

World Vital Records: Growing gains, growing pains

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Once upon a time, Ancestry.com was a new genealogy Web resource with a good idea. Then as Ancestry grew bigger and costlier, it became a free online staple at Family History Centers. The online pioneers who started it came and went, and eventually Ancestry.com itself came and went from Family History Centers.

Stepping into that vacuum is a new subscription online resource, conceived only a year ago and curiously named World Vital Records. Since my spouse and I exchange Christmas cards with one of its founders, former Ancestry CEO Paul Allen, I paid \$49.95 for a two-year subscription to WorldVitalRecords.com. What I expected was a compilation of vital records from around the world—birth, christening, marriage, death, burial, those kinds of things. While the site (with headquarters in Provo, Utah) does contain some vital records, they did not happen to match my research needs.

I did find some information on WVR that I had found nowhere else. I learned that a Robert Walls sang a version of Psalm 23 at my grandfather's funeral in 1940. I also learned that a Methodist minister, the Rev. Owen J. Beadles, officiated, and that Short's Funeral Chapel of Moscow, Idaho, handled the arrangements. As genealogy infor-

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mation goes, I could've spent a lot more than \$49.95 for this information; if I hadn't known much about my grandfather, this could've been a gold mine of information. Because I do know a lot about my grandfather, it is more of a silver or copper mine.

This information came from a north Idaho small-town newspaper, the *Kendrick Gazette*, which published the funeral article on its front page, apparently because one of my uncles had been school superintendent in Kendrick. The *Gazette* is part of WVR's SmallTownPapers collection, which includes newspapers from 1846 onward.

A few years ago, we visited Idaho's Latah County Historical Society and the University of Idaho library and archive in Moscow, Idaho, in search of family information, but did not encounter the *Gazette*. It is possible that without WVR we wouldn't have encountered the interesting tidbit affiliating my grandfather (the grandson of a Congregational lay minister) with the Methodist Church.

If you decide to try WVR, you'll need to give it some room to grow, since WVR is still in its adolescence. Databases are being added daily

(except Sundays, I'd guess), and affiliations with other collections make it increasingly attractive. It does have some present drawbacks that should be overcome as the site grows.

The search utility is still a bit primitive, although an earlier posting on WVR indicated that a relevance search (like that on Ancestry) is in the works. I can't find that notice now, so I do not know if it is still planned, or when it will be available.

To find information about my grandfather, John Warren Brigham, I tried [given name] *John Warren* [family name] *Brigham* and brought up hits for *John, Warren, and Brigham*, but not *John Warren Brigham*—even though the funeral notice listed him as John Warren Brigham. I tried other permutations and finally found the funeral notice through [given name] *John* [family name] *Brigham*. It helped to narrow the search to Idaho.

I encountered a bug in the alphabetical Surname Search when I attempted to search for my maternal Van Noy ancestors. It took some arguing with the support staff to convince them that the Surname Search did, indeed, have a bug; they finally indicated that they'd also found the bug, and they were fixing it. I now can't find their Surname Search on the WVR

Web site.

A "geo-coding" mapping feature brings up Microsoft Virtual Earth when database records such as the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) are accessed. Although mapping can be useful, this mapping feature is potentially misleading. When I search for my father in the SSDI, his information is listed alongside "nearby cemeteries." The "nearby cemeteries" listed with the record consist solely of Sweetwater Cemetery in Nez Perce County, Idaho.

Sweetwater is at least 16 miles from the Lewiston cemeteries, accessed either by two U.S. highways or a lengthy back road. When the map is displayed, map's zoom and navigation utility covers up Lewiston itself, and a tombstone icon marks the Sweetwater Cemetery. The problem is that my father was not buried at Sweetwater Cemetery, but rather in one of the two main cemeteries in Lewiston, Idaho. Someone not knowing the burial location could assume, incorrectly, that the map's cemetery marker indicates where my father is buried. I have no idea why only the Sweetwater Cemetery is listed rather than the dozens of cemeteries in the region, or why it is listed at all.

