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Meet The Getman Association Board

Committee Board member Tom Helmer was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1964. His family moved to Willingboro, NJ near Philadelphia, PA in 1965, where Tom still lives today. He attended Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, then Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, earning degrees in musical theatre performance and a Master of Fine Arts in theatre. He is a member of Actors Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA and the Stage Managers' Association. His theatrical career spans 30+ years as an actor and singer, and now primarily as stage manager at InterAct Theatre Company in Philadelphia.

His Helmer roots are comingled with the Getman's. Phillip Helmer and family were one of the many Palatines who sailed up the Hudson River to West Camp in 1710 and eventually settled in the Burnettsfield Patent in 1725. Anna Maria Getman, the first-born daughter of Johannes Frederick Getman, son of Casper Getman, is a 6th great-grandmother to Tom. His 5th great-grandfather, Johannes Helmer (b. 1743), married Anna Maria Getman Myers's daughter, Margaretha, in 1767. (And how did Tom find that information? It was located on the Getman Genealogy website – getmandata.org)

This past year, Tom concentrated his ancestry research on his maternal side. He and his mother, Maryann Mitchell Helmer, took a two-week trip to Ireland in early August. They visited their Quigg family's roots way up north in Moville, Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal, then to the midlands of Glasson, County Westmeath near Athlone. Their O'Neill cousins in Glasson, Pearsonsbrook still earn

their living as farmers on the same land that their ancestors settled on initially as tenants. An O'Neill family has occupied that land since, at least, the 1860's. Our cousins welcomed us "back home" for four days. It 'twas a marvelous vacation.

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. This book was published in 2013. 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 to Wayne Getman.

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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)

ASPHYXIATED BY GAS

The Fulton Patriot
Fulton, NY

Wednesday, December 3, 1902

Escaping gas from an Automatic Gas Meter in a Syracuse Hotel – Went to Bed Wednesday Night and Does Not Regain Consciousness Until Sunday Evening – He is Still Dangerously Ill.

(Friday's Syracuse Herald.)

Jacob Limbeck, proprietor of the Riverside truck farm, two miles south of Fulton, a man worth \$15,000 and highly respected in his neighborhood, lies unconscious in a little room in the Dairy Kitchen, No. 242 West Washington street. The circumstances of his condition are surrounded with mystery which seems likely to remain unraveled until he himself is able to tell his story.

Limbeck came to Syracuse from Fulton on the train which reached this city at 11:25 a. m. Monday. He came with the intention of looking at some horses. He carried an old watch and chain and between \$125 and \$150 in money. When Captain Quigley and Detective Sheppard broke into his room yesterday morning they found his watch and chain and \$132 and some cents. There was no evidence that the man had met with foul play.

According to the story told by R. A. Lissman, proprietor of the Dairy Kitchen. Limbeck came to his place at 11:45 p. m. Tuesday and asked for a room. Upon inquiring the rate and learning that it was 25 cents, Limbeck, according to Lissman, said, "Well, I Want it for two. I expect my wife in on a train."

Lissman told Limbeck that the place would be closed at midnight. Limbeck said he did not know that he could find his "wife" as soon as that, and Lissman gave him a key to the side door.

"That is the last I saw or heard of him until yesterday morning," said Lissman this morning. "Whether or not he went out between those times I don't know. He had no baggage. I did not see anything of any woman, and so far as I know no one about the hotel did." Lissman's place has not a bad reputation.

About half past 10 o'clock yesterday morning, after Limbeck's room had apparently been closed and locked; from the inside from, some time Tuesday night until Thursday morning, Lissman investigated. He knocked at Limbeck's door. Groans were the only response. Lissman became alarmed and hurried to the police station. Captain Quigley and Detective Sheppard returned with him to break in the door of his room, No. 1, at the head of the stairs.

The police were almost overwhelmed with the fumes of illuminating gas which poured from the room. They managed to

drag; Limbeck to the floor of the hall and Lissman turned off the gas. From that time to this the doctors, who were hurriedly called, have worked without avail to bring Limbeck to consciousness. Between 3 and 8 o'clock this morning, after Miss Wade had arrived, the doctors took a nap. Hypodermic stimulants were administered frequently and a great quantity of saline solution was injected. When Limbeck was first found his flesh was almost black. This morning his body had regained its normal color and there was a slight movement of the limbs, which may have been reflex action of the muscles or indications of returning consciousness. In such condition patients have lain for days. Limbeck has wonderfully strong lungs and heart and he may pull through.

