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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Important changes are in prospect for our affiliated organization, The Huguenot Historical Society (HHS), which owns the historic (and some other) buildings on and around Huguenot Street as well as elsewhere in the local area, including the Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn) and nearby Terwilliger House, 3 miles to the south. HHS is charged not only with preserving these houses but also with using them and the related collections and library/archives to inform and educate the public about the history of this area and its place in the early development of the Hudson Valley.

HHS has made great progress in recent years with respect to professionalizing its organization and operations, and in creating new educational programs which have dramatically increased visitors to the site. However, its income has not kept up with the increased cost of these improvements; and its board of trustees has launched an intensive effort to find ways to achieve financial balance while continuing to advance its programs. It is evident that, to accomplish this, it will be necessary for HHS to greatly expand its donor base beyond its traditional constituency. To this end a professional marketing study comments that, whereas the general public's knowledge of, and interest in, Huguenots is minimal, there is a widespread interest in American history. It recommends that HHS deemphasize (but not abandon) its Huguenot theme and portray itself instead as a center of American history and culture – a history dominated, of course, by our Huguenot roots but also featuring the influence of the Dutch, English, blacks and native Americans in the development of the area. This concept has been favorably received by virtually everyone who has read the study (including me); and a task force is now working on recommendations for revisions to HHS's mission statement, vision statement, and even its name (for marketing – not legal – use) to be presented at the trustees' annual

planning retreat this month. (Family associations will be represented at the retreat – ours by VP-Director Eleanor Sears.) This retreat will also hear recommendations from other task forces covering all aspects of HHS's operations. Financial discipline will force curtailment of some activities, while new projects are likely which show potential for expanding public interest and support (including events combining the treasures of the collections and archives, and possibly the houses as well). We'll give an update in our next newsletter, and you'll probably be hearing directly from HHS as well.

As of this writing, HHS still needs about \$184,000 to complete funding for the wall replacement project at the Jean House. The project will be completed this year; but when it comes time for payment, any shortfall will have to be met from the HHS endowment fund, which can ill afford a hit of this size. So again, as the family represented by this house, we are asking you to make as generous a contribution as you can for this project – even if you've given before. Remember, it's your family heritage! Make your check payable to HFA, mark on it "Jean House wall", and send it to the address on the newsletter masthead. (If you'd like to donate securities or use a donor-advised fund, please contact us for instructions.) Bolstering HFA's contribution will help to impress potential grant-givers that the descendant family is vitally involved in this project.

Our promised article about Olive Hasbrouck is postponed again pending additional input from her daughter, who couldn't respond for this edition due to surgery.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

ANNUAL REUNION



(L-R) Alice Cross, Mary Patterson, VP Eleanor Sears, Jean Clancy, 1st VP Bob & Mary Hasbrouck Backs to camera: Edie & Tsr Bill Hasbrouck

Our Huguenot heritage may have led some attendees to think in biblical terms and liken themselves to passengers on Noah's ark as the rain poured down all day on our October 8 reunion. Nevertheless, most of us ventured forth from our snug ark in Deyo Hall to participate in the day's planned activities. We had cause for celebration at our traditional memorial service in the French Church: there was only one member death recorded in the past year – the smallest toll within memory. Afterwards we moved to the Jean House, where we had the unique opportunity to see it without its furnishings and better appreciate its architectural details (including the dangerously askew north wall). Then it was on to the Abraham House, where the weather gave us ample opportunity to see that the recently completed underground drainage system was successfully handling the runoff from the building's gutters. Inside, we checked for unwelcome moisture on walls and floors (conditions much improved) and heard from HHS Curator of Education Victoria Hughes about her innovative, interactive exercises at the house for school children, who enjoy learning about how the house was built and changed over the years.

Back at Deyo Hall we had a catered gourmet lunch and then enjoyed a presentation by archaeologist Jay Cohen about his extensive project at the Abraham House, complete with slides illustrating the excavations as well as some of the more interesting samples from the 56,000 artifacts collected during the project. The final event was our business meeting, where the directors were reelected and a dues increase approved (see separate items for details).

