



Hottenstein Lines

May 2008

Hottenstein Lines is a newsletter of the Hottenstein Reunion for and about the descendants and many lines of ancestry of Ernst Von Hottenstein of Esslingen, Germany and descendants who immigrated to America. Presently, three immigrant lines are identified: Johann Jacob Hottenstein settled in Kutztown, PA, his nephew also Johann Jacob Hottenstein settled in Lancaster, PA, and a descendant Phillip J. Hottenstein settled in Gleason, WI. It is a newsletter that will be what we as descendants, spanning twelve (12) generations, make it. It is a newsletter to share the items of interest about our family and information about our annual reunion. At least one newsletter each year will announce the date and location of our annual reunion; additional newsletters will be prepared as information is developed or available. Your suggestions and articles are welcomed.

2008 Hottenstein Reunion Picnic to be Sunday, June 22nd, at the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown

The 72st Hottenstein Reunion, the family picnic gathering, will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at Hottenstein Mansion, on Route 222, east of Kutztown, PA. The Reunion will begin in the morning, with the catered picnic to be served at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

This Reunion will build on the success and excitement of the reunion held at the Mansion last year. We have been invited by the curator of the Mansion, Robert Webster Reynolds, Ph.D., to visit the Mansion, which he describes as the home of the Hottenstein family. The Mansion is his home, as well. We will be the guests of Dr. Reynolds, his family, and the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County.

In addition to visiting the Hottenstein Mansion, we will have the catered Family Picnic on Sunday at the Mansion. Arrangements are being made for a tent and shelter. This is a time when family members are able to visit, share experiences, and socialize. During this time, we will have our Reunion business meeting. Dr. Reynolds and his family will explain the home, period furniture, and Hottenstein artifacts displayed for the Reunion.

Plan to arrive in the morning to visit the Mansion; our picnic begins at 1:00 PM. The program and activities follow our picnic. Our program will include remarks by Dr. Reynolds on his role as

curator of the Mansion. Dr. Reynolds is on the faculty of Kutztown University where he is the Freyberger Professor of Pennsylvania German Culture, which includes the role of curator of the Pennsylvania Heritage Cultural Center.

Come and enjoy the fun of a picnic, visiting, meeting new friends, and sharing experiences and memories. Special Dutch food arrangements will this year again include home baked shoe fly pie.

It too is a time when we can meet others in our family, have mini reunions, as well as review and update our genealogy. We appreciate letters from those who cannot attend.

For additional information on the Reunion, please contact Russel Hottenstein at 610/944-8147 or Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385.

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Picnic Arrangements, June 22nd, ... Reservations

We hope you will be able to attend. Please use the enclosed (yellow) return form with the mailing label to indicate your participation.

Cost for the Reunion picnic, to cover our expenses (including the catered picnic meal, equipment rentals, and shuttle transportation) will be as follows:

Adults	\$ 22.00
Youth	\$ 15.00 (10 yrs thru 17 yrs)
Children	No Fee (9 yrs and younger)

The reservation mail deadline is Tuesday, June 17th. For late reservations (which can be accommodated) after June 17th, please contact:

Russel Hottenstein

Telephone: 610/944-8167

E-mail: russhottenstein@yahoo.com

or

Terry Schnure

Telephone: 860/683-2385

E-mail: taschnure@aol.com

Reunion Location, Parking & Logistics

The Hottenstein Mansion is located on a parcel which does not have sufficient space for all to park. Arrangements have been made for parking at a church on Hottenstein Road, about a half mile and north of the Hottenstein Mansion. Hottenstein Road is adjacent to the Mansion location and intersects with Route 222. Please look for signs with directions to the parking location. As last year, the Old Time Plow Boys and their wagon will provide transportation from the parking area to the Mansion, beginning at 11:00 AM.

Handicapped parking will be provided at the Hottenstein Mansion.

The street address of the Hottenstein Mansion is 15441 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530-9349.

Those arriving on Saturday, June 21, wishing to dine together may gather 6:30 PM at the Seasons Grill, on Rte 222, just west of the Manion. Please check the box on the reservation form if attending to assist in organizing this dinner together.

2008 Reunion Lodging Locations Listed

The Mansion is not immediately near an area of lodging locations; however, locations are which are closest, with respective distances, follow:

Allentown Hampton Inn, Allentown, PA 18106

7471 Keebler Way

610/391-1500 (direct);

www.hilton.com

8 Miles from the Mansion

Different accommodations are available, \$120 range; AAA rates are available.

Super 8 Motel, Allentown West, Kutztown, PA

2160 Golden Key Road

610/285-4880 (direct);

www.super8.com

5 Miles from the Mansion

Different accommodations are available, \$80 range; AAA rates are available.

