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President's Report – Thad C. Hasbrouck

Happy New Year! I wish each of you a year of good health and happiness. Might this be a year in which you visit Huguenot Street and the HFA Annual Reunion. Reflecting on 2022, it was a good year for the association.



We can be encouraged about the future knowing that the young women and men who were awarded HFA scholarships are so accomplished already. Read about the awardees later in this newsletter. In October, the HFA Annual Reunion and Meeting was an in-person event for the first time in three years! In this edition is the Financial Report for the year, describing the solid base for our investments despite the stock market's volatility. We were pleased to provide assistance to Historic Huguenot Street in ways additional to the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the Abe and Jean Houses. While the street museum is closed for the winter, plans are underway for the 2023 tour season. There is a lot of news to read in the following pages.

Last March, the newsletter reported the exciting discovery of the Sojourner Truth court case records in

Kingston, NY. As the court documents were further studied, there is greater clarity about the case and its significance. Paul O'Neill, a noted Kingston attorney and historian has written an article accomplishing this clarity. Further research about Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck by Donna Hasbrouck led to another exciting discovery – locating the *original* diary of Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck, the patentee's grandson.

With all these activities, this is an exciting time to be part of the Hasbrouck Family Association. Thank you for being a member of this vibrant organization

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HFA Annual Reunion & Meeting 2022

After online Zoom meetings for two years due to the ongoing pandemic, on Saturday, October 8, 2022, the Hasbrouck Family Association Annual Reunion & Meeting took place in person! Association members gathered at the Fireside Room in the church's Education Building behind the Abraham Hasbrouck House on Huguenot Street. After a social hour and business meeting, the thirty attendees went to the

Stone Church for a worship service, then toured the Jean and Abe Houses. The group photo was taken in front of the Abe House, as

had been done in the early days of the association's meetings. Returning to the Fireside Room, a catered luncheon, provided by Main Course Caterers, was enjoyed. Local historian, A.J. Schenkman, gave a presentation on his research into the life of Cornelius Hasbrouck, son of Jonathon Hasbrouck of Newburgh.

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Annual Reunion - Social Hour

HFA 2023 Calendar

HFA members were invited to submit photos for the 2023 calendar. Several members responded and their photos were included in this year's calendar. It can be purchased at our online Zazzle store, in the Stay Organized section. Here's the link to the store: https://www.zazzle.com/store/hfa_hasbrouck_store

HFA Scholarship Awards 2022

Each year, the Hasbrouck Family Association awards four Gertrude E. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarships to deserving college students. Thanks to the generous bequest of Harriet Hasbrouck, HFA has been able to increase the value of each scholarship to \$5,000. The scholarship committee, Robert Freehill and Rebecca Hasbrouck, were greatly impressed with the accomplishments of the scholarship recipients. Two of the awardees are three-time winners, and another is a two-time winner. In addition, with the consultation of the HFA committee, HHS has awarded the Charles J. Hasbrouck \$1,000 scholarship again this year. Let's meet these outstanding college students:

In the *HFA Journal*, **Kate Bellman**'s name may be familiar, as she is a three-time awardee of the Gertrude E. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship. Her



New Paltz ancestry goes back to Abraham Hasbrouck and Maria Deyo. From Pompton Plains, NJ, Kate is a senior at SUNY Oneonta, majoring in Early Childhood Education. In addition to her 3.90 GPA and Dean's List status, indicative of

a strong academic performance, Kate is on the university track and field team. Her induction into the National College Athlete Honor Society speaks to her diverse abilities. Additionally, Kate is a member of the Association of Childhood Education, photography club, ski & snowboard club, and Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, as well as the president of a political science organization on campus. Rounding out her talents, Kate plays five musical instruments! One of her professors writes this about Kate, "She is thoughtful, professional, and appropriately confident." Congratulations, Kate! You have the HFA's best wishes for a successful career in education.

