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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As HFA heads into its 60<sup>th</sup> year, it is worthwhile to review what happened in 2016, some of which is still continuing this year. In summary,

- 1) We had a successful annual reunion in October with 20 people in attendance. (See article on page 2 and photo show on our website, [www.hasbrouckfamily.org](http://www.hasbrouckfamily.org).)
- 2) We are continuing to seek long-term solutions for moisture problems in the Abraham House and have received a follow-up study to improve our furnishings plan. (See Our Houses in the next column.)
- 3) We awarded two scholarships to outstanding students who are Huguenot descendants. (See details, on page 3.)
- 4) We have attracted about 600 "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) 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.

Looking ahead, HFA will have its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion this year on October 14, and HHS will have another of its popular "Gathering" events for all the family associations (tentatively scheduled for August 5). Serious planning for these events hasn't begun yet. We will update you as details become available.

Finally, 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



Reunion attendees in the Abraham House kitchen

Moisture penetration is a perennial problem, especially on the north side of the house. This probably did not happen in the 1700's because the ground level then was about 30 inches lower and the fireplaces were in use, creating heat to evaporate moisture. We are continuing to seek competent professional advice on this issue, but a quick solution is not in prospect.

We have initiated steps to restore the exterior appearance of the north and south walls to represent (as closely as can be done practically) their appearance during our chosen interpretation period of 1760-75. Our proposal (done by Neil Larson) is being reviewed by HHS prior to soliciting contractor bids for the project.

We have received a carefully developed follow-up study by Kathleen Johnson, a specialist in historic interiors, to supplement our original furnishings plan and lead to an upgrading of our period furnishings to conform more closely with our interpretation period of 1760-75. We will be working with HHS to implement this plan over the next few years, depending on the availability and affordability of items we want to purchase.

### **Jean Hasbrouck House**

Fall fundraising by HHS and HFA enabled HHS to reach its goal of \$180,000 for the roof replacement project, which includes an engineering evaluation of the roof framework and also replacement of the heating system. HHS hopes to complete framework improvements in time to start on the roof replacement in the spring.

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

Two projects are underway this winter. Shutters are being built for the south side of the house to duplicate the original shutters still in place on the north side. The other project is in the estate archives. Included in the Young family collection are more than 1,000 early 20<sup>th</sup> century negatives, most of which have never been printed. A group of volunteers is scanning them digitally so that they can see the original images. They've only done the first 100, but have already found some great views of both Locust Grove and Locust Lawn that will help guide future restoration projects. (The Young family, including Hasbrouck descendants, owned both Locust Lawn and Locust Grove for many years.).



Youngs' family chauffer at Locust Lawn with guest (1930)

## **ANNUAL REUNION**



Reunion Attendees in the Locust Lawn dining room

We had pleasant weather for our reunion on October 9 with a good turnout of 20 people. (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 and an update on HHS by its Board Chair, Mary Etta Schneider, and Acting Executive Director Josephine Bloodgood. For our final event we carpoled out to the Col. Josiah Hasbrouck House at Locust Lawn (3 miles south of New Paltz) for a tour there and refreshments at the adjoining Terwilliger House.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2016, 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!

## **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  
Derek W. HasBrouck, Vice President  
Thad C. Hasbrouck, Treasurer

### **Appointed by the President**

Meryl S. Brown, Secretary  
Rebecca Hasbrouck, Development Chair

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 PRESIDENT HONORED AT HHS FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION**

On October 1, HFA President Bob Hasbrouck was the guest of honor at the HHS Fall Harvest Dinner on Huguenot Street. He was cited for his contribution to the success of the Street through his leadership of the Hasbrouck Family Association during the last 22 years and participation in other HHS activities as well. The photo shows him with his wife, Astrid, and HHS Board Chair Mary Etta Schneider, who presented him with an original painting of the southwest side of the Abraham Hasbrouck



Astrid and Bob Hasbrouck with  
Mary Etta Schneider

House by well-known local artist Marlene Wiedenbaum. The dinner served as a fundraiser for HHS, and HFA sponsored a table for its officers with proceeds dedicated to the Jean Hasbrouck House roof replacement project.

## **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 2016 twelve awards were made, seven of them to Hasbrouck descendants.

The Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships went to Drew HasBrouck from Saratoga Springs, NY and Mariah Dawson from Berkeley, CA.



Drew HasBrouck

Drew is a descendant of both Abraham and Jean with links also to the Deyo and Bevier families. He is majoring in electrical engineering at Northeastern University with a minor in sustainable energy systems and is a repeater, having won HHS scholarships in the last two years. He is working toward a career as a technical specialist in the integration of renewable resources into electricity grids to reduce adverse environmental impact while improving reliability. Drew has been getting considerable exposure and practical experience working as a co-op or intern with companies involved in the field and recently received a General Electric Corporate Award for his performance on a project there. He expects to graduate in 2018 with a master's degree in electrical engineering.



