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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our annual reunion (October 8) is fast approaching, and a reservation form is enclosed with this newsletter. Note that, for ease of mailing, we have a single, two-sided form for dues/contributions, reservations and proxy voting. Please be sure to fill out both sides of the form. For details on the reunion, see the separate item on this page. 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 \$350 (\$200 for age 65 and older).

On the form we are asking again for special contributions for the Jean Hasbrouck House roof. (See separate item about the house status on page 2 for details). As you'll see on the form, we're also looking to your generosity for contributions to our General Fund (which pays for our activities other than the Abraham House) and our Endowment Fund (the income from which feeds the General Fund). Our General Fund income is still insufficient to fund all the things we should be doing. Please mail back your forms to reach us no later than **September 29**.

With the annual membership cycle starting in October, I'm again asking for your help in recruiting new members for HFA. Ask your relatives to join. Give memberships to your children/grandchildren and help them to develop an interest in their fascinating cultural heritage. Get them to look at our website and participate in our Facebook site. Contact some of our Facebook "friends" and try to interest them in joining HFA; so far, very few of them have done so. The longer-term health of our

organization depends on having younger members enthusiastic about carrying on its objectives as the older ones inevitably fade from the scene.

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

ANNUAL REUNION

Our reunion this year is on Saturday, October 8, in New Paltz. At the reunion we will have registration, continental breakfast and socializing beginning at 9AM in Deyo Hall. At 10AM we will hold our annual business meeting. At 10:45AM we'll proceed to the French Church for our traditional short memorial service. Afterwards we'll visit the Jean and Abraham Houses for an update on what's happening and planned at each one. At 12:45PM we'll meet back at Deyo Hall for a group picture followed by lunch (please make lunch reservations on the enclosed form), a status/outlook report from HHS and a visit to Locust Lawn, the 1814 Federal-style mansion built by Col. Josiah Hasbrouck 3 1/2 miles south of New Paltz on Route 32. Then we invite you to linger on Huguenot Street on your own and visit the exhibits in the Visitor Center at the DuBois Fort and the museum shop there.

If you are visiting Huguenot Street for the first time, we strongly advise you to spend at least one night here because the HFA 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 on Wednesdays.

(Bring your HFA or HHS membership card for free house tours and museum shop discounts.) 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 during the foliage season, and accommodations are already getting scarce for that weekend. New Paltz has three good motels:

America's Best Value Inn (845-255-8865), the closest to Huguenot Street

EconoLodge (845-255-6200)

Rodeway Inn (845-883-7373).

You can also get information on bed & breakfast inns in the area (including a Hasbrouck house in Stone Ridge – see June '08 newsletter) from the Chamber of Commerce (845-255-0243). More lodging is available in nearby Highland, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Kingston.

Mark your calendars for the October 8 reunion and plan to come and find out about your extended family and details of your Huguenot heritage!

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 16 on their mailing label owe dues in arrears at \$20/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 \$350 (\$200 for age 65 and over). If you wish to maintain your membership and feel you cannot afford the dues, please tell us your situation and request a waiver. We especially don't want to abandon long-time members whose current financial condition makes the dues a hardship. HFA

membership includes all the benefits of being an HHS Friend*. If you want to support HHS as a donor (and we encourage it), please consider a gift starting at \$50. You can send them a check at 88 Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY 12561.

*Benefits for Family Association members include free tours, plus 10% Museum Shop discount and community events.

OUR HOUSES

Abraham Hasbrouck House

Remedial work to eliminate the moisture problems in the chimneys has been completed. Plans for external restoration on the north and south walls to reflect the period of interpretation (1760-75) have been approved, and we are requesting bids from contractors for the work. The two lower windows on the south end of the house will be removed and the two attic windows converted to shuttered openings. The two attic windows on the north end of the house will be removed as well, with the two basement openings preserved.

HFA and HHS have reviewed the first phase of Kate Johnson's update of the furnishings plan, and she is now working on the second phase.

Jean Hasbrouck House

HHS has almost reached its \$180,000 goal for funding the urgent project to replace the roof, strengthen its structural supports and change the heating system. The project has been initiated with a structural engineering study. Based on the results, HHS will be able to complete specifications and request bids from contractors. Since this is a Hasbrouck house, our family's level of support sets the tone for others; so please respond generously at this time and help us complete the funding.

