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President's Report – Thad C. Hasbrouck

While we approach the month of September and the coming of autumn, summer's warm weather continues. I hope you are enjoying summertime activities with family and friends. If one of those activities has been a visit to New Paltz's Huguenot Street, you enjoyed stepping into your ancestral houses.



The Hasbrouck Family Association has been busy with the planning of projects at both the Abraham and Jean Hasbrouck Houses. Details about the ongoing restoration plans are described later in this newsletter.

Locust Lawn, in nearby Gardiner, NY, is a wonderful part of our Hasbrouck history. Built in 1814 by Josiah and Sarah Hasbrouck, the mansion still stands today on Route 32. Owned and operated by Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie, HFA is pleased be assisting in significant maintenance projects. More about Locust Lawn is included in this edition.

In the February newsletter, biographies of our 2022 scholarship recipients describe their noteworthy academic achievements. The application due date for the 2023 scholarships is August 31, 2023. Email information was sent to HFA members in the early

summer. Thanks to the generosity of Harriet Hasbrouck's bequest, in recent years HFA has been able to increase both the number of and dollar value of the Gertrude Hasbrouck Memorial Scholarship. Up to four qualified recipients receive \$5,000 applied to their tuition. In December 2022, HFA increased the principal of the Kenneth and Charles Hasbrouck Scholarships so that they can be offered annually. Information about all scholarships can be found on the Historic Huguenot Street website.

As Hasbrouck's have spread across the country from the arrival of brothers Jean and Abraham, we can find many old Hasbrouck Houses. Information about one house in Michigan is described in this newsletter.

Mark your calendar – Saturday, October 7, 2023. The Annual HFA Reunion and Meeting will take place that day. We have some great new opportunities this year, detailed below. Will you meet me in New Paltz?

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HFA Annual Reunion & Meeting 2023

Huguenot Street will be a very busy place on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Why? Three family associations will be having their annual meeting! In addition to our HFA reunion, the DuBois and Deyo Family Associations will be gathering. At the time of this newsletter being written, plans are being discussed for some shared activities. The DuBois Family Association will be gathering in the church meeting room, below the sanctuary across the street from the Abe House. The Deyo Family Association, smaller in number, will meet at the Deyo House.

Our Hasbrouck Family Association Annual Reunion and Meeting will be held in the Fireside Room of the church education building, located directly behind the Abe House.

Our day will start with check-in and a social hour (with continental breakfast), followed by our business

meeting that includes a report from HHS President Liselle LaFrance on the 'State of the Street'. Rev. Dr. David Brechter is with us again this year to lead us in a brief worship service at the stone church. A reunion wouldn't be complete until we toured the Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck Houses. After a family reunion photo, we'll return to the Fireside Room for a delicious catered lunch. Our presenting speaker will be Paul O'Neill, a noted attorney and historian (who provided to us an understanding of the Sojourner Truth court case in the last newsletter), will speak to us about the national significance of General George Henry Sharpe, a very accomplished Hasbrouck ancestor.



George H. Sharpe
(photo US Army)

With the presidents of DBFA and DFA, I am working on some shared activities with the other associations. At this time, it is probable that DBFA and HFA will share the worship service and together gather for lunch. In the near future, more detailed plans will be made. (We're all cousins after all!) Family associations working together strengthens each and aids in the betterment of Huguenot Street.

Thanks to the generosity of Harriet Hasbrouck's bequest, there is no cost for the reunion, only the need to register in advance. I hope to see you on October 7!

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Huguenot Street Happenings – Liselle LaFrance



Interpretive planning began in earnest this past March, with a weeklong visit from consultants Michelle Moon and Rainey Tisdale. Work was intense, with public and behind-the-scenes tours of the site, one-on-one meetings with staff and Board members, and daily workshops exploring a variety of themes.

Since that visit, Moon and Tisdale have reflected on the notes and discussions from the visit, working on a draft Phase 1 report, met bi-weekly with Director of Public Programming Kara Augustine and me, presented a virtual brainstorming workshop for staff, met with former Site Supervisor Renzo Cinti before his departure, made recommendations on simple strategies for collecting visitor data, and researched potential project advisors and benchmarked sites with similarities in preparation for three planned zoom sessions in August.

This work was accomplished in large part with support from the Hasbrouck Family Association, as well as support from the New York State Legislature and foundations.

