GETMAN NEWS

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Mark Your 2019 Calendar August 2, 3 and 4

Greetings Cousins,

Spring will get here, then summer, which brings a time for us to get together August 2, 3, 4.

We hope if you have been looking through your family history and finding some interesting stories you can share.

Reading some biographies and historical fiction may give you some nuggets of information that you can follow up on. We need to check and double check such information. These nuggets may give us leads we can peruse and get that "aha" moment.

One such book that illuminates our New York area Revolutionary Patriots is the book My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoia.

The story of Liza Schuyler, daughter of General Schuyler. Her perspective as a patriot as well as a woman of those times gives a rich picture for us. Our ancestors who served in the Revolutionary war have some direct connection with him.

Don't forget to contact Wayne Getman if you are planning to attend any or all of our events.

Marty Chase Chairman

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 | 877-859-5095 |
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| 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

It was also the favorite Inn of Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, who came to Johnstown to race his horse.

> If you could see your ancestors, All standing in a row, There might be some perhaps, You wouldn't care to know.

But here's another question, Which requires a different view. If you could meet your ancestors, Would they be proud of you?

Anonymous

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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)

A Melancholy Wide Awake Incident

St Lawrence Republican Ogdensburgh, NY Tuesday, October 30, 1860)

To Republicans and Wide Awakes – On the evening of the 10th of October, upon the reception of the news of the glorious victories achieved in the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, by our Republican brethren, three men were detailed from our ranks to fire an appropriate salute, and in so doing, two of them, by a premature discharge of the cannon, were severely, if not fatally injured; the one having his right, and the other, his left arm blown off, besides receiving other injuries.

Both persons are of strictly temperate habits and their case is one that must appeal with force to every man woman and child.

Henry Stansel, a mechanic, the sole support of a wife and six children - two of whom are twins but four weeks old - after suffering from the amputation of his right arm, upon being told by his physician, that on account of his critical situation, it was the intention of the Wide Awakes to abandon their contemplated trip to Little Falls, to attend the celebration; said, with the spirit of a partier, "Let them go by all means my heart is with them, and should I die let me be buried by my companions the Wide Awakes." On the return from Little Falls hearing the music he requested that his torch should be lighted and hung out of the window, that all might know "there was a Wide Awake within"

Alexander Hilts is the sole support of a widowed mother. He remarked to his companions after the amputation of his left arm, "Well boys? Thank God I have my right arm loft

with which to cast a vote for freedom and honest Old Abe!"

Under the circumstances we confidently appeal to our brethren for subscriptions for the aid of these two persons, and would suggest (without being considered too officious) that each Wide Awake company make up a purse of one dollar for each man in the company, and we assure you that such an action shall not be lost upon us.

Funds can be sent to Hon. Ezra Graves, Hon. A. H. Laffin, or James A. Suiter, Esq., who are a committee appointed to take charge of such funds.

> Richard Wilson, Captain Peter Pruyne, 1st Lieutenant, of Herkimer Wide-Awakes Herkimer, N.Y., Oct. 17th, 1860

To the editors of the Utica Herald: This morning, Mr. Stansel departed this life. His particular request was that he be buried by the Wide-Awakes in uniform. Invitations are hereby extended to all Wide-Awake clubs to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, in uniform, at Herkimer, ae 11 o'clock A.M., on Thursday, Oct. 18th, 1860 – We hope our brethren generally will unite with us on that occasion. Yours respectfully, J.H.S.

Henry H. Stansel, 1822- 1860 was the husband of Lydia B. Folts (GFG – C) 1823-1870. Lydia was a granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829. I am not aware of the results of the subscription campaign.

Send us your family stories. Wayne Getman c/o wayget@ntcnet.com



Wickipedia

The **Wide** Awakes were a youth organization and, later, a paramilitary organization cultivated by the Republican Party during the 1860 presidential election in the United States. Using popular social events, an ethos of competitive fraternity, and even promotional comic books, the organization introduced many to political participation and proclaimed themselves the newfound voice of younger voters. The structured, militant Wide Awakes appealed to a generation profoundly shaken by the partisan instability of the 1850s and offered young northerners a much-needed political identity.

The standard Wide Awake uniform consisted of a full robe or cape, a black glazed hat, and a torch six feet in length to which a large, flaming, pivoting whale-oil container was mounted. Its activities were conducted primarily in the evening and consisted of several night-time torch-lit marches through cities in the northeast and border states. The Wide Awakes adopted the image of a large eyeball as their standard banner.

