

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)

30,000 Due to Watch One-Day Face-Lifting For Apalachin Farm

Utica Daily Press, NY
Wednesday, August 24, 1949

Thirty thousand people are moving in on the Spicer Farm Apalachin today to see the greatest demonstration of face-lifting that has ever been attempted on an Upstate farm in a single day.

More than 200 men with all types of modern machinery will carry out soil conservation practices, water conservation measures and wild life preservation methods which under ordinary circumstances might require five years.

The field day was arranged by the U. S. Agriculture Department's Soil Conservation Service, the State College of Agriculture and the State Department of Conservation to demonstrate soil, water and forest conservation, upstream flood control, wildlife preservation and better farm and home management.

Soil conservation practices will include ditching, strip cropping, contour plowing, liming and fertilizing. Water conservation measures include farm ponds, outlets, grass farming, mulching and reforestation. Under forest conservation practices will come improvement cuttings, new plantations and better forest care.

Wildlife preservation takes in hedges and stocking of woods and ponds. Upstream flood control will feature dry ponds, outlets and ditches. Better farm and home management will include building design and layout, beautification of buildings and grounds, recreation and possibly remodeling of buildings.

Hundreds of men will clear land, improve pastures, rebuild and relocate fences, construct five farm ponds, and build about two miles of diversion ditches. Trees will be felled and sawed into boards by a portable sawmill set up on the farm.

Willard Spicer, the farm owner, is a former agricultural teacher at Owego High School. His wife is the former Mary Locke of Earlville. She also was a teacher. Not only will the 30,000 spectators witness the remaking of a farm but they will learn why each operation was carried on.

Mary Elizabeth Locke (GFG - C) married Willard Spicer. Mary was a granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG - C 256) 1834 - 1907, and Ansley Lock 1832 - 1914.

1935 Getman Reunion

Utica Daily Press, NY
1935

Ilion—More than 100 members of the Getman family attended the annual reunion of that family Wednesday afternoon at Russell Park, this village.

Officers elected: President, Orville Getman, Northville; vice president, Mrs. Helen Clifford, Gloversville; secretary, Fraser Shults, Fort Plain; treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Getman, Fort Plain; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. J. Ogner [?], Ilion; directors, Russell Getman, Fort Plain; George Getman and John W. Getman, both of Ilion; Ralph Parent, Herkimer, and Mrs. Sidney Palmateer, Fort Plain.

Plans were made to dedicate a marker at the original Getman homestead, near Ephratah this fall. Dr. Flick, state historian will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Paul Wagner, pastor of the Ilion Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker Wednesday afternoon. A picnic lunch and a program of sports was enjoyed. People were present from Albany, Long Island, Buffalo, Fort Plain, Ephratah, Gloversville, Cleveland, Northville, Moravia, Watertown, Richfield Springs and Ilion.

Prizes were awarded the oldest and youngest members present, Casper Getman, 78, Fort Plain and Gerald Snyder, Fort Plain, 4.

"Miss Peacock, you've just made Navy history".

The Palladium-Times, Oswego, NY
Tuesday, July 24, 1973)

FULTON — "Miss Peacock, you've just made Navy history". Those words were spoken to Miss Sheila Peacock (SA-MU) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Peacock of 306 Walradt St., Fulton. The reason for comment was her recent acceptance to the Navy band, a stroke for Women's Lib as the 1971 graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School was the first woman to join the 350 males at the Little Creek Amphibious Base School of Music.-Five more girls followed in Sheila's footsteps, breaking a 71-year-old tradition.

Pursuing her career in music prior to enlisting In the Navy, Sheila attended the Crane School of Music at State University at Potsdam, and also studied with the Philadelphia Orchestra directed by Eugene Ormandy, at the School of Orchestral Studies at Saratoga Springs. Her instrument is the French Horn.

Students at the Little Creek Amphibious Base are trained for Army, Navy and Marine Bands making it the largest military school of music in the world. At the school Sheila will receive six months of instruction in theory, ear training, harmony and related music subjects. Upon completion, she will be assigned to one of 41 Navy bands based throughout the world.

And Miss Peacock devotes her free time to the study of music also, by playing with the Virginia Beach Symphony.

Coming from a musical family, Sheila's sister Marcia and brother Bruce both traveled to Vienna with the G. Ray Bodley High School Band, Bruce playing the French Horn also and Marcia the alto clarinet.

Asked about her treatment at the school Sheila said, "I am treated equally here, but I don't demand any more than equality." and further, "Face it, there are some things that women and men are not equal in". But it seems that finally the Navy recognizes that musical talent is not limited to either sex.

Sheila V. Peacock (GFG – C / VIII) is a great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Augustinus Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782 – 1857). This is a previously unidentified branch of the Getman family .

