

# Best Wishes For a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

## **Battle of Oriskany Remembrance Part of the 2017 Reunion August 4-5-6**

Our 2017 reunion will be held in conjunction with the Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman Reunion. Details of the program are to be developed over the next few months.

## **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.

## **Getman DNA Project at FamilytreeDNA**

DNA testing for our Getman family is in its infancy. We encourage all Getman's to join this DNA project. We also encourage family members that are Getman's by marriage. For additional information

contact Gerry Getman, ph. 412-680-3224 or <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/getman>

The Getman family genealogy, 1710-1974  
by [William Laimbeer](#) (Author)

This book is the result of the effort- of many people over many years and thanks are due to the older generations that were proud of their heritage and kept family records. Mrs. Carrie Hatch whose records will be quoted frequently, Mrs. Estelle Folts Callan, Mr. Nellis Getman of Johnstown, N. Y. and Mr. Charles Getman of Buffalo, N. Y. all deserve credit for the data they preserved. But the foundation of this book is the research and compilation of the records of Mr. Byron Getman who was first Historian of the Getman Family for many years. Mr. Franklin Bowman was his successor as Historian. He built on these records and also published the Getman News for several years, to which reference will be made at times. When Mr. Bowman died, his widow gave all his papers on the Getman family to Union College. Actually the papers should have been passed on to the new Family Historian for the incorporation in the Getman Family Genealogy. Whatever he included in the Getman News has, of course, been included in the book.

Is available as a CD at

[https://smile.amazon.com/Getman-family-genealogy-1710-1974/dp/B0006CJHC4/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1480609319&sr=8-3&keywords=getman+genealogy+book](https://smile.amazon.com/Getman-family-genealogy-1710-1974/dp/B0006CJHC4/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1480609319&sr=8-3&keywords=getman+genealogy+book)

## **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)

This month I used the on-line old newspaper internet site I have been using this as a source for stories <http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>. This site is where most of the articles in this newsletter have originated.

This time I specifically searched for "Getman "New Year" and got some interesting results. Here are a few.

### **A NEW PARTNER IN FIRE INSURANCE FIRM.**

Broadalbin Herald, NY  
Thursday, January 2, 1908

Fred E. Billingham, of the fire insurance agency of Getman & Billingham, Gloversville, has disposed of his interest in the firm to Ivan H. Wright of No. 31 Kingsboro avenue, the change to take place January-1. The firm who conduct offices at No. 24 North Main street, will be continued after that under the name of Getman & Wright. The future plans of Mr. Billingham are undecided at present. Mr. Wright is the son of Attorney and Mrs. Horton D. Wright, and has been employed for several years as stenographer in his father's office. His many friends in this city will be pleased to note his rapid rise in the business world.

The fire insurance firm of Getman & Billingham is the oldest institution of its kind in Gloversville, having been founded by Henry Churchill nearly fifty years ago. Succeeding him was A. C. Churchill, who assumed control about 1860. Mr. Churchill took John L. Getman into partnership with him in 1876, and the firm was known for four years under the name of Churchill and Getman. In 1881 Mr. Getman assumed entire charge of the business, and in 1896 Mr. Billingham, the present retiring member, became associated with him

*John Lasher Getman (GFG - B 182) 1842 - 1923, Married Olive E Lake, 1849 - 1926. They had 7 children. Prior to his career in insurance John is listed as a collector for the Internal Revenue Service.*

### **Ft. Plain Man is Married at St. Johnsville**

Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY  
Wednesday, December 31, 1941

### **Glen Mereness, Jr., Weds Miss Helen L. Getman at Reformed Church**

FORT PLAIN, Dec. 31. — The marriage of Miss Helen L. Getman, daughter of Chester Getman, St. Johnsville, to Glenn E. Mereness, Jr., son of Glenn E. Mereness, this village, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reformed Church parsonage in St. Johnsville. The Rev. Peter Westra, pastor, performed the single ring ceremony.

Miss Evelyn Hoffman, St. Johnsville, and Glenn Dopp, Jr., Fort Plain, were attendants.

