

2021 Reunion Ideas Requested

As we begin considering plans for the next Getman Association gathering a blank sheet is awaiting pen and pencil. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Current thoughts are leaning toward holding it in the Mohawk Valley area, possibly including a program and visit to the Schoharie Valley where our first Getman lived for a short time and was most likely married.

We are also considering having some joint activities with additional Palatine German settler descendant families.

As always your input will be greatly appreciated.

See You Next Year

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.

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.

Recent research has been able to include descendants of the original daughters of Frederick and Maria. The daughters have been identified with roman numerals based on their birth order providing the following result.

Anna Maria Getman	b. 1721	I line
Anna married Johann Henrich Meyers		
Anna Eve Getman	b abt. 1722	II line
Eve married Frederick Orendorf		
George Getman,	b. 1723	A line
George married Udelia Shoemaker		
Frederick Getman,	b. 1725	C line
Frederick married Margaritha		
Johannes Getman	b. 1728	no line id
Johannes married Anna Maria Merkel		
They went to Canada during the revolution. No record currently exists.		
Maria Margaretha Getman	b. abt 1732	VI line
Maria married Marcus Ittig (Edick)		
Christian Getman,	b. 1734	B line
Christian married Annd Eve Timmerman		
Catherine Getman	b. abt 1737	VIII line

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.

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)

Caspar Getman

(Casper, Kaspar, Kasper, Gaspar, Gasper)

Approx. 1673 – Approx. 1710

This article is intended to be the first of several which will provide information covering the initial Getman settlers in the Americas. A number of reference materials will be used to prepare the content as well as recent research.

Caspar Getman

Caspar was the name of one of the three biblical Magi (wisemen), at least one source identifies the meaning of Caspar at “bringer of peace”. Our Caspar was born a Lutheran.

Germany at this time was collection of small fiefdoms, many of which had rebelled against the Catholic church and turned to Lutheranism as well as a few other protestant sects.

Caspar Getman and his family were some of the many Germans who fled their homeland between 1708 and 1710. Their homes were situated in the rich agricultural land near the Rhine river valley and had been destroyed on several occasions during French and German wars. Between 1701 and 1709 the area was particularly ravaged.

An unusually hard winter in 1708 compounded the situation, causing a widespread famine. Thousands of Germans were forced to seek refuge elsewhere.

Reverend Joshua Kockerthal, a Lutheran minister appealed to the Queen of England (a German protestant) for assistance. In October 1708 he and 54 other palatines were sent to conduct an exploratory settlement at Newburgh on the Hudson River. By November 4, 1709 a plan was devised to send German settlers to the colonies to produce naval supplies for the British Navy. Most of the refugees traveled North along the Rhine river to Holland from there they were taken to London prior to being sent to various colonies. A few settled in various parts of Great Britain.

Caspar's first wife, Anna Magdalena was the mother of his first three children. Records indicate he married his second wife, Maria Barbara, who accompanied him and the children during the migration. It is known that Caspar and Maria Barbara had seven (possibly eight) children when arriving at Rotterdam. They arrived in London by June 11, 1709, as part of the fourth group of emigrants from Holland, having been delivered aboard a ship commanded by Capt. George Golands.

Many of the earlier emigrants were housed in churches and warehouses in London. As their numbers increased the emigrants were put into temporary camps in various London parks. By the time the group

of emigrants Caspar and his family were part of arrived they were transferred directly to a ship which was anchored off the coast of England for months.

Caspar Getman, two sons and three (possibly four) daughters died during the trip to the colonies. Cause of death, ship-fever, was so common it became known as Palatine fever. It is now known to have been Typhus.

The Getman family was subsequently sent to West Camp on the Hudson River in what is now New York state (West Camp was at Saugerties, East Camp was at Livingston Manor / Germantown, on the opposite side of the river). Nearly a third of those who set out on the journey did not survive. Caspar and all but two of his children died at sea during the voyage.

Maria Barbara arrived in New York harbor with two of her step-sons, Johann Frederick b. abt. 1693 and Johann Jacob, baptized 7 Aug 1695. Each of her children and one step-child had died on the journey, very likely during the months aboard ship prior to sailing for America.

Details

Kasper Gettman, his wife, and 8 ch. were of Capt. George Golands ship in the 4th party in Holland in 1709 (Rotterdam Lists). ... were in the 4th arrivals in England (London Lists); the family was recorded near other N.Y. 1709ers such as Henry Fehling, Conrad Krantz and Martin Zerbst on the English list. (The Palatine Families of New York, Henry Z Jones Jr, Picton Press, Rockport Maine, 2001)

Henry Jones, in More Palatine Families, has located a Caspar Gettmann and wife Anna Magdalena with a son Johann Jacob bpt 7 Aug 1695 at Sien-Hachenbach, and later as Johann Caspar Gottmann (umlaut o) and wife Anna Magdalena with a son Johann Philip bpt 24 Feb 1698 at Steinbockenheim near Alzey, (between

Mainz and Manhein on the west side of the Rhine). Both churches were Lutheran.

Anna Magdalena was the mother of Frederick, born about 1693, Anna Magdalena would have died between 1698 and 1709, and Caspar married Maria Barbara, she become Frederick's stepmother, during that time. The London Lists of 1709 have children ages 16, 14, 8, 6, 5, 5, and 2. From these numbers the death and remarriage would have been from 1698-1701 or 1704-1706.

