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This sequence of photos (top left, proceeding counterclockwise), shows the renovations to the Hunt's Corners Church during the past decade. Top left photo is of the Church prior to installation of the steeple in October 1994. Bottom left photo is of the new sidewalk, steps, railing and landscaping. The final photo is of the attendees to the Church service portion of the 87th Annual John George Heymann Reunion, August 1, 2004.

*Photos courtesy of Elden Plue, Kurt Heyman and Tom Sherlock.*

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## From the Board of Trustees

On September 26, 2004 the Trustees Meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM at the Hunt's Corners Church. Members present were David Hyman, Kurt Heyman, William Seaman, Chase Heyman, Duane Heyman, Matt Heyman, Al Horn, William Heiman and Elden Plue. Members not present were Lou Zorn, Carol Germond and Ulrike Gapp. Items discussed include:

- February 29, 2004 Trustee Meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's Report from Kurt Heyman.
- Order deadline for the next installation of memorial bricks will be June 1, 2005.
- Repairs to the beam in the church basement.
- William Seaman will be investigating possibility of federal grants for church restoration in October 2004.
- Heymann House B&B wishes to use Church as part of wedding package - subcommittee of David Hyman, Kurt Heyman and William Seaman will present a recommendation to the Board at the February 2005 meeting.
- Jackie Hyman reported on HHS gifts, plates, afghans, and potential trip to Germany.
- Kurt Heyman presented the newsletter report on behalf of Katy Sherlock – the newsletter editor.
- There was discussion of erecting a playscape at the Friendship Hall lot. Board will discuss again at the February meeting focusing on insurance and reconstruction issues.
- Chase Heyman was reelected to the Board of Trustees by unanimous vote. The current slate of officers – President Lou Zorn, Vice President David Hyman, Treasurer Kurt Heyman, and Secretary William Seaman were retained for an additional year.

The winter meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2005 at the Heymann House B&B.

*By William Seaman*

From Lou Zorn: I was on vacation and therefore missed the September Board Meeting. I wanted to remind our readers that in the past year the Society has spent approximately \$12,000 on maintenance, repair and upgrades to the Church and front entrance. These projects included replacing a rotten beam discovered during renovation to the front steps. Accordingly we would appreciate any donations to offset these expenses. The Church is an important part of our heritage and maintaining it is a primary mission of the Society. Thank you for your support.



Close-up view of the engraved, installed bricks on the sidewalk leading to the Church entrance.

*Photo courtesy Kurt Heyman.*

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**Do you have a story or photographs or news that you'd like to share? We are interested in your news items and family changes (births, marriages, and deaths) both for publication in future issues and to update our records.**

**We are also very interested in obtaining a copy of any documents regarding our family's history since arriving in the United States in 1847. Examples of documents are family, church, business records, letters, and photographs. Our goal is to gather and make accessible electronic copies of documents and photos for use in future newsletters. Please contact Katy Sherlock at the address below for more information.**

**Send items for publication and recording to:**

**Katy Sherlock**

**32972 Thorndyke Ct, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334**

**Email: HHS@tm.net**

**Thank you to those who contributed pictures and articles. Because of space considerations it is not possible to use all items immediately, but they will appear in future issues.**

**Spring issue—items due April 10**

**Fall (November) issue—items due October 10**

**Note: schedule subject to change depending on Board meeting schedule.**

**Change of address, by the above deadlines:**

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**Monroeville, Ohio 44847**

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## Newletters Via Email

Starting with the November 2004 issue, some of our readers are receiving the newsletter via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter this way, instead of a printed copy, please send email to HHS@tm.net with the word "PDF" in the subject line. A free reader for PDF files is available from Adobe.com, and we will include a link to it in the email distribution.



# Hunt's Corners Church

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A National Historic District  
Property



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.*



## News from Germany

*Rudi and Annelore Altenhofen sent this message.  
It is reproduced with minor edits to improve clarity.*

Dear Katy,

The new newsletter has arrived [May 2004 issue]. We are always pleased about new information which we receive by this newsletter of our relatives and friends in the USA. The paper serves as a good bridge between the Heymann family on this side of and on the other side of the ocean.

We are particularly pleased about the report of Ernie Heymann's trip through Europe in the year 1967. Ernie and his friend Ken were in Annelore's parent's home at that time. It is interesting for us that Ernie still remembers so many details after 37 years. The man who welcomed them at that time is Annelore's brother Heinz. Today, he still lives in this house which he has added on to. He is 87 years old and healthy.

