

Huguenot Archives

A Further Catalogue of Material Held in the Huguenot Library

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The archive material held in the Huguenot Library consists of papers from Huguenot institutions, e.g. the French Hospital, the Westminster French Protestant School and Foundation, Huguenot charities and Friendly Societies, together with family records and research notes, original manuscripts, and transcripts. Amongst the important work already achieved by the Huguenot Society Quarto Series has been the printing of two catalogues of these archives: volumes LI and LVI, published in 1974 and 1983.

Margaret Harcourt Williams has now compiled a further catalogue, in which she includes descriptions of papers received from the French Hospital in 1999 and 2006 and of other, recently discovered, evidence about Huguenot families and institutions. She has also found and incorporated some lists of documents which had been excluded from the previous catalogues.

The information contained in this new publication is of great interest to those with Huguenot family connections, as well as having much to offer to academic and general audiences. The archives described reflect the assimilation of Huguenot migrants into the community and their growing links with areas beyond London and their traditional settlements. They give details of businesses in India, of 18th and 19th century soldiering, and of 17th and 18th century theological questions. In addition, papers brought by refugees from France may well interest genealogists and local historians in that country.

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