Sleep Inn, Allentown, PA

327 Star Road

610/395-6603 (direct);

www.choicehotels.com

8 Miles from the Mansion

Different accommodations are available, \$90 range; AAA rates are available.

Campus Inn, Kutztown, PA

15080 Kutztown Road

610/683-8721 (direct);

6 Miles from the Mansion

Different accommodations are available, \$75 range; AAA rates are available.

Hilton Garden Inn, Breiningsville, PA

230 Sycamore Drive

610/398-6686 (direct);

www.hilton.com

8 Miles from the Mansion

Different accommodations are available, \$105 range; AAA rates are available.

For further lodging assistance, please contact Russel Hottenstein at 610/944-8167.

2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



Clarence & Betty Hottenstein, of Warminster, PA

2007 Hottenstein Mansion Restoration, \$1,100 in Family Member Donations

Through the generosity of Hottenstein family members and friends, \$1,100 was donated to assist in the Hottenstein Mansion restoration.

Dr. Robert Reynolds, in his annual report to the



Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, has indicated the completion of a number of

restoration items. Materials and services were purchased with the donated funds.

Most of the restoration work was performed by Dr. Reynolds and student interns from Kutztown University. The cost of restoration work was significantly reduced by the labor of Dr. Reynolds and the interns where possible.

The main focus of restoration over the past year was work to stabilize decayed woodwork on the main structure of the mansion. Significant repairs were made to the window frames on the east side of the mansion and major repairs were made to the cornice on the east side. All external woodwork on the main structure was scraped, sanded, repaired with caulk and putty, and repainted. Window shutters were restored and re-hung on the front and gable sides of the mansion. New shutter dogs were either made to circa 1840 style or procured from other locations. All 22 double hung window sashes on the main structure were removed, scraped, primed, re-glazed, repainted and re-hung.

It was found that improper workmanship performed during repair work done in the 1960's had contributed to some of the deterioration and decay of woodwork. Protective moldings installed at that time over window and door frames have failed and allowed water entrance resulting in different cases of rotting. The decayed material was removed and epoxy fillers were used to repair the frames. The existing moldings have been replaced with copper moldings.

In addition, a small amount of work was performed to the doctor's office to evict the resident squirrels.

Mansion Restoration Priority in 2008, The Summer Kitchen Roof

The number one repair priority is to replace the roof on the summer kitchen. The summer kitchen has a number of issues but primarily the roof is leaking so badly that it is affecting the internal walls. The roof material is slate and will require contractor assistance. This will be a focus of the continued contributions campaign for the Hottenstein Mansion from the members and friends of the Hottenstein Reunion.

The summer kitchen is part of the original structure and is important to the overall restoration of the mansion. One of the goals of Dr. Reynolds is to restore the room that is presently used as the modern kitchen to its original use. This would mean moving the modern kitchen to a different area and utilization of the summer kitchen space.

Contributions to the Historic Trust Directed to Mansion Projects Will Be Matched

Restoration projects at the Hottenstein Mansion continue to need funding. Articles on this page describe work accomplished utilizing the 2007 donations and the priority for 2008 donations. Our program will assist with projects underway and planned to bring the Mansion back to its historic grandeur. Dr. Reynolds interest -- his dream -- in preserving and restoring the Mansion will be helped with our donations.

The Historic Trust, through its Board of Directors authorization, will match contributions dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 for a specific project proposed by Dr. Reynolds and approved by the Trust. This effort will enhance the vision in the gift of the Mansion to the Historic Preservation Trust.

Special procedures are established for contributions from Hottenstein family members to be directed to Mansion projects. Checks are to be separately payable to the "Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County" and may be sent with the reservation form included with this newsletter, whether or not attending the Reunion. Contributions to the "Trust" are tax deductible and will be separately acknowledged.

Hottenstein Reunion (71st Year)

July 2007

Historian's Report

Births:

- Ryan Davis Hartmann, son of Mark Chester and Nara Lee Bramblett Hartmann La Jolla, California
July 2, 2002 – Family of Elizabeth Lee Hottenstein Bramblett, 9th gen., Book 4, p. 50; H ~ n, p. 647
- Mason Oliver Long, son of Harold Oliver and Sherry Smith Long, III Raleigh, North Carolina
February 10, 2005 – Family of Susan Esther Hottenstein Long, 5th gen. Book 4. p. ; H ~ n, p.298
- Ellie Auna Davis, daughter of Jon Paul and Dawn Lee Schnure Davis Henderson, Nevada
August 3, 2005 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen., Book 2, p 62; H ~ n, p. 232
- Nathan Lee Hartmann, son of Mark Chester and Nara Lee Bramblett Hartmann La Jolla, California
August 9, 2005 – Family of Elizabeth Lee Hottenstein Bramblett, 9th gen., Book 4, p. 50; H ~ n, p. 647
- Lily Gebhardt, daughter of Jennifer Lynn Knauff and Patrick Gephardt Hartford, Connecticut
February 6, 2006 – Family of Bessie May Hottenstein Knauff, 6th gen., Book 2, p 50; H ~ n, p 186
- Lillian Renee Huttenstine, daughter of Adam John and Rachel E. Gregory Huttenstine Royal Oak, Michigan
February 26, 2006– Family of Erastus Huttenstine Book 4, Michigan Line
- Meredith Primrose Knauff, daughter of Michael James and Carol Wilhelm Knauff San Francisco, California
March 3, 2006 – Family of Bessie May Hottenstein Knauff, 6th gen., Book 2, p 50; H ~ n, p 186
- Nicholas Stone Gural, son of Michel Delaney and Tracey Lee Zeigler Gural, Sr. Voorhees, New Jersey
May 18, 2006 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5th gen., Book 2, p 71; H ~ n,p. 265
- Abigail Michelle Moser, daughter of Eric David Moser and Cynthia M. Rudy Moser Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
February 9, 2007 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen. Book 2, p 63; H ~ n, p 230
- Kaitlyn Marie Zeigler, daughter of John M. and Linda Santangelo Zeigler, Jr. Paoli, Pennsylvania
April 23, 2007– Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5th gen., Book 2, p 71; H ~ n,p. 265
- Carmody Alice Huttenstine, daughter of Adam John and Rachel E. Gregory Huttenstine Royal Oak, Michigan
May 9, 2007– Family of Erastus Huttenstine Book 4, Michigan Line
- Jonathan Edward Hottenstein, III, son of Jonathan E. and Michelle Kreidler Hottenstein Royal Oak, Michigan
June 25, 2007 – Family of Jonathan Edward Hottenstein, MD, 8th gen., Book 2, p. ; H ~ n,p. 155

Marriages:

- Michael James Knauff to Carol Wilhelm San Francisco, California
September 21, 2001 – Family of Bessie May Hottenstein Knauff, 6th gen., Book 2, p 50; H ~ n, p 186
- Adam John Huttenstine to Rachel Elizabeth Gregory Niles, Michigan
October 9, 2005 – Family of Erastus Huttenstine Book 4, Michigan Line

Deaths:

- Helen Gibson Sherman Hottenstein, wife of Glenn Atherton Hottenstein, dec. Oakwood Mem Park, Chatsworth, CA
September 18, 2004 – Family of Nettie Caroline Hottenstein Sherman, 6th gen. Book 4, p 50; H ~ n Book, p 643
- Karl Dillan Hottenstein Whitmarsh Mem Park, Prospectville, PA
October 22, 2006 – Family of Jeffrey Hottenstein
- Chancey J. Smith, husband of Janice K, Barnhart Smith Pleasant View Cemetery, Shillington, PA
September 22, 2006 Family of Clara S. Hottenstein Anspach, 7th gen. (Book 2, p 35; H ~ n Book, p 117)
- Jarrod Eugene Neuhard Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
November 11, 2006 – Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6th gen. Book 2, p ; H ~ n, p 206
- Caroline A. Wolfe Kling, wife of S. Reid Kling, Jr. Highland Cemetery, New Columbia, PA
January 16, 2007 – Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6th gen. Book 2, p ; H ~ n, p 191
- S. Reid Kling, Jr., husband of Carol A. Wolfe Kling, deceased Highland Cemetery, New Columbia, PA
March 4, 2007 – Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6th gen. Book 2, p ; H ~ n, p 191

Wayne B. Hottenstein, husband of Vera K. Hottenstein
March 21, 2007 – Family of Wallace M. Hottenstein, 6th gen.

Mennonite Cemetery, East Petersburg, PA
Book 6, p 25

Vera Kathryn Stauffer Hottenstein, wife of Wayne B. Hottenstein, dec.
May 20, 2007 – Family of Wallace M. Hottenstein, 6th gen.

Mennonite Cemetery, East Petersburg, PA
Book 6, p 25

**The Hottenstein Kocher Glen,
in Millersburg, PA**

Provided by Ernst Zeigler, Harrisburg, PA

Hottenstein Kocher Glen, an eight acre parcel will be the first park in Upper Paxton Township, in upper Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The gift of land in 2007, with a meadow and trees, all within a secluded glen, spans both Upper Paxton Township and Millersburg. The park is located on the east side of Millersburg.

