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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HFA has benefited from a transformative event with the recent completion of Harriet Hasbrouck's unrestricted bequest to us, which turned out to total just under \$2.21 million! Harriet was a long-time member, supporter and, during the mid-80s, an officer of HFA. (See the biographical article about her in the February '11 newsletter.) The HFA board members celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lively party at her house (see February '15 newsletter). She was mentally sharp and interested in HFA activities until her death in August, 2016. She had indicated that she would leave us a sizeable bequest, but we were quite surprised at the ultimate amount, which, thanks to her slow and uncooperative executor, we did not learn until last fall.

This amazing bequest will enable HFA to substantially broaden the scope of its operations. We have already made a start with the modernization of our website (work in progress) to make it more versatile and able to handle dues/purchase payments by credit/debit card. We are introducing a Members Only section with current family news/interactions and eventually (we hope) some kind of access to our large genealogical database. We will now be able to substantially increase our support of the Jean House (which has no endowment). However, we want to maintain the flexibility provided by Harriet's unrestricted bequest. So we will not designate a specific dedicated fund for the house (unlike the Helene Anderson Fund, which Helene restricted to the Abraham House), but will rather consider projects as they arise, on a case-by-case basis.

In short, we are indeed blest to receive this generous bequest as Harriet's final and most emphatic act of support for HFA. The board will be considering additional opportunities for use of these funds as we move forward. If you have ideas you would like us to consider, please let us know.

Also, new activities require added membership participation to make them happen. There are already opportunities in such activities as (1) contacting current and lapsed members, (2) researching/writing newsletter articles, (3) working on/improving our Facebook site, and/or CafePress site, (4) doing genealogical and/or historical research, (5) recruiting new members from Facebook, where we have about 675 "friends", very few of whom have become dues-paying HFA members. Do you have an idea we haven't thought about? With phone and internet anyone anywhere can participate; you don't have to be near New Paltz. 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.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2018, and a few are unpaid for longer periods. If you are in this category, you are receiving a reminder insert in this mailing indicating the details. Please continue to support your family association; we need you!

## OUR HOUSES

### Abraham Hasbrouck House

There are multiple activities in process here. As reported in the last newsletter, we're working on restoring the house to approximate its appearance in our chosen 1760-75 interpretation period of interpretation. Many changes have taken place since then – both exterior and interior – so the restoration is a major, multi-year effort. The interior portion was completed in 2012, and our ongoing work (together with HHS and historical furnishings expert Kate Johnson) is focused on improving the furnishings

displayed there to present a lived-in 18th century experience for 21<sup>st</sup> century visitors. Kate and HHS Curator Josephine Bloodgood have compiled a priority list of items for acquisition (authentic period pieces where available/affordable, accurate reproduction items otherwise). Kate searches for the items and helps HFA purchase them. The process is working well. We've recently added a number of items, which you can see when you visit the house (including our reunion on October 12).

Externally, last fall we restored the 1760-75 appearance of the north and south walls (see photos in last newsletter), and we're now getting organized to restore the west (front) wall facing Huguenot Street. This job is more complicated than the north/south walls since it involves the long side of the house and requires removal/replacement of several 19<sup>th</sup> century windows and adding back a door which used to give entrance to the north room (opkamer). Design drawings are in process, to be followed by choosing a contractor and completing a detailed agreement for the job. Work should commence after the tour season ends to avoid interference with the visitor experience during construction.

We're still finalizing plans for a modest regrading of the ground around the house to direct runoff of surface water away from it and reduce the perennial moisture problems there.

### **Jean Hasbrouck House**

Completion of the long-delayed roof replacement is now in sight. HHS is wading through the lengthy documentation required for release of a critical New York State grant of \$100,000 and will soon be in a position to request contractor bids on the project, which will use Alaskan yellow cedar for the shingles. Once all the preliminaries are in place, the actual work should proceed rapidly with completion projected this spring. The house will not be open for public tours this year, but you may be able to arrange for a private tour if the roof work does not interfere.

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

Several events scheduled for March, April and June are worth your attention if you are in the area (1 ½ miles south of New Paltz on Route 32).

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Locust Lawn will present "New Netherland and Old England" - a living history event with firearms demos, navigation displays, cooking, and more. Many aspects of 17<sup>th</sup> century life will be portrayed with hands-on activities for visitors. Hours are 11-4 both days.

