



*Keeping the Dream Alive...*

# **Building Campaign *Vision Plan***

**August 18, 2006**

## Introduction

This document is a “road map” for the future of the American French Genealogical Society.

During the past several years it has become apparent to members of the Society’s board of directors, that a strategy and vision for the AFGS of the future had to be developed. Membership for many years had increased slightly or remained steady while other organizations’ memberships had decreased steadily. Some organizations have ceased operation completely.

The board of directors will not allow the AFGS to decline, but rather to grow and expand our mission and activities. That is why the board approved the formation of a building fund committee in June 2000.

In June, 2006, the executive committee of the First Universalist Church, the owners of the building where the AFGS library is located at 78 Earle Street in Woonsocket, R.I., met with the building’s tenants to explain that the congregation will likely disband within the next year or so and the building then would be put up for sale. The AFGS soon could be forced to move out of its present location.

Following the meeting with the church executives, the nine board members present met to discuss the options.

What are those options? As the board sees it the Society can:

1. investigate the feasibility of purchasing the church building;
2. rent temporary space while the building fund campaign and building search continues;
3. close the library and place the holdings and equipment in storage until sufficient funds are raised to purchase a building.

The board voted unanimously to explore the feasibility of purchasing the First Universalist Church building.

Meanwhile, the board has devised a vision for the “AFGS of the Future.”

The vision includes an expansion of the Society’s mission and activities. There will be a number of challenges. The AFGS operates with no paid employees and relies exclusively on volunteers to staff the library and assist with other activities such as printing, mail preparation, data entry, and research.

The vision plan was created to define the Society’s mission regardless of which building it eventually calls home. However, the vision will assist the building fund committee and board of directors in their search for the “right” building that will allow the Society to carry out the expanded mission and activities.

With the expanded mission and activities in a larger building, the Society must recruit additional volunteers, and may have to consider hiring, at least on a part-time basis, an executive director to manage the day-to-day operational, financial and administrative functions that would present itself with the expanded activities and functions outlined in the vision plan.

The plans and activities in this plan would be categorized by priority and implementation of the entire plan will be phased in over time. The board feels that it would not be financially feasible to execute every detail immediately. Income through membership dues, sales of books, repertoires, CDs and other items combined with the fundraising campaign will determine how quickly many of these “visions” can become a reality.

The board of directors welcomes comments, suggestions and assistance in the execution of the vision plan.

Board of Directors  
August 18, 2006

## **History of the American French Genealogical Society**

The beginning of what was to become the American French Genealogical Society was formed in April 1977 through the efforts of Henri Leblond, a member of the LeFoyer Club in Pawtucket, R.I.

The LeFoyer Club was founded in 1936 to serve as a “true center for French culture,” serving Americans of French descent. LeFoyer continues to develop activities and programs that allow members to share their culture.

Since LeFoyer’s founding, it had envisioned a library in its quarters. Nothing ever came of it. However while visiting the Societe genealogique candienne-francais in Montreal in August 1976, Mr. Leblond got the idea for a genealogical library and a society to maintain it at LeFoyer.

Henri convinced the LeFoyer board of directors to approve the formation of a genealogy club and to provide \$50 in seed money and free use of the club’s hall. He also chose the society’s name, designed the logo, and wrote the constitution.

Leblond appointed a 10-member steering committee and the committee elected temporary officers: Henri Leblond, chairman; Robert Quintin, vice-chairman; Robert Goudreau, secretary.

Henri next wanted to generate interest among LeFoyer’s members. He invited Ms. Lucille Lagasse, co-founder and president of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society in New Hampshire, to speak at a dinner meeting on March 16, 1977.

Membership grew steadily, and in the December 1977 LeFoyer newsletter an article about the genealogy club indicated that those who wanted to be considered a charter member must join before the first official meeting on January 25, 1978. The annual membership fee was just \$5!

The February 1978 LeFoyer Club newsletter indicated that there were “some 80 members” of the genealogy club and the club would meet at 8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month.

The elections of officers and the executive board were held on February 22, 1978. The president was Henri Leblond; vice-president, Robert Quintin; secretary, Robert Goudreau; treasurer, Leo Lebeuf. The executive board members were Armand Demers; Al Gaboury; Jeannette Menard; Robert Michaud; and Lucille Rock.

