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#### "Our Sense of Place"

Welcome to our November issue. We begin with this image of the Church at Hunt's Corners showing the newly repaired picket fence. The Church is an important symbol helping define who we are from generation to generation. Equally important to preserving the property is the exercise of collecting and keeping our memories. Maintaining Hunt's Corners on the outside helps keep our family's history close in our hearts, no matter how far we roam.



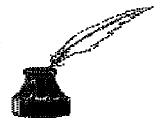


Hunt's Corners Church, October 2002. View shows the newly repaired picket fence. *Photo courtesy of Kurt Heyman*.

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## From the President



#### Hello Cousins,

The H.H.S. has received some sad news and some good news since the last newsletter. We were all saddened by the sudden death of Rudolf Wagner. Rudolf was a valued Board Member, a good friend and was very involved in the Cousins' trips to Europe. He hosted the tours at his home in Dauborn and organized many events for us. He will be missed by many.

The good news is that Ulrike Gapp will be the new Board Member from Germany. Many of you know Ulrike from the 2001 trip. She joined us in London and stayed with us for the whole tour. Ulrike is from Burgschwalbach. We are looking forward to working with her so that our Cousins from Germany are represented on the Board.

The Board also elected Matt Heyman, from Grand Rapids, Ohio, to serve on the Board. Matt is the son of Don Heyman who was a Board member until his death.

Matt and his father, Don, erected the Friendship Hall at Hunt's Corners. You may also remember that in 1988, Don and his brother Marion restored the original pulpit in the Church and helped install the fence around the property. We look forward to working with Matt, especially with his expertise in the building business.



Board members at the September 29 meeting, back row, from left: Maurice Heyman, Albert Horn, David Hyman, William Seaman, Elden Plue; front row, from left: Chase Heyman, Pearl Schwochow, Lou Zorn, Kurt Heyman, and Matt Heyman.

Photo courtesy of Kurt Heyman.

#### Other news

The picket fence has been repaired and painted and we are looking into the feasibility of getting electricity and water to the Friendship Hall. We are not undertaking any major expansion plans at this time but we will check on the possibility of installing restrooms, storage areas and other improvements.

We are gathering information on installing a new brick sidewalk at the Church entrance. This would give members the opportunity to purchase a brick engraved with their name or the name of a loved one, for the sidewalk. We will keep everyone informed.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas that would aid in our future plans.

Your Cousin, Lou Zorn



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The Heymann Historical Society is a Not-For-Profit corporation established December 15, 1981, dedicated to upholding our family heritage by preserving the Hunt's Corners Church, researching and publishing the family genealogy and preserving family memorabilia.



## Hunt's Corners Church

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First organized on August 14, 1858 as the German Evangelical Reformed Church, the congregation moved into a newly built Hunt's Corners Church building in 1866. In 1982 the remaining members of the congregation transferred the deed to the Heymann Historical Society to allow for preservation of the building. On September 2, 1993 the Hunt's Corners district was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Photo courtesy of Elden Plue.



#### From Our Cousins in Germany

Ulrike Gapp, newly elected to the Board of Trustees sent this information to share with you.

She was born on 13 December 1960 in Burgschwalbach to Anni and Otto Gapp - both from Burgschwalbach. Currently she is an Accountant for the firm Passavant-Roediger GmbH.

Ulrike's great grandmother was Karoline Heymann - born in Kaltenholzhausen and married in Burgschwalbach. She was the sister of August Heymann, who was the father of Annelore Altenhofen. Her grandmother was the godmother of Annelore. The grandfather of Horst Seeman was a brother of her grandmother. She has one sister, Dagmar Thiels, who with her husband, have a daughter, Melanie and a son, Marco. Melanie was married last year and has a daughter, Maureen.

When asked "What do you like best about the Heymann Historical Society? What are its most important activities?" Ulrike replied: "I think it is important that the Heymann Historical Society continue it's work. I think the trips from the American Heymann's to Europe, especially to Germany and also the visit of the German cousins in Ohio in 1998 gave the possibility to get to know better one with another and to bring the family together. (My English is not good enough to tell you this more understandable - I hope you know what I mean)."

Thanks to William Seaman for helping with translation and best wishes to Ulrike and her family.

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## Tribute to Rudolf Wagner

On Tuesday, March 26, 2002, just two days after Easter, we all lost a most remarkable Cousin and friend. RUDOLF WAGNER was our International Representative and Board Member of the Heymann Historical Society, and made his home in Dauborn, Germany.

