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Wayne Getman: Editor Reminder \ June 2008

Getman Association Meeting, August 2, 2008
Fort Klock
St. Johnsville, New York

The 2008 Getman Association meeting will be held Saturday, August 2nd at Fort Klock, St Johnsville. We will be meeting with the Klock Family. The event will include a number of special presentations, 18th century re-enactors and a catered BBQ offering Pork, Rolls, Salad, Beans, and Salt Potatoes.

The cost is be $12.00 per adult, $9.00 for children (4-12) and under 3 is free. Any extra money goes to the fort after the reunion is over. Reservations are required prior to July 18, 2008.

The day begins at 9:00 AM and will last until approximately 5:PM. At noon a special dedication of a Historic roadside marker for Klock's Church and Graveyard will take place. Lunch will follow at approximately 1:00 PM.

For those who are interested overnight camping sites are expected to be available for a nominal additional cost. If you would like to camp please let me know as soon as possible.

Two motels that are nearby are:

Palatine Motel, Nelliston, NY, NYS Rt 5 518-673-1050
Roadway Inn, Pal. Bridge, NY, NYS Rt 5 518-673-3233

Additional motels are reasonably located in Little Falls, NY, to the West.

The Getman and Klock familes have long been associated in the Mohawk Valley with a significant number who are descended from both familes. Perhaps you are one of them.

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Fort Klock

Fort Klock is located on NYS Route 5, a few miles east of Saint Johnsville, Montgomery County, New York. Like several other "forts" in the area, Fort Klock is actually a stone homestead and trading post, built in a manner which allowed it to be well defended. Residents of the area could gather with the Klocks when conflicts threatened.

Most early residents of the area were first and second generation Palatinate immigrants. Their place of worship was the St. Johns Dutch Reformed Church and later the Palatine Dutch Reformed Church. Fort Klock is situated between the two churches along the Mohawk River and the old turnpike.

In recent years the property has been revitalized as a historical site, frequently offering demonstrations and an opportunity to learn about the lives of early Palatinate settlers.

How to Get to Fort Klock

Fort Klock is located on NYS Route 5. Approximately 5 minutes East of the Village of St. Johnsville.

From the East: Take the Thruway to the Canajoharie Exit. Go into the Village of Canajoharie. At the light in the center of town, turn right. Continue across the bridge, turn left on NYS Route 5. Continue West through Palatine Bridge and Nelliston, past the Palatine Church. Fort Klock will be on the left (South side of the road.

From the West: You may exit in Little Falls, proceed into Little Falls and turn left on NYS Rt 5. Travel East through St. Johnsville.