

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)

More Wedding Stories

Wedding Announcement Utica Morning Herald, NY Monday, December 4, 1876

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ... A very solemn marriage service occurred, Monday night, at the residence of R. N. Casler, on which occasion his daughter, Miss Anna Casler, was married to Win. H. Whyland, of St. Johnsville. Rev. Mr. Schuyler officiated. The bride has been prostrated by inflammation of the lungs and the wedding day found her on what was thought a dying bed. The service however, was duly performed and these loving parties were suited for life under the very shadow of death. Since then the bride has improved speedily and may be considered out of danger.

Willard H Casler (GFG – A) 1852 – 1898 married Anna M Casler 1856 – 1948. The bride survived to reach the age of 91. Willard is a grandson of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – 6) b. 1756 and Johann Lodewick Kring 1759 – 1835.

Wedding Announcement Evening Recorder, Amsterdam, NY Wednesday, June 19, 1946

Miss Lois Snell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Snell, and Adam A. Klock, son of Mrs. Clara Bolner, Fort Plain, and the late Lipe Klock, were married at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the West Main Street home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Norman E Thomas, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, beneath an arch of, bridal wreath and other Spring flowers. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The attendants were the bride's twin sister, Mrs. Louise Klock and the latter's husband, Lipe Klock, who is a brother of the bridegroom. Thus the twin sisters are now the wives of brothers.

Prior to the ceremony, Herbert Kraft sang "Always" and "Because." Mrs. Frank Don played the piano

accompaniment, and also rendered the wedding march.

The bride wore a light blue Summer suit, with white accessories, and an orchid corsage. Her twin sister was attired in an identical suit, and white accessories, but chose a corsage of pink carnations. In carrying out the similar attire of both couples, both the bridegroom and his brother wore suits of the same material and color.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the home, given by the bride's parents. There were about 60 guests in attendance. The newlyweds departed for a trip to Annapolis, Md., and after June 23 will reside at the home of her parents, West Main Street.

Mrs. Klock was graduated from St. Johnsville Central School in the class of 1944, and is employed as a stenographer in the office of the Palatine Dyeing Company, this village.

Mr. Klock attended the Fort Plain High School, and is now employed by the H. P. Snyder Manufacturing Company, in Little Falls. He recently received his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps, after serving 34 months, much of the time in the Pacific theater of action.

The bride was guest at a shower given by Mrs. Orson Riley and Mrs. Gus Mosenteen, at the home of the former, in Dolgeville.

Lois and Louise Snell, twin sisters (GFG – A) are great-great-great-granddaughters of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – A 6) b. 1758 and Johann Lodewick Kring 1759 – 1835. They married Adam Amos Klock and Lipe Klock respectively.

Do You Have an Old Deed or Will?

Old documents are very helpful when researching genealogy. The sometimes provide verification of relationships or family locations. If you have one you would like transcribed. Please send us a photograph and we will do our best.

Wedding Announcement
The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY
Friday, July 5, 1935

An outstanding social event in East Stone Arabia occurred when on Wednesday evening, June 26th, at 8:30 o'clock at the farm residence of Jacob Eacker, Mr. Eacker gave his granddaughter, Marion Alice Smith, to be the bride of Ronald Edward Hillabrandt, in the presence of 100 guests. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles N. Kindt, pastor of the Evangelical church of that place.

This ceremony completes an unusual and unique marital design. It was but on Easter Sunday that the mother of the bride and the father of the groom were joined in marriage at Cherry Valley by the Rev. C. N. Kindt. Now their children unite. Marion Alice is the daughter of Grace Eacker and Raymond Smith, deceased. Ronald Edward is the son of Earl Hillabrandt and Eva Kilts, the latter being deceased. Our young agriculturist had just the night before graduated from the Canajoharie High school as a business student in the class of 1935. His bride previously attended the Little Falls High school.