Car Fire

Parish Mirror, NY
December 10, 1970)

Miss Darlene Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Henderson had a misfortune to have her car catch on fire Monday morning at the APW High School. The Parish firemen were called to the fire and put it out.

Mexico Independent
undated 1970

CARD OF THANKS I wish to express my sincere thanks to whoever reported the fire in my car Monday morning. I would also like to thank the Parish Firemen who put the fire out. Thank you very much.

Darlene Henderson

Darlene Henderson IGFG – C / VIII, is a great-great-granddaughter of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799 – 1886.

BULL ATTACKS AUTO

Utica Daily Press, NY
Tuesday, October 31, 1916

Maddened Animal Charges Car Containing Raymond Stringer, on River Road, and Causes Damage.

A maddened bull charged an auto being driven over the River road, near the Nine Mile Creek bridge, by Raymond Stringer, chauffeur for the Beach Lumber Company. Saturday evening, and before the car could, be speeded up to out-distance him the animal had gored the side of the machine, causing damage estimated at \$40 and came near reaching the occupant. Mr. Stringer reported the attack to the Utica police.

Raymond H Stringer Jr. (GFG – C / VIII) 1894-1952, was a great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799 – 1886.

Hit by train in Darien

The Attica News, NY
Thursday, August 20, 1903

Hiram Getman of Darien, who was struck by an Erie train about two miles west of here last Thursday morning, died at 6.30 o'clock that evening in the Emergency hospital, Buffalo, where he was taken immediately after the accident.

Mr. Getman did not recover consciousness. He leaves a widow; his mother, Mrs. Lucius Getman; two brothers, Dumas, Buffalo and Frank of Darien, and three sisters, Mrs. Sylvester Wilcox of Darien, Miss Grace Getman of Buffalo and Mrs. Otto Woolf of Corfu. He was taken to Buffalo on a freight, accompanied by Dr. Ellinwood. His wife and mother went to Buffalo on a later train.

Mr. Getman was a trackhand in Foreman John Scanlon's gang. The men were grassing at the time of the accident. As the train approached the other men stepped back and warned Mr. Getman, but his mind seemed to be elsewhere and he did not heed the warning or the whistle blast from the engine.

... The funeral of Mr. Getman was held at his late home Monday at 2 o'clock. The Maccabees, of which he was a member, turned out in a body and took charge of the service at the grave. Burial was in the Darien cemetery.

Hiram A. Getman (GFG – C 275b / II) 1868-1903

Runaway

Utica Semi-Weekly Herald
Tuesday, December 8, 1896

RICHFIELD SPRINGS. Dec 4 — (Special.)— Thursday afternoon Attorney J. DeVere Reed and Professor Arthur R Getman had a runaway experience that was swift and very eventful. They started out from Keller's stables with a team, of which each owned a horse. Their short trip was a runaway from the door. The team ran to the street up on the high steeps along the front of Buchanan's store. Here Getman was thrown out. Reed kept in till the team ran against a telegraph pole at the bank corner, where he was thrown to the pavement. Mr. Reed was injured about one eye and one foot.

Arthur Rozelle Getman (GFG C 431) 1860-1922

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY
January 27, 1922

The death of Arthur R. Getman, occurred in a Utica hospital, Wednesday evening of last week, following a two weeks' illness. A graduate of Hamilton College,

he had a considerable reputation as a speaker in Otsego County. He spent much time in drilling clubs and aiding students with recitations. He was clerk of the Otsego County Board of Supervisors for five years.

Arthur R. Getman was born sixty one years ago in South Columbia, Herkimer county, the son of the late Alonzo and Clara Getman, The family moved to Richfield Springs when he was five years old and remained there, Mr. Getman graduating from Richfield Academy and then Hamilton College, where he earned his standing as a speaker, Following his graduation in 1884 he taught in Richfield Seminary for three years, then became manager of the Kendallwood hotel. Later he became a civil engineer and continued in this profession for the rest of his life, entering the State department in 1911. Mr. Getman was actively interested in the Republican Party. He was a member of the Richfield Masonic lodge and attended the Presbyterian church. Mr. Getman was married to Carrie L. Goodier in 1885. She died in 1907. He is survived by one son, A. K. Getman, supervisor of agricultural education in the State Education department at Albany, who was with his father at the time of his death. He also leaves a grandson, Kendall Getman, and a sister, Mrs. A. C. Joy of Los Angeles, Cal. The remains were brought to Richfield Springs, where, a Masonic funeral was held Friday and burial made. Oneonta Star.

