

## 2018 Reunion In Lockport, NY

Arrangements have been made for the August reunion to visit Lockport, NY. A block of rooms has been arranged at the [Lockport Inn & Suites](#). Room prices range from \$89 to \$140, depending on your needs. A block of rooms will be held for use by the Getman family until June 15. After that date, rooms at the Inn may not be available.



Saturday activities will include a visit to the locks which provided the name, as well as other Erie Canal museum(s) etc. If you are a runner you might want to consider the “Beast of Burden Race”, a foot race on the canal towpath that will be run on Saturday. You can choose 25, 50 or 100 miles as your objective. ☺



Please notify Wayne Getman if you are attending in order to simplify meal planning etc.

Additional details about the reunion will be included as they become available.

For additional information:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockport\\_%28city%29,\\_New\\_York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockport_%28city%29,_New_York)

## 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 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.

## Web Site Data Updated

The Genealogy data available on our website has been updated as of February. We now have 41,372 individuals and 18,372 marriages supported by 2,424 separate sources

Perhaps the most significant additions are descendants of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – A 6) 1756-? and Johann Lodewick Kring, 1759-1835. Many of these folks lived in Michigan.

## Send us your family stories.

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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)

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### **A-GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE-DOG**

Buffalo Courier, NY  
Tuesday, May 3 1883

Several months ago Depot Master Byron Kring of the New York Central railroad was the owner of a large New Foundland dog, which he took occasion to present to his wife's cousin, who is a resident-of Macedonia, N.Y. The animal was placed in a baggage car and transported to his new home. No sooner had he been released from the train than he made one bound and disappeared in the distance at a lively trot. Nothing more was seen or heard of him until yesterday afternoon, when, on coming home to dinner, Mr. Kring found his old pet lying on the doorstep.. The dog jumped up on recognizing his master and manifested his delight in a manner that suggested his happiness in getting back to his old home. The distance from Macedonia to Buffalo is 87 miles. And yet this dog has never entered a six day go-as-you-please pedestrian contest.

*Byron Kring (GFG – A) 1833-1920 was a great grandson of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – A 6) 1756- ---- and Johannes Lodewick Kring 1759-1835. He was Depot Master of the NYCRR yard in Buffalo for 40 years. After retiring in 1890 he became Assistant Superintendent of Streets and was a crucial witness in a city corruption case in 1895.*

### **1939 reunion**

St Johnsville Enterprise and News, NY  
Wednesday, August 9, 1939

Ralph Parent of Herkimer was elected president of the Getman family of America at the 17th annual reunion held Saturday afternoon at Brookwood Park, Herkimer. There were 80 members of the family present for the dinner and meeting which was called to order by Borden C. Getman, the retiring president.

Other officers elected are: Mrs. Bertha Getman, Nelliston, vice president; Frasier Shults, Fort Plain, Plain, secretary; Jerry Saltsman, Fort Plain, treasurer;

Mrs. Mabel Getman Nestle, Fort Plain, R. D., historian. The following were named directors for the terms of two years each: Geo. B. Getman, Ilion; Byron L Getman, Gloversville; Mrs. Magdalene Getman Kimball, Fonda; Mrs. Martha Failing, Fort Plain; Mrs. Lavina Everson, Fort Plain.

Dr. Robert Getman and family of Davenport, Ia., were guests. Dr. Getman gave an excellent talk on the Getman family history. Mrs. Alvira Getman Fuller, 85, was the oldest member of the family at the reunion and Rogert Trumbull, four years old, was the youngest. Both were remembered with presents.

### **Thin on Top**

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY  
Thursday, September 4, 1919

#### **SOUTH COLUMBIA –**

Mr. and Mrs. Helon Harter and son, Harold Harter and wife of Toledo, O., are calling on Old friends and kindred in. Mr. Harter's native town and are guests of his brother, Norman J. Harter, and wife. This Columbian, from whom the barbarous Indians of; earlier years would not be able to take a scalp lock, however, retained that old time cordiality and good fellowship which made him such a favorite in days gone by when his upland crop was thrifty.