Rudolf was a well respected and retired banker. First appointed to the Board in 1992, he was always in charge of securing a place for the Board Members to hold a special meeting in the Family Castle at Burgschwalbach for each of our visits. He was also in charge of having our "Rittermahl" Dinner for the entire group in the Family Castle for each of our visits.

It was always such a pleasure to work with him, as you knew he would be very thorough with every detail, including newspaper reporters and photographers, to capture each event. Rudolf visited America several times, and in 1998 under his leadership, 29 Cousins from Germany joined all of us at Hunt's Corners, Ohio to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first Heymann Family's move to the United States. While here these Cousins also toured Ohio for one week, then visited Indiana and the Chicago area the second week, before flying to California for a tour of the Southwest, before heading back to Frankfurt, Germany.

Rudolf was an integral part of the Heymann Historical Society, and his input at Board meetings was always appreciated and respected. On each of our visits he was kind enough to open his home and lovely landscaped grounds to all of us - and was a most gracious host.

We do not expect to soon see such a distinctive and caring individual come our way again - and he is deeply missed (Continued on page 8)

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## Annual Board Meeting, September 2002

The Board of the Heymann Historical Society held their annual meeting on September 29, 2002. Lou Zorn hosted the meeting at his home on Scheid Road in Sandusky, Ohio.

Board members present were Lou Zorn, David Hyman, Kurt Heyman, William Seaman, Chase Heyman, Maurice Heyman, Albert Horn Jr., Elden Plue and Pearl Schwochow. Also present at the meeting were Matt Heyman and Katy Sherlock. Bill Heiman was the only missing board member.

#### Highlights

During the meeting Board members:

- Reviewed and accepted minutes of the February 10, 2002 special meeting.
- Accepted Treasurer's Report from Kurt Heyman.
- Received report from Audit Committee stating that books and records meet all accounting standards and are in balance.
- Agreed to change the fiscal year to match the calendar year.
- Elected Matt Heyman, Grand Rapids, Ohio and Ulrike Gapp, Burgschwalbach, Germany, to the Board.
- Hired Rudy Smith to mow and trim the bushes on the church lot in 2003.
- Reviewed progress on the replacement of at least 56 pickets in the church fence. Most of the fence has been repainted. Pearl Schwochow will replace one of the damaged signs by the plantings. Tabled discussion of using brick pavers as a fundraiser for the Society until later.
- Discussed Friendship Hall improvements. The general consensus was that power and water are the primary considerations at this point. Lou Zorn, Matt Heyman and Chase Heyman were appointed to look into this basic infrastructure upgrade for further discussion at the next meeting.
- Received report from Katy Sherlock on the newsletter.
- Reelected Lou Zorn and Bill Heiman to the Board. Their terms will expire in 2007.
- Reelected Lou Zorn as President, David Hyman as Vice President, William Seaman as Secretary, Kurt Heyman as Treasurer, and Maurice Heyman as Assistant Treasurer.
- Agreed to hold next meeting on February 2, 2003.
- Ratified all Board actions taken in the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by William Seaman

When in Monroeville, please stop by and visit the Church. John Seaman at (419) 465-2633 or Chase Heyman at (419) 668-0242 have a key and will be pleased to show you around. Also, the Church is available for special events. Contact John Seaman or any Board Member for more information.

Thanks to all who wrote after receiving the March issue. Your feedback and contributions are appreciated. Robert "Bob" Heyman writes: "Among the estimated,... about 4,500 relatives in the United States, it is very possible that from time to time a relative achieves a high honor in life, business, education, athletics etc. If you could put an insert in the newsletter requesting information on such achievements, I would think the relatives may find this of interest and you would get some responses. Also relatives may be interested in hearing about those relatives who are serving in the military at this time."

Pauline Heymann and Sandra Heyman, of Burns, Kansas, suggest featuring stories related to Heymann relatives—"life experiences of our forefathers-stories passed from one generation to another. Others would be current interesting happenings."

What do you think? Please send any items or ideas to Katy Sherlock, 32972 Thorndyke Ct., Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48334. We look forward to your response.

### **Family Reunions**

Ziss

A reunion of Ziss Cousins, descendants of Philip August Ziss who was born in Limbach, Germany, and came to the United States in 1874, was held July 7th, 2002 (Pages 53-80).



Hostesses were Don and Linda Ziss of Haskins, Ohio, who now reside at the former homestead and farm of Philip A. Ziss.