- Death: On board Ship to USA 1710

- 11 Jun 1709 he was recorded in England

- 1710 Family arrived in the colonies without Casper

- Occupation: Husbandman & Vinedresser

FOURTH LIST - Vol. 2, No. D69 and D 70. Public Record Office, London List of Poor Palatines who arrived at St. Catherine's June 11th, 1709, Taken June 16

Getman, Caspar, Hs. & V., age 36, sons 16-14-8-5, daughters 6-5-2, L.

The Jones version of the fourth list is shown above, the Getman Genealogy (1975) version includes a fourth daughter age 1.

GETMANS MEET IN CANAJOHARIE

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Tuesday September 23, 1929

Dr. V. L. Getman Elected President at the Seventh Annual Reunion

The seventh annual reunion of the Getman family was held at Camp Paris, Canajoharie, Sunday, August 31, with 153 descendants of John, Frederick Getman, present. A basket lunch was served and the Beech Nut Packing Company, through their representatives, served hot coffee. During

the lunch the Canajoharie Band furnished music.

Mrs. Melvin Young, president, presided over the business session, and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The historian not being present. Rev. S. G. Parent, of Tribes Hill, read her very interesting report. The following directors were elected to serve for two years: Norman Getman of Johnstown; Earl Getman of Watertown; Charles W. Getman of Buffalo; Dr. V. L. Getman of Gloversville, and George Getman of Lyons. They immediately had a conference and selected the following officers for one year: James Getman of Nelliston, aged 85 years, as honorary president; Dr. V. L. Getman of Gloversville, president; Norman Getman, vice-president; Byron L. Getman of Gloversville, secretary; Charles W. Getman of Buffalo, corresponding secretary; Miss Ruth Getman of Gloversville, treasurer, and Mrs. Lillian Van Dusen of Fonda, historian.

A very Interesting poem representing the ideals for which the reunions are held, was read by Dr. V. L. Getman in an interesting manner. Another speaker, Lou A. MacWethy, editor of the St. Johnsville Enterprise, delivered an instructive address on historical facts in connection with the reunions held at this time throughout the state, stressing the fact that many many things are brought to light connected with the history which otherwise would not be known.

The special committee of five appointed to have charge of the burial ground where John Frederick Getman and members of his family, are buried, are to continue for another year.

Some interesting facts connected with the Getman family are that Captain George Getman, eldest son of John Frederick Getman, born at Stone Arabia May 1, 1723, fired the first shot in the defense of Fort Paris in the Battle of Stone Arabia in 1780;

that Clark Saltsman, a resident of St. Johnsville, whose great great grandmother, wife of Captain Christian Getman, who was scalped by the Indians and left for dead, but recovered, and lived until April, 1821, was present, and that John Frederick Getman was naturalized an American at Albany October 11, 1715, along with a group of other young men who settled at Stone Arabia.

Does anyone have a copy of the 'very interesting poem' referred to in this article? If available, the poem would be a welcome addition to this newsletter.

Cornell Student Drowns

Utica Herald-Dispatch, NY
Monday, February 19, 1912

Ithaca. Feb. 19

Charles W. Getman of Richfield Springs and Terry A Converse of Buffalo, juniors in the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell University, broke through the ice while skating in the middle of Cayuga Lake about a mile south of King H Ferry yesterday afternoon and were drowned. A third member of the skating party, Rodney N. Newman, managed to work his way out. but by the time he could summon help the other two boys had gone under. Not far from this spot two boys were drowned in a canoe accident several years ago and their bodies were never recovered.

Getman and Converse were juniors in the college of civil engineering at Cornell. They were good students and well known in their college. They were roommates, living at the home of Mrs. Emma Newman on Linden avenue. They were strong and husky and young Newman, their companion, was the captain of the local high school foot ball team. Taking advantage of the fact that for the first time in twenty-five years Cayuga Lake was frozen from end to end, the three young men determined to enjoy a long

skating trip yesterday afternoon. They left Ithaca about 2 o'clock, planning to skate as far down the lake as they could and come back on the evening train. It is said that when they reached Atwaters, about thirteen miles down. Newman wanted to stop, complaining of a lame back, but the others persuaded him to continue. The accident occurred between 4:30 and 5 o'clock.

The lake is three miles wide there and the boys were apparently well out toward the middle of the lake, at least a mile from the shore. They were jumping cracks in the ice. They came to one of these and jumped. Newman got across and the other two plunged into the water. He went back and in trying to reach them broke through himself. He had great difficulty in getting out, but finally managed to do so, and although nearly exhausted tried to get help.

The two others had not gone under when he made for shore, but Kings Ferry was quite a distance away, and by the time a rescue party arrived there was no trace of the boys. The efforts to recover the bodies were commenced as soon as possible, but on account of the great depth of the lake it was believed the work, would be fruitless and the bodies would not be found until spring, if ever.

Atwaters, which the young men passed, was the scene of a similar tragedy in January, 1904. At that time C. A. Dickinson, brother of the late C. C. Dickinson of this place, broke through the ice and was drowned. His body was recovered.

*Charles Wilbur Getman (GFG – C 559)
1891-1912*

