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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are both favorable and unfavorable developments to report. The best news is that there is finally some movement on continuing restoration and interpretation of the Abraham Hasbrouck House, which for various reasons has been on hold for the last six years. (See more under Our Houses below.) Also on the favorable side, the completed restoration project at the Jean Hasbrouck House -- both inside and out -- has earned lavish praise from virtually everyone who has seen it, and the house will be prominently featured on the HHS tour schedule. The Jean House is also on the unfavorable side with its need for a new roof, requiring another major fundraising effort. Locust Lawn is also in need of major funding at the same time (see page 2). Like most other organizations (including HHS), our finances have suffered during the recent economic downturn and precipitous drop in the securities markets (see page 7). Our membership continues to decline, and volunteer participation in our activities is disappointingly scarce. We need your support, both financial and participatory, to remain a viable organization able to preserve and extend our proud family heritage. (With phone and email you can participate from virtually anywhere.) Please contact us if you're willing to help, and we'll work out a way for you to do it so that it suits your situation.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

OUR HOUSES

Abraham Hasbrouck House

With the major restoration project completed at the Jean House, HHS is finally able to focus on an interpretation plan for the Abraham House. After a review of alternative approaches, it appears that HHS will support HFA's preference for a furnished room interpretation. A task force has been formed to decide on the specific period of interpretation,

details of interpretation, a suitable furnishings plan, and restoration requirements to fit the interpretation plan. Our representatives on the task force are retired HFA director Eleanor Sears and Marja Delamater, both of whom are very familiar with the house and its history. Restoration work should begin this summer with a goal of reopening the house for next year's tour season. Meanwhile, plans are progressing for a more permanent stabilization of the attic rafters to replace or supplement the temporary support structure installed five years ago when serious cracks in several rafters were discovered.



Reunion attendees view the restored north wall / chimney at the Abraham Hasbrouck House

Jean Hasbrouck House

Now there is restoration work on the west (rear) side of the house -- the rear door and transom windows above it. HHS is also working on plans for

handicapped access through the rear door and a path to it from the sidewalk along Huguenot Street.

Project planning is underway for replacing the roof – another major undertaking which will require substantial fundraising. The actual replacement is presently expected to start next year. In the interim, patchwork repairs will be done as needed.



Eric Roth explaining the store in the Jean Hasbrouck House to reunion attendees

Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn)

Much work is needed: repair of cracks at several locations, most importantly a chimney; gutter repairs, bathroom plumbing repairs; exterior painting (scheduled this year); kitchen modification; and stabilization of outbuildings. Cellar windows have been restored and will be installed when weather permits. Funding is lacking for much of this work. HFA will provide some, and the house has an endowment fund; but the resources of both are far below what is needed, so progress will be slower than we would like.

ANNUAL REUNION

We enjoyed a beautiful, sunny autumn day for our annual reunion in New Paltz on October 11. Along with continental breakfast and socializing in Deyo Hall, we had an opportunity to visit the *A Notion to Sew* exhibit in an adjoining room. It features the intricate needlework of Hylah Bevier Hasbrouck and three of her daughters at Locust Lawn. (See two samples in the June '08 newsletter –in color in the website edition.) At 10AM we were briefed by HHS Executive Director Eric Roth on what's happening and planned on and around Huguenot Street. (This year is the 400th anniversary of Hudson's discovery and exploration

of the river that bears his name, and many interesting events are scheduled throughout the Hudson Valley. So it's a particularly good year to come for a visit to Huguenot Street and enjoy nearby special anniversary events as well.)

At 11AM we had our traditional short service in the French Church and were then treated to an Eric Roth-led tour of the newly restored Jean Hasbrouck House, which has drawn unanimous praise from visitors, including us. Then we headed for the Abraham House with a brief pause along the way to visit the Civil War re-enactors' encampment between the Jean House and the DuBois Fort. After inspecting the Abe House and hoping it can be improved to match the quality of the Jean House, we returned to Deyo Hall for a group photo and a delicious lunch catered by Main Course Restaurant of New Paltz. After lunch we had a very interesting talk by educator/historian Adam Schenkman about Col. Jonathan Hasbrouck and his Newburgh house, which served as George Washington's headquarters for over a year in the last stage of the Revolutionary War and gained prominence (which it still enjoys) in 1850 as New York's first official state historic site.



