

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.

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Send us Your Getman Stories

Family history is a lot more than lists, charts and compilations. These are some of the tools that guide us as we learn about our heritage, but they aren't the most interesting part. People, their personalities, and achievements are their contributions to future generations.

If you have a story about a Getman or Getman descendant, that you would like to share, please send it in for inclusion.

**Getman News From The Past
Some Interesting Newspaper Stories
About Getman Descendants.**

Run Away Horse

Schenectady Gazette, Schenectady, New York,
Monday, September 30, 1912

AMSTERDAM. Sept. 29.—Mrs. Catherine Frederick of this city escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock when a horse, attached to a light rig, became frightened and began to rear, at East main and Washington streets. The horse and rig belonged to Mrs. Herbert Eldert, who resides on a farm in the vicinity of Swarts hill. They were proceeding up East Main street, when in front of the Lyceum theatre, the horse became frightened and began to plunge and rear about, the woman, losing control of the animal The horse ran upon the sidewalk, knocking down Mrs. Frederick who was in front of the Karuzas durg (sic) store, the wheels of the wagon passing over her body, but fortunately the .weight was not great enough to break any bones. The horse then dashed across the. street running into the delivery wagon of Steele & Schopmeler, who was standing in front of the grocery store of that concern. The horse attached to the delivery wagon was knocked down, one of the thills penetrating its side about two inches. Mrs. Eldret was thrown from the wagon, but sustained no injuries. .Mrs. Frederick was rendered unconscious and it was some time before she was brought to. She. bled

profusely from the mouth and nose, while she sustained a sprained ankle besides a number of severe bruise's.

Mrs. Herbert Elder was Alice J Lasher (GFG – A) b. 1886, granddaughter of Deliah Getman (GFG – A 86) b. 1819

Thill - either of the pair of shafts of a vehicle between which a draft animal is harnessed.

1964 Getman Reunion

Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, New York
Tuesday, August 11, 1964

FONDA—The annual reunion of the Getman family was held Saturday at the picnic grove of the Salem Evangelical. United Brethren Church at East Stone Arabia. A covered-dish dinner was served at 1 o'clock in the newly erected pavilion with 62 persons present.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President. Frank Parent, Herkimer; vice president, George H. Getman, Ilion; second vice president, Charles Getman, Baldwinsville; secretary, Mrs. Beverly Buddle, Grand Gorge, and treasurer, Donald Saltsman, Fort Plain.

Directors elected for two years were Mrs. Edna Leneker, Mrs. Grace Hillabrandt, Mrs. Nellie Getman, Mrs. Gertrude Getman and Mrs. Myrtle Eaker. Directors named for one year were Mrs. Natalie Swanson. Douglas Saltsman, Mrs. J. W. Christman, Carl Getman and Mrs. Magdalene Kimball.

Cookies as News

Enterprise and News, St Johnsville, NY
Thursday, June 20, 1946)

MOLASSES COOKIES Mrs. Millard Sheldon
1 cup molasses 1 cup brown sugar
1 cup shortening 1 1/2 cups cold water
4 teaspoons soda Flour
Do not mix stiff ,and spice as you like.

Mrs. Millard Sheldon was Nellie M. Goodbread (GFG # A 1414), Granddaughter, of Delia Catherine Getman (GFG A 328)

A Most Unfortunate Chain of Events

Enterprise and News, St Johnsville, NY
Wednesday, November 29, 1933

Curtis Dygert was the husband of Lorena Ethel Nellis, b. 1887, St. Johnsville, NY. She was a great-granddaughter of Catherine Getman, b. 1810 (GFG # A 84) and Jacob Lasher, b. 1796.

Little Falls, Nov. 27.—The uncertainty of this life, balanced precariously on the slender thread between earth and eternity, was emphasized by the railroad tragedy at Palatine Bridge Saturday evening that claimed the life of D. Curtis Dygert, 46 of 121 South Edwards avenue, Syracuse, former resident of this city. Mr. Dygert, a man in the prime of life and a veteran brakeman on the New York Central, was instantly killed when struck by a passing freight, which knocked him from a perch to which he was clinging on the train to which he was attached. The fatality occurred at 6:15 and the news of it, received here soon afterwards, shocked and grieved relatives and friends in this city where Mr. Dygert was well known.

Deceased was on east bound freight N. Y. 4 when he met his tragic fate. His train stopped at the station in Palatine Bridge because of a hot journal. Mr. Dygert, head brakeman, and Brakeman Howard Andrews of Syracuse started climbing up the side of one of the box cars. Dygert being ahead. The victim had ascended far enough for him to set his lantern on top of the car, this being a custom of brakemen, who are then free to use both hands in supporting themselves.

In the meantime, a fast west bound freight bore down upon them suddenly. Andrews quickly swung himself around and between the bumpers, thus out of danger. He believed that his fellow workman was far enough up the ladder to hoist himself to the top of the car and safety, but such was not the case. The cab of the passing engine struck Mr. Dygert, and knocked him down between the two trains, snuffing out his life immediately. He was not run over, however.

Members of the crew of his train hurried to his side and Dr. William R. Rathbun of Canajoharie was called, but the unfortunate man was beyond mortal aid. Coroner Congdon of Fort Plain was summoned and Montgomery county sheriff's office at Fonda was notified. County Investigator Gerald Nellis responded to the call.

The remains were taken to the Young undertaking parlors in Canajoharie and were removed Sunday to the victim's home in Syracuse.

Curtis Dygert was an industrious and dependable employee of the New York Central, having been in the employ of the railroad for 23 years. He was born in this city January 10, 1888, the son of Emery and the late Mary Sanders Dygert, substantial local residents. He received his education in the local schools.

While he resided here Mr. Dygert was employed for some years at Andrew Little lumber establishment. Mr.

Dygert left Little Falls about 24 years ago, moving to Syracuse where he made his residence ever since.

He married Miss Rena Nellis of St. Johnsville who survives, with one son Glen of Syracuse. A sad coincidence is that the son left, home Friday for California, and efforts were being made today to locate him and inform him of his father's death. His mother received a letter Saturday that Glen sent, from Cleveland. It informed her that he would write from Chicago, his next stop where he planned to put up for a day at the Y. M. C. A, Chicago police have been requested to watch all bus and railroad terminals and to get in touch with the Y there in an attempt to locate the young man.

Deceased was a member of Onondaga lodge of Masons, No. 802, East Syracuse and also a member of the trainmen's brotherhood. He was pleasant and likeable man with a host of friends who mourn his death.

Surviving besides the wife and son are the aged father, Emory Dygert of Utica and three brothers, Graydon and Arthur of this city and Harry of Washington, D. C.

Unaware of his father's death, Glen Dygert, 21 year old son of D. Curtis Dygert, who was killed by a freight train at Palatine Bridge Saturday evening, returned to his home in Syracuse, Monday evening.

A prayer service was held at the Dygert home in Syracuse at 10 o'clock this morning after which the body was brought to this village where friends may view the body at the Lull funeral parlors at 1:30 p. m. The funeral will be held there at 2 o'clock with the St. Johnsville lodge of Masons in charge.

Gloversville Daily Leader, undated, 1893

ANIMAL ODDITIES

REUBEN LASHER, of Rensselaerville, N.Y., has a sheep which recently gave birth to four lambs.

Reuben Lasher (GFG – A) b. 1862 is a son of Delilah Getman (GFG – A 86) b. 1819 and David Lasher b. 1818.

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.

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