Mariah Dawson

Mariah Dawson, also a repeater, is primarily a DuBois descendant but also has links back to Rachel Hasbrouck, patentee Abraham's first offspring. She is a senior at Middlebury College, majoring in molecular biology and biochemistry in addition to being the co-captain of Middlebury's crew (rowing) team. After graduation Mariah plans to spend a year getting practical experience in a hospital as a research assistant or medical scribe before attending medical school to pursue a career in reproductive medicine, especially fertility, providing expert advice with compassion to patients faced with difficult and complex medical

decisions. Mariah also received a \$1,000 HHS scholarship, a rare double award in the scholarship program.

Four Hasbrouck descendants won \$1,000 HHS awards. Like Mariah Dawson, Colin Price, from Ballston Spa, NY, is primarily a DuBois descendant with links back to Rachel Hasbrouck, although their ancestry lines later diverge. Also a repeater, he's a senior in the Honors College at the University of Vermont with a major in psychology and a minor in pharmacology. Following his undergraduate work, he also plans to spend a year getting practical experience in a hospital before continuing to postgraduate training to become a physician's assistant in a specialized area, such as psychiatry. Carolyn Hassenkamp, from Somerville, NJ, is in an Administrative Leadership program at Georgian Court University. Having taught American literature to 10<sup>th</sup> graders for the last nine years, she is fulfilling a desire to have an impact beyond the classroom with programs that affect a broader population of students. Additional expertise as an administrator will enable her to work with students, teachers and other school leaders to continue making positive changes that encourage students to become lifelong learners and strong citizens. Carolyn's younger sister, Kristin Hassenkamp, from Middletown, NJ, is a senior at The College of New Jersey, majoring in industrial and organizational psychology. She plans to pursue graduate studies in this field and work with companies on organizational structure, motivation of employees and selection processes to improve the work environment/morale of employees while benefitting their employers at the same time. Alexander Mowry, from Marietta, GA, is a sophomore at the University of Georgia, majoring in business administration with a minor in ecology. Impressed with the sudden personal freedom experienced by college students after high school and parental supervision, he laments its abuse by many of them. He has joined with a group of friends dedicated to showing by personal and group action the benefits of managing personal freedom responsibly without foregoing the enjoyment of college life.

This year's award winners comprise a diverse group with a considerable variety of interests. However, they have some things in common. For the first time ever, they are all 11<sup>th</sup>-generation descendants of Abraham! More important, 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.

### **FOLLOW-UP ON A HASBROUCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Rachel Olsby, a 12<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of both Abraham and Jean, won HHS scholarships in 2012 and 2013 on her way to a BS degree in Health Science and an Associate degree in Nursing. And she's now working part time on a BS in Nursing as a means to improve her expertise and qualifications for advancement. But she's also working on an even more important project: marriage.



L-R: Shawn Bilger, Rachel Olsby, Donna and Thad Hasbrouck

Rachel met Shawn Bilger in high school when they sat together on the school bus. After her graduation in 2008, they went in different directions (he graduated a year later) and lost contact, but in July 2010 Shawn found her on Facebook and asked her to go out with him. The relationship flowered over the next few years, and they were married last September (see photo). They bought a house in Salisbury, NY, and Shawn is working at Twin Rivers Paper Company in nearby Little Falls while Rachel is a supervisory nurse at Little Falls Hospital.

Rachel comes from a very active HFA family. Her grandmother, Donna Hasbrouck, has been doing extensive research on Revolutionary War Hasbroucks and other family history and has supplied information for several newsletter stories in recent years. Her great uncle, Chuck Hasbrouck, is the current HFA Treasurer, and her great, great grandfather, Thad Hasbrouck (now 92) is a former treasurer and long-time active member.

### **HFA HELPS TO REUNITE A 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY COUPLE**



Amelia and Ferdinand Hasbrouck

We received a message from Jim Arnold in Sequim, WA, relating that he had a beautifully executed portrait of Amelia Roosa Foster Hasbrouck (1844-1895), the great grandmother of his deceased wife, Suzanne Lindenberg Arnold. The portrait had passed down from her grandmother, Helen Wickes Hasbrouck Lindenberg, in the early 1960's. Jim explained that he had remarried, was downsizing, and asked whether we could identify anyone who might want this portrait. We did! We consulted our database and were happy to find a probable match, which we quickly confirmed. Amelia's

husband was Dr. Ferdinand Hasbrouck (1844-1904), and his great grandson, James Foster Hasbrouck, is an HFA member residing in Blackstone, VA. He was excited to learn of Amelia's portrait, and for more than one reason. He has a portrait of Ferdinand, also passed down through three generations of his family line, which connected with Suzanne's through his grandfather, James Foster Hasbrouck, a brother of Helen Wickes Hasbrouck. Unfortunately, neither portrait shows a date or the artist's name. Information passed down with Amelia's portrait indicates a date in the early 1880's, when she and Ferdinand were in their late 30's. It appears possible, but far from certain, that the two portraits were painted around the same time by the same artist. There is no proof that they hung together in the home of Ferdinand and Amelia, but, logically, that appears more than likely. In any event, James was eager to reunite the couple in his own home. He contacted Jim Arnold, who arranged to have the portrait securely packed and shipped across the country to rejoin its family. The two portraits are now displayed side by side, as they probably were about 130 years ago (see photo).

