

## 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, a 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.

## Reunion Registration

If you are planning to attend the 2017 Getman Family Reunion in the Mohawk Valley we need to know in advance.

Reservations are required for Friday and Saturday meals as well as when arranging transportation.

Room reservations are made by each participant. A second registration needs to be made with Wayne Getman, reunion coordinator for the balance of the weekend. [wayget@ntcnet.com](mailto:wayget@ntcnet.com) or 315-845-8014.

Key questions include: Will you attend the Friday evening dinner? Are you willing to drive or provide transportation on Saturday? Will you be present for the Sunday evening memorial at the Oriskany Battlefield?

A detailed program update will be forwarded to participants in Early July.



## 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>

## Send us your family stories.

Wayne Getman

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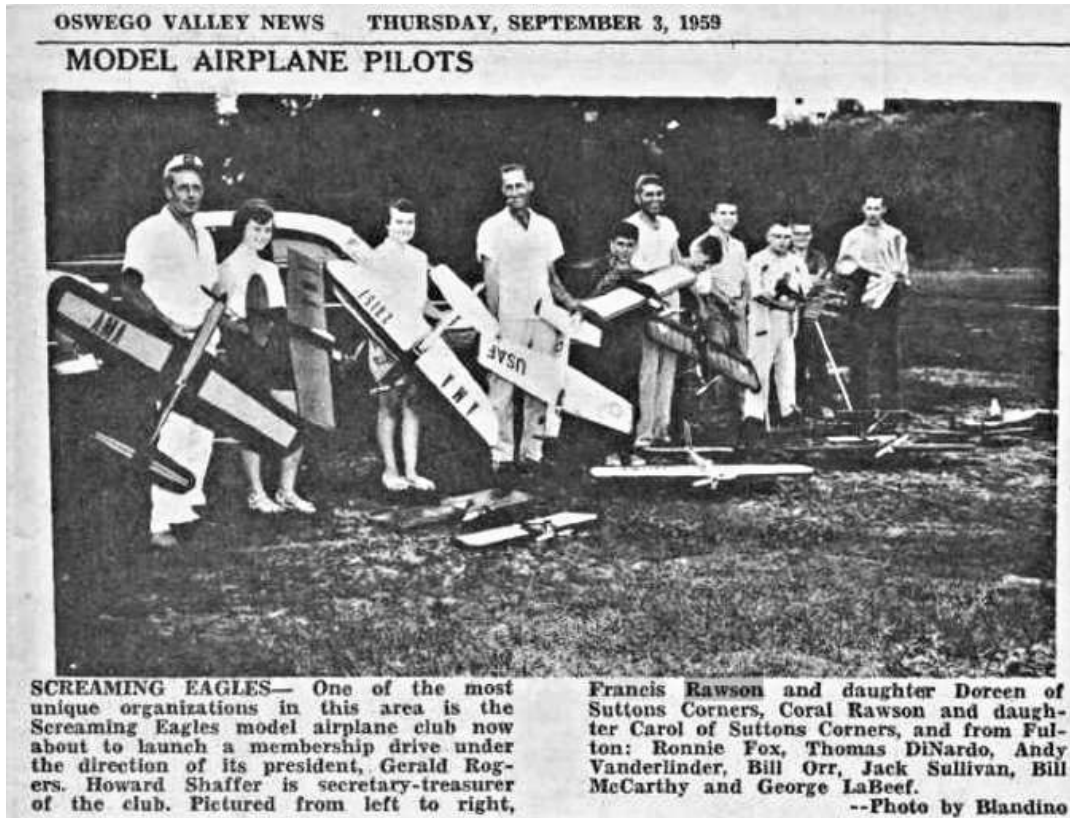
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## Getman News From The Past

### 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)



**SCREAMING EAGLES**— One of the most unique organizations in this area is the Screaming Eagles model airplane club now about to launch a membership drive under the direction of its president, Gerald Rogers. Howard Shaffer is secretary-treasurer of the club. Pictured from left to right,

Francis Rawson and daughter Doreen of Suttons Corners, Coral Rawson and daughter Carol of Suttons Corners, and from Fulton: Ronnie Fox, Thomas DiNardo, Andy Vanderlinder, Bill Orr, Jack Sullivan, Bill McCarthy and George LaBeef.

--Photo by Blandino

## WOMAN HAD TWO HUSBANDS

The Journal and Republican Lowville, NY  
Thursday, February 19, 1925

Both Appear in Court and Annulment Decree is Granted to Vernon G. Jeffery.

Two husbands of the same woman appeared before Justice Edgcomb in special term of Supreme Court at Syracuse, Saturday and testimony resulted in the granting of an annulment decree to the second mate, Vernon G. Jeffery, of that city.

