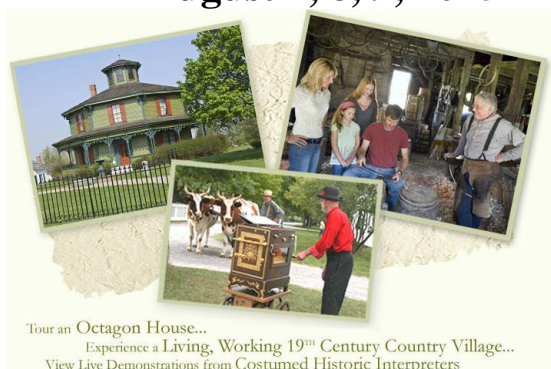


## 2015 Reunion to Visit Genesee Village

August 7, 8, 9, 2015



The upcoming Getman Family Association meeting at Brockport / Genesee Village, is coming together. Arrangements have been made to stay at Dollinger's in Brockport. <http://www.dollingersinnandsuites.com/> 585-395-1000.

Breakfast is included in the base rate of \$109.90. A block of rooms has been set aside for us until July 7, 2015. To make a reservation call 585-395-1000 or go on line. You may also use AAA, AARP or other discounts when making your reservation. The Friday evening dinner will be held at Fazool's. on Market Street. <http://www.fazoolscik.com/>

We will spend the majority of the day at Genesee Country Village & Museum. <https://www.gcv.org/> We will have lunch at the Leroy Train Depot (a 10 minute drive) <http://www.dandrdepot.com/> followed by a meeting and interesting program covering the family history of the Simon Getman family line conducted by Gerry Getman. (this family is local to Darien Center in Western NY)

A reservation has been made to have Saturday dinner 7:15 p.m. at The Red Osier in Stafford, New York <http://www.redosier.com>. Tables have been reserved and you are encouraged to attend.

Please make notify the association of your plans regarding the reunion. Do so by notifying Wayne Getman at wayget@ntcnet or ph. 315-645-8014.

## Mohawk Valley Information Attached

A file is attached with this newsletter that provides a great deal of interesting information about historical sites and upcoming events in the Mohawk Valley. If you live in or are visiting the area it is an excellent resource.

## 2016 Reunion Hotel Selected Help Wanted

Arrangements have been made for the Getman 2016 reunion to stay at the Holiday Inn Express, Watertown, NY <http://www.hiexpress.com/watertownny>.

A block of rooms has been set aside with Getman priority for August 7-8 and 9 2016. Reservations can be made through the above link or by calling 315-779-1234. Ask for the Getman Reunion and you will get a special rate.

We are now in need of local folks or someone who is familiar with the area to assist with restaurants and such. Please Contact Clyde Getman or Wayne Getman if you are able to assist.

## Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is now available. Included in the book are the known descendants of all of the family lines, including daughters.

500 pages in length on 8 ½ x 11 paper this represents countless hours of research by our predecessors as well as input from many current researchers. Printing costs are high so the print run is small.

The book will be available at a price of \$42.00 per copy plus shipping, of \$5.00 each.

Copies purchased or picked up at the reunion will not have a shipping charge.

Orders with payment should be sent to: Wayne Getman, 2672 Newport Road, Poland, NY, 13431. Checks should be made to Wayne Getman.

**Send us Your Getman Stories**

## Getman News From The Past

### **The Getman Family**

The history of this family is interwoven with the history of Montgomery county, from Revolutionary times till now and the family is spread over a goodly section of the western end of the county, in St. Johnsville, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, Fonda, Tribes Hill, Johnstown. N. Y. and other towns and villages. A genealogy of the family would show them to have entered in most every walk of life, farmers, merchants, lawyers and businessmen of all professions, thereby giving a good cross section of the history of the Mohawk valley.

(Saint Johnsville, New York, ENTERPRISE AND NEWS, Wednesday, February 19, 1936)

### **Some Interesting Newspaper Stories About Getman Descendants.**



**Getman Artist at Work**

#### **LOCAL ARTIST WITH NAVY IN HONOLULU** Courier Express, Buffalo, NY, March 4, 1946

Lieut. William T. Getman of 85 Highland Ave. works on a mural of Hawaiian scenes in the new squadron officers' wardroom of Transport Squadron 11 headquarters of the Naval Air Transport Service, Honolulu. A watercolor artist, Getman's paintings were exhibited in the last Western New York art exhibition.

William Taylor Getman (GFG # A 1498 / C / VIII)  
b. 1916, Lyons, N.T.

#### **GETMAN WINS PRIZE**

Buffalo Courier-Express, NY  
Thursday, November 21, 1940

William Getman, a free lance artist, of 333 East 43d Street, New York City, formerly of Buffalo, has won first prize over competitors from six states in a poster contest being conducted by the National Woman's Division of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, of which William Allen White is chairman, it has been announced at New York headquarters. He received a cash award and is eligible to compete for the national first prize.