Jonathan Hasbrouck House/Washington's Headquarters NY State Historic Site in Newburgh, NY

(Newburgh is just 20 miles south of Huguenot Street, making it easy to visit this family-related house museum overlooking the Hudson River while you're in the New Paltz area. Also nearby and worth visiting is the New Windsor Encampment, where Washington's troops were quartered during his time in Newburgh.) Schenkman signed copies of his new soft-cover book about the house, which covers both the Hasbrouck family's and Washington's tenure there. It's one of the *Images*

of America series by Arcadia Publishing and is available from the HHS museum shop and most bookstores. He has also written a more comprehensive book on Jonathan and his house, which will be published soon.

The reunion concluded with our business meeting, the minutes of which are included in this mailing as well as on our website. Please visit our website (www.hasbrouckfamily.org) for extensive pictorial coverage in color of the reunion, including our group photo and the restored rooms of the Jean House. Click on the reunion links in the lower left section of the home page. The reunion this year will be on Saturday, October 10, which is on Columbus Day weekend. Mark it on your calendar and join us to reconnect with your Huguenot heritage and meet some interesting relatives!

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
William G. Hasbrouck, Treasurer

Appointed by the President

Meryl S. Brown, Secretary
Eleanor C. Sears, Assistant Secretary
Thad M. 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).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2008, 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!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The awards process for 2008 was unusual. Because of legal complications the main HHS scholarship fund was unable to pay grants. To cover the gap, HFA agreed to provide five \$1,000 Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships instead of its usual two \$2,000 awards. The HHS Scholarship Committee selected the recipients from the 14 qualifying applicants and added a sixth award from the Charles J. Hasbrouck Scholarship Fund, which is restricted to students majoring in architecture or historic preservation.

It's a credit to our family's gene pool that four of the six awards – all to repeat recipients -- went to Hasbrouck descendants. (No favoritism involved here – the Scholarship Committee has only one Hasbrouck representative – Robert Freehill.) All six are not only top students but outstanding all-around individuals as well. Below are "thumbnail" descriptions:



Shelby Hasbrouck, scholarship winner for a record 5 consecutive years.

Shelby Hasbrouck (see photo), a Deyo descendant as well, has set a new scholarship record with five consecutive awards (2 from HFA, 3 from HHS)! She is in her sixth and final year at Duquesne University's Mylan School of Pharmacy, soon to achieve her goal of becoming a licensed pharmacist. Besides student leadership positions, she has been a fixture on the Dean's List with a near-perfect academic average while gaining

practical experience as an intern at Rite Aid and learning about various types of specialty practice with rotational assignments through the university. It has been a long haul, but she'll soon be able to put her six years of study to good use in professional practice.

Laurel Wright, a LeFevre and Deyo descendant, also broke a record with a third consecutive Gertrude Hasbrouck award (see photo in Feb. '08 newsletter). She is a senior majoring in biology with concentrations in molecular and cell biology and biochemistry. Work/study programs in Peru, Argentina and Mozambique have provided her with an appreciation for the needs of poor people in developing countries, and she hopes to use her skills as a biologist, particularly her love of plant genetics, to help improve agriculture in those lands which are heavily dependent on it.

Tracy Robinson, a Deyo, Hasbrouck and Freer descendant, also won a Gertrude Hasbrouck award last year (see photo in Feb. '08 newsletter). She is a senior at the University of Miami with a double major in international studies and geography & regional studies, plus minors in ecosystem science and policy & urban studies. Beyond Miami she has had work and/or study programs in Washington (American Univ., World Wildlife Fund), Prague, South Africa and Vietnam (State Dept. intern). She is pointing toward a master's degree in international relations – unless an irresistible career or travel opportunity intervenes.

