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The Church at Hunt's Corners - The First 100 Years

From: History, Zoar's United Church of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed, 1966.

On August 14, 1858, a church organization was perfected with 18 present at the meeting. John George William Heyman was President, and Reverend Charles Kuss was secretary of the meeting. The following officers were elected: William Conrad Heyman and Charles Mohr as elders; John George Heyman, Sr., and John George William Heyman as deacons. They resolved to hold their first services in Sherman Township, on August 15, 1858. The congregation was to be known as the German Evangelical Reformed Church. Reverend Charles Kuss was elected its first minister.

Having no church building, services were held in the different homes of the community. On one Sunday it was held in Sherman Township, and the next Sunday, in the Hunt's Corners neighborhood. Services were also held for a time in the Hunt's Corners school house, which was on the corner across the road from where the church now stands.

On September 11, 1858, a constitution was adopted with 21 signatures. On March 28, 1863, papers of incorporation were drawn up. On January 6, 1866, a motion was carried to build a church. John George Heyman donated land upon which the church was built. William Conrad Heyman, of Weavers Corners, donated some of the timber for the building. John Philip Heyman, John Henry Heyman and Reverend Kuss were appointed a building committee. The church was to be known as the German Evangelical Reformed St. Paul's Church. On January 4, 1872, upon a motion, the name Zoar's was added. After this it was known as the German Evangelical Reformed Zoar's Church.

In the year 1866, the above congregation built the present building at Hunt's Corners. For many years services were conducted in the German language. As the younger generations grew to maturity, the services were changed to English. This rural church is one of a few left in the country where services are being held.

In the summer of 1883, the 25th anniversary of the organization of the congregation was observed with an appropriate service. In October, 1941, the 75th anniversary was observed. This service today is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building of the church. The body of this building is the original structure.

There have been several changes and improvements made, and some of them are: in 1917, a basement was dug and furnace installed, which has since been converted to an oil burning furnace; in 1929 a new shingle roof was installed, and a steeple of about 25 to 30 feet was cut down; in 1936, the church building was redecorated throughout, the work was all donated, and the material was all paid for from the church treasury. A metal plaque inscribed with the years 1866 and 1936 was installed on the front of the church. Electricity was installed in the church in 1921, at which time the electric line was erected in the community.

Since the 75th anniversary of the church, some of the improvements have been: a new roof installed in 1954; a new paint job on the interior and exterior in 1955; in 1959, through the efforts of members and Reverend Waidmann, an electric Thomas organ was obtained from the Claude Foster Foundation. Our church was one of the many that received an organ as a gift from Mr. Foster, and has been a great asset in the church.

Many gifts of money were given to the church in memoriam, and some of the money has been used in the installation of new doors on the church, new lectern, new pulpit, alter cloths, and organ lamp. Other improvements include the lowering of the ceiling, redecoration of the interior, rebuilding of the church steps and sidewalk, installation of aluminum storm windows, and the building of a new outside restroom.

No debt has ever been on the church as far as the history committee were able to ascertain.



Maintaining the Church at Hunt's Corners, the central task of the Heymann Historical Society, requires a continuous effort. This description of the Church and its upkeep during its first 100 years (1966 Church History), shows how the efforts of our relatives in the past, so closely parallel our own efforts today.

*We need to continue their work and our work;
please help support the projects of the Heymann Historical Society.*

HHS Trustees News

Message from the President

We had our Annual Board meeting on September 24th 2006. It was a good meeting, the minutes will follow my comments in the newsletter. I will highlight a couple of items. Jackie's report on the trip to Europe sounded like they all had a very good time and it was a well planned trip. One of the other items that was brought up was the need to replace the storm windows on the Church. Kurt Heyman and I were opening the windows for ventilation for the service before the Reunion. One of the storm windows came apart, therefore we need to take care of this as soon as possible. The stained glass windows are very valuable to us so they need to be protected.

We will be getting bids on this project so I can't tell you what the cost will be at this time.

I am bringing this up so that you are aware of the expenses that we will be facing along with the normal upkeep to the Church and the grounds around it. We want to keep it looking nice and well maintained. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

I also wish to express my appreciation to Katy Sherlock for her efforts in getting the Newsletter out twice yearly. It is vital to keep our members informed as to what is happening in the Society.

Your cousin , Lou Zorn

September 2006 Trustees Meeting

The September 24 meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM. Board Members present were Lou Zorn, David Hyman, Kurt Heyman, William Seaman, Chase Heyman, Albert Horn Jr., Elden Plue, William Heiman, Carol Germond and Duane Heyman. Board Members not present were Matt Heyman and Ulrike Gapp.

The minutes of the annual Heymann Historical Society meeting of August 6, 2006 [compiled by Carol Germond] were read and accepted as written.

Kurt Heyman then presented the treasurer's report. The report offers a five year span of data – including an income statement and balance sheet for the period of January 2000 to September 2006. Due to the generosity of many people the finances of the Society continue to remain strong. Albert Horn moved to accept the treasurer's report, and said motion was seconded by David Hyman. The treasurer's report was accepted without dissent.

The Audit committee, consisting of Chase Heyman, William Heiman, David Hyman and Albert Horn Jr met with Kurt Heyman prior to the September 24, 2006 meeting to review the financial records for the year ending December 31, 2005. The audit committee's opinion is that the financial records of the Heyman Historical Society are in good order.

