

**Hasbrouck Family Association Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**October 14, 2006**  
Deyo Hall, New Paltz, New York

1. The President called the meeting to order at 2:30PM.
2. The Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) officers present were introduced:  
Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr., President; Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President; John O. Delamater, Vice President; and William G. Hasbrouck, Treasurer.
3. The attendees introduced themselves. (Total attendance at the reunion was 32.)
4. Reading of the minutes from October 8, 2005 was waived.
5. Jean T. Clancy, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, read the proposed slate of directors:  
Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.    President  
Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.    First Vice President  
John O. Delamater            Vice President  
Robert H. Freehill            Vice President  
William G. Hasbrouck        Treasurer

The President noted that Eleanor Sears was retiring from the board after 8 years. Robert Freehill has been nominated to succeed her but could not be present for this meeting. Mr. Freehill submitted a letter, which the President read to the attendees (copy attached). It stated his intention to take an active role in HFA and praised the dedication of his predecessor, Mrs. Sears. The President said that Mr. Freehill's laudatory comments reflected his own feelings and regretted that she could not be present to hear them.

6. Meryl Brown was appointed Inspector of Election.

**7. Voting results are as follows:**

<b>Slate of Directors:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.	107	1
Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr.	100	3
John O. Delamater	83	3
Robert H. Freehill	79	4
William G. Hasbrouck	105	2

**Slate of directors elected.**

8. The President appointed the following officers:  
Meryl S. Brown    Corporate Secretary  
Eleanor C. Sears    Assistant Secretary  
Thad M. Hasbrouck    Assistant Treasurer  
John C. Thorn    Webmaster
9. The President appointed the Nominating Committee:  
Jean T. Clancy (Chairperson)  
Frances B. Ryder  
Helen Seacord

10. The President commented on the following items:

#### Jean Hasbrouck House:

Reconstruction of the north wall is well underway and will include first-floor replicas of the original 1721 windows. Attendees who took the house tour saw the window frames awaiting installation and the status of the project from both outside and inside. The project is on schedule and within its budget; it should be finished by yearend. The National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Fund awarded HHS a \$250,000 matching grant (the Fund's maximum award) to pay for half the project. HHS is responsible for the other \$250,000, and with the aid of a concentrated appeal by mail and telephone has closed the gap to about \$30,000 at present. It is our family's house, and it is important that our members show support for it by contributing significantly to the project. Members are urged to join the effort.

Beyond the wall restoration, there is more to be done at the house before it can reopen to the public. Next year will be devoted to interior restoration consistent with still-unfinalized interpretation and furnishings plans. HHS plans to reopen the house in May 2008 using self-guided tours, a radical departure from the usual guided tour procedure.

#### Abraham Hasbrouck House:

The only new development this year has been the refurnishing of the north room as the opkammer (bedroom) it was in earlier years. The ages-old moisture problem seems to be finally under control after our extensive project was completed late last year, but we need a full year's monitoring of conditions there to be confident of success. Further restoration will be delayed on two counts. HHS and HFA must agree on an interpretation plan, which in turn must be consistent with the overall interpretation plan for Huguenot Street. That is an HHS priority for next year. In the meanwhile, little change is likely at the house. It has been on the regular tour schedule (and is the only house being used for Haunted Huguenot Street tours around Halloween) and is expected to be shown next year with the same appearance as this year.

With respect to the archaeology project around the house last year, about 59,000 artifacts were collected, washed, and sorted by type. About 53,000 will need to be analyzed and documented in a final report. The artifacts have been distributed by type among three archaeologists for analysis. The work has just started, but the New York State archaeologist is pressing for completion; so most, if not all, of it will probably be done within the next year. The latest cost estimate is about \$80,000, for which HFA is responsible. Payment will come from the Helene Anderson Fund, which covers expenses related to this house.

#### Locust Lawn:

A new entrance driveway and parking lot was completed this spring; and after being closed for several years, the house was reopened for weekend tours this year. Due at least in part to unfavorable weekend weather, attendance has been disappointing. Much work remains to be done on the house and its outbuildings, and the maintenance fund established by the donor of the house (Annette Innis Young) is inadequate to keep up with routine upkeep and restoration needs. Work this year and next is concentrating on the exterior appearance of the house. More will be done as funds become available.

#### Genealogy:

There has been no progress in the last year toward our goal of publishing our updated computerized genealogy. Due to lack of time and manpower, the near-term prospects are not good. However, we can update the database and respond to member inquiries. Also, we want additional input from members and have asked them to request family tree printouts from us to make corrections and additions. Meanwhile, we're still offering the remaining inventory of Kenneth Hasbrouck's 6-volume "Hasbrouck Family in America" to members for little more than shipping and handling costs; so the basic genealogy is available in this form.

#### Scholarships:

Robert Freehill represents HFA on the HHS Scholarship Committee. HFA sponsors two \$2,000 scholarships annually, which are awarded to the top-ranked candidates. HHS gives a number of \$1,000 scholarships. This year there were 15 qualifying applicants, and the evaluation process is proceeding now. Results will be published in our next newsletter.

#### Newsletter and Website:

Our newsletter and website are our primary means of communication. The high-quality website has by now had over 17,000 visits. The newsletter is presented on the website as well and is pictorially better than the printed version because it can show its photos in color and can present more of them than can be fit into the printed edition. Members are encour-

aged to submit items and ideas for the newsletter.

Membership:

HFA's membership strength has been slowly declining in recent years. Attendees were encouraged to recruit family and relatives, especially young ones who will be interested in carrying forward the Association's mission in the future.

10. The Treasurer's Report on HFA's financial position was given. As of September 30, 2006, assets were:

HFA General Fund\$	\$ 105,000
HFA Endowment Fund	493,000
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	<u>1,683,000</u>
Total Assets:	\$2,281,000

The Anderson Fund is used only for the Abraham House and can adequately cover its maintenance and restoration expenses. The General Fund is used for day-to-day operations; its major source of funds is the income of the Endowment Fund.

We are in sound financial condition for our current activities. However, due to HHS's strained financial position, HFA will probably need to contribute financially more than usual in the next few years to the upkeep/restoration of the Jean House and Locust Lawn. Member contributions are needed for that purpose.

11. The President opened the floor for member questions/comments.

A member asked who was the authorizing party for HFA expenses on archaeology. The President responded that these expenses were authorized by the HFA board of directors, but that since the archaeology was mandated by the NY State archaeologist, there was really not much choice in the matter.

A member asked about security measures for self-guided tours planned at the Jean Hasbrouck House in 2008. The President responded that HHS will be responsible for security and is well aware of its importance but has not decided on any specifics yet.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 4PM.

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Meryl S. Brown, Secretary