This misleading shortfall in the geo-coding is serious enough that WVR should discontinue

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displaying maps unless and until the maps show something meaningful and accurate. (In contrast, when I view Lewiston in Google Earth and select Cemeteries from the Community Services layer, tombstone icons mark both of Lewiston's main cemeteries, including the one where my father is buried.)

When I first signed up for WVR, I indicated that I was willing to receive their electronic newsletter. What I started receiving was an onslaught of email, detailing the databases they were adding. I deal with an ample supply of delete-worthy email as it is, and wrote to ask WVR to please quit sending me so much email. The email continued. I finally wrote the president directly (not Paul Allen), and explained that while I wished them well, I did not want or need to know about each database they added. In the same spirit as the customer service staff, he argued with me about whether I would benefit from the continual updates. I finally won, but not without declaring that I am the customer and do not want to also be the victim. (Paul Allen would not have argued.)

Of course, it is notable and commendable that WVR's customer service and president answered my email messages at all, and didn't just send useless template responses. How rare is that, even among genealogy sites!

The WVR list of what constitutes Member Benefits has changed since I first read it, with an apparent shift toward what is pending, not what is possible. The site now either includes or will include the 1946-2006 archive of *Genealogical Helper*, SmallTown-Papers, the Quintin CD-ROM library, an international parish regis-

ter collection (growing daily), a world gazetteer, and international marriage records. Their FamilyLink beta site (beta indicates it's being tested and isn't in final form yet) allows users to contact "local genealogists who can help you."

Apparently I could become one of those local genealogists who can help others, since users are invited to complete a profile indicating whether they will do lookups for others (for free or for a fee), what online databases they can access, their heritage, groups they belong to, languages they read, and surnames they are researching. Users can indicate ancestors and places of interest, and soon will be able to post a family tree. Others can access personal information to the extent the user allows. (Free advice: Unless you long for a senior version of MySpace.com, I'd keep personal information distribution limited.)

One WVR feature I've found useful is the International link, which provides a Google Custom Search of "the best family history sites" relating to whatever international area the user chooses. The search utility is unsophisticated, but the connection to the sites is valuable.

To summarize: Some features of WVR are useful and may give you information you won't find elsewhere. Some features are early in the development cycle but are growing. Some features are in serious need of usability testing and should be taken offline until they work properly.

It appears that you'll be able to try WVR free at Family History Centers worldwide and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Give it a spin, and give it some time to grow.

Recently Published: QuickSheet: Citing Online Historical Resources



Elizabeth Shown Mills wrote the book, *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*, which has been very popular among genealogists who are concerned about citing sources for their family history. It is a rigorous book with standards which compare with academic standards for citations in research papers, scholarly articles and academic publications. About two years ago, Elizabeth Shown Mills published *QuickSheet*:

Citing Online Historical Resources that has condensed citation information for online sources into a four-page laminated quick reference. A revised edition of *QuickSheet* is now available. *QuickSheet* contains a selection of sample citations showing the

recommended method to identify online sources such as databases, census images, digital books and articles, and other online information. The sheet also lists the rules to help judge the reliability of these online sources.

QuickSheet: Citing Online Historical Resources uses a template for citing historical sources on the Internet like one would use to cite a book or manuscript. The template helps to cite the author/creator/owner of a Web site, title of the Web site, place (URL), date posted, and other information to identify the source of information.

QuickSheet sells for \$5.95 plus shipping. It is available directly from Genealogical Publishing Corporation at: <http://tinyurl.com/2ebf13>

Of Interest: FamilySearch.org to Publish Genealogical Records, Footnote.com and FamilySearch to Release Revolutionary War Pension Files, Godfrey Memorial Library and FamilySearch Centers Partnership, Free Access to WorldVitalRecords.com, Quintin Publications and WorldVitalRecords.com Plan To Put Genealogical Databases Online

FamilySearch.org to Publish Genealogical Records

FamilySearch formally announced its Records Access program which will make the massive genealogy collections at the Salt Lake Genealogy Library available to the public over the Internet. For the first time, FamilySearch announced that it will provide free services to archives and other records custodians who wish to digitize, index, publish, and preserve their collections. The index-

ing of these records is already underway and many individuals and groups have volunteered to help and are currently working on the program. The Silicon Valley Computer Group (that's us) has been indexing the 1900 census since last year.

