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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As HFA heads into its 55<sup>th</sup> year, it is worthwhile to review what happened in 2011, some of which is still continuing this year. In summary,

- 1) The bulk of our activities last year were devoted to the Abraham Hasbrouck House. In February we (in cooperation with HHS) completed an \$88,000 project to replace or reinforce many of the roof rafters, improving on a temporary fix installed after dangerous cracks were discovered in 2003. (See last February's newsletter for details and photos.)
- 2) HFA and HHS agreed on plans for restoring, interpreting and furnishing the Abraham House and launched full scale into the project, which is continuing and is scheduled to culminate in a grand reopening celebration on Saturday, July 21. See details and photos under Our Houses at right, and plan to come for the reopening! We are grateful for the generosity and foresight of Helene Hasbrouck Anderson, whose bequest, designated for the house, has enabled us both to maintain it and fund this major restoration.
- 3) Our reunion in October was an enjoyable experience. (See page 3 and photo show on our website, [www.hasbrouckfamily.org](http://www.hasbrouckfamily.org)).
- 4) We have attracted almost 300 "friends" on Facebook, but hardly any have actually joined HFA. Please visit our site, contribute some input to it, connect with some of the family members there and promote HFA membership while you enjoy the camaraderie.
- 5) HFA awarded three scholarships to outstanding students who are Huguenot descendants. (See details on page 4.)
- 6) We lost our oldest member, Eleanor Rawlings, at age 101. (See coverage on her in the Sept '09 and Feb '10 newsletters.) We miss her lively personality and her link to the early days of HFA but are happy to have ties to her talented

descendants, some of whom we have covered in our newsletters.

- 7) We continue to offer a variety of items decorated with our family coat of arms for purchase online. See them at [www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily](http://www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily) or by a link on our website to the HFA Store, which also provides access to the HHS online museum shop.
- 8) We welcomed HHS's new Executive Director Tracy McNally (see Sept '11 newsletter). She hit the ground running and has attended our last two board meetings to help coordinate joint HFA/HHS activities. We look forward to working with her and President Mary Etta Schneider to carry on a mutually supportive relationship with HHS.

Looking ahead, we really need more active participation by you members. All our activities are being conducted by just a few people. We could do much more with your help. You don't have to be near New Paltz. With phone and internet anyone anywhere can participate. Please contact us if you're willing, and together we'll come up with something helpful that you can enjoy doing.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

## OUR HOUSES

### Abraham Hasbrouck House

Progress continues on the major restoration project. Some highlights:  
The center room floor has been replaced and lowered by about seven inches to its original level, so it is now even with the south room floor. Authentically reproduced large nails were used in the process. A replacement wood frame wall with door frame has been built between the center and



Center room with new hemlock floor, cutout for jambless fireplace hearth and partial plastering on wall



Center room showing lathed wall and door frame to south room and temporary opening to cellar

south rooms, lathed, and is receiving three coats of plaster. Baseboards have been replaced or repaired. Period-authentic bricks for the hearths were made with participation by several local officials. Preparation is underway for installing two partition walls (in the north and center rooms) which research revealed to exist in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The

stairway to the attic has been removed to be replaced in a different configuration. Furniture is being acquired and fabrics ordered in line with the furnishings plan. Proposals are being reviewed for a lighting plan.

Plans are underway for a grand reopening celebration on Saturday, July 21. There is still a huge amount of work to be done between now and then, but we are moving ahead on all fronts now and expect to be providing a great visitor experience when the house reopens. Plan to join us then and/or at our annual reunion on October 13.

### **Jean Hasbrouck House**

The interior continues to be a showpiece for Huguenot Street, but roof replacement plans are slipping because of HHS's restricted ability to cover the needs of all its properties at once. Completion of the Abraham House project is its top priority for this year. But painting of the Jean shutters is on their schedule.



Jambless fireplace in the Jean House kitchen

### **Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn)**

The Locust Grove website ([www.lgny.org](http://www.lgny.org)) now has a home page link for Locust Lawn. It will be expanded from its present limited coverage but is nonetheless interesting as is. Look at the Locust Grove website itself also. The mansion and grounds are in Poughkeepsie, not far from New Paltz and well worth a visit. The website barely reveals the fact that descendants of Josiah were long-time owners of both Locust Grove and Locust Lawn, making the two houses a natural fit for joint interpretation.

## ANNUAL REUNION

Continuing to atone for the flood-scale deluge at our 2005 reunion, the weather gods have smiled on us every year since then, and we enjoyed another beautiful autumn day at our October 8 gathering on Huguenot Street. We had 25 attendees and started the day, as always, with socializing over continental breakfast at Deyo Hall.



