

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)

2 Way Radio-Telephone to be added to office of Dr. Albert W. Miller

The Cortland Democrat, NY
Friday, June 26, 1953

A two way radio telephone system between the office and car is being installed by Dr. Albert W. Miller local veterinarian, to be used in the operation of his practice.

The two way radio system will give Dr. Miller instant and constant communication with his office at all times. The equipment has a radius of 40 miles and operates on a set channel assigned to veterinarians.

Dr. Miller says there are at least three reasons for the installation of this modern equipment. It will promote better service, give quicker contact, and enable him to give direct consultation at all times whether in his office or on a call in the country.

Albert W. Miller (GFG - C) was a great-grandson of Lucinda Ann Getman (GFG C 251) 1829-1913 and Alonzo C Vosburgh 1819-1893.

Getman Descendant Does Well in Newspaper Business

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, August 19, 1948

Raymond Henry Schooley, manager and co-owner of H. E. Schooley & Co., Richfield Springs, former financial advertising manager of the New York Herald Tribune and veteran of World War I, expired in his car in front of the office of Dr. Harrie V. Frink at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, August 14. He was 64 years old. Mr. Schooley was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage just after he had entered his car in front of the bank building to depart for Saratoga in company with his three daughters and son-in-law. He was hurried to the doctor's office and expired just as

Dr. Frink reached his side. He had been under the doctor's care for the past two years.

He was born in Richfield Springs on March 26, 1884, a son of Herbert and Minnie Llewellyn Schooley. Following graduation from Richfield Springs High School in 1902 he entered the employ of Park & Tilford in New York. In 1905 he enlisted in the United States Navy receiving his discharge at his own request in 1909 with the rank of Gunner's Mate First Class. He was on the U.S.S. Connecticut under Captain William Swift, a summer resident of Richfield Springs, when that fighting unit was the flagship of the strong fleet sent on a world cruise by President Theodore Roosevelt from December 1907 to February 1909, to show other nations that Uncle Sam had a fighting fleet.

From 1910 to 1920 Mr. Schooley worked in the advertising department of "The New York American." His work there was interrupted by World War I when he returned to the Navy with the rank of Ensign and saw action in the Atlantic.

He joined the business staff of the New York Tribune as a financial advertising solicitor in 1920 and was appointed financial advertising manager of the New York Herald Tribune when "The New York Herald" and the New York Tribune were merged in 1924. Mr. Schooley became vice-president of the "Home Owners Service Institute" in 1927 and two years later opened his own office at 67 William Street, New York, where he represented "The St. Louis Post-Dispatch," "The Milwaukee Journal," "The Washington Star" and other newspapers for financial advertising. He later became advertising manager of the magazine "Finance" and subsequently worked for "The Wall Street Journal"

In 1938 he returned to his native community to engage in the lumber business conducted by his father, H.E. Schooley, in which he had a large financial stake. He took over the management of the business at the death of his father, and conducted it with his brother, Glenn L. Schooley, co-partner.

Mr. Schooley was a member of Hugick-Purcell-Shepard Post No. 616, American Legion. He was a staunch Republican and functioned as local chairman

for the Wilkie forces when Wendell Wilkie was Republican candidate for president.

He married Anna George of New York City in the Little Church Around the Corner on October 17, 1911. Her death occurred here on July 31, 1947.

Surviving are three daughters. Miss Hazel Louise Schooley of Northfield, Mass., Miss Helen Elizabeth Schooley, of Mt. Herman, Mass.. and Mrs. Joseph P. Dibble of Richfield Springs: a brother. Glenn; two sisters. Miss Pearl Schooley and Mrs. Benjamin J. Lewis of Richfield Springs: and an aunt. Mrs. Henry-Lane of this village.

The funeral was held at the McGrath Funeral Home Monday, at 2 p.m.. with the Rev. C. Frederic Fraser of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment was in Lake View Cemetery.

At the cemetery, the Rev. Roscoe C. Hatch, chaplain of Hugick-Purcell-Shepard American Legion Post of this village, read the American Legion service, while Navy color guard composed of Robert H. Conklin. Jack T Leslie, Marion Ames, and Dwight Brewer, stood at attention at the grave. The bearers were Henry Frink, Harry W. Smith Jr., Robert J. Conklin, J. Bernard Dibble, Harry Tuller, and James McKee Jr.

Raymond Henry Schooley (GFG – C) 1884 – 1948 was a grandson of Ann Amelia Getman (GFG – C 354) 1843-1912 and Henry Eugene Llewellyn 1842-1922.

