

HUDSON-MOHAWK
GENEALOGICAL
AND
FAMILY MEMOIRS

A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE HUDSON AND
MOHAWK VALLEYS IN NEW YORK STATE, INCLUDED WITHIN THE PRE-
SENT COUNTIES OF ALBANY, RENNELAER, WASHINGTON, SARATOGA,
MONTGOMERY, FULTON, SCHENECTADY, COLUMBIA AND GREENE.

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and probably enjoyed the friendship of more young people than any man of his years in the city. His tastes were domestic, and in home and family he found his chief delight. He married, February 8, 1871, Genevieve L. Seaver, born in Galway, Saratoga county, New York, April 19, 1847, daughter of A. J. W. Seaver, born September 25, 1807, son of Josiah Seaver, of Galway, New York. Josiah Seaver was the owner of a farm of two hundred acres in Galway, which he cultivated all his active years. He and his wife were active Methodists, and lived the quiet lives of the well-to-do farmers of their period. A. J. W. Seaver married Sophia Ann Fuller, born May 14, 1808, daughter of Gideon Fuller, born May 19, 1780, and his wife, Christina Stearns, born August 27, 1785. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller had seven children: Alonzo, born September 3, 1803; Orancie, August 10, 1806; Sophia Ann, married A. J. W. Seaver; Harvey, born March 19, 1811; Mercy, August 19, 1819; David, June 28, 1823; Mary, November 16, 1825. A. J. W. and Sophia Ann (Fuller) Seaver had five children: 1. John Willis, born April 28, 1835; married Mary D. Ball (both deceased); they left children, residents of Newark, New Jersey: Nathaniel, Jennie, Lizzie, Isaac, John. 2. Sarah, Ann, born November 19, 1837; married John Taylor (deceased); they removed to Grass Lake, Michigan, where their children yet reside: William, Laura, Jennie, Frederick, Nellie. 3. Charles Henry, born January 10, 1839; married Eulalia Hayes; children: Cora, Florence, Lorene, Jessie. This family resides at Jackson, Michigan. 4. Mary Jane, born December 10, 1843; married Sherwood Haggart; children: Mary S., born November 18, 1870; George S., March 2, 1877. 5. Genevieve L., married John C. Allen, whom she survives, a resident of Gloversville, where her entire life since her marriage has been spent; she is a member of the Presbyterian church, and interested in church and charitable work. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen: 1. Katherine S., born January 15, 1872; married, June 3, 1902, Charles I. Coombes, of Johnstown, New York, born May 14, 1871. 2. Harry John, see forward. 3. Genevieve, born February 12, 1876. 4. Richard Berry, November 6, 1878, of the firm of J. C. Allen & Sons. 5. Howard Washington, February 22, 1882. 6. Susan Doty, December 12, 1883; married, June 8, 1909, Ralph Prescott Beardsley, and has a daughter Genevieve, born June 3, 1910. 7. Samuel Gardner, November 12, 1885, of the firm of J. C. Allen & Sons.

(III) Harry John, eldest son of John C. and Genevieve L. (Seaver) Allen, was born

in Gloversville, New York, October 29, 1873. He was educated in the public schools and at Peekskill Military Academy. In 1894 he began working in the glove factory of his father, who in 1900 admitted him to a partnership, and re-named the firm J. C. Allen & Son. After the death of Mr. Allen, senior, the business was incorporated as the J. C. Allen & Sons, with Harry J. Allen as president. In this capacity he continues the business that was established by Berry & Allen, and now one of the leading industrial plants of Gloversville. He is director of Fulton County National Bank. Mr. Allen inherits the family love and talent for music, and has devoted a great amount of time to voice culture and instrumental music. For many years he had been director of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, one of the best musical organizations of the city, now (1910) director of choir of Congregational church. He is a trustee of the public library, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Eccentric and Automobile clubs, and an interested, public-spirited citizen of his native town. Politically he is a Republican. He married, June 7, 1900, Marie Louise, born October 2, 1875, daughter of Samuel Harvey and Jane Elizabeth (Everit) Shottwell, of Gloversville, New York. Child: John C. Allen (2), born July 29, 1908.

The Getman family of Gloversville, New York, are of German ancestry and descend from Frederick Getman, who came to America from Germany in 1720. In 1740, in association with Jonathan Bierman, he bought a tract of land in the Stone Arabia Patent, Montgomery county, New York. Later Frederick bought his partner's interest and owned the entire tract, part of which is yet in the Getman name. He married a Miss Bierman, who bore him sons: Frederick, George, John and Christian, all of whom took part in the war with the French prior to 1757.

(II) Christian, eldest son of Frederick Getman, was a farmer, and during the French war was captain of a company of rangers in the colonial army. He married a widow; children: Peter, Christian (2), Adam, Jacob, John, George, see forward; Thomas, Peter, the eldest son, served in the colonial army with his father against the French and Indians.

(III) George, son of Christian Getman, was a farmer. He married and reared a large family, among them being a son George (2).

(IV) George (2), son of George (I) Getman, was born in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery county, New York. He was a farmer,

and during the revolution held a lieutenant's commission in the regular army commanded by Colonel Willett. He married Annie Shumaker; children: 1. George, married a Miss Empie; children: Charles, David. 2. Peter, married and had fourteen children. 3. Joseph, married and had one son. 4. Benjamin, see forward. 5. Christopher, married Mary Miller; son, William. 6. William, married Catherine Charlesworth; children: Charlotte and William C.

(V) Benjamin, son of George (2) Getman, was born on the homestead in Montgomery county, June 1, 1791, died at the age of eighty-eight years, his death resulting from a kick received from a vicious horse. This homestead is now in the town of Ephratah, Fulton county, Montgomery and Fulton counties having been created from Tryon. He inherited the homestead, and was a farmer all his days of activity. He served in the war of 1812 and was engaged at the battle of Sacketts Harbor. He held the office of justice of the peace and was a man of importance in his town. He was a leading member of the Dutch Reformed church, which he served officially. He married Mary Van Antwerp, of Mohawk, Montgomery county; children: 1. Deborah, died in infancy. 2. Elizabeth, married Josiah Williamson; children; Lycena, Jane C., Delia and Mary. 3. Washington, married Catherine Cook; children: Alida, Caroline, Benjamin, Elmer. 4. Chauncey, married Catherine Like; children: Adelbert, Amy. 5. Jane, married John Schultz; children: Elvira, Benjamin, John P., Henry, Maria, Eugene, Rachel, Melvin, Irving. 6. Delia, married Casper Saltzman; children: Harvey and Carrie. 7. Rachel, married David Baker; children: George G., Charles, Mary. 8. Nancy Catherine. 9. Oliver, see forward. 10. William, married Mary Bentley. 11. Asa M., married Mary Erwin; children: Crawford O., Pauline, Etta, Helen. 12. Crawford. 13. Mary Ann, married Jonathan Saltzman.

(VI) Oliver, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Antwerp) Getman, was born on the old Getman homestead in the town of Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, February 4, 1829. He was educated in the common schools, and passed his life engaged in farming, manufacturing, and in the public service. In 1862 he was appointed deputy-sheriff of Fulton county, and in 1863 special deputy to United States provost marshal, holding the latter office until the close of the civil war. He was deputy-sheriff continuously until 1871, when he was elected sheriff. On retiring from the sheriff's office he returned to the farm, remaining until the death of his father in 1879. In that year

he associated with his brother Crawford in the manufacture of window glass. He removed to Cleveland, Oswego county, New York, where their plant was located, remaining there until 1889. During a great part of these years he was traveling in the interest of the company, and as salesman of their factory product. While in Oswego county he was elected supervisor, and served four years. In 1890 he removed to Johnstown, New York, and was elected a supervisor of Fulton county, and re-elected in 1891. During 1892 he organized the Getman Glass Manufacturing Company, of which he was president, and erected a plant at Avonmore, Pennsylvania, for the manufacture of window glass. Mr. Getman removed to that state and superintended the erection of the plant, and remained in the management until 1895. In that year he returned to Johnstown, where he engaged in the real estate and loan business, settlement of estates and general office business, continuing until his retirement from all active business. He has been identified with many of the business interests of Johnstown; was a member of the first board of directors of the First National Bank, of the People's Bank, and of the Fulton County Savings Bank; was president of the Fulton County Agricultural Society. He always continued the operation of the old homestead farm, settled by his emigrant ancestor, and inherited by him from his father, Benjamin Getman. He is connected with the Masonic order, holding membership in Garoga Lodge, No. 300, Free and Accepted Masons, Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, Royal Arch Masons, and Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar. Politically he is a Republican, and in religion is a Presbyterian.

He married, October 31, 1855, Lovina Wood, born in Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, in 1834, daughter of Dr. Henry and Polly (Smith) Wood. Children: 1. Leander, married Catherine Empe; children: Henry and Catherine. 2. Lovina, married Oliver Getman. 3. Levi, married Myra Keith; children: i. Lavina, married Everett Stephenson, and has a son Everett; ii. Charles, married Grace Sarah Yanney, and has a son Harold; iii. Grace, married John F. Rickard, and has three children: Margaret, Florence and John W.

(II) George, son of Frederick GETMAN Getman, "the founder," was born in the town of Ephratah, now Fulton county, New York. He succeeded his father in possession of the Ephratah homestead. He married and had five sons, all of whom died in the cause of the revolution.