Jeffery said that his wife, Mrs. May Pelkay Jeffery, whom he married at Cortland in 1920, told him her first husband, Claude J. Pelkay, of Harrisville, had been killed in an explosion out west. Later, he said,

he learned that Pelkay was still alive and had separated from his wife.

Pelkay testified he married the woman at Benson Mines in 1913. He lost track of her in 1920, he said. Pelkay told the court he intends to sue for divorce if he can locate the woman's present whereabouts.

The two men sat side by side in the court room as they were waiting to testify. Jeffery created a laugh when he said he wanted to examine Pelkay on the stand about several facts. Justice Edgcomb pointed out that that task was up to the lawyer.

*Vernon George Jeffery 1899-1967 married on 28 Mar., 1929, Alice M Theall (GFG - C / VIII) b. abt 1911.*

*Alice was a great-great-great granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG - C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Augustinus Hess (GFG - VIII) 1782-1857.*

## Jeremiah Everett GETMAN

*Article submitted by Marjorie Koenig Rosendahl (GFG – C/A)*

Jeremiah Everett GETMAN was born in Preble, Cortland County, New York on March 25, 1834. Other records say he was born on 25 October, 1837 in West Monroe, Oswego County, New York.

His father, Bartlett GETMAN, was descended from George Frederick GETMAN (Margaret HANER), Frederick GETMAN Jr, (Marie BROADHACK) Frederick GETMAN (Maria BIERMAN), Caspar GETMAN.

Jeremiah's mother, Catherine GETMAN, was descended from Jacob GETMAN (Elizabeth Barringer), Johannes GETMAN (Margaret LAUX or LOUCKS), George GETMAN (Udelia SHOEMAKER), Frederick GETMAN (Maria BIERMAN), Caspar GETMAN.

Jeremiah, also known as Jerry, or J. E. married Marietta Williams on 17 December, 1859 in Marquette, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

They first settled in Roscoe, Goodhue County, Minnesota, and in 1869 moved to Dodge Center, Dodge County, Minnesota, where he was a carpenter and builder. He served as town constable, and in 1877 was elected sheriff of Dodge County serving until 1891. During his term of Deputy State Dairy and Food Inspector from 1894 to 1896, they lived in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN, then moved back to Dodge Center, where they lived until his death on 19 February, 1914. His wife preceded him in death, on 22 July, 1911. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Dodge Center, Dodge County, MN.

Jeremiah enlisted in the Union army on 26 October, 1861, serving in Company B, 3rd Infantry Regiment, Minnesota volunteers. He was taken prisoner in Murphreesborough, TN in July 1862, and deserted on 10 January, 1863. In 1898 He applied to the U.S. House of Representatives to have the charge of desertion removed. House bill #7322 was referred to the committee on military affairs. The final disposition dated 12 February 1898 removed the charge of desertion from his record. It was case number 507184 in the war department pension office. (My son, Andrew, found these documents on 1 April, 2015 at the National Archives in Washington DC.)

Jeremiah and Marietta had 3 daughters, Ella Lenora (1860-1939), Millie F (1867-1896), and Zalia Adoline (1869-1956). Ella married George Washington HARMER, Millie married Thomas McCADDEN, Zalia married Watson TIFFANY.

Ella was my great great grandmother, through her daughter, Zalia Catherine HARMER SPERLING,

Edna Frances SPERLING OLSON, Georgia Ann OLSON KOENIG, Marjorie Frances KOENIG ROSENDAHL.

## Big News at the Time

Ontario Repository-Messenger, NY  
Thursday, January 26, 1899

Victor, Jan. 25. — It has just developed that Miss Marcia Mayo, George Mayo's 17-year-old daughter who disappeared about three weeks ago on the pretext of visiting relatives, was married to Claude Kinsman of Farmington at Syracuse soon after her departure. Not returning from the supposed visit as expected, her whereabouts were unknown to her parents for several days, but a letter received the fore part of last week revealed the situation and it is understood that the young couple will be heartily welcomed when they return.

*Claude DeForest Kinsman (GFG – C / VIII) 1881 – 1917 is a great-great grandson of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857.*

## Police Car Catches Fire

Utica Daily News, NY  
Wednesday, June 19, 1940

Patrolman John Phelan turned fireman yesterday morning and burned two fingers doing it. Patrol Car 31 in which Phelan and Patrol man J. Dea Vosburgh were riding caught fire at Meeker and Genesee.

Phelan received burns when he reached under the dashboard to break smoldering wires that sent smoke curling through the car ventilator.

