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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from
Daniel Ravenel

I am pleased to report that your Huguenot Society is flourishing and that the Annual Fund drive was a huge success! The overwhelming support of our membership raised \$68,000 for the Annual Fund. Total contributions for the year, including the Building Fund and Memorials, raised over \$71,000. Your generosity allowed us to reduce by half the remaining debt from the restoration of the carriage house, leaving the balance at \$15,000. We would like to especially thank Annual Fund Chairman Boykin Rose, our Treasurer David Maybank, Jr., and Member J. Carter Bacot for helping us reach our goal. It has truly been a banner year for our Society, and our members' generosity will support our continued growth in 2002.

We are pleased to report that the main component of our educational program, "Huguenots in a Box," is complete and available for teachers. Our "Box" has both general and specific information for teachers that can be geared toward different grade levels. It will also be useful to French language teachers. Many thanks to Cheves Leland and her committee for their efforts.

The staff has worked very hard to facilitate the membership process while maintaining our genealogical standards. We are happy to report that seventy-eight new members joined the Society last year. The staff also reports that approximately 135 researchers visited the library, and numerous telephone and e-mail research requests were received. As you can see, our Society is continuing to preserve the memory and virtues of our Huguenot ancestors.

Everything that we have accomplished is due to your support and generosity, and we cannot thank you enough. We are looking forward to making this another great year for you. Editor Susan Hemminger is hard at work on an exciting new *Transactions*. Planning for the Annual Meeting is well under way, and we are thrilled to report that reknowned South Carolina historian Dr. Walter B. Edgar will be our speaker this year. Also in the final stages of planning is the exciting Huguenot Tour to South Africa which includes the Huguenot Conference at Stellenbosch. So, keep reading for further details on these activities, and we hope to see you soon!

THE ANNUAL MEETING and THE ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE

The second weekend in April has been set aside for the Annual Meeting and the Annual French Service. On Saturday, April 13, 2002, the Annual Meeting will be held in the auditorium of The Charleston Museum at 4:00 p.m. A collation, prepared again by Bill Foster, will be served in the courtyard immediately after the meeting.

Walter Edgar, Ph.D., an author of *South Carolina: A History* and *Partisans and Redcoats: The Southern Conflict that Turned the Tide in the American Revolution*, will speak at the Meeting. His subject, "Francis Marion was a Real Hero of the American Revolution", is a fitting topic for a gathering of South Carolina Huguenots!

Dr. Edgar was graduated from Davidson College with a B.A. in history. Subsequently, he was awarded Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees from the University of South Carolina. In 1971 he won a post-doctoral fellowship from the National Historical Publications Commission and became affiliated with the Henry Laurens papers at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Edgar became a member of the History Department of the University of South Carolina in 1972 as an assistant professor and was made a professor in 1982.

Walter Edgar has been the director of the Institute for Southern Studies since 1980. In addition to his professorial duties at the University, he holds two named professorships: the Claude Henry Neuffer Professor of Southern Studies and the George Washington Distinguished Professor of History.

An Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, Dr. Edgar retired from the United States Army Reserve as a Colonel in 1995. He has also been involved in various civic, religious, and educational activities.

On Sunday, April 14, 2002, the Annual French Service will be held at the Huguenot Church at 10:30 in the morning. The Guest Preacher for the day will be The Rev. Nigel Massey, Pastor of L'Eglise de St. Esprit in New York City. A collation by the ladies of the Huguenot Church will be in the courtyard of Huguenot Heritage Hall at 44 Queen Street just after the service.

HUGUENOT SOCIETY TOUR
The Western Cape of South Africa
Including the Huguenot Conference at Stellenbosch
SEPTEMBER 22–OCTOBER 3, 2002

From the day of arrival (September 22) in Cape Town, South Africa, until the day of arrival (September 25) in Stellenbosch, South Africa, for the Huguenot Conference, The Travelers will be treated to a magnificent look at the Cape Town area as well as an exciting visit to the Cape of Good Hope. Once in Stellenbosch, they will have the opportunity to tour the second oldest and probably the most scenic and historically preserved town in South Africa.

From September 25th until September 27th, participants will take part in the Third International Huguenot Conference. All lectures will be within walking distance of the hotel in Stellenbosch.

After the conference, the tour will continue along the "Garden Route" and on to the towns of George and Kynsna. During this last part of the trip (September 28–October 2) The Travelers will again be treated to the beauties and wonders of this area of South Africa.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$3500. The rate, based on a minimum of fifteen passengers, includes accommodations on a shared basis; meals as outlined in the itinerary; breakfast each day; roundtrip airfare from Charleston, S. C.; and motorcoach travel on the tour.

For reservations and additional information, please contact:
Eleanor Simons or Bill McIntosh at McIntosh Travel
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PLEASE RESPOND FOR RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 22, 2002.

A complete and detailed itinerary can also be obtained from the Huguenot Society Office in Charleston, S. C.

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL HUGUENOT CONFERENCE

Stellenbosch, South Africa, September 25-27, 2002

THEME:

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

As was mentioned in the above article on the Huguenot Society Tour to the Western Cape of South Africa, 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.

And, Professor P. Coertzen, Chairman of the Conference, has announced that there will be a Philatelic Exhibition at the Conference. Those interested in participating in this Exhibition can e-mail wjvsnr@mweb.co.za before February 28, 2002.

GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE

Linda Dayhoff Smith, South Carolina researcher and genealogist, has published *J. M. Connelly Funeral Home Records, Charleston, S. C. : 4 October 1889-21 May 1891, Vol 1 & 2*. Mrs. Smith's publication is 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 obtain a copy, please contact Linda D. Smith, 1000 Cold Branch Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29223. The cost is \$25.00 + 5% S. C. Tax + \$3.00 shipping.

**MESSAGES FROM
COMITÉ PROTESTANT DES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES A L'ÉTRANGER**

Paris, November 5th 2001

“Dear Mr. President,

During the last meeting of our board, on October 9, 2001, we decided to write a letter to all the presidents of U. S. Huguenot Societies to tell them how much we share your emotion after the horrible terrorist attack which struck your country and how deeply concerned we feel in the following events. Although this message comes a little late, we wish to express strongly that our values are the same as yours, in remembrance of the Huguenots who left their country for their freedom and their faith. Yours sincerely, Thierry Du Pasquier”

Paris, November 12, 2001

“Dear friends,

We are happy to inform you that our XIIIth Huguenot International Meeting of Huguenot Descendants will take place from 4. to 10. September 2003 in the Cévennes. This is a historic Huguenot region in the South of France where the Camisards war took place against the king's dragoons in the XVIIIth century. We will also participate in the Assemblée du Désert, which takes place each year on the first Sunday of September. It commemorates the secret assemblies gathering the protestants who remained in France, endangering their lives to worship God. Yours sincerely, Christiane Guttinger, Committe Secretary”

SCHOLARSHIP

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 office no later than March 15, 2002. For details and guidelines, please contact the Huguenot Society of South Carolina office.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF HOUSE AND GARDENS

Historic Charleston Foundation's 55th Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens continues the week before the Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society and goes through April 13—the day of the meeting. Of interest to those who will be in town for the meeting are the Rutledge Avenue Tour (Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.) and the Tradd Street Tour (Saturday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.). For tickets, please call (843) 722-3405 or visit www.historiccharleston.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

For information on the many rewarding volunteer opportunities at the Huguenot Society, please call Renée or Cheves at 843-723-3235.

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