The Heymann Family coat of arms picture given to Ernie wasn't new. The parish priest Johannes Heymann from Burgschwalbach used it as a letter seal over 300 years ago.

Dr. Wilhelm Heymann, of Giessen, discovered it during research in the Federal Archives at Wiesbaden in 1940. Dr. Wilhelm Heymann, Heinrich Heimann, of Hamburg and August Heymann, of Bad Schwalbach (Annelore's father) adopted it in the name of the family.

The coat of arms was reconstructed by a Heraldiker according to heraldic principles after a faithful tracing was taken by August Heymann, and it was registered into the "Hessian Coat of Arms Book".

We were in the USA this spring for the fifth time. We had taken our grandson Moritz Nax along this time. We were picked up from the Orlando, Florida airport by Reva June and Bob Nasby of Sarasota.

They showed us many sights around Sarasota, including the Ringling museum and the Siesta Key Beach. Unfortunately, the time

passed by much too fast.

From Florida we drove (with Moritz at the wheel) to Texas through the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Of course we stopped in New Orleans.

We were heartily welcomed by Robin, (daughter of Reva June and Bob Nasby) and her husband Henk van der Merwe in Denton, Texas. They did everything to make our stay as pleasant as possible.

After four days in Denton, Texas we flew from Dallas back to Orlando. We had an opulent dinner on the same day in Winter Springs with Mary and Jack Wilder. After that we spent four leisurely days with our friends in Longwood, Ilse and Rudi Kretschmann, enjoying the marvelous weather. In the evening of April 2, we flew back to Frankfurt, Germany.

Once again we enjoyed American hospitality and we will always remember those happy days. It was possibly our last trip to the USA. Best wishes to the complete family.

Annelore and Rudi

P.S. [September 2004 update] In August, Mark Lawrence, of Memphis, Tennessee visited us here. We had a wonderful time.

*By Annelore and Rudi Altenhofen*



Castle at Burgschwalbach  
*Photo courtesy of Elden Plue.*

## Memorials and Contributions - April 2004 to September 2004

### The Steeple Group (\$100.01 to \$1,000.00)

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 RUDY ALSO DOES A NICE JOB CARING FOR CHURCH GROUNDS.  
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## Charitable Giving

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. 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 Heymann Historical Society. 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. 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 makes a nice way to be remembered. A monetary gift in memory of a loved one that has passed away is another option. Also you might consider naming the Heymann Historical Society in your own will. Contributions and memorials may be mailed at any time of the year to: Heymann Historical Society, Kurt Heyman - Treasurer, 2417 Mudbrook Rd, Huron, OH 44839. Phone number (419) 433-6671. (Heymann Historical Society - Federal Tax ID # 34-1365013).

## In Memoriam

*Our deepest sympathies to family members and friends.*

John Homer Drennen Jr., age 74, September 12, 2004,  
page 597.

Owen Heyman Hoch, age 96, August 26, 2004, page 882.

Todd M. Jones, age 45, June 1, 2004, page 927.

Douglas Craig Mayer, on his 57th birthday,  
July 2, 2004, page 864.

K.L. Thimm, age 82, July 8, 2004, page 401.  
Interment White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Wichita, Kansas.

Harold "Dick" Ziss, age 83, May 29, 2004, page 66.

Robert Carlton Ziss, age 86, April 22, 2004, page 72.  
Interment East Rome Cemetary, Rome Twp, Michigan.



## Weddings & Anniversaries

60th Wedding Anniversary, Geraldine (Ziss) and Donald  
Eugene Demlow, married July 8, 1944, page 73.

Emily Kate McNamee married David Paul Emberson, July 2,  
2004. Emily, page 401, is the daughter of  
Bob and Lyndee McNamee, page 400.



The Kansas branch of the John Henry Heymann descendants schedule their reunions around events such as milestone birthdays of elders-80 years and 90 years, weddings and funerals. Since we are scattered throughout Kansas and several other states, we have found this plan beneficial as it provides a dual reason for making the journey.

July 2004 gave this family two opportunities to gather together. On July 2, 2004 was the Church wedding of Emily Kate McNamee of Derby, Kansas. It was a beautiful Christ-centered ceremony. Emily is John Henry Heymann's great great granddaughter. It was obvious that Emily had been reared by God-fearing parents as the ceremony was a reflection of the Christ-like principles taught and lived by John Henry Heymann. John Henry Heymann was a man of deep conviction and prayer who prayed for all generations to follow. The life he lived is reflected in this 4<sup>th</sup> generation union and by all appearances will be continued in Emily's family to be.