Honored guests were Ortrun and Edgar Schauss from Limbach, Germany (Page 50) and Wiltrud and Dieter Gronow from Limburg, Germany (Page 44). They arrived Friday, July 5th, and spent an extended vacation in the United States, touring several states. These cousins from Germany were here on a prior visit four years ago with the group that came to visit the United States.

Other cousins who attended were:

- Marion (Ziss) Kellermeier from Bowling Green, Ohio and Walter Junior and Wilma Ziss from Maumee, Ohio.
- H. Richard and Anne Marie Ziss from Oregon, Ohio and their children and grandchildren.
- Pepi and Jeannine (Ziss) Santora from Maumee, Ohio.
- Barbara Ziss from Toledo and Jason Tyler and friend Nicki Arthurs.
- Robert and Marie Ziss, and Don and Gerry (Ziss) Demlow from Blissfield, Michigan and their sister Allene (Ziss) Walters from Barnesville, Georgia.
- Don and Linda Ziss from Haskins, Ohio.
- Neva (Ziss) Porter and Karen Porter from Waterville, Ohio and Jim and Cindy Porter and daughter Laura from Leo, Indiana.

A potluck dinner was held at noon and the afternoon was spent taking pictures and reminiscing.

Submitted by Gerry (Ziss) Demlow

#### John George Heymann

The 85th Annual John George Heymann Reunion, covering pages 40-618 in the Heymann History 1560-1997, was held Sunday, August 4, 2002 in the Friendship Hall, where registration began at 9:30 a.m.

The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service was held in the Hunt's Corners Church with cousin Rev. Lloyd Linder of Fremont, Ohio, conducting the service. In the absence of Marilyn Richard (due to the recent death of her husband Paul), Jean Scheid of Monroeville, Ohio, stepped in as organist. Approximately 32 persons attended the service and the collection amounted to \$206.

The reunion lunch was served at 12 noon, in the Friendship Hall with 85 persons signing the registration list.

Catherine Downing, our new reunion Chairperson, opened the business meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Minutes of the 2001 meeting and the 2001 Treasurer's report were read by Norma Zorn, Secretary-Treasurer. The Treasurer's report showed a deficit of \$121.69.

Louis Zorn, President of the Heymann Historical Society, read the list of deaths over the past year, followed by a moment of silence.

Lou Zorn then introduced Katy Heyman Sherlock and Jane Heyman Tinker and thanked them for their work on the Heymann Historical Society newsletter and the keeping of address records. They did a fine job. He also spoke of the recent visit from our German Cousins-Wiltrud and Dieter Gronow and Edgar and Ortrun Schauss. Over 50 of our Cousins joined them at Zorn Acres on July 9th for a cookoutpotluck dinner.

With the recent death of Rudolf Wagner, our German Board Member, Lou announced that Ulrike Gapp will take over that position. A contractor has been hired to paint the picket fence at the Church and any pickets in disrepair will be replaced first. The John Meek family has graciously donated an antique iron stove to the Heymann Historical Society. Thank you!

As introductions were made, we found that Cousins were present from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, and Florida. Those traveling the farthest were Dave and Carol Hageman from Texas, and Karen Pilcher from California. The youngest person present was one year old Tessa DeVos, attending the reunion with her mother Pam. The oldest person present was, again, Althea Matthews at 93 and almost 94 years old.

Rachel Kashian, daughter of Jody Heyman Kashian, drew names for the door prize and raffle. Don Lott won the Heymann History, 1560-1997 and Allison Williams won the Heymann Historical Society t-shirt.

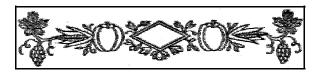
The basket was passed to cover the expenses of the reunion and the collection amounted \$505. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Norma Zorn, Secretary &%&%&%&%&%&%&%

"If you're too busy to laugh, you are too busy."

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Visit to Ohio-July 2002

Ohio is Visited by Four of Our German Cousins

Dieter and Wiltrud Gronow, Limburg, Germany, and Edgar and Ortrun Schauss, Limbach, Germany, visited the U.S.A. from July

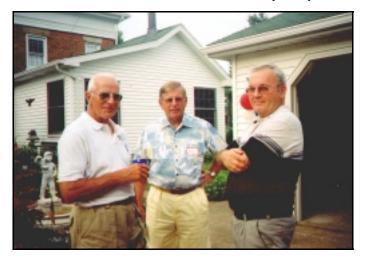
sights of the surrounding area.

