

# Hottenstein Lines

May 2011

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.

# 2011 Hottenstein Reunion Picnic to be Sunday, June 12th, at the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown

The 75<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion, the family picnic gathering, will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Hottenstein Mansion, on Route 222, east of Kutztown, Pennsylvania. The Reunion will begin in the morning, with the catered picnic, this year with strawberries and shortcake, to be served at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

Dr. Robert Reynolds, and his family to the Mansion, have invited us to gather at the Hottenstein Mansion which he describes as the home of the Hottenstein family. We will be the guests of Dr. Reynolds, his family, and the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County. Dr. Reynolds is the curator of the Mansion; it is the home for him and his family.

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.

A special presentation on William Hottenstein by Susan Speros will be featured in our program. Please refer to the accompanying/adjacent article.

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# William Hottenstein, and the Other Hottenstein House --Susan Speros, 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program

Susan Speros will speak to us about the life of William Hottenstein, the second son of the immigrant, at our 75<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion. Susan was introduced to us as a result of her very extensive research and writing about the house of William Hottenstein, in Reading. In her remarks, she will discuss the life and role of William with his prominence in the development of Reading.

Being older, William had moved on, was married, and settled in Reading, before his father, Jacob, died. It was in Reading that William built a home – the other Hottenstein house -- not far from the west bank of the Schuylkill River in Cumru Township, in which he incorporated many English Georgian features with the Germanic architectural

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Plan to arrive in the morning to visit the Mansion; our picnic begins at 1:00 PM. The program and activities follow our picnic. Dr. Reynolds will up date us on his role as curator and living in Mansion with his family. 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. Dr. Reynolds will share additional information on the Hottenstein influence in the area of the Mansion.

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

For additional information on the Reunion, please contact Russel Hottenstein at 610/944-8167 or Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385.

## Picnic Arrangements, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, tent and 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 Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. For late reservations (which can be accommodated) after June 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact:

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esthetic and heritage. It was in this home that William raised his family with his marriage to the Susanna Hoch and, after the death of Susanna following childbirth, his marriage to Sarah Hoch, Susanna's younger sister. There were 10 children.

With his elder sons, Jacob Jr. and William already married and settled, Jacob left his substantial farm to his younger sons David and Henry. David eventually bought out Henry's interest in the farm and settled on the land his father, Jacob, had settled in Maxatawny Township. It was on this land that the Mansion was built by David in the German Georgian architectural style, sparing no expense.

The Mansion was built in 1783; the house that William built – the other Hottenstein house – was built circa 1763.



William was a "potter", Wm Hottenstein House, c 1895

who manufactured bricks and roof tiles. With a rapidly developing Reading and his being the first potter, his bricks and tiles were in demand and he prospered.

Susan Speros has done extensive research on the house William built and in turn on the life of William. She is an avid and active historic preservationist, serving as a Trustee of the Historical Society of Berks County and a Director of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County. She is a living historian and museum professional. She is an award winning author; her research on "The Other Hottenstein House" was published in the Fall 2010 issue of the Historical Review of Berks County. Moreover, Susan is related to us by marriage, via the Hoch (High) marriages of William.

We welcome Susan Speros to our75th Hottenstein Reunion.

## **Reunion Website ---**

www.hottenstein.org

# Reunion Location, Parking & Logistics ... Arriving on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

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 from 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. Wagon transportation from the parking area to the Mansion, will begin 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.

For assistance with lodging locations, please contact Terry Schnure or Russel Hottenstein.

## ... If arriving on Saturday, June 11th

Those arriving on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and those in the area wishing to dine together on Saturday evening, will gather at 6:30 PM at a place to be determined. Please check the box on the reservation form if attending to assist in organizing this dinner; you will be contacted.

## 2009 Reunion in Pictures ...



Michael Hottenstein, State College, PA and John Hottenstein, Syracuse, NY meet again about 25 years following their first meeting in South Africa, where, while traveling independently, a desk clerk assigned the same hotel room to both of them.



All smiles from our next generation at the Hottenstein Reunion

# **Contributions to the Historic Trust Directed to Mansion Projects**

In 2010, Reunion family members and friends contributed \$1,205 to the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County in support Reunion program for the assisting in the restoration of the Mansion.

In previous years, funds were focused on the restoration of the slate roof and interior support beams of the summer kitchen followed by the installation of new cooper gutters and downspouts for the mansion and the kitchen ell.

In 2010, work was initiated in repairing the siding on the Dr's Office, recognized as a prime example of how health services were provided generations ago.

In 2011, the main priority for Dr. Reynolds is to continue work on the Doctor's Office and repair the roof and associated flashing over the





building directly behind the main house and adjacent to the summer kitchen, that originally was the kitchen and servants quarters.

