

GETMAN REUNION

**Watertown, NY
August 12-13-14**

A special group rate has been arranged at of \$124.00 plus tax at the Holiday Inn Express, Watertown, NY <http://www.hiexpress.com/watertownny>. We expect to visit Sackets Harbor State Park on Saturday <http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/7/history.aspx> Plans for Friday and Saturday evenings have not yet been set up. Suggestions for quality places to meet and eat as a group are requested.



Send us your family stories.

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A change to the Getman Genealogy Record

Johannes Eacker (GFG A 474) 1843 – 1921, has been determined to not be a Getman descendent. The following obituary provides the necessary documentation. The Children and descendants of Jeremiah and Margaret Dockstader consequently are

incorrectly identified as Getman descendants unless they are found to have an additional link to a family line. As of this writing I have found none. [WG]

Similar changes if they are documentable will continue to be reported in this newsletter.

- Obituary (Utica Herald-Dispatch, NY, Saturday, July 16, 1921)

Fort Plain ... Relatives here have received word of the death of Jeremiah Eacker, aged 76 years, which occurred in Johnstown on Thursday. He was found dead in bed at the home of Reuben Crossman, where he made his home. He was attired in his night clothes and from the position in which he was found it was believed he was attempting to solicit aid when death claimed him. Death was due to heart failure. The deceased was born in the town of Palatine and was a son of John Eacker and Nancy Miller Eacker. He was a veteran of the Civil War. The survivors are one son Jeery Eacker of Boise, Idaho; three daughters, Mrs. William Chetwynd, Mrs. Ray Lewis and Mrs. Harry Smith of Johnstown; two brothers, Alonzo Eacker of Stone Arabia and Arnold Eacker of Fort Plain; also one sister, Mrs. Henry Lasher of this village. The body was removed to the home of the daughter, Mrs. Ray Lewis, where the funeral services will be held

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is now available. 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 payable 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)

GETMAN REUNION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, N. Y. 1934

A clipping about the Getman Reunion held August 19, 1934, was found pasted in the 1934 Diary of Mrs. Minnie A. Conklin.

August 19-- The second annual Getman family reunion was held Sunday at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Peron Kiechle on Indian River.

Dinner, served to about 73 members, was followed by a business meeting called to order by the president, Joseph Getman. Officers for the coming years are: President, Joseph Getman; vice-president, Emery Paul; secretary, Mildred Flath; and treasurer, Bessie Walts.

Those present at the reunion were: Andrew Getman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Timmerman, son Lyle; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Getman, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Getman, children Harold and Alice Marie; Ray Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Getman and son, Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stanton and son Ralph; Miss Lois Van Alstyne, Paul Getman, all of Lafargeville; Anna Gladwyn, W. H. Chapman, Bessie Walts, Mr. and Mrs. William Conklin and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Conklin of Brownville; Matilda Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paul, Corinne Paul, Helen Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Walts and son, Allison; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Walts, Ida Mae Waldrath (Walrath) all of Evans Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Emery Paul and son Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp, Earl Knapp, Helen Tunney, Earl Getman, Shirley Getman of Watertown; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Getman and son, Harold of Theresa; Mr. and Mrs. George Eaton, David and Martha Joan Eaton of Mannsville; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, Martha Getman, Carrie Allen of Limerick; Frank Clemons of Depauville; Niles Horton, Jean Ormsby and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Flath of Dexter.

Schenectady Gazette, NY, Saturday July 23, 1938

FORT PLAIN. July 22 – Findings of authorities probing the causes of the airplane crash here Wednesday that brought death to Mrs. Wayne Hendershott, Mrs. Alan Schell and Everett Sanders, all of this village, will not be made public for some time although the probe is practically completed, officials said.

Federal Inspector Willard B. Blaine of Syracuse who has been here since the tragedy, has completed his scrutiny of the details and will report his findings to the government shortly. Any public announcement of causes of the crash will be made by the air bureau, he said.

Coroner Clark Congdon announced he will hold an inquest but has set no date for the hearing as yet.

Sanders, the pilot of the ill-fated plane, leaves his mother, his wife and five children. He was taught to fly nine years ago by Victor Rickard who was then teaching at the Schenectady airport, he also is survived by a brother, Arnold Sanders of Danube, Herkimer county.

Services for Sanders will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Catherine Nellis memorial chapel, Rev. Mr. Miller of St. Johnsville will officiate and burial will be in Fort Plain cemetery.

