

Gerry Getman We Will Miss You

Gerry Getman, board member of the Getman Family Association and DNA Project coordinator has gone to meet his larger Getman family.

Gerry Getman, age 70, of McMurray, PA and Boca Grande, FL, died unexpectedly on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Beloved husband of Katy Getman; loving father of Chrissy (Stephen) Martin and Mandy (Timothy) Cribbs; dear grandfather of Jameson Cribbs; brother of the late Darold (Barbara) Getman; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Gerry retired from the Chemistry field after many years. He was an avid gardener, genealogist and collector of Steuben crystal and Duncan Miller crystal.

... A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Benedict the Abbot Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the International Myeloma Foundation at www.myeloma.org or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at www.themmr.org. Online condolences may be viewed and offered at : www.beinhauer.com.

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Mark Your Calendar

The 2018 Getman Family Association Reunion and Meeting is scheduled, August 3, 4 and 5, 2018. The meeting and "official" activities will take place on Saturday, August 4.

This reunion will be held in the western part of New York State. Details are being developed.

Letter to the Editor

Hi 😊

It is always fascinating to read about unknown relatives. It was interesting to read Richard Swain was active in the Civil Air Patrol. David [Paul] was just promoted to Cadet Chief Master Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol NER-NY-162 out of Utica/Rome, NY. If anyone is interested in joining we can get them signed up.

Peter W Paul, SM Civil Air Patrol, NER-NY-162

Getman Data Website Updated

Data on the Getman Association website has been updated. Numerous additions have been made, primarily in the descendants of Frederick Getman, 1725-1792 (GFG – C).

The new data includes 40,349 individuals, 17,637 marriages and cites 2346 sources.

Reunion Rotation Plan

Upcoming Getman Reunions to have a rotation.

During the 2016 reunion the decision was made to use a regional rotation for meeting locations. A three-year rotation was proposed and adopted. This rotation will begin with 2017.

Rotation Plan

Year One	Mohawk Valley
Year Two	Western New York
Year Three	Northern New York

Suggestions for specific locations and programs in these locations are always welcome.

DNA Project At FamilytreeDNA

Our DNA Project can help you find family, break through brick walls and trace your lineage through time.

Consider joining the Getman Family DNA project. For any person of Getman descent. We are open to any female of our Getman family. Females will need to have their mitochondrial DNA tested rather than Y DNA.

The purpose of a DNA project is to prove known relationships. The availability of modestly priced DNA testing for genealogical and ancestry investigation purposes will help unravel some of the mysteries of our family trees that cannot be accomplished with traditional genealogical research. DNA testing results may help you with some of your brick walls.

DNA testing for Getman family is in its infancy. We encourage all Getman's to join this Getman DNA project. We also encourage family members that are Getman's by marriage.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/getman>

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)

Homestead Fire

The Otsego Farmer, Cooperstown, NY
July 16, 1909

The homestead residence of Clarence H. Orendorf on his farm just south of the village of Frankfort, Herkimer county, narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire Monday morning. Water was secured from a cistern, and while the men pumped the water, the women ferried a bucket brigade and carried it to the roof and attic and succeeded in getting it out in half an hour after it was first seen. The main part of the house was saved, but the roof and attic of the wing, and the kitchen and dining room were, badly damaged by fire and water.

Clarence H Orendorf (GFG – II) 1852 – 1914, is a great-great-grandson of Anne Eve Getman (GFG – II) b. 1722 and Frederick Orendorf 1720 – 1802. His wife at the time of the fire was Ruth H Getman (GFG – C 501) b. 1886.

TUNNICLIFFE COTTAGE BURNS.

The Rome Daily Sentinel, NY
Monday, December 29, 1913

Bed ridden Guests Saved From Blaze That Starts in Kitchen

Richfield Springs, Dec. 29

—Tunncliffe Cottage one of the best known and most popular summer hotels in this town, was destroyed by fire which broke out early Sunday morning.

There were about twenty guests in the cottage, some of them bedridden invalids. All were rescued by firemen and volunteers. Several of the helpless patients were carried down ladders to safety. John F. Getman, proprietor of the hotel, was among those rescued. He is 80 years old and had been in poor health for several months.

The fire was caused by a defective chimney in the winter kitchen. It spread so rapidly that it was

impossible to save more than a small part of the furnishings and the loss is approximately \$20,000. Among the articles that were saved was the greater part of the antique furniture for which the hotel has been noted. This was taken to the First National Bank building for safe keeping

John Francis Getman (GFG – 253) 1835-1917. John married two Tunncliff daughters, who were cousins; Mary Mecklen Tunncliff 1822-1903 and in 1905 Francis Elizabeth Tunncliff, 1833-1907

Double Wedding

Oswego Palladium-Times, NY
Monday, February 28, 1942

PHOENDX, Feb. 23 — A double wedding took place Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Congregational church when two brothers and two sisters took their marriage vows in the presence of a small group of relatives and friends. The Rev. C. N. St. John performed the ceremony. The participants were daughters of Mrs. John Avery of Syracuse and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawson of Phoenix.