Note that our reunion this year will be on Saturday, October 14, in New Paltz. Our assigned

time on the HHS calendar is the second Saturday in October. Normally this falls on Columbus Day weekend, but in 2006-7 it does not. This might affect travel plans for some members.



(L-R) Vivian & Richard Hasbrouck, Malvina & Ronald Hasbrouck, Jonathan Hasbrouck, Kelly Jefferson, Marja & VP John Delamater



(L-R) Jayme Banach, Pres. Bob & Astrid Hasbrouck, HFA Administrator Meryl Brown with daughter Sarah, Diane & Joseph Banach



(L-R) Tsr Bill Hasbrouck, VP Eleanor Sears, VP John Delamater, Archaeologist Jay Cohen

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
William G. Hasbrouck, Treasurer

Appointed by the President

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

Thad M. Hasbrouck, Assistant Treasurer
John C. Thorn, Webmaster

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).

OUR HOUSES

Abraham Hasbrouck House

Our moisture control project appears to be successful although monitoring needs to be ongoing. The improved underground drainage system is successfully handling runoff from the rain gutters, and ventilation inside the building from selective use of a large basement fan and opening windows has reduced condensation on windows. The danger level for moisture readings in the walls is 20%. Before the project, readings were generally around 18%. Now they are 10-12% despite the unusually wet weather experienced in the fall.

Washing and sorting of the artifacts collected in the archaeological excavations around the house is finished except for sorting the last box. At this writing all twelve boxes had been processed with a total count of over 56,000 objects! (Based on prior digs on Huguenot Street, the pre-start estimate was about 21,000!) The remaining steps in the project will be to catalog and analyze the artifacts and then produce a report about them. A new cost estimate for completing this work is \$78,000! Obviously it will have to be phased over several years. But when finished, it should give us detailed new information about how our

ancestors lived in the house, including artifact dating which will link them to specific descendant families.

An agreement near yearend to hire a new executive director for HHS collapsed at the last moment, necessitating a new search. This delay will add correspondingly to the delay in resuming discussions on interpretation of Huguenot Street in general and the Abraham house in particular. It is very likely that there will be no material change from last year in the display/interpretation of the house for this year's tour season.

Jean Hasbrouck House

The archeological project here produced much different results from the one at the Abraham House. There were far fewer artifacts recovered (about 8,000), and most of them were pieces of upscale household items, such as china and glassware, rather than the broad spectrum of items found at "Abe." There were also native American artifacts; there is a native American grave just ten feet from the house!

The bidding process for the major restoration project is about to begin, and work is still expected to commence this spring. As previously mentioned, the project will necessitate that the house be closed to visitors during this year's tour season. Raising funds to pay for the project is still a top priority (see President's Report).

Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn)

A contract was signed for installing a new driveway to improve safe vehicular access (the house is on a sharp curve in the road), but frustrating delays prevented completing it this fall. It is still possible that the house can be opened for limited tours sometime this year, but at this writing financial constraints make it uncertain. In any event though, family members visiting the area should be able to arrange with HHS for a private tour. You can contact either them or us for assistance if you're interested.

MORE HISTORICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE

In our office are copies of several recent, very detailed reports on our houses, their history, and the families who lived there:

Abraham House: Historic Structure Report (HSR)

Jean House: HSR and Furnishings Plan

Locust Lawn: HSR and Master Plan for the site

We want to make this information available to our members, but we have just one or two copies of each report, and they are generally several hundred

pages long. We will consider offering the Historical Overview sections of the reports (covering both the houses and their families) to interested members for the cost of copying and shipping/handling. If you're interested in getting this information, tell us (by e-mail or regular mail; no obligation involved) what you would like from the list above. Based on what you want, we will let you know how many pages are involved and what the cost will be; and you can then place a firm order.

HHS is putting the genealogical records from its Bible collection on CD-ROMs, and the first one is now available for about \$30 with lots of Hasbroucks, all the other patentee families and many other names as well. You can see the details at their website: www.huguenotstreet.org; click on News.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Since \$10 of each dues payment goes to HHS, it was necessary to raise the annual dues from \$15 to \$20 to provide more than a token contribution from this source. This increase was approved at the annual meeting and applies immediately to all new memberships and to renewals for the membership year beginning October 2006. Also approved was an increase in dues for life memberships to \$350 (\$200 for age 65 and over).

