

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.

Getman Data Website Updated

Data on the Getman Association website has been updated. Numerous additions have been made, primarily in the descendants of Frederick Getman, 1725-1792 (GFG – C).

The new data includes 40,349 individuals, 17,637 marriages and cites 2346 sources.

Reunion Rotation Plan

Upcoming Getman Reunions to have a rotation.

During the 2016 reunion the decision was made to use a regional rotation for meeting locations. A three-year rotation was proposed and adopted. This rotation will begin with 2017.

Rotation Plan

Year One	Mohawk Valley
Year Two	Western New York
Year Three	Northern New York

Suggestions for specific locations and programs in these locations are always welcome.

DNA Project At FamilytreeDNA

Our DNA Project can help you find family, break through brick walls and trace your lineage through time.

Consider consider joining the Getman Family DNA project. For any person of Getman descent. We are open to any female of our Getman family. Females will need to have their mitochondrial DNA tested rather than Y DNA.

The purpose of a DNA project is to prove known relationships. The availability of modestly priced DNA testing for genealogical and ancestry investigation purposes will help unravel some of the mysteries of our family trees that cannot be accomplished with traditional genealogical research. DNA testing results may help you with some of your brick walls.

DNA testing for Getman family is in its infancy. We encourage all Getman's to join this Getman DNA project. We also encourage family members that are Getman's by marriage. For additional information contact Gerry Getman, ph. 412-680-3224.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/getman>



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 payable to Wayne Getman.

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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)

James Getman Civil War Musician

During the August 2017 Getman Association reunion we visited the Margaret Reaney Memorial Library & Museum at St. Johnsville, NY. The following is a portion of their historical display as it relates to James Henry Getman (GFG – B 213) 1841-1930.



“James Getman
115th NY Infantry
Company E

James Getman, great uncle of Alvin J. Berry, enlisted as a musician in Company E, 115th Regiment, New York Volunteers also called the Iron Hearted Regiment. He was 18 years old when he enlisted.

Getman participated in 23 battles and skirmishes, including Harper’s Ferry where the regiment was taken prisoner by Stonewall Jackson.

After being paroled the 115th encountered long and hard marches. Little preparation was made for

comfort and on cold nights they could wake to find their hair frozen to their make-ship pillows.

Getman was taken prisoner at Fort Fisher, NC. At the time of imprisonment the fort was undermined and blown up. He was buried under dirt and debris with only his little finger of his left hand exposed.

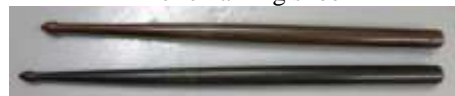
Movement of this finger attracted the attention of one of his comrades, Corporal Fred Meyer of Ephratah. Getman was rescued, one of his shoes having been torn off in the explosion. The remaining shoe is displayed.

Getman also sustained a bayonet wound in the left leg. On May 15, 1865, he was honorably discharged from service at Albany.

The picture shows James Getman with his drum and his set of drumsticks are on display.”



The remaining shoe



His drumsticks



Painting made from the tintype seen opposite

Obituary

Amsterdam Evening Recorder
Tuesday, October 28, 1930

Jas. H. Getman, Nelliston, Dies
Survivor of 23 Battles and Skirmishes of Civil War
Passes Away

James H. Getman, aged 86, a lifelong resident of Nelliston, died at his home in that village last evening at 11:50 o'clock, after an illness of three weeks, of infirmities of old age. Mr. Getman was born in Ephratah, August 13, 1841, the son of Joshua and Catherine Lampman Getman. He was a member of Klock post, No. 70, G.A.R., of Fort Plain, and served in the Civil war. He enlisted at Fonda and was mustered into service August 26, 1862, as a member of Company E 115th New York Volunteers. He was honorably discharged at Albany, May 15, 1865. During the war he took part in 23 battles and skirmishes, including the battles of Gettysburg and Harper's Ferry. He was taken prisoner at Fort Fisher, which was undermined and blown up while the prisoners were asleep. He was also bayoneted in the left leg. The surviving relatives are two nieces, Mrs. Dora Saltsman of St. Johnsville and Miss Lola Getman of Chicago; three nephews, Elmer Snell and Clarence Getman of St. Johnsville and Frank Getman of Chicago. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, the Rev. Mr. Kruzenga, pastor of the Reformed church of Fort Plain, officiating. Interment will be in Fort Plain cemetery. Military honors will be given at the grave.

A Near Miss

The Fulton Times, NY
Wednesday, March 18, 1903

Friday afternoon, Arthur, the 12 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Halstead of the West side, had a narrow escape from instant death. He gained possession of an old army pistol in some way and purchasing some cartridges he and a boy named Fredette, went into the brick yard to practice. In some way the pistol was discharged and the ball struck young Halstead on the cheek bone, glanced off, and buried itself in the fleshy portion of the cheek. Fredette's finger was caught in the trigger as it descended and it was badly cut. Dr. Huffman was called to remove the bullet and unless complications arise the boy will speedily recover. Had the ball gone an inch higher it would have entered the brain through the boy's eye.

Arthur S. Halstead (GFG - C / VIII) was a great grandson of Margaretha Getman (GFG - C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG - VIII) 1782-1857.