Locust Lawn

Restoration progress continues at Locust Lawn with expectation of a reopening this year. Roof and chimney work has been completed and all leaks sealed. Basement/foundation repairs have been completed. Original venetian blinds were restored and installed. Two of the four upstairs bedrooms were restored last year (one with HFA funding) and the other two scheduled for this year. The other principal project for this year will be replacement of ugly aluminum storm windows with custom-built, unobtrusive wooden ones.



HHS's P.J. Preuss with attendees outside the Jean House



Venetian blinds at Locust Lawn. They look modern but are original to the house.

Then we got down to business with our annual meeting, at which all the directors were reelected by a wide margin. (There were no other volunteers for the position.) At 11AM we had our traditional service in the French Church and then visited the HHS archives, located beneath the church. Most people are not aware of this relatively hidden location although it has been there for many years. These archives contain a treasure trove of fascinating historic documents dating all the way back to the 1677 agreement with the Esopus Indians to purchase the land for the New Paltz patent, which extended all the way from the Shawangunk Mountains to the Hudson River. This document was displayed for the attendees along with a selection of items related specifically to the Hasbrouck family.

From the archives we moved to the Jean House for a quick tour and then to the Abraham House to view the restoration work in progress there. It was a sight totally unlike any we have ever seen before with some interior walls removed and the floor partially removed in line with the decision to lower it to its original level (see photos in last newsletter). From there we returned to Deyo Hall for our group picture and a delicious lunch catered by Main Course. Then HHS President Mary Etta



Examining the 1677 Indian deed in the archives

Schneider gave us a status report on the organization, which is still managing to run a very active program of activities despite shrinking resources due to tight finances. Mary Etta followed up with one such activity, presenting a slide show about the interesting artifacts discovered during recent archeology beneath the floor of the Abraham House kitchen (a concrete/stone floor which was removed and replaced by a period-authentic wooden floor). This concluded our reunion, but attendees could then browse through the many exhibits displayed in the Huguenot Street area for the day-long Celebration of the Arts Festival.

The minutes of our annual meeting are included in this mailing as well as on our website ([www.hasbrouckfamily.org](http://www.hasbrouckfamily.org)), which also has photographic coverage of the reunion including our group photo. Click on the reunion links in the lower left section of the home page.

Our reunion this year will be on Saturday, October 13. Mark it on your calendar and join us to reconnect with your Huguenot heritage, meet some interesting relatives and visit the newly restored Abraham Hasbrouck House!

### **HFA OFFICERS**

Listed below are the officers elected and appointed at the annual meeting:

#### **Elected (These comprise the board 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

### **Appointed by the President**

- Meryl S. Brown, Secretary
- Thad M. Hasbrouck, Assistant Treasurer

The officers welcome your comments and suggestions. Also send in items you would like to have published in the newsletter (space permitting) either by regular mail or e-mail (see addresses on masthead).



HFA Directors (L-R): Robert Freehill, William G. Hasbrouck, Robert W. Hasbrouck, John O. Delamater, Robert C. Hasbrouck

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

HFA participates in the HHS College scholarship program. The two top-ranked candidates earn \$2,000 Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships from HFA while other worthy candidates receive \$1,000 scholarships from HHS. Applicants must be of Huguenot descent. In 2011 ten awards were made, five of them to Hasbrouck descendants.

The Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships went to Alyssa Kennedy and Denise Schmitz. Alyssa, a Deyo descendant, won an HHS award in 2008. She is at the University of South Florida in its accelerated dual-degree medical doctorate program and is in her second year of medical school after completing her undergraduate studies in three years. A major interest is her research and medical studies on children and adolescents with HIV, which she plans



Alyssa Kennedy

to pursue with the goal of results worthy of publication. Her rewarding experience with children has her disposed at this point toward a career in pediatrics.

Denise, an 11<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of Jean Hasbrouck, is a sophomore at a college near her home in the Pacific Northwest. Her childhood



Denise Schmitz in Stockholm

love for mathematics progressed to include physics in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Already accepted into college at age 16, she added computer science to her list of passions and decided to triple major in all three fields. She is now working on a research project to measure the mass of dark matter in nearby galaxies. She's intent on pursuing doctorates in her three majors and using them all together in astrophysical research aimed at new discoveries about the nature of the universe. She is off to a good start in that direction!

