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Describe the PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*if known*) Physical APPEARANCE Hardly anything could be simpler than the seventeenth and eighteenth century Dutch farmhouses in New York State. Their walls are undressed fieldstone laid in clay, the inner walls whitewashed, they usually have very simple one, two, or four-room floor plans, and generally are of one-and-a-half storeys. Not particularly imaginative or graceful, they are though, without a doubt, forthright and durable as well as unintrusive.

The Jean Hasbrouck House was built as a simple one-room dwelling in 1694 and then enlarged to its present form before 1712 to accommodate not only living-spaces, but room for a store as well. From the exterior, one is struck by the tremendous sweep of the gable, and massive area of roof. Within that garret are three finished rooms and a larger space open to the hewn timber framing above. This open area was used for the storage of grain in hogsheads, and bundles of hay, a custom very common in Holland at the time. The hewn floor beams throughout the house are a massive 13"  $\times 9 \ 1/2$ ", necessarily stout enough to support the weight of the supplies in the garret and the weight of the roof frame overhead. We are reminded when seeing the size of these floor and ceiling beams, as well as the broad floorboards, that these Dutch houses were built when the supply of timber seemed limitless and when builders were able to use materials which had had a long period of undisturbed growth; the virgin forests of North America.

Spanning 41 feet and rising 23 feet from the plate to the ridge, the need for this network of collar beams and struts (averaging about 6" x 6"), fastened with pegs, is apparent. It is one of the most remarkable features of the house.

The plan of the Jean Hasbrouck House is that of a central hall with two rooms to either side. One enters from the East, across a representative Dutch "stoep" (stoop or porch) into the 8 foot wide passage running back to a secondary west entrance. These rooms to either side are quite substantial. being more than eighteen feet square. All but one, the southeastern, have fireplaces. That one never did, while across the hall, the northeastern room has an eighteenth century fireplace added later. That room was the original store. The two western rooms have their original Dutch fireplaces, the one to the north having lost its hood and mantel shelf. It is the fireplace in the southwestern room, the kitchen, which is pre-eminently instructive. Having been boxed in by a closet constructed around it, this is probably the only unreconstructed Dutch fireplace retaining both its pendant hood and mantel shelf, left in America. The Dutch manner of building a fireplace should be understood for its notably different form from the more familiar English types we generally use today. Instead of having a space for the fire recessed into a little alcove, above which rose the flu, the Dutch built fires against a flush wall, making no jambs, but using instead an iron grate and decorative tiles around the hearth. The smoke rose up and was trapped by the hanging wooden hood, behind which rose the The upper side of the hood here serves as a mantel shelf, and usually flu. a chimney-cloth was hung from the hood.

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The Jean Hasbrouck House is one of the most impressive examples of Dutch Colonial stone architecture remaining in the United States. Although built by a native of Calais, France (Jean Hasbrouck), in an area settled by immigrants from Flanders and the Lower Rhine, and by Huguenots who stubbornly isolated themselves for decades from the Dutch Colonists who surrounded them, we must nevertheless view this outstanding house as a variant of the basic Dutch style. Preserving as it does a wealth of representative details in doors, windows, and fireplaces, as well as the medieval frame structure so especially magnificant in its garret, the house has been changed very little and reveals through that integrity and its original workmanship a particularly precious architectural artifact. Originally built in 1694 by Jean Hasbrouck as a small one-room residence, the building was enlarged to its present form by 1712 to serve as both a store and a family house.

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The windows of the house have been altered but the doors remain representative. A typical Dutch window would have been taller than it was wide, and divided by a transom into a smaller section at the top and a larger one at the bottom. In a rather curious arrangement, the shutters were on the outside of the lower section with the casement opening inwards, while above, the casement was fixed on the outside with the shutters opening inward.

When the roof we see today was added when the house was expanded before 1712, the gable ends were covered with clapboarding, thereby helping to give a crisp and clear expression of the roofline which so much resembles that of a Dutch Barn. The practice of clapboarding this part of the gable was common.

The house is maintained in superb condition by The Huguenot Historical Society, organized in 1899 for the preservation of the Huguenot heritage of New Paltz. It is regularly open to the public.

## BOUNDARY INFORMATION

The Jean Hasbrouck House is one of five houses which together comprise the Huguenot Street National Historic Landmark Historic District. It lies wholly within that district whose own boundary should be referred to in a separate file. The Jean Hasbrouck house fronts southeast on the west side of Huguenot Street, at the junction of North Front Street and Huguenot Street, where Huguenot Street bends around the house and towards the north. The Jean Hasbrouck House occupies a half acre lot at that point, and no other buildings are included in the Landmark designation.

The accompanying plat map was prepared in 1898 when the Jean Hasbrouck House passed for the first time out of the hands of a direct descendant of the family. It is entitled "Land of Jesse Elting" and was prepared by Abm. LeFevre, Surveyor. That property is still owned by The Huguenot Historical Society, to whom it was transferred in 1898, although the group was then known as The Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society of New Paltz. All of this land is today owned by the Huguenot Historical Society, and the site is entirely within the boundary of The Huguenot Street National Historic Landmark Historic District, to which reference may be made in other files. The site entails about 1/4 to 1/2 acre and is carefully maintained by its owner. The boundary of the Jean Hasbrouck House National Historic Landmark is pencilled in red on the 1898 LeFebre survey.



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