



# HEYMANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## The Trip of a Lifetime

Dear Cousins,

Our genealogical society is quite a unique organization in this era of digital communication, virtual meetings, and contactless transactions. From its inception, it has been the desire of the Heymann Historical Society to foster a connection among our family members across the globe through in-person reunions, informative publications, and international trips allowing us the opportunity to walk where our ancestors walked and to meet our extended overseas family face to face.

Though this newsletter may be the only physical connection some of us have to the HHS, it allows us to share in the work of the society, receive news of the family, and increase our feeling of connection to something greater than ourselves in a time when our culture and technology tend to isolate us. Our feature story in this issue was contributed via email from our relative, Tim Winch, of Ohio.

Like many of us, Tim only knew of Kaltenholzhausen, Germany from the family newsletters and genealogy books. That changed in 2005 during a trip which forever altered his perspective on his ancestry!

-The Editor

In July of 2005, Tim Winch and his wife, Cheryl, embarked on a two week trip to Germany to reconnect with Tim's good friend and former classmate, David Weimer. Jim and Brenda (another former classmate) Ruder from McClure, Ohio also made the voyage to Germany. David and his wife Petra lived in the small village of Sorhen, Germany in the southeast of the country. The Weimers were excellent hosts and made every effort to ensure their friends from Ohio would have an enjoyable and memorable stay in Germany. The group visited many well known sites including Neuschwanstein castle, the US War Memorial in Luxembourg, and the Zugspitze (the highest mountain in Germany). Clad in a tee shirt and shorts, Tim thought attempting to cross through four inches of snow in the month of July would likely be the most unforgettable of his German experiences.

On the morning of July 7, Petra announced to the group that she was going to be leading the sightseeing for the day. After breakfast, the friends got into the car for a seventy-five minute trip to a mystery destination. It was at the terminus of this drive that Tim felt a lump forming in his throat. The car had brought them to the edge of a picturesque village and a sign with the name of that village: it was Kaltenholzhausen!

Tim was overwhelmed at the thoughtfulness of his friends. He and his wife jumped out of the car to have a picture taken beneath the sign with a copy of their local newspaper. They climbed back into the car and slowly entered the village. As Tim noticed the church in the distance, Petra asked him if he knew anyone who lived in his ancestral hometown. Laughing, Tim replied that the only information he had concerning Kaltenholzhausen was from what he had read in the family genealogy book.

Petra suggested that they ask the first person they saw if they knew any members of the Heymann family. The first person they encountered was a young farmer who was cleaning horse stalls. David's wife pulled the car over to the side of the road and began speaking to the farmer in German. Although Tim did not know the language, he watched and listened as the two conversed. Soon, they were laughing out loud. Yes, this young man knew where to find some Heymanns; he was a Heymann!

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Bridging our past, present, and future...



## The Trip of a Lifetime, continued

Tim was astounded! This young German man was a relative. As Tim sat in disbelief, David and Petra continued speaking with the farmer who eventually suggested that the travelers seek out some German family members in Kaltenholzhausen who had traveled to the United States in 1998. The group was given directions to the home of Wolfgang and Brigitte Kitschke.

When the six friends knocked on the door of the Kitschke home, Brigitte answered and was introduced to her American cousin by Petra. With warm smiles, Brigitte and Wolfgang welcomed the group into their home. As they entered the living room, Tim noticed some familiar books on a desk situated near a window. They were the Heymann family genealogy books. Tim and Brigitte each showed the others the pages in the books that corresponded to their own immediate families, and Brigitte produced some of the original photos and documents used in the book which had been submitted by her father, Ernst Sprenger.



Left: A collection of family photos and historical documents in the home of Wolfgang and Brigitte Kitschke.

After the new friends had spent some time sharing stories, Wolfgang asked Tim if he would like to have a tour of the village of Kaltenholzhausen. Without hesitation, Tim and the others gathered up their belongings and embarked on a leisurely stroll that took them to the Kaltenholzhausen church, the nearby Heymann homestead from which the original Heymann emigrants departed in 1848, and other notable sites including the Friendship Tree which had been planted on an earlier Heymann Cousins trip to Germany. After several hours spent learning about Tim's ancestral home and taking countless photographs, the Kitschkes exchanged hugs and addresses with their new friends and gave the travelers directions to the neighboring village of Burgschwalbach. David and Petra followed the route suggested by Wolfgang, and soon they found themselves in Burgschwalbach. The group viewed the castle which had been built by Heymanns in the 15th century, and Tim felt a deep connection to the rural German villages of his ancestors.



