

Hottenstein Lines

June 2007

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.

2007 Hottenstein Reunion Picnic to be Sunday, July 29, at the Hottenstein Mansion, Kutztown

The 71st Hottenstein Reunion, the family picnic gathering, will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2007 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 is a very special opportunity as 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. 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 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.

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 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.

If arriving on Saturday or if in the immediate area and wishing to gather for a social evening with dinner, we will meet at the Seasons Grille at 6:30 PM. Please see additional information inside.

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, July 29th, ... 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 Monday, July 23rd. For late reservations (which can be accommodated) after July 23rd, please contact:

Russel Hottenstein

Telephone: 610/944-8167

E-mail: <u>russhottenstein@yahoo.com</u>

or

Terry Schnure

Telephone: 860/683-2385

E-mail: <u>taschnure@aol.com</u>

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, within 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. Shuttles will provide round trip 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 traveling to the area for the first time may contact any member of the Reunion committee for assistance.

2007 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.

2006 Reunion in Pictures ...



Don, Sue, and Betty Hall, of Maryland

2006 Reunion in Pictures ...



Group Picture of Hottenstein Reunion, July 19, 2006, Watsontown, Pennsylvania

The Hottenstein Mansion

The Hottenstein Mansion was built in 1783 by David and Catherine Hottenstein, David is the fifth child of Jacob Hottenstein, the immigrant, who originally purchased the tract of land from the Penns.

The home remained in the Hottenstein Family until it was received by the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County in 1976 as a gift from Dr. David Fulmer and Mary DeTurk Hottenstein, who had purchased the Mansion in 1965.

Constructed of limestone, it is an outstanding example of Georgian style architecture as seen through the eyes of local Germanic builders. It features exquisite original mantels and paneling, corner cupboards, hand wrought hardware, and an unusual pair of datestones. One room, the grand room on the second floor, has been removed to the Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum, near Wilmington.



Hottenstein Home Rendering from the letterhead of Dr. David F. Hottenstein, 1977

Contributions to the Historic Trust To Be Directed to Mansion Projects

Restoration projects at the Hottenstein Mansion need funding. Our program will include descriptions of projects underway and planned to bring the Mansion back to its historic grandeur. The article introducing Dr. Reynolds, on the last page of this newsletter, explains Dr. Reynolds interest -- his dream -- in preserving and restoring the Mansion.

As an initiative of the Reunion, 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.

Big Development Threatens Mansion, Russel Hottenstein, Reunion, Opposes

A big box development proposal for land adjacent to the Mansion raised issues on sight-lines, traffic, lighting, and the environment. Russ Hottenstein, on behalf of the Reunion, provided testimony at the public hearing in September 2006. While the proposal was approved, the approval conditions were determined by the developer to be too costly. The development project has been withdrawn.

More proposal information and the opposition efforts will be explained at the Reunion.

Hottenstein Reunion

(70th Year)

July 2006

Historian's Report

Births:

Elizabeth Carol Parker, daughter of Charles David Parker and Columbus, Ohio May 4, 2005 – Family of Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, 7th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 156 Alexa Dawn Parker, daughter of Charles David Parker and Columbus, Ohio May 4, 2005 – Family of Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, 7th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 156 Masen Matthew Adelman, son of Matthew David Adleman and Molly Anne Hottenstein Oakland, California July 29, 2005 – Family of Jonathan Edward Hottenstein, MD, 8th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 155 Evan Anthony Fisher, son of George Wayne Fisher and Emily Marie Sahd Lancaster, Pennsylvania August 10, 2005 – Family of Family of Alma Marie Hottenstein Whitmeyer, 8th gen. Book 5, p 27C-2 Josiah Wayne Hottenstein, son of John Lamar Hottenstein and Jennifer Ruth Kuhrman Lancaster, Pennsylvania March 25, 2006 – Family of John H. Hottenstein, 8th gen., Book 6, p 25 Brenna Rose Forney, daughter of William Edward and Jennifer K. Fenton Towanda, Pennsylvania May 17, 2006 – Family of Family of Sharon Marie Hottenstein Forney, 8th gen. Book 4, p45A, H~n, p 639 Erin Nicole Stolzfus, daughter of Keith Stolzfus and Amy Witmeyer Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

June 2, 2006 – Family of Family of Alma Marie Hottenstein Whitmeyer, 8th gen. Book 5, p 27C-3 Amanda Caitlyn Schnure, daughter of Derek John Schnure and Victoria Leigh Geller

July 7, 2006 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen.

