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Getman Association Meeting August 19, 2006

The Getman Family Association met Saturday, August 19, 2006 at Saltsman's Restaurant, Ephratah, New York. Twenty-seven individuals were in attendance.

The following is a summary of events of the day.

Following the noon meal, President Clyde Getman called the meeting to order. Wayne Getman presented an oral report summarizing the previous two years meetings. Report accepted.

David Getman, Treasurer, reported that the association has no treasury, income or expenses. Later discussion led to a motion to approve the establishment of annual dues in the amount of $10.00 per household. This motion was approved without dissent, pending approval by the Board of Directors.

Mark Buddle submitted the Nominating Committee report. All returning directors were approved by the group. One additional director is required to complete the slate.

General Business discussions included:

Cemetery repair. Beverly Buddle suggested that a Cemetery Committee be established. Considerable discussion followed, demonstrating a consensus that cemeteries should be identified and the need for maintenance and repairs identified. Several individuals offered to serve as members of this group. A chairperson was not identified. Topics to be addressed include; a catalogue of Getman cemeteries, and an inventory of needed repairs.

The possibility for a new Getman Genealogy publication was suggested. Ongoing research has discovered a substantial number of Getman descendants and a limited number of oversights and errors included in existing published records. Discussion disclosed that for the present, research results will be periodically updated on the internet web site (getmangenealogy.com / Getman.org). Clyde Getman indicated that the first five generations are well documented through church records and other public documents. These sources are being used for the ongoing research. They indicate that current published records, although incomplete are in agreement with the source documents. A very limited number of inaccuracies have been discovered. Publishing a book in the future to include additional descendants remains an option that will very likely be determined by cost and demand. Most of the "newly identified descendants are person's descended from daughters and do not bear the Getman surname.

Wayne Getman, Historian, presented a historical talk including a "Powerpoint" presentation covering the movement of Getmans from Rhineland, Germany to their first settlement in the Mohawk Valley of New York State. (This presentation is now available at the website)

Board Meeting Notes

President Clyde Getman called the board meeting to order.

The Nominating Committee Report, presented by Mark Buddle was approved. Discussion concerning the vacant position followed. Maureen Getman nominated and approved without dissent Officers elected were: Clyde Getman President; Mark Buddle, Vice President; David Getman, Treasurer; Secretary, Maureen Getman; Wayne Getman, Historian.

The general meeting recommendation that the Association adopt annual dues of $10.00 per household was approved.

The 2007 meeting will be held at the Jordanville Federated Church, Jordanville, Herkimer County, New York. The Board of Directors will meet at 10:30 AM. A general meeting will follow at 12:00 noon. A visit to the Columbia Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery is anticipated.

Did You Know ?

Most of the New York Palatine refugees boarded ships in London between Dec. 26 and Dec. 29 1709. But they did not actually set sail until April 10. 1710, 3 ½ months later.

446 Palatine refugees died during the journey from London to New York, as the result of Typhus. At the time it was known as "Palatine Fever". Fear of the fever contributed to Britain's efforts to relocate the refugees.