



February Events at Historic Huguenot Street



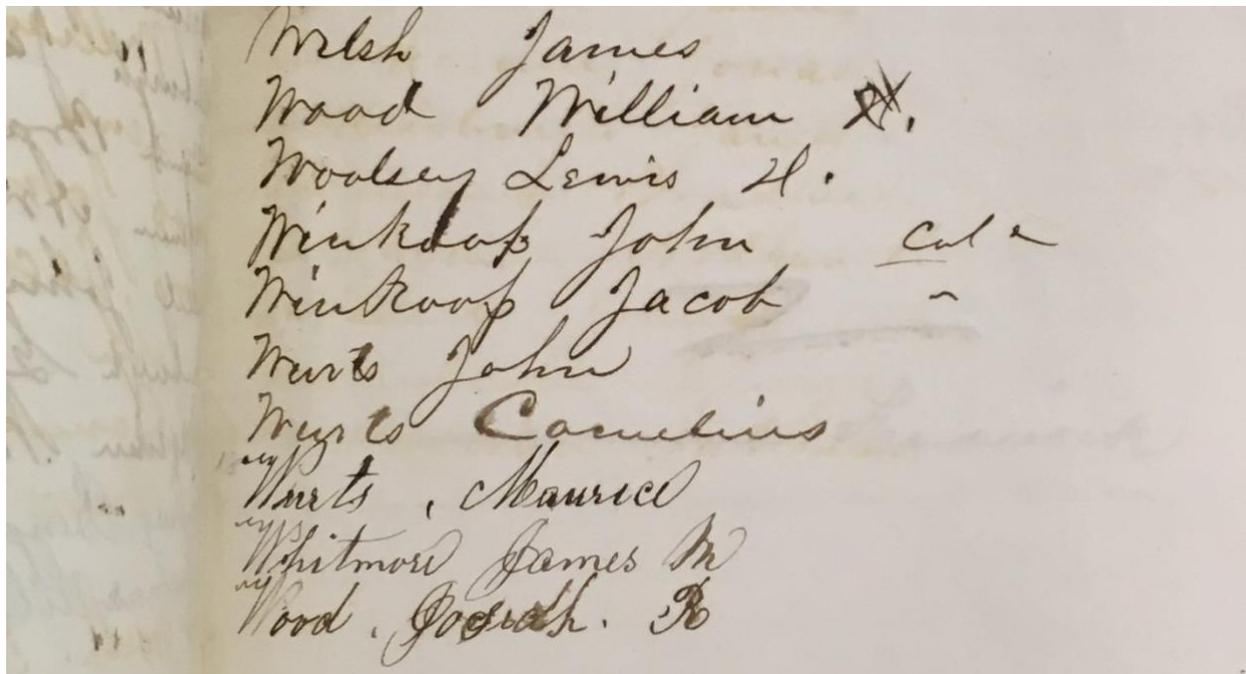
NEW PALTZ, NY (February 8, 2021) – Historic Huguenot Street is pleased to offer both virtual and select in-person events throughout the month of February. These programs include two virtual talks, and one in-person nature walk.

Join HHS on Saturday, February 13, at 11 AM, for a nature walk titled, “**Midwinter Walk: The Earth Reawakening**” with ethnoecologist Justin Wexler of Wild Hudson Valley. This is one of several seasonal walks HHS will host in 2021. On this walk Justin will explore the outdoors and learn about the local environment, as well as the life of the Indigenous people of the Hudson Valley over five centuries ago. Check-in is at the DuBois Fort Visitor Center. The tour will start at the replica Esopus Munsee wigwam and will guide visitors through the Nyquist-Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn more and register at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/2020/12/12/the-winter-hunt-bears-stars-and-snow-with-justin-wexler-fbxcd>.



On Thursday, February 18, at 7 PM, HHS will host a virtual presentation with Ian Stewart titled, **“A Roof Unlike Any to be Seen in the Valley’: The Roof System of the Jean Hasbrouck House.”** The Jean Hasbrouck house can be seen as an iconic structure in the history of both the Hudson Valley and the United States. Its expansive roof sets it apart from other buildings of the period, both in size and scope. While not uncommon in the Netherlands and Germany, the Jean Hasbrouck House is one of the few of this style that survives in the United States. This talk will discuss what makes the Jean Hasbrouck House roof so distinct, and will offer other roofs as points of comparison. Utilizing knowledge gained during the restoration, architectural historian and timber framer Ian Stewart will speak about this distinct building and its counterparts. Drawing on his field research and work, both in the United States and in the Netherlands, Ian will show what makes the Jean Hasbrouck House so unique and important.

Learn more and register online at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/2021/2/18/a-roof-unlike-any-to-be-seen-in-the-valley-the-roof-system-of-the-jean-hasbrouck-house-a-virtual-presentation-by-ian-stewart>.



In recognition of Black History Month, HHS Director of Curatorial & Preservation Affairs Josephine Bloodgood will present on the history of Black voting rights in New York State and share some of what she is learning about free Black men and voting in New Paltz and the surrounding region in the 19th century. This talk, entitled “**History is not stagnant, Free Black Men and Voting Rights in 19th-Century New Paltz,**” is set for Thursday, February 25, at 7 PM. Learn more and register at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/2021/2/25/history-is-not-stagnant-free-black-men-and-voting-rights-in-19th-century-new-paltz-a-virtual-lecture-by-josephine-bloodgood>.

Visitors can learn more about all upcoming events and how to register at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events>.

Images:

Justin Wexler guiding visitors through the Nyquist-Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary in 2020.

Ian Stewart working on the Jean Hasbrouck House roof in 2018.

Detail showing the names of John and Jacob Wynkoop on the 1859 Voter List for the Town of New Paltz. Town Records Collection, courtesy of the HHS Archives.

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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