

## **Plan for 2014 Gathering Book Your Room(s) in Advance**

### **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/> 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.

A Friday evening dinner location has not yet been selected, but will be included in a future newsletter.

We will spend the majority of the day at Genesee Country Village & Museum. <https://www.gcv.org/> That will be followed by a dinner 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)

### **An Invitation for 2017**

(Two Years From Now)

The following invitation has been extended to the Getman Family Association for consideration. Please let us know what you think.

2017 will be the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany. One of our members has suggested that we have a large celebration at our family reunion to

honor all the families whose ancestors fought at the Battle of Oriskany. She suggested that we hold the event at Snells Bush Church at our annual family reunion time. The Battle of Oriskany Commemorative event is held each year August 6, at the Oriskany site. Many family members attend each year as well as members of DAR, SAR, CAR and representatives of the Oneida Iroquois, (who were the first allies of the United States). The SZT [Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman] Reunion would be held on August 6, 2017. This date would be also the celebration at Oriskany in the evening. At the end of our celebrations on Saturday & Sunday, we all could attend the evening program at Oriskany.

The Celebration at Snells Bush Church could have tables to promote each separate family history and possibly we could have a demonstration by the militia re-enactors. We could have events during Saturday which is usually the date for the Getman and Klock Reunions and give time for the various family reunions to occur separately or .... maybe on Saturday have a picnic for everyone on the church grounds or dinner at Beardslee Castle. Visits to cemeteries, Herkimer Home, Klock Homestead, Nellis Tavern, boat ride on the Mohawk River- Barge canal (from Herkimer-to Herkimer Home go through the Lift lock at Little Falls) are a few of the visits we could have. On Sunday we usually hold a memorial service to honor our patriots who fought at the Battle of Oriskany and then the annual family church service would be held. And at sundown attend the event at the Oriskany Battlefield. We are open to any suggestion to make this celebration a success.

### **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.

### Letter to Shut-ins by Inez. K. Waterman

The Leader – Herald

Gloversville - Johnstown, NY, Thursday, June 26, 1969)

Inez wrote a newspaper column entitled, Letter to Shut-ins

... You shut-ins would enjoy meeting Barton Leneker who married the pretty Miss Joan Devendorf in June. They now have four children and all reside in Palatine Bridge. Joan and Barton are both active in scout work and are well liked in the community.

Barton's parents are busy observing their anniversary this month and that event took place 45 years ago. Delancey Leneker, 69, and his brown-eyed wife, Edna, reside in Palatine Bridge. They are fun-loving people and useful members of society. Edna, who is the former Edna Eacker, laughingly recalls their wedding trip. They drove to Canada and New York City in a Model T Ford. "It was really something to drive through New York in those days," Edna mused. Delancey is now retired. He was formerly employed in the gum department of Beech-Nut, Inc., Canajoharie. Both are life long residents of the local area. This couple was married in the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church of East Stone Arabia. It was the first wedding ceremony ever performed by Rev. Harold J. Wood who served the church at that time and he was elated and often remarked about it.

For the traditional accessories, Edna wore a "new" comb. She had a silver pin that was "old," a new "blue" handkerchief and she "borrowed" a silver bracelet. She has tender memories of that ceremony. Every once in a while she takes from its careful wrappings her white gorgette wedding gown. It had short sleeves and was quite "frilly." Her veil was adorned with orange blossoms. Her husband looked "just wonderful" she recalls fondly. She still has the old-fashioned white shirt he wore with its stiffly starched front and fashionable turned down collar.

Edna E Eacker, b 1904 (GFG # A / A / A) daughter of William J. Eaker, b. 1879 (GFG # A 817 / A) and Libbie Mae Gray, b. 1883 (GFG # A 1551). [A / A / A indicates Edna has three lines of Getman ancestors all descendants of George Getman (GFG # A 1).

### An Interesting Find

The following was sent to us by William Getman of Austin, Texas, formerly of Oneonta, NY. It is a transcript of a New York Times article published, February 10, 1905.

