

Greetings cousins,

Hope you are staying safe. If you have information you would like to include in the Getman archives, you can put it in the permanent location for Getman archives in the Reaney Memorial Library in St Johnsville, New York.

At this point, we are planning on the annual reunion next August. Of course it's all dependent on how non COVID we are. This would also be a good time to bring anything you might like to put in the archives. Stay tuned in the coming months to see what is planned.

We are also looking for people who might like to serve on the board. We have started zoom meetings and so we are getting together more often. If you are interested, contact the newsletter.

We have members who are looking to explore the places of origin in the German Palatines for information. This is an opportunity to learn more about our roots.

Again, stay safe.

Marty Chase

Chairman

Getman Research Depository

There have been questions during the past few months, concerning an appropriate location for the deposit of research materials during the past few months.

I have been in contact with the Margaret Reaney Memorial Library, 19 Kingsbury Ave., St. Johnsville, NY, 13452 - 518-568-7282. The director is very agreeable to the idea of such materials being donated to the library collection.

This library is very appropriate for Getman research material because many of our ancestors settled and lived in the community and surrounding area.

Materials there will be readily available for people to use and will be stored properly. Donations are final and will become permanent additions to the library.

A-B-C Lines

In the initial publication each of the original Getman sons was assigned a letter as follows. These letters were used to differentiate their lines of descent.

There were additional D and E lines set up for Getman families that could not be linked to the original family when the book was being developed. These have each been identified in more current research and are now clearly linked to one of the A-B-C lines.

Recent research has been able to include descendants of the original daughters of Frederick and Maria. The daughters have been identified with roman numerals based on their birth order providing the following result.

Anna Maria Getman	b. 1721	I line
Anna married Johann Henrich Meyers		
Anna Eve Getman	b. abt. 1722	II line
Eve married Frederick Orendorf		
George Getman,	b. 1723	A line
George married Udelia Shoemaker		
Frederick Getman,	b. 1725	C line
Frederick married Margaritha		
Johannes Getman	b. 1728	V line
Johannes married Anna Maria Merkel		
They went to Canada during the revolution. No record currently exists.		
Maria Margaretha Getman	b. abt 1732	VI line
Maria married Marcus Ittig (Edick)		
Christian Getman,	b. 1734	B line
Christian married Annd Eve Timmerman		
Catherine Getman	b. abt 1737	VIII line

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.

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Anne Eve Getman Orendorf

Abt 1722 - ????

Anne Eve is the second born child of Frederick and Maria Bierman Getman. Being the second born she has been assigned the identity code GFG – II. Each of her descendants carries this identity code in the Getman Association records and on the website. Her siblings have been assigned similar identity codes which are useful when tracking the multiple intermarriages of descendant generations. Like her older sister, she was born in Hartman's Dorf, a German settlement in what is now Schoharie county, New York. Her parents had come there from West Camp on the West side of the Hudson River where the pine pitch camp they left was located.

Some records indicate her date of birth as 1731. This is incorrect based on the birth dates of her children the first having been born September 30, 1741. She obviously would not have been married and given birth at age ten. Another source identifies her date of death as 1812. There is no supportive documentation for this. It is however known that "Friedr: Ohrndorff, widower, and Maria Petry, widow of Marc." Were married in 1786 at the German Flatts, Dutch Reformed Church. It is reasonable to presume that Anne Eve had been deceased by 1784, Marcus Petrie died in 1784. Frederick Orendorf's second wife was Anna Maria Diehl Petri (1740-1801) had five known

children while married to Marcus Johannes Petrie.

Anne Eve moved to the Burnetsfield patent with her parents around 1724 where she was raised, educated and married. She was married and left the household prior to the family relocating to Stone Arabia.

Anne Eve married Frederick Orendorf (abt. 1720-1802). Frederick was born in Canajoharie as son of Johann Henrich Orendorf and Anna Margaretha Pelzer. Available records indicate that she must have been married about 1740 at the age of 17 or 18. They were most likely married in Getman Flatts which is currently in Herkimer county on the South side of the Mohawk River. After their marriage this couple resided "at the Falls", indicating they were in the vicinity of what is now known as Little Falls, also in Herkimer county a distance of roughly 7-10 miles from where Anne Eve lived at the time of her marriage.