The bride wore a green velvet dress with matching hat and shoes and corsage of red roses. Her attendant was dressed in a tan chiffon frock with corresponding accessories and corsage of pink roses.

A reception for relatives and a few close friends was held at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Mereness, Sr. after which the couple left for a trip to New York. For the present they will reside with the bridegroom's parents.

Mrs. Mereness attended St. Johnsville High School and is employed by the Felt Shoe Company in St. Johnsville. Mr. Mereness attended Canajoharie High School and is employed by the Beech-Nut Packing Company.

*Helen L Getman (GFG - 1305) b. 1924, daughter of Chester L Getman (GFG - B 949) 1902 - 1965 and Elsie M Van Allen, 1905 - 1936. She and Glenn Mereness had 3 children, Kenneth, Nannette and Jeffrey.*

## GETMAN EXPRESSES THANKS IN LETTER

The Messenger, Baldwinsville, NY  
Thursday, December 31, 1958

(Editor's Note: The following is a letter written to Otis Sennett, a member of the committee which organized a drive to present a color television set to Wes Getman recently.)

Dear Otis,

I still find it difficult to believe, it is a fine-gracious thing that, you have done — but it was unnecessary.

you know, working with young people in athletics — and in the classroom — is its own rich reward.

I had not been so completely surprised (something of a miracle, I now understand), I would have done better in my speech of acceptance. As frequently happens, the proper things to say did not occur to me and the opportunity to say them had passed.

My sincerest thanks to you and to everyone who shared in this fine remembrance, I wish I might thank each one personally.

Wes Getman

*Wesley Adam Getman (GFG – A 1142 / A) 1901 – 1965, married (1) Katherine Rose Snyder, 19094 – 1984 (1 child) and (2) Louise Evelyn Eggleston, 1909 – 1988, (three children). Wes was a long time Math Teacher and coach of football, baseball and basketball for Baldwinsville Academy, NY. He also was author of the Wes Wind column in this paper. One of his columns appeared in an earlier issue of the Getman Newsletter.*

## Oswego Valley News, NY Thursday, December 29, 1955

Harland Getman of Toledo, O. is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Getman, Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. William Huston of Corning spent the -week-end with her parents, the Getmans. On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Getman and family of Fairdale joined the family for dinner. Floyd Calkins of Clifford was also a Christmas dinner guest; he is Mrs. Getman's brother.

*Harland Erwin Getman (GFG – C) 1894 – 1966 married Alice Mabel Calkins, 1893 – 1986, he was a dairy farmer. Their children were Leland O Getman b. abt. 1921; Harland R Getman, b. abt. 1923 and Aleta D Getman Huston, b. abt. 1925.*

## On the St Lawrence, Clayton, NY January, 1890

### Personal

Miss Maud Getman, of Lafargeville, passed a portion of the week the guest of Miss Kate Kaualey near this village.

*Maude LGetman (GFG – B) b. abt 1871, Theresa, Jefferson, NY. Is a daughter of Edgar Getman (1847 – 1904 and Francis Parkhurst 1850-?.*

## MIB AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY  
Friday, April 6, 1956

### Mrs. Damon Getman Chosen Review of Activities

Mrs. Damon L. Getman was reelected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital at its annual meeting held Monday afternoon. Other officers named included Mrs. John H. Powers, vice-president; Mrs. Sumner M. Shumway, secretary; Mrs. Theodore P. Feury, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Bernard D. Carr, treasurer. Mrs. John H. Schneider was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees.

One of the most important functions of the Auxiliary is the operation of a Loan Closet, a free service to anyone needing to borrow hospital equipment for use in their own homes. Cochairmen of this committee are Mrs. Carmen A". Booan and Mrs. Peter Alotta, who reported that in its first year of operation, 75 persons had used its- equipment. Persons having need for equipment such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, bed pans, etc., may borrow it without charge for limited periods by calling either of the co-chairmen.

Mrs. Schneider, retiring chairman of the Auxiliary's newspaper cart project, reported that she and her volunteer workers had sold 20.429 newspapers, \$743 worth of magazines and \$170 worth of miscellaneous stationery during the past year.

Mrs. Getman announced that the organization would again assist in arrangements being made in connection with National Hospital Week, May 6-12.

Each of the Auxiliary members will soon be asked to do some particular job in connection with this project

The Auxiliary is now in its third year. It has over 50 active members, some 40 associate members, three life members, and over 60 volunteers who are working but who have not yet enrolled. Interest in the organization extends over a wide area, with volunteers coming from Cooperstown, Milford, Richfield Springs, Springfield Center, Fly Creek, Hartwick, and from the Red Creek Valley Grange. Women who may like to join, are asked to contact one of the officers.

The Auxiliary, which is an institutional member of the American Hospital Association, provides many different types of volunteer service for patients at the hospital. It operates the hospital reception desk, and also a newspaper and magazine cart. It also has a birthday bed fund which is used to give needed care to needy children

The Auxiliary conducts occupational therapy protects in the children's ward, and otherwise makes arrangements to see that hospitalized children are kept as happy as possible in strange surroundings. The Loan Closed, already discussed here, is one of the more important projects it operates.

The Auxiliary also helps in the administration of the hospital chaplain service, and also operates a gift counter at the hospital along with a gift cart. It also conducts fund-raising activities, proceeds from which are used to provide therapeutic accessories and develop its services.

*Damian Lawrence Getman (GFG - C 487 / II) 1900 - 1975, operated a Coal business in Oneonta, NY. His wife was Julia Windsor, 1898 - 1983.*

## **EPHRATAH WOMAN TAKES HER LIFE WITH BUTCHER KNIFE**

Amsterdam Evening Recorder, NY  
Wednesday, December 31, 1919

Fort Plain, Dec, 31. — Mrs. Albert N. Getman, aged 45 years, committed suicide at her home near Ephratah. Just north of this village, yesterday morning.

It cannot be learned that any family trouble was responsible for the deed. Mrs. Getman had not been in the best of health for a long time, and during the past week she had exhibited signs of mental disorders and is said to have threatened to take her life

In the later hours of Monday night, after the family had retired. Mr. Getman awakened to find his wife

leaning over him with a razor in her hand. She made an attempt to cut him with the weapon, but he grabbed her and took it from her.

Yesterday morning he went to a neighbor's home to call Dr. G. L. Meyer, leaving his wife, her mother and his son at home. This was at about 8:30 o'clock. A short time after he had left Mrs. Getman left the house for the purpose, she stated, of going to a small outbuilding. When she did not return in a reasonable length of time her mother went in search of her and found her lying in a pool of blood in the outbuilding in a lifeless condition.

The mother at-once called for help, and it was found upon examination that Mrs. Getman had Used a butcher knife to commit the rash act and had cut her throat, severing the left carotid and trachea. Life was extinct when she was found.

Coroner Joslin of Johnstown was notified and he turned the case over to Dr. G. L. Meyer.

Mrs. Getman was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, and all deeply regret her death. She was born in the town of Palatine and always lived in that section.

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Adam Glennar, and one son, Carl Getman, all of Ephratah. The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and at the Ephratah Methodist church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Sumner officiating. The interment will be in the Ephratah cemetery.

*Albert Nellis Getman Jr. (GFG - B) 1871 - 1931, husband; Carlton (Carl) Albert Getman (GFG - B) 1906 - 1986.*

### **FROM OUR MANY CORRESPONDENTS**

Doings of our Rural Friends Told in Short  
Paragraphs

The Attica Journal, NY  
Thursday, January 9, 1908

#### **Cowlesville**

Mrs. Chas. and Mrs. J. Getman entertained on New Year's day. Covers were laid for 12.

.James Getman received a New Year's remembrance in the shape of a kick from horse.

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Christmas being the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cornell of Manila, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. C. Getman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Getman helped to celebrated the occasion pleasantly.