Locust Lawn (Josiah Hasbrouck House)

The house is open for drop-in tours on Saturdays from noon to 2PM through mid-October. The cost is \$11 per person, \$10 for

seniors. Group tours may be arranged (call 845-454-4500 and ask for Mr. Snodgrass, the director); and if you're a Hasbrouck descendant coming from a distance, they will make an effort to give you an individual tour. Also, for the first time we'll be going there as the final event in our annual reunion on October 8.

WE LOSE OUR TWO OLDEST MEMBERS

Harriet Hasbrouck, our only known centenarian, died on August 10, three months short of her 102nd birthday. She was very involved in HFA activities for many years and was an officer in the mid-'80s. See her mini-bio in the Feb '11 newsletter and her centennial birthday celebration in the Feb '15 edition.

Joseph O. Hasbrouck died on June 17 in his 100th year. An uncle of HFA Vice President John Delamater, he grew up in Modena, NY, close to New Paltz, and was involved for many years in the family's coal, feed and lumber company before retiring to Florida. In World War II he was a sergeant in the Army Air Corps in the freeing of Western Europe. See his mini-bio in the Sept '15 newsletter. In that article we wondered whether Joseph was our last living WW II veteran. We later spoke with two such vets, who were involved in heavy fighting, but both declined to talk about their wartime experiences.

DIRECTOR NOMINEE

DEREK W. HASBROUCK

I am a tenth-generation descendant of both Abraham and Jean, and reside in Saratoga Springs, NY. I am a divorced father of two, living the challenges of being a single parent (albeit every other week in my case). I was born in Sharon, CT and raised in Millbrook, New York. My parents, William (Bill) and Mary, settled in Millbrook in 1956, and raised my brother Lawrence (Larry) and me there.

I grew up on a 6 acre plot bordered on two sides by small dairy farms and by a 10,000 acre forest across the street. Dad's horticultural



Derek Hasbrouck

background, coupled with his nights and weekend time, turned four of the acres into a "choose and cut" Christmas tree farm, so my childhood was filled with Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce, and Scots Pine. I grew up planting seedlings each April, shearing trees in June and July, and harvesting about 300 trees a year in December. "W M HasBrouck Xmas Trees", as the sign read, was blessed with very loyal customers, multiple generations in many cases, from the local area as well as Westchester, NYC, and Long Island.

Ray HasBrouck, the steam engine designer featured in this issue of HFA, was Bill's brother. Our families' Christmas Day tradition was to alternate between Ray's house in New Paltz and ours in Millbrook, so every other year I had the opportunity to see Ray's latest creations from his basement drawing board and machine shop. I proudly display one of Ray's steam engines in my living room today!

Despite having such a talented engineer, designer, and machinist as Ray for an uncle (and godfather), I went to college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to study engineering without really knowing what an engineer did! I chose electrical engineering because my brother was an electrical contractor, but I did not really know what I was getting into. Thank goodness I played football there, since without

that more physical outlet, I am not sure I would have made it through.

Following graduation I was hired by Jones & Laughlin Steel Company in Aliquippa, PA to work on upgrades to a huge steel mill. While I got to do very fun things like putting remote controls on full size locomotives and installing very early microprocessor controls for oxygen lances in steel furnaces, the steel industry was dying. In a cost reduction exercise, I was laid off less than a year into my career.

Fortunately, I was able to re-connect with an executive at Florida Power & Light who had offered me a job out of school, and he was willing to extend that offer again. Florida in the early '80s was growing like gangbusters, and FP&L grew with it. For a young engineer, that provided me with great opportunities to learn, develop, and grow at a tremendously fast rate. In about four years I moved through five or six jobs and gained a wonderful understanding of the electric utility business.

In south Florida I started an MBA program at night at Florida Atlantic University. I found that I very much liked the subject matter, but that I was not learning all I could in taking courses at night. While I really liked my career, I decided that if a top-tier business school would take me, I would take a break and go back to school full time. Northwestern University's Kellogg School was crazy enough to accept me, so I took them up on their offer and received an MBA from there two years later. Those two years in Evanston propelled my life forward in so many ways!

