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"Lest we forget..."

[Ed. note: With this issue, we begin a new column, to help us remember our Waldensian heritage and the sacrifices these ancestors made.]

On 8 November 1696, Madeleine PONT (older form of PONS) and her husband appeared before the Duke's officials to reclaim Angrogna holdings lost by her family at the religious imprisonment in 1685. Her father Daniel had died in 1680, before the troubles flared. Her brother Giovanni died in 1685, probably a casualty of the round-up itself; her sister Catherine and brother Pietro both died in 1686, prisoners in the castle at Carmagnola.

Her only other close relative, a maternal uncle Giovanni Bonnetto, was killed at Angrogna by the invading French in 1691. Her other sister, Gioanna, had died at Angrogna at an unspecified time before 1686.

In Rora, Daniele PAVARINO, son of Giacomo (dead 30 years), reclaimed his inheritance. He then claimed additional holdings in right of his wife who died at Trino in 1686, and of their children Giovanni and Maria, who also died in prison.

Finally, he established his right to the holdings of Maria RUETTO and Bartholomeo and Paulo PAVARINO, who would be his siblings; Maria's two sons had returned to Switzerland, while the two brothers' families would have all died or been killed.

The Duke's intention in 1685 to exterminate the Waldensians nearly succeeded in these cases. Madeleine was the sole survivor in her family, and Daniele was the only survivor who stayed in the valleys.

What a moving heritage is ours!

Pons, Rivoire, Stallé— Are you there?

I'm finding a number of references to these and other families in the notarial records. Yet so far no interest has been expressed by descendants of these immigrants (except the Cardons in terms of their Stallé descent).

We've had few financial contributions from any in these families as well.

We'd love to hear from you, and invite you to join us in this research to correct our records of these ancestral families.

A time for sacrifice

by J Malan Heslop

Sacrifice—well known to our noble Waldensian ancestors. Now we need to sacrifice so they can enjoy temple blessings and be brought together in families.

With the changes in extraction procedures (see article, next page), our goal is to complete the extraction in another three-to-five years.

Our researcher has time to complete about one report per month. But so far in 1995, we have only been able to send funds for *SIX* of the *ELEVEN* months we could have received a report from him.

We are pleased with the research results so far. They show very clearly that Brian Leese began falsifying research reports *much* earlier than previously suspected (see next page). We can now correct our ancestral families. In addition,

many blanks on our pedigrees are being filled in, especially on maternal sides of the various lines.

Most of our monthly contributions are for \$10, and we appreciate them. **But we need at least 100 more donors who can contribute \$10 or more per month.**

This means a sacrifice for most of us. But such sacrifice will prepare us to meet our ancestors, who sacrificed far more than means and who wait for these corrections and additions.

Major contributions are needed from those who have resources. Contribute \$1,000 or \$5,000 as you choose. Smaller contributions, \$20 to \$500 are also needed.

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Your regular support is appreciated, and will be rewarded!

Research procedures simplified

Experience with the notarial records of the small village of Rorata (home of our Durand-Canton ancestors) revealed that we had quite a few documents that didn't really help us reconstruct families. These were primarily land transactions mentioning the buyer and seller and, often, their respective fathers. But unless other family members are also identified in such records, the information isn't helpful.

It is like finding records stating that John Jones son of John sold land to James Smith son of Robert: If the Jones and Smith families had been in the area for two or three centuries, as had been our Waldensian ancestors, and if they followed naming patterns like those used by Waldensians, there could be a half-dozen or more father-son

pairs that such a document could pertain to.

To expedite our research effort and be more productive with our research funds, we have asked the researcher NOT to extract documents containing only such limited information. If we later find a few families for whom we simply must find additional clues, we can have him recheck specific surnames and time periods.

We have received five research reports since making this change, and it dramatically speeds up the process. With the Angrogna records now completed, the research reports total **1644** pages. Without the change, we wouldn't have finished Angrogna yet and would have some 2500 pages.

Instead of our original estimate of about 20 years to extract the 900 volumes of notarial records pertaining to Waldensians in the valleys, we now estimate another 3-5 years (depending on financial support) to complete the project.

Cardon pedigree Part 4, the Durand line

As with last spring's issue, this discussion is based on Rora records. In addition to notarial records, I also used the "Registri dei Beni di Particolari" (Registers of Individuals' Goods), State Archives, Torino, as papers of the Senato di Pinerolo (Pinerolo Senate), batch 99.

Waldensians returning from exile and those who had temporarily abjured had to appear with witnesses to reclaim their lands. By stating inheritance rights, the Senato papers clarify many families just before and just after the exile.

For each person in the pedigree list below, I provide the date of the document(s) identifying the person. Explanation is given only when these records disagree with previous research on the line or when particularly important identifying information is contained in the record.

Key: Names are given as they appear in the source record. To determine someone's parents:

Double the person's own number, which gives the number of the father; add one more to find the mother. Example: Parents of #3 are #6 and #7; parents of #7 are #14 and #15. Missing numbers reflect gaps in the pedigree.

FHLA stands for Family History Library, Main Archives; **PP** is for Piedmont Project. **Es.** refers to *Gli Esuli Valdesi*, a compilation of Swiss references to the refugees, usually providing birth year and some family relationships. **NR-R** means the notarial records of Rorata (Rora). **Sen.** means the Senato papers, described above.

1. Maria Elizabeth Durand. FHLA: chr. 3 Oct 1761, Rora; md Jean Louis TOURN. (Not in the NR, which end in 1709; accepted from FHLA.)