HIGHLAND MAN IS KILLED WHEN CAR AND TRAIN CRASH

Oswego Palladium-Times, NY
Monday, April 23, 1945

Earl F. Phillips Dies Instantly at Railroad Crossing
Saturday

PULASKI - Earl F. Phillips, 57, Richland, former Altmar resident, was apparently instantly killed in a railroad grade crossing accident about 6 p. m. Saturday when a car he was driving east was in collision with a New York Central railroad freight train. The accident occurred on the Rome accident occurred (sic) just west of the village of Altmar. The train was east bound from Rome to Watertown, and the badly wrecked car was dragged some distance from the crossing.

Roy Montana, Altmar RFD, came along almost immediately after the accident and notified the State Police, Troop[er] Donald Murphy making the investigation with Assistant District Attorney, John B Mowry, Dr. A. C. Parker, Altmar, acting as coroner's physician, released the body to Undertaker Norman H. Brown of Altmar.

According to Trooper Murphy, Phillips suffered a fractured skull, jaw fractures, internal injuries, fractured right leg and left arm, and numerous lacerations. The body was so thoroughly jammed in the wreckage that bars were required to release it.

Mr. Phillips was born in the town of Albion on Dec. 26, 1887, and had made his home in Altmar and vicinity until four years ago when he moved to Richland. He was a carpenter by trade. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Braley Phillips; two daughters, Mrs. George Heise, Pulaski, and Mrs. Margaret Krum, Edwards; a sister, Mrs. Belle Duley, and a brother Harold Phillips, Syracuse; and five grandchildren. His only son Francis Phillips, had been killed in the North African campaign.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Brown funeral home, Altmar, by the Rev. Victor G. Fellows of Altmar Methodist church. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery, Altmar.

Earl F. Phillips (GFG C / VIII) 1887-1945 was a great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG - C 59) and Denus Edick (GFG - VIII) 1799 - 1886.

Bar Fight

*The Post-Standard, Syracuse, Onondaga, NY
Thursday, June 20, 1918*

Morton Darling; 53 [sic], a carpenter of No. 363 1/2 Tallman street, died in the Hospital of the Good Shepherd at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the victim of a saloon, brawl last Friday night.

James Coolican, part owner of Coolican & Benson's saloon. No. 101 Bellevue avenue, was liberated in \$2,000 bail yesterday with a charge of manslaughter second degree, lodged against him.

Coolican had been held since Monday on an open charge pending an investigation into Friday night's events that culminated in Darling's death.

Darling had gone into the saloon with his son, Lloyd, 18, and entered an argument with a man standing near him at the bar. Coolican, who was tending bar, intervened and Darling is said to have called him an objectionable name.

According to the story told by young Darling to Coroner Crane, Coolican then struck his father, who fell to the floor, and was later taken home. It was not thought that his injury was serious until Monday afternoon, when he began to fail rapidly.

Dr. Frederick H. Knoff ordered-him taken to the hospital, where he became unconscious. It was discovered that his skull was fractured. He remained unconscious until his death.

When Darling died Coolican was arraigned before Justice B. B. Parsons in Police Court. He was represented by Richard P. Byrne, who applied for the prisoner's release on bail. Assistant District Attorney Ford appeared for the state.

Darling is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Darling; four sons, Clark, Floyd, Lloyd and Dorman Darling; and two daughters, Mrs. Zella Spalsbury and Mrs. Mattie Wideman. The body was removed last night from the County Morgue to the undertaking rooms of George E. Fairchild in South Warren street. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mortimer (Morton) Darling (GFG – C / VIII) 1866-1918, twin brother of Mary Darling was a great grandson of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857.

Overtured Fire Carriage

*Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, October 20, 1888*

Firemen's Parade. Last Saturday proved a beautiful day for the annual parade of the Richfield Springs Fire Department, and the event was the most successful in the history of the organization. At 11 o'clock the companies, led by the Salt Springville band, made a parade through the principal streets of the village. They then assembled in the Spring House park, where the ladies had provided a bountiful cotillion. At about two o'clock in the afternoon commenced the sports of the day. The first consisted of a race between Hose Cos. Nos. 1 and 2. The contest consisted of running 50 yards, laying 100 feet of hose, attaching to hydrant, uncoupling hose and attaching nozzle. No. 2 made the first run and couplings in 34 seconds. They were followed by No. 1, the latter doing the feat in 30 seconds. Both companies demonstrated the fact that they are in good condition for active service. Hook and Ladder, No. 1, gave an exhibition of running 50 yards, coupling and placing a ladder. The only accident of the day occurred then. The ladder carriage was over turned and landed on Mr. Alonzo Getman, but fortunately the rear end landed on the sidewalk, which prevented a probable fatal .accident. Mr. Getman was badly bruised, but no bones were broken, and his injuries -although painful, will lay him up but a short time. Mr. John Sitts also received a scalp wound. Both poles to the cart were broken. The last on the programme was a potato race, in which there were thirteen contestants. Thirteen rows of potatoes were laid down, there being thirty potatoes in each row, three feet apart. The contest was I to see who could pick up a row, one potato at a time, and put them in a basket the quickest, the prize being a five dollar gold piece. W. D. Shoemaker was the successful contestant,-George Caney being second. The judges in the hose race were Messrs. T.R. Proctor, James Mason, and Rev. S. B. Ward. In the potato race, T. R. Proctor, Dr. N. Getman, Dr. F. E. Easton and F. E. Munger.

Alonzo Getman (GFG – C 249) 1824-1908;

Dr. Norman Getman (GFG – C 95) 1830-1903.

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