Above: The group poses in front of the Kitschke home. Front Row (left to right): Jim Ruder, Brenda Ruder, Cheryl Winch, Brigitte Kitschke, and Tim Winch. Back Row: David Weimer and Petra Weimer.

Below Left: Brigitte and Tim pose in front of the Heymann homestead in Kaltenholzhausen. (All photos courtesy of Tim Winch)

As the day drew to a close, Tim attempted to express his gratitude to the Weimers, who had not only acted as translators and chauffeurs, but had patiently allowed Tim and Cheryl to take their time exploring and asking questions throughout the day. When Tim stated that he hoped the day's activities had not been too boring for the rest of the group, David, Petra, Jim, and Brenda simultaneously exclaimed that this had been the best day of their entire visit!

Many years have passed since that trip to Germany in July of 2005, but Tim still cherishes the memories in his heart. He and his friends still discuss that particular day in Kaltenholzhausen. Although Cheryl lost her fight with cancer in August of 2014, and David succumbed to the disease last spring, Tim is thankful for the opportunity to have shared such a meaningful experience with them. He wishes Wolfgang and Brigitte good health and hopes that they, too, remember that day fondly.

## From the Desk of the President...

Dear Cousins:

The Spring meeting of the Heymann Historical Society was held in Paulding, Ohio on Sunday, April 2, 2023. A quorum was present. Two of our Board Members, Ulrike Gapp and Beth Horvatich, joined us via GoogleMeet. The Treasurer's Report followed the Minutes of the Annual meeting and both were approved. Our Treasurer reported on the fact that a physical audit of the Society's books had recently taken place.

New business was negligible.

As to the matter of old business the Board heard the reports as to the Internet website from Board member, Rachel Parrett. Jackie Hyman explained as to Society gifts and other matters.

The Society is in good financial condition and both the Board and officers are looking forward to continuing to represent our far flung family. As always, your individual interests in participating in the Society and in viewing the Society's website are important in insuring the continued existence and the progress of our unique family connection.

David A. Hyman, President

### Do You Have a Story to Share?

We hope you enjoyed our cover story about Mr. Winch's remarkable trip to Kaltenholzhhausen, and we encourage you to share your own story with us. Do you have a particularly interesting memory to share about meeting other Heymanns abroad, at a reunion, or through correspondence? Did you grow up near Kaltenholzhhausen, Burgschwalbach, or Hunts Corners? We would be happy to publish any stories that foster a sense of connection among our family members.

Please contact us via email at [heymanhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:heymanhistorical@gmail.com) or by mail at 13910 Road 27C, Antwerp, OH 45813.



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**17oz Travel Mug**  
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**20oz Stainless Steel Bottle**

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**12oz Stainless Steel Mug**

These beautiful mugs make wonderful gifts and come individually boxed in your choice of green floral, woodgrain, or pastel. \$26.00



**11oz Ceramic Mug**

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

**Canvas Tote**

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



**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

**Call Jackie for availability of Hats, Polos, Jackets, & Sweatshirts and for expedited shipping pricing.**

**(419-399-4659 or jackie@hymanandhyman.com)**



**HHS Keyrings** Double-sided \$10.00

**PRICES REDUCED!!!**

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

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**

**BOOK - Supplement A** \$35 each

**Heymann Genealogy (Blue) Book** was \$75, **NOW \$60**

To place an order, please send a check for the full amount to Jackie Hyman at 302 N Cherry St, Paulding, OH 45879. All items listed in the newsletter are available at the time of printing. All of the 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

After an excellent meal prepared by Jackie Hyman and Rachel Parrett at the home of David and Jackie Hyman in Paulding, Ohio, President David Hyman called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Roll call was taken with David Hyman, Kurt Heyman, Scott Bailey, Paula Heyman, Neil Horn, Rachel Parrett present in person and Elizabeth Horvatic and Ulrike Gapp by video conference. William Seaman, Marcia Adelman, and Lanton Lee were not present. Rachel Parrett read the minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting. Kurt Heyman moved to accept the minutes as read, Neil Horn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt Heyman, treasurer, gave the following reports: 2-year income statement and balance sheet as of 12/31/2022 and an income statement and a current balance sheet as of 3/31/2023. The 2022 net income was \$13,339.84 and the current value of the Society is \$436,986.64. He also went through current rates of return on the stocks owned by the Society. Reports of 2022 and 2023 contributions were also distributed. The 2017 through 2021 records were reviewed by an accountant in January with no significant findings. A damaged banner from the church was repaired by a local seamstress Karen Hetrick pro bono.

