



Hottenstein Lines

May 2009

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.

2009 Hottenstein Reunion Picnic to be Sunday, June 21st, at the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown

The 73rd Hottenstein Reunion, the family picnic gathering, will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2009 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.

We have again been invited by Dr. Robert Reynolds, and his family to the 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, as the Mansion is their home. Dr. Reynolds is the curator of the Mansion.

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 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. In addition, Park Ritter will speak about a glass paperweight and the Snyder County Hottenstein Line.

Come and enjoy the fun of a picnic, visiting, meeting new friends, and sharing experiences and memories.

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 21st , ... 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 Wednesday, June 17th. For late reservations (which can be accommodated) after June 17th, please contact:

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2008 Reunion in Pictures ...



The Group attending Friday Evening Dinner at the Seasons Grill, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

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 Hottenstein Mansion, near Kutztown. Please check the box on the reservation form if attending to assist in organizing this dinner together.

Mansion Contributions provide for New Slate Roof and More

Funds from Hottenstein family members have enabled significant repairs to the Mansion, specifically the summer kitchen roof.

This spring, a new roof, using Pennsylvania Blue Slate, is being installed on the summer kitchen. This project will include properly flashing the chimney, replacing rotten wood under the slates, and installing new cooper gutters and downspouts.



The severely deteriorated slate roof shown in 2008 is being replaced, funded with contributions and the Trust

Last November, the furnace failed and was replaced with a 150,000 BTU oil fired unit. Compatibility to the old 8" ducting was not possible; new 6" ducts were installed. The increased efficiency of the new furnace is assisting with the maintenance of the Mansion.

Kutztown University (KU) students removed and restored the six double hung 6/6 sashes in the rear kitchen wing. They were scraped, sanded, primed, and finish painted; Dr. Reynolds made all the repairs, replaced nine broken panes with salvaged antique glass, repaired all the glazing, and provided the instruction to the KU students in approving each phase of the restoration project. The existing aluminum storm windows were removed; the window frames were scraped, primed, and double coated with paint. Two sets of first floor shutters were installed.

Shutter work continues. Four pairs of shutters remain to be repaired and painted. Seven are primed and four are finish painted. Two shutters with rotted wood will be repaired with epoxy and fillers. Missing pintles and one shutter lock will be forged by a blacksmith to match the originals.

A plank wall from the interior of the house was discovered in storage in the loft of the garage; in

addition, hand forged gutter brackets, which can serve as a model for units to go into the main block of the mansion, were also discovered. The loft is being organized to categorize and arrange all Hottenstein house parts and materials for the restoration.

This spring, students are continuing their work on National Register nomination for the Hottenstein Historic District, for the area around the Hottenstein Mansion.

From the Annual Report for 2008 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 2008 work, the proposed 2009 work, and the four year projection will be available at the Reunion or by contacting Terry Schniure.

Contributions to the Historic Trust Directed to Mansion Projects

In 2008 with over \$3,500 provided by family members, a Reunion contribution of \$2,000, and a match of \$5,000 from the Historic Preservation Trust for Berks County, more than \$10,000 has been raised for the Hottenstein Mansion.

These 2008 funds were focused on the restoration of the slate roof of the summer kitchen as a specific project proposed by Dr. Reynolds and approved by the Trust.

Restoration projects at the Hottenstein Mansion continue to need funding. Our contributions 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.

In 2009, the funding need will be for new cooper gutters and downspouts for the mansion and the kitchen ell.

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 (72nd Year)

June 2008

Historian's Report

Births:

- Lori Jo Speer, daughter of Doyle Steven and Annette Mary French Speer
May 7, 2001 – Family of Bette Joan Fuller Huttenstine Speer
Aledo, Illinois
Book 4 ; H ~ n p 554
- Maisey Ella Hottenstein, daughter of Peter John and Brooke Lori Gelber Hottenstein
February 12, 2007 – Family of William John Hottenstein, 8th gen.
Mill Valley California
Book 2, ; H ~ n p 165
- William Michael Anderson, son of Stephen William and Robin Milch Anderson
August 24, 2007 – Family of Esther Madge Hottenstein Westfall, 6th gen.
Roslindale, Massachusetts
Book 2, p 90; H ~ n p 314
- Emily Barrett Barnhart, daughter of Mark Stephen and Katherine Thinnes Barnhart
December 17, 2007 – Family of Dorothea Hottenstein Bertholet, 3rd gen.
Monroe, Connecticut
Book 3, p 22; H ~ n p 469
- Derek Cole Orner, son of Jason Glenn and Stacy Michele Witmeyer Orner
December 31, 2007 – Family of Family of Alma Marie Hottenstein Whitmeyer, 8th gen.
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
Book 5, p 27C-3
- Kyle Jeffrey Stoltzfus, son of Keith Alan and Amy Marie Witmeyer Stoltzfus
May 12, 2008 – Family of Family of Alma Marie Hottenstein Whitmeyer, 8th gen.
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
Book 5, p 27C-3

Marriages:

- Virginia Jill Dix Ghnassia to Robert Ethan Allen
March 9, 2004 – Family of Aaron Calvin Hottenstein, 6th gen
Sylva, North Carolina
Book 2, p 65; H ~ n p. 243

Deaths:

- Sara S. Hottenstein, wife of Gerald Gerhart Hottenstein
July 16, 2006 – Family of Charles Stetler Hottenstein, 7th gen.
Whitemarsh Mem Park, Horsham, PA
Book 5, p 27A
- Robert Ethan Allen, husband of Virginia Jill Dix Ghnassia Allen
December 9, 2006 – Family of Aaron Calvin Hottenstein, 6th gen
Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Book 2, p 65; H ~ n Book, p. 243
- Emma Lila Edinger Hauck, wife of Robert Lee Hauck, deceased
April 12, 2007 – Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5th gen.
Murray, Utah
Book 2, p 79; H ~ n Book, p. 284
- Jonathan E. Hottenstein, MD, husband of Mary Jo Ward Hottenstein
August 1, 2007 – Family of Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, 7th gen.
Sewickley Cemetery, Sewickley, PA
Book 2, p ; H ~ n Book, p 155
- Christine Sue Mullins
August 8, 2007 – Family of Minnie Elfreda Hottenstein Fulton, 7th gen.
Family of Charles Edward Hottenstein, 6th gen.
Auburn Hills, Michigan
Book 4, ; H ~ n Book, p. 667
- M. Helen Schnure, wife of Herman Reagel Schnure, deceased
October 26, 2007 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen.,
Turbotville Cemetery, Turbotville, PA
Book 2, p 62; H ~ n, p. 230
- Arleine S. Whitehill, wife of Robert Ralph Whitehill, deceased
December 4, 2007 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen.,
Paradise Cemetery, Milton, PA
Book 2, p 62; H ~ n, p. 234
- Faylene Hottenstein Marks, wife of Leroy Sylvester Marks, deceased
December 13, 2007 – Family of Merrill F. Hotteenstein, 6th gen.
Harmony Cemetery, Milton, PA
Book 4, p 28D : H ~ n Book, p 318
- June Crammer Stalls Malia
December 14, 2007 – Family of Clara Ann Hottenstein Cranmer, 6th gen
Apalachin, New York
Book 4, p 43: H ~ n Book, p 633

Deaths (continued):

Richard Daniel Hottenstine, husband of Irene Weitzel Hottenstine, deceased January 4, 2008 – Family of Charles E. Hottenstine, 7 th gen.,	Gerant’s Cemetery, Leesport, PA Book , p. ; H~n Book, p. 65
Kenneth Delrue Schnure February 24, 2008 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6 th gen.,	Paradise Cemetery, Milton, PA Book 2, p 62; H~n, p. 236
Carol Martin Hottenstein, wife of John H. Hottenstein February 28, 2008 – Family of Wayne B. Hottenstein, 7 th gen.	Mennonite Cemetery, East Petersburg, PA Book 6, p 25
Virginia Knauff Kelly, wife of John J. Kelly March 4, 2008 – Family of Bessie May Hottenstein Knauff, 6 th gen.,	East Lyme, Connecticut Book 2, p 50; H~n, p 186
Daniel Edgar Schnure, husband of Karen L. McCollin Schnure April 21, 2008 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6 th gen.,	Watson town Cemetery, Watson town, PA Book 2, p 62; H~n, p. 228
Robert Lee Rowan, husband of Marie Wagner Hottenstein Rowan April 24, 2008 – Family of Floyd Daniel Hottenstein, 6 th gen	Fort Indiantown Gap Nat Cemetery, PA Book 2, p 66; H~n Book, p. 246
Mary E. Messner Hottenstein, wife of Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, deceased April 29, 2008 – Family of Daniel Edgar Hottenstein, 6 th gen.	Oak Hill Cemetery, Millersburg, PA Book 2, p ; H~n Book, p 155
Billie Donald Fuller May 22, 2008 – Family of Daisy Marie Huttenstine Fuller	Veterans Cemetery, Boulder City, NV Book ; H~n Book, p 554

