



# Hotchkiss Family News

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## 2013 Reunion in Lyons, New York

### 130th Hotchkiss Family Reunion in Lyons, NY

Plans for the 130th HFA reunion are complete and it promises to be fun and informative. The Lyons Heritage Society is looking forward to greeting us and has helped to plan our activities. There is a block of rooms at the Quality Inn in Newark, NY. They have given us a great rate of \$69/night plus tax. The facility has a restaurant, bar & swimming pool. Be sure to mention Hotchkiss Family Reunion to get the special rate. Complete reservations information on page six.

The schedule:

**Friday, August 2, 5p.m.—7 p.m.** Get together at the Hotchkiss Building, corner of Leach Road and Water Street. Parking is in the large lot across the street at the Social Services Building. Refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to meet cousins, friends and folks from the Lyons Heritage Society. There will be Phelps and area maps/directions available.

**Saturday August 3, 10:00—11:00 a.m. Hotchkiss Building Tours,** local history and fascinating information about the building and Lyons which was home to a large group of Hotchkiss'.

11:00 a.m. Our bus will take us to visit two wineries near Lake Ontario. The countryside is lovely so it will be a nice drive as well, \$25/ per person. We'll be visiting the JD Wine Cellars and the Young Sommer Winery.

*JD Wine Cellars is a fun and educational wine tasting venue with a goal of providing an authentic and family-friendly experience where everyone can find a style of wine they enjoy.*

*Young Sommer Winery is located in the heart of New York's largest apple growing area.*

*We specialize in award winning Grape and Fruit wines that truly embody the unique climate that clings to the Lake Ontario Shoreline. It is nestled in the center of their fruit farm overlooking our orchards and expanding vineyards.*

We'll return to the Hotchkiss building at 3 p.m.

#### Saturday August 3, Evening

Dinner will be at the Phelps Hotel, built in 1868 in Phelps NY. Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. \$30/person. House Favorite, Chicken French, with salad, coffee, and assortment of desserts.

After dinner, Richard Kelley will present a program to include Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss (1<sup>st</sup>) and younger brother Leman Beecher Hotchkiss. There will be an exhibit of Leman's "GREEN" peppermint bottles, and another of Hiram and Leman's peppermint bottles found in foreign countries.

Two cobalt HGH peppermint bottles (circa 1875) will be door prizes. One bottle presented to the person traveling the farthest distance to the reunion, the other at random after dinner.

Committee member, Pat Gorthy will introduce her new children's book, Miss Lyons ! Peppermint Summer.

Rumor has it that Mr. Peppermint will be attending the dinner!

Family members are encouraged to bring Hotchkiss memorabilia, bottles, etc., for SHOW & TELL.

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#### Action Notes:

- Make your room reservation today for the HFA reunion August 2-4, 2013
- Have a Hotchkiss male in your family participate in the DNA project
- Send your email address to [dlmokdoki@aol.com](mailto:dlmokdoki@aol.com)

#### HFA News on the 'Net'

The newsletter is posted on our webpage at [www.hotchkissfamily.org/](http://www.hotchkissfamily.org/)

Please send your email address to the editor's email address at the bottom of this message.

Your email address will not be shared with anyone. You will receive an email from the editor, at the bottom of the page, you'll see: "To read the latest Hotchkiss Family Newsletter, click HERE" The newsletter (a pdf file) can be opened by both PC's & MAC's. Postage has gone up, so help HFA to save money by sending your email address today listing your name as well. Those who do not have email, will be sent a hard copy. Send your email address to the editor at :

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Civil War Battle at Gettysburg

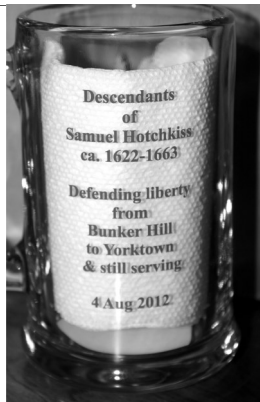
*UPDATE: We are a go with over 40 people signed up to be a part of Company K, 154th New York Volunteer Infantry for the July 4-7 reenactment and the 150th anniversary of the anniversary of the Battle at Gettysburg. Cousins wishing to participate (no experience needed) can still sign up. Contact Don at (702) 875-1893 or [cpth65eng@aol.com](mailto:cpth65eng@aol.com).*

This year, 2013, marks the 150th anniversary of the great Civil War battle at Gettysburg, PA. Over 35 Hotchkiss cousins fought there at the time on both sides. Many in the 20th Connecticut and other units such as the 154th NY Volunteer Infantry.

