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Staircase of the Fireproof Building

Upcoming Events:

Huguenot Society of SC
133rd Anniversary Meeting
Founders Hall at
Charles Towne Landing
Thursday, April 12, 2018

Annual French Service
French Protestant
(Huguenot) Church of
Charleston
Sunday, April 15, 2018,
10:30 a.m.

133RD ANNIVERSARY MEETING HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Thirty-Third Anniversary Meeting of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina will be held at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing on Thursday, April 12, beginning at 4:30 pm. The address is 1500 Old Towne Road, Charleston, South Carolina. Please enter at the main gate for Charles Towne Landing and follow the signs to Founders Hall. There is plenty of parking available. The reception will be held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. At 5:30 pm, the business meeting will begin, followed by the program.

The Strang Lecture is given annually at the Anniversary Meeting in memory of our late member John Perry "Jack" Strang of New York. We are pleased to announce that this year's Strang Lecture will be given by Faye L. Jensen, Ph.D., Executive Director of the South Carolina Historical Society.

The title of Dr. Jensen's talk is "A Convergence of Cultures: The Huguenot Story and South Carolina's Newest Museum." In September 2018, Charleston's Fireproof Building will reopen, featuring a restored building and a new exhibit area. Titled *South Carolina: The People, The Place, The Promise*, the museum will utilize interactive and traditional exhibits to describe the state's past and its importance in the history of the nation. Dr. Jensen will discuss ways that the South Carolina Historical Society is weaving the Huguenot story into this exciting project.

There is a \$20 guest fee for non-members. We look forward to seeing both members and guests at the Anniversary Meeting!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Huguenots:

I write to you today to inform you of an exciting opportunity that the Huguenot Society of South Carolina has embarked on as a sponsor of the South Carolina Historical Society's upcoming new exhibit "South Carolina: The People, The Place and The Promise." This wonderful opportunity will greatly expand our audience for the story of the Huguenots of South Carolina.

As you may know, the South Carolina Historical Society's (SCHS) Fireproof Building in Charleston is being renovated and restored. The renovated building will have a new, professionally designed exhibit that is scheduled to open this fall. The exhibit traces the history and development of South Carolina through the lives of four individuals and their descendants: the Cassique of Kiawah; Priscilla, a slave of the Ball family; Eliza Lucas Pinckney, and René Ravenel, the Huguenot immigrant. The Fireproof Building on Charleston's "Museum Mile" is a wonderful location for visitors to begin to learn more about the history of South Carolina.

The portion of the exhibit related to René Ravenel will explore the story of the Huguenots of South Carolina, their search for religious freedom, and their descendants' participation in South Carolina history. The SCHS has a significant collection of historical documents related to the Ravenels and other Huguenot families. Paired with the exhibit will be an app/website where people can virtually tour the exhibit and explore the topics in more depth.

We look forward to this being only the first in a collaborative effort with the South Carolina Historical Society to generate pride and interest in Huguenot heritage and its role in the history of South Carolina. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project at our Annual Meeting.

As I prepare to turn over the reins as your President in April, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your support of our Society and your commitment to our Huguenot legacy. It has been a distinct honor to serve and to work with such a distinguished Board and outstanding staff. I can't help but be excited for what the future holds for our Society.

Sincerely,

Ford Prioleau Menefee

XVIII^e RÉUNION INTERNATIONALE DE DESCENDANTS DE HUGUENOTS QUI SE DÉROULERA AUTOUR DE REIMS (CHAMPAGNE)

Held every three years, the 18th International Reunion of Huguenot Descendants is scheduled to take place again this fall in Reims, France. For information please contact Les Amitiés Huguenotes Internationales.

FROM THE RESEARCH FILES: WHO WERE THE TORQUET BROTHERS?

by Harriott Cheves Leland



As time permits, we are updating our files with profiles, sketches or timelines of each ancestor. Some ancestors are easy, while others prove more challenging. Our research usually provides a more complete picture of a person or family and turns names on paper into living, breathing people. I recently finished a timeline on the Torquet family. Homphroy (Humphrey), Jacques (James) and Paul Torquet were all in Carolina and it is believed they were brothers. As with many of our ancestors, it was difficult to “flesh them out,” but I was able to find some information.

It appears that the Torquet family was probably from Rouen, France. Rouen is located on an inland curve of the River Seine and served as the port of Paris during Medieval times. It was known for its cloth, silk and metallurgy and its fishermen often sailed to the Baltic Sea. The town had numerous printing presses which may have led to the growth of a large Protestant minority in the area. Estimates indicate that its population during the 17th century was one-quarter to one-third Protestant.

