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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from

Daniel Ravenel

On April 13, 2002, the Society's Annual Meeting was held at The Charleston Museum auditorium. It was truly a great day, with one of our largest crowds in recent years. With over 270 Huguenots and guests in attendance, there were not many empty seats to be found! Dr. Walter B. Edgar, renowned South Carolina historian, gave a wonderful talk entitled "Francis Marion was a Real Hero of the American Revolution." He debunked many of the negative myths surrounding Marion and gave us a much better understanding of this early Huguenot descendant. Dr. Edgar's talk pointed out again that Huguenots are under fire and we, as a Society, must offer the real history of our forebears.

On Sunday, the Annual French Service was held at the Huguenot Church. The Reverend Nigel Massey, Pastor of L'Eglise de St. Esprit in New York, was Guest Preacher. The service was especially meaningful this year, as it was held in the newly restored Church. Another wonderful Collation sponsored by the Ladies of the Church followed the Service.

The attendance at both events was truly gratifying to see. Your Huguenot Society is flourishing. Many young people were in attendance, and it is comforting to know that our heritage is being preserved for the future.

At the Annual Meeting, I also announced that Renée LaHue Marshall, our Executive Director for the past few years, has announced her resignation in order to spend more time with her family. Mrs. Marshall is continuing her own personal membership campaign and is expecting another little Huguenot in August. Soon to have two young children at home, Mrs. Marshall will be stepping down later this summer to be a full-time mother. Consequently, we are opening a search for a new Executive Director. We will be placing advertisements and notices around Charleston to obtain applicants for the position. If you or someone you know would like to be considered, please send your resumé with a letter to me in care of the Society, 138 Logan Street, Charleston, S. C. 29401. We would love to have another member in the post, but it is not a requirement. We know that new skills and talents will emerge and are therefore reluctant to place strict criteria on the table. The Society will be accepting resumes through May 31st, and we hope to hear from some of our members.

REUNIONS, CONFERENCES, AND MEETINGS

DuBose Family Reunion

Mrs. Marshall received information by e-mail of the Third Annual DuBose Family Reunion. The DuBoses have reserved the air-conditioned Edisto Hall at James Island County Park, Charleston, S. C., for the day of Saturday, August 24, 2002. Please visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DuBose_reunion to learn more.

Mrs. Marshall spoke to this group last year at the Huguenot Church, and reports that there were about one hundred people in attendance!

Third International Huguenot Conference Stellenbosch, South Africa, September 25-27, 2002

THEME:

The Huguenots: Origins, Settlements and Influence
The Story of a Refugee People

The Third International Huguenot Conference will be held in Stellenbosch September 25-27, 2002. Included in the conference will be a trip to Franschhoek, the "Huguenot" town where the Huguenot monument and the Huguenot museum are located. There will also be a visit to a wine farm. In addition, papers will be read and presentations made in the Great Hall of the historical Theological Seminarium in Stellenbosch. Attendees will be invited to both a formal dinner and a celebration concert on the program of the Stellenbosch music festival.

For an entry form and more information, please contact: The Secretariat, Third International Huguenot Conference, c/o Department of Ecclesiology, University of Stellenbosch, Private bag XI, 7602 Matieland, South Africa or e-mail wriek@maties.sun.ac.za

**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 4-10, 2003, in the Cévennes, the historic region of the Camisards' resistance to the King's dragoons in the eighteenth century. The meeting will include attendance at the Assemblée du Désert which commemorates the secret assemblies that gathered together the Protestants who remained in France and endangered their lives to worship God. For details, please contact the Comité at 47 rue de Clinchy, Paris 75311, Cedex 09.

WORTHWHILE PUBLICATIONS

*From Strangers to Citizens:
The Integration of Immigrant Communities in
Britain, Ireland and Colonial America, 1550-1750*

These papers, originally delivered at a London conference commemorating Edward VI's charter to the "strangers' church", discuss the experiences in their new homes of the many immigrants who settled in Britain, Ireland, and Colonial America between 1550 and 1750. This volume was published in part by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland and was edited by Randolph Vigne and Charles Littleton. The papers examine a wide variety of immigrant groups including the Dutch, Flemish, German, Jewish, African, and Levantine, and includes a great deal of information on the Huguenots.

For information on ordering, please contact The Administrative Secretary, Huguenot Society, Huguenot Library, University College, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT.

