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President's Report – Thad C. Hasbrouck

As we reach the mid-point of 2021, it is heartening that in person meetings become possible again. On Huguenot Street, tours are taking place, albeit with smaller groups. At the end of July, Locust Lawn will be open for activities as well. And so it is with the HFA Annual Meeting – we plan to meet in person on Huguenot Street! Details about the meeting are found later in this newsletter.



In spite of Huguenot Street being closed for tours during the pandemic, work continued on both of the Hasbrouck Houses. New restoration projects are underway, described in this newsletter.

A number of HFA members and friends have purchased merchandise at the HFA online store. All profits from the sales go to the HFA general fund that supports the work we do to sustain the family houses, their furnishings, and academic scholarships. Partnering with Zazzle, HFA offers many items of interest. Please know that Zazzle

fully guarantees satisfaction with all purchases. Here is the store link:

https://www.zazzle.com/store/hfa_hasbrouck_store

Take a look – there are many items from which to choose!

2021 is a special year for the Hasbrouck Family. Both the Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck houses are 300 years old! With so many questions about how we might be able to gather in 2021, the HFA Board of Directors has decided to wait until next year to have a 300th Anniversary celebration gala for the houses.

Wishing you good health and safe being!

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300th Anniversary Life Membership Special

As a way to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of both the Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck Houses in 2021, the HFA Board of Directors has set a never-before-done special discount on the purchase of HFA Life Memberships. For the remainder of 2021, life memberships are *half-price!*

Life Membership for someone under age 65 is normally \$350. For 2021, the price of Life Memberships one through four is \$175 each. A bundle package of 5th, 6th, etc. can be purchased for \$87.50 each.

Life Membership for 65 or older lists for \$200. 2021's discounted price for one to four Life Memberships is \$100 each. Purchasing a bundle package (5th, 6th, etc.) is \$50 each.

The savings in this 300th Anniversary Life Membership Discount offer are simply amazing! The more members a person signs up, the greater the savings. Families are encouraged to sign up everyone. Parents and grandparents – sign up your children and grandchildren. Friends – sign up

additional friends and those with an interest in history.

For life memberships one to four, go to the HFA website, select either the *Become a Member* or *Gift Membership* button to the right and complete the memberships. To sign up the 5th and more life members, please email the HFA Office (*hasbrouckfamily1957@gmail.com*) and provide contact information for instructions.

Don't wait – this offer ends on December 31st!

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HFA Annual Membership

Every member is a vital part of the life of HFA. If you opt to not take a life membership, keeping up to date your Annual Membership (\$20) is so important. Online at the HFA website, membership startup and renewal can be easily completed, including auto-renewal. Being a part of this great organization is to be a part of the preservation of our family heritage.

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The 2021 HFA Annual Reunion – October 23rd

The HFA Directors have decided to hold the Annual Meeting and Reunion in person on Huguenot Street this year. The number of persons who are vaccinated, along with the significantly reduced numbers of COVID infections, has given the CDC cause to recommend holding activities such as our meeting.

Registration for attending the Annual Meeting and Reunion can be found on the HFA website. Thanks to the generosity of Harriet Hasbrouck's bequest, there is no cost to attendees. But, to best plan for the day, we need to know who will be attending. So, sign up and we'll see each other in New Paltz!

The day will begin at 9 AM in the Fireside Room in the Reformed Church Education Building with a coffee hour and the opportunity to socialize. Following will be the business meeting, a brief worship service at the French Church, and tours of the Jean and Abe Houses. A catered luncheon will include a presentation by AJ Schenkman, noted Hudson Valley Historian, concluding the day at about 3 PM.

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Huguenot Street Happenings – Liselle LaFrance



Historic Huguenot Street has reopened after an extended period of closure due to the pandemic and its restrictions. HHS has worked to transition our on-site school field trip programs into immersive, virtual programs which can

be accessed from any location. Thanks to generous funding from the Brotherton Foundation, these virtual programs are of no cost to students or educators. Supply packs to accompany the program, synchronous activity facilitation, or a virtual Q&A session with the School Programming Coordinator may be purchased for an additional fee to enhance the asynchronous experience of these programs.

HHS has also created educator guides comprised of comprehension questions, lesson plans, presentations, and final projects which align with NYS Common Core and Next Generation Learning Standards, making it simple to seamlessly implement them into your classroom's curriculum. Educator guides and accompanying lessons are currently available to accompany the *"Never Was a Slave: Jacob Wynkoop, Free and Black in 19th-Century New Paltz"* and *"Delicacy, Grace, and a Degree of Virtuosity: Ruth Lynda Deyo"* online exhibits.



