Davy Crockett, Huguenot

Davy Crockett was a celebrated 19th-century American folk hero, frontiersman, soldier and politician. He was referred to often by the epithet “King of the Wild Frontier.” He represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives, served in the Texas Revolution, and died at the Battle of the Alamo.

The Crocketts were the descendants of Monsieur de la Croquetagne, captain in the Royal Guard of the king of France, Louis XIV. As a Huguenot, he or his descendants eventually fled France in the 17th century and migrated to Ireland.

Crockett grew up in the hills and river valleys of East Tennessee, where he gained a reputation for hunting and storytelling. He rose to the rank of colonel in the Lawrence County, Tennessee militia and was elected to the Tennessee state legislature in 1821. Crockett was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1827. As a congressman, Crockett vehemently opposed many of the policies of President Andrew Jackson, most notably the Indian Removal Act. Crockett's opposition to Jackson's policies led to his defeat in the 1835 elections, prompting his angry departure to Texas shortly thereafter. In early 1836, Crockett joined the Texas Revolution and died at the Battle of the Alamo in March of the same year.

On a modern note, in 1955 the U.S. military introduced into its arsenal the Davy Crockett, the smallest nuclear weapon ever developed. It was intended to head off an invasion of Soviet troops through the famous Fulda Gap near Frankfurt, Germany.
Jean Calvin Chapter. President Reynolds Cushing reports that their chapter continues to hold its meetings at Troyers Dutch Heritage restaurant located at 3713 Bahia Vista in Sarasota. The Saturday meeting dates are October 22, 2011, January 28, 2012, and March 31, 2012. For the October meeting, Nancy Summers will speak on her Huguenot ancestors. Reynolds also states that their meeting place is ideal with its home cooked food, pleasant atmosphere and a separate space to meet. One upcoming event is the unveiling of the Leiden Vroukerk plaque, commemorating where many of our ancestors worshipped in the late 1500’s after fleeing France.

Ernst d’Erlach Chapter. Ann Register submitted the following:

Our new officers are: President - Kenneth Carter; Vice President – William Thomas; Secretary – Sylvia McAuliffe; Treasurer – Marshall Brewton; Registrar – Charles Baker; Chaplain – Kathryn Thomas; and Historian – Lila Sandstrom.

We are delighted to have added three new members to our roster: Betsy Handlan (Ormond Beach), Madeline May (New Smyrna Beach), and John Coffin (New Smyrna Beach), who is a transfer from Indiana. John’s father, Captain Coffin and another Huguenot gentleman were instrumental in doing the research on Ernst d’Erlach, Princess Issena, and the Timucuan Indians in this area, to the final placement of the granite marker of which we are so proud. Today the marker is 1/8 of a mile south of its original placement in Huguenot Park. It is now located at the River Bridge Gardens near the little church on the corner of Beach Street and Granada Ave. in Ormond Beach.

Programs under our new Vice President Thomas are proving to be most interesting. At the May meeting, Mr. Thomas presented a most informative program on “The Flushing (N.Y.) Remonstrance – 1657,” one of the most important foundations of our country.

Ernst d’Erlach Chapter’s fall meeting will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 11:00 am at Woodland Towers, 113 Chipola Avenue, DeLand, FL. At this time we are having a guest speaker, Cathey Gaskill. Mrs. Gaskill, an outstanding Quaker Storyteller, will present “Freedom of Religion During the Colonial Period of Our American History.” We invite any interested persons to attend and bring a guest. Just let me know so that an extra lunch will be added to our total (the cost is $12.00 a person). Please contact Ann Register bahregis@aol.com or 386-322-1408.

Thank you.

Louis DuBois Chapter. President Ted Duay confirmed that his chapter will hold a fall meeting with the date to be set.

Fleur de Lis Chapter. President J.B. deRosset presided over the March 31, 2011 meeting at the Surf Club where we heard chapter member Teryl Sovacool recount her vacation retracing the steps of St. Paul. The officers elected for next term were: J.B. as President and Secretary; Don Randolph, Registrar; Charlen Randolph, Treasurer; Freddie Neal, Chaplain; Teryl Sovacool, Color Guard; Violet Storer, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Robby Burt, Parliamentarian. The chapter’s next meeting will be held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove on Thursday, October 20 starting at 11:30 am.

Fort Caroline Chapter. Dave Bahn told us that they held their fall meeting on September 24 at the Selva Marina Country Club where Karen Rhodes, a well known local genealogist spoke on “Quirks of the Florida Census.” Officers for the next term will be David Bahn continuing as President and Treasurer; VATwood Brewton, Vice President; Jo Bahn, Secretary; Hunter Camp, Chaplain; and Judi Adams, Registrar. Their next meeting will take place in March, 2012.

Admiral de Coligny Chapter. Ed Neugaard e-mailed that the next meeting of the chapter will be on October 29, 2011 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club with Raleigh Worscham as speaker. Current officers are: Ed Neugaard, President; Linda Neal, Vice President; Anne-Kate Carpenter, Chaplain; Gay Harlowe, Recording Secretary; Rooney Zink, Treasurer; Mary Mixson, Color guard; and Linda Schoonover, Registrar. Membership stands at 33 with four applicants in process.
Charles Baker Resigns as Registrar

On September 1, Linda Smith communicated the following to the Executive Council:

With regret we have accepted Charles Baker’s resignation as Registrar of the State Society. Charles has served not only his chapter but our State Society with precise detail and loving care since he picked up the reins from Mary Nelson. He was responsible for encouraging the coordinated usage of electronic forms from all the chapters and was there every step of the way to help those of us who needed help. National Registrar Nancy Brennan has repeatedly stated it was a pleasure to work and communicate with Charles as he was always a gentleman. Personally, I wholeheartedly agree with her assessment. Our loving thoughts are with both Charles and Jean at this time.

Barbara Schulz has been named Acting Registrar of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. effective September 1, 2011. It is going to take some time for the files to be physically transferred so please be patient with all of us as we shift gears.

Save the date!

The annual membership meeting will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2012 in Jacksonville, preceded on Friday by the executive board.

Florida Huguenots Go High Tech

If you are a Facebook member, contact the State President at: LLsdarien@mac.com and she will add you to the Huguenot Society of Florida Facebook page limited only to members.

Ever heard of a QR code? It stands for Quick Response code and is essentially a two dimensional barcode that was originally developed for the automotive industry. QR codes contain much more information than traditional barcodes. Believe it or not, there is a QR code for the Florida Huguenot Society web page.

Do you have a Smartphone? If so, you can download an app to read QR codes. There are several free ones out there. You can Google to find one. Linda Smith uses one that can be found at: http://reader.kaywa.com/.
In true faith and devotion we honor our Huguenot ancestors.

Robbie Burt
Past State President

Jean Baker
wife of Registrar Charles Baker

NEW MEMBERS

The Fall, 2011 edition of The Cross of Languedoc lists the following seven new Florida members:

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Congratulations and welcome!

In Memoriam

Marjorie Heaney -- January 11, 2011 -- Fleur de Lis Chapter

Dorothy Vandergriff -- January 26, 2011 -- Fort Caroline Chapter

Eleanor Craig -- May 26, 2011 -- Jean Calvin Chapter

David Bartush -- August 12, 2011 -- husband of Melva Bartush of the Jean Calvin Chapter