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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our annual reunion (October 12) is fast approaching, and a reservation form is enclosed with this newsletter. Note that, for ease of mailing, we have a single, two-sided form for dues/contributions, reservations and proxy voting. Please be sure to fill out both sides of the form. Alternately, this can be completed digitally on our upgraded website (www.hasbrouckfamily.org) and any payments made via credit card/PayPal. For details on the reunion, see the separate item on this page. Annual members, please send in your dues promptly to spare us the time and expense involved with follow-ups to delinquents. Our life memberships are a bargain at \$350 (\$200 for age 65 and older). Please mail back your forms to reach us no later than **October 4**.

We are taking action to update/improve our website, including addition of a Members (only) section with (when we get it worked out) direct access to the genealogy database. It also enables digital payment for dues, contributions and merchandise purchases. See separate item on page 3.

We need you to help us with your time and talent. Send us an email (to address on letterhead), and we'll contact you to talk about what you might enjoy doing with us. For starters, with the annual membership cycle starting in October, I'm again asking for your help in recruiting new members for HFA. Ask your relatives to join. Give memberships to your children/grandchildren and help them to develop an interest in their fascinating cultural heritage. Get them to look at our website and participate in our Facebook site. Contact some of our Facebook "friends" and try to interest them in joining HFA; so far, very few of them have done so. The longer-term health of our organization depends on having younger members enthusiastic about carrying on its objectives as the older ones inevitably fade from the scene!

And that includes me! This is my last newsletter after writing/editing it for the last 23 years. And at the annual meeting in October I will be retiring as president of HFA. At that time I will have been in the position for 25 years (too long for any individual) and will be almost 86 years old. I feel honored to have had your trust and approval that long, but it's high time to turn over the leadership to a younger, more tech-savvy generation with fresh perspective and new ideas. Harriet Hasbrouck's wonderful bequest has provided the resources to do far more than we could before, and we have the opportunity to achieve new levels of historic preservation of family-related sites, genealogy and education/knowledge about our Huguenot and family history/heritage while contributing to the overall success of Historic Huguenot Street. Since he is unopposed on the ballot, I assume my successor as president will be Thad C. (Chuck) Hasbrouck, who has been a board member for six years. He is well qualified for the job, and I hope you will give him the same support you have given me these many years.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

ANNUAL REUNION

Our reunion is on Saturday, October 12, in New Paltz. We'll start with registration, continental breakfast and socializing beginning at 9AM in Deyo Hall. At 10AM we'll have our annual business meeting and then proceed to the French Church for our traditional short memorial service at 11AM, after which we'll visit the Jean and Abraham Houses for an update on what's happening and planned at each one. At 12:45PM we'll meet back at Deyo Hall for a group picture followed by a catered lunch, which, in memory of Harriet Hasbrouck and her generous bequest, will be without charge. (Please make lunch reservations on the enclosed form or on our

website). After lunch we'll have a status/outlook report from HHS and conclude with a short talk by Jeff Tew, a military history interpreter in period uniform, about our illustrious Revolutionary War-era ancestor Elias Hasbrouck. Then we invite you to linger on Huguenot Street on your own and visit the exhibits in the Visitor Center at the DuBois Fort and the museum shop there.

If you are visiting Huguenot Street for the first time, we strongly advise you to spend at least one night here because the HFA reunion will take up most of Saturday, and you will need at least one additional day to visit Huguenot Street. The houses can be visited only on guided tours and are closed on Wednesdays. (Bring your HFA or HHS membership card for a free house tour and museum shop discounts). Feel free to contact us to help with your planning. The Hudson Valley is full of beautiful scenery and tourist attractions; you can easily spend an entire vacation here. Anyone planning an overnight stay should make reservations as soon as possible. The reunion is during the foliage season, and accommodations are already getting scarce for that weekend. New Paltz has four good motels:

America's Best Value Inn (845-255-8865), the closest to Huguenot Street

Hampton Inn (845-255-4200), next to ABV Inn above; more upscale

EconoLodge (845-255-6200)

Rodeway Inn (845-883-7373)

The last two are a couple of miles east of New Paltz on US 299; basic but satisfactory and the least expensive. You can also get information on bed & breakfast inns in the area and a Hasbrouck House boutique hotel in nearby Stone Ridge from the Chamber of Commerce (845-255-0243). More lodging is available in nearby Highland, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Kingston.