The first couple was Miss Madge Arlene Avery and Francis Shirley Rawson and their attendants were Mrs. Edith Merrill and Francis Merrill of Syracuse, the former a sister of the bridegroom. The second couple was Miss Alice Inez Avery and Ralph Edward Rawson who were attended by Miss Ruth Gobson and Martin Looker of Fulton.

Ralph Rawson one of the bridegrooms is in the U. S. army stationed at Fort Jackson. S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rawson will reside in Syracuse where Mr. Rawson is employed by the E. C. Stearns company.

A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawson followed the ceremony.

Francis Rawson (GFG – C / VIII) Ralph Rawson (GFG – C / VIII) are great-great-great grandsons of Margaretha Getman (GFG – C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG – VIII) 1782-1857.

EPHRATAH WOMAN TAKES HER LIFE WITH BUTCHER KNIFE

Amsterdam Evening Recorder, NY
Wednesday, December 31, 1919

Fort Plain. Dec. 31. — Mrs. Albert N. Getman, aged 45 years, committed suicide at her home near Ephratah. Just north of this village, yesterday morning.

It cannot be learned that any family trouble was responsible for the deed. Mrs. Getman had not been in the best of health for a long time, and during the past week she had exhibited signs of mental disorders and is said to have threatened to take her life

In the later hours of Monday night, after the family had retired. Mr. Getman awakened to find his wife leaning over him with a razor in her hand. She made an attempt to cut him with the weapon, but he grabbed her and took it from her.

Yesterday morning he went to a neighbor's home to call Dr. G. L. Meyer, leaving his wife, her mother and his son at home. This was at about 8:30 o'clock. A short time after he had left, Mrs. Getman left the house for the purpose, she stated, of going to a small outbuilding. When she did not return in a reasonable length of time her mother went in search of her and found her lying in a pool of blood in the outbuilding in a lifeless condition.

The mother at-once called for help, and it was found upon examination that Mrs. Getman had used a butcher knife to commit the rash act and had cut her throat, severing the left carotid and trachea. Life was extinct when she was found.

Coroner Joslin of Johnstown was notified and he turned the case over to Dr. G. L. Meyer.

Mrs. Getman was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, and all deeply regret her death. She was born in the town of Palatine and always lived in that section.

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Adam Glennar, and one son, Carl Getman, all of Ephratah. The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and at the Ephratah Methodist church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Sumner officiating. The interment will be in the Ephratah cemetery.

Albert Nellis Getman Jr. (GFG - B) 1871 - 1931, husband; Carlton (Carl) Albert Getman (GFG - B) 1906 - 1986.

33rd Reunion

The Leader-Herald, Gloversville - Johnstown, NY
Wednesday, August 16, 1961

Ilion Man Is Elected by The Getmans

Ralph Parent of Ilion was elected president of the Getman Family of America during the 33rd annual reunion last Saturday at Russell Park, Ilion.

Other new officers include George H. Getman, vice president; Charles M. Getman, second vice president; Beverly Buddle, secretary; Donald Saltsman, treasurer; and Paula Bowman, chaplain.

Directors for one year include Edna Leneker, Grace Hillabrandt, Eleanor Getman, Gertrude Getman and Myrtle Eacker. Directors for two years by re-election are Edna Parent, Natalie Swanson, Carmetta Saltsman, Earl Getman and Hazel Trumbull.

On the cemetery committee are Franklin Bowman, Jeremiah Saltsman and Russell Getman.

Gifts were presented as follows: Carole Getman of Ilion, 3, youngest person present; Frank Whitney of Ilion, 88, oldest person; Mrs. Goldie Getman, Cogswell of Horseheads, 13 children, head of largest family present; Willard Getman of Cincinnati, O., traveling the most distance.

Franklin Bowman of Scarsdale, historian, asked all senior Getman descendants to provide all the data they have available so that, by next year, the possibility of publishing a Getman Family history may be considered.

Other guests attended from Syracuse, Baldwinsville, and Elmira. A covered dish dinner was served.

Wedding Announcement (Old Style)

Compare this to current wedding
announcements.

Oswego Daily Times, NY
Monday, November 15, 1897

Amboy ... William Mariotte of Parish and Stella Hess of West Amboy, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Wednesday, Nov., 10th, 1897 at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. Eider Hall of Dugway officiating. The ceremony took place at the Hess hotel, the home of the bride, without ostentation and no one was present but the immediate relatives. They at once departed to their new home in the village of Parish, where they intend to reside in the future. She being an only child her departure made a sad house. Stella was a good girl, extensively agreeable and pleasantly known, and will be much missed by all.

Stella Hess (GFG - C / VIII) 1874 - was a granddaughter of Margaretha Getman (GFG - C 10) 1784-1868 and Johannes Hess (GFG - VIII) 1782-1857.