

THE

GETMAN NEWS

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Hi Cousins

I hope you are healthy and safe during this pandemic that has turned our world upside down.

While doing some research, throughout history New York State has had its share of diseases. Basically the worst outbreaks were in New York City, as it is today.

One Getman connection with an epidemic in U.S. history is my grandfather, Dr. Norman Getman, from Oneonta, New York, who was sent to the Panama Canal to help with patients dealing with yellow fever and malaria spread by mosquitos.

In 1904 the U.S. took control of the canal and instituted steps that slowed down and eventually eradicated the diseases there. During that period there were over 22,000 deaths due to those diseases.

My grandfather was fortunate and never contracted anything. He was a general practitioner, or old-fashioned family doctor, and coroner in Otsego county for 40 years.

It is the prudent thing that we cancel our annual Getman get together. We cannot reasonably believe it is possible or healthy for any of us to get together this summer.

Hopefully, we can look forward to a great get together next year.

Please stay safe,
Marty Chase
Chairman

2020 Reunion Cancelled

After considering the feedback from readers and the present situation concerning the corona virus, the Getman Association Meeting for this August has been cancelled. All indications were that attendance would not justify the gathering.

See You Next Year

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. This book was published in 1913. Included in the book are the known descendants of all of the family lines, including daughters.

500 pages in length on 8 ½ 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 to Wayne Getman.

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)

Body Found

The Daily Northwestern

Oshkosh, Wisconsin
June 9, 1925

BODY OF EDICK FOUND IN WOODS BY THE INDIANS

Remains Discovered Lying Between Two Logs, Near Lawrence Lake, by Reservation Residents, Following Failure of Organized Search

(By United Press)

Antigo, Wis. – After several weeks search, in which hundreds of residents of northern Wisconsin took part, the body of David Edick, veteran woodsman, missing since May 20, was found late yesterday.

The body was discovered by Indians near Lawrence Lake.

ILLNESS IS INDICATED

It was lying between two logs and was badly decomposed, giving indications that he had taken ill, sat down on the log to rest and died on the spot.

The Indians were brought here from a nearby reservation after hundreds of whites had failed in an organized search to locate the veteran woodsman.

AIRPLANES TOOK PART

Former service men in airplanes took part in the search during the last few weeks, flying over the wooded section in which he was last seen, in hopes of locating him.

NO MARKS OF VIOLENCE

(By Associated Press)

Antigo, Wis. – slightly decomposed, the body of David Edick, 73-year-old woodsman, with no marks of violence upon it, was found lying between two fallen trees in the forests of Price Township near here late yesterday afternoon. Examination of the remains the coroner declared, revealed that death was due to natural causes and that no inquest was necessary.

BURIAL AT OMRO

Edick had been missing since May 20 when he became separated from his companion while inspecting the damage caused by recent forest fires. Since that time searching parties scoured the woods and last week several tribes from the Menominee reservation were engaged in the hunt. It was one of these that was reported as making the discovery. Edick will be buried today at Omro, near Oshkosh.

David Bolivar Edick (GFG – C / VIII) 1850-1925 is a grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG – C 59) 1799-1910 and Denus Edick (GFG – VIII) 1799-1886. - Denus Edick and Catherine Getman are 3rd cousins. Their common ancestors are Johann Frederick Getman and Maria Johanna Bierman.

David married Mary Lydia Tourtillotte 1860-1915. Mary was an Indian of the Rice tribe, from the Menominee reservation. Mary and her children are considered to be Indians.

Do You Know About This Family?

Syracuse Journal, NY
Friday, August 21, 1931

Youth Saves Boy From Drowning in Onondaga Creek LAD, 3, REVIVED BY FIRST AID METHODS

Tripping from the bank into Onondaga Creek near the Midland av. bridge Thursday afternoon, Richard Crough, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crough of 483 Midland av., was pulled to safety by Lawrence Gascon, 15, of 236 Tremont st., after his older brother, John Crough, 5, waded to safety.

First aid measures applied by Motorcycle Patrolman Patrick Hanlon to Richard is believed to have saved his life. The child had swallowed a quantity of water and was in a semi-conscious condition when Gascon carried him to shore.

