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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our most important activity last year was the major restoration project at the Abraham Hasbrouck House, and the same is probable this year. When we started the project late in 2000, we had expected to complete it in mid-2001. Much work was done last year: the roof was replaced, the chimneys rebuilt with bricks authentic to the time of original construction, a structural weakness in the east wall discovered and repaired, and most of the needed masonry work completed. But as the work progressed, unexpected, fascinating discoveries about the building kept occurring (see September, 2001 newsletter and special photo display on our website for details). They have changed a number of long-held ideas about the house's appearance and the time line for its various stages of development. It became evident that we need additional research on the house to enhance our knowledge of its history and development and to make sure that our restoration is as accurate as possible. Our preservation architect, Kenneth Barricklo, and historical consultant, Neil Larson, have just made recommendations for updating and revising the 1978 Historic Structures Report, which should serve as our basis for proceeding with the restoration. In the meanwhile, the project is

mostly on "hold", which means that the house will probably not be finished and furnished for tours this year. However, it is likely that HHS will conduct some tours at the unfinished house. As the attendees at our annual reunion can attest, such tours provide a very interesting look at details of the construction and restoration which will no longer be visible when the project is completed.

Meryl Brown now has the first eight generations entered in our new genealogical software program; but that still leaves four to go, and each generation has many more names than its predecessors, so it will still be awhile before the whole process is finished. Meanwhile, keep sending in your updates.

In the September newsletter we announced a new e-mail address for HFA: [**info@hasbrouckfamily.org**](mailto:info@hasbrouckfamily.org). Our old address will be deactivated this month, so be sure to update your address books with the new one.

Many thanks to those members who contributed a total of over \$1,700 toward the funding of an inventory of our archives and collections, which is essential for effective access and use of these valuable resources. Now, if I could only get some of you to contribute items to this newsletter! I'm still

receiving virtually no input or feedback from the membership. Please send in articles, stories, photos, etc. about interesting Hasbrouck-related people and places (current or historic) and help to broaden our coverage of the family.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

WE LOSE OUR GERMAN MEMBER

Our May, 2001 newsletter mentioned German diplomat Erwin van Hazebrouck and the death of his wife, Marianne. We have learned that Erwin died on August 5 at age 86. His ancestors (unlike ours from Calais) came from the town of Hazebrouck, France and emigrated through Belgium to Berlin. His family coat of arms (five silver diamonds on a red shield) differs from ours but is the same one still used by the town of Hazebrouck. Its motto, “God help Hasbrouck”, is the same as ours, indicating a probable link between our family lines. Erwin was involved with Kenneth Hasbrouck and HFA for many years; we remember him with affection and mourn the passing of this old friend.

ANNUAL REUNION

We enjoyed good weather in New Paltz on October 6 as about thirty of us gathered for HFA’s annual reunion. (See group photo on our website as well as minutes of the business meeting.) We started with an update on HHS plans and activities from President Sam Schoonmaker and Executive Director Jack Braunlein, then proceeded to the French church for our memorial service, followed by a fascinating tour of the Abraham Hasbrouck House (see photo) led by Kenneth Barricklo. He showed us numerous surprising discoveries about

the house, including original doors and windows and evidence that the center section – not the north – was the first part built. The exterior doors and window frames had already been painted with the dark red color revealed by analysis to be the original one used at these locations. (You can view a number of these discoveries in an exhibit newly posted on our website.)



After lunch at Deyo Hall we held our business meeting, at which the directors were reelected (there being no one else volunteering to take on these responsibilities). We concluded with a colorful and entertaining slide show (presented by Richard and Vivian Hasbrouck) of the Schoonmaker Family Association’s April trip to Holland – the high point being the world-famous Keukenhof gardens in full bloom at tulip time.

Our reunion this year will, as usual, be on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend, October 12. Mark it on your calendars and plan to come and enjoy a visit with your extended family.

ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT FOR GENERAL SHERMAN



Our only surviving founding member, General Sherman Hasbrouck, age 103, has added another notch to his longevity record. As of September 20, 2001 he became the oldest living graduate of West Point. Graduating in 1920, he served for

35 years in the Army – most notably as an artillery commander in Europe during World War II, as a military governor of two prefectures in Japan after the war, and later as a senior official in the nuclear weapons development program. He has many stories to tell of his military experiences, some stretching back all the way to the '20s. He still remembers signs posted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma warning “Shooting of buffalo from the barracks windows is strictly prohibited!”

Up until last year Sherman was a frequent attendee (and often a speaker) at West Point events. He’s now quite frail and resides at the Long Island Veterans Home in Stony Brook. He did manage to go fishing to celebrate his birthday last June, but he hasn’t been up to any outings since then. Yet he’s still with us, and HFA joins the U.S. Military Academy in saluting its oldest graduate and our oldest member.

WHOSE PERSECUTION?