Mark your calendars for the October 12 reunion and plan to come and find out about your extended family and details of your Huguenot heritage!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed is our annual membership dues notice. If your mailing label has a L on it, you are a life member and owe no dues. If you think you are a life member and don't have a L on your label, contact our office for follow-up. Annual members who don't have a 2019 on their mailing label owe dues in arrears at \$20/year as determined by the

year on your label. Please send in your dues now; reminder notices are expensive! Remember, dues can also be paid online through our website. (www.hasbrouckfamily.org). Newer annual members (2020 on label) do not need to pay renewal dues until a year after their initial membership date. If you don't want to bother with annual dues, life memberships are \$350 (\$200 for age 65 and over). If you wish to maintain your membership and feel you cannot afford the dues, please tell us your situation and request a waiver. We especially don't want to abandon long-time members whose current financial condition makes the dues a hardship. HFA membership includes all the benefits of being an HHS Friend*. If you want to support HHS as a member (and we encourage it), sign up at www.huguenotstreet.org/membership.

*Benefits for Family Association members include one free tour, plus 10% Museum Shop discount and community events.

OUR HOUSES **Abraham Hasbrouck House**



Digging in the regrading area behind Abraham House

As reported previously, we're working on restoring the house to approximate its appearance in our chosen 1760-75 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 primary effort now is exterior restoration to reflect that era. Last year we restored the north and south walls/windows, and our current project is the west wall (front, 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 19th century windows and adding back a door which used to give entrance to the north room

(opkamer). Work is beginning on construction of the door and windows, and we have a contractor for their installation. In both cases we are continuing with the firms who did outstanding work on the north and south walls. Design drawings have been completed, and a formal agreement for the job will follow. Construction of windows and door will proceed, but installation will not take place until next June to avoid interference with scheduled HHS tours and special programs there. (The house will not be on the tour schedule next year).



2 feet deep pit in Abraham House regrading area

We're about to implement our plan 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. In preparation for it we just completed a short archaeology project in the affected area (see photos) to reassure ourselves and HHS that we would not be destroying any valuable artifacts not already turned up in our large-scale 2004 project around the house. HFA historical consultant Kate Johnson and HHS Curator Josephine Bloodgood are continuing to work on their priority list for period furnishings items to enhance the interior displays in the house and add interest/value to the visitor experience. We've already added a number of items, which you can see when you visit the house (including our reunion on October 12).

Jean Hasbrouck House

The long-awaited roof replacement project will finally take place this year! A letter of agreement has been signed with a contractor for the project. However, work will be postponed until October because excessive summer heat could cause the Alaska yellow cedar shingles chosen for the project

to split during shipment from Canada. The shingles will be installed on skip sheathing, which will permit leaving the original sheathing boards in place. From the inside, the roof will look exactly the same. The project is expected to be completed by late fall.

HHS has engaged the Landmark Facilities Group to conduct an assessment (with recommendations) of the mechanical, electrical, and fire protection systems for the Jean Hasbrouck House. The results will be used to develop an improvement program. HFA is a party to the formal agreement and will pay for the project (about \$5,000). This project marks the first significant example of our increased support for the Jean House enabled by Harriet Hasbrouck's magnificent bequest. It is underway now.

Locust Lawn (Josiah Hasbrouck House)

No update available from the owner, Locust Grove.

OUR UPGRADED WEBSITE

We have redesigned our website (www.hasbrouckfamily.org), so please take a look and tell us what you think. We're still fine tuning most sections of it and are open to comments/suggestions. Most importantly, we have added a **Members section**, which is still under development, although there is enough there already to hold your interest, and you can send your proxy vote for the annual meeting from there, if you prefer, instead of mailing the paper ballot. But **you have to be a member to access this section, which requires getting a username and password**. Life members should have already received information. Currently renewing annual members should go through the regular registration process, clicking on Become a Member (even though they already are), after which they can pay renewal dues (or upgrade to life membership) and create a username/password combination for future access to the Members section.

We are working to provide access to our genealogy database on this Members section, but it's a complicated process, particularly with addressing privacy concerns and providing safeguards against misuse. We'll keep you posted as we progress

We are always eager to publicize significant events in the lives of our members, and this section of the website is a good place for it. Please send us any such family information you consider would be of interest to our membership as a whole.