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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As HFA heads into its 57th year, it is worthwhile to review what happened in 2013, some of which is still continuing this year. In summary,

- 1) We worked with HHS on improving the visitor experience at the Abraham House with additional period furnishings. We continued to seek solutions for moisture problems there.
- 2) Our reunion in October was an enjoyable experience. (See page 2 and photo show on our website, www.hasbrouckfamily.org).
- 3) We have attracted over 430 "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.
- 4) HFA awarded two scholarships to outstanding students who are Huguenot descendants. (See details on page 4.)
- 5) We lost one of our former officers and long-time members, Eleanor Sears. See the article about her on page 3.
- 6) 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 or by a link on our website to the HFA Store, which also provides access to the HHS online museum shop.
- 7) 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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2013, 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

With some new furnishings added in 2013 to replace items borrowed for the 2012 reopening and others to enhance the visitor experience, the house had a very successful tour season, and reunion attendees were favorably impressed on their visit there. As HHS turned its attention to other pressing projects after the emphasis here in 2012, no additional restoration projects were undertaken last year, and the outlook for 2014 is uncertain. There is still a need for action on moisture control, lighting and heating. We will seek to avoid protracted delays.

Jean Hasbrouck House

The house had another successful tour season. The initiative for self-guided, docent-monitored tours worked well and will be offered again this year.

HHS has received two very different bids for the roof replacement and will have to spend more time evaluating the situation before proceeding. When they have a desirable proposal in hand, they can apply for grants to help cover the cost. But these are usually matching grants, so we will be continuing to put our fundraising emphasis on this project.

Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn)

This is Locust Lawn's bicentennial anniversary year, and several celebratory events are scheduled:

May 17, 5:30 – 7:30PM: wine and food pairings on the lawn, plus house tours (\$27-\$29 per person).

June 7 (tentative date; verify in May): 1814-era themed events with re-enactors, period craft demonstrations and house tours (replicating last year's event).

Other events in the planning stage (no dates yet): some weekends open for tours; themed tours by specialists, one on the furniture in the house and another on its paintings.

With respect to repairs/restoration activities, plans for this year consist of (1) completing replacement of rotted soffits at the mansion and (2) repairs to the small barn (the "workshop"). Longer-term plans include restoration of the large barn (the "carriage barn"), addition of public restrooms and enhancement of parking space for visitors.

Locust Lawn now belongs to Locust Grove and has a page on its website: www.lgny.org/locust-lawn-farm. Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie was the home of inventor Samuel Morse (Morse code) and was later owned by Hasbrouck family descendants (see Sept. '08 newsletter for details). It is well worth a visit when you are in the New Paltz area.

ANNUAL REUNION

For the eighth year in a row we enjoyed pleasant fall weather for our 56th annual reunion on Huguenot Street in New Paltz with 22 members and 4 guests on hand for the October 12 event. The long-distance champion was Nancy Hasbrouck from Los Angeles, CA, who brought with her a Huguenot-related friend from Massachusetts and a uniformed Revolutionary War reenactor/historian they met while visiting the Jonathan Hasbrouck House/Washington's Headquarters site in Newburgh a day earlier.

As always, our first activity was socializing over a continental breakfast in Deyo Hall. Then we had our annual meeting at which the incumbent directors were reelected by a wide margin. (There were no other willing candidates for the position.) At 11AM we had our traditional service in the French Church and remembered our members who died during the past year (fortunately only three of them). Then we moved to the Jean Hasbrouck House for a tour of the

well-restored interior and a look at the patched-up roof in need of replacement. From the Jean House we moved to the newly restored Abraham House – the first visit by some of the attendees since the house reopened a year earlier. HFA consultant/historian Neil Larson, who was heavily involved in the restoration process, served as our guide for both houses.



Service in the French Church



In the Abraham House kitchen

Then it was back to Deyo Hall for a group photo and a delicious lunch catered by Main Course of New Paltz, during which our reenactor, Jeff Tew, explained his costume and the person it represented (a Tory!). Afterward, HHS President Mary Etta Schneider gave us an update on developments and plans for Historic Huguenot Street, which is still managing to run an extensive program of activities despite limited resources as it copes with the challenges posed by a struggling economy and tight finances. Then Neil Larson



Attendees leaving the Abraham Hasbrouck House

enlightened us with a history of the Abraham Hasbrouck House. This event marked the end of the reunion, but attendees still had time to take a stroll on Huguenot Street, browse through the exhibits at the Visitor Center in the DuBois Fort, and shop at the reopened museum shop there.



