



## Happy Holidays

## SAVE THE DATE

**August 12-13-14**

Watertown is our destination for 2016. A block of rooms has been set aside for the Getman Family Association at the Holiday Inn, while the detailed arrangements are being developed. The second Saturday of August falls on the 13<sup>th</sup> so our activities will seem later than usual (2015 it was the 8<sup>th</sup>.)

Arrangements have been made for the Getman 2016 reunion to stay at the Holiday Inn Express, Watertown, NY <http://www.hiexpress.com/watertownny>.

## Happy Holidays

**Merry Christmas  
Happy Chanukah  
Happy New Year**

Whichever of these greetings seems appropriate for this time of the year are sent to you from This Getman household.

I suspect that in most cases Merry Christmas is the right one. Getmans however have embraced many cultures and faiths. Most that I have encountered in my research have been protestant and it seems as though most of them were Methodists.

The research I have been doing lately has involved the Carner branch of Getman descendants. Most of them lived and worked in Oswego County, New York. Oswego County is located on the East end of Lake Ontario and is frequently in news because of the high snow fall there resulting from “lake effect” snow fall. “Lake effect” is what occurs when the cold winds from the North West cross Lake Ontario and collect water from the exposed unfrozen surface. This water then falls in the form of snow. Much of this snowfall occurs on Oswego County.

### Getman Family Plans For 27<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Leader-Herald, Gloversville Johnstown, NY, 1957

ILION – The 27<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the Getman Family of America will be held at Russell Park, Ilion, on Saturday August 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 WKTV, will be the guest speaker.

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

## 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 Santa**

Fulton Times, December, 1908

416 Utica St.

Fulton N. Y.

Dear Santa Claus, I am so glad you want the little children to write to you this year.

O. Santa, I want a big black-haired doll and a big carriage to wheel her in. I would like a story book and some candy, but if you bring me the big dolly and big carriage I won't ask you for anything else.

Your little friend,

Frances Carner.

December 4, 1908.

Frances Carner (GFG – A) 1903-2001 is a great-granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG A 25) b. 1794 and John Carner b. 1787.

#### **A Good Fishing Trip**

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY  
December 24, 1915

Leon Griffin caught two pickerel through the ice on Canadarago Lake one day this week, which together weighed nine pounds. A number of other specimens of unusual size have been taken.

Leon Griffin (GFG A 905 / I) 1875 – 1927 is a great-grandson of Adelia Getman (GFG – A 24) and Michael Meyers GFG – I)

#### **Getman Descendants at The Battle of the Bulge**

#### **Obituary**

Syracuse Post Standard, NY

November 3 2014

Harold A. Blake, Jr., 91, of Fulton, passed away Sunday, November 2 at Morningstar Care Center in Oswego. He retired in 1987 from the quality control department at Sealright Packaging Company in Fulton. Harold was a member and past Vestryman of All Saints Episcopal Church, Fulton. He had served in the U.S. Army with the 11th Armored Division of the Third Army during World War II and was a member of the Battle of the Bulge Veterans of Oswego and Masonic War Veterans. Harold was a member of several masonic organizations which included past Master of Hiram Lodge #144, F. &A.M. in Fulton; past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York; past High Priest of Fulton Chapter #167, R.A.M.; member of Council #50, Cryptic Masons; Scottish Rite Bodies; Central New York, York Rite College and past Sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine. He was elected to the Fulton Bowling Hall of Fame in 1992. Harold was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Miniaci in 2004. Surviving are his wife, Barbara D. Blake of Fulton; a grandson, Jon Miniaci of Florida; a brother, Bernard (Irene) Blake of Oswego; several nieces, nephews.

Harold A Blake (GFG – A) b. 1923, is a great-great grandson of Margaretha Getman (GFG A 25) b. 1794 and John Carner b. 1787.

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Dr. Richard L. Carner

Graveside services for Dr. Richard L. Carner of Elkton, FL will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 11:00 AM in Flagler Palms Memorial Gardens, 511 Old Kings Road S. Flagler Beach FL with Dr. J. Dudley Weaver, Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church of St. Augustine officiating. Military Honors will be rendered by the U. S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Dr. Carner passed away on March 15, 2015 in St. Augustine. He was born in Syracuse NY on December 20, 1922 a son of the late Leland T. and Ann Walrath Carner. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the 93rd Troop Carrier Squadron of the United States Army Air Force. Dr. Carner served in the European Theater in which his unit was involved in the liberation of Europe participating in the Normandy Campaign, Operation Dragoon (Southern France), Operation Market-Gardens (Holland), the Battle of the Bulge, and Operation Varsity (the invasion of Germany) by dropping supplies, towing gliders and dropping paratroopers of the 101st, 82nd and 17th Airborne Divisions and the 517th PIR. Upon returning from World War II, Dr. Carner attended Syracuse University earning there his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees. Dr. Carner was a Professor at the University of Miami, Coral Gables FL from 1962-1984 teaching in the Department of Education, supervising the reading clinic, and mentoring many doctoral students. He was a past president of the College Reading Association. Dr. Carner was an accomplished musician, an avid photographer, and amateur astronomer.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother Bob. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Dr. Zelda Brooks Carner; his son Dr. Richard M. Carner and his wife Donna of Lancaster PA; his daughters, Dr. Lauren Carner of Putnam Valley NY, Suzanne Carner of Tampa FL, and Anne Becton of Miami FL; four grandchildren, Dan Menon of New York City, Anna Menon of Portland OR, McLean Becton and Kathryn Becton of Miami FL; two sisters, Gloria Miller of Fayetteville NY and Priscilla McCann and her husband John of

Manlius NY, and numerous nieces and nephews. Dr. Carner was a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church of St. Augustine.

