

## Mark Your Calendar

The 2018 Getman Family Association Reunion and Meeting is scheduled, August 3, 4 and 5, 2018. The meeting and “official” activities will take place on Saturday, August 4.

This reunion will be held in the western part of New York State. Details are being developed.

## Lockport Activities

As we prepare for the reunion this year the most obvious thing to do in Lockport is to visit and learn about the locks. The location to visit for this is the Erie Canal Discovery Center. No entrance fee is listed on their website.

<http://niagarahistory.org/discovery-center/>

Arrangements will be also made to tour the Lockport Hydraulic Company tunnel and boat ride,. This is adjacent to the actual locks. Non group rates are \$16.00 youth 6-13 \$10.00 5 and under 3.25

<https://lockportcave.com/lockport-hydraulic-company/>

I am also looking into the possibility of a canal cruise, possibly with a meal. As of this writing I do not have a price. However I will need to know that we will have at least 25 participants.

<http://www.lockportlocks.com/group-cruises-parties-banquets-events.html>



The Lockport locks as seen on Google Earth.

## 2018 Reunion In Lockport, NY

Arrangements have been made for the August reunion to visit Lockport, NY. A block of rooms has been arranged at the Lockport Inn & Suites. Room prices range from \$89 to \$140, depending on your needs. A block of rooms will be held for use by the Getman family until June 15. After that date, rooms at the Inn may not be available.

Saturday activities will include a visit to the locks which provided the name, as well as other Erie Canal museum(s) etc. If you are a runner you might want to consider the “Beast of Burden Race”, a foot race on the canal towpath that will be run on Saturday. You can choose 25, 50 or 100 miles as your objective. ☺



Please notify Wayne Getman if you are attending in order to simplify meal planning etc.

Additional details about the reunion will be included as they become available.

For additional information about Lockport:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockport\\_%28city%29,\\_New\\_York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockport_%28city%29,_New_York)

## Send us your family stories.

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## 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)

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## Watertown Easter Service

Watertown Daily Times  
Watertown. N. Y.  
Saturday, April 17, 1965

### METHODIST

First Methodist Church  
236 Mullin street Rev. John J. Kelly, pastor

6:15 Easter Dawn service at Sackets Harbor sponsored by the Youth council.

9 First service. The pastor will speak on the theme. "The Inner Resurrection." The Senior choir will sing "Forth He Came At Easter" by Williams and "Easter Carol" by VanHulse. Organ and piano duet, "Easter Fantasy" by Kohlmann played by Mrs. Harry Wilson and Edward Ruble. Mrs. H. Scott Getman, director of music, will play "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel and "Alleluya" by Faulkes.

9:30 Church school classes for pre-school nursery through Senor High. Women's and Men's Bible classes.

10:50 Church time nursery. 11 Second service. Sermon and special Easter music, same as first service.

11:30 Junior chapel. 2:30 Family Baptism service

*Mrs. H Scott Getman, was Betty Jean McLean born in Canastota, abt. 1929. She married Howard Scott Getman (GFG A 1908) June 18, 1949. They are known to have had 2 sons. Betty Jean was choir director and a renowned organist.*

## Narrow Escape From Death

The Holley Standard, NY  
August 12, 1914

Saturday afternoon Marhlon Stevens of Kendall had a narrow escape from death by suffocation when he went down into a well following a blast and was overcome by the gas. With a number of other men Stevens was excavating a well and upon striking rock began blasting. Soon after one of the blasts he went

to the bottom of the well and had been there only a short time when he called for help. One of the workmen went down into the hole and found his limp body and thought he was dead. He dragged Stevens to the surface and summoned a physician. He was unconscious, but toward morning he came to and at present is slowly recovering. Mr. Stevens is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Kendall and favorably known in this vicinity.

*Marhlon Getman Stevens (GFG - C) 1889-1951 Was a grandson of Lydia Getman (GFG - C 89) 1818-1882 and David Harter 1821-1906.*

## BAD ECONOMIC EFFECTS SEEN UNDER REPEAL

Rochester Times-Union, NY  
Thursday, April 4, 1935

Offer Approach to Temperance Education That Appeals to Students, Yale Senior Says

Evanston, Ill. —(Special ) — The bad economic effects of liquor offer an approach to temperance education which will appeal to the student of today, in the opinion of Harry N. Stevens, Yale senior.

In an article in the Union Signal on drinking before and after repeal he finds the occasional drinker is the one most affected by the passing of prohibition.