Jeff Tew explains the Tory character he portrays

The minutes of our annual meeting are included in this mailing as well as on our website (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 11, and will be an unusual and exciting experience. It coincides with the October 10-12 second occurrence of "The Gathering" of all the family associations, which was a hugely successful event in its 2010 debut with a terrific variety of events for all ages and interests. (See photo coverage of it with a link on the home page of our website.) We will integrate our own reunion with this larger weekend event, and it will be worth making a special effort to attend. Mark it on your calendar and join us to reconnect with your Huguenot heritage, meet some interesting relatives and enjoy an outstanding program of events. More details will be provided as they become available.

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
 Thad C. 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).

ELEANOR SEARS DIES – LONG-TIME HFA OFFICER

Eleanor C. Sears, long an active member of HFA, died on December 17 at age 86. She was an HFA officer from 1996 until health problems forced her to step down in 2011. She was a lively participant in executive meetings and for some years was the coordinator for our annual reunions.



Eleanor Sears

Eleanor was the oldest of three Clancy sisters (8th generation descendants of Abraham) who were born (in their Hasbrouck grandmother's house) and grew up in Ellenville, NY, not far from New Paltz. All three (Jean and Mary being the others) became longtime, active HFA members. Eleanor went to work for the New York Telephone Co. in 1948 and was a business office representative in Ellenville until 1957. In 1949 she married Nelson Sears, and the next year their first son, Peter, was born. They began an extended practice of keeping and training horses, starting with Tennessee walkers and then palominos, which they showed and rode in parades. In 1957 the family moved to Spain, where Nelson was involved in expanding the US airbases there, Eleanor worked at the US Embassy in Madrid, and their second son, Toni, was born (1958). They had four Andalusian horses there, and they trained at the Royal Spanish Riding Academy, becoming proficient riders as a family. The horses were boarded at the Royal Palace grounds in Madrid, and the family participated in hare hunts with hounds and falcons. They returned to upstate New York in 1962 and spent two years near Albany training horses, including the versatile Morgan breed. Their third son, Kristopher, was born in 1963.

From 1964 to 1978 Nelson was superintendent of the Belleayre ski resort northwest of Kingston, where Eleanor honed her skill as an avid skier. They continued to train horses, and their Morgan, "Catskill Mountain Lad", was the Grand National Champion in 1976. In addition Eleanor worked as a legal secretary from 1970 to 1978.

In 1978 the family moved to Kingston, where Eleanor was an Ulster County court clerk until 1990. Nelson worked for the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation until his retirement in 1991, after which he enjoyed his hobbies as a successful amateur painter and photographer. They gave up the horses when they moved to Kingston.

Eleanor's life was upended in 1993 when Nelson died from complications following routine surgery. But she continued to lead an active life, making use of her skill as a bridge player and her talent for needle point and quilting, while keeping in close contact with her sisters (Jean died in 2011) and stepping up her involvement with HFA until her health was failing. We miss her valuable involvement in the activities of HFA but are thankful for her long-term contribution as a supporter and an officer of our association.

On a happier note, we learned that Eleanor's granddaughter, Taylor Sears, who won an HHS scholarship in 2012, has graduated from George Washington University and is now with the National Office of FOX News in Washington. She still aspires to attend law school and progress to a career in media law, but first she needs to learn about the media business from personal experience. With Eleanor's genes, she should do well!

SCHOLARSHIPS

HFA participates in the HHS College scholarship program. The 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 2013, fittingly, thirteen awards were made, four of them to Hasbrouck descendants.

The Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships went to Elizabeth Garland and Kaj Kraus.



Elizabeth Garland

Elizabeth is an 11th-generation descendant of Jean Hasbrouck from Bridgton, ME and a junior at Cedarville University in Ohio. She is majoring in psychology, a decision that grew out of her desire to “understand humans, so that better solutions to life issues can be discovered.” Besides her classes, she has gained practical experience as a residential assistant at the university and by spending a week living the life of a homeless person. She is dedicated to acquiring the skills to be able to help people find solutions to their perplexing personal problems. To that end, after completing undergraduate work, she plans to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.