Ridgewood, New Jersey Book 2, p 63; H~n, p 233

Marriages:

John Lamar Hottenstein to Jennifer Ruth Kuhrman Marietta, Pennsylvania October 6, 2000 – Family of John H. Hottenstein, 8th gen., Book 6, p 25 Charles David Parker to Barbara Sue Lane Columbus, Ohio June 30, 2001 – Family of Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, 7th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 156 Emily Ward Hottenstein to William Joseph Reilly Sewickley, Pennsylvania May 5, 2003 – Family of Jonathan Edward Hottenstein, MD, 8th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 155

Eric David Moser to Cynthia Michelle Rudy July 23, 2005 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen.

William Edward Forney to Jennifer K. Fenton August 8, 2005 – Family of Sharon Marie Hottenstein Forney, 8th gen.

Laura Bradley Herlacher to Christopher James Conway September 17, 2005 – Family of Susan Esther Hottenstein Long, 5th gen.,

Milton, Pennsylvania Book 2, p 63; H~n, p 230

Dushore, Pennsylvania Book 4, p 45A, H~n, p 639

Lexington, Massachusetts Book 2, p 82, H~n, p 294

Deaths:

Rahn Lincoln Hottenstein, MD, husband of Mary Messner Halifax, Pennsylvania July 20, 2003 – Family of Daniel Edgar Hottenstein, 6th gen. Book 2, p; H~n, p 155

Eleanor Stahl Noble, wife of Robert Noble, deceased Sunset Memorial Park, Albuquerque, NM March 26, 2006 - Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5th gen Book 2, p 77; H~n, p 275

Norman Alfred Edinger, husband of Ethel Irene Beck Edinger, deceased Sunset Memorial Park, Danville, IL March 29, 2006 – Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hottenstein Stahl, 5th gen. Book 2, p 79: H~n, p 284

Brett S. Cressinger, son of Sharon D. Hottenstein Cressinger Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Selinsgrove, PA March 30, 2006 – Family of William L. Hottenstein

Sarah Ellen Schnure Mack, wife of Samuel Woods Mack, deceased St. Paul's (Straub) Cemetery, Danville, PA May 2, 2006 – Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6th gen. Book 2, p 62; H~n, p 234

2006 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes July 18, 2006, Watsontown, Pennsylvania

The reunion began with a prayer offered by Betty Hall followed by a catered lunch. The business meeting was called to order at 2:40 P. M. by the president Terry Schnure. Comments were made in reference to the delicious meal that was served followed by introductions of those present. There were 45 family members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was corrected, the Web site is www.hottenstein.org.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Amount on hand as of 6/30/05	\$4,439.01
Interest Income $7/01/05 - 6/30/06$	59.99
Catered lunch cost '05	(513.04)
Expenses not catered	(20.97)
Mailing expenses	(468.86)
President's expenses	(98.24)
Income from '05 reunion	1,240.00
New total	\$4,637.89

Old Business: Joyce Hottenstein presented the finished Hottenstein reunion family quilt which was worked on by many family members and recently finished by Vera Hottenstein and Joyce's family.

New Business: The President described that he has been in contact with some new suppliers of memorabilia and that there are prints, coffee mugs and tiles available emblazoned with the Hottenstein coat of arms.

Russel Hotenstein reported that he has been in contact with Professor Reynolds who resides in the Hottenstein Mansion in Maxatawny Township outside Kutztown, Pa. Professor Reynolds has extended an invitation to hold the 2007 reunion on the grounds of the Hottenstein Mansion. Professor Reynolds is the Freyberger Professor of German culture at Kutztown University. After a discussion the members present agreed to take Professor Reynolds invitation and set the last weekend in July as the date for the 2007 reunion. It was also reported that professor Reynolds is actively pursuing the restoration of the mansion and out buildings. The Mansion is presently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Professor Reynolds has enlisted consultants to apply for a nomination as a National Historic Landmark which would put it in the same status as Mount Vernon or Monticello.