We've received two orders for memorial bricks. We expect more when the fall newsletter is published. The sidewalk looks great and it is an excellent way to honor your family members.

Jackie Hyman gave a report on the most recent trip to Germany from August 8 to August 21, 2006. She submitted a six page report highlighting each day's activities in great detail. She also presented various gifts to the Society donated by various individuals during the trip. These gifts included a candle, a medallion, a water color, a map depicting Kaltenholzhausen in the early 17th century, etc. Overall, the trip was a great success.

Ulrike Gapp did a great deal of work to prepare for the arrival of her cousins. David Hyman made a motion to write a letter of

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Photograph and document processing: Tom Sherlock

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 and submission of items.

Change of address, by the above deadlines:

Jane Heyman Tinker
13211 Patten Tract Road
Monroeville, Ohio 44847
Email: ehfine@accnorwalk.com

thanks to her, and said motion was seconded by Kurt Heyman. The motion passed unanimously.

The trustees have eight extra signed copies of the new code of regulations adopted at the August 6, 2006 meeting. They will be held by the secretary and given to new board members as they are elected to the board.

HHS shirts are now available in blue and ash. The new attractive wood cut-out of the church is now available. Also available is the 2005 Heymann Family crest decorative plates. Supplies of all three items mentioned are sufficient to meet demand.

The church storm windows facing to the east and west are in need of repair. We will solicit bids from Scott Schaeffer and David Stang for replacement of those six storm windows. We need to protect the beautiful stained glass windows of the church.

The cost to paint the fence in July of 2006 was approximately \$1,900.00. The maintenance of the fence continues to be an expensive proposition.

Carol Germond moved to keep the same slate of officers. Elden Plue seconded the motion and the same slate was retained without dissent.

The next board meeting will be February 18, 2007 at Lou Zorn's home.

Kurt Heyman sprayed the Friendship Hall lot tree line with weed killer to attempt to control some of the uncontrolled weed growth at the lot.

At 3:10 PM the meeting was adjourned.

William Seaman





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.



When traveling through Ohio, please stop by Monroeville, and visit the Church. John Seaman at (419) 706-2633 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 such as weddings. Cost is \$100 to rent with a refundable security deposit of \$200 required. Contact John Seaman or any Trustee for more information.

HHS Trustees Meet at Castle Burgschwalbach

A Heymann Historical Society meeting of trustees was held at the Castle Burgschwalbach on Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 4:50 P. M. Trustees present were Ulrike Gapp, Carol Germond, Duane Heyman, and David Hyman. David Hyman led the informal meeting. The minutes from the gathering are to be forwarded to William Seaman, Secretary.

It was requested of Ulrike Gapp that a copy of the speech in the Burgschwalbach Church by Mr. Gerd Weiland about the history be presented to the board. Mayor Ulrich Ohlemacher gave a welcome speech. The Mayor of Mayors presented David Hyman with a Saxony medallion which has the nine crests of area villages with the head crest in the center. A book was also presented to David for the Society. He also graciously accepted a watercolor painting of the area. Karl Schlederer, our honorary Heymann member and tour guide, presented a post card of the Cologne Cathedral dated 1900 addressed to Frank Heymann which he found in his mother's collection.

Sandra Heyman of Burns, Kansas presented a beautiful tapestry of the Heimann crest that she had made to Pastor Zander and the church in Burgschwalbach. He greeted us warmly and spoke of our roots and how important they are. He translated much of the service into English. Music of hunting horns was enjoyed as the prelude and recessional. The acappella choir beautifully sang several anthems. We visited the area of the Heymann tree where David received a map picture of the villages of Kalten and Holzhausen as in the 1600's from Mayor Seelbach. He in turn was presented a paper weight from the Heymann's. The presentations and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Deep appreciation was expressed from all of the touring Heymanns to Ulrike for the hospitality, time, organization, and work that she did to welcome us. The day was most impressive with lunch and afternoon desserts being prepared by the German Heymanns and served by Ulrike's family and others. Appreciation was also expressed for the planning, communications, and work done by Jackie Hyman for this wonderful tour that was enjoyed by all.

David announced that the fence at the Hunt's Corners Church had been painted this year and memorial bricks added to the sidewalk which included four for past board members. It was also noted that we were all saddened that Ruth Berner and Chase Heyman were unable to travel to Europe as planned, however, good news that they were doing okay. The board meeting will be continued in September.

Carol Germond, Acting Secretary



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President: Louis H. Zorn (419) 433-4678

Vice President: David A. Hyman (419) 399-4659

Secretary: William C. Seaman (313) 884-0624

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William F. Heiman	Albert H. Horn, Jr.	William C. Seaman
Chase B. Heyman	Duane Heyman	Louis H. Zorn



Memorials and Contributions - May 2006 to September 2006

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

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Photo by Tom Sherlock

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 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).



1976 - Annual John George Heymann Reunion. Reprinted from The Monroeville Spectator, July 8, 1976. The Harold Heymans, clad in colonial costumes, were hosts June 27 to the annual reunion of the pioneer family of John George Heymann, who emigrated from Kaltenthalshausen, Germany, in 1848. The Heymans used red, white and blue colors to decorate a farm building that housed the meeting. Incunabula of the family, including ancestral pictures, were displayed. So were tools, dishes, a knitted bedspread and a handwoven linen sheet brought from Germany in 1848. The Heymann Coat of Arms and a copy of the Declaration of Independence were displayed in the center of the exhibit. One hundred nine kin came from seven states.

