

# Time to Book Your Room Reservations

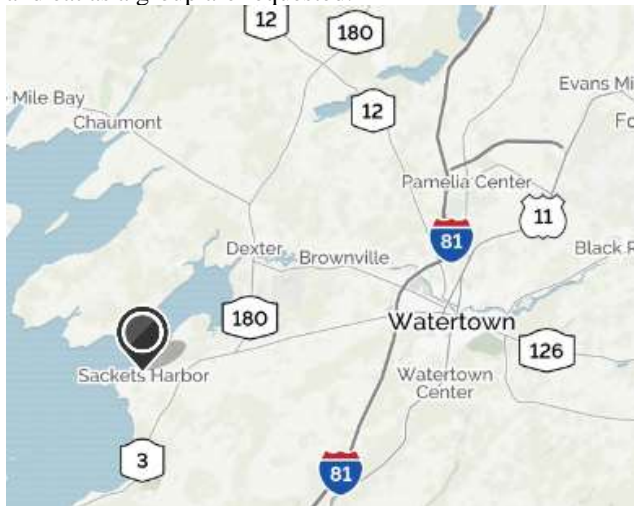
It will be August before you realize it

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## GETMAN REUNION

Watertown, NY  
August 12-13-14

A special group rate of \$124.00 plus tax has been arranged 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.



sharing a fine meal together while both catching up with personal and family lives of recent months and hearing of bits 'n' pieces of what you have learned about those who have come before us. Second, there is always some place to visit connected with our Getman heritage and legacy. This year we will be in an area where many of our family moved in the early 1800s and their descendants remain today. It is learning history in a live hands-on manner with cousins. I would be remiss in not mentioning a favorite of mine, the great meals that are arranged for us. I have made my reservations, but haven't yet packed my bags. Plan on being with us.

Clyde J Getman

## 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 1/2 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.

## Send us your family stories.

Wayne Getman

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## President's Corner

It is exciting for me to look forward to the Getman Reunion every year and especially to our time together August 12-14 this year. There are at least two reasons for this. First, I enjoy spending time again with so many of you that I have become acquainted with during the past several years and

## 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)

### **A Getman of a different lineage**

Not all Getmans are in the US. We are not sure of any relationships, but here is a write up of one of them.

## **Andrei Getman**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Andrei Lavrent'evich Getman (Russian: Андрей Лаврентьевич Гетман; 5 October (22 September OS) 1903, in the village Klepalov in Kursk Governorate (now Buryn Raion, Sumy Oblast of Ukraine ) – 8 April 1987, Moscow) was a Soviet military commander, Army General (13 April 1964) and Hero of the Soviet Union (May 7, 1965). After joining the Red Army in 1924, Getman graduated from the Red Commanders School in 1927 and the Military Academy of Mechanization and Motorization of the Red Army in 1937. Sent to postings in the Transbaikal Military District, he fought at the Battle of Lake Khasan and the Battle of Khalkhin Gol. After Operation Barbarossa, Getman was sent west to command the 112th Tank Division in the defense of Moscow. In April 1942, he became the commander of the 6th Tank Corps, which was converted into the 11th Guards Mechanized Brigade for its actions in the Battle of Kursk. Getman became the deputy commander of the 1st Guards Tank Army in August 1944.

After the war, he was commander of armored tank and mechanized troops of the Transcaucasian Military District and was chief of staff and deputy chief of armored tank and mechanized troops. From 1958 to 1964 he was commander of the troops of the Carpathian Military District. Beginning in June 1964 he was chairman of the Central Committee of the All-Union Voluntary Society for Assistance to the Army, Air Force, and Navy. He was deputy to the fifth through seventh convocations of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and became a candidate member of the Central Committee of the CPSU in 1961. He was awarded four Orders of Lenin, six Orders of the Red Banner, the Order of Suvorov Second Class, the Order of Bodgan Khmel'nitskii Second Class, the Order of the Red Star, and several foreign orders.

### **1942 GETMAN REUNION**

The Morning Herald, Gloversville and Johnstown, NY  
Friday July 12, 1942

The twentieth annual reunion of the Getman family in America will be held at the Canajoharie Forest, Fish and Game Club west of the village on August 1. A program of sports for which prizes will be awarded will be held and music will be provided. Ice cream will be served by the committee.

This reunion is one of the largest attended in the Mohawk Valley and each year attracts scores from various Central New York cities and villages.

