

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)

GRADUATES

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY
Thursday, July 28, 1966

Stephen C. Getman began his four year enlistment in the U. S. Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Station early in July. He is a 1966 graduate of the Richfield Springs Central School. His brother, John Douglas Getman, a 1962 graduate of the same school, and of State University College at Cortland in 1966, will teach chemistry at the Rome Free Academy. A third brother, David, a 1961 graduate of the local Central School, was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy after serving four and a quarter years. In the fall he will study at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute at Daytona Beach, Fla. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Getman. Mr. Getman is a great grandson of the late Dr. Norman Getman who practiced medicine here for many years.

Another Graduation

The Messenger, Baldwinsville, NY
June 15, 1994

Jamie Getman of Baldwinsville received a bachelor of science degree in business management from the State University College at Geneseo during graduation ceremonies held May 14.

Getman, who earned status at Geneseo as a scholar/athlete, is working for Combined Life Insurance Company, based in Albany. When his training is completed in June, Getman will work in the Central New York area.

While at Geneseo, Getman was a member of the varsity basketball team for his last three years. During his junior and senior years, the team had more than 20 victories and played in the first two rounds of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III National Championship tournament.

Getman graduated from Baker High School in 1990. He is the son of Baldwinsville residents Suzanne M. Jackson and James Getman.

James W. Getman (GFG - A / A)

Stole His Own Horse

Isabella County Enterprise, MI
October 5, 1894

Conrad Getman of Grand Rapids, was tried on the charge of stealing his own horse. The animal was in a boarding stable, and Getman owed several weeks' board. One dark night he took the horse away. The jury acquitted him.

Pilot Downed by Reds Describes His Rescue

Watertown Daily Times, NY
Thursday, August 12, 1965

By ROBERT J. SPATH
Staff writer of the Times

A former northern New Yorker, now flying jets in the U. S. air force, told here this week how he and another pilot were rescued after they were forced to abandon their F-4C Phantom II aircraft over North Viet Nam.

Capt. Gary L. Getman, Carthage native and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Rice, 417 Washington street, was here on leave after flying 70 combat missions in Southeast Asia.

Captain Getman, 31, said Tuesday that- the sound of a beeper-type emergency radio, about the size of a box of animal crackers and worn about the waist, was detected and they were rescued approximately an hour after he and the other pilot had pushed the buttons on their ejection seats at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Following successful jumps, a helicopter came to their rescue and lifted the pilots to a safety zone.

Operated on batteries, Captain Getman said, the beeper commo can be received up to 24 hours by any UHF radio. "It's the best survival item the U. S. has over there," he remarked.

The F-4C is the standard fighter for the air force and is deployed for close-support and attack missions with the Tactical Air Command (TAC).

Captain Getman's aircraft was hit by small arms fire on June 10 during a low level attack near Hanoi — Communist strong hold and capital of North Viet Nam. The bullet, or bullets, struck the fuel tank of the giant fighter-bomber. The F-4C's normally carry a fuel load of 17,000 pounds, which the captain" said was equivalent to 2,500 gallons of fuel.

Ground fire struck one of the two external tanks, - he said. Heading for home (which information was top secret classification), the air craft ran out of fuel. The gauge or needle rapidly approached the empty mark. Later they were forced to abandon the craft.

Captain Getman said that he had made six parachute jumps previously but the one over North Viet Nam was first flight via the ejection seat and "it's a little bit different."

A member of the 45th TAC Fighter squadron, with home base at MacDill air force base, Tampa, Fla., Captain Getman served the maximum of 90 days in Viet Nam. The majority of his missions were air cover for ground strikes, air-to-ground missions and dive bombing and strafing.

"We knocked out a lot of bridges and barracks and hit a good-sized power plant — the largest south of Hanoi. The only two Russian-built Migs the squadron encountered were shot down," Captain Getman explained. Each mission lasted on the average of two and a half hours.

He said, regarding the Viet Cong's use of small arms: "They don't shoot at you, they shoot straight up in the air, making, more or less, a screen of bullets."

Claiming 220 hours of combat flying, Captain Getman said the VC have a good early warning device for detecting and tracking down enemy (our) aircraft. He said all his missions were flown in daylight hours either early morning, noon or late afternoon. Normally, he ran two missions each day.

Captain Getman, who left MacDill for Southeast Asia April 3 and served there until April 28, said that the F-4C Phantom II destroyed last month by what U.S. officials have said was a surface-to-air missile was "from our 45th squadron."

Captain Getman was today visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Getman, at their summer home at Number Four near Lowville. He will remain in the north country until Sept. 1, then return to MacDill. "After a while, the squadron will probably be assigned to a base somewhere in the Orient; maybe the Philippines or Okinawa," he commented.

Mrs. Getman, the former Lynne Rice, and the couple's children have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Rice here since April. The children are Sara Lynne, 6, Gregory John, 4, and 19 month old Laura Elizabeth.

Gary L Getman (GFG A 2009)

Professor gets Married

Cortland Standard, Cortland, NY
Monday, January 6, 1913

Prof. A. Kendall Getman of the Normal school faculty and Miss Fredella Babcock of Rockaway Beach were married at the home of; the bride in Rockaway Beach on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 27, by Rev. J. C. Greene. Only the immediate families witnessed the ceremony.

