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### 2014 Family Trip to Europe - Departing Soon

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#### German Trivia

What is the old-  
est building in  
Germany?

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The 6th Heymann Cousins Trip to Europe is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience as family members will travel to three countries, visit our ancestral home of Kaltenholzhausen, tour countless historic sites, and make priceless memories! Departing from Detroit on August 5th and landing in Rome, Italy, the cousins will embark on a two week trip through numerous Italian cities, tour the Olympic City of Innsbruck, Austria, and sweep up through Bavaria and the Medieval city of Rothenburg to Kaltenholzhausen and Burgschwalbach in Germany before returning home on the 18th.

Ulrike Gapp, our Board member from Burgschwalbach, will be accompanying her American relatives on the trip which is being led by honorary Heymann, Karl Schlederer, who has been a faithful friend and tour director for the HHS for over two decades. The American Heymanns look forward to connecting with their German family in the final leg of their trip.

The HHS Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Newsletters will contain pictures and highlights of the trip. Details will also be posted on the society's website, so be sure to check those out if you are unable to travel with us this summer. The deadline for final payments is June 1, 2014. There are still spaces available, so if you are interested, please contact Jackie Hyman as soon as possible as last minute pricing may differ from the quotes given for earlier reservations! Her contact information can be found on page 8 of this newsletter or on the website.



Above: Some of the featured stops on the tour

#### You Are Invited...

**97th Annual John George Heymann Family Reunion with  
HHS Annual Meeting to Follow Reunion  
Sunday, August 3rd, 2014 at Hunt's Corners**

**9:30 a.m.—Registration at Friendship Hall, Located at the 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.**

**Bridging our past, present, and future...**

## From Kaltenholzhhausen to Hunt's Corners to... Harper Woods, Michigan... Get to Know Your Board Secretary

*Editor's Note: This edition of the newsletter features a short bio of our much-loved Board Secretary William "Bill" Seaman. William is the son of longtime Board President John Seaman. I'm sure you'll enjoy his short summary of his background as well as several familial anecdotes. William is pictured below giving a tractor ride to our son at the annual reunion in August.*



**High School** – Western Reserve Academy – also my father's alma mater – and despite rumors to the contrary it was not because of any brush with the law. It was a boarding school, not a reform school. Although going to school every Saturday for half the day did feel like punishment. College – Kenyon – a little school in Gambier, Ohio surrounded by farms. Felt like home. Post Graduate – MBA from Wayne State University – a large school smack dab in Detroit, not surrounded by farms. Classmates from the Ukraine, Pakistan, India, the People's Republic of China, Japan and the occasional American. Also felt like home. Employment – Have worked for the Federal Government (Social Security Administration) for 34 years. Have been in management for 28 ½ years and work in Pontiac, Michigan at the moment. It's hard to describe what I do, other than assuring you that I treat your tax money as if it were my own. On second thought, perhaps that wording would worry someone, but you know what I mean. Life since leaving Kenyon – Besides working for the Federal

Government in two states (IN and MI) I coached boys and girls lacrosse for 18 seasons. My wife used to say that she could find the field just by listening for my voice. That probably meant we were losing.

**Family** – Survived my youth despite having 4 sisters and 2 brothers who were always trying to, let's speak bluntly here, injure or kill me. From being pushed out of the tree (12 stitches – I had not yet learned how to tuck and roll), bucked off a pony, bounced off hay wagons (thank you Philip) and generally falling off ladders everywhere (weren't you supposed to be holding that ladder?) – it was hazardous duty every day. It's a miracle I didn't fall down the well. I also almost ran myself over this fall, when I failed to put my vehicle in park while tending to a fire, and the car passed me on the right on the way down the hill.

Married to Donna – who is an absolute saint. Everyone who knows her, and me, understands and agrees with this statement completely and wholeheartedly. Have five children – Shaun and Amanda (via Donna) and Gillian, MacKenzie and Sean (via my first marriage). It's Brady Bunch like, but it works. Shaun gets to have a brother, and Amanda gets to have sisters. Win, win.

**Farm life** – We all know big brother Philip is the farmer, and has been since he's been 6 years old. It was a bit of an omen when he started the Oliver combine at that age and drove it into the side of the barn. In our family we call that precocious. In 2014 that gets you front page space in the local newspaper. Donna and I are in Ohio nearly every weekend. She is the gardener, pool expert and foreman. I would describe my duties as the janitor, landscaper, roofer, garbage man, tree trimmer, etc. It's hard to describe how glamorous my life is, so I won't.

**Tenure on the Heymann Historical Society** – I have been there since the beginning. It's one of my longest relationships.