Services for Mrs. Hendershott were held this afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Hazel of Lynn, Mass. Interment was in Pine Grove cemetery at Lynn. Survivors include her husband, Wayne Hendershott, her mother and one sister of Lynn.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Pearl Schell, third victim of the plane crash, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eckler of Nelliston. Interment was in Inghams Mills cemetery.

Pearl Eckler (GFG – II) b. 1916, was the great-great-great-granddaughter of Anne Eve Getman b. abt. 1872 (GFG II) and Frederick Orendorf 1720 – 1802). The Pilot, Everett Sanders was the husband of Bessie Delia Getman (GFG – B 959). They had 5 children. It is unlikely they realized they had a family relationship.

Daughter Fills in For Her Mother

EVENING RECORDER
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Stone Arabia- Reporter - Likes Traveling, Baking - Several years ago, Mrs. Grace Hillbrandt volunteered to report news from Stone Arabia because she thought there was a need since The Recorder is delivered in that area. Mrs. Hillbrandt is well qualified for her job having lived there all her life and is active in community organizations. She is a member of the Stone Arabia Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Women's Society of World Service of the church. She served as president of the the RECORDER press since 1870, Ladies' Aid for seven years and was secretary of missionary education for two years in the WSVVS. Mrs. Hillbrandt also holds membership in the local Home Demonstration Unit. The Recorder correspondent is a talented baker, with bread, pies and cakes her specialties. She also is proficient in canning. Several blue ribbons have been awarded to her in past Montgomery Fulton County fairs at Fonda. She likes to grow flowers and has geraniums, ferns and African violets in her home on the corner of Colbet and Stone Arabia Roads. For 16 years Mrs. Hillbrandt worked for Beech-Nut Packing Co. in Canajoharie, retiring in 1957. She worked mostly in the preparation room at the plant. During World War II she worked for two years in the electronics division. Mrs. Hillbrandt is a widow of Earl Hillbrandt and lives alone in East Stone Arabia. She has a daughter and stepson. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hillbrandt. and a grandson Larry who is a freshman at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. She enjoys traveling and is currently spending a few months in Florida. In her absence her daughter. Mrs. Ronald (Marion) Hillbrandt, will report the Stone Arabia news.

Grace Eacker Hillbrandt (GFG A 1568) 1892 – 1987, she married and divorced Raymond Smith with whom she had two children. In 1935 she married Earl Hillbrandt 1888 - 1965. She was a great-great-granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG A 29) 1787 – 1865 and William Nellis 1783 – 1873.

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY December 24, 1915

Leon Griffin caught two pickerel through the ice on Canadarago Lake one day this week, which together weighed nine pounds. A number of other specimens of unusual size have been taken.

Leon Griffin (GFG A 905 / I) 1875 – 1927 is a great-grandson of Adelia Getman (GFG – A 24) and Michael Meyers GFG – I)

DAR ACCOUNTS AND A RECORD OF SORTS

The Albany Evening Journal, NY
Wednesday, December 3, 1902

Chicago Dec 2 - A thorough investigation of genealogical records in Herkimer county. N. Y., and covering a considerable length of the Mohawk valley appears to have accorded to a Chicago woman, Mrs. Estella Folts Callan, the honor of being the foremost Daughter of the American Revolution. Her claim has been, recognized. It is said, by the government genealogist, the D. A. R., and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots.

The Daughters of Founders and Patriots, by the way, is the most exclusive of the revolutionary war organizations. Only those, whose paternal ancestors settled in America between 1608 and 1667 and were loyal citizens, can Join the D, of F. and P.

Mrs. Callan has spent a decade in establishing herself as the foremost Daughter of the American Revolution. She is the wife of Frank D. Callan, a prominent real estate man.

One of the reasons she gives for having expended as much time and money in establishing her claim is that she wanted to have an honor to which she felt confident she was entitled brought to Chicago. She wanted to show New York's "400" that the women of the "Windy City" have pedigrees, as well as money, to burn.

In straightening out her distinguished ancestry, Mrs. Callan visited the family home in Herkimer county, New York. She searched through old, musty church records and the archives of the county. She rummaged about in the attics of dilapidated colonial homes, spent weeks and months in libraries, mined ancient letters and book from dusty chests, and waded through the files of faded newspapers. It was a trying task, but Mrs. Callan accomplished ... undertaking ... of war history and romance which ... for her trouble.

After she had finally place the whole historical family quilt together, here is what she found.

That her known relatives number ... persons.

That she had nineteen ancestors who fought in the War of the Revolution.

That one branch of her family has occupied the Folts of Volts homestead in Herkimer county for 192 years.