Photo courtesy of Katy Sherlock

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies to family members and friends.



Frank Albert Heymann, age 92,
April 2, 2006, page 412.

Gail Heyman Prylon, age 57,
June 1, 2006, page 550.

Robert L. Heyman, age 83,
July 19, 2006, page 1073.

Charles William Heyman, age 29,
August 25, 2006, page 1233.

William Wiedenheft, age 64,
June 10, 2006, page 797.

Donald E. Demlow, age 85,
October 7, 2006, page 73.



Weddings & Anniversaries

Mary Leet and Luke Daniel Heyman,
page 574, married October 1, 2006.



Births



Ocean McKinnon Davis, September 15,
2006, son of Sadie Tinker, page 573, and
Michael Davis.



The Kinderlein Kommet (Oh Come, Little Children)

*Verse from the German Christmas Carol by
Christoph von Schmid, 1794*

All praise and thanks to God,
the Father, now be given the Son
and Him who reigns with them
in highest heaven.

The one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore
for thus it was now,
and shall be ever more.

Translated from German by Melanie Schulte, submitted by Ulrike Gapp, HHS Trustee. Christoph von Schmid was ordained a priest in 1791 and served in several parishes before being named the head of a large school in Thannhausen. He is considered one of the pioneer writers of books and songs for children. His earliest book was First Lessons about God for the Little Ones, written in words of one syllable. His stories have been translated into 24 languages, and to this day he is regarded in Germany as the prince of story-writers for the young. (URL: www.ulib.iupui.edu/kade/Weihnachtslieder/Kinderlein.htm). Max Kade German-American Center Weihnachtslieder, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

NOTICE

Memorial Brick Sidewalk

Orders must be received by June 15, 2007
for installation in time for the 2007
John George Heymann Reunion.

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. 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

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

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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

Jacket - Hooded, sweatshirt lining, zip, pockets	\$65.00
Jacket - Nylon shell and lining, zip, pockets	\$54.00
Jacket - V-neck pullover, water repellent, lining	\$52.00
All jackets available in Black, Royal, Red, Navy and Forest Green Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL	
Sweatshirt - long sleeves	\$35.00
Polo shirt - short sleeves, collar	\$30.00
Sweatshirts and polos are available in white or royal Special order colors available, allow 2 extra weeks for shipping Sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL	
Also available in youth sizes: S, M, L Youth size prices are available upon request.	
Golf caps - white or royal blue	\$10.00

Books

Heymann Genealogy books	\$75.00
Heymann Family Cookbook, 84 pages	\$10.00

Trinkets

150th Anniversary paperweight etched Heyman Coat of Arms and dates 1848-1998	\$30.00
Wooden replica of Hunt's Corners Church, NEW	\$20.00
150th Anniversary glass tree ornament etched Heymann Coat of Arms and dates 1848-1998	\$15.00
Heymann mugs, Coat of Arms and and Church	\$10.00
Etched bent glass plaques	\$50.00
2003 Collector Plate, Heymann House Bed and Breakfast	\$40.00
2004 Collector Plate, Heymann House Bed and Breakfast	\$40.00
2005 Collector Plate, Heymann Coat of Arms	\$40.00
Tapestry Afghan, multicolor, 54"x70", includes Coat of Arms, Hunt's Corners Church, Church at Burgschwalbach, Castle at Burgschwalbach, Church at Kaltenholzhausen	\$75.00
Map showing evolution of Kaltenholzhausen NEW	\$10.00

Photos and Prints

Alpine group photo from 1993 Cousins Trip	\$10.00
Aerial photo of Kaltenholzhausen	\$10.00
Cousins at Kaltenholzhausen	\$10.00
Heymann Coat of Arms in color Available Again	\$10.00
New Church sketch	\$5.00
Old Church sketch	\$5.00
Ellis Island Wall of Honor Certificate, dated 1847	\$5.00



For more information or to place an order, please contact Mrs. David (Jackie) Hyman at 302 North Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. She can also be reached by telephone at (419) 399-4659, or by email at dahyman@alltel.net.

These items are great for Christmas, birthday, anniversary, or graduation gift giving or collecting for yourself. All prices include shipping. All checks are to be made payable to: Heymann Historical Society and mailed with your order to: Jackie Hyman, 302 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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



William G. Heiman Reunion

The 61st William G. Heiman Family Reunion was held on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at the Tontogany Centennial Park, Tontogany, Ohio. Forty two family members and two visitors attended. The weather was a little on the cool side and quite windy but no rain. The adults had a wonderful day of visiting. The children enjoyed the playground area and searching for candy and treats in the park. The day began with an opening prayer and blessing on the food by Jim Miles and this was followed with a delicious potluck. The meeting was then held and led by President Dorene (Fischer) Storch with old and new business being discussed. Historian Marla (Storch) Gordon gave her report and handed out updated information sheets. There were two deaths in 2006. Eugene Robert Asmus died February 25, 2006 from complications with pneumonia and Timothy Amos Sautter died April 8, 2006 tragically in a farming accident. The meeting ended with all those present joining hands and praying The Lord's Prayer. Our officers remain the same and are Dorene and Dick Storch, President and Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer, and Marla Gordon, Historian. The 2007 reunion will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Tontogany Centennial Park, Tontogany, Ohio. Start time is 1:00 p.m.