The top-ranked applicants were bunched so closely together that an unprecedented extra \$2,000 award was made jointly by HFA and HHS. It went to Phoebe Bonaparte-Krogh, a tenth-generation descendant of Jean Hasbrouck with ancestral lines also to the Bevier, Deyo, DuBois, Elting and Schoonmaker families. She won an HHS award the previous year, following in the footsteps of her two sisters, who also won multiple awards. Phoebe is a junior majoring in dietetics at the University of New Hampshire and planning to become a registered dietitian. She has a minor in Spanish and is presently on a semester in Spain to improve her



Phoebe Bonaparte-Krogh

language fluency while also studying the nutrition of local cuisines. And she has a summer retail job to reduce her need for student tuition loans. She has gained valuable and varied field experience running nutrition workshops for children (grades 1-4) and working with seniors in the therapeutic department of a hospital. She has been impressed with the intricacies of how food affects not only bodily health but also mental health and is looking forward to delving deeper into these complex relationships as she continues her studies.

Three Hasbrouck descendants won \$1,000 HHS awards. It is the third such award for Julia Hasbrouck, an eleventh-generation descendent of Jean, who is now in the final phase of a five-year program leading to bachelor degrees in Biblical Studies and Church Music at Philadelphia Biblical University. Her career objective is to encourage quality musicianship in churches, and she is evaluating several options for using her skills to that purpose. Besides developing such skills in her academic program, Julia is enhancing them with

extra-curricular activities: music lessons (she has been a pianist for 16 years), involvement with music ensembles and church choirs, and leadership in club activities. And she is working several jobs to achieve her major objective of graduating debt-free. A scholarship will give her a small boost in that direction.

Jacklin Akrivos, an 11<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of Jean, is a junior at Queens University in Charlotte (NC) majoring in Elementary Education. She has been focused on a teaching career since school days when it became obvious that she had a fondness – and skill—for tutoring peers and younger students. She realized the tremendous influence teachers can have on the lives of their students and is determined to do all she can to optimize this potential to the best of her ability—and particularly with those who need it most: “the children in the back of the classroom, those who everyone has given up on.” To maximize her impact in this direction she plans to continue her education with the objective of becoming a school principal and ultimately a schools superintendent able to influence education policies and procedures. Our school systems sorely need people like this!

Katherine Frank, a 10<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of Abraham, is a junior at Temple University majoring in psychology with a minor in neuroscience. While staying fit by running for Temple’s track and cross-country teams, she has achieved a degree of academic excellence which will allow her to earn a bachelor’s degree a year early. Then she plans to undertake a five-year program for a doctorate in clinical psychology and work as a mental specialist, helping patients to overcome conditions such as depression and schizophrenia and resume constructive lives. There is certainly a pressing need for this skill too!

This year’s award winners comprise a diverse group with a wide variety of interests. They all have one thing in common, however: the pursuit of excellence, and they are achieving it even before they graduate. We extend our best wishes for continued success to all these outstanding students.

### **JUDGE GILBERT D. B. HASBROUCK AWARD**

In 1997 HFA agreed to sponsor this award established by the Esopus-Port Ewen Library to recognize significant contributions to the library in the areas of preservation, growth and development. The award commemorates a distinguished family member (see HFA Journal of February 1998 for a biographical sketch) who in 1939 donated the



Judge GBD Hasbrouck House painting by Claudia Engel

impressive house in which he was born to the library, which occupied it for 68 years. The award is represented by a plaque on display at the library with recipients’ names, plus a commemorative gift to the recipients. The award is made only when a worthy candidate is identified. The 2011 award went to Michael Minor, who grew up in the Hudson Valley and returned to retire there in 2003 after a 50-year career in public education and business training. He has served as board member, VP and treasurer of the library and is currently president of the Library Foundation as well as a board member of several civic organizations. The award was presented on behalf of HFA by VP-Director Robert Freehill at a dinner ceremony in November.

By 2007 the library had outgrown its space in Judge Hasbrouck’s house and moved to a newly constructed facility nearby. The property was sold in 2010, and the house was demolished and replaced by a credit union office.

However, a commemorative plaque was recently placed at the site (189 Broadway in Port Ewen) showing a painting of the house (see photo) and relating its history.

