



## 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)

### **Marjorie Elaine (Hill) Getman 1934 - 2017**

Marjorie Elaine Getman went to be with the Lord on the 4th of January 2017. Marjorie, the beloved wife of Frank E. Getman was survived by: their three children Sonja Getman Scott, Frank Russell Getman and Charlotte Getman Mitchell, 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Marjorie and Frank's daughter, Teresa Getman Morgan went to be with the Lord on May 2, 2015. Frank E. Getman went to be with the Lord on December 14, 2001. Marjorie and Frank were exemplary evidence of love, partnership, community and Christianity. Their union happily weathered almost a golden half of a century. Marjorie was a shining example of a daughter, sister, mother and teacher. She did not sugar coat most things but was instead honest and encouraging, waiting in the wings for us all to shine. Till the end she upheld her intelligence and humor, playing cards with family members, engaging and gracing us all with her laughter and wit. Marjorie's faith and actions remained righteous in the Lord and her heart filled with hymns until this day.

*Marjorie was the wife of Frank E Getman (GFG – E 85d now recognized to be a member of the “B” line, descendents of Abraham Getman, (GFG – B 43 / E 1) 1792-1870 and Mary Carnrike, 1794-1829*

### **HABITS UNCHANGED Former Frankfort Resident Writes of Ice Jams of Old in Moyer Creek**

Enterprise and News, St Johnsville, NY  
Wednesday, March 27, 1935

(From Herkimer, N. Y., Telegram, Feb. 23, 1935)

Frankfort- Rev. Henry I. Getman of Florida City, a former Herkimer county resident who keeps in touch with local happenings here through the Telegram-Record, has written in comment on the account of the ice jam, this winter in the streams in this vicinity,

which appeared in a recent issue. Mr. Getman is a native of Frankfort and a member of the graduating class from the Iliion Academy which celebrated its 50th anniversary a few years ago. He was particularly interested in the Moyer Creek writeup, both of the ice jam and the swimming pool it is proposed to construct in Lehman Park, and was inspired to write the following:

"My grandfather settled on your bank when a young man. My father never left you during all the 75 years of his life. I was born and brought up within 50 feet of your waters. I do not believe that you have ever been reconciled to the change made in your course through Frankfort village in the early days, for you never missed even the slightest opportunity of running over your man made banks and taking your old course, in spite of the discomfort you brought to those who had homes located in your old channel. There are now no dams or ponds along your course to be damaged by your flood waters. You have gotten to be a lazy stream, having found it easier to supply Frankfort with drinking water than to turn five water wheels to saw lumber, make wheel barrows, grind corn and cut matches, in the factories and mills along your banks in early days.

"I have a grouch against you, Moyer creek, because of the fences you made me build and repair, and the stones you made me pick up. Twice I came near-drowning in your waters. But then! I must not be too severe with you, old creek; you were the first stream of water I ever saw and our old mill pond the first body of water I ever saw, and on it I went to sea on a slab raft. As a boy I learned to swim in you and learned to skate on your ice, and had a lot of sport both in and on you. It was to you our cows went to water their milk. While you took your time to do it in, you dug a gorge through the hills with beauty spots in it that I never tired looking at as a boy or later when a man.

"And now old creek, when that 250x80 feet swimming pool is made with stone from an old Erie Canal lock it will be easy for you to drop into it and furnish comfort and refreshment to many, young and old. And perhaps in this lighter work of contributing to bodily health, keeping the lawns green quenching

an occasional fire, you will be doing a service for man equal to that you did through the years of your hard labor.

"So we greet you Moyer creek: And may your waters never cease to flow."

*Emory Isaac Getman (GFG – C 334) 1860 – 1935, A 1884 Graduate of- Drew Theological Seminary, New Jersey.*

## **GETMAN, MYERS, FRANK, DYGERT**

The above letter written by Rev. E. I Getman giving a description of the traditions of old Moyer creek at Frankfort, N. Y. will probably interest many of the readers of the Enterprise and News who live far away as well as those now residing in the Mohawk valley. All of the creeks flowing into the Mohawk have similar traditions to the people born on or near their banks. I do not remember Henry I. Getman but I can remember the Rev. Emory I. Getman, son of Peter owner of the saw mill and pond to which he refers. I also remember Robert Getman father of Peter. I never will forget that red Astrakan early apple tree in the north east corner of the Robert and Peter Getman orchard which in 1879 was a young orchard. They were the finest early apples in town. I too like Elder Getman was nearly drowned in the match factory drop of Moyer creek when I was learning to swim. William Grants told Frank Manning to jump in and pull me out which he did and that same afternoon I swam across the old Erie canal. Those freshets during the January thaws of old were terrible I remember once when the snow banks each side of the walks were high the ice, slush and water came rushing down the Litchfield street sidewalk and turned in our open gate, ran around the side of the house and in our cellar window and filled our cellar to the floor timbers with large cakes of ice and slush, bumping the vinegar barrels, etc. up against the living room floor, but this part is not of much interest to people interested in genealogy and family records therefore I will say that there are interested in the Moyer or Meyers family from whom this old creek took its name. I will tell the story about the first settlers on the banks of Moyer creek at a later date. In closing I might add that Robert Getman, founder of the saw mill was born April 19, 1804, he being a descendant of three Revolutionary war captains and I believe one lieutenant, namely Capt. Frederick Getman, Capt. Frederick Frank, Captain William Dygert and perhaps Lieut. George Weaver not sure about the last.

