First timers Jim Deyo, Wilmington, DE and his niece Carrie Guthrie of PA focus on information presented at Annual Reunion Meeting September 7, 2019.

Liselle LaFrance, HHS Executive Director, was the first item on the DFA annual Meeting agenda on September 7, 2019. Excerpts from her report follow:

“I’ve been at HHS for just about a year and a half now. As I mentioned to you last year, strategic, master, and interpretive planning were all priorities, and I’m happy to report that we’ve made significant progress on both strategic planning and a master site plan.”

The strategic planning process began with a Board/staff retreat, and included several community focus groups. A planning committee comprised of board and staff was formed and worked over the course of several months, developing an effective Strategic Plan framework that will guide us through the next three years. In December 2018, the Board approved the following new mission:

“Preserve a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engage diverse audiences in the exploration of America’s First timers.”

Business meeting presentations are shared with Jinai Amos, new DFA Historian, Bruce McWilliams, Secretary Debbie Stack, and Treasurer David Lent.

After a tour of the Deyo House, we pose on the porte cochere for this picture.

JoAnn leads a memorial service in the French Church.

Len Tantillo presents first of series paintings p. 10

Going green will bring color to your life! p. 11
Finding My Way Home to Cure a Legacy

It’s late summer. The busy season at work has ended and I have been looking forward to this trip for months now. It’s been seven years since I drove these winding roads, admired these rolling green hills, and walked these somewhat familiar streets. I returned to the place my American settler ancestors called home. I came for a week to reconnect with history I am so familiar with, participate in my first Deyo Family Association Annual Reunion, and attend a summit where other Huguenot descendants and historians will convene to ponder and discuss how to preserve the last remaining physical site of this unique colonial American History.

Upstate NY Winding Road

I’ve made this journey again to reconnect more tangibly with my heritage and explore how the legacy of my settler ancestors can be cured. “Cure” is a term used to preserve organic elements like wood. On this trip I learned that colonial Huguenots were considered one of the most literate and skilled craftspeople of the new American colonies. In this area, with its abundance of trees, woodworking was one of the crafts instituted in this region. Just like curing wood, curing the legacy of my ancestors is needed so that it doesn’t wither away but is instead treated and fortified so that it can continue to withstand the erosion that time often brings.

Banister Detail from Deyo House

In my own way, I want to be a part of what maintains and sustains my family’s legacy. That is why I have come “home” this week. The first step, meeting family! My Deyo “cousin” JoAnn and her husband Bill Dourdis graciously opened their home to me while I am in town. I was excited to meet them and to discover the subtle similarities that may exist among distant relatives. If you read my article in the last newsletter, I briefly touched on the concept of whether or not physical traits, mannerisms, and characteristics could be passed down from generation to generation. Well, with the warm welcome, gregarious interactions, views of similar nose profiles, observation of engaged and active lifestyles, and witnessing strong senses of self, I’d say my surmising seems to have been on point. JoAnn and I at the Eveready Diner

I attended our annual board meeting and reunion. These events gave me an opportunity to meet more Deyo “cousins” and learn more about some family histories from other Deyo lineages. We started the day with our annual board meeting where Liselle LeFrance, Huguenot Historic Street (HHS) Executive Director, provided us with an update on HHS projects and initiatives and moved on to DFA board meeting business. After the meeting Shane Stuart, HHS Annual Giving Manager, led the group on a tour of HHS including the Deyo House. After the tour, all attendees enjoyed a wine tasting, individual wood-fired pizzas, live music, and amicable conversations at Robibero Winery. JoAnn, Bill and I finished the day with a lovely dinner and engaging dialogue about the future of HHS and DFA while overlooking the Hudson River at Shadows on the Hudson.

The second step to curing a legacy was to experience the land, sites, and spirit of the region where my ancestors settled and made their new ancestral home. Sunday I had all to myself and attended Sunday morning service at the Reformed Church of New Paltz. The service was very congregation-friendly and the sermon engaging as its theme squarely fit into my personal theme “transformative journeys.” Pastors Mark Mast and Becky Town were seamless in their shared delivery. The service also included delightful interactions with congregation members and a reading of the first Psalm translated from Latin to French, PSALM 46. After church I took the day to explore. My first stop was Kettleborough Cider House at Dressel Farms. Making my way to the farm and Cider house was a delightful drive through the valley and the cool cider tasting was refreshing as the midday sun had begun to heat the pastoral landscape to 90°. After my tasting, I met Tim Dressel and talked about the backstory of the creation of the Cider House’s Huguenot Cider. Another local agriculturalist heard that Tim was making cider. He offered Tim several heirloom varieties of apple trees not good for much else other than cider making. Tim enthusiastically accepted these trees and grew them to maturity. He experimented with them and in 2017 the first vintage of Huguenot Cider was bottled. The cider has a depth of flavor that isn’t dazzled by effervescence or a heavy sweetness usually savored in modern ciders. I’d say it represents the Huguenot spirit well. I packed my car with a case of Huguenot Cider to gift to family and continued on my journey.