The fall calendar is choco block full of performances and programmatic offerings. Highlights include two concerts in the Crispell Memorial French Church and one at Vassar College. On September 10, soprano Kathen Cowan will perform with Hudson Valley Baroque, and on October 1, Hudson Valley Baroque will perform Northern European Chamber Music. Both performances will be held in the church at 4 pm. Then, on October 8, Dutch group Camerata Trajectina will team up with historian Jaap Jacobs to present "New Amsterdam in Poetry and Music" at the Skinner Hall for Music at Vassar College. This performance is free. Further information and registration details for all of these performances, as well as other programmatic offerings, are provided on the following link: <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events>

As part of the larger effort to digitize early documents ranging from the 1600s through the 1700s (funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities), HHS recently commissioned the translation of some from Dutch to English, made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the Dutch Culture USA program offered by the Consulate General of the Netherlands in New York. Over 190 pages were translated from the collections of HHS and Reformed Church of New Paltz.

In conservation news, the two Ammi Phillips portraits



Annatje Eltinge Wynkoop (1748-1827) Dirck D. Wynkoop (1738-1827)
Recently conserved portraits painted by 19th-century itinerant painter Ammi Phillips.

stolen from the site more than 50 years ago and recovered by the FBI last year, have received cleaning and conservation thanks to support from numerous individuals. The paintings of Dirck

D. Wynkoop and Annatje Eltinge Wynkoop had been physically damaged over the years, with areas of paint loss, stray marks, and poorly executed conservation in the past. The recent restoration was completed by Yost Conservation, LLL, and the results are stunning.

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Abraham Hasbrouck House

HFA continues to work toward the installation of stoops at the two doors at the front of the house. Archaeologists, during investigations in the past, told us that the ground level surrounding the house is considerably higher than when the house was built in 1721. The level of Huguenot Street in front of the house has been raised, exacerbating the matter. The sill of the center room door is nearly at ground level now. Problematic is that the stoop designer is perplexed on how to place footings and base for the stoops for the center room door given the ground height. An engineer / surveyor has been contracted to study this problem.



Abe House Center Room Door at ground level.

Since we are planning the restoration of the back of the house, with similar door sill / ground level issues, the engineer will be studying the topography of the ground on the east side

of the house at the same time.

HFA member Larry Hasbrouck has designed a prototype lighting for the cellar kitchen. Pleased with its results, we are in the process of installing a permanent lighting system to enhance the visitor's tour experience.

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Jean Hasbrouck House



Jean House – North and West Walls

Reported in the February 2023 *HFA Journal*, shop drawings and specs for the cellar porch on the west wall (back of the house) were completed by Crawford

& Streams of Syracuse, NY and have been approved by the HHS and Village of New Paltz Historic Preservation Committees, as well as the New York State Historic Preservation Office. The 1700's-style porch design is now out to contractors for proposals. We hope to see construction underway in the near future.

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Locust Lawn

The mansion on State Route 32 in nearby Gardiner, NY has been described in detail in previous *HFA Journal* editions. Built by Josiah and Sarah (Decker) Hasbrouck in 1814, its stately appearance reflected their wealth and social prestige. The house was occupied by family descendants until 1958, when it was gifted to Historic Huguenot Street. Amazingly, the house had many of the original furnishings and many of the old textiles. In 2010, it was transferred to the Locust Grove Museum in Poughkeepsie.



Locust Lawn



Circa 1830 Dress (Igny photo)

Being a Hasbrouck house, HFA has great interest in the house's appearance. Several years ago, in cooperation with Locust Grove Museum, we funded the repair of the 'inner roof', a unique design of this mansion. A new project that is in preliminary stages is the repainting of the house exterior. At the writing of this newsletter, painting contractors are submitting proposals.

Ken Snodgrass, Director and Curator for Locust Grove and Locust Lawn reports on an exciting digitization project being started this year. Interns and volunteers have been carefully unpacking and mounting on dress frames more than 250 pieces of clothing dating from the 1830s to the 1930s and photographing them. This is in preparation for an online photo exhibit. Due to the fragility of the textiles, they cannot be exhibited for any length of time. This online presentation will be available for interested persons. To view the progress of this exhibit, visit <https://www.igny.org/womens-clothing>.

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Welcome New HFA Members

The Hasbrouck Family Association is growing! Your membership is helping to sustain the family history and our legacy through the two houses in New Paltz.