School group touring Jean House

Also, this summer, the site will offer two sessions of Camp Huguenot. Young campers will learn about the diverse lives and cultures of the people of Huguenot Street over time through

hands-on gardening, cooking, baking, and crafting activities. Each day, campers will spend time in Historic Huguenot Street's on-site garden plot working with counselors and one another to sow seeds, harvest food, and maintain the integrity of the land through historical agricultural and sustainability practices. Campers will use the food they harvest from the garden to bake and cook traditional Esopus Munsee, Dutch, Huguenot, and African recipes, and food scraps will be used for crafts where possible, as well as lessons on historical and contemporary composting. Additional time will be spent taking historic house tours, making historically inspired crafts, learning about local plants and their uses in the Nyquist-Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary, and fishing at the SUNY New Paltz pond. Session 1 will



School group in Jean

run July 19-23 and Session 2 will run August 2-5.

Three new Scholarly Advisors have agreed to offer their expertise to HHS in the development of tours, events and programs.

Heather Bruegl is a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and first line descendent Stockbridge-Munsee. She holds a BA and MA in U.S. History and Political Science from Madonna University in Michigan. Heather currently serves as the Director of Cultural Affairs for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community based on the 1856 Reservation in Shawano County, Wisconsin.

Dr. Neil Kamil, Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin, received his Ph.D. in 1989 from The Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of *Fortress of the Soul: Violence, Metaphysics and Material Life in the Huguenots' New World, 1517-1751* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005). His most recent publications include "Portable Lives: Reformed Artisans and Refined Materials in the Refugee Atlantic," in Ulrika Rublack, ed., *Protestant Empires: Globalizing the Reformations* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), and "Mark of Disgrace or Matter of Politeness? Materiality, Trust, and Expectation in Early Eighteenth-Century Virginia," in Lauren R. Cannady and Jennifer Ferng, eds., *Crafting Enlightenment: Artisanal Histories and Transnational Networks*, Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment Series (Liverpool University Press, 2021).

Dr. Molly McGlennen is an Associate Professor of English and Native American Studies at Vassar College, where she serves as the Director of the American Studies Program. She earned a Ph.D. in Native American Studies from University of California, Davis, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Mills College. Her creative writing and scholarship have been published widely.



The Fall Harvest Gala will be offered as a hybrid event and will be held on Saturday, September 25. Live music, cocktails, and delicious local food from Main Course Catering will be followed by the preview of an innovative virtual presentation of the 10th Annual Houses on the Land Tour, featuring houses located in the western hamlets of New Paltz. Join us on Huguenot Street

or from the comfort of home with a livestream of the evening and a take-home dinner.

Editor's Note: At a recent meeting of the Historic Huguenot Street Board, in recognition of her outstanding work in the organization of activities and fundraising on the street, Liselle LaFrance's job title has been changed to President of HHS. Congratulations to Liselle on this promotion and the fine work she has done on Huguenot Street!

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Abraham Hasbrouck House

As has been described in the previous edition of the *HFA Journal*, the west wall of the Abe House has been restored to its appearance at the completion of the third phase (south room). Research has not identified a specific year for the third phase, but we know it was sometime between 1734-1741.



Abraham Hasbrouck House 1721, 1728, 1734-1741

Since the most recent (February 2021) *Journal*, in which each of the windows and doors were described in detail, small tasks have been undertaken to finish the construction. Some of these undertakings include exterior mortar pointing around each of the openings, interior plaster work around the same, and finishes applied to window interior trim boards.

Seen in the above photo - on the left, the opkamer (upper) room door is elevated several feet above ground level. Certainly, the original design was not to have such a gap. Rather, there were steps from the door to ground level, with the original entrance to the cellar kitchen to their left. These steps and landing were in the form of a stoop - a



Abe House - East Wall

Dutch architectural feature. Shop drawings for the Abe House stoop are underway, with its fabrication and installation to be done this year which will fully bring the facade to its 1750 appearance.

With the stoop in place, completing the façade, three walls of the Abe House will have been restored. The east wall, the back of the house, is the focus of research to best determine its 1750 appearance. You'll want to stay tuned to the development of these plans.

