

Some Resources for Researching Huguenot Ancestry

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Clues to Huguenot Ancestry

- A French or French-sounding name in your family tree (though some names will have become anglicised over time, e.g. Bruneau > Browne, Andrieu > Andrews, Delacroix > Cross)
- A family tradition or memory of a French connection
- Anglican or Nonconformist religious affiliation
- An early connection to known Huguenot trades
- An ability to trace your family origins back to 17th century France (e.g. from BDM records)
- Clues as to WHEN your French ancestor/s may have left France

Where to Start – General Historical Background

- FamilySearch Research Wiki (see next section below for details) – e.g. a search for “Germany Brandenburg Huguenot Refugees” brings up the following extensive article:

Huguenot Refugees in Brandenburg and Berlin, Germany

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- *The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*, edited by Robert Nash (Newtown NSW, Huguenot Society of Australia, 2009) – see chapter 2. Book available from the Huguenot Society of Australia (but currently out of stock)
- *A History of the Huguenots of the Dispersion at the Recall of the Edict of Nantes*, by Reginald Lane Poole (London, Macmillan, 1880) – full text on the Internet Archive:
<https://archive.org/stream/historyofhugueno00pooluft/historyofhugueno00pooluft_djvu.txt>
- *Huguenots* (article from Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia) <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huguenots>>
- *The Huguenots: London's First Refugees*, by Theo Bosanquet (article on 'Londonist' website, updated 2022) <<https://londonist.com/london/history/huguenot-ancestry-london-french-names-spitalfields>>
- *List of people with Huguenot ancestry* (article from Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_with_Huguenot_ancestry> (notable Huguenots or people with Huguenot ancestry, with links to their biographies)
- *Who Were the Huguenots?* (article on 'Huguenot Society of Australia' website) <<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/our-society/who-were-the-huguenots/>>

Where to Start – Genealogical Research

- *Discovering Huguenot Ancestry*, by Kirsten Perris (article on State Library of Queensland website, 2023) <www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/discovering-huguenot-ancestry>
- FamilySearch Research Wiki (a genealogy resource guide with 150,004 articles) <www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page> - a search for “Huguenots” brings up 487 results. More specific searches are possible.



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Research Wiki search interface. On the left is a black sidebar with the FamilySearch logo and the text 'FamilySearch Research Wiki' and 'A Genealogy Resource Guide' with '150,003 articles'. The main content area shows search results for 'huguenots'. At the top right, it says 'Results 1 - 20 of 487'. The search bar contains 'huguenots' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are options for 'Advanced search: Sort by relevance' and 'Search in: (Main) Category GuidedResearch'. The first result is 'Ireland Church Records (category Huguenots)' with a description: 'Protestant. Huguenots, seeking religious freedom, also came in the 1600s. Huguenot church records have been published in: The Publications of the Huguenot Society' and '14 KB (1,386 words) - 13:11, 28 January 2026'.

- Past Presence (Linda Yip Genealogy): France (links to various resources for French genealogy) <<https://past-presence.com/france/>>
- *General Background to Huguenot Research* (4 articles by Robert Nash – Members Only Page, Huguenot Society of Australia website)
- Musée Protestant (Protestant Museum): Musée virtuel du protestantisme <<https://museeprotestant.org/en/>> - see in particular the online “Tours”
- *Online Genealogy Records by Location* (FamilySearch Research Wiki) <www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Online_Genealogy_Records_by_Location>
- *Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*, by Kathy Chater (Barnsley UK, Pen & Sword Books, 2012)
- *Who Were the Huguenots?* (article by Kathy Chater, on the Who Do You Think You Are? website) <www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/overseas/who-were-the-huguenots>

General research tips

- Use the “**Translate this page**” option in Google, for many non-English documents and websites (the translation can be a bit “rough” though).
- Use “**Google Translate**” to help translate individual words and phrases (or an old-fashioned bi-lingual dictionary).
- Search using **French, German, etc. words**, rather than just English words, if you want to find results in those languages (e.g. “Hugenotten willkommen Preussen” rather than “Huguenots welcome Prussia” or “église réformée” rather than “reformed church”).
- Consult **script/lettering guides** to help transcribe old documents.
- Find good, helpful **overseas contacts** who can do things for you, or from whose research you can borrow (if you trust their research).
- Be aware of the general **geographical and historical background** (e.g. the names and boundaries of relevant countries/states, at the time you are researching).
- Consider **spelling variations** in names – a different spelling could actually be the same family.
- Be aware of the **key terms** used in non-English baptism, marriage and burial records.

