

FRENCH EMIGRANTS

They Were Not All Huguenots, Nobles, or from Alsace-Lorraine

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WEBINAR CONTENT

Waves and Wavelets of French Emigration

- Early Anti-Semitism and the Wars of Religion - 1394-1598
- End of Toleration - 1685-approximately 1750
- Early Colonial Emigration 1600s-1700s
- Acadian Diaspora - from 1763
- French Revolution and Revolutionary Wars 1789-1799
 - Emigrés 1789-1800
 - Fleeing the Terror - 1793-1796
 - Fleeing the Restoration - 1814
- Haitian Revolution Refugees - 1791-1809
- Economic Crisis of the 1840s and the Revolution of 1848
 - Workers' Convoys to Algeria
 - Gardes mobiles and Lingotiers to California 1850-1856
- Franco-Prussian War and Paris Commune 1871-1872
 - Communards to New Caledonia
 - Alsace-Lorraine Refugees 1872
- Empresario Colonization
 - Mexico - 1830s
 - Castroville - 1842-1865
- Young Men Avoiding Military Service
- Recruitment of Skilled Workers 1880s
 - Coal Miners
 - Watchmakers
 - Farmers and shepherders
- French in Australia
 - Victorian Gold Rush 1850s-1860s
 - Sponsored Passages 1960s
- French in Russia
- Twentieth Century Emigration
 - World War I Widows
 - World War II Spouses

ADDITIONAL READING
and
LINKS TO BLOG POSTS
that contain
RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES and RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

- Early Anti-Semitism and the Wars of Religion - 1394-1598
 - Suggested Blog posts:
 - [French Geography Before and After the Revolution - Provinces and Departments](#)
 - [French Jewish Genealogy - Ancien régime Geography Is Important](#)
 - [Jewish Genealogy in Alsace and Lorraine](#)
- End of Toleration - 1685-approximately 1750
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Lougé, Carolyn Chappell. *Facing the Revocation: Huguenot Families, Faith, and the King's Will*. Oxford University Press. 2016.
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Archives d'Etat de Genève - A Guest Post](#)
 - [Five Hundred Years of Protestantism - A Guest Post](#)
 - [Book Review : The Huguenots](#)
 - [International Museum of the Reformation in Geneva - A Guest Post](#)
 - [Protestant and Huguenot Research - The TT Series](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - A Bit of Background](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - Documenting in Secret](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - Where To Look](#)
 - [L'Abjuration - One Huguenot's Forced Conversion](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy in English](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - The Protestant Registers](#)
 - [For Researchers of Huguenots - FamilySearch Adds Scans From the SHPF](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - More Recommended Sites](#)
 - [Huguenot Genealogy - Finding Protestants in Notarial Records](#)
- Early Colonial Emigration 1600s-1700s
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Landry, Y. (2006). "Les Français passés au Canada avant 1760 : le regard de l'émigrant". *Revue d'histoire de l'Amérique française*, Vol. 59, no. 4.
 - Weber, Hanry. *La Compagnie française des Indes (1604-1874)*. Paris : Arthur Rousseau, 1904.

- Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Understanding Overseas France for Genealogy](#)
 - [DOM-TOM Genealogical Research](#)
 - [Wallis-et-Futuna, a DOM-TOM Research Example](#)
 - [BNPM - La Banque Numérique des Patrimoines Martiniquais](#)
 - [Good Reads - History of the French In India](#)
 - [Update - The Archives nationales d'outre-mer](#)
 - [Did Your Ancestor Sign an Employment Contract, \(contrat d'engagement\), to Go to Louisiana?](#)
 - [Researching an Ancestor in the Carignan Regiment](#)
 - [Guest Post - Research in France on a Carignan Soldier, Part 1](#)
 - [Guest Post - Research in France on a Carignan Soldier, Part 2](#)
 - [French West Indies Research - Les Antilles français](#)
 - [Online! - The Contracts of the Engagés Leaving La Rochelle for Canada and Elsewhere](#)
- Acadian Diaspora - from 1763
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Le Blant Robert. "Les études historiques sur la colonie française d'Acadie, 1603-1713". *Revue d'histoire des colonies*, Vol. 35, no. 122, 1948.
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [La Rochelle Municipal Archives - More Refugee and Deportee Lists](#)
 - [The Municipal Archives of La Rochelle](#)
- American Revolution
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [French Military Explained - Early 18th Century](#)
 - [The French Expeditionary Force -- l'Expédition Particulière](#)
 - [The 2112 French Who Died in the American Revolution](#)
- French Revolution and Revolutionary Wars 1789-1799
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Towns Renamed During the French Revolution](#)
 - [A Bit of Geography and How Your Ancestors Travelled Around France](#)
 - Emigrés 1789-1800
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Carpenter, Kirsty. *Refugees of the French Revolution : Émigrés in London, 1789–1802*. London: MacMillan. 1999.
 - Kenny, Laurence J. "The Gallipolis Colony." *The Catholic Historical Review*. Vol. 4, No. 4. Jan., 1919.
 - Moreau-Zanelli, Jocelyne. *Gallipolis : Histoire d'un mirage américain au XVIIIe siècle*. Paris : Harmattan, 2000.

- Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Further to Gallipolis and "The French 500" - a Guest Post](#)
 - [Was Your Ancestor a "Lady in Waiting to the Queen"?](#)
 - [Researching French Emigré Ancestors in the Archives Nationales](#)
 - [Ancestors Among the French Nobility](#)
 - [The Cabinet des Titres](#)
 - [Bourgeois de Paris in the Eighteenth Century](#)
- Haitian Revolution Refugees - 1791-1809
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Gillikin, M. W.(2014). *Saint Dominguan Refugees in Charleston, South Carolina, 1791-1822: Assimilation and Accommodation in a Slave Society*. (Doctoral dissertation). <http://scholarcommons.sc.edu/etd/3040>.
 - Gomez, Alejandro. *Le syndrome de Saint-Domingue. Perceptions et représentations de la Révolution haïtienne dans le Monde atlantique, 1790-1886*. Histoire. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), 2010. Français. tel-00555007v2. <https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-00555007v2>
 - Hébrard, Jean. "Esclavage et dépendance dans les archives paroissiales et notariales des sociétés esclavagistes en transition.", *Esclavages & Post-esclavages*, Vol. 1, 2019. <http://journals.openedition.org/slaveries/550>.
- Economic Crisis of the 1840s and the Revolution of 1848
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Chalmers, Claudine. "Françoise, Lucienne, Rosalie - French Women-Adventurers in the Early Days of the California Gold Rush." *California History*. Vol. 78, no. 3. Fall, 1999.
 - Morddel, Anne. "The California Immigrants of the Garde Mobile." *The California Nugget*. Vol. XIII, no. 2. Fall 2021.
 - Rohrbough, Malcolm J.. *Rush to Gold: The French and the California Gold Rush, 1848-1854*. Yale University Press. 2013.
 - Wright, Doris Marion. "The Making of Cosmopolitan California: An Analysis of Immigration, 1848-1870." *California Historical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 19, No. 4, Dec., 1940. There are quite a few good articles on this subject by this author.
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [The Men of the Gardes Mobiles Who Joined the California Gold Rush](#)
 - [The Revolutions of 1848 and Your Immigrant Ancestor](#)
 - [The Workers' Convoys to Algeria](#)
 - [The Archives of French Algeria](#)