5-27, 2002. We were fortunate to have them in Ohio from July 5-10, 2002. They were met at the Toledo Airport by Neva Ziss Porter from Waterville, Ohio, Friday, July 5 at 4:55 p.m. Friday

Don Ziss, Haskins, Ohio, hosted a potluck dinner on Sunday for all the Ziss cousins in that area. Dick Ziss, Oregon, Ohio, showed them around the Toledo area (Zoo, etc.) on Sunday and Don Ziss showed them around Perrysburg and his area on Monday. They spent Sunday and Monday nights in a motel on Rt. 20 in Perrysburg.

Tuesday, July 9th, they hopped into their rental car and headed for Hunt's Corners, Monroeville. They settled into Heymann House Bed and Breakfast for two nights. Tuesday afternoon Louis and Norma Zorn, Sandusky, Ohio, entertained them at their farm, "Zorn Acres" with a cookout/ potluck dinner. Bratwurst and frankfurters were added to a delicious potluck and enjoyed by over 50 Heymann Cousins from all over Ohio and Michigan. Great fellowship and food, especially the beautiful "smorgasbord" dessert table. A good time was had by all!

Wednesday morning, July 10th, Lou, Norma and Joan Zorn picked them up at Heymann House to see the sights in this area. They started out in the Hunt's Corners and Pontiac cemeteries, and the German Cousins were especially inter-



Louis Zorn, Jim Ziss, and Dieter Gronow enjoying the potluck dinner at Zorn Acres. Photo courtesy of Norma Zorn.



From left: Dieter Gronow, Ortrun and Edgar Schauss, Lou Zorn, and Wiltrud Gronow at the Thomas A. Edison Home, Milan, Ohio, July 10, 2002.

Photo courtesy of Norma Zorn.

ested in all the old tombstones with German names and inscriptions.

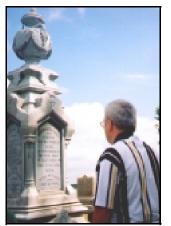
From there, they were taken to Milan, Ohio, to tour the Thomas Edison Home and Museums. They really seemed to enjoy that, even if the guides spoke only English.

Jim Ziss and family, Sandusky, Ohio, joined us at the Sandusky Yacht Club for dinner Wednesday evening. The Germans had to miss their boat rides (both power and sail) because of windy weather conditions on Lake Erie.

Thursday, July 11th, they started for New England in their rental car. They were anxious to see the green hills of Vermont, Mt. Washington in the White Mountains, the coast of Maine, Newport, and Cape Cod. Saturday, July 27th, they flew home from Boston to Frankfurt.

What a thrill it was to be able to entertain four of our German Cousins in the U.S.A. They are always so gracious to us over there!

> Submitted by Norma Zorn <del></del>*ઌ*ઌ૱ઌઌ૱





Dieter Gronow, Hunt's Corners Cemetery, July 10, 2002.

Photo courtesy of Norma Zorn.

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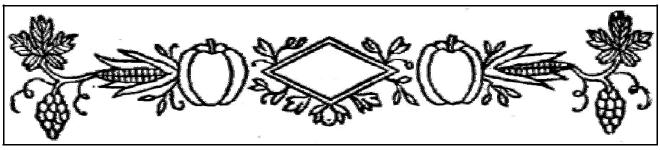
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Please consider reducing your federal income taxes and avoid paying capital gains taxes on the current value of any stock you may wish to transfer to the Heymann Historical Society. Remember that charitable gifts can reduce income taxes, reduce capital gains taxes, and reduce estate taxes. If you have any questions regarding how to transfer your stock to the Heymann Historical Society, please give board member and attorney David Hyman a call and he will be glad to assist you. Office phone (419) 399-4916. Home phone (419) 399-4659.

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by all of us, but most especially his lovely wife, Ellen (Schmidt) Wagner, of Dauborn, their two charming daughters, Jutta (Wagner) Harten of Konigstein, Germany and Elke (Wagner) Kern, and son-in-law, Klaus Kern of Ingelheim, Germany. He was only 67 years of age, but had accomplished so much in that space of time. We were all so fortunate to have him for a Cousin.

Submitted by Reva June Nasby

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A donation to the Naturlandstiftung Hessen, a nature park and foundation in Hessen, was made by the Board in Rudolf's name.

Read the biography of Rudolf Wagner on pages 1254-1255 in the Heymann History and Genealogy, 1560-1997.