Script/Lettering guides

e.g. *Les écritures anciennes du XVIème au XIXème siècle* (Old writing/lettering from the 16th to the 19th century) <http://guy.joly1.free.fr/ecritures_anciennes.html>

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Glossaries

- *French Genealogical Word List* (on FamilySearch website)
<www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/French_Genealogical_Word_List>

National Huguenot Societies' (or equivalent) websites

- Dutch Huguenot Foundation (Nederlandse Hugenoten Stichting) email: hugenotenstichting@hetnet.nl
- German Huguenot Society (Deutsche Hugenotten-Gesellschaft) <<https://www.hugenotten.de/>>
(administers the German Huguenot Museum <<http://www.huguenot-museum-germany.com/>>)
- Huguenot Society of America - <www.huguenotsocietyofamerica.org> (there are also several state-based Huguenot societies, e.g. Huguenot Society of South Carolina <<https://huguenotsociety.org/>>)
- Huguenot Society of Australia <<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/>>
- Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland <www.huguenotsociety.org.uk> (has an Irish Section <<https://huguenotsinireland.com/>>)
- Huguenot Society of South Africa <<https://huguenotsociety.org.za/>>
- Huguenots in France: International Huguenot Friendships ((Huguenots en France: Les Amitiés Huguenotes Internationales) <www.huguenots.fr> (also called the World Huguenot Center)
- National Huguenot Society (USA) <<https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/#>>
- Society of the History of French Protestantism (Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français) <www.shpf.fr>

Online Databases

- Bibliothèque Wallonne Card Indexes
<www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands,_Bibliothèque_Wallonne,_Card_Indexes_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records> - outlines how to use the database
<www.familysearch.org/search/image/index?owc=https%3A%2F%2Ffamilysearch.org%2Frecapi%2Fsword%2Fcollection%2F2134301%2Fwaypoints> - collection browse page

- Huguenot Refuge Database (Base de données du refuge Huguenot) <<http://www.refuge-huguenot.fr/contenu.php>> - information on fugitive Huguenots from various parish registers, fugitive property board documents, support records and censuses. Searchable by name.

Genealogy/Family History Services

(not specifically Huguenot-related. Some have free and paid options.)

General:

- Ancestry (Australian site) <www.ancestry.com.au>
- FamilySearch (Australian site) <www.familysearch.org/en/australia/>
- Findmypast (Australian site) <www.findmypast.com.au>
- Geneanet (English language version) <<https://en.geneanet.org/>>
- Genes Reunited (Australian site) <www.genesreunited.com.au>
- MyHeritage <www.myheritage.com>

More specific:

- Australian Cemeteries Index <<https://austcemindex.com/>>
- Find a Grave <www.findagrave.com>
- Geni <www.geni.com>
- Ryerson Index <www.ryersonindex.org>
- WikiTree <www.wikitree.com>

French Archives

- FranceArchives <<https://francearchives.gouv.fr/en>> - the national archives portal. A search for “Huguenots” brings up 834 results. See also the section *Genealogy and family* <<https://francearchives.gouv.fr/en/section/44227>>
- French Departmental Archives online – contain digitised copies of surviving church books – baptisms, marriages, burials, etc. Example:
Departmental Archives of Eure-et-Loir (Archives Départementales: Eure-et-Loir) <www.archives28.fr>
- the page to start searching for specific parish and civil status registers is <www.archives28.fr/archives-et-inventaires-en-ligne/histoire-des-individus-des-populations-et-genealogie/les-registres-paroissiaux-et-detat-civil?arko_default_6241bc24d7427--ficheFocus=>> - searching in *Former parish* for “reformed religion” (*religion réformée*) will bring up 28 results.

Libraries/Library Collections

- Huguenot Society of Australia Library (at the HSA Secretary’s home in Sydney. Members are encouraged to use it at any mutually convenient time. Make an appointment by contacting the Secretary, email: ozhug85@gmail.com or mobile: 0450 927 838.