Locust Lawn is participating in the Hudson Valley's Repair Revolution by hosting repair cafes --

with a twist. Combining displays of antique make-dos and demonstrations of older techniques with repair of modern items. For those unfamiliar with repair cafes, volunteers from the community fix broken items for free. This process is meant to prevent waste and help teach self-sufficiency. Tea and snacks will be available on both dates - April 28<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, noon to four each day, in the Terwilliger stone house close to the mansion. Bring your things that need fixing!

For more information on these and other future events, visit [www.facebook.com/LocustLawn](http://www.facebook.com/LocustLawn) and/or contact the caretaker, Hasbrouck descendant Dawn Elliott, at (845) 901-0935 or email [elliott.dawn4@gmail.com](mailto:elliott.dawn4@gmail.com). The house is not open for tours, but you can arrange for a private tour with Dawn -- even better!

### **ANNUAL REUNION**



Visiting the Jean House upper kitchen

We had pleasant weather for our 61<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion on October 13 with an excellent turnout of 42 people, including members from Texas and Wisconsin. See coverage on our website -- [www.hasbrouckfamily.org](http://www.hasbrouckfamily.org) -- including a photo display. We followed the normal agenda, starting with socializing over continental breakfast, then our business meeting, service in the French Church, tours of the Jean and Abraham houses, luncheon in Deyo Hall, a talk on Revolutionary War militia by costumed historian/reenactor Jeff Tew, plus an update on HHS by its Board Chair, Mary Etta Schneider and Executive Director, Liselle LaFrance.



Socializing at annual reunion



Service in the French Church



Jeff Tew

**HFA OFFICERS**

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



HFA Directors (L-R): Robert Freehill, Derek HasBrouck, Thad C. Hasbrouck, Robert W. Hasbrouck, John Delamater, Rebecca Hasbrouck, Robert C. Hasbrouck

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
- Derek W. HasBrouck, Vice President
- Rebecca J. Hasbrouck, Vice President
- Thad C. Hasbrouck, Treasurer

Appointed by the President

- Meryl S. Brown, Secretary

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).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

HFA participates in the HHS College scholarship program. Normally the two top-ranked candidates in the program for Huguenot descendants earn \$2,000 Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships from HFA while other worthy candidates receive \$1,000 scholarships from HHS. In 2018 the HHS scholarship fund was unable to make awards. As a partial offset, HFA provided \$2,000 awards to the four top-ranked applicants, who are outlined below:



**Aja Case-Chavez**, a Crispell descendant from Fullerton, CA, is a graduate student at California State University – Fullerton, pursuing a master's degree in Counseling, which will allow her to become licensed as a marriage and family therapist and a professional clinical counselor. Like all our Gertrude scholars, she is outstanding academically, but in other ways she is like no other we've ever had -- a full-time mother as well as a full-time student – a tough act to manage successfully, but she's doing it and being cheered on by husband Cody Chavez and 2 ½ year-old Hendrix, whose support is critical. She has been working in the mental health field as a certified alcohol and drug counselor and is uniquely qualified to do so, having conquered addiction herself. This degree will enable her to expand her scope to include helping individuals and families with other challenges as well.



**Kristen Hassenkamp**, an 11<sup>th</sup> generation Abraham descendant from Middletown, NJ, is also exceptional in that this is her second consecutive Gertrude scholarship, and she received an HHS Beach award in 2016. She is in the second year of an MA-PhD program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at the University of Akron. In addition to excellent academic grades, she is highly regarded by her professors for her effectiveness as an instructor of undergraduate students (Introduction to Psychology) and her active involvement/contributions in innovative studies relating to various aspects of her chosen field. As an example, she has lately been collecting data on emotional change at work and the challenge of controlling one's emotions as part of the job, based on employees at a call center in Ohio. This research will probably contribute to her master's thesis, which she will complete this summer. Kristen is very grateful to her parents for pushing her to achieve and teaching her the value of life-long learning.



Andrew Freer, seen here in Jerusalem while on a semester abroad in Israel

**Andrew Freer**, another descendant of patentee Hugo Freer, from Alexandria, IN, is in the second year of a 3-year program at Taylor University

leading to a BS degree in accounting with a minor in mathematics. Aside from academic excellence, he has demonstrated leadership talents on his church's student leadership team and supervising freshmen in his college dorm as a Personnel Assistant. And he has shown a remarkable degree of perseverance, strength of character and religious faith in maintaining his academic schedule and level of activities while coping with dangerous brain surgery (successful) in 2017 and the loss of his sister this past spring. His studies are oriented toward a career involving his strong interest in numbers, problem solving and organization, and he will have an auditing internship with the federal government this summer. After graduation he plans to use his degree "in a way that aligns with God's will for me."



