



Hotchkiss Family News

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2010 Reunion in Prospect, Connecticut

Reunion in Prospect Aug 14-15

After conversations with a number of the usual attendees of the reunion, it was decided to hold the annual reunion meeting in the afternoon. We'll meet at the Prospect firehouse on Sat. at 10 a.m. for some time to catch up with everyone's news. We'll have lunch about noon and then our annual business meeting. A tour of the Hotchkiss House is scheduled after lunch, then a tour of the cemetery for those who would like to see it. Barney Kathan, who is very knowledgeable about the cemetery will meet us there in the afternoon.

Lunch will be roast beef, turkey, veggie wraps, potato salad, cole slaw, a veggie platter & dips. Also included is a fresh fruit platter & dips, cake and drinks. \$28 will cover food, drinks, incidentals and defray the cost of the facility rental.

Following lunch is a tour of the Hotchkiss House, the house of David Miles Hotchkiss (1797 - 1878), now the Hotchkiss House of the Prospect Historical Society. Henry Kirke Hotchkiss (1823 - 1894) was probably born and brought up here. Henry K. was father of William Henry Hotchkiss (1851-1915). There is a recreation area



behind the house called Hotchkiss Field, probably part of the original farm. The cemetery tour will follow with local expert, Barney Kathan, giving us a tour.

Reservations for motels are individuals' responsibility, local options include: Courtyard by Marriott, 63 Grand Street, 203-596-1000 or 800-321-2211 or online; Holiday Inn Express 88 Union St Waterbury, 203-575-1500 or online.

This year is the 375th anniversary of the settlement of Connecticut, so there are lots of interesting exhibits and sites to see in many communities and around the state. Check page 4 for websites to check out for ideas.

Reservations

Send Joan Johnson a note via email or snail mail by August 1 letting her know your name, phone #, number of people who will attend. Joan's address &

email address is listed on the back of the newsletter.

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Action Notes:

- Order your CD of Hotchkiss Men in the Revolution
- Have a Hotchkiss male in your family participate in the DNA project

Directions to the Prospect Firehouse

Firehouse is on Rt. 69, New Haven Road, Prospect

I- 84 West - exit 25A Austin Rd. At exit light turn left, stay in middle lane, up the hill to stop sign - go straight. At next light (Hotchkiss Field will be in front of you) turn left on New Haven Rd. and continue on that road, through the traffic light in center of Prospect, Fire House will be on the right.

I-84 East - exit 25A, Austin Rd. At exit light turn right straight up the hill to stop sign, turn right; then follow above directions to light at Hotchkiss Field and to Fire House.

Rt. 8 North - exit 28. At traffic light go through intersection to next light. Short distance. Turn right on Rt. 68, Prospect Road. Continue to the traffic light in the center of Prospect (4th light). Turn right. Fire House will be on the right.

Rt. 8 South - exit 28 (careful, a bit tricky). From stop sign at exit go a short distance to stop sign & caution light. Turn left. At traffic light, turn left, Rt. 68, Prospect Road, then follow directions as above.

Hotchkiss DNA Project Needs Your Participation

We've had a couple more Hotchkiss men contact Ross about the DNA test. We still need more participation. The more men that get tested, the more results, the better. The Hotchkiss DNA Project is ongoing. If you have questions or would like more information on how to participate, please contact Ross Hotchkiss at 905-469-9148 or by email: hotchi@pathcom.com

Until June 25, 2010, Family Tree DNA is offering its 37-marker Y-DNA test for \$119 (regular price is \$149) and the 67-marker test for \$199 (regular price \$239).

We now have at least one person in the DNA project for each of Samuel's sons:

With five people from John's line we have a number of mutations but all are unique to one person. As a result we cannot yet use DNA results to sort out lines that are not yet proven but we have been able to prove these five are all related through Samuel's first son, John.

Ross says, "based on working with another of my family lines, it appears that we will need five to ten men per line to get results that would allow us to trace lines using the DNA markers."