We have always assumed that our Huguenot ancestors left France to escape persecution by the French Catholics, and this assumption is corroborated by the writings of Abraham’s grandson, who provides our only (rather sketchy) account of their emigration to the

Palatinate and ultimately to New York. (See this account on page 3 of “Colonial Records of the Hasbrouck Family in America,” available from the HHS Museum Shop.) However, the 1648 Peace of Westphalia (which ended the Thirty Years War) gave most of northern France (including the Lille area) to the Spanish Netherlands. So it is almost certain that the earliest Patentee families who came from that area were fleeing from the Spanish Inquisition rather than the French royal regime. But not our Hasbroucks. The Calais area was not included in this 1648 transfer and has remained under French rule since 1598. So it appears that our ancestors were probably the only patentees who were escaping from the French Catholics rather than the Spanish Catholics. Either way, however, being a Huguenot at that time meant risking your life for your faith. How many of us would do that today?

HASBROUCKS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY

Patricia Hasbrouck Martin from Richardson, TX -- a descendant of both Abraham and Jean – has been doing extensive research on relatives who served in the Revolutionary War and has sent us information on a Hasbrouck father and son who served together. Isaac Hasbrouck, (a grandson of Abraham) was a second lieutenant in Denton’s company of the 4th Ulster County Regiment in 1780. Subsequently he became a captain in the 3rd Ulster Militia and the 3rd New York Line. His son, Jacob I. Hasbrouck, served as a private in the 3rd Ulster County Militia. This is the only Revolutionary War father/son pair we have discovered so far in the Hasbrouck genealogy. If you know of any others, tell us

about them. Both men were also signers of the Articles of Association, a document formulated shortly after the Battle of Lexington in 1775 and circulated in the Colony of New York. It committed signers to oppose English rule and therefore exposed them to English reprisal, so signing it was an act of real courage and determination.

Patricia Martin's research on her Revolutionary War relatives can be accessed through the DAR and identified through her membership number 0780695. Supporting material is available through the DAR Library in Washington, DC.

TOWNS NAMED FOR HASBROUCK **BROTHERS**

President Bob Hasbrouck reports:

I live in the New Jersey suburbs of New York where there is a town of about 12,000 inhabitants named Hasbrouck Heights located about five miles west of the George Washington Bridge across the Hudson River. I have long wondered what family member this place was named for. Volume 4 of Kenneth Hasbrouck's "The Hasbrouck Family in America" mentioned the town and gave two names as possibilities. (Neither of them turned out to be correct.) I recently decided to track down the true source of the name and called the town hall to get a definite answer. How fleeting is fame! No one knew! But after an archival search the reference librarian called me back with the story of the name, which is quite interesting. The town was earlier named Corona but was having serious problems getting its mail mixed up with the larger town of Corona on Long Island. In 1889 the name was changed to Hasbrouck in honor of Jacob Dillon Hasbrouck (1842-1918), General

Manager of the New Jersey and New York Railroad, which had two stations in the town. Oddly enough, Mr. Hasbrouck never lived there (he had homes in Ridgewood, NJ and Saugerties, NY), but he did so much for the town that the citizens voted to perpetuate his name. However, mail confusion then arose with the smaller town of Hasbrouck, NY, so the name was adjusted to Hasbrouck Heights.

Further research disclosed that Jacob D. Hasbrouck never married and that he spent his entire career in railroad management. When young, he was superintendent of the Ulster and Delaware RR, after which he was general manager of the New Jersey and New York RR for twenty years until it was sold to the Erie RR. He then served as VP of the Otis and Catskill and Tannersville RR until his retirement. He had a reputation for offering excellent customer service and helping the towns along the rail route, and the one bearing his name attests to the impact he made.

When I looked up Jacob Dillon Hasbrouck in our genealogy, I made an interesting discovery. His brother, George Palen Hasbrouck (1843-92) went west and attained such stature in the Colorado mining industry that a town was named after him too: Georgetown, 50 miles west of Denver. The town was a silver mining center. Today it mines tourist silver with its Victorian-era frontier flavor and restored narrow-gauge mine railroad. George later returned east and became a noted journalist, editor, author and drama critic, working with several New York City newspapers and national magazines until a few weeks before his death.

A remarkable pair of talented siblings!

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. All applicants must be of Huguenot descent. This past fall two Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships were awarded. One went to Caitlin Barrett, a junior at Harvard University and member of the DuBois and LeFevre families. It was the second consecutive HFA award for this outstanding young lady. She's an anthropology major and plans to be an archeologist. Besides pursuing a diverse academic program oriented to this objective, she has done tutoring and work-study plus numerous volunteer activities. She also sings and acts with a Harvard group, plays piano and guitar, and is an award-winning poet and artist.

The other HFA award went to Vonn Christenson, a junior at Brigham Young University and also a member of the DuBois and LeFevre families. He is a math major with a broad curriculum and plans on a law degree with career possibilities in law, politics and business. He is also a musician; he plays five instruments and composes as well.

Two Hasbrouck family members earned HHS scholarships. Rachel Farrell, another second-time winner, is a junior at the University of Rochester with concentration in Spanish and religion. Ashley Wilfand is a junior at Cornell University. She took a year off from college to work in a veterinary hospital in order to confirm her inclination to become a veterinarian and is now firmly headed in that direction.

Our congratulations to these scholarship winners, who are not only outstanding students but versatile, well-rounded individuals as well!

