eleanor Simons, 1890 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., #223, Chas., S.C. 29407 or telephone 803-571-7000. I hear they are almost filled up again!!

We have some information put together for us on leaving the Huguenot Society in your wills if anyone would like a copy. PLEASE call Barbara.

For our new members, I would like to briefly review some of our procedures for you. First of all, if you did not get your dues bill already, it is due. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DUES (\$40) HAVE BEEN SENT. I also want to thank you for all the "warm fuzzies" that you sent in with your dues payments. I would like to point out to our members that if you do not agree with some of the decisions that are being made at the Society, you as a member have the right to call or write and voice your opposing opinion. However, remember that all decisions that are made are made by the Board, not the staff!! We are only carrying out those decisions. So, let's adhere to the "kinder and gentler nation" approach when voicing those opinions.

Don't forget our annual fall service at the Huguenot Church in Charleston on October 15, 1995. The minister will be Rev. Travis T. DuPriest, President General, National Huguenot Society. He spoke briefly last October when he made a trip to Charleston with the Georgia Huguenot Society. We were so impressed that we wanted him to come back again! So, mark your calendars!!

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Since our documentation requirements for membership have become more stringent, several of our previously accepted Huguenot ancestral lines have been closed. No line is ever permanently closed as new research may be discovered. The Huguenot status of some families has relied totally on "family legend" with no supporting evidence. We have even received applications with documentation stating that the listed Huguenot ancestor was born in England, Italy, etc. and the parents also. These ancestors do not qualify as being Huguenot. Our Constitution states that membership shall be as follows:" All descendants in the direct male or female lines of the Huguenot families which emigrated to America prior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, November 28, 1787; and representatives of other French families, whose profession of the Protestant Faith is anterior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, November 28, 1787."

In other words, we have to know that the ancestor that you are claiming escaped from France due to religious persecution. A family leaving France before the Reformation and settling in another country would not qualify, even though they are of French origin.

Susan Klavohn, Registrar

BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAYS

We have decided to start recognizing our "super seniors" who have turned ninety or older!(Now you know why we want the birthdates!) We were amazed at the longevity of our members. Special wishes and love are sent to Mrs. Annie Hasell who will turn 102 on March 2,1995, Hallie Joan Clark Odom, who will turn 101 in November 9, 1995, and Margaret Long Stovall who is 109 (we have her birthdate as Oct.6, 1885) !!! Our best to you all! These youngsters are also having a birthday: Clyde Barrett King will be 94 on June 3; Eleanor Ball Hewitt-Myring will be 93 on April 5; Julia Davis Pace Burt will be 98 on May 8; C.H.A. Mathewes will be 92 on June 3rd; and the baby, Julia B. Lorentzson, was 91 on Jan.9th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!

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Well, it's time to go....We are very busy here. Last summer we had researchers from all over the world, so we expect more of the same this summer. Five hundred French professors will be attending a convention in Charleston the first week of June. Susan and Melissa are doing well and so are all of our children. Well, for those of us with children away, no news is good news, right?!?

Let me leave you with a few thoughts...DID YOU KNOW...there were three Coligny brothers? The best known, of course, was Gaspard, called the Admiral, famous for leading the Huguenots against the opposition armies. He died in the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. But his older brother, Odet, was Cardinal-Bishop of Toulouse before converting to Calvinism. He is the only Huguenot to have risen so high in the Roman Catholic Church. Gaspard's younger brother, Francois d'Andolet, the first to embrace the Huguenot faith, became General-Colonel of the French Infantry, and distinguished himself in the Battles of Creux, Saint-Denis and Jarnac. (Taken from the Huguenot News, Huguenot Society of America, vol.1, #2).

Au revoir mes amis,
Barbara



"Hello, dear...What did the genealogist say?"

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