Paperweight Displays Snyder County Hottenstein History

By Park D. Ritter, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In the autumn of 2008, Rachel “Rae” B. Kinney, of Dallas, Texas, was once more going through her grandmother’s desk in Wooster, Ohio and discovered a glass paperweight, approximately 2” x 4”x 1” in size. The paperweight may be a key find in showing the early history of the development of a church; it is significant in showing our Hottenstein history.

The bottom of the paperweight is a picture of the original 1870 Shamokin Dam Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Isaac Hottenstein, the progenitor of the Shamokin Dam Hottenstein family line. Dr. Isaac Hottenstein deeded the property for the church and was a major donor to its building fund.

A professional preservationist was able to capture the 3/8” x 1/2” original picture of Dr. Isaac by focusing through the glass with a camera lens. In addition, the 1.5” x 1.5” picture of the original church was similarly captured.

A second glass paperweight once in the possession of Elijah Ross Hottenstein, the grandson of Dr. Isaac Hottensein was found to be with Delwyn Ritter.



A picture in a paperweight – The 1870 Shamokin Dam Methodist Church and Dr. Isaac Hottenstein

Park D. Ritter, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is researching the history of the Snyder County Hottensteins. Park and his brother, Delwyn R. Ritter, of Clinton, Ohio are the 2nd great grandsons of Dr. Isaac Hottenstein (4th gen.). Rae Kinney is the 3rd great granddaughter of Dr. Isaac Hottenstein (4th gen.). The lineage occurs through his son Isaac R. Hottenstein (5th gen.) and his daughter Abigail A Hottenstein (6th gen.) who married P. Scott Ritter. Rae Kinney is the daughter of Rachael Ritter Yeager (7th gen.).

Park Ritter will show the glass paperweight and speak about its discovery at the Reunion on June 21st.

2008 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes June 22, 2008, At the Mansion, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

The 72nd Hottenstein Reunion was hosted by Rob and Jeanette Reynolds at the Hottenstein Mansion in Maxatawny Township, Kutztown, PA. There were 86 people in attendance not counting the Old time Plow Boys who again provided the tractor and wagon ride from the parking area to the mansion. In the mansion, displays of period items were set up; Dr. Reynolds explained historical features of the rooms and craftsmanship.

At 1:00 PM, the dinner bell called everyone to a wonderful meal of baked ham, baked chicken, and traditional fixings, with shoo-fly pie for dessert. John L. Hottenstein offered the blessing.

At 2:10 P. M. the business meeting was called to order. 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.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that as of June 1, 2008 there is \$7,295 in the treasury. In addition, it was reported that prior to the Reunion, \$1,100 in donations for the Historic Trust for restoration of the Mansion had been received. The report was accepted.

Old Business: There was a discussion about there not being access to the family cemetery, an issue continuing from the previous year. The family cemetery is across the road and within adjacent property. There is an existing agreement that the landowner will provide a foot path through the farm land to the cemetery. Presently the crop that has been planted cannot be crossed without damaging the crop. It was left that the secretary would explore possible arrangements to restore the access to the family cemetery.

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. Those attending provided additional information to be listed on the 2008 Historian's report. 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.

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

Larry Herlacher reported that Ursula Goetzberger has made records of the Hottenstein Family in Ittlingen, Germany.

Joyce Hottenstein discussed a proposed trip to Germany.

Rob Reynolds discussed the progress of the restoration work on the mansion and the status of the proposed historic preservation district and a National Historic Landmark application. He explained the efforts to establish a historical preservation district in Maxatawny Township would be specific to the Hottenstein family. In his presentation he related that in 1861 there were nine farms owned by Hottenstein Family members comprising over 1,000 acres of land within this area.

