

THE

GETMAN NEWS

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Hi Cousins

Hi Cousins,

Here's hoping to find you and your family in good health. Our world is upside, coming back up in a new normal. Did you ever think you would have to make sure you had a mask to wear outside your home?

Normally this is a year to present a slate of new officers at our meeting. Because we are not having a meeting this summer, we are keeping the same positions until next summer.

If there is interest in getting into taking on some historical project, please do!

We are always happy to have new information about the Getman family, Germany or anywhere history takes you. If new information becomes available, we love to share it.

Marty Chase
Chairman

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

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)

Skinner - Hatch

(The Hatch Papers)

In October of 1781 a farmer by the name of Demooth, residing north of what is now Herkimer, was captured during a war party at Little Falls and carried off to Canada. He claimed that he was loyal to the Crown, joined the expedition that attacked the Little Falls grist mill, and deserted to his own side in the ensuing battle. He told how the expedition had intended to attack Fort Herkimer but on approaching in the darkness, found there were few soldiers and a wedding party was in progress. During the scene of havoc Mr. Gersham Skinner managed to escape (but not without having received very severe wounds, the effect of which were felt during his lifetime), by groping his way in the dark, between the knives and hatchets of the Indians and secretly hiding in the raceway, until the Indians had accomplished their work of destruction of the mill and were gone. Mr. Skinner then made his way, although in severe pain, to Fort Dayton in the village of Herkimer. (Gersham Skinner came from Connecticut and died in the Town of Columbia on March 3, 1824.)

Many women and children as well as part of the men who were in the mill that horrible night of the attack were carried into captivity. However, some of them decided to part with their lives amongst the cries. Among those was Daniel Petrie, son of

Joseph Petrie, one of the founders of Herkimer village. Mr. Petrie was recognized by some of his relatives who had attached themselves to the Tories and accompanied the invaders in the attack, was implored to surrender and promised good treatment if he would, but the old man scorned and refused to yield after repeatedly discharging his musket. He continued his struggle to fight using the butt end of his musket until he was overpowered by extreme force. He was led out upon the rocks, bound, and tortured to death by arrows, tomahawks and scalping knives of the barbarians. In a horribly mangled condition, he was found a day or two later by some of the men who had gone down from Fort Dayton and buried the bodies of those slain in the disastrous attack at the scene. In April, 1783, Captain Thompson passed through the Mohawk Valley and brought word of the signing of the Peace Treaty which made the United States free. The people confined at Fort Dayton and Herkimer where overjoyed and happy to be able to return to their burned homes to start life over again. (uncited source)

"The subject of this sketch was a Revolutionary soldier who held an Adjutants commission in the army, lived at Little Falls and he and Frederick Fox were the millers at a grist mill on Furnace Creek, belonging to a now resident Scotch gentleman named Alexander Ellice, the only mill in 1782

which the enemy had not succeeded in destroying.

It was stockaded during the war, and was the main dependence of the garrisons at Forts Dayton and Herkimer, and of all the inhabitants of that part of the valley, many from more distant points staying over night for which purpose the attic of the mill was utilized.

Early in June, previous to the visit of General George Washington to this part of the valley, June 30, 1782, a party of Indians and Tories from Canada, several hundred strong, descended the valley for the purpose of storming Fort Herkimer, and destroying the mill. It happened that on that day the heads of several families from the vicinity of the Fort had gone to the mill six miles distant and nearly all the small garrison had accompanied them for protection, a fact which it is believed was conveyed to them by some resident tory or neutral. It chanced, however, that one Frederick Smith had that day been married and with his bride was at the garrison, where at nightfall a genuine vigorous horning was in full progress as the wily enemy stole cautiously near. Although very few men were left, (Says Simms in his second volume of *Frontiersmen*) scores of women and children were still inmates and such a din, made by the blowing of horns, thumping of tin pans brass kettles and the like, was never before heard in the Mohawk valley. Every woman and child had an instrument of noise while a man named Fulmer played the fiddle in the concert. It may be of interest to those of the present day to know that Mrs. Henry McNeil of the County seat is a descendent of this early wedded pair who were so vigorously serenaded.

The enemy approaching near enough to hear the wonderful hubbub, and unable rightly to divine its cause, believed it to be a rejoicing over the arrival of fresh troops and proceeded down the valley to the mill. There

were in the before mentioned loft of the mill, Gershon Skinner and Frederick Fox, the millers, Christian Edick, Frederick Getman, Lawrence Harter, Peter Orendorf, Jacob Petrie, Daniel Petrie, Marks and Joan Rasbach, Thomas Shoemaker and Peter Woleben, citizens and seven regular soldiers. The door which was invariably secured with lock and bolt, and further guarded by an enormous chest containing the mill tools, was forced open by means of an immense iron bar, which Mr Skinner's descendants affirming they compelled a man whom they had taken prisoner, to bring all the way from Canada. The frightened inmates endeavored to escape by jumping from the windows. Skinner had a hand to hand fight with four savages in the dark and received nine tomahawk wounds mostly about the head, after which he and Fox secreted themselves under the waterwheel-Skinner being in the water over his shoulders. Christian Edick and Frederick Getman leaped into the raceway above the mill keeping as much out of sight under water as possible but the light from the burning mill to which the torch had been applied soon revealed their agnatic rendezvous, and they were made prisoners together with eight or ten soldiers.

Daniel Petrie was savagely butchered and his heart and liver hung upon a fence post. The men under the wheel were protected by it from the heat and burning firebrands. Skinner was so blinded by his wounds and the effects of the cold water upon them that it was noon of the following day before he dared creep forth, not knowing but that at any moment he might be killed or taken prisoner. He crawled to the woods nearby where he soon regained his faculties but always wore a skull cap to protect his scarred and sensitive head. He removed from Little Falls to the town of Schuyler and thence accompanied by his son John to Columbia where he cleared and

settled on the farm south of Columbia Center where he passed the remainder of his life and which in later years was occupied by Benjamin Skinner, a grandson."

