



# HEYMANN

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Spring 2013

### A Time for Renovation

One of the most recognizable and beloved symbols of the Heymann Historical Society is the church at Hunt's Corners. Located in rural Huron County, Ohio, this beautiful country church has been built, maintained, attended, and protected by our family for nearly 150 years. Utilizing gifts of time, talent, and treasure, the church has been modernized and improved over the years. The exterior is in pristine condition, owing to the recent repainting efforts and care of the HHS. The interior, however, has not received much attention in recent decades. The Board of the HHS is gathering estimates for electrical updates, replacement of the carpet, and repainting/refinishing of the interior walls and pews. This renovation will require the financial contributions of our family. Please consider making a tax deductible donation for this purpose. *-For more information on charitable giving, see page 7.*

### Then and Now: A History of the Church at Hunt's Corners



*Above left: The church (circa 1965) as it appeared with the original steeple removed. (Photo courtesy of Elden Plue.) Above right: The front of the church as it appears today. (Photo courtesy of Rachel Parrett.)*

During the late years of the 1840's and the early 1850's, a number of German families emigrated from Germany to America settling in the Hunt's Corners, Ohio area. There were also quite a few single men who came to the United States to escape the intolerable German military system. Being of a religious mind, they soon established religious services in their new surroundings. Without a church, they kept these services in their homes. These home services were carried on for ten years before a congregation was organized, and eight years elapsed before a church was built. Every German family was outfitted with a bible, a book of sermons, and a commentary. As it was before the horse and buggy days, these pioneers considered it a privilege to walk to their services.

On August 14, 1858 a church organization was formed with 18 present. John George William Heymann served as president while Rev. Charles Kuss was the secretary and elected officers William Conrad Heymann and Charles Mohr acted as elders and John George Heyman Sr. and John George William Heyman were deacons. The congregation was to be known as the German Evangelical Reformed Church and Rev. Charles Kuss served as the first minister.

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## The History of the Church at Hunt's Corners, continued...

On January 6, 1866 a motion was carried to build a church, and John George Heyman donated the land, some of the first land owned by Heymanns in America, upon which the church was built, and William Conrad Heyman of Weaver's Corners donated some of the timber. John Philip Heyman, John Henry Heyman, and Rev. Kuss served on the building committee. The church was named German Evangelical Reformed St. Paul's Church. On January 4, 1872, upon a motion, the name Zoar's was added, and after this date the church was known as the German Evangelical Reformed Zoar's Church. When the church was built in 1866 services were conducted in German, but as the younger generations grew to maturity, the services were later done in English.

In 1883 a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of the congregation in 1858 was observed. In 1941 a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the Church in 1866 was conducted, and in 1966 the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church was celebrated. [The church will be 150 years old in 2016.]

Over the years changes and improvements were made as follows:

- 1917 – a basement was dug and a furnace installed
- 1921 – electricity was installed when the electric line was erected in the community
- 1929 – a new shingle roof was installed and a steeple of about 25-30 feet was cut down
- 1936 – the church was redecorated and a metal plaque inscribed with the years 1866-1936 was installed on the front (The work was all donated, and the material was all paid for from the church treasury.)
- 1954 – a new roof was installed
- 1955 – the church was repainted on the interior and exterior
- 1959 – an electric organ was donated by the Claude Foster Foundation

Between 1960 and 1980 many gifts were given to the church and items were purchased and a few structural improvements were made. These included the installation of new doors, the lowering of the ceiling, installation of aluminum storm windows, and the construction of outdoor restrooms.

In 1980-1982 the congregation became too small to support the Church and there was danger of razing or moving the Church. On June 10, 1982 the deed was transferred to the Heymann Historical Society, so that it would remain in the family. Since then, a new roof was installed, a basement was dug, a new steeple erected, stained glass windows restored, green shutters installed, and the church has been beautifully maintained inside and out with contributions of love, labor and finance by continued support of the Heymann Cousins. In 1993 the church was made a part of a National Historic District at Hunt's Corners.

Today, the church at Hunt's Corners is a beautiful tribute to those who have worked so hard to maintain it over the years. It has been the setting of countless weddings, baptisms, and funeral services. The church no longer hosts regular Sabbath services but is available for weddings or special occasions and makes a picturesque backdrop for these events. If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Hunt's Corners Church for an event, please contact Kurt Heyman at 2417 Mudbrook Rd., Huron, Ohio 44839 or 419.433.6671.