Participation is quick and easy. Contact Ross for more information. To see the Hotchkiss DNA results connect to:

www.familytreedna.com/public/hotchkiss/default.aspx?section=yresults

Hotchkiss Passing

James M. Hotchkiss, Jr. Jan. 16, 1927 ~ Dec. 31, 2009
Resident of Lafayette James M. Hotchkiss, Jr. passed away in his home on December 31. Born in Oakland, Jim spent much of his childhood in Healdsburg. After serving in the Navy at the end of WWII, Jim returned to the Bay Area to obtain his undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley and later his MBA at Stanford University. Jim established his own accounting office, first in Oakland and then in Orinda. Though retired for more than a decade, he still went to office daily to meet with clients and conduct genealogical research. Jim could be counted on for many things, but his Hawaiian shirts and propensity to never resist the opportunity for a good (or bad) pun were legendary. He was an avid fan of musical theater and eagerly awaited football season every fall. Jim loved his family, past and present. Spending hours researching his family tree, he was eager to share stories about his pioneering roots and wrote three books highlighting the lives of some of his more colorful relatives: First Lady of Tennis: Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman; A Pair of Kings and a Joker; and The Millionaire Miner and the Indian Girl. But it was his immediate family that he treasured above all else. Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years Isabel, his sons Joseph and wife Rose of Knightsen, and Edward of Lafayette. He was extremely proud of his grandchildren Sarah Hotchkiss, Beth Hotchkiss, and Marion Merrill; and adored his great-grandchildren Samantha and Cheyanne.

Participate in the HFA Revolutionary War Book Project

Just a reminder to those of us who committed to writing about our Revolutionary War Ancestor. Please have your information to Don Hotchkiss by July 31. Here are the Hotchkiss' whose descendants have committed to writing about:

123-21 Harris Hotchkiss
144 Ladwick Hotchkiss Sr; 144-1 Lemuel Hotchkiss; 144-3 Ladwick Hotchkiss Jr
237-2 Elihu Moulthrop h/o Mary Hotchkiss
238-1 Samuel Hotchkiss ; 238-2 Josiah Hotchkiss
238-5 Hendrick Conrad Bail h/o Sarah Hotchkiss
239 Enos Hotchkiss; 239-1 Elihu Hotchkiss
526-11 Asahel Hotchkiss; 526-12 Russell Riverius h/o Charity Hotchkiss
526-2 David Hotchkiss

Is your ancestor represented? We need volunteers for write-ups on Samuel's children: Sarah-4, Thomas-6, and Daniel-7. Books will be published on demand and sold as a fund raiser for HFA.

Hotchkiss Query – #1 Barry got some answers

Shortly after the newsletter was published, Barry Travis was contacted by Chris, another Hotchkiss/Travis researcher. Comparing notes, they both found answers to questions on their common ancestral lines. Barry reported that the Hotchkiss clan is quite large and active and wished that his Travis line was more active.

James wife recently joined him...

Isabel Moruza Hotchkiss April 22, 1925 - May 22, 2010 Resident of Lafayette Isabel Hotchkiss passed away peacefully on May 22 in the company of her loving family. Isabel grew up in Susanville, California and often told stories about the close-knit ethnic community in which she was raised. Her parents moved the family to Berkeley so that their three children could attend UC Berkeley. While at Cal, Isabel met a dashing young man, James M. Hotchkiss, Jr., and the two married in 1949. The newlyweds settled in Oakland and later moved with their two sons, Joe and Ed, to Lafayette. Isabel poured herself into caring for her husband, recently deceased, and her two sons. The four enjoyed many family vacations at the coast, including their annual pilgrimage to Coronado Beach. A skilled painter and photographer, Isabel was known for her artistic grace. She surrounded herself with music, art and theater and shared her passion for the arts with her family and friends.

Joan's Query

Will the person who contacted Joan about printing John in China contact her again, please? Unfortunately the contact name is lost in the address file.

Printing there may be something we have to think about because poor old John is so big!