Richard Carner (GFG – A) b. 1922, is a great-great grandson of Margaretha Getman (GFG A 25) b. 1794 and John Carner b. 1787.

## Getman Descendant Was a Renowned Actor

The New York Dramatic Mirror  
August 12, 1905

Jacob W. Carner, one of the oldest characters the American stage, died at his home in Fulton, N. Y., on July 23, aged seventy-one years, eleven months and six days. Mr. Carner traced his ancestry back to the Baron Jason Karner of the Holoetern House, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1630, who came to America in 1728 and settled in Albany County, N. Y., and his patriotism was inherited from his grandfather, who fought in the Revolutionary War under General Schuyler. His father and his uncle were engaged in carrying freight on the Erie Canal, and he frequently made trips with them to the metropolis. On one of these visits to New York he made the acquaintance of the young son of the scenic artist of the Old Bowery Theatre. The two little chaps were drawn strongly together, and young Carner invited his new-found friend to make a trip with him on his father's canal boat. In return for this his little friend invited him to a performance at the Old Bowery, and it was there that Mr. Carner had his first view of the inside of a theatre.

He had early shown a marked talent for painting, and in 1847 when but fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to his little friend's father, and stepped first on a stage at the Old Bowery. There he labored assiduously for two years as an assistant to the scenic artist. During the two years he was so occupied he frequently served as a supernumerary, but he had never been called upon to speak a line

until in 1849 when Edwin Forrest, dissatisfied with the manner in which a very small part was being filled, shouted out for by all that was good and holy, he'd have someone who could enact the role to his satisfaction or he'd know the reason why. A short time previous to this episode, young Carner, spurred on by his ambitions, had spoken to the stage-manager, and asked that at the first opportunity he be given some small speaking part. This was fortunate, and the very flood of the tide in the young man's life to lead on to greater things, for the stage-manager spoke to Forrest, the latter said he thought almost anybody would be better than the one who had filled the role, and thus it was that Jacob W. Carner blossomed out as a full-fledged actor.

He early demonstrated such marked ability that he soon became a companion of the great Keene, and later was associated with Joseph Jefferson. In 1870 he was in the support of Edwin Booth, and later in the support of Junius Brutus Booth, John R. Scott, Mathilda Heron, and others equally famous in days gone by. He served his country for three years during the Civil War, and then returned to the stage. He afterward engaged in theatrical enterprises of his own as well as appearing in support of Lawrence Barrett, Clara Morris, and Charlotte Thompson. Mr. Carner was a veteran actor, whose name and face were familiar to all old playgoers, and it was said of him that his repertoire was probably longer than that of any other actor on the stage.

Mr. Carner's most famous part was that of Rip Van Winkle, a trial performance of which he gave at Canandaigua, N. Y., with E. T. Stetson in 1867, A. W. Purcell appearing as Derrick. The cast also included Emma Brice and Dollie Pike. The first words spoken on the stage by William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) were uttered by him under the direction of Mr. Carner. Mr. Carner was also an intimate friend and associate of Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, and several of the latter's poems are dedicated to him. Mr. Carner gave fifty-eight years of his life to the stage, and was seen in many different roles, but he reached the pinnacle of his fame in his characterization

of Rip Van Winkle. In which his work was frequently compared with that of Joseph Jefferson. It was especially apropos, therefore, that Mr. Carner should have made his last public appearance in the role of Rip Feb. 14 of the present year, marking his retirement from the stage. Besides being an actor of note he was also a playwright, having written several plays which attained to considerable popularity, among them Old Cattaraugus.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Carner enlisted in the Ninety-seventh New York Regiment, and was sent to the front. His bravery and devotion to the cause won for him four distinct promotions. He was finally wounded by a shell, which struck him just as he was climbing over a fence. This injury resulted in a rupture and it was strangulated hernia, a direct result of this injury, which brought about his death. He was a member of Findlay (Ohio) Post, G. A. R. He was also an enthusiastic advocate of fraternal societies. He was a thirty second degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Elks. He was one of the Jolly Corks from which small band the Elks sprang, and was a life member of Findlay Lodge, No. 75. B. P. O. E.

The deceased is survived by a widow, Mrs. Cora E. Carner, who is known to the stage as Cora Wilmont. A son, George E. Carner, was alive at the time of his death, but he did not long survive, for he dropped dead at his home in Binghamton, N. Y., on July 31. The funeral services were held at Fulton, July 25. The G. A. R., Knights of Pythias, and Elks attended in a body. The remains, accompanied by the widow, were taken to Buffalo on July 20, and were there cremated according to a last wish of the deceased.

Jacob W. Carner (GFG – A 137) 1834 – 1905, was a son of Margaretha Getman (GFG – A 25) b. 1794 and John Carner, b. 1787