The program actually expands the previously announced decision by FamilySearch to digitize and provide online access to more than 2 million rolls of microfilm preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault. Part of the strategy is to work with ar-

chives, libraries and other organizations to make records available online. Announcements have been made about a number of these partnerships.

FamilySearch will share their state-of-the-art technology plus their assets and experience with the organizations who work with them. Partners can publish their data online themselves or with the assistance of FamilySearch or other genealogical Web sites and historical societies. The Records Access will help any records custodians with data of interest to genealogists to publish their data online. Many of the organizations that publish genealogy data on the Internet are having problems with the staggering costs. The Records Access program provides a compromise by sharing technology, using volunteer labor, and providing a common format for the data to take advantage of software already in use to search the indexes and display the data.

Under the agreements by the parties involved in the program, the genealogy organizations participating in the program will create indices of the digital images and then publish the images and the indices on their Web sites, or on a jointly published site. A copy of the index will also be made available for free on the FamilySearch Web site. Free access to both the indices and images will be available at Family History Centers and FamilySearch managed facilities. If the record custodian needs revenue to cover the cost of operations, a small fee may be charged to access images on the custodian's Web site.

The Records Access program promises to make an immense amount of genealogy data available to family historians, researchers and genealogists free of charge or at low cost. The program will make it easy for small organizations to publish obscure manuscripts and publications on the Internet. All of us who have an interest in genealogy records will benefit greatly from this effort.

Footnote.com and FamilySearch to Release Revolutionary War Pension Files

Footnote.com and FamilySearch have formed a partnership to make three million U.S. Revolutionary War Pension files available online. Some of the documents have been available on the Internet at the HeritageQuest Web site, but the partnership will make the entire record collection available. This project will be the first of a series to make records available on the Internet.

The Revolutionary War Pension Files include muster rolls, payrolls, strength returns and other miscellaneous personnel pay and supply records of American Army Units from 1775-1783. The documents will provide a look at what our ancestors did during the Revolutionary war.

Since forming a partnership with the National Archives in January 2007, Footnote.com has digitized more than eight million historical records. Each month, about two million more documents are digitized and published on the Web site. At the end of 2007, Footnote.com expects to have more than 25 million digitized documents available on the Internet. The agreement with FamilySearch stipulates that the Footnote.com Web site will be available at no cost at more than 4,500 Family History Centers in 70 countries. Examples of the Revolutionary War Pension Files can be viewed at the Footnote.com Web site at: www.footnote.com/revolutionary-war.php

Godfrey Memorial Library and FamilySearch Centers Partnership

The Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut and FamilySearch have formed a partnership that will make data at the Godfrey Memorial Library available free at the Family History Centers around the world. The Godfrey Memorial Library has thousands of genealogy books and an extensive collection of handwritten material, much of which is not available elsewhere. They produce the American Genealogical-Biographical Index, or AGBI, which contains millions of records of people whose names have appeared in printed genealogical records and family histories. This index is equivalent to more than 200 printed volumes. The Godfrey Library already digitized much of their information and is now accelerating that effort.

Free Access to WorldVitalRecords.com

More than 4,500 FamilySearch Family History Centers around the world will have free access to the WorldVitalRecords.com genealogical records, as a result of an agreement between the two organizations. WorldVitalRecords.com is a subscription Web site offering genealogical materials including vital, land, immigration, and military records; newspapers, international databases, and reference material. The company recently formed a partnership with Everton Publishers to digitize the Everton Genealogical Library which includes 60 years of the *Everton Genealogical Helper* and 150,000 pedigree files and family group sheets. The family history centers will also gain access to FamilyLink.com, a new social genealogical Web site, created by WorldVitalRecords.com, that helps individuals find other genealogists with common interest. WorldVitalRecords.com was established in 2005 by Paul Allen, co-founder of Ancestry.com, a successful subscription Web site offering a large selection of genealogy documents.

