



# *Hottenstein Lines*

April 2020

*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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## **Pennsylvania Hottenstein Reunion Sunday, June 14, 2020 Canceled**

With an abundance of caution and consistent with currently known national and state practices for protection in the public health crisis associated with the coronavirus, the Hottenstein Reunion scheduled for June 20, 2020, in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, is canceled.

Your Leadership Group for the Reunion, in their concerns for the well-being of everyone, believed that there were just too many known and unknown factors and concerns that could prevail at the Reunion time to proceed with the Reunion in June, at the Hottenstein Mansion.



We now look forward to the next Hottenstein Reunion, which will be next year. The date is June 13, 2021, the second Sunday in June 2021. Mark your calendars; please plan to attend.

Should additional information be needed, please contact Terry Schnure, via email, at [taschnure@aol.com](mailto:taschnure@aol.com).

## **Mid-West Hottenstein Reunion Sunday, August 16, 2020 Scheduled**

The Mid-West Hottenstein Reunion is currently scheduled to be on August 16, 2020, at the Hickory Hill Park, in Potosi, Wisconsin. The status of this Reunion is **to be determined in July** by our younger cousins' consensus due to unprecedented global pandemic health circumstances and safety guidelines.

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## 2019 Pennsylvania Reunion in Pictures



The 2019 Hottenstein Reunion in Kutztown, Pennsylvania

### **2019 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes June 9, 2019, At the Mansion and the Masonic Hall, Kutztown, Pennsylvania**

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hottenstein Reunion was held first at the Hottenstein Mansion in Kutztown, PA on June 9, 2019 with 30 persons attending. While at the Mansion, Rob Reynolds, his wife Jennette and daughter Riana showed us around the mansion and explained changes that have been made in the last year. Rob noted that the downstairs bathroom was falling apart, and the floor was tilted, and they leveled the floor and added a shower. They fixed up the extra bedroom so that his father-in-law who recently became a widower could come and spend his final days. Also, three gutters were replaced -- two with copper and one with aluminum.

The reunion then re-convened at the Huguenot Lodge No. 377 F&AM on Crystal Cave Road also in Kutztown. Terry called the Reunion gathering together at around 12:30 PM. He welcomed everyone to the Reunion. He thanked the Reynolds for their hospitality, allowing us to tour through the Mansion and in explaining about the Mansion. Terry explained that Jennette's mother, Carol Jennette Shook, had passed away on March 25<sup>th</sup>; on behalf of the Reunion, he expressed our sympathy to the Reynolds.

Bob Hottenstein offered the blessing. We then enjoyed a buffet luncheon of fried chicken, baked ham, green beans, baked limas, escalloped potatoes, tossed salad, fruit salad, rolls and butter, and strawberry shortcake topped with vanilla ice cream. Beverages included iced tea, lemonade and bottled water.

The business meeting commenced at 2:00 P.M.

Terry then passed out the Historian and Treasurer's reports. The Secretary's report was printed in the newsletter mailed to everyone. In addition to the Treasurer's Report, Terry noted that since last year and prior to the meeting, \$325 had been donated to the Trust and \$200 to the Reunion. All reports were accepted as presented. Following the introduction of the Historian's Report, we then observed a period of silence for us to remember, with cherished thoughts and memories, our loved ones and family members known and unknown to us.

Rob Reynolds then spoke about preparing the outside woodwork for painting and applying three coats of linseed oil paint obtained from Sweden at \$179/gal. Since lead paint was outlawed in the US, the linseed oil paint is the only paint that will last. He spoke about the surrounding lands and about surveyors staking out the land all around the mansion and the possibility of the two houses on the other side of Hottenstein Road being sold and that land being developed as well.

