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Web Page Updated

Data for Descendants of Caspar Getman has once again been updated and posted on the internet. The new material includes the information currently available for Anna Maria Getman's descendants. The database now includes 20,260 individuals and 9699 marriages. All of them connected directly or as in-laws to Caspar Getman's descendancy lines.

Anna Maria b. 1721 married Johan Henrich Meyers b. 1715 in Schoharie, NY. They resided in German Flatts, Herkimer County, NY and gave birth to 13 children.

As was the case with Anna Maria's siblings the family remained primarily in the Mohawk Valley for four generations and then began to move westward. They moved through Ohio and Ontario Canada.

Agriculture remained the primary occupation. Several families also took up work on the newly built canal system in New York State, mostly on the Erie Canal. "Clinton's Ditch", as it was known, rapidly changed the face of New York and the rest of the country by making access to the West a much easier task. It also provided easier transportation for agricultural and manufactured goods to reach the population centers.

Several of Anna Maria's descendants were employed as canal boatmen and a few ran the various inns and supply stores that provided housing and goods for travelers on the canal.

Myers' descendants have several used several spelling variations which include Myer, Meyr, Mires, Myres, Meyrs, Meyer, Meyers, and perhaps a few others. Since most of the research has been done through census records, I can't be certain if they actually spelled their names that way or if the census takers just wrote them the way they thought it sounded at the time.

How to See The New Data

The new data can be accessed through the Getman Association's Web Page getmangenealogy.net and clicking on the "Getman Family Tree". This will take you to an introductory page for the data. You will then be able to look up persons by searching for their name and/or following their descendents or ancestors.

Unfortunately a few folks are unable to access the file due to different computer formats. I have looked into options to correct this situation and have not been able to find one that works.

The data has been compiled using a computer program called Ancestral Quest and is run on a PC. If you cannot access the data and have a genealogy program, I suggest that you download the GED file and access it that way. If you are unable to access the GED file contact me at wayget@ntcnet.com and I will send you a copy.

Mark Your Calendar
Saturday August 13, 2011

Planning is under way for the 2011 Getman Family Association Meeting. We expect to meet in Stone Arabia, Montgomery/Fulton Counties, New York. The current plan is to have lunch at Saltsman's Inn and then visit the Stone Arabia Dutch Reformed Church. This is an important site for Getmans. Most of the first three generations were born here and lived in the immediate area.

Christian Getman was Captain of the Tryon County Milita Rangers and was in charge of building the local fort. Stone Arabia is also surprisingly the site of the "Battle of Stone Arabia" during the revolutionary war.

Join us and learn a bit more about this part of Getman History.