Professionally, I discovered a career called management consulting, which is essentially providing management analysis and advice to major corporations and governments. I was able to get a summer internship with a management consulting firm that specialized in serving the electric power industry, and I have been blessed to do this ever since. I was able to blend a solid understanding of the utility business with advanced financial management thinking to serve a set of industry clients throughout North America and across the world.

After a couple of corporate mergers to grow our firm internationally, I am now a partner in the Energy and Utilities Practice of PA Consulting Group, a London-based consultancy. We provide innovation and consulting services to utilities, investors, public policy makers and energy users to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the energy sector. We have helped chart Hawaii's path toward 100% renewable electricity sources by 2045, have advised bondholders on Puerto Rico's path to affordable electricity, and are providing thought leadership for New York State's Reforming Energy Vision (REV) efforts.

Personally, Kellogg also introduced me to Patricia Goodrich, the mother of my two children. Drew is a senior at Northeastern University studying electrical engineering and has twice been awarded an HHS scholarship. He is interested in electric power engineering and has already worked in the field, having completed six month work assignments with both an architect-engineering firm in Boston and with GE Energy Financial Systems. He is an avid hockey player, playing club hockey at Northeastern after his team won the New York State High School Championship while he was at Saratoga Springs High School.

Zoe is a junior at Saratoga Springs High School. She is a talented student and is currently conducting scientific research on false memories as part of her high school curricula. Outside of school she is an avid rower with the Saratoga Rowing Association (SRA). As I write this, I am spectating at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, which is a week in early August of very high caliber high school and collegiate racing in St. Catherine, Ontario. Zoe has had a wonderful week, with her boats winning three event finals. After this week, her competitive focus will shift to the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston this October.

Tracing the recent portions of my family lineage, my father Bill was one of six siblings, all born and raised in New Paltz, NY by Raymond Morton and Grace Ferris HasBrouck. Raymond was a florist in New Paltz, with a home, greenhouses and nursery in the middle

of what is now the New Paltz exit of the New York State Thruway. His house was moved several hundred feet east to enable road construction after WWII. Raymond relocated and downsized in his later years by buying a small farm off South Ohioville Rd. and starting what came to be a family sub-division on Brouck-Ferris Blvd and Grace Avenue. Pretty catchy street names! Bill's sister Grace and brothers Ray (see Steamy HasBrouck in this issue) and Forrest each built houses there.

Bill initially worked with his father in the florist business after high school before venturing to Stone Ridge to manage a fruit orchard. After service as a combat infantryman in Italy, he returned home, with a few shell fragments embedded in him, and joined the NYS Soil Conservation Service in Otsego County. In 1956, he transferred to the US Department of Agriculture in Dutchess County, retiring from the USDA in 1978 as District Director for the eastern third of New York State.

My mother, Mary, was born in Stone Ridge, NY, the daughter of George Bloom and Matilda Hasbrouck, an 8th generation descendant of Jean. While the family ties on this side of my family are much less clear to me, since Matilda died when Mary was four, Mary was also a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the baby born onboard the Mayflower. So my immigrant ancestors did seem to come to America early!

Mary was a graduate of Kingston High School and received BA and MA degrees in Elementary Education from the State University of New York at New Paltz. She started her teaching career in a series of one-room school houses in Ulster County, taught in Otego after WWII and then taught a generation of 4th grade students in Millbrook.

In memory of Mary's lifelong commitment to education and Bill's life-long commitment to agriculture and conservation, as well as his unfulfilled dream of attending Cornell University, Larry and I created the William and Mary HasBrouck Scholarship, which annually awards a scholarship to a Millbrook High School

graduating senior who is pursuing a career in agriculture, education, or the environment.

And just why does my family spell HasBrouck with a capital B? Our family lore traces the capital B to my great grandfather, Milton Bevier HasBrouck. He was a resident of the New Paltz area and apparently had a tough time getting mail delivered to him. I am not sure which other extended family member was getting Milton's mail, but his solution was to differentiate his name by capitalizing the B. This innovation seems to have worked, and it has continued for four generations. I guess Milton came from the "John Hancock" school of signatures!

