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Mihran Papikian* (papikian@math.psu.edu), Department of Mathematics, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802. *On generators of arithmetic groups over function fields.*

Let $K = \mathbb{F}_q(T)$ be the field of rational functions with \mathbb{F}_q -coefficients and $A = \mathbb{F}_q[T]$ be the subring of polynomials in K . Let H be a division quaternion algebra over K which is split at $1/T$. Given an A -order \mathcal{H} in H , we determine an explicit set of generators of \mathcal{H}^\times . The proof uses Bruhat-Tits trees and modular curves of \mathcal{D} -elliptic sheaves. (Received September 19, 2009)