"The occasional drinker," the Yale senior writes, "Is drinking again and he is winning fellow drinkers to his cause by the thousands. He can get liquor, of whose quality he can be certain, He doesn't have to go to a hole to get it, but he can purchase it in broad daylight- in fine shops. "So this is the change that repeal has brought. The occasional drinker is growing in numbers hourly. The restraints put on him by prohibition have been removed. The cocktail party in the under-graduate's room, with perhaps six couples in attendance, and three cocktails apiece, is becoming more than common. The popularity of the cocktail hour is knowing no bounds. What are we going to do?"

"In the first place, it should be noted that there will be no natural bounds to restrain this new type of drinker. He probably will not realize the efficiency he sacrifices to alcohol. He probably will notice no physiological effects whatever. This is the reason why it is so dangerous. The effects are so subtle that they will never be noticed."

Someone, whose opinion they value, must tell them the facts we wish to get over to them. They probably have read statements, which sounded just as convincing as ours, telling about all the beneficial effects to be derived from beer and other alcoholic beverages. We are convinced of the truth of our statements. They will not be convinced as easily. They must have proof, and they probably would not accept the statement, on the question of someone of whom they had never heard.

Another type of education which might do some good is along the lines of the economic effects of liquor. We have very convincing statistics along those lines. I believe that many of these college students do not realize the relationship which exists between poverty and liquor, for instance.

There is no good reason why information of this kind should not be taught in every economics course, college and elementary too, And I think that a full realization by college students as a whole of the disastrous economic effects would materially decrease drinking . A sense of social responsibility is alive today as it never has been before."

*Harry N. Stevens (GFG - C) 1915 - is a great-grandson of Lydia Getman (GFG - C 89) 1818-1882 and David Harter 1821-1906. He went on to become a patent attorney for the B. F. Goodrich Company.*

## Obituary

The Lyons Republican & Clyde Times, Lyons, NY  
Thursday, December 9, 1948

Franklin S.[sic] Getman, 35, the son of Mrs. Frank L. Getman of Fairport and the late Mr. Getman died of a heart attack Dec. 4. in Baranquilla, Colombia, where he was employed by the Panama Construction Company, according to word received here Sunday night.

Mr. Getman's mother is a native of Fairport and his father was born in Lyons. When the elder Getman, a civil engineer, was a young man he took his wife to Havana, Cuba, and there constructed a water works for the government. After the project was finished he went into the automobile business.

Frank Getman, a native of Havana, came to the United States when he was 14 years old and attended Mercersburg Academy and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance. After he

was graduated from the latter school he worked for the National Broadcasting Company in New York City. From there he went to Bogota, Colombia, and did radio advertising work for Sterling Drug Products, Inc., of New York City. He engaged in similar work in Havana before going to work for the construction company at Baranquilla, about two years ago.

Mr. Getman's father died 19 years ago in Havana and shortly afterward his mother and sister, Mrs. John U. Ross, came to Fairport to live.

Besides his mother and sister. Mr. Getman is survived by his wife, Nancy, and a son, W. Bishop Getman, both of Baranquilla. Burial was in that city, Dec. 5.

Deceased was a nephew of Miss Marion Getman of Concord, N. H., and the late Dr. William Getman of Buffalo and George T. Getman of Lyons.

*...Franklin Llauten Getman Jr., (A-1496 / C / VIII) 1913-1948, married Nancy MacGregor, 1912-1987. They had one child, William Bishop Getman. No further information this family is currently known.*

## 1964 Reunion

Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY  
Tuesday, August 11, 1964

FONDA—The annual reunion of the Getman family was held Saturday at the picnic grove of the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church at East Stone Arabia. A covered-dish dinner was served at 1 o'clock in the newly erected pavilion with 62 persons present.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President. Frank Parent, Herkimer; vice president, George H. Getman, Ilion; second vice president, Charles Getman, Baldwinsville; secretary, Mrs. Beverly Buddle, Grand Gorge, and treasurer, Donald Saltsman, Fort Plain.

Directors elected for two years were Mrs. Edna Leneker, Mrs. Grace Hillabrandt, Mrs. Nellie Getman, Mrs. Gertrude Getman and Mrs. Myrtle Eaker. Directors named for one year were Mrs. Natalie Swanson, Douglas Saltsman, Mrs. J. W. Christman, Carl Getman and Mrs. Magdalene Kimball.