The Officers as follows were re-elected:

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

The condition of the summer kitchen has been noted and matching funds have been designated for that project by the reunion committee and the Historical Trust. Along with those donations received from family members, a motion was made by Russel Hottenstein, seconded by Park Ritter to donate \$2,000.00 from the reunion treasury to the summer kitchen restoration project. Motion passed unanimously.

The following family members were recognized

Oldest Man:	Miles Hoover	Oldest Woman:	Elizabeth Stahl Eskildson
Youngest Boy:	Hunter Burk	Youngest Girl:	Julie Weidman
Family Traveled the Farthest:	Howard and Laurie Hottenstein from Wisconsin		

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM; 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 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 21st, or subsequently by contacting Terry Schnure. Orders received by July 20th 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 \$98, which includes shipping. Additional information on the book is available by contacting Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385 or at taschnure@aol.com.

2008 Reunion in Pictures ...



The Summer Kitchen of the Hottenstein Mansion, 2008



Dr. Robert Reynolds describing a historical aspect of the Mansion.

Reunion Website ---

www.hottenstein.org

2008 Reunion in Pictures ...



Russel Hottenstein of Fleetwood, PA, (center) with cousin, Clarence Hottenstein, of Warminster, PA (left) and niece, Carol Lietzenberger, of Allentown, PA (right)

George W. Hottenstein, 1830-1864 Family of Nina Fay Fulton Zuber

Linda Sue Noble Badertscher, of Nashville, Ohio has developed extensive records on the family of George Washington Hottenstein (5th gen.) as part of her continuing research for the family of Nina Fay Fulton Zuber. In October, 2008, she prepared an extensive 52 page genealogical study for her family and in honor of her grandmother, Nina Fay Fulton Zuber, who was 90 in November. She has been following 27 family lines and over 50,000 names. Much of her information was carried forward from the Charles Edward Hottenstein (6th gen.) Bible.

George Washington Hottenstein (5th gen) served in the Civil War, enlisting from Overton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Having been captured, he died in the infamous Andersonville Prison, in Georgia, at the age of 34. Before his death, he was married to Melinda Waltman, in Overton; they had seven children. This family is the subject of the research.

Surnames in the study, in addition to Hottenstein, include:

Easterday	Webb	Friedt	Fulton
Tromp	Blough	Snow	Schelke
Easton	Zuber	Weekley	Long
Miller	Noble	Snyder	Haynes
Mullins	Razor	Kardas	Rickley
Feightner	Srodek	Rice	Berger
Daubenmire	Vandergriff	Tousley	Miller
Olshavski	Lang		

Linda is interested in sharing family information and may be contacted at mrsbad@embarqmail.com.

2008 Reunion in Pictures ...



Descendants of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5th gen.
Elizabeth Stahl Eskildson, 7th gen of Lewisburg, PA
Alfred Ray 8th gen and Grace Edinger, of Toms River, NJ
Larry Lee 8th gen and Varissa Edinger, New Columbia, PA



Descendants of Clara ShuckerHottenstein Anspach, 7th gen
Arthur William 9th gen and Jan Smith, of Ephrata, PA
RuthClara N. 9th gen and Earl Miller, of Sinking Spring, PA

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Hottenstein Memorabilia.

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

Wisconsin Line, Hottenstein Reunion, Sunday, August 16, 2009

The Wisconsin Line Hottenstein Reunion will be held on August 16th in Potosi, Wisconsin, the third Sunday. The gathering will be at Hickory Hill Park, beginning in late morning. Hosts for the Wisconsin Reunion this year will be Ted and Janet Hottenstein. For more information on the 2009 arrangements, contact them at 2125 North Fairmount Street, Davenport, IA 52804, at 563-386-4750. Kenneth "Bud" Hottenstein assists with local arrangements in Potosi, WI; contact him at 608-763-2352.

A family history of the Hottenstein Wisconsin Line is underway and information is being assembled. For more information on this new initiative, please contact Donna Zart. She may be contacted as follows: 3174 County Road O Road, Platteville, WI 53818-9618; 808-348-3841; or zartmail@hotmail.com

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 2008 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.