Above Left: In 1987 the church was reroofed. Notice the two men standing on the roof where the original steeple previously stood. (Photo courtesy of Kurt Heyman.) Above Right: The church as it looks today. (Photo Courtesy of Rachel Parrett.)

Editor's Note: The information for this story was taken from the 100th Anniversary Church Bulletin of the Hunt's Corners United Church of Christ and the Heymann History 1560-1997

### German Trivia

Which river roughly divides Germany into northern and southern halves?

Answer on pg 8

### Practice Your German!

Deutschland ist wunderschön

(Germany is a wonderful country!)

## From the Desk of the President...

Dear Cousins,

At the recent meeting of your Board of Directors important plans were addressed concerning the Heymann/Heimann Historical Society. We continue to move forward as to long overdue interior improvements and decoration of the family church at Hunt's Corners. I encourage all family members to think about giving toward this endeavor.

New members to the Board are being considered. If you are interested in serving on the HHS Board, please contact a current board member for more information.

The Cousins' 2014 trip to Europe was discussed as was the need for those interested to let Jackie Hyman know as soon as possible of their commitment to travelling with us. Because of the necessity to know the exact number of Cousins and others who will be going on the trip and the need for the receipt of payments so that we can lock in flight prices, arrange excursions, and make our land travel arrangements, this is not the type of trip where one can wait until the last minute and then decide to go. Family members may bring along non-family friends as has been our practice in the past.

If you are seriously interested in going on the trip, or just need further information to help you to decide, please contact Jackie Hyman at: 419.399.4659 in the evening, by mail at: 302 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by e-mail at: dahyman@windstream.net.

Please remember that all family members are welcome at the John George Heymann reunion which takes place on the 1st Sunday of August at Hunt's Corners in Friendship Hall. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely, David A. Hyman

## Historic Heymann Guest House

Would you like to spend a few days in a beautiful, rural setting that is near the city attractions of Sandusky? Maybe you are working on some family genealogy and would like to visit the family's German American cemetery. Located just a block down the road from Hunt's Corners at 3057 Sandhill Road is a beautiful home that is incredibly familiar to generations of Heymanns for over 150 years. Today, the home functions as a guest house – you are given the key and are allowed to come and go as you please throughout the length of your stay. The house has four bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, a modern kitchen, and a large open

first floor. Recent upgrades include a new furnace and air-conditioning throughout the home. If you are in the area for a reunion, wedding, or just to visit, call William and Donna Seaman for information and reservations.

**Home Phone: 313.884.0624**

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## In Memoriam

Our prayers go out to the families and friends of the following individuals.

Juanita Marjorie Hyman of Paulding, OH, July 2, 1918—April 1, 2013, age 94, pg 1173

David Allen Kellermeier of Perrysburg, OH, July 27, 1949—Oct 2, 2012, age 63, pg 55

Marguerite Ball of Oberlin, OH, Dec 15, 1922—June 30, 2012, age 89, pg 334

## New Additions to the Heymann Family

### Marriage

Jody Lynn Robinson (pg 55) and Adam Joseph Stein were married on November 3, 2012 in Custar, OH

### Bundles of Joy

John Marion Heyman was born December 22, 2012, son of Luke (pg 574) and Mary Heyman

Charlotte Allean Elliott was born October 25, 2012, daughter of Jeffrey and Lindsay Elliott (pg 982)

## Memorial Brick Sidewalk

### Order Form and Instructions

1. Complete the order form below. If you would like to order more than one brick, please make a copy of the form before completing it.
2. Make a copy of the form(s) for your records.
3. Enclose check with order form payable to **Heymann Historical Society**
4. Mail to:

Mr. Kurt Heyman  
2417 Mudbrook Rd.  
Huron, Ohio 44839  
419.433.6671  
Email: kurt@accsandusky.com



\*Order forms can also be downloaded from the website: [www.heymanhistorical.org](http://www.heymanhistorical.org)

Print one letter per square. The symbol "&" may be used instead of the word "and" to save space.

Text will be centered on each brick. (See above photo.)