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 1938 donated the impressive house in which he was born to the library, which still occupies it today. 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 for 2001 it went to two related recipients: Port Ewen author Lydia Davis and the Leila Wallace Reader's Digest Writers Fund. Financed by the Fund, Lydia and the Library developed a yearly spring reading series that brought well-known writers of significant interest to town to read their work, converse with area audiences, and discuss their work in a videotaped format that was later aired on local television and archived for borrower use. The series was well attended, received enthusiastic support from area residents, and led to the development of more library programs. Representing HFA, Richard Relyea Hasbrouck presented the award at a dinner ceremony on December 4.

MEMBERSHIP

Many members still have not paid their \$15 dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2001. 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 Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561.

We welcome our new members:

Donald & Nancy Hasbrouck, E. Grand Forks, MN
Laura E. Hasbrouck Levittown, NY
Kyle R. Maurer Cambridge, MA

We have received notice of the following member deaths:

Consul (Ret.) Erwin van Hazebrouck Germany

EVENTS CALENDAR (Your attendance is invited)

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| May 1 | Huguenot Street opens for tours |
| June 8 (?) | HHS Annual Meeting in New Paltz |
| June 22 | Ohio Hasbrouck Reunion in New Paltz |
| August 10 | Colonial Street Festival on Huguenot Street (Volunteers needed at Hasbrouck houses) |
| October 12 | HFA Annual Reunion in New Paltz |

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



Left to right: Robert C., Robert W., Thad, Eleanor, John.

Appointed by the President

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

Hasbrouck Family Association, Inc.
2001 Contributors

Endowment Fund

Alte, Marjorie M.
Clancy, Jean T.
De Naples, Frederick L.
Duke, H. Benjamin, III
Hasbrouck, Phyllis R.
MacDowell, Francis M.
McDonald, Robert A.
McIver, Susan B.
Sears, Eleanor C.
Smith, Caroline V.

General Fund

Beesley, Erin M.
Cummins, Dorothy H.
Hasbrouck, Elizabeth T.
King, Susan M.
McCollun, Marion
Miller, Hasbrouck B., Jr.
Nickelsen, Roberta
Romano, Robin L.
Thorn, John C.

Matching Funds

Hauser, Marilyn P. (CNA Foundation)

Archives

Alliger, David H.
Baldwin, Rosemary B.
Boehm, Sharon A.
Cheffy, Frederick G.
Cheffy, Frederick H.

Archives (Continued)

Close, Ann
Colton, John B.
Dalrymple, Cornelia
De Naples, Frederick L.
Delamater, John O.
Dixon, Jane S.
Duke, H. Benjamin, III
Eckert, Barbara J.
Fleckenstein, Edward A.
Graham, Douglas R.
Hasbrouck, Alice J.
Hasbrouck, Jr., Charles B.
Hasbrouck, Donald H.
Hasbrouck, Elizabeth
Hasbrouck, John J.
Hasbrouck R. B.
Hasbrouck, Robert C.
Hasbrouck, Robert W.
Hasbrouck, Sherman V.
Hasbrouck, William A.
Hauser, Marilyn P.
Jablonski, Emily
Kaness, Betty F.
McIver, Susan B.
Monsees, Ralph H.
Nutt, Mary B.
Patterson, Mary C.
Priest, Ruth T.
Quinn, Winona
Ryder, Frances B.
Safford, Joan B.
Smith, Caroline V.
Smith, Dudley C.
Sweeney, Marie T.
Waide, Margaret

FINANCES (in \$ thousands)

2001 Yearend Assets

HFA Endowment Fund	421
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>101</u>
Subtotal	522
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	1,458
TOTAL ASSETS:	1,980

HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund

2001 Income

Investment Income	33
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	5
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	1
Other Income	2
TOTAL INCOME:	41

2001 Expenses

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	7
Scholarships	4
Other programs	13
Legal and Accounting fees	10
Professional services (Brown, Larson)	4
Occupancy and Administration	6
Excise Taxes	3
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>47</u>

DEFICIT: **6**

Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund

2001 Income

Investment Income	63
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2001 Expenses

Abraham Hasbrouck House	160
Excise Taxes	3
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>163</u>
DEFICIT:	100

As explained in previous annual financial reviews, we have in recent years been generous in our spending projects (with HHS the major beneficiary) in order to work down to a reasonable level funds which accumulated during the almost three years our investment account was frozen by litigation. We have accomplished that objective and must now cut back to bring our expenses in line with our income, which has declined moderately due to lower interest rates and lower dividends on equity investments. We started on that path in 2001 by reducing expenses from \$60,000 (in 2000) to \$47,000 and our operating deficit from \$17,000 to \$6,000. Aside from a previous commitment to contribute \$20,000 to the cost of the Historic Structure Report for the Jean Hasbrouck House, we plan to continue working toward a break-even level of financial results in the General Fund.

The income from the Anderson Fund is used exclusively for the Abraham Hasbrouck House. The \$100,000 deficit reflects extensive work on the major restoration project there. It was more than offset by the Fund's accumulated income from prior years.