Like her elder sister's family Frederick and Anne Eve lived an agricultural and subsistence life in all likelihood raising grain to sell as a cash crop as their land was cleared and made suitable for cultivation. This couple may have had a total of 12 children This number is uncertain because known records indicate three marriages involving unidentified Orendorf daughters. It is unknown if these marriages involved multiple marriages of the known daughters

or if they were separate individuals. There is no known record supporting multiple marriages for any of the daughters.

Of the identified children from this marriage all but one of them are know to have been married and had children providing them with 72 identified grandchildren, most of whom remained in the Mohawk Valley.

Frederick Orendorf was a highly respected member of the Mohawk Valley community. Prior to the American Revolution he served as a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety representing the districts of Kingsland and German Flatts. He is presumed to have been present at the committee's first meeting, June 2, 1775. The Committee of Safety was one of a network of similar committees established outside of the British established government. Their function was to maintain order and encourage resistance to British interference in their area. On June 25, 1775 the Fourth Battalion, sixth company of the Tryon County Militia was established under the command of Hanyost Herkheimer (Herkimer). Frederick Ahrendorf (Orendorf) was appointed as his First Lietenant, as such he would have been involved in the Battle of Oriskany, one of the principal battles of the American Revolution.

Their children were: Catherina Orendorf (1741-1812), she married Johann Michael Ittig (Edick) (1734-1806); George Ohrendorf (1745-1803), he married Elisabeth Fulmer (1754-????); Conrad Orendorf (1748-1819). He married Catherine Shoemaker (1748-1814); Maria Orendorf (abt. 1750-1813, she married Jacob Petrie (1740-1823); Peter Orendorf (abt .1753-1806, he married Catherine Pfeiffer (Piper) (abt. 1756-????); Frederick Orendorf (1758-1828), he married Barbara Fulmer (1756-1821; Elizabetha Orendorf (1759-????), one source indicates she died in December of the same year, others indicate

she married Nicholas Fehling (Failing),.(No records are available to support either.); Anna Eva Orendorf, (1763-????), she married Thomas F. Shoemaker (1759-1824); Johann Henrich Orendorf, (1765-1854), he married Anna Sternberger (abt. 1768-????). As indicated earlier there are sources that imply daughters of this couple married a Mr. Earl, a Mr. Bellinger and a Mr. Moss. There is no record that has come to my attention that can verify any of these possibilities. As a result I am inclined not to give them creditability.

As with her sister reported on in September, you may have noticed that some of the surnames listed above are spelled differently. Variations of name spelling can be attributed the many scribes who made the records. During the time period that Anne Eve and Frederick Orendorf lived there were very few people who could read and write. Additionally name spelling had not been standardized resulting in numerous spellings of names based on what the scribe heard or thought he had heard.

As of this writing it is not known where this couple is buried it is presumed that Anne Eve and Frederick were buried in the vicinity of Little Falls, NY, perhaps on their property.

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Land Dispute

The Argus, Albany, NY
Saturday Morning, December 14, 1889

No. 145. Van Rensselaer Getman. as executor of Daniel Getman, appellant, agt. Alanson B. Ingersoll and Eleazer Rulison, impleaded, etc., respondents. Appeal from the judgment of the General Term, Fourth department, affirming with costs the judgment of the Oswego Special Term upon the report of a referee dismissing the complaint with costs, amounts to \$65.32. In 1877, Thomas Delong and Elizabeth Delong, his wife, mortgaged thirty-seven acres of land in Oswego county to Benjamin Williams, to secure the payment of \$300. In 1880, Williams assigned this mortgage to defendant. Ingersoll. In 1881. Ingersoll recovered against Delong a Justice Court judgment for \$149.27, upon a note given by Delong to Ingersoll in 1879 for \$125. The mortgage was foreclosed April 29, 1882, and on the sale a surplus of \$16.25 arose. Delong, to whom this surplus belonged, then deeded five acres of land to Ingersoll in addition to this surplus, upon the consideration that the judgment on the note should be called seventy-five dollars. In February. 1884, judgment was put into execution against Getman for this seventy-five dollars. In March 1884. Getman began this action to prevent the sale of Getman's land, and alleging that the note had been paid and that Getman was the surety for Delong, and that Ingersoll had extended the time of payment to Delong without Getman's consent. In 1885 Getman died and the present plaintiff was substituted. Argued by George B. Bradner for appellant, and Esek Cowen for respondents.