Benjamin Franklin Skinner (GFG - A 120e / C 339 / VIII) 1840-1888 was a grandson of Marie Getman (GFG - A22) 1786-1820 and Andreas Miller 1784-1864. He was also a great grandson of Marie M Getman (GFG - C 4) 1761-1840 and Gershan Skinner 1751-1824; a great-great grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG - VIII) 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727-1813.

Letters to the Editor

Utica Daily Press, NY
Friday, March 26, 1948

To the Press

In an article inserted in the Press by Stillmn. distributor of Best Foods Inc.. he proposed to remove the federal tax on margarine, stating it is an old law enacted 16 years ago that should be repealed to permit manufacturers of margarine to sell the substitutes colored in direct competition, with the dairymen's butter made from pure milk. The two dairy products are America's best health building food.

The margarine Law was enacted 62 years ago under a pure food act which was introduced by Senator Warner Miller of Herkimer and passed by Congress. The law protects consumers in buying pure butter against colored margarine, a substitute butter. It is important to have pure -food laws to safeguard the health of all citizens. Everyone should be interested in buying pure foods.

MARCUS GRANT

Franklin Springs

Utica Daily Press, NY
Friday, June 15 1951

To the Editor:

Defense Secretary Marshall said the Korea war may continue for 10 years. General Bradley agreed. If it is the State Department's policy to continue the conflict in Korea while our soldiers are killed by Russian war supplies transported through Manchuria to the Chinese Communist army, it will fail. Appeasement of Russia will not restore American freedom in the Pacific territory where many of our brave boys gave their lives while Russia remained neutral until a few days before surrender in World War II.

It was stated by the military advisers that Chiang Kai-shek at the demand of Stalin, was urged into the agreement for joint control of all railroads in Manchuria. The concessions made against the advice of the military to both commanders at Yalta were confirmed at the Potsdam conference. This gave Stalin control of Communist China. The Russian-made guns reported left behind in the Communist retreat show that Russia is involved in the aggression against the U. N. army.

The first article of the Constitution gives Congress the right to declare war. This authority is in effect until repealed by a vote of the people. The conflict cannot continue indefinitely. Our intelligence knows that our Pacific territory is imperiled and countries freed from tyranny in the Spanish war will be threatened with exile under the present appeasement policy. Is the wait and see proposal to continue at the sacrifice of our army in Korea, without trying to stop Communist aid? The dismissal of MacArthur and Admiral Denfeld is shameful. The Christian fellowship advance by MacArthur with the Japanese will be recognized by millions of church members in the United States .and the citizens who

declare for honesty and integrity in the conduct of federal affairs.

MARCUS GRANT

Marcus Grant (GFG – C / II) 1867-1956 is a son of Mary Catherine Getman (GFG – C) 1834-1892 and Marcus J Grant (GFG – II) 1826-1892.

Marcus was a prolific writer of letters to the editor during the post-war and Korean War era.

Mining Accident

Watertown Daily Times, NY
Tuesday, May 1, 1973)

GOUVERNEUR — Donald A. Krum, 61, County Club Road, Hailesboro, an employee of St. Joe Minerals Corp, died from crushing injuries in an accident at the St. Joe No. 4 mine, Balmat, Monday about 2:25 p.m.

According to Inv. Carl Denecia and Deputy Michael Mitchell, Sheriff's Department, Krum and two other employees had been working at the 1900-foot level of the mine and were leaving the work area. The tram on which they were riding lost power and went down the shaft at a ten-degree angle. Krum's companions jumped from the tram but Krum was crushed by the machine, being thrown from it and into its path.

Dr. A.E. Dodds, St. Lawrence County coroner, pronounced Krum dead at the scene. No official verdict has been issued.

The funeral will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Gouverneur, with Rev. Stanley E. Brown, Pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Hailesboro. Friends may call Wednesday afternoon and evening at Burr-Green Funeral Home, Gouverneur. There will be a Masonic service Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret Phillips Krum; two daughters, Mrs; Dale (Shirley) Weatherup, Gouverneur; Mrs.

Richard (Joan) Lovely, Horseheads; a son, Frederick, Syracuse; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Krum, Adams Center; two sisters, Mrs. Lionel (Esther) Mellon, Adams Center; Mrs: Bernard (Marge) Thomas, Adams; 11 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Born at Ellisburg March 19, 1912, son of Frederick and Kate Parsons Krum, he attended Belleville schools and worked on farms in the Belleville section. He married Margaret Phillips at Belleville May 18, 1935.

The couple later moved to Edwards where Mr. Krum began employment for St. Joe Minerals. They lived in Balmat before moving to the Country Club Road. Mr. Krum had worked for the mining company for 36 years and was a machine man at the time of his death.

Donald Albert Krum, 1912-1973 was the husband of Margaret E. Phillips (GFG – C / VIII). She was great-great-great-granddaughter of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) 1799-1910 (wow) and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799-1886).

Getman Murder Trial

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY
March 12, 1909

Case Goes to Jury Thursday Afternoon, Defense Admits Act but Declares It Unpremeditated.

The taking of the evidence in the case of the people against Jacob Getman, charged with murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of Fred Neal near Roseboom in July last was completed at noon on Thursday of this week. Judge N. P. Willis and Clermonte . Tennant, Esq., who defended Getman and, District Attorney U. G. Welch who handled the case for the people unassisted spent a goodly part of the afternoon in summing up and the case went to the jury at about 4:30 o'clock.