A STEAMY SIDE TO THIS HASBROUCK



Ray displaying his engines at a show
SS Xantho in foreground

Several months ago Donna Hasbrouck spotted an item of family interest on eBay. It was a set of plans for a 2-cylinder marine steam engine, created by R.F. HasBrouck with a New Paltz address in 1979. Based on the address, we found him in our database: Raymond Francis HasBrouck (1921-2009), a 9th-generation descendant of Abraham, who called New Paltz his home for his entire life although he did not stay there all the time. From his son, Brian, we got enough additional information to bring you some details of his interesting life.

Ray was one of six children of Raymond Morton HasBrouck and Grace Ferris HasBrouck. His father owned and operated the New Paltz Florist for many years. Ray demonstrated an early knack for building things.

When he was 14, his father set up a workshop for him, complete with workbench, vice and hand tools. He became adept at bicycle repair and later in maintenance/repairs on his 1932 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and the family car.



Ray as a teen

Ray's first adventure came at the age of 20, when he rode his motorcycle on a solo trip to the Grand Canyon and Salt Lake City, covering 6,000 miles through 14 states in 22 days and recording it with photos and a journal. He maintained a life-long devotion to motorcycles and was still riding a 3-wheeled version until a month before he died (see photo).

In 1942 he joined the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy as an engineering cadet. The curriculum included Naval Science and Marine Engineering plus six months at sea. In December 1943 he graduated at the top of his section and was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. But he chose an option for the Merchant Marine instead, and with the rank of lieutenant, he was responsible for boilers on 5 Liberty (cargo) ships in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II. Although these ships were prime targets for German submarines, Ray's luck held on all his ships, which completed their voyages successfully. He signed off his last ship in April 1946 and returned to civilian life in

New Paltz. Ray worked in the family florist/nursery business for two years and then landed a job as a design engineer with IBM. It worked out so well that he spent 35 years there until his retirement in 1983. Depending on the need for his design skills, he worked at IBM's multiple facilities in the local area and also helped start up an operation in Boulder, Colorado.

Ray's early exposure in steam technology left him fascinated with this field, particularly marine applications, and led to a life-long hobby of designing and building model steam engines. These included small-scale replicas of several well-known historic ships: John Steven's *Little Juliana* (1804), the Navy's first screw-propeller steamship *Princeton* (1843), the Union's first iron-clad Civil War gunboat *Monitor* (1862) and the 2-cylinder, double-acting trunk engine of the SS *Xantho*(1861).

Ray pointed out that, although Robert Fulton's *Clermont* (1807) is usually credited as the first steamboat on the Hudson River, Steven's *Little Juliana* was already there in 1804. Its original engine, the oldest marine engine in the USA, is on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. Ray clarified this situation by confirming that the *Clermont* was the first commercially successful steamboat. With his political connections Fulton obtained a patent monopoly for Hudson River steam transportation that lasted for fifteen years before being declared unconstitutional.

Replicating the *Monitor's* engine posed a major challenge for Ray since there was little documentation readily available about it. But with a 500-hour effort over two years, most of it spent in persistent research, Ray produced an accurate working model of the engine, which can run on compressed air or live steam. It was the first working replica ever made of this engine.

All together, Ray built at least 30 engine models. In 1984 he decided to put one of his engines in a steam launch and built the 16 ft. aluminum-hulled Tinkertoy, with which he participated the following year in the Great

International Steamboat Festival in Kingston, Ontario. Ray and his wife, Annie, enjoyed the Tinkertoy for years and sailed it on many lakes and rivers in the Northeast. Although originally designed with a screw propeller at the stern, Ray later transformed it into a paddle-wheeler (see photo), doing the redesign and conversion himself.



Ray with Tinkertoy in paddle-wheeler mode

Ray traveled regularly with other modeling and engineering enthusiasts as he continued to create and exhibit additional engines. He even designed and built a steam-powered bicycle. Ray also set up a business to sell the plans for his engines. It was run for enjoyment rather than profit. The prices charged barely covered the costs of the operation, but it gave him great satisfaction to see his designs actually powering steam launches. Seeking feedback on his business, he offered a \$2 rebate to customers who would send him a photo of the engines they built from his plans. Over time the responses filled three photo albums! In 2013 a book was published about Ray and his engines: *The Steam Engines of Ray HasBrouck*. You can find it on Amazon.com.