Jamie Ann Boulo calls Glen Allen, Virginia, near Richmond, home. She is a veteran of the US Army, having served her country for eight years - we thank her for her service. Now a senior at Grand Canyon Christian University in Phoenix, Arizona, Jamie

majors in Hospitality Management. Upon graduation, Jamie plans to attend Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island to pursue a master's degree in Event Leadership. Jamie traces her Huguenot Street ancestry to Patentee Hugo Freer. One of her professors described Jamie's attributes as extremely hardworking, inspired and diligent –



qualities that will carry her far. Her life goal is to be the Director of Event Coordination at the White House! As Jamie writes, "To be able to use my talent to plan conferences or events such as formal dinners and balls to help my President and his/her family, his/her cabinet, and Vice-President to effectively negotiate a treaty or entertain our allies would be an honor not only to me but to my entire family." HFA wishes you much success.

A three-time awardee of the Gertrude E. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship, **Josiah Hasbrouck** is an impressive and deserving young man. From Gorham, Maine, Josiah traces his New Paltz descendants to Jean Hasbrouck and Anna Deyo. A senior at Cairn University (Langhorne, Pennsylvania) with a 4.0 GPA, Josiah is majoring in Politics, and has double minors in Bible and Philosophy. In addition to an impressive academic resume, Josiah has been a very active member of the Student Government Association, currently serving as Secretary, following previous terms as Vice-President and President. In these roles, he has been an ombudsman for students with university personnel, overseeing student clubs and organizations, and rewriting the SGA constitution. In May 2022, the college Office of Student Life awarded Josiah with the Outstanding Student Leader award. Additionally, Josiah has been president of the History Club, sung in school ensembles, and been a



student worker in four departments of the university. In the summer of 2022, he interned at the John Jay Institute. After Josiah graduates in May 2023, he will intern with the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, DC. He also plans to apply for a fellowship at the John Jay Institute, preparing fellows for public service. The university president wrote this, "Josiah has demonstrated a sound intellect, willingness to think through abstract and difficult issues, and has a keen desire to learn. He is a critical

thinker and a good communicator—traits further complimented by the fact that he is respectful of others. I have had him as a student in my class. Josiah is a teachable man who enjoys being challenged and has the ability to see the real-world implications and applications of ideas.” We can expect to read about this young man’s many accomplishments in the years ahead.

Jerusha M. Taylor returns this year for her second Gertrude E. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship award. A Patentee Hugo Freer descendant, Jerusha lives in Farmington, Michigan, part of the Detroit metropolitan area. After attaining an Associate’s Degree with a 4.0 GPA at Oakland Community College, Jerusha enrolled at the University of Michigan, majoring in Music - Violin Performance and continues her academic excellence, earning honors each term. Music is Jerusha’s passion. Professors speak highly of Jerusha, one writing, “She is inquisitive, hard-working, thoughtful, and she shows great patience with herself and with the type of detailed work we do together. ... While I am very happy with her progress in violin, I want to point out her other skills that are admirable. She has great organizational skills, she is determined, and she is able to thrive in high pressure situations. I have no doubt that Jerusha will have a bright future in the arts.” Her career goal is to earn a spot in a professional orchestra and be a professor of music at a university or conservatory. HFA wishes you much success.



Holly R. Ellis is this year’s Charles J. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship awardee. From Grimes, Iowa, part of the Des Moines urban area, Holly is an architecture student at Kansas state University. An interesting additional area of study for Holly is Gerontology. This topic, coupled with architecture, provides many possibilities in her future endeavors. Holly has worked as an administrative assistant in both nursing home and physical therapy settings. Her self-description is as a creative problem solver as well as being cognizant of the needs of vulnerable communities in building design. Further, Holly has a passion for conservation and preservation. Her volunteer work at



the Dallas County Conservation Center for seven years exemplifies this love of history and preservation. Last summer, Holly had an internship for an architectural company; she was the first intern in the twenty-six-year history of the firm to be invited to work remotely from her university during the following semester. One of the firm principals wrote this, “When she encounters a problem, Holly first seeks to understand the problem then works tirelessly to solve the problem *with* the team. She is extremely professional, enthusiastic, an effective communicator, and easy to work with making it an almost given that she will be doing great things at Kansas State University.” One of her professors stated, “Holly exemplified what it means to be a creative architecture student placing quality of user experience first. Her level of attentiveness and empathy for the user and local community and interest in their well-being have always been present throughout the semester. ... Holly’s talent, enthusiasm, drive, and maturity set her as an extraordinary student.” HFA congratulates Holly and wishes her much success in the attainment of her architectural degree and pursuit of a career in the field.

