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Message from the President of the Getman Family of America

Your Getman Family of America Board of Directors met on February 21, 2022 via zoom.

Items we discussed:

1. We reviewed the inaugural Getman Connection zoom meeting held on February 3rd and decided we could do a few things better. So we will try again!

The next one is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 7 pm Central Daylight time, 8 pm Eastern Daylight time. The login information will be published in the May newsletter. Everyone will have access and not have to be "admitted" by the zoom master. The plan is to have the zoom meeting be a "meet and greet" for cousins to introduce themselves and tell us about their Getman ancestors.

2. The board is also planning the August 5, 6, and 7th annual in person meeting in upstate New York. A block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown has been reserved for our group. Preliminary plans have been made with the owners of an early Getman farmstead for a tour, and a possible dedication of an historical marker. This is an event we won't want to miss!!

Hope to see you at the Getman Connection zoom meeting and again at our annual meeting in August!

Marjorie Rosendahl

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Reunion 2022

August 5, 6, 7

Johnstown / Stone Arabia, NY

Plans are under way for the Getman Association Reunion and Annual Meeting to be held the first weekend of August. Details will be announced as they become available.

Arrangements have been made for a block of rooms at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. Reservations must be made directly with the Inn. Call 315-762-4686 and identify yourself as a member of the Getman Reunion.

Also notify Wayne Getman so appropriate other arrangements can be made.

315-845-8014 or wayget@ntcnet.com.

Watch This Space.

Down from the Bookshelf

Selected for Interest in the Mohawk Valley, Palatine Immigrants and New York State History.

By Clyde J. Getman

Simms, Jephtha R. *History of Schoharie County, and Border Wars of New York: Containing also a Sketch of the Causes Which Led to the American Revolution; and Interesting Memoranda of the Mohawk Valley; Together with Much Other Historical and Miscellaneous Matter, Never Before Published.* Albany: Munsell & Tanner, Printers, 1845.

Jephtha Roots Simms was born in 1807 in Connecticut, moved to Otsego County, New York, and spent his final years and died in 1883 in Fort Plain, New York. Self-educated, he became interested in the people and events of early settlers in Schoharie County, their move to the Mohawk Valley and those who settled in the

1684 Schenectady (Glenville), 1723 Stone Arabia (Ephratah-Palatine) and 1725 Burnetsfield (Herkimer-Little Falls) Patents. During the 1830s and 1840s he interviewed early residents of Schoharie County, their descendants and others with family recollections and he collected letters, written and oral historical material from the earlier days though the Revolutionary years. With this Simms became a premier historian in New York history. This material was arranged and published as *History of Schoharie County...*, one of the finest resources for an understanding of Palatine settlers in New York.

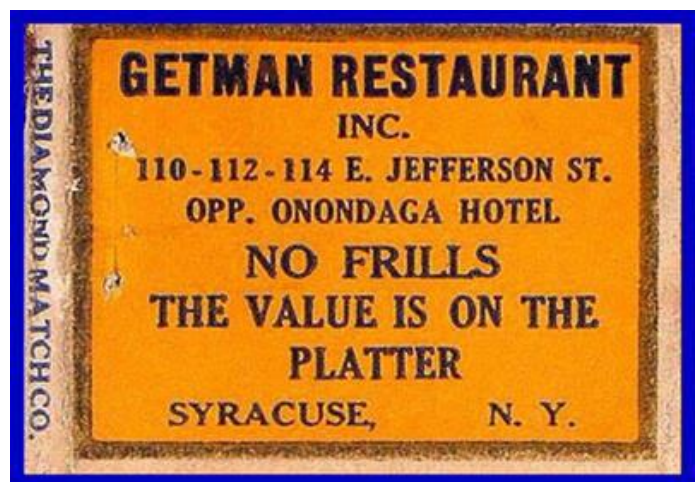
The book is a bit wordy and repetitive at times, with historical facts, anecdotes and recollections reappearing in succeeding accounts of similar happenings. It is best read in multiple sittings. Simms has arranged the 672 pages into twenty-one chapters, each independent in itself, and often with a reference to material noted in a previous section. The book is not a complete history. There is little mention of Conrad Weiser and the migration of an important group to Pennsylvania. He has devoted considerable attention to Sullivan's 1779 campaign against the Iroquois people and to Sir William Johnson throughout the book. Included with other studies of the Palatines, several having been published in earlier editions of *The Getman News*, the *History* adds considerable understanding of the Palatines along the Mohawk River.