**Some funny stories** – We are from Germany, at least that's what the book says. During one reunion we actually served beer. In my barn, across the road from the church. You would have thought a revolution was going on – because it was a politically sensitive issue. I do remember the tables being quite full. Folks were probably just watching other people drink, but if you want to improve family reunion attendance, that might be an option... Before I bought that parcel from my father in 1983 – there was a run in with a tractor, the bucket on the tractor and the barn door. The barn door lost, the tractor won and John Seaman (Daddy) used some choice words to describe my carelessness. He was right on every count. Sometimes you deserve the criticism and just have to soak it in. I've cleaned up the language here for the faint of heart. In those five minutes he could have been a bond trader employed on Wall Street. If you are related to my father, you always have stories about weddings to share. My personal favorite (out of five) was the 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding to Ann Roderick at Hunt's Corners. It was officiated, if my recall is correct, by a former priest, who proceeded to conduct a Sioux marriage ceremony. All the grandchildren were in the front row of the church and it was actually quite charming. Later in the day my father consumed some warm shrimp, and we thought he might not make it through the night. But he did. He also stated at that wedding that this was his 'last' wedding. We all know how that worked out. A couple of years ago my then 4 year old grandchild saw a 'man with a pan' very late at night in the second floor of the Bed and Breakfast. It was late, so my son Shaun told her not to alarm her mother and they went to bed. We think Lyla received a visit from LP that night, because he recognized something of a kindred spirit in Lyla. We showed Lyla his picture the next day and she said "That's him!" We can also tell you about the time my former brother-in-law was tapped on the shoulder to go to bed by a ghost or the time the ghost pushed the same brother-in-law off the porch of the Bed and Breakfast, but that would be piling on...

Despite the beer, cussing, breaking stuff, and the ghosts – at least we know where we come from. I wouldn't trade the houses, barns or land at Hunt's Corners for anything.

## From the Desk of the President...

Dear Cousins,

At the Spring meeting of the Board of the Heymann-Heimann Historical Society, held at the home of Board Member Matt Heyman, a number of issues received attention. The Board decided to remove part of the white fence around the church, and that was accomplished on April 6th. On that same date the Society took possession of a very nice organ which was located by Marcia Adelman and donated to the Society by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Muehling. The new organ has been installed in the church and replaces an old, non-functional organ. Last year there were three weddings which took place at the church and a functioning organ is useful for that purpose as well as the Sunday church service which precedes each annual meeting in August. The rewiring of the church will take place in the near future and then the repainting of the church's interior and replacement of the old carpeting will follow.

The Cousins' trip to Europe, and especially to our original "Home Town" of Kaltenholzhausen, Germany, will take place as scheduled in August. It is still possible to join those family members and friends who have already committed to going, but, if someone wants to go, it will be necessary to contact Jackie Hyman very shortly to make the necessary arrangements. Jackie's home telephone number is: (419) 399-4659 and there is an answering machine at that number. Her e-mail address is: djhyman2@hotmail.com.

Sincerely, David A. Hyman

### Need a Venue for a Wedding?

The picturesque country church at Hunt's Corners is a beautiful setting for a wedding. Three couples exchanged vows there in 2013, including HHS Board Member Beth Horvatic! With extensive interior renovations including new wiring and interior painting to be completed in 2014, the historic family church will be an even more beautiful wedding venue.

Call Kurt Heyman for reservations.

419.433.6671

*-Photo Courtesy of Beth Horvatic*



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## In Memoriam

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

Hilda Unger Heyman of South Amherst, OH, December 15, 1918—December 15, 2013, age 95, pg 341

Janet Schutzberg Glasgo of Hermitage, TN, October 9, 1917—April 23, 2013, age 95, pg 500

Allene Ziss Walters of Barnesville, GA, July 28, 1914— February 23, 2013, age 98, pg 68

## New Additions to the Heymann Family

**Cora Lylah Heyman** was born September 26, 2013 to Jason & Jessica Heyman.

**Gideon Joe Lopez** was born April 10, 2014 to Amanda (Heyman) & Brett Lopez.

## 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: kurtthey@frontier.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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Connecting with Family in Kaltenholzhausen

Last August, American cousins Tom and Joella Knapp (pages 431-432 in the Heymann genealogy book) of Woodville, Texas traveled to Europe and spent some time visiting our ancestral home of Kaltenholzhausen in Germany. While there, they visited the church at Kaltenholzhausen and saw the "Friendship Tree" planted in 1989 to commemorate the Heymann Cousins first trip to Kaltenholzhausen, organized by the HHS. The couple also traveled to Burgschwalbach where they toured the historic church attended by so many Heymanns over the centuries. Joining them on some of their travels was a relative of Mrs. Knapp, a Mr. Rohrig, who resides in Konigswinter, Germany.