John VanRanselaer (sp. on tombstone) Getman (GFG C 179) 1822-1905 was the oldest son of Daniel Getman (GFG C 41) 1801-1884 and Katherine Maria Vrooman 1801-1893.

A Sad Chapter

Witnesses Tell of Fatal Night in Getman Probe

Coroner Delays Decree
Geneva Daily Times
Friday, December 23, 1949

Ovid, Dec. 23—A trip to Ithaca with a married woman and stops at several bars between Ovid and Ithaca were made by Sherman J. Getman on the night of the pistol wounding of one man and the gun death of Getman. It was revealed in testimony at an inquest here last night.

Twelve witnesses testified at the inquiry into the tragedy in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Donald VanScoy late Saturday night.

Seneca County Coroner Clinton L. Garnett of Interlaken reserved decision in the case. He was aided in the investigation by District Attorney Henry W. Koch of Seneca Falls.

IDENTIFIES PISTOL

The first witness was Mrs. Ruth Kinman, 26, of Interlaken. She announced identified a .25 caliber Colt automatic pistol which was reportedly used by Getman to end his life. She said she believed it was the same one he had shown her earlier on the night of the shooting.

She said that during a trip to Ithaca with Getman, he told her he was in love with a girl named Annette who lived in Ovid. Mrs. VanScoy's first name is Annette.

She also told of stopping at several places "for drinks."

Police had given jealousy as a motive for the double shooting Saturday night. Donald VanScoy, 30, was wounded as he sat in the living room of the VanScoy apartment. Mrs. VanScoy was in the kitchen at the time of the shooting, police said.

In reply to a question by District Attorney Koch, Mrs. Kinman said Getman had made a remark during their trip about VanScoy. Getman said "something about

Don," Mrs. Kinman testified. She added "He said he was after someone by the name of Don."

Mrs. Kinman ended her testimony by saying the last thing she remembered after falling asleep in the Getman Car that Saturday night was being awakened Miss Arlene McDonald of Ovid.

Miss McDonald, 23, testified that her home was the second residence from the Getman store, over which the VanScoy apartment was situated.

She said Getman's car was parked in front of her house about 11:30 p.m. Saturday and that she saw Getman walk toward his place of business.

RADIO PLAYING

Miss McDonald's mother went to the car, she said, because the vehicle's radio was playing loudly, and aroused Mrs. Kinman, "who had been sleeping soundly."

It was shortly after midnight when this occurred, the witness said. She added that Mrs. Kinman was invited to stay overnight in the McDonald home and did so. Miss McDonald concluded by saying she heard the shots fired that night.

Mrs. VanScoy, 29, testified she had put her eight-year-old son, Douglas, to bed, and had gone into the kitchen. She said her husband was sitting alone in the living room.

Mrs. VanScoy said she heard gun shots in fast sequence, went into the living room and saw Getman and her husband. As she tried to take a pistol from Getman, she said, VanScoy told her to call a doctor. She said she had been unaware of her husband's wounds until he asked her to call a doctor.

Mrs. VanScoy said she went to the phone but did not talk then because she heard another shot in the hallway. She said she saw Getman "going downstairs head first," but did not follow him.

She then told a telephone operator a doctor was needed. She concluded by saying

Getman had not spoken while in the apartment.

State police told of their investigation. Tpr. Hicks said he found four cartridge cases in the living room.

Other state police who testified were Lt. James Russell, Tpr. Irwin Hicks and Sgt. P. J. Corbett.

Dr. Irving M. Derby, Wayne county pathologist, said his autopsy revealed a hole above Getman's right ear. The bullet had entered at a 45-degree angle, he said.

Getman's body was found in the hallway of the apartment with a pistol in his hand, according to testimony. Donald VanScoy was taken to an Ithaca hospital to recover from bullet wounds. Mrs. VanScoy was released Tuesday from the same hospital after treatment for shock.

The VanScoy's reportedly had been in Syracuse Saturday on a Christmas shopping tour. They were said to have been reconciled recently after an estrangement. VanScoy had lived in Waterloo during their separation, police said.

