Upcoming Events

• Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis, 1706, Huguenot liturgy of Geneva, Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m., see page 4.

• Huguenot Society of SC 128th Anniversary Meeting, Saturday April 13 at 4 p.m., Charleston Museum.

• Annual French Service, French Protestant (Huguenot) Church, Charleston, Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

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French Protestant (Huguenot) Church
Sunday, April 14, 2013

The Annual French Service of the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church of Charleston will be held on Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m., and a collation will follow. This will be a special day, as the congregation will be celebrating the completion of an exterior restoration that has returned the church’s color and appearance to that when it was dedicated in 1845. The guest minister will be Dr. James F. Kay who is Princeton Theological Seminary’s Dean of Academic Affairs and Joe R. Engle Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics and director of the Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Kay specializes in the history, theology, and practice of preaching and worship. He holds a M.Div. from Harvard University and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Anniversary Meeting of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina will be held at the Charleston Museum at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2013.

We are pleased to announce that the speaker will be Palmer C. Hamilton who will lecture on “The Gaillard and Mazÿck Families’ Flight From France and Lessons Learned.” Mr. Hamilton is the author of the recent article on the Mazÿck family published in Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina #116. He is also the author of “Escape from Annonay” about the Gaillard family in Transactions #114. Mr. Hamilton has done extensive research both in this country and in France and will share his methods of research as well as interesting details about both families which are not covered in his articles. His talk will also note the importance of researching roots beyond the mere appreciation of family heritage.

Mr. Hamilton, an attorney with offices in Mobile, AL and Washington, DC, worked with researchers on Île-de-Ré, the island off the coast of La Rochelle which was the home of many of the French refugees who came to Carolina before 1700. During his research on the island Mr. Hamilton also met the mayor who was most excited to learn about his research and expressed an interest in future ties between South Carolina and Île-de-Ré. Islanders still harvest salt from the salt pans of Île-de-Ré, an occupation which a number of the early Huguenot immigrants to Carolina also practiced.

We look forward to seeing both members and visitors at the Annual Meeting which sounds as though it will be of interest to all descendants and researchers of Huguenot history. Please RSVP for acceptances only to (843) 723-3235 or director@huguenotsociety.org.
NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into the Society:

Sara Frances Jernigan Abbott .................. Leesville, SC
Pierre Guerri and Jeanne Brousaud
Margaret Louise Lesene Atteberry .......... Olar, SC
Isaac Lesene
William Reick Bates, Jr. .................. Daniel Island, SC
Jean de Jarnette
Patti Brooks ......................................... San Antonio, TX
Antoine Bonneau and Catherine de Bloys
Annie Jane Ackerman Bryant ................. Asheville, NC
Jacques Fontaine and Anne Elizabeth Boursiquot
Benjamin Thomas Guerry .................. Mt. Pleasant, SC
Pierre Guerri and Jeanne Brousaud
Rudolph Hession .................................... Spring, TX
Isaac Du Bose and Susanne Couillandeau
Katie Du Bose Martin .................. Purvis, MS
Isaac Du Bose and Susanne Couillandeau
George Henry Midthun .................. Cary, NC
Isaac Du Bose and Susanne Couillandeau
Mary Nelis Brown Murphy ............... Collierville, TN
Pierre Bacot and Jacqueline Mercuri
Jeffery David Murrie ...................... Florence, SC
John Gasque
Alice Cheatham Parker .................. Charleston, SC
Benjamin Simons and Mary Esther DuPré
Caroline Claiborne Parker .................. Charleston, SC
Benjamin Simons and Mary Esther DuPré
Helen Claiborne Cabell Parker .......... Charleston, SC
Benjamin Simons and Mary Esther DuPré
Linda Cliff Roberts ..................... Tallahassee, FL
Antoine Bonneau and Catherine de Bloys
Pauline Parham Cain Stoney ............... Charleston, SC
Rémi Ravenel and Charlotte de St. Julien de Malacure
David Moore Thomas ........................ Savannah, GA
Benedict Bourquin and Jeanne Judith Chatelain
Anne Marie Yatsuha ................................ Tampa, FL
Daniel Huger and Marguerite Perdriau

THE LANEAUS OF CHARLESTON AND GREENVILLE, S.C.
By David Clyde Jones

Charles Henry Lanneau, Sr., 1808-1875

Charles Henry Lanneau, Sr., by turns a tanner, portrait painter and Baptist preacher, was born in Charleston 11 Jan 1808, the son of Bazile and Hannah Vinyard Lanneau. Bazile (or Basil) and his brother, Pierre La Noue IV of Nova Scotia, were descendants of a wealthy Huguenot great-grandfather born in 1647 in Bogard, France, in a long line of Calvinist Protestants stretching back to the 16th century. They were among the Acadian refugees who arrived in South Carolina before 1760. Charles Lanneau was baptized in Charleston’s Circular Congregational Church on 14 Feb 1808.

A few years later, Sophia Caroline Stephens was born 6 Sept 1810 to Thomas and Mary Bliss Stephens, who had moved to Charleston from Philadelphia. Stephens, a radical Irishman, had escaped from Ireland for attempting an insurrection against the 1798 union of England and Ireland. He and Bazile Lanneau became good friends; their families passed the hot summers in each other’s company on Sullivan’s Island. To no one’s surprise, Charles and Sophia were eventually engaged. In 1829 they were married by Sophia’s pastor, the Rev. Basil Manly, Sr., minister of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, the oldest Baptist church in the South, founded in 1806.

