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Resources for family historians in the Huguenot Library

This sheet gives some information about the resources which family historians can use to investigate a possible Huguenot link. Other researchers interested in specific families or individuals may also find some of these useful.

For those who suspect a Huguenot link and wish to find out if there are references in the resources to the name being researched, the Library can check the indexes of the following: Quarto Series, *Proceedings*, Wagner Pedigrees, Family Research Files.

Three points should be noted before consulting these sources:

- The appearance of a name in the sources does not necessarily mean the bearer was a Huguenot.
- It is recommended that family historians trace their family back to at least 1800 if possible, as many Huguenot records cease during the late C18th and C19th, and there are very few for the C20th.
- A check of the indexes by the Library looks for the name only, not a specific family. The Library is unable to carry out research on the behalf of enquirers.

Quarto Series

This is the name given to the series of volumes published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland (formerly Huguenot Society of London) of primary sources which have been transcribed and edited. They consist mainly of the existing registers for the Huguenot churches, but also include details of the inmates of the French Hospital up to 1957¹, sources relating to denization and naturalization (these cover foreigners of all nationalities residing in Britain, not just Huguenots),² and additional church records. The first volume was published in 1887. A microfiche index of volumes 1-59 was prepared by the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG); a copy of this can be consulted in the Huguenot Library upon request.

Limitations

The earlier volumes were not subject to a uniform editorial policy, which can be a particular problem when using the church registers, as the transcripts were indexed using various methods. Some references are to page numbers, others by entry. Some registers had a more in-depth page and entry indexing system. Where several registers were published in one volume, the index may be placed after each register, and not at the back of the whole volume. Volumes 52 and 53 list the entries alphabetically and do not have page numbers. It is worth taking a little time to familiarise yourself with the methods used to edit the volume you are consulting, especially if you are not finding what you expect.

Availability

The Huguenot Library holds a full set of the series in the Reading Room of UCL Special Collections. In addition, various libraries and institutions worldwide hold some or all of the series, which may be found on library catalogues under *Publications of the Huguenot Society* or *Huguenot Society Quarto Series*. You may also find the volumes catalogued individually.

Many of the volumes are also available on CD Rom from the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

¹ Volumes 52 and 53

² Volumes 8, 10, 18, 27, 35, 57

Proceedings

Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland (previously *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London*) is a journal which has been published annually since 1885. It contains articles and notes on all aspects of Huguenot history, including information on individuals and families which family historians may find useful. It also contains reports of the activities of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland (formerly *of London*), including lists of new members. There are two indexes: the Master Index is a name index which will be more useful to family historians, while the General Index (plus Supplements) is a subject index which will be more useful to other researchers.

Limitations

The Master Index only gives the name and number of the volume(s) in which the name appears. As there is no indication of context, each reference has to be checked to discover this. Therefore, a reference could simply be to a name appearing incidentally, to a newly-enrolled Fellow of the Society or to a person with no Huguenot connection at all.

Authors in earlier volumes do not always give the sources from which they have derived information.

Availability

The Huguenot Library holds a full set of *Proceedings* (including indexes) in the Reading Room of UCL Special Collections, and various libraries and institutions worldwide also hold issues.

Wagner Pedigrees

Henry Wagner (1840-1926) researched around 900 names with Huguenot connections over the period of half a century, and the resulting pedigrees and associated notes are held in the Huguenot Library archives. The pedigrees for some families were published in *Proceedings*, but most of them remain (in various states of completion) in manuscript and can only be consulted upon request in the Library. A list can be found in *Huguenot Families* (see **Other sources**).³

Limitations

Users should be aware that the contents of the pedigrees vary enormously – some are fully researched and contain substantial amounts of material while others remain in note form only and consist of a couple of pages.

Availability

The Pedigrees are archive material which can only be consulted by request in the Huguenot Library. Readers will be provided with microform copies for consultation as the originals are fragile.

Family Research Files

These contain reports of former Research Officers of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland drawn up in response to commissions and other research carried out privately and deposited in the Library.

Limitations

Particular care should be taken when using these sources, as Library policy is not to monitor the accuracy of materials deposited. In some cases file contents simply record that research was carried out into the name but no Huguenot link was found, so users should also be aware that the existence of a file does not necessarily indicate a Huguenot connection or even that useful information is held. Some files may also be subject to data protection restrictions.

³ 'The Wagner Collection', *Huguenot Families*, 2, 2000, pp. 26-33.
Published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Availability

The files are archive material which can only be consulted by request in the Huguenot Library. A list of files (which is slightly out-of-date, so check with the Library) was published in *Huguenot Families*⁴ (see **Other sources**).

Other sources

The above resources are those which are checked by the Library for an enquirer, as these are the most comprehensive sources of information. Family historians may like to investigate additional references once they progress further in their research.

Huguenot Families is a journal published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland focussing specifically on Huguenot genealogical research. A full set is available in the Library, or you may find it in other libraries which subscribe to it.

The following works contain information on the more prominent Huguenot families:

Agnew, D. C. A. *Protestant exiles from France, chiefly in the reign of Louis XIV : or, The Huguenot refugees and their descendants in Great Britain and Ireland*, 3rd ed. ([Edinburgh: Printed by Turnbull & Spears], 1886).

Haag, E. & E. *La France Protestante*, 2nd ed. (Paris: Librairie Sandoz et Fischbacher, 1877-1888).

Copies of these are held in the Reading Room.

There are also published biographies and family histories, which can be found by searching the UCL Library catalogue (<http://library.ucl.ac.uk/F>). This contains all items held by UCL Library Services, but you can confine your results to items only held in the Huguenot Library by:

- Selecting **Search** from the main page
- Selecting **Advanced Search**
- Selecting the **Classmark** field from the drop-down menu under **Field to search**
- Typing **huguenot** in the adjacent box to the drop-down menu (under **Type word or phrase**)
- Typing the required search terms in the other boxes under **Type word or phrase** and clicking on the **Go** button

The Archive contains sources which may possibly be useful to family historians, such as pedigrees and coats-of-arms.⁵ There are also collections of family papers, a list of which is available on the Library website. Henry Wagner also worked on wills of Huguenots and the transcriptions are held in the Library (a forthcoming volume of the Quarto Series is planned for these). The Archive catalogue is not online, but has been published in two volumes, with a Supplementary catalogue due to be published in 2007.⁶

⁴ 'Research Files in the Huguenot Library', *Huguenot Families*, 4, 2001, pp. 23-35.

Published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

⁵ For a list, see: **Harcourt Williams, M.** 'Coats of Arms and Pedigrees', *Huguenot Families*, 11, 2004, pp. 21-27.

Published by the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

⁶ **Smith, R.** *Records of the Royal Bounty and connected funds, the Burn Donation, and the Savoy Church in the Huguenot Library*, University College, London, (Quarto Series vol. LI), London: Huguenot Society of London, 1974.

Gray, I. E. *Huguenot Manuscripts: a descriptive catalogue of the remaining manuscripts in the Huguenot Library*, (Quarto Series vol. LVI), London: Huguenot Society of London, 1983.

The Supplementary catalogue will be published as one of the Quarto Series.