In the picture to the right, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp (far right) stand with German relatives and friends, Wolfgang and Brigitte Kitschke (pg 1245) who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Knapp in Kaltenholzhausen and Burgschwalbach.

*-Photo Courtesy of Ulrike Gapp*



## Minutes from the Spring 2014 Meeting

The Heymann Historical Society Spring Meeting was held on March 30, 2014 in Grand Rapids, Ohio at the home of Matt Heyman. Roll was called at 1:33 PM. Board members present: David Hyman, William Seaman, Kurt Heyman, Scott Bailey, Neil Horn, Lou Zorn, Rachel Parrett, Chase Heyman, and Matt Heyman. Board members not present: Duane Heyman, Beth Horvatic and Ulrike Gapp. Minutes of the September 29, 2013 meeting were read by William Seaman. No corrections or additions were added. Kurt Heyman made a motion to accept the minutes, Chase Heyman seconded the motion and said motion passed unanimously. Kurt Heyman then presented the treasurer's report. Kurt went over the income statement, balance sheet, asset balances and inventory balances in his usual meticulous manner. The net income for the latest accounting period for the Heymann Historical Society was \$1,927.17. Neil Horn moved to accept the treasurer's report, and David Hyman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kurt Heyman also submitted the audit committee's report to the board. On February 3, 2014 the audit committee (Chase Heyman, David Hyman, Kurt Heyman) met at Albert Horn's home and reviewed the society's financial records. It was the opinion of the audit committee that the society's records are complete on all accounts. Kurt Heyman moved to accept the audit committee's report, Neil Horn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business- \*Church redecoration committee-** We are waiting for the rewiring of the interior of the church to be finished prior to the generous offer of Rachel Parrett and spouse to begin the painting of the interior. The expected beginning of the rewiring is late May 2014. Once the new wiring and the painting has been finished Rachel and William will pick out the appropriate carpeting for the church. Cost estimates of the carpet/installation will be shared with the board for approval prior to any purchase decision.

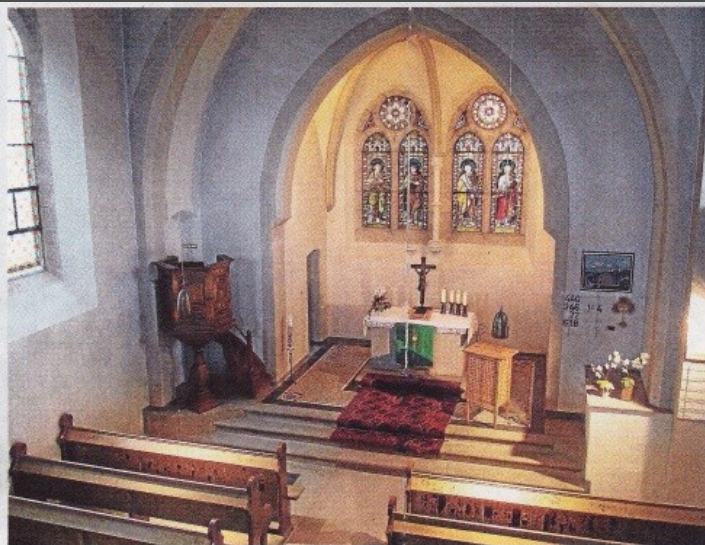
**\*Society website and newsletter-** Trip information is being updated on the newsletter. Rachel requests interesting bio information, timely rendering of the notes of the spring meeting, and interesting family history information. **\*Sales of bricks and gift items-** There were 3 within the last fiscal year – including one for Elden Plue. Jackie continues to clean out the inventory, and will push the remaining inventory on the newsletter and at the August 2014 reunion. No new lines or products will be added at this time to our inventory. **\*August 2014 Family European Trip-** Deadline for signing up for the trip is May 1, 2014. The estimated cost at this time is \$5,000 to \$5,200 per person. Almost everything is covered by that cost. Ulrike Gapp will be joining the group in Florence.

**\*Discussions with Firelands Historical Museum to house Heymann family artifacts-** Kurt will attempt to meet with the curator of the museum to see if any of our artifacts can find a home there. **\*Status of partial fence dismantling at the church-** April 6, 2014 was set as the date for this project. This project was completed – on that Sunday 220 feet of fence was removed from the north, east and west sides of the church. Scott Bailey, Jackie Hyman, David Hyman, Kurt Heyman, Kyle Heyman, William Seaman and Donna Seaman completed that project. The fence posts and fencing removed were stacked neatly in the Friendship Hall. Chase Heyman joined us for lunch during a nice sunny day at Hunt's Corners.