The first thing Mrs. Callan had to do to establish her claim to being a genuine descendant of the founders and patriots was to prove her lineage in the paternal line, This was not difficult to do. Her family, the Folts or Volts, has lived in one house continually for 192 years, and in the attic of the old mansion she found substantial proofs of her claims.

According to the records, the Volts family came to America in the early part of the seventh century and

settled in lower New York. There all the family lived until 1711, when Melchert Folts and a company of neighbors, migrated to the Mohawk valley. Besides Folts, the Herkimers and Schumakers - now Shoemakers - and a number of others were in the company. They received a grant of the entire valley from the King of England and began laying out their farms and building homes and churches.

The records of Herkimer county were carefully preserved by the settlers and Mrs. Callan scoured the original copies of the wills of every succeeding Folts ancestor from Melchert Folts to her grandfather, Daniel Folts. Melchert Folts was born in 1670 [?] and died in 1731 [?]

The ancestor next in line was Jacob Folts, who was born in 1711 and died in During the revolutionary war he was a lieutenant. His son, Conrad Folts, born in 1747, was a revolutionary captain and was wounded four times at the battle of Oriskany, N. Y. His son the great-grandfather of Mrs. Callan, was Warner Folts, who was born in 1776 and lived until 1837. Daniel Folts, son of Warner Folts, was born in 1794 [?] and lived for -- years. Warner Folts, the second of the name, the father of Mrs. Callan, was a son of Daniel.

Through Marriage the Folts family ... became related to every one of the original families of the valley. This accounts for the large number of ancestors having revolutionary war records.

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The society to which they belong is only about three years old. it is distinct from the Daughters of the American Revolution, although it is in fact an outgrowth of that order. As a member of the daughters of the American Revolution Mrs. Callan wears the insignia of the society - gold bars bearing the name of the ancestor or ancestors from which the member is descended. Mrs. Callan is entitled to wear nineteen bars, a greater number than any other woman.

Estelle A Folts (GFG A- 583)1865 – 1967 was the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Getman (GFG – A 19) b. 1781 and Warner Folts b. 1777. She was also the Granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG A 46) 1803 – 1880 and Daniel W Folts (GFG A 99) abt. 1799 – 1881. Daniel W Folts and Mary Getman were 2nd cousins.

**Native of Frankfort.
MOST REMARKABLE DAUGHTER OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Ilion Citizen, NY
Friday April 3, 1903

Mrs. Estella Folts Callan of Chicago Who Was Born in Frankfort Lays Claim to an American Descent That Goes Back Nine Generations.

A recent Philadelphia paper contains a most interesting article regarding Mrs. Estelle Folts Callan daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Folts of East Frankfort. The article is embellished with pictures of Mrs. Callan, the Folts homestead which has been occupied by her ancestors for nearly 200 years and the old stone church at Fort Herkimer. From the article we clip the following:

The most remarkable Daughter of the Revolution is Mrs. Estelle Folts Callan, who lays claim to an American descent that goes back for nine generations, and who boasts the possession of 920 kinsfolk.

Mrs. Callan belongs neither to New York's "400" nor Philadelphia's "Quaker Quality." She is a Chicago woman and she wears twenty gold bars in her D. A. R. insignia, and she has the papers showing that she is possessed of 920 kinsfolk!

And even that is not all. Mrs. Callan belongs to that most exclusive of all the numerous Revolutionary societies of America — The Daughters of Founders and Patriots.

Well does she deserve her high honors, for ten years has she spent in proving her right to them to the complete satisfaction of the skeptical founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots.

To the arrogant question of the latter society, "Did your ancestors settle here not later than 1667, and were they on the paternal side? Were they and their offsprings loyal citizens?" Mrs. Callan has replied quite as proudly: "Here are my records. Prove them to your own satisfaction."

Armed with stacks of church records, family records, wills and a hugh and imposing looking family tree, the lady with twenty Revolutionists and 920 kinsfolk has taken the societies by storm.

Now she holds the fortress and her name heads the membership lists.

Mrs. Callan's ambition has been realized. She will leave her children as a heritage one of the richest treasures a parent can leave a child. Namely, a knowledge of who their forefathers were and what part they took in establishing the Government of this country.

The three children on whom these weighty honors will descend will be able to beat their mother's record by one more Revolutionist and several more kinsfolk, from their father's side.

Mrs. Callan calls herself a Chicagoan. But she is hardly that. If she were, she would probably not be a Daughter of the American Revolution and a Daughter of Founders and Patriots. She is most emphatically a New Yorker. She was born in Herkimer County, New York, and in the house that has echoed with the wails of nine generations of Folts infants!