### **Sgt. Young Was There**

The Leader-Republican, Gloversville and Johnstown, NY  
Wednesday, May 9, 1945

#### **WITH THE BOTH DIVISION IN GERMANY**

In ancient times the formula for getting into Heaven was to cross the River Jordan, but S. Sgt. Basil E. Young, a 317th Infantryman from Gloversville, crossed the Rhine and Main rivers instead and found a heaven of his own when his group captured the fashionable resort city of Weisbaden.

"Pinch me, I can't believe it," said S. Sgt. Young. "All it needs to make it heaven is a covey of USO cuties!" Old porters and concierges eagerly carried combat packs for the infantrymen.

The old retainers bowed respectfully, saying "Sir" to soldiers and officers alike. The next day the rooms stood silent and empty once more for the infantrymen took to the road in hot pursuit of the withdrawing Wehrmacht. 1st Sgt. Milton D. Compton of Culpepper, Va., and the 317th took it philosophically, "It was a one night stand in heaven."

Staff Sargent Basil E. Young (GFG – A) was a great-great-grandson of Mary Getman (GFG A 29) 1787 – 1865 and William Nellis 1783 – 1873.

# A Curious Story of \$500

## Newspaper Article

The Daily Republican, Johnstown, Fulton, NY  
Friday, January 6, 1893

George H. Houck of Bowling Green, Wood Co., Ohio, is executor of the estate of V. R. Getman, deceased, who is a brother of Miss Adelia Getman of Gloversville. Miss Getman is a sister of Mrs. J. B. Pool, No. 110 West street. The executor sent a draft for \$500, No. 45372, dated December 20, 1892, to Miss Adelia Getman, which was payable to her by virtue of the will of V. R. Getman. Not receiving a reply to the letter containing the enclosure the executor wrote to Miss Getman concerning it. As Miss Getman had received no letter from Mr. Houck, inquiry was made at the post office and it was ascertained a letter from Bowling Green had been delivered by Letter Carrier Morris to Adelia Getman, at No. 147 Bleecker street, there being two persons of the same name in that city and letters had previously been delivered by the carrier to both of them. Miss Getman, who is from the west, was visiting at Abram Duesler's, No. 147 Bleecker street. She, in company with another woman, presented the draft at the Manufacturers and Merchants bank last week. As identification was required the woman who was with Miss Getman, although unknown to the cashier, was allowed to identify and the draft for \$500 was paid to the wrong Adelia Getman. The woman after being paid the money suddenly left the city.

## Newspaper Article

Fulton County Republican, Johnstown, NY  
January 18 (?), 1893

Mrs. Delia Getman *nee* Duesler, who was committed to jail on Friday to await examination upon the charge of having appropriated a draft for \$500 which was sent by mail to Miss Adelia Getman, of Gloversville, was brought before Justice A. R. Bruce at Gloversville Monday. We learn that her statement regarding the affair is as follows: She met a woman on a Central train some time ago, and in conversation discovered that her name was Adelia Getman, and that she was a second cousin to her divorced husband. She invited this third Adelia Getman to visit her at No. 147 Bleecker street, which she did.

After having been there a day or two, Adelia, No. 3, received a letter delivered by a letter carrier which contained the draft, and the prisoner states that No. 3 drew the money from the bank and disappeared the

next day. She claims that she does not know where this accidentally found cousin lives, but thinks she resides in the western part of the State.

## Newspaper Article

The Daily Republican, Johnstown, NY  
Friday, February 24, 1893

The grand jury completed their examination of cases yesterday and paid their customary visit of examination to the county jail. They returned an indictment against Charles Carnrack, of Gloversville, arrested for keeping a disorderly house some time ago and held to bail. They also returned an indictment against Adelia Getman (or Duesler), who was arrested on the charge of wrongfully obtaining money on a draft at the Manufacturers' and Merchants' bank of Gloversville.

## Newspaper Article

The Daily Republican, Johnstown, NY  
Monday, March 27, 1893

In the case of Adelia Getman, who personated another woman and secured \$500 from the Manufacturers & Merchants bank, of Gloversville, upon a check intended for another woman, the case was called but defendant failed to respond. Upon motion of the district attorney her bond was declared forfeited and the district attorney will now prosecute the bondsmen. The defendant's attorneys claim that the bondsmen are not liable because of the failure of the district attorney to have the defendant arraigned at the last court of sessions. The whereabouts of the fair Adelia is unknown, except possibly to her attorneys, Messrs. N. H. Anibal and Ralph Glasgow.

