

Research Depository

Hello Getman cousins,

I wanted to make you aware that The Getman Family of America has a place for putting documents, photos and other memorabilia about the Getman family. The Margaret Reaney Memorial Library in Johnstown, New York is happy to accept such donations.

Your contributions can be cataloged if they are in notebooks, scrap books or photo albums. If you send loose documents, they will be placed in files by surname but cannot be cataloged. There is quite a collection of Palatine, Mohawk Valley and New York state history there now.

This gives us a central location for Getmans around the country to donate or do research about our family that is spread out in every state in the United States. This library is in the area our ancestors settled. There are quite a few albums and notebooks as well as files already there. You can go there and do your family research with their help.

I encourage you to think about donating information that will certainly help others in their pursuit of our Getman history.

For further information you can contact the Reaney Library number at 518-568-7822. The Director, Dawn Lamphere and she is very helpful.

Marty Chase
President

Reunion Plans Under Way

A Getman Association reunion for 2021 is being planned. This will be held in Johnstown NY, August 6-7-8, 2021. A block of rooms has been arranged at the Johnstown-Gloversville Holiday Inn.

Our plans currently feature looking more closely at the Battle of Stone Arabia and visiting the Stone Arabia churches where our early ancestors worshiped were baptized, married, and buried.

You are encouraged to "pencil in" this date on your calendar. Details will be provided as they become available.

Warm Greetings From Switzerland

One never knows what you will discover when working on genealogy. The following is a request for help generated through our website. Perhaps you will be able to assist this fellow searcher.

For 4 years, I have been digging in ancestry. I found my cousin. His great-grandfather and my great-grandmother were siblings. He emigrated to the US, she stayed in Switzerland. They Also had a sister who also went to the US: Mary Louise Gafner.

Mary Louise 1872-1946, married Hiram A Getman, (GFG - C 275b / II) 1868-1903 And they were buried in Darien, New York

My cousin and I are puzzling about what happened all in her life. I have some pictures of her and two postcards she wrote to her family for Christmas, rather early, 1911/1916...

Is it possible to get in touch with some descendants of Hiram's siblings? Maybe they remember having visited their grand-aunt with a Swiss accent, living in Buffalo, wearing black clothes. Maybe they remember some snippets what she said about her origin, her family and so on.

Any information and or photographs will be greatly appreciated.

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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)

Maria Margaretha Getman Ittig

Abt. 1732 – 1762

Maria Margaretha is the sixth child of Frederick and Maria Bierman Getman. She has been assigned the identification of GFG – VI which is carried out through her descendants. She was born in Burnetsfield patent near what is now the City of Little Falls, New York. Very little is known about her and some sources do not identify her as part of this family. She does however fit nicely into the birth pattern of her siblings and is believed to be a member of the family.

Maria Margaretha married Marcus Ittig about 1755, prior to her parents moving to Stone Arabia and remained in the Little Falls vicinity throughout her life. Marcus Ittig was the third known child of Johan Michael Ittig and Elizabeth who like Maria's parents were German immigrants who settled in the Burnetsfield patent. Their home was south of the Mohawk River across from where the Getmans had made their home.

The Ittig surname is German in origin and evolved into Edick. There are numerous occurrences of Getman and Ittig or Edick marriages.

Maria and Marcus were most likely married in Getman Flatts which is in what is now known as part of Herkimer county on the South side of the Mohawk River. After their marriage this couple resided "at the Falls", indicating they were in the vicinity of

what is now known as Little Falls, also in Herkimer county a distance of roughly 7-10 miles from where Maria lived at the time of her marriage and on the opposite side of the river.

Marcus and Maria lived an agricultural and subsistence life, in all likelihood raising grain to sell as a cash crop as their land was cleared and made suitable for cultivation. Maria and Marcus are suspected to have been married in 1755 when they would have been about 24 years of age. Maria died in 1762 apparently of complications as the result of childbirth, a not uncommon event during this time. There are two identified children as a result of their union; Catherine Ittig, born 23 Feb. 1760 and Frederich Ittig, born 23 Mar. 1762. There is currently no known information about either of these children. It is possible that additional children were born to them earlier but nothing is known regarding such births.

Following Maria's death, Marcus Ittig remarried in the fall of 1762. His second wife was Anna Barbara Weaver, who is presumed to have been born in the Burnetsfield area in 1739. Marcus and his second wife had a total of seven children. They may have also raised the two born of Maria Margaretha. Currently no record has been found that addresses this possibility.

Marcus was killed in battle on September 2, 1779. There is little recorded

of this specific battle (none that I could find). It seems to have been one of the many skirmishes conducted by the British supported by natives during the period. These skirmishes were part of by a long string of raids intended to disrupt the food supply of the American Army and to discourage the rebels (we call them patriots).

Battles in New York Involving Local Militia

A listing of battles and skirmishes in the colony was produced by a historian and includes a total of 114 such incidents. Several decisive defeats of the raiders in 1781 ended these incursions. One of the most significant is known as the Battle of Johnstown.

During the 1779 period the following raids and battles were well known in the Mohawk Valley. The number on the left indicates the placement of each in the order they occurred. For further information on these battles go to

<http://www.threerivershms.com/Battles.htm>.

