

SAVE THE DATE

July 31 - August 2

Feedback concerning the Getman Association Meeting/Reunion has been highly varied with no detectable pattern. Consequently plans will be undertaken to continue with the New York state rotation that has been used for the past several years.

I will attempt to arrange for a location in the Niagara Falls region, on the US side. [Room rates on the Canadian side are more reasonable this time of year.. Please let me know if Canada is OK.] Saturday activities will be open for participants to visit one or more of the many venues in the area. Personally, I expect to visit Fort Niagara since I have never visited this historically interesting site.

<https://www.oldfortniagara.org/visitor-information>

Friday and Saturday evenings will be scheduled for gatherings with the "meeting" to be held on Saturday.

I will endeavor to arrange a group rate at a nearby reasonably priced lodge / hotel / motel.



<https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/>

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. This book was published in 1913. Included in the book are the known descendants of all of the family lines, including daughters.

500 pages in length on 8 1/2 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 to Wayne Getman.



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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Introduction

This month we have a bit different kind of a newsletter. After having received a request for information concerning one of the stories published in the original Getman Genealogy in 1975, my interest was piqued about putting out some additional information that has come about through our more current research.

Initially I need to point out that genealogy is an everchanging activity. New data becomes available, errors are corrected and so on continually. Although there have been some errors reported in the 1975 publication, they have been minor compared to the monumental task that was undertaken. I personally cannot imagine what it must have been like to compile the information necessary to publish as comprehensive and accurate a document as that has proven to be, without the use of a computer.

The first "article" in this issue is an exact reprint from 1975. Much of the balance of this issue is new information that has been developed since that publication. I hope you find it interesting.

Send us your family stories.

Wayne Getman
c/o

A-B-C Lines

In the initial publication each of the original Getman sons was assigned a letter as follows. These letters were used to differentiate their lines of descent.

George Getman, b. 1723 A line
Christian Getman, b. 1734 B line
Frederick Getman, b. 1725 C line

There were additional D and E lines set up for Getman families that could not be linked to the original family when the book was being developed. These have each been identified in more current research and are now clearly linked to one of the A-B-C lines.

Christian Getman Branch

an excerpt from
"The Getman Family Genealogy"
William Laimbeer
1975

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Christian Getman, third son of Frederick and Mary (Bierman) Getman, was born 6 March 1734. He married 8 July 1760 Anne Eve Timmerman, widow Markell, who was born 4 Feb 1743 and died 25 April 1822,

daughter of Adam and Catarinna (Nellis) Timmerman/Zimmerman. Christian Getman served in the French & Indian Wars. He was in Soffrines Deychert's (Deyger's) company to march to Fort William Henry March 20th, 1757, returning home the 29th. He again appears as a member of the same company July 24, 1763. In the Revolution late in 1776, he is listed as Captain of a Company of Rangers. His wife first married John Markell. In the summer of 1757, they went to visit friends with their child. Indians attacked them. John Markell was shot and killed by a bullet that lodged in her body. She feigned death. An Indian scalped her and they left. He found friends who treated her back to health. The loss of her scalp was covered by a skull cap in the winter. When it was hot she combed her hair over the bald spot. She carried the bullet to her grave. There was a family tradition that Anne Eve was a descendant of an Indian Chief. Supposedly Jacob Timmerman married Anne Margaret Peeterse who was said to be the daughter of Hendrick Peterese, Sachem, King of the Mohawk Indians. Jacob had a son Henry born in 1738 and a daughter Anne, born 1836. He was later called King Hendrick (great friend of Sir William Johnson who was killed at the Battle of Lake George 1755). It is claimed that Jacob Zimmerman (Timmerman) was married at Queen's Ann Chapel at Fort Hunter, N.Y. in 1713 by Rev. Andrews. There is proof Rev. Andrews was the minister then. We also have proof from Gov. Hunter's subsistence lists for Schoharie that they were married by 1714 for Jacob Zimmerman wife Anne Margareta and 1 child are listed. This child could be Adam, the father of Anne Eve Zimmerman Markell Getman. There is not a complete documentary evidence of this descent but it has come down in both families as a tradition. Christian Getman died in 1821. His will was probated in 1821.

Comments, Updates and Additions

The following information has been submitted by Clyde J Getman who has been actively researching the Getman family for decades.

Most of the material in the first column is pretty good. Anne Eve was born 4 Feb 1743. This is accepted, and I think it may have been in one of Christian's Bibles. The Archives in Fonda had photo copies of two of Christian's Bibles when I was there perhaps 20 years ago or more.. I may have made copies of them but they were pretty fuzzy. Some time later I was at the archives again, and a least one of the photo copies was no longer there. I mentioned it to the attendant, but do not recall any response.

The material in the Laimbeer book is can be questioned at a couple of points, The 1757 date is given for the incident with Anne Eve and John. I think this tradition came from Jephtha Simms in the Frontiersman book, and had been passed down in the family

A 1757 date would have Anne Eve at age 14 and giving birth at least by early 1757 at the latest. This is possible but improbable. I suggest Anne Eve was married to John Markell about 1758. She would have been age 15, and could have had a child by late 1758 or early 1759. John Markell's sister married Christian's brother John, and her family (with John Getman) was Loyalist during the Revolution and moved to Canada. I propose a 1759 date for the incident. While this would date her pregnancy at age 15 at latest, it is more probable. Estimating Simm's material to have been gathered about 1880. it had been over 50 years since Anna's death and 120 years after the event.