Soon after Limbeck was found his identity had been established means of a receipt for \$27, given Gilbert & Nichols of Fulton, the police communicated with the Fulton police and Limbeck's wife and son were notified of his condition. Mrs. Limbeck's brother, Warren Tilden, his son Clarence, and Limbeck's son Stephen, came to this city at 10:45 p. m. yesterday. The boys went home at 7:20 a. m. to-day, Tilden remaining.

"Jacob Limbeck," said Tilden this morning, was a hard-working, industrious man of good habits and rugged health. He seldom drank, and then only an occasional glass of beer. He even smoked, but little. So far as I know his habits were of the best. He has a farm of seventy-five acres and is worth \$15,000. He is 51 years old, has been married twenty-one years and has a son 19 years old. His wife is in frail health. Limbeck came here Monday morning to buy a horse. He thought some of going to Jordan to buy a horse, but I don't know whether or not he went there. I hope he will live to tell us how this all happened."

Leo Silveratetter, a commercial traveler, who occupied a room two doors south of

Limbeck's said this morning that he heard no one in Limbeck's room, but that, he heard groaning Wednesday night.

The -police place no confidence to the theory that Limbeck was drugged or met with any foul play. They are at a loss to understand how he came into the condition in which he was found. There is nothing to indicate that Limbeck took poison and his relatives do not believe that he tried to commit suicide. They say he had everything to live for and nothing to make him tired of life.

Limbeck was fully dressed, with the ...[an entire column that is unreadable]

This afternoon Limbeck seems to be in the same condition he was this morning. His breathing is easy and his body is in a perspiration. There is some movement of the muscles and the doctors say he seemed to nod his head when his wife spoke to him. They hope to pull him through, but he may die.

Saturday's Syracuse Herald said: Jacob Limbeck, the proprietor of the Riverside truck farm, two miles south of Fulton, who was found unconscious in the New York Dairy Kitchen at No. 248 West Washington street, Thanksgiving morning, has a fighting chance for life. He still lives because his strong constitution and the unceasing efforts of Doctors Morgan and Gay and Miss Wade, the trained nurse.

Mrs. Limbeck has been with her husband constantly since yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Tilden and Fred. Pierce, a neighbor, have also been with him. They have tried to trace Limbeck's whereabouts Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday night he stayed at the Mansion House with Rufus Ouderkirk a neighbor, to whom Limbeck said Tuesday night after they had been to a theater together, that he would certainly go home Wednesday whether he got a horse or not. Several neighbors were in

the city Wednesday inquiring for him at places he would be likely to visit, but did not find him. They, as well as the people at the Kitchen, believe that he was in his room all day Wednesday, and they all think that he accidentally turned on the gas Thursday morning at an early hour. The mystery lies in the reason for his staying in his room all day Wednesday and Wednesday night and what happened to him between the time he left Ouderkirk's Tuesday night and Thursday morning, when he was found. Policeman George Kunzelman helped Limbeck to unlock the door of the Dairy Kitchen early Wednesday morning. He was alone at that time.

The doctors this morning were giving Limbeck his second can of oxygen. It is probable that a decisive point in his condition will come some time this afternoon or to-night. The doctors hope to pull him through, but he is liable to die at any time.

Sunday evening at nine o'clock, after being unconscious for 83 hours, Limbeck opened his eyes and recognized Mrs. Limbeck, who has been constant in her attention to her husband since she reached Syracuse. His voice was husky and feeble, but he called her by name. She tried to question him in regard to the affair, but his mind was somewhat dazed and he did not answer her questions. Dr. Morgan, who is in attendance, stated Limbeck would recover, unless unforeseen complications set in.

Jacob Limbeck, 1852- 1902 was the husband of Mary J Tildan (GFG – C) 1852-1927. Mary was the daughter of Emeline Getman (GFG – C 180) 1926-1912 and Albert Tilden 1823-1901.

Coin operated gas meter similar to one that would have been us in this situation.



Limbeck is Dead

The Evening Herald, Syracuse, NY
Saturday, December 6, 1902

Jacob Limbeck of Fulton, who was found overcome with illuminating gas at the Dairy Kitchen on Thanksgiving morning, died at 6:55 o'clock this morning of pneumonia.

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The gas escaped, it is believed, because of the use of a slot meter in the kitchen. The gas was shut off automatically when the quarter's worth paid for ran out, But when another quarter was put in the meter the gas began flowing again and one place it began was in Limbeck's room. This is the explanation of his asphyxiation generally accepted.