2. Jean Durand. FHLA: chr 8 May 1723.

3. Louise Tourn. FHLA: chr 23 Ju 1724.

4. Jacques Durand. FHLA has born abt 1687 and 1698, d bet 1756-1759.

5. Susanne Favette. FHLA: b abt 1691, Villar Pellice. *Es.* p 92 #1232: b 1676, Villar Pellice.

6. Louis/Ludovico Tourn. Mentioned in *Sen.*, p 35, with brother Bartolomeo.

7. Elisabeth/Isabelle Salvageot. FHLA: b abt 1693. Not in *Es.*, so probably b after return from exile and therefore by *second* wife.

8. Louis/Ludovico Durand. FHLA: b abt 1661. *Es.* p 91 #1192: b 1666, Rora. As exile, at Zurich on 5 Dec 1686; spent winter of 1687-88 at Berne and Zurich; in Brandenburg i Aug 1688 and then went to Stendahl (Germany), where he was a sergeant in 1690. Siblings: Daniele, Giovanni, Bartolomeo, Anna, Maria. NR-R, vol 135: d bef 5 Sep 1708.

9. Anne Rostan. FHLA: b abt 1665. *Es.* p 163 #3062: b 1664, Roccapiatta; prisoner at Fosanno (one of few to survive); no relatives listed. As exile, at Morges 25 Feb 1687; wintered at Zurich 1687-8, leaving Jul 1688; at Schiafusa Oct 1688.

10. Philippe Favette. *Es.* p 92 #1229: b 1648, Villar Pellice; prisoner at Fosanno.

11. Constance -. *Es.* p 92 #1230: b 1656.

12. Giovanni Tourn. Same as #4, Cardon pedigree part 1, *PFO Report* No. 4 (Fall 1994), p. 2; his ancestry is not repeated here.

13. Ludovica Miroto. #4, same reference.

14. Mathieu Salvageot. FHLA: b abt 1667 and abt 1641(!) *Es.* p 165 #3114 gives no b year and no wife; children: Catherine b 1674, Margaret b 1678, Anne b 1680, Mathieu b 1683 (just before imprisonment in 1685). First wife probably died either in childbirth or in prison.

15. Isabella Torno. FHLA gives Elizabeth/Isabelle (diff forms of same name in French), b abt 1671; but in *Sen.* land claim (p 41, 11 Nov 1697), Matheo Salvagetto (Italian form of name) gives his wife as Isabella "Torna" (feminine form of Torno), dau of deceased Ludovico; 2nd wife.

16. Jacques Durand. FHLA as "Mr Durand." Name is provided in *Es.* entry for wife; *Sen.* states he d in prison in Torino in 1687. NR-R show him selling land in 1654, 1674, an 1682, and he appears in 12 more acts, 1667-1684.

17. Catherine Pellenc. *Es.* p 90 #1190: b 1642, Rora; husb dead. Children: Louis 1666, Daniel 1668, Anne 1669, Jean 1671, Bartelemi 1673, Marie 1682; md (2) Pietro Chiauvia of Angrogna.

28. Daniel Salvagiotto. FHLA gives Giacomo Salvageotto, b about 1642. But NR-R clearly identify #14's father as Daniel. In NR-R between 1618-1654. *Sen.* p 41 says he d in 1655, supported by T. Gay, *Histoire des Vaudois* (1912) p. 233, killed in Piedmontese Easter slaughter. Same as #20 on Cardon pedigree, part 3, *PFO Report*, No. 5, Spring 1995, p. 4.

29. Maria Armando. FHLA gives Bernardina Bainazzo; no such person and no such surname ever appear in these records. 1st wife, Maria sold land with her husband 9 Mar 1634; dead by

11 May 1654, when her husb had remd. Same as #21, same ref. as husband.

30. Ludovico Torno. FHLA gives Gioanni Ludovico Durando, ba bt 1646; no such person appears in the records. His correct name is given by his son-in-law, #14 Mathieu Salvagiot. Several Ludovico Tornos appear in NR-R; a Cardon family historian should consult these records to determine which applies.

32. Ludovico Durando. FHLA gives Gioanni, but NR clearly identifies #16 Jacques, the father of #8 Louis, as son of Ludovico (Louis); appears in NR-R between 1642-1669; d by 1673.

33. (not known). FHLA gives "Egidia," a name never appearing in these records.

34. Daniel Pelencho. Same as #14, *PFO Report* No. 4, Fall 1994, p 2.

35. Margarita -. Mentioned (without maiden name) in NR-R. MAY be the Marguerite Pellenc exiled in Switzerland (Es. p 143 #2543), though no identifying information is given about her.

56. Gioanni/Gioannone Salvageotto. Same as #40, *PFO Report*, Spring 1995, p 4.

57. Agnetta Durando. Same as #41, same ref.

58. Matteo Armando. NR-R show he died before 9 Mar 1634.

64. Giacomo Durando. NR-R list him as a head of household at town council, 23 Feb 1623; he was therefore md by that date; d by 22 May 1627. I estimate his birth as abt 1585.

128. Ludovico Durando. Father of #64 Giacomo, but NOT of #114 Gioanni. NR-R: will dated 6 Mar 1626.

129. Issabil -. Mentioned in husb. will.

256. Gioanne Durando. NR-R: mentioned 3 Jan 1618, prob d shortly after, certainly by 6 Mar 1626; also referred to (as dead) 13 Nov 1642.

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