Tim Dressel of Kettleborough Cider House at Dressel Farms

At SUNY New Paltz I explored the campus and tracked down the former Deyo Hall (now renamed Awosting Hall). After a year and a half of research, community assessments, and leadership conversations, the university renamed several residence halls originally named for some of the New Paltz Patente families. This was done to repatriate the buildings to places, people, and things that hold more cultural humility for the region rather than have them remain named for Patentees who owned slaves. This unique campus tour helped me continue to have the internal dialogue about what it feels like to be a descendant of slave owners. I highly recommend reading or listening to the NY Times’ series “The 1619 Project,” which re-examines the legacy of slavery in America as well as the time to experience and reflect on the emotions this part of history and the human experience can create.

From campus I drove to Accord and Kerhonkson to visit family sites and final see HISTORY on page 6
AN OPEN LETTER TO DEYO MEMBERSHIP

The DFA recently received notice that one of our members had remembered the Deyo Family Association in his will for which we are very thankful.

It reminded me that there have been several changes in my family and my circumstances have changed since I last updated my will, and I really need to take the time to do it and you do too—especially if you don’t have a will. You have put it off because there is always time.

If you read the obituaries in your local paper and notice the age of those who have died, maybe you should think again. I was the executor for a family friend a few years ago, and I found out that one of those mentioned in the will had died. Knowing my friend, I know she would have made changes, but the friend didn’t and there was nothing I could do.

Or maybe, like me, there have been family changes, or your attorney retired, and while you know who now would handle your will, who haven’t discussed it with them, or maybe you just want to change it. You’ve thought about it, but you have just put it off.

If you haven’t looked at it in five years, sit down this week and do it. Then make notes and set up an appointment with your attorney. This will force you to consider if you want any changes.

I also hope that you, like our recently departed member, will consider our Deyo Family Association.

Dave Lent
DFA Treasurer/Membership Chair

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Types of Memberships

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Membership bonus incentives:

◆ Historical Huguenot Street friend/membership included and use of the HHS library.
◆ Free guided tour of the Deyo Homestead when you visit Huguenot Street by appointment; and Gift Shop 10% discount.

Have you done your DNA? Join our DNA Project.

https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/newpaltz
Deyo Family Association http://www.thedeyofamily.org/
Facebook (DFA) Deyo Family Association

DFA Quarterly Membership Report

2019 Membership Statement as of June 22, 2019:
- 212 - Active (165 paying as follows)
  - 118 - DFA Individual
  - 40 - DFA Household
  - 40 - Deyo Life
  - 6 - HHS Life/Deyo Individual
  - 1 - Dual FA
  - 6 - Comps

2018 Membership Payments Statement
- 6 - Behind 2 yrs. (2016)
- 17 - Behind 1 yr. (2017)
- 136 - Paid 2018 dues
- 4 - Paid 2019 dues

2018 New Members—10/8/17 to current
- Elizabeth Lyle—Mission Viejo, CA (new Life Member)
- Michelle Deyo—Margarita, CA
- Janice Keeffe—Rochester, NH (new HHS Life member)

2018 Missing / Deceased Members / Other – 10/08/2017 to current
- None reported

DFA Newsletter 2019-20 Deadlines

DFA newsletter deadlines are the first of the month prior to DFA Executive Board meetings for the following month’s publications of February, May, August, and November.

All DFA Executive Board meetings are at 10:00 a.m.:**
Feb. 17, 2019 at Lent’s house,
June 22, 2019 at Dourdis’ house,
Sept. 7 Annual Reunion at HHS
Jan. 18, 2020 at Lent’s house
May 18, 2020 at Dourdis’ house
Sept., 2020 Annual Reunion

Newsletter process:
Editor receives articles, types, prints, lays out sample newspaper submitted to DFA Executive Board for approval at quarterly meeting.

Corrections are made, sent to printer, labeled, tabbed, stamped, and mailed. Email subscribers get a PDF in color and sometimes with extra pages. Help us go green.
Member upset by SUNY NP name change of dorms

Editor’s Note:
I attended original discussion groups dating back to January, 2019. Howland’s article appeared in March about the proposal to change the dorm names.
Sanford E. Deyo, of Minden, Nevada, wrote a Letter to the (DFA) Editor about articles printed in the Poughkeepsie Journal and the DFA newsletter. He is referring to the DFA newsletter Summer Edition, June 2019.
My DFA address for any subsequent letters to the editor is williamdourdiss@gmail.com.
Jack Howland writes for the Poughkeepsie Journal and the USA TODAY NETWORK.
DFA His reference and contact information is jhowland@poughkeepsiejournal.com; 845-437-4870; Twitter: @jhowl04.
Printed Friday, 03/22/19.

