

UHL BY ANY OTHER NAME.....

is still UHL. Listed here are names of companies that purchased UHL containers for merchandising their product(s). If you can add to this list or take away from (in case I'm mistaken), please bring it up at the meeting.

*by Howard R Young*  
*Chateau Roassard Calif Burgundy Jefferson Wis.*  
Meier's Wine Cellars, Silverton, Ohio;  
miniature bottles

Alta Winery and Distillery, Dinuba,  
California; miniature bottles

Mohawk Liqueur Corporation, Detroit,  
Michigan; miniature bottles

Cusenier marketed by W.A. Taylor & Co.,  
New York City; miniature bottles

Botay in Kansas? Cologne bottles

Ransburg

Shell Oil ashtray in Petersburg, IN

Huntingburg American Legion

Huntingburg Elks BPOE

As far as I know, none of these have the UHL stamp on them.

ADVERTISING THE SHOW AND SALE

Beginning this week for three weeks, check the pottery wanted classified for a little ad. Next week there should be a display ad in the front half of the paper. Also, I am getting ready to send announcements to the papers around the Huntingburg area. And you can advertise by word of mouth to those you know.

*Antique Week*

UHL COLLECTOR'S SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1986

Agenda for June 21, 1986:

- 8:00-9:00 Set-up
- 9:00 Meeting Begins  
Introductions  
Sec-Treas. Report  
State of UHL  
Show & Tell  
Election of Officers  
Selection of Date & Plan  
for next years' meeting  
Suggestions for Improvement  
of Society
- 11:00 Adjournment for Lunch
- Noon-4:00 Show & Sale -Open to Public
- 4:00-5:00 Pack-up
- 7:30 Tour of Uhl home

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It's going to be a full day! If you need to make reservations at the Inn, please call right away. I talked to them today and June is booking up fast.  
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SPECIAL SHOW INTEREST.....

Perhaps the mystery of the UHL frog will be solved in all our minds. We are to be shown a marked UHL frog.

Also, that rare basketball commorative is to be on display.

You might want to bring your camera!

## YOUR SUGGESTIONS

FOR DISCUSSION at the show amounted to only three. They are:

1. How to tell unmarked pieces
2. Are there reproductions of the grape pattern pitcher?
3. Date and place for next years' meeting

## FROM HOWARD SHARP-----

We lived in Huntingburg for twelve years from 1951-63. I was basketball coach (also football coach four years). We didn't really know about UHL then in regard to collecting and very few others placed any value on UHL. We were close friends with the Pflug's as Ray was a teacher and Principal. Don Summers was my student manager in basketball and football.

\*The Sharps will be with us if his health will allow.

## FROM SUE UHL

You know how you look for UHL at rummages, flea markets and auctions and many times find nothing? I had a refreshing month of May at the Shishewana flea market. First, I met the Bedwell's there; members from Linton, Indiana. Then the next two weeks I was able to pick up fifteen pieces, mostly miniature bottles but a deep blue scottie dog dish! We had been looking for a dish like this in any color but I couldn't be more pleased with the one I found. That makes up for the many lean weeks of my searching the big flea market.

I am sure excited about the show and the meeting. We are leaving a day early so we can "antique" along the way. Hope to get in your shops there in the Huntingburg area.

See you soon!

NEW MEMBERS this newsletter are Ronald and Pamela Robbins from Crawfordsville, Indiana. Pam wrote a letter just dripping with enthusiasm! It makes me want to get to the show!

## IS THIS UHL OR NOT?

DO you have some pieces you have picked up on the chance that they are UHL but you aren't sure? We do! Be sure to bring them for identification. More than likely someone will be able to answer the question for you.

## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

Word has it that there is going to be a BIG UHL auction sometime this month in Daylight, Indiana. Watch the Antique Week and let's hope it isn't on the 21st!

## MAY I HEAR FROM YOU?

Listed here are members who have not responded to the reservation request. If it is possible that you'll be attending, it would be helpful to me in getting the name tags made up to know if you are coming. Listing by last name only:

York	Shelton	Shine
Mendel	Kern	Thrasher
Allen	Barnhill	McGuire
Day	Pflug	

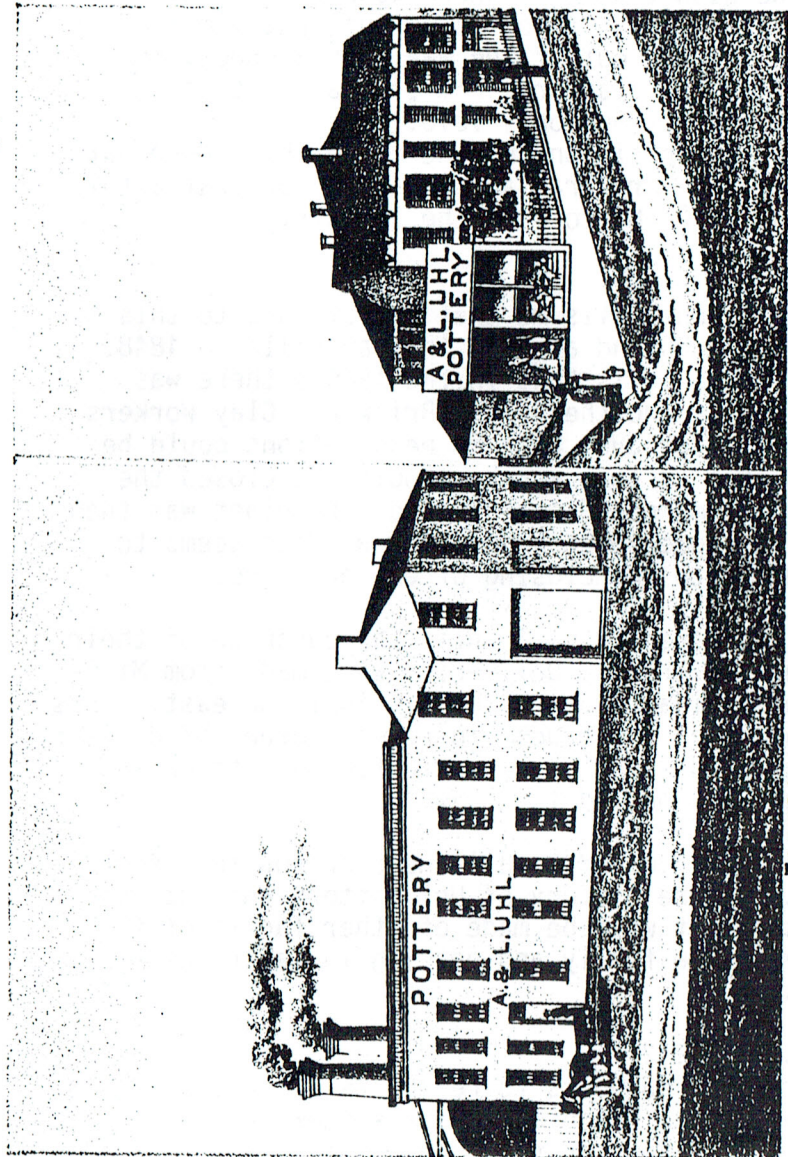
Thanks to those of you who have responded. To date we have only a few people setting up for the show and sale. If you have already responded but wish to change your mind and set up, just let me know.

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## TRUE OR FALSE?

Potter's Field was the name given to a dump for refuse pottery.

Kearl Blann



POTTERY, A. & L. UHL PROP'S, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA D. J. LAKE & CO. 1880  
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 VANDERBURGH CO. IND.

ATLAS OF VANDERBURGH CO., INDIANA D. J. LAKE & CO. 1880

Excerpt from The Evansville Story by James E. Morlock, 1981 p.79

The Uhl Pottery Company was founded in 1849 and was located at the corner of Main and Ninth Streets. The two brothers, Albert and Louis, both from Germany, were skilled workmen in the art of pottery. Here they manufactured an extensive line of jars, crocks, water tile, stove flues, flower pots and clay smoking pipes.

Excerpt from Evansville Illustrated 1889 by H.R. Page & Co. and Art Work of Evansville, Indiana 1901

#### Residence of George M. Uhl

Uhl was proprietor of the Uhl Pottery Works. The address formerly 1119 E. Columbia is now 22 W. Columbia, and the structure still stands, much altered in detail. Asphalt siding covers the frame construction and decoration, the fancy second floor window has been replaced, a door has been added to the large window, and new steps with metal railings have replaced those shown. (Picture not available.)

Excerpt from History and Art Souvenir of Dubois Co. by George R. Wilson - 1896

**HUNTINGBURG:** Huntingburg is the only city in the county. The land upon which it is situated was entered by Jacob Geiger on Saturday, November 11, 1837. Previously he had entered the remaining part of sec. 34, township 2 south, range 5 west. He then lived in Louisville, Ky. He came to Dubois Co. about 1840. He gave lots for schools, churches and for the cemetery at the southeast end of the city. Huntingburg is like all other towns or cities, has a large number of additions. As a town, it was incorporated in March 1866. It is at the junction of a branch with the main line of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Railroad. It has many churches, some handsome, and a full quota of fine residences, water-works, improved streets, etc. The Dubois County fairgrounds lie south east of the city. The fair was established in 1837.

