

ago. For these qualities he will be long remembered by all who knew him.

The funeral services we held at the home Thursday afternoon, the sermon being preached by Rev. C. A. Bucks of Aurora. Misses Mame Pearce and Kate Butler sang appropriate selections. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol. The pallbearers were George Wormley, Myron Wormley, Colvin Pearce, Joseph Grimwood, George Cowdry and Samuel Williams.

Lewis Rickard (GFG # b 84), son of Frederick Rickard (GFG # B 16) b.1787 and Marie Snell 1793, grandson of Ludwig Rickard 1757 and Catherine Getman (GFG # B 2) b. 1761, and gr-gr-grandson of Christian Getman (GFG # 1) b. 1734.

50th Anniversary

Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY
Saturday, November 17, 1951

CANAJOHARIE, Nov. 17—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Eacker, Palatine Bridge, were honored by their children, Mrs. Delancey Lenker, Palatine Bridge, and Gordon Eacker, Canajoharie, on their 50th wedding anniversary. About 50 relatives and friends were entertained at the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church, East Stone Arabia. Mr. and Mrs. Eacker are members of the church and Mrs. Eacker has been the organist for many years.

Mrs. Eacker, the former Libbie Mae Gray, and William J. Eacker were married November, 1901, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, Stone Arabia. The Rev. George Fox performed the wedding ceremony.

In the sanctuary of the church, preceding the reception, Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Eacker renewed their marriage vows, led by the Rev. Chester Strohl, pastor of the church. Miss Lucille Retallick, organist, and Miss Mary R. Shimer, violinist of Canajoharie played the wedding march as the couple and their attendants took their places at the altar. Mrs. Irma Wood, Wayland, N. Y., and William Lamphere, Stone Arabia, sang. Mrs. Leneker was her mother's matron of honor and Gordon Eacker was best man for his father. PFC Barton Leneker, Fort Benning, Ga., grandson of the couple, gave the bride of 50 years ago. Leo Saltsman and Harold Downes, Stone Arabia, were ushers.

Milton Hinkle, violinist, of Stone Arabia and Floyd Diviyak, accordionist, of Johnstown, played selections. The Rev. Harold Wood, Wayland, The Rev. Gerald Boyer, Binghamton, former pastors of the church, and the Rev. Alvin Young Northville, a cousin of Mr. Eacker, who were present with their wives extended greetings.

The reception was held in the social room of the church, which was decorated in gold and white. Miss Retallick and Miss Shimer played during the luncheon, and several selections were given by the vocalists and other musicians.

Telegrams and letters were received from former pastors of the church, the Rev. Charles Kent, Allentown, Pa., the Rev. Clarence Lembke, Utica, and Mrs. Maurice Rickert, Grand Island, and their families, and from the Rev. and

Mrs. Stanley Haverly of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia, who were unable to be present.

The church was decorated with bouquets of flowers sent by the Ladles Aid Society of the Salem United Brethren Church, Barton Leneker, the family, the Beech-Nut Strained Foods department, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Houghton, Canajoharie, and Howard Gray and family,

Willaim J Eacker (GFG # A 817 / A) and Libbie Mae Gray (GFG @ A 1551)are 3rd cousins 1 time removed. Their common ancestors are George Getman and Elisabeth P. House.

War Hero Returns

The Enterprise and News, St Johnsville, NY
Thursday, November 22, 1945

Sgt. Clifford Nellis returned to his home here Saturday night after receiving his discharge the night before at Fort Dix, N. J.

He had been overseas in India and China for the last 28 months. He was in service a total of 35 months.

Sergeant Nellis is entitled to wear two battle stars, the Asiatic Pacific ribbon and the unit citation, medal.

He was an air operations specialist overseas.

On January 1 he will resume his former employment as deputy county clerk in Fonda.

Clifford Nellis , b. 1912 was a great-great grandson of Catherine Getman Lasher, b. 1810.(GFG # A84)

Now The Dark Side

Syracuse Journal, NY
Monday, July 10, 1916

LITTLE FALLS, July 10.—Mrs. Winnie Getman lies in the hospital to-day struggling for life with a bullet wound in her left lung, inflicted by a 38-callber revolver fired by her husband, Ralph Getman of Ilion. Getman made a good escape and is still missing. Getman also made an attempt on the life of George Stark, the girl's uncle, but the shot went wide and shattered a window.