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- *The Robin Gwynn Huguenot Collection*, housed in the Donald Robinson Library, Moore Theological College (Newtown). To register and access the collection, see <www.library.moore.edu.au>

Country-Specific Resources – Australia

- Huguenot Society of Australia website <<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/>> - see in particular the “members only” section (you need to be a member)
- *The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*, edited by Robert Nash (Newtown NSW, Huguenot Society of Australia, 2009) – book available from the Huguenot Society of Australia (currently out of stock)
- *Huguenot Resources in Australia* (7 articles by Robert Nash – Members Only Page, HSA website)
- Huguenot Society of Australia Facebook page (a private Facebook group) <www.facebook.com/groups/505486598423622>
- *A New Tapestry: Huguenot Families in Australia*, edited by Robert Nash (Newtown NSW, Huguenot Society of Australia, 2015) – book available from the Huguenot Society of Australia
- *A List of Huguenot Surnames Which Have Come to Australia* (from ‘Huguenot Society of Australia’ website) <<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/research/a-list-of-huguenot-surnames-which-have-come-to-australia/>>
- *Members’ Research Interests* (from ‘Huguenot Society of Australia’ website) <<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/members-research-interests/>> - HSA membership is necessary to contact other members. Members can access the latest “Research List” for relevant contact details.

Country-Specific Resources – Great Britain and Ireland

- Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland website <www.huguenotsociety.org.uk> (has an Irish Section <<https://huguenotsinireland.com/>>)
- *Huguenot Heritage: the History and Contribution of the Huguenots in Britain*, by Robin D. Gwynn. 2nd rev. ed. (Brighton, Sussex Academic Press, 2001)
- Huguenot Museum (Rochester, Kent) <<https://huguenotmuseum.org/>>
- *The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland*, by Grace Lawless Lee (Baltimore MD, Clearfield, 2006)
- *Huguenot Surname Index: a Master Index to the Quarto Series of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland* (CD-ROM) – compiled by Cecile Ramsay-Sharp and Robert Nash (Newtown NSW, Huguenot Society of Australia, 2014) – available from the Huguenot Society of Australia
- *The Huguenots of London*, by Robin D. Gwynn (Brighton, Alpha Press, 1998)
- *Ireland's Huguenots and Their Refuge, 1662-1745: an Unlikely Haven*, by Raymond Hylton (Brighton, Sussex Academic Press, 2018)
- *Quarto Series of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland* - a series of 63 volumes (+ 5 New Series volumes) of primary documents (e.g. church registers). For details, see *Huguenots in England and Ireland: The Quarto Series* (3 articles by Robert Nash – Members Only Page, Huguenot Society of Australia website) or the HS of GB & I website <www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/publications/quarto.html>
- *Tracing Huguenot Ancestors* – an audio presentation given by Dr Kathleen Chater, 14 December 2012 (The National Archives UK website) - <<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/tracing-huguenot-ancestors/>> - read transcription or listen to audio (52 minutes)

Country-Specific Resources – Germany

- *The Archive of the French Church in Berlin* (Das Archiv der Französischen Kirche zu Berlin) <www.hugenottenmuseum-berlin.de/sammlung/das-archiv-der-franzoesischen-kirche-zu-berlin> - part of the Huguenot Museum, Berlin (Hugenotten Museum, Berlin)
- German Huguenot Society (Deutsche Hugenotten-Gesellschaft) website <<https://www.hugenotten.de/>> (administers the German Huguenot Museum in Bad Karlshafen <<http://www.huguenot-museum-germany.com/>>)

Getting Professional Genealogical Help

(not specifically Huguenot-related, and no opinions given as to quality)

- AncestryProGenealogists <www.progenealogists.com>
- JustAnswer: Genealogists <www.justanswer.com/sip/genealogy?r=impact%7C34020%7CGenealogy%20Experts%20-%20Text%20Link%7C&clickid=w9e3bkTFOxyKW9fSag0yuVeuUkCXTgVZ8RcGUM0&aff_sub_id=&aff_sub_id2=desk_VTRTcNG6Ak&aff_sub_id3=&aff_sub_id4=&chat_text=&iradId=904852&irgwc=1>
- Legacy Tree Genealogists <www.legacytree.com/au>

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Comments, queries and suggestions regarding this resource list are welcome.

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