The second occasion on July 12 was the celebration of the life of K.L. Thimm. K.L. died on July 8, 2004. K.L. was the husband of Barbara Heymann Thimm, granddaughter of John Henry Heymann. Both K.L. and Barbara were on the first Cousin's Trip to Europe.

These two events brought together Heymann relatives from California, Texas, Arizona and from all over the state of Kansas.

*By Pauline Heymann, (page 414)*

## Births

Alayna Grace Hohler, daughter of Holli Mae Hohler, page 865  
and Michael Lewis Hohler, page 572, June 16, 2004.

Dylan James Hohler, son of Dawn Christine Hohler and Samuel  
John Hohler, page 572, July 29, 2004.



## Memorial Brick Sidewalk

HHS members can purchase a memorial brick for the Church sidewalk. Each red brick measures 4 by 8 inches and will be engraved with uppercase block letters (see picture on page 2 of the newsletter). Each space will count as one character of the 14 total characters possible per line. The proceeds from the sale of the memorial bricks will be used to support ongoing maintenance of the Church. Please contact Lou Zorn at (419) 433-4678 or lzorn@nwonline.net with questions about this project or completion schedule.

### Order Form and Instructions

**Note: Deadline for the next installation is June 1, 2005.**

- 1) Complete all requested information below, for each brick ordered. (Copy blank form first if ordering more than one brick).
- 2) Keep copy of completed order for your records.
- 3) Enclose payment of \$50 for each brick ordered, payable to Heymann Historical Society.
- 4) Detach and return form with payment to:

**Kurt Heyman  
2417 Mudbrook Rd.  
Huron, Ohio 44839**

**(419) 433-6671 email:ehfinc@accnorwalk.com**

In the boxes below, print one letter per square. An "&" can be used instead of "and", if needed. Text using less than all 14 squares will be engraved, centered, on the brick.

*(cut here)*

*Enter text to be engraved on brick, one character per box.*

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### Name and address of person placing order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

# Heymann Historical Society Gifts, Souvenirs, and Collectibles

## Clothing embroidered with the Heymann Coat of Arms

Jackets—white poplin	\$35.00
Sweatshirts—white	\$30.00
Polo shirts—white	\$27.50
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 1993 Cousins Trip	\$10.00
Aerial photo of Kaltenholzhhausen	\$10.00
Cousins at Kaltenholzhhausen	\$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 and dates 1848–1998	\$15.00
Heymann mugs, Coat of Arms, or Church	\$10.00
Wooden replica of Hunt's Corners Church (Out-of-stock, contact Jackie Hyman)	\$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.

## Please note: Payment must accompany each order.

*Thank you!*  
*By Jackie Hyman*



## New Items

Three new gift items are now in stock and available for purchase.  
The tapestry afgan is pictured below.

2003 Collector Plate with Hunt's Corners Church	\$40.00
2004 Collector Plate Heymann House	
Bed and Breakfast	\$40.00
Tapestry Afghan with pictures of Coat of Arms, Hunt's Corners Church, Church at Burgschwalbach, Castle at Burgschwalbach, Church at Kaltenholzhhausen	\$75.00



Tapestry Afgan. Photo Courtesy of Jackie Hyman.

## Al Horn Named Good Citizen 2004

Al Horn Jr., HHS Trustee, page 971, was named the Bryan, Ohio Area Foundation's Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk Good Citizen Award winner for 2004. This award was established in 1980 to recognize exemplary citizens. The honor was presented to him on January 13, 2004 at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The clock Al received has an engraved gold plate stating "In recognition of your outstanding service to the community".

Al proposed the idea of the Foundation to the Rotarians in 1969, and after retiring from the IRS in 1983, he joined the Foundation's board and has served as Treasurer since 1986. A member of the Rotary since 1969, Al is active in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan, Ohio, and is also involved in the Sole Source Aquifer protection group formed to protect the city's water supply.

*This article includes information sent by June Horn and from the Times newspaper article "Al Horn Jr. receives Good Citizen Award", by Linda Freed. Al and June are the parents of Jennifer Horn, page 972.*

When traveling through Ohio, please stop by Monroeville, 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 Trustee for more information.