## Newspaper Article

Daily Leader, Gloversville, NY  
undated 1893

The Examination of Delia Duesler Begun This Morning.

The examination in the case of Delia Duesler, or Getman, was begun before Recorder Egeleston this morning. The accused appeared in court with her mother, neatly clothed in a light brown dress, black cloak and hat, the latter trimmed with pink feathers, and idly fondled her muff as she listened to the

evidence. She did not appear any the worse for her visit in jail, and chewed lozenges with relish and apparent indifference to all else.

M. V. B. Stetson was the first witness called. He stated that he was cashier of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' bank, and had seen Delia Duesler there Dec. 22. He identified the draft, which was placed in evidence, as the one she presented, and paid her the money himself. The draft was endorsed "Adelia Getman," and when he asked the woman if she was the party named in the draft, she said she was. Three documents, including the draft and Delia Duesler's affidavit signed before Justice Bruce, were placed in evidence and the witness swore that in his opinion the signature on each was made by the same person. Cross examined by Mr. Anibal, the witness said that he did not see the draft endorsed. It was presented about, 2 p. m. when the bank was full of customers. Another woman accompanied the defendant, but the witness was not acquainted with her and could not describe her; He thought she was about forty-five years old. He had seen this woman before. Witness said this woman identified the defendant, but could not repeat any part of the conversation at the bank. Witness had never before seen defendant to his knowledge, and during the cross-examination said that he felt quite sure she was the woman who presented the draft, but could not swear absolutely to her identity.

C. E. Yost was next called to the stand. He is a furniture dealer and identified a lease, one of the documents placed in evidence and marked D. The signature was Delia Duesler and was written by the defendant. Mrs. Adelia Getman, the rightful owner of the draft sent from Bowling Green, was sworn and told the story of the letter written to her by her brother's executor, inquiring about the draft as published in the LEADER Saturday. Counsel for the defense asked for the letter, but was refused by the attorney for the prosecution, because the letter had been ruled out of evidence on the objection of defense.

John W. Mickel stated that he was present at the preliminary examination, and defendant then stated that she was not the owner of the draft. Witness saw her sign her name to exhibit B, (her affidavit.) She said she had received money from the west in various sums ranging from \$5 to \$20. These sums had been sent to her in letters. She did not tell how the letters were directed.

W. D. West, cashier of the National Fulton County bank, was called and testified that in his opinion the names of Delia Getman and Adelia Duesler on exhibits A and B were written by the same person. Also the signatures in A, B, C and D. Considerable time was taken on the cross examination, comparing

the signatures and their dissimilarities. After a lot of this business, to show that the signatures of none of the four exhibits were alike, the recorder wanted to know what the defense was getting at, to which Counsellor Anibal replied that he knew 'where he was at.' After further comparison of signatures Counsellor Anibal asked: 'Suppose you knew that the signature on exhibit B was the signature of the defendant, would you cash a draft presented by any other person bearing a signature corresponding to that on exhibit A.' Mr. West said he would not. If the signature of the defendant was the same as in exhibit C, he would cash a draft for a stranger if the paper bore the signature as on exhibit A. As to exhibit D and A he did not know whether he would cash draft or not. "The signature on exhibit C would indicate that the party writing it was excited. This applies in a lesser degree to exhibit B. There is no such indication in exhibit D. Exhibit A would show more excitement than exhibit D, but less than exhibit C. I am still of the opinion that all were written by the same person.

Stephen Morse, letter carrier, testified: I delivered a letter December 22 to 147 Bleecker street: (A letter was produced as exhibit E). It was similar to exhibit E. I delivered the letter to Albert Duesler, I have seen defendant before. I was told she lived there. I never had any conversation with her. I met Mrs. Duesler and Miss Getman, as I supposed, once outside of the house and gave them a letter. It was some time in December. That letter was addressed to Delia Duesler. I have delivered several letters at this place for Delia Getman. Never delivered a letter to the defendant.

John Mickle recalled. I heard defendant say January 6, 1893, that she had previously ordered her mail delivered at 147 Bleecker street, addressed to Adelia Getman. It is my impression she said Delia Getman.

At this point the prosecution rested.