Marla Gordon

Reflections on Hunt's Corners

Heymann Cousins – Trip to Europe

August 8-21, 2006

Tuesday, August 8th

Today the American cousins met in Terminal 5 of O'Hare Airport, Chicago to depart for our two-week tour of Europe. Joan Zorn had already traveled across the Atlantic and will meet us in Berlin with Ulrike Gapp, our German cousin. Unfortunately we found that two of our group, Chase Heyman and Ruth Berner would be unable to accompany us due to health concerns. While waiting to board our plane, nametags were distributed for us to wear throughout the tour.

Wednesday, August 9th

After a long trans-Atlantic flight from Chicago to London aboard British Airways, we took a connecting flight to Berlin, Germany. Unfortunately, not all of our luggage had arrived, and it would be quite some time before Bill and Mary knew what had happened to their suitcase! After we left the baggage claim area, our tour director, friend, and honorary Heymann, Karl Schlederer met us by the airport doors. Joan and Ulrike were also there to meet us. We made our way to our Grand European tour bus to load our luggage and meet our driver, Dietmar. No rest for the weary! Our adventure began immediately as the thirty-three Heymann cousins began our trip with a city tour of Berlin narrated by our local guide, Mirdza. As Dietmar maneuvered through the streets of Berlin, Mirdza pointed out locations of interest such as the Speer River, the Kurfurstendamm District, and the Berlin Opera House. At Charlottenburg Palace, we debarked for a quick photo stop. The 17th century palace was beautiful!

Winding our way past the remnants of the Berlin Wall, we stopped near Checkpoint Charlie for lunch and sightseeing. Some members of our group had their passports stamped with authentic stamps from the Communist era. Our tour of Berlin continued with a stop at the Reichstag building. Karl was able to work his magic, gaining us expedited entry into the building. We took an elevator to the roof for a panoramic view of the city and of the recently constructed cupola.

After boarding the bus again, we drove past the Brandenburg gate and Berlin's historic district. While driving, we saw the old university, which was the site of the infamous Nazi book burning. While we waited aboard the bus for Karl to check us into the hotel, Ulrike presented each of us with a teddy bear and postcard of Burschwabach. Our hotel, the Miritim, was quite modern and plush. We had the opportunity for a shower and short nap before having dinner in the hotel. While at dinner, Karl spoke to us about some of the highlights of the trip and gave us advice for safe and enjoyable traveling. After dinner, several of us walked around the area and down to the Brandenburg Gate for pictures.

Thursday, August 10th

This morning we had a delicious buffet breakfast in our hotel before boarding the coach for Dresden. Our local guide for the day was Karin, a Dresden native. When we arrived in Dresden, we embarked on a walking tour that took us past the Semper Opera House, Zwinger Palace, and Our Lady's Church. Although this area had been nearly leveled by Allied bombing in World War Two, the reconstruction efforts have returned Dresden to its former beauty. Our group visited the Green Vault where we admired intricately designed jewels, vases, and other ornaments of Saxony. While in Dresden, the Berner

family was able to meet with some of their German relatives.

From Dresden, we traveled to the German Czech border where we had to present our passports for entry into the Czech Republic. Immediately upon entering the Czech Republic, we noticed a change in landscape as well as architecture. We also witnessed the unfortunate practice of prostitution which pervades Czech culture near the border. After Karl pointed out the young "mechanics" along the roadways, we came to recognize another contrast between Germany and this new country.

However disturbing our initial impression of the Czech Republic may have been, we were all impressed by the beauty and history of the capital city of Prague, or *Praha*. Our hotel, the Diplomat, was very nice, and our buffet dinner at the hotel was delicious. After dinner, we had the opportunity to take a walking tour of Prague with our local guide, Sasha. Although rain set in around sunset, it did not last long and certainly did not dampen our enjoyment of our walking tour nor did it detract from the pulchritude of this ancient city. We had a birdseye view of the city from the hill where a prominent monastery rests. Next, we made our way to Charles Bridge which dates back to 1140 AD. The breathtaking views of the city at night were a perfect conclusion to a wonderful day. We took the subway back to our hotel before turning in for the night.

Friday, August 11th

This morning we enjoyed a buffet breakfast in our hotel before departing on our city tour of Prague. Our local guide, Pavel, took us to Hradcany Castle where we saw the President of the Czech Republic! He was being chauffeured to his office within the walls of the castle. While walking around the castle courtyard of the 2,000-room castle, we saw St. Vitus Cathedral. Pavel took us inside the gothic church where we saw the 27,000-piece stained glass rose window, 6,500 pipe organ, and numerous stained glass windows. The gorgeous cathedral also boasted 100 gargoyles and the "Golden Gate" mosaic. After utilizing the restroom facilities and visiting the gift shop, we boarded our bus for the Old Town Square.

As we walked toward the center of Old Praha, we passed the oldest functioning synagogue in Europe. We made it to the Town Square just in time to witness the 15th century astronomical clock strike 11:00. Karl recommended a few places to visit in the city, and we were able to wander about Prague on our own for a few hours. Most of our group shopped at Erpet, the Bohemian glass and crystal shop near the astronomical clock. There were many little shops with beautiful hand-painted items, jewelry, and artwork.