I forgot to tell you how we got that ice out of the cellar. My brother George who was ten years older than myself crawled in the cellar window and

shoveled it outside and I standing outside shoveled it over a fence in a vacant lot. It took all day.

Such was the early life on the banks of Moyer Creek.

FRANK D. DEUEL  
Masonic Home,  
Utica, N. Y.

*NOTE: Robert Getman was a descendant of Capt. Frederick Getman and Capt. Frederick Frank, but not of Captain William Dygert or Lieut. George Weaver (WG)*

The following article is one folks from snow country can relate to. A whiteout is when snow is blowing enough to completely block a person's vision. They are usually confined to a small area and are not unusual during the months of January and February.

## **WHITEOUT**

Rome Sentinel, NY, Saturday  
February 2, 1946

ONEIDA — Patients in City Hospital are three persons injured yesterday in a crash of two trucks and a car near South Bay four corners on the Sylvan Beach road. Traffic was snarled at the point for two hours.

Injured were: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Plumley, both 55, of 32 Elm St., Camden, passengers in a car operated by Ray A. Harrington, 38, also of Camden. All were removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

Harrington had head injuries. Mrs. Plumley had a deep laceration on one side of the face, a fractured knee cap, and shock. Her husband was treated for lacerated knee cap and facial injuries.

Truck operators were Wilfred S. Lowe, 36, Syracuse, and Leon F. Sobles, 24, of Jordan. A heavy sweep of snow blinded both drivers causing the Harrington car and the Sobles truck to collide, and Lowe's vehicle struck both car and truck.

*Leon Denzel Sobles (GFG – C / VIII) 1923 – 2009 was a great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799 – 1886. He is one of a newly identified line of Getman descendants.*

# THE MORNING HERALD

Gloversville and Johnstown, NY  
Friday, November 27, 1914.

## THE GETMAN FAMILY WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

### Thanksgiving Reception at Albany Bush in Honor of Bride and Groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Getman of Albany Bush entertained at the reception and Thanksgiving dinner yesterday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Getman, who have just returned from their wedding tour which was spent in New York, Jersey City and places of interest along the Hudson. At 1 o'clock the bride and groom were ushered to the head of a large table in the dining room, surrounded by about thirty guests. A bounteous course dinner was then served. The bride was dressed in her "wedding gown of white mescaline, satin trimmed with beads with an over-tunic of white chiffon and wore a train. During the - afternoon dancing: was enjoyed and the latest songs rendered. Music was furnished by Edward Getman on the violin accompanied by Mrs. Edward Getman at the piano. Only immediate relatives were present. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Getman and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Whiting and sons Henry and Volkert, Dr. and Mrs. V. L. Getman, Harold Getman, Gloversville; Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whitney. Mrs. Thomas Getman, Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. George Ecker and sons Roy, Alden and Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Getman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Getman, Albany Bush.

*Edward Thomas Getman (GFG A 1252) 1893-1977 married Blanch I Ecker, 1895-1992, Nov. 27, 1914. Albany Bush is a rural area just south-east of Johnstown, NY.*

### Pvt. Nick Soble Hurt In Action

Mexico Independent, NY  
Thursday, June 29, 1944

PARISH – Mr. and Mrs. Richard Soble of this village, recently received a telegram from the adjutant-general's office, Stateing their son, Pvt. Nick Soble, was wounded in action in Italy, May 30. Shortly after, they received a letter from their son, stating he was hospitalized and improving rapidly.

He has been awarded the Purple Heart and said he was sending it home to his parents as soon as he

could get wrapping paper. He entered the service in September 1943.

*"Nick" William N. Soble (GFG – C / VIII) b. abt. 1925, was a great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG 59) 1799-1910 and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII), 1799-1886. Note: the VIII line represents descendants of Catherine Getman 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker, 1727-1813*

## Recovers Body

Utica Daily Press, NY, Tuesday  
June 16, 1936

Miss Katherine J. Wood, 311 Herkimer Road, has been presented a substantial reward for recovering the body of a Clayton man drowned last November in the St. Lawrence River.

The body was discovered caught on a rock 100 yards from shore last Wednesday by Miss Wood while swimming. After she had brought it to shore the body was identified as Horace T. Stole, son of Thomas B. Stole, superintendent of Schools Clayton.

The father insisted on rewarding the young Utica woman who is a stenographer for the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Accident Association of America.

Stole lost his life with Norman Lawrence, Canton, after they had embarked in a canoe to visit the Lawrence camp. The canoe was capsized. The body of Lawrence was previously recovered.

*Katherine Jane Wood (GFG – C) 1909-1999 was a great-great-great granddaughter of Catherine Getman (GFG – C) 1745 – 1829 and George G Weaver, 1748 – 1819.*

## Unusual Enough to get picked up by United Press

Standard Union, Brooklyn, NY  
Friday, September 11, 1931

PULASKI. N. Y Sept. 11 (UP) - Catching fish with one's bare hands may be a novel and difficult stunt, but it's against the law, without a permit. Leon Sobles of Marcellus has learned. Sobles was arrested on a charge of fishing by this method without authority. He was fined \$10

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