Huntingburg was laid out and platted in 1837. It is said to be so named because Mr. Geiger was fond of hunting there. A re-survey of the town was made

November 26, 1854, by Jacob Merendt, county surveyor; in August 1866 by Surveyor Sandusky Williams and in 1874, by August Pfafflin, a civil engineer.

from an article in the June 4, 1937 Huntingburg Independent

....at Lisberg, Germany. Brothers August and Louis Uhl decided to leave their fathers' hand-made roofing tile business and set out for the new country. Elder brother August came first to establish the business in a suitable location. From Germany to New York to Pittsburg on a boat down the Ohio River unloading in Evansville, Indiana where he found a clay with the necessary plasticity for making pottery. Soon he wrote to his brother and told him to join him. They established the A. & L. Uhl pottery at 9th and Sycamore Sts. Business prospered. Clay there was inferior to top quality; therefore, they decided to look elsewhere for proper clay. Clay was found and transported to Evansville from Stand Pipe Hill near Huntingburg via wagons to flatboats in Rockport to drays and hauled to the pottery cellar.

In 1879 Louis bought the interest of his brother and took his son, George as a partner under the firm name Louis Uhl & Son. In several years, yet another Louis Uhl and Charles Uhl entered the picture and in 1908 the Uhl Pottery Co. was formed. The pottery was moved to Huntingburg. Young Louis managed the plant while Charles managed the office in Evansville. In 1932 the office was moved to Huntingburg and a retail store and warehouse remained in Evansville.

In 1937 Uhl was making 900 different articles. Some still by hand turning but a great deal by machine.

The largest recorded (in catalogs) piece of UHL is a 60 gallon jar. This story tells of an 80 gallon jar being made just because potter John Ross wanted to see how big of a piece he could make by hand. He had to stand on a barrel to finish it as the piece grew in height.

A legend in the UHL history is one Mr. Bray. He left the pottery in 1903 to go to work for a wealthy man at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

There, he demonstrated the art of handturning, after which he gave lessons to those interested in it as a hobby. This man possessed a great power over the clay. He came back to UHL Pottery and resumed his work. However, he was laid off (one of the lean years?) and tried many other jobs but was not happy. He came back to the pottery and begged them to take him back saying he didn't care if there wasn't any money in it; that he didn't have to be paid, just put him in a corner somewhere out of the way with a wheel. He said the feel of the clay drew him like a poultice and that it was his first and only love.

He got the position and the things he turned out were amazing. Mr. Bray and his love for that art is a legend in the history of the industry.

Another account tells me that August came to this country in 1846 and arrived in Evansville in 1848. This one also tells that in the 1940's there was labor trouble and the United Brick and Clay Workers Union organized UHL. When no negotiations could be reached after a long strike, Louis Uhl closed the plant. All merchandise was sold. The plant was then leased to Vogue Pottery Company. No date seems to be known as to the closing of Uhl or Vogue.

Uhl delivered by rail until the purchase of their own fleet of trucks. Deliveries were made from Michigan to Florida; from the Mississippi and east. Wares were loaded on the trucks in reverse order of delivery and as many deliveries as would fit on a truck were on that truck packed in straw.

Thanks to Jim and Rosalie Henager for the book excerpts on the history of Uhl Pottery and the area. Perhaps report will be made of other facets of the history of the family and potting in later newsletters.

DID YOU KNOW????

the kiln took 65 hours to reach its hottest point of 2400 degrees to produce quality stoneware and that it would take four or five men a full day to unload a kiln of wares?

that glaze was poured, pumped, dipped or sprayed?

MOMENTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING.....

Approximately fifty people were in attendance at the second annual meeting of the UHL Collector's Society held in Huntingburg at the Dutchman Inn.

President Jim Cummings and Secretary-Treasurer Sue Uhl were re-elected.

Future meetings are scheduled for the third week-end in June. The 1987 meeting will be held at the Jasper-Huntingburg Holiday Inn on June 20, 1987. Larger accomodations are available there.

An annual commorative will be available to members at annual meetings beginning next year. A committee has been selected to choose the first commorative. They will be available to members only. Those not purchased will be destroyed along with the mold at the meeting.

Those wishing to purchase a complete price listing from the Hoover UHL auction at Daylight may obtain said by sending \$1.00 to:

Curran Miller Auction & Realty, Inc.  
13020 North State Highway 57  
Evansville, IN 47711

Orders for the photocopies listed below may be ordered from:

Jim Cummings  
2822 Mariposa Drive  
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Lett History - seven pages \$2.00

Switzer History (1937) - seven pages \$2.00

UHL photos from newspaper run - thirty-four pages \$5.00

Payment of 1987 membership dues is due January 1, 1987. Dues remain at \$10.00 per household per year. It would be helpful if you could send them to me before December.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Uhl, Secretary-Treasurer

Also.....

Finances are in the black but very low due to last weeks' bulk purchase of printed, stamped envelopes (enough to last well over a year).

Please take a few moments to share a short story with us of your UHL adventures to be used in a newsletter.

Enclosed ~~is~~ an updated lit of members. They are listed alphabetically by state, town for your convenience when traveling. Also, a listing of towns by county location. Most members will be happy to show their collection ~~with~~ you if you phone ahead. *A lengthy process. Check your August newsletter.*  
S.U.

Membership at this July 2 writing is seventy members in forty households. Encourage your friends who are UHL collectors to join.