Hotchkiss Passings

John J. Hotchkiss

John J. Hotchkiss, 81, died peacefully on May 1, 2010. A lifelong resident of Central New York, he graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School and from Le Moyne College, with a BA in business administration. He worked for Loblaw's Grocery and retired from Peter's IGA. John was a corpsman in the U.S. Navy, serving with the First Marine Division in the Korean War. He belonged to the Baldwinsville VFW and Eastwood American Legion. He enjoyed Le Moyne College and SU sports. He also enjoyed fishing and golf. John was the son of Joseph E. and Vera (Bertrand) Hotchkiss. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Peggy Purcell; his wife of 52 years, Eileen; and his daughter, Diane Vito. Survived by his sons, John (Pamela) of Manlius, Brian (Lu Ann) of Liverpool and Kevin (Tammy) of Jordan; son-in-law, Frank Vito of Constantia; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

William Joseph Hotchkiss

Born 11 Oct 1926 in North Bend [OR] and moved to Portland as a child. He served in the Navy and graduated from Linfield College. He owned Bill's Men's shop. He married Lucille Switzer in 1952 who died in 1960. Survivors include his son, Dan; daughter, Nancie Hammond; companion, June Coy; and 2 grandchildren.

Answer to Hotchkiss Query – # 3 Can Anyone Add Earlier Generations?

Joan Johnson, our HFA genealogist came across photos of a front door on which has been engraved the Hotchkiss coat of arms by Herbert Leech Hotchkiss M.D. Dave Johnson found a Hubert L. Hotchkiss listed as a deceased member of the Memphis Medical Society. With further research, this information was discovered. **Hubert L. Hotchkiss, MD**, age 91. Died March 1, 2007.

Graduate of University of Tennessee Center for Health Science. According to Ancestry, Hubert Leach Hotchkiss was born 15 Dec 1915 in Texas, and had a brother, Murray Merton Hotchkiss, Jr. born 1911. Their parents were, Murray Merton Hotchkiss, Sr born 17 Mar 1875 in Illinois and died July 1964 and Susan Anner Leech, 1880 - May 1975.

Herbert L. Hotchkiss MD
3482 Walnut Grove Rd.
Memphis, TN 38111
1997 print



Notes from Joan, HFA Genealogist The Hotchkiss Family - The Line From John

John is going much slower than I would like. Dick's brother died suddenly just after Easter so we've been busy with necessities which set me back some. Believe me, I am trying my darndest to get John moving. I still have to go through Shirley Nixon's file cards Her husband was on the John line.

Thank you for your patience, this is BIG project.

If you send Joan an email, please use at least 12 point type so that she can easily read them.

Your Donations Are Appreciated

The Hotchkiss Family Association operates on donations in lieu of dues. An annual donation of \$10 supports record keeping for the Hotchkiss family line, the newsletters which are published three times a year, and the incidental costs of preparing our books for publication. Presently we are working on a two volume set on the descendants of Samuel's first son, John. This is a huge job. The labor for gathering, proofing and preparation of this book is done on a volunteer basis. The newsletter, the planning and organization of our reunions each year are also volunteer activities.

It is wonderful to be able to communicate with all of our Hotchkiss cousins. Many cousins have been very generous and it is greatly appreciated. All of your donations help. Thank you. Please send your donation to: Mrs. Joan Johnson, 36 Beach Dr., Prospect, CT 06712-1603.

Thank You for your support.

Hotchkiss Passing Jack H. Hotchkiss

Jack H. Hotchkiss, 78, a longtime resident of Marion, died March 13, 2010 from complication of a spinal stroke in 2007. Survivors include his wife, Juanita, 2 children, D'Anne (Brad Smith) Hotchkiss and John (Heather) Hotchkiss; 4 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers: Alvis, Remer, Hubert, Herbert and Ed, 1 sister, Euldine Howell and 2 infant sons.

He was born May 13, 1931 to Lonnie & Annie (Alderman) Hotchkiss in Statesboro, GA. He graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1956 and married Juanita (Jakway) in 1953 in Waterloo, IA. He joined Collins Radio in 1956 and worked there for 35 years retiring as engineering manager. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Marion. He served in the US Air Force in Korea during the conflict.