The shooting occurred Saturday evening at about 10:30 o'clock, at the Globe Hotel in John St., of which George Stark is the proprietor. Trouble has existed between the young couple for some time. Getman wanted his young wife to live in Ilion, where he is employed at the Remington Arms plant, and if she would not do this he wanted their infant babe. It will be recalled that a couple of weeks ago Getman was apprehended by the police for stealing the baby and taking it to Ilion. Since then Getman has been in this city and has been a constant disturber at the Stark house.

District Attorney W. Earl Ward was notified as was Coroner Hunt. The district attorney took charge of the case, while the officers made a thorough search of the lumber yards near Fifth St., which direction Getman ran after the shooting. Chief Long also arrived some time later and he joined in the search. Later District Attorney Ward

and Chief Long went to Ilion to the fellow's home. His mother answered the door and when asked where her son was she replied that she had not seen him since 8 o'clock, when he left the house.

Mrs. Getman was married to Ralph Parker Getman about 18 months ago. They resided at the Globe Hotel until some months ago, when they separated. She is 19 years of age. Her condition to-day is very critical and only faint hopes are held for her recovery. Dr. Douglas of Utica was called for consultation.

Getman is described as being five feet, seven or eight inches tall, weight 150, age about 23, stocky build, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair. He was hatless, wore blue suit with semi-pegged trousers and black shoes. Ho is a very good looking fellow.

The Syracuse Herald, NY
Monday, July 10, 1916

Little Falls. July 10.-Ordering his wife to kiss him for the last time, Ralph Getman of Ilion shot her at the Globe hotel here Saturday night and then escaped. Mrs. Getman is in the Little Falls hospital with little hope held out for her recovery. A search throughout Central New York is being made for Getman.

The shooting came as the result of long trouble between the young couple who have been married but eighteen months. Saturday Getman went to Utica and found his wife at a dance. This aroused his -anger.

He asked her to return with him to Little Falls and she refused. He threatened her with a revolver and she consented to leave with him. On the car they quarreled. He told her that he was going to kill her.

Reaching- this city they left the car and he tried to force her to walk to a lonely spot on Fifth street. Her mother saw his actions and started after them. She persuaded them to come to her home at the Globe hotel.

At the hotel the quarrel was resumed. Getman told his wife that he was going to kill her and asked her to Kiss him for the last time. George Stark, the girl's father, entered the room and told Getman that Chief or Long was coming for him.

"I'll get you before he gets me." declared Getman, as he fired at Stark. The shot went wide. Getman turned to his wife and fired at her. The bullet struck her in the side and she sank in her chair, her infant baby falling in her lap.

The woman was rushed to the hospital and placed on the operating table. The bullet was traced through her left lung. Getman made good his escape.

Oneonta Daily Star, NY
Jul 14, 1922

WIFE MURDER TO AUBURN
Herkimer Man Pleads Guilty - Gets Twenty Years' Sentence

Herkimer, July 12, Ralph Getman, who six years ago fatally shot his wife at a Little Falls hotel, pleaded guilty yesterday to murder in the second degree.

Getman, only 26 years old, bore none of the prisoner aspect as he came into Supreme court before Justice I. R. Devendorf.

Attorney Frank A Schmidt, Getman's counsel, stated that after reviewing the case he found that the ends of justice should be served by a second degree charge. District Attorney Earl Ward, accepted, stating that it would be in accordance with justice in this case.

Getman pleaded guilty to second degree and Justice Devendorf and once read the statutory sentence of 20 years or the maximum of life imprisonment in Auburn prison.

Mr. Schmidt waived for two days that the prisoner might have time to gather up some personal effects here. The court agreed. Saturday Morning Getman will be taken to Auburn by Sheriff Firth.

Newspaper Article (The Syracuse Herald, NY, Monday, July 10, 1916)

The Citizen-Advertiser, Auburn, NY
Friday, December 22, 1933

Ralph Getman, 37, of Ilion, walked out of Auburn Prison a free man today after serving a little more than 11 years of a 20-year to life sentence for murder.

He was received at the prison July 12, 1922, from Herkimer County.

Getman was attired in a new suit of civilian clothing and given the customary \$20 bill upon his release. He also was given transportation money to some New York State city where he has been promised employment. The name of the city was not revealed.

Arthur D. English, 22, of Dundee, was released along with Getman. English was received November 11, 1927, from Tioga County to serve a 10-year term for automobile theft.

Both men received holiday commutations from Governor Lehman.

Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is now available. 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, which is estimated at \$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.

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