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Message from the President of the Getman Family of America

Much has been written about Independence Day and our celebration in the USA of the 4th of July. We know that many of our Getman ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War.

Some of us are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution or Sons of the American Revolution. Some are still trying to track down records so that we may apply and be accepted into these prestigious organizations.

We appreciate that our Getman ancestors were brave and courageous to join in the battles for the independence of our country. I wonder if they ever envisioned that they were instrumental in building a country as big and great as ours!

Of the four sons of Johann Frederick Getman (1693-1781), Johannes was a Tory and went to Canada, while the other three, George, Frederick, and Christian stayed in America to fight and ensure the freedoms we have today. George served in Colonel Jacob Klock's Regiment of the Tryon County Militia. Christian was a Captain of a company of rangers at Fort Paris (also known as Stone Arabia Fort). (History of Montgomery County) At the time they were fighting for their freedoms, and we are the grateful beneficiaries of their struggle and sacrifice.

So Happy 4th of July!

Marjorie Rosendahl

Send Us Your Stories

**Share your Getman histories
and traditions with
your cousins, near and far.**

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Reunion 2022 August 5, 6, 7

Johnstown / Stone Arabia, NY

Arrangements have been made for a block of rooms at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. Reservations must be made directly with the Inn. Call 518-762-4686 and identify yourself as a member of the Getman Reunion.

Also notify Wayne Getman so the other arrangements can be made.

315-845-8014 or wayget@ntcnet.com.

Friday:

Arrive and get settled in. (Some are planning to arrive earlier to personal research, visit friends etc.)

Those who are interested will gather for the evening meal at the Holiday Inn restaurant. There will be no reservation. Order from the menu.

Saturday:

Breakfast at Holiday Inn or any location you wish to use.

...10:30 am Group tour arranged at Fort Plain Museum. Allow 45 minutes travel time from Johnstown. \$6.00 admission.

Noon +- Picnic at Wintergreen Park, Canajoharie. This is the site of several Getman reunions in the past. Cost estimated at \$7.00.

5:00 pm Gathering time at Casper Getman Farm, East Stone Arabia. (Dutch Barn Farm)

6:00 pm BBQ at Casper Getman Farm, \$10 each

Sunday:

On your own. Return home safely.

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)

1957 Getman Family 29th Annual Reunion At Wintergreen Park

The Evening Telegram
Herkimer – Ilion, NY

Monday, August 12, 1957

ILION — Ralph S. G. Parent, Ilion, was again named president of the Getman Family at the 29th annual reunion Saturday at Wintergreen Park, Canajoharie.

Others named were: First vice president, George W. Getman, Ilion; second, Borden Getman, Sidney; secretary, Beverly Eaker, Canajoharie; treasurer, Donald Saltsman, Fort Plain; historian, Franklin Bowman, Scarsdale; chaplain, Mrs. Bowman.

Chairman, board of directors, Mrs. Edna Spencer, Fort Plain; directors one-year, Mrs. Saltsman; Mrs. Gertrude Getman, Ilion; Miss Ruth Bowman, Ilion; Mrs. Hazel Trumbull, St. Johnsville; Miss Esther Oxner, Ilion; two-years, Mrs. June Lord, Natalie Swanson, Charles Getman, Mrs. Russell Getman. Reports included one that a family recommendation that a commemorative stamp be issued to mark the 250th anniversary of the landing of the Palatines had been received by the Post Office Department and referred to the proper authorities.

Oldest present was Mrs. Bertha Getman, 82, Palatine Bridge, and youngest Sally Getman, Ilion; largest family, George H. Getman, Ilion. Mrs. Marjolin Watkins, Fort Plain, spoke on King Hendrick and his

efforts to promote better relations between whites and Indians in the pre-Revolutionary period through his several visits to England. A total of 50 attended.

A Case For Not Shaving

Obituary

The Morning Herald, Gloversville, NY

Friday, March 11, 1921

Clark J. Allen, aged 53 years, died yesterday morning at eight o'clock, at his home, 119 Forest street. It is believed that rubbing his face with a glove directly after he had shaved was the indirect cause of his death.

During the last snow storm about ten days ago, Mr. Allen had shaved in the morning and then went out to shovel his walk. An itching sensation on the side of his face caused him to stop work and for relief he rubbed his face with his gloved hand, then finished his job. A few days later blood poisoning developed in the same spot and despite the best of medical attention the affliction grew steadily worse and resulted in death yesterday.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Maccabees of this city and widely known. When a boy in Ephratah he joined the Methodist church there, and had retained that faith ever since.

