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Johannes Heymann - Part 2

In this issue of the newsletter, we continue our study of the life of Johannes Heymann from the Fall 2020 edition.

The final installment of this feature will appear in the Fall 2021 newsletter.

In 1661, at 42 years of age, Johannes Heymann returned to Burgschwalbach after marrying his third wife, Anna Elisabeth Scherer (born 1643), in Kirberg. Johannes and Anna had 12 children during their marriage. Johannes' return to Burgschwalbach was slightly tumultuous. It is noted in the annals of the Public Record Office that the parson (Johannes) and his father (Hans) were considered to be very impulsive and belligerent "hotheads." Because of Johannes' reputation, the people of Burgschwalbach did not want him for a parson in their village. In one instance, he was accused of having fought against the town's mayor with his sword. However, the village did need a minister, and Johannes had the proper training and experience.

During the Thirty Years War, the parsonage at Burgschwalbach had been burnt down. The income of the local pastor in those days was not sufficient to fund the construction of a new home as well as provide for the necessities of a large family. Therefore, a parson had to be independently wealthy. Johannes Heymann was considered rich, and he owned a house in the village. Taking both his reputation as a short-tempered man and his family's wealth into account, it was decided that he be granted the pastorate of the Burgschwalbach church on two conditions. First, he had to agree to take on some teaching duties. Second, Johannes was required to end all of his former quarrels with local residents.

Johannes settled into his life as the pastor of Burgschwalbach, and the next decade of life there was fairly peaceful for him and his growing family. The Heymanns enjoyed friendships with various individuals from well-educated and wealthy families including the sovereign countess Christiane of Nassau-Saarbrücken who attended the baptism, and acted as godmother, for their daughter Christiane Elisabeth in 1669. The countess, herself, gave the child her name.

Then, in the middle of the 1670's, local records indicate an alarming element in the area of Nassau. Witch-hunting swept the region as rumors and accusations spread regarding criminal behavior and questionable rituals attributed to various women of the area. Johannes himself earned the reputation of a witch-hunter. In a document written to the bailiff of Nassau on February 29, 1676 Johannes accused his own aunt, Katharina, and other persons of witchcraft.

Occurring approximately twenty years before the Salem Witch Trials in the New World, the Idstein Witch Trials of 1676-1677 resulted in the deaths of 35 women and 8 men accused of various crimes relating to the practice of the dark arts. (The infamous "Witch Tower" or "Hexenturm" of Idstein was not the location of these proceedings as modern folklore claims. Rather, the tower built in 1170 AD was used as a watch tower for the village of Idstein.) Katharina was charged with having poisoned her husband and her son. Johannes also accused her of attempting to murder three of his own children with poisoned bread and apples. Although she had been tortured under agonies in Idstein, Katharina denied having brought anyone to death. She was eventually beheaded and burnt on May 9, 1676 at the age of 70. After her death, her estate was given to local officials.

During the same year, 1676, Pastor Heymann adopted the family coat of arms which is depicted in the upper left-hand corner of this page. There is a grown figure of a man with a shouldered scythe surrounded by blue and silver decorations. He represents the hay man that translated into "a fenced in place". The lower half repeats the image of the farmer on a shield with a red base and a silver rune (number 2) with two stars each made of 5 silver grains. The seed grains signify the "Harvest and Blessing." The rune represents the two branches of the family: the older branch (Hans Heymann) on the upper half and the younger branch (Philip Heymann) on the lower half.



Priest of Burgschwalbach Seal of Johannes Heymann

The seal was printed on February 29, 1676 with the letters IHS at the top. Below the letters is a shield with a figure carrying a scythe over his shoulder.