*J. M. Connelly Funeral Home Records
Charleston, S. C.
Volumes 3 and 4*

Linda Dayhoff Smith, South Carolina researcher and genealogist, is about to publish the second book in her series of the records of the J. M. Connelly Funeral Home in Charleston, S. C. This book covers Volumes 3 and 4 of the Funeral Home records of burials to 7 August 1897, and is an uninterrupted continuation of the records published in Volumes 1 and 2. Mrs. Smith's publications are a valuable resource for the genealogist, the family historian, and those interested in the physicians of the time and the diseases with which they were faced.

To order, please contact Linda D. Smith, 1000 Cold Branch Dr., Columbia, SC 29223. The pre-publication price is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and 5% (\$1.25) sales tax for S. C. residents only. After June 1, 2002, the price of the book will be \$30.00 plus the charge for shipping and 5% (\$1.50) sales tax for S.C. residents only.

SCHOLARSHIPS

**The Huguenot Society of South Carolina
Graduate Scholarship**

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina offers a scholarship to graduate students in history. The scholarship awards \$1000.00 to the winning author of an essay based on any aspect of the religious, political, economic, social, or intellectual history of the French or Walloon Protestants from the sixteenth century to the present. The essay may deal with any appropriate geographical area.

Essays must be submitted to the Huguenot Society no later than December 31, 2002. The 2002 award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in April of 2003. The chosen essay will be published in *Transactions 107*.

For details, please contact the Huguenot Society of South Carolina office.

Other Scholarships

Several other scholarships are available. Please contact the Huguenot Society office for details.

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Membership

The detailed review of the membership files has been completed and a series of notebooks that shows fully-

documented Family Lines has been created. Anyone who is interested, or who knows anyone who is interested, in joining the Society, should contact us for information on the availability of the documentation of his or her Family Line. It is hoped that the documentation contained in the Family Line Notebooks will save a lot of time and effort for those applying for membership. The Society is happy to provide the available documentation and hopes to continue to add documented information to the Family Line Notebooks.

Special thanks to Board Member Rick Corrigan and Volunteer Barbara Claypoole for all their help in creating and completing this project. The Society is working hard to make the membership process as "user friendly" as possible!

DO YOU KNOW...

Wills and estate records are among the most important tools a genealogist can use to trace a family's history. Sometimes the specifics of a will or an estate record reveal a great deal about our ancestors. This "quiz" was taken from the full text of wills that were published in *Transactions* 12:29-30; 14:26-43; and 15:17-27. Before looking, can you answer:

1. Which Huguenot ancestor threatened not to leave his wife anything in his will unless she moved from St. Thomas's Parish to St. Christopher's Parish?
2. Which Huguenot ancestor left his estate to his wife and three named children, and one shilling apiece to his other children?
3. How many shares (of stock) did James LeGrand leave to the poor of the Parish?
4. Who left 700 pounds, the interest of which was to be used to pay a Minister if he gave a sermon Sunday morning and after dinner, once every two weeks, "but the condition of this is that the Service shall be Calvinistic, like that of Holland"?
5. Who gave the French congregation of Gouscrick (Goose Creek) a cow with a heifer calf following her and another heifer about two years old, making in all three head (of cattle), in order to establish a little fund for the relief of the poor?

Answers: (1) Peter Pasquereaux, 1721, (2) Andre dePuy, 1725, (3) 25 shares, 1725, (4) Isaac Mazyck, 1735-36, (5) Antoine Prudhomme, 1695

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As this will probably be my last *Huguenot Herald* before I step down as Executive Director, I want to thank each of you for all of your support during my tenure. I have loved every minute working with the Society and getting to know so many of you. Please know that everyone here at the Society believes deeply in what we are trying to do, to preserve the memory of our Huguenot ancestors. Being able to take part in that has been one of the highlights of my life. I would especially like to thank the Society's wonderful staff, Dot Huff, our registrar; Susan Hemminger, Publications Editor, and Cheves Leland, Archivist and Librarian. They are all truly dedicated and do a wonderful job. I would also like to thank our wonderful Board, and especially our President Dan Ravenel, and our Treasurer David Maybank, Jr., for all their hard work and support. You can be confident that your Society is in good hands, and will continue to flourish well into the future. Again, my thanks to all of you for the honor of serving as your Executive Director these last few years. - *Renée LaHue Marshall*

SAVE THE DATE

The Autumn Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Huguenot Church on Sunday, October 20, 2002.

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