**New Business-** Elden Plue thanked the board for the nice words regarding his service for the Society. Glenn Kuebler has offered his expertise in genealogical chart making to the Society. Scott Bailey and Neil Horn believe we need a dynamic family history, something on the order of Wikipedia, where changes and additions and corrections can be made quickly and easily – something not readily available to our earlier authors. It was also the general consensus that we should ask Reva June Nasby for permission to quote from the latest family history book, or ask her to donate her copyright. At 2:56 PM the meeting was adjourned.

-Respectfully submitted, William Seaman, Secretary

## Kaltenholzhausen Church Featured in German Newspaper



**Evangelische Kirche Kaltenholzhausen steht unter Denkmalschutz**

■ **Kaltenholzhausen.** Schon im 15. Jahrhundert hatte Kaltenholzhausen eine Kirche und war eine Filiale der Pfarrei Hahnstätten. Die heutige Kirche wurde 1895 an der Stelle einer Kapelle aus dem 14. Jahrhundert

errichtet. Das Gotteshaus ist ein weithin sichtbares Wahrzeichen der Gemeinde und steht seit 1996 unter Denkmalschutz. 1955 wurde Kaltenholzhausen in das Kirchspiel Heringen eingegliedert. Foto: Rüdiger Schrörs

Recently, the church in Kaltenholzhausen, Germany was featured in a newspaper article remarking on historic buildings. German cousins Rudi and Annelore Altenhofen (who were married in that church on April 16, 1949) sent the accompanying picture of the interior of the church sanctuary with a translation of the caption. It reads as follows:

**The Protestant church of Kaltenholzhausen listed as a part of the protection of historical buildings and monuments.** Even in the 15th century the village of Kaltenholzhausen already had a church, being affiliated with the parish of Hahnstätten. Today's church was erected in 1895 in place of a chapel from the 14th century. The church can be seen from far away as a famous landmark of the community, being listed as a part of the protection of historic buildings and monuments since 1996. In 1955 Kaltenholzhausen became part of the parish of Heringen.

-Photo Courtesy of Rudi and Annelore Altenhofen

### HHS Board Seeks Dedicated Genealogist

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 would 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.

### Board Member Weds at Hunt's Corners Church

Second generation HHS Board Member Elizabeth Ann Germond Osborn (pg 1236) wed Martin Carl Horvatic on November 2, 2013 at the Hunt's Corners church. Pastor Fred Wiechers presided over the ceremony which was held in the presence of close family and friends. The bride wore a white cocktail dress and carried a bouquet of red roses.

-Photos Courtesy of Beth Horvatic





## Heymann Historical Society Memorials and Contributions

October 16, 2013 - April 8, 2014

### The Steeple Group (\$500.00 Plus)

### Named Memorial

### The Bell Tower Group (\$250.01 to \$499.99)

### The Choir Loft Group (\$50.01 to \$250.00)

Donald F. & Ellen Lott  
Neil L. & Mary Jane Horn  
Elden H. & Lenore Plue  
William C. Seaman

Burghill, Ohio  
Maumee, Ohio  
Westland, Michigan  
Harper Woods, Michigan

John P. Seaman

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

Lois M. Hockman  
Sheryl D. Poths  
Jane L. Tinker

Lombard, Illinois  
Waukeee, Iowa  
Monroeville, Ohio

John P. Seaman  
Harlow F. Heyman

### 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. Phone: 419.433.6671 (Heymann Historical Society—Federal Tax ID # 34-1365013)

### 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 reservations.

**Home Phone: 313.884.0624**

**Cell Phone: 313.689.8065 or 313.212.5888**

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Answer to Trivia:  
Porta Nigra 180 A.D.  
It was built by the  
Romans and is the  
largest Roman city gate  
north of the Alps.

## HHS Gifts, Souvenirs, and Collectibles

### Clothing Embroidered with the Heymann Coat of Arms

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

### Heymann Christmas Bulb

The 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.

Coat of Arms Lidded Cookie Jar \$90

Hunt's Corners Church Crock \$75

Coat of Arms Tile Trivet \$37.50

Hunt's Corners Tile Trivet \$37.50

### Maps, Photos, and Prints

Framed and unframed \$5-\$20

***Clothing Sale at the  
John George Heymann Reunion  
on August 3rd.***

**Heymann Coat of Arms Note Cards**  
Priced at just \$12 for a pack of 8 blank cards with envelopes.

### 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

Wooden Replica of Hunt's Corners Church \$20

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



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 djhyman2@hotmail.com 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.**