Her family were formerly the affluent and influential possessors of Herkimer County, and out of the musty, dusty, cobwebby garret of the homestead she brought forth her most important documents, to

show her right to the ancestry she claims. The substantial old church, built many years ago by the scions of the house of Folts, yielded up its yellow records to the great-great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of its builder.

Mrs. Callan proved, without a doubt that she is descended from some of the oldest families in America and this is how it appears: Her mother was Margaret Tanner. Her father is Warner Folts. Away back in the seventeenth century Goodman William Tanner landed with Roger Williams in Rhode Island. His son, William, took unto himself for wife one Elizabeth Tibbetts. Thence ensues a long, long chain.

First, Francis Tanner, Judge, who was distinguished principally as the father of Isaac Tanner, the man who at one time owned 12,000 acres of land above the Mohawk valley. He divided it among his twelve sons, so that Mrs. Callan's great grandfather, the second Francis Tanner, owned quite an extensive bit of ground when he married Elizabeth Peterson, of Mayflower lineage, about 1790.

But the Tanners were most exclusive in their small world and Ichabod Tanner, the son of the second Francis, was the first to leave the parental roof to seek his fortune and bride in the wide world, otherwise, the valley below. Nancy Clapsadde, whose charms captured the handsome Ichabod's heart is Mrs. Callan's maternal grandmother. There is the Tanner branch of the big family tree.

Of the Folts family, Melchert Folts was the first to tread American soil. When he came over from Holland his name was Voltz. The Folts were Mohawk valley folks, and until the time of Nancy Clapsadde's marriage, never went outside to find themselves wives. There were charming maids and handsome youths in plenty among the valley people. So it happened that Melchert Folts' son, Jacob, married Catrina Petrie, the daughter of Lieutenant Hanyost Petrie, Jr., of Revolutionary fame. Their son, Conrad, like his father and grandfather, married a girl in the valley, Anna Dygert.

When the British soldiers descended into the valley, secure in the belief that they would destroy all combatants, they found that they had sadly miscalculated the weight of the resistance meeting them. They were not acquainted with the stubbornness of these settlers lead by the Folts. Considerably backed with ranks very much thinned out, the redcoats retired from the fray sadder and wiser. The valley people, with little time for sad reflection over their loss, and with hastily bandaged wounds, again offered their services to the country, which needed them badly enough.

So it happens that Mrs. Callan. Nee Folts, has a record of twenty soldier ancestors, who were an honor to the buff and blue uniform of the Continental Army. In the midst of all the turmoil of the Revolution, Warner Folts, first, was born into the world. There is no record of his participating in the struggle unless his lusty infantile cries might be

considered. He was reared on a wholesome regard for the active part taken by his father and both his grandfathers in the Revolution. In later years, he and his wife, whose people, the Getmans, had fought by the side of his people, transferred the same regard to their children.

Their son, Daniel, married his cousin. Mary Getman, and in time their son, Warner, the second, met and married the pretty Margaret Tanner, whose long line of ancestry was longer than her husband's. One of the oddest coincidences of the union of Warner Folts and Margaret Tanner is that through every branch and every twig, even to the leaf, both sides of Mrs. Callan's family tree show an unbroken line of American loyalists.

The old homestead in Herkimer county, an extremely well preserved family roof, which has sheltered the Folts for 191 years, was built by Melchert Folts. Within sociable distance are the homes of the other branches of the family. Near enough to permit of no excuse of staying away from service is the substantial stone fortress church, which was built in 1733 by the united efforts of the Folts, Herkimers, Perries, Dygerts, Shoemakers, Clapsaddles and Getmans, all of them on Mrs. Callan's family tree. It has had its full share of the people's joys and sorrows and played quite a part in the French and Indian wars, as well as the Revolution. It was used as a fort in both wars, and its sturdy resistance earned it the name of Fort Herkimer.

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JOHNSTOWN HAS ICE FAMINE

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Tuesday, August 19, 1913

The ice famine will strike the residential section today when the last of the trips among the houses will be made by the ice rigs. The prolonged hot spell together with the shortage last winter has caused the supply to become almost exhausted and an announcement is made that the trips today will end it so far as the houses are concerned, for the present. What is left will be sold to the merchants.

The ice famine is also liable to strike Amsterdam, judging from the inquiry made yesterday by one of the concerns there which wanted to know if it could purchase five hundred tons from the Johnstown company.