Boule, Jamie Ann	Glen Allen, VA
Ellis, Holly	Grimes, IA
Frederickson, Lynda	Canton, GA
Hasbrouck, David O.	Sarasota, FL
Hasbrouck, John III	Fort Worth, TX
Helm, Sandra	Caldwell, NJ
Iddings, Sean	Newfield, NY
Jeffery, Linda	Brookline, MA
Robinson, Catherine	Austin, TX
Rymph, Bradley	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Schmidt, Kristine	Cornwall, NY

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Historic Matthew Hasbrouck House – Convis, MI

Throughout the 1800's, there are countless stories of Americans' wanderlust – traveling westward to frontier states and territories. Matthew Hasbrouck and his bride, Hannah Elting, followed this path. Eventually, they purchased a stone house in Convis Township, located near Battle Creek, Michigan.

Matthew was born on Aug 2, 1814, the third of ten children born to Solomon and Magdalena (Lefevre) Hasbrouck of New Paltz. (Matthew's younger brother Luther, another cross-continent traveler, was featured in the August 2022 issue of the *HFA Journal*.)

As the story goes, Hannah Elting agreed to marry

Matthew on the condition he leave the New Paltz community. Her reason: too much inter-marrying within the family. Hannah and Matthew married in New Paltz on Mar 24, 1838.

Matthew first purchased property in Jefferson, a hamlet in Columbia Township, Jackson County, Michigan, on October 18 and 22, 1839. In 1856, Matthew was riding on the toll-gate road in Convis and knew

his journey had come to an end when he faced a stone house that was a near replica of his ancestral home in New Paltz. On April 6, 1861, he purchased the house along with a 190-acre farm in Marshall, Convis Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. (At the

time of the 1861 purchase, Hasbrouck's also resided in York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.)

The path of this property's ownership had twists and turns. The stone house stands on property purchased in 1835 by Eli Crouch. Crouch, from Saratoga County, New York, never moved to Michigan. Doing no development of the land, likely he bought the property as an investment. Granville and Catherine Stow migrated westward from Onondaga County, New York, purchasing the property from Crouch in 1836, owning it until 1846, during which time they built the house.

According to the National Register of Historic Places,

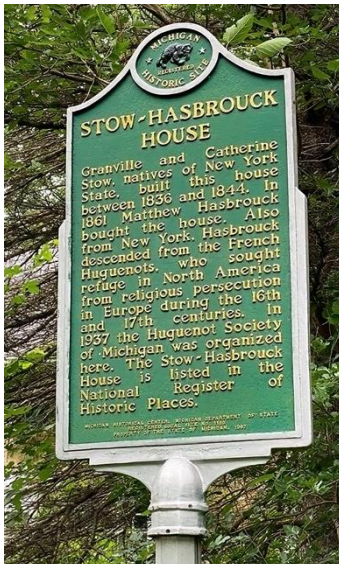


Stow-Hasbrouck House, Convis, Michigan (Wikipedia photo)

in a document dated Dec 2, 1993, the stone house was built between 1837 and 1841. A local informant reported in the National Register of Historic Places application that the stone part of the house was built over a four-year period by Andrew Pettigrew, an itinerant stone mason from New Paltz, New York, and that the ell was added a few years later. The Michigan Historical marker says it was built between 1836 and 1844.

The Stow's sold to Daniel Wood, who was later claimed to be incompetent and the Calhoun County Probate Court appointed David Scott as his guardian. On April 6, 1861, Matthew Hasbrouck purchased Wood's property from David Scott, under authority of the probate court.

Matthew was a farmer and lived in the house until his death on Sept 10, 1883. Hannah, surviving him, eventually moved to Ann Arbor. Their son, Jehu Elting Hasbrouck, lived in the house between 1897 and 1907. Various heirs sold out their shares in the property to Christopher C. Wheeler. The last to sell was Jehu Hasbrouck. Jehu wanted to continue to



farm but found it impossible to do so on his small remaining share of the property and moved Tekonsha, south of Battle Creek, Michigan.

The stone house, reportedly rented to Wheeler-family servants, deteriorated over time, and by 1923 was abandoned. An article in the July 14, 1923 Battle Creek *Enquirer and News* opined that "The old place is now vacant and probably will never have another tenant." However, Minnie Celia Hasbrouck Moran, a daughter of Jehu Elting Hasbrouck, and a friend, Marian Willcox, bought the house. The idea of preserving the house began with this *Enquirer and News* article. When the Hasbrouck family members read the article, they were very upset. Minnie Celia was determined to buy it back and prove the article wrong. She was living in Detroit at the time. It took Minnie Celia several years to persuade Carrie Wheeler, an unmarried daughter of Christopher, to sell the house and yard for old times' sake, love of childhood memories, and the beauty and charm of the place. Finally, in 1925 Carrie agreed to give it up for an exorbitant amount of \$1,000 (\$17,468 today).