Prof. Getman is a graduate of the Richfield High school and of Cornell university. He is an instructor in the Agricultural department at the Normal school. Mrs. Getman is a graduate of the Jamaica Normal school and has for several years taught in the schools of Greater New York. They will be at home at 70 North Main-st. after Jan. 15.

Arthur Kendall Getman (GFG - C 558) 1887-1968

Obituary

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY, Thursday
September 19, 1968

Dr. Arthur Kendall Getman 81, retired educator, died Thursday, September 12 at the Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Conn., from a heart ailment. He resided at 7 Fox Hill Lane, Darien, Conn.

Dr. Getman was born in Richfield Springs on June 20, 1887, a son of Arthur R. Getman and Carrie G. Goodier. He was graduated from the Bronner Street High School in 1906, from Cornell University in 1911, and was awarded a Doctor of Science degree from Alfred University in 1931. He took post graduate studies at Columbia and Harvard Universities.

Dr. Getman served as head of the agricultural teaching department at Cortland State Teachers College from 1911 to 1915, when he went to Albany as a specialist New York State Department of in agricultural education in at Rutgers University, returning in 1919 to Albany as chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education. He was well known for his lectures and books on agriculture and education, and lectured widely at colleges during the summer season. He was co-editor of a series of 14 agricultural texts published by John Wiley & Sons Inc., and wrote three books on education. He was interested in the Future Farmers of America, and American Vocational Association of which he was a director of research, vice president and president.

His interest in education, extended to the field of religion, and he served as Sunday School Superintendent and officer in the Albany Council of Churches and the New York State Council of Churches.

He was a former trustee of Green Mountain Junior College at Poultney, Vermont. In the 1950-51 edition of Who's Who in America, Dr. Getman was cited for his many contributions and interest in rural education. At the time of his retirement in January, 1952, he was Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education in the New York State Department of Education. He then accepted assignment as consultant to the State Board of Regents in Moral and Spiritual Values Training.

Dr. Getman is survived by his wife, the former Fredella Babcock whom he married in 1912; one son, Kendall Goodier Getman, and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church in Darien on Monday. Burial of the cremated remains will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Richfield Springs. A memorial service for Dr. Getman will be held at a later date in the Calvary Methodist Church in Albany, where Dr. Getman had been a member for over 50 years.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS. HATCH AT COLUMBIA CENTER

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Friday, July 16, 1937

A memorial service for Mrs. Marshall M. Hatch, who died in March ; was held at the Dutch Reformed Church in Columbia Center Sunday afternoon and was attended by a crowd despite a heavy thunder storm.

The Rev. Donald Boyce of Westerloo, was in charge, representing as field secretary the eastern division of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Others who assisted were : the Rev. Van Schiak of Flushing; L. I., the Rev. Norman Adams, Richfield Springs, the Rev. S. V. W. Lehman of New Salem, a former pastor, who spoke of Mrs. Hatch's activities in the church as organist, Sunday School teacher, and chorister; the Rev. J. B. Elkins of South Columbia, Mrs. Merton J. Clarke, regent, Ganowauges Chapter, D. A. R., Richfield Springs, Mrs. Bertha Getman of Iliion, who read a paper about Mrs. Hatch , and William Babb, representing the local American Legion Post of which Mrs. Hatch was official "mother."

Earl Ames of Mohawk sang "Abide With Me," Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cheseborough of Mohawk sang "Rock of Ages" and other favorite hymns of Mrs. Hatch's were sung by a choir composed of friends from the Mohawk Valley and Richfield Springs.

There were several baskets of flowers and bouquets which were later placed on the graves in the old

cemetery. The Rev. Matthew D. Sill was also among those present,

Alice Idora Hatch, (GFG - A 424 / I) 1847-1937, married Marshall Monroe Hatch 1844-1928. She was a well-known and highly respected member of the D.A.R. One of her better known accomplishments was the preparation of the "Hatch Papers", a collection of family histories and genealogy in the Columbia area of Herkimer County, New York. A transcription of the writings is available on the Getman Association website.

A Different Getman Line?

The Saratogian, Saratoga Springs, NY
July 7, 1923

Albert J. Getman, member of the firm of A. J. and G. H. Getman, upholsterers, 44-Putnam street, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday morning, at Lyndonville, Vt. according to word received by his relatives here, and is in a serious condition. Mr. Getman with his wife and his son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Getman of Glens Falls motored to Lyndonville, Vermont, on the Fourth of July. They had planned to move Roy Getman's furniture to Glens Falls where he was to make his permanent home.

The party was just setting out for the return trip Thursday morning when Mr. Getman was stricken ill and his condition was so serious that the trip was abandoned.

It is stated that his condition is believed to have improved sufficiently, however, to be able to remove him to his home, 17 Van Dorn street, this city, tomorrow.

Mr. Getman is about 68 years of age, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city, who will be sorry to learn of his illness.

Clarence Ireland, his son-in-law, was called to Lyndonville yesterday.

Albert Jerome Getman, 1854-1925, is a member of a Getman line that has no known relationship with the descendants of Caspar Getman. His father Michael Getman was born about 1812 in Pennsylvania. Michael and his wife Mehala were parents of 6 children born in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Anyone having additional information concerning this line of Getmans is encouraged to share their knowledge.