

THE

GETMAN NEWS

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August isn't Far Away

It's time we are looking to schedule summer events. Please think about scheduling the Getman get together on your calendar, Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3, if you can only make one or two events, please do.

The Getman family is our history. We played an important part in the American Revolution. Did you know that, according to A. J. Berry, in *A Time of Terror*, there were 308 battles fought in the American Revolutionary War, 92 in New York, and most of them were fought in Tryon County? (Tryon County was our ancestors home.)

Returning to the area where so much history happened, gives us a perspective of what our ancestors endured and contributed to our country.

Come share your story with us.

Marty Chase
Chairman

**Johnson Hall State
Historic Site**

Saturday morning, August 3, we will be visiting this incredibly unique site. This is the home of the English crown's pre-Revolutionary War Indian Agent, Sir William Johnson.

Lunch at Saltsman's Tavern

Another truly historic location that has deep ties with the Getman family, has become the traditional location for the Getman reunion when we are in the area.

**Mark Your 2019
Calendar
August 2, 3 and 4**

**Saturday Dinner at
Sam's Steak House**

We will gather at Sam's Steak House, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 3rd.

This will provide another opportunity to meet cousins, share experiences, research and just plain relax with close and distant relatives.

A group reservation has been made but you need to let the Getman Association know if you plan to be there, otherwise there might not be enough seats reserved.

Johnstown Holiday Inn

Arrangements have been made for a group room rate at the Johnstown/Gloversville Holiday Inn, 308 N Comrie Ave, Johnstown. The group rate applies to persons identifying as part of the Getman Reunion when making reservation. Do not wait until the last minute to make your reservation, as this date falls with the "Saratoga Season" at the flat track in Saratoga Springs.

Reservations 518-762-4686
Then Wayne Getman 315-845-8014

**Union Hall Inn
Johnstown, NY**

7:00 pm, Friday August 2

The Friday gathering dinner will be held at the oldest restaurant in the area.

The hall was erected in 1798 by Captain Jean Batiste Vaumane de Fon Claire, former officer in the French Army under Louis XVI. Tradition says that it was in this house that Nicholas Stoner, a noted soldier and hunter, killed an Indian to avenge his father's death

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)

NEW BRIDGE DEDICATION AUGUST 18, 1938

Geneva Daily Times, Geneva, New York
Thursday, August 11, 1938

Collins Landing, Aug. 11—(Special)—The public may inspect and witness the dedication of the new Thousand Islands International Bridge on Thursday, Aug. 18, without charge, according to an announcement of Supervisor Elton H. Miller, chairman of the Thousand Island Bridge Authority.

The bridge will be open for inspection from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m., daylight time. The dedication will take place at 4 at the international rift. The public will be able to witness the dedication without having to pay a toll charge.

No International Travel

The bridges are being opened on the condition that no through passage from either mainland to the other or across the international rift bridge be permitted to the public, Mr. Miller said.

It is expected that all of the bridges will be open to public travel at toll rates, commencing at 7 a. m., daylight time on Friday, Aug. 19. Toll rates will be \$1.25 for a private car and passengers up to eight, fifty cents for saddle horses, twenty-five cents for pedestrian, bicyclist or passenger on a bus. Heavy truck rates are \$2 and up.

While all of the islands' highways linking the five spans of the eight and one-half miles of the International crossing will not be finished, the spans themselves will be complete for the opening, according to Resident Engineer R. Boblow.

With the exception of the 300-foot link between the Collins Landing approach and the American suspension, and the building of the sidewalks on the Wells Island approach, the American span is now finished.

On the Canadian suspension span there remains 450 feet of concrete floor to be poured and 75 feet of approach concrete, together with sidewalks. This work is progressing rapidly.

Robinson & Steinman, New York bridge engineers, who designed the spans and who are acting as consulting engineers to the authority, report that to

July 15 there had been 504,000 man-hours of labor expended. The completed project will have recorded 675,000 man-hours of labor. This would mean about 72,000 man-days of eight hours each.