## 2019 Hottenstein Family Reunion Meeting Minutes -- continued

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Omar Hottenstein then talked about the Hottenstein Cemetery across Rte. 222. He explained he met with John Wesner, to determine the best access to the cemetery. Planted crops are in our right-of-way. Omar assisted those who wished to visit the cemetery. Access is recognized as a problem and there is needed Trust involvement. Omar has also been attempting to rid the area of ground hogs before they cause the gravestones to become unstable. Omar is a member of the Trust and attends the Trust meetings.

Election of Officers was then held, and the existing officers all agreed to serve for another year, and they are as follows:

President	Terry Schnure	Historian	John Hottenstein
Vice-President	Jane Herlacher	Member at Large	Russel Hottenstein
Secretary	Bob Hottenstein	Member at Large	Omar Hottenstein
Treasurer	Tami Weidman		

It was moved, seconded and by consensus, to include William Spagnola, as an officer of the Reunion. William is our webmaster for the HOTTENSTEIN.ORG website.

Recognitions:

Oldest Woman	Joan Pantalone
Oldest Man	David Hottenstein
Youngest in Attendance	Haley Weidman
Most keys in pocket	Rich Laverdure
Married most recently	William and Leizel Spagnola
Grandparents with youngest child	Sharon and Rich Laverdure

Cindy Neff, niece of Russel Hottenstein, was recognized as a first-time Reunion attendee.

The meeting was adjourned around 3:00 PM. Best wishes for safe travels were extended to everyone. People continued to visit following the meeting.

## 2019 Pennsylvania Reunion in Pictures



Rob Reynolds  
Speaking about the  
Hottenstein Mansion



Cindy Neff  
Attending her first  
Hottenstein Reunion



Bill and Liezel Spagnola  
the Most Recently Married  
attending the Reunion

# Hottenstein Reunion (83<sup>rd</sup> Year)

June 2019

## Historian's Report

### Births:

- Caroline Elizabeth Natke, daughter of Elizabeth Ann Hubel Natke and Eric Natke  
March 14, 2014 -- Family of William John Hottenstein, 8<sup>th</sup> gen., Parish, New York  
Book 2,; H ~ n, p. 164
- Laurel Frances Swain, daughter of Caitlin Marie Hubel Swain and Kyle Andrew Swain  
Mill Valley, California  
December 26, 2016 -- Family of William John Hottenstein, 8<sup>th</sup> gen., Book 2,; H ~ n, p. 165
- Blake Ryann Dannels, daughter of Jodi Beth Montgomery Dannels and William A. Dannels  
September 21, 2018 -- Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6<sup>th</sup> gen., Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania  
Book 2, p 62; H ~ n, p. 229

### Marriages:

- Nicole Naomi Schnure and Quinn Michael Yeager Paradise United Church of Christ, Milton, Pennsylvania  
March 30, 2019 -- Family of Sarah Ellen Hottenstein Schnure, 6<sup>th</sup> gen., Book 2, p 62; H ~ n, p. 237

### Deaths:

- Thomas William Fisher, son of Verna Faye Laidacker Fisher and William Fisher  
September 10, 2018 -- Family of Jean Elizabeth Hottenstein Laidacker. 7<sup>th</sup> gen Tampa, Florida  
Book 2, --H ~ n, p244
- Mary Virginia Wolfe Lyons, wife of John Lyons  
December 20, 2018 -- Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6<sup>th</sup> gen Bradenton, Florida  
Book 2, --H ~ n, p210
- Lorraine M. Hottenstein, wife of Herbert P. Hottenstein  
December 23, 2018 -- Family of Edmund Hottenstein Greenwood Cemetery, Platteville, Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Line
- Dante Shen Welton, son of Shawn Franklin Trate and Stacey Keiser Trate  
January 9, 2019 -- Family of Edna Frances Hottenstein Wolfe, 6<sup>th</sup> gen Milton, Pennsylvania  
Book 2, --H ~ n, p 208
- Doris Foust Phillips, wife of Neil LaRue Phillips, deceased,  
January 10, 2019 -- Family of Leona Mae Hottenstein Phillips, 7<sup>th</sup> gen. Lutheran Cemetery, Washingtonville, PA  
Book 2, p 59; H ~ n Book p 223
- Wanda D. Hottenstein, wife of Mervin Hottenstein  
January 29, 2019 -- Family of Edmund Hottenstein Greenwood Cemetery, Platteville, Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Line
- Miriam Elise Williamson Hottenstein, wife of Leland Malcolm Hottenstein, dec.  
March 3, 2019 -- Family of Hallie Edward Hottenstein, 7<sup>th</sup> gen. Nichols Cemetery, Nichols, New York  
Book 2, p 45; H ~ n, p 637
- William Ralph Boyle, Jr., husband of Linda L. Whitmeyer Boyle  
May 19, 2019 -- Family of Alma Marie Hottenstein Witmeyer, 8<sup>th</sup> gen Grandview Cemetery, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Book 5, p 27B-1