## Reflections on Hunt's Corners

### There's No Place Like Home

You have heard of homing pigeons and of some animals returning home after being lost or left some distance from home. There was this farmer who sold a cow and her calf to a farmer some 20 miles away and within two days the cow and calf were back home. The farmer tried a second and third time to deliver the cow and calf but to no avail as each time they returned home. So the farmer returned the money and kept old bossie and her baby. Persistence pays off. Well we know this doesn't always happen, that animals find their way back home, if the number of newspaper ads for lost animals is any indication.

In March 1886 John Henry Heymann, my grandfather, came to Kansas from Hunt's Corners, Monroeville, Ohio after having purchased Kansas prairie land. He travelled to Kansas by train with his family, household goods, lumber from his Ohio lumber mill and livestock including horses, cattle and his dog. When they unloaded the box car that had the dog and other animals, the dog jumped out and ran away. No one worried about it as the dog was a cow dog, familiar with animals, well trained to respond to commands and the family's "best friend". As they drove the cattle down the road and until day's end there was no sighting of the dog. Several more days of looking for the dog proved fruitless.

Six months later the dog was found on the steps of the house in Ohio where John Henry Heymann's family and the dog had lived. The dog was thin and hungry but very happy to be home again. Perseverance pays off!!

What a feat. Imagine crossing the Mississippi River, facing all the other obstacles, finding food along the way, and finding his way to the exact Ohio home he knew. Some of us can't find our way even with signs and road maps. The dog lived several more years with his new family. Isn't God wonderful with how well he takes care of the animals and us? Please share with us some of your family's interesting stories.

*Topic suggested by Sandra Heyman (page 412) and written by Pauline Heymann (page 414) both of Burns, Kansas. Pauline is the granddaughter of John Henry Heymann (page 314).*

### Germany Trip 2004

This summer, I had the distinct pleasure of visiting Germany for the first time. My wife, Jenny, a horseback riding instructor & equine trainer, had been invited to study at the International Riding Academy in northern Germany for a week, so I took the opportunity to accompany her and do some touring while she attended class. I had the good fortune to spend three days with Heymann Historical Society Board Member Ulrike Gapp and her family. Thankfully, her English is excellent, as my German was non-existent. Armed with German to English and English to German dictionaries, she served as an able and patient translator during the many interesting tours and visits she had arranged.

The first day, Tuesday, August 4, I drove from Rhede, in northern Germany near the Dutch border, down the autobahn to Limburg. The rental VW Golf topped out at a pokey 210 kph, a mere 125 mph. I decided that the key to driving the autobahn is keeping a sharp eye in the rearview mirror and staying OUT OF THE WAY of the "real cars"! From Limburg, it was an easy drive into Burgschwalbach, where I had no trouble finding Ulrike's house. There, I was greeted by Ulrike, her mother, Anni Gapp, & aunt, Gertrud Becker. We had lunch of

bratwurst, German potato salad & fresh fruit on a special denim blue tablecloth, sprinkled with American flags and red & blue stars – I felt like a celebrity! The four of us loaded into the Golf and headed across the northern Taunus Mountains to the historic and beautiful Rhine River valley. Across the countryside, west from Burgschwalbach to Marksburg, winding our way down the Rhine River Valley to Bingen, crossing by ferry a couple times to see towns, castles & sights such as the cliffs of Loreley and the Niederwald Monument overlooking Rudesheim along the way. Ulrike & I took an extended tour of the Castle Rhinefels and museum which dates back to 1245 A.D. Burg Rheinfels is one of the oldest & most formidable structures on the river, perched high atop steep cliffs at Saint Goar, with commanding views up and down the Rhine. We had a marvelous dinner at the Johannisburg Riesling Winery on a terrace overlooking acres of vineyards and the Rhine, then drove back through the Taunus Mountains & forest to Burgschwalbach.

The next day we toured the open air farmers' market, a gorgeous cathedral (Der Georgsdom zu Limburg) which dates back to 910 A.D, and several shops in Limburg. Returning to Burgschwalbach, we stopped to visit Ulrike's sister, Dagmar Thiels, at her day spa in the village of Hahnstaetten. Afterwards, we toured Burgschwalbach Castle and were even able to enter the castle itself, as it is being remodeled to house a restaurant and beer garden, and possibly, a bed & breakfast, as there were painters, landscapers and technicians working throughout the fortress. After another fine lunch at Ulrike's, we headed south with Ulrike's niece, Melanie Kretschmar-Thiels, to Wiesbaden where we met Gertrud again for a guided tour of the city's landmarks. After an interesting walking tour that included the grand casino (Kurhaus), hot springs, Opelbad, and the Russian Orthodox Church, we drove to Idstein, the town infamous in family history as the place where Katharine Heymann [Richter by second marriage after the death of her husband Philipp Heymann (page 1221)] was prosecuted and killed as a witch in 1676. She, and numerous other victims of the *hexenprozesse* [witch trials], has been memorialized with a plaque on the still standing tower in the center of town. From Idstein, we traveled through the rolling countryside, dining at Georgenthal, a magnificent country estate & retreat, before returning once again to Burgschwalbach.

