

August isn't Far Away

Hi cousins,

June is here! Summer is coming! Hope many of you can join us for the reunion.

Saturday morning we are going to the home of a Loyalist!

Although we Getmans supported the American Revolution, we are going to Johnson Hall, the home of Loyalist Sir William Johnson. He was given his property, that was in the Mohawk area, by his father a baronet in England.

Johnson was the British Superintendent of Indian Affairs. He worked closely with the Mohawks, who were part of the Iroquois Nation. The Mohawks were the "keepers of the eastern door." Mohawks, under the leadership of Joseph Brant, worked with the British.

It is interesting for us to see the three sides of the Revolution that our ancestors lived in throughout the Mohawk area. There were the colonials, the Loyalists and the Indians.

Our ancestors and their stories continue to teach us today. So look for those stories to share with us Reunion weekend.

See you soon,

Marty Chase
Chairman

Johnson Hall State Historic Site

Saturday morning, August 3, we will be visiting this incredibly unique site. This is the home of the English crown's pre-Revolutionary War Indian Agent, Sir William Johnson.

Lunch at Saltsman's Tavern

Another truly historic location that has deep ties with the Getman family, has become the traditional location for the Getman reunion when we are in the area.

Mark Your 2019 Calendar August 2, 3 and 4

Saturday Dinner at Sam's Steak House

We will gather at Sam's Steak House, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3rd.

This will provide another opportunity to meet cousins, share experiences, research and just plain relax with close and distant relatives.

A group reservation has been made but you need to let the Getman Association know if you plan to be there, otherwise there might not be enough seats reserved.

Johnstown Holiday Inn

Arrangements have been made for a group room rate at the Johnstown/Gloversville Holiday Inn, 308 N Comrie Ave, Johnstown. The group rate applies to persons identifying as part of the Getman Reunion when making reservation. Do not wait until the last minute to make your reservation, as this date falls with the "Saratoga Season" at the flat track in Saratoga Springs.

Reservations	518-762-4686
Then Wayne Getman	315-845-8014

Union Hall Inn Johnstown, NY 7:00 pm, Friday August 2

The Friday gathering dinner will be held at the oldest restaurant in the area.

The hall was erected in 1798 by Captain Jean Batiste Vaumane de Fon Claire, former officer in the French Army under Louis XVI. Tradition says that it was in this house that Nicholas Stoner, a noted soldier and hunter, killed an Indian to avenge his father's death

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)

Veterans Relief Commissioner

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Tuesday, December 23, 1947

Claude D. Polmateer, of the Town of Hope, has been appointed Veterans Relief Commissioner of the counties of Fulton and Hamilton. His office will be at his home and he will be able to render assistance to all veterans who need help.

Mr. Polmateer was named to the post by the adjutant general.

Incorrigible Boy

Amsterdam Evening Recorder, NY, Saturday,
October 15, 1904

Claude Palmateer, the 8-year-old Gloversville boy who has caused considerable notoriety to befall him on account of his recent actions, was taken into custody by Truant Officer Schermerhorn yesterday charged with violating the compulsory education law. He was taken before the recorder and after a consultation with his mother it was decided to place the boy in some institution where he will have a chance to reform. He was sentenced to two years in the Westchester county home for boys at White Plains, N. Y., and was taken to that place this afternoon.

Young Palmateer is the boy who borrowed rags from church sheds on different occasions and at one time after being detained over night at police headquarters in Johnstown went home with

one of the officer's badges and whistle. The fire department has been called out twice by false alarms, which were charged to young Palmateer, but in court the boy denied having anything to do with this.

Palmateer has had a great habit of wandering about the nearby country. He was in Northville last night and returned to Gloversville this morning. The boy seems incorrigible, as he has been talked to, cautioned and warned, and strenuous methods have been used to persuade him to be good, but he seems to possess a disposition to do otherwise, and it was decided best to place him for a while where he would have a chance to reform.

Evidently the effort was successful.

Claude D Polmateer (GFG – B) was a great-grandson of Mary Margaret Getman (GFG – B 23) 1786-1865 and Lewis Frederick 1791.

Magician Invents Props

The Daily Press, Utica, NY
Monday, May 5, 1975

Wilmington, NY - Lawrence W. Hess, 72, of Wilmington and formerly of Utica, a magician who performed in the Utica area for many years, died Saturday in Lake Placid Hospital after a short illness.

He began his career in the 1920. as "Hess The Magician, Master of Amazement." at that time magic was a hobby for him, occupying his evenings while his days were given to his work as a postal clerk at the Dunham Post on Devereux Street.

Working out of his home at 1124 Leeds St. Utica, he performed evenings at different locations throughout the area.

There he sold the equipment for magic tricks and illusions, many which were his own inventions.

Over the years he performed at many locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. He toured with both the Shrine and Keith Circuit theaters.

He was a 25 year member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, a charter member of Local Ring 101, and a member of the Magicians Alliance of Eastern States. In 1947 he was appointed to the Magicians Guild, and exclusive society made up of professional magicians.

For the past ten years, Mr. Hess has worked as the "Wizard of the North" at Santa's Workshop at the North Pole, Wilmington. He created and built a number of puppets and performed there as a puppeteer.

He also was owner of the Square Circle Motel in Wilmington.

Hess was born in Utica and attended local schools. In 1948 he married Margo Blake.