**Samuel Dopp**, a Freer descendant from Bethlehem, PA, is a junior at Penn State University, majoring in mechanical engineering with post-graduate plans for medical school. His studies and other activities are oriented toward a career of working with other people to improve their lives. He is already doing this by helping classmates academically. He has taken Emergency Medical Technician training and plans to join Penn State's Emergency Medical Team and continue to participate in this field as a volunteer in the future. Next year, as a senior, he intends to participate in the University's Clinical Intern Program, where he can

interact with patients and assist the medical staff as a prelude to post-graduate work.

This year's award winners comprise a diverse group with a considerable variety of interests. However, they have some things in common: they are all dedicated to 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.

### **UPDATE ON A FAMILY BLACK SHEEP**

Our September '09 newsletter made brief mention of Lewis Benjamin Hasbrouck (1849-74), a 7th-generation descendant of Jean, who came to a bad end at a young age – an end mistakenly described in Kenneth Hasbrouck's genealogy records as having been killed by cattle thieves. Recently Donna Hasbrouck, our intrepid family sleuth, turned up two 1874 newspaper articles from The Sumner County Press in Wellington, Kansas that gave a detailed description of what actually happened.

In those days Kansas was on the western fringe of development, adjoining Indian Territory. Young Lewis, born in the New Paltz area, apparently wanted to experience what was then the Wild West, and he got more than he expected. He became a lawyer, licensed in Sumner County, and settled in the town of Caldwell. The county was largely agricultural, and horses and cattle were valuable to the economy. This attracted the lawless element in the area. They organized a skillfully directed band of horse, mule and cattle thieves (now quoting from the paper) "whose incursions were so well planned and whose every movement was so well covered that detection and capture was rendered utterly impossible." Over a two-year period at least two hundred horses and mules were stolen – also cattle, "sometimes in open daylight, under the cover of trumped-up powers of attorney that protected the thieves in court after the cattle had been disposed of." And it developed that Lewis was using his legal skills to help the thieves, not oppose them. At one point he was arrested and charged with grand larceny, but he managed to "beat the rap", much to the frustration of the local citizenry. He was now recognized as the legal adviser and a key player in a well-organized regional business of thievery with a handy refuge in the adjoining Indian Territory. Quoting the newspaper article, "His narrow escape from the penitentiary only added to his recklessness and daring; and, heedless of the advice and warnings from those who had known him under more favorable

circumstances, he persistently pursued a course which led ultimately to his downfall.”

The thievery reached new heights in late July of 1874 when a new contractor arrived to service the area’s mail route and brought in a supply of mules and cattle to service the line. In a single night the band attacked all the stations on the route and made off with seven mules and a quantity of cattle. One of company’s men was killed in the process. This aggressive raid stirred an active response from the law-abiding citizenry, determined to halt these assaults on their safety and livelihood. Five men (including Lewis) – all residents of Caldwell – were identified as key participants in the raid (as well as other such incidents) and warrants issued for their arrest. County Sheriff John Davis assembled a posse of 150 men, who spread out around Caldwell to prevent the outlaws’ escape. Well informed of what was happening, they attempted evasive action, but all were ultimately caught (Lewis hiding in a cornfield, one in a dugout, another 25-miles away). These three were jailed at Wellington, the county seat. The other two were released on bail, pending appearance in court the next day, but they instead hired a livery wagon and fled. Fears were raised for the three in jail of a potential lynch mob of outraged citizens, but the first night passed peacefully. However, there was plenty of outrage the next day when word spread of the escape of the other two outlaws, and the citizens decided to take no chances that justice might be denied them.

In the light of a full moon that night (July 29) a group of several hundred vigilantes assembled outside the town around midnight and proceeded to the jail in a disciplined military-type column, led by 50 armed horsemen. They disarmed the guards, brought out the prisoners with their hands tied and placed ropes around their necks. Then the whole group left town and marched to nearby Slate Creek. The entire operation was performed in total silence; sleeping families in the area were not disturbed. At the edge of the creek the three outlaws were placed side by side and their ropes attached to the same limb of a sturdy elm tree which had been used for a previous hanging a year or so earlier. According to witnesses, the men neither made confessions nor asked for mercy before being hanged. However, Lewis Hasbrouck requested that his fate be kept from his relatives in the East. The lynchings proceeded, and the bodies were left hanging to be discovered and viewed by the public the next morning – a prime example of frontier justice in action.

