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To: missionpurisima <missionpurisima@aol.com>

Subject: Hermann

Date: Sun, Aug 11, 2013 9:52 am

Hi Stephen - This is a short (?) note to introduce myself. I'm Russ Fowler, the other half of the Fowler team. Evelyne and I have been so pleased that someone is truly interested in Herman's material. It has been fun and an education to go through it - we are still slowly going over what we have. The "Herman Box" has been sitting on the shelf ever since Evelyne "inherited" it. We had glanced through and wondered what we were going to do as we sure didn't want to simply "dispose" of it. Thought maybe a WW 2 enthusiast might like it, and THEN along came your phone calls !!!!!

At this point I'm the assistant to Evelyne. She is organizing as she reviews and gives me stuff to look over and copy. As she has mentioned neither of us speak, read, write German very well (though she does much better than I) so a few things are currently set aside (like Herman's German Passport and Nature Friends membership card), for future review.

You mentioned that the houses on Ramsel were probably well built. YES, they were. As I recall 239 is almost all redwood (found it was in solid shape when some repair work was done). Don't know about the one art 175. Evelyne's father was a cabinet maker and a good one - we still have some of his furniture). Ev says she think she found references to Herman also being a cabinet maker. Have not found any info as to union membership.

We'll be copying and sending along more material, including some government letters. Your suggestion to use a thumb drive or disc is good - will end up easier than making attachments to email. We'll probably use disc. Can your equipment handle either/both CD and DVD ? I ask because I'm not sure how much we'll end up copying. I'm suggesting using disc as I would think it would be easier for you to store and refer back to. Just for info, both Evelyne and I have Macintosh computers (we had to get one each as we both do a lot of research and "stuff" on the machines). I want to be sure what we send you is compatible with your equipment.

The following is probably more than you want to know, but since you've been so kind in sharing info with us here's a few tidbits from our end. We've turned the second bedroom in our little house into what we call our "office". It serves as computer room, book shelves for travel materials and my little oil painting corner. Our backgrounds are eclectic. Evelyne has been a secretary, Girl Friday, office manager, assistant librarian and travel agent. Russ was trained as a geologist and also has been insurance underwriter, systems analyst and ornamental horticulturist.

You'll undoubtedly be hearing from Evelyne shortly. Best regards from the wild NorthWest Russ

On Aug 10, 2013, at 10:40 AM, missionpurisima@aol.com wrote:

Evelyne

These letters are incredible! What a treasure. last night I was up most of the evening reading the letters. FANTASTIC! Until now I had only had snips and pieces of information and second hand observations at that from people that had only heard about Hermann or were relying on hearsay observation. Here we have the man himself-the pathos, the thinking the passion and ideas! Brilliant stuff. I can't believe it.

If sending via the email is too hard of a task I have a thumb drive you use to download it on, they are VERY very handy- or just burn to a CD. I do that

with the archive items after I scan them. The email gets wonky sometimes. I want to make whatever is easier on you.

Is his union book in the book? I wonder what local he was in of the carpenters union? was Marie his ex-girlfriend or a cousin?

This is great stuff and I cant thank you enough for sharing this with me!

Talk to you soon.....always Stephen

PS: I was also up late listening to Old Ron Sherwood shows on youtube. Great stuff. I love radio. I am a HAM as well.

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-----Original Message-----

From: relwofs <2relwofs@gmail.com>

To: Stephen Martin <missionpurisima@aol.com>

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Subject: Chapter 2-Pt 3 continued

Here's the last two pages of the letter. Hopefully these letters will give