At 2:30 we caught the bus back to our hotel for a nap before dinner. At 5:45 we again departed aboard our coach for a short drive into the city. Our bus parked, and we walked for about 8 or 10 minutes to the restaurant "Michal" for a Czech dinner of soup, salad, bread and potato dumplings with meat and cabbage, and a dessert of crepes with fresh fruit. During dinner, traditional instrumental folk music, Czech folk songs, and traditional dances entertained us. Our walk back to the coach was lovely with views of the city at dusk.

Saturday, August 12th

This was a day of travel. We had breakfast at our hotel and then started our drive to Poland and Auschwitz. We had a brief stop for lunch in Bruno (Brno), Hungary, the capital of Moravia. After lunch, we drove on to the Polish border. Our passports inspected and stamped,

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we drove to Auschwitz. Upon arrival, we waited inside the museum-area to be met by our Auschwitz guide. We walked under the infamous gates which proclaimed, "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Makes Free). Our local museum guide took us through several of the blocks and the surviving crematoria. Photos, artifacts, and torture cells in original condition affected us as we remembered this terrible atrocity. Fingernail scratches on the stone walls of the crematoria's gas chamber served as chilling reminders of the struggle for survival in this camp of death. Though we were only able to tour a portion of Auschwitz I, many of us were overcome with emotion.

We drove to Krakow (the former capital of Poland). It was late in the evening when we arrived at the Hotel Saski near the city square. After taking a moment to drop our hand-held luggage in our rooms, we took a 5-minute walk to a local restaurant for dinner. We enjoyed some delicious Polish cuisine in the lower level of this restaurant, which used to serve as a retreat for local monks.

Sunday, August 13th

This morning we had a buffet breakfast in our hotel. Our local guide of Krakow, Izabella, took us on a walking tour around the largest city square in Europe. The timing of our walk was perfect as the city was still asleep and we were able to explore the nearly empty square. At 9:00 we heard a bugler play from the tower of St. Mary's. According to Iza, a bugler plays the same song on the hour every hour from the tower to honor the memory of the bugler who lost his life atop the city wall several hundred years ago while warning the city of an enemy attack.

We continued our walking tour of the city and passed several more churches, including St. Andrew's which was built in the 10th century and is one of the oldest churches in Poland. We appreciated the architecture of the old city and continued walking to Wawel Hill which overlooks the city of Krakow. We climbed Wawel Hill and admired views of Krakow and the Vistula River.

We then boarded our bus to visit the Kazimiers Jewish section of Krakow. Some memorable scenes from the movie *Schindler's List* were filmed there. Our bus then took us back to the Town Square where we visited an amber jewelry store. Next, many of us went to a little Christmas ornament store on the square. We were able to spend a few hours on our own exploring the city and shopping.

In the afternoon, we took the bus to the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Although there were hundreds of people waiting to tour the mines, we had reserved tickets and were able to begin our tour fairly soon after our arrival. Our local guide for the Salt Mines was a young woman named Dagmara. Dagmara led us down 240 feet into the first level of the mines where we saw many beautiful salt sculptures. We learned that Copernicus himself had toured the mines when he was studying in Poland. The 800-year old mines were well constructed and beneficial for those with breathing difficulties. Dagmara informed us that people had been harvesting salt from this particular area for thousands of years. One of the highlights of the tour was a special "room" with sculptures of the Last Supper and other biblical scenes. Many of us tasted salt from the ceiling of the mine before squeezing into a tiny elevator that rocketed us back to ground level. After our tour, we returned to our hotel for a brief rest.

Our dinner that evening took place in a castle in Wieliczka. A large room had been reserved for our group. We sampled Polish vodka and enjoyed delicious Polish specialties. While we enjoyed our food, a Polish folk group played music and sang and danced for us. They

were quite good and several of us were invited to dance with members of the troupe before we all got up to dance! We stood in a large circle for the "napkin dance" and had a wonderful time! The leader of the group, Dorothy, was especially vivacious and joyful. Everyone will surely remember this evening fondly for years to come! Back at our hotel that evening we said farewell to Izabella.

Monday, August 14th

This morning we had breakfast at our hotel and boarded our bus to travel to Hungary. We drove most of the day with stops for border inspections and restroom breaks. We had lunch in Slovakia at the Altenberg Hotel in Stare Hory. The drive was scenic with beautiful mountains and streams on either side of the coach. Some road construction delayed our arrival in Budapest. Our hotel, the Corinthia Hotel Aquincum was a 5-star facility and very comfortable.

Dinner on this night was at a local restaurant called Karpatia where we feasted on Hungarian food and listened to beautiful gypsy music played by local musicians. Today we ate in three different countries! After dinner, we returned to our hotel for some much-needed rest.

Tuesday, August 15th

Breakfast this morning was a large buffet in our hotel. Next, we met our local guide, George, who narrated a driving city tour up to Gellert Hill where we saw St. Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. The views of the city were breathtaking. We learned to differentiate between the Buda and Pest sides of the capital city. We drove to Heroes' Square for a group photograph before returning to the heart of the city for lunch and shopping on our own.