Steam even had a place in Ray's love life. He met his future wife, Annie, on a steamboat taking a Sunday school group to a picnic at Indian Point, near Poughkeepsie. They were married in February 1945 while Ray was still on active duty and often at sea. The wedding required a determined effort. The

ceremony at the New Paltz United Methodist Church took place during one of the fiercest area blizzards on record. But beyond its snowy start, the marriage became a long-term success story, including a daughter, Karen, in 1949, and son, Brian, in 1953.

It's hardly surprising that Ray's fascination with things mechanical also led him to involvement with flying. Aviation made great strides during World War II, and its aftermath left a large number of light planes inexpensively available as new technology accelerated obsolescence. In the '50s Ray seized the opportunity to acquire a single-engine Aeronca Chief at a bargain price. He took professional instruction and obtained a private pilot's license and an instrument rating. He used the plane for fun and relaxation, doing mostly circuits within 100 miles or so, hopping to nearby airports, enjoying the takeoffs and landings and taking in the beautiful scenery of the area.

As a life-long New Paltz resident, Ray was active in local affairs in addition to his other interests. He served on both the town zoning and planning boards of New Paltz as well as the board of trustees of the Elting Memorial Library. And he was a life-long lay leader of the New Paltz United Methodist Church.



Ray and Annie on their 50th anniversary

In his later years Ray had a considerable burden to bear as Annie – his self-described "soul mate" -- was stricken with Alzheimer's disease. He cared for her at home for several years and then visited her daily in Montgomery

Nursing Home for nearly eleven years until her death in 2006. He proudly used his life savings to finance every bit of her care.

After Annie's death Ray continued to live in the house they had occupied since 1962 – a house Ray had designed and built himself. Although his energy level was declining with advancing age, he took pride in maintaining his property and staying as active as his condition would allow. That continued almost to the end. He finally succumbed to congestive heart failure in December 2009. In the words of the obituary written jointly by his son and daughter, "Ray was a diverse and uniquely intelligent individual whose integrity and commitment has given his surviving friends and family powerful memories of a fine man."



Ray on his Can-Am Spyder "trike"

COAT OF ARMS ITEMS AND OTHERS AVAILABLE ONLINE – EXCELLENT FOR GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS AND ANY OTHER TIME

Our internet users can now obtain a number of attractive items decorated with the Hasbrouck coat of arms. Items currently available include tiles, mugs, magnets, badges, note/greeting cards, a keepsake box, a golf shirt, several types of tee shirts, a tote bag and several jewelry items. See and order these items [online at www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily](http://www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily). You can also see the full line of CafePress products at www.cafepress.com. If you see another item there that you'd like to have decorated with our coat of arms, let us know, and we can probably arrange it. Other items (including a 11"x17"

coat of arms print with or without framing and various Huguenot crosses) are available at the HHS Museum Shop and can also be ordered by phone (845-255-1889) or online (see www.huguenotstreet.org: click on SHOP). See also publications available directly from HFA on our website (click on HFA Store).

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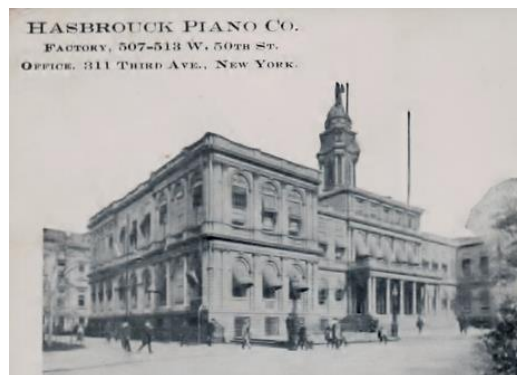
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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Keith Freeman, Redmond, OR
Cheryl Monaghan, Waverly, IA

WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS' DEATHS

Donald H. Hasbrouck, Wallingford, CT
Eugenia Hasbrouck, Highland, NY
Harriet M. Hasbrouck, Nyack, NY
Joseph O. Hasbrouck, Leesburg, FL



We wrote about the Hasbrouck piano in our September 2013 newsletter. Donna Hasbrouck found this postcard view of the factory in Manhattan where they were built between 1886 and 1912. A few still survive today.