The firemen came to the aid of the police but the fire was out and the car out of commission by the time they arrived.

*Joseph Dea Vosburgh (GFG – C 644) b. 1915 was a great-grandson of Lucinda Ann Getman (GFG C 251) 1829-1913 and Alonzo C Vosburgh 1819-1893.*

## Dr. Arthur Kendal Getman

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY  
Thursday, September 19, 1968

Dr. Arthur Kendal Getman 81, retired educator, died Thursday, September 12 at the Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Conn., from a heart ailment. He resided at 7 Fox Hill Lane, Darien, Conn.

Dr. Getman was born in Richfield Springs on June 20, 1887, a son of Arthur R. Getman and Carrie G. Goodier. He was graduated from the Bronner Street High School in 1906, from Cornell University in

1911, and was awarded a Doctor of Science degree from Alfred University in 1931. He took post graduate studies at Columbia and Harvard Universities.

Dr. Getman served as head of the agricultural teaching department at Cortland State Teachers College from 1911 to 1915, when he went to Albany as a specialist New York State Department of in agricultural education in at Rutgers University, returning in 1919 to Albany as chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education. He was well known for his lectures and books on agriculture and education, and lectured widely at colleges during the summer season. He was co-editor of a series of 14 agricultural texts published by John Wiley & Sons Inc., and wrote three books on education. He was interested in the Future Farmers of America, and American Vocational Association of which he was a director of research, vice president and president.

His interest in education, extended to the field of religion, and he served as Sunday School Superintendent and officer in the Albany Council of Churches and the New York State Council of Churches.

He was a former trustee of Green Mountain Junior College at Poultney, Vermont. In the 1950-51 edition of Who's Who in America, Dr. Getman was cited for his many contributions and interest in rural education. At the time of his retirement in January, 1952, he was Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education in the New York State Department of Education. He then accepted assignment as consultant to the State Board of Regents in Moral and Spiritual Values Training.

Dr. Getman is survived by his wife, the former Fredella Babcock whom he married in 1912; one son, Kendall Goodier Getman, and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church in Darien on Monday. Burial of the cremated remains will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Richfield Springs. A memorial service for Dr. Getman will be held at a later date in the Calvary Methodist Church in Albany, where Dr. Getman had been a member for over 50 years.

*Arthur Kendall Getman Phd. (GFG – C 558) 1887-1968*

### **FORMER SHERIFF IS DEAD**

*Utica Daily Press, N*

*Monday, October 19, 1931*

...Herkimer, Oct. 18 — Austin B. Klock, 77, a Herkimer County official who became known from coast to coast, due to connection in the famous Chester Gillette case, passed away at his home in 506 Willow Avenue shortly before midnight following an illness since July 4, 1931 when he suffered a stroke.

Mr. Klock was born in Mohawk, March 11, 1854, a son of the late David and Nancy Bliss Klock, at the age of 13 he moved to county seat, where he has since lived.

From 1896 to 1897 he served the state of New York as game protector, and later served the village of Herkimer as trustee on the village board for four years, He was an ardent Republican in politics and a staunch party leader in the early part of the 20th century

It was in 1906 that he was appointed to the office of undersheriff of Herkimer County, serving during the time that John M. Richards was sheriff. During the time he served as undersheriff, he was the official that arrested Chester Gillette for the murder of Grace Brown.

Following the completion of his term as under sheriff, he was the republican nominee and elected to the office of sheriff it was during this time that he took Gillette to Auburn Prison where Gillette was electrocuted.

Former Sheriff Klock from ----to 1905 was proprietor of a machine shop in Herkimer, and was in charge of the machine --- of the International Paper Company in Herkimer. From 1911 to ----he held the Ford automobile --- agency in Herkimer County, In the latter year he sold it to the present owners. Smith Brothers.

Following 1916 he lived a retired life, spending many of his summers at his camp in Wilmurt. He was one of the organizers .and the first president of the Down And Out Club of Herkimer, and held the office of president for ---- terms. In recent years he has been honored with the office of honorary president.

He was a member of Herkimer Lodge F. & A. M. 433, --- Chapter, Ilion 236, Little Falls Commandery, Utica S--- Knights of Birmingham and Little Falls Lodge of Elks.

On April 3, 1876, he married Elizabeth Harter of the Creek --- Herkimer. His only surviving relatives are a

nephew, Ernest Woolever, Richfield Springs, and four cousins, Leon Klock, Evelyn Helmer, Ella and Hiram Klock.

The Funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon from his late home 2:00 o'clock and from the First United Methodist Church at 2:30. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

*Austin B Klock (GFG C / I) 1854-1931*