*Helon G. Harter, (GFG – C) is a great-grandson of Lydia Getman (GFG C-89) 1818-1822 and David Harter 1821-1906. Census records listed him as Helen. His father was named Herold Harter. The unusual spellings of their given names has made this line of Getman descendants a bit more confusing than most pf the other lines.*

### **Steam Engine Explodes**

The Journal, Syracuse, NY  
Saturday, September 19, 1868

On Thursday morning, the boiler of the switch engine No. 174, called the "Reliance." used in the New York Central depot in Buffalo, in making up trains, exploded with a terrible crash: The engine was

standing about a hundred and fifty feet from the depot, and was coupled by the pilot to three passenger cars. The engineer, Florlan Frank, a German, and the fireman, Oscar Kring, were standing in the cab of the locomotive when the explosion occurred. The former was looking out of the window, and the fragments of glass cut him terribly in the face. From the right side of the mouth for four inches down the chin and neck, the flesh was terribly cut and lacerated. The right eye was also cut open, and it is thought the organ is destroyed. The nose was split from the bridge downward. His wounds are severe but not fatal. Kring was uninjured. A woman named Catharine Hughes was engaged in cleaning the passenger car coupled to the engine, and was pretty badly scalded about the face and hands. The debris of the engine were thrown hundreds of yards. The cars attached were somewhat injured, and there were several narrow escapes, but no one was killed. A year ago the locomotive "Buffalo" exploded nearly upon the same spot.

*Oscar Kring, (GFG – A) 1843-1907 was a grandson of Anna Maria Getman (GFG - A 9) and Johann Lodewick Kring. He went on to become a Locomotive Engineer for New York Central Railroad.*

## Kidnapping

Malone Evening Telegram, NY  
Tuesday, June 15, 1926

UTICA, June 14, —A search, instituted yesterday throughout the cities and villages of northern New York for the kidnapers of the three Getman children, Robert, 7; Ora, 5; and Mildred, 3, who were forcibly taken from their grandmother's home near Little Falls Friday night today extended to Vermont. State troopers armed with a warrant for the arrest of Gertrude Getman, mother of the children whom the grandmother. Mrs. McGill charges with engineering the kidnaping, today are scouring the large cities of Vermont in the hope of apprehending her. Mrs. Getman is said to be a snake charmer in the employ of the Walter Main circus and it is believed she intends to join the circus today at Rutland, Vermont.

According to the description of the kidnaping given police and state troopers by Mrs. McGill, who is legal custodian of the children, the children were playing in front of the farmhouse when, two cars drove up to the place. At the time Mr. McGill, her husband was in the barn some distance away.

Hearing the children scream Mrs. McGill ran toward them and noticed two men, one with drawn revolver and the other with an instrument resembling

a blackjack, and the woman whom she asserts she recognized as the mother, Gertrude Getman.

When she ran towards them, according to her story, the man with the revolver pointed it directly at her and threatened to shoot her if she made any outcry.

The youngsters, frightened and screaming were forcibly placed in the car.

About this time Mr. McGill happened on the scene and gave chase to the fleeing kidnapers but his auto ran out of gasoline. He walked to the nearest farmhouse and notified Little Falls, police. Motor vehicle inspectors hurrying to the scene as well as state troopers gave chase but to no avail as the kidnapers had obtained too good a start on their pursuers. Throughout the entire night police patrolled the roads between Little Falls and Albany but were unable to catch sight of the fugitives.

According to the police investigating the kidnaping the Getmans have been in the midst of domestic difficulty for a considerable time. A year ago the grandmother, Mrs. McGill made an effort to legally adopt the children but her plans were frustrated by the mother. On January 7 of this year she once more made an attempt to adopt them but this effort also failed, although Judge Brush of Herkimer, appointed her their legal custodian.

It is the theory of the police strengthened by the grandmother's information that Mrs. Getman left the circus which played just prior to the kidnaping in Herkimer, and with the assistance of the two men engineered the kidnaping and is planning to rejoin the circus today at Rutland, Vermont. The detectives are focusing all their attention on that city today.

Mrs. McGill today exhibited scratches and bruises on her arms, caused, she said, when one of the kidnapers thrust her aside as she attempted to frustrate their plans and pointing a revolver at her told her to "keep quiet"

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, NY  
Wednesday, 11 Apr 1934

Sergeant Roy Peterson and Trooper Ray Fogarty, of Troop D, New York State Police, stationed at Oneida, arrived here this morning by automobile with bench warrants for LeRoy Getman and his wife Gertrude, indicted in Herkimer County in 1927 for kidnaping their three children, Robert, 15; Mildred 13, and Ora, 11.

Getman a tattooer, of 162 S. 3rd St., was arrested yesterday afternoon and locked up in police headquarters as a fugitive from Little Falls, N. Y., where the kidnaping is alleged to have occurred in 1926. At that time the children were in the custody of the grandparents while Getman and his wife were on tour with a circus.