#### We Need Your Help

If you can provide an address for our Cousins listed below, please contact Jane Heyman Tinker, 13211 Patten Tract Road, Monroeville, Ohio 44847, (419)

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#### In Memoriam

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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Jane Ruth Heyman Knapp, October 24, 2002, Dallas, Texas. Internment, Toledo Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio. Age 86, Page 431.

Harlyn Lloyd Heyman, November 3, 2001, Bellevue, Ohio, Age 64, Page 904.

Robert James Heyman, November 24, 2001, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Internment, Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Age 78, Page 1050.

Joyce Heyman Cann, November 22, 2000, Sandusky, Ohio. Internment, Calvary Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio. Age 81, Page 303.

Faye Pauline Heyman, August 9, 2002, Whitewater, Kansas. Internment, Belle Vista Cemetery, El Dorado, Kansas. Age 85, Page 412.

Bruce Robert Noneman, March 22, 2002. Age 16, Page 1163.

James Perry Horn, February 4, 2002, Fort Myers, Florida. Internment, Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria, Ohio. Age 88, Page 964.

Mildred Berner Heyman, December 23, 2001, Norwalk, Ohio.

Paul B. Heyman, April 23, 2002, Lawrence, Kansas. Internment, Ulysses Cemetery, Ulysses, Kansas. Age 89, Page 608.

Helen R. Heyman, August 18, 2002, Norwalk, Ohio. Internment, St. Joseph Cemetery, Monroeville, Ohio. Age 80, Page 309.

Robert Purcell, November 30, 2001. Page 1234.

Rudolf Wagner, March 26, 2002, Dauborn, Germany. Age 67, Page 1254-1255.

Jeanette Ann Schild Shondel, August 28, 2000. Age74, Page 810.

Russell George Schild, June 8, 2001. Age 74, Page 811.

Alice Lou Heyman Wisbon, Cape Coral, Florida. Age 77, Page 435.

Mildred Bucher Walp, March 11, 2002. Age 94, Page 675.

Paul Richard, July 15, 2002, McClure, Ohio. Age70, Page 101.

Richard N. Nelsen, May 11, 2002. Age 70, Page 428.



#### 🕍 Reflections on Hunt's Corners

I hope this new column will become an essential part of the newsletter. Examples of how we define our sense of place and the importance of family stories, mementos, and creativity, to this process, are included below. First, is a memoir written by David Hyman, Board Member, about his father's life, which provides us with a gift of the power of admiration. Second, are letters written in 1863 between Verena (Francis) Ballmer and William Frederick Heymann Sr. prior to their marriage. Third, is a photo of the tapestry banner made and donated by Sandy and J.C. Heyman of Burns, Kansas, which graces the Church lobby.

#### HARVEY E. HYMAN (Line of William Conrad Heymann)

Harvey E. Hyman (known as "Harve") was the youngest of 6 children and was born on February 28, 1917 in Lakewood, Ohio. His parents, Harvey G. and Bess Hyman, moved to Paulding, Ohio shortly thereafter. When he was barely a teenager, his parents divorced, with his father moving to Cleveland and his mother to Dayton, Ohio. Unhappy in the custody of his father, Harvey hitchhiked back to Paulding, a distance of about 150 miles, where he had already achieved a reputation as an athlete, and where he had many friends.

Gifted all of his life with general popularity and a wide base of friends, he was able to resume living in Paulding when a local doctor, Doctor Doster, agreed to look after him. Part of the reason for this was the eagerness of the doctor, an avid sports enthusiast, and of others in keeping Harve in the Paulding school system competing in athletics. With his parents' blessing, Harve quickly adjusted to his new living arrangements and resumed his friendships and role in the community.

At 6' 3 1/2", Harvey was unusually tall for his era and was a dominating force in high school basketball and in his beloved football for Paulding. His teams were very successful and benefited from good coaching and talented teammates. Along the way, Harve was elected Senior Class Vice-President and graduated in 1935. Upon graduation, Harvey accepted a full-ride football scholarship offer from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio (then comparable to Ohio State in football prowess). He successfully participated as a student and football player there for 3 years. His favorite position was defensive end. Eventually he would receive an offer to try out for the professional football team known today as the Cleveland Browns. When that offer came, he debated whether to pursue a career in professional football or go on to the practice of Law. Deciding that a football career could only last, at best, 10-15 years, barring serious injury, and would impede his hope to marry and raise a family, he reluctantly turned down the try-out offer and, later, became an attorney.

