

SAVE THE DATE

August 12-13-14

Watertown is our destination for 2016. A block of rooms has been set aside for the Getman Family Association at the Holiday Inn, while the detailed arrangements are being developed. The second Saturday of August falls on the 13th so our activities will seem later than usual (2015 it was the 8th.)

Arrangements have been made for the Getman 2016 reunion to stay at the Holiday Inn Express, Watertown, NY <http://www.hiexpress.com/watertownny>.

What Would You Like to do at Watertown in 2016?

As indicated earlier the Getman Association will be gathering in Watertown next year. Many Getman descendants live in the area. We are in hopes that some of them will be able to join us.

While we are there, we will have an opportunity to visit sites that the Association has not seen before. Send in your suggestions for consideration. If you can help with arrangements that will be even better.

13TH ANNUAL REUNION IS HELD BY GETMANS

The Morning Herald
Gloversville and Johnstown, N.Y.
Friday, July 12, 1935

Approximately one hundred members of the Getman family, one of the oldest in the section, gathered Wednesday at Russell Park, Ilion, for their thirteenth annual reunion. One of the big features was a basket dinner, after which a business meeting was held, when officers were elected and regrets read from relatives in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Billingham, Washington, as well as other places.

Orvia Getman of Mayfield, R. D., was elected president of the family for this year and other officials chosen as follows: Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Clifford of Blossvale; Recording Secretary,

Frasier Shults, Fort Plain; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. J. Oxner, Ilion; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Getman, Fort Plain, and Historian, Byron L. Getman, Gloversville.

Directors elected for "two years are: G. Russell Getman, Fort Plain; George B. Getman, Ilion; John W. Getman, Ilion; Ralph Parent, Herkimer, and Mrs. Jennie Palmateer, Fort Plain.

After the business meeting a social time was enjoyed and much pleasure derived from chatting of family affairs. Charles Getman of Buffalo and Earl Getman of Watertown, were present and offered a chart of the family which proved most interesting.

It was decided to dedicate a memorial to the family ancestor, Frederick Getman, born in Germany in 1693, along the state highway from Ephratah to Stone Arabia on October 19, 1935. Full details of the dedication will be announced later in the Summer.

Does Anyone Know the Significance of the Blue Envelope ?

The Fulton County Republican, Johnstown, NY
November --, 1885

Andrew Getman, of Schenectady, one of the best-known conductors on the Central Hudson, has received a blue envelope.

Andrew's Obituary

Schenectady Gazette, NY
Monday, November 17, 1913

The funeral of Andrew W. Getman, who died Friday, will take place this morning at 11 o'clock at his home, 124 Park place. Rev. John Meengs will officiate and burial will be in Parkview Cemetery.

Mr. Getman was born in Herkimer county, September 6, 1832, and had lived most of his life in this city. His entire life was passed in the railroad service and he was one of the oldest conductors of the New York Central railroad. Of late he had made his home with his son, John R. Getman, at whose home he died. He was a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 6, R. & A. M. He leaves two sons, J. G. and F. F. Getman, and one granddaughter, Mrs. J. Swartout, all of this city.

We wish you the very Happiest of Thanksgivings.

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)

Some Interesting Newspaper Stories About Getman Descendants.

The Ilion Sentinel, NY,

**Dr. Ainslie Finds Chinese Polite
But Their Buildings Chilly**
Hongyang, China
January 21, 1939

Dear Ruth & Fay:

This is just a letter to let you know where I am, and what I am doing, and also to inform you that my address has now been changed: in care of Dr. Frank Newman, Presbyterian Mission, Hongyang, China. To date I have received no mail, and it will probably take quite a few more days before any catches up with me. I am going to assume that those letters I sent to the folks arrived, and will go on from there.

The day I left Kwellin, Sat. Jan. 7th, there were several fine Chinese gentlemen who gave Dr. Brown, (my boss), a Miss Homer- daughter of Louise Homer the singer- who is traveling through China as a Journalist for several Christian organizations in the States,- and myself a big feast (supper) in a Chinese restaurant. I never saw so many dishes and concoctions- there must have been at least 20 different concoctions. They bring them in one at a time and put them to the center of the table, and everyone helps himself with his chop sticks. I couldn't do justice to the- meal because I had been suffering from a slight indigestion, due to changes to my diet. After the meal they rushed me off to the R. R. and got me on the train bound for Hongyang. These Chinese are very considerate of most foreigners and they took great pains to help me and to see that I was comfortable. The distance between Kwellin and Hongyang is about 200 miles, but it took my train, which was an Express, just 12 hours to make it. They travel very slowly and stop frequently. Schedules are very irregular and uncertain because of the conditions. I occupied a compartment in a second class Pullman along with 3 Chinese gentlemen who couldn't speak a word of English. The Chinese pullmans are not heated, so I spent most of my time during the trip on my bunk, under a couple of blankets - without taking my clothes off. I slept well that night and dozed a lot the next day, not feeling up

to par because of my stomach upset. About 1:P. M. that next day the train suddenly stopped and the Porters came through and said. "Airplanes," so we all had to get off and go over into a grove of trees and wait for about three quarters of an hour until the danger was over. I learned later that the planes were bombing the Airdrome here at Hongyang which at that time was still about 100 miles away; but they have learned to take no chances.