Mr. Howland,
I have read your article regarding the changing of the names on the New Paltz campus and have the following comments.
First, yes, there were descendants of a founding family that were slave owners; however, did the decision makers ever consider that most of the descendants of that family were not slave owners? These descendants, and possibly even the slave owners, probably fought on the side of the North.
Secondly, the buildings in question were named after families that settled and formed a community they named New Paltz. By the rationale used in deleting the family names on the buildings, shouldn't the name of New Paltz be changed? It was some of the descendants of these families that were slave owners.

Slavery in North America was not wide spread as the majority of it was in the South where tobacco and cotton were the "money crops."
Currently most "white" Americans’ descendants acknowledge slavery, while not universally accepted, existed and was wrong. Very few descendants of the Africans and Hispanics that were involved in the slave trade will acknowledge any involvement in the practice.
I believe this failure to acknowledge their involvement is an injustice, and that until all parties involved acknowledge their involvement, there will be conflict between them.
Sanford E. Deyo
Minden, NV

In closing, slavery existed throughout most of the world prior to the 1500’s. In Africa, Central African tribes raided other tribes and took captives as slaves. Coastal Africans went to Central Africa, and often with the aid of locals, took captives to sell in their slave markets.
After Columbus's voyage of 1492, many Hispanics traveled to the areas of the Caribbean, Central and South America. They used the local natives as their labor force. Unfortunately, the Hispanics and others brought diseases that greatly decimated most of the native population.
This need for laborers for their plantations, mining operations, etc., led to the beginning of the slavery of Africans in the Americas. This practice existed for about 100 years before the start of most colonies in North America.
Deyo, Bruce  
1929 - 2018

LARGO, FL--Bruce Deyo, 89, died peacefully Oct. 30, 2018 with his wife of 67 years, Beverly, at his side.

Bruce is also survived by daughters, Pamela Olzma, Carolyn Deyo, and Marianne Tisch; grandchildren, Blair Lumpkin, Kathryn Stanley, and John Stanley. Predeceased by grandson Jonathan Lumpkin.

Born in Detroit to Gladys and Harry N. Deyo, Bruce attended Michigan State and received a BSME degree. Working first for the Bureau of Ships in the Navy Department in Washington D.C., he later worked in Wisconsin and Ohio for Bucyrus-Erie, Marion Power Shovel, and space shuttle transports. Bruce traveled professionally around the world, bringing home exotic gifts for his family, though his safe return was the most cherished.

Bruce enjoyed treasure hunting on the beach, taking RV road trips with his wife, and renovating an old stone farmhouse in Powell, Ohio, their home for over 30 years.

He will be remembered as intelligent, patient, kind, and loyal.

A memorial service on Wed., Nov. 21, at 2 pm will be at Church of the Ascension in Clearwater, FL.

Published in The Columbus Dispatch on Nov. 11, 2018.

Benjamin P. Roosa, Jr.

in Beacon, NY in 1957 and later joined by his daughter, Elizabeth. They continue to operate “Roosa & Roosa,” family owned and operated since 1927.

He was involved in the community and in his Church. Raised in First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, he served as Board of Trustees President; Board Member of Dutchess County American Cancer Society; President of Beacon Branch of Salvation Army; Board Member of YMCA; Member of Consistory of Hopewell Reformed Church and Chairman of its Investment Committee for many years. For ten years, Ben sponsored the American Cancer Society Duck Derby in memory of his late wife, Betty.

Interested in politics, he served on Dutchess County Legislature for Town of East Fishkill and as New York State Assemblyman for the 100th District. During his time in the Assembly, Ben sponsored legislation (later signed by Governor Rockefeller) to create the Environmental Center at Stonykill and was also awarded the American Civil Liberties Freshman of the Year designation. He also served many years on the East Fishkill Republican Committee.

Always interested in preserving the past, he was a member of Beacon Historical Society, Huguenot Historical Society, and Fishkill and East Fishkill Historical Societies. He also was a member of Beacon Lodge 283 of Free and Accepted Masons, Deyo Family Association of Huguenot Society, Hopewell Reformed Church, New York State and Dutchess County Bar Associations and Republican Club of Town of East Fishkill.