From that point on, Charles Henry Lanneau, Sr. was very active in the Baptist church. He served as superintendent at First Baptist and taught a Sunday School class that included such future Baptist luminaries as James Pettigrui Boyce and Basil Manly, Jr. The Lanneaus eventually migrated to Greenville, and sometime in the 1850s, the gifted Charles was ordained an itinerant Baptist minister by the Greenville Baptist Church. ¹

Charles Henry Lanneau, Jr., 1834-1913

Charles Henry Lanneau, Jr. (formally Charles Henry Lanneau II) was the eldest son of Charles and Sophia Lanneau. Born in Charleston in 1834, Charles Henry, Jr. became a major player in the upstate textile industry as a resident of Greenville for most of his adult life. Starting out as treasurer of the Reedy River Factory in Conestee, Lanneau, along with fellow Charlestonian Charles Graham, organized the third textile mill in Greenville in 1882. Named the Huguenot Mill in deference to the religious heritage of the Lanneau family, it was the only mill in South Carolina at the time making plaids, ginghams, and cottonades. Though located by the two Camperdown water-powered mills on Reedy River Falls, it was powered by a large coal-fired Corliss steam engine. The most iconic photo of the mill in operation features a prominent sign across the building: HUGUENOT COTTON MILLS. The Huguenot Mill Company went into receivership in 1908, but the mill continued in operation by various companies until the 1970s. The old mill and mill office have been beautifully preserved in the Reedy River Industrial Historic District. The restored mill office is now home to the Metropolitan Arts Council.

¹Institute Professor of Theology and Ethics, Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.
²The 1860 Federal Census of Greenville listed [Lanneau] as a Baptist preacher, and he was the officiating minister at the marriages of his daughters … in 1859 and 1860 in the Greenville Baptist Church. His name did not appear on the list of ministers of that church, however, indicating that he probably supplied pulpits in small outlying churches, conducted revivals, and performed marriages.” Bazile Lanneaus of Charleston, 1745-1813: A Family History by Isaac R. Moseley and Charles S. Norwood (Goldboro, North Carolina: Hillsburn Printing Cooperation), p. 101, 103.

In 1877, Lanneau built an elegant mansion in the French Second Empire style. Still extant, it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.
Dear Society Members:

A fascinating, but not widely known, feature of South Carolina’s Huguenot history is the existence of six granite crosses at the sites of the original Huguenot settlements at Goose Creek, Orange Quarter, St. John’s Berkeley, French Santee, New Bordeaux, and Purrysburg. These crosses each sit on an acre of land called “God’s Acre.” These “God’s Acres” were established and the crosses placed thereon to commemorate the sites of the original Huguenot churches at these settlements. The French Protestant (Huguenot) Church in Charleston is considered the monument in the City of Charleston. These large monuments were erected between 1910 and 1941, and are the subject of a booklet entitled The Huguenot Crosses of South Carolina which I highly commend to you.

It was researched and written by Dr. and Mrs. J. Sanders Pike, longtime supporters of our Society, and contains a detailed history and location maps of each monument. It is available for purchase at the Society.

It is my privilege to announce a substantial bequest to our Society. Mr. John Perry (Jack) Strang of New York City was the founder and leader of “Huguenot Heritage,” a non-profit organization established for the purpose of researching and informing the public about the cultural, scientific, technical, and artistic contributions of the descendants of the early Huguenots. Mr. Strang himself was descended from Huguenots who settled in New Rochelle, New York in 1687, and he held the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in high regard. He was a member of the 1685 Society, which recognizes those who have included the Huguenot Society of South Carolina in their estate plans. Mr. Strang died in March 2012 and by Will bequeathed the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars “to be used to fund an annual lecture which shall be known as The Strang Lecture.” We are most grateful for this generous gift and look forward to implementing this lecture beginning in 2014.

I am likewise pleased to announce that our 2013 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13 in Charleston. Please save the date and begin now to make your travel and lodging arrangements. Our speaker at this year’s meeting will be Palmer Hamilton, an attorney and noted historical researcher from Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Hamilton will speak on his research and findings on both the Gaillard and Mazicky families. I encourage you all to attend this year’s Annual Meeting. The business of your Society is important, and it is always good to have the opportunity to socialize with your fellow Huguenots! I look forward to seeing you there.

John E. Cuttino

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. DENIS, 1706

At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, the Huguenot liturgy of Geneva will be celebrated in French by the Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis. Written by Jean Calvin in 1545, this is the service observed by French Protestant congregations for two hundred years and brought to Carolina by the seventeenth-century emigrants in their Huguenot Psalters. It was so dearly loved by members of the St. Denis congregation that they continued to use it – clandestinely – for several years after joining the Anglican church in 1706.

The liturgist will be the Porter-Gaud chaplain, Brian McGreevy. The cantor will be Park Ravenel Dougherty. Following the service there will be a wine and cheese reception with Huguenot torte. Donations will be accepted.

The service will take place in the Church of St. Thomas and St. Denis in Cainhoy. For those with a GPS, the street address is 1515 Cainhoy Road, Cainhoy, SC. For directions to the church or information on joining the Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis, 1706, contact: St.Thomas.St.Denis@gmail.com

GIVING TO A GOOD CAUSE

A recent IRA law permits gifts from your IRA account to eligible charities without including the withdrawal in your taxable income.

Congress has revived the ruling that donors who are over seventy and a half years can make gifts to charitable organizations such as the Huguenot Society of South Carolina without including the withdrawal from their IRA in their taxable income.

Gifts up to $100,000 can be made anytime through 2013. Contact your tax lawyer for details.

This is a wonderful way to put the entire value of your gift to work for the charity you selected!

MANY THANKS...

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina wishes to express its sincere gratitude to The Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust from which we received a $10,000 Operating Support Grant in December.