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Getman Family Association President's Message May 2023

Greetings Getman Family Association Members!

We enjoy researching our ancestors, learning about their immigration, lifestyles and histories. We go up the family tree.

But what about going down your family tree? What legacy, heritage, and history are we leaving for our future generations?

With so many records available online, and more being added every day, our descendants will be able to research our vital statistics very easily. What more can we add, so that our descendants can learn about our lifestyle and history?

Two years ago, my daughter, Amy, gave me a subscription to Storyworth.com. It says on their homepage "Everyone has a story worth sharing."

Each week a question is asked about you.....examples include "Tell about an adventure you've been on." "How did your parents pick your name?" "What was your mom/dad like when you were a child?" "What would you consider your motto?" "What were your grandparents like?" If you don't like the question you can choose a different one. If you get behind a couple weeks, easy to catch up! Very user friendly!

At the conclusion of 52 weeks, I purchased the book, which contained the answers to the questions in paragraph form; I also included pictures. The website was very easy to navigate and edit right back to the very beginning.

Check it out! A gift for Mother's Day perhaps?...or Father's Day, Birthday, Christmas, or for yourself!

Marjorie Rosendahl, President, Getman Family Association

Hold the Date August 11-13, 2023 Getman Association Reunion in Herkimer, NY

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. This book was published in 2013. 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)

On to the Colonies

When Caspar and family left holland they were listed as follows.

FOURTH PARTY

EMBARKED JUNE 10 TO JUNE 19,
SAILED JUNE 21, 1709

Gottman, Kasper & vrouw, 8 ch.

The New York Subsistence Lists compiled between 1710 and 1712 include two listings for the remnants of the family. Neither indicate the location of those counted: 1710, Gettmannin Barbara 2 – 0 and 1712, Gettmannin Maria Barbara 2 – 0. Both of these indicate Maria Barbara and one other adult. That adult must be her stepson Frederick who would have been 17 in 1710.

Previous interpretations of the listing have been inclined to interpret this data as Maria Barbara and 2 children. The listings actually indicate the head of the family and the number of adults (head included) (2) followed by the number of children (0). The record actually indicates that of the children only Frederick survived the trip.

Somewhere along the way Caspar / Casper and 7 children died.

In the well documented book "Becoming German:" Philip Otterness, indicates that the poor Germans were taken from the warehouses and put on board ships "shortly after Christmas" 1709. There were roughly 3,000 individuals loaded onto ten ships. The ships were then sent off the coast of Southern England in the general vicinity

of Plymouth. The convoy actually left English waters on April 10, 1710. Last month's Getman Newsletter provided a description of "Palatine Fever" or Typhus. Typhus is a terrible, deadly disease spread by fleas. The ships were packed with as many passengers as they could hold in order to get them out of London and vicinity as fast as possible.

We are left with the image of our ancestors as a family of 10 persons attempting to survive on a densely packed ship, where they became ill and died because of the filthy conditions and likely minimum food rations. It is probable that the younger children died during the four months aboard ship prior to sailing while the older and presumably stronger ones may have died during the actual crossing. In either case the cause of death was almost assuredly Typhus.

There is currently no known record of what ship the family boarded or the actual arrival date in what is now New York. The first ship to arrive in New York did so on June 13, 1710 after a voyage of 64 days. The last arrived on August 2, 1710 having taken 113 days.

Meanwhile

Frederick's future wife, Maria Johanna Bierman and her family are not clearly recorded in the records currently available to me. It appears that they may have departed Holland in July of 1709 a month later than the Getmans. If so the record available does not indicate children. There is also no record

of the size of the family or how many arrived in New York.

Johannes Bierman is listed in the two New York Substance listings as 1 – 2 and later 3 – 1. This indicating that in the interim period 1710 – 1712 his family had increased by 2 adults and lost 1 child. The seeming discrepancy is not fully accounted for. He later turns up in the Simmendinger Register at New Ansburg (Schmidsdorf) now part of the village of Schoharie, in Schoharie County (1716/1717) as husband and wife and three children. This family would have been Johannes Bierman and his new wife Maria (Frederick's step-mother), Maria Bierman (Frederick's future wife), Margaret Bierman and Frederick Getman.

Scholarship Established

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, NY
Friday, April 23, 1937

Miss Edith E. Quackenbush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Quackenbush, 5 Mason street has been awarded a four year course in the College of the Spoken Word, Boston, Mass., starting with the term this Fall, according to an announcement received here.

Miss Quackenbush is a graduate of the Johnstown High school class of 1935. She participated in the annual prize speaking contest during her Junior year, winning the second award in recitation and took part in the senior class play during her fourth year, besides competing in W.C.T.U. silver and gold medal events.

This scholarship is to be known as the Benjamin B. and Sarah E. Staley Memorial and is given by Delbert Moyer Staley, A. M., Ph. D., LL.B., Litt. D., president of the college, in honor of his parents, former Johnstown residents.

Prof. Staley, who is a brother of Mrs. John Q. Adams and Miss Laura M. Staley, 31 North Perry street left Johnstown, 43

years ago, in 1895, and ten years later founded the College of the Spoken Word which today has a faculty of 34 members, a registration of nearly 300 students and holds a high position in colleges of this kind in the East

The college was incorporated in Washington, D. C., June 5, 1925, was authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science of Oratory by a special act of the Massachusetts Legislature, March 24, 1935, and further authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor, Master and Doctor of the Art of Oratory under another special legislative act, on April 24, 1936.

Prof. Staley, well known as an educator, lecturer and psycho-analyst, is a member-at-large of Pi Gamma Mu. author of "Psychology of the Spoken Word" and "Psycho-Gymnastics;" former professor of forensic oratory at Suffolk Law School, Boston, Mass.; coach of the Komians Society of Brown University; professor of voice training of St. John's ecclesiastical seminary in Boston; director of elocution at Fairfield Seminary and Military Academy, N. Y.; educational director of the Cambridge Y. M. C. A., (Mass.); professor of public speaking at the Novitiate House, Tewksbury, Mass.; and has frequently been heard on the air from Stations WBZ, WNAC, and WMEX.

Miss Quackenbush was highly recommended for the scholarship and it is especially fitting that the award has been made to a Johnstown girl in view of the fact that the scholarship honors the memory of two former well known residents.

Formal announcement of the award will be made at the annual commencement exercises next month.

Delbert Moyer Staley (GFG – I) 1872-1961 Is a great-great-great-grandson of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – I) 1721-1811 and Johann Meyers, 1715-1810.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Staley School of the Spoken Word also known as "Staley School of Oratory", "Staley School", or "Staley College", was a college in Brookline, Massachusetts, founded by Dr. Delbert Moyer Staley, that closed in 1957. Originally named College of the Spoken Word, it opened in 1905 on Huntington Avenue in Boston; by 1920, the school had relocated to Brookline and was located at Washington Street and Cypress Street. As of 1992, their charter was held by Boston College.

Many aspiring leaders and politicians came to the school, largely to polish their presence and presentation. The majority had already earned college degrees, some from institutions such as Harvard University. One famous Harvard alumnus to be graduated from Staley was future president John F. Kennedy.

Ephratah Church Picnic

The Johnstown Republican, Johnstown, NY
Thursday, August 30, 1894

The picnic of last Wednesday, under the auspices of the M. E. church, was a grand success socially and financially. At 9:30 A. M. the Nelliston, band was heard coming down the street and from that until their departure for home at six P. M. our people wanted not for music, either in Quantity or quality. In fact on every hand could be heard congratulating remarks to the credit of the band. By 10:30 the grove of Mr. Leander Getman began to take on a very changed aspect. Instead of its usual quiet, everything was changed with bustle and life on every hand, and by noon the crowd that had gathered was the largest ever seen at any previous time in this place on a like occasion. At 12:30 the ladies announced that the time had come for refreshments. The tables which were thought to have been sufficient for the accommodation of all

visitors were now found to be far inadequate for the occasion. But not so with the many and varied goodies that the ladies had provided themselves with. Everything in abundance for the satisfying of the inner man was to be found, and after all had partaken heartily, speeches were delivered by the Rev, H. B. Shires of Pine Lake, D. M. Schell of Bleecker, Mr. Moate of Stone Arabia, P. Q. Wilson of the Reformed church of this village and the pastor L. D. Van Arnam. Next in order came the athletic sports. The hundred yard dash was won by A. C. Copernoil of Nelliston. Throwing the base ball was won by a gentleman from Nelliston by the name of Booth.

The hop, step and jump, and the broad jump was also won by the same person. A prize was awarded to the winner of each of the sports. After the sports a game of base ball was played between the Rock wood nine and the Nelliston nine, which resulted in a victory for the Rockwood nine; the score stood 8 to 10. The people of the Methodist Episcopal society take this opportunity to tender their hearty thanks to Mr. Nathaniel Getman for so kindly allowing them the use of his meadow for the sports and games. They also wish to return their hearty appreciation for the use of the grove to Mr. Leander Getman. The receipts at the fruit and ice cream stand were considerable above \$100, netting a handsome sum for the Sunday school.

*Nathaniel Getman (GFG – B 69) 1823- 1901
and Leander Getman (GFG – B 211) 1850-1920.*

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