Katrina Hasbrouck, also a Deyo descendant, and HHS award winner last year, is a junior majoring in equine studies at the University of Findlay (a top equestrian school) and specializing in hippotherapy: horse-aided therapy for people with disabilities. A specially trained therapist can use the horse's movements to enable a riding patient to improve balance, posture, strength, motor skills and self-confidence. Katrina is acquiring expertise in the field, getting first-hand experience in administering this therapy and enjoying the satisfaction of seeing her efforts succeed. Her goal is to be able to train her own horses for this role and pursue a doctoral program to become a certified therapist in this field.

Alyssa Kennedy, a Deyo descendant, is a sophomore at the University of South Florida's Honors College in its accelerated dual-degree medical doctorate program. Maintaining a top academic standing, she is on track to complete her undergraduate studies in three years. In addition to this accelerated schedule, she manages to be

involved in student government and community service activities as well as being a resident assistant for incoming honors students.

Joshua Hasbrouck (also a Bevier and Deyo descendant) received a Charles J. Hasbrouck scholarship for the second consecutive year. He is a senior at Wheaton College majoring in civil engineering. He is particularly interested in historic architecture and plans to learn traditional architectural design with the objective of constructing traditional-style buildings and rebuilding/restoring old ones.

This year's award winners comprise a diverse group with a wide variety of interests. They all have one thing in common, however: 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.

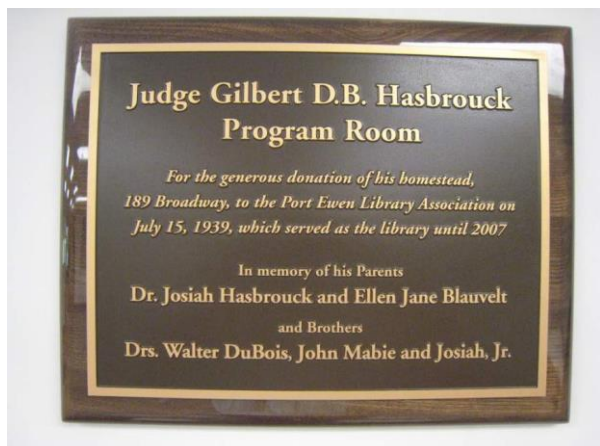
JUDGE GILBERT DB HASBROUCK AWARD



Judge Hasbrouck Award plaque with names of recipients engraved

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 occupied it for 68 years. The award is represented by a plaque on display at the Library with recipients' names, plus a commemorative gift to the recipients. The 2008 award went to Earl Johnson, a member of the Library board for twelve years and president for three of them. He created

the Library's first website and was active in the construction of the new building, which was occupied in April '07. (Judge Hasbrouck is honored there with the largest meeting room named for him.) The award was presented on behalf of HFA by VP-Director Robert Freehill at a dinner ceremony in November.



Wall plaque in the library's large meeting/activities room

ONE FAMILY HISTORY PUZZLE SOLVED (HASBROUCK CAMP); ANOTHER ONE APPEARS (CAMP HASBROUCK)