Restoration projects at the Hottenstein Mansion continue to need funding. Our contributions program assists with projects underway and planned to bring the Mansion and it's associated buildings back to their historic grandeur. Dr. Reynolds interest -- his dream -- in preserving and restoring the Mansion will be helped with our donations.

Special procedures are established for contributions from Hottenstein family members and friends 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**

(74th Year)

June 2010

## Historian's Report

#### **Births:**

Heidi Ann Kling, daughter of Christopher Patrick and Nancy Kling January 17, 2006 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Kelsey Grace Kling, daughter of Christopher Patrick and Nancy Kling September 7, 2008 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Robert Francis Pichetto, son of and Rebecca Anne Kling Pichetto December 17, 2008 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Paige Hottenstein, daughter of Erich and Caitlyn Hottenstein December 18, 2008 – Family of John Frederick Hottenstein

Avery Gunst, daughter of Graham and Jennifer Susan Coup Gunst April 23, 2009 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Katelyn Rose Hottenstein,

daughter of of Jonathan Edward and Michelle Kreidler Hottenstein August 1, 2009 – Family of Jonathan Edward Hottenstein, 8<sup>th</sup> gen.,

Kyle Andrew Schnure, son of Derek John and Victoria Leigh Geller Schnure August 10, 2009 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen.,

Sawyer James Johnson, son of Trevor James and Aimee Baker Johnson December , 2009 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen. Washington, New Jersey Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 258

Washington, New Jersey Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 258

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Columbia, South Carolina Book 5, p

San Francisco, California Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 256

Royal Oak, Michigan

Book 2, p. ; H~n, p 155

Ridgewood, New Jersey Book 2, p 62; H~n, p 232

Oceanside, California Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 249

#### **Marriages:**

Jennifer Susan Coup to Graham Gunst July 31, 2004 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Trevor James Johnson to Aimee Baker
May , 2009, – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Jess Frederick Hottenstein to Bridget O'Loughlin August 15, 2009 – Family of John Frederick Hottenstein

Megan Lynn Hoffman to Andy Coppock September 12, 2009 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen. Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 256

Schaghticoke, New York Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 249

Fairfield, Connecticut Book 5, p

Mazeppa (Lewisburg), PA Book 2, p 67; H~n, p 254

#### **Deaths:**

Evelyn Caroline Hottenstein Yonkin,

wife of Robert Joseph Yonkin, deceased

September 27, 2008 – Family of Hallie Edward Hottenstein, 7<sup>th</sup> gen. Family of Anna Caroline Hottenstein Mosier, 5th gen.,

Peace Cemetery, Dushore, Pennsylvania Book 4, p 45A; H~n, p 635

Book 4, p 5; H~n, p 607

Jack Litzenberger, husband of Carol Angstadt Litzenberger
June 18, 2009 – Family of Joann Ethel Hottenstein Angstadt, 8<sup>th</sup> gen,

St. Pauls Cemetery, Trexlertown, PA Book 2, p 36; H~n, p 128

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#### **Deaths (continued):**

David Waldren Trate, son of Franklin D. and Sandra E. Waldron Trate July 16, 2009 – Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6<sup>th</sup> gen, Milton, Pennsylvania Book 2, p 55; H~n, p 208

Margaret Elizabeth Roush Stahl, wife of Franklin Yoder Stahl, deceased August 15, 2009 – Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5<sup>th</sup> gen,

Milton, Cemetery, Milton, Pennsylvania Book 2, p 76; H~n, p 276

James G. Hottenstein, husband of Violet A. Rehrig Hottenstein, deceased August 18, 2009 – Family of George Hottenstein

Woodlawn Memorial Park, Allentown, PA

Esther Caroline Holloway Morcom,

wife of John Russell Morcom, deceased

October 27, 2009 – Family of Mary Caroline Hottenstein Holloway, 6<sup>th</sup> gen.

Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Maryland en. Book 2, p 88; H~n, p 309

Robert Allan Payne, Jr, son of Robert Allan and Carol Gallaher Payne November 9, 2009 – Family of Riverside, California

Gerald Gerhart Hottenstein,

Whitemarsh Memorial Park, Ambler, PA

husband of Sara Katherine Stover Hottenstein, deceased

February 11, 2010 – Family of Charles Stetler Hottenstein, 7<sup>th</sup> gen. Book 5, p 27B-2

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In 2010, the main focus was to begin the exterior restoration of the Doctor's Office. This has turned out to be a project that will continue into 2011. The Doctor's Office is a remarkable building. While it is not stone, it is an extremely rare building type. There are only two rural Doctor's offices known to remain in Berks County. Period replacement window sashes with mostly wavy glass were installed because squirrels chewed the muntins of the original sash beyond repair. The original sashes have been retained and are now in storage in the garage loft. Last fall the scope of work included scraping, sanding, consolidating rot, and replacing missing or rotten siding, wood epoxy repairs to broken siding, caulking, more priming, and finish painting of the siding with two coats of acrylic latex Duration paint over oil primer. Many siding pieces were decayed at the ends but were saved with consolidating and epoxy. This work consumed five weeks of full time work.

