

## 2017 Getman Reunion August 4-5-6

This year we have added optional activities for Sunday. These activities include a church service, buffet lunch and participation in the annual Battle of Oriskany Battle Memorial.

Arrangements have been made for a group room rate at the Utica Red Roof Inn. Individual reservations are to be made at 315-724-7128, then press 6 for the front desk. **You need to speak to a person at the Utica facility, not the central booking service.**

All activities are optional. Individuals attend those portions that fit their schedules.

Transportation will be arranged with locally rented vans. A transportation charge will be required. The charge is anticipated to be approximately \$25.00.

### - Friday evening, August 4:

Gathering

For the optional dinner, at an "up-scale" restaurant, please notify Wayne Getman ([wayget@ntcnet.com](mailto:wayget@ntcnet.com)).

### - Saturday August 5:

10:00 Visit Fort Herkimer Church, an important historic site and burial ground for many Getman descendants and in-laws.

12:30 Buffet Lunch, Saltsman's Hotel, a well-known local eatery that has long been associated with the Getman family. A brief business meeting will follow.

3:00 pm visit to the St. Johnsville Library and Museum, an historic site with Getman family connections.

Evening meal followed by the 6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social with the Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman reunion.

### - Sunday August 6:

10:30 a.m. Dedication and church service with the SZT reunion.

12:30 Buffet lunch with SZT.

7:00 p.m. Battle of Oriskany remembrance program at the Oriskany Battlefield.

## Information needed for Reunion Planning

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be staying at: \_\_\_\_\_

### Participation Information

#### Friday, August 4, 2017

Friday evening dinner:                      Yes      No

#### Saturday, August 5, 2017

Van Transportation (if available)      Yes      No  
as driver                                      Yes      No

Car Pooling as driver                      Yes      No

Fort Herkimer Church                      Yes      No

Lunch at Saltsman's Inn                      Yes      No

Visit to St Johnsville Museum              Yes      No

Saturday evening meal                      Yes      No

Ice Cream Social                              Yes      No

#### Sunday, August 6, 2017

Dedication and church service              Yes      No

Buffet lunch with SZT                      Yes      No

7:00 p.m. Battle of Oriskany remembrance program  
at the Oriskany Battlefield.              Yes      No

Call or email this information 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)

## Correction

Correction and question answered: Anna Getman (GFG B – 27) and 1791 – 1865 and Anna Eva Getman (GFG – B 24) 1788 – 1865, are the same person.

Corrected: to Anna Eva Getman (GFG – B 24/27) b. 5 Sep 1788, d. 20, Nov 1865. She married Archibald Allen, 1 Jan 1817.

The Anna Eve Getman b. 4 Nov 1791 (GFG – B 42) is a daughter of Christian Getman and Maria Ecker. Her DOB is correct and need not be changed. Her DOD is unknown.

*Special thanks to Nancy Langlie who helped sort out this conundrum.*

## **A Noteworthy Quilt**

Daily Sentinel, Rome, NY  
Monday, April 16, 1951

VERNON—Perhaps it is not a record, but it certainly is something of which one Vernon native, Miss Anna C. Ethridge, can be justly proud.

Miss Ethridge, 83, has pieced more than one hundred quilts during her span of life, the larger number of which she has quilted, many in intricate patterns of her own design, all indicating the work of a more than ordinary seamstress. Fifteen remain to be quilted.

Flowers in the various quilts are true to nature, as they were brought in from her own garden, and with the help of her niece, Mrs. Ira W. Greenway, were matched with the pieces of cloth, as to color and size.

Visiting at her home recently, the writer was privileged to see some of these quilts.

The Wedding Ring and Steps to the Altar as their names indicate are especially appropriate for the bride, who is setting up her own domicile.

Then there are several that might be classed as floral quilts, such as the pansy spread, the iris, the tulip, the Grandmother's Flower Garden, the Garden Bouquet, Rose of Sharon, Orchid and Butterfly, in which are lilies of the valley, cactus, poppies and many others.

One, the Friendship Quilt, is made entirely of pieces given her by friends, including her Sunday School teacher Mrs. Freeman, wife of the resident physician at that time, and Miss Cora Kirkland whose home was that of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bartell.

The Double Irish Chain, made from pieces left from dresses and blouses worn by herself, sisters and brothers.

While in Girobel's Store in New York City she noticed a Dresden set of dishes being unpacked and secured permission to copy the design from a plate, and these blocks make her Dresden quilt.