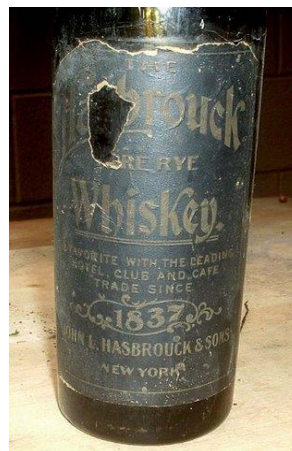
Hasbrouck Camp

On page 8 of our last issue (Sept. '08) we supplied what information we had about Hasbrouck Camp on Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks and asked whether our members could provide more. Two of them did. Donna Hasbrouck and Cathy Hasbrouck, both familiar with the area, enabled us to have a fairly complete account of its history, although there is uncertainty on some minor details. The camp was either built for or purchased by a Frederick Hasbrouck during the heyday of Adirondack camp building in the 1870's and 1880's. It was on a point of land on the northeast shore opposite Beecher's Island. We have now identified the Frederick from our database as a 7th-generation descendant of Abraham. The database was short on personal details, but Donna and Cathy turned up quite a few. Frederick's great grandfather was "General Joe" of the Guilford Hasbroucks covered in our Sept. '07 newsletter. His grandfather, David, was born (1779) at Guilford and was a pharmacist in Utica, NY, where Frederick's father, John L., was born in 1813. But David died in 1823, and John was raised by an uncle, Abraham J. (known as Abraham of the Strand and covered in our Feb. '00

newsletter). In 1837 John went into the wine/liquor business in New York City and became quite prosperous. (We'll have more about him in a future issue.) Frederick was born in 1845 – the seventh of ten children –and worked in his father's business, apparently taking it over when John retired (he died in 1895 at age 83). Frederick married Melinda Van Vorst, and the couple lived at a prestige New York City address, 237 Central Park West; they never had children. Melinda was quite a socialite and appeared in the society pages of the *New York Times*. She was president of the Washington's Headquarters Assn., Manhattan Chapter of the DAR, and the American Flag Assn. and was involved in other civic organizations. So Frederick and Melinda were members of the wealthy elite who founded the Adirondack "camps" and used them as summer retreats from the heat and humidity of New York City. Besides fishing, Frederick was a boating enthusiast (as was his father). In the early 1890's he transported a small steamboat to his camp and operated it on the lake. He sold it in 1902 and then brought another one up from New York City to replace it (see photo). Frederick had other talents as well. Donna found an 1895 patent in his name for a labeling machine – probably to make labels for his wine/liquor bottles (see photo).



Frederick Hasbrouck's second steamship (both named *Mohawk*) on Raquette Lake

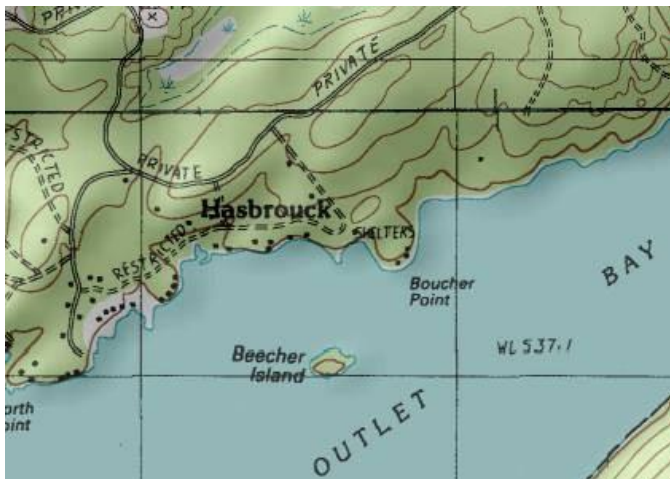


John Hasbrouck whiskey bottle

In 1905 Frederick was sued by New York State, which claimed he did not have title to the camp property. That suit and another one after his death in 1906 both failed. Melinda successfully inherited the camp and, at her death in 1912, willed it to her sister, Mrs. Charles Boucher, who passed it on to her children, Sophie and Charles.

Cathy Hasbrouck writes, "Also a summer resident, Sophie Boucher was extremely active in community affairs. She was instrumental in the building of the present library. Her interest in the youth of the area led her to organize the first Boy Scout troop in Raquette Lake. Upon her death the property was willed to her brother Charles, and after his death, the property was left to" New York State in 1953. The acquisition was described as 5.25 acres located at Plumley Point. (John Plumley was a famous area guide, and one source – contradicted by others – said that Frederick purchased the land with a few buildings from him in 1884.) Cathy was told that the State later burned down the camp because it was too expensive to maintain!

What we know about the current status of the property comes from the government map shown here and its accompanying description. Plumley Point has been renamed Boucher Point and has three lean-to shelters. The surrounding area appears to be private property and is still labeled Hasbrouck – a reminder of the family's presence there during the golden age of the Adirondack camps.



The Hasbrouck Camp was located at what is now Boucher Point.

Camp Hasbrouck

While searching the internet for information about the Hasbrouck Camp, Donna discovered a photo from Camp Hasbrouck – a very different type of camp! The photo caption appears to read, "Btry C – ING, Camp Hasbrouck, Sparta, Wis." Her subsequent research leads us to the conclusion that the photo shows an artillery unit of the Illinois National Guard in training at the camp in the summer of 1911. (Military records mention this training, and uniforms of the troops in the photo are typical of that era.) But Donna's contacts had no information on who the camp was named for. Military "camps" are temporary installations, and this one no longer exists, although it might have been the forerunner of the present Fort McCoy, a Wisconsin National Guard installation near Sparta.

The only prominent military Hasbrouck of that time frame was Brig. Gen. Henry C. Hasbrouck. He was originally an artilleryman, and he died in 1910; so the camp might possibly have been named in his memory. But as far as we know, he had no connections with Illinois, Wisconsin or the National Guard; so that's certainly not a safe assumption. If any of you readers have information on this topic, please let us know.



Artillerymen at Camp Hasbrouck in Wisconsin-1911

We welcome our new members:

Pamela Briggs, Bettendorf, IA
 Ruth Cavanaugh, Valparaiso, IN
 Dawn Elliot, New Paltz, NY
 Glen Garland, Bridgton, ME
 Paul D. Hasbrouck, Athens, NY
 Mary Etta Schneider, Needham, MA
 Sarah Skidmore, Riverside, CT
 Emily Smith, Hayden Lake, ID
 LeAnna Stanley, Boone Grove, IN

FINANCES (in \$ thousands)

2008 Yearend Assets

HFA Endowment Fund	262	
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>81</u>	
Subtotal	343	
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	1,541	
TOTAL ASSETS		1,884

HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund

2008 Income (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	37	
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	5	
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	2	
Jean House roof donations	3	
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	1	
TOTAL INCOME (5 restricted)		48

2008 Expenses

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	11	
Jean Hasbrouck House restoration	5	
Scholarships	5	
Other programs	10	
Accounting fees	1	
Occupancy	5	
Administration	3	
Excise taxes	1	
TOTAL EXPENSES		41

NET INCOME 7

NET UNRESTRICTED INCOME 2

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

2008 Income (ex capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	69	
TOTAL INCOME		69

2008 Expenses

Maintenance, preservation	40	
Accounting fees	2	
Excise taxes	2	
TOTAL EXPENSES		44

NET INCOME 25

The ongoing financial meltdown (the major stock averages lost 34-40% in 2008) has not spared HFA. Worst hit was our Endowment Fund, which was down 43% last year, mainly because of its substantial holdings of closed end funds. These funds typically trade at a discount of 4-8% below net asset value, providing a higher percentage income yield than the funds' underlying securities. Our holdings were well diversified, but diversification provided no protection. The entire sector plunged in value as investors fled to the safety of short-term US Treasury securities. Since their yield has fallen to near zero, we did not follow. Instead we heeded the conventional wisdom not to panic and sell since it is impossible to time the market's recovery, which regularly precedes the economic upturn. We have suffered the short-term consequences. Not only did the funds' underlying assets shrink, but the discounts rose to 15-25%, dealing us a double hit.

Our General Fund, consisting of money market funds and two preferred stocks, declined "only" 10%. The Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund (which supports the Abraham House), about equally divided among equities, fixed income and money market funds, was down 18%. (The large money market position prevented a steeper decline.)

Our investment income fared better but still fell, due to dividend reductions and low rates on money market funds. Endowment Fund income was down by 7% and the Anderson Fund by 11%. The main impact of this decline is to reduce the level of support we would otherwise be able to provide to HHS for our three family houses. This is particularly unfortunate in light of HHS's own strained finances. We can only hope that this situation will be short lived.

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



The Jean Hasbrouck House needs a new roof