THE GETMAN NEWS

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Getman Association Meeting, Saturday August 1, 2009

The Getman Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday August 1, 2009 in Herkimer, NY. Herkimer is well known to many Getman's as one of the early settlements in the Mohawk Valley where their ancestors lived and worked.

This year's meeting will have a new format that is intended to provide family related history and entertainment. Beginning at 4:30 PM we will gather for a cruise using Erie Canal Cruises of Herkimer. The cruise will be followed by a 7:00 PM dinner at the Waterfront Grill. Both are located at "Gems Along the Mohawk" adjacent to the Interstate 90 "Thruway" exit. Folks who would rather not take the cruise may choose to browse in the shops at "Gems Along the Mohawk", displaying many local products or visit some of the many local historic sites.

The cruise will take us eastward toward Little Falls, through a canal lock and return in time for dinner. The cruise will take about an hour and a half and we will learn about the Erie Canal "Clinton's Ditch", and its impact on the history of our country. Many Getman descendants were greatly impacted by the Canal as it brought them news ways of life and helped them move westward.

Because this is a different format, a different reservation system is required. The cruise fee will be $16.00 per/person. (We need to have, or at least pay for, 25 persons, minimum). Dinner will be $17.50 per/person. (Tax and gratuity not included). Reservations must be submitted by Friday July 17 and payment of $20.00 per/person is required by Wednesday July 22, the balance is payable upon arrival. Reservations are to be submitted to Wayne and Sara Getman at (wayget@ntcnet.com or 315-845-8014). Payments may be submitted to Wayne Getman or David Getman, Getman Association Treasurer.

Getman Centennial

One of your distant cousins recently asked a good question that never occurred to this writer. He pointed out that the Getman Tercentennial is about to occur. In 1910 we will be able to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Getman's in the new world. His question was "Is the Getman Association planning anything to celebrate?"

Here an opportunity for each of you to put on your thinking caps. Submit your ideas for an appropriate celebration for consideration. If you would like to help put the celebration together, let us know. You can rest assured that it is a topic that will be reviewed during the August 1st Association Meeting.

The Palatines to America organization will hold a 300th Anniversary conference June 17-19, 2010, in Fishkill, NY.

Web Page Data Updated

In the December Newsletter, I told you that an update of the Getman Descendant data on our web page was about to be posted. Unfortunately due to the vagaries of my understanding of the Internet, confusion on my part and technical difficulties with new operating systems, the update did not happen when expected.

It is there now! About a week ago we were able to work out the problems for file transfers and the new data is now posted. To view the new information, visit our website at getmangenealogy.net and click on the appropriate link.

Another update will be posted prior to the August gathering and will conclude the A, B and C lines. My research has now begun on the descendants of the first generation Getman daughters