The near-drowning happened near the Crough home. John was the first to spread the alarm. He ran to his home and told his mother what had happened. Lawrence Gascon was sitting on the porch of his home which overlooks the creek. He heard the mother's cries for help and ran to the creek.

Without hesitating, young Gascon plunged into the creek fully clothed and pulled the child to safety. He handed the child to Francis Parent, 23, of 236 Tremont st., who was attracted to the creek bank, and Parent applied first aid treatment. Several minutes later Patrolman Hanlon arrived at the scene and revived the boy.

An intern on the Hospital of the Good Shepherd ambulance praised Hanlon and Parent for their hard efforts and declared if it had not been for them there was no doubt that the child would have drowned. The lad was treated at the hospital and then taken home.

The boys had been warned many times by their parents to stay away from the creek bank. Wednesday Richard and another youth ran away and were gone for several hours before they returned.

Despite a severe reprimand from his parents Richard had the wanderlust again yesterday and set off with his older brother. They clambered down the steep earthen bank and were playing along the concrete retaining wall. One of them tripped and in the excitement both plunged into the water.

Francis Joseph Parent (GFG – A) 1907 - ???? is a son of Elizabet J Getman (GFG – A) 1885-???? And Joseph M. Parent, 1879-1965.

Anyone with additional information on this family is urged to share said information for the Getman records.

Killed While Escaping

The Daily Leader, Gloversville, NY
Wednesday, June 29, 1892

Killed While Making His Escape.

Adam Frederick, a son of Jacob L. Frederick, and a former resident of Johnstown, entered the regular army in 1891, and was sent to Wyoming. After a short time he escaped from the service and was subsequently recaptured and sentenced to the military prison. While being taken there he again made his escape, and sought refuge with some cattle raisers. The latter were surrounded by about two hundred cattle thieves and when the soldiers in pursuit of Frederick came along, Frederick sought to get away by jumping from a building and was riddled with bullets by the cattle thieves. Such is the story that has reached his Johnstown friends by a letter from that section.

Adam Frederick (GFG – B) 1869-1892) Is a grandson of Mary Margaret Getman, (GFG – B) and Lewis Frederick 1701-?.

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



- Newspaper Article (unsourced)
An accident occurred at Schuyler Saturday morning, by which Nathan Smith, a highly respected resident of that place was instantly killed. A bee had been called by John Hierholzer to assist in moving a small storey and a half house on the Helmer farm about eight miles north of Herkimer, just in the town of Schuyler. A number of the neighbors responded, among them Nathan Smith the victim of the accident. The building had been

raised sufficiently to rest on shoes and was being drawn by several teams of horses. Mr. Smith was last seen alive in front of the building managing his team. One man thinks he saw him fall but before the work could be stopped the building moved more than its length and Mr. Smith was found in the rear lying lifeless on the ground.

About an hour before one of the men had been knocked senseless by a falling lintel. Dr. Hamlin was sent for and arrived soon after the last accident. Dr. Devendorf was also soon on the

spot in company with Coroner Nellis. They examined the body and found the nose crushed in, and the temple bones broken; blood had poured out of the nose and ears, strange to say the body was uninjured. The deceased was subject to fainting spells and it is supposed that he was attacked with one and fell in front of the building. The barn passed over him and probably a projecting joist crushed his head to the ground. After inquiring into the circumstances it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Deceased was about 47 years old and was one of the most respected and popular men in the town. He leaves a wife, the daughter of Allen Folts of this place, and a son aged about six.

Newspaper Article (Jefferson County Journal, Adams, NY, Tuesday, March 30, 1886)

CRUSHED TO DEATH.—Nathan Smith, a farmer living in the town of Schuyler, was engaged, with several other men, in moving a barn. The building rested on rollers and during the process of the work one of the men was injured by a falling timber, which struck him on the head and shoulder. Another man started for a doctor, and during his absence the building, which stood on a declivity, commenced to slide back. Smith, in his efforts to block the rollers, was caught by the moving building and crushed to death.

Nathan J Smith 1839-1886, was the husband of Laura Folts (GFG – C) 1841 – 1920. Their son was Hayden Burt Smith (GFG – C) 1873 - ?. Laura was a great granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.

Send us your family stories.

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OOPS

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, “I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!”. The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

The moral of the story?

If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable.

Share this with all your friends to give them a good laugh.