The Bradenbaugh Hottenstein Foundation is donating gates, signs, the survey and a water detention basin to help reduce flooding. The land is to remain largely untouched. According to Tom Hottenstein, foundation trustee and the project's coordinator, the park is to be a peaceful place for strolling and sitting; vehicles will be prohibited.

2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



The Mansion Summer Kitchen, 2007



Example of the Mantel Detail in the Mansion, 2007

2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



2007 Reunion, the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown, PA

Reunion Officers ---

- Terry Schnure, President 860/683-2385
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- Bill Hottenstein, Vice President 570/823-4457
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Lincoln, Massachusetts
- John L. Hottenstein, Historian 717/892-7209
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2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



Deana Hottenstein, Endicott NY; Betty Hall, Annap's MD

2007 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes July 29, 2007, At the Mansion, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

The reunion was held on the grounds of the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown, PA. Although the day started on the wet side, it turned out to be a beautiful day. Since the mansion is located very close to busy Route 222 and does not have much available space for parking, a church which is located about a half mile away allowed our family to park on their property. Reunion attendees were conveyed to the mansion via tractor and wagon by a local group who call themselves the Old Time Plow Boys.

The reunion began with a prayer offered by Fred Hottenstein that was followed by a catered meal consisting of baked chicken, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and glazed carrots. For dessert, there was shoe fly pie freshly baked by the New Jerusalem Lutheran church.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:20 P.M. Comments were made about being able to visit the Hottenstein Mansion and the graciousness of our hosts, Rob and Jeanette Reynolds. Many were seeing the Mansion for the first time and appreciated the displays of information. In addition, reference was made to the delicious meal and dessert. Over 100 family and friends attended.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was corrected to show the described trip to Germany was in 2004. The Secretary's report prepared by Russel Hottenstein was accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 prepared by Jane B. Herlacher was accepted as follows:

Balance as of July 1, 2006	\$ 4,637.89		
Income		Expenses	
Contributions	692.00	Mailings, Postage	838.10
Picnic receipts	682.00	Picnic expenses	720.15
Memorabilia, Book	1,485.00	Memorabilia, Book	1,542.30
Bank, Start Account Bridge	200.00	Bank, Refund Account Bridge	200.00
Bank, Interest	93.83	Bank, Fee	12.00
	<u>3152.83</u>		<u>3313.15</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ 4,477.57		

Historian's Report: John L. Hottenstein reviewed areas of research in response to inquiries he had received during the past year. The listing of family events reported prior to the Reunion was distributed. Added event information was introduced to be listed on the 2008 Historian's report. A period of silence was observed for family members who have passed away or who are in our thoughts.

Election of Officers for 2007: The Officers as follows were re-elected:

President	Terry Schnure	Secretary	Russel Hottenstein
Vice-President	Bill Hottenstein	Treasurer	Jane Herlacher
		Historian	John L. Hottenstein

Old Business: Russel Hottenstein reported on the status of the proposal for a large "big box" development on 140 acres adjacent to Hottenstein Mansion and his testimony on behalf of the Hottenstein Reunion during the public hearings on the proposed development. He explained a conditional use permit had been issued for the development containing many conditions, including some designed to have assisted in protecting the historical significance of the Mansion. However and in consideration of the use requirements, the commercial developer subsequently withdrew the development application. Information on the development considerations and the outcome was distributed.

New Business: The following guests were in attendance and spoke to the Reunion:

Dr. Robert Reynolds, his wife, Jeanette, and their daughter, Reanna Dr. Reynolds spoke about the work on the restoration of the mansion which is underway and explained the lifetime lease he has with the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County. While the Mansion was his home and an ideal arrangement for all his Pennsylvania German interests, he described the Mansion as the home of the Hottenstein family and he welcomed everyone to be at home when here. Separately, he explained research underway in the immediate geographic area to locate the original home site and other Hottenstein land holdings.

Irwin Miller and his sister, Eleanor Siegfried Irwin and Eleanor grew up in the Mansion and their family farmed the property. Irwin told stories of their experience growing up there, recalling experiences occurring in different rooms, with his inflection of “dutch” expressions.

Harriett Hottenstein Rensch Harriet, the daughter of Dr. David Fulmer and Mary DeTurk Hottenstein, spoke of her times in the Mansion during the 11 years her parents lived in the Mansion before transferring ownership to the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County in 1976.

Wendy Cooper As a curator at the Winterthur Museum where the Hottenstein Mansion’s grand ballroom woodwork is on display, she welcomed everyone to a special museum tour to view the woodwork display, whenever requested.

