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Ms. Jean Ann O'Reilly
Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford, Inc.
Oxford Historical Commission
325 Main Street
Oxford, MA 01540

Re: Town of Oxford Picnic and Gifts

Dear Ms. O'Reilly:

Thank you, the Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford, and the Oxford Historical Commission so much for including my husband and me in Oxford's annual picnic and celebration of its Huguenot heritage. We were quite impressed by the care with which the Fort has been preserved, and with the thoughtful signs honoring Huguenot memory we saw at the Fort and here and there as we traveled through town. It was a magical, joyful experience for me as a Huguenot to see the many ways the Huguenots' memory is still honored even now, more than 300 years later. And the pageant—it was interesting, informative and creative, and we marveled at how much we learned from it. It was also amazing to see how many citizens came together to tell the story. Meeting your guest Zachariah Allen, the descendant of Huguenot settler Gabriel Bernon, was a huge treat, and receiving a tour and other information from another guest, Dr. Joyce Clements, was particularly valuable, as well.

All of you are to be commended for your hospitality and your creative presentation of history. Much has been and is being done there to keep the early Huguenots alive in memory. My husband and I absolutely loved our visit, and we thank you so much for inviting us to participate in such a lovely day. And thank you so much for all the

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goodies in the swag-bag, including the 1713 Oxford 1988 History Memory Book filled with valuable photographs, the personalized plaque and the really nice pen and brochures. I will display and treasure them always.

Thank you again for all that the The Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford and the Oxford Historical Commission are doing to perpetuate the memory and contributions of Huguenots in Oxford. I will hope that we and our respective organizations stay in touch about ways we can support one another's mission to perpetuate the memory of Huguenots.

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Murphy Lorenz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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