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### Name and address of person placing order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Heymann Historical Society Spring Meeting—April

The Spring Meeting was held on April 7, 2013 in Grand Rapids, Ohio at home of Matt and Pam Heyman. The meeting was called to order by President David Hyman at 1:20 PM. Roll was called by secretary William Seaman. Board Members present: David Hyman, Duane Heyman, Kurt Heyman, William Seaman, Matt Heyman, Rachel Parrett, Elden Plue and Chase Heyman. Board Members not present: Ulrike Gapp, Neil Horn, Beth Osborn and Lou Zorn. Minutes of the fall 2012 HHS meeting were read by the secretary William Seaman. On page 4 of those meeting minutes, the sentence should read "Elden Plue has indicated a desire to retire from the board." Duane Heyman moved to accept the corrected minutes, and Elden Plue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kurt Heyman gave the treasurer's report next. The income statement was covered – 2012 in detail versus 2011. The balance sheet was also discussed in detail as were the asset balances. The society's stock holdings have largely recovered from the precipitous declines suffered in late 2008. The Heymann Historical Society is in sound financial shape. Kurt stated that the final draft of the treasurer's report will be submitted later to the board members – values of some of the 'other assets' have to be evaluated to determine their correct value. Hence, there was no motion to accept the treasurer's report at this meeting.

Old Business—Friendship Hall Project- We received bids to enclose the rafters at the Friendship Hall from Kyle Heyman and from Wilhelm Construction. Matt Heyman, who has expertise in building and estimating, reviewed both estimates. The estimate of Matt Heyman was deemed to be reasonable. The discussion then went to the point of whether it was wise to spend or raise funds to do this, which would be in competition with the renovation and updating of the interior of the church. It was decided by a voice vote that this project would not proceed at this time. Interior Church Renovation- Rachel Parrett received the inside dimensions of the church from William at the meeting. Rachel will have an estimate of the cost of painting, carpeting, etc for the renovation of the church at the next HHS meeting. Society Internet Website and Newsletter- Rachel's spring newsletter will be released shortly. She will make a plea for donations for the interior renovation of the church. Rachel still needs a short biography from each board member – and handed out the format and a stamped, self addressed envelope for the reluctant board members to send to her. She also stated that Sandy Smith wants to drop off family history items at Hunt's Corners. Her telephone number was given to William to arrange the drop off. Gifts Received by the Society-The most substantial gift was received from Marguerite Ball in June – over \$600 was donated to the society. Sale of Bricks-No bricks have been purchased. The society needs to put one in place for Albert Horn Jr. Gift Items-Jackie Hyman presented this portion of the meeting. It was stated that cookie jars and crocks can be sold for less if picked up at the reunion, it saves substantial shipping costs. No inventory is kept for these items – they are ordered from the supplier as the orders from the relatives come in. The note card sample with the family crest was passed out at the meeting. Those will be sold singly or in packs at the reunion. European Trip- Jackie Hyman presented this portion of the trip. Karl Schleederer might make this the last trip he leads. We need 20 people at least to go on this trip. The drop dead date to sign up for the trip is September 2013. Jackie sent a letter to all the cousins who had gone on previous trips on March 7, 2013 asking for deposits. The maximum number who can go on this trip would be 45 people. The letter also included an itinerary – which includes Rome, Sorrento, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, Frankfurt and Kaltenholzhausen. Price range is expected to be between \$ 5,000 to \$5,500 dollars per person. New Business- Consideration of potential new board member-Scott Bailey was discussed. His resume was discussed as well. His nomination will be brought up at the August 2013 board meeting at Hunt's Corners. Family genealogy was discussed. We need someone to volunteer to do this. Rachel Parrett moved to approve all actions by members of the board over the past year. This was seconded by Duane Heyman and passed unanimously. Elden Plue made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Duane Heyman and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted, William Seaman

### In Search of... A Dedicated Genealogist

Over the decades, our family has amassed an impressive collection of genealogical data. However, it has been some time since that information was updated. The Board of the Heymann Historical Society would like to create an addendum to the 1997 edition of the family genealogy.

In order to accomplish this, we need an individual (or a couple of individuals who could work together) to dedicate time and talent to compile records of new births, biographical information of family members, and any corrections to previously published genealogical data and produce an addendum to our previous book.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in undertaking such an important and time-consuming endeavor, please contact a member or the HHS Board to inform them of your interest.

