

THE

GETMAN NEWS

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**Mark Your 2019
Calendar
August 2, 3 and 4**

Getman Association Meeting and Reunion
to be held in the Central Mohawk Valley.
Details to be developed.

**Union Hall Inn
Johnstown, NY
7:00 pm, Friday August 2**

The Friday gathering dinner will be held at
the oldest restaurant in the area.

The hall was erected in 1798 by Captain
Jean Batiste Vaumane de Fon Claire, former
officer in the French Army under Louis
XVI. Tradition says that it was in this house
that Nicholas Stoner, a noted soldier and
hunter, killed an Indian to avenge his
father's death

It was also the favorite Inn of Joseph
Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, who came
to Johnstown to race his horse.

We Need to Know

Let us know if you are planning to attend
so we can make appropriate arrangements.

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**Your Family Tree
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Thanksgiving Thoughts

The harvest season is nearly over. Around
here farmers are finishing up the chopping
of corn to fill their silos and use for cattle
feed during the upcoming winter. Gardens
have been harvested, apples picked and
squash stored away for the winter as well.

This is the time to reflect on our blessings,
not the least of which is that we have been
fortunate enough to live in this time and
place. Other times and places may not have
been nearly as beneficial for us.

Our ancestors brought us to this place and
we need to do our best to help keep it one
where everyone is welcome and has a
chance to prosper.

Send us your family stories.

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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)

90th Birthday

Greenfield Recorder, MA,
Thursday, August 20, 1970

SHELBURNE FALLS –“The party began Sunday,” or so you might say, as people have been dropping in for four days to help. Mrs. Grace Getman of 20 Main St. celebrate her 90th birthday. Friends have arranged a card shower for today.

Mrs. Getman was born in Colrain Aug. 20, 1880. She was raised in Shelburne Falls and graduated from the Arms Academy. She then went to the Teacher College in North Adams, where she met her husband, Earl D. Getman, a lawyer.

For 11 years, Mrs. Getman worked as society editor for UK North Adams Transcript. When her husband died in 1939, she returned to Shelburne Falls, to stay with her brother-in-law, the late Roy Turton.

At 90, Mrs. Getman has no desire to sound as if “I’m blowing my own horn”. “I’ve had a very full life, and I’ve taken part in church activities and the North Adams DAR and I was a past deputy grand matron of the Eastern Star. I’ve lived a full life, and now I’m trying to relax.”

Grace E. Call 1880-1970 married, Earl David Getman (GFG – C 367b) 1879-1939.

Another Gold Mine Found in Herkimer

The Glimmerglass, Cooperstown, NY
July 13, 1934

Despite the fact property is bringing its lowest price in years, land along the Osborne Hill road in Herkimer county may become worth its weight in gold in the next few months as result of the announcement of discovery of the

precious metal on the Allen Folts place in the Kast Bridge section.

Gold has been discovered in large quantities, according to Lester Helmer, whose family owns and lives on the farm. He says there are several veins located on the farm, although further investigation is needed before work can be started mining it. Mr. Helmer plans to sink a shaft.

He declared that fifteen pounds of the precious metal has already been secured, and added, “I believe it will be profitable to mine the gold.”

Cherry Valley had a “gold rush” but failed to produce in paying quantity. Another and later gold mine has been discovered in Delaware county. The value of gold has increased since the government’s new monetary policy.

Back in 1877 a large barn was constructed on the farm and during the excavation workmen came across the vein-which-runs-directly-underneath the barn. At that time it was believed the metal was mica.

The matter was forgotten until two years ago when Howard Helmer, son of Lester Helmer, was building a new home about 800 feet from the barn. While digging the cellar, the vein was again found and Mr. Helmer sent specimens to Washington to determine what the metal was. It has been definitely determined that it is gold.

Howard Philip Helmer (GFG – C) 1899-1975 was a great-great- great- grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.

Editor’s Note: No viable source of gold has ever been discovered in this area.

SGT Major Obituary

Anchorage Daily News
April 13, 1989

Arthur Adams, 55, a retired municipal accountant, died April 5 at his Anchorage home following a lengthy illness with diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. A memorial service was held at Kehl's Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with John Wood officiating. A reception followed at the home of Sue and Dick Green.

Mr. Adams was born July 25, 1933, in Caldwell, Idaho. In 1952 he enlisted with the Idaho National Guard and later joined the U.S. Army, serving in Europe. As part of the military effort he came to Alaska to help in the cleanup of the 1964 earthquake. Following his tour of duty overseas he joined the U.S. Army Reserve until his retirement in 1976 from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) with the rank of sergeant major. He graduated with honors from the College of Idaho in Caldwell, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He also attended the University of Alaska Anchorage. In 1970 he moved to Juneau to work with Alaska Pacific Assurance Co. He moved to Anchorage in 1972 and remained in the insurance business until 1978, when he was employed by the city of Petersburg and then the city of Homer. He returned to Anchorage and worked for the Municipality of Anchorage as an accountant until his retirement in 1988. During his years in Anchorage, Mr. Adams was involved in community activities. He was a consultant coordinator for International Pacific Rim Trade, promoted international winter ice racing with other countries, and also worked to bring international soccer to Anchorage. Mr. Adams was a member of the Libertarian Party of Alaska, World Affairs Council, Porsche Club of America, Resource Development Council, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Airborne Association, Special Forces Decade Association, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Toastmasters International, Adrian High School Alumni Association, Home Builders Association and the Alaska Sports Car Club. He drove in and helped with the Annual Rony Grand Prix in which he also served as an announcer for KASH radio. He served on the advisory board for KSKA.