The bride was charmingly dressed in blue organdie with bonnet to match. She carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaid, Eleanor Getman, is a cousin to the groom. She was dressed in similar mode in a pink mousseline de soie creation with bonnet to match. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The best man, Robert Smith, is a cousin to the bride. The Misses Florence Rury and Rose Ann. Eacker acted as flower girl and ring bearer, respectively. The ceremony took place in the east parlor of the Jacob Eacker farm residence 'neath a large arch of hemlock boughs and locust flowers trimmed with pink and blue.

The one hundred guests present were served a bountiful feast by ten friends of the bride and groom. Those surrounding the table with the bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eacker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hillabrandt, Eleanor Getman, Robert Smith, Florence Rury, Rose Ann Eacker, Mrs. Melissa Hillabrandt, Beryl Hillabrandt, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Kindt. Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Rury and Harold Eacker furnished appropriate instrumental music throughout the evening.

Many splendid gifts were received by this popular young couple. The bridesmaid was presented with a gold link bracelet set with brilliant stones. The best man received a brown English morocco bill fold. The flower girl got a beaded hand bag, and the ring bearer a silver bracelet.

The couple left the same evening on their honeymoon trip. Ronald Hillabrandt is an active member of the Evangelical church of East Stone

Arabia and president of the Men's club. The couple will reside in the home of the parents, the Hillabrandt farm residence at that place. Their host of friends wish them much happiness.

Marion Alice Smith Hillabrandt (GFG A 2136) 1914 – 1994 was great-great-great granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG – A 29) 1787 – 1865 and William Nellis 1783 – 1873). Grace Eacker Hillabrandt (GFG – A 1568) 1892 – 1987 was her mother.

You Thought Road Rage
Was New

The Utica Morning Herald
Undated, 1881)

A BAD BLOW.—Robert Sherman, of Deerfield, was arrested by Sheriff Myers yesterday charged with making a serious assault on James P. Bellinger on the Deerfield road beyond Miller's bridge Wednesday, March 9. The trouble grew out of a collision between two wagons occupied by the parties named. Bellinger alleges that Sherman struck him over the head with the butt of a heavily loaded whip and knocked him down. Dr. Craig attended him, and Sherman was arrested on order of Justice Harter, of Deerfield. The examination was set down for to-day. During the week Bellinger, who is a nephew of Abram Weaver, and lives with him, became worse, and Dr. Wolcott, of Utica, was called. He found Bellinger's skull fractured on the right side. Mr. Bellinger brings suit against Sherman for \$3,000 damages for the assault thro' S. J. Barrows, of Utica. John Doyle and William D. Pittock became sureties for Sherman in the sum of \$1,000 pending Bellinger's recovery so as to appear against Sherman.

James Belling (GFG – C) b. abt 1853 was a great-grandson of Catherine Getman (GFG – C) 1745 – 1829 and George G Weaver 1748 – 1819. Catherine was a daughter of Frederick Getman (GFG - C 1) 1795-1792 and Margaritha.

Rattlesnake

Daily Leader, Gloversville, NY
Wednesday, July 26, 1899

Herman Hime of Johnstown killed a rattlesnake on John Stoller's farm on the sand flats southwest of that city, yesterday. The reptile measured four feet in length, four inches in diameter, and had eleven rattles, indicating that it was thirteen years of age.

Mr. Hime killed the snake with a stick just as the reptile was preparing to curl itself for an attack. The snake is an ugly looking one and is the object of much curiosity. A number of rattlesnakes have previously been killed on the Stoller farm, two live ones having been on exhibition at the Cayadutta hotel for some time last summer.

Herman Hime (GFG - A 1543) 1872 – 1937 is great-grandson of Elizabeth Getman (GFG – A 142) b. 1805 and Samuel Gray b. 1801.

A Truly Odd Death Notice

This clipping sent in by Marjorie Rosenthal sent us on a curiosity hunt.