When I arrived in Hongyang, Dr. and Mrs. Newman were at the station in their new Ford V-8 to meet me. I have been marvelously lucky so far on this trip in meeting and associating with nice people, but I really believe this is the best luck I've had so far- and to think I shall probably be living here, with them for a long time- perhaps for my full year and a half, is a very delightful prospect. Dr. Newman is a very fine young American- the son of a minister- who got his under-graduate training at Williams and his medical training at 'Physicians & Surgeons' in New York City. Then he interned for two years at Newark, N. J. His wife to is a very attractive Scotch girl who was born in Montreal but now lives in N. J. (her family does). She had a business training and then went into Nurses training at Newark City Hospital where she met Frank. They married after his two years internship and then spent two years in Harlan Co., Kentucky, among the poor whites before coming to China just two years ago. Both are former student volunteers. They have two beautiful children, Mary who is about three and one-half years old and Anne about 9 months old. They are very happy and devoted to their work, and have accepted me with open arms like a brother. They were tickled to death to have me come, and have given me a room in their house. The situation is so much better than I had ever hoped or expected that I can hardly believe it is true.

The hospital contains about 150 beds- of which 80-90 are in use now. Only a few of the patients are bombing victims, at present- the majority are ordinary surgical and medical cases. I have been here three days, but so far haven't done much in a medical way except make rounds with Frank and some of the Chinese staff, I hope I'll have a chance to be of more help soon. I am going to try and learn one Chinese

phrase a day so that t can get around more independently.

The weather to pretty cold now- though not freezing- but since Chinese houses are not centrally heated or insulated, we live, for the most part, in one room which has a stove. Our bed rooms are quite cold but we use bed-warmers at night when we crawl in and that certainly is a treat. The hardest part is to get up before it gets light in the A. M. and dress in a cold room- but then that that isn't too bad. -When we work in the hospital we wear our uniforms, an extra sweater and our top coats. They are going to have a Chinese gown made for me which will be full length with a high collar and well padded with silk wool which the Chinese use instead wool. I'm glad I can wear my white uniforms here- because I didn't bring too many other clothes.

When they have bombing raids, they go down in their cellar to a special heavily reinforced room. Frank thinks that if the bombs should happen to land on the house, they would be detonated in passing through the first floor, and wouldn't reach the cellar. All the buildings are well marked with big. White U. S. A. letters so there really isn't much danger. To date they have had no bombings very near the compound. The day I arrived they bombed the airfield across the river about a half mile away. So far I have yet to experience my first bombing.

Love to all,
Robert

Robert B Ainslie b. 1911, married Margaret Ellen Fay (GFG A) b. 1916, Dolgeville, NY, they had 5 children. Margaret is the great granddaughter of Ruth Getman (GFG A 109) b. 1816 and John Steele, b. 1796. Another letter from him was included in the August newsletter.

SUED FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES

Fulton County Republican, Johnstown, NY
Thursday, March 9, 1893

On Monday afternoon, January 23d, 1893, while Michael S. Agata, an Italian in the employment of H. Ward Leonard & Co., the contractors who are building the electric railroad from Fonda to Gloversville for the Cayadutta Electric Railroad company, was warming dynamite cartridges over a fire near Mills & Co.'s upper flour mill in the village of Fonda, about thirty-eight pounds of dynamite exploded, killing Agata instantly and injuring Andrew Hayner of this city, so that he died at the

Amsterdam City hospital a few days later. At the same time Delos Getman, of Fonda received injuries that resulted in the loss of his right eye. His face was also injured so that he will be disfigured for life. Mrs. Susan Hayner, the widow of Andrew Hayner, has brought suit against H. Ward Leonard & Co., the contractors, to recover damages, as administrator of her husband's estate, for his death, which occurred, as she alleges, through the negligence of the company in employing incompetent men to handle the dynamite. She places damages at \$5,000. Delos Getman, the young man who lost an eye and was otherwise injured by the same explosion, has brought suit against the same company for \$25,000 damages. Jere S. Sitterly, of Fonda, is attorney for Mrs. Hayner and Mr. Getman and Westbrook & Borst, of Amsterdam have been retained as counsel.

Delos Getman (GFG – A) 1871 – 1913, was the son of Richard Getman (GFG - A 131) and Nancy Anna Nichols.

That's a Lot of Spuds

Newspaper Article
Richfield Springs Mercury, NY
Thursday, October 20, 1892

Gaylord House, of Millers Mills will harvest about 1,000 bushels of potatoes this season.

Gaylord House is the husband of Nancy Ann Skinner b. 1834(GFG # A 120b / C 336 / VIII). Nancy is the granddaughter of Marie Getman b. 1786 (GFG – A 22) and the great-granddaughter of Marie Margaretha Getman, b. 1761 (GFG # C 4) and Gersham Skinner, b. 1751.

Send us your family stories.

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See You Next August In Watertown