THE GETMAN NEWS

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Descendants of Caspar Getman met Saturday August, 21, 2004 at Saltsman's Restaurant, Ephratah, New York. As a result of their meeting the decision was reached to reorganize the former Getman Family Association.

A total of 26 individuals were present.

A display of Getman historical materials including minutes and photographs of the former Getman Association was prepared by Beverly Buddle.

The following are notes of the meeting conducted, following lunch at Saltsman's.

Using general consensus the reorganization meeting of the Getman Family Association was called to order. Clyde Getman was nominated and elected to serve as Chairman. Wayne Getman was appointed as recorder.

Considerable discussion followed addressing concerns of those present. Areas of particular interest included; assembling and archiving of historical documents, upkeep of the Getman Homestead Cemetery, outreach to additional members of the Getman descendant community, and maintenance of the existing web page genealogy/getman.org.

Christopher Getman explained the "Getman Journal Project". The project consists of bound journals which are to be circulated among Caspar Getman's descendants. Descendants are asked to submit material which will ultimately be included as part of the Internet Web page. Subjects suggested for inclusion are family anecdotes, humorous family stories, little known family information, photographs and other items of general family interest and entertainment.

Four Journals were distributed to those present to with the instruction to prepare an entry and pass the journal to another Getman descendant.

The group adjourned to visit the homestead of Casper Getman and Elizabeth Bauder Getman. Hostesses for the visit were Eleanor and Florence Getman. These sisters are the fifth generation to live at the homestead and shared numerous family documents and heirlooms with those present. Of particular interest to many was the "Dutch Barn" at the homestead which has been well maintained and is representative of the wooden frame barns built and used by the Palatinate settlers of the area.

The group reconvened and reached the following decisions.

- David Getman will make arrangements for a 2005 Getman Association Meeting/Reunion. The preferred date being the third Saturday of August. Several formats for the gathering were considered, including a dish-to-pass picnic and returning to Saltsman's.

- Linda Thompson will work with Clyde and Wayne Getman to conclude preparation of the Getman "B" line (Descendants of Christian Getman b. 1734).

- Ross Getman visited the homestead cemetery area and will coordinate an effort to arrange trimming and identify maintenance needs.

- Wayne Getman will prepare a listing of those present for distribution. Primary distribution and communication will be done via e-mail and the web page.

All present were encouraged to involve additional Getman descendants in order to make the Getman Family Association a viable organization.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne A Getman