



## “Jacob Wynkoop: Building a Free Black Neighborhood” Walking Tour from Historic Huguenot Street



NEW PALTZ, NY (October 26, 2020) – Historic Huguenot Street (HHS) has expanded their free app to include a new walking tour entitled “Jacob Wynkoop: Building a Free Black Neighborhood,” narrated by Chaundre Hall-Broomfield, a Newburgh, NY native and performer known for his dual roles as Hercules Mulligan and James Madison in the national tour of *Hamilton* with the Angelica company.

This new addition to the HHS app (available at the App Store and Google Play) takes visitors on a guided tour of the Broadhead-Church-Mulberry neighborhood of New



Paltz, highlighting the houses built by 19<sup>th</sup>-century Black carpenter and Civil War veteran Jacob Wynkoop. In addition to telling the story of Jacob and his family, the free app tour also reveals



the stories of other African-American families who made the neighborhood their home in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The app was written by Josephine Bloodgood, HHS Director of Curatorial and Preservation Affairs, with extensive research supported by Carol Johnson at the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection, Elting Memorial Library. Funding for the app's narration was provided by the Village of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission.

Take advantage of this convenient and socially-distanced opportunity to learn more about Black history in our region. The walking tour starts at 6

Broadhead Avenue in New Paltz, opposite the Historic Huguenot Street parking lot, and is easily accessed for the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. To download the app, visit <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/app>. For those prefer, you can visit the online exhibits about Jacob Wynkoop and his mother Jane Deyo Wynkoop launched earlier this year at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/exhibits>

Images:

Chaundre Hall-Broomfield, narrator

Jacob Wynkoop, ca. 1908. Detail from a photograph of Civil War veterans at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery. Courtesy of Shirley Anson and the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection, Elting Memorial Library.

About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the

exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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