The 154th had seven Hotchkiss men in its ranks and was commanded by Capt Arthur Hotchkiss. Arthur recruited the unknown soldier of Gettysburg, a man named Sgt Humiston who is buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery along with our O. W. Hotchkiss of the 120th NY Volunteer Infantry.

Even if you don't go as a participant, plan on being there for the spectacle. We had 27,000 reenactors there for the 135th Gettysburg; this will eclipse that.

### Don't Pass Up this Wonderful Opportunity



**Hotchkiss Stein**

A few steins remain at \$25/each so order now.

The stein is in full color with the coat of arms on one side and text on the other. The steins are glass & dishwasher safe. Steins must be shipped to a street address. Checks or money order only. Checks should be made out to: Hotchkiss Family Association

Mail to: **Joan Johnson, HFA, 36 Beach Dr., Prospect CT 06712**

## Hotchkiss Men's DNA Project Is Ongoing

The Hotchkiss DNA project needs more participation to be effective. 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](mailto:hotchi@pathcom.com)

*Editor's note: A number of other families have used this approach to sort out and help differentiate the different family lines, for instance from Samuel's sons and those Hotchkiss' still 'across the pond'.*

According to their website, 90% of genealogists choose Family Tree DNA – with the largest DNA database. More records are added everyday. We have at least one person in the DNA project for each of Samuel's sons so we need more male descendants of Joshua, Samuel and Thomas to step up.

Ross says, "based on working with another of my family lines, it appears we will need 5 to 10 men per line to get results that would allow us to trace lines using the DNA markers." **Participation is quick and easy. Contact Ross at the above email address for more information.**

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Phelps, NY is directly South (9 miles), from the Quality Inn. South Main Street becomes Route 88, straight line to Phelps, NY. At the traffic light in Phelps, make a left turn and travel several blocks into downtown Phelps. At the light, the Phelps Hotel is a short distance on the left. Parking on the street or in the parking lot behind the hotel.

**Sunday August 4, 9:30 a.m.—Meet at the Hotchkiss Building.** At 10 am we will visit Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss' 42 room plus ballroom on Butternut Street. This is a private residence and we are invited in on Sunday. The Mansion is within walking distance from our Hotchkiss Building, or we can drive.

This year's reunion promises to be great fun and very interesting. More information on [reservation form](#) located on page 6.



Dick Kelley pointing out reburbishment of the Hotchkiss Building.

**-Hotchkiss Passings-****Martha S. Kincaid** (155-461-7)

March 29, 1947-September 19, 2012

Sodus: Martha Symonds Kincaid, M.D. died after a courageous 2 yr. battle with cancer. Born March 29, 1947 to Frederick W. Kincaid, Jr and Alice L. Symonds, Martha is survived by her husband of 37 yrs, Richard F. Endres M.D.; sons Nathan Kincaid Endres M.D.(Tamara Rimash M.D.), Eric Kincaid Endres of Brooktondale, NY and Peter Kincaid Endres of Cambridge, MA; grandson, Alden Paul Endres of Shelbourne, VT; sisters Alice K. Putnam (John) of Holland Patents, NY, Margaret K. Clemons (Reginald) of Prospect, NY; brothers Frederick W. Kincaid III (Robin) of Auburn, NY.

Martha was born in Utica, and raised in Barneveld, NY. Valedictorian of her class at Holland Patent Central in 1965, she completed undergraduate work at Univ. of Rochester in 1969 and her medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical Univ. in 1973. She performed her pediatric internship at the Medical College of Virginia and residency at Univ. of Texas at San Antonio. She entered private practice in 1976 in Sodus and with her husband helped build the Rochester General Wayne Medical Group. She spearheaded the teenage family planning program, healthcare for migrant children and the Sodus school health program. She also served on the Sodus Board of Education and the Alasa Academy Alternative Education Program.