Big Fish

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, July 25, 1934

Doctor F. S. DeLong is a truthful fisherman. He called the Mercury and said that his companion in the boat, Charley Llewellyn, caught that 10 1/2 lb. trout last week. Llewellyn being an Otsego Lake fisherman of many years of experience, jealous fishermen will be relieved at this correction.

Charles E Llewellyn (GFG – C) 1890-1962, was a grandson of Anna Amelia Getman (GFG – C 254) 1843-1912 and Henry Eugene Llewellyn, 1842-1922. He was a well-known trapper and outdoor sportsman.

Through the Ice

Utica Herald-Dispatch, NY
Monday, February 19, 1912

Ithaca. Feb. 19. —Charles W. Getman of Richfield Springs and Terry A Converse of Buffalo, juniors in the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell

University, broke through the ice while skating in the middle of Cayuga Lake about a mile south of King H Ferry yesterday afternoon and were drowned. A third member of the skating party, Rodney N. Newman, managed to work his way out. but by the time he could summon help the other two boys had gone under. Not far from this spot two boys were drowned in a canoe accident several years ago and their bodies were never recovered.

Getman and Converse were juniors in the college of civil engineering at Cornell. They were good students and well known in their college. They were roommates, living at the home of Mrs. Emma Newman on Linden avenue. They were strong and husky and young Newman, their companion, was the captain of the local high school foot ball team. Taking advantage of the fact that for the first time in twenty-five years Cayuga Lake was frozen from end to end, the three young men determined to enjoy a long skating trip yesterday afternoon. They left Ithaca about 2 o'clock, planning to skate as far down the lake as they could and come back on the evening train. It is said that when they reached Atwaters, about thirteen miles down. Newman wanted to stop, complaining of a lame back, but the others persuaded him to continue. The accident occurred between 4:30 and 5 o'clock.

The lake is three miles wide there and the boys were apparently well out toward the middle of the lake, at least a mile from the shore. They were jumping cracks in the ice. They came to one of these and jumped. Newman got across and the other two plunged into the water. He went back and in trying to reach them broke through himself. He had great difficulty in getting out, but finally managed to do so, and although nearly exhausted tried to get help.

The two others had not gone under when he made for shore, but Kings Ferry was quite a distance away, and by the time a rescue party arrived there was no trace of the boys. The efforts to recover the bodies were commenced as soon as possible, but on account of the great depth of the lake it was believed the work, would be fruitless and the bodies would not be found until spring, if ever.

Atwaters. which the young men passed, was the scene of a similar tragedy in January. 1904. At that time C. A. Dickinson, brother of the late C. C. Dickinson of this place, broke through the ice and was drowned. His body was recovered Arthur Rozelle Getman (GFG C 431) 1860-1922.

Charles Wilbur Getman (GFG – C 559) 1891 - 1912

Getman Family Plans For 27th Reunion

Evening Telegram, Herkimer, NY
August 3, 1955

ILION – The 27th annual reunion of the Getman Family of America will be held at Russell Park, Ilion, on Saturday Aug. 13, at 12 Noon.

There will be a program, and prizes for the oldest member, member coming the greatest distance and family with the largest number attending.

Mrs. John Bilobrooks of St. Johnsville, who has been giving a series of talks on the Mohawk Trail and It's Settlers over Station WKTU, will be the guest speaker.

The event is for all members of the Getman Family of America, as well as those who belong to the family and are not yet members.

Kicked By Horse

Ilion Citizen, NY
Thursday, August 2, 1912

Little Edith Orendorf, the two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Orendorf, who live just south of this village, was kicked in the forehead by a horse last Monday evening, receiving serious injuries. The father had gone to the barn to feed the horses and the little girl followed her father and entered the barn without his knowing it. She must have gone back of the horses and perhaps touched one on the leg. The first Mr. Orendorf knew of the accident, he heard her fall, and rushing down from the loft was horrified to find her lying back of the horses with the blood streaming over her face. He carried her to the house where the mother washed the wound with antiseptics and as soon as possible brought her to the office of Dr. Albones in this village. An examination revealed that the skull was fractured and it was thought advisable to have an operation, so the parents took the child to the Ilion Hospital about 11 o'clock Thursday night, where the operation was performed by Dr. Albones and Dr. Hayes. Two pieces of bones were found broken off and lying against the brain, which were removed. The child appeared bright and strong after recovering from the ether and it is hoped that, no further complications will follow. It was a narrow escape, though, from instant death.