In 1958, he married fellow Beaconite, Elizabeth (Betty) Haeberlin, who predeceased him in 1990. He later married Barbara Brown Cowell whom he had known in college, who also predeceased him. For the last many years, he has shared his life with Judith Phillips, a wonderful partner who provided him with much sunshine in the twilight years of his life.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Betsy) Roosa and husband, Michael Schwartz of New Hamburg, NY; Nancy R. Hilscher and husband, J. Theodore Hilscher of Hannacroix, NY; Benjamin P. Roosa III and wife, Connie of Acworth, Georgia; and Robert Roosa of Carmel, NY; his stepdaughter, Lynn Allton and husband, Peter of SC; his stepson, Lee Cowell and wife Sharon of Apex, NC; grandchildren, John T. (Jack) Hilscher, IV, Cole H. Hilscher, Alex Roosa and Elizabeth (Libbie) Roosa; sisters-in-law Dr. Rita Palmer and Laine Lea; brother-in-law Richard Brown; and step-grandsons, Jeremy Davis of Acworth, GA and Austin Davis of Kennesaw, GA. A period of remembrance was held Sun., Sept. 1, 2019, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Jct., NY. Memorial services took place at Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, Hopewell Jct., NY on Mon., Sept. 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to Cardinal Hayes Home for Children, P.O. Box CH, St. Joseph’s Drive, Millbrook, NY 12546, Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY 12508, or any charity of one’s choosing.

Please visit Ben’s Book of Memories at www.mchoufuneralhome.com. [JoAnn and Bill Dourdis represented the DFA during calling hours for Ben.]
...HISTORY

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Former Hasbrouck Complex, SUNY NP

resting places (Pinebush Cemetery and Accord Cemetery). The last time I was in the area and stopped at Pinebush Cemetery, I was left disappointed as I was unable to locate the graves of my Grandmother (Marjorie Scheurman) and Aunt (Denise Scheurman). However, pre-trip planning armed me with a map with an “X” marking the spot. I found their graves without much difficulty. As I sat at their graves, I called my Aunt Joy who had provided me with the map along with accompanying directions and family stories. She had just arrived home from the store. Sitting in her car, we shared a memorable FaceTime guided virtual tour of the cemetery and local and familial historic sites.

As I walked or drove, Aunt Joy peered out the phone screen to direct and guide me. There was a Deyo Hill, a countryside overlook, and Bucky’s Pizza (3 Samsonville Rd.), a food truck now owned and operated by yet another Deyo “cousin” Jonathan who continues the family restaurant business. There was the group home Pet had lived in later in life when her care became unmanageable for Great Great Grandma and the old schoolhouse Great Grandma Fannie attended, now a municipal building. As the road began to curve, I came directly upon the facade of family homes of Marcia Burger (Great Great Grandma) and Mervin and Theron Deyo (legendary bachelor brothers who held many a square dance at their home). The houses are now dilapidated but I was thankful to visit them before they no longer stand. Behind the Burger homestead is a rustic outdoor farm machinery museum a neighbor established made up of abandoned machines once used to work the Deyo Family Farm.

As Aunt Joy and I settled our adrenaline levels on the way home, she directed me to historic sites where Great Grandpa William (Fannie’s husband) had grown up in Accord, just off Ulster County Rd. 27. We drove through the old town, passed the Accord Museum where the story and artifacts of a family member who had been a doctor are preserved, and the Accord Cemetery where many of Fannie’s in-laws were laid to rest.

The next day I took a hike up to Mohonk Mountain House as one of the trail heads leading to the House was just around the bend from where I stayed for the next few days. The trail was called “The Undivided Lot.” I chuckled as the allegorical nature of the trail name did not escape me. Huguenot ancestors were an Undivided Lot. They successfully mass immigrated around the world to preserve their faith, family, and traditions. The hike to the House took twice as long as anticipated but was worth it and I wasn’t alone; a falcon, two deer, three foxes, and a murder of crows were my forest companions. Views of the mountain lake region were breathtaking. I only wished I had brought my swimsuit to cool off in the cool waters of Mohonk Lake.

I called JoAnn to check in as we had set plans to sightsee later that day if our schedules allowed. I was on top of the mountain and didn’t think I would be able to sightsee that day. In her gracious way she replied that was just fine. She was happy I was enjoying the hike and encouraged me to explore and appreciate “the land that our ancestors fell in love with.” And that I did! After a brief snack break, I trekked up to the observation tower.

Overlook view of Mohonk Mountain House and Mohonk Lake

This old tower is the mountaintop beacon in the valley has a Deyo connection. The man the tower honors, Albert K. Smiley, was “A man of exalted character and useful life.” His lawyer was a Deyo.

Once at the overlook, I couldn’t bring my adventurous spirit to a halt despite my exhausted body so I climbed the 100 stairs to the top of the tower to take in the highest vantage point I could of the region.