After lunch, we drove past elaborate ancient Roman ruins and on to the village of Szentendre (St. Andrew). There, we were treated to delicious cakes and coffee in a café before enjoying free time for shopping in this artistic district. Many of us purchased beautifully embroidered pieces while others chose hand-carved boxes as souvenirs. After shopping, we returned to the hotel for an hour to rest and prepare for our dinner cruise.

This evening the "Heymann weather" was ideal for our dinner cruise along the Danube River. We had our own special boat reserved for our group. We feasted on a delicious buffet and sat at candlelit tables while we viewed the city from large windows next to our seats. We cruised past Margaret's Island, the Houses of Parliament, the Royal Palace, Citadel, and Castle Hill where we had been this morning. The timing of our cruise was perfect. We were able to begin the cruise just as dusk was approaching, so that we could easily view the sights as we ate. After finishing our meal, we walked up to the outer deck to enjoy the lights of the city after dark. The bridges and architecture of the buildings illuminated at night were breathtaking!

Wednesday, August 16th

This morning we left Budapest and headed to Vienna, Austria. We stopped in Gyor, Hungary for lunch. We drove on to the Austrian border. Luckily, we made it through the border quickly and continued on our way enjoying the views of the countryside. We arrived at our hotel, the Renaissance, early in the afternoon. We were able to rest before eating dinner in our hotel that evening.

After dinner, we drove into the city where we heard a wonderful Viennese classical music concert. We enjoyed hearing the works of Mozart and Strauss while ballet dancers glided across the stage. On

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our short driving tour this evening we were able to appreciate Vienna at night and Dietmar even managed to fit our bus through some tight squeezes so that we could see a few extra sights.

Thursday, August 17th

Today we traveled to Schoenbrunn Palace in the morning with our city guide, Krista. We were shocked to learn that the Hofburg family only used this immense palace in the summers. We toured several rooms within the palace, and then had the opportunity to view the elaborate gardens. After boarding the coach, we took a driving tour of Vienna. Some of us chose to get lunch in the city and shop while others returned to the hotel. Most of our group who remained in the city ate at the Rosenberger Market.

That evening, Karl was vague about our dinner destination, and we were very curious as to what he had up his sleeve! No one was prepared for the fantastic restaurant where we had our evening meal! *Marchfelderhof* was decorated from top to bottom and everywhere in between! Our dinner was delicious. We enjoyed good conversation, live music, and some members of our group were chosen to dance in the front of the restaurant! The bathrooms were especially interesting! We were delighted with Karl's surprise!

Wednesday, August 18th

Today we had breakfast in our hotel and then boarded the coach and headed for Salzburg. We met Gabrielle, our local guide and walked through the gardens where scenes from the "Sound of Music" were filmed. We continued our walk through Salzburg and made our way to the old part of the city. While there, we saw the childhood home of Mozart, beautiful architecture, and a few of Salzburg's churches. Lunch was on our own, and many of us took the opportunity to explore small shops and the food market.

After meeting at our rendezvous point, we walked back to the bus to drive toward the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's Alpine retreat. Our drive took us up winding roads and into the beautiful Alps. We marveled at the German engineering that made this voyage possible. Clean mountain streams and thriving forests surrounded us as we drove toward a parking lot where we would leave our coach and board a smaller bus to take us the rest of the way up the mountain. Breathtaking views and hairpin turns entertained us as we made our way toward the tunnel under Kehlstein.

When we got off of the bus, we walked into a tunnel that led us deep into the mountain. At the end of the tunnel was a large brass elevator that carried us up to the Eagle's Nest. Inside the large house, we saw the original red marble fireplace and astonishingly beautiful views of the mountains, valleys, and lakes below. Most of us walked outside to a higher point on the mountain to enjoy the sights. We were very fortunate that the weather made this excursion enjoyable. After an enjoyable drive back to our hotel, the *Mercure*, we rested briefly before eating dinner in our hotel.

Thursday, August 19th

This morning we enjoyed breakfast in our hotel and then prepared to return to Germany. We arrived in the medieval city of Rothenburg before lunch and were given time to explore this historic town with its cobbled streets and quaint shops. Kyle and Dena were able to meet Dena's sister while we were there. Most of us spent some time in *Kathe Wohlfahrt's* Christmas Village where we were surrounded by German-made ornaments, decorations, and gifts. We were able to

eat lunch on our own before meeting up and boarding our bus to continue our day of travel.

We drove from Rothenburg to a suburb of Frankfurt where we arrived at the Hotel Ramada Mircador, the final hotel of our trip. That evening we had a buffet dinner in our hotel. At dinner, we reminisced about the many wonderful sites and experiences of our trip. Karl warned us that we would be having our big "test" of the trip, and asked each person to guess how far we had traveled. Kyle Heyman had the closest guess and received an engraved Bohemian crystal vase to commemorate our trip and an edelweiss flower, picked by Karl. Jackie Hyman also received a pressed edelweiss flower from Karl and a Hummel mug as a thank you for working so diligently with Karl and the tour company to arrange this trip. Karl then announced that each of us would receive an engraved vase to take home with us! Sandy displayed her beautifully quilted coat of arms that was to be presented to the German cousins in Kaltenholzhausen the next morning. Both Sandy and Karl were presented with gifts from the Heymann cousins in appreciation for their work.

