



# Hottenstein Lines

May 2010

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*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.

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## **2010 Hottenstein Reunion Picnic to be Sunday, June 13th, at the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown**

The 74<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion, the family picnic gathering, will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Hottenstein Mansion, on Route 222, east of Kutztown, Pennsylvania. 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. Dr. Reynolds will share new information on the extent of the Hottenstein influence in the area of the Mansion. In addition, plans for 2011 tours to Germany will be available. Park Ritter and others may share additional research information.

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 610/944-8147 or Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385

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## **Picnic Arrangements, June 13<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 9<sup>th</sup>. For late reservations (which can be accommodated) after June 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact:

Russel Hottenstein  
Telephone: 610/944-8167  
E-mail: [russhottenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:russhottenstein@yahoo.com)

or

Terry Schnure  
Telephone: 860/683-2385  
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## **2009 Reunion in Pictures ...**



Twelve attended the Hottenstein Reunion for the first time, two from as far away as California.

## **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. 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.

Those arriving on Saturday, June 12<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.

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

## **Historical Hottenstein Findings –**

By Park Ritter, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

In conducting research at the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society, in Lancaster, several items of interest were found and are shared below:

Park Ritter located a marriage certificate for his 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, David Hottenstein, which reads:

I do certify that David Hottenstein of Maxatawny in Berks county, widower and Catherin Appel of Saucon in Northampton county were lawfully joined together in Holy Matrimony, the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one. Given in Springfield Township, Philadelphia County ... Witness my hand and seal, Michael Schlatter, Minister of the Gospel.

Park further discovered that on August 20, 1751, Maria Catherina Hornecker married Johann Martin Appell in St. Paul's Church in Upper Saucon, Lehigh County. She was the daughter of Rudolf, who arrived in August 1747 on the ship, Vernon. Catherina is buried in the family plot in the cemetery on the hill across the road from the Hottenstein home. This helps to answer an age long question about this lady in the home.

Also found is a newspaper article that might explain why Jacob and Dorothea were not heard of between 1720 and 1727. It seems that they were indentured for that period of time, in Bradford County.

### **SOME ACCOUNTS OF THE EARLY GERMAN SETTLERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORY**

NELSON H. BERGEY, B.S. - Towanda, Pennsylvania

Jacob Hottenstein arrived in the county in 1829. He was born in 1799 in Berks county, Pennsylvania. He had a family of nine children. Two of his sons died in southern prisons during the Rebellion. Mr. Hottenstein's great grandparents came from Germany in 1720. His great grandfather was sold for passage, and served seven years to discharge the debt. After he served his time out he saved money enough to buy seven pounds of tobacco, which article he traded to the Indians for 400 acres of land. This tract is still occupied by the Hottensteins, (1878) in Maxatawny Township, Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Reprint -- "The Morning Call", Allentown, Pennsylvania,  
January 26, 1946

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

In 2009, Reunion family members and friends contributed \$1,100 to the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County in support of the Mansion restoration in response to the Reunion program for the Mansion.

In 2008, funds were focused on the restoration of the slate roof and interior support beams of the summer kitchen as a specific project proposed by Dr. Robert Reynolds and approved by the Trust.



Period slate tiles, gleaned from other buildings in the area, were used for the roof in the restoring the summer kitchen at the Hottenstein Mansion.

In 2009, the received funding was being applied to new cooper gutters and downspouts for the mansion and the kitchen ell.

Future projects include the restoration of the Dr's Office. This small building is now recognized as a unique and prime example of a rural doctor's office. With its historic equipment, it shows how health services were provided generations ago.

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

## (73rd Year)

June 2009

### Historian's Report

#### Births:

Aubrey Celeste Snyder, daughter of Keith Allen and Claudia Jeanne Snyder  
April 30, 2005 – Family of Mary Elizabeth Hottenstein Yost, 6<sup>th</sup> gen.

State College, Pennsylvania  
Book 5, p 27A

Gwendolyn Emma Hottenstein Grumbles,  
daughter of Erin Colleen Hottenstein and David Paul Grumbles  
December 27, 2007 – Family of Glenn Atherton Hottenstein, Jr., 9<sup>th</sup> gen.

Fort Collins, Colorado  
Book 4, p 50; H~n p 645

Ethan Jon Reilly, son of Emily Hottenstein and William J. Reilly  
October 15, 2008 – Family of Jonathan E. Hottenstein, MD, 8<sup>th</sup> gen.

Milton, Massachusetts  
Book 2, p 44; H~n p 155

Julia Maci Schleider, daughter of Heidi Hottenstein and David Mark Schleider  
February 16, 2009 – Family of Robert Earl Hottenstein, 8<sup>th</sup> gen.

Midlothian, Virginia  
Book 2, p 40A; H~n p 122

#### Marriages:

Karen A. Driscoll to Bruce Scott Bracken  
August 16, 2008 – Family of Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll, 7<sup>th</sup> gen.