Quintin Publications and WorldVitalRecords.com Plan To Put Genealogical Databases Online

Quintin Publications and WorldVitalRecords.com have agreed to a partnership to provide access to thousands of genealogical and historical databases. Quintin Publications will provide WorldVitalRecords.com with more than 10,000 books and articles. WorldVitalRecords.com will digitize the material using OCR (optical character reading), index the material, and publish the material on its Web site. The publications have already been converted to ".pdf" files by Quintin Publications. The Quintin Publications collection includes state vital records, town and county histories, family histories, historical maps and gazetteers, modern publications by genealogists (after 1923), and international works collected during the past 30 years.

WorldVitalRecords.com is a subscription Web site that already has many historical and genealogical documents. The additional publications will significantly increase the material that is available to subscribers. The new material includes many out-of-print books.

Signs of the Times

A mortuary in New York State purchased a new hearse. What is unusual is that it is a Harley Davidson equipped to carry the deceased to the burial site. Many customers of the mortuary are bikers who feel more comfortable with the Harley Davidson.

Spider Webs: Historic Newspapers, Recording Location Coordinates, Iowa State Census Records

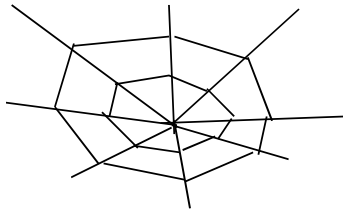
Historic Newspapers

The Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities have scanned 226,000 pages of public-domain newspapers from California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Utah, Virginia and the District of Columbia published between 1900 and 1910 and published them online. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers* is the name of the new site. The site has a searchable database of U.S. newspapers and information about newspapers from 1690 to the present. The site is maintained at the Library of Congress, and will continue to add additional newspapers to the database. During the next 20 years, the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) will continue creation of a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1836 and 1922 from all U.S. states and territories.

The Web site also has a national newspaper directory with bibliographic and holdings information. There is listing of newspaper titles. The information in the directory was created through an earlier NEH initiative.

The newspapers now available on the Web site are the result of grants awarded to six institutions by NDNP to digitize papers in their respective states from the first decade of the 20th century. These grants are:

- University of California, Riverside, \$400,000
- University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, \$320, 959
- University of Kentucky Research Foundation, Lexington, \$310,000



- New York Public Library, New York City, \$351,500
- University of Utah, Salt Lake City, \$352,693
- Library of Virginia, Richmond, \$201,226

Additional grants by the NDNP to digitize newspapers will be announced later this summer. The grants ensure that *Chronicling America* will always be available free to the American public.

To visit the site, go to: www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/

Recording Location Coordinates

Those genealogists who have a GPS receiver can record locations as GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) of historical places they visit. GPS coordinates are accurate to a few feet. These locations can be found on any map that has latitude and longitude marked on the edges. Should a genealogist want to record latitude and longitude with a GPS receiver, the coordinates can be obtained online by finding a location on a map and clicking with the mouse. To get the latitude and longitude, go to: <http://roger.lisaandroger.com/getperson.php?personID=116&tree=Roger>

Iowa State Census Records

Ancestry.com, a subscription genealogy

Web site, has digitized and indexed the Iowa state census records. The project has taken more than two years to complete. Names from the handwritten census forms were manually entered. More than three million images were digitized.

The census records are for all Iowa state census records from 1836 through 1925. There are a total of 28 censuses. Five of the censuses are of the complete state and the others are partial censuses. The state of Iowa took more censuses than any other state.

The 1925 census has the most information of all the censuses. In addition to the information found in other census records, the 1925 census contains mother's maiden name and father's full name, birthplace and year of marriage. Other Iowa census records include name, age, gender, race, marital status, place of residence, parents' names and each resident's war service and citizenship status. Some of the Iowa censuses were taken during the years between the Federal censuses, giving genealogists additional looks at family status. A look at these records can sometimes reveal a child who died in infancy and was otherwise overlooked. A look at an Iowa census taken the same year as the Federal census is also worthwhile because the state census may have asked for information not in the Federal census.

