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## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **2017 Reunion**

### **August 4-5-6**

To be held in conjunction with the Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman Reunion.  
Details of the program are to be developed over the next few months.

### **President's Corner**

The August 2016 Getman Reunion in Watertown was an enjoyable experience for those able to be with us in Watertown. One of the highlights was the visit to Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, the center of American naval and military activity for the upper Saint Lawrence Valley and Lake Ontario during the War of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain. There have been seventeen of our Getman ancestors with the Getman surname and numerous other family members who served in the War of 1812, most of them in the same area. Many moved to Jefferson County and nearby areas during the next twenty years, with descendants in the area today. Some joined us during the weekend.

One of the happenings at the meeting of the Getman association was the idea of holding the reunion in a rotation between the homestead area of Herkimer, Montgomery and Fulton Counties, the Genesee Valley area between Rochester and Buffalo (another area where family members settled), and the northern New York area in Jefferson County. This may give family members time to plan on attending a reunion in their own area.

As always, we are seeking family members to make contact with us and provide information on their own family and ancestors as we grow and find cousins we have not previously known. Any anecdotes and stories help to make us more familiar with our heritage.

Clyde J. Getman, President

### **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

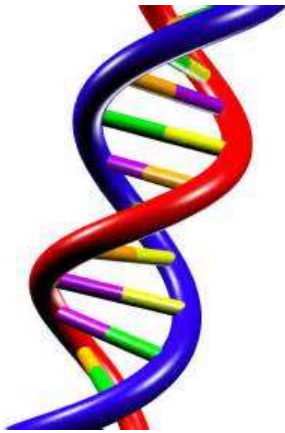
Year One	Mohawk Valley
Year Two	Western New York
Year Three	Northern New York

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

### **Send us your family stories.**

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# DNA And You



We hear on TV shows how DNA for each person is unique. But did you know that DNA also shows common traits?

Family members, even those who are distant cousins have similarities in their DNA.

## Getman Family DNA Project At FamilytreeDNA

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

I am Gerry Getman and I am the project administrator for the Getman DNA project. We currently have 8 male members in the project. These 8 members are mostly distant cousins once removed. I would like to have you consider joining the Getman Family DNA project. The Getman Surname DNA Project was initiated in early 2014 by Gerry Dean Getman, board member of The Getman Association. The Getman Surname Project was established for males with any spelling of the Getman surname. We are also open to any female of our Getman family. I am certainly looking for females interested in joining our project. Females will need to have their mitochondrial DNA tested rather than Y DNA.

My family tree goes back to The War of the Revolution. Frederick Getman, my fifth great grandfather, was in the Fourth Regiment in the Tryon Militia. He fought in The Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. This was a pivotal battle of the Revolutionary war. As a side note, I have a fifth great-grandfather (Johannes Quackenbush) on my mother's side that fought in the same battle alongside Frederick Getman. I am a member and administrator of these two DNA projects.

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.

Clyde and Wayne Getman have established an excellent paper trail genealogy database for persons with the surname Getman in The United States. This Getman Database currently contains thousands of family members with the surname of Getman (all spellings) and their descendants. The Getman Database has been constructed using all known genealogical and family history publications as well as via basic research using census data, vital records, land records, wills, etc. The Getman Database has recently been formally published by Clyde and Wayne Getman. A copy is available at: <http://www.getmangenealogy.net/TheGetmanFamily/Welcome.html>. This book is being used as a research tool for the Getman DNA Project.

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. I would be pleased to network with you on the Getman Project.

Welcome to the Getman DNA Project.

Gerry Getman  
412-680-3224.

## Getman Genealogy Book Available

A book covering the first six generations of Getmans, starting with Caspar is now available. Included in the book are the known descendants of all of the family lines, including daughters.

500 pages in length on 8 1/2 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 payable to Wayne 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)

### **An Unusual Marriage**

Wedding Announcement (The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY, Thursday, July 10, 1919)

Mrs. Mabel Mullin, widow of Charles Mullin, former well known guide of Harrisville, and Claude Mullin, also of Harrisville, were married Monday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal church by the Rev. Jabez Stallwood, the pastor. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. La Par.

The groom is a son of the late Charles Mullin. Mr. Mullin's death having occurred last September. By his marriage a strange relationship has come about. Besides being the wife of Claude Mullin the bride is also his stepmother. Mrs. Mullin has a two-year old son and Mr. Mullin is now stepfather and half-brother to the child. The groom is 21 years of age and the bride 19. The groom is a farmer and guide residing near Harrisville

Mabel Cring Mullen – Mullen (GFG – A) 1898 – 1990 is a great-great-granddaughter of Anna Maria Getman (GFG – A 6) b. 1756, and Johann Lodewidk Kring, 1759 – 1835. She and Claude had an additional five children of their own and raised Pauline LaParr, a daughter of her deceased sister Pearl Cring.