69. Nov. 11, 1778 - Cherry Valley massacre by Butler and Indians under Brant
70. Spring 1779 - Stone Arabia attacked and small affairs on south side
71. April 18, 1779 - Gen. VanSchaick's expedition against the Onondagas
72. May 1779 - Indians attack and burn Cobleskill
73. June 1, 1779 - Forts at Verplank's Point and Stony Point captured by British
74. July 16, 1779 - Battle of Stony Point
75. July 22, 1779 - Battle of Minisink
76. Aug. 29, 1779 - Battle of Newtown (near Elmira)
77. Sept. 1779 - German Flats raided by Tories and Indians
78. Sept. 30, 1779 - Sullivan's Expedition ends with destruction of Indian villages
79. Summer 1779 - Raids at Schoharie, Canajoharie, Stone Arabia and Fort Plain

80. Sept. 5, 1779 - Continental Troops capture stronghold at Lloyd's Neck

81. Nov. 23, 1779 - Capture of Fort George at South Bay by Continental forces

82. Feb. 1780 - German Flats attacked

A Lively Fight Near Mohawk

Utica Weekly Herald

Tuesday, August 9, 1887

ILION, Aug. 9 (Special)—A lively row occurred this morning on a farm about two miles south of the village of Mohawk, on the Richfield Springs road, in which several persons were seriously injured. Mrs. David Jacobson and her son-in-law, Jay Getman, occupy and run what is known as the Jacobson farm on this hill. Intersecting one corner of the Jacobson property is about an acre of land which is owned and occupy by an aged couple by name of Chapman. This piece of land makes a triangular notch in the Jacobson property, and for several years there has been a feud between the families over the dividing line of the two pieces of property. This has been the subject of frequent litigation. A few weeks ago a quarrel arose over alleged indignities heaped upon Mrs. Chapman's potatoes by Getman. Then there was trouble about the fences, and recently Chapman has built a dam across a brook, turning the water course thro' an oat field on the Jacobson farm. This morning James Jackson, father of J. O. Jackson of Little Falls, who runs the Grand Central hotel, went to the Jacobson farm to assist in harvesting. Mr. Jackson is a relative of the Jacobsons. To facilitate the getting in and out of the oat field Mr. Jackson found it necessary to make a bridge across the brook, close by the dam. He started to do the work when Chapman came out and ordered him away. He paid no attention to the order, whereupon old man Chapman produced and

old-fashioned Colt's navy revolver and opened fire upon him. Chapman fired five times. and at the fifth shot the bullet struck Jackson in the head and made an ugly scalp wound. He fell to the ground, hut quickly recovering he arose to his feet, seized a pitchfork that was a hand, knocked Chapman down and made some wicked jabs at his head with the fork tines. At this juncture Mrs. Chapman hastened from the house to the assistance of her husband, when Jackson turned upon her and inflicted some terrible wounds upon her head with the pitchfork. She fell to the ground, blood streaming from the terrible gashes, and Jackson completely exhausted, delisted. [sic]

The woman was brought to Mohawk where Dr. Van Court dressed her wounds, and Drs. Carey and Fox attended to Chapman's and Johnson's injuries. Mrs. Chapman's injuries are the most serious. No arrests have yet been made.

After the shooting. Jay Getman wrested the revolver from Chapman. It is now in charge of an officer-at Mohawk. It is a Remington navy, with cylinder—six shots. One bullet remains.

The bullet that struck Jackson passed thro' his hat and indicted a wound about five inches long across his head, but did not fracture the skull.

Mrs. Chapman's wounds are more serious than first supposed, and may cause her death.

Jackson and Chapman are men between 60 and 70 years of age.

Jay Getman (GFG - C 393 / I / II) 1856-1935

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**Share your Getman histories
and traditions with
your cousins, near and far.**

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Woman, Nephew Hurt In Separate Mishaps

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY

Thursday, September 12, 1963

Mrs. Dorothy Orcutt, aged 28, of West Winfield, RD, and her nephew, Timothy E. Seamon, are both in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, after both were struck by automobiles in two separate accidents.

Mrs. Orcutt is still in "critical" condition in the hospital after being injured Thursday night when she was struck by a car near West Winfield on Route 51 about one mile north of Route 20. She suffered fractures of both legs, a broken foot, a broken shoulder blade, concussion, multiple cuts and bruises and internal injuries.

State Police of East Herkimer said the woman had stepped around a hay wagon when she was struck by a car driven by Thomas A. Kilty, aged 28, of West Winfield. Mrs. Orcutt was carried on the hood of the car for 70 feet before falling to the pavement, troopers said.

The parked hay wagon was being towed by a tractor driven by her husband, Warren Orcutt.

Mrs. Orcutt's nephew, Timothy, aged 5, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seamon of Richfield Springs, RD 2, was taken to Bassett Hospital on Sunday for treatment of a fractured right leg and multiple abrasions after being struck by a car on the Ryder Valley. Road in the Town of Exeter about three miles west of the Schuyler Lake village.

Trooper L. J. Topping of the Richfield Springs Substation, said a car driven by Mrs. Bernice B. Campbell, aged 56, of Fly Creek, RD, struck the boy when he entered the road from a blind spot on a curve.

Dorothy Louise Crewell Orcutt (GFG - I / I) 1936-2008, is a seventh generation granddaughter of Maria Getman (GFG - I) 1721-1811 and Johann Henrich Meyers 1715-1810. She actually has two lines of descent. The nephew Timothy is an eight generation grandson.