Ancestry.com is available by subscription and is available free at some public libraries. Locally, the service is free at some of the public libraries (Saratoga, Santa Clara, Cupertino, etc.). For those further away, check local libraries concerning availability of the service. To visit the site, go to: www.ancestry.com

Remember September

The September 8 meeting will feature David Dilts in an all-day seminar about Breaking Through Brick Walls, Religious Migration, Research Logs, and Using Civil War Records for Family History Research.

David works at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and is a popular lecturer. He is very knowledgeable about genealogy research in the United States. Bring your friends. The event will be open to all and there is no charge for admission. A syllabus will be available with notes, sources, and supplementary material for the topics presented in the sessions.

Quotable Quote

He that raises a large family does indeed, while he lives to observe them, stand a broader mark for sorrow; but then he stands a broader mark for pleasure too.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

American Statesman

Finding Your Huguenot Ancestors

Migration Routes of the Huguenots

The routes taken by the refugees are varied and complicated. A family may move to live with a relative or friend within France after being dispossessed of their property. The next step may be to go to the most convenient Protestant Country, usually the Netherlands, England, or Germany. They may then move to another European country seeking relatives. From Europe they may move to a place where they can afford to buy land such as the United States, Canada, Australia or South Africa. They may then move again to join a French community or they may become disenchanted with life in the colonies and move back to Europe. Not only were the Huguenot migrations spread over a long time period (1550 to 1789), but the migration of each individual family may also take many years because the family made multiple moves.

Tracing the migrations back to the origin of the family in France can be difficult, particularly if there are many moves. Many families have been traced back to the Huguenots in France. Records are often available back into the 1500s. Hopefully it will just take some hard work and persistence to find the records.

Searching the Records in Europe

Many of the early Huguenots that came to America had lived in England or Ireland for a time. Early French refugees came there in about 1560 and a second group arrived during the period of 1680-1695. The first group included protestant Walloons from Belgium who were being persecuted by the Spanish who ruled the area at the time. They settled in Norwich, London, Thorpe-le-Soken, Canterbury, Southampton, Bristol, Plymouth, Stonehouse, Thorney, Barnstaple, Bideford, Greenwich, and the Channel Islands. The Huguenot parish records in England and Ireland as well as articles about specific congregations and families were eventually published by the Huguenot Society of London in 1885 through 1887. Some records of Huguenot families are also found in the parish registers of the Church of England and the Church of Ireland. The government and the church applied pressure to record marriages and also births and burials on the church records so they would be legally recognized. Some families complied and others did not. The Huguenots who fled to England or Ireland probably account for the majority of Americans who have Huguenot ancestors.

The largest group of Huguenots went to the Netherlands and northern (Protestant) Belgium. In 1877 an historical society was founded. The Commission pour l'Historie des Eglises Walloones (The Society for the History of Walloon Churches) spent the next quarter century indexing all of the church records of the Huguenot and Walloon congregations in the Netherlands and Belgium. The index covers the years from 1566 to 1812 and is estimated to have 1.5 to 3 million entries. The cards are filed alphabetically by surname. The index also covers the four largest Huguenot congregations in France: LaRochelle, Montauban, St. Quentin and Sedan. The index is now at the Central Bureau voor Genealogie at the Hague. The Family History Library in Salt Lake has filmed the index on 199 rolls of microfilm.

For the refugees in Southern France, the Swiss border was an

easy exit to freedom from persecution, but Switzerland could not support a large number of refugees. The Swiss government worked to resettle the refugees in other countries, placing most of the families in the German states, especially those which had lost population during the Thirty Years' War. Others preferred to arrange their own settlement and moved to the Netherlands, England or America.

The Protestant cantons in Switzerland recorded a lot of data which can help those doing research. The most important documents are the censuses of the French refugees of 1693, 1696, and 1698. The censuses give the locations where the refugees lived in France.