Martha raised three sons on the apple farm where she and her husband lived for 31 years. She enjoyed music, art, reading, golf, skiing, travel, poetry and most of all being around her many friends and family members.

**Laura Jane (Hotchkiss) Hefley** (526-255-122)

Sodus: Age 55, died suddenly November 9, 2012. Laura was a legal secretary and was a 20 year member of the Col. Prescott Chapter of the DAR. She is survived by her parents, Stuart and Anne Hotchkiss, Williamson; brother, David (Delila) Hotchkiss, Roswell, GA; sisters, Diane (Patrick) Burns, Sodus Point and Judith (John) Leistman, Rochester; nephews, Joshua, Micah, Philip and Andrew; aunt, Jane (Ted) Nalwalk, Reading, MA.

**Gwendolyn Marie Hotchkiss**

Gwendolyn Marie Hotchkiss, 81, of Sierra Vista, passed away at the Tucson Medical Center on Dec. 23, 2012. Gwen was born on Nov. 7, 1931, in Corry, Pa., She was preceded in death by her mother Marjorie Helen LaLiberte in 1988 and her brother Howard Lanni. Survived by her husband and son, Don Hotchkiss. Her remains were buried at the National Military Cemetery in Phoenix, AZ.

**Jeanne C. Addison**

Jeanne C. Addison, 90 of Brittany Pointe, Lansdale, died suddenly on Sun. February 10, 2012. She was the beloved wife of 67 years of Edward T. Addison, Jr. Born in New Haven, CT the daughter of Charles & Marion Ruthven Chatfield. After graduating from St Margaret's School in Waterbury, CT, she attended Middlebury College in Vermont where she was a sister in Pi Beta Phi. Following graduation, she lived & worked in N.Y.C.

Mrs. Addison was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, & great grandmother. She enjoyed crafts, reading, sudoku, surfing the internet, & puzzles of all types with family and friends. An avid bridge player; she was creative, resolute and delightfully frugal. She had a long career of volunteering as a Girl Scout leader & cookie mom, aiding children & adults with English as a 2nd Language, serving at North Wales and the Brittany Pointe Libraries. She was a long time active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Washington.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Edward T. Addison III (Kathryn (Willcox)) of Fort Washington; a daughter Jane A. Moulton (James); granddaughters Hannah Addison of Fort Washington, Jessica Moulton (James Moore) of London, Amy Chase (Matt) of Reston VA, grandson Daniel Moulton (Ashley) of N.Y.C. and two great grandchildren: Addison Moore and Benjamin Chase.

**Notes from Joan, HFA Genealogist**

I am checking the manuscript with the family group sheets and making group sheets for new found cousins. It's slow going, especially when my mornings are taken up caring for our grandson. That leaves me about three hours free to proofread in the afternoon. I know I keep breaking my promises - something I try never to do. You have all been more than generous with your patience. Thank you, Joan

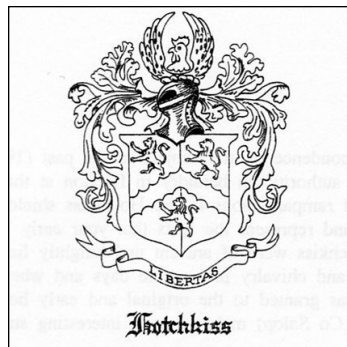
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This rendition of the Hotchkiss coat-of-arms is printed in six colors on 11" X 14" parchment, a handsome gift. The cost is \$6.00 each plus \$4.00 handling and postage fee for mailing to one address. It will be mailed to you with good protective backing. 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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## Movie review +

Hello Cousins, Don Hotchkiss, here, your Military Genealogist with a movie review. I recently saw the Spielberg movie "Lincoln" and heartily recommend it for the entire HFA family and friends. Indeed any one calling themselves an American should see this movie. This terrible civil war took between 600 and 700 thousand American lives over the course of 4 bloody years, yet in the final months of the war the issue of slavery had not been decided.

The movie starts with congress about to adjourn after the election of November 1864 where 65 Democrats lost their seats and with the Republican Party (the majority in the House) being so seriously split between Conservatives and Radicals, western and eastern factions, that nothing was getting done. There was almost no hope that the 13th Amendment, passed by the Senate in April of 1864, would be passed by the House and then sent to the states for ratification. The South was defeated and thoughts were now turning to the peace and how that was to be fashioned.