Before Harve could become an attorney, he had to first complete Law School. In pursuance of this goal, he accepted a full-ride football scholar-ship to Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio in 1938. Although Harve had initially intended to be a teacher and a football coach, he had found his interest in practicing law growing throughout his undergraduate years. At Ohio Northern he played football for the remainder of his collegiate eligibility, starring as a defensive end and extra-points and field goal kicker. While attending Law School Harve met his eventual wife, Juanita Marjorie Jacobs of nearby Lima, Ohio, at a college dance. He and Marjorie wed in 1939 and he graduated from Law School the following year. Next Harvey took and passed the Ohio Bar Exam in 1940.

Now able to practice law, Harvey set up his first law practice in Bellevue, Ohio. He chose the location due to the nearness of Heymann relatives. Unable to generate sufficient business as a young lawyer, he took a position in Cleveland as an insurance adjuster for a year. Mutually dismayed at city life, he and Marge decided to move to Paulding to try a law practice there. By 1943, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army, he had a wife, a 1-year old son, and a law practice which he had to leave behind in order to serve his country with so many others of his generation.

Leaving Marge and son, Douglas, in Paulding, Harve trained and served in an Anti-Aircraft battalion where he rose to the rank of First Sergeant. He saw combat in the European Theater in the 7th Army. Honorably discharged in 1946, he returned to Paulding and began his law practice over again. He also served in the local Army Reserve Unit there as well.

By the time the Korean War came about, Harve was the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney and the father of a young daughter, Cara Lou. The Army Reservists were called up to supplement the regular forces and he had to abandon his legal career once more. Harvey served in the U.S. Army in South Korea and in Japan as a First Lieutenant in the Counter Intelligence Corps. Following another Honorable Discharge, he returned once again to Paulding and, for the 4th time in his young life, started his law practice from scratch. It was also around this time that he spent some months defending U.S. servicemen in military tribunals who had been broken under torture during enemy interrogations during the Korean War and who had been charged with disloyalty.

Sons David and Geoffrey were born in the middle 1950s and Harvey was appointed in 1956 to fill the unexpired term of the former Paulding County Common Pleas Court Judge who had recently died in office. Upon being sworn-in as Judge, he instantly became the youngest Common Pleas Court Judge in Ohio's 88 counties. After serving as Judge for a few years, years which he enjoyed immensely, Harve found that he could not support a wife and 4 children on his Judge's salary and, for that reason, resigned and returned to private practice. The novelty of this act made state-wide news and resulted, shortly thereafter, in a substantial increase in Judges' salaries in Ohio.

As his career in private practice blossomed, he came to serve as special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, became President of the Paulding National Bank, was President for many years of the Paulding County Bar Association, was listed in "Who's Who in America", actively participated in several Masonic organizations, founded and was the Senior partner in Paulding County's largest law firm to date, was Village Solicitor for many Paulding County Villages, was an active member and supporter of the Paulding Presbyterian Church, and was elected to 2 terms as Paulding County Probate and Juvenile Judge beginning in 1981.

During his terms as Juvenile and Probate Judge, Harvey originated and implemented a new Juvenile Diversion Program utilizing the 4-H organization. This Program was adopted by many other Ohio counties and in several other States. The advent of this Program resulted in numerous interviews of the Judge by the Press during which he was often asked why he had not copyrighted the Program. Harve's reply to this was that he wanted the

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approach to be freely available to anyone who might wish to use it to help juveniles and that he did not care for any more "profit" than that.

When he could not legally run again as Judge due to his age, Harve returned once again, and for the last time, to the private practice of law; this time with his son, David. They practiced together under the firm name of "Hyman and Hyman" from 1992 until Harvey's death on January 17, 2000. Harvey left behind his widow, who still survives him, his 4 children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Known all of his life for his great sense of humor and positive outlook, Harvey never lost his empathy for others, nor his "common touch", and was deeply lamented by his many friends, acquaintances, and by his family upon his death. In life, his home was the site of frequent after-hours visits by people, young and old, who sought out his sage advice on a wide range of issues; personal, career, and educational. He kept everything which they discussed confidential. He gave his help to them freely and willingly. Harve was loving, patient, compassionate, and loyal throughout his life.