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2005, 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. (Catch-up dues through '05 are still \$15/yr.) Please continue to support your family association; we need you!

AN EARLY AUTOMOTIVE HASBROUCK

Information on its origins and demise are missing, but articles in two automotive history publications tell us that in 1900, 24-year-old Stephen Augustus Hasbrouck (a seventh-generation descendant of Abraham) was running the Hasbrouck Motor Company and building gasoline engines, automobile carriages, delivery wagons, launches and yachts. The car factory was located in Newark, NJ, the engine and boat plant at Piermont-on-the Hudson, NY, and the executive and sales offices at 20 Nassau Street in New York City. The Hasbrouck motor carriage of 1900 was powered by a one-cylinder engine and could be "operated by any intelligent person. Its speed is gauged from one mile per hour to as fast as one may care to go."

The company was also building a variety of complete motor launches from 22 feet upwards, and its

marine engines were available in 6, 12, 16 and 24 horsepower models. The complete line probably covered a range of from one to four cylinders.

There are no records of the Hasbrouck Motor Company after 1901. Our genealogy indicates that Stephen married Edith Auryansen in 1902, and they had three children. Maybe marriage reoriented his priorities away from the business. If any of you have any knowledge on this subject, please let us know.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY HASBROUCK



Bob as a first-year West Point cadet (1914-15)

This month marks the 110th birthday of one of our family's most prominent military leaders, Major General Robert W. Hasbrouck. An eighth-generation descendant of Abraham, he was born and grew up in Kingston (15 miles north of New Paltz), where our Huguenot ancestors initially arrived in the Hudson Valley. Bob already showed leadership potential at an early age as leader of his local Boy Scout troop. He graduated from West Point in 1917 and was commanding an artillery battery in France at the end of World War I.

Between WW I and WW II Bob had various troop and school assignments, including command of the showpiece Black Horse Battery at Fort Myer, VA. While on ROTC duty at Princeton Univ. around 1930,

he fell in love with Marjorie Nightingale, a visiting Georgia belle; and after a sometimes stormy courtship (including a rejected first proposal), they were married in 1932 and remained a devoted couple until his death 53 years later.

On the eve of World War II Bob was one of the architects of the Army's mobilization plans, including selection of troop mobilization sites. (Aviation pioneer Billy Mitchell flew him on some of the site scouting trips.) In 1941, as the military strove to modernize, Bob organized and commanded one of the Army's first armored field artillery battalions as part of the newly established Armored Force. This marked his transition from artillery to the armor branch. In the next two years he had an increasingly senior role in organizing/training two armored divisions. (He became a brigadier general in 1942 -- one of the Army's youngest generals at age 46.) In mid-1943 he went to England as General Omar Bradley's deputy chief of staff. He accompanied Bradley in the invasion of France and then assumed command of the 7th Armored Division during fierce fighting in the canals of Holland on November 30, 1944.

Almost immediately Bob faced the greatest challenge of his military career. On December 16 the Germans surprised the allied American/British forces by launching the massive offensive which became known as "The Battle of the Bulge." Helped by nasty winter weather which kept the Allies' superior airpower grounded for a week, they quickly drove a wedge (the "bulge") into the lightly held American lines in the Ardennes area of eastern Belgium and seemed capable of breaking through toward their objective of capturing the port of Antwerp and splitting the American and British forces. A key to disrupting this drive was to hold onto two towns which were major highway/rail junctions essential for the German movement of troops and supplies. On the south was Bastogne, where the 101st Airborne Division was surrounded and held out until Patton's dramatic rescue. On the north was St. Vith, to which the 7th Armored was dispatched on an overnight race from Holland and arrived just ahead of the Germans. Adding the surviving elements of the outmanned forces already there to his own troops, Bob conducted a masterful, horseshoe-shaped defense which held off four German divisions for six days, totally destroying the German timetable and giving the Americans time to bring up reinforcements to stop the attack. By then exhausted, depleted, surrounded on three sides and in imminent danger of being cut off, the 7th Armored under Bob's guidance extracted itself from its salient in a difficult maneuver over frozen terrain while heavily



Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck returning from their honeymoon on a traditional artillery caisson (Sept. 1932)



Bob receiving Silver Star medal from Gen. Courtney Hodges in Jan 1945 for gallantry in action defending St. Vith

engaged with the enemy.

