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**GETMAN NEWS**

May 2010

**Getman Family Association Meeting  
Schoharie, New York  
Saturday, August 7, 2010**

**Greetings From Your President,**

Plans are being finalized for the 2010 Reunion of the Getman family on August 7, in Schoharie County. Following their arrival in 1710, many of the Palatine immigrants were settled in camps along the Hudson to produce tar and naval stores to be sent back to England. With the failure of the project, subsistence to the Palatines was discontinued in 1712 and some Palatines negotiated with the Indians in the Schoharie and moved to build a new life there. We will hear some of the stories of the area where Frederick Getman, his future wife Mary Bierman and their family members lived until they moved again to the areas more familiar to us.

We continually make contact with previously unknown cousins from the web page and our internet research. These contacts provide help in locating and documenting descendants of Frederick and Mary and extending the family lines and we are most thankful for hearing from them. A task for all of us is to keep writing our own story and adding to our history. Pictures, documents and anecdotes all help to add to our common history.

Clyde J Getman

**Lunch Meeting, August 7**

12:30 Descendants of Caspar Getman will meet at the "Middle Village" Pasta & Grill, Middleburg, New York. We will have lunch and socialize, get acquainted and reacquainted.

Hartman's Dorf in the Schoharie Valley was the second stop for the Getmans and many other Palatine immigrants, as they came to the new world.

Arrangements have been made for a tour of the Old Stone Fort and adjacent Badgley Museum. This tour will focus on the lives of the Palatine Germans as they moved to, settled in and moved from the Schoharie Valley.

Although it is not included in our tour the Palatine House, a nearby attraction, is highly recommended for everyone to visit as well. If your traveling permits it would be an excellent place to spend part of the morning. It is located at the spring which caused the village of Brunnen Dorf (later named Schoharie) to be located here.

Persons who would like to start their day at the Old Stone Fort may do so, join us for lunch and return for the afternoon tour.

# The Old Stone Fort

Located in Schoharie, New York the Old Stone Fort was built in 1772 as a High Dutch Reformed Church, was later used as a fort and now serves as a museum honoring the area and those who made it significant.

Schoharie was a significant part of the lives of the Palatines, many of whom moved to the Schoharie Valley when they left the Pitch Camps. The area was also critical to the American Revolution by providing much need grain to feed to rebel army. This “bread basket” and the surrounding areas became essential to the establishment of the new country and its survival.

In addition to the fort itself a colonial period living museum has been constructed adjacent to the fort and cemetery. During our visit we will experience a tour intended to help us understand the impact Palatine settlers had on the area, and the impact of the area on palatine settlers.

The Getman/Bierman family spent several years in the Schoharie Valley before they resettled in further reaches of the Mohawk Valley.

## Lunch at Middle Village

A separate room has been reserved for lunch. Please indicate your meal choice when you register for the day. This will allow for a more enjoyable experience. We will gather at 12:00 with the meal scheduled for 12:30. Following the meal we will travel to the Old Stone Fort for a 1:30 PM tour. (approx. 5 miles north on Rt. 30). Admission for the fort is \$4.00.

Lunch options:

Lasagna	\$9.00
Chicken Marsala w/Mushrooms	\$12.00
Eggplant Parmagiana	\$10.00
Desert and Beverage	\$5.00 (estimated)
Gratuity not included	

Special meal requirements can be met, but should be shared at the time of reservation.

Reservations

Please notify Wayne Getman as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. He will require, the number of people attending and their meal choices.

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Dinner

No specific plans have been made for the evening meal. An excellent up-scale choice in the immediate vicinity of the fort is the Tory Tavern. Reservations are strongly advised, Ph 518-295-7128.

Housing

For those coming from out of town, the Wedgewood Inn Bed and Breakfast, in Schoharie is the closest place to stay. Several motels are available in the Cobleskill / Howe's Cave area which is an easy drive just off of Interstate 88.