Imagine all those lives lost, the property lost and the thousands of homeless and maimed and for what? Just to go back to the status quo that existed before the war. Slavery intact in those states where it existed in April of 1861. Billions in national treasure sunk for naught. The blood of thousands spilt for naught. 3.8 million people who were told they were emancipated would be remanded back into slavery through the courts. All this a possible outcome as soon as the peace was reestablished.

The question had to be settled once and for all time. The 13th amendment was the only way to do it. The Emancipation Proclamation was just a war measure that had no legal standing in times of peace, or so it could be argued. It was up to the 38th Congress of the US to decide the question. This is what the movie is about. If you thought "Obama care" was a messy vote with the corn husker kick back and the Louisiana Purchase, wait till you see what Mr. Bilbo and Secretary of State Seward were up to in January of 1865. Talk about dodging a bullet. And as has always been the case in our nation's darkest hours, there was a Hotchkiss in the mix, helping to make history. In this case it was Rep Giles Waldo Hotchkiss, Congressman from the 27th congressional district of New York. He had asked Lincoln for a commission and to command a regiment. Lincoln told him NO, because he was needed more in Congress than on the battlefield.

So many of our cousins fought in this war, 450 for the Union Army, 6 for the Union Navy, 1 Confederate Navy and 35 for the Confederate Army, 45 died and over 100 were maimed. In the final months of the war my GG grandfather was imprisoned in North Carolina, because the war dragged on into the spring of 1865 after the south had offered to surrender in January 1865 if the 13<sup>th</sup>

Amendment was taken off the table. The South was willing to fight to the death to keep slavery intact and when that proved impossible against the might of the north, they were even willing to surrender to keep the institution intact. Lincoln refused the offer, and the war went on into another bloody spring. Another GG grandfather finally escorted General Grant to Appomattox Court house and watched it come to an end in April of 1865. Yet still had it not been for Congressman Giles Waldo voting for the 13th Amendment, these 4 years and all our family blood that was spilt would have been wasted. Lincoln was right to keep Giles in the House. I have studied all the military cousins in this war and what they contributed in all its theaters. I thought their sacrifice and effort was the most significant part of the history of this war, but I think I was a bit off on that position. In the end it was this one vote in Congress of the US that made the difference and gave some meaning to the terrible sacrifice on both sides. The measure passed by just 2 votes proving once again that the pen is mightier than the sword and that in the end we are a Nation of Laws.

Please take two and a half hours out of your life and go see this movie with your kids and friends. See what we did to make History. See how painfully close it all came to falling apart and how one man thru his sheer force of will pulled it off against impossible odds and then left us before ratification. Almost as if his death would secure the very thing he worked so hard to achieve. It is a great movie and a very accurate one as well. A company of the 150th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was detailed by Governor Curtin to be Lincoln's body guards, the Bogus Bucktails. They are shown with the proper bucktail tail on their hats (and yes there was a Hotchkiss in this unit, need you ask?). The young Lincoln riding in his wagon pulled by a goat thru the White House is shown (he was an undisciplined pain for old Secretary of War Stanton.) Our cousin Pizort Zeroy Hotchkiss was on the telegraph key the day of the vote keeping his commander informed of its slow progress as shown in the movie. The historical details go on and on. Spielberg got it right.

We did our part in 1776, in 1865 and our Hotchkiss cousins are still in harm's way all over the globe. I guess it is just what we do. Thank you's to the research of my partner in historical crime Ms. Ruth Rauma.

*Editor's note: Coming from Don, who has reenacted battles from this war for years, praise for the movie is a big plus. I would also second his recommendation to see the movie.*



Reservation Form - 2013 Reunion Lyons, NY

August 2, 3, 4

**Deadline Reunion reservations to Joan Johnson July 1, 2013**

**Make your own room reservations at the Quality Inn, Newark, NY  
deadline for rate- July 25th, but recommended earlier.**

**Be sure to mention Hotchkiss Family Reunion.**

Call for your room reservation to **315-331-9500**      **Web: qualityinnnewark.com**

Rooms \$69/ night plus tax

The price per person is listed below.

<u>Activity</u>	<u># of reservations</u>	<u>amount</u>
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