"Last Thursday night, Mr. Alvin Getman, while in an intoxicated condition, and sitting by the wayside, about 2 o'clock in the morning, put a lighted pipe in his pocket, and the fire communicated to his body and burned him to a crisp. He died about 7 o'clock Sunday morning; was buried Monday."

The newspaper reference was "CD Nov 24, 1882"-- I don't know the newspaper's name.

This clipping provided additional information.

Watertown Daily Times, NY
Tuesday, November 21, 1882

Alvin Getman became very drunk at Preble, Onondaga county, Friday night, and on his way home fell in the roadway after putting a lighted pipe in his pocket. He went to sleep, and soon his clothing took fire. Saturday morning he presented himself at the house of a neighbor in a terrible condition, being burned so that he will probably die. He was devoid of clothing except that the wristbands of his shirt still clung to him, and five or six inches of his pantaloons remained tucked in his boots.

This story was also reported in the Philadelphia Enquirer.

George Alvin Getman (GFG C / A) 1844- 1882 was a son of Bartlett Getman (GFG C 84) 1806 – 1880) and Catherine Getman (GFG – A 103) 1806 – 1872). Catharine Getman and Bartlett Getman were 2nd cousins. They were deceased before this awful event happened.

Identifying this person was difficult because he was known by his middle name. Not an unusual occurrence, but frustrating to the genealogist.

An Obituary sent in to share

Old Lyme - Captain Robert Tracy Getman - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Robert Getman share with the world that he passed away peacefully at the age of 80 at his home with his loving wife, Marilyn Rubitski Getman and his devoted family by his side on July 12, [2013] after an extraordinarily courageous and graceful battle with cancer.

Robert (Bob) was born on August 21, 1932 in Westport, CT the son of the late Tracy Fayette Getman and Annabelle Whitney Getman. The family moved to Ilion New York where Bob was raised with his younger brother, David, who predeceased him. It was in Ilion where Bob met and married Diane Luke Getman, also of Ilion on August 18, 1956. Bob and Diane enjoyed a full and well-lived life together with their 5 beautiful children for nearly 50 years until Diane's passing in May 2003.

Bob found love again and married Marilyn Rubitski on November 18, 2006. Bob and Marilyn have lived in Lyme since, and have spent their years together traveling the globe, spending time in their homes in Connecticut and Florida and most important to them, spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Captain Getman was a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, in New London, CT, Class of 1954. He began what would become a distinguished 30-year career in the United States Coast Guard. His first tour after graduation was on the Cutter Mackinac, followed by a stint on the French Frigate Shoals Loran. Upon his return, he was assigned to be in instructor at the Officer Candidate School (OCS) at the Coast Guard Academy.

Bob and his young family moved to Cape May, NJ in 1961, which would become one of the many highlights of his career. He was assigned as the Commanding Officer (CO) of the Coast Guard Cutter, Agassiz. In 1963 Bob began his first of two tours at the Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) in Washington, DC, as Chief of Personnel Procurement. He was responsible for managing the service recruitment programs for the Coast Guard (CG). In 1968, following an assignment at the U.S. Naval War College, Bob spent two years as Executive Officer (XO) of the Polar IceBreaker Southwind. During this time he traveled the Arctic and Antarctic, made a seven-month cruise around the world, and crossed every ocean and major geographical coordinate on Earth - one of his most interesting and exciting assignments. Bob returned to CGHQ in 1970 to the newly created position of Deputy Chief, Office of Civil Rights. He then spent one year in Yorktown, VA at the Officer Candidate School as the Executive

Officer and then as Chief Officer before relocating to Connecticut.

Bob was selected to be the Director of Admissions at the CGA in 1975, what Bob considered to be a superb finish to his Coast Guard Career. It gave him the opportunity to plan and implement the Coast Guard's decision to admit women to the Academy.

