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**GETMAN NEWS**

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**Mark Your 2019  
Calendar  
August 2, 3 and 4**

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

Our August reunion may be months away, but you can put it on your 2019 calendar now!

We are hoping you will gather stories and information you would like to share with your Getman Family. That is the time we can all learn something.

You will be in the area your ancestors lived and built their lives through Indian raids and the American Revolution. You are the result of all that wonderful history.

I look forward to hearing lots of stories.

Marty Chase  
Chairman

**Send us your family stories.**

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**Union Hall Inn  
Johnstown, NY  
7:00 pm, Friday August 2**

The Friday gathering dinner will be held at the oldest restaurant in the area.

The hall was erected in 1798 by Captain Jean Batiste Vaumane de Fon Claire, former officer in the French Army under Louis XVI. Tradition says that it was in this house that Nicholas Stoner, a noted soldier and hunter, killed an Indian to avenge his father's death

It was also the favorite Inn of Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, who came to Johnstown to race his horse.

**We Need to Know**

Let us know if you are planning to attend so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Call 315-845-804

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**Getman Data Updated**

I updated the descendant data on the Getman website during the first week of November. Most of the changes are in the "C line". The "Cline" is for the descendants of Frederick Getman and Margaritha.

Statistics for the site are: 45,348 individuals, 20,042 marriages and 2,535 reference sources.

A significant number of the new additions are in the line of Maria Ann Getman and her spouse, Frederick Stevens (he was killed during the battle of Oriskany, 6 Aug 1777), and her second spouse, Melchert Folts.

## 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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## Christmas Poem

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, NY  
Tuesday, December 25, 1951

Christmas in 1951

Once again it's coming Christmas  
And as the day draws near  
It doesn't bring the feeling  
That it brought when Mom was here.

We hang up the holly and mistletoe  
And decorate the hall.  
But there's a kind of sadness  
That penetrates it all

We deck the tree with tinsel  
And tie ornaments round about.  
But the spirit we had in days gone by  
Still stays somewhere without.

The Christmas cards are rolling in  
And the Christmas bells gaily ring  
While in the streets and o'er the air  
The carolers sweetly sing.

Those beautiful hymns of Christmas  
That thrilled us in days now gone.  
They seem to sound a hollow note  
And make us feel alone.

Soon it will be Christmas morning  
And as the day dawns bright.  
We still won't have the spirit.  
And the day won't seem just right.

And our hearts will feel lighter  
And the day will be gay and bright  
For we'll know that Mom remembers  
And that things will be all right

At last we'll feel the spirit  
And will enjoy the happy day  
And we'll have a merry Christmas  
In the good old-fashioned way.

Yes, we'll have a merry Christmas.  
And to all our friends so true.  
We send our Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year, too.

HAROLD PORTER FORBES. MYRTLE E. FORBES. Port Byron.

*Harold and Myrtle Forbes (GFG - C) were the children of William D. Forbes (GFG - C) 1866-1952 and Flora C Rosecrans 1874-1950. William Forbes was great-great grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.*



Make the most of what you have.

## Rescues a Small Child

Jamestown Post-Journal, NY  
Saturday, August 14, 1943

Aviation Student Harland Merchant, son of Mrs. Andrew Lanni, 712 Foots Avenue, has been commended by the Commanding Officer at Niagara University for his aid in rescuing a small child, Jean Gay, who was lost in the Niagara River Gorge.

The young girl had been missing from her home for two days and it was through the efforts of Harland and two other Aviation Students that she was found and restored to her grateful parents.

Harland graduated from Jamestown High School with the class of 1942 and was manager of the Kandall Gas Station before entering the-army on April 23, 1943. He went first to Atlantic City, N. J., for basic training and then was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. About a month ago he was sent to Niagara University for a pre-flight course leading to a commission in the Army Air Corps.

*Harland George Merchant (GFG – C) 1925-2001 was a great-great-great-great grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1829 and her first husband, Frederick Stevens who was killed during the battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777.*

## Twin Weddings

Utica Observer-Dispatch, NY  
Sunday, June 9, 1946

Newport — Doris Mae and Dorothy Mae Vedder, twin sisters became, brides Saturday afternoon in a double wedding ceremony in the First Baptist Church, Newport.

Doris became the bride of Sherwood O. Locke, son of Fred Locke, Camden, while Dorothy Mae was married to Mahlon D. Thierry, Herkimer. The twins are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Vedder, Mechanic St., Newport.

The Rev. Oral McBride performed the ceremonies.

Miss Sedora E. Locke, cousin of the bridegroom, was maid of honor for Doris Mae and Robert Vedder, brother of the bride was best man.

Mrs. Locke wore a white bridal gown, with a white, nylon bodice, sweetheart neckline, quarter-length, sleeves, pleated trimmings and a full skirt of silk net over nylon. Her fingertip veil carried pearlized orange blossoms,- Her bouquet consisted of white roses.

The maid of honor wore a pink gown with a bodice of pink nylon, and a sweetheart neckline. She carried a colonial bouquet of talisman roses.