Prior to the house being purchased, it was being used as a barn, with the kitchen wing being used as a granary. It was in terrible shape – nearly all of the plaster had fallen off the walls, squirrels had carried nuts into all of the rooms, and the beautiful black walnut shelves in the pantry had been used for firewood.

All the Hasbrouck's pitched in to help to refurbish the house. Minnie Celia Moran and Marian Willcox operated a tearoom and gift shop there, opening about 1928. In 1937, the Huguenot Society of Michigan was organized there.

Minnie Celia later sold to her niece, Rachel Bryant Bushong and her husband Max. They moved into the stone



FAMILY PORTRAITS: Rachel Bushong holds pictures of her great-grandparents, Mathew and Hanah Hasbrouck.
Scott Erakine/
Enquirer

house in 1941. Rachel was the daughter of Katherine Hasbrouck, granddaughter of Jehu. Rachel died at home on Oct 21, 2003.

The last real estate transaction on the house was in 2006. As of this writing, we don't know if the Stow-Hasbrouck House remains in the family. More recent photos of the house indicate that the house is not in good repair. If anyone has any additional information about the current owners, or the history of the house, please let us know.

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A Recipe from *As Our Ancestors Cooked*

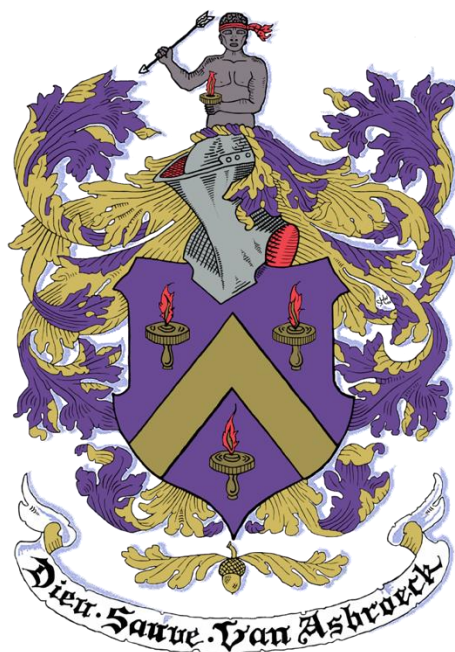
Alice Jackson Hasbrouck collected old recipes from Ulster County, in 1976 publishing them in a book, *As Our Ancestors Cooked*. Reprinted in 1999 by HFA, it is available for purchase from the HFA website and the HHS museum shop.

In rural communities, people were resourceful, wasting very little, as evidenced by this recipe.

Calves' Foot Jelly

Take a set of nicely cleaned calves' feet, put 4 quarts of water on them, boil until they are sufficiently soft and liquid is reduced to a quart, then take it and strain it through a cloth. Then let it stand until cold. Take the fat off clean then melt over agin and before it gets hot add the whites of 3 eggs and the juice of 2 lemons and 1 pint of wine and spice to your taste, let it then boil until the eggs are cooked then strain it through a fine flannel cloth, sweeten it with loaf sugar, 1 lb. to a quart of jelly. Dip the mould in cold water and let it stand.

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Come celebrate with family and friends on October 7, 2023 for the 66th year of the Hasbrouck Family Association.

Festivities start at 9 am and to help encourage you to join the festivities, here is the menu to whet your appetite.

Please sign up online www.hasbrouckfamily.org

**Luncheon Reservations for October 7, 2023, at
1 pm in the Fireside Room in the
Reformed Church Education Building, New Paltz, NY**
(directly, behind the Abraham Hasbrouck House)

Menu: **Slow Braised Short Ribs of Beef**, Vegetable
Pave, Yukon Gold Potato Parsnip Puree,
Tri Color Pine Island Carrots

Roasted French Cut Chicken Breast, Basil Pistou
Farrotto, Tri Color Pine Island Carrots

Pan Seared Salmon Fillet, Confit of Sweet Garlic,
Shallots and Oven Roasted Tomatoes Farrotto,
Pan flashed Broccoli Rabe and Crispy Garlic

Dessert: **Hudson Valley Jenkins & Lukens Apple Crisp**

For Hotel / Motel reservations:

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