Beside his wife, Martha, the survivors are two brothers, James V. Allen, of Canada, and Alfred Allen of Ephratah; two sisters, Mrs. Elmira Spencer of Gloversville, and Mrs. Cora Miller, of Johnstown; his step-

mother, Mrs. Melvina Allen of Johnstown, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Elijah Allen, of Gloversville; also several nieces, and nephews.

The funeral will be held at the late home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. H. C. Colebrook of the First Baptist church will officiate, and the interment will be in the family plot at Prospect Hill.

Clark J. Allen (GFG – B 409 / B) 1967-1921 was a son of Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Getman (GFG – B206) 1834-1876 and Hiram Allen (GFG – B 133) 1826-1899. Hiram Allen and Elizabeth Ann Getman are 2nd cousins. Their common ancestors are Christian Getman and Anne Eve Timmerman.

Getman 13th reunion, 1935

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Friday, July 12, 1935

Approximately one hundred members of the Getman family, one of the oldest in the section, gathered Wednesday at Russell Park, Ilion, for their thirteenth annual reunion. One of the big features was a basket dinner, after which a business meeting was held, when officers were elected and regrets read from relatives in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Billingham, Washington, as well as other places.

Orvia Getman of Mayfield, R. D., was elected president of the family for this year and other officials chosen as follows: Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Clifford of Blossvale; Recording Secretary, Frasier Shults, Fort Plain; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. J. Oxner, Ilion; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Getman, Fort Plain, and Historian, Byron L. Getman, Gloversville.

Directors elected for two years are: G. Russell Getman, Fort Plain; George B. Getman, Ilion; John W. Getman, Ilion; Ralph Parent, Herkimer, and Mrs. Jennie Palmateer, Fort Plain.

After the business meeting a social time was enjoyed and much pleasure derived from chatting of family affairs. Charles

Getman of Buffalo and Earl Getman of Watertown, were present and offered a chart of the family which proved most interesting.

It was decided to dedicate a memorial to the family ancestor, Frederick Getman, born in Germany in 1693, along the state highway from Ephratah to Stone Arabia on October 19, 1935. Full details of the dedication will be announced later in the 'Summer.

Getman Marker Dedicated

The Enterprise and News, St Johnsville, NY,
Wednesday, October 23, 1935

A bronze tablet inset into a block of concrete was unveiled Saturday by Miss Florence Getman, a direct descendant of John Frederick Getman, first settler in Stone Arabia, 1720. The ceremonies were held in the open and the beautiful October day lent its blessing to the peaceful scene as too nature were bent on making up in sort for a scene of carnage in this very sector on the same day in 1780 when the battle of Stone Arabia was fought and the peaceful hamlet destroyed by the fire brands in the hands of Sir John Johnson's Tories and Indians.

The program was as follows:

Flag ceremony, Boy Scouts.

Prayer, Rev. S. G. Parent

Greeting: Harry V. Bush, President Mohawk Valley Historic Association; Atty. John L. Morrison, Vice President Johnstown Historical Society; Mrs. Irving Lathers, Caughnawaga D. A. R. chapter, Fonda; Mrs. Marion Rulison, Amsterdam D. A. R. chapter; Mrs. George Vosburgh, Fort Rensselaer D. A. R. chapter, Canajoharie; Mrs. John L. Potter, Johnstown D. A. R. chapter and Gloversville chapter, D. A. R. Song,

"Requiem," words by Robert Louis Stevenson, music by Sidney Harper, Mrs. W. C. Watkins.

Address, Alexander C. Flick, State Historian.

Unveiling of Tablet, Florence Getman.

Presentation, Alexander Flick.
Acceptance, Orvia Getman.
Dedication Prayer, Rev. C. M. Kindt.
Taps, Boy Scouts.

Dr Flick in his remarks paid tribute to the pioneer settlers and took occasion to emphasize the necessity of teaching local history in our schools in order that each locality may preserve to posterity the deeds of their ancestors. He stated that the duty of recording matters of the past and present devolves upon the living. He said that national history is necessary and proper but supplemented to that he would install a course in state, county and town history. He felt that the sites where the first settlers built their log cabins should be marked. The early mills, churches, schools, taverns and other historic sites should be marked before all traces are lost.