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Jean Hasbrouck House



Jean Hasbrouck House - 1721

Most readers are aware that the Jean Hasbrouck House roof project was completed in the Fall of 2020. Already the bright new color of the Alaskan Yellow Cedar shingles has begun to 'tone down', taking the gray patina that cedar roofs are known for. Details about the roof can be found in the February 2021 *HFA Journal*.

Two new projects at the Jean House are in their early stages.

The first involves work to be done on the west wall (back of the house). After the 1786 renovations to the Jean House, the entrance to the cellar was located at the back of the house. Cellar steps are



Jean House cellar cover – west wall

built into the ground, with a stone retaining wall. Atop this is an outlet-like covering. Rebuilt an unknown number of times, the covering is badly in need of restoration. John Stevens has developed shop drawings for this. Shingles for this cover were purchased at the time of as those for the house roof, so it will have Alaskan Cedar shingles to match the house roof. Another part of this project is repointing the entire west wall. The existing mortar pointing is not historically accurate and has the wrong type of mortar applied. The existing mortar will be removed and replaced with the proper type of mortar in a style similar to that on the north wall. Neil Larson, our HFS historical architecture consultant has developed a detailed project scope and a request for proposal for the wall and cellar cover.

The second project is the renovation of the 1830 barn seen at the back edge of the Jean House property. While it is a 19th century barn, beyond the historical interpretation period of the house, the barn provides much needed storage space for HHS. Elements of this project include repairs to roof rafters and the installation of a new roof, as well as the rebuilding of the north wall. This work will stabilize the structure and extend its life well into the future.

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Locust Lawn



The 1814 Col. Josiah Hasbrouck House that he called Locust Lawn, in Plattekill, closed due to the pandemic, plans to reopen for tours on July 31st! One of the first activities will be an '1830s Victorian Weekend' on Saturday, August 7, 2021 (11AM-4PM). Experience life in the time period of President Martin Van Buren with craft demonstrations, and a variety of living history displays throughout the property.

Locust Lawn received a generous gift of nearly 100 textile pieces owned by Hylah Hasbrouck. Upon her



Textile Monograms – Hylah & Laura

daughter Laura's death in 1925, the textiles left the family. Locust Lawn has a sizeable number of

original to the house textiles, many of the sets were numbered in sequence. Interestingly, the newly acquired pieces include numbered pieces that coincide with those in the house. For instance, napkins numbered 1-6 were in the house, numbers 7-10 are in the gift – a rare chance to reunite the original contents in the house. The acquired textiles date from 1830s through the 1850s, and all are marked with “H HB” for Hylah Hasbrouck, or “L T HB” for Laura Tallmadge Hasbrouck.

Another exciting acquisition was the gift of a Duncan Phyfe (New York 1815-1820) breakfast table. This will be on display in the Locust Lawn small dining room. An interesting note: So caretakers could use the room, its furniture was put into storage in the 1880s. Annette Young, who donated Locust Lawn and its contents to Historic Huguenot Street, noted in her diary that a number of the pieces had been stolen in the 1920s, including a “Phyfe breakfast table”.



Duncan Phyfe Table c1815

So, this gifted piece will fill a space that has been empty for over a century. Hylah and Levi Hasbrouck did shop at Phyfe's store; another Phyfe piece is on display at the house. When the room restoration is complete, a Phyfe table will be in place again.

HFA has supported Locust Lawn with specific projects over the years. Locust trees, from which the house got its name, have aged and in some cases had to be removed. Providing funds to purchase new, young locust trees, HFA is pleased that a number of these have been planted along the front of the property, continuing the long-standing namesake.

If you'd like to catch up with 'LoLa' find them: on Facebook: facebook.com/LocustLawn or Instagram: [@locustlawnmuseum](https://instagram.com/locustlawnmuseum).



Hasbrouck Descendants Inherit Much More Than The Name

Editor's note: Joy McCorrison and Tayler Hasbrouck provided this article, highlighting the far reach of the Hasbrouck family. This is inspiring!

Beyond the internet's ability to maintain social networks at distance, it has allowed people to connect with distant relations otherwise lost across the generations. In this instance, a mutual love of archaeology and an archaeological webinar series was able to bring two distant relatives together.