The third day, we visited cousins - Wolfgang & Brigitte Kitschke (page 1245), who have been to one of the Ohio Reunions, in Kaltenholzhausen, where we visited the original Heymann house (which will soon be for sale according to Brigitte) and church. We then drove northwest to Arzbach for an afternoon with Annelore and Rudi Altenhofen (page 1247), who have also been to the states. We had a marvelous lunch at their home & Rudi shared the extensive genealogy work that he & Annelore have painstakingly researched and compiled. Ulrike & I were treated to a magnificent archive of family photos dating back to the advent of photography, as well as many original letters and "official papers" of various sorts. We then toured Rudi's forests (he was a German Forestry Manager for their region for his main career). We visited the town of Bad Ems & the Fortress Ehrenbreitstein, overlooking the junction of the Rhine & Mosel Rivers at Koblenz, before returning for a late afternoon coffee break complete with homemade apple and plum pies! Unfortunately, here my time as a genealogical tourist came to an end and I was forced to bid *auf Wiedersehen* to my new friends. I made it back to Rhede & my wife, Jenny, just in time for a late dinner that night.

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It was an awesome experience and I would really like to go back (after I learn some German! I must admit, I felt like an idiot. Even a 3 year old felt sorry for me & tried to teach me numbers off her new watch!) I would like to thank Ulrike and her family for being such gracious hosts, and my Aunt Carol Germond for putting me in contact with Ulrike! I look forward to staying in touch, learning some German & visiting once again!

By Mark Lawrence

Mark Lawrence (page 1234) is the grandson of Florence Ruth Heyman Purcell, daughter of Karl Charles Heyman who was born in Germany, the first son of Heinrich Peter Heymann who emigrated to the U.S. in 1868.

Mark and his family, Jenny & Mitchell, live just outside Memphis, TN.



Annelore and Rudi Altenhofen and Mark Lawrence, Summer 2004.

Photo courtesy of Mark Lawrence.

## William F. Heyman Jr.: Yukon, 1902

*This account of William's (page 589) trip is condensed from "Dawson's Glitter Recalled by Detroit Yukon Pioneer", November 4, 1959 Detroit News, by William W. Lutz. Article sent by Ed Rose Jr., (page 548).*

Dawson City, a magical name whenever it is mentioned, was a brash, hell-raising town in 1898, a star in the Yukon that attracted the young and daring. Gold was panned in the creeks that flowed out of the mountain snow. At night, prospectors, equipped with cash, crawled away from their pans and sluices, ready for action. William F. Heyman, reading of Dawson's desire to build a more substantial reputation, remembers it well. He was 23, in 1902, when, attracted by the glitter in the north, he gravitated to Skagway, then walked the 111 miles to Whitehorse, following a railroad track. He didn't have the money to buy a ride.

At Whitehorse he met seven other youths and together they bought a rowboat. Slipping it into the Yukon river, they headed for Dawson, 460 miles downstream. The trip took three days and nights. It was nearly cut short in the treacherous Five Fingers Rapids, a stretch where paddleboats, heading upstream, pulled themselves through with winches.

At Dawson, the eight dispersed. Dance halls and saloons were jumping. Shimmering beauties shivered and shimmied on stages and were showered with gold dust, freshly panned. "I got a job as a waiter," Heyman said. "The smallest coin I saw was a quarter. The place was the Library Restaurant. "I bunked upstairs, made \$35 a week. Everybody slept in the afternoon, storing up energy for a day that began about eight o'clock at night."

Here where Robert W. Service, Jack London and Rex Beach, literary residents, were inspired to heights, Heyman lingered three months. He succeeded only in arousing an overpowering urge to go home. He was happy to leave in late August, with the winds already biting, "before the freezeup."

Dawson City, blown into existence in 1895, deflated quickly, a burst bubble. By 1951, its population only 773, it lost its hold as a seat of government of the Yukon Territory to Whitehorse.

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