One plus in the book for persons who have spent much of their genealogical time in the voluminous material relating to 18th century Mohawk Valley ancestors and finding multiple cognate relatives with different surnames is the number of names recognized in the book who may be direct ancestors or distant cousins not previously found in our own previous research.

This historian is convinced that the common story of one large, melded family of intermarried Mohawk Valley Palatines is as worthy of research and study as solely tracing our own surnames which is more popular among many of us. It has been said that everyone who lived in the 600 square-mile area of a 30-mile east-west

axis and 20 mile north-south axis of a central point on the Mohawk River in 1820 is related to nearly everyone else in that area. It may not be exact but is a reasonably close approximation. I can locate at least ten different surnames among my own directs going back to the 1710 arrival in New York. When I include siblings of the same directs that number increases in an almost logarithmic manner and includes a significant percentage of all Palatines in the Valley.

Simms' *History* is a good read and worthy of a place on the bookshelf of anyone interested in the history of the Mohawk Valley Palatines and the Revolutionary Era in New York.



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)

Bowman -Myers

Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY,
Thursday, January 11, 1962

Franklin J. Bowman, historian of the Getman family, while searching for information pertained to the early settlers of the Mohawk Valley, discovered certain old manuscripts in San Diego, Cal., which relate to the Meyers family and to Hendrick Meyers, who settled in the Herkimer area in 1725. These records contain the birth and death dates of over 3,000 of his descendants as well as the position of these people on the Myers family tree.

These records also show that there were two brothers, Christian and Hendrick, who migrated to America with the Palatines in 1710.

At first, they settled on the Livingston Manor Tract, on the Hudson, with many of their countrymen but after remaining there several years and after becoming dissatisfied with the treatment which they and other members of the Palatine group were receiving, these two brothers decided to leave the Manor and settle elsewhere. In 1724. Christian Myers purchased land at Churchland. just west of Saugerties. N.Y. He first built a house and then a mill. At a later date he added a large tract of land to his holdings, so that his sons would each have a farm of his own. when he became married.

In 1730. Christian was one of the elders of the Katsbaan church and in 1732, he was one of the builders of the new stone church which was built to replace the old church. His initials "C. M. 1732" still show on the

wall of this church. The lineage of the Christian Myers family taken from "Old Ulster," shows that Christian Myers 1688-1781 married Anna R. Theunyes 1690-1766. They had 13 children and the records of the first four generations are quite complete.

Hendrick, Myers, migrated to the Herkimer area in 1725 when he became a patentee in the Burnetsfield Patent. He settled here and he raised a family. His son, Hendrick Jr., married Anna Maria Getman, a daughter of the original pioneer, Frederick 1693-1758. This couple had 11 children and in a short time, the Myers Clan was well established at German Flats. All of the sons and all of the grandsons who were old enough to bear arms, were soldiers in the American army, during the American Revolution.

An article, written by Alice Myers Barnes in 1931, entitled. "The Genealogy of the Myers Family" is very complete and informative. In one instance, she relates the story as to how Catherine Myers Harter, the daughter of Hendrick was captured by the Indians and while being transported to Canada, gave birth to a baby girl, while she was being rowed across the St. Lawrence River in an Indian canoe. Her husband, Capt. Harter, with a party of soldiers, gave chase and they eventually caught up with; the party and they were, able to rescue his wife and child.

A Myers descendant, Carl Myers, was a pioneer in the development of balloons and lighter than air craft. His residence was known as the balloon farm and it has been

said that he worked with and assisted, the Wright Brothers during those early pioneering days.

When the bodies were removed from the old Myers burying ground in Herkimer, this land was reclaimed by the city and this plot later became Myers Park.

The Winter of 1708-09

The Peoples Chronology
James Trager, 1979

1709

Famine ravages Europe as frost kills crops, fruit trees and domestic fowl as far south as the Mediterranean coast.

France has food riots as frost creates famine in much of Europe (see below).

French officials set up grain depots in an effort to make food distribution more equitable, but they continue to export grain reserves. Restrictions on internal trade strangle shipments of food stores, keep food prices high and contribute to the starvation.