## Reunion Leadership Group

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|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
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| Zeiglerville, Pennsylvania     |              | Gettysburg, Pennsylvania       |              |
| Tami Weidman, Treasurer        | 610-207-9208 | Bill Spagnola, Web Master      | 717-683-4039 |
| Oley, Pennsylvania             |              | New York City, New York        |              |

# 2019 Hottenstein Mansion Report

Excerpted from the Annual Report for 2019 on the Hottenstein Property Management prepared by Robert W. Reynolds, Ph.D. for the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, January 2020.

## Project Completed

Last year Jennette's mother, Carol Shook, took ill and her father was no longer able to care for her. We prepared for them to come live with us by setting up a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor of the house. Carol died unexpectedly before they could move here. Jennette's father Ken will move here when necessary.



Restored finished first floor bedroom

Changes include removing coat closet, removal of 1960s alarm electrical box, boxing in of heat ductwork with planking in far right corner previously hidden in coat closet, new light fixture, new receptacles and wiring, shaving of door to left, and repairing of lockset to easily operate. Chair rail behind bed head previously hidden by removed closet. Trim color matched off existing 1960s color.

The new bathroom is a room built inside a room that was designed to be reversible. To make the room reversible we needed to raise the floor one step higher than the adjacent room. The bath has a heated tile floor, full size shower, a ventilation system to pull humid air down to the basement then out a basement window, all new wiring, and all new plumbing. We moved the bathroom door to fit the sink, replacing the entire plaster wall with a plank wall to save space, and to better blend with the building. That paneling was used on the sink/toilet wall in the bathroom to hide modern vents for heat and ventilation. Period door with original paint located a few miles from house.

This bathroom featured the most deteriorated interior room inside the mansion. For many years the upstairs shower above leaked down into the walls of this room rusting the metal lath holding the plaster, rotting portions of the sink cabinet and rotting portions of the floor joists causing the entire room to sag dramatically into the outside corner. Repairs to the floor allowed the original floor structure to be put back into place with sistering of several joists and modest jacking.

1783 plaster on original lath with original blue finish and ceiling decoration of circle rows remain intact under the finishes of the new bathroom.

## Small Projects Completed:

1. Repaired/repainted bilco doors to basement
2. Restored lighting fixture near road
3. Replaced stove vent hood in modern kitchen
4. Replaced kitchen sink faucet
5. Electrical work in kitchen



Eighteenth-century fabric and finish evidence

## 2019 Hottenstein Mansion Report – continued

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### Five Year Projection

For 2020, we plan to address the front and Kutztown side of the mansion. Work to be undertaken includes carpentry repairs to several shutters, hanging shutters and hardware on Kutztown side of main block, painting of thirteen double hung sash and seven sets of shutters, painting of cornice and attic windows on these two sides. Trust assistance is needed to address the damaged front entrance to the mansion.

Longer range goals include completing the repairs and painting of the rear elevation, Repair and painting of the summer kitchen, Doctor's Office, bake house, smokehouse, garage, and replacement of the outhouse. Each interior room of the mansion needs freshening of finishes. Trust assistance is requested to determine if we will pursue paint analysis and restoration or repainting.