By April 1978, the official name of the genealogy club was changed to the American French Genealogical Society and had more than 100 members.

During the September 1978 meeting, the Society’s logo was unveiled. Over the years two versions of the logo have surfaced. The first had acorns on the left and right side of

the crest inside the circle and acorns below the crest. Today, the seal also has acorns above the crest. It is not known when the second version of the logo was developed. However, by September 1978 the AFGS had over 200 members from all over New England and Canada.

In October 1978, the first issue of the Society's bi-annual journal, *Je Me Souviens*, was issued. Apparently the publication was not included in the membership dues because the newsletter advertised the journal for sale at \$2.50 per copy.

The AFGS hosted its first genealogical conference on April 28 and 29, 1979 at the LeFoyer Club. Speakers included Roland Auger of the Quebec National Archives and Father Clarence d'Entremont, author of a multi-volume history of Acadia. A second conference was held the following April.

By September 1979, AFGS had more than 400 members and by that time the "library" was open from 7 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

The first publication of the AFGS cookbook, *La Cuisines de Ma Grandmere*, was published in the spring of 1981. This cookbook is still published today. The original version was 243 pages and contained more than 400 recipes and sold for \$5.50 plus shipping.

The AFGS library grew steadily over the years from a handful of repertoires kept in milk crates in locked cabinets to what the Society claimed in September 1984 was "the most extensive French genealogical library outside of Quebec." LeFoyer members and their wives were invited to attend the dedication of the new AFGS library on Tuesday, September 25, 1984. A wine and cheese reception was held at 7 p.m. followed by the dedication and remarks by a representative of the Canadian Consulate in Boston.

By 1989, it was apparent that the library space at the LeFoyer Club was insufficient to house the ever-growing collection of French-Canadian research holdings. Space in the lower level of the First Universalist Church in Woonsocket was deemed to be suitable to house the society's current holdings and allowed space for future growth. The AFGS moved to its current location in Woonsocket over the long Thanksgiving weekend in 1989. Volunteers using trucks, cars, vans, and trailers moved the entire library in a few days. After several weeks of unpacking and placing books on shelves, the library reopened in January 1990.

The Society was presented with another opportunity in 1997 that has had a major positive impact on the status and financial stability of the organization. The Society was approached by Claude Drouin, the president of Institute Drouin in Montreal offering to sell the library's valuable French-Canadian genealogical research holdings to AFGS. With the acquisition, the AFGS library could legitimately say that it had one of the largest collections of French-Canadian genealogical research in the world. The Society has since sold copies of its film and microfiche collections to libraries around the

country. This has allowed AFGS to amass the financial assets necessary to acquire new collections, books, films, and census data to expand the value of our library holdings.

With the turn of the century in the year 2000, came the realization that the library had nearly reached its capacity and was rapidly running out of space. After serious consideration, the board of directors voted to establish a building fund committee in June 2000 with the goal of raising \$300,000 for the purchase of a new home that would include sufficient space to hold the library's current holdings and contain sufficient space for future growth.

As of June 30, 2006, the end of the Society's fiscal year, the fund has reached \$117,361. Phase II of the campaign is scheduled to be launched in the Fall of 2006. With the increasing property values in the Rhode Island area, the fundraising goal has been increased to \$500,000.



# Executive Summary

## AFGS Vision Plan

August 2006

*This vision assumes that the AFGS will purchase the First Universalist Church building and will utilize all three floors. However, the vision's basic concepts would be applicable to any building of the same size (approximately 20,000 square feet).*

### **The Present Library**

The AFGS library occupies approximately 3,300 square feet in the lower level of the First Universalist Church at 78 Earle Street in Woonsocket, R.I. The building is not handicap accessible and is not climate controlled with the exception of two dehumidifiers in the library that help lower the dampness and controls mold.

The library has a computer area with four PCs and a networked printer that enables users to access repertoires and other research collections electronically and copy individual records.

There is a small office space and a small room where materials offered for sale are stored. In an area adjacent to the library, the society rents an additional 500 square feet for storage and printing.