On my descent from the Sky Top trail, I scrambled over boulders in the “Labyrinth” where I had to stop and assess my trail journey. I deliberated if I should turn back or forge ahead in my exhausted state. I’m sure a question we all have encountered at some point or another but surely experienced by our refugee ancestors. I gathered my resolve and forged ahead to what was around the corner and up the cliff.

My second tower ascent via the “Crev-ice” and “Lemon Squeeze” was assisted by strangers, not unlike, but nowhere near what our ancestors experienced in kindness, generosity, courage, and resolve from strangers who assisted and harbored them during their plight and journey. At the end of the day I discovered I had an elevation gain of 1,500 feet. Nothing compared to the elevation and mileage our ancestors came to settle in New Paltz.

View from Smiley Tower

The third step to curing the Deyo legacy was meeting others invested in the preservation of Mid-Atlantic colonial history, protestant religious experience, and family heritage. I attended the Summit on Sept. 10 organized by HHS and Huguenot Historical Society of South Carolina. Participants convened for introductions and an educational film about Huguenots and the New Paltz settlement. The group split into two groups for late-morning tours of HHS led by knowledgeable docents. After lunch Summit attendees received a lecture by Dr. Bertrandt Van Ruymbekde, “The Huguenot Diaspora Across Time and Space” followed by a Q&A session and audience dialogue.

HHS has been conceptualizing and planning all the project points that need to occur to ensure a more secure future for the collective remembrance of our heritage. Some of these projects have included assessments, research, conversations with stakeholders, and the development of strategic and implementation plans. Major projects and programs will need to occur to better position our collection of artifacts so that they can tell the story of our refugee ancestors, and their influence on American colonial history. These projects include the design and implementation of a new collections management plan, the development of an engaging interpretation plan, and the implementation of expanded outreach initiatives.

We must now catalyze historians, professionals, and descendants to come together to preserve this unique heritage. The Summit offered attendees an engaging and collegial opportunity to synergize together for the shared cause of preserving the Huguenot experience in America. I was electrified by my whole journey to the Summit and look forward to other opportunities to champion this cause. This synergy along with HHS forging ahead with strategic initiatives will surely cure the Deyo and other founding families’ legacies so their courage, sacrifice, and perseverance won’t be forgotten and so we may remember it and apply in our own living histories.

Having worked in the arenas that these initiatives (collections management, program design, interpretation, and fund-raising) zig-zag across, like the proverbial path to “Grandma’s House,” I know the tasks ahead are many. So, please consider supporting this project in any meaningful way you can as HHS and DFA begin to reach out for your critical support. Let us gather in numbers as the collective force our ancestors were so that we may continue to enjoy the treasures they left behind and so we can continue to remember them and thus remember ourselves.
multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America."

We have not yet secured funding to develop an interpretive plan, which will require the help of outside scholars, but we recognize that we have a unique opportunity to tell a story that is representative not just of New Paltz or New York State, but the mid-Atlantic region and its multicultural past.

We have been working with architect Frances Halsband (based in New York City, Frances designed the Wallace Center at the FDR National Historic Site, Hyde Park, NY) on a master site plan. She spent a significant amount of time on the site, looking at every structure (all 28 of them). She assessed how space in each structure was used and allocated by function (e.g. collections storage, program, and rental space, offices). Not surprisingly, her investigation indicated that we are woefully lacking in collections storage and appropriate, flexible program space.

Frances’ Phase I report includes recommendations on how to make better use of existing space, including turning Deyo Hall over to serve exclusively as collections storage, which was a recommendation that had been made by environmental consultants funded with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). With collections in a centralized location, we will be far better equipped to provide better care and access to researchers.

Phase II of the master site plan will be a detailed design of a new facility that will support visitor service functions. We still need to raise about $11,000 more to complete Phase II.

As we reported to the FCC this spring, HHS is in the early stages of planning a ($3.625 million) capital campaign to support construction of the new facility and to establish an endowment. Board members have already pledged about $229,000 to the campaign, and we have submitted a couple of grant applications to the state and NEH. The challenge grant application to NEH, if awarded, would require 3:1 in non-federal matching funds. We will share more details on the status of the campaign once we learn the fate of the NEH application in December.

Liselle then offered an update on the Deyo House. For the first time, the house will be used for a school program focused on portraits in the collection. The program is a French class in which students describe details of the portraits in French, with their partners identifying which paintings are being referenced.

There was some general discussion about the fact that general tours do not include all of the houses. Liselle and Annual Giving Manager Shane Stuart explained that a tour incorporating all of the houses and the church would simply be too long, that some houses must be off limits while work is going on, and that rotating which houses are seen within one tour season is impossible due to the constant need for interpreter training. As it is, interpreters, most of whom come from SUNY New Paltz’ history and theater departments, are asked to memorize a 60-page script each season.