ALBANY, Feb. 9, - Herbert Getman, son of Dr. A. D. Getman of Oneonta, made a discovery of eighteenth century money on Tuesday.

The lad wanted a pair of Skis. Stored in the attic was an old desk which had belonged to his mother's great-grandfather, a Dutch settler of the Mohawk Valley. It seemed to contain just such strips as skis are made of. The lad was pulling the desk apart when a secret drawer filled with pieces of paper fell out.

Among the pieces of paper were ten bills with face value ranging from 1s. to \$20. The total face value being about \$50. Some bear across the top the words "Colony of New York." While others are the currency of the State of New York.

Herbert Clapsaddle Getman (GFG D 486 / II) is the would be Skier. His father was Albert DeAlton Getman, b. 1858, (GFG C 290). His mother was Elizabeth M Clapsaddle, b. 1866 (GFG II)

William who found the article is the great-grandson of A.D. Getman, a well known physician in the Oneonta area.



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## **ANNUAL REUNION OF THE GETMAN FAMILY ; NEAR FORT PLAIN**

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY  
Friday, July 15, 1938

The sixteenth annual reunion of the Getman family, of America will be held at Otsquago Fish and Game club-located on the River road, one mile west of Fort Plain, on Saturday, August 6th. Dinner at ;12:30 o'clock, DST. Bring covered dish and sandwiches enough for your family, also silverware and cups. We will furnish the coffee. A program of sports will be provided and prizes will be given. Special music will be a feature.

### **Getman Descendant murdered in Peru**

Newspaper Article (Richfield Springs Mercury, NY, Thursday, March 19, 1891)

Miss C. M. Kinne, teacher in Saratoga school , has received news of the murder of her brother, Samuel Whitney Kinne, near Lima in Peru, South America. Mr. Kinne is the son of Manuel Kinne of Herkimer county. He is an engineer and went to Peru last July as assistant superintendent on a large construction job in the employ of an Eastern bridge company, accompanied by five men from this state, to work on a bridge about 50 miles from Lima, Two of the party died of fever. The bridge was completed and the other three men were on their way home when Kinne was stabbed by a native. He was taken to a hospital at Lima, but soon perished.

Samuel Whitney Kinne b. abt. 1866 was the grandson of Catherine Getman b. 1812 (GFG # A 93)

### **An Interesting Form of Community service**

- Obituary (Courier, October 20, 1941)

Charles W. Getman [GFG # A 909} the man who sketched the scene of the crime in every celebrated murder case in the courts of Erie County for two decades, is dead.

A practicing civil engineer for 35 years, Mr. Getman died yesterday om the Rochester home of his daughter, Mrs. Vincent Carroll. Funeral services will be held in his home at 389 Jersey Street, at 9:30 a.m. and in Holy Angels' Church at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Getman suffered a stroke last February but recovered sufficiently to conduct his business throughout the summer and up to the time of his death.

Mr. Getman was 55 years old. born in Buffalo, he was educated at School 35 and old Central High School.

For 30 years he was a partner in the engineering firm of White & Getman and during his career supervised important public works in Central New York besides being in charge of the construction of sewage systems for the City of Lackawana.

Mr. Getman was probably the best known as the "groundwork" witness for the prosecution during the terms of three district attorneys, Guy B. Moore, Walter C. Newcomb and Leo J. Hagerty, incumbent.

He was the man who reduced the scene of the crime to inches and feet with pencil and paper and explained his maps for the benefit of the scores of juries which decided the fate of Erie County's more notorious murders during the last twenty years.

He also testified in hundreds of negligence cases in the civil courts, being called upon as an expert witness to sketch scenes of accidents which led to litigation.

Mr. Getman was a member of Buffalo Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Heberty Getman; two daughters, Mrs. Carroll and Nancy Getman; five sons, Charles Jr., John, Peter, David and Theodore, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Scanlan.

This article was submitted by his daughter, Nancy Getman Fontanese

### **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, which is estimated at \$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.

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