### 2019 Mid-West Hottenstein Reunion in Pictures



(L to R) Keith, Beckett & Stephanie Schaefer, Rachael Schmidt, Levi (baby in waiting), Tyler Landon.

Stephanie and Rachael are the daughters of Dennis and Becky Hottenstein Schmidt, granddaughters of Mervin Hottenstein, great-granddaughters of Edmund Hottenstein



(L to R) Nolan, Bennett & Nicholas Zahalka, sons of Tom & Lindsay Hottenstein Zahalka, grandsons of Herman Hottenstein, great-grandsons of Edmund Hottenstein

### Hottenstein Resource Person

In recent years, interests in different historical items or aspects of Hottenstein families' lives and happenings has come to the attention of the Reunion. Inquiries occur about offerings to share information on family items. On the other hand, there are inquiries about families' information not otherwise known to the Reunion. These items and details include news articles, photographs and daguerreotypes, period clothing, artifacts, detailed family genealogies, bibles, and other items.

The Reunion seeks and welcomes a "Hottensteiner" to establish an initiative to document the resources which are among the Hottenstein families that would be of interest to all. From this, the initiative could be a referral point for inquiries. If interested in setting up and starting the Hottenstein Resource, please contact Terry Schnure at [taschnure \(at\) aol.com](mailto:taschnure@aol.com).

## 2019 Mid-West Hottenstein Family Reunion Report, Potosi, Wisconsin

by Patricia Hottenstein Moritz

On August 18, 2019, the Mid-West Reunion of the family of Philip Hottenstein once again gathered at the Hickory Hill Park in Potosi, Wisconsin, celebrating a milestone, the 85th Year of Hottenstein Reunions. With fifty in attendance, the younger generation was strong in their presence. Retelling and discovering

stories of our heritage becomes more vital and vivid in the passing years, along with the richness of who we are, falling on ears of the future.

At the Reunion, a Family Tribute Poem was presented. The Poem, in honor of and to Philip and Catherine Hottenstein, whose descendants attend this Reunion, was written and recited by Bob Jones, the son of Owen and Nora Hottenstein Jones. It is shared with us all.

### The Ones Who Started It All

-- to Philip and Catherine Hottenstein,  
written by Robert F. Jones

*Just a couple of German folk  
Came to America, so grand  
Giving life to eleven children  
Made special for this land.*

*To Louise, first up in Heaven  
As young as young could be  
I'm sad I did not know her  
And wonder, who was she.*

*To Rose, with pen in hand  
Pictures, beauty to behold  
Each one a portrait cast in love  
And never growing old.*

*To Bill, the quiet farmer  
With all his crops to tend  
Would that I'd look on aged brow  
Or shake his hand again.*

*To Ed, I did not know him well  
Yet he stood for what was right  
And to his family gather 'round  
He was their guiding light.*

*To Katie, yes, dear Katie  
Her voice heard even now  
Gave love to all who knew her  
Yet worked neither pen or plow.*

*To Elsie, small and yes, so sweet  
Molded in God's love  
To hug you, Elsie, one more time  
Can you hear me, there above?*

*To pick a few, blue violets  
For my father's wife  
And kiss the cheek of mother  
The one who gave me life.*

*To Nora, and her gentle love  
Those prayers each day for me  
Her table set in Heaven  
Her rightful place to be.*

*To Phil, so strong in word and deed  
His voice rings oh, so clear  
I as a child, often thought  
The man he knew no fear.*

*To Minnie out in Oregon  
She lived her life each day  
In mountains quiet beauty  
In God's own special way.*

*To Fred, his grapes and cellared wine  
That garden overflowing  
He loved life with all his heart  
I saddened at his going.*

*To Ted, a man of special grace  
His daughters knew so well  
His songs, his words, his giving way  
And the stories he would tell.*

*To me, they all were special  
I keep them in my heart  
They're all up there in Heaven  
Now, never will they part.*

*In time, like all before me pass  
When I shall see their face  
And there with all the Hottensteins  
I will take my place.*

For reference, the birth order of the children of Philip and Catherine Hottenstein was Elise, Bill, Phil, Fred, Minnie, Ed, Katie, Nora, Loise, Ted, and Rose.

