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## Getman Family Association President's Message

### October 2023 Presidents Message

Church records contain valuable information about our ancestors, where they lived, marriages, birth, baptisms, death records, that we use before civil registrations in states became available.

In searching my Getman ancestors, I found they were members of churches, mainly the Dutch Reformed Church in Herkimer and surrounding villages in New York. In Europe, before they immigrated to America, some possibly were of the Jewish faith.

The Palatines in 1710 were protestants, some were Lutherans, some Calvinist, some Zwingli, and some Reformed.

Today, we Getman descendants belong to many denominations....we have a Catholic priest, a Baptist minister, lay ministers, as well as members of Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic, Methodist churches, and others.

Marjorie Rosendahl

President, Getman Family Association  
of America

## Hold the Date August 2-3-4, 2024 Getman Family Reunion Details to Follow

## Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is available. This book was published in 2013. 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, of \$5.00 each.

Copies purchased or picked up at the reunion will not have a shipping charge.

Orders with payment should be sent to:  
Wayne Getman, 2672 Newport Road,  
Poland, NY, 13431. Checks should be made  
to Wayne Getman.

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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)

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## **Burnetsfield**

### **A Home at Last**

After fourteen years of traveling, hardships and uncertainty, a place to truly call home.

The Burnetsfield Patent and the Stone Arabia Patent were created in 1723 for the purpose of providing homes and land to the Palatinate refugees. Frederick Getman's stepparents were granted two parcels in Burnetsfield as indicated in the accompanying map dated 1925. Frederick settled the indicated eastern plot, just west of the modern city of Little Falls. His stepparents settled the western plot in the modern area known as East Herkimer.

The Burnetsfield Patent was quite large as indicated with the map on the following page, it encompassed what is now the village and township of Herkimer on the north side of the Mohawk River, the western part of the township of Little Falls on both the north and south sides of the river, and the township of German Flatts on the south side of the river opposite Herkimer. The villages of Ilion and Mohawk are included in German Flatts township. A total of 92 separate parcels were included in this grant encompassing an area on both sides of the Mohawk river extending about 7 ½ miles from east to west.

While they lived at "The Falls" Frederick and Maria had five additional children: Frederick, b. about 1725; Johannes, b. 1728; Maria Margaretha, b.

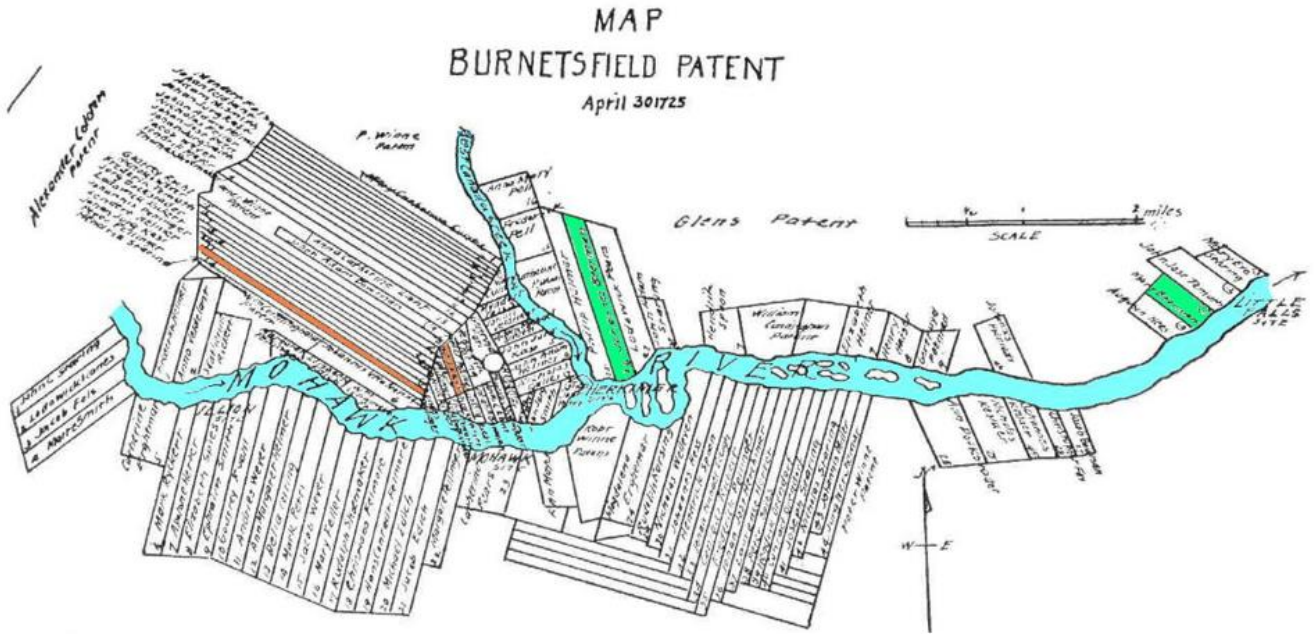
about 1732; Christian, b. 6 March, 1734 and Catherine, b about 1737. This brought the family to a total of eight children. A homestead was built, land cleared and the family set about becoming successful farmers, in all likelihood raising grain to be sold in addition to their family subsistence.