Kaj Kraus

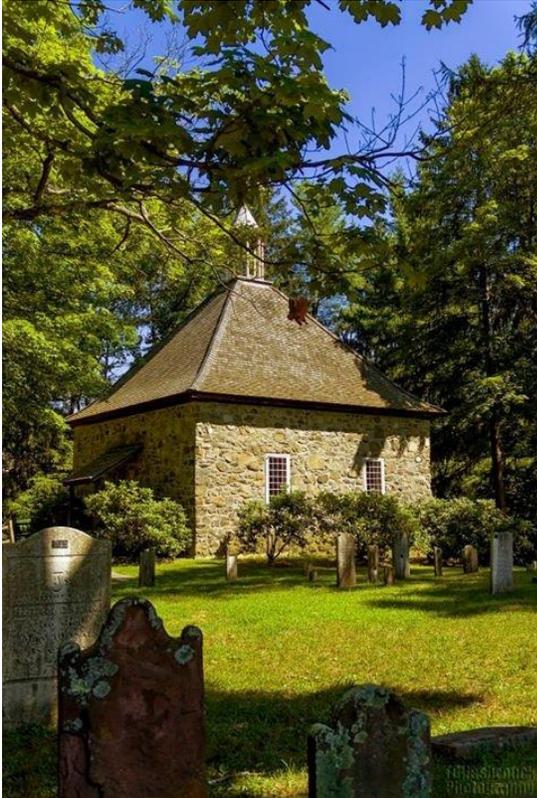
Kaj, a Dubois descendant from New Paltz, is a senior at New York University’s Gallatin School of Individualized Study, an experimental

college which encourages interdisciplinary studies. He was rendered deaf by meningitis when just 11 months old. He learned to lip-read, became interested in music and learned to play the cello despite his disability. His life blossomed at age 15 when he received a cochlear implant, which restored much of his hearing. He finished high school in three years and moved on to Gallatin, where he has been studying art history, social and cultural analysis and philosophy with the objective of examining and questioning models of understanding human experience. Plans include honing his skill in American Sign Language at Gallaudet University for the Deaf while working there on museum accessibility and eventually pursuing a doctorate leading to a professorship.

Three Hasbrouck descendants won \$1,000 HHS awards. Rachel Olsby, a repeat winner, is a twelfth-generation descendant of both Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck from the Adirondacks town of Stratford, NY. She is a senior at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing in Utica, NY on her way to become a Registered Nurse. She loves working with young children and infants, and her objective is to be a pediatric nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit. Amber McDaniel, an 11th-generation descendant of Abraham and a Deyo descendant as well, is a junior at Daytona State College in Florida, her home state. Like Rachel, she is on her way to a nursing degree and qualification as a Registered Nurse, but expects to practice in a much different area of the profession. She plans to attend the University of Miami to earn a master’s degree in midwifery and ultimately qualify as a Certified Nurse Midwife. Keturah Hasbrouck, an 11th-generation descendant of Jean from Gorham, ME, is a senior at Cairn University in Ohio with a double major in church music and Bible studies. Building on her years singing in choirs, she wants to impart to others the rewarding musical experience it brings by becoming a choral conductor. In addition, she is moving to turn her proficiency in sewing into a modest business as a seamstress and costumer.

This year’s award winners comprise a diverse group with a considerable 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.

**STANLEY HASBROUCK, JR DIES – BUILT
FRENCH CHURCH; HIS GRANDDAUGHTER
GETS AN AWARD**



French Church and Huguenot Burial Ground

Stanley Hasbrouck, Jr. died on January 7 at the age of 86. He was an 11th generation descendant of Abraham. Stanley was born and grew up in New Paltz, where his father had a construction business. After serving on the aircraft carrier Leyte during World War II, he came home to work with his father and later started his own custom building business. He worked with many prominent architects and built custom homes, professional buildings and – close to our own hearts – the French Church now standing on Huguenot Street.

The former French Huguenot Church on the site replaced a log cabin church and was built in 1717. By 1795 the congregation had outgrown it, and it was taken down, with the stones used to erect a school house nearby on Front Street. In 1965 HHS decided to build a replica of the church, which was a vital element in interpreting a village founded by French Huguenots seeking the freedom to practice their Protestant religion. The Crispell family, which does not have a house on the Street, undertook the project with Stanley Hasbrouck as the builder. It was completed in 1972 and dedicated in 1973.

In 1947 Stanley married Eugenia Newton. They had two daughters (Andrea and Gena Mae) and a son (Stanley III, who predeceased them), followed by four grandchildren.

Stanley loved to travel. He had a pilot's license and flew often in the Eastern seaboard area. He also traveled and camped in his RV and enjoyed scuba diving, snorkeling, skiing and motorcycling. In all, he had a very active and fulfilling life.