Edith Evelyn Orendorf (GFG – C / II / I) 1910 - 1956, was a daughter of Ruth H. Getman (GFG – C 501)1886 – 1973 and Clarence H. Orendorf (GFG – II / I), 1852 – 1914)

Changes in Agriculture

Many Getmans are now or have been involved in Agriculture. Most of our ancestors were connected to the land as they raised their families and as those families relocated through the continent. The following article is taken from the February 1952 issue of Popular Mechanics. I think you may find it interesting.

Calendar of Farm Progress, 1902-1952

1902

Portable grain elevator •
First successful cylinder corn sheller
Steel stanchion for dairy cows

1903

First gas traction engine produced commercially

1904

Track-type traction engine offered for sale
Steel thresher

1906

"Tractor" came into use as a word

1909

Cornpicker built commercially

1910

Electric water systems produced in quantity
Colony-type heated brooder for baby chicks
Rod weeder for fallow-land farming

1911

Pressure regulator and air chamber for power sprayer

1912

Rotary hoe produced commercially
Automatic, individual water bowls for cows

1913

Haber-Bosch process for fixing atmospheric nitrogen
Frameless, or unit, design in farm tractors

1914

County-agent system launched
Reel-type, side-delivery rake
Power-operated milking machine introduced
4-H Club named and formally launched

1915

Motor-cultivator-type Tractor

1916

Garden tractor introduced

1917

Two-row potato planter

1919

Farm tractor equipped with power take-off

1920'

American Farm Bureau Federation organized
Hammermill introduced
Starter and lights for tractor
1921
Tool-bar idea for mounting tillage tools on tractors
1923
Combination tool-carrier for heavy implements
1924
Mounted-type tractor implements introduced
Electric ventilating system for dairy barns
Cultivating or tricycle-type tractor
1925
Two-row, tractor-drawn rolling stalk cutter
1926
Cotton stripper, built commercially for the high plains
Jet-type pump introduced
1927
One-way or wheatland disk plows popularized
1928
Future Farmers of America organized "nationally
Two-row, power-take-off cornpicker, and one-row mounted picker
Land-leveler for irrigation farming
1929
Hybrid-corn seed first sold
Two-row mounted cornpicker
Attachments for placing fertilizer in bands
1930
Portable sprinkler irrigation
Farm tractor equipped with powerlift
1931
First diesel-powered, track-type tractor
1932
Field pickup baler introduced
Low-pressure rubber tires for farm tractors
1935
Lift-type mounted plow introduced
One-man/ power-take-off combine
Factory-built, high-compression tractor to burn-leaded gasoline
Hydraulic-lift equipment on tractors
Farm Chemurgic Council organized.
1936
Forage harvester built commercially
1937
Automatic barn cleaner built commercially
1938
Self-propelled combine
Tractor loader built commercially
1939
Single-seed beet planters available commercially
1940
Automatic, self-tying pickup baler
Potato harvester
Side-delivery rake driven by power take-off

1941
Successful cotton picker built
Hydraulic remote control of drawn implements
Precision planting of vegetable seed
First factory-built LP gas tractors
Department of Agriculture's chemurgic laboratories
Opened
1942
First commercial planting of segmented beet seed
1943
First appreciable use of commercial sugar-beet harvesters
Tractor-mounted cotton stripper
1944
Duster with attachment to inject liquids
Low-pressure, low-volume sprayer
Power-take-off and drawbar dimensions standardized
1945
Mow-hay finishers built commercially
Self-propelled cornpicker
Silo unloader introduced
Transmission clutch for live power take-of
Rear-engine tractor
1947
Equipment to apply fertilizer in vapor form (anhydrous ammonia)
1949
Hydraulic remote-control cylinder dimensions standardized
Principal source: Farm Equipment Institute
NOTE:
Chemurgy is a branch of applied chemistry that is concerned with preparing industrial products from agricultural raw materials.

Getman Descendant Wins Endurance Flight

Utica Daily Press, NY, Saturday
January 24, 1934

Raymond Stringer using a R. O. C. model plane won an endurance flying contest held by the Wings of Utica in Westminster Presbyterian Church gymnasium last night. His model stayed aloft two minutes and 19 seconds. Milton Light won second honors and Donald Grube, third. Approximately 26 model planes were entered.

Following the contest, member of the club returned to the Y. M. C. A. where they heard and illustrated lecture on "Pattern Making, Model Making and Foundry Practice," by Mark Barlow, pattern maker. Thirty members of the club attended.

Raymond H Stringer Jr. (GFG – C / VIII) 1953-1974, was great-great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799 – 1886.