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www.Ctvisit.com

www.Ct375.com

www.mysticaquarium.com

www.ctrivervalley.com/



Coat-of-Arms

This rendition of the Hotchkiss coat-of-arms is printed in six colors on 11" X 14" parchment, a handsome gift. The cost is \$6.00 each plus \$4.00 handling and postage fee for mailing to one address. It will be mailed to you with good protective backing. Enclose a gift card with your order if you wish it to be shipped to someone else. Send your order to: Mrs. Brenda Hotchkiss

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Make checks payable to: Hotchkiss Family Association, Inc.. Your order should include your name, address, check, number of copies requested, & note your family relationship.

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Anne Dickerson Hotchkiss

Lyons—Anne Dickerson Hotchkiss, 95, Lyons' last surviving member of the renowned Hotchkiss family, died Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital.

(A memorial service was held at Grace Episcopal Church in Lyons and burial was at Elmwood Cemetery). Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Wayne Co (NY), the Lyons Co., Public Library, the Keuka College Scholarship Fund, Grace Episcopal Church, Newark Wayne Comm. Hospital or the charity of one's choice.

Gracious, fun-loving, and an able businesswoman, she was a lifelong sponsor of worthwhile causes, becoming a local icon. The community so treasured her years of volunteer services that in 1986 the Chamber of Commerce names her "Citizen of the Year," and until very recently, when her health no longer permitted it, she was hailed as she rode through the streets of Lyons in the first car of the annual Peppermint Days parade.

Born in Rochester on June 29, 1914, daughter of Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss, III and Irene McCormick Hotchkiss, she attended Pittsford High School and The Harley School, graduated from Rochester's Monroe High School and in 1938 earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Keuka College.

Moving with her family to Lyons in 1940, when her father followed his father and grandfather as President of the world famous H G Hotchkiss International Prize Medal Essential Oil Company, Anne became the corporation secretary-treasurer until 1963, when she in turn became President upon the death of her father.

Founded in 1839 by Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss, who came to be known as "The Peppermint King" as he developed a flourishing world-wide market, the family firm won 17 first prize medals for the superior quality and purity of its essential oils, starting with the first World's Fair at the Crystal Palace, London in 1851 and, among others, the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893.

In 1941 as all private business shipping overseas was stopped by the government due to World War II, she became secretary to the electrical contractor while Sampson was being built, and when the facility opened, she was attached to the U S Navy Department as secretary to the Welfare and Recreation Office from 1942 to 1945, when World War II ended.

From 1959 through 1970 she attended yearly International Essential Oil Conferences in London and called on essential oil dealers and confectioners in Paris, Amsterdam, The Hague, Brussels and Rome, where she re-enlisted old customers of the firm and added new ones. After the 1970 conference the delegates were entertained at tea by Her Majesty's Royal Commission at Clarence

House, a royal residence. Always family oriented, she often visited relatives in Scotland before returning to Lyons.

Throughout this time her volunteer work continued unabated. Her alma mater had presented her with an award for her work in 1939 as President of the Rochester Chapter of the Keuka College Alumnae Association and later an officer of the Wayne County Keuka College Alumnae Association, and would add its award for Outstanding Professional Achievement at its 1981 Honors Convocation.

Reflecting her wide interests, Anne had been on the Lyons Public Library Board of Trustees for two years; and active member of the Business & Professional Women's Club of Lyons; on the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Community Center as Treasurer for five years; a member of the Wayne County Board of Directors for the American Red Cross; Director of the Town of Lyons Red Cross Swimming Program for eight years; leader of a Lyons Intermediate Girl Scout troop for six years, for which she trained at the National Girl Scout Camp Edith Macy, Pleasantville; first Secretary of the Wayne County Historical Society, serving for five years; charter member of the Humane Society of Wayne County; and also of the Wayne Hills County Club, as well as a member of the Newark Country Club.

Of late years her chief interests centered around health services; for five years she served as the lay member on the Medical Advisory and Utilization Committee at the Wayne County Nursing Home and Health Related Facility; and for ten years, 1988-1998, was a Director of the Newark-Wayne Community Hospital Foundation Board.

A member of Grace Episcopal Church of Lyons, she was President of the Women's Auxiliary for four years, and she and her cousin Lois Campbell were the first two women to be elected to the Vestry in 1966.

Among her many other affiliations was membership in the Rochester Club and the American Association of University Women.