Bob and the 7th Armored were praised by both General Eisenhower and Field Marshall Montgomery for their action at St. Vith, which was later used as a case study at the Armor School at Fort Knox. Fittingly, the Division retook St. Vith a month later as the Bulge was rolled back. Bob was promoted to major general in February 1945 and continued in command of the 7th

Armored through the rest of the European campaign. The Germans called it the "Ghost Division" because it constantly materialized unexpectedly to strike them as it surrounded and captured several divisions in the Ruhr pocket and then raced north to the Baltic Sea and east to meet the Russians near the Elbe River.

After the war Bob became Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces until a high blood pressure condition forced his retirement in 1947. He later acted as military adviser to the Hoover Commission and recommended the establishment of the office of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also spent considerable time assisting former members of the 7th Armored as well as World War II historians and writers. He inspired admiration and affection in all those who came to know him.

Bob was one of the initial members of HFA and was importantly involved in arranging for its purchase of the Abraham Hasbrouck House. He and Marjorie came up periodically from their Washington, DC home for HFA and HHS reunions as long as their health permitted, and he kindled in his son (Bob Jr.) sufficient interest in their Huguenot and Hasbrouck heritage to pass on active participation in HFA/HHS affairs to the next generation. (We need more of our members to do the same!)

Bob survived high blood pressure and two heart attacks and lived to age 89. He was buried at West Point in August 1985. It is the resting place of his choice for this man who exemplified the best our country represents. He indeed merits the traditional benediction of the Academy's "Alma Mater" anthem: "Well done; be thou at peace."



Bob and Marjorie in retirement (1979)

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 – both to Hasbrouck descendants. One went to Shelby N. Hasbrouck, who won an HHS scholarship the previous year. She's a junior at Duquesne University, majoring in pharmacy and planning a career in that field. She has an outstanding academic record and is getting practical experience as a summer intern at Rite Aid in addition to belonging to a professional pharmacy fraternity. The other HFA scholarship went to Kate Bonaparte-Krogh, a sophomore at Smith College. (Her sister, Mary, was a two-time scholarship winner.) Kate can show ancestral links to the Beviers and Dubois as well as the Hasbroucks. She was home schooled through high school but has adapted well to the formal academic environment. She hasn't yet decided on a major although extensive work with children has inclined her at this point toward the field of education.

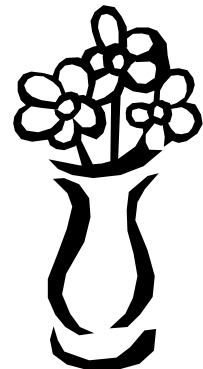
Another Hasbrouck descendant, Jon Kindel, earned an HHS scholarship. Having overcome an inherited speech problem, he is now a junior at the University of Colorado, heading toward a career in computer sciences. Our congratulations to all these fine scholars!

We welcome our new members:

Charles Kincaid Bradshaw, Fort Collins, CO
Janis Miller, Portland, OR
Elizabeth Resnick, Boise, ID
Douglas Bevier Hasbrouck, Swarthmore, PA

We have received notice of the following member deaths:

Jean Garmany
Kenneth Van Nosedall



FINANCES (in \$ thousands)

2005 Yearend Assets

HFA Endowment Fund	432	
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>109</u>	
Subtotal	541	
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	1,543	
TOTAL ASSETS		2,084

HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund

2005 Income (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	33	
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	4	
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	4	
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	2	
TOTAL INCOME		43

2005 Expenses

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	9	
Scholarships	4	
Other programs	14	
Accounting fees	1	
Occupancy	5	
Administration	2	
Excise taxes	1	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>36</u>