Coroner Says Getman Died from Self-Inflicted Wounds

Seneca County News, Waterloo, NY

Thursday, January 12, 1950

Sherman J. Getman, 46, Ovid; merchant, died as a result of self-inflicted bullet wounds from a 25 Colt automatic pistol.

This was the verdict issued Thursday by Seneca county, Coroner Clinton L. Garnett, Interlaken, in a decision filed in the Seneca County Clerk's office in Waterloo.

Coroner Garnett made his decision after conducting an inquest, with the aid of former Seneca County District Attorney Henry W. Koch, Seneca Falls, into Getman's death of Thursday night, December 23.

Getman was found dead late Saturday night, Dec. 17 with a bullet sound through his head on the first landing of the stairway leading to the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Scoy in Water street, over Getman's appliance store in Ovid.

Van Scoy, 30, was found sitting in a chair in the living room suffering from gunshot wounds. He is recovering in Tompkins County Memorial Hospital, Ithaca.

Ten witnesses testified at the inquest conducted in the courthouse at Ovid. Coroner Garnett gave his decision, he said, after inspecting the body of Sherman Getman and after hearing the witnesses testimony.

\$30,000 Verdict Affirmed in Van Scoy Case

Seneca county News, Waterloo, NY
November 8, 1951

The Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Rochester, has unanimously affirmed a \$30,000 Seneca County Supreme Court jury verdict, returned Sept. 13, 1950, in favor of Donald Van Scoy, 31. of Ovid, in a civil assault suit resulting from a shooting Dec. 17, 1949.

The case was tried in court here before the jury and former Justice Earle S. Warner of Phelps. The verdict by an 11 to 1 vote was against Mrs. Norma J. Getman of Ovid as administratrix of the estate of Sherman J. Getman.

Getman allegedly shot four bullets, into Van Scoy with a .25 caliber pistol and then killed himself with the gun in the Van Scoy apartment at Ovid.

Harold E. Simpson of Ithaca appeared as attorney for Van Scoy, whose left kidney and spleen had to be removed as result of the bullet wounds.

AN OLD WOMAN WALKED UP AND TIED HER OLD MULE TO THE HITCHING POST. AS SHE STOOD THERE, BRUSHING SOME OF THE DUST FROM HER FACE AND CLOTHES, A YOUNG GUNSLINGER STEPPED OUT OF THE SALOON WITH A GUN IN ONE HAND AND A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY IN THE OTHER. THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER LOOKED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND LAUGHED, "HEY OLD WOMAN, HAVE YOU EVER DANCED?"

THE OLD WOMAN LOOKED UP AT THE GUNSLINGER AND SAID, "NO,... I NEVER DID DANCE... NEVER REALLY WANTED TO."

A CROWD HAD GATHERED AS THE GUNSLINGER GRINNED AND SAID "WELL, YOU OLD BAG, YOU'RE GONNA DANCE NOW," AND STARTED SHOOTING AT THE OLD WOMAN'S FEET.

THE OLD WOMAN PROSPECTOR -- NOT WANTING TO GET HER TOE BLOWN OFF --STARTED HOPPING AROUND. EVERYBODY WAS LAUGHING. WHEN HIS LAST BULLET HAD BEEN FIRED, THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER, STILL LAUGHING, HOLSTERED HIS GUN AND TURNED AROUND TO GO BACK INTO THE SALOON.

THE OLD WOMAN TURNED TO HER PACK MULE, PULLED OUT A DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN, AND COCKED BOTH HAMMERS. THE LOUD CLICKS CARRIED CLEARLY THROUGH THE DESERT AIR, AND THE CROWD STOPPED LAUGHING IMMEDIATELY.

THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER HEARD THE SOUNDS, TOO, AND HE TURNED AROUND VERY SLOWLY. THE SILENCE WAS ALMOST DEAFENING. THE CROWD WATCHED AS THE YOUNG GUNMAN STARED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND THE LARGE GAPING HOLES OF THOSE TWIN BARRELS.

THE BARRELS OF THE SHOTGUN NEVER WAVERED IN THE OLD WOMAN'S HANDS, AS SHE QUIETLY SAID, "SON, HAVE YOU EVER KISSED A MULE'S ASS?"

THE GUNSLINGER SWALLOWED HARD AND SAID, "NO M'AM... BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO.

THERE ARE FIVE LESSONS HERE FOR ALL OF US:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid.