

THE

GETMAN NEWS

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Dear Cousins,

It looks like we are gradually coming back to some normalcy. The Getman Board is planning on holding the Getman Reunion August 6,7 and 8. If you can, try and join us for all or part of it.

We hope everyone has had their vaccine shots and also feels a sense of freedom and normalcy, and can hug someone!

We are expanding the Getman base with our Facebook page. Check it out when you get the chance. We have over a 170 folks who have touched base on the page and been interested in Getman history. You may be able to learn something of your ancestors or help someone else with theirs.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the organization, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Let us know by contacting us through the newsletter or web page.

Sincerely,
Marty Chase, President

An Unwelcome “Guest”

We had the good fortune to have family visit us over the Easter holiday. One of them spent an extra unexpected week due to a totally unexpected positive test for Covid 19.

First, I need to point out that my wife and I are retired and of an age where Covid is a serious threat. Because of this we have not had visitors until our vaccinations were completed.

Two of our visitors tested positive for the virus and needed to quarantine, one at their home and the other at ours. The one who was with us was asymptomatic, there was no way we would have known of the illness unless a test was performed. That person tested positive.

Making a potentially long story short. We were exposed to people who tested positive for a period of two weeks. We had been vaccinated. We did not get sick. *Vaccinations Work. If you have not yet been vaccinated do so as soon as you can. Lives do really depend upon it.*

Reunion Plans Proceeding

A Getman Association reunion for 2021 is being planned. This will be held in Johnstown NY, August 6-7-8, 2021. A block of rooms has been arranged at the Johnstown-Gloversville Holiday Inn.

Our plans currently feature looking more closely at the Battle of Stone Arabia and visiting the Stone Arabia churches where our early ancestors worshiped were baptized, married, and buried.

You are encouraged to “pencil in” this date on your calendar. Details will be provided as they become available.

As of this writing a reservation has been made for a Saturday night dinner at Union Hall, Johnstown and a Saturday noon lunch at the Salem United Methodist Church pavilion in Stone Arabia. Visits to the historic area churches and explanations of the battle of Stone Arabia and Johnstown are being planned.

All arrangements are subject to change dependent upon quarantine requirements.

Correction Department

In the April newsletter the date of birth for Christian’s son Johan Petrus (Peter) was given as 1756. This was an error (read typo done by my old fingers). The correct date of birth for Christian’s first know son is 5 Jan. 1764. Thank you to the sharp-eyed reader who spotted this error.

Also: The Margaret Reaney Memorial Library is in St. Johnsville, New York and is happy to accept donations suitable for use in Getman family research.

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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)

Catherine Getman

1737-1806

Catherine is the last known child of Frederick and Maria. As the eighth child she and her descendants have been assigned the Roman numeral lineage marker of VIII. She was born about 1737 near Little Falls at the Burnetsfield Patent property. Based on the information we currently have she would have moved to Stone Arabia (Ephratah) with her parents about 1743-1745. The Getman family did not entirely leave the Burnetsfield location, evidently Frederick (the son) remained there and no doubt the long-standing relationships with neighbors was continued. As a result of those relationships Catherine married Johannes Shoemaker around 1754-1755.

The Shoemakers at that time were located in the Burnetsfield Patent, on the North side of the Mohawk River in the area now known as the village of Herkimer. As the Shoemaker family expanded they accumulated additional land on the South side of the river and eventually part of what is now German Flatts east of the village of Mohawk, became known as Shoemaker Hill, an identification that remains to this day.

Johannes and Catherine were no doubt subsistence farmers raising grain as a cash crop. Johannes, like all the male settlers over the age of 16 was a member of the local militia.

During the French and Indian war he served in Lieutenant Deychert's (Dygart's)

Company, and was part of the group that marched to the attempted relief of Fort William Henry, which was described in a previous newsletter. He is also likely to have been one of the militia members who was involved in the relief column that fought at the battle of Oriskany.

Catherine and Johannes had eight children that we know of; Johann George born in 1756 died as a child; Maria Shoemaker, 1757-1831, married Augustinus Hess, 1752-1838. This couple relocated south of the Mohawk River to Shoemaker Hill. They later moved about 15 miles further south to Columbia an area where many Getmans and their descendants settled and have lived. Numerous Shoemaker and Getman descendants remain in the area although many may not realize they have a connection to these pioneer families. Maria and Augustinus Shoemaker had 10 children.

Christopher Shoemaker, 1759-1831, married Elizabeth Ittig (Edick), 1759-1846. At some point during the American Revolution Christopher became a prisoner of war and was later released. This couple had 13 children. Catherine Shoemaker, 1761-1825, married John Jacob Kessler, 1751-1816. They remained in the German Flatts and Herkimer area where they raised 9 children, several of whom little is currently known. John Kessler participated during the battle of Oriskany. Dorothea Shoemaker,

1763-1817, married as his first wife, Johann Thomas Shoemaker, 1763-1837, they were 1st cousins. Dorothea and Johann Thomas had 7 children. Following Dorothea's death Thomas married Elizabeth Petrie with whom he had one child.

Johannes Shoemaker, 1765-1851, married Anna Elizabeth Fox, 1768-1862. They had 7 children, remained in the German Flatts area and are buried in the Fort Herkimer Church Cemetery. Frederick Johann Shoemaker, 1768-1836, married Maria Elizabeth Wohelben, 1766-?????. Little is known of this couple. Church records from the German Flatts Dutch Reformed Church indicate they had at least three children, two having been named Anna, indicating that the first must have died as an infant. Rudolph Johann Shoemaker, 1770-1851, married Margaretha Ittig (Edick), 1778-?????. Margaretha was a half-sister of Christopher Shoemaker's wife, Elizabeth. Rudolph and Margaretha also remained in German Flatts, had 7 children. Rudolph is known to have been buried at the Fort Herkimer Church Cemetery.

Catherine Getman and Johannes Shoemaker left many progeny in the Mohawk valley, most of them living much or all of their lives on Shoemaker Hill. They attended church at what has become known as the Fort Herkimer Church which is located on the south side of the Mohawk river, just north of Shoemaker Hill. Their 8 children provided them with 56 known grandchildren.

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MISSING

The Watertown Daily Standard
Watertown, New York
Monday, September 24, 1923

GOUVERNEUR. Sept 24—Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, who reside on the Scotch Settlement Road reported this morning that their daughter, Lulu Belle Tuttle, aged 17 years, was missing from their home and no trace of her whereabouts can be discovered. The young woman had been ill with the grip for a week past but had improved and intended to return to her studies in the high school here Monday morning.

The family came to the village Saturday evening in their car and left the young woman at home with three younger children, the brother Harvey Tuttle driving the car to Gouverneur. Upon arriving at the village, he found that he had left his key at home and was unable to lock his car. He returned to his home and found Lulu with suit case packed. She returned to the village with him, telling him that her sister, Virginia knew where she was going and it was alright. Upon arriving here the car was parked and the young woman left the machine, leaving her hat in the car. but taking her suit case. From that time all trace of her was lost and she has not been seen nor heard from since. Her mother states that her home life was pleasant and she can assign no reason for her sudden disappearance in this manner, unless her mind might have been temporarily unbalanced as a result of her last, week's illness.

This is the young girl's second year in high school and she was of a very studious nature, apparently enjoying her studies. She is large for her age, weighing 130 pounds. five feet in height, dark complexion, blue eyes and 'brown hair. When she left she wore a light tan coat. low black slippers with strips. She has an uncle, Floyd Tuttle, and a sister. Miss Bertha Tuttle, stenographer, of

315 Holcomb street Watertown. They were communicated with but have heard nothing from the missing girl.

The Watertown Daily Standard
Watertown, New York
Thursday, October 18, 1923

GOUVERNEUR, Oct. 18—The newspaper publicity which was given in regard to the disappearance of Miss Lulu Tuttle, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuttle of the Scotch Settlement road, has resulted in locating the young lady. Miss Tuttle disappeared from this village Saturday evening, September 22, after riding to town with her brother.

It was reported a few days after her disappearance that the young lady had been seen by a schoolmate in the vicinity of Saranac Lake in company with another girl and two gentlemen seated along the roadside on a log. Nothing further, however, was learned in regard to her whereabouts until Chief of Police Thomas Love recently received a letter from George W. Lanpher of Lowville, in which he stated that the young lady was all right and was staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Pelo in Utica, who were friends of his, also that she was well and happy. He stated that in company with Mr. and Mrs. Pelo, they overtook Miss Tuttle with a suitcase walking along the highway in the vicinity of Potsdam and that she was very much exhausted.

She told them that she had had trouble at home with her mother and gave the reasons why she had left her home. Finally, after considerable persuasion, she was induced to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Pelo to their home in Utica. The following day after receiving the letter from Mr. Lanpher, Chief Love received a letter from Mrs. Pelo, stating substantially what had been told by Mr. Lanpher, also that the girl did not wish to return to her home.

Chief Love immediately communicated with the authorities in Utica requesting him to ascertain the truth of the matter and later

received a favorable report from that source to the effect that the girl was at the address given and that the family appeared to be all right. Chief Love also communicated with the chief of police in Lowville regarding the identity and character of Mr. Lanpher, receiving a letter stating that the officer was acquainted with Mr. Lanpher who resided on a farm near Lowville and that he was a man well thought of in that community. The officer further added that Mr. and Mrs. Pelo were former residents of Lowville and he knew they were reliable people, and in his opinion that the young lady had gotten in a good home. The information also stated that the young lady was employed in a store in Utica. The information received has been given to the parents, who are as yet undecided as to whether they would attempt to have the young lady brought home or not.

Lula Belle Tuttle (GFG - II) 1906-????, is great-great-great-granddaughter of Anne Eve Getman (GFG - II) 1722 - ?? and Frederick Orendorf, 1720-1802.

A DELIBERATE SUICIDE

Oswego Morning Post, New York
Wednesday, January 31, 1883

The Tragedy Enacted Before a Group of Men in a Bar Room in Syracuse.

Syracuse Herald: About 9 o'clock last night a man walked into the Central hotel and upon the register, wrote the name "Charles C. Staring." In the blank left on the book for the place of residence he entered the word "Hell." He was assigned to a room. After winning a drink by dice, from Mr. Snow, son of the proprietor of the house, Mr. Staring handed his gold ring to Mr. Snow and asked him to give it to his wife at East Syracuse. He removed his overcoat, placed a revolver at his head and pulled the trigger. The weapon missed fire. He made a second attempt before any of the men sitting around could interfere, the weapon was discharged, and the man fell and died almost instantly.

He was formerly a freight conductor on the Central railroad, and lived in Little Falls. By drunkenness he lost his position, but he reformed, and in November last secured a job as foreman on the West Shore railroad, and with his wife and two children located at East Syracuse. He resumed his habit of drinking and his wife left him, it is said on that account. She took her children with her. Staring was one of the party of West Shore men who were arrested on complaint of J. J. Belden for being concerned in the attempt to remove the ice house in Pearl street, acting under West Shore orders. Staring was also one of those who commenced suits against Mr. Belden for false imprisonment.

The deceased was about thirty-two years old. In his pocket were thirty-five cents, a bunch of keys, a dinner ticket issued by the Greenman House and an envelope directed "Miss Sophia L. Churchill, Little Falls, Herkimer county, N. Y." The writing was fresh and there was no letter inside. Mr. Staring's body was taken to McCarthy's undertaking rooms and coroner Knapp was notified. A dispatch to the *Herald* from Little Falls says that the woman to whom Staring addressed the envelope which was found in his pocket was not a relative, but Staring was brought up by the Churchills. When Mrs. Staring left her husband she went to the house of her brother, Daniel Getman, in East Syracuse, where her mother also lives. Staring worked until a week ago Sunday night when he went on a spree, and was discharged by his employee.

He was at Mr. Getman's on Saturday. A short time ago Staring said in Bettinger's hotel, in East Syracuse, that he had a notion to go to the house where his wife was and shoot the whole of them. He also said that he thought he would go to the drug store, take laudanum and then go to the house and shoot them. He carried a revolver.

Mrs. Staring is very ill. She left her husband because he did not provide for her support.

The wife in this instance is presumed to be Florence Getman (GFG – A 234) 1853-?????. Any information that can clarify this will be greatly appreciated.

Need A Job?

Fort Plain Standard, New York
Thursday, November 14, 1896

A New York bluecoat whose beat led through a city park saw a individual peacefully snoozing on a bench. The day was very young so he allowed him to remain. At 7 a.m. the officer noticed that the slumberer was snoring, so he tapped him on his soles with his night stick.

"Let's see your registration card," demanded the policeman.

"Aint got none," replied the man

"Got a job?"

"Sure I have."

"Why aren't you on your way. Then? What kind of a job have you got?"

Scenting a few free meals, the hobo facetiously replied: "I make sails for submarines."

And the quick-witted officer replied:

"I know where they need a switchman on the aeroplane mail routes. Come along."

Getman Genealogy Book

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. Published in 2013it is 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.

The book will be available at a price of \$42.00 per copy plus shipping, of \$5.00 each.

Orders with payment should be sent to: Wayne Getman, 2672 Newport Road, Poland, NY, 13431. Checks should be made to Wayne Getman.

Getman Family of America

The Getman Family of America was founded about 100 years ago in the Mohawk Valley, New York, where many of our ancestors lived. Our members are descended from Caspar Getman, born in 1673 in the Sien-Hachenbach area of present day Pfalz Germany, who emigrated to England where he died; his wife and son traveled to New York in 1709-1710. We have a Facebook group entitled Getman Family of America.

We invite you and your family to join with others who support our organization in annual voluntary contributions of \$10 per family, or any other amount you wish to donate.

Our officers in 2020-2021 are:

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