Liselle then provided an update on preservation projects in the house, and was happy to report that all items on the list had been accomplished with the exception of restoration of the parquet floor in the foyer. Repairs have been made to the north porch, gutters/downspouts, roof slates, chimney, stonework, and cellar piers. Site Supervisor Renzo Cinti will be showing the floor to Carsten Stoever to see if he might be able to complete that restoration.

Liselle and Shane then responded to general questions about landmark designation and promotional efforts.

**Summit recaps “Huguenotism” highlights**

Dr. Bertrand vanRuymbeke spoke on “The Huguenot Diaspora Across Time and Space” at Historic Huguenot Street on September 10, 2019 as keynote speaker at the Huguenot Summit organized by HHS and Huguenot Historical Society of South Carolina. A large contingent of members of the Columbia, South Carolina were there.

Prior to the lecture, attendees took guided tours of several houses before lunch.

Mary Etta Schneider, HHS Board of Trustees Chairperson, introduced the professor by saying, “learning about the Huguenots is a journey. We learn more about America in a period of time. We brought you here because you’re interested.”

Topics presented by Dr. vanRuymbeke included Huguenot tolerance, the Protestant Reformation and Catholic Reform, the construction of the Huguenot memory in a four-volume diaspora, and the history of the revocation of the Treaty of Nantes.

In 1852 the Protestant Historical Society published a newsletter to make their own history. They used the word “refugees” instead of “fugitives” referring to expatriated Huguenots. In the parlance of the time, terms like “Huguenot race” were used more than “Anglo Saxon.”

Huguenots are on the same level as Quakers, Puritans, Pilgrims, and other American founders.

Huguenot values included Honesty, Nobility, Faith, and Industry, which later evolved to Courage, Virtue, and Industry (Faith was out for now.) 1885 was the founding moment for starting Huguenot history outside of France. Thoughts of “Huguenot race” versus “prouder to be American” ran through their minds as they were told to be integrated.

Many authors wrote books on topics like “How did Huguenots perceive America?” followed by genealogists, antiquarians, and historians wondering “Why did they leave?” The intellectual treatment of Huguenots was summed up as, “Everywhere they went, they vanished.”

The Huguenot integrations and assimilation process moved very slowly and completely because they held on longer to their values. Pastors stayed in America as elders and Calvinists within the Anglican framework.

The presentation was followed by a Question-and-Answer session and extensive audience dialogue.
Dear DFA Family,

I need your help! Some birthday cards were returned due to a family move. If you know any DFA kid(s) listed below, please contact the family and have them email me their new address so I can send their child a birthday card. My email is tmstack@gmail.com. Thank you.

Spencer Houle, Kirsten and Scarlet Geurin, James and Jonathan Redding, Lala Cantaros, Cooper Kennedy, Corey and Kyle Deyo.

As DFA Secretary, I have enjoyed creating the birthday cards for the young Deyo Family cousins aged birth to 18 years.

Once a DFA descendant turns 18 years of age, he/she is eligible to join the Deyo Family Association. DFA Membership honors our proud French American and Huguenot heritage. The first year of membership is complimentary with invitations to Historic Huguenot Street events, free stone house tours, and even an opportunity to apply for a college scholarship. So... Happy Birthday Deyo kids and welcome to the DFA!

Here are the DFA Birthday Kids:

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Thomas Ames (10), Zoey Barnard (13), Lala Cantaros (16), Alyssa Gregory (9), Julia Kimmel (16) and Harper Martino (5).

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO: Anabelle Agosta (7), Ayden Barnard (11), Jeremy Barnard (8), Robert Kimmel (18), and Dalton Melious (16).

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Eden Barnard (2), Jeshua Burton (13), Chloe Guerra (18), Cooper Kennedy (16), and Frost Philips (7).

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Eric Agosta (9), Samuel Barshinger (2), Corey Deyo (16), Kyle Deyo (16), Elissa Kimmel (11), Charlotte Martino (7), Jeffrey Martino (2), Jack Melious (12), James Redding (18) and Liam Shelton (7).

HAPPY JANUARY 2020 BIRTHDAY TO: Joseph Ames (13), Jane Castorit (1), Ryan Barnard (8), Benjamin Deyo (17), Claire Deyoe (15), Spencer Houle (14), and Hayley Toto (8).

Deyo Family kids are special. They represent a promise to carry on the traditions of the past and to preserve our lineage for future generations. The DFA honors these children with a birthday card each year from birth to age 18 to help them celebrate annual milestones and remind them of their roots in American history.

If you would like your child or grandchild to receive a birthday card from the DFA, please complete the form below and mail it to Deborah Stack, your DFA Secretary. The address is on the form.
HEADS UP ALERT!