Boosted by an early Hasbrouck Family Association scholarship and nurturing an early passion for archaeology, Joy McCorrison eventually received her PhD in Anthropology and is currently a Professor at The Ohio State University. Granddaughter to Eleanor Hasbrouck (Rawlings), Joy remembers well an early teen experience in period costume in the Abraham Hasbrouck House. Her academic research takes her to the Middle East, where she once attended a planning convention organized by the Diwan of the Royal Court of the Sultanate of Oman. There she met the Director of Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, tapped for its expertise in outreach and public archaeology programming. Although busy with organizing research expeditions to study the prehistoric remains of long-ago bedouin in Arabia, Joy remains an enthusiastic admirer of the work at Crow Canyon and its ability to inspire new generations in archaeology. (Two of Joy's closest collaborators started their careers there.)



Joy McCorrison

Tayler Hasbrouck is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in the rural town of Cortez, Colorado. Tayler has an educational background in the Parks, Recreation, as well as Hospitality Management sectors, but upon moving to the desert southwest, she discovered a love of archaeology and southwestern culture. She began her interest in this



Tayler Hasbrouck

subject matter by visiting major archaeological sites like Mesa Verde National Park, Chaco Canyon National Monument, and Aztec Ruins National Monument, and she coupled her visits with reading ample literature. Soon hereafter she discovered Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and was able to join their team. Crow Canyon has a mission of empowering present and future generations through archaeological research, experiential education, and American Indian knowledge; Tayler contributes to this mission by hosting a weekly Discover Archaeology webinar series that brings Indigenous knowledge and cutting-edge archaeological research into people's homes to help them further their education and passion of southwestern cultures.

Seeing Tayler's last name, Joy reached out to inquire about family history and lineages. Once names were shared and Ancestry DNA profiles examined, a common ancestor, Abraham Hasbrouck, was discovered. Abraham Hasbrouck was the first of the Hasbrouck lineage to settle in the New Paltz settlement of upstate New York; he was Tayler's and Joy's 7th great grandfather. This common ancestor revealed kinship between the two and has inspired them to look deeper into their ancestry and ties. Despite never having met, a career and passion in a related field was able to bring the two together. We would like to think that the rich history of the Hasbrouck family spurred an interest in archaeology and the shared human history of others.

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Fun Fact - Hasbrouck Brown

Did you know that there is a paint color that has our name? Read on.

If you own a home, you are very familiar with the many *kinds* of paints available – and so many *colors*! Did you know that there are over 900 shades of white alone? Several of the paint manufacturers



Hasbrouck Brown

produce historic colors. One company uses samples from historic structures from which the color names are derived. Sherwin Williams' Hasbrouck Brown (HC-71) is named for the center hall trim color in the Jean Hasbrouck House. How cool is this?

Want the technical details about Hasbrouck Brown? The hexadecimal color code #664d44 is a medium dark shade of red-orange. In the RGB color model

#664d44 is comprised of 40% red, 30.2% green and 26.67% blue. In the HSL color space #664d44 has a hue of 16° (degrees), 20% saturation and 33% lightness. This color has an approximate wavelength of 590.69 nm. Glad you asked?

(Note: HFA is not endorsing any paint brand in this article.)

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A Recipe from *As Our Ancestors Cooked*

In this edition of the *HFA Journal*, we draw from Ulster County old recipes in Alice Hasbrouck's *As Our Ancestors Cooked* cookbook. Copyrighted in 1976 by Huguenot Historical Society, the book was republished with special permission by HFA in 1999. (The book can be purchased from HFA through our website, or from the HHS Museum Shop, also online or at the DuBois House shop on Huguenot Street.) It must be noted that old recipes often were short on directions, as it was understood what steps were needed. Ingredients were locally grown.

It's summer, a time for picnics with family and friends. A summertime treat is watermelon – cool and refreshing. Not wanting to waste anything, we can put the rind to good use – as a preserve.

Watermelon Preserve

Boil them in peach leaves sufficiently soft to run a straw in them. Take them out and let them drain. Dissolve (dissolve) your sugar in clean rain water, clarify it with an egg, strain it then put your rind in, boil it till done. Skim them out and boil down the sirrup (syrup), take a pound of sugar to a pound of rind, half an ounce of mace and six lemons to six pounds.



As stated above, recipe directions were not clear. Be adventurous and give it a try!

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New Members – Welcome to HFA!

Judith Hasbrouck, Hillsboro, OR
Ethel Mae Rotenberger, Peoria, AZ
Joseph Ruhl, Forest Hill, MD
Darrah Schlichte, Melbourne, IA
Timothy Vath, Foster City, CA

Members who have left us

Mary Jeanne Hasbrouck, June 2021

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