Russel also explained that he had attended some Maxatawny Township Supervisors meetings that were being held to gather public input regarding an application by a large commercial developer to develop an adjacent 140 acre farm. The proposed plan would significantly change the neighborhood and at least one consultant has advised that it could affect further historical status for the mansion. A concern has also been raised that future plans by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to expand Rte. 222 could affect the mansion which is presently separated from the highway by a narrow shoulder. As a local resident, Russel said he would continue to attend the meetings and asked the members present if he would be authorized to speak on behalf of the reunion committee to support Professor Reynolds efforts should the opportunity arise. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Russel to represent the interests of the Hottenstien Reunion committee at the Maxatawny Township hearings.

Historian's Report: John Hottenstein offered the correct name of the web site and also presented a discussion.

Election of Officers for 2006:

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

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Special Event. Attending the reunion were German residents and cousins Ursula nee Hottenstein Goetzberger, her husband Adolf and son Oliver. Ursula and her family reminisced with those present whom she hosted at her home in Frieburg, Germany in 1997. Ursula also gave a talk on the town of Ittlingen, Germany which is where our ancestors lived prior to immigrating to Pennsylvania.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted, Russel Hottenstein, Secretary

Tiles and Mugs, New Hottenstein Memorabilia

Tiles and mugs with the Coat of Arms were introduced at the 2006 Reunion, in celebration of the 70th Hottenstein Reunion. The Coat of Arms is reproduced on ceramic or porcelain for long lasting use.

The tiles are ceramic, 6"x6" in format, and are available in either a glossy or matte finish. Each tile is individually fired, using a hand applied image transfer process. Being glazed, the image is fixed forever. The tile may be used as a trivet for hot or cold dishes or alternatively be used a wall hanging. The price is \$18.00 each.

The mugs are porcelain and will contain 14 fl oz. As with the tile, each mug is individually fired using a hand applied image transfer process. This mug with the Hottenstein Coat of Arms is suitable for many uses, in addition to coffee times. The price is \$19.00 each. For ordering, an order form for both the tiles and mugs is included on the reverse of the Hottenstein Reunion Information form, which is enclosed with this mailing.

Other Hottenstein Reunion memorabilia to be available at the Hottenstein Reunion may also be ordered. Items featuring the Coat of Arms include home banners (3'x5' nylon), and color prints for framing. For more information, please contact Terry Schnure at 860/683-2385 or at taschnure@aol.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 2006 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.

Expanded Committee Sought for 72nd Reunion Planning

Family members who wish to assist in planning for the 72nd Reunion to be held in 2008 are asked to contact Terry Schnure or any Reunion officer. Ideas, new or traditional, and thoughts from all are welcomed.

The location of the Reunion in 2008 will be discussed and may be determined at the Reunion, this year.

Thanks to Dan Schnure

Our Reunion Treasurer for many years, Dan Schnure, has retired as treasurer of the Reunion. He has diligently kept our financial records for which we are most grateful. On behalf of the Reunion, it is with much appreciation that we thank him for all that he has done for the Reunion.

Jane Herlacher was elected as the Reunion Treasurer at the 2006 Reunion; her contact information follows in the following Reunion Officers Listing.

Reunion Officers Listing

Terry Schnure, President	860/683-2385
Windsor, Connecticut	
Bill Hottenstein, Vice President	570/823-4457
Plains, Pennsylvania	
Russell Hottenstein, Secretary	610/944-8167
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania	
Jane Herlacher, Treasurer	781/259-1370
Lincoln, Massachusetts	
John L. Hottenstein, Historian	717/892-7209
Landisville, Pennsylvania	

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. Arrangements have been made with a different bindery for the assembly of additional books. Additional casings are being prepared the binding of more books.

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 July 29th, or subsequently by contacting Terry Schnure. Orders received by August 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.

Wisconsin Line, Hottenstein Reunion Sunday, August 19, 2007

The Wisconsin Line Hottenstein Reunion will be held on August 19th in Potosi, Wisconsin, the third Sunday. The gathering will be at Hickory Hill Park, beginning in late morning. For more information on the 2007 Reunion arrangements, contact Sharon and Gary Withrow, in Plattville, WI, at (608) 943-6082. Kenneth "Bud" Hottenstein assists with local arrangements in Potosi, WI; contact him at 608/763-2352.

Hottenstein Reunion, Wisconsin Line Reunion Report, August 20, 2006

Reported by Lynne Wilburn

The mid-west branch of the Hottensteins had a lovely late August Sunday for their 72nd Reunion. Approximately 60 attended with the usual "groaning board" with everything from Mervin's locally caught fish to hearty staple mid-west style meatloaf to apple pie and brownies. It doesn't get any better.