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The Adelia Getman who was the intended recipient of the check was Adelia Getman (GFG – A 153) 1830- 1906, Daughter of Peter Getman and Elizabeth Demuth. I have been unable to locate a final disposition of this situation.

In Adelia's will, executed October 19, 1906, she left this \$500 as investment principal to her sister, Eliza Pool, for the balance of her life. Eliza had preceded her in death, in 1896. It was then to go to the Mayfield Presbyterian church to serve as investment principal for building and grounds maintenance.

## Another Getman Descendant Helps Lead the Way

The Leader-Republican, Gloversville and Johnstown, NY  
Monday, July 20, 1943

NORTHVILLE - Miss Ina Young, daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young of Northville, a former teacher of English and French at Cornell-on-Hudson, N. Y., has been selected to attend the officers' training school of the Women's Auxiliary Corps at Des Moines, Iowa, on August 17. She has resigned her position in the Cornwall-on-Hudson High school where she has been teaching for the past four years.

At Des Moines Miss Young will take an eight-week training course. Those satisfactorily completing the course will be granted commissions in the United States Army.

Miss Young graduated from the Northville High school in 1934 and from the Teachers State College in Albany in 1938.

Ina Young (GFG A 2148) b. 1917 was a great-great-granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG - A 29) 1787 - 1865 and William Nellis 1783 - 1873.

## Patent Issued

Troy Daily Times, NY  
Saturday, January 26 1889

... : Timothy W. Getman, West Troy, machine for trimming soft metal linings of car-axle bearings ....

Timothy William Getman (GFG - A 430) 1842 - 1894.

## Hurricane Camille - 1969

Amsterdam Evening Recorder, NY  
Friday, August 29, 1969

Word has been received in Canajoharie that the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin J. Jones have been located in a temporary morgue in Mississippi, victims of Hurricane Camille.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, former residents of Palatine Bridge, where Mr. Jones was a member of the Town of Palatine board and justice of the peace, was also a partner in the J & L Fuel Co. with his brother-in-law, Warren Lape. For the past five years he and his wife have resided in Mississippi where he was employed as a security officer for the General Electric Co.

Jones and his wife, Helen Freehold Jones, had resided in the community of Pass Christian in the

Richlieu Apartment house, of which Mrs. Jones was manager.

The modern brick and concrete building contained 89 apartments and was destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The apartment house was situated about 100 feet from the beach and was struck by tidal waves reported to have reached the third story of the building.

Word of the finding of Mr. and Mrs. Jones came from Raymond DeWolfe, another former resident of Palatine Bridge, now a resident of Jackson, Miss., and the senior GE security officer in that area. He had been searching for Mr. and Mrs. Jones since the storm.

Identification of Mr. and Mrs. Jones was made through fingerprints which were taken of the victims by the FBI in an attempt to identify all of the bodies found in the wreckage of the storm.

The last report of the Joneses was noted by an airline pilot and his son who were residents of the apartment house, and who had been in a room of the building "sweating out" the storm, when the building began to fall apart. The Jones and the pilot and his son left the room, with the pilot and his son running in one direction down a hall and Mr. and Mrs. Jones going in the opposite direction. The pilot and his son survived the storm and notified DeWolfe of their encounter with Mr. and Mrs. Jones just prior to the destruction of the building.

The couple has one daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Unell, who now resides near Rochester. Mrs. Jones is the sister of Mrs. Edward Lord, Fort Plain, Mrs. Peter Maxon of Ithaca, and Mrs. Harold Whitford of St. Louis. Mrs. Warren Lape of Canajoharie is a sister, and Mr. Jones mother, Mrs. Charlotte Jones, resides with Mrs. Lape.

Jones, in addition to serving on the Palatine town board, was active in community affairs, was a veteran of World War II and an active member of the American Legion, being a past commander of Smith-Schultz Post, Canajoharie. He was also a member of Hamilton Lodge 79, F & AM. Jones was one of the founders and always active while in Canajoharie in the Canajoharie-Palatine Pre-Teen League (Little League.)

Jones was employed as a security officer for the General Electric Co. and moved to Mississippi about five years ago when he was transferred by the company from Binghamton.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be shipped to the Lenz Funeral Home in Canajoharie.

Merwin J. Jones (GFG - A) 1914 - 1969 was a great-great-great- grandson of Mary Getman (GFG A 29) 1787 - 1865 and William John Nellis 1783 - 1873. His wife was Helen Freebold.