

The Huguenots of Abbeville, South Carolina

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almost to its close, a colony arrived in South Carolina in 1764. Two hundred and twelve persons succeeded

in eluding the vigilance of their pursuers, and arrived safely at Plymouth, England,

from which point they sailed for South Carolina in April of the same year, their place of disembarkation being Charleston. They were there received with kindness and hospitality and accommodations were soon furnished them at Beaufort, which they accepted as a healthy retreat for the summer. They returned to Charleston in October, having lost but one of their members by death. A tract of land on Long Crane Creek, Abbeville County was granted them, and they soon after removed to this spot, the expense of their journey having been defrayed by public subscription. **On their arrival at their new home they gave it the name of New Bordeaux.** Two ministers accompanied

them, the Reverends Jean Louis Gibert and Pierre Botilon, the names of the other refugees being in part inserted in the Gaillard List. A total of 74 names became unknown, and the holders thereof lost sight of, the Provinces from which they came being not known for certain either, although it is believed they mostly came from Guienne, one of the old Southern provinces of France. That a certain number were from Bordeaux is likely from their having named their settlement after that city. **New Bordeaux was located at or near the junction of Long Cane Creek and Little River, about three and one-half miles above the confluence of the latter with the Savannah River, and five miles south-east of the village of Willington.** It is now designated as "Old French Town" on the County Map. Many names of the immigrants are yet familiar in that neighborhood, as Gibert, Moragne, etc., and thus indicate some of the descendants of the original settlers. **LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE ABBEVILLE SETTLEMENT.** Taken When They Were In

Plymouth, England. Martha Amanieu, John Anthony, John Audebert, John Ayureni, Philip Beard, (Nicholas Basson), Jacob Baylord, Cecille, Francis and Peter Bayle, children of Maria Segral inserted below, Anthony Belau, John Peter Belier, John Bellfaye, Anne Bellfaye, his daughter, John Bellot, his wife Lydia Gogul, their children, Pierre Helie, John Arnant, Maria Magdaline and Judith Bellot, Annie Berard, widow of Peter Beinayme, Elizabeth Beinayme, their daughter, John Béraud of Canton, Mathew Béraud his brother Matthew, his wife, Elizabeth Gregorie, their children Anne and Maria Béraud, Samuel Bollomas, Bartholemew Bonique, Corlas Bordejau, his wife Francis Saqueboville, their children, John, Peter, Maria and Jane Bordejeau, Joseph Bouchillon, Maria Majinnett, John Bouchillon, their son.

Charles Bouchonneau, Nicholas Bouchonneau, and Maria Bouchonneau, children of Anne Courneau, inserted below. James Bouliton, his wife Margaret Teyssandieu, Peter Bouliton, their son, Peter Bouliton or Botiton the pastor, Peter Boyer, Anne Courneau, widow of Bouchonneau, John Carteau, Peter Charreau, John Baptist d'Elauné, Maria de la Marre, their children, Maria, John Baptist, Anthony and James d'Elaunné' John Dou, Daniel Due, John Dupuy, Mathew Festal, John Frésil, his wife Maria Roujon, their children, Maria, Judith and Susan Frésil, Anthony Gabeau, Peter Garineau, John Baptist

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Gautier, his wife, Susan Alexandre, their children, Theodore and John Gautier, Theodore Gay, Jean Louis Gibert, the pastor, his wife, Jane Boutiton, John Gout, Francis Gros, Andrew Guilhaven, Abraham Jacob, his wife Susan Izabeau Jolly, their children Maria, Judith, and Daniel Jacob, James Labrousse, his wife Jane Blanchet, their children, Etienne and Maria Labrousse, John Lafaye, **Jacob Langel, Peter Langel, James Langel, his wife, Anne Allegné, their children, Dennis, Jacob, and Anne Langel**, Anne Latoure, and Susan Latoure, sisters, Elizabeth Levvant, Peter Livron, Peter Moragne, Peter Nicolas, his wife, Elizabeth____, Paul Nivrau, John Baptist Petit, his wife, Jane Rodier, Peter Pierredon, Peter Nicolas, Piron, John Priaud, John Priolet, Peter Regnier, his wife, Jane Bonneau, Julian Rivard, John Roger, his wife, Anne L'espine, their children, Peter, Jeremiah, and Maria Roger, Peter Rolland, Peter Roguemore, his wife, Jane Seguin, their children, Maria, Anne, and Peter Roguemore, Susan Roguemore, widow, her daughter, ____Roguemore, Joseph Sabbé, Maria Seqral, widow of ____Bayle, mentioned above, Peter Sudre, Anthony Tarrateau, Maria Tarrateau, widow of Gabeau, Etienne Thomas, Maria Thomas, his sister, Francis Trouillai, James Vallard, Louis Villaret, Amey William, etc. The Abbeville Colony attempted the rearing of the silk worm and the weaving of its product into cloth. In this they were successful for a time, but eventually abandoned the scheme. They were industrious and hard working like the other Huguenot Colonists but their location was not particularly favorable for agricultural profit, and an insurmountable difficulty of the time was the transportation of their produce to a market. *