Incidentally, this is not our first encounter with Dr. Ferdinand Hasbrouck. He was a well-known dentist and anesthetist and served in that capacity in the secret mouth cancer operation on President Grover Cleveland in 1893. He unwittingly revealed the coverup and was caught up in the uproar that followed. This story was covered in the June and September 2009 editions of our newsletter and a 2011 book, *The President Is a Sick Man*, by Matthew Algeo.

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

Ann Dumont, Eastlake, OH  
Brian Hasbrouck, Laurel, MD  
Glenn HasBrouck, Ocoee, FL  
Karen HasBrouck, Rhinebeck, NY  
Lawrence Hasbrouck, Lubbock, TX  
Toni Irons, New York, NY  
Leighann Lusito, Hyde Park, NY  
Donna Miller, Town of Tonawanda, NY  
Christopher Morrow, Port Lucie, FL  
Ian Morrow, Cornwall, NY

Bruce Newkirk, Ithaca, NY  
Runa Claire Olson, St. Paul, MN  
Pam Stevenson, San Antonio, FL

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

Elaine Kniffen  
Louise Sharp

### **THE HASBROUCK SCREECH OWL**

Our October '07 newsletter covered Dr. Edwin M. Hasbrouck (1866-1956), a prominent surgeon who, in his spare time, was also a serious amateur ornithologist. On a field expedition with the US Geological Survey he discovered a new species of screech owl, which is presently found in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. In 1916 the American Ornithologists' Union officially recognized it as Hasbrouck's screech owl (scientific name: *otus asio hasbroucki*). We never before had a picture of the owl but recently ran across one, so now we can see what Edwin discovered. We really do "give a hoot", and so does the owl!



Hasbrouck's Screech Owl  
(Screech owls are small (6-8" high, 6-7oz). They don't really screech – rather they hoot and whistle --typical owl language.)

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

### **2016 Yearend Assets**

HFA Endowment Fund + restricted	412
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>77</u>
Subtotal	491
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	<u>2,191</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,682</b>

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

#### **2016 Income** (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	29
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	4
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	2
Jean House roof donations (2 restricted)	7
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (4 restricted)	<b>43</b>

#### **2016 Expenses**

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	8
Jean House roof	5
Scholarships	4
Other programs*	10
Office and storage rental	6
Administration	1
Accounting fees and taxes	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35</b>

**NET INCOME** 8

**NET UNRESTRICTED INCOME** 4

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

#### **2016 Income** (ex capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	87
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>87</b>

#### **2016 Expenses**

Maintenance, preservation	38
Accounting fees (1.5) and taxes (1.2)	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>41</b>

**NET INCOME** 46

\*Mainly newsletters, website, genealogy and member services

The stock and bond markets, in aggregate, were relatively flat during most of 2016, but most stocks surged after Trump's election while bonds and income-oriented stocks sagged with the Federal Reserve's bump-up in interest rates and hints of more to come. Our investments are mainly in this latter category and suffered accordingly, but still managed modest gains for the year. The assets of the regular HFA funds (endowment plus general) were up 2.8%. The Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund, dedicated to the Abraham Hasbrouck House, advanced 3.2%. 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 6.0% for the HFA Funds and 4.2% for the Anderson Fund. By comparison, stocks overall presently have an average dividend return of around 2%, bond yields are still 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, With the major interior restoration work finished at the Abraham House in 2012, Anderson Fund expenses have declined substantially since then, enabling the Fund to eliminate its cumulative income deficit (from a high of \$94,000) and build reserves for projected exterior restoration, drainage control and furnishings improvements.

Looking ahead, The Anderson Fund's income should adequately cover whatever is needed for maintaining and displaying the house. There is some concern about the rest of our operations. Without generous contributions/bequests, HFA will be stressed to maintain its current level of activities. Your help is needed to improve this situation.

## **2016 CONTRIBUTORS**

### **Endowment Fund**

Duke, H. Benjamin  
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Wilson, James H.

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Hasbrouck, Robert David  
Hasbrouck, Robert Clark  
Hasbrouck, Robert W.  
Hasbrouck, Roger C.  
Hasbrouck, Thad M.  
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Hill, Gay W.  
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McCollum, Marion  
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Schmidt, Greg

### **Jean Hasbrouck House Roof**

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Gibson, James P.  
Hardy, Lois  
Hasbrook, John S. A.  
HasBrouck, Derek W.  
Hasbrouck, Rebecca  
Hasbrouck, Robert W.  
Hasbrouck, Ronald Erwin  
Hasbrouck, Thad M.  
Hasbrouck, William Andrew  
Hassenkamp, Edward  
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**Thanks to all of you! We really appreciate (and need) your support!**



Jean Hasbrouck House