Update on Cousins 2022 Trip to Europe

Dear Cousins,

It is getting closer every day! In 14 months we will be leaving Detroit airport for the 7th Heymann Cousins' Trip to Europe! We are flying out on August 2nd, heading for Paris, France where we will visit the Palace of Versailles on the day of our arrival, Wednesday, August 3rd. The following day we will have a guided tour of the city, free time in the afternoon, and enjoy La Nouvelle Eve dinner show. Friday we visit the Louvre Museum, buy any last minute souvenirs of Paris before heading for a train ride to Munich, Germany. After a good night's sleep, we will be treated to an orientation tour of Munich. In the afternoon we will board our bus for the ride to Salzburg, Austria, home of The Sound of Music. The next morning we are planning to visit Hitler's Eagle's Nest. A stroll through the streets of Salzburg will prove most interesting. Later in the day we will travel just outside of the city to an Austrian farm where we will enjoy a delicious farm-to-table meal with our hosts. On Monday we will travel to Oberammergau, stopping at Linderhof Castle along the way. On August 9th we are scheduled to see the Passion Play. After our stay in Oberammergau we will travel to the Black Forest Hotel for two nights. Thursday brings us to the town of Colmar, a well preserved old town with several architectural landmarks. We will be spending our last three nights in Limburg. Saturday morning we will take a scenic Rhine River cruise and have lunch at a famous wine restaurant in the Rudesheimer Drosselgasse. A true highlight of our European vacation will be spending Sunday with our German cousins in Kaltenholzhausen and an afternoon visit to Burgschwalbach in the small church of our ancestor, Johannes Heymann, whom you have read about in this and the previous HHS newsletter. After a busy schedule, we will turn in for our last night in Europe before we head home on Monday, August 15th.

Our itinerary is still being tweaked by Karl. He has been very busy trying to arrange similar, if not the same, accommodations for us as he had planned for 2020. There may be some changes to the above itinerary, but those of us who have traveled with Karl in the past know that whatever he arranges for us will be wonderful.

We have recently added two new cousins to our list of travelers for 2022. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please send a deposit of \$1000 per person as soon as possible to: Heymann Historical Trip, care of Jackie Hyman, 302 North Cherry St., Paulding, OH 45879. Final payments will need to be paid around April 1, 2022. The exact amount is yet to be determined as some of the hotels and dining arrangements may change from the original schedule. We still have room on the bus and would love to have you, your family, and friends join us for a unique experience as we return to our fatherland.

It would be great if all of you who are travelling with us in 2022 and all of you who have gone with us in the past would come to the HHS reunion on August 1st at Hunts Corners. It would be a nice way to meet our new fellow travelers and reminisce with those who have gone on previous trips. Family, friends, and fellowship on our 2022 Heymann Cousins' trip to Europe will provide fabulous memories for all who travel with us. I hope that you will be a part of it!

-Looking forward to 2022! Your cousin, Jackie Hyman



From the Desk of the President...

Dear Cousins:

The spring board meeting was held live at my wife's and my home in Paulding, Ohio with a quorum in attendance. Some potential changes to the board's rules and regulations were discussed and will be decided upon at a later meeting.

The 2022 Cousins' Trip to Europe appears to be viable, but we do not know what the travel requirements will be yet due to the lingering effects of the Covid matter and the varying and evolving rules that the countries and airlines continue to set in place and modify. Jackie Hyman explains the impressive itinerary elsewhere in this issue.

The annual meeting will be held at Hunts Corners this August and its resumption will be welcome to many of us. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with family members after the end of the Covid crisis in Ohio when masks are no longer being required at such settings.

We continue to have our unique family connection, and I encourage you to deepen your interest and your participation in it. ~Sincerely, David A. Hyman, President



The Fate of the Friendship Tree in Kaltenholzhausen

When the American Heymann cousins made their first trip to Kaltenholzhausen in May of 1989, they participated in a special ceremony at the Town Hall. Then-Mayor Zimmermann dedicated the "Friendship Tree" as a symbol of the kinship and friendship between the German and American branches of the family. Heymann cousins were able to add shovels of dirt around the base of the tree to assist in the planting of this living memorial. On each visit since 1989, American Heymanns have enjoyed seeing the beautiful tree flourish, while German Heymanns have gathered beneath its shady leaves during village events.

However, in May of this year, Mayor Christian Neeb of Kaltenholzhausen announced with regret that the tree grew so well that its roots caused the paving stones of the surrounding common area to dislodge and the enormous root system also threatened the integrity of the foundation of an adjacent home. So, the tree has been removed and another planted in its place. On a cheerful note, benches may be made from the original tree to be placed in the common area. Those going on the 2022 HHS Trip will be eager to see the updated space and new tree as they visit with their German relatives in Kaltenholzhausen.