Many of the German states welcomed the refugees. In fact a few offered concessions to encourage refugees to settle in their state. Most refugees settled in Baden-Durlach, Brandenburg, Hessen-Kassel, der Kurpfalz, Mittelfranken, Niedersachsen, Prussia, and Wurtemberg. There are publications in German that are about the Huguenots in Germany. Perhaps the best sources are: *Geschichtablatte*, 1890-1937 and 1963-; and *Der Deutsche Huguenot*, 1929-.

The records of the Huguenots in France have been micro-filmed by the Salt Lake Family History Library from the earliest records down to about 1860. These include records deposited in the archives of the 88 departments of France. Once a family is found, the locality can be checked for the availability of other records. The researcher should check both the Protestant and Catholic registers. Some families were divided between Catholic and Protestant faith. After 1685, it was necessary to have a marriage in the Roman Catholic Church to have it recognized as a valid marriage. The records of the Mairie (town hall) should also be checked because some marriages are recorded there.

Publications

There are many books available about the Huguenots and how to find information about them. Some of the books are out of print and are mentioned in the list because they may be found in libraries or as used books. The list is probably not complete and the inclusion in the list does not indicate an endorsement of the quality of the information in the book. The following titles have been found:

The Annals and Parish Register of St. Thomas and St. Denis Parish, in South Carolina, from 1680 to 1884 by Robert F. Clute

The Diligence and the Disappearance of Manakintowne's Huguenots by Allison Wehr Elterich, hardcover, 1999, ISBN-13: 978-0871525222

Family Names of Huguenot Refugees to America by Mrs. James Lawton, 20 p. (1901) 1996, \$5.00

French Blood in America by L.J. Fosdick, 448pp. (1906), 1990, \$49.50

French Huguenots in America by Professor Weiss, e-Book, c1854, Hope Farm Press, \$10.00

The French in Early Florida: In the Eye of the Hurricane

by John T. McGrath, Hardcover, 239 pages, 2000, \$49.95, ISBN-10: 081301784X

French Huguenots in English-Speaking Lands (Studies in Italian Culture Literature in History) by Horton Davies and Marie-Helene Davies, paperback, 147 pages, 2000, \$22.95, ISBN-10: 0820445428

History of the Huguenot Emigration to America by Charles W Baird, 2 vols. in 1, 354 and 448 pp., cloth. (1885), re-issued 1998, \$45.00, ISBN: 9780806305547

History of New Paltz, New York, and Its Old Families (from 1678 to 1820), Including the Huguenot Pedigrees, by Charles Edmund Lart

Huguenot Ancestry by Noel Curren-Briggs, paperback, 150 pp., 1985, ISBN-10: 0850335647

Huguenot Artists and Craftsmen in London, 1680-1720 by Tessa Murdoch, paperback, 64 pages, 2008, \$16.95, ISBN-10: 1898595259

The Huguenot Connection: The Edict of Nantes, Its Revocation, and Early French Migration to South Carolina (International Archives of the History of Ideas ... internationales d'histoire des idées) by R.M. Golden, hardcover, 164 pages, 1988, \$199.00, ISBN-10: 9024736455

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town by Robert Brock

Huguenot Genealogies: A Selected Preliminary List by Arthur Louis Finnell, paperback, 67 pages, 1999, ISBN-10: 0806349115

Huguenot Heritage: The History and Contribution of the Huguenots in Britain by Robin D. Gwynn, paperback, 261 pages, 2nd Rev edition (September 2001), \$34.95, ISBN-10: 1902210352

Huguenot Hints: A Beginner's Guide to **Huguenot Research** in England and France, CD-ROM

Huguenot Pioneers and Others Who Settled in New Paltz Previous to the Revolution by Ralph Lefevre, (1903), 2005, 5½x8½, paper, index, 610 pp., \$44.00

Huguenot Settlers in America, 1600s-1900s, (a CD-ROM containing 16 books on the Huguenots), ISBN: **9780806397719**