Sunday, August 20th

This morning we enjoyed a buffet breakfast in our hotel and boarded the coach for Kaltenholzhausen. We were greeted in our ancestral village by many familiar faces of friends and relatives. We walked up to the church and toured the cemetery before worshipping together in the lovely church sanctuary. Sandy presented the coat of arms, and the Heymann Historical Society was presented with a lovely painting to add to our collection of artifacts back at Hunt's Corners.

After church, we walked to the friendship tree and to the home where the Heymann brothers lived before coming to America. We then traveled to Burgschwalbach where our German cousins had a delicious feast prepared for us. We spent time visiting and exploring the small village in the afternoon. A group picture was taken in the churchyard, and we listened to a marvelous recounting of our family's history in Germany inside of the church where Johannes Heymann had been a minister hundreds of years ago.

While the board held a special meeting in the castle of Burgschwalbach, the rest of the family spent time conversing and enjoying the company of one another in the village. Later, we all made our way up to the castle for a delicious Rittersaal dinner with our German relatives. After dinner, we thanked Ulrike for all of her efforts to make the family reunion so memorable and pleasant. Jackie was also recognized for organizing the trip, and Karl was thanked for his wonderful leadership on the tour. This evening we said goodbye to our German relatives and to Kyle and Dena and Duane, Laurel, and Paula, as they would be remaining in Germany for extended vacations. We returned to our hotel for a few hours of rest before our early departure. Monday, August 21st

We left our hotel very early with boxed breakfasts prepared especially for us. At the airport in Frankfurt we said farewell to Karl and Dietmar and to Germany. It was a day of travel as we flew from Frankfurt to London and from London back to Chicago. We brought home many wonderful souvenirs and photographs, but our memories of this trip are priceless.

Rachel Hyman Parrett, page 1175.



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Pastor Kurt Zander, Kaltenholzhausen Church, holding Heymann crest wall hanging (made by Sandra Heyman), presented by the HHS.

Photo courtesy of Laurel Heyman.

Newspaper article about the trip . Reprinted from the Katzenelnbogen & Hahnstätten, August 22, 2006.

John George Heymann emigrated from Kaltenholzhausen to the USA in 1848 - His descendants meet one another there again.

BURGSCHWALBACH. That a travel group sets out to cross the ocean, "only" to visit their homeland - surely John George Heymann did not have that in mind when he emigrated from Kaltenholzhausen to the USA. But today, more than 150 years later, approximately 33 descendants of the family that sought their fortune in a land thousands of miles from home got together.

It was in 1848 that the Heymanns took all of their savings and made a forty-day trip to a new future. The emigrants were fortunate, as the new world brought them considerable prosperity and respectability. As faithful Protestants, they quickly founded a religious society and built a small church. The numerous descendants soon moved on and today are scattered throughout the USA and Germany. Some are still tied to their homeland and are living today in Burgschwalbach or Kaltenholzhausen.

Because the descendants are bound by a sense of family and are very interested in their history, they have founded the "Heymann Historical Society." Ulrike Gapp, board member of the American society, organized the fifth visit. In 1989 the relatives met for the first time in Germany. They planted a Sycamore tree at the city hall courtyard in their original hometown of Kaltenholzhausen in order to symbolize the unity of the Heymanns. Now they visited the tree

again. Years ago it was hit by lightning. Fortunately, however, it has restored itself to health.

The Americans, mostly from the state of Ohio, are joined together as in previous trips in a fourteen-day European tour and conclude their journey in the area of their origin. Because they were especially interested in discovering as much as possible about their ancestors, their tour led them through the towns of Kaltenholzhausen and Burgschwalbach. After a church service in Kaltenholzhausen and sharing lunch together, they visited the Burgschwalbach Church.

In the seventeenth century, during the time of the witch trials, Pastor Heymann was part of the large family. Ulrike Gapp told a little story about him that many found shocking. The respected spiritual leader accused his own aunt of being a witch. She was subsequently taken to Idstein to be tortured and burned. August Heymann, son of the minister, documented the events in the story, "The Herb Kathrin."

Another experience waited for the men and women in Schwalbach Castle, as they were all invited to a genuine knights' feast. All agreed, however, that the best part of the get-together was meeting different family members. "One cannot describe how terrific the trip was, because everyone understands so well, that they are really a large family," explained tour leader Karl Schlederer. He accompanied the descendants of the emigrants for the fourth time on their trip to the past and is always delighted.

2002 was the last time the descendants were in the homeland of the farmer John George Heymann. Even some of the Kaltenholzhausen residents have made their way "across the pond" to America. They visited the area where their ancestors set foot, Hunt's Corners, and went to the little church there. All the family members hope that they never lose contact with each other, as they still have so many descendants to meet and stories of the Heymanns to tell.

Lisa Biebricher, Translation courtesy of Dennis Herner, page 824 .

During the visit, representatives of Kaltenholzhausen and surrounding areas, participated in events.

Minister in the Church of Kaltenholzhausen, Herr Pfaffer Kurt Zander, presided during the August 20 church service, in Kaltenholzhausen.

President of the Choir of Kaltenholzhausen, Herr Markus Heinz, led the choir in two songs during the Kaltenholzhausen church service.

Mayor of Kaltenholzhausen, Herr Ortsbürgermeister Horst Seelbach, delivered a greeting and speech at the "Heymann-Tree" in Kaltenholzhausen and presented a gift of an old map of Kaltenholzhausen, to the HHS.