## It's Not Too Late to Reserve Your Place on the 2014 Trip to Europe !

From August 5th to August 18th, 2014, a minimum of twenty and a maximum of forty-five members of the Heymann family will be enjoying the European trip of a lifetime as they tour Italy, Austria, and Germany! Be a part of this amazing opportunity to tour our family's ancestral home of Kaltenholzhausen, Germany and meet with our German cousins. This tour will be led by Karl Schlederer, an honorary Heymann and the leader of several past family trips. Karl is considering retiring soon, but has indicated that he would forestall that action until after our tour. Those of you who have traveled with Karl before know what an excellent job he does and the value we receive for our investment.

With the trip being less than a year and a half away, it is time to start some serious planning. This trip will be similar to the 2006 tour as it will include many of our breakfasts and dinners. In addition to the delightful sights and places of interest which we will see during the day on our motor coach tour, many evenings we will enjoy entertainment with our dinner which is also included in the tour package.

At the present, the anticipated cost of the trip is between \$5,000.00 and \$5,500.00 which will include airfare from a designated airport in the U.S. and the return flight, bus transportation, lodging, many of the meals, and numerous excursions. A deposit of \$500.00 is necessary as soon as possible to reserve your place on the trip. We have several cousins who have already paid their deposits, with one who is so anxious to travel that she has most of her fare paid already. Reservations are taken on a "first come, first served" basis, so hurry and get your deposit in the mail. All payments must be completed around May 1, 2014. If you have non-family friends, they will be welcome as well, space available.

Our itinerary begins with a flight to Rome, Italy where we will spend three nights before heading south for Sorrento (Pompeii) for one night. Heading north, we will visit the city of Florence for two nights. From Florence, it is on to the enchanting island city of Venice where we plan to stay for the next two nights. On our way to Innsbruck, Austria (where we will spend one night) we plan to stop in Verona, Italy and reminisce about Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. After leaving Austria, we will travel north into Germany to medieval Rothenburg and Heidelberg. After a scenic Rhine River cruise the following day, we will enjoy the Frankfurt area before heading to visit our European cousins. Our relative and HHS board member from Burgschwalbach, Germany Ulrike Gapp has suggested that there are points of interest in the area that we might like to visit in addition to our Sunday church service at the church in Kaltenholzhausen and the dinner at the castle in Burgschwalbach. Then it will be time to say goodbye to our German cousins and board the airplane headed back to the USA.

**For questions regarding the trip, contact Jackie Hyman at 419.399.4659 or 419.399.4916, or 302 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, OH 45879, or [dahyman@windstream.net](mailto:dahyman@windstream.net).**

### Attention Travelers! Renew Your Passports!

Do not forget to get your passport applications sent in as soon as possible! Forms can be picked up at your local post office or downloaded at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

If you already have a passport, check to make sure that it does not expire before September 1, 2014.



**HEYMANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Memorials &amp; Contributions

October 2, 2012 - April 10, 2013

**The Steeple Group (\$500.00 Plus)****Named Memorial**

Marguerite L. Ball  
Duane A. Heyman

Lorain, Ohio  
Monroe, Michigan

**The Bell Tower Group (\$250.01 to \$499.99)****The Choir Loft Group (\$50.01 to \$250.00)**

Alsa K. & Robert L. Cotner  
Glen A. Heyman  
R. Pat & Cheryl Hyman  
Richard W. & Sally Lott  
Elden & Lenore Plue  
William C. Seaman

Georgetown, Texas  
North Las Vegas, Nevada  
Perrinton, Michigan  
Ravenna, Ohio  
Westland, Michigan  
Harper Woods, Michigan

Bernita DeVos

**The Altar Group (up to \$50.00)**

Lois M. Hockman  
Brett & Beth Kinzel  
Jane L. Tinker

Lombard, Illinois  
Sandusky, Ohio  
Monroeville, Ohio

***Charitable Giving***

The Heymann Historical Society is a Not-For-Profit corporation established December 15, 1981, dedicated to promoting our family heritage by preserving the Hunt's Corners Church, researching and publishing the family genealogy and preserving family memorabilia. Please consider reducing your Federal Income Taxes, estate taxes, and avoid paying capital gains taxes on the current value of any stock you may wish to transfer to the HHS. If you have any questions regarding how to transfer your stock to the Heymann Historical Society, please give Board President and attorney David Hyman a call and he will be glad to assist you. Office Phone: 419.399.4916 or Home Phone: 419.399.4659.