In 1984, Bob retired from the Coast Guard after 34 years of service, but he was far from retirement. He spent the next 10 years as Executive Officer of the State Veterans Home in Rocky Hill, CT. Bob made great strides in turning this 400-bed facility into a positive experience for its veterans. He developed substance abuse treatment programs, educational and vocational training, transitional living, employment assistance and other programs to help return our veterans to productive independent living.

During the course of his 34-year career, Bob was honored with two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, a Coast Guard Unit Commendation, an Antarctic Service medal, an Arctic Service medal and a National Service medal. He accepted all with great appreciation and humility, even when, in 1977, the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names declared an ice piedmont near the Bowman Coast "The Getman Ice Piedmont," after he served as EO on the USCGC Southwind during U.S. Navy Operation Deep Freeze. Bob was very active in the community. He served on the Board of Education, the Harbor Management Commission, the Affordable Housing Association of Old Lyme, the Coast Guard Museum, and various Veterans' organizations. He was a probation aide and an active parishioner at Christ the King Parish. He developed a number of New London Waterfront events and played a significant role in Opsail 2000.

After losing Diane to a very rare and often misdiagnosed type of cancer, Bob established the Connecticut Carcinoid Initiative (CCI), a program dedicated to raising the level of awareness of Carcinoid cancer among healthcare providers in CT. Bob led the group's members, mostly Carcinoid survivors and their caregivers, in efforts ranging from media coverage and symposiums for physicians to a governor's proclamation from former Gov. Rowland.

While his dedication to the country and its people was exceptionally noteworthy, his dedication to his family held center stage in his heart. He was a loyal and loving husband, a proud, supportive and exemplary father, and an always present and adoring grandfather, who found a way to be at every birthday, graduation, sporting event and all the special moments in his grandchildren's lives. Bob loved to travel, and did so extensively. He loved Seinfeld, and always had a crossword by his side.

He is survived and already so deeply missed by his wife, Marilyn, and his five adoring children and their partners: Ashley and her husband, Donald, of Niantic, CT; Scott and his wife, Anita, of Clinton, CT; Shawn and his wife, Mary, of Collinsville, CT; Chris and his partner, Joe, of Provincetown, MA; and Kelly and her husband, Bob, of Severna Park, MD. He is predeceased by his first son, Robert T, II. Bob, "Poppy" will live on through his biggest fans, his proud grandchildren: Kate and Megan, Kristian and Trevor, Emily, Erin and Brennan and Brian and Josh. Through his marriage with Marilyn, Bob is also survived by his 3 stepchildren: Beth and her husband, Brett; David and his wife, Liz; Jen and her husband, Jason. Bob was proud to be "Poppy" to their children: Sydney, Davis, Tabatha, Sadie, Grace and Jonah. Bob also leaves behind his brother-in-law Robert Luke and his wife Betty of Ilion, NY, his mother-in-law, Margaret Leathers of Old Lyme, and many loving nieces and nephews. He also leaves a host of friends throughout the country that will always remember him for his generosity, integrity and his wonderful sense of humor! While his family and friends would trade anything to have kept him here a while longer, the world is a much more beautiful place because of him.

Our husband, our dad, our grandfather, our friend, and our hero, he was the most decent, admirable man we've ever known. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ the King Church, Old Lyme. Interment will follow in Duck River Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m. at Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Lane, Old Lyme.

Robert Tracy Getman GFG # A 2118 / C / VIII was a descendant with three lines of Getman ancestry.

Did You Know ?

Johann Frederick Getman, (1725 – 1792) the first Getman in the colonies married his step-mother's Step-daughter.

When they arrived in the colonies Maria Barbara Getman, Fredericks step-mother, married [about 1710] Johannes Bierman as his second wife. Johann Frederick later married Maria Johanna Bierman, Johannes's oldest known daughter. The marriage took place in Hartmans's Dorf in what is now Schoharie County, NY, about 1720. He was about 27 years of age and she about 20.