The Hottenstein Office has had a hard life. It was originally located about 100 feet forward of the current location, next to the house. While no documentation exists about its move onto a new foundation in the 1960s, it was moved because 222 was raised up. At that time the earth was raised in front of the house requiring concrete wells to be constructed around four basement windows that are now below grade. When the building was moved it appears that the siding was removed along the bottom four feet of the building on all sides to aid jacking. After the relocation these areas and the entire façade were repaired with German siding that had been removed from the east gable of the house during David Fulmer Hottenstein's restoration. It appears that a W. Hottenstein scribed his initials on a rear clapboard with the date July 23, 1867, making it reasonable that the building was under construction at that date. The replaced siding along the sides of the office tells of the jacking for moving and the replacement of the front with an alternative style material revealing the thrift of David Fulmer Hottenstein in salvaging materials during a 1960s restoration for other projects – a longstanding tradition.

Intersection improvements for Route 222 have triggered a review that included a historic survey of the main Hottenstein Farm houses along 222. Meetings were held with the survey consultant to share data. Survey cards for several properties are being completed to seek the designation of a Hottenstein Family Historic District. This work provides documentation needed for an application for National Historic Landmark status for the mansion.

Excerpted from the Annual Report for 2010 on the Hottenstein Mansion prepared by Robert Webster Reynolds, Ph.D. prepared for the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County. The full report on the 2010 work, the proposed 2011 work, and the four year projection will be available at the Reunion or by contacting Terry Schniure.

## 2010 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes June 13, 2010, At the Mansion, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

The 74<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the William Hottenstein family was held at the David Hottenstein Mansion, 15441 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA There were 64 family members and guests in attendance and hosted by the residents of the mansion, Dr. Robert, wife Jennette and daughter Reanna Reynolds. In the mansion, displays of period items were set up; Dr. Rob Reynolds and his wife, Jeanette, explained historical features of the rooms and craftsmanship.

Following the blessing, a traditional meal was served at approximately 1:00 PM after a passing thunderstorm that caused the attendees to mingle closely under the canopy. The inconvenience did not seem to dampen anyone's spirits.

Following the meal. the business meeting was called to order by Terry Schnure. He expressed thanks, on behalf of everyone attending, to Rob and Jeanette Reynolds for their graciousness in hosting the Reunion and conveyed the appreciartion of all, in being able to see the Mansion.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was accepted as presented in the previously distributed newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was explained by Jane Herlacher. In June 2009, there was a balance of \$3367; during 2009-2010, income was \$1974 and expenditures were \$3191. The June 2010 balance was \$2150. The sale of memorabilia and shirts assist in the expenses of the Reunion; the fees for the annual reunion picnic event are programmed to meet expenses for the event, e.g., the tent/canopy, the port-potty, the wagon transportation, and the catered food. Importantly, contributions received from family members primarily sustain the newsletter and support the newsletter and mailing costs. The contributions are greatly appreciated.

**Historian's Report:** John L. Hottenstein presented the listing of family events reported prior to the Reunion was distributed. A period of silence was observed for family members who have passed away as we remember our earlier generations and their heritage in our family.

**Program:** Dr. Reynolds reported on the on-going restoration work on the mansion. Our donations in 2009 which were matched by the trust were used to restore the summer kitchen with materials that will have long term benefits. The doctor's office is the next building in need of repair and restoration. Dr. Reynolds also reported that he is still collecting information on the surrounding farms that were owned by Hottensteins in an on-going effort to provide documentation for the establishing of a historical district. He also reported that he has acquired a number of the original ledgers which were the recording of the daily business of the farm. These day books belonged to the owner of the farm and the builder of the mansion, David Hottenstein. These books are written in a German script which was outlawed by the rulers of the Third Reich. In order to translate the day books into English someone must be found who knows the old script.

**New Business:** The following remarks and actions occurred under the new business.

Joe Hottenstein discussed proposed plans for a trip to Europe in 2010 or 2011.

The Officers as follows were re-elected:

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

Family members were recognized for traveling the greatest distance, and being the oldest man and oldest woman at the Reunion.

Our next reunion will be held at the Hottenstein mansion on June 12, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. Many stayed to visit and experience the Mansion.

# Embroidered Sport Shirts with Hottenstein Coat of Arms, Now Available

In recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion, a sport shirt with the Hottenstein Coat of Arms has been developed. The shirts will be available at the Reunion on June 12<sup>th</sup> and may be ordered for pickup at the Reunion or for delivery by mail.