*Leroy John Getman (GFG – C 412a / II) 1895-1954 married Gertrude Haskell 1902-?, who was born in Argentina. He later remarried Millie \_\_\_\_\_. 1940 census listings for the separated couple are shown below.*

- 1940 census, New York, New York, NY, (37 1/2 Allen St) fam # 46 - Getman Gertrude, rents her home, ae 38, 8th grade, born in South America, Stenographer - Cigarette; Robert, son, ae 21, 3 yr. HS, born in NY, Salesman - Book Company; Mildred, daughter, ae 17, 2 yr. HS; Ora, daughter, ae 19, 2 yr. HS, Waitress - Restaurant.

- 1940 census, New York, Kings, NY, (1709 ----) no fam # - Getman LeRoy, owns his home with a value of \$250, ae 44, 1 yr. HS, born in NY, Tattoo Artist - show business; Millie, wife, ae 29, 1 yr. HS, born in NY, Illusion Girl - show business.

## **One of the First WAVES Obituary**

Dunn Daily Record, North Carolina  
23 Feb 2009

Mrs. Rice was in the first set of Waves inducted during World War II. After her stint in the service, she served as town clerk in Havelock for more than 20 years. Preceded in death by parents Arthur and Josephine Gardner Kinsman. Survived by daughter Kathryn Lowe and husband Ronald of Willow Spring; grandchildren, James Gaskins and wife Kristine of Benson, Kathy and Herman Cottle of Dunn, Heather and Paul Szalanski of Garner; and five great-grandchildren.

*Cora Katherine Kinsman Rice (GFG - C /-VIII) is a great-great-great granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857. She served in the US Navy from 12 Feb 1943 to 1: 14 Oct 1944*

## **National Cemetery Burial Rites Held for War Hero Remains of Lt. Straiten, Bomber Pilot, Found Near Vienna, Austria**

Gazette & Farmers' Journal, Baldwinsville, NY  
Thursday, September 11, 1952

Seventeen flag-draped caskets of America's war heroes—one of these bearing the final remains of Lt. Harold F. Stratton, town of Lysander, bomber pilot, killed when his plane crashed near Vienna, Austria, on Sept. 10, 1944, were brought to their final resting place Wednesday in Jefferson Barracks National cemetery, near St. Louis, Mo.

Present as the horse-drawn caissons brought these heroes to their final resting place in traditional military rites conducted by the army in national cemeteries, were Mrs. Elizabeth Stratton Beebe, wife, now Mrs. Clarence Beebe of Baldwinsville, and his son, William Stratton, together with the bomber pilot's mother, Mrs. Duane Taylor of South Granby.

The tragic story brought no definite word during the war save that the crew of the bomber was missing. Then about five weeks ago, the first word came that the body of Lieutenant Stratton had been found in a mass grave with 26 other fliers. The War department's anthropologists and technicians, working with small fragmentary remains, had established identification. Complete identification was established on only two members of the crew.

The army placed these remains in 17 caskets for shipment to the United States. Since these fliers came from all over the nation, the families agreed upon a central point in the United States for burial in a national cemetery.

Lieutenant Stratton, who resided on the Dingle Hole road, town of Lysander, at the time of his entry into the Air Force, in World War II, also has two sisters surviving, Mrs. Cecil Howe of West Albany, and Mrs. Duane Coville, Star Route, Phoenix.

*Harold Francis Stratton. (GFG - C) 1915-1944 was a son of Frank George Stratton (GFG –C) 1888-1965 and Nettie McKay, 1890-1994. He was a grandson of Joel Getman (GFG – C 80) 1818-1896 and Alvira \_\_\_\_ 1819-1900.*

## **Unhappy Steer**

The Mohawk Valley Register, Fort Plain  
December 3, 1880

Last Saturday Andrew Grey sold a two - year old steer to Alonzo Eacker . After putting a rope over his horns the animal became ugly. There was some of the finest climbing and quickest running ever witnessed since the first battle of Bull Run. After running Andrew under the horse barn and uncle Sam up the plum tree, the animal spent the rest of the day in chasing his owner, Eacker. The following is the course taken (Eacker on lead): Around Grey's barn twice , then over James Christman's ; thence over the farms and through the woods of Richard and Jacob Getman. At the latter place a stump was in sight — then the final struggle terminated in a victory for Eacker. He got on the stump just in time. When Alonzo was found by the neighbors he was speechless, had no hat, coat, vest nor collar. It is estimated that they traveled about eleven miles.