### **The Research Center of the Future**

The library will be renamed the research center and will be relocated to the first level and housed in the present sacristy of the church. In order to conserve energy and improve overall lighting a drop ceiling will be necessary. A top priority will be the installation of a handicap accessibility ramp.

A locker area near the new entrance will secure coats and briefcases. The entrance will also feature a security system to prevent theft of books and other materials. A new computerized catalog system will allow easier access to the society's extensive holdings.

The new research center will feature modern library furniture that complies with the state's strict new fire code and provides more comfort for researchers.

The more expansive research area will provide for a reading room. Designated books, audio tapes and video will be allowed in this area. It will also feature comfortable chairs and tables. Special collections will be secured in a separate room.

A technology center will be located within the research center. State-of-the-art networked workstations will eliminate individual desktop computers.

### **Education and Conference Center**

This center will be located in the area that houses the current library. It will include a state-of-the-art media center with large-screen projection, surround sound audio, Internet and possibly satellite access. This will enable AFGS to conduct small genealogy and cultural conferences, screen movies, conduct workshops, speaking programs, and other special events for members and guests. Seating capacity would comply with fire regulations.

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## **Exhibition Center and French-Canadian Hall of Fame**

The society plans to seek donations to house permanent exhibits in this center, which would be located on the upper level of the building. Handicap accessibility must be addressed.

The exhibits would relate to French, French-Canadian, and Franco-American culture and history. Donations could come from individuals, organizations, and governments. Visiting exhibits also would be welcome. Exhibit items would be secured in appropriate cabinets or other settings.

A section of this exhibit center would be reserved for the AFGS French-Canadian Hall of Fame and would feature portraits and other relevant materials of the inductees.

## **Remediation, Build Out and Other Considerations**

The remediation, renovation and construction that must be addressed in the First Universalist Church building can be arranged into several categories. These projects will be addressed in phases and ranked in order of importance.

### I: Health, welfare and safety issues

- Compliance with the new state fire code
- State/City building code issues
- Hazardous material remediation

### II: Build out

- Utilities
    - Electricity upgrade (particularly in the lower level)
    - Telephone system
    - Climate Control
    - Fire suppression system
- Limited to Research and Exhibition Centers

### III: Building maintenance and repair

### IV: Marketing

- Branding
- Web site revision
- Advertising
- Newsletters and *Je Me Souviens*
- Recruiting
  - Attract new members
  - Renew lapsed members
  - Attract visitors

### V : Staff

- Volunteer coordinator to recruit, train and schedule volunteers
- Program and event manager for the education and conference center
- Part-time executive director to manage daily operation of the Society
- Grant writer to seek funding opportunities

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## **The Research Center**

### ***The Present Library***

The library is now housed in approximately 3,300 square feet of space in the lower level of the First Universalist Church located at 78 Earle Street (off Social Street) in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The library is not handicap accessible and is not climate controlled with the exception of two dehumidifiers that help to lower the dampness and has controlled the presence of mold in one section of the library.

There are two possible entrances to the library at the rear of the building. However, signs identifying the Society are only located in the rear of the building near the entrances. Both entrances have stairs with no handicap accessibility.

The library has a computer section with four desk top units and a networked printer that allows researchers to view some repertoires and other research collections electronically and print individual records at 15 cents per page. Certain books may also be copied using one photocopier. An “honor system” is in place for payment.

The library holdings are listed in a sectionalized printed binder. Films are stored in an area that is not accessible to researchers. A volunteer supervises use of the film and the copying of film records. Microfiche records are available to researchers in cabinets with a binder index.

There is a small office space where volunteers and Society board members and officers can meet and work. A narrow “back room” area houses an inventory of repertoires, books, CDs, and other items that are for sale by the Society. That room is not locked.

The Society encourages visitors to secure briefcases, pocket books and other items not used for research in a closet that contains small lockers, and to hang up coats and hats in that area. However these lockers are located at only one entrance. Those individuals using the second entrance, which also provides access to the church area on the second level, can hang coats and hats but may enter the library without a place to store briefcases and pocketbooks. Individuals using that entrance must walk through the library with briefcases and tote bags and pocketbooks to reach the locker area.