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Huguenot Street Happenings – Liselle LaFrance



The highlight of 2022 at Historic Huguenot Street had to have been the return of two Ammi Phillips portraits that had been stolen more than 50 years ago, along with the publicity the story generated! Due to some amazing detective work by Director of Curatorial & Preservation Affairs Josephine Bloodgood and HHS Board member Carol Johnson, the FBI followed some critical leads to recover the paintings and hand delivered them to the museum—nearly 50 years to the day from when they had been taken. The story generated extensive press coverage in publications



throughout the world and made the front page of the digital edition of the *New York Times*.

Programmatically, about 1,000 visitors participated in the first weekend-long New Netherland Marketplace, which featured re-enactments, demonstrations, and performances. The event reflected the site's multicultural history and interactions among Huguenot settlers, enslaved Africans, and Indigenous



Talon Silverhorn, Citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, demonstrating at the New Netherland Marketplace

groups in the 17th century. For those who missed it, the event will again be held June 10-11 in 2023.

The Curatorial Department also featured numerous recent acquisitions through exhibitions in the DuBois Fort, including furnishings, prints, and work by Huguenot silversmiths.

HHS has enjoyed its collaboration with the Hasbrouck Family Association on preservation initiatives at the Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck Houses, as well as in awarding several undergraduate scholarships. These joint efforts will continue in 2023.

While work continues on major projects such as the digitization of documents supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the restoration of the Bevier-Elting House launched by a Save America's Treasures matching grant, we are excited to embark on interpretive planning in 2023. This process will be guided by two noted consultants, Michelle Moon and Rainey Tisdale, and will inform our thinking on future preservation and programming plans.

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Abraham Hasbrouck House

In the August *HFA Journal*, it was reported that archaeology work was completed in front of the two

doors on the west façade as part of the planning for door stoops. With that research, architect Wally Wheeler developed a proposal for the stoops. Due to the height of ground level in front of the house, further soil research is needed. Consideration must be given to possibly lowering the ground level, as now the center room door is nearly at ground level.

Restoration of the back of the house, the east wall, is the last major exterior project. The concept being developed is to restore the two doors to period-appropriate styles, (their frames are original). The window in the center room was not original, added in the 19th century, and will be removed then stone infill to match the wall. The opkamer (upper room) window has its original frame; a shutter will cover the open space, as was originally in the space. Neil Larson and Wally Wheeler are researching the cellar windows to determine whether they stay, and if so, with what appearance. The entire wall will be repointed to match the other three walls.



Abe House – east wall – opkamer on the right.

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Jean Hasbrouck House

Design work continues on the cellar porch on the west wall (back of the house). The current cellar porch is badly deteriorated. Architects Crawford & Stearns, of Syracuse, NY, have developed shop drawings. Framing lumber will be dimensioned and spaced as was done in the later 1700's. It will be built on the same footprint and have a similar appearance as the existing cellar porch. The HFA Board of Directors has approved the design, forwarding it to the HHS Historic Preservation Committee for its review and approval. Upon that committee's approval, a Request For Proposal (RFP) will be sent to historic structures contractors for bidding.

The 1830 barn, behind the Jean House property, was long in need of roof framing stabilization and new

shingles. The selected contractor completed the work in September. The north wall plate was repaired, roof



1830 Barn with new Alaskan Cedar shingle roof

rafters checked, decking repaired, the Alaskan Cedar shingles like those on the Jean House were applied to the roof. While the barn is not historically 'clean', it provides much needed storage space for HHS.

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Welcome New HFA Members!

Lynda Anozie, Baltimore, MD
Suzanne Bell, Fredericksburg, TX
Amy Cleveland, Rochester, NY
Erin Jepson, Frazee, MN
Andrew Johnson, Calgary, Canada
Jay Rutherford, Bridgeville, DE
Elizabeth Stura, Chicago, IL
Barbara Warner, Buckley, WA

Sad news of a member's passing:

Mary C. Patterson

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More about A. Bruyn Hasbrouck & the Sojourner Truth Court Documents

The March 2022 issue of the *HFA Journal* featured an article about the New York State Archives' very recent discovery of the 1828 court documents filed by A. Bruyn Hasbrouck on behalf of Isabella Van Wagenen (Sojourner Truth). We've since learned from Paul O'Neill, noted Kingston attorney and local historian familiar with the case, that A. Bruyn Hasbrouck was not Sojourner's lawyer; rather that he was the Commissioner who presided and ruled on the case. Attorney O'Neill has courteously provided the following account of A. Bruyn and his role in the case:

"A. Bruyn Hasbrouck had long been a noted and established attorney here in Kingston, partnering with, among others, future Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals Charles Ruggles. But prior to the formation of the Court of Appeals as New York's highest tribunal

by Constitutional Amendment in 1847, the highest Court in New York was the Supreme Court. This Court traveled throughout the state on circuit and might not appear in a specific location for long stretches, leaving at times extensive gaps between official sessions. As such, a means of addressing time sensitive issues on a more immediate basis was necessary. Thus, the appointment of Commissioners to Perform Certain Duties of a Supreme Court Judge. These individuals, appointed throughout the state, were authorized to hear cases of the Supreme Court that might not appropriately be postponed until the next sitting of the duly constituted Supreme Court. Here in Ulster County, A. Bruyn Hasbrouck was the appointed Commissioner to Perform Certain Duties of a Supreme Court Judge. And it was in this capacity that he came to hear the Habeas Corpus proceeding filed on behalf of Isabella VanWagenen's son, Peter (she'd taken the name VanWagenen after the family that took her in from her famous "Walk to Freedom" and later purchased the balance of her term of enslavement from John DuMont), sold out-of-state by Solomon Gedney in contravention of New York law.

"This Habeas Corpus proceeding was actually the second proceeding filed in this matter – the first being a criminal proceeding set in motion by Isabella's testimony before an Ulster County Grand Jury in the fall of 1827 regarding the circumstances of Peter's sale by Solomon Gedney to his brother-in-law in Alabama. It was this Grand Jury that issued the Recognizance requiring Solomon Gedney's appearance before the Ulster County Criminal Court – [formally called] the Court of Oyer & Terminer – at its next session, presumably to be held sometime in the spring of 1828. Interestingly, the District Attorney for Ulster County in 1828 was Charles Ruggles, A. Bruyn Hasbrouck's law partner. Subsequent to the criminal proceeding and during its pendency, the Habeas Corpus proceeding was filed on March 1, 1828 and sought the immediate release of young Peter. It was this second proceeding under the Writ of Habeas Corpus that Commissioner A. Bruyn Hasbrouck presided.

"The entire proceeding lasted 14 days from start to finish, ending with the Order of Commissioner Hasbrouck releasing Peter from the custody of Solomon Gedney and his return to his mother. The proceeding consisted of the Writ Requesting Relief, Isabella's Supporting Affidavit alleging the unlawful removal from the state of her son, Solomon Gedney's Responding Affidavit and the final Order of the Commissioner.

"Gedney's Responding Affidavit is interesting in that it completely avoids the question at issue – whether he removed Peter from New York State. In sum, he stated that Peter was there with him in New York without ever saying where he did, or did not, sell him from the jurisdiction (by this time Gedney had retrieved Peter from Alabama after he'd learned of the pending criminal matter). Gedney further stated that he had no right or interest in the boy and that he was merely holding Peter for his brother, the rightful owner of Peter's services. Gedney ended by stating that if Commissioner Hasbrouck wanted Peter produced at the Courthouse, he'd comply and produce him. And that he did.

"Based upon this argument (or lack thereof), Commissioner Hasbrouck's Order set forth that as Gedney had no interest in the person or services of Peter, Peter was thereby released from his custody, bringing the matter to a close. Hasbrouck looked no further into the question of the illegal sale. And while nothing formal remains to reflect the termination of the pending criminal matter, the Habeas Corpus proceeding seemingly resolved both matters - much to the benefit of Solomon Gedney who faced significant fines and a possible sentence of hard labor in the criminal proceeding.

"Oddly, it was only through the discovery of the Habeas Corpus documents in the New York State Archives in February of 2022 that we've learned of A. Bruyn Hasbrouck's role in this famous case. It's never been referred to anywhere else (to my knowledge) though the case was of national significance. His role is recited in no biographical sketch of Hasbrouck, though many exist, nor in the comprehensive "History of Kingston" by Marius Schoomaker – another law partner of Hasbrouck – published in 1888. It also receives no mention in Sojourner Truth's "Narrative". We do know that Isabella worked as a domestic servant for Hasbrouck, at least following the case, and that it was his Letter of Introduction that enabled her to set roots in New York City following her move there from Kingston. He clearly played an important role in her story and her life, so the dearth of references is puzzling.