Submitted by David Hyman

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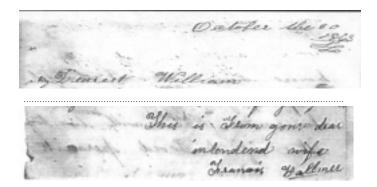
Letters Between Engaged Couple, William Frederick Heymann and Verena (Francis) Ballmer

October the 30, 1863

My Dearest William,

This morning I seat myself to drop you few lines to let you know how we are getting. My sister don't feel quite so well today as she did yesterday. She was very low when my brother wrote to me and was not expected to live. But I hope she may soon get well again. I suppose you thought it quite strange when you heard that I went home so quick. I should liked to have seen you and talked to you before I went away but the time did not permit me to. As I just got the letter the evening before. It was a lonesome journey for me. I wished you were along with me. I had to wait almost two hours in Toledo before the train went away. I walked home from Westfield. It was four o'clock in the afternoon before I got home. They had not received my letter yet. Father was to town yesterday morning but it was not there. I told Father about it yesterday morning, he said he had nothing against it. I can not tell you how soon I shall return. I can tell you better next time. I felt lonesome this morning wishing I could be with you. I wish you could be by my side tonight and embrace you with a kiss. You must keep up good spirit and not get lonesome. I hope we will soon live together if the Lord permits us to. May we live in love and union. May we live in the fear of the Lord. May we put our trust in him from where all good blessing come. My desire is to live and die a Christian. May we live faithful in discharging our duty to our God. I must bring the letter to close hoping these few lines may find you well. I send love and best respects to you. Write soon if you please.

This is from your dear intended wife, Francis Ballmer



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Monroeville, Nov. 18th 1863

My Dearest Francis,

I received your first letter on the sixth of this month and your 2nd today which is dated the ninth. I do not know what the reason is, that you did not receive my letter. I thought you had got it and I have been looking for one the last 4 days. I have been here to Monroeville at the post office. I hope that you may have my letter before this here one will get to you. My Dearest Francis time seems long since you have been gone-one day seems a week. I wrote to you that (Gill?) was going to move soon but now he has moved out. He moved out last Thursday and therefore I can not come out there. I thought he would stay a little longer and I would come out to fetch you back but now it is impossible for me to come now. I wish you could soon come back-I have got no housekeeper now. Mother is at the Moore's, their children are all sick. They don't expect Charles and John to live the other three are getting better. They have all got the sore throat. When you come back, write to me and I will be to Monroeville to fetch you. Your things you can put in a box I think and send them on the cars. I thought that you would come this week. I have bought me some house furniture. I think of you every time I have to go in the house wishing that you could be there. I must close now hoping that these lines may find you as well as they leave me and I hope that I may see you again by Saturday night. You will excuse my poor writing-I am in a hurry this is wrote in Monroeville. I hope that you may have my first letter then time won't seem so long. My love and best respects to you.

Your true lover forever, W. F. Heyman

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William and Francis were married on December 3, 1863. Francis later gave birth to 13 children; one child died in infancy. (See Chapter 8 in the Heymann History and Genealogy, 1560-1997.)

Letters provided courtesy of William and Marty Weber, (pages 579-580). William is the great grandson of Wm. F. Heyman and Verena (Francis) Ballmer Heyman. William inherited the letters from his grandmother, Verena (Heyman) Longsheid and his mother, Muriel (Longsheid) Weber.

On September 18, 2002, Mrs. James L. Bailey (Ruth Heyman) wrote "Fifty years ago on August 30 we were married at the little church at Hunt's Corners. So that place is very special to me—and Monroeville. Thank you."

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#### **Family Reunions**

#### William G. Heiman

The 57th William G. Heiman Family Reunion was held on September 8, 2002 at the Tontogany Centennial Park, Tontogany, Ohio. 61 family members and 5 visitors attended. It was a clear, hot day with temperatures reaching 90 but luckily there was a strong breeze. The children played games and also enjoyed the playground equipment. The adults had a wonderful day of visiting. The day began with an opening prayer and blessing on the food by Jane Younkin and this was followed with a delicious potluck. The meeting was then held and led by Acting President, Marla Gordon with old and new business being discussed. Historian Marla Gordon gave her report and handed out update information sheets. The meeting ended with all those present joining hands and praying The Lord's Prayer.

Our officers are Dorene and Dick Storch-President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Marla Gordon-Historian. Date and time for the 2003 reunion is the same; location at the Tontogany Centennial Park, Tontogany, Ohio.

Submitted by Dorene Storch and Marla Gordon



Our sincere "thank you" to our contributors.

"Make An Effort, Not An Excuse"



#### **New Faces**

Carter Joseph Haas, September 3, 2001, Parents-Nichole and Tony Haas.

Colin Daniel Schwartz, June 27, 2002, Parents-Missy and Chad Schwartz.

Abigail Clarene Gase, August 21, 2002, Parents-Mary Beth and Bill Gase.