Mr. Getman is the son of the late Dr. William T. Getman of Buffalo and Mrs. Getman. His mother lives with him in New York. He was born in Buffalo and lived here until three years ago. His sister is Mrs. Hudson Plumb of 85 Highland Avenue. He attended Yale for three years, then went to New York, where he has been successful in the commercial art field.

Mr. Getman's poster, one of hundreds submitted by artists all over the country, will be shown with 90 others, chosen as the best of all those submitted from practically every state in the Union.

#### **Hit By Train**

Homer Republican, NY, Thursday, March 19, 1914

James N Dorthey, first husband of Theodosia M Getman (GFG A/C) b. 1891; father of Kenneth, Anna and Helen Dorothy.

Last Friday night as James Dorthey and David Etz, who live in the town of Preble east of the Lackawanna railroad tracks were driving to their homes from Preble village, their sleigh was struck by the New York special south-bound express train due at Preble at about 11:30. This train makes only one or two stops between Syracuse and Homer and was going at terrific speed when the sleigh with its two occupants was struck just as they had driven onto the tracks at the crossing just south of the Preble passenger station.

Both men were thrown ahead of the locomotive onto the track and were instantly killed and terribly mangled by the wheels of the train and parts of their bodies were scattered along the track for some distance. Both horses, which belonged to Etz, were also killed and the cutter smashed to pieces.

James Dorthey was 40 years old and David Etz 35. Mr. Dorthey resided in a small house on the Haviland farm near the river about a quarter of a mile or less east of the Preble crossing and station and Etz worked on the James Cummings farm further east.

Both had been spending some time in Preble. How they failed to hear the approaching train is not known. The high snow banks and the passenger station, which stands a few rods north of the highway and some freight cars which stood on a siding beyond the station, might have cut off their view of the train and if they had heard it and could not see it, they may have believed they had time to cross ahead of the train. Both lived not far from the station and must have been aware that this train was due about the time of night they reached the crossing. No one, it is said, unless it were some member of the train crew, saw the accident and the exact reason for the terrible accident may never be known.

The bodies of the men were carried down the track for some distance and the arm of one of them was found the following morning at 9 o'clock at the round house in Oswego after the return of the train from its trip to Binghamton. One of the horses was carried for nearly a quarter of a mile down the track and its carcass was badly mutilated, while the other horse was thrown about 100 feet and was not badly cut up by the contact with the pilot of the engine.

The train was stopped as soon as possible and backed up to the crossing and many passengers got off to see what had happened and the train crew went along the track and picked up the remains of the mutilated bodies they could discover and took them to the freight house and Dr. W. R. Hammond of Preble was called. He found that the men had been instantly killed and telephoned to Coroner L. E. Gardner of this village, who requested Briggs Bros., the Homer undertakers to bring the remains to this village, where they were viewed by Coroner Gardner and Dr. Bradford. No inquest was deemed necessary.

Mr. Dorthy is survived by a wife and three little children the oldest child being five years old. Etz leaves a wife and four children all under eight years of age. •

A bad accident occurred at this same station some fifteen or twenty years ago when a misplaced switch threw the night south bound express onto a siding and wrecked the train, severely injuring several passengers.

## Not My Idea of a Vacation

The Lyons Republican  
Friday, July 18, 1913)

Druggist George T. Getman is away on his annual hay pitching vacation on a farm near Herkimer.

George Taylor Getman (GFG # A 886 / C / VIII) b. 4 Jun, 1873.

## Wedding Shower

Amsterdam Evening Recorder, NY  
Monday, September 21, 1914

Mrs. Harry Staley of No. 10 Chase street, Johnstown, entertained a party of twenty-five, friends at a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock in honor of the approaching marriage of her guest, Miss Lillian Lotridge, of Berryville, to James H. Lasher, of Amsterdam. During the afternoon instrumental selections were rendered and games and contests were indulged in. The honors in these events were taken by Mrs. Samuel Dorn and Miss Abbie Lotridge and the consolation prizes fell to Mrs. Willard Warren and Mrs. William S. Lotridge. The bride-to-be was called to the door by the hostess and presented with a package, and as Miss Lotridge took it she discovered that a string was attached to it and tried to gather it up. Soon another package appeared, then package after package as she continued to pull in the cord. Of course the recipient was much astonished and there was great fun in helping her examine the gifts. The presents included linen, cut glass, silver, hand painted china and aluminum ware. A 6 o'clock luncheon, served in five, courses, was then partaken of in the spacious dining room, which had been decorated for the occasion in pink and white with asters and sweet peas. The guests upon their departure voted Mrs. Staley a splendid entertainer.