Anne Eve married Christian Getman 8 July 1760. The Beers History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties (1878) claims their marriage "among the first, if not the first in this town" (Ephratah). The Reformed Church of Stone Arabia, while listing their marriage, includes 19 previous marriages going back as early as 1739. Beers mentions the scalping as well.

Both Simms and Beers relied on interviews and reports from families long after the events, and probably often from persons for whom the events reported had become family tradition. I expect the story of the attack on John and Anne Eve was pretty close to what actually happened.

The tradition of Anne's Native American (Indian) ancestry may have been common in both the Getman and Timmerman / Zimmerman families, but I cannot find any record of support for accepting it. If anything, the available evidence seems to rule against it. David K. Martin's "The Story of the Eighteenth Century Zimmerman Family of the Mohawk Valley ((1994) and Hank Jones' The Palatine Families of New York 1719 (1985) have both been helpful with this legend. While Jones is the acknowledged authority on the 1710 Palatines, he refers to Martin as a primary source for the Zimmerman family.

Martin has a transcribed copy of the 12 March 1733-34 deed for a grant of land from Hendrick Peeters, Mohawk Sachem, to Anna Marragrieta Timmerman, the land becoming the basis for the Snell-Zimmerman Patent. Jacob Zimmerman's wife is well supported as Anna Margaretha Schutz, also a Palatine, married about 1711. This is well-documented by Martin and supported by Jones. Their second child, Adam, born about 1714, married Catherine Nellis, and Anne Eve was their daughter born in 1743. They had probably 15

children, including Anne (c 1725-26) and Henry (1737/38).

The material on the deed is well-told and documented by Martin. The tradition of Anna Margaretha's Native American background first appeared in the Amsterdam Recorder in 1904. The deed naming Anna Margaretha rather than her husband is unusual, and her being called "our frind" and the gift "for love and affection" may have indicated to some that it must have been to a relative of the giver Hendrick Peeterse. There is also a family tradition the Jacob's wife, Anna Margaretha, was unusually kind to the Indians. The Indian heritage is considered to be without foundation.

While we can appreciate the work included in the Laimbeer book, this tradition, as enjoyable as it is to hear, can be told as family lore, but with the caveat that it is tradition but not fact.

Some Additional Information on the Christian Getman Family

Christian and Anne Eve Timmerman had a total of 11 children and 63 grandchildren.

Catherine Getman, b. 1761

She married Ludwig Rickard

Johan Petrus, b. 1764

Anna Getman, b. 1765 died in infancy

Anna Eve Getman, b. 1767

She married Johan Jost Scholl

Johannes Getman, b. 1770 (nothing known)

Christian Getman, b. 1772

Jacob Getman, b. 1773

Frederick Getman, b. 1780

Adam Getman, b. 1783

Unidentified son b. abt. 1785

Ann Elizabeth Getman, b. 1787, d. 1793

Each of them remained in the Mohawk Valley throughout their lives, most of them in Stone Arabia.

Christian while serving as Captain of the Rangers during the American Revolution was assigned the task of building Fort Paris at Stone Arabia.

"Resolved, That the Ranges of Capt. Christian Getman's company stationed at Stone Arabia, shall in the time of their leisure, when and which of them are not employed in ranging, cut timber for building a certain fort in the said place, under the sole direction and command of Isaac Paris, Esq." (Simms)

The fort was constructed by the Rangers as a palisade using hand hewn timbers provided by local residents. When conflicts had stopped each of the families that had provided the timbers was able to collect them for use constructing barns, homes etc. There is no visible indication of the fort remaining.

Rangers were a group of militia who were considered to be full-time soldiers. It was their responsibility to patrol the area for threats and to respond immediately in the event of an attack.

Christian laid out the road from Johnstown to Stone Arabia.

"He made the first survey for a road in Stone Arabia, with a pocket compass, for Sir William Johnson. Christian and Anne Eve, in 1760, were among the early marriages, if not the first, in what later became the town of Ephratah. (History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, N.Y., F.W. Beers & Co, 1878)

Christian Getman became one of the largest land owners in the Stone Arabia area by purchasing over 600 acres of land.

Christian and Anna's grave sites are unknown, but are believed to be in one of the small family cemeteries located on what were Getman farms in Ephratah at the time.

Getmans Plan Family Book

Ilion — Final plans to publish a family history book will be made at the 36th annual Getman family reunion Saturday.

Ralph Parent, Herkimer, president, said today the affair will be held at noon Saturday in the church grove of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in East Stone Arabia.

About 70 persons are expected. Final reports will be made by the committee named to gather information for the publication, Parent said.

Election of officers will be held following a report of the nominating committee which comprises Franklin W. Bowman, Scarsdale, chairman; Mrs. Grace Hillabrandt, Fort Plain; and Mrs. Gertrude Getman, Ilion.



A LARGE CROWD turned out last night for the concert given by the Ilion Volunteer Firemen's Band in Russell Park. Looking over the program are, from left, Samuel R. Nile, director, and Samuel H. Nile, father and son, who gave a trumpet duet; Helen Axer, featured soloist; and Atty. George H. Getman, master of ceremonies.