### **An Unfortunate Way to Go**

The Daily Leader, Gloversville, NY  
undated, 1893

A saloon fight which ended in the death of one of the participants and the arrest of another was the news that greeted the ears of the peace-loving citizens of Johnstown when they arose Sunday morning.

The unfortunate victim of the affair was Alvin Frederick and the man charged with causing his death is Charles Blow. These men with several others were in J. B. Bromley's hotel on Market street about 11 o'clock Saturday night eating clams, when a dispute arose as to who could eat the most clams. The lie was passed and finally Frederick and Blow clinched; several blows were struck and the men went down together. It is said that after Frederick fell he; was

kicked in the head by Blow, after which he gasped once or twice and died on the floor of the saloon. It is also said that as the men fell, Frederick had Blow's fingers between his teeth, biting them until they were badly lacerated.

The men in the place were thoroughly frightened and in a short time the news was on the street. Officers were called in and Blow was placed under arrest and taken to jail, while Frederick's body was carried to the undertaking rooms of A. B. Wanting.

Coroner Phillips of this city was notified and he summoned the following jury Sunday morning: George E. Johns, foreman, John Morrison, Sidney Plants, Peter Lynaugh, Charles Hodson, Joseph H. Cross, Samuel Robert, Milliard Christman, Geo. Froelich, Paul Snyder. After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned to Wassung's undertaking rooms on Main street at 2 o'clock this afternoon to listen to the testimony. More than 20 witnesses have been summoned to appear.

The autopsy was held on Frederick's body Sunday at Wassung's undertaking rooms by Coroner Phillips, assisted by Dr. Beebe and Miller, and Dr. Burdick's student. George Brooking. A fracture of the skull 2 1/2 inches in length was found near its base. The heart was found to be in a healthy condition, although it has been claimed that he died of heart disease, brought on by the violent exercise during the scuffle.

Alvin Frederick was less than 19 years of age. He was the son of Nelson Frederick, a well-to-do farmer residing about seven miles west of Johnstown on the highway leading direct from Johnstown to Ephratah village. The deceased had worked on his father's farm all summer and this fall had been hop picking and returned Wednesday. Saturday, in company with others, he came to Johnstown. The maiden name of the mother of the deceased was Getman and she has been dead seven years. She was a member of the numerous and well known Getman family residing throughout Fulton county. The unfortunate son was a robust young man, in perfect' health and of a quiet and peaceable disposition. His remains were taken from Johnstown to the home of his childhood yesterday afternoon.

Charles Blow, who had the altercation with Frederick, resides in Johnstown, is about 32 years

old, and has a wife and two children, and is a blacksmith by occupation, having for some time worked in the shop of L. Smith on Market street.

The funeral service of the unfortunate victim will be held from the Methodist church in Ephratah village at 1 o'clock tomorrow. The remains will be interred in the Rural cemetery near that village.

At first the death of Frederick was looked upon as an accident, but later developments indicate that there is more of the case than at first appeared. District Attorney Wright has taken testimony of some of the witnesses and he is represented at the inquest this afternoon.

Alvin Frederick (GFG A 713) was the son of Lany Ann Getman (GFG A 279) 1843 – 1886 and Nelson Frederick 1827 – 1905.

## **This Morning's Fortunate Runaway**

Johnstown Daily Republican, NY  
Thursday, March 2, 1899

This Morning's Fortunate Runaway.

A runaway, which for a time promised to be an exciting one, started this morning at Styer & Behlen's mill and terminated opposite the Republican office on Green street. The team was a handsome pair of bay draught horses driven by the employes of Caleb Clifford of Gloversville, and were standing at the mill waiting for a load of scraps when they took it into their heads to start for home. In order to get away it was necessary for the team to back out, and in doing so the horses and wagon backed right over a single rig standing near, causing more or less damage to that ---- [illegible].

Once free the runaways started up West State street at a lively clip. They slowed up somewhat in ascending the Green street hill and were brought to a standstill by the timely act of Oscar Lasher, although not without, considerable difficulty. No particular damage was done and the somewhat excited driver again took charge of the team, congratulating himself upon the fortunate ending of the episode. Had the team gotten a little more of a start they would have made a lively run.

Oscar Lasher (GFG – A) 1834 – 1889 was a son of Catherine Getman (GFG A 84) b. 1810 and Jacob 1808 - 1884 Lasher. He married Mary Catherine Eacker (GFG – A476) 1838 – 1916. She was a granddaughter of Mary Getman (GFG A 29) 1787 – 1865 and William Nellis 1783 – 1873. They were second cousins.

## **Can't do that now**

Wedding Announcement  
The Journal and Republican, Lowville, NY  
Thursday, April 9, 1936

HARRISVILLE ... Arthur Clark, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clark, and Miss Helen Cring, eldest daughter of the late Eugene Cring, and Mrs. Minnie Cring, obtained a marriage license from Town Clerk