Lillian Lotridge married James Henry Lasher (GFG – A) b. 1877, grandson of Deliah Getman (GFG A 86) b. 1819) October 21, 1914 in Fonda, New York. They had 3 daughters, Gertrude A, Elma C and Elizabeth J. James died April 16, 1927.

## Sphinx Head

The Utica Observer Dispatch, NY  
Sunday, May 31, 1931

Ilion — Frank Newton Getman. son of Mr. and Mrs. George Getman, 27S Otsego Street. has been elected to Sphinx Head at Cornell University.

Sphinx Head is a senior society, election to which is based on prominence in campus activities. Mr. Getman is an alumnus of Ilion High School and his work has been outstanding in Cornell.

Frank Newton Getman (GFG # A 1504 / C / C / VIII) b. 1910, Ilion, NY

# A Letter From Cuba

The Monroe County Mail, NY  
Thursday, June 12, 1902

My Dear Editor: - At present everything is in preparation for the event which the Cubans have looked forward to so long — the evacuation of the island by the Americans and the close of military rule. For the past two years the people have been full of suspicion of the good intentions of the United States and I do not know that they are to be blamed. They have been deceived so many times by the Spanish promises that they have not a great deal of confidence in any one. The Spanish who remain here have told them so many times that the Americans are simply deceiving them and intend finally to annex the island, that they have grown to believe it.

The population of Cuba is made up of queer intermixing of many races. There are the Indians, who were the aborigines and whom Columbus found here when he landed; the Spanish; the negroes who were brought here from Africa during slave days, and the Chinamen, who are here in large numbers.' The native Cubans are the result of the intermixing of all these races. Marriage is almost unknown among the poorer classes who could not afford to pay the high price set on the ceremony by the church of state. I have worked in all parts of Havana and been in the country enough to see considerable of the people, and the character and gross ignorance of the vast majority makes one doubt the wisdom of investing such a people with the power of the ballot until at least one generation has had the opportunity to obtain the rudiments of an education.

The business, lands and wealth of the island are almost entirely in the hands of the Spaniards. It may be because the Cubans have never had the opportunity in the past, but I doubt if it will be much different in the future, for the average native is indolent, improvident and like all southern races extremely impulsive. Inclined to be swayed by every passing influence, he is just as sure to tire, lose his enthusiasm and change to the other extreme of complete indifference in a short time.

I wish that you could have seen some of the torchlight parades held here in January for Maso, the negro candidate for president. Maso finally withdrew from the contest a short time before the election because they would not delay it two weeks for him.

I think that these are the impressions received by most Americans of the people in general. Of course there are many exceptions and the better educated class seem bright and ambitious. We are so entirely different by nature from the inhabitants of the tropical climates that I do not think we can fully understand them or do them justice. It is certain that after a year or so spent in a climate where it is warm the year around the Northerners lose some of their energy and drop into the easy ways of the country.

The Cubans have never had justice nor; opportunities for education and in obtaining these lies the key to the future success of the nation. The courts and public offices have been and in many cases are still so corrupt that it has been impossible to do anything without using money. This corruption has existed so long that the people take it as an accepted thing and expect nothing else. It is almost impossible to get many things through the hands of public officials expeditiously without giving each one through whose hands it passes money to prevent its being pigeon-holed and delayed.

With wise government and fair treatment the country is bound to become rich and prosperous. The island abounds in the most productive soil, less than 15 per cent of which has never been tilled and only about 8 per cent is at present under cultivation. All this is capable of bearing two crops a year and will need no fertilization for years. It is wonderful to see the rapidity of growth and how prolific everything is here. The finest oranges and pineapples I have ever tasted grow wild here without the least cultivation. Strawberries, melons, grapes, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and all varieties of fruits and vegetables can be grown hereto supply the northern states. The vicinity of Charlestown, N. C., now ships over \$3,000,000 worth of garden truck to the North each year and a number of market gardeners will find lucrative employment here.

It only remains to be seen now whether the people of Cuba are capable of self government and of developing all of these riches which nature has bestowed upon the land.

The letter was written by Frank Lauten Getman (GFG # A 887 / C / VIII) b. 1875. Frank was born in Lyons, NY but spent a great deal of his life in Havana, Cuba where he died in 1930. While there he was a civil engineer for municipal water systems and later became an automobile dealer and importer.

## 1956 - 28<sup>th</sup> Getman Reunion

**GETMAN FAMILY TO GATHER SATURDAY**  
Richfield Springs Mercury, NY  
Thursday, August 9, 1958

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Getman Family of America will be held at Russell Park, Ilion, N. Y., Saturday, August 11, 1956, at noon, Daylight Saving Time.

Please bring table service, sandwiches, a beverage and a covered dish.

There will be a speaker, games and prizes and family members are asked to contact any interested relatives. Mrs. Ernest Spencer of 325 Canal St. Fort Plain is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Getman Family of America.