Mission statement

Typical Wide Awakes chapters also adopted an unofficial mission statement. The following example comes from the Chicago Chapter:^[8]

- 1. To act as a political police.
- 2. To do escort duty to all prominent Republican speakers who visit our place to address our citizens.

- 3. To attend all public meetings in a body and see that order is kept and that the speaker and meeting is not disturbed.
- 4. To attend the polls and see that justice is done to every legal voter.
- 5. To conduct themselves in such a manner as to induce all Republicans to join them.
- 6. To be a body joined together in large numbers to work for the good of the Republican Ticket.



Wide awakes, Hartford, CT, 1860

Burned in the Sugar Bush

The Sun and Journal, Lockport, NY Wednesday, March 30, 1932

JAMESTOWN. March 30—James H. Hodges, 43, farmer, living near Watts Flats, west of this city, was burned to death early yesterday on his farm, when fire destroyed the sugar house in the sugar bush. He left home shortly after midnight to attend to the fires and run off maple syrup. Later neighbors saw a glare of fire, but did not consider it anything of importance. A hired man at 6 o'clock in the morning went to the sugar bush and discovered the man's charred body in the ruins of the sugar house. How the fire started is not known Hodges is survived by his wife and five children.

James Harrison Hodges, 1889-1932 married Grace S. Loomis (GFG – C) 1895-1982. Grace is a great-greatgreat granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C2) 1755-1829 and her first husband, Frederick Stevens who was killed during the battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777.

3 oak leaves



The Morning Herald Gloversville and Johnstown, NY Tuesday October 31, 1944

15TH AAF IN ITALY S/Sgt. John D. Moynehan, Jr., 27, veteran lower turret gunner, of 300 Fon Claire street, Johnstown, has been awarded the Third Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal, it was announced by 15th AAF headquarters.

In the words of the citation, the award was made "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Sergeant Moynehan is stationed overseas with a veteran B-2 Liberator bomber group which has flown more than 120 combat missions. The group is commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph G. Russell of 114 W. Rosewood street, San Antonio, Tex.

He entered the armed forces April 8, 1941 and received gunnery training at Tyndall Field, Fla. His wife and son reside at 300 Fon Claire street.

Sergeant Moynehan recently returned to this country after completing fifty missions and left about ten days ago for Atlantic City after spending a 21-day furlough here.

He is the husband of the former Miss Catherine V. Roddy, 300 Fon Clair street, and son of Mrs. Almeda Moynehan 50 Pleasant Avenue.

John D. Moynehan (GFG – B) 1916-2009, was a greatgreat grandson of Mary Margaret Getman (GFG – B 23) 1786-1865 and Lewis Frederick 1791.

Annapolis Appointment

Schenectady Gazette, NY Wednesday, May 27, 1964

JOHNSTOWN — David J. Moynehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moynehan, 501 South Market street, will join his brother in attending the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Moynehan, a Johnstown high school senior, has been accepted for admission under appointment by Congressman Carleton J. King of Saratoga Springs and has been directed to report June 30. His brother, John D. Moynehan Jr., is completing his third year at the naval academy. He will take a six-week cruise with the Mediterranean fleet this summer.

David J and John D (GFG -B) were great-great-greatgrandsons of Mary Margaret Getman (GFG -B 23) 1786-1865 and Lewis Frederick 1791. They were also sons of The John De Moynehan in the previous article

Wedding in St Louis

The Fulton County Republican Johnstown, NY, Thursday, June 16, 1904

Miss Isabelle Frederick, accompanied by her sister. Miss Almeda Frederick, and Miss Ella Soudam, of Gloversville, left for St. Louis Friday evening, where on Sunday she was married to Mr. Lloyd Clute, formerly of Gloversville. It was intended to have the wedding at the bride's borne in this city, but Mr. Clute, who is in charge of a force of men in one of the exposition buildings, found it impossible to come at this time and the wedding accordingly took place at St. Louis. The bride to be is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Frederick, of Mill street.

Isabelle Frederick (GFG – B) 1879-1950 was a great grandaughter of Mary Margaret Getman (GFG – B 23) 1786-1865 and Lewis Frederick 1791.