Garrison Samuel Hohler, October 9, 2002, Parents-Holli and Mike Hohler.

Abigail (Abby) Aileen Wiebking, September 22, 2001, Parents-Janis and William Wiebking, Jr.

Caroline Elizabeth Seaman, February 6, 2002, Parents-Cathy and David Seaman.

Cole Andrew Vajda and Zackary Bond Vajda, July 23, 2001, Parents-Kristina and Paul Vajda.

Aimee Elizabeth Smith, May 18, 2000, Parents-Kathryn and Kenneth Smith.

Skyler Kevin Scheid, September 23, 2000, Parents-Linda and Kevin Scheid.

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## <u>Heymann Historical Society</u> <u>Gifts, Souvenirs, and Collectibles</u>

Several items are available for gift giving and collecting. Clothing embroidered with the Heymann Coat of Arms

Clothing embroidered with the Heymann Coat of Art	<u>ns</u>
Jackets—white poplin	\$28.00
Sweatshirts—white	\$28.00
Polo shirts—white	\$19.00
Golf caps—white or blue	\$10.00
Books	
Heymann Genealogy books	\$75.00
Heymann Family Cookbook, 84 pages	\$10.00
Photos and Prints	
Alpine group photo from 1993Cousins Trip	\$10.00
Aerial photo of Kaltenholzhausen	\$10.00
Cousins at Kaltenholzhausen	\$10.00
Heymann Coat of Arms in color, suitable for framing	\$10.00
New Church sketch	\$5.00
Old Church sketch	\$5.00
Ellis Island Wall of Honor Certificate, dated 1847	\$5.00
Trinkets	
150th Anniversary paperweight	
etched Heyman Coat of Arms and dates 1848-1998	\$30.00
150th Anniversary glass tree ornament	
etched Heymann Coat of Arms, dates 1848-1998	\$15.00
Heymann mugs, Coat of Arms, Church	\$10.00
Wooden replica of Hunt's Corners Church	\$10.00
Etched bent glass plaques	\$50.00

These gifts are in stock and immediately available for shipping (which is included in the price). All of the net proceeds from these items go to the restoration and upkeep of the Hunt's Corners Church and Friendship Hall.

Please contact Mrs. David (Jackie) Hyman at 302 North Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. I can also be reached by telephone at (419) 399-4659. Our email address is dahyman@bright. net. I have received some suggestions regarding additional souvenirs for the Heymann Historical Society to offer for gift-giving or collecting. Among those items mentioned are throws or afghans (with the Crest, Church, Castle, etc. on them), ball point pens with the Crest and Heymann Historical Society printed on them, pewter bread plates with the Church or Castle etched on them, and china plates (collector style) with a photograph of the Church, Crest, or Castle. I would appreciate hearing from any members of the Family as to whether you approve of these suggestions (any or all of them), if you have any ideas of your own, or if you think that we should just continue with the items which we have offered in the past. If you have any ideas, I would like to hear by Christmas time so that I may research the sources available and the cost involved before the February 2, 2003 Board meeting. If I have enough input from Family members, I can present the suggestions to the Board and will be able to order the items and have them available for Christmas next year. Do not forget that the items on hand at present are available for Christmas 2002.

Submitted by Jackie Hyman





Tapestry banner as displayed in the Church. Photo courtesy of Kurt Heyman

## (Continued from page 10) Tapestry Banner-50"x 60"

Center panel - Heymann/
Heimann coat of arms with individual
motifs of the shield, helmet, fleur de lis,
the Hayman with the scythe. Made of
cotton fabric outlined with black or
gold trim couched in place by hand
sewing, then hand sewn to the banner
surface.

<u>Side panels</u> - Individually made and applied to the surface by hand sewing. The veins of the grape leaves and the wheat beards are a thread twisted from straw. The stems of the wheat are woven from wheat straw.

The straw threads and stems are couched by hand to the surface. The grapes are made by an old quilt technique called yo-yos. 1 1/4" fringe was applied to the lower edges. Tassels were hand made and placed on either side of the center panel in designated areas for that purpose.

<u>Fabric</u> - Upholstery weight tapestry fabric with clam shell design is used for the background. The interfacing is heavy canvas. The lining is a drapery weight lining.

There is an applied fabric nameplate on the lower back - stating that this is a gift from Sandra and J.C. Heyman of Burns, Kansas - Made by Sandra Heyman.

Presented August 1996. Tapestry Banner is displayed in the Church.

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