There was no move to condemn the hangings, which were seen as justified. Some of the

most influential men in the county were in the lynching party. Besides, the strong action effectively ended the lawless problem in Sumner County, as the cowed remainder of the criminal gang dispersed elsewhere.

Thus ended the exciting but short life of 25-year-old Lewis B. Hasbrouck. Apparently his final request was honored, since Kenneth’s family genealogy records did not reflect his true fate. We’re not aware of other black sheep in the family; but as widespread as we are now, there probably are some. If you’re aware of any, let us know. Incidentally, with regard to black sheep, one of the two others hanged with Lewis used an alias and was believed to be the son of a former governor of Illinois. And his brother was also hanged as a horse thief a year earlier.

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

Arthur Connor, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Christopher Dudden, Afton, NY  
Mark Erway, Breesport, NY  
Hollis E. Hasbrouck, Anchorage, AK  
Victoria Hasbrouck, Hamburg, NJ  
Katrina Hatch, Scottsville, NY  
Stephen Lumb, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Isabel Rosemary Magnotta, Carmi, IL  
Kerrigan Maurer, Northampton, MA  
Michael Michela, Menands, NY  
Hans Torben Olson, St. Paul, MN  
Jason Poland, Swanton, VT  
Roger Roosa, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Lisa Szydlow, Bethlehem, PA

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

Janice Hamilton

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

### **2018 Yearend Assets**

HFA Endowment Fund	2,450
HFA General Fund	<u>84</u>
Subtotal	2,534
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	<u>2,220</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,754</b>

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

#### **2018 Income** (ex non-recurring items)

Investment Income	55
Dues and Donations	<u>6</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61</b>

#### **2018 Expenses**

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	14
Locust Lawn maintenance	2
Scholarships	8
Other programs*	12
Office and storage rental	9
Administration	1
Accounting fees and taxes	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>50</b>

**NET INCOME** 11

\*Mainly newsletters, website, genealogy and member services

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

#### **2018 Income** (ex non-recurring items)

Investment Income	<u>88</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>88</b>

#### **2018 Expenses**

Maintenance, preservation, furnishings	85
Investment Management fees	9
Accounting fees (1.5) and taxes (5.9)**	<u>7</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>101</b>

**NET LOSS** 13

\*\*Mostly related to account repositioning

By far, our most important financial development last year was the receipt of the bulk of Harriet Hasbrouck's \$2.21 million bequest. (See more details in the President's Report on page 1.) About \$1.9 million was received in several installments during the year, which explains the sharp increase in the yearend value of the HFA Fund from \$816,000 in 2017 to \$2,534 million in 2018.

There were other significant developments as well last year. In August Derek Hasbrouck assumed responsibility as the managing director of investments for all of HFA's funds and direct portfolio manager of the HFA Fund. At the same time, portfolio management of the Anderson Fund was outsourced (subject to oversight by Derek and the HFA board) to Securities America with the expectation of improving its performance through their full-time investment expertise, including use of a conservative, income-generating options strategy, which our part-time in-house management could not properly provide. We will review their performance after a year's experience and decide whether to retain this arrangement. Results so far have been encouraging.

Operations-wise last year, additional income to the HFA Fund from partial investment of the bequest distributions enabled a step-up in spending while still producing an \$11,000 surplus for the year. Anderson Fund spending fluctuates considerably from year to year, depending on timing of restoration projects and furnishings acquisitions. After several "light" years, last year spending was heavy, but the resulting \$13,000 deficit was expected and not worrisome.

Amid a number of conflicting factors, investment markets turned downward last year with virtually every category of investment in the loss column except for low-yielding federally insured bank deposits and CDs. HFA's funds were no exception. The Anderson Fund declined by 4.37%, still better than the benchmark S&P 500 Stock Average, down 6.23%. No meaningful figure is available for performance of the HFA Fund because of the periodic input of estate distributions, but review of individual holdings in the fund showed that most of them declined during the year. Markets so far this year (early March) have recovered close to all-time highs, but it's still early with plenty of factors to be concerned about. Can the markets continue to "climb a wall of worry"? We'll see.