### **We welcome our new members:**

- Akrivos, Jacklin, Mills River, NC
- Andrew, Tammy, Coatesville, PA
- Kleinknecht, Kenneth, Indianapolis, IN
- Kleinknecht, Matthew, Ramsey, NJ
- McCormick, Andrew, Superior, CO
- McCormick, Stephen, Boulder, CO
- Michela, Deborah, Clifton Park, NY
- Valdez-Hasbrouck, Isaac, Colorado Springs, CO

### **We have received notice of the following member death:**

Jean Clancy

## **FINANCES (in \$ thousands)**

### **2011 Yearend Assets**

HFA Endowment Fund + restricted	359	
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>73</u>	
Subtotal	432	
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	1,786	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,223</b>

### **HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund**

#### **2011 Income** (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	27	
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	5	
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	4	
Jean House roof donations	2	
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	1	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (6 restricted)		<b>39</b>

#### **2011 Expenses**

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	8	
Locust Lawn bedroom restoration	5	
Scholarships	5	
Other programs*	9	
Office Rental	5	
Administration	2	
Accounting fees	1	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>35</u></b>

**NET INCOME** 4

**NET LOSS EX RESTRICTED INCOME** 2

### **Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund** **(for Abraham Hasbrouck House)**

#### **2011 Income** (ex capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	90	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>90</b>

#### **2011 Expenses**

Maintenance, preservation	140	
Archaeology (artifact analysis)	28	
Accounting fees	2	
Taxes	1	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>171</u></b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>		<b>81</b>

\*Mainly newsletters, website, genealogy, HHS dues and member services

Our financial results for 2011 were mediocre but not alarming. The stock market, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, finished virtually unchanged, and we did slightly worse. The regular HFA funds (endowment plus general) lost 2.7%. The Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund, dedicated to the Abraham Hasbrouck House, declined 4.6%, but this was due entirely to heavy restoration spending on the house. Since our operating funds are dependent on the income from the Endowment and Anderson Funds, these funds are invested with a primary emphasis on income rather than growth, and in that respect the results have been excellent. Last year the income return was 7.4% for the Endowment Fund and 4.9% for the Anderson Fund. By comparison, stocks overall presently have an average dividend return of under 2%, bond yields are at multi-decade lows, and money market funds yield virtually nothing. High income returns are generally associated with high risk, low growth or both; so there are tradeoffs involved. Though we have avoided risky speculative investments, we have suffered subpar investment performance in our Endowment Fund in recent years as the cost of maintaining/expanding our available operating funds. And last year we needed all the income we generated, as evidenced by the figures in the left-hand column. Our activities excluding the Abraham House resulted in a \$2,000 loss. After several years of relatively low spending on the Abraham House while HFA and HHS pondered and debated how to restore and interpret it, we finally got our act together in 2011 and embarked full scale on the project. As a result, expenses of the Anderson Fund far outstripped income last year and used up most of the income surpluses accumulated in prior years.

Looking ahead, the Anderson Fund will run a large deficit again this year as we complete the major restoration project there. Beyond 2012 its income should adequately cover a more normal expense level for maintaining and displaying the house. With respect to the rest of our operations, without generous contributions/bequests, HFA will be stressed to maintain its current level of activities and make a meaningful contribution to the fundraising effort required to replace the Jean House roof. Your contributions are needed to help improve this situation

## 2011 CONTRIBUTORS

### Endowment Fund

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Duke, H. Benjamin  
Graham, Douglas R.  
Hasbrouck, Joseph Fraser  
Hasbrouck, Paul M.  
Hasbrouck, Robert W.  
Hasbrouck, Roger C.  
Odenweller, Jane  
Patterson, Mary Clancy  
Smith, Caroline

### General Fund

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Baldwin, Rosemary  
Christensen, Susan  
Cross, Alice  
Harling, David  
Hasbrouck, Donald  
Hasbrouck, Laura  
Hasbrouck, Mary Ellen  
Hasbrouck, Phyllis  
Hasbrouck, Robert David  
Hasbrouck, Robert W.  
Hasbrouck, Roger C.  
Hasbrouck, Thad M.  
Knox, Lois  
Mackey, Kay  
Monsees, Ralph  
Odenweller, Jane  
Quinn, Winona  
Sears, Eleanor  
Valio, Gina



### Jean Hasbrouck House Roof

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Baker, Suzanne  
Blizard, Anne  
Delamater, John O.  
Eckert, Barbara  
Forristall, Jean  
Hasbrouck, Donald  
Hasbrouck, Joseph  
Hasbrouck, Paul M.  
Hasbrouck, Phyllis  
Hasbrouck, Robert Clark  
Hasbrouck, Robert W.  
Hasbrouck, Roger  
Hasbrouck, Thad M.  
Hasbrouck, Warren  
Hasbrouck, William A.  
Hill, Gay  
MacWilliams, Bruce Newell  
McCollum, Marion  
Odenweller, Jane  
Quinn, Winona  
Roberg, Rowena  
Sweeney, Marie

**Thanks to all of you! We really appreciate  
(and need) your support!**



Jean Hasbrouck House showing poor condition of roof