Sometimes things happen that make researching old documents interesting, exciting and fun. Such was the case with newly-approved ancestors Daniel Thibaut and Marie Magdelaine Foy.

We became acquainted with their names when a prospective member brought in his copy of the book *Tebeau. A History & Genealogy of Daniel Thibaut, His Descendants and Related Families* by Joyce Tebeau Long. He asked if we could determine whether or not Daniel Thibaut and his wife Marie Madelaine Foy would be accepted as ancestors by the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. They were among the first settlers who immigrated to Georgia with Oglethorpe, leaving Gravesend 6 Nov 1732 on board the *Ann* with 35 other families, 114 people, plus crew. Joyce Long did a masterful job of research, both on the Thibaut family and on their voyage to Georgia and their life there. We were able to document the lineage for five generations using her references and information.

Ms. Long had not been able to find any definitive proof that the Thibault family was Huguenot, and there was a question as to whether they were English or French. The entry for them in the list of settlers made no mention of their nationality, but Daniel Thibaut was listed as “knows vines” and “vintager.” He was believed to have been about 50 years of age and his wife 40. They were listed with two children, James, aged 12, and Diana, aged 7. With this information and the searchable files of the French churches in London (the *Quarto* volumes published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland) and the indices to those files (compiled by researchers of the Huguenot Society of Australia) and with a bit of luck and some knowledge of French, I found the following:

On 20 Feb 1683/4 Daniel Tibaud and his son, from Niort, Poitou, France, received aid from the Relief Fund of the French Church of London, Threadneedle Street. We cannot be certain at this point whether or not this was the ancestor Daniel, who would have been a very young child, and his father or if it was someone else. *(Quarto 49: 181)*

On 23 Sep 1705 Daniel Tebaut witnessed the marriage of Sieur Jaques Thebaut of Poitou and Mary Sergeant of London. It is possible this was Daniel Thebault who came to Georgia, but we cannot be certain. If it was, then it is also possible that he and Jaques Thebaut were brothers or at least close cousins. Jaques could also have been his father or uncle. *(Quarto 45: 52, #1107)*

On 25 Jun 1721 at the Threadneedle Street Church, the baptism of Jaques Tebeault, son of Daniel Tebeault and Marie Magdelaine, his wife, was witnessed by Jaques Tebeault and Françoise Larchais. Again, it is not known what their relationship was, but it is likely that Jaques Tebeault was a close relative of Daniel Tebeault.

(Quarto 23: 67m)

On 5 Aug 1722 Samuel Tabaut, born 13 Aug [sic], son of Daniel Tabaut and Marie Madeleine Foy was baptized at the same church, with witnesses Samuel La Fosse and Marie Tabaut.

(Quarto 23: 76b)

On 21 Jul 1723 Pierre Thebault, born 6 Jul, son of Daniel Thebault and Marie Madelaine Foy, was baptized at the Threadneedle Street church, witnessed by Jean Pierre DuPuis and Marie Jeanne la Fosse.

(Quarto 23: 83k)

On 2 Jan 1726 Dinna Tibot, born 16 Dec 1725, daughter of Daniel Tibot & Marie Magdelaine, his wife, was baptized at the same church, with Estienne Saugé and Dinna La Fosse as witnesses.

(Quarto 23: 103j)

From the entries listed above, we now know that Daniel Thebault married Marie Magdelaine Foy possibly by c. 1716 and that they had four children, two of whom, Samuel and Pierre, died before the family left for Georgia in 1732. We can surmise that Daniel Thebault was in England, possibly by 1683/4 or 1705. The relationship with the other witnesses at the baptisms has not been explored. Since witnesses were often family or close friends, more information may be found. Also unexplored are the Departmental Archives in Niort, France which may contain more information about the family and the flight from France.

Of course, sometimes information which “muddies the water” turns up. The following entries were also found:

On 8 May 1715 Isaac, born 5 May the son of Jean Bonneau and Marie Madelaine Foy, was baptised. His godfather was Isaac Foy and his godmother Françoise Bonneau, living in Her Street. It is possible that Jean Bonneau and his son Isaac died and that Marie
Madelaine Foy then married a second time. It is also possible that this was a completely different person from the wife of Daniel Thebault.  

