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HUTTON BRICK WORKS, KINGSTON, N.Y. THREATENED

The future for a rare surviving example of a type of industrial operation once common along the Hudson River is in question pending the outcome of development plans for the site. The surviving structures of the Hutton Company Brick Works in Kingston, N.Y., including rare surviving kiln sheds, currently face the threat of demolition.

The Hutton brickyard operated near Kingston Point from 1865 until 1980, according to George V. Hutton who wrote about the operation in his book *The Great Hudson River Brick Industry*. The Hutton Company was founded as Cordts & Hutton by Prussian emigre John H. Cordts and William Hutton. Cordts' mansion, now listed in the National Register, still stands above the brickyard. In

1890 the company assumed the Hutton name solely. For more than a half-century the Hutton Company persevered through market instability, consolidations, and changing technology. The Hutton yard supplied brick throughout the Hudson Valley and New York City and to many large projects including Yankee Stadium. Bricks marked "HUTTON" are frequently encountered during New York City renovation and demolition projects today.

The Hutton Company was one of a dozen to resume production following World War II, during which regional brick works temporarily ceased operations. Although Hutton's business prospered in the post-war years, a number of factors including loss of key personnel and the need for drastic modernization of machinery led to the family's deci-

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Kiln sheds at the Hutton Brick Works, 2008.

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CALENDAR

2013

- Jan. 9-12:** Society for Historical Archaeology Annual 2013
- Apr. 10-14:** Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Buffalo, N.Y. Info: www.sah.org.
- Apr. 17-20:** National Council on Public History, Ottawa, Ont. Info: www.ncph.org.
- May 15-18:** Early American Industries Assn. Annual Meeting, Hyannis, Mass. Info: www.earlyamericanindustries.org.
- May 30-June 2:** SIA 42nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE TWIN CITIES: ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. See article in this issue. Info: www.sia-web.org.
- June 5-8:** Second National Covered Bridge Conference, Dayton, Ohio. Info: www.woodcenter.org.
- June 5-8:** Railroad Station Historical Society Annual Convention, Providence/Pawtucket, R.I. Info: Theodore Xakellis, xakellis@juno.com.
- June 6-9:** Mining History Assn. Annual Conference, Galena, Ill. Tours of the historic zinc and lead mining district. Info: www.mininghistoryassociation.org.
- June 6-9:** Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Annual Meeting, Madison, Wis. Info: www.rlhs.org.
- June 6-9:** Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM) Annual Conference, Jasper, Ind. Info: www.spoom.org.
- June 11-15:** Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Conference, Gaspé, Que. Paper sessions. Tours of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Info: www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org.
- July 10-14:** Rust, Regeneration and Romance: Iron and Steel Landscapes and Cultures, Ironbridge Gorge, England. Info: <http://ironandsteel2013.wordpress.com>.
- Aug. 9-15:** Assn. for Industrial Archaeology Annual Meeting, Dundee, Scotland. See article in this issue. Info: www.industrial-archaeology.org.
- Aug. 21-24:** Chemistry in Material Culture, 9th Int'l Conference for the History of Chemistry, Uppsala, Sweden. Info: www.9ichc.se.
- Sept. 14-22:** National Railway Historical Society, Annual Convention, Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska. Charter trains and tours. Info: www.nrhs.com/events.
- Sept. 25-27:** Big Stuff, Triennial Conference, Ottawa, Ont. Sponsored by the Canada Science & Technology Museum. Theme: "Saving Big Stuff in Tight Economic Times." Info: www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca (search Big Stuff).
- Sept. 26-29:** SIA FALL TOUR, ROCKFORD, ILL. See article in this issue. Info: www.sia-web.org.
- Oct. 6-9:** Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, Portland, Maine. Info: www.historyoftechnology.org.
- Oct. 9-12:** Pioneer America Society: Assn. for the Preservation of Artifacts & Landscapes, Annual Conference, Mohawk Valley, N.Y. Info: www.pioneeramerica.org.
- Oct. 11-15:** Assn. for Preservation Technology International Annual Conference, New York, N.Y. Info: www.apti.org. ■