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LE COMITE UPDATE: Hundreds of new files have recently been added to Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane's website (www.lecomite.org). These consist of Out-of-Print Articles as well as new and revised archival Finding Aids and Parish Research Guides.

This growing library of digital reference material is available on the Members' Only page, which requires a logon ID and password. At \$15 per year, it's one of the best bargains in genealogy.

The organization's print journal, *Le Raconteur*, began publication in 1978. The current editor, Judy Riffel, took over the reigns in 1984 when it was published only once a year. Over the past 28 years, *Le Raconteur* has grown steadily in size and frequency to become a full-fledged quarterly with 320 pages per year of high quality genealogical material focused on Louisiana research. Today, it is one of the largest genealogical publications in the state with the widest circulation.

This stock pile of articles, many of them now out-of-print, presented the society with a unique opportunity. As many of them resided on the editor's computer, the files could easily be made available on the internet.

The first 145 Out-of-Print Articles, dating back to 1990, have now been posted on the Members' page, with more on the way. They are arranged in thirteen general categories – Cemeteries, Censuses, Church Records, Civil Records, Colonial Period, Family Histories and Bibles, Hospital Records, Immigration and Naturalization, Land Records, Local Histories, Military Records, Newspaper Extracts, and Other. Eventually, hyperlinks will be added to other pages so that the articles can be accessed in a variety of ways.

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***Le Raconteur* Articles**

These files contain selected out-of-print articles published in *Le Raconteur*, Le Comité's print journal. Files will be posted as they become available. To sponsor a file, please contact **Judy Riffel**.

Categories are as follows:

- **Cemeteries**
- **Censuses**
- **Church Records**
- **Civil Records**
- **Colonial Period**
- **Family Histories and Bibles**
- **Hospital Records**
- **Immigration and Naturalization**
- **Land Records**
- **Local Histories**
- **Military Records**
- **Newspaper Extracts**
- **Other**

Cemeteries

In addition to the Out-of-Print Articles, the society is also developing a series of Parish Research Guides giving quick and pertinent facts on each parish. Also included are lists of all related *Le Raconteur* articles as well as descriptions of genealogical collections at the Louisiana State Archives. Currently, sixteen parishes are represented including Avoyelles, Beauregard, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, Grant, Iberville, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Landry, and St. Mary. These files are being sponsored in memory of deceased relatives and ancestors by the society's generous members. These sponsorships help cover the cost of developing and maintaining the website.

Archival Finding Aids are another new resource available on the website. Currently 55 Finding Aids describing collections at the Louisiana State Archives are now posted. These range from simple microfilm reel listings to detailed descriptions of documents found in various collections. One notable Finding Aid is for a

collection entitled “Genealogical Society of Utah Microfilm, 1766-1929” (Accession P1985-4). This 193-page finding aid provides descriptions of Opelousas Post colonial-period records. It was previously published partly in the State Archives now-defunct newsletter, *Legacy*, and partly in *Le Raconteur*. Having the finding aid in digital format makes an index unnecessary. Searches can be performed on any key word, not just names.

Nonmembers have the opportunity to purchase individual Articles, Finding Aids, and Parish Research Guides. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$10 per file. All files are delivered via e-mail in pdf format. A price list is available on the website.

Anyone who is serious about Louisiana genealogical research and is not a member of this organization is missing out on a wealth of information. In addition to the quarterly print journal, the society publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter, *E-Communiqué*, which contains timely announcements and a calendar of genealogical events around the state.

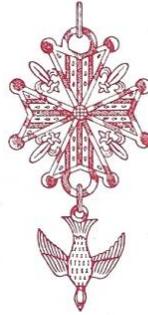
Dues for 2012 are \$15 if paid before March 1st, and \$20 if paid after March 1st. Arrangements can be made to pay dues via PayPal (with a \$1 surcharge) by contacting Treasurer Judy Riffel at riffelj@bellsouth.net. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1547, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Don't miss out on the great research materials that can be found at this website. Membership dues are the same as they have been for years, but the quantity of data published each year has increased considerably. There is no other organization that can match the quality or quantity of material available to researchers.

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THOSE HUGUENOTS: *The Trail of the Huguenots in Europe, the United States, South Africa, and Canada* is an excellent research book. This is the story of the great exodus of the Huguenots from France at the end of the seventeenth century, and of their dispersal to places in Europe, the United States, Canada, and South Africa. It traces their migrations through Europe and across the Atlantic to Canada and the United States, providing startling insights into the origins of many of our earliest colonial settlers.

The Trail of the HUGUENOTS



*in Europe, the United States,
South Africa, and Canada*

G. Elmore Reaman

Over half of the book is devoted to the Huguenots and their direct descendants in Canada and the United States, dealing with those who settled in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. An Appendix has the names of hundreds of Huguenot immigrants with dates and places of their arrival, and there are short biographical sketches with genealogical data, a list of English surnames of French derivation, additions and corrections by Milton Rubincam, and an index of names and places other than those mentioned in the genealogies and appendices.

This book is available from the Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953. The price is \$38.00, postpaid. It is also available on the Family Archive CD 7600. It is not like a lot of genealogical books with just names, places, and dates. This one is a very readable research volume, one of the best you will find on the subject of the Huguenots. G. Elmore Reaman is to be congratulated on this fine accomplishment.

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