The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland by Grace Lawless Lee, (1936) reprint, paper, index, bibl., 282 pp. (out of print) ISBN: 0788420054

The Huguenots: A Biography of a Minority by George A. Rothrock, hardcover, 201 pages, 1979, \$37.95, ISBN-10: 0882292773

The Huguenots in America: A Refugee People in New World Society (Harvard Historical Monographs) by Jon Butler, paperback, 280 pages, 1992, ISBN-10: 0674413210

Huguenots in Britain and Their French Background 1550-1800 by Irene Scouloudi, hardcover, 340 pages, 1987, ISBN-10: 0389207055

The Huguenots in England: Immigration and Settlement c.1550-1700 by B. J. Cottret, hardcover, 329 pages, 2004, \$120.00, ISBN-10: 0521333881

The Huguenots in France and America by Hannah F. Lee

The Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina by Arthur Henry Hirsch, Ph.D., paper, 338 pp., 1928 (reprint), \$25.00 ISBN: 1556130996

The Huguenots of London by Robin D. Gwynn, paperback,

67 pages. 1998, ISBN-10: 1898595240

The Huguenots or Early French in New Jersey by Albert F. Koehler

The Huguenots: Their Settlements, Churches, and Industries in England and Ireland by Samuel Smiles, paperback, 452 pages, 2002, \$34.50, ISBN-10: 1410203581

Ireland's Huguenots and Their Refuge, 1662-1745: An Unlikely Haven by Raymond Hylton, hardcover, 226 pages, 2005, \$69.50, ISBN-10: 1902210786

List of French and Swiss Who Settled in Charleston, on the Santee, and at the Orange Quarter in Carolina by Daniel Ravenel

Memoir Concerning the French Settlements and French Settlers in the Colony of Rhode Island by Elisha R. Potter

Memorials of the Huguenots in America, with Special Reference to their Emigration to Pennsylvania by Rev. Ammon Stapleton, (1901), reprint, paper, index, 164 pp., ISBN: 078842260X (out of print)

Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora (Carolina Low Country and the Atlantic World) by Bertrand Van Ruymbeke, Randy J. Sparks, and Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Editors), hardcover, 256 pages, 2004, ISBN-10: 1570034842

National Huguenot Society Bible Records Abstracted from the Files of the Society by Arthur Louis Finnell, ed., Paper, 502 pp., 1996 (reprinted 2004), \$39.95, ISBN: 9780806346366

Pioneers of France in the New World by Francis Parkman, paperback, 473 pages, 1996, \$25.00, ISBN-10: 0803287445

Trail of the Huguenots In Europe, the United States, South Africa, and Canada by George Elmore Reaman, 318 pp., cloth, (1966). \$25.00

Internet Sources

There are a number of sites that are of help with research regarding Huguenot families. In addition to the sites listed here, there are some family sites which publish research done on specific Huguenot families. The family sites can usually be found by searching for the surname with some key words like "Huguenot." Following are Web sites helpful for Huguenot research:

Beginner's Guide to Researching Your French Ancestry:

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/weekly/aa070700a.htm>

Information on major genealogical sources in France, information contained in the records and how to obtain copies

Books We Own: www.rootsweb.com/~bwo/france.html

A listing of books pertaining to French genealogy, the owners of which are willing to do look-ups for others

Communities of Alsace, A-Z:

www.rootsweb.com/~fraalsac/alsaceaz

Brief profiles of the 1,004 communities in Alsace, Bas-Rhin, Haut-Rhin, and Territoire de Belfort; Information of genealogical interest, including historical population figures and town hall addresses

CDHF <http://cdhf.telmat-net.fr/index.en.html>

High-Alsace on-line searchable databases, indexes and family notices, 4000 microfilms, and library

Form Letters in French

www.genealogy.com/ltr_french.html?Welcome=1019740643

Form letters for use requesting genealogical information

French Genealogie www.ifrance.com/frenchgenealogie/

Information on searching for family records in France

Genealogy in Lorraine <http://genealog.net/>

Aids for research, including names and contact information for others researching surnames in Lorraine.