Frederick and Maria remained at "the falls" until 1743 when they purchased land in Stone Arabia (now Ephratah, some 16 miles east) where they once again settled and created a new home. The land at "the falls" may have been sold in order to finance the purchase in Stone Arabia. It is important to note that many undocumented sources identify Frederick Getman as one of the initial settlers of Stone Arabia. Current research documents that he purchased undeveloped land there in 1743, twenty years after the initial grant was issued. This information also means that their children were all born in Hartman's Dorf or Burnetsfield, not in Ephratah or Stone Arabia as numerous sources have indicated.

Anna Maria Getman, their first-born child married Johan Henrich Myers of Burnetsfield (now Herkimer village) about 1738.

Anne Eve Getman, born about 1722, married Frederick Orendorf of Burnetsfield (Now German Flatts) about 1740.

George Getman, born 1 May, 1723 at Hartman's Dorf, moved to Stone Arabia. He married Udelia Shoemaker of Burnetsfield (now the village of Mohawk) in June 1750.



Frederick Getman, born about 1725 at Burnetsfield is listed in the 1778 "Sufferers at German Flatts." These sufferers were families who were burned out in a loyalist raid in the Mohawk Valley. He was married about 1748 and lived in German Flatts, south of the Mohawk River. His wife may have been named Margaritha. The 1975 Getman genealogy had his record confused and included the children of his son Frederick Jr. as his by a second marriage.

Johannes B. Getman b. 1728 at Burnetsfield married Anna Marie Merkel, August 10, 1762. They are known to have had four children. The Merkle family were loyalists and fled to Canada during the Revolutionary War period. John and his family went with them. There is no known record of what happened to them.

Maria Margaritha Getman, born about 1732 in Burnetsfield married Marcus Ittig (Edick) about 1755. They had two children who were born in Stone Arabia. Maria died in 1762. Marcus remarried and was killed in battle September 2, 1779 at Getman Flatts. There is no known record of what happened to Maria's children.

Christian Getman, born March 6, 1734 in Burnetsfield, married Anne Eve Timmerman of Schoharie. They lived in Stone Arabia where he gradually purchased up to 600 acres of land. Christian was a Captain of Rangers during the Revolutionary War and was responsible for the building of Fort Paris, a stockaded fort for the protection of Stone Arabia area residents. Anne Eve had been previously married. Her first husband and infant were killed during an Indian raid, she had been scalped and left for dead.

Catherine Getman, the youngest of eight children was born about 1837 at Burnetsfield. She married Johannes Shoemaker also of Burnetsfield, south of the Mohawk River (German Flatts) about 1755. They resided in German Flatts.

All indications are that the Getman family were members of the Dutch Reformed Church throughout this entire period. The exact births and marriage dates of several individuals are not currently known. Unknown marriage dates are presumed based on the known ages of the children of that marriage.

## Gored by Bull

Canajoharie Courier Fort Plain Standard  
Thursday, October 5, 1961

Merlyn Saltsman, 20. son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Saltsman, Fort Plain RD 2, is recuperating at home from injuries sustained when gored by a bull on the family's New Turnpike farm Saturday afternoon.

He was bringing cows in from the pasture when attacked by the animal and tumbled into a deep ditch. Neighbors heard the youth's cries and called his father who finally succeeded in driving the enraged bull away.

Saltsman was rushed to Little Falls Hospital for x-rays to determine the extent of his injuries which proved to be less severe than first believed, since he was bleeding profusely from the mouth when rescued.

X-rays, however, revealed no broken bones, only severe bruises of the chest and abrasions on his arms and legs. He returned home from the hospital Monday noon.

The fact that he was pushed into the ditch, rather than being attacked on level terrain, possibly saved his life.

*Merlyn Luke Saltsman, (GFG - A1792/A/B) 1941-2008 is a grandson of Elizabeth Anna Getman (GFG A-664) 1873-1952 and Myron H. Saltsman (GFG - B 671 / A) 1867-1940.*



## Saltsman family dairy recognized by district as Dairy of Distinction

Courier-Standard-Enterprise  
Fort Plain, NY, June 19, 1991

**PALATINE BRIDGE** — Located on the New Turnpike is farm of Merlyn Saltsman, now in third generation of family operation. A small family operated dairy farm which was one of the four receiving the Dairy of Distinction Award at the annual Dairy Princess banquet held last month in Fultonville.

Merlyn and his father, Donald, who is 84 and still active on the farm, stated that they were honored to receive the award, with the sign now proudly displayed in front of the home.

They are a small farm by many of today's standards, having about 125 acres, with 115 acres under operation. This year they have planted 20 acres of corn and 10 acres of oats to help feed their herd of 37 milk cows and 10 replacement heifers.

Merlyn noted that they have never had to buy hay for their herd, and have nearly always been able to raise enough food for the livestock.

Presently they send their milk to a dairy in Herkimer, and for many years they supplied milk to the former Baker's Dairy in Canajoharie. Saltsman noted that he was related to the Baker family. The Baker Dairy was a family operated dairy which bottled their own milk and made early morning deliveries to homes in the Canajoharie-Palatine area for a number of years.

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