The pattern for the Lone Star quilt was drawn by a soldier, in the Civil War. Incidentally, her father, the late Henry Etheridge, was a colonel in that war. The design of the King's Crown is more than a century old, the Mohawk Trail and others are also works of art.

Treasured among the quilts is the one made by her grandmother Mrs. William Etheridge, called the Philadelphia Pavement and although worn by use, its beauty is still there.

Another contains 22,000 pieces each the size of a postage stamp, and the pieces were cut in two, to form the border. A block took 100 pieces.

Another beautiful article is the blue and pink satin comforter, made for a friend, who passed away before it was completed.

Some of the patterns are from quilts exhibited in what was described as a "marvelous display of quilts at the exhibit in Springfield, Mass., in 1840, sponsored jointly by the Connecticut Valley Historical Society and Springfield Sunday Union."

But this is not all, by any means [all] of Miss Etheridge's activities. For many years she followed nursing as an occupation, and at that time scarcely a home in this community, but that knew her kindly

and efficient ministrations in times of sickness and death.

At one time she was a nurse in the Dr. W. P. Kingsley Hospital Rome, and as a reminder of those days, in one of her bedrooms stands a willow bassinet, holding what to all appearances is a baby. The doll, which weighs [sic] over seven pounds, which she purchased in the Boston store in that city, and she laughingly tells how she fooled people on the train, when she brought it home unwrapped, who thought it a real baby.

It is also recalled that at Christmas time for many years, she reproduced "The Little Town of Bethlehem" in miniature, at her home, annually viewed by hundreds.

An adept at crocheting and embroidery, many pieces, such as tablecloths, luncheon sets, chair backs and fancy articles are to be found about the rooms in her home.

*Anna Christine Ethridge (GFG- C / I) 1868 – 1956, was a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Getman (GFG C 20) 1785 – 1831 and Frederich Myers (GFG – I) 1778 – 1830. The grandmother referenced was Anna Elizabeth Myers (GFG – C 102 / I) 1811 – 1890, she married William Ethridge Jr. 1811 – 1889.*

## **GETMAN FAMILY RECOLLECTIONS**

The Richfield Springs Daily, NY  
Undated (1915-1917)

The Name Once the Most Common in Town of Columbia

(South Columbia Co-respondent)

A pleasant meeting with Mrs. Frank Getman of Washington, who is seeking a rest cure at the hospitable Starr homestead, stirs recollections of the days when there were more Getmans enrolled in Columbia than any other name. Her ancestors, Frederick Getman and his wife, Marie Katherine Brodhack, were pioneers of the town, who settled opposite the present Hauer Settlement school house. Frederick was one of four brothers who served in the Revolution in the Fourth Tryon County Militia. He was a prisoner of war, his property was all destroyed and he was a claimant for damages. He was one of the occupants of the historic Ellis Mills in Little Falls when raided by the Tories and Indians. Above his grave in the Columbia cemetery from a bronze D. A. R. marker the Stars and Stripes are floating.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Getman were succeeded at the homestead by their youngest son, Bartlett B. Getman, father of the late well remembered Dr. Norman Getman of Richfield Springs, whose son, Albert, succeeded him in the profession, and now two

grandsons, Norman of Oneonta and Albert of Syracuse, are displaying the same skill their successor so surely possessed.

Two of the sons of Frederic and Maria Katherine Getman, Conrad of 1763 and Frederic of 1776, married daughters of Timothy and Ann Elizabeth Bellinger Frank, whose home was at the north foot of Orendorf hill, was moved, across the road when later it became the home of the Merrills. Conrad also served in the same company with his father in the Revolution and lived and died in the Timothy Frank homestead. Frederic, who married Magdalene Frank, occupied the adjoining premises, now owned by Edward Turner, and reared a large family. His wife died and he married Mrs. Delano, born Margaret Hess, and their one child was the well remembered Hiram Getman. Margaret Hess was a child when Gen. Washington came up the Mohawk Valley, and among her few treasures were- some pieces of money given her by the great man, who held her upon his knee. John Frank Getman of the well known Tunnickliff Cottage in Richfield Springs, whose father was a half brother of Hiram, has a fine portrait of this lady painted by Miss Ellen Clapsaddle, and remembers his step-grandmother distinctly. Hiram Getman and his wife, Malissa Vosberg, had five daughters - Ellen who died in the middle of the last century; Emma; who is the wife of LaMott K. Devendorf; Lizzie, the widow of the late Hon.: A. C. Tennant and mother of Attorney Clermont Tennant of Cooperstown; Frank, whose presence on her native hills has called forth this bit of family history, and Carrie, their youngest born. Hiram Getman removed from the home farm to Richfield Springs, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a wide-awake public spirited man, who is remembered by the older citizens of the Springs.

