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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With this newsletter you are receiving a copy of HFA's newly published booklet about the Jonathan Hasbrouck House, created by our consultant, Neil Larson, and designed to match the 1999 booklet on the Jean Hasbrouck House. Please send us your comments on this new publication. You can order additional copies from the HFA office for \$6 postpaid. It was timed to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jonathan's acquisition of the house and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation as Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site (the nation's first publicly operated historic site). In the September newsletter it was reported that the Park Service was celebrating the anniversary with an educational event at the site on October 7. However, this event was subsequently postponed to February 17-19 (Washington's Birthday weekend) from 1-5PM each day. HFA will have a display table there on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, also Neil Larson will give a talk about the house on Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1PM. Come visit us and the site if you can. It is located at the corner of Liberty and Washington Streets in Newburgh. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article about the Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr. House. Jacob, Jr. was a cousin of Jonathan and in his 1776 will appointed Jonathan as an advisor to his children. However, Jacob, Jr. long outlived Jonathan, who died in 1780.

While our Jonathan Hasbrouck booklet emphasizes the house, there is another new publication about the man. This is a book written by Adam Schenkman, who gave us a presentation about Jonathan at our 1996 annual meeting. He has

been doing research on Jonathan for some years to produce a comprehensive biography titled "*In the Shadow of the Mountain: The Life and Times of Jonathan Hasbrouck.*" It will be published this month by Hunger Press with a retail price of \$12.95. We'll have more details about it in our next newsletter.

Due to low winter attendance HHS has closed the Jean Hasbrouck House and the museum shop until Huguenot Street reopens for tours on May 1. (The Jean House has normally been open on weekends in the off-season.) The museum shop is still taking mail and telephone orders; you can see some of the items they offer in their newsletter and on their website, which has a link from ours. Our homepage features a list of Hasbrouck-related items available there. (Our own website has now received over 3,200 visits; check it out if you haven't seen it yet.)

Another HHS development: Stone House Day has been renamed The Colonial Street Festival in New Paltz and scheduled this year for August 11. Mark your calendars for this great event!

We're looking to update our records of gifts of historic furnishings and personal items made by members to HFA over the years. (Most of our information was lost in the dispersion of Kenneth Hasbrouck's records after his death.) If you donated something, send us as much detail about it as you can.

Despite my pleas over the last several years, we have received no input for this newsletter from you members. This is your publication, and you can make it better by sending us information to include in it about interesting family-related people and places, both current and historic. If you send photos, tell us whether you want them returned. Let us hear from you, please!

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

## **ANNUAL REUNION**

We had good weather for our annual reunion on October 7 in New Paltz. There were 36 attendees; most came from less than 100 miles away; but it was great to have some from longer distances as well. Kenneth and Bettina Hasbrouck came from Pacific Palisades, CA; Donald and Dorothy Hasbrouck from Sandpoint, ID and Joseph and Mary Dempsey from the Buffalo, NY area. After registration and coffee HHS President Howard Sacks and Executive Director Jack Braunlein updated us on recent and planned activities of the Society, which are too numerous to cover here. Suffice it to say that HHS is dramatically increasing the scope of its activities and its public exposure, bringing an ever-growing number of visitors to Huguenot Street. Following these presentations, HHS Curator Leslie LeFevre-Stratton displayed for us the Society's recently acquired portrait of "Abraham of the Strand" by the noted artist, Ezra Ames (see photo). Purely by coincidence, this is Abraham J. Hasbrouck (1793-1845), the prominent Kingston citizen whose grave monument was recently restored by HFA and The Friends of Historic Kingston. (See HFA Journals of February and September, 2000 for Abraham's biography and photos of the monument.) We previously had no pictures of him, and it's a pleasant surprise to have this one fall into our lap – a gift to HHS from one of his descendants. On the back of the canvas is Ezra Ames's signature and the year 1824 (so the portrait shows Abraham at the age of 31); also "\$43 dollars paid in full." The most recent appraisal of the painting was over \$7,500!

Later in the morning we had our traditional service at the French Church and then moved across the street to the Jean Hasbrouck House where HHS

Asst. Director Stewart Crowell showed us the newly replaced floor beams and explained how the complicated installation of these massive beams was performed. (Thanks again to all you HFA members who contributed financially to this essential project.) Then our preservation architect, Kenneth Barricklo, took us through and around the Abraham Hasbrouck House to show us the restoration work in process there. It was strange but interesting to view the bare interior with all the furnishings removed for safekeeping during the project. We were able to see clearly the cracks, crevices and other problems being addressed in the restoration, as well as the basic architectural features of the interior.

Afterwards we reassembled at the Locust Tree Inn for a group picture (see it on our website), a tasty lunch and our annual meeting. The officer-directors were reelected



and the dues increase ratified. And for the grand finale Neil Larson previewed the booklet he created for HFA about the Jonathan Hasbrouck House and which you are receiving in this mailing. (The minutes of our Annual Meeting are posted on our website.)

It was a full day for the attendees – interesting, informative and enjoyable. In addition, a Friday afternoon tour of Locust Lawn was arranged for those who had indicated an interest on their reservation forms. The reunion this year will be on Saturday, October 6 (as usual, it's on Columbus Day weekend) and will probably follow a similar

format. Plan to come see at first hand what's happening on Huguenot Street and meet some interesting new (and old) relatives.

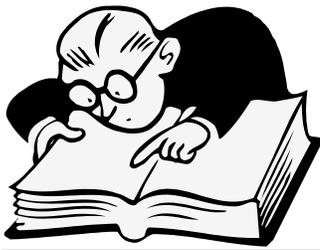
### **RESTORATION PLANS FOR 2001**

HHS has scheduled restoration work this year for the three Hasbrouck houses as follows:

Abraham House: The major restoration project already in progress should be completed in the spring, but probably not by the time Huguenot Street opens for tours in early May. Replacement of the roof started after Christmas and is continuing despite the harsh winter weather. Most other work (walls, windows, chimneys, drainage) will have to await warmer weather.

Jean House: A drainage project is planned to reduce excessive moisture in the house. Funding is being arranged for a \$40,000 historic structures report (HSR) – an essential requirement which most of the HHS houses lack. (The Abraham and Josiah houses have them.) HFA has pledged \$20,000 from its unrestricted funds for the HSR, and we are soliciting your individual contributions for it as well.

Josiah House (Locust Lawn): Extensive work is scheduled for the chimneys, kitchen gable, roof and gutters. Also, HHS is arranging for a comprehensive plan for the site, including not only the mansion but also the outbuildings and grounds.



### **GENEALOGY**

The last newsletter mentioned the increasing problems encountered in computerizing our genealogy. At their October meeting the HFA directors decided to “bite the bullet” and abandon the software system we’ve been using in favor of more modern software specifically designed for a genealogical database. We purchased such a software package (Family Origins-9) and have been

experimenting with it. We’re pleased with the results; the new system offers far more flexibility and possibilities than the old. However, the transfer of all our accumulated data from old to new software is very time consuming, so we’re forced again to ask for your patience. We think the results will be worth the extra wait.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The HHS/HFA scholarship program had a record 28 applicants last year. HFA’s \$2,000 Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships are awarded to the most outstanding candidates as determined by the HHS Scholarship Committee (which includes HFA representative Robert Freehill). This year there were three (in alphabetical order):

Caitlin Barrett (DuBois and LeFevre families)  
at Harvard University

David Hauver (Bevier family) at the University  
of Virginia

Michael Lieberman (Hasbrouck family) at  
Duke University

This was the second consecutive year that Michael has won a Gertrude scholarship. Also, four Hasbrouck family members were among the ten who received \$1,000 Beach scholarship awards from HHS:

Rachel Farrell at the University of Rochester

Heidi Hasbrouck at Taylor University

Laura Hasbrouck (another repeat award) at  
Biola University

Carrie Wright at Bethel College

Congratulations to these fine scholars.

## 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 impressive house in which he was born to the library, which still occupies it today (see picture above). 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, and this year it went to a couple, Joan and Colin Evans. They have been active contributors to various library programs and activities since 1994. Importantly, Joan is the inter-library loan administrator, and Colin installed and oversees the library's computer network. HFA representative John J. Hasbrouck presented the award to them at a special dinner on December 5.



## ANOTHER HASBROUCK HOUSE ON HUGUENOT STREET

Most of you are certainly aware of the two historic Hasbrouck family stone houses owned by HHS on Huguenot Street in New Paltz and built by

the patentees Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck in the 1694-1712 period. But, in fact, there are three Hasbrouck houses on the Street. The third one (see photo) is still owned and occupied by HFA member Richard Relyea Hasbrouck. It is therefore not open to the public, not publicized, and not known even to most Hasbroucks. It lies about half a mile north of the HHS-owned houses, at 193 Huguenot Street.

Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr., a grandson of Jean the Patentee, built the house in 1786. Born in 1727, he never knew Jean (who died in 1714); but he grew up in Jean's house on Huguenot Street, continued to live there after his marriage to Jannetje DuBois in 1751, and inherited it when his father died in 1761. With his business at the house he was storekeeper to the community as his father had been for many years. During the Revolutionary War he became a major in the Ulster County militia and was known thereafter as Major Hasbrouck. In 1786 (at age 59) he decided to turn over the store at the Jean House to his 31 year-old elder son, Josiah. (Josiah later became a member of the U.S. Congress – 1803-05 and 1817-19—and in 1814 built Locust Lawn, now an HHS historic property near New Paltz.) On a large family landholding just north of the village Major Hasbrouck built a substantial Dutch-style stone house with three rooms and a central hall; he moved there with his wife and 19 year-old younger son, Jacob J., and they operated a farm on the property. A 1798 tax assessment lists the house plus barn, hay house, storehouse, 1,600 acres of land, and five slaves.

Major Hasbrouck died in 1806 and his wife in 1807; Jacob J. inherited the property. He was married in 1793 to Margaret Hardenberg, (who died in 1796) and in 1799 married Ann DuBois. He ultimately had ten children and needed more living space. In 1812 he built a five-room stone addition across the rear of the house (a traditional Dutch-style expansion technique) with a salt-box roof that went from the top of the new rear wall all the way to the ridge of the original house, thus maintaining a neat, straight line to the end-view

of the house.

Jacob J. Hasbrouck (1767-1850) was an influential man in the community. Besides running the farm he was town clerk for many years, was twice elected to the State Assembly, and was a local leader of the Democratic Party. Influenced by the increasingly popular Federal style of architecture, he altered the house in that direction with plastered ceilings, frescoed walls, new trim and other changes; but it was ultimately not enough to satisfy him. Around 1823 he built an elegant brick house about four miles north of the village and left the older house to his eldest son, Maurice. At his death in 1850 Jacob J. was the wealthiest landowner in the New Paltz area.

Maurice (1800-77) married Jane DuBois in 1825, continued to run the large (400 acres), prosperous farm and made no material changes to the house. His eldest son, Jacob M., was apparently not interested in running the farm (he later became the first mayor of New Paltz in 1887), but his second son, Abraham M., was. When Abraham (1839-1910) married Eliza LeFever in 1870, Maurice turned the farm over to him and moved to a smaller house nearby. Abraham maintained the prosperity of the farm until his death. He was also a trustee of the New Paltz Academy (from which he had graduated) for twenty-five years.

Influenced by popular trends of the period in rural architecture, Abraham made extensive renovations to the house, most notably the 1876 addition of two tall, pointed dormers. He also redesigned the entrance door and front porch, and built an arched plaster ceiling in the front of the hallway.

Abraham's only child was a daughter, Laura, who inherited the farm at his death in 1910. She valiantly maintained the house through two wars and the Great Depression even as the farm's economy steadily declined. She was ultimately forced to sell the farm (it no longer exists) but retained ownership of the house although she rented it for some time. She recognized the historical significance of the house and spent considerable effort preserving it. She rebuilt decaying fireplaces and chimneys, repointed exterior joints, removed plaster ceilings from the dining room and kitchen, and built a new staircase in the hallway. In the early 1940's a fire

damaged the kitchen and north-side roof; she faithfully repaired them.

Laura was intent on keeping the house in the family and ensuring its continued preservation. This was a problem because, although she had married The Rev. Franklin Dwight in the 1930's, the couple was childless. So when she died in 1964, Laura willed the house to Richard, who was a collateral cousin. (He is a descendant of Maurice's brother, Hiram. His father, Walter, was a president of HHS and supported Laura in her historical interests regarding the family and the house.)

Richard is carrying on Laura's legacy. As the photo indicates, he maintains the house in excellent condition and has arranged for it and five surrounding acres to be owned by a family trust after his death. Due to his efforts the house was placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 1999. The next time you visit Huguenot Street, drive past #193 and take a look.