Much Steel Used

There are 213 tons of steel reinforcement in the foundation and 260 tons in the superstructure of the American span. In the foundation of the Canadian, span there are 113 tons of reinforcement steel and 135 tons in the superstructure. The International Rift span contains 77 tons of reinforcement steel.

In the American span there are 2,730 tons of ordinary carbon steel in the superstructure; 840 tons of high-strength or silicon steel, and 48 tons of steel casting used in the saddle towers, tops of the cable bents and tops of the cable bands.

Similarly in the Canadian superstructure there are 2,800 tons of carbon steel and 48 tons of steel castings.

There are 265 tons of cable strand in the American suspension span and 219 tons in the Canadian suspension span. In the American span there are 13 tons of suspender steel ropes and 11 tons in the Canadian suspension span. Four tons of handrope are used on the American span and three tons in the Canadian span. The amount of wrapping wire totals 22 tons for the American and 18 tons for the Canadian span.

Altogether 798 tons of reinforcement steel, 6,550 tons of carbon, silicon and cast steel, 555 tons of cable material, and 30,000 barrels of cement have been used in building the bridges.

Great Interest Shown

Mr. Miller said that the authority was of the opinion that everyone should have an opportunity to inspect the bridges and attend the dedication free because of the great interest in the project and also because of the co-operation which has been given to the authority.

The opening of the bridges to the public free was brought about by the authority with the advice and consent of the original purchasers of the bonds, State Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine, B. J. VanIngen & Company, New York City, and Stranhan-Harris

company, New York City. The bridge engineers also consented to the proposal.

Because of the heavy travel anticipated on the day of the dedication it will be impossible to permit through crossing from one mainland to the other, it was said. However, there will be ample parking facilities as the bridge authority has leased land on Wells Island for the American cars and on Hill Island for the Canadian cars.

The American span will be patrolled throughout the day by state police and deputies and the Canadian spans patrolled by provincial highway police and constables.

All the bridges will be closed to the public at 3 p. m., (est), on the day of the opening so that cars on the islands will be permitted to leave without the possibility of serious traffic jams. No other cars will be permitted to cross the bridge to the islands on that day after the closing hour, the authority said.

Elton H. Miller (GFG – C) 1877-1943, chairman of the Thousand Island Bridge Authority, was a great-great grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.

Snowmobile Races

Evening Telegram, Herkimer, NY
Thursday, February 3, 1972

ILION — The second annual Iliion Jaycee Snowmobile race, postponed in January, will be held Sunday with registration at 8 a. m. and races from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The half-mile Lemans track will be located at the Grant Brewer farm, Brewer Road, four miles south of Iliion or one mile west of Spinnerville.

There will be five classes in the stock division, ranging from 0 to 440 cc, and a modified division ranging 0 to 800cc, plus a five-class powder puff.

A special event will put the Radio WALY team against two Jaycee mystery men. Trophies will be given to, the first three places in each class A concession stand will also be available to the public Proceeds will be used for effecting community projects

Grant Earl Brewer (GFG – C / VIII) 1920-2002, is a great-great-great-grandson of Marie Margaretha Getman (GFG C – 4) 1761-1840 and Gersham Skinner 1751-1824. He is also a great-great-great-grandson of Catherine

Getman (GFG – VIII) 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727- 1813.

About 500 persons attended the event.

First Lady of Rome

Obituary

Daily Sentinel, Rome, NY
Monday, January 8, 1968

Mrs. Charles T. (Lucina) Beeching, Middleville Road, Herkimer, designated Rome's "first lady" in 1945 for her outstanding service to the community, died Sunday in a Utica hospital.

For 10 years before her retirement in 1960 she had been a case supervisor for the Herkimer County Department of Social Welfare.

A Rome resident during the 1940s, Mrs. Beeching was selected as "first lady" from nominations by Romans in a program sponsored by Gamma Iota Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

A one-time case supervisor in the Rome Bureau of Public Welfare, she was also director of the home service department in the Rome Chapter, American Red Cross, and in this capacity worked with thousands of servicemen and their families during World War II. She was also president of the Rome Parent-Teachers City Council and was a member of the Rome Housing Authority.