## 2018 CONTRIBUTORS

### General

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Edward Hassenkamp  
Margaret Link  
Frederick MacDowell  
Bruce MacWilliams  
Donna McCann  
Robert Nelson  
Gregory Skidmore  
Roy Van Wagner  
David Van Dyck

### Abraham Hasbrouck House

Mary Patterson

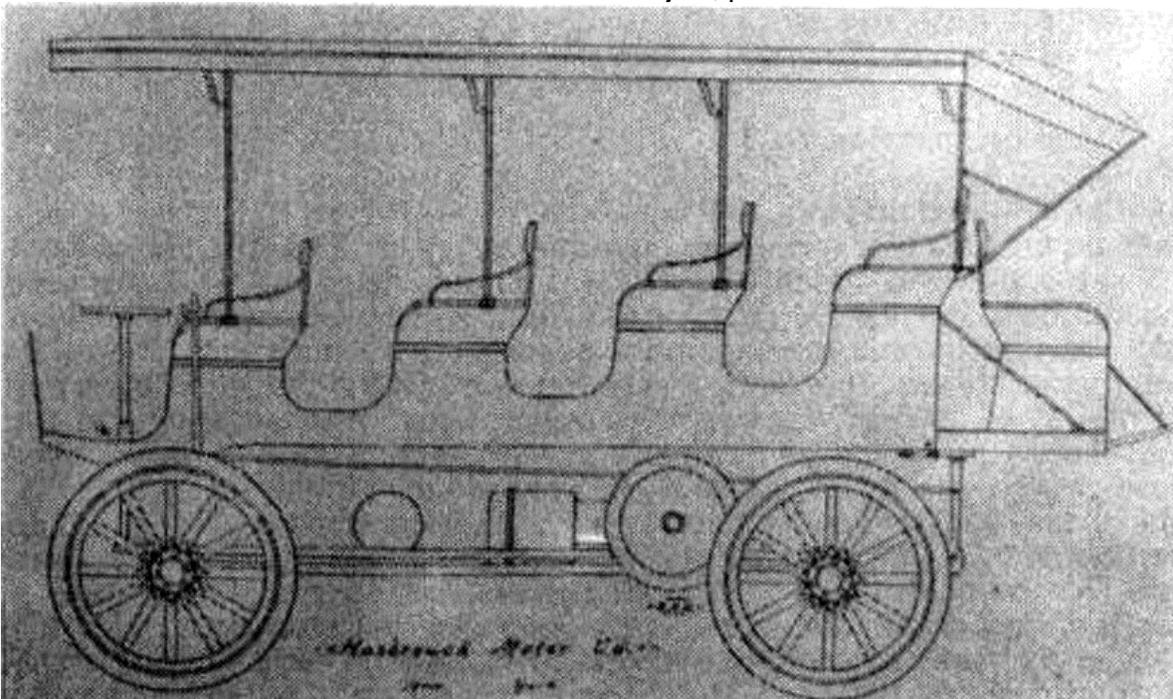
### Jean Hasbrouck House Roof

Mary DeNaples  
Jane Odenweller

**Thanks to all of you! We really appreciate your support**

## MORE ABOUT THE HASBROUCK MOTOR CAR

Our February '06 newsletter featured an article about the Hasbrouck motor carriage of 1902, powered by a one-cylinder engine, which could be "operated by any intelligent person. Its speed is gauged from one mile per hour to as fast as one may care to go." The company, Hasbrouck Motor Works, was run by 24-year-old Stephen A. Hasbrouck, a 7th generation descendant of Abraham. It was founded in 1899 for the production of marine engines and in 1900 expanded to motor vehicles, first buses and trucks, then, in 1901, a car. Wikipedia now provides us additional information. The prototype was a Phaeton with two seats. A single-cylinder engine with 6 hp output powered via a planetary gear and a chain on the rear axle. The brand name was Hasbrouck. The vehicles of 1902 were runabouts. In November 1902 two cars were delivered to South America. Other vehicles were manufactured in response to customer orders, but by yearend the vehicle production ended. The company moved to Yonkers, NY and later to New London, CT while continuing to produce engines. An ad for their engines appeared in the Scientific American of August 4, 1906. There is no trace of the company after that. Our genealogy indicates that Stephen Hasbrouck married Edith Auryansen in 1902, and they had three children (1903-7). Maybe marriage and children reoriented his priorities away from the business. If any of you have any knowledge on this subject, please let us know.



This appears to be the earliest version of the Hasbrouck Motor Car