Clark Potter, Raymond Potter, Kenneth Broat and Joseph Burns, uncles of the brides, served as ushers. Lawrence Vedder, brother was the ring-bearer while Barbara Broat, bride's cousin was the flower girl.

A reception featuring two wedding cakes was given in the home after the ceremony.

Mrs. Locke was graduated by West Canada Valley High School and works as a statistical clerk at the Rome Army Air Base. Mr. Locke, a graduate of Mohawk High School, was recently discharged from the Army. He is also employed at the base.

At Mrs. Thierry's wedding, Mrs. Loretta Ouimetta, New Hartford, cousin of the bride was the matron of honor while George Thierry, Ilion, brother of the bridegroom was the best man.

The bride wore a gown of white, with a bodice of white nylon, a full skirt of silk net over nylon, a sweetheart neckline and three-quarter length Sleeves. A fingertip veil and a headpiece of pearlized orange blossoms completed her ensemble.

She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses with sprays of garden flowers.

The matron of honor wore a lavender gown, with a bodice of lavender nylon, full skirt of silk net over nylon quarter-length sleeves and a tiara of orchid roses with matching veil.

Mrs. Thierry, a graduate of West Canada Valley High School, works as an auditing clerk at the Rome Army Air Base. The bridegroom, who attended the same school, works as a metal sorter at the Air Base.

Both couples left for a honeymoon tour of the New England states.

*Dorothy Mae (GFG – C) 1923-1995 and Doris Mae Vedder (GFG – C) 1923-2006, were great-great-great-great granddaughters of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.*

## Seasons Greetings

## Merry Christmas

## Happy New Year

# Origin of Folts Home Herkimer, New York

Obituary - Ilion Citizen, NY  
Thursday, November 16, 1911

In the death of George Philo Folts, which occurred at his home in this village Wednesday evening, Herkimer loses, one of her most beloved and philanthropic citizens. A life-long resident of Herkimer he had done, perhaps as much to advance the interests and build up the village of his birth as any man that ever lived here.

Deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Folts and was born 75 years ago in Herkimer. As a citizen he was ever active in the endeavor to promote the interest of the village, specially when improvements promised the welfare of the people generally to whose needs he always kept himself familiar. As a neighbor he was always generous, kind and obliging. A republican in politics he was honored by the people of Herkimer, whom he served both in the office of president of the village and supervisor of the town in 1874 and in his service was always faithful when in public office. His philanthropy, coupled with the generosity of his late wife, who was Elizabeth M. Snell, caused the establishing of Folts Mission Institute located at the corner of North Washington and East Albany streets, which was presented to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in 1898, and now that death has claimed Mr. Folts, the fine and substantial home occupied by him, falls to the passion of the institution.

As a young man Mr. Folts taught school in the Pine Grove District of East Herkimer, and his pupils of that day have given to Herkimer a number of her energetic men of affairs of the present day. Later on he became interested with his father in the lumber business and was associated with him in contracting the construction of the Chenango valley Railroad, extending from Utica to Sherburne. Following the death of his father, he became connected with the Remington Paper Company of Watertown, and was for a long time vice president of the company and otherwise actively concerned with its business interests at the New York offices of the company.

Locally Mr. Folts always retained a warm interest in all matters affecting the progress of Herkimer and the promotion of its enterprises. He was one of the

founders of the First National Bank, and served it in the capacity of vice president for many years. His business judgement was much relied on and its soundness was frequently demonstrated.

Mr. Folts was three times married, his first wife being the late Cornelia Bellinger, his second wife, Elizabeth Snell who died in 1898. Two years later he was married to Miss Amanda DeHaven who survives.

Mr. Folts was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for years served it in the capacity of trustee with the zeal which marked his discharge of whatever duty devolved upon him. He has never ceased to contribute to the maintenance of the Folts Institute and always took a deep interest in its work. He was a member of the Herkimer Masonic lodge and that body conducted the closing services with the impressive ceremonies of the order at the funeral which was attended from the home at 2 p.m. Monday. Rev. J. A. Chapman was the officiating clergyman assisted by Rev. Dr. Warren of Newburg.

*George Philo Folts (GFG - C) 1836-1911 was a great grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.*

## James Forbes of Niles Left Cow to Each of Four Children

The Auburn Citizen, NY  
Wednesday, June 16, 1909

James Forbes of Niles Left Cow to Each of Four Children

The will of the late James Forbes of Niles was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were issued to Jennie Forbes. The estate consists of \$250 personal property. By the terms of the will four children, Jennie Forbes, Emma Helmer, Mary Dern and Della Dewitt, are left one cow each, and if the deceased did not have four cows at the time of his death those who did not received a cow are left the sum of \$20 each. To Jennie Forbes is left a black mare and wagon, and the residue is divided equally among seven children, Jennie Forbes, Emma Helmer, Mary Dern, Della Dewitt, Stella Springer, Ella Wilson and Ray Forbes. William Covert and George Dewitt were appointed appraisers.

*James Forbes (GFG - C) 1834-1909 great grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.*