He leaves his son, Michael, of Anchorage; his daughter, Teresa DiDio, of Nampa, Idaho; and his mother, Eileen, of Idaho. Burial with full military honors was at Fort Richardson National Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to a diabetes or arthritis charity.

Charles Arthur Adams (GFG - C) 1933-1989 was a great-great-great-grandson of Maria Ann Getman (GFG - C 2) a755-1829 and Melchert Folts174-1829.

Time to get your Flu Shots

Influenza

Watertown Daily Times, NY
Wednesday, April 14, 1917

The funeral of Mrs. Minerva J. Helmer Miller, widow of William H. Miller, formerly of this city, who died at 4:50 Tuesday afternoon at the Miller residence at Pamela Four Corners, nine miles from this city, aged 78 years, will be held from the house at 1:30 Friday afternoon. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, D. D., pastor of All Souls Universalist church, will officiate. Interment will be in Evans Mills cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was in her normal good health up to last Saturday morning, doing her own housework as was her custom. She was taken ill Saturday morning with what appeared at first to be a bilious attack and was diagnosed as such by the attending physician. Later another physician was called and Tuesday morning relatives were informed that her ailment had all the symptoms of influenza. The cause of death in the death certificate was given today as "influenza."

She was born in the town of Leray and had always lived in Jefferson county. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Helmer. She was married twice, her first husband being David Miller. He passed away five years later and four years after his death was married to William H. Miller, a brother of her first husband. They were married 49 years ago.

Her husband was proprietor of the Crowner House, this city, from 1805 to 1907. and during that time they made their home in Watertown. They also spent a year in this city from 1900 to

1901. Mrs. Miller had spent the greater part of her life at Pamela Four Corners.

She was a member of Pisgah Chapter, Evans Mills, Order of the Eastern Star. During her residence in this city she attended the Universalist church here.

She leaves one son, Elton H. Miller and one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Ganter, both of Pamela; two grandsons, Harold and Howard Ganter, also of Pamela, and two brothers, J. N. Helmer of this city, and G. J. Helmer of the town of Leray.

Minerva J Helmer was great granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.

MOTOR HOUSE

Watertown Daily times, NY

Thursday, December 8, 1921

Touring House OFF FOR FLORIDA PAMELIA COUPLE HERE ON BEGINNING OF TRIP AUTO FULLY EQUIPPED

Occupants Will Live in Outfit During Months Tour, Complete Facilities For Cooking and Sleeping Being Installed.

The motor touring house built by Rubert H. Ganter of Pamela, for a tour to Florida, attracted much attention during the time it was parked in Public Square this morning while the party stopped for a few moments before leaving for Fort Plain, N.Y. at noon. Mr. and Mrs. Ganter left their home in Pamela this morning at 10 and the motor house was parked in Public Square until nearly noon.

At Fort Plain Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Zoller of that city will join the party and Saturday morning they will leave for New York city Monday. They will remain in New York until next Thursday when the trip to Florida will begin.

After leaving New York city the tourists will remain within the motor house, which is equipped with all conveniences, so that they need not stop at hotels along the route. There will be no attempt to hurry on the trip, which will require nearly a month, it is expected. The tourists will visit in St. Petersburg, Miami, Jacksonville and other points in Florida and will make a tour of the state before returning north next March.

The motor house was built by Mr. Ganter during the past three weeks and is designed much after the fashion of a houseboat. It is eight feet wide and 16 feet long, is painted a dark brown and on either side is a placard announcing "From Watertown, N.Y., to Florida."

It is provided with two doors, one at the rear and one in front. Five windows provide ample light. The outfit is mounted on a Reo truck chassis and has proved to be a most comfortable riding vehicle. Without its extensive equipment the outfit weighs about 4,600 pounds.

Folding automobile beds, oil stove, big wicker easy chairs, a library chest, cupboards, a collapsible sink and many other conveniences are included in the equipment. A heavy curtain can be drawn dividing the interior into bedrooms.

Today is the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ganter. They were married Dec. 8, 1896, in Pamela, and have since resided in Pamela. Mrs. Ganter was formerly Miss Metta Miller, daughter of the late W. H. Miller of Pamela. Mr. Zoller is a cousin of Mrs. Ganter's father, and the Ganter and Zoller families have visited each other on several occasions. When the two Ganters decided to motor to Florida they invited the Zollers to accompany them.

A signal light attachment was installed on the outfit by Oren Balts, for it is difficult for the drover to signal to motorists in the rear of the motor house. By the means of this signal electrically operated from the driver's seat, Mr. Ganter will be able to notify any motorists whether the motor house is to turn to the right, left or is to stop, the signal being of service both for day and night driving.

Mrs. Anattie E Miller (GFG – C) 1871-1948 was a great-great granddaughter of Maria Ann Getman (GFG – C 2) 1755-1839 and Melchert Folts 1746-1829.