Sayre, Pennsylvania  
Book 4, p 97a; H~n p 827

Natalie Madge Anderson to Brendan Baggitt  
September 27, 2008 – Family of Esther Madge Hottenstein Westfall, 6<sup>th</sup> gen.

Baltimore, Maryland  
Book 2, p 90; H~n p 315

#### Deaths:

Leona Grace Huttenstine Akey, wife of Donald J. Huttenstine, dec.  
November 23, 2007 – Family of Erastus Huttenstine

Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles, MI  
Michigan Line

Ruth Parks Callahan Westfall, wife of Robert Ramsey Westfall, dec.  
February 5, 2008 – Family of Esther Madge Hottenstein Westfall, 6<sup>th</sup> gen.

Snow Hill, Maryland  
Book 2 p 89; H~n Book, p 313

Robert Lee Rowan, husband of Marie Wagner Hottenstein Rowan  
March 24, 2008 – Family of Floyd Daniel Hottenstein, 6<sup>th</sup> gen

Fort Indiantown Gap Nat Cemetery, PA  
Book 2 p 66A ; H~n Book, p 246

Charles M. Zeigler, husband of Mary Caroline Ernst Zeigler  
January 5, 2009 – Family of Mary C. Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Rolling Green Mem'l Park, Camp Hill, PA  
Book 2 ; H~n Book, p 264

Tracy Elizabeth Hottenstein  
February 15, 2009 – Family of Charles Stover Hottenstein, 9<sup>th</sup> gen.

Old Goshenhoppen Cemetery, Woxall. PA  
Book 5, p 27B-2

John Hottenstein, Jr.  
February 16, 2009 – Family of

Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

Gene H. Hottenstein, husband of Patricia Hottenstein  
March 14, 2009 – Family of Herman Hottenstein

Calvary Cemetery, Platteville, Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Line

Joyce M. Ulp Stahl, wife of Charles E. Stahl  
March 31, 2009 – Family of Sarah E. Hottenstein Stahl, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

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

Mary Caroline Ernst Zeigler, husband of Charles M. Zeigler, dec.  
April 4, 2009 – Family of Mary C. Hottenstein Hafer, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Rolling Green Mem'l Park, Camp Hill, PA  
Book 2 ; H~n Book, p 264

Edgar A. Fitzwater, husband of Diane King Fitzwater  
April 13, 2009 – Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5<sup>th</sup> gen.

Crownsville, Maryland  
Book 2, p 78; H~n, p 281

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

Doris Geraldine Wolfe Barlett

May 12, 2009 – Family of Edna Francis Hottenstein Wolfe, 6<sup>th</sup> gen.

Highland Cemetery, New Columbia, PA

Book 2, p 51; H~n, p 192

Warren L. Hottenstein, husband of Gloria Miller Hottenstein

May 31, 2009 – Family of Warren R. Hottenstein

Allentown, Pennsylvania

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## **2009 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes**

### **June 16, 2009, At the Mansion, Kutztown, Pennsylvania**

The reunion was hosted by Rob and Jeanette Reynolds at the Hottenstein Mansion in Maxatawny Township, Berks County, near Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

There were 53 people in attendance. The Old time Plow Boys again provided the tractor and wagon ride from the parking area approximately one mile from the mansion. 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.

At 1:00 P. M. the dinner bell called everyone to a wonderful meal of baked ham, baked chicken legs, scalloped potatoes, candied carrots, string beans, with ice cream and strawberries for dessert. John Hottenstein, Jr. offered the blessing.

At 2:00 P. M. the business meeting was called to order, by Terry Schnure. He made comments about the graciousness of Rob and Jeanette Reynolds in hosting the Reunion and express the appreciation of all, in being able to see the Mansion.

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

**Historian's Report:** John L. Hottenstein presented the listing of family events reported prior to the Reunion was distributed. Those attending provided additional information to be listed on the 2009 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.

**Old Business:** Dr. Reynolds discussed the restoration work and how our donations were used. The Roofing and gutter work on the summer kitchen was completed.

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

Dr. Reynolds reported that the next priority for restoration is the doctor's office. He explained that in his research he has found that this building along with the many generations of doctors who used it is very unique. He also discussed his research into the number of surrounding farms which at one time were owned by Hottenstein families. He hopes that in the future the area surrounding the mansion will be recognized as being the center of the development of the Hottenstein family.

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

The Officers as follows were re-elected:

President Terry Schnure  
Vice-President Bill Hottenstein

Secretary Russel Hottenstein  
Treasurer Jane Herlacher  
Historian John L. Hottenstein

Family members were recognized for being the youngest, oldest, and traveling the greatest distance.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M. Many stayed to visit and experience the Mansion.

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

In anticipation of the 75<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion next year, a sport shirt with the Hottenstein Coat of Arms has been developed. The shirts will be available at the Reunion on June 13<sup>th</sup> and may be ordered for pickup at the Reunion or for delivery following the Reunion.



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, with an extra charge 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 or otherwise, email Terry Schnure at [taschnure@aol.com](mailto:taschnure@aol.com).