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17oz Travel Mug
Features Heymann Coat of Arms, Church at Hunts Corners, Kaltenholzhausen Church, and Castle in Burgschwalbach. Choice of background: woodgrain (left) or pastel tile (right).
\$28.00



NEW! HHS Keychains
Double-sided \$10.00

HHS Heymann Coat of Arms Note Cards

\$12 for a pack of 8 (blank inside) cards featuring the family coat of arms with envelopes.

Heymann Ornament

This lovely round ornament features the Heymann Coat of Arms in red, blue, and silver printed on a frosted white background. The reverse of the ornament displays the society's name and "2010." Ornament: \$10 / With Display Stand: \$14

Wooden Replica of Hunts Corners Church

Approximately 8 inches tall \$20

Heymann Family Tapestry Afghan

(Multicolor, 54"x 70") includes Coat of Arms, Hunts Corners Church, Church at Burgschwalbach, Castle at Burgschwalbach, Church at Kaltenholzhausen **\$75.00 Each** (only 2 left)



Canvas Tote

Featuring the Church at Hunts Corners. (Measures 15in by 18 in)
\$20.00



11oz Ceramic Mug

This striking mug features the Heymann Coat of Arms. \$20.00



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This sleek container features the Coat of Arms, Church at Hunts Corners, Church in Kaltenholzhausen, and the Castle in Burgschwalbach. \$30.00

REDUCED!!!

SALE! 150th Anniversary paperweight etched glass Heymann Coat of Arms and dates 1848-1998 Was \$30, **NOW \$20**

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

SALE! Heymann Family Cookbook, 84 pgs. Was \$10, **NOW \$7.50**

NEW BOOK - Supplement A
\$35 each

Call for pricing of expedited shipping. Heymann Genealogy (Blue) Book was \$75, **NOW \$60**

Call Jackie for availability of Hats, Polos, Jackets, and Sweatshirts.

For more information, or to place an order, please contact Jackie Hyman at 302 N Cherry St, Paulding, OH 45879. She can also be reached by telephone at 419.399.4659, (please leave a message) or by email at jackie@hymanandhyman.com to answer any questions. All prices include shipping. All of the net proceeds from these items go to the restoration and upkeep of the Hunts Corners Church and the Matthew Heyman Memorial Friendship Hall. **Please note: Payment must be made when item is ordered. Checks should be payable to the Heymann Historical Society.**

Minutes from Spring Board Meeting

The in-person meeting of the Heymann Historical Society was held at the home of David and Jackie Hyman in Paulding, Ohio on Sunday, March 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:52 p.m. by David Hyman. Present at the meeting were David Hyman, Elizabeth Horvatich, William Seaman, Kurt Heyman, Marcia Adelman, Scott Bailey and Rachel Parrett. Not present at the meeting were Ulrike Gapp, Paula Heyman, Neil Horn, Lanton Lee and Edward Rose.

First on the agenda was the reading of the minutes for the September 27, 2020 meeting. William Seaman read the minutes and Kurt Heyman moved to accept the minutes as is. Elizabeth Horvatich seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Second on the agenda was the treasurer's report. Kurt Heyman presented in great detail the income statement for the society for the period January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021; did the same for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; also discussed the updated balance sheet as of March 31, 2021 - which included up to date asset balances as well. This includes everything from cash, checking account balances, land values, decorative items, furniture and photos. Kurt discussed in detail the bonds and securities balances as of March 31, 2021. Kurt also presented a five-year timeline of the balance sheet. His last piece of information was the list of contributors for the 2020 calendar year. Our relatives continue to be very generous. Of special note on this list was a \$10,000 donation in memory of our most recently deceased board member Duane Heyman. Scott Bailey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Elizabeth Horvatich seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent.

In Old Business, Rachel Parrett discussed the internet website and the newsletter. There were some mailing issues with the fall newsletter we do not anticipate to be a recurring issue in 2021. An upcoming newsletter will talk about the Hunts Corners Boxing Club, something akin to Little League Baseball and Neighborhood Club Youth Soccer. There also will be a second installment about the life of Johannes Heyman, who we were introduced to in the fall 2020 newsletter. Society themed keychains were discussed. And some new items have been ordered for sale through the newsletter and at the reunion in August 2021. Jackie stated that the cousin's trip to Europe is still on for 2022. The number going as of this meeting was in the mid-twenties. The Oberammergau stay is scheduled for August 8th through August 10th. The passion play is August 9th.