The entrance with the locker area also has a reception/sign-in desk. A volunteer usually sits at that desk to greet visitors, make certain they sign in and supervises the adjacent photocopier to make certain that individuals using the copier pay the 15 cent per copy charge. A cash box is kept on the reception desk for payment.

Also near the reception area is a small space where some of the items for sale by the Society are on display.

The present library space is arranged as follows:

- 800 sq. ft. - Book shelf space
- 380 sq. ft. - Film/microfiche and reader area
- 770 sq. ft. - Researcher work space
- 225 sq. ft. - Office
- 175 sq. ft. - Book storage room
- 509 sq. ft. - Print room/work and storage area
- 10 sq. ft. - Retail display area

### **The Research Center of the Future**

*(This vision assumes that the AFGS will purchase the First Universalist Church building and will utilize all three floors. However, the vision's basic concept could be used in any building of appropriate size.)*

The library will be renamed the research center and will be used strictly for that purpose. All other activities not related specifically to genealogy and other research would be conducted on other floors of the building.

The research center will be relocated to the second level and will be housed in the current sacristy section. It is imperative that the entire building be made handicap accessible as soon as possible. In order to conserve energy, a drop ceiling would be installed in the sacristy area.

The entrance to the center will feature a security system. All books, films, CDs, and other relevant research materials will contain a security strip. Anyone attempting to leave the library with AFGS material will trigger the alarm. In addition, discrete video surveillance cameras will be strategically placed inside and outside the building. Each camera will be connected to a recorder.

Coats, hats, briefcases and similar items would be placed in lockers near a reception and sign-in area at the entrance to the research center. Only research materials such as pads, pencils (no pens or other markers allowed) and charts would be allowed into the research area.

A retail store will be located adjacent to the reception area and would be staffed by a receptionist/volunteer.

A computerized catalog system will be implemented. All of the library's holdings will be listed on the computer for easy searching and easier updating.

A glass enclosed office space within the research center will enable supervision by the person in charge of the center. Office will contain a phone, fax and computer station.

The research center will contain modern library furniture compliant with the state fire code. Tables will include access to the AFGS computer systems for laptop computers.

Microfilm readers and other printers in the research center will be coin operated to reduce staff monitoring. A hard bound book copier will be purchased to allow copying of pages relevant to individual research and, as allowed by copyright laws, older books can be preserved digitally by the Society. All microfilm will eventually be digitized and installed on the research center computers.

All windows within the research center will be covered with ultra violet film to preserve the holdings. Appropriate energy efficient lighting will also be installed.

To complement the handicap accessibility of the building, handicap stations will be featured for wheel chair-bound researchers.

Use of cell phones will be prohibited in the research center. However a sound proof booth near the reception area will be installed for cell phone use.

A reading room will be created on the second level. Designated books, audio tapes and movies will be allowed in that area.

A technology center will be housed within the research center. Each computer station will be connected to a server, thus eliminating individual desktop computers throughout the library. The technology center will be connected to a backup power supply and surge protection system. Flat screen monitors will replace the current monitors. Application will be made to Microsoft and others for grants to obtain new computer equipment for the center.

Special collections will be housed in a secure room. Access will be allowed only by accompaniment of an AFGS staff member. Items would not be allowed outside of the secure collection room.

Consideration should be given to building a room for children to use. This room could be equipped with children's books, coloring books and other items that would keep children entertained while their parents or relatives conduct research. Liability concerns must be explored before such a room is developed.

## **Education and Conference Center**

*(The Society does not have a conference center. This center will be located on the lower level of the building in the space that houses the meeting room, AFGS storage, and kitchen.)*

For many years the Society has desired to include educational events and entertainment activities within its library area. However, space restrictions prohibited it, and any such activity had to be held off-site.

The education and conference center will include a state-of-the-art media center to be located in a section of the present AFGS storage area. The media center will include an audio mixer, lighting control, control for a motorized projection screen, large screen television and ceiling-mounted projector. The booth will be equipped with a computer that has high-speed Internet access. An external satellite dish would enable the reception and transmission of programming and conferences.