(III) George (2), son of George (1) Getman, was born in Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, about the year 1770. He was a captain in the war of 1812. He was a farmer of Ephratah all his life. He married Catherine Cook and had six sons.

(IV) David, son of George (2) and Catherine (Cook) Getman, was born in 1809 in Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, died March 3, 1890. He removed to the town of Mayfield, same county, in 1846, and engaged in mercantile life, continuing until 1863, when he retired. He was a justice of the peace for twenty years, and an active worker and liberal supporter of the Dutch Reformed church of Mayfield. He married Mary Burdick, also born in Ephratah. They had five children, two only arriving at maturity. David, of whom further; Sarah.

(V) David (2), son of David (1) and Mary (Burdick) Getman, was born in Ephratah, Fulton county, New York, January 21, 1836. He was educated in the public schools and Kingsboro Academy, where he was graduated. When he was ten years of age his parents removed to Mayfield and after David had completed his studies he worked as a clerk in his father's store. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted, August, 1861, in Company I, Seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers. This company was recruited in Fulton county and was mustered into the United States service, October 30, 1861. He was commissioned first lieutenant, later captain, and assigned to the Tenth Regiment, New York Cavalry. His army record is exceedingly honorable, and is thus recorded in the history of the Tenth Regiment.

"Captain David Getman, Jr., age twenty-six, commissioned from Mayfield, October 17, 1862, with rank from September 17, 1862, mustered in October 30, 1862, wounded by saber-cut of arm and taken prisoner at Brandy Station, Virginia, June 9, 1863; escaped while in transit near Winnsboro, North Carolina, February 14, 1865; arrived in General Sherman's army February 21, 1865; returned to duty June 3, 1865; transferred June 24, 1865, to Company L, First New York, Prov. Cavalry.

"The first and only captain of the initial company of the new battalion was David Getman, Jr. This officer entered the service as Captain of Company I and remained as such to the termination of its service. At the time of the dissolution of the regiment he was transferred as Captain to Company L of the First New York, Prov. Cavalry. No braver knight or more courteous gentleman ever led men to battle. He came of fighting stock, his grandfather, George Getman, being an officer in the American army in the war of 1812. Captain David Getman, Jr., in civil as well as military life has exhibited a dignity of character and a spirit of enterprise that causes his fellow-citizens to mention his name with pride. While in Libby Prison, on the sixth day of July, 1863, his name, with seventy-four other

prisoners of the rank of captain, was placed in a ballot-box, from which two names (Captain Sawyer, of the First New Jersey Cavalry, and Captain Flinn, of the Fifty-first Indiana Infantry) were drawn for execution. President Lincoln (informed of the circumstances by Mrs. Sawyer, who had received a letter from her husband) held General W. H. F. Lee and Captain Winder, hostages for Sawyer and Flinn, and they were subsequently exchanged by special order from the Confederate War Department. Captain Getman, with other officers, was for sixty-four days under fire in the city of Charlestown, South Carolina. General Foster had erected batteries on Morris Island and was shelling the city, inflicting serious damage. In order to save it from destruction these officers were placed in this position, and General Foster was notified that he jeopardized his comrades if he continued firing. It failed. However, it had the desired effect, as Foster erected other batteries and increased his fire, which resulted in the Federal officers being removed to Columbia, South Carolina. A man of excellent judgment, Captain Getman so regulated his habits and daily life while a prisoner of war that he emerged from the terrible ordeal with less of the evil effects than most of his associates. He has always manifested a deep interest in the members of the regiment, the feeling partaking of the paternal in regard to those who composed his old company."

After the war he returned to Fulton county, New York, where until 1880 he was engaged chiefly in the purchase and sale of patent rights. He employed at times a score of men and double teams and carried on a very large and profitable business. In 1880 he began operations in real estate and made many of Gloversville's most substantial improvements. The Getman and Choral Union blocks, now known as the Martin & Nailor and Weed & Willoughby department stores, are monuments to the activity during this period of his eventful life. He purchased a farm in Mayfield where he indulged his love for horses and stock to the utmost. He built a track for training purposes and has owned some of the best horses in the county. Recently he purchased the old Judson mansion on Kingsboro Heights, surrounded by two acres of land, where he intends to found the David and Helen Getman Old Ladies' Home. Denied children of his own Mr. Getman had taken unusual interest in young men, two of whom he educated and furnished with clothes during their school years. During his long life he has strictly adhered to principles of sobriety and abstinence from both liquor and tobacco. He is a Republican in politics, and for many years was notary public and was the first elected president of the village of Mayfield. He is a member of Canby Post, Grand Army of the Republic; the Veteran Association; the Cavalry Society of the United States; the Sons of Veterans of Gloversville, and named

their camp David Getman Camp or post in his honor. He was made a Mason nearly half a century ago, while at home on a furlough, receiving from the New York Grand Lodge a special dispensation to receive the three degrees in less than the constitutional time. He is a member of Gloversville Lodge, No. 429. He is a most liberal and generous-hearted man, using his wealth in and for churches, schools, hospitals and other charitable institutions. He is well known and everywhere respected. He married, November 6, 1881, Helen Morris Van Buren, a descendant of President Martin Van Buren.