Genealogy Today

<http://genealogytoday.com/names/origins/french.html>

The origins of French surnames and links to surname-specific Web sites

Gentili's Professional Genealogy Research in France

www.gentilis.com

A professional French genealogist

The Huguenot Web Site <http://huguenot.ws>

A portal for researchers and descendants of French Protestant refugees, including a message board, free e-mail accounts, and related links

The National Huguenot Society

www.huguenot.netnation.com/general

A listing of documented Huguenot ancestors, historical information, membership information, book reviews, a list of books and publications for sale, and links to other Huguenot sites

Wallonia <http://users.skynet.be/wallonia>

A union of genealogy clubs in French speaking southern Belgium which shares sources and results and offers help to genealogy researchers in Wallonia and Brussels

Summary

There are many descendants of Huguenot families in America and scattered throughout the world. Should you find an ancestor with a French surname and can't find the origin of the family, check to see if it comes from a Huguenot family. Most of the Huguenots integrated with other Protestants in their adopted countries and their children intermarried with them. Often the surname was changed. The Huguenots were a courageous people and one can be proud of these ancestors. Good luck with your research, should you find Huguenots among your ancestors.

Ask the Doc — “I Give No Answers Before Their Time!”

By Dr. Cornelius J. PAF

Q Please tell me what the system requirements are for PAF 5. A retired friend wants to get an economical computer that will run PAF.

A Below are the system requirements for PAF5 as listed on the FamilySearch.org web site:

- Windows 95B, 98, ME, NT 4.0, 2000, XP; or Windows 95A with Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Pentium PC, or iMac with a Windows emulator
- 32 MB memory (64 MB recommended)
- 32 MB to 72 MB hard-disk space
- 256-color display adapter supporting at least 800 x 600 screen resolution
- Windows-compatible printer
- Optional: Internet access, mouse

Since PAF was written many years ago, it will run on the old specifications shown above, but your friend will not be able to find a machine like that going to a junk yard, or looking for a vintage machine that is still running.

Any PC on the market today will run PAF5. A PC with Windows will have XP or the new Vista operating system, and will have at least 256MB of memory, four times the recommended memory. Hard disk space will be at least 20GB or about 275 times the hard disk space listed above. It will be impossible to purchase a monitor that is only 800 x 600. The mouse and Internet access will no longer be optional.

For example, an HP Pavilion 1510y series, a Dell Dimension, or a refurbished machine from TigerDirect.com could cost less than \$300: Dell Optiplex GX260 Intel P4 2.4GHz / 512MB DDR / 40GB HDD / CD-ROM / Integrated 10/100Mbps LAN / Windows



XP Pro / Off-Lease Refurbished Small Form Factor Desktop PC would be far more than is the minimum required, but is inexpensive. Add \$200 for a display and \$100 for a printer, and your friend should be tickled pink.

Q I have combined six PAF files that over the years have been sent to me and are all for the same family lines, with many additional families in each one. There are many identical individuals. I used the match-merge function to merge the identical individuals. Then I went to the search

function to begin to check for repetitive notes. I quickly found that not all the identical individuals had been merged in the files. I therefore went back and redid the match-merge function, again checked the list using the search list, and found that there were still identical individuals. I have now done the match-merge function eight times, and I still find identical individuals when checking in the search list. What am I doing incorrectly? Each time I use the match-merge function it finds more individuals, but never finds all of them.

A It is not uncommon for the PAF match/merge routine to miss some obvious matches as you pass through the database. Having written computer program code many years ago for matching records and merging them, I can attest to the fact that it is very difficult to accomplish. Our brains are designed to compare and recognize identical items, but to write logical code to do that is not easy.

Eight times seems excessive to me, but since you have merged six files, it is likely that the sheer volume of matches is problematic the match/merge routine. The programmers who wrote that part of the PAF program apparently did not spend a lot of time perfecting it. All I can say is that you may need to keep at it. I have a database of nearly 50K individuals, and once in awhile I still find records that are missed by the matching algorithm. I use the manual match-merge technique to merge them.

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