Mrs. Beeching's service to the community during the war period was marked by her leadership in obtaining child nurseries for war-working mothers. She worked to gain public support for this project and was largely responsible for obtaining state funds for its operation.

A native of Herkimer she was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and did graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania. She was a field worker for the Near East Relief in Turkey after World War I, and was later in charge of an orphanage for American children. From 1933 to 1935 she was a case worker in the Herkimer County Welfare Department.

She rejoined the department in 1950 and on Feb. 1 of that year was named case supervisor. She had also taught in Herkimer High School for four years.

The daughter of John and Ida Folts Thompson, she was married to Charles T. Beeching at Key West, Fla., in 1925. They lived in Cuba for three years where Mr. Beeching was employed by the United States Steel Co. He died in 1949.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the New York State conference on Social Work, and the Reformed Church of Herkimer.

Surviving area son, Charles T. Beeching Jr., Syracuse; a daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Turvey, New York City; a sister, Miss Edna R. Thompson, Herkimer, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 at the Fenner Funeral Home, Herkimer. Friends may call tonight from 7 to 9. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Herkimer.

Lucina Alvord Thompson Beeching (GFG - C) 1890-1968 was a great-great-granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.

Big Deer

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, November 25, 1954

For the second time in her hunting career, Mrs. Dwight Brewer, Jr. of 9 Division street, this village, stalked her game alone and brought home a trophy of the hunt. An expert marksman, Mrs. Brewer doesn't mind entering the woods alone and has proven her skill as a marksman.

Last Thursday, Nov. 18, Mrs. Brewer had a few hours to spare, so she took her shootin' iron and went a'hunting. After a non-profitable morning in the woods and about ready to call it quits, she sighted a buck, aimed, fired and missed. A second shot brought the animal down. Unable to handle it alone, Mrs. Brewer marked the spot in the woods which was in the Barstow Corners area, and went for help. A call to her father, Merton Skinner, Sr., brought help and the 150 pound, six point beauty was loaded on a car and brought home.

Mrs. Brewer got her first deer in 1950 when she hunted up north with a party in the Adirondacks. Mr. Brewer and the four Brewer children are quite proud of their sharp-shooting wife and mother.

Betty Jane (Skinner) Brewer (GFG - C / VIII) 1922-2000 is a great-great-granddaughter of Marie Margaretha

Getman (GFG C - 4) 1761-1840 and Gersham Skinner 1751-1824. She is also a great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Catherine Getman (GFG - VIII) 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727- 1813.

Nasty milk route

Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, February 12, 1925)

Lyman A Woodard of Mohawk was arrested by Chief of Police Walter I. Bronner and lodged in the county jail He is charged with disposing of mortgaged property and the case is an unusual one. Mr. Woodard had until recently conducted a milk route and he claims in this instance that a former employee had purchased a team and started buying milk and peddling ahead of him. Woodard was taken quietly into custody and gave bail in the sum of \$600 which was furnished by Fred Hinman and a date made for a meeting, when It was expected his troubles would be adjusted. Woodman [sic] failed to appear and Mr. Hinman caused his arrest and surrendered him to the jail. This apparently indicates Woodman [sic] does not realize the seriousness of his position. Woodard, long in the employ of A. A. Wollaber, on a milk route, purchased the route and what was formerly the Schroeppe farm south of Mohawk and engaged in business for himself. Mr. Woodard married, but there was a separation after a short time. He then acquired three other farms and increased his stock and it is believed became too heavily involved. The original complainant against him was John G. Ludwig, whose farm and stock were among Woodard's purchasers after Ludwig s farm barn burned.

Lyman a Woodard (GFG - C / VIII) 1900-1978 2000 is a great-great-great-grandson of Marie Margaretha Getman (GFG C - 4) 1761-1840 and Gersham Skinner 1751-1824. He is also a great-great-great-great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG - VIII) 1737-1806 and Johannes Shoemaker 1727- 1813.

Most of the misspellings have been left in this article,

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