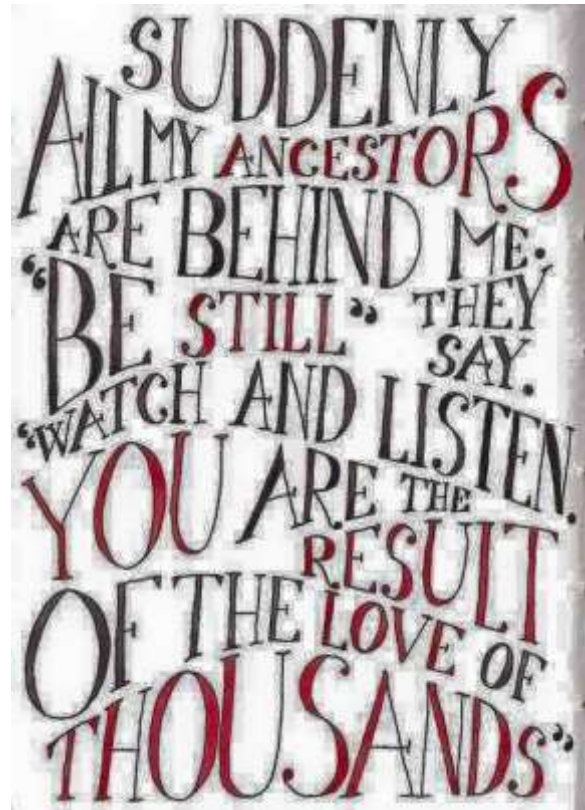
Besides his wife, he is survived by a son Major Jerome L. Hess with the Marine Corps. in California; a brother Albert Hess and a sister, Mrs. Mary Miller, both of Holland Patent.

The funeral will be tomorrow at the Forest Hill Cemetery Conservatory. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Lawrence W. Hess (GFG - C / VIII) 1903-1975 is a great-great-great-grandson of Marie Margaretha Getman (GFG C - 4) 1761-1840 and Ger sham Skinner 1751-1824. He is also a great-great-great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG - VIII) 1761-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727- 1813.

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Share them with our cousins**

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Getman Named Senior Loan Officer

Messenger, Baldwinsville, NY
March 24, 1999

Alliance Financial Corporation announced that James W. Getman of Baldwinsville will join the company as executive vice president and senior loan officer.

Getman most recently served as vice president and senior credit officer of Cayuga Bank in Auburn. He previously worked for Chase Manhattan Bank in Syracuse as vice president and group manager, responsible for corporate and personal banking relationships in Central New York. He began his banking career with Key Bank of Central New York in 1972.

John C. Mott, co-CEO of Alliance Financial Corporation, states, "We are pleased to have Jim Getman join our organization as Senior Loan Officer, and we are indeed fortunate to expand our management team with an experienced banking executive who has extensive professional experience and knowledge of the Central New York business community.

"A graduate of Union College with a BA in economics, Getman attended the NACM School of Credit and Financial Management at Dartmouth College and the Advanced Commercial Lending program at SUNY Buffalo. He is a member of the board of directors of the Huntington Family Center and the Friends of Burnet Park Zoo.

Alliance Financial Corporation is a bank holding company created through the merger of Cortland First Financial Corporation and Oneida Valley Bancshares, Inc. This merger of equals, effective on Nov. 25, 1998, created an independent bank holding company comprised of 16 community banking locations in Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Broome counties.

James Wesley Getman (GFG 1723 / A)

Shot at by Guard

The Evening Telegram, Herkimer, NY
Thursday, September 13, 1945

Ilion—Miss Mary Zoller and Erlau Wilcox, who have been presenting a musical specialty act at army camps and posts all over the country for the past three years, have "hit the road," again after visiting friends and relatives here.

Although they have been miles away from home, their memory for acquaintances here did not lapse. The number of persons who greeted them with smiles and handshakes as they stood on the corner of Main and Central Ave. yesterday noon, proved that fact.

Theatrically known as "Polly Jenkins and her Plow Boys," the group had just finished playing with the National Barn Dance which is presented in Chicago and were en route to Springfield, Mass., where they will once again commence stage shows. Their army work has terminated.

Both musicians, during their Army camp tours under USO sponsorship, met many Ilion soldiers. It was their custom, when such meetings did occur, to drop local newspapers a line, telling of their encounter, thus keeping separated friends and relatives in closer contact.

Miss Zoller narrated one really amusing and almost tragic incident which happened while

they were leaving a camp one dark night. She said they were stopped at a camp gate by a hail of bullets from the sentry box, but no sentry was in sight.

They finally spotted him peering cautiously around the corner of the box. He explained that was the first time he had been on guard duty and he had been pretty nervous. When he heard a noise in the bushes and received no answer to his call, he fired away.

They later learned that he was a crack shot and had served a stretch in the guardhouse for killing a cow.

Miss Zoller, daughter of George Zoller, has one brother and four sisters living in this area. They are George H., Mrs. George Green, Mrs. Vito D'Alessandro and Mrs. Anthony Scapro of Ilion and Mrs. Walter Ames of Mohawk.

Mary L. Zoller (GFG - GFG - C / I / II / II / II) 1903-1983 is a great-great-great granddaughter of Margaret "Peggy" Getman, (GFG - C 36 / II) 1786-1867 and George Petrie (GFG - II) 1777-1839. She is also a great-great-great-great granddaughter of Anne Eve Getman (GFG - II) 1722-? and Frederick Orendorf 1720-1802, and Anna Maria Getman (GFG - I) 1721-1811 and Johann Henrich Meyers 1715-1810.

Sleep Walking

Ilion Citizen, NY
Thursday, July 2, 1908

Adelbert Pangburn of German Flatts who formerly resided with his brother-in-law Jerome Worden on the Giliigan farm met with a severe injury By falling down stairs and was taken to the Herkimer Hospital for treatment. He is said to have been walking in his sleep.

Adelbert Pangburn (GFG - C / VIII) 1854- is a great-great-grandson of Marie Margaretha Getman (GFG C - 4) 1761-1840 and Gersham Skinner 1751-1824. He is also a great-great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG - VIII) 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727- 1813.