Naming an organization and giving a life insurance policy is another way of completing your plans to help an organization to continue after your death and is a nice way to be remembered. A monetary gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one is another fine way to support the society. Contributions and memorials may be mailed at any time to: Heymann Historical Society, Kurt Heyman—Treasurer, 2417 Mudbrook Rd, Huron, Ohio 44839.

**Have a Favorite Family Memory that You Would Like to Share?**

We are always looking for stories from family members to include in our newsletters. If you have a special memory from a family gathering or a humorous anecdote you would like to contribute, please send it to us! Feel free to include pictures and we will put them in the newsletter if we have available space. Please include your full name, town, and state (or country!) of residence with your submissions. Send to: [rachel\\_parrett@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel_parrett@yahoo.com)



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Please choose the address from those listed on Page 4 that matches the type of information you are sending. Thank you.

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The Main  
Answer to Trivia:

**Save the Date! You are Invited to...**

**The 96th Annual John George Heymann Family Reunion  
Sunday, August 4th, 2013 at Hunt's Corners  
With HHS Annual Meeting to Follow Reunion**

9:30 a.m.—Registration at Friendship Hall NW corner of route 547 and Sandhill Rd

10:30 a.m. — Hunt's Corners Church Service (4552 State Route 547)

12:00 noon — Reunion Potluck Lunch at Friendship Hall.

Bring your favorite dishes to pass and stories to share, Table service will be provided. Bring the whole family!

## HHS Gifts, Souvenirs, and Collectibles

### New Item! Heymann Coat of Arms Note Cards



Priced at just \$12 for a pack of 8 blank cards with envelopes.

**For a complete listing of items for sale, please go to the website:  
[www.heymanhistorical.org](http://www.heymanhistorical.org)**

#### Collectibles

SALE! 150th Anniversary paperweight etched Heymann Coat of Arms and dates 1848–1998 was \$30, NOW \$20

SALE! 150th Anniversary glass tree ornament etched with Heymann Coat of Arms and dates 1848–1998 was \$15, NOW \$10

Tapestry Afghan, multicolor, 54"x70" includes Coat of Arms, Hunt's Corners Church, Church at Burgschwalbach, Castle at Burgschwalbach, Church at Kaltenholzhausen \$75

#### Books

SALE! Heymann Family Cookbook, 84 pgs was \$10, NOW \$7.50

SALE! Heymann Genealogy book was \$75, NOW \$50

Maps, Photos, and Prints  
Framed and unframed \$5-\$20

#### Clothing Embroidered with the Heymann Coat of Arms

Jackets, Polo Shirts, and Caps  
Call for sizes and availability

#### Heymann Christmas Bulb

The 2 and 5/8" ornament features the Heymann Coat of Arms in red, blue, and silver printed on a frosted white background. The reverse of the ornament displays the society's name and the year. Ornaments are available with or without a display stand.

Ornament: \$15 Display Stand: \$7  
Ornament and Stand: \$20

#### Special Order Items

Pottery by Gloria Craig featuring Heymann Coat of Arms and Hunt's Corners Church will be sold at a discounted price if picked up at the August reunion at Hunt's Corners. Orders must be placed by July 1st!  
Coat of Arms Lidded Cookie Jar \$75 (\$90)  
Hunt's Corners Church Crock \$60 (\$75)  
Coat of Arms Tile Trivet \$32.50 (\$37.50)  
Hunt's Corners Tile Trivet \$32.50 (\$37.50)

For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jackie Hyman at 302 N Cherry St, Paulding, OH 45879. She can also be reached by telephone at 419.399.4659, or by email at [dahyman@windstream.net](mailto:dahyman@windstream.net) to answer any questions. All prices include shipping.

All of the net proceeds from these items go to the restoration and upkeep of the Hunt's Corners Church and Friendship Hall.

**Please note: Payment must be made when item is ordered. Checks should be payable to the Heymann Historical Society.**