

The Fontaine/Maury Society

Newsletter

A publication of an association of the descendants and their families of Jaques Fontaine (1658–1728) and his wife Anne Elisabeth Boursiquot (circa 1660–1721). The Society is dedicated to the perpetuation of the memory of our Fontaine and Maury ancestors, to the transmission to our descendants of the spirit and character of our ancestors, and to research and preservation of materials relating to their lives.

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Summer 2013

Fontaine/Maury Annual Meeting October 4-6, 2013

New Bern, North Carolina

Plans have been made for a memorable meeting in New Bern this year. We will have the usual gathering on Friday evening, October 4 at 7:30 PM at the Double Tree by Hilton. We will elect officers for the coming year, have reports from committees and discuss other pertinent business and enjoy a special presentation by Marshall Brewton.

Saturday will be a banner day. At 9:30 AM there will be a trolley tour of New Bern, with lunch on our own. After free time to tour or meet in genealogy break-out sessions in the afternoon, we will enjoy a sunset boat cruise at 5 pm.

Prior to our 8 pm dinner at the hotel, there will be a Silent Auction. Our first Silent Auction at last year's annual meeting was a tremendous success. Thanks to all who generously participated with donations and bids; we encourage everyone to bring items again this year to donate to make this year's event an equally resounding success. Proceeds exceeded our expectations and will mean that we will donate to several organizations determined by the Executive Committee. Last year there was something for everyone: books, framed prints, regional wines, children's things, handsome items by several members, French themed items, handbags, and garden clogs to name a few.

The Double Tree by Hilton at the New Bern Waterfront is holding a limited number of rooms for Society members at a special group rate of \$129 per night, double or single. The Double Tree by Hilton reservation number is 1-800-326-3745. The reservation form for the meeting, including costs for the activities, is included in this newsletter. If you plan to attend, please return the form to Claire Rice, our Society President, by August 23. We hope you plan to join us for what will be a memorable reunion.

Francis Fontaine the Builder, 1721-1785

Francis "Frank" Fontaine (the Builder) was a grandson of Jaques Fontaine, and the eldest son of the Reverend Francis Fontaine and Marie Glannison who were married in Dublin. The Reverend Francis had bought land in King William County, Virginia along with his brother John Fontaine and brought his family to the house there in 1721. His son Frank was born in 1721. The Reverend Francis was the first professor of Oriental Languages at William and Mary College and was an Anglican minister and served the Yorktown Church which is still an active church today. His first wife Mary died in 1733

after 12 years of marriage, leaving behind their four children: Frank (1721), Mary or Molly (1724), John (1726), and Thomas (1730), who died young.

About 1735 the Reverend Francis married Mrs. Susanna Brush Barbour, a widow, in Williamsburg. His children and his new wife did not get along well together. The Reverend Francis's sister, Mary Anne Maury, characterized her as "a mighty housewife but a cruel woman." After Frank had a confrontation with his step-mother, his father withdrew him from William and Mary College and apprenticed him to a carpenter to learn that trade. About 1743, Frank completed his terms of apprenticeship, and when the Fontaines in England next wrote about their nephew's history in 1749, Frank was living in New Bern, North Carolina, where he was married and already had three children, the eldest of which was dead. His wife's name is unknown but likely Ann (Nancy).

Family letters further indicated that Frank was a successful house joiner in New Bern. His brother John joined him in the business. Their homes and shop were on the lots now occupied by the Federal Building in New Bern. Frank had a total of nine known children but it does not appear that John had children. He apparently died young as his estate went into probate in May 1758. By that time Frank was no longer in New Bern but had moved northwest into Dobbs County as evident from the 1769 Dobbs County tax digest. Frank's farm was called Fontaine Hill, a site still designated in northern Lenoir (formed from Dobbs) County just above the area where the Brutons lived but known as "Fountain" Hill. Frank's oldest sons, Francis (III) and Peter, are in this same tax digest.

In 1778 or 1779 Frank and his family moved south to St. Bartholomew Parish, South Carolina, on the Edisto River; it has been frequently cited that he lived on Edisto Island below Charleston but this is a mistake. Frank last appears in records in 1785; he does not appear on the 1786 parish tax digest, the only complete extant tax record, which suggests he died in 1785. Thanks to John May and Brian Nilsson for this article.

Welcome to these new Fontaine/Maury Society members!

Susan & Bob Agnew	Arlington, VA	Mary Baxter	Greenville, KY
Mrs. Havard Bauer	Mt Angel, OR	Clark & Ruth Rice Bierbaum	Charlotte, NC
Mrs. James Colvin	Springhill, LA	Kitty Dudics	Corpus Christi, TX
Cynthia Moss	Shelbyville, IN	Maury F. Scott Oliver	Houston, TX
R. Gregory Porter	Lynchburg, VA	Amy Rachel Scott	San Antonio, TX
Nena Scott	San Antonio, TX	Rex, Ruth & Meredith Rice	Easley, SC
Robert Scott Jr.	Falfurries, TX	Ralph & Maureen Fontaine	Sequim, WA
Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Fontaine & Ryan		Jacksonville, FL	
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Fontaine, Ava & Luke		Hampshire, United Kingdom	

Unfortunately these Members have passed away.

John Eaton Fontaine III	Jackson, MS	Mrs. Winston Fontaine	Pensacola, FL
John Strang	New York, NY	Colonel Jess Scott	Elizabethtown, KY

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2013 Annual Meeting Registration Form
New Bern, North Carolina
October 4-6, 2012

Hotel Rooms: Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel **by September 1, 2013**, and mention that you are our Society to receive our special rate.

Double Tree Hilton; 100 Middle Street; New Bern, NC 28560. Phone 800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585. Our Society's rate is \$ 129.00 per night, single or double. Please note that if you need to cancel your reservation, please do so at least 72 hours before your scheduled arrival date or you will be charged.

Meeting Activities: Make check or money order payable to "The Fontaine Maury Society" for the events you will attend and mail **by August 23** to Society president, Claire F. Rice, at P.O. Box 8724, Greenville, SC 29604. For more information, contact her at 864-271-1825 or Ridge107@gmail.com.

Please send this completed registration form and payment **by August 23, 2013**. We are unable to process credit or debit cards.

Number of People Attending: _____

Registration fee: \$ 10.00 per person _____

Business Meeting Friday night (7:30 pm): No charge _____

Trolley tour, Sat. morning (9:30 am): \$ 18.00 per person _____

Saturday sunset boat cruise (5:00 pm): \$ 25.00 per person _____

Saturday dinner (8:00 pm): \$ 38.00 per person _____

Dinner Choices: #1 _____ Prime Rib #2 _____ Salmon

TOTAL: _____

Restaurants are available locally for dinner on Friday night and for lunch on Saturday.

Name: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Spouse's name: _____ (for name tags)

Circle your ancestor: Francis John Mary Ann Maury Peter Other

Details of the weekend will be given to attendees upon registration at the meeting.
Please send this registration form to Claire Rice by August 23, 2013.

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Members are asked to renew their membership each year. Dues are \$15 per year per family at one address. Checks should be mailed to our Membership Secretary Leah Fontaine at P.O. Box 307 Tehachapi, CA 93581. Checks should be made out to The Fontaine/Maury Society. Dues paid at the annual meeting in October 2013 and beyond will be valid through the end of 2014.