Arthur Rozelle Getman (GFG C 431) 1860-1922

Eyes

Utica Daily Union, NY
Monday, July 13, 1896

Vernon ... Hobart Etheridge, who it was feared would lose the sight of both eyes as a result of a premature discharge of a cannon on the morning of July 4, is now resting much easier, and it is thought his eyes will not be seriously affected.

Hobart Sterling Etheridge (GFG C / I) 1870-1949 was a great-grandson of Elizabeth Getman (GFG C 20) 1785 – 1831 and Frederich Myers (GFG – I) 1778 – 1830. He married Ida Grants (GFG C / I) 1874 – 1970. She was a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Getman (GFG C 20) 1785 – 1831 and Frederich Myers (GFG – I) 1778 – 1830. Hobart and Ida were second cousins.

Well Known Getman Carpenter

Utica Herald-Dispatch, NY
Tuesday, June 5, 1917

Richfield Springs. June 5. —John Francis Getman died yesterday afternoon at the home of his nephew, Osborne Getman, where he had been ill for several years. While Mr. Getman had not been active in the affairs of the village for several years, he was an important factor in its life at one time. His ancestors came from New England to the Mohawk Valley in 1743 [sic] and settled near Johnstown, Tryon County, and built a saw and grist mill. Four members of the Getman family became soldiers in the revolutionary war one being a captain.

Mr. Getman was born in the town of Columbia, Herkimer County in 1837. In early life he showed remarkable skill and aptitude for mechanics and in his shop on the farm, made almost the first of the Portland cutters. He came to Richfield Springs in the autumn of 1860 and in 1861 he built a double store and photograph gallery on the east side of Lake street. In part of this building, in 1883, James A. Storer had a bookstore and telegraph office; This building now stands on the west side of Lake street at the corner of James street and is occupied by C. E. Caney and Charles Osterhout. In the other part of the building, the Richfield Springs Mercury was first published. In 1866 Mr. Getman sold the photograph gallery to Nelson S. Bowdish; in 1867 he erected the large building known as the Central Drug Store Building, and in 1868 opened the Central Drug Store, which he conducted for 20 years in the same location.

Mr. Getman became a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church in 1862; was elected vestryman and served as vestryman and warden until 1914 when he resigned on account of ill health. For many years he was chairman of the Building Committee and the new church, erected in 1879, the parish house and rectory were all built under his supervision. The altar chancel rail and reredos in the chapel were made by Mr. Getman from original designs.

In 1873 Mr. Getman married Miss Mary M. Tunncliffe. In 1888 he sold his drug business and acted as assistant manager of the well-known Tunncliffe Cottage until its destruction by fire in 1913. In 1865 Mr. Getman became a member of Richfield Springs Lodge, No 48 F. & A. M., and successfully filled the various offices in the lodge, including that of master for three years. He personally made much of the furniture and ornaments

of the lodge. In 1869 Mr. Getman joined Richfield Springs Chapter. No. 222 F. & A. M., and has held many important offices in that organization. He had always been a public spirited citizen, always working for the welfare of the community in which he lived. He was president of the Board of Health for 10 years and framed many important sanitary measures. He was an amateur mechanic of great skill. His shop contained a fine collection of machines and tools, many of which were made by himself and are models of utility and fine-workmanship. In 1903 Mr. Getman married for the second time Mrs. Fanny Harrington, nee Tunncliffe, who died in 1906. By all the habitués of the old Tunncliffe Cottage Mr. Getman will be remembered for his many kindnesses, his efficient management and his cleverness. This popular boarding house drew an advantageous clientele every year, and its burning, late in December, 1913. was a great loss. Since that time he had been tenderly cared for at the home of his nephew, where he died. The funeral arrangements have not been made, but it will be held in St. John's Church, which he served so long, so faithfully and so lovingly, later in the week.

The surviving relatives are a brother; Delos Getman of Richfield Springs; a sister, Mrs. Armenda Griffin of Mount Kisco, and several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Henry Lane, Mrs. H. E. Schooley, Miss Mae Llewellyn, Frank Llewellyn of Richfield Springs; Ellsworth D. Vosburgh, Utica; Mrs. Herbert Fitch, Rome; Mrs. Thomas Smith, White Plains; Alonzo Vosburgh, Fultonville.

John Francis Getman (GFG – C 253) 1801, 1835-1917.

A Road Trip You Wouldn't Want

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, July 13, 1967

Down Memory Lane – 50 Years Ago – July 12, 1917 ...While on a 600-mile trip to Ithaca, Elmira and other places last week, Ernest Woolver had 14 punctures, 13 of which were caused by nails in the road.

Ernest Carl Woolver (GFG – C) 1894-1980 was a great grandson of Ann Eve Getman (GFG – C 66) 1809-1889) and William Klock (GFG – I) 1805-1859.