Jonathan Reynolds, descendant of the New England family of that name, married and had a son Job.

(II) Job, son of Jonathan Reynolds, was born in 1778, settled in Washington county, New York, where he cleared a farm and established a home. He married Anna Hanks, born 1784. Children: 1. Porter Hanks, of whom further. 2. Schuyler, married Mabel Hubbard; children: Dudley, Schuyler, Edward, Warren and Frank. 3. Harriet, married Franklin Sheppard.

(III) Porter Hanks, son of Job and Anna (Hanks) Reynolds, was born in Greenwich, Washington county, New York, December 4, 1803. He married, December 12, 1825, Mary Sheldon Remington, born July 25, 1807. Children: 1. Mary, born June 31, 1829, died July 12, 1834. 2. Amander Porter, of whom further. 3. Arthur D., born July 12, 1835; married, March 21, 1855, Martha Dobbins; child, Porter, died young. 4. James Herbert, born September 12, 1837, died January 19, 1897. 5. Merritt L. (twin), born April 15, 1840; married, October 15, 1862, Caroline Simmons; children: Porter H.; Mary S., married Charles Hosmer. 6. Mary Sheldon (twin) married, June 8, 1864, William Tybrant McMaster, born October 15, 1835, died July 4, 1870; children: Porter Robert, Mary Lena and Henry William. 7. William Pitt, born December 7, 1843; married, January 2, 1866, Harriet Preston, who died August, 1908; child: Daughter, married Rev. D. H. Clarkson. 8. Job, born April 30, 1846, died July 29, 1847.

(IV) Amander Porter, son of Porter Hanks and Mary Sheldon (Remington) Reynolds, was born June 6, 1831, died November 22, 1864. He was a farmer, lived and died in the old homestead built by his parents. He married, March 6, 1855, Mary E., daughter of Adley and Harriet (Stanley) Sherman; child, Adley Job, of whom further. Mary E. (Sher-

man) Reynolds was a granddaughter of Adley Sherman, who died December 16, 1821. He was a farmer of Washington county, owning land in the town of Easton, where he lived and died. He married Susanna Huddleston. Children: Martha F., born July 22, 1794; Jonathan, September 30, 1795; Stephen, April 23, 1797; Almira, April 23, 1799; Peleg, August 9, 1801; Medusa, June 16, 1802; Susanna, January 27, 1804; Adley, May 31, 1805; Charlotte, September 9, 1806; Elizabeth, May 10, 1808; Polly Maria, November 10, 1809; Elisha Brownell, October 13, 1812; Minnie, September 13, 1813; Caleb, December 7, 1814; Olive, September 17, 1817. Adley (2) Sherman, son of Adley (1) Sherman, was born in the town of Easton, Washington county, New York, May 31, 1805, married, July 4, 1852, Harriet, daughter of Abiel and Rizpah (Bailey) Stanley, born June 2, 1815, died January 31, 1898. Children: John; Mary E., married Amander Porter Reynolds; Rizpah, married Jerome B. Wright.

(V) Adley Job, son of Amander Porter and Mary E. (Sherman) Reynolds, was born on the old homestead in North Greenwich, Washington county, New York, April 1, 1858. His early education was obtained in the public schools of the town, followed by courses of study at Greenwich high school and Troy Conference Academy at Poultney, Vermont. He owns and cultivates a fine farm, which is part of the original tract settled by Job Reynolds prior to the year 1800. He is also a director in the First National Bank of Greenwich, and for two terms represented Greenwich on the Washington county board of supervisors. He is prominent in the Masonic order, master of Greenwich Lodge, No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons, and district deputy grand master for the district comprising the counties of Washington, Saratoga and Warren. Politically he is a Republican; a member of the Baptist church.

The Daleys of Ballylin parish, DALEY Ireland, were one of the old and well-established families of that district. They were conservative members of the Roman Catholic church and occupied a good position in the county.

(I) Michael Daley was born in Ballylin parish, and there received his education and became superintendent of the vast King estate. He married in his native parish, and in 1851, after the death of his wife, came to the United States with his children, the eldest being about eighteen years of age. He settled in Albany, New York, where he died in 1861. During his residence in Albany he lived prac-