## **EUROPEAN TOURS**

Some members were disappointed that they were unable to participate in HHS's Huguenot Roots Tour last year. HHS has tentative plans to arrange a similar tour in 2002. Meanwhile, as you may have read in the last HHS newsletter, the Deyo and Schoonmaker families have scheduled European trips this year which may still have openings when you read this. The Deyo trip is

July 10-22, costs \$2,600 (\$250 deposit to reserve space) and runs from London across northern France (including a visit to the museum in Hazebrouck) into Germany (Heidelberg and Rhine River cruise) and then back into France. For details, contact JoAnn Dourdis, 14 South Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

The Schoonmaker trip celebrates their Dutch heritage with a visit to Holland at tulip time. The 9-day trip leaves April 27, costs \$2,300, and involves a canal boat cruise with extensive shore excursions, including Amsterdam, Arnhem, and the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens (world's largest floral bulb display). For details, call Karl Rodman at 1(800)836-2128.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Many members still have not paid their \$15 dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2000. 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!

Unlike the unincorporated family associations, membership in HFA does not include membership in The Huguenot Historical Society (HHS) although it does include all the benefits of HHS membership except voting rights. If you want membership in HHS (and we encourage it), annual dues are \$20 for individuals or \$30 for families. You can send them a check at 18 Broadhead Street, New Paltz, NY 12561.

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

JoAnne King, Seattle, WA  
Jinay S. Quirk, Hopewell Junction, NY  
Virginia R. Cornett, Anacortes, WA  
Glen Garland, Bridgeton, ME  
Richard J. Alliger, Strathmere, NJ  
Peter V. A. Hasbrook, Taylor Lake Village, TX  
Anne Hasbrook Smith, Sacramento, CA  
Christopher E. Hasbrook, Chicago, IL  
Robin Lee Romano, Woodridge, NJ  
Neil B. Nichols, Kenedy, TX  
Teresa Caron, Westboro, MA  
Andrea E. Hasbrouck, Chandler, AZ

### **Life Membership:**

Dr. David E. Harling, Greensboro, NC  
Dr. Albert H. Barnes, Fort Collins, CO  
Mary J. Hasbrouck, Hamden, CT  
Catherine Agnes Dempsey, Brooklyn, NY

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

May Sweeny, Tenafly, NJ  
Mary Genevieve Driscoll, Saginaw, MI  
A. Howard Hasbrook, Prescott, AZ

### **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  
Eleanor C. Sears, Vice President  
Thad M. Hasbrouck, Treasurer

### **Appointed by the President**

Eleanor C. Sears, Secretary  
John C. Thorn, Family Liaison Committee Representative  
Robert H. Freehill, Scholarship Committee Representative and Alternate Family Liaison Committee Representative

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).

**FINANCES (in \$ thousands)**

**2000 Yearend Assets**

HFA Endowment Fund	415
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>112</u>
Subtotal	527
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	<u>1,575</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,102</b>

**HFA ex Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund**

**2000 Income**

Investment Income	35
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	6
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>43</b>

**2000 Expenses**

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	6
Jean Hasbrouck House booklet	5
Locust Lawn portrait restorations	9
Scholarships	6
Other programs	7
Legal and Accounting fees	12
Professional services (Brown, Larson)	8
Office	5
Administration	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>60</u></b>

**DEFICIT 17**

**Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund**

**2000 Income**

Investment Income	72
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**2000 Expenses**

Abraham Hasbrouck House	<u>97</u>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>25</b>

The \$17,000 deficit in the General Fund reflects our need as a charitable organization to work down to a reasonable level funds which accumulated during the almost three years our investment account was frozen by litigation. A deficit is budgeted for this year too with major spending areas being the historic Hasbrouck houses, professional services (Meryl Brown and Neil Larson) and scholarships.

The income from the Anderson Fund is used exclusively for the Abraham Hasbrouck House. The \$25,000 deficit reflects the startup of the major restoration project there. It was more than offset by the Fund's accumulated income from prior years.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**  
**(Your attendance is invited)**

- February 17 Anniversary celebration at Jonathan Hasbrouck House (Washington's Headquarters Site) in Newburgh (1-5PM)
- February 18 Neil Larson talks about the Jonathan Hasbrouck House at the house at 1 pm.
- May 1 Huguenot Street opens for tours
- June 9 HHS Annual Meeting in New Paltz
- August 11 Colonial Street Festival on Huguenot Street (Volunteers needed at Hasbrouck houses)
- October 6 HFA Annual Reunion in New Paltz

## **2000 CONTRIBUTORS**

### **Endowment Fund**

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Marilyn P. Hauser  
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Eleanor C. Sears

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Janice F. Hamilton  
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Robert W. Hasbrouck

### **Memorial Contributions Memory of Ralph E. Palmer**

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Fern L. Madison  
Mercedes Benz USA, LLC  
Lillian I. Palmer  
Leonard & Ferrissa Phipps

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