(Quarto 11: 81)

On 5 Aug 1716 Marie Thibault witnessed the baptism of Jaques Le Doux, son of Jaques le Doux and his wife Marie. Jean le Feau was the other witness. The identity of Marie Thibault is not known, but usually (not always), women were identified by their maiden names, so it is likely that she was a Thibault.  

(Quarto 23: 32w)

The following entry doesn’t shed any light, but does indicate that there was a link between the Bonneau and Tebaut families. On 12 Jul 1696 the banns between Anne Bonneau, daughter of deceased Jacques Bonneau and deceased Marie Tebaut, native of Fontenay in Poitou, and Michel Angelier, widower, native of the city of Mer, were published in the French Church in Canterbury.  

(Quarto 5: 545)

We welcome comments and/or additions to the information we have about Daniel Thebault and Marie Magdelaine Foy.

Harriott Cheves Leland

**FIRST SETTLERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1670-1700**

The Society has acquired a few copies of Agnes Leland Baldwin’s *First Settlers of South Carolina 1670-1700* that we are offering for sale. The book was published by the Southern Historical Press in 1985. This is a rare book, and we are pleased to be able to offer our members these copies. We have a few hardback copies available for $125 each and some softback copies available for $85. Shipping is $7.50. Because of the very small number of copies available, please call to place an order so that we can confirm availability.

**THE PSALTER**

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina has an important collection of Psalters. As described in the introduction to the hymnal of the French Protestant Church in Charleston, the Genevan Psalter was a collection of metrical psalms completed in 1562 by John Calvin. Clement Marot, a French court poet, and Theodore de Beza, a theologen and scholar, translated the Psalms into French, and they were set to familiar melodies. Psalm singing was usually led by a cantor who “lined” the melody and text to the congregation, who then repeated the phrase. Psalm singing became a rallying point for the French Protestants, and Psalm 68 was their anthem. By singing the Psalter wherever they gathered, a great common spirit of faith was nurtured. Calvin believed the Psalter had the power to support and sustain the spirit of the Reformed churches.
L’Eglise Réformée de La Rochelle face à la Revocation and accompanying volumes Dictionnaire Biographique des membres de l’Eglise Réformée de La Rochelle à l’époque de la révocation de l’Edit de Nantes (Universite de Montpellier III/Universite Paul Valery: 1996) – A three volume doctoral dissertation by Elisabeth Forlacroix. Cheves saw this on her last trip to France and knew we needed a copy. The first volume is a history of the church at La Rochelle (which is indexed) and the other two books have surnames listed alphabetically with all the references to them found in records. Some family entries are longer than others, but there is information on Gaillard, Horry, Manigault, and Mazick [sic], just to name a few.

The applicant who applied on our new ancestor Daniel Thibaut kindly donated a copy of Tebeau: A History and Genealogy of Daniel Thibaut, His Descendants, and Related Families by Joyce Tebeau Long. The book was published in 1994 and traces the family in America. It is very well done and a great family history.

We now have volume two of The Huguenots in Later Stuart Britain by Robin Gwynn. The first volume studied the history of the French-speaking communities and church in Britain from the English Civil War to the 1680s, as well as the ministers of the churches. The second volume, subtitled “Settlement, Churches, and the Role of London,” continues the history of the French communities from the 1670s through the reign of Queen Anne.

Huguenot Networks 1560-1780: The Interactions and Impact of a Protestant Minority in Europe edited by Vivienne Larminie. Huguenot Networks looks at how “a religious minority not only gained a toehold in countries of exile but also wove itself into their political, social and religious fabric.” The book contains essays by various authors, all studying some aspect of the Huguenots in exile in Britain.

Last but not least, we ordered a few volumes from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants related to our ancestor Hester Mahieu. We have volume twelve of the “silver books,” Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: the Family of Francis Cooke, and two of the “pink books,” George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants for Four Generations and George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations.
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