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## *Hottenstein Lines*

*Your Hottenstein Reunion Family Newsletter*

### **Hottenstein Reunions –**

#### **Descendants of Jacob Hottenstein**

June 14, 2020, Sunday

**Canceled – Please refer to Page One**

At the Hottenstein Mansion

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

#### **Descendants of Philip J. Hottenstein**

August 16, 2020

**Scheduled – Please refer to Page One**

At the Hickory Hill Park

Potosi, Wisconsin





# Contributions Enable the Hottenstein Reunion

Contributions made to the Hottenstein Reunion assist Reunion efforts in continuing our contacts with families and organizations, establishing initiatives in maintaining family ties, understanding and learning more about our lineages, and our family history. The Reunion maintains about 400 family addresses. In 2019, \$396 were contributed to the Reunion. Reunion contributions are primary and very significant in covering our newsletter and mailing expenses. Last year, the costs for printing and mailing the newsletter and mailing expenses were \$730. Our annual newsletter is the primary Hottenstein Reunion outreach in maintaining contact with Hottenstein families.



Contributions to the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, the owners of the Hottenstein Mansion and Property (including the Hottenstein Cemetery) assist special or unique projects associated the Hottenstein property considered as being historical or architectural and projects anticipated for the cemetery. Scientific, historical analysis of paint from the Mansion continues to be proposed to establish dating and colors originally used those areas of the mansion. In 2019, \$550 were contributed to the Trust. Trust contributions are separately payable to the "Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County"; the memo line should indicate "Hottenstein". These contributions are tax deductible and will be separately acknowledged.

Checks payable to the Hottenstein Reunion and/or the Trust may be sent with this form included with this newsletter. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

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## 2020 Hottenstein Reunion (Please complete as applicable.)

### Hottenstein Reunion Contribution

My/Our contribution to the Hottenstein Reunion to further support Reunion planning, newsletters, and other current activities, as well as embark on new initiatives is enclosed.

Remittance/Check (Payable to the "Hottenstein Reunion") \_\_\_\_\_

### Historic Preservation Trust Donation

My/Our donation directed to the Hottenstein property, which includes the Hottenstein Cemetery, is enclosed. A separate check returned with this form will be provided to the "Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County". Donations are tax-deductible. Indicate "Hottenstein" in the memo portion of the check. These donations are separately acknowledged.

Donation/Check (Payable to the "Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County") \_\_\_\_\_

### Person / Family Event Information

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are aware of a birth, adoption, marriage, death, or family event which has occurred during the past year or previous few years which has not been reported, please provide the person or family event information by completing the form on the reverse, as applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you have a change of address or know of an address change of address, please provide the address change information by completing the form on the reverse.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hottenstein Reunion Information

If you are aware of a birth, adoption, marriage, death, or other family event which has occurred during the past or previous years and has not been reported in a previous Historian's Report, if there is a change of address, or if a relative is not receiving Hottenstein Reunion information and announcements, please complete the following as applicable and return this form as indicated below:

### Check and complete as applicable:

- Change of Address (or Email Address)
- Additional Name for Hottenstein Reunion Mailing List
- Birth (for the name and date indicated below)  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Adoption (for the name and date indicated below)
- Marriage (for the names indicated below)  
Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- Death (for the name indicated below)  
Date of Death: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Place of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Event (for the name(s) indicated below)

### Biographical Information --

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Family Event Information --

Additional Information, including occupation information, major accomplishments, names of children and birth dates, change in marital status and date, and other items of interest, as applicable.

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Return this information, with any applicable news clippings or notes, to:  
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