“The fear of having no bread has agitated the people to the point of fury,” writes French comptroller-general of finances Nicolas Des Marets, 61, the seigneur de Maillebois: “The have taken up arms for the purpose of seizing grain by force; there have been riots at Rouen , at Paris, and in nearly all the provinces; they are carrying on a kind of war that never ceases except when they are occupied with the harvest.”

“The winter was terrible,” writes the duc de Saint-Simon Louis de Rouvory, 34, in his journal: “The memory of man could find no parallel to it. The frost came suddenly on Twelfth Night, and lasted nearly two months, beyond all recognition. In four days the Seine and all the other rivers were frozen, and what had never been seen before, the sea froze all along the coasts, so as to bear carts, even heavily laden, upon it.”

1710

A great German migration to America begins as Baron de Graffenreid brings 650 Swiss and German palatines to North Carolina, where they will settle at New Bern on the Neuse River. New York governor Hunter brings 3,000 Germans to settle on the Hudson and produce naval stores.

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Getman Stabbing

The Daily Times, Troy, NY
Tuesday, October 9, 1900

A serious stabbing affray occurred near the Fonda, Johnstown and Gloversville depot on West State Street, Johnstown shortly before 7 o'clock last evening, and as a result Ward Getman, aged sixteen years is in critical condition. Getman's assailant was John Egan, a tanner, about forty years of age.

During the afternoon yesterday Egan had trouble with Truman German. according to admissions made by Egan last night he was waiting in a dark place for German and when Getman came along he mistook him for German and attacked him with a knife. Getman received a terrible cut on the head, the wound extending from the corner of the eye across the temple and around the skull to the base of the brain, a portion of the right ear being cut off.

Egan was immediately arrested by office Kilmer and placed in the county jail.

Dr. Somers dressed Getman's wound, and this morning it was said his recovery was doubtful.

Ward John Getman (GFG – A 1237) 1885-1924

The Next Day

The Daily Times, Troy, NY
Wednesday, October 10, 1900

JOHNSTOWN ... Ward Getman, who was stabbed Monday evening, is slowly improving.

Two Months Later

Troy Daily Time, NY, Friday
December 7, 1900

John E. Agan was sent to the state prison at Dannemora for six years and six months by Judge Keck at Johnstown, Fulton County, this morning. Agan stabbed Ward Getman October 8.

Three Years Later

The Times-Union, Albany, NY
Thursday, November 5, 1903

Governor Odell has pardoned John Egan of Johnstown, who was sentenced to Dannemora about three years ago to serve for six and a half years for committing an assault on Ward Getman. The pardon was secured through the efforts of Rev. Father Dolan of Johnstown

Ward J. Getman Obituary

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Monday, July 21, 1924

Ward J. Getman, 39 years old, well known resident of Johnstown died yesterday afternoon at 2:16 at the Summit View Sanatorium after a lingering illness. He had been confined to his bed for the past month or more.

Mr. Getman was born in Johnstown February 3, 1885 and has resided in this vicinity his entire life. He was employed as a glove cutter.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Getman and his mother, Mrs. Mary Getman of Johnstown and one brother Chauncey Getman of Toledo, Ohio.

The body was removed to the undertaking parlor of Harvey P. Alpaugh in South Perry street yesterday afternoon. Where the funeral will be held, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Charles M. Sturgess, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church will officiate. Interment will be made in the Johnstown cemetery.

March 1900 Flood

Fulton County Republican, Johnstown, New York
Thursday, March 4, 1900)

Flood Spoils His Dinner

Webster Saltsman of Wagner's Hollow, who lives on the low land near the Garoga creek, while eating dinner a few days ago, was driven from the house with his family, by the rapid rising of the water, which came pouring into the dining room windows. All of the outbuildings, consisting of hen houses and woodsheds, were washed from their foundations, causing much damage.

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FRESHET NEARLY WRECKED PLACE. FORT PLAIN, Feb. 25

The recent rains, causing the rapid rising of streams, and the emptying of those streams of ice, came close to be extremely serious to Webster Saltsman of Wagner's Hollow, whose property stands very close to Garoga Creek.. The high water and ice carried away and damaged nearly all of the smaller buildings on his place, and name dangerously near covering the first floor of his home.

Webster Saltsman, 1862-1924, Husband of Minnie Saltsman (GFG – B 688) 1864-1939. Minnie is a great-great-granddaughter of Catherine Getman (GFG – B 2) 1761-1813 and Ludwig Rickard, 1757-1819.