Proposed by-law change.

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ARTICLE IV – ELECTED OFFICERS, DUTIES, AND TERMS

6. GENEALOGIST:
   b. Responds to all queries about the Deyo Family Association.
   c. Processes all requests for genealogical information.
   d. Historian
      1. Writes articles for Deyo Family Newsletters on Deyo history.

(in red ink for email version, and bold and underlined for postal recipients)

Rationale:


DFA has had difficulty finding anyone for the position since last year when the current Genealogist resigned. The time required to fulfill the duties is prohibitive as a volunteer.

We will no longer have Genealogist as a board position.

Proposed by-law change.

Historian would now be an Executive Board position with voting privileges.

DATES TO REMEMBER

For more details, go to www.huguenotstreet.org

Fri, Oct 11, 5:00 PM - Sat, Oct 26, 9:00 PM
Haunted Huguenot Street  Historic Huguenot Street (map)

Sat, Oct 12, 2019, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.
Bringing A Colonial House to Life: Crafting A Furnishings Blueprint for the Abraham Hasbrouck House  Deyo Hall (map)

Thursday, October 31, 2019 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Trick-or-Treat on Huguenot Street  Historic Huguenot Street (map)

Sat, Nov 2, 2019 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
‘The Land in Controversy’: Indians, Colonists, and the Battle for the Hudson Valley in the 1760s, lecture by Dr. James Merrell  Historic Huguenot Street (map)

Sat. 11/9, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. “The Autumn Harvest: Maize, Nuts, and Venison,” a nature walk with Justin Wexler. Spring Farm Trailhead. The last in a series of four seasonal nature walks being led by Justin Wexler through the Mohonk Preserve. Rain date: Sat. 11/16. $20

ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOV. 5

CAST YOUR VOTE
Len Tantillo presents first of series paintings

HHS has already received a $5,000 Heritage Development Grant from Hudson River Valley Greenway for the second painting.

Len explained his use of Computer Assisted Design (CAD) to create proportions and the diagrammatic shaping of the walls, research showing how local residents supported the Huguenot building projects, and what materials were used during the construction over 300 years ago.

A question-and-answer period followed with a reception at the digging site.

Professor Diamond, who has spent 20 years doing this, takes 15-18 people per year.

Students work at dig site 6:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. per day for 25 days a summer then another 20 hours to input data into an Excel spreadsheet.

Len’s answers to questions offered this background: “I’ve been painting and drawing since I was a kid. My career as a fine artist got going around 1976, for about six years prior to that I worked as a freelance illustrator doing mostly architectural rendering.

“About half the time spent on a project is researching the other half is the painting. This varies with the subject, obviously.

“A painting measuring about 20 x 30 inches would be roughly about six weeks research and six weeks painting.

“The digital modeling is incorporated into the research time. (Although I sometimes I return to the models when I hit a snag in figuring something out during the painting process.)

“I use a dozen or so computer programs. Then, canvas, paints brushes, etc.

“Usually I work on a commission basis as long as the client and I are interested in the same sort of subject matter. Specifically New York State history. My commission fees are based on the complexity of the subject and the size of the painting. Since I spend so much time on these pieces, I may be only making a little above minimum wage. Some projects work out better than others.”

Remarks from Board of Trustees

President Mary Etta Schneider

“Earlier this year, the Board of Historic Huguenot Street updated our vision for the museum. It states that we want to inspire guests to think in new ways about American history, And I think we are going to accomplish that today.

“For over two decades, HHS and its partners, including the Hasbrouck Family Association, SUNY New Paltz, and the Village of New Paltz, have sponsored archaeological investigations at the museum, to help us better understand the lives of the Esopus Munsee, the European settlers, and enslaved Africans.

“I believe this is an extraordinary day for HHS and New Paltz—as we share with the public the research and stories we are uncovering beneath the street dating to 7000 years ago. This work and these representations will enable us to think in new ways about American history, and record history that was either not available or was not taught to most of us.

“Thanks to your generosity in helping us to commission this painting, we can now visualize the archaeological findings of Professor Joe Diamond as a result of his partnership with Len Tantillo, whose specialty is historically accurate paintings.

“Creating these paintings has been a vision of mine, and it is very special for me to be here with you today as we reveal the first of a series of works that accurately depict what this land, now known as New Paltz, was like from the settlement of the Esopus Munsee to the early days of the Huguenot settlement.

“This first painting depicts life in 1685—soon after the Redoubt, or Fort wall, was constructed. It includes the presence and contributions of enslaved Africans—whose labor and skills made possible what exists today. You will also see the beginning of the blending of the Dutch and French cultures and architecture in the work.