Our Sept '03 newsletter featured an article about Stanley's granddaughter, Rebecca Hasbrouck, who was named by SUNY New Paltz as its outstanding accounting student of the year for 2003. We concluded that article by saying that, "Instead of houses, Rebecca is building a reputation – as a smart, industrious young lady headed for success in whatever she sets out to do." Ten years later that prediction has proved accurate, as she received the SUNY New Paltz Alumni of the Year award for 2013. She has been with the same accounting firm since graduation, earned the CPA designation in 2006 and was promoted to manager in 2012. She has also served as an adjunct professor of accounting at both Marist College and SUNY New Paltz. Her Stanley forebears would be very proud of her!



Display of family crest-decorated items available from www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily

We welcome our new members:

Margaret E. Essex, Windsor, CT
Jonathan T. Hasbrouck Wethersfield, CT
Keith Hasbrouck, McMinnville, OR
Nancy J. Hasbrouck, Del Mar, CA
Robin Hasbrouck, Des Moines, WA
Carolyn Waldron, North Hollywood, CA

We have received notice of the following member deaths:

Joan Alliger
Richard Alliger
Eleanor Sears

FINANCES (in \$ thousands)

2013 Yearend Assets

HFA Endowment Fund + restricted	422
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>65</u>
Subtotal	487
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	2,026
TOTAL ASSETS	2,513

HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund

2013 Income (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	28
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	3
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	2
Jean House roof donations	2
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	1
TOTAL INCOME (4 restricted)	36

2013 Expenses

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	8
Scholarships	4
Other programs*	11
Office Rental	5
Administration	3
Accounting fees and taxes	1
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>32</u>

NET INCOME 4

NET UNRESTRICTED INCOME 0

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

2013 Income (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	83
TOTAL INCOME	83

2013 Expenses

Maintenance, preservation	37
Accounting fees	2
Taxes	1
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>40</u>

NET INCOME 43

*Mainly newsletters, website, genealogy and member services

Our financial results for 2013 benefited from a robust stock market, partially offset by a substantial decline for most income-oriented securities (including many of ours) as the prospect of rising interest rates loomed. The assets of the regular HFA funds (endowment plus general) were up by 4.8%. The Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund, dedicated to the Abraham Hasbrouck House, fared better with a 12.4% advance and topped \$2 million for the first time. 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 6.1% for the HFA Funds and 4.7% for the Anderson Fund. By comparison, stocks overall presently have an average dividend return of around 2%, bond yields are close to 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, which are barely adequate for our current level of activities, let alone any growth. With the major restoration work finished at the Abraham House, Anderson Fund expenses declined substantially, enabling the Fund to shrink its cumulative income deficit from \$69,000 to \$26,000.

Looking ahead, the Anderson Fund's income should adequately cover whatever is needed 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. And if you are interested in making a major gift, bequest or other estate planning arrangement, please contact us to discuss details.

2013 CONTRIBUTORS

Endowment Fund

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth
Duke, H. Benjamin , III
Graham, Douglas R.
Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.

General Fund

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth
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Blizard, Aline F.
Czarnecki, Michael
Delamater, John O.
Hasbrook, Randal J.
Hasbrouck, Donald H.
Hasbrouck, Donna L.
Hasbrouck, Phyllis R.
Hasbrouck, Randal L.
Hasbrouck, Robert C.
Hasbrouck, Robert David
Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.
Hasbrouck, Roger C.
Hasbrouck, Thad C.
Hasbrouck, Thomas P.
Hasbrouck, William A.
McCollum, Marion
Neilson, Jacqueline
Nickelsen, Roberta
Patterson, Mary C.
Sears, Eleanor C.
Skidmore, Sarah B.
Van Wagner, Roy
Wilson, James H.

Jean Hasbrouck House Roof

Alward, Delores M.
Andrew, Tammy
Ashton, Robin H.
Atkins, Mary Elizabeth
Cheffy, Mary M.
Forristall, Jean H.
Hasbrouck Phyllis R.
Hasbrouck, Donald H.
Hasbrouck, Jack W.
Hasbrouck, James J.
Hasbrouck, Robert C.

Jean Hasbrouck House Roof cont.

Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.
Hasbrouck, Roger C.
Hasbrouck, Thad C.
Hasbrouck, Thad M.
Hasbrouck, Thomas P.
Hasbrouck, Thomas R.
Hasbrouck, William A.
Horton, Ann
Kleinknecht, Dorothy
Kleinknecht, Kenneth C.
Linnabary, Phoebe C.
Mac Williams, Bruce Newell
McCollum, Marion
Nichols, Jean E.
Odenweller, Jane R.
Quinn, Winona
Snyder, Celia G.
Sweeney, Marie T.



Reunion attendees examining the deteriorating Jean Hasbrouck House roof

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