

“To recall the memory of departed worth is softly pleasing, though a sad privilege. It is with such feelings that we make record of a beautiful life, which ended on the 4th day of September, 1894, in Charleston, S. C., a life in the sixth generation of a Huguenot family, honorably identified with South Carolina for more than two centuries.

“It is an interesting historical incident, that not only was the first effort to colonize Carolina, in 1562, made by French Protestants under the truly great Coligny; but the earliest English purpose of founding a colony, between the Cape Fear and Port Royal, grew out of the desire of French Protestant refugees, then in England, to make a home on—Chicora’s shore.

“It is not generally known, but is nevertheless an historical fact, that as early as the 10th of February, 1629, French Protestant refugees in England were in communication with Charles I. for planting a colony in what is now South Carolina, and that the patent issued to Sir Robert Heath, as sole proprietor of this extensive region, grew out of the proposals of Soubise Duc de Fontenay, representing French refugees in England, whose name is indissolubly associated with Rochelle, France, and of Antonie de Ridouet, Baron de Sancé, his secretary.

“In 1630 a colony of French Protestants actually sailed from England for Carolina, and as this most interesting record shows, in the ship ‘Mayflower.’ Could it have been the same vessel that carried the Puritans to Plymouth Rock?

“How mysterious is that strange fate which, from a small circumstance, changes the largest promised results! These unfortunate French colonists were forced to endure further sacrifices and disappointments. For some unexplained cause they were landed in Virginia, and although the owners of the vessel were made to pay £600 damages for the