## **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 if ordering, please check the box on the reservation form or contact Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385 or at [taschnure@aol.com](mailto:taschnure@aol.com)

## **Reunion Officers ---**

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Lincoln, Massachusetts	
John L. Hottenstein, Historian	717-892-7209
Landisville, Pennsylvania	

## **Wisconsin Line, Hottenstein Reunion, Sunday, August 15, 2010**

The Wisconsin Line Hottenstein Reunion will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Herb and Lorraine Hottenstein. For more information on the 2010 arrangements, contact them at 7926 County Road D, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-9752, or at 608-348-8394. Kenneth "Bud" Hottenstein assists with local arrangements in Potosi, WI; contact him at 608-763-2352.

## **Hottenstein Reunion, Wisconsin Line 2009 Reunion Report**

By Lynne Fleming Wilburn

The Wisconsin Line reports its August 2009 Reunion was wonderful ... way many more attended than in years past, which was taken as a good sign. Lots of cousin and 2nd cousin connecting that day ... and lots of family history was copied and sent to family members the week following. The sharing of addresses is a very good sign that we plan to stay connected during the year. Of course, the food was fabulous, small wonders those attending cannot seem to lose any weight in the summer like they say you should be able to ...ya, right.

## **2009 Reunion in Pictures ...**



Cousins David Hottenstein, Jr., Annandale, Virginia and Chet Anderson, Dickerson, Maryland estimated it had been 40 years since they had last been together. Chet's Mother, Jean Westfall Anderson and David are first cousins.

## **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.

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.

## **2009 Reunion in Pictures ...**



The traditional Reunion Picnic

## **Reunion Website ---**

[www.hottenstein.org](http://www.hottenstein.org)

## **2009 Reunion in Pictures ...**



Evelyn and Jack Houck, of Tiffin, Ohio, with Joseph Justin Hottenstein, of Bainbridge, Pennsylvania, who had just returned from duty in Iraq, with the PA Air National Guard.



Jess Hottenstein, Hoboken, New Jersey and Bob and Linda Hottenstein, Audubon, Pennsylvania

## **William Hottenstein Family History Available through Custom Binding**

At the request of several family members, printing of the extensive history of the descendants 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 13th, or subsequently by contacting Terry Schnure. Orders received by July 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:taschnure@aol.com).

## **2011 Tours of Hottenstein German Areas and Europe**

A 75<sup>th</sup> Hottenstein Reunion Anniversary tour strongly focused on the Hottenstein heritage in Germany is being planned for the Fall of 2011, to be tailored to the interests of those joining the trip, those who have yet to go to Germany and those who wish to go back. Planned as a 14 day trip, the tour is intended to be for a group with no more than 18 participants using small motor coaches to be able to stay at family run hotels and inns and dine at small local restaurants. Such traveling provides more local culture and flexibility. This tour includes a visit to the Hottenstein Church, near Wuppertal, Rhine River area, Heidelberg, Ittlingen, Black Forest area, Bern, Interlaken, Salzburg and Prague. This tour is proposed for late September to early October 2011, to take advantage of the low season rates.

A separate 22 day tour is being planned which will start in the Hottenstein area of Germany and be more extensive to include eastern Europe. This tour includes the Hottenstein Church, with an itinerary that includes Karlsruhe, the Black Forest area, Ittlingen, Regensburg, Prague, Berlin, Poland's lake district, Warsaw, Auschwitz, Krakow, Slovakian mountain and mining areas, Budapest, Austrian Alp area and Villach, Italian Dolomites, Italian lake district, Swiss Alps and Tasch, Zermatt, and Geneva. This tour is scheduled to be from July 14 to August 4, 2011.

The tours, respectively, are escorted by Joe and Joyce Hottenstein, who operate Travel Visions. Joe and Joyce have organized European Tours for 18 years. Many costs are included in the tour fee, while giving participants freedom to pursue interests in each location. The per person price for the 14 day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour is estimated to be \$4000; the price for the 22 day tour is estimated to be \$5500. All prices are estimated to be on the high side, are based on 16 participants, and include airfare, accommodations, motor coach and driver, breakfast and dinner, admission to featured attractions, and tips. Final pricing will be lower if 18 participate, to be determined when information on participant numbers and tour options are assembled. If interested, a deposit of \$250 per person is required by July 1, 2010.

More detailed itineraries are available and may be requested from Joe and Joyce Hottenstein by email or calling them at [joenjoyceh@verizon.net](mailto:joenjoyceh@verizon.net) or 717-426-2343.

Joe and Joyce will be at the Reunion on June 13<sup>th</sup> and will be available to personally discuss the tours immediately following the Reunion. Deposits may be made at that time.

## **2009 Reunion in Pictures ...**



Jenavieve Noel Hottenstein, daughter of John and Jennifer Hottenstein, Landisville, Pennsylvania



Steve and Mary Jo Sellers, Lewistown, Pennsylvania with Park Ritter, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Park and Mary Jo are second cousins, once removed, descendants of Isaac Hottenstein, Shamokin Dam, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.



Miles Hoover, Ashburn, Virginia and Larry Herlacher, Lincoln, Massachusetts.