The welcome was extended by Genie Fleming, a poem submitted by Kay Jones was recited, and grace was offered.

After the meal, we shared family news, photos, vacation updates, and address changes. One new baby (a darling baby boy) and an October wedding for a Hottenstein "hold-out" was announced. Bart Hottenstein has given up bachelorhood! Kathy Hottenstein is running for sheriff -- news that was greeted with "you go – girl!" by all attending.

The shelter is reserved for August 2007, the third Sunday; another nice day is ordered.

Ken (Bud) and Sharon and Gary Withrow are in charge of the next family gathering in Potosi,

2006 Reunion in Pictures ...



Adolf, Oliver, and Urusla Goetzberger, from Germany

"Dreams Do Come True"

The following is excerpted from the Lehigh Alumni Bulletin, Spring 2005. It is an introduction to **Robert Webster Reynolds**, **Ph.D**. He is the curator of the Pennsylvania Cultural Heritage Center, in Kutztown. Dr. Reynolds too is the curator of the 1873 David Hottenstein Mansion; it is also his home, with his family. Copies of the complethe article will be available at the 2007 Reunion are available upon request by contacting Terry Schnure.

Dr. Reynolds is the Freyberger Professor of Pennsylvania German Culture at Kutztown University, a responsibility that also includes roles as curator of the <u>Pennsylvania</u> <u>Cultural Heritage Center</u> in Kutztown.

A native New Englander whose own heritage goes back to the 1630 Puritan migration to Massachusetts, Reynolds developed his fascination with Pennsylvania German culture while studying preservation as an undergraduate at Gettysburg College. He then got his master's degree at the University of Vermont and went on to study history at Lehigh, a decision that ultimately led to his "dream job."

"Dreams do come true -- this is the best job I've ever had in my life," says Reynolds, as he walks through the hallways of the farmhouse at the Cultural Heritage Center, which also includes a one-room schoolhouse, the bank barn, library, and other outbuildings. "I spent a lot of years sitting in jobs I didn't like; now, I love getting up and going to work."

The job does seem like it was custom-made for Reynolds, who got his Ph.D. in history from Lehigh in 2003 and has extensive hands-on experience in restoration architecture (for example, he was lead carpenter on the Thomas Edison house in New Jersey).

Part of his time will be spent educating the public about Pennsylvania German culture, part will be spent teaching a class at Kutztown on the history and architecture of the Pennsylvania German landscape, and in his "free" time he will laboriously scrape paint from the windowsills of the Hottenstein Mansion as he restores the million-dollar house to its original glory.

Reynolds' responsibility as a preserver of Pennsylvania German Culture is essential because untouched historical sites -- such as the barn at the Heritage Center, which is still full of farm equipment, and the 19th-century country doctor's office at the mansion, which still houses the tools and medicines (like opium and ether) exactly as they were left by the physician who once used them -- are scarce these days.

Reynolds says his education at Lehigh taught him to teach himself, a vital skill for his current role. "From the beginning, my professors made



Dr. Robert W. Reynolds

me responsible for my own program. It fostered in me the ability to walk into a situation like this where there are a lot of things I know and also a lot of things I need to learn, and figure out how to get that knowledge – how to be a scholar.

At Lehigh, I learned that nothing is impossible.

You can figure anything out if you work hard enough." Hard work is precisely what it will take to restore the Hottenstein Mansion." But for Reynolds, it will be a labor of love. And his students at Kutztown will participate in and benefit from the restoration.

"As part of the class, students are assigned to the outbuildings at the mansion," he says. "They are going to sift through the artifacts, study the buildings, look at the conservation needs, and then restore the structures."

Reynolds spoke up and took on the restoration project when he got wind that the Trust for History Preservation of Berks County was thinking of selling the home. Reynolds and his wife stepped in and offered to restore the property in return for the life rights to it.

This is a dream for my wife and me -- to have a mansion. The Hottenstein Mansion is a national historic landmark. In its day, it was a true mansion -- Dr. Hottenstein and his wife lived a genteel lifestyle here. I'm not proposing I'll be furnishing it with all 18th-century antiques and recreating exactly what it looked like originally. I'm not a millionaire, and that's what it takes to do that these days. It's more that I'm going to live in it, care for it, and then work carefully over time to bring it back."