

THE HUGUENOT HERALD

May 15, 1996

Well, I am finally recovering from our Huguenot meeting held April 27th! The next weekend, I had to go to the mountains of North Carolina to recover my sanity and rest my weary bones! Boy! you Huguenots do love to par---ty! I have never seen 250 Huguenots and their guests eat food and drink Huguenot punch as much as the group that showed up that Saturday at the Charleston Museum. It was a fabulous showing and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Huguenot bus tour was a wonderful success, and we will plan something like it for next year. More about that later! Thanks to Walter Prause for the catering (I am going to have to get the recipe for those almond crescents!!) Thanks to the Museum for letting us meet in their auditorium. At last!! Comfortable seats!! Let me interject here- all respect to my male counterparts on the stage with me- that it took a real Huguenot to stand on the stage in front of 250 people and wear an orange dress!

This is a special newsletter to let those of you who did not make it to the meeting hear what our plans are for the BIG celebration next May 2-4th and May 15-17, 1997. We are expecting an enormous turnout, so I am warning you to make plans early. I will be in touch with the Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Board for accommodations, etc., and I will publish them in the next newsletter due out in July of 1996. Next year, we will not be able to accommodate late R.S.V.s like we did this year. O--K, here--goes!!!

To celebrate the tricentennial of the 1697 Huguenot Naturalization Act in South Carolina, the College of Charleston's history department will host an international conference on the Huguenot at the college May 15-17, 1997. The conference will be the first to bring together scholars from this country and abroad who are interested in Huguenot history in Europe or other parts of the world. Over 25 scholars have agreed to participate; about half of them are from the United States and others from France, England, Ireland, Canada, Germany, Israel, and the Caribbean. Also, in cooperation with the Huguenot Society of S.C. and the College of Charleston, The Charleston Museum will mount a significant new exhibit, *From New Babylon to Eden: A History of the Huguenots in France and South Carolina (1520-1997)*, curated by Dr. Bertrand van Ruyambeke.

The exhibit will open at the museum Friday, May 2, 1997 at 6 p.m. with a gala reception honoring members of the Huguenot Society, contributors, and guests. It will close Monday, September 29, 1997. Our annual meeting will again be at the Charleston Museum on Saturday, May 3, 1997, at 4 p.m. followed the next day by the annual French Service at 10:30 a.m. at the Huguenot Church. The Museum needs our help! THE MUSEUM SEEKS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OFFERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY TO LOAN APPROPRIATE HUGUENOT ARTIFACTS TO THE MUSEUM FOR THE SIX MONTH LONG EXHIBIT. The Museum is particularly interested in obtaining loans of original historic Huguenot artifacts from France, other European countries, and the Americas which most directly relate to the

subjects in the following list. Even if you do not have any artifacts, your help is still needed! A tax deductible gift to the Museum, in honor of your Huguenot ancestors, will be of enormous assistance in defraying the substantial cost of the exhibit and catalog which is expected to exceed \$25,000. Each gift, and the Huguenots it honors, will be acknowledged in the exhibit. Make your checks payable to the Charleston Museum (note on the check Huguenot exhibit) and mail to The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., Chas., S.C. 29403 ATTENTION HUGUENOT EXHIBIT.

THIS is our moment in the sun to shine! This is also our chance as a valuable segment of colonial society to stand up and be counted, to bring our children and grandchildren to an exhibit and let them see who we are, and to be able to point to history that is an integral part of our being. It should be like looking in a mirror and seeing our own reflections. How can we not be proud???? Let's do this up big! PLEASE - if you have anything that matches the following list, give some consideration to lending it to the museum for six months.

1. Huguenot Church discipline (Synod of 1559 and the Confession of Faith of 1571)
2. The wars of religion (1562-94) and St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre (1572)
3. The Edict of Nantes (1598); Jean Calvin (1509-1564)
4. "French Florida" (1562-1568); Admiral Coligny and his colonial policy in Brazil and Florida
5. The founding of Charlesfort (1562) and Fort Caroline (1564)
6. The Matanzas Massacres (1565) and De Gourgues' expedition (1568)
7. Robert Heath and his grant
8. Jean Ribault and Florida (papers, maps diaries, etc.)
9. Huguenot persecution in France and emigration to South Carolina (1660-1700): galleys, deportations, forced conversions, "dragonnades" and other punishments; Huguenot responses to the same
10. Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and Fontainebleau (1685)
11. Examples of flights (itineraries, accounts, etc)
12. The stop-over in England; London Huguenot community; Threadneedle Street Church (London)
13. 17th century Material promoting Huguenot emigration to South Carolina
14. The ship *Richmond* and its passengers
15. The Petit-Guerrard project and the first Huguenot settlers to South Carolina (1680)
16. Early ships, such as the *Richmond* and *Margaret*, their passengers and successive migratory waves to South Carolina during the Proprietary period (1680-1720)