Video and audio equipment would be purchased to record workshops, senior citizen memory sessions, and other events for possible uploading to the AFGS Web site or for dissemination through satellite or other means. Sound proofing and acoustics would be a consideration. The equipment could also be used for presentation of special programs. Included with the audio equipment purchase will be a surround-sound speaker system.

The existing kitchen area would be dismantled and a small kitchenette area would be walled off for visitor use. That area could contain vending machines for soda, snacks, and other items. Food and drinks would be prohibited in any other section of the building.

The remaining section of the kitchen area would be used to store tables and chairs. The room could be set up for classroom-style seating or auditorium seating. Seating capacity would be determined by existing fire code regulations.

The Society would explore the possibility of sliding room dividers to create smaller meeting room or classroom space.

A piano could be purchased for entertainment programs.

## **Exhibition Center and French-Canadian Hall of Fame**

*(The Society does not have an exhibition center. This center would be located on the upper level.)*

The Society plans to seek donations for a permanent exhibit at the center. Exhibits would obviously relate to French and French-Canadian and Franco-American culture and history.

Donations could come from individuals, organizations, and governments. In addition, an area would be set aside for visiting exhibits.

Exhibit items would be secured in locked cabinets or other secure settings.

A section of the exhibit center would be reserved for the AFGS French-Canadian Hall of Fame. This area would contain portraits and a brief biography of the inductees separated by the year the class was inducted.

The upper level contains a balcony-type seating area that could be used for the hall of fame. The stage area could be dismantled to provide additional exhibit space.

### **AFGS Work and Storage Area**

*(The printing and storage areas now used by the Society would be combined in an area that presently houses the library in the lower level)*

The entrance now used to directly access the library would be used exclusively as a work area and storage center for the Society.

The room would be set up to facilitate work flow.

All AFGS-owned equipment that is presently housed at individual homes would be returned to the Society and kept in this work space.

Printing, collating and folding equipment would be relocated to this space.

A mail preparation area would be set up with tables and postal bins and other supplies for packaging mailings.

Pre-printed repertoires and other books, paper and other supplies and inventory would also be kept in this area.

A book repair and assembly table would be in place for repairing book bindings and binding new publications with the GBC equipment.

The current office space could be a computer room for writing, editing, book marking and scanning.

## **Remediation, Build Out and Other Considerations**

The remediation, renovation and construction that must be addressed in the First Universalist Church building can be arranged into several categories. Many of these projects will be addressed in phases and ranked in order of importance.

### I: Health, welfare and safety issues

- Compliance with the new state fire code
  - Upgrade existing fire alarm system
  - Exit signs
  - Emergency lighting
  - Fire doors
  - Fire resistant materials
    - Curtains
    - Seats, fabrics
- State/City building code issues
  - Fire alarm radio call box
  - Knox Box
  - Occupancy limitations
  - Handicap accessibility (ADA)
    - Restrooms
    - Elevators, lifts
    - Ramps
  - Building signage limitations
  - Parking lot lighting
  - Electricity upgrade
- Hazardous material remediation
  - Asbestos tiles
  - Asbestos-wrapped pipes
  - Lead paint

### II: Build out

- Utilities
  - Electricity upgrade (particularly in the lower level)
  - Telephone system
    - Extensions throughout the building
    - Intercom/paging capabilities
    - Separate fax-only line
  - Climate Control
    - Air conditioning/dehumidification
    - Separate zone for each floor

Heating system  
    Separate zone for each floor/section  
Fire suppression system  
    Limited to specific sections  
    Research and Exhibition Centers

### III: Building maintenance and repair

- Roof
- Window replacement
- Landscaping
  - Outside storage shed for equipment and supplies
- Snow plowing and sanding
- Cleaning of the building
- Trash removal (dumpster)
- Flag pole
- Insurance
  - Fire and theft
  - Liability

### IV: Marketing

- Branding
- Communications audit
- Web site revision
  - Online subscriptions
  - Interactive workshops
- Advertising
- Newsletters and *Je Me Souviens*
- Recruiting
  - Attract new members
  - Renew lapsed members
  - Attract visitors

### V : Staff

- Volunteer coordinator to recruit, train and schedule volunteers
- Program and event manager for the education and conference center
- Hiring part-time executive director to manage daily operation of the Society
- Grant writer to seek funding opportunities