NET INCOME		7
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**Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund
(for Abraham Hasbrouck House)**

2005 Income (ex capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	67	
TOTAL INCOME		67

2005 Expenses

Archaeology	23	
Maintenance, preservation	61	
Accounting fees	2	
Excise taxes	1	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>87</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS)		(20)
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The turnaround in interest rates had a negative effect on the HFA Endowment Fund. Although its income (which provides 85% of our operating income) benefited marginally, the principal (invested mainly in fixed income securities) declined by 3% because of the downward pull always exerted by rising rates on fixed income securities. This pattern can be expected to continue if interest rates continue to climb (good for income, bad for principal). The value of the Anderson Fund (57% in common stocks) was virtually unchanged from a year ago with equity gains offsetting fixed income losses.

As expected, Anderson Fund expenses considerably exceeded income because of continuing charges for archaeology (\$23,000) and completion of the underground drainage project (\$36,000). Analysis of the archaeological artifacts will commence this year; but with (unfortunately) little restoration activity likely at the house, another deficit is very unlikely.

The HFA General Fund covers all our expenses except those related to the "Abe" House, which are paid by the Anderson Fund. Last year its unrestricted income exceeded expenses by \$3,000. However, you can expect a deficit this year since we will be making a special contribution to the Jean House wall replacement project (and asking you to do the same!).



2005 CONTRIBUTORS

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

Endowment Fund

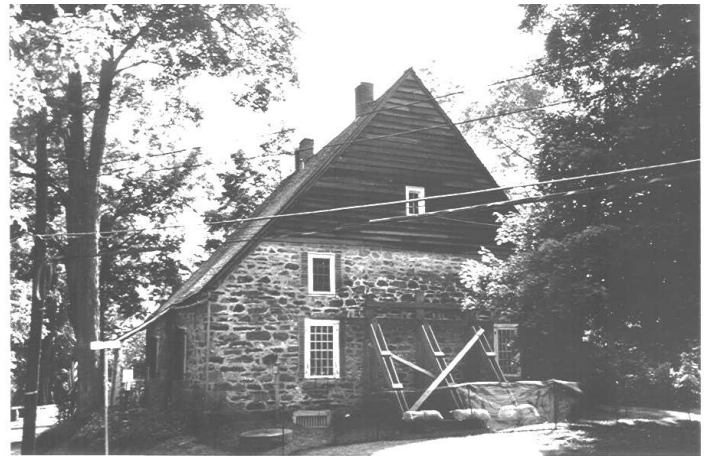
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Duke, H. Benjamin, III
Fleckenstein, Edward A.
Graham, Douglas R.
Hasbrouck, Harriet M.
Hasbrouck, Robert C.
Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.
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Stephens, Alison M.
Vanderbeck, Gladys E.

General Fund

Baldwin, Rosemary V.
Barrows, Lila H.
Benedict, Elizabeth, H.
Boehm, Sharon E.
Cotrell, Christine
Dalrymple, Cornelia
Eckert, Barbara J.
Fleckenstein, Edward A.
Hamilton, Janice F.
Hasbrouck, Calvin D.
Hasbrouck, Donald H.
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Hasbrouck, Robert D.
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McDonald, Robert A.
McKinley, Howard W.
Monsees, Ralph H.
Nichols, Charlotte
Page, Betty
Ryder, Frances B.
Sears, Eleanor C.
Smith, Caroline V.

Jean Hasbrouck House Wall

Atkins, Ronald R.
Clancy, Jean T.
Close, Ann
De Naples, Mary H.
Dixon, Jane S.
Fleckenstein, Edward A.
Forristall, Jean H.
Hasbrouck, Elizabeth
Hasbrouck, Joseph F.
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Hasbrouck, Ronald L.
Hauser, Marilyn P.
Horton, Ann
Kleinknecht, Dorothy
McKinley, Howard W.
Merritt, Barbara J.
Nichols, Jean E.
Quinn, Winona
Roberts, Patricia H.
Snyder, Celia G.
Van Dyck, David H.



Jean Hasbrouck House showing buttressed north wall