For over 30 years she shared her home with her elder sister, Mary Ashley Hotchkiss II, with whom she co-hosted many large and convivial gatherings of friends, until the latter's death in 1985. Also predeceasing her besides her father was her mother in 1961.

Many descendants of Lyons' founders married into the large Hotchkiss family, bearing such well-remembered names as Parshall, Ashley, Williams, DeGolyer, Sisson and Dickerson. As a result, Anne has surviving cousins in Auburn, Washington DC, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, California and London, England. Also surviving are her long-term companion and housekeeper, Marion Clark, and many special friends.

Weeks-Keysor Funeral Home, Lyons, was in charge of arrangements.

Editor's note: this obituary appeared in the Finger Lakes Times and was sent to me by the Town of Seneca Historian, Jane Wolfe

Officers Reelected For Another Full Term At Hotchkiss Reunion



—Republican Photo

George Bennett, of Torrington, was reelected president of the Hotchkiss family association at the 56th annual reunion held yesterday in Milldale at the Community Center. More than 100 members of the association attended.

Supporting Mr. Bennett were also voted into office for another full term, in agreement with a report made by a committee to form a constitution and by-laws for the association.

Those in the picture are: Left to right, front row: F. Alton Clarke,

of Naugatuck, vice-president; Mr. Bennett, Miss Mabel Hotchkiss, secretary; Mrs. Bernard Allen, of Cheshire, chairman of Norton prize essay contest; Edward Stiles, of West Haven, chairman of the organization committee.

Rear row, left to right: Robert

Hotchkiss, of Plantsville, chairman of ways and means committee; Mrs. John Robinson, of West Haven, chairman of program committee; Mrs. Charles Hodges, of Prospect, chairman of table committee and Daniel Webster, chairman of activities committee.

MORE THAN 100 AT REUNION OF HOTCHKISS UNIT

D. H. Hannum Wins Contest At Milldale; Several Speak

(Special to The Republican)

Milldale, Aug. 13—David Hotchkiss Hannum, of Westfield, Mass., was awarded the honors of the Norton prize essay contest at the 56th annual Hotchkiss family reunion held yesterday at Milldale community hall, for his address on the topic, "Music Enjoyed by Our Grandparents."

One of the largest reunions held in several years past, the gathering was highly successful and attended by more than 100 members of the family, including Charles Hotchkiss Norton, of Plantsville, donor of the Norton essay prize.

Cheshire Woman Speaks.

Mr. Norton, who is 87 years old, was formerly an executive of the Norton Abrasives Co., of Worcester, Mass., and is responsible for some of the greatest advances made in recent years in the commercial use of abrasives. In 1925 he was awarded a medal by the University of Pennsylvania for his achievements in research work in the commercial use of abrasives. He addressed the gathering briefly.

Other speakers included Ernest Stone, of New Haven, who showed many of his own sketches of early Connecticut houses, churches and other architecture. Miss Ruth Cable, of Cheshire, told of her recent experiences on a European journey, particularly in England.

By-Laws Changes Tabled.

Marcus G. Gary, of Plantsville, spoke on the topic, "My Grandfather's Inventions." A piano duet was played by Mrs. M. J. Cable and Mrs. Bernard Allen, of Cheshire.

Group singing of old favorite songs was held under the leadership of Miss Gladys Andrews, of Plantsville, who also accompanied at the piano.

A constitution and by-laws recently drawn up by an appointed committee was presented for examination, and after some revision had been made it was voted to table the matter until the next reunion, which will be held probably the second week of August, 1939.

Officers Reelected.

Officers for the coming year, all of whom were reelected, are: President, George Bennett, of Torrington; vice-president, F. Alton Clarke, of Naugatuck; secretary, Miss Mabel Hotchkiss, of Prospect; chairman Norton prize essay contest, Mrs. Bernard Allen, of Cheshire; organization committee, Edward Stiles, of West Haven.

Ways and means committee, Robert Hotchkiss, of Plantsville; program committee, Mrs. John Robinson, of West Haven; table committee, Mrs. Charles Hodges, of Prospect and activities committee, Daniel Webster, of West Haven.

56th Annual Hotchkiss Reunion—1938