- Franco-Prussian War and Paris Commune 1871-1872
 - Suggested Reading:
 - Goepfert, Anne-Sophie. *L'Emigration Alsacienne au XIXe Siecle : un Dossier du Service Educatif des Archives Départementales du Haut-Rhin*. 2007. Departmental Archives of Haut-Rhin. <https://archives.haut-rhin.fr/Education/p42/L-emigration-alsacienne-au-XIXe-siecle>.
 - Wahl Alfred. "A propos de l'option des Alsaciens-Lorrains en 1871-1872." *Annales de démographie historique*, 1971.
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Have You An Ancestor Who Was In the Paris Commune?](#)
 - [The Paris Commune 150 Years Later](#)
 - [Post by Hot Air Balloon During the Siege of Paris](#)
 - [The Journey from Alsace to the Port of Le Havre](#)
 - [Optants Updates](#)
 - [Do You Dare to Try to Research Your Alsace Ancestors Online - in French?](#)
 - [A Boost to Alsace Research](#)
 - [Upper Alsace and an Index to the Census of 1836](#)
 - [Alsace-Lorraine Genealogy Basics](#)
- Empresario Colonization
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [French Immigrants to Mexico](#)
- Young Men Avoiding Military Service
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Immigrants Evading French Military Service in the 1800s - Who Can Blame Them?](#)
 - [Did Your Ancestor Take Another's Place in the Army?](#)
- Recruitment of Skilled Workers 1880s
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Was Your French Ancestor a Cagot?](#)
 - [Guest Post - Au revoir Monsieur! Part 1](#)
 - [Guest Post - Au Revoir Monsieur! Part 2](#)
 - [Guest Post - Au revoir Monsieur! - Part 3](#)
 - [A Database of Basque Emigrants to Argentina](#)
- French in Australia
 - Suggested Blog Posts:
 - [Guest Post - A Frenchman in Australia, part 1](#)
 - [Guest Post - A Frenchman in Australia, part 2](#)
 - [Guest Post - A Frenchman in Australia, part 3](#)
 - [Guest Post - A Frenchman in Australia, part 4](#)
 - [The French in Australia](#)
- Twentieth Century Emigration

○ Suggested Blog Posts:

- [Why WWI War Widows Had to Emigrate](#)
- [Dossier de Réintégration - Genealogical Joy from a Widow's Struggles](#)

FURTHER READING on FRENCH EMIGRATION GENERALLY

Blancpain, Marc. "Les Français à L'étranger: I." *Revue des Deux Mondes (1829-1971)*, (15 MARS 1959), pp. 239-252. Published by: Revue des Deux Mondes
Stable URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44597834>.

Chatelain Abel. "Recherches et enquêtes démogéographiques : les migrations françaises vers le Nouveau Monde aux XIXe et XXe siècles." *Annales. Economies, sociétés, civilisations*. 2^e année, N. 1, 1947. pp. 53-70; https://www.persee.fr/doc/ahess_0395-2649_1947_num_2_1_3260.

Fohlen Claude. "Perspectives historiques sur l'immigration française aux États-Unis." *Revue européenne des migrations internationales*, vol. 6, n°1, 1990.

Hollingsworth T.H. "Historical studies of migration." *Annales de démographie historique*, 1970.

Moreau, M.C.. *Les Prêtres français émigré aux Etats-unis*. Paris : Charles Douniol, 1856.

FURTHER BLOG POSTS on FRENCH EMIGRATION GENERALLY

- [Was Your French Ancestor Actually French?](#)
- [Few French Emigrants](#)
- [Cattle and Emigration](#)
- [Emigrant Visas From Bordeaux](#)
- [Documenting a Journey Across the Atlantic - From Both Sides](#)
- [More Letters Home to France](#)
- [Celebrate! Le Havre Departing Passenger Lists Are Online!](#)
- [In the Archives diplomatiques - The Overseas Census](#)
- [How Your French Immigrant Ancestor Remained French](#)

TAKING YOUR RESEARCH FURTHER

- The individual research pages on [Family Search](#) are excellent for when you are just beginning to research a French emigrant. (In English)
- The websites of the various **Departmental Archives**, especially those of Haut-Rhin and Bas-Rhin, have very good essays on researching emigrants

from their regions. (In French) (Links to them all are in the left-hand column of [The French Genealogy Blog](#))

- The website of the [Archives nationales](#) has a number of superb articles introducing archival series that relate to emigration and explaining how to research. (In French)
- [Geneawiki, l'encyclopédie de la généalogie](#) is a superb source of information on archives and genealogical research for all of France. (In French)
- [FranceGenWeb](#) is a bit more in the style of the early days of the Internet and is awkward to use, but has quite a lot of informations.
- Consider joining and reading the publications of a specific French **genealogy group or association and/or a relevant local history association**. The articles published by members are often very helpful. A list of all such associations in France can be found on the website of the [Fédération Française de Généalogie](#).