Eleanor Shaner and her husband, Richard Shaner Mrs. Shaner is a member of the Historic Preservation Trust and represents the Hottenstein Mansion at Trust functions.

Rob and Jeanette Reynolds expressed their pleasure in hosting the family reunion and invited the family to return for the 2008 reunion. The Reunion family responded enthusiastically to the opportunity be at the Mansion. The family again thanked the Reynolds family for their wonderful hospitality and displays prepared for this Reunion. A date in mid to late June 2008 will be selected.

The following family members were recognized:

Oldest woman – Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Dix, 85 years young

Oldest Man – Dr. Robert Dix, 88 years young

Youngest Girl – Julie Weidman, 3 years

Youngest Boy – Hunter Burk, 7 years

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M; many stayed to visit and spend more time in the Mansion.

Russel Hottenstein, Secretary

William Hottenstein Family History Available through Custom Binding

At the request of several family members, printing of the extensive history of the descendents of William Hottenstein, second generation continues.

The book, replicated in its original format, contains a personalization page bound into the book, which can be formatted for gift or family orientation. Orders may be made on the reservation form, initiated at the Reunion on June 22nd, or subsequently by contacting Terry Schnure. Orders received by July 10th will be the basis for the additional wave to be assembled by the bindery. Due to the printing and binding expense, only those orders for books received will be prepared. The cost of the book is \$94, which includes shipping. Additional information on the book is available by contacting Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385 or at taschnure@aol.com .

Reunion Website ---

www.hottenstein.org

2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



2007 Reunion, the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown, PA

Hottenstein Memorabilia.

Tiles, mugs, prints, banners, all with the Hottenstein Coat of Arms, will be available at the Hottenstein Reunion or may be ordered.

To obtain information on the memorabilia if ordering, please check the box on the reservation form or contact Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385 or at taschnure@aol.com

Wisconsin Line, Hottenstein Reunion, Sunday, August 17, 2008

The Wisconsin Line Hottenstein Reunion will be held on August 17th in Potosi, Wisconsin, the third Sunday. The gathering will be at Hickory Hill Park, beginning in late morning. Hosts for the Reunion this year will be Bill Hottenstein's family, the second eldest child of Phillip J. Hottenstein, who settled in Wisconsin. For more information on the 2008 Reunion arrangements, contact Sharon and Gary Withrow, 290 Wildcat Road, Platteville, WI 53818-9108, at (608) 943-6082. Kenneth "Bud" Hottenstein assists with local arrangements in Potosi, WI; contact him at 608/763-2352.

Historian's Report Information Needed

Hottenstein events -- births, adoptions, marriages, and deaths -- are reported at the Reunion each year and included in the Historian's Report. The 2007 Historian's Report, included with this newsletter, reflects information provided by family members.

If you are aware of a birth, adoption, marriage, or death which has occurred during the past year (or previous years) and was not listed on a previous Historian's Report, please let us know. Please use the enclosed Hottenstein Reunion Information form to return information to us.

If errors are observed in the Historian's Report, please also provide corrections.

If you have a change of address or know of a family not receiving a newsletter, please return the attached form with name and address information.

The forms should be returned as soon as possible to assure the information is included in the Historian's Report of this year.

To those that have forwarded information during this past year, we thank you

It is this information that enables the Hottenstein genealogy to be expanded and to include more information on current generations.

Hottenstein Reunion, Wisconsin Line 2007 Reunion Report

Reported by Pat Moritz

The mid-west branch of the Hottensteins met on a mid August Sunday for their 73rd Reunion. Approximately 40 attended, with the usual good food and catching up with each other. Cousin Mervin Hottenstein (son of the 6th child Edmund Hottenstein) provided a roaster full of "his catch" of deep fried, locally caught fish – blue gills. Many other fixings rounded out the array of food which provided for a wonderful afternoon.

Hottenstein Land Holdings, circa 1860



Dr. Robert Reynolds has also assembled information that circa 1860 there were nine Hottenstein families living on adjoining Hottenstein farms, in Maxatawny Township. Seven of these houses still exist. In addition, Dr.

Dr. Robert Reynolds, 2007 Reynolds has evidence of the location of the first house built by the immigrant. It is located on the adjacent Gruber, adjacent to the Mansion. The information he has shows that this was one of the two first landholdings granted in Maxatawny Township. Dr. Reynolds will further explain the research on the land holdings in the area of the Mansion at the Reunion picnic.

2007 Reunion in Pictures ...



Hunter Burk, Youngest Boy, with prize, Houston, TX