Rachel Parrett then reported on the website and the newsletter. She related that the website traffic has slowed down and that the site needs an upgrade by someone with more experience than she has. Rachel also said that she would like to give up the newsletter but would stay on until a suitable replacement could be found. She also reported that she had an interesting conversation with Tim Winch (pg775) of McClure, Ohio who had visited Germany.

Jackie Hyman then discussed the latest on gift items sold by the Society. She had looked into having small replicas of the stained glass windows made to sell but would be prohibitively expensive. Also investigated were commemorative coins to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heymanns coming to the United States. The group preferred a likeness of the church on one side and the family crest on the other side on the larger version (about 2" diameter). Rachel Parrett moved and Scott Bailey seconded motion to purchase 500 coins to sell. Jackie also mentioned a conversation that she had had with Karl Schlederer about a future trip. He thought it best to delay for a year or two to let things settle down in Ukraine and then stick to Western Europe.

The status of the wind turbines around the church is unchanged, as the appeal is still pending in the Ohio Supreme Court. Rachel Parrett moved to adjourn the meeting, Scott Bailey seconded the motion, the motion passed without dissent and the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

- Submitted by Kurt Heyman

## In Memoriam

**Mary Burns Fitzgerald** of Chicago, IL, born Sept 25, 1929 - Aug 24, 2022, age 92, pg 938

**Kathleen Shelley** of Bellevue, OH, born July 7, 1933 - Dec 28, 2022, age 89, pg 296

**Mary Meyer Bollenbacher** of Norwalk, OH, born July 9, 1927 - Jan 8, 2023, age 95, pg 277

**Joanne Schild Smith** of Willard, OH, born Jan 9, 1929 - Jan 24, 2023, age 94, pg 812

**Janice Scheid Capelle** of Willard, OH, born July 10, 1931 - Apr 30, 2023, age 91, pg 259

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If you would like to notify the society of a death in the family, please utilize the contact information at the bottom of page 3. We do our best to report the obituaries of all Heymann family members, but the HHS relies heavily upon the assistance of all of our relatives in this matter.

Many thanks to those who contribute notices of births, deaths, and address changes to the society.



## Commemorating 175 Years in the United States



To celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Heymann family immigrating to and settling in the United States, the Heymann Historical Society has commissioned commemorative coins that will be available for purchase as soon as the August reunion! These beautiful antique bronze coins measure approximately two inches in diameter and feature the Heymann family coat of arms as well as the church at Hunts Corners. The above images of the two sides of the coin are approximations. The final finishes are still being adjusted. These pocket-sized souvenirs are perfect to carry with you or display in your home and are sure to spark meaningful conversations with your friends and family. The Fall Edition of the newsletter will feature a story on the first Heymanns to settle in the United States 175 years ago. If you are interested in learning more about these brave ancestors and can't wait until Fall to hear more, please consider purchasing one of our genealogical books (found on Page 4) to assist you.

## Three Blessings in Three Days!

HHS Board member Beth Horvatic and husband Marty welcomed three sweet little girls to their family in three consecutive days! Baby Drew's middle name is in honor of beloved former board member, Carol Germond.



**Amelia Grace Emerick** was born April 19, 2023. She is the daughter of Dylan Emerick & Aimee Smith and the granddaughter of Ken & Kathy Smith.

**Drew Carol Slauterbeck** was born April 20, 2023. She is the daughter of Scottie & Alex Slauterbeck and the granddaughter of Marty & Beth Horvatic.



**Evelyn Sophia Horvatic** was born April 21, 2023. She is the daughter of Derek & Caroline Horvatic and the granddaughter of Marty & Beth Horvatic.



# Thank You for Supporting the HHS

Memorials & Contributions  
November 14, 2022 - April 30, 2023

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See you at the 105<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

## YOU ARE INVITED!



**Who:** All Heymann Relatives

**What:** John George Heymann 104th Annual Reunion & HHS Annual Meeting

**When:** Sunday, August 6th, 2023

**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.*