After receiving some negative feedback after filling our last vacancy on the board, William Seaman, as New Business, offered a motion and protocol for the society to follow. The following is the protocol, after minor changes, which was seconded by Marcia Adelman and passed unanimously by those present at the meeting.

- 1] Board Vacancies will be publicized in the newsletter and the HHS website, in addition to the nomination committee seeking candidates;
- 2] Each candidate will submit a resume and letter expressing why they wish to be a trustee, and what skills they can offer to the society;
- 3] The period of time to acquire a list of candidates should be no more than 90 days;
- 4] All candidates will be interviewed by members of the board, either in person or by some form of remote audio and video (zoom, google meeting, etc.); and
- 5] The selection process will be completed in a period of 180 days or less. If for unanticipated reasons this is not possible the process will begin again from scratch.

This is the work flow the society will follow for future vacancies on the board. William Seaman gave an update on the status of the Emerson Creek Wind Project. APEX, the Charlottesville, Virginia based company attempting to build the industrial wind project in Erie and Huron County has reached out to the society to talk about 'mitigation' assistance. Rachel Parrett made the motion to have William Seaman reach out to APEX regarding this issue. Kurt Heyman seconded the motion and it passed without dissent. —Minutes continued on page 6

In Memoriam

Once again, we have lost several family members who were closely linked to the Heymann Historical Society. Ruth Heyman Bailey (along with her late husband Jim) was an ever-present, smiling face at the J. G. Heymann reunions at Hunts Corners each year. Lola White traveled on two of the HHS Trips to Europe with her beloved husband, Stuart. Laurel Heyman (and her late husband Duane) traveled on many of the HHS Trips and she acted as our group photographer, preserving thousands of images of our travels and our annual reunions. Rudi Altenhofen was always present to greet those of us who traveled back to Germany, and he and



his wife, Annelore, also came to the United States on several occasions. We cherish their memories and remember their enthusiasm for promoting and preserving their (and our) family history.

(Pictured from left to right: Ruth Bailey, Laurel Heyman, and Rudi Altenhofen)

Lola May Mosher White of California, born Nov 22, 1933 - Sept 22, 2020, age 86, pg 384

Ruth Ellen Heyman Bailey of Toledo, OH, born Dec 2, 1930 - Nov 20, 2020, age 89, pg 284

Laurel Heyman of Monroe, MI, born Jan 2, 1941 - Feb 6, 2021, age 80, pg 165

Rudolf Altenhofen of Arzbach, Germany, Sept 22, 1925 - Apr 12, 2021, age 95, pg 1247

Alvin Donald Shelley of Bellevue, OH, born Oct 13, 1930 - May 6, 2021, age 90, pg 296

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David Hyman discussed modification of the Code of Regulations of the Heymann Historical Society so as not to count for quorum purposes only, a foreign resident, unless we are holding a meeting in said non-resident's country. U.S. residents are to be counted for quorum purposes at any meeting held anywhere. Kurt Heyman made a motion to modify the Code as stated, and William Seaman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against.

Lanton Lee sent a resignation letter to all the board members, triggered by the regulation which states board members must be physically present to vote on issues before the society. After much frank discourse, Elizabeth Horvatich will contact Lanton regarding his resignation. Scott Bailey will also be working on a motion for presentation at the next meeting for the society regarding the issue of whether board members may attend meeting virtually. Scott then made a motion to table Lanton's resignation, and Marica Adelman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item of new business covered the mowing of the Matt Heyman Memorial lot and the church lot. Rudy Smith has retired from his years long care of those two lawns. Kurt Heyman made the motion to have William Seaman mow the two properties, and the motion was seconded by Rachel Parrett. The motion passed without dissent. The society would like to thank Rudy Smith for his many years of outstanding service.

At 3:51 p.m. Marcia Adelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Horvatich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

~Respectfully Submitted by William Seaman

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The Reunion Is Back!

YOU ARE INVITED!



Who: All Heymann Relatives

What: John George Heymann 103rd Annual Reunion & HHS Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, August 1st, 2021

Where: Hunts Corners

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. Registration at Friendship Hall, Located at the NW corner of Route 547 & Sandhill Rd
 - ◆ 10:30 a.m. Hunts Corners Church Service
Located at 4552 State Route 547
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. Reunion Potluck Lunch at Friendship Hall

*Bring your favorite dishes to pass and stories to share!
Table service and drinks will be provided.*