"Regardless, A. Bruyn Hasbrouck unquestioningly played a pivotal role in the most significant legal case

in Ulster County, and possibly in New York State. A fitting legacy for a noteworthy family."

Perhaps you find it as puzzling as do I, that A. Bruyn Hasbrouck's important role in the Sojourner Truth story remained unknown for almost two centuries! Thank you, Attorney O'Neill, for bringing this previously unknown part of A. Bruyn's life story to light.

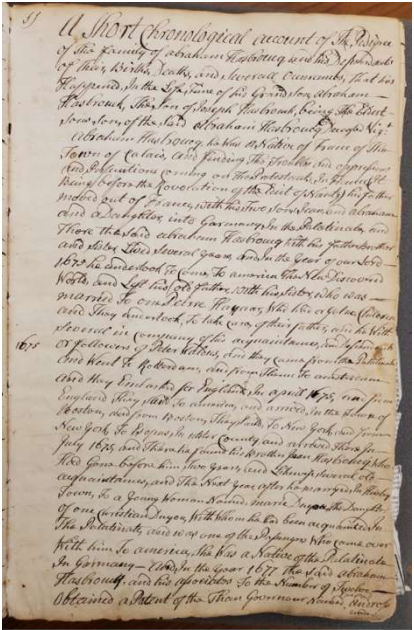
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How the discovery of the Sojourner Truth court case records discovery led to another Hasbrouck document find

The March 2022 *HFA Journal* article about the Sojourner Truth court case mentioned another accomplishment of A. Bruyn Hasbrouck – serving a term as a Representative in the 19th U.S. Congress (1825-1827). His congressional biography noted that there were document holdings in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, titled "Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck papers, 1675-1879 Collection includes correspondence, clippings, and a volume containing the genealogy of the Hasbrouck family." With mention of a family genealogy, now we were curious!

Library of Congress manuscripts are accessible to people, but by appointment only. The logistics of traveling to Washington DC required another means

of accessing the Hasbrouck papers. Donna Hasbrouck, one of HFA's very adept historical researchers, having found the existence of the A. Bruyn papers in the Library of Congress, then located an archivist who not only could find and photograph the papers, but was in DC on another project and able to do our search that week. Serendipitous timing! Among the papers and documents in the Hasbrouck holdings was the previously unlocated, original Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck diary. This was a tremendous long-sought discovery!



One page of the Col. Abraham Diary

Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck, grandson of the patentee, maintained an extensive diary that included the genealogy of his family. Upon his death, the diary was maintained by his son, Jonathan, then by his grandson, Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck.

Though the original diary was not located until now, we were aware that there are several transcription versions of the diary in existence. Previously reported was that some transcribers omitted parts of the journal, while others corrected spellings and added their own words in some cases. Some sources report the original diary had been lost and others said that it was last known to have been in the possession of Henry G. Sharpe (grandson of A Bruyn).

One version was published in 1992 by the Hasbrouck Family Association and Huguenot Historical Society, *Family Record of Abraham Hasbrouck: as transcribed from the original*. It had been presented to the Huguenot Society by Louise Seymour (Hasbrouck) Zimm on October 31, 1949.

Another diary transcript was donated by John E. Hasbrouck to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Presumably, he is the John E. Hasbrouck (1836-1931) that Ken Hasbrouck describes in our genealogy. "It was through the efforts of Major John E. Hasbrouck that a great deal of data was collected and compiled in a comprehensive fashion. He was an astute genealogist, believing accuracy should come first." The transcript was published as *Family Record of Abraham Hasbrouck* in the Jan 1940 issue of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. The NY G&B Record editorial note includes, "This has recently been compared to the original manuscript which was courteously lent to us by Major General Henry G. Sharpe, U.S. Army, retired." As of this writing, comparisons of the Louise Hasbrouck Zimm transcript with the John E. Hasbrouck version for any variations have not been made.

The Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck papers were gifted to the Library of Congress in 1940 by H. G. Sharpe. We can safely presume that this is Major General Henry G. Sharpe, grandson of A. Bruyn and great-great grandson of Colonel Abraham. Could the recently located genealogy volume be the original Colonel Abe Diary? HFA engaged the services of the firm Global Archivist to examine the documents. The archivist wrote, "I have compared the transcript from the NY Genealogical and Biographical Record and it is a match for the manuscript volume held at the Library of Congress." She found the volume is in two sections. The other section is a record of Abraham's accounts. The accounts journal is a significant find, as it is referenced in Colonel Abraham's will. The entire contents of the A. Bruyn papers have been photographed and have been made available to us.

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General Fund Contributors 2022

Patricia A. D'Auria
 Brian Hasbrouck
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 Robert David Hasbrouck
 Robert D. Hasbrouck
 Margaret Ann Link
 Stephen Lumb
 Sarah Roemmelt

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Financial Highlights 2022

Rebecca Hasbrouck, Treasurer

Year 2022 kept us on our toes while the market had its woes! The Hasbrouck Family Association held to our investment strategy throughout the year to endure market fluctuations as best as possible. We persevered with dividend income on fixed-income investments and maintained value through options trading and introducing some additional fixed-income funds. Due to our strong financial position, we were able to support several mission-driven initiatives throughout the year.

2022 YEAR-END BALANCES (\$ in Thousands)

<u>Cash Accounts:</u>	
HFA Accounts	\$ 93
HHA Money Market	<u>503</u>
Total Cash	\$ 596
<u>Investment Accounts:</u>	
HFA Endowment Fund	\$ 2,734
HHA Endowment Fund	<u>1,542</u>
Total Investments	\$ 4,276
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 4,873</u>

All income earned by HFA is mission-driven. Income from the Helene Hasbrouck Anderson (HHA) Fund is designated to the restoration and maintenance of the Abraham House. Income from the Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA) Endowment Fund feeds into the General Fund, allowing us to pay for expenses and programs not directly related to the Abraham home.

HFA and HHA PERFORMANCE (\$ in Thousands)

<u>HFA Funds</u>	
Dividends and Interest	\$ 106
<u>HHA Funds</u>	
Dividends and Interest	\$ 18
Long-Term Capital Losses	(7)
Short-Term Capital Losses	(213)

HFA Vice President Derek HasBrouck serves as our Director of Investments for all Association funds for HFA. While HFA investments have sustained during 2022, he is working on strategic rebalancing. He has also been taking some prudent next steps for the HHA endowment with the new infusion of fixed-income securities toward the end of the year. Securities America continues its assistance on HHA portfolio management (with oversight by Derek and the Board).

HFA and HHA EXPENDITURES (\$ in Thousands)

HFA Expenditures

Huguenot Historical Society	\$ 138
Jean Hasbrouck House Support	48
Scholarships	20
Operating Expenses	27
European Genealogy	3
Taxes, Estimated Payments	(4)

With several initiatives under way at Huguenot Historical Society, we were excited to be able to assist significantly in 2022. Our contributions include supporting artifact conservation and exhibit props and reproductions, increasing the amounts that HHS has available for future scholarships, interpretive planning work, as well as accessibility with on-site transportation on the Street. Not only were we able to support the maintenance expenses on the Jean house, we also were instrumental in restoration of the Jean 1830 Barn Roof. HFA also increased the individual amounts of the Gertrude E. Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship program, awarded to four hard-working college students, to \$5K each. Operating expenses include office and storage rental, utilities, insurance, administrative assistance, professional fees, printing, and supplies. With initial findings being hopeful in our European Genealogy work, regarding the history of the Hasbrouck family before their arrival to New Paltz, we have embarked on additional research to be done on notarial records in France.

HHA Expenses

Abraham Hasbrouck Maintenance	\$ 19
Abraham Hasbrouck Restoration	13
Investment Management Fees	16

HHA continues its support of the Abraham house in 2022 on regular maintenance, as well as an archeologic dig on site, and additional restoration work, notably the chimney caps and electrical improvements. The HHA investments are in an options-trading format, providing for favorable performance (albeit 2022 was indeed very volatile!), incurring management fees of \$16K.

FORWARD LOOKING

Hasbrouck Family Association continues to keep an eye on the market in order to be strategic in its investment mix and pivot when the circumstances call us to. We look forward to being able to provide lasting support of many more important initiatives in 2023 and beyond!

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