The shirt is 100% pique ringspun cotton, 6.8 oz, with a double needle stitched bottom hem. The men's style has a two button placket, with a welt-knit collar and cuffs; the women's style has a feminine four button reversed placket, with a

contoured welt collar and cuffs.

The shirts are \$28 each, (\$30 for 2x or greater). All standard men's and women's sizes are available. If shipping, the charge is \$6.

To request an order form, please check the box on the return registration form or otherwise print the form from the Hottenstein Web Site at: http://www.hottenstein.org/Forms/ShirtMailOrderForm.pdf

## Other 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 and if ordering, please check the box on the reservation form or or otherwise print the form from the Hottenstein Web Site at:

http://www.hottenstein.org/Forms/Memorabilia Mail Order Form.pdf

## 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.

To obtain information on the memorabilia and if ordering, please check the box on the reservation form or or otherwise print the form from the Hottenstein Web Site at:

http://www.hottenstein.org/Forms/BookMailOrderForm.pdf

## **Reunion Officers ---**

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## 2009 Reunion in Pictures ...





Doors in the Mansion, the double dutch front door and interior six panel doors reflect the Germanic craftsmanship.

## **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 2009 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.

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

# Philip Hottenstein Reunion, Sunday, August 21, 2011

by Lynne Fleming Wilburn

The 2011 Mid-West Reunion of the Philip Hottenstein Line will be held in Hickory Hill Park in Potosi, WI on August 21. The hosts are Louise Hottenstein Schmidt, Bob Jones, and Kay Jones Young (who respectively are the oldest son and youngest daughter of Lenora Hottenstein Jones). For more information, contact Louise Schmidt, 715-536-4240 or Kay Jones Young, 715-536-9496.

In 2010, the proud offspring of Philip J. Hottenstein and Catherine Heffner Hottenstein were greeted by the wonderful aroma of "Teddy's Coffee" as they gathered at Hickory Hill Park, in Potosi WI. The 40 strong attending the reunion were welcomed by Herb Hottenstein (middle son of Edmund), who was host for the 2010 reunion. Ted and Jan Hottenstein (Teddy is the son of Fred) has arrived early to start the coffee at the shelter reserved by "Bud" Hottenstein (son of Bill). Genie Fleming (middle daughter of Rose Hottenstein Fleming) said the grace; the grace is one that has been recited at recent reunions and is one that Rose Hottenstein Fleming especially favored.

A table full of mid-west's best food included Wisconsin brats and lots of cheeses, always a treat – there is none better anywhere!! The dessert table was fairly loaded with cakes and pies....calories,calories,calories – but no one was counting!



(I to r) Kenny Hottenstein, Pat Moritz Hottenstein, Teddy Hottenstein, Herb Hottenstein, Louise Jones Schmidt, and Genie Fleming

The balance of the day was spent visiting; it was decided that networking around for addresses for next years reunion is badly needed. Keeping track of moving about relatives has gotten to be hard work and several offered to help. A table full of memorabilia from the time of immigration until present day was on display and it was good to note several younger Hottensteins showing interest. It was a successful reunion with the usual cute babies, well mannered pets, and cousins connecting after a year apart.

# Willoughby/Wilson Hottenstein Reunion, Sunday, July 16, 2011

by Howard and Laurie Hottenstein

The descendants of Willoughby (or Wilson) Hottenstein will hold their second reunion on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Shawano County Lake Park, in Shawano, Wisconsin. For more information, contact Howard or Laurie Hottenstein, at 715-623-6844 or via email at bumalot@granitewave.com.



A group of descendants of Willoughby/Wilson Hottenstein at their first reunion.

In 2010, Howard and Laurie Hottenstein organized the first reunion of the line descending from Willoughby

Hottenstein. Held at the Ridge Run County Park in West Bend, WI, 41 cousins from three generations met for the first time, with different families getting to better know one another, while enjoying food and more food and even more desserts. Games were



played and prizes were awarded.

The relationship of Wilson Hottenstein to known immigrants is not known. Wilson was married twice. He was born in Kutztown, PA; his birthday has not been established. However, census records indicating Willoughby/Wilson was living in Greenwich Township, Berks County, PA with Isaac & Mary Swoyer, believed to be his maternal grandparents. His first marriage to Elizabeth Henry produced one son, George, believed to have been raised by his maternal grandparents Adam and Sally Henry in Lynn. PA. His second marriage was to Kate Beatrice Everett, born February 18, 1848 in Shenandoah City, PA. They had four children together, Ida M., Carrie E., William Franklin Grant (Grant), and Bert Wilson. Around 1890, Wilson and Kate settled in Shawano, WI where Wilson died on Sept 4, 1916, Kate on Sept 17, 1931.

This year, the 2011 reunion will be in Shawano, Wisconsin to be in the area where the ancestors settled.