## VI: Fundraising/Capital campaigns

- Phase II of Building Fund Campaign
  - Themed effort to raise \$500,000
  - Honorary chairs
  - Professional fundraising organization
  - Development of printed materials
  - Pledge and donation procedures
  - Estate and planned giving procedures
- Memorial brick garden
  - Located in the rear of the building near the present library entrance
  - Bricks for sale of various sizes for various dollar amounts
- Events and activities to raise funds
- Annual capital campaign for building maintenance
  - Establish a charitable trust for building maintenance and improvements

## **Collaborations and Partnerships**

The AFGS must collaborate with other organizations. Those organizations need not be strictly French-Canadian in nature.

Efforts must be undertaken to establish strong ties with the governments of Canada, Quebec, and France through the local consulates in Boston. Roger Begin, a Woonsocket resident and former Lt. Governor of the state, is the honorary consul in Rhode Island for the Consul General of France in Boston.

Society events must be publicized regularly not only locally but across New England, and where appropriate, nationally and internationally. A closer link with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council must be established.

The Society is a founding member of the New England Regional Genealogical Conference, Inc. This group, established in 1991, is comprised of 22 genealogical societies from across New England. The group hosts genealogical conferences every 18 months. AFGS also is a member of the Federation Quebecois des Societes Genealogie, a group consisting of the majority of genealogical and historical societies in the province of Quebec.

The Society has already established a relationship with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to market its multi-episode series on the history of Canada. Further collaborative efforts will be explored to enable the exhibition of Canadian programming in the Society's education and conference center.

The Society will contact the Rhode Island Congressional delegation to explore grant opportunities from the U.S. Government for historical and cultural preservation and for specific initiatives. A connection must be made with the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission to explore partnership opportunities for cultural, historical, and educational events.

Applications for annual program grants from the State of Rhode Island through the Historical Preservation Commission will continue to be submitted.

The Society has enjoyed a cordial relationship with the Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket. Efforts will be undertaken to explore more opportunities for working relationships with the museum to produce cultural and historical activities.

The Society will reach out to French teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels to encourage tours of the research center. College and university professors of French would be encouraged to direct their students to the research center for conducting research for term papers, theses, and other projects.

Obviously, the Society will continue to enhance its relationships with French-Canadian organizations such as Club Richelieu, LeFoyer Club, ACA, and Union St Jean Baptiste.

## **Activities and Events**

The Society can maintain visibility and mission recognition through a continuous effort to participate in community events and initiate a variety of activities that complement the French-Canadian culture and history.

### I Community events

- Autumnfest
- Mardi Gras
- French Jubilee
- French Film Festival
- Parish festivals (particularly at French parishes)
- Participation in Quebec Delegation events
- Exhibit at and often co-sponsor genealogical conferences

### II AFGS-generated activities

- French speaking classes (Parlons Francais)
- Writing contests (schools and individuals)
- Host cultural plays and artisans
- Sponsor French craft and cooking demonstrations
- Host authors of French history and genealogy (book signings)
- Offer beginning genealogy classes and other related workshops
- Create a speakers bureau
- Visit local parishes to discuss area French-Canadian history
- Host group tours to Canada, especially Quebec province, France and other areas with French and French-Canadian ties
- Coordinate tour visits from other states and Canada to AFGS.
- Recreate traditional French-Canadian holiday celebrations
- Host senior days and transport people from high rises to the AFGS to tour the facility and partake in discussions about their youth and traditions (record them for posterity in the education and conference center)
- Develop a portable exhibit for schools, senior centers, etc. to highlight French-Canadian history in the Blackstone River Valley
- Produce an annual calendar featuring French-Canadian scenes from locations around New England and elsewhere
- Consider creating a monthly program on the Statewide Interconnect

**American French Genealogical Society Building Fund**  
*Preserving our Past...Building our Future*

Suggested Three Year Pledge		
Monthly	Annual	Total Gift
\$278	\$3,334	\$10,000
139	1,667	5,000
84	1,000	3,000
56	667	2,000
28	334	1,000
14	168	500

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**AFGS Building Fund**  
**P.O. Box 830**  
**Woonsocket, RI 02895**

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