I think Jacques Torquet was probably born c. 1660. It is possible that there are records in the French Archives with more information, but I have not had time to search what is available online. The first mention I found of his name in the English records was his denization in England on 8 Mar 1681/2.¹ He was married by 9 Aug 1682 when Judith Motteux, identified as the wife of Jacques Torquet, witnessed the baptism of Timothée Prevost at the French Church of Threadneedle Street in London with Timothée Motteux, whom I believe was her brother.²

On 30 Mar 1684 Judith Torquet of Rouen made her témoignage at the Threadneedle Street Church. She and her husband Jacques Torquet baptized their daughter Catherine Françoise there 8 Mar 1685. Witnesses were Jacques Le Sade and Marie Catherine Le Motteux, wife of Gabriel Le Quien.³

The three Torquet brothers and James' wife, Judith Motteux, and (hopefully) their daughter probably sailed for Carolina during the spring, summer or fall of 1685. On 19 Jan 1685/6, Mr. James Torquet bought about 433 acres, known as Clapp's Plantation, on the eastern side of the Stono River from John Clapp. Both men were identified as merchants of the province.

Unfortunately, James Torquet did not enjoy his new home long. He wrote his will 26 Sep 1686, stating he was of Berkeley County on the east side of the Stono River. He left his wife Judith his estate in Carolina and in England for her life, supposing that she would pass what was left to their children, but he did not give their names.⁴

The first references to the names of Humphrey and Paul Torquet were not dated until 1695 and 1696.⁵ One of them was building a brigantine with “Mr. Marion” for a partnership which included Pierre Girard, Henri Noble and several others in June of 1695. Since both Humphrey and Paul were identified in other documents as shipwrights, it is impossible to identify to whom this refers.⁶ Humphrey Torquet bought part of town lot #192 on 22 Feb 1695/6 from Jean Boisseau. He and Paul both signed the Naturalization Petition on 30 Mar 1695/6, about three months before their denization papers were granted in London.⁷

Humphrey Torquet had married by early June 1696 (and may have married much earlier) when he and his wife Sarah sold part of his town lot to Caleb Sudberry for £34. Later that month, Torquet signed a warrant of survey for the ship *Kent*, stating that it was not fit to travel to England or to be repaired.⁸ During the next several years he bought several tracts of land and sold several slaves. One tract of land was Cedar Swamp in Orange Quarter which lay “between the Hagan Bluff and the Bluff in Wistobo Creek.” He received the grant for this 320 acres in 1700. In 1701, Mr. Humphrey Torquet registered his mark for cattle and hogs in Berkeley County.⁹

Humphrey Torquet had died by 26 Jan 1703/4 when Paul and Sarah Torquet and Peter Mailhet were bound for her administration of her husband’s estate. That same year, Humphrey’s daughters, Marianne, Sarah, Judith and Elizabeth received a grant for 230 acres, probably from a warrant of their father’s.¹⁰ Their uncle Paul Torquet was bound with Peter Mailhet and Marianne Mailhet (widow of Paul Pepin) for the guardianship of Judith Marian Pepin, daughter of Paul Pepin, blacksmith.¹¹

In 1710 Paul Torquet, John’s Island, took out a cattle mark and bought land in Colleton County. A year later, he sold two large tracts of land on Cooper River to Anthoine Bonneau II. He wrote his will on 29 Aug 1711 and it was probated on 30 October. He identified himself as a planter of Berkeley County. He left his son Paul 800 acres, part of a tract of 2,040 acres known as Keywaw (Kiawah) Plantation and his daughter Judith Ester 620 acres, part of the same tract. His wife Jane was his sole executor, but his friends Alexander Chastaigner, Peter Villepontoux, Jr. and Isaac Porcher, Jr. were to be his executors if his wife remarried.¹²

There is more information on the descendants of these men in the Carolina records. The surname Torquet “daughtered out,” but the Belin, Hext, Ford, Brown and other families bear witness to these ancestors.

1. *Quarto* 18: 155.
2. *Quarto* 13: 257. Timothée Motteux of Rouen, France, had received naturalization in Apr 1676/7. *Quarto* 18: 118.
3. *Quarto* 13: 275.
4. Bates & Leland, *Proprietary Records* I: 93, 100.
5. That neither of them received land sooner probably indicates that they were younger than James. The supposition that they were brothers is based upon their surnames and that they all came to Carolina.
6. Moore, *Secretary of the Province*: 131
7. Bates & Leland, *Proprietary Records* II: 187-8 and III: 80 and *French Santee* 357; *Quarto* 18: 245.
8. Moore, *Secretary of the Province*, 136.
9. Salley, *Warrants*: 571; *SC Historical Magazine* 18: 27; Moore, *Secretary of the Province*: 168, 185; *Register of the Province 1695-1737*: 8.
10. *SC Historical Magazine* 18: 31, 114 and *Transactions* 87: 82.
11. *SC Historical Magazine* 12: 157
12. Moore, *SC Wills* I: 45-6.

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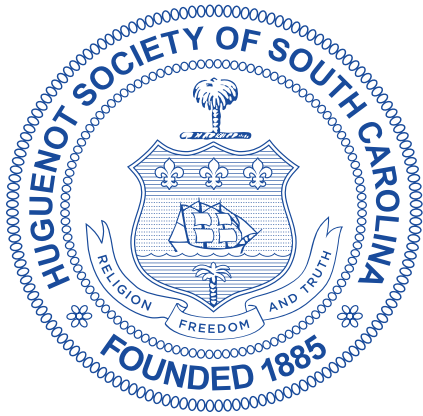
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