“The images of this and future paintings will be added to our collection and curriculum, and hopefully to the curriculum of other schools, museums, and history books across the state and the country.”
Going green will bring color to your life!

A little letter from the Editor (nothing offcolor)

Len Tantillo’s painting on page 10 or Jinai’s diary on pages 2 and 6 are fine examples of why we all need more color in our lives.

As editor, I feel sorry for our poor members who get this newsletter in black and white by postal mail because they’re not signed up to get the DFA newsletter in color.

“They can’t appreciate Jinai’s awe and God’s vivid majesty. This is a captivating piece—in color! Len’s painting and research bring a new perspective to life in the late 1600s. Grass was still green back then and the sky was still blue and dirt was just as brown.

“The DFA is trying to go green and her pictures highlight the greens, and blue sky and blue water, and the colors of the rocks. The five colors in this headline aren’t seen by the hardcopy people.”

Shane Stuart, HHS Annual Giving Manager adds, “One thing that you can add to your article, Bill, is to emphasize that members are able to update their contact information and addresses with a simple call or email. It is one of the advantages of the website, that they have complete control of their personal information.”

DFA newsletters since 2007 featured, highlighted, emphasized the benefits and advantages of this new communications tool and cajoled readers to register and “get on board” with the newer, better technology. Helping the DFA lower postal costs was what members were asked to do.

Likert it to, “Don’t expect an IRS refund if you don’t file a Form 1040.” However, you can guarantee a return of ongoing communication with the HHS and DFA.

If you are reading this in color on your computer, we’re preaching to the choir, but we still thank you for saving us all this money.

On the outside chance that this hasn’t been convincing enough, let the numbers do the talking.

Factoids by the numbers

It costs $55 to mail to 100 postal subscribers every three months. That’s $220 a year for half our membership. Add $120 for mailing labels and tabs, and that brings the cost up to $340 a year. Last, but not least, printing costs per issue equal $100 per issue, or $400 a year. Grand total=$740 a year.

Technology has now made it cheaper to communicate with our members through email.

 Officers thought 20%-25% was a reasonable goal to strive for since this initiative started in 2007. Conversions have accounted for only a one-third drop in postal mailings over ten years. DFA officers now want to cut that cost to half the current number by next year.

Bill Dourdis, DFA newsletter editor, pleads with his fellow members. “On a personal note, I want our members to have access to news about their cousins and friends through the DFA newsletter. Too many of us contribute to our local communities as they sit on executive boards of non-profit organizations, raise and give money to worthy causes, work in food pantries, shelters, and outreach programs. They offer their time, talent, and treasure, and we want to recognize them. Register your email address with us so we can keep in touch.

“FYI: Full-color graphics in this issue add up to 68. Tell that to your black-and-white office copy-machine postal copy!”
Dear Cousins and Valued Members of our Family Association,

You can see by this issue it has been a busy summer.

A big highlight for me personally was the unveiling of the Len Tantillo painting *The Huguenot Redoubt, Circa 1685*, commissioned by HHS and to be a part of their permanent collections.

The presentation included seeing the actual footings unearthed on Huguenot Street this summer as part of the yearly archeological digs lead by Dr. Diamond of SUNY New Paltz Anthropology Department. All the information learned from the digs was used by Len to produce the painting. What made it really special for me was Len and his wife and I attended grade school and high school together.

A real encouragement too was getting to meet Jinai Amos in person. Her article in this issue wonderfully describes our reunion weekend and the Huguenot Summit held within a few days of each other. It always reignites a spark when you get to share in the excitement of a fellow cousin when they discover their roots or, like Jinai, rediscover how our ancestors came to New Paltz and settled here establishing their homesteads.

I am presently enjoying a novel Jinai gave us as a thank you called *The Huguenot Connection* by Paul Monk. It’s an authentic book written in family story style that describes the anguish and persecution the Huguenots went through in deciding to leave their homeland in France and reestablishing themselves in the new world in America. I recommend reading it to even better appreciate our ancestors’ plight.

I also got to meet new members Jim Deyo and his niece Carrie Guthrie from Delaware. The Shawangunk Mountains behind us and the Wallkill River in front of us provided the setting for lunch.

We brainstormed about trying to define the direction the DFA will go in the future with dwindling numbers and for new people to take over the reins as Board members. Your board would really like to hear from all of you on this topic.

Our Facebook page seems to be a current forum to use. It is how Jinai and I connected which led to her wanting to help become the historian on the Board.

This reminds me that you should be alert to the by-law changes going out with our dues notices in January. We will ask for approval to make the Historian position as an actual Board member and remove Genealogist as a Board position.

HHS will take over for David Lent, our treasurer, in sending out the dues notices as he cannot serve in this capacity anymore.

_{Gratefully,}_

_{JoAnn_