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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Present Owner  
and Occupant: The Huguenot Historical Society, New Paltz, Inc.  
P.O. Box 473-A, New Paltz, New York.

Present Use: Opened on July 5, 1955, as a museum, library, and  
genealogical headquarters. (Original use: Residence  
on a 450 acre plantation).

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This large, early nineteenth century house was a  
residence for the Hasbrouck family which descended  
from patentees of the New Paltz region and has  
been prominent in the history of that region.

## PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners:
  - a. Colonel Josiah Hasbrouck to 1821
  - b. Mr. Levi Hasbrouck, heir and son
  - c. Josiah Hasbrouck (1815-1884), son of Levi
  - d. Mrs. Laura T. Varick, sister of Josiah, purchased house after brother's death in 1884.
  - e. Mr. Hasbrouck Innis and Mrs. William Young, nephew and niece of Mrs. Varick inherited house in 1925.
  - f. Mr. Innis I. Young and Miss Annette I. Young, children of Mrs. William Young.
  - g. Huguenot Historic Society (gift from Miss Annette Young, 1958).
2. Date of erection: 1814.
3. Architect: Not ascertained. Allegedly designed three other houses in the area.

4. Notes on alterations and additions: Present front stoop not original. The steps giving direct access to the cellar from the exterior are not original. Chimney in rear kitchen wing altered, but the extent of alterations is not known.
5. Important old views: One old view, taken from the southwest, partly shows the original porch.
6. Sources of information: County Atlas of Ulster, New York, (New York: Walker & Jowett Publishers, 1875), plates 94, 97.

"Towns of Southeastern Ulster County Welcome You, 1959,"  
(Brochure by Kenneth Hasbrouck, Huguenot Historical Society).

- B. Historical Events Connected with Structure: The first owner, Colonel Josiah Hasbrouck, was a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War. He became a colonel in the Ulster County Militia. Before 1800, he served for one term in the House of Representatives, and subsequently, for two terms. He took part in the House vote which failed to censure President Andrew Jackson by one vote. The house was built while he was a member of Congress. In 1816, Colonel Hasbrouck bought the stone house adjoining the mansion. This house, built by Evert Terwillinger in 1738, was used as a trading post and tavern. The plantation was almost completely self-sustaining and the smokehouse, corn crib, tool forge, and barns are still usable. The accounts for the operation of the plantation reveal that there were at least twelve slaves and five tenant farmers whose houses still stand; three made of stone and two of wood.
- C. Likely Sources Not **Yet** Investigated: Mr. Kenneth Hasbrouck has the family papers which he is investigating. These papers might reveal who the architect was, and the original cost, contractors, etc.

## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement
  1. Architectural character: This is a large frame house, built in 1814, whose design was supposedly influenced by houses seen by Colonel Hasbrouck while serving in the House of Representatives around Washington, D. C. and Virginia.
  2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Rectangular main house, kitchen wing. Main house: 34'-7-1/4" x 46'-8", two-and-a-half stories, cellar, attic. Kitchen wing: 21'-11-3/4" x 23'-5-1/4".
2. Foundations: 1'-6" masonry wall with reddish-brown cement finish.
3. Wall construction: (9" overall) wood frame. Wood siding, flush smooth finish on main facade. Wood siding overlapping, 6" to 9" exposure on all other walls of side and rear.
4. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: Front porch: Wood platform not original, extends across front center portion. Original stoop extended only in front of arched doorway, with wood steps and wood railing.
5. Chimneys: Four brick chimneys in main house; one stone and brick chimney at rear kitchen wing (brick may not be original as evidenced by stonework with bricked-up opening).
6. Openings:
  - a. Doors and doorways: Front door: Five-panel "Dutch" door with two windows on either side of doorway; each side light with a paneled blind; arch over doorway filled with wood siding, wood cornice, molded. Rear door: Five-panel door, side pilasters and cornice in wood, molded.
  - b. Windows and shutters: First floor: Twelve light, double hung windows with solid panel shutters. Second floor: Twelve light, double hung windows with louvered shutters. Front attic: Six light, fixed windows with louvered shutters.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof over raised central section, shed roofs on both sides, wood shingles.
  - b. Cornice: Molded wood cornice.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Main floor: Central hall through main house with doors to three rooms, and stairway to second

floor. Service hallway links kitchen wing to dining room and access to fourth room. Second floor: Center hall through, two rooms on each side.

2. Stairways: Main stairway in center hall, wood construction. Flight to attic now enclosed.
3. Flooring: Wood flooring throughout, irregular widths.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Gray, marbled plaster in center hall. All other rooms plaster, with wallpaper. Ceiling finish: White plaster.
5. Doors: Five-panel doors.
6. Trim: Molded trim uniform all around door.
7. Heating: Fireplace in each room plus hole in first floor ceiling to allow heat to flow from dining room to bedroom upstairs. Modern central heat for kitchen wing only (occupied by keeper).

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: Main facade and entrance face west. Farm outbuildings, barns, tool forge, smokehouse at the rear.
2. Enclosures: Wood fence directly in front and around house mostly gone. A ruined gate is the only remains of a rubble stone wall.
3. Walks, driveways, etc.: Stone paving for walk from street to front entrance. Dirt driveway on south side of building to rear buildings.

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