Mayor of Burgschwalbach, Herr Ortsbürgermeister Ulrich Ohlemacher, delivered a greeting and speech at the school building in Burgschwalbach.

Lecturer, Herr Gerd Weiland, prepared and delivered a speech about the village and the church, in the church at Burgschwalbach.

Mayor of the Mayors of our Villages, Herr Verbandsbürgermeister, Volker Satony, delivered a greeting and speech and presented gifts of a book and a medal of the different villages, to the HHS.

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The 89th Annual John George Heymann Reunion

Registration for the 89th annual John George Heymann reunion began at 9:30 on Sunday August 6, 2006 at the Friendship Hall, Hunt's Corners. The John George Heymann family history is found on pages 40-618 in the Heymann Family History Book.

Pastor Lloyd Linder (page 246) led the 10:30 worship service and Jean Scheid (page 274) played the organ in the Hunt's Corners Church. Lou and Norma Zorn (page 256) ushered, 38 were in attendance, and a collection of \$137.00 was given. Those attending enjoyed looking at the names on the brick sidewalk. Bricks with past board members' names of the Heymann Historical Society have been added to the church entry sidewalk as well as other Heymann names.

Eighty five members enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch which was served at noon and Catharine Downing (page 421), reunion chairperson, led the meeting which began at 1:15. She dispensed with the minutes which were published in the November-December Newsletter. She reported that the reunion has quite a large expense (about \$700.00) because of the card mailings, table and chair rental, and the utensils. She asked for suggestions to help lower expenses. E-mailing notices was suggested and she is also going to check with the post office to see if there are possible ways to cut down on postage.

Lou Zorn reported that there were several deaths as listed in the newsletter. Dean Palmer (page 345) reported the deaths of Ray Beran (February 14, 2006) and Ron Williams (April 28, 2006).

Family members were in attendance from Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Carol and David Hageman (page 432) traveled the farthest as they came from Dallas, Texas. It was determined that the youngest children were Lydia Scheid, one year, daughter of Linda and Kevin Scheid (page 274), and Parker Smith, three years, son of Brad Smith. Polly Heyman (page 616), aged 87, was given a rose as the oldest member present. John Schneider (page 1017) won the 50-50 drawing of \$58. Many door prizes were then awarded which were again provided by Sharon and Bob Williams.

Chairperson Catharine then asked to report any address changes or if mailings are not received to Jane Heyman Tinker. The 2007 reunion will be held Sunday August 1 with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M. with a worship service at 10:30, lunch at noon, and the annual meeting following.

Carol Germond



Heymann Historical Society 2006 Annual Meeting

The annual Heymann Historical Society meeting was called to order at 1:55 P.M. August 6, 2006 following the Heymann reunion meeting at Hunt's Corners Friendship Hall by President Louis Zorn. Trustees present were Carol Germond, Chase Heyman, Duane Heyman, Kurt Heyman, David Hyman, Albert Horn, Jr., and Louis Zorn. Ulrike Gapp, William Heiman, Matt Heyman, Elden Plue, and William Seaman were unable to attend.

Following introduction of board members, Kurt Heyman read the minutes of the August 7, 2005 meeting which were accepted with a motion by David Hyman and seconded by Duane Heyman and then approved.

Kurt Heyman reported that incoming monies are invested and a goal is to invest so that income will eventually pay outgoing expenses. Interest of about \$3900.00 was received and expenses are about \$9000. per year. It costs about \$1300.00 to publish each issue of the newsletter, but the board feels two publications and mailings are important as they have helped with income. Publisher Katy Heyman Sherlock requests any address changes.

Board members Kurt Heyman, Albert Horn Jr., Ulrike Gapp, and Matthew Heyman were unanimously reelected after a motion to close nominations was made by Duane Heyman and seconded by Polly Heyman.

Twenty five bricks were added to the sidewalk this year and members were encouraged to remember family members by purchasing more at the cost of \$50 per brick. The sidewalk names are laid out nicely and add to the history interest of the Society.

Duane Heyman presented changes made to the Code of Regulations of The Heymann Historical Society as were published in the May, 2006 issue of the newsletter. The changes were needed as the code was written 25 years ago. The motion made by Duane and seconded by Chase Heyman, then passed.

Jackie Hyman reported that 35 people will leave Tuesday, August 8, from Chicago. Karl Schlederer, an honorary Heymann, will be the tour guide and made up the itinerary. Sandy Heyman of Burns, Kansas has made a tapestry similar to the one in the Hunt's Corners Church to present to the family for the church in the village of Kaltenholzhausen.

Jackie was thanked for her work and planning for the tour.

New Business:

Jackie had a display of a wide assortment of gift items for sale which included a new plate (2005) with the Heymann Crest for \$40, and an new wooden view of the church for \$20, as well as shirts and jackets.

Kurt reminded members that October 10 is again the deadline for information or articles for the November-December newsletter.

As there was no other business for the cause, Kurt Heyman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma Zorn, and the meeting closed at 2:10 with encouragement to stay and visit.

Carol Germond





2006 Trip to Europe, group photo at Castle Burgschwalbach on Sunday, August 20, 2006. See page 10 for more details of the day's events.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Biebricher.

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