17. Huguenots and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (S.P.G.); Huguenot S.P.G. missionaries 1680-1720
18. South Carolina rural Huguenot parishes 1680-1775
19. Huguenot conformity to the Church of England in colonial South Carolina (documents, diaries, early prayer books, John Durel's translation of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, La Liturgie, etc.)
20. Examples of naturalization and denization accounts and papers of Huguenots in South Carolina; the St. Julien List; the Naturalization Acts of 1691, 1697 and 1704
21. How South Carolina Huguenots obtained land 1680-1775 (warrants, grants, plats, headrights, etc.)
22. South Carolina Huguenots and slavery 1680-1775 (estate records, wills, diaries, etc.)
23. Huguenot agriculture and export ventures in South Carolina, 1680-1775 (olive oil, wine, silk, raising livestock)
24. Huguenot cattle brands 1680-1775
25. South Carolina Huguenot plantation records, 1680-1775
26. Huguenot craftsmen in South Carolina (1680-1775) such as silversmiths, coopers, joiners, printers, etc. (examples of their work or records)
27. Huguenots in Charles Town (1680-1775); granting of lots; founding of the Huguenot Church; Huguenot religious life in Charles Town
28. Everyday items in Huguenot life 1680-1775 (articles of clothing, china, tools, etc.)
29. Settlement of New Bordeaux (maps, diaries, plats, etc.)
30. Huguenots and the American Revolution 1775-1783 (uniforms, swords, muskets, papers, maps, portraits, etc.)
31. Huguenot Society of South Carolina (early membership crosses, certificates, badges, awards, etc.)
32. Present day Charleston Huguenot Church
33. Founding and current programs and activities of the South Carolina Society

Few Huguenot artifacts have been exhibited in the United States. If you are fortunate enough to own such objects, please help make this a premier exhibit by contacting the Museum, not later than September 2, 1996.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Since we have never held such a large undertaking like this before and because the lectures are taking place at the height of the tourist season in Charleston, I am going to attempt to give some information concerning accommodations. What I am about to tell you is subject to change and was offered to me by the Charleston

Chamber of Commerce. Their advice was to **BOOK EARLY** because if the number of people we are expecting arrive along with the normal tourist influx, this city will run out of rooms early. The following hotels/motels are within walking distance of the College of Charleston, the Huguenot Society, and the Charleston Museum.

Francis Marion Hotel	aprox. cost \$110/night	# (803)722-0600
Embassy Suites	" \$150-170/night	#(803)723-6900
Hampton Inn	" \$90-100 /night	#(803)723-4000
Quality Inn	" \$79-89 /night	#(803)722-3391

For those of you who will procrastinate, the Lowcountry Reservation Service through the Charleston Area Visitor's Center will be able to help with rooms and should know availability. Their number is (803)853-8000. **WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T CALL ME FOR ROOMS!!!**

NOW- for some housekeeping news! The two hundred thirty-second anniversary of the Arrival of the French Huguenots at New Bordeaux will be held Sunday, August 4, 1996, at John de la Howe School in McCormick County. All members are invited - there will be lots of LeRoys there! Call the office for directions.

The S.C. Genealogical Society's twenty-fifth annual workshop will be held at the Airport Campus Midlands Technical College, Columbia, S.C., on July 13, 1996. The keynote speaker will be Robert Y. Clay, Library of Virginia Genealogical Reference Archivist. For more information and registration, write to: Betty Sue Wilkie, Registrar, SCGS, 1996 Workshop, 514 E. Home Ave., Hartsville, S.C. 29550.

The Swedish Ancestry Research Ass. (SARA) is sponsoring the "Yankee Jamboree: A Multicultural Genealogical Gathering" to be held Friday, September 13 - 14, 1996, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. For further information, please contact Kay Sheldon, SARA president, at (508) 757-0002 days or (508)867-9478 evenings.

On Park Avenue, New York, on D-Day 1994, 175 American veterans received the special Medal of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landings in Normandy and Provence commissioned by the Federation of French War Veterans, Inc. The Federation also issued a special diploma with the veteran's name along with the medal. Anyone who is interested may apply and receive this medal and diploma if you qualify. Applications may be obtained from, Federations of French War Veterans, 141 E. 44th St., Suite 604, NY, NY 10017.

The Richbourg reunion is set for Saturday, October 19, 1996. All interested persons need to contact Rev. Robert L. Oliveros, 35 Gibbes St., Chas., S.C. 29401 or (803) 723-4492. This reunion will coincide with our annual meeting October 20, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. in the Huguenot Church. Rev. William C. Simpson, Jr. will be the guest minister. He is also a Richbourg descendant.

In October 1996, immigrants to Purysburg, S.C., will once again join together and fly home to Switzerland to celebrate the 10 year reunion of their second trip. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. "D.D" Davis-Dodge at 1-704-252-1154 or 904-388-8254. Sounds like a great excuse for a trip!

SIMPLE MATH

The young pastor began his sermon, "I have taken for my text the words, 'And they fed the five men with 5,000 loaves of bread and 2,000 fishes.'"

At this obvious misquotation, an old parishioner said audibly, "That's no miracle! I could do that myself."

The embarrassed pastor said nothing, but the next Sunday he announced the same text. This time, however, he got it right. He waited a moment and then, leaning over the pulpit and looking at the parishioner, asked, "And could you do that, too, Mr. Bailey?"

"Of course I could," Bailey replied.

"And just how would you do it?" the pastor asked.

"With the leftovers from last Sunday!" Bailey replied.

Keep the faith, everybody! We are working hard here and getting so good, I pinch myself just to keep me humble!

Barbara

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