He closed with a fine tribute to the Palatine settlers who first occupied Stone Arabia. He said of them, "The customs and practices contributed by the Palatines to our American civilization constitutes one of the finest and noblest biefs (sic) in our national character."

The Getman family traces back to Frederick Getman whose memory is preserved in the bronze tablet unveiled Saturday. He seems to have come very early to this country, probably among the Palatines. The name appears in the London List of Palatines in a census taken in 1709, the very year previous to the migration to America wherein is recorded the name of Casper Getman farmer, age 35, sons aged 16-14-8-5 and daughters aged 6-5-2. Lutherans. They arrived in London June 11, 1709 and the census was taken June 16 of the same year. According to the Hunter Food list of those who received aid from Governor Hunter in 1712-14 the name ; of Getman (in) Maria Barbara and the name Getman (in) Barbara appear. This is the only reference to the Getman family among the

Palatines in the camps along the Hudson., The inference is that Caspar was among those unfortunates who died in the terrible voyage from London to New York in 1710 and his widow succeeded as head of the family. The oldest son who was 16 years old in 1709 is believed to be the Frederick of Stone Arabia.

In any event from the family record this early Frederick married Mary Bierman and they had six children, George, John, Frederick, Christian and Mary and Eve. George married Udella Shoemaker and had four sons and a daughter. Frederick married Eva Zimmerman and had eight children. Frederick married Barbara Frank and John married Anna Maria Merckles. All of these sons with the exception of John served in the Revolutionary war and some served in the Colonial Wars. Christian became a captain in the rangers and left a fine military record. George also was active and with his brothers participated in the Battle of Stone Arabia. He is said to have fired the first shot in that battle.

A Most Unfortunate Situation

Utica Weekly Herald, NY

February 26 1884

Miss Amelia Shull of Danube, daughter of Jacob I Shull, has become violently insane and was taken to the Utica Insane asylum, Saturday for treatment. This case revives the story of the tragic death of Herbert A. Stevens, which occurred during the summer of 1878. The young man was educated at the Little Falls academy and resided several miles from the home of Miss Shull. He was well liked and had a wide acquaintance among the young men. He and Miss Shull were engaged to be married. One Sunday morning in July he was at the young lady's home, talking over the expected happy event, and expressed the desire of being married within a very short and unreasonable time for the young lady. She

having informed him in a pleasant manner that it would be impossible to be in readiness before the following fall, he immediately passed out of the room upon the plaza and took his life with a pistol. Much excitement occurred after the shooting, which had nearly been forgotten, when the condition of this unfortunate lady revives the subject. Mrs. Jacob Shull, who was a lady with a melancholy disposition, was found one day in a deep well on the same farm about a year after the death of Stevens and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that it was a case of suicide. she jumped into the well feet foremost, and succeeded in turning herself over in the bottom, so death resulted from drowning. It is reported that Miss Shull was engaged to a gentleman residing a short distance from Little Falls.

Amelia A Shull (GFG – B) 1856-???? is a great-granddaughter of Anna Eve Getman (GFG – B 5) 1767-1842 and Johan Jost Scholl 1753-1837.



Old Deed and Indian Site

Evening Telegram, Herkimer, NY
Tuesday, November 13, 1962

A number of old deeds and other valuable papers, one bearing the signature of the original family pioneer, Frederick Getman in 1683 (sic), have recently been discovered. Ralph Parent, president of the Getman Family Assn., has been advised.

Franklin J. Bowman, Scarsdale, family historian, has notified Parent of the find. The deed, signed in 1693 (sic). transfers certain lands in the Stone Arabia Patent to his son, Captain Christian Getman. This is the only known signature of this early settler in existence. Bowman said.

The paper was presented to Bowman by Mrs. Harold Lane, Lasselsville, whose father, Asa Getman, was born and brought up on the original Getman homestead at Ephratah.

Seven hundred acres of this land was acquired in the early 1700s by Frederick Getman and certain parts are still in possession of G. Russell Getman, a linear descendant of the original settler, Parent said.

An investigation in 1957 revealed this land was once the site of a Mohawk Indian village in the 14th Century. Excavations revealed a long house of the Iroquois Indians was located on that land, posts driven into the ground left traces of dark vestiges in the soil. When this material was analyzed it was found to be radio active and the date of construction was placed by experts at about 1300 A.D., long before Columbus discovered America.

At the time of the discovery, Dr. William A. Ritchie, New York State archeologist, stated this was the earliest Iroquois village site uncovered in New York State.

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