Hiram Getman (GFG – 70) 1820-1886, Mary Francis (Frank) Getman GFG – C 273) 1851-1950.

## **Woman Tackles Robber**

The Knickerbocker Press, Albany, NY  
June 24, 1954

Syracuse (AP)—Police say a man captured in a drugstore yesterday during an attempted narcotics robbery has admitted the \$1,700 holdup of a branch bank here last month. The suspect, Harvey G. Peyton, 28, was held overnight at Police Headquarters after being booked for investigation. No charges had been placed against him this morning. Police Chief Fred Arnold said Peyton had told detectives he was the man who pulled off the Nov. 10 stickup at a branch

of the Lincoln National Bank. Peyton, who gave Louisville, Ky. as his last permanent address, was captured in the drugstore after a pharmacist punched him, a woman clerk tackled him and another employe pinned his arms behind his back. .

Asked for Needles

Police said the pharmacist, Victor Dana, 49, gave this account of the fracas: Peyton entered the store and asked for some hypodermic needles. Dana went to a closet to get them and returned to the main part of the store to find Peyton holding a box of narcotics in his hand. The box had been taken from a store safe. The bespectacled Peyton told the pharmacist: "You better stay where you are. I've got a gun." Dana replied: "I don't care if you do," and struck Peyton in the face, breaking his glasses.

Tackled by Woman

Then Mrs. Matie Hollenbeck, 39, of Parish, tackled Peyton Another employe, Nicholas De Fio, 19, heard the commotion and dashed upstairs from a basement storeroom. He punched Peyton and held the man's arms while a salesman whose name was not learned summoned police. Arnold said his detectives had been seeking Peyton to question him about the bank holdup and other robberies in the area, including thefts of narcotics.

Matie Spalsbury Hollenbeck (GFG – C / VIII) was a great-great-great granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857.

## Sauquoit Boy Chosen For European Tour

The Waterville Times, NY  
Thursday, July 18, 1946

Albert W. Miller, 19, graduate of Sauquoit Valley Central School, and a sophomore in the Veterinary College, Cornell University, will be among a group of 40 college students chosen to tour veterinarian colleges of Europe this summer and early fall under the auspices of the UNRRA.

Miller, son of Nelson Miller, was one of six students of the class of 1948 at Cornell to be selected for this tour.

He majored in agriculture while in high school. Before entering Cornell he was employed by the Oneida County Farm Bureau in dairy improvement and by Dr. F. N. Schafer. Following his graduation at Cornell, Miller plans to enter the University of California for his Ph. D. On the Cornell campus he is employed by the department of animal husbandry.

In extra-curricular activities, Miller is in charge of rushing and social committee for the class of 1948. He is a member of the Junior Medical Veterinary

Association of America, Alpha' Si Fraternity, and is a member of the inter-Fraternity Council.

He leaves next week for Europe and will return about October 26 to resume his studies in Cornell

*Albert W. Miller (GFG – C) was a great-grandson of Lucinda Ann Getman (GFG C 251) 1829-1913 and Alonzo C Vosburgh 1819-1893.*

## Brothers in military service

Oswego Palladium-Times, NY  
Newspaper Article (unsourced, 1945)

PHOENIX. — Numerous descriptions of the French and their customs are contained in the letters of Sgt. Ralph Rawson, written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawson of Phoenix. Sgt. Rawson is with a medical battalion sent overseas last May and participated in the invasion and subsequent battle of Normandy.

A member of the second draft contingent sent from Pulaski, he will complete four years of army service April 15. During his training he visited 26 states, giving scope to his hobby of describing new acquaintances in his home letters.

Also in service are two brothers, Corp. Francis Rawson, with a searchlight battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C., and PFC Richard Rawson, air crew chief at Chico, Calif

*Francis Rawson Ralph Rawson and Richard Rawson (GFG – C / VIII) were great-great-great grandsons of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857.*

## A Note to the Editor

Hi, Wayne,

How nice to see my Grandfather, Dr Arthur Kendall Getman, featured in this issue. At 70, I remember him well from my childhood. He used to take the family on vacations to upstate NY agricultural schools, farms, and camps, where we learned, played, rode Clydesdales (quite a stretch for my 10 year old legs), and listened to stories small and tall about everything from crop rotation to milking apparatus. And once, about his term as a Dollar A Year advisor to Roosevelt. It was a great way to see the state and peek into the soul of a man who loved New York. Thank you.

Regards,  
Ann Getman  
Cambridge, MA