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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our annual reunion is fast approaching, and a reservation form is enclosed with this newsletter. For details on the reunion schedule see the separate item on page 2. 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 \$300 (\$150 for age 65 and older). Also, we're asking for your financial support at this time for another special project. Due to Kenneth Hasbrouck's sudden disability and then death in 1996 followed by the disorderly distribution of his records and memorabilia among HHS, HFA and Kenneth's family in the hostile circumstances that prevailed at that time, our organizational/historic files are in a near - chaotic state. We received cartons of unrelated files all dumped together indiscriminately and a collection of mostly unlabeled pictures and books including some family bibles. With our limited time and resources we have made only slight progress in bringing order out of this mess. We are therefore requesting your help in funding an inventory of these files and collections so that we know what we have, can organize it for easy access by our officers and members, and can use it for research, reference, and answers to your inquiries. If you can help us with this project, please indicate the amount of your contribution on the line for that item on the dues/reservation form. Also on that form you'll find lines to order additional copies of the descriptive booklets on the Jean and Jonathan

Hasbrouck Houses as well as Alice Hasbrouck's Early American Cookbook.

As the extensive restoration project has progressed on the Abraham Hasbrouck House, our preservation architect, Kenneth Barricklo, has made a surprising discovery. For many years it has been thought that the north section of the house was built first, followed by the center section and then the south. Ken has accumulated decisive evidence that the center section came first. The north section appears to have come next, but there is no proof of that yet. Furthermore, the construction period for the three sections, commonly recorded as 1694-1712, may have started as early as the mid-1680's and ended near the time of Abraham's death in 1717. During their work on the house, Ken and the HHS restoration crew have found many curious and unexpected features, which generally raise more questions about the house rather than providing answers. In all, it is proving to be a fascinating project as new discoveries keep emerging. At the annual reunion you will have a chance to see them yourself when Ken conducts a tour of the house – an added incentive to attend this year.

I need your input to expand the coverage of this newsletter. Please send in articles, stories, photos, etc. about interesting Hasbrouck-related people and places. And keep sending your genealogical updates. We're making progress on getting it all computerized on our new system.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

ANNUAL REUNION

Our reunion this year is on Saturday, October 6 in New Paltz. We will have registration, coffee/pastries and socializing beginning at 9AM in Deyo Hall, and house tours will be available starting at 10AM. (The Abraham House will be closed for public tours, but note HFA visit below.) At 9:30AM HHS Executive Director Jack Braunlein will update us on what's going on with HHS (a lot!). At 11:15AM we'll proceed to the French Church for our traditional short memorial service, and then we will go to the Abraham House, where our preservation architect, Kenneth Barricklo, will show us the restoration work going on there and some of the recent discoveries that have been made in the process. At 12:45PM we'll meet back at Deyo Hall for a group picture followed by lunch and our annual business meeting. We should be finished by 4PM. (Please make lunch reservations on the enclosed form.) Bring your HFA or HHS membership card for free house tours and a 10% discount (except on books) at the HHS Museum Shop.

If you are visiting Huguenot Street for the first time, we strongly advise you to spend at least one night here because the 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 Mondays. Locust Lawn (Josiah Hasbrouck House) is not open for regular tours, but HHS can provide a private tour for members on Friday, October 5. Mark the enclosed form if you're interested. 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 on Columbus Day weekend, and accommodations usually sell out early. New Paltz has three good motels:

Super 8 (845-255-8865)

EconoLodge (845-255-6200)

Days Inn (845-883-7373).

You can also get information on bed & breakfast inns in the area from the Chamber of Commerce (845-255-0243).

Mark your calendars for October 6 and plan to come and meet some relatives you never knew about!

NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURE ON HUGUENOT STREET

For years Huguenot Street has been plagued by through traffic (including trucks) using it to bypass congestion on parallel thoroughfare Route 32 as it approaches downtown New Paltz on Walnut Street. To remedy the problem, a new control measure is scheduled for implementation this month. In front of the Jean Hasbrouck House traffic along Huguenot Street in both directions will be diverted onto Front Street and out to Walnut Street. Thus Huguenot Street will no longer be a through street all the way between its north and south ends. This measure should end the bypass traffic and is a welcome development although it might cause you some minor inconvenience when you visit the Street. (For instance, you couldn't enter the south end of Huguenot Street from Main Street and drive through to the Deyo Hall parking lot.)

WORK STATUS AT OUR HOUSES

The pace of the restoration project at the Abraham House has been slowed by several factors, and there's no current estimate on when it will be reopened to the public, but still the project is making steady progress. The new roof is finished except for the ridge on top (see photos), which can't be done until the chimneys are restored and new flashing installed. The tops of the north and center chimneys have just been removed and replaced with more authentic 18th century-style bricks; the south chimney will follow. The structural weakness in the east wall has been repaired. Electric service has been

upgraded. Some window work has been accomplished; however, much remains to be done on windows, doors and shutters. Gutters must be replaced, and we're having great difficulty finding the proper wood (white cedar or cypress). A paint analysis is being conducted to determine authentic colors. Unobtrusive interior lighting will be considered to allow greater appreciation of the furnishings in the house. All of this work is made possible by Helene Hasbrouck Anderson's generous bequest dedicated to the house. It should certainly be an authentic showpiece when it reopens.



Abraham Hasbrouck House, northeast view.

Architect Ken Barricklo is in foreground. Note new roof and removal of north and center chimneys. Clock tower belongs to Dutch Reformed Church on west side of Huguenot Street

At the Jean House the siding on the south wall has been replaced (see photo on page 5). Gutter replacement is being held up (as at the Abraham House) by difficulties in finding authentic types of wood. Fireplace restoration has been delayed by problems encountered in making authentic hearth bricks. A grading has been created west of the house to direct water flow away from it.

At Locust Lawn restoration work is beginning on the northwest chimney to find and fix a leak, which is damaging the interior wall. Other planned work has been delayed because

the HHS restoration crew has been spending more time than anticipated at the Abraham House and other projects.



Abraham Hasbrouck House, southeast view
Barrels on roof hold shingles for completing top ridge of roof after chimney flashing is installed.

ANOTHER STONE HOUSE (FORMERLY) ON HUGUENOT STREET

Based on facts in a 1790 census, SUNY archeology professor Joe Diamond (who did the archeological research around the Abraham House last year) suspected that there was at that time another stone house on the east side of Huguenot Street between the Abraham House and what is now the HHS library. Excavation there proved him correct, and last month the boundaries of the foundation were located. HHS Curator of Education Kenneth Shefsiek conducted an investigation of archives and other sources and found out quite a bit about the house. It was built by Patentee Abraham DuBois and sold in 1734 by Abraham Jr. to his brother-in-law, Roeloff Elting. It remained in the Elting family for the rest of its existence. It was mentioned in the 1790 census as the home of Ezekiel Elting but was not mentioned in the 1798 tax assessment, so it disappeared during that interval. Joe Diamond thinks that perhaps Ezekiel tore it down and used the stones in a new house he built during this period.

The research on this project shows that the original layout of the house lots on the east side of Huguenot Street was denser than exists today. Not only was the DuBois-Elting House there, but there were two additional house lots between the Bevier-Elting House and the Deyo House. They were apparently never built upon. The smaller lot size probably explains why the Bevier-Elting House was built with its gable end to the street, a common Dutch feature designed to conserve street frontage.

BEQUESTS/GIFTS TO HFA

As mentioned in our last newsletter, charitable gifts and bequests benefit not only the recipient but also the donor through tax savings. Please consider HFA in your bequest/gift plans. We would be happy to discuss any ideas you have and help structure them for the optimal benefit of both you and HFA. A sample bequest form is shown below:

I give and bequest to the Hasbrouck Family Association, a corporation organized under the laws of The State of New York, the sum of _____dollars. (or describe any securities or other articles given)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed is our annual membership dues notice. If your mailing label has an L on it, you are a life member and owe no dues. If you think you are a life member and don't have an L on your label, contact our office for follow-up. Annual members who don't have a 01 on their mailing label owe dues in arrears at \$15/year as determined by the year on your label. Please send in your dues now; reminder notices are expensive! If you don't want to bother with annual dues, life memberships are \$300 (\$150 for age 65 and over).

If you wish to maintain your membership and feel you cannot afford the dues, please contact us explaining your situation and

requesting a waiver, which will be granted where circumstances warrant. We especially don't want to abandon long-time members whose current financial condition makes the dues a hardship.

COLONIAL STREET FESTIVAL



Performance by the Dutch Horliepiep dancers

Effective this year, Stone House Day was renamed The Colonial Street Festival in order to avoid confusion with Hurley's Stone House Day and to better describe what this event has become on Huguenot Street. It took place on August 11 and provided a bounty of varied attractions for the nearly 2,500 visitors of all ages who came to enjoy it (see photos). As usual, there were craft demonstrations, military re-enactors, music, food, colonial-era dancing demonstrations, and children's programs. All the houses (except Abraham) were open for visitors and staffed by volunteer guides, many of them descendants of the original owners. HFA was represented by Frances Ryder at the Jean Hasbrouck House and Jean Clancy at Locust Lawn (Josiah Hasbrouck House). And Richard Relyea Hasbrouck in a fine colonial costume (see photo) was at his regular spot across the street from the Jean House demonstrating the art of fishnet making. (Richard is the owner-occupant of the historic Hasbrouck House at 193 Huguenot Street, which was featured in the February newsletter.) The "big-name" performer at the

festival was the legendary folk singer Pete Seeger, a long-time advocate of preserving the beauty of the Hudson Valley. Seeger was keenly interested in the colonial-era crafts on display and spoke with Richard about his net-making techniques.



Richard Relyea Hasbrouck
exhibiting his fishnets

The Colonial Street Festival is certainly the most popular visitor event of the year on Huguenot Street. It's a fascinating treat for all ages, and you should mark your calendar for the next one on August 10, 2002.

Picture at right:

Costumed participants at Colonial Street Festival in front of the Jean Hasbrouck House -- south view showing newly completed wood siding and a blacksmith's stove at the exhibition tent



HHS Executive Director Jack Braunlein
in his usual role as town crier.



GENERAL SHERMAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



Sherman and Clara
With band and birthday cake



Sherman and Clara
Welcome their well-wishers

Our sole surviving founding member, General Sherman Hasbrouck, was 103 years old on June 18. He's now located at the Long Island Veterans Home in Stony Brook, NY, and the Home staged a full-scale ceremony with a band and vocalist to celebrate the event (see photos). A large number of residents turned out for the occasion, and Sherman received accolades from politicians, veterans' organizations, West Point representatives, friends, and HFA President Bob Hasbrouck honoring his distinguished military career, his civic accomplishments, his outstanding character, and the fact that he's still here to share our fellowship. Sherman is pretty frail now, but the celebration energized him, and his acknowledgments to the crowd of well-wishers reflected his customary verve and wit, which have endeared him to us all. It was a fitting tribute to a grand old soldier!

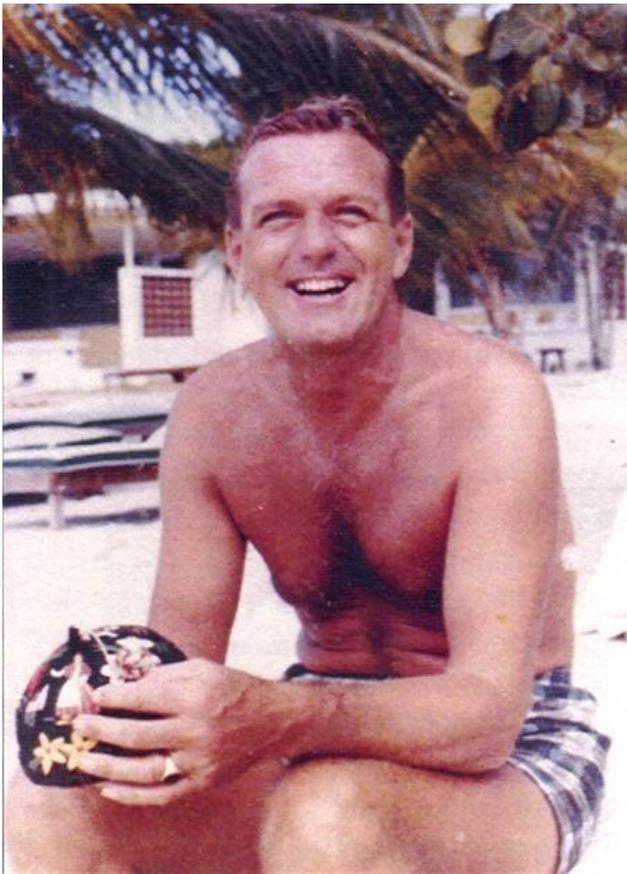


Sherman and Clara
With Bob and Astrid Hasbrouck

LAST-MINUTE UPDATE ON ABRAHAM HOUSE

Just as we finalized this newsletter, we received preliminary results of the paint analysis on the Abraham House, and they were startling! We have always assumed that the paint colors, both exterior and interior, were white or fairly neutral. The analysis shows that the oldest color on the windows was a dark brownish red while the interior featured mustard yellow beams with red ceilings, red and/or yellow doors and blue door trim, together with gray walls. The analysis is still in progress, and there are no final decisions yet; but it appears that our authentically restored house may look very different from what we expected! An additional discovery: in Abraham's time the ground around the house was more than two feet lower than at present!

WE LOSE OUR ONLY DUTCH MEMBER



Raymond A. G. Hasbrouck

HFA's only Dutch-born member, Raymond A. G. Hasbrouck, died of throat cancer on April 3 at the age of 85. Like Sherman, (page 6), Raymond was a man of outstanding character who brought enthusiasm and a keen sense of humor to his many activities. And he had a storybook life. Born in Alkmaar, Holland, he originally spelled his name Hazebroek. (He changed it to Hasbrouck after winding up in the USA and meeting the American Hasbroucks.) He grew up mostly in Indonesia, where his father served as a diplomat. Raymond joined the Dutch navy early in World War II, rose to the rank of lieutenant commander, and survived the sinking of two ships in Asian naval battles. (See our February 1999 newsletter article on how his lucky doll saved his life in the war.) Rescued on the second occasion by the US Navy, he was assigned to the Dutch Embassy in Washington from 1942 to 1946. With his charming personality and dashing good looks (see photo) he was in great demand in both diplomatic and social circles. He became friends with Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and even played cards with Truman. Also, he was discovered and "adopted" by HFA members (General) Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck, who introduced him to New Paltz and the American Hasbroucks. After his military discharge in 1946 he remained in Washington and sold real estate, including tracts of land that later became embassies. In 1947 he became a US citizen with Harry Truman and General Hasbrouck as his sponsors. In 1948 he moved to St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands, where he became a resort manager and island fixture for many years. In 1970 at his resort he finally met and married the woman of his dreams, Lorene Cooper from Skiatook, Oklahoma. They moved to Haiti, where they built and operated a free medical clinic for the poverty-stricken natives until 1986 and then finally settled on Lorene's Cooper Ranch in Skiatook. Lorene died in 1991, and Raymond managed the ranch with Stan Prough, who had worked with them in Haiti and was considered by Raymond as "the son I wish I'd had."

Raymond's wonderful character is revealed in two incidents reported by friends about his relationship with his resort employees. On one occasion an immigration officer came to the hotel seeking to deport an employee and separate him from his wife and baby. Raymond alerted the employee to escape and stalled the waiting officer. The man became angry and tried to get past Raymond, who tripped him. ("My foot slipped," he explained.) The officer brought charges against Raymond, but thanks to his close ties to local officials, they were dropped.

Four years ago Stan's wife, Kristi, accompanied Raymond to visit friends in St. Thomas, which he had left 27 years previously. Kristi reports, "Everyone knew Papa (Raymond's nickname) – a man on the plane, cab drivers, restaurant workers. On the way back to the airport, yet another cab driver looked up and asked, 'Are you Mr. Raymond?' I was shocked. We had not been able to make a single outing without Papa being recognized. I recounted this to the driver and questioned why so many still remember him affectionately. He explained two reasons for this. First, the resort business is seasonal – one only had work during the high tourist season. Except if you worked for Raymond. He hired you for the entire year. He didn't care what you were doing as long as you were busy. Second, Papa had no prejudice; and when you worked for Papa, he taught you every aspect of running a resort – from changing the sand in the ashtrays to cooking every type of meal. The cab driver explained that all those who worked for 'Mr. Raymond' currently had the best jobs on the island."

Along with his many friends, we mourn the passing of a fine gentleman, who was indeed "one of a kind."



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

You may have noticed on our masthead that we are changing our e-mail address to info@hasbrouckfamily.org in order to eliminate the use of any commercial name in the e-mail process. You don't have to rush to change your address books; both addresses will work for the near future. For those of you on the Internet, please send us any ideas you have for improvements or additional content on our website. With respect to genealogy, we'll handle that by issuing it on a CD-ROM when we get all the information assembled and decide what historical information to add along with it.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

John H. Carey, Jr., Port Charlotte, FL
F. Emmett Evans, Cruz Bay, USVI
George Sprague Skillman, Jr., Elmira, NY

A SAD FAREWELL

Raymond A. G. Hasbrouck, Skiatook, OK
Catherine Bevier Jones
Janet Styles Leide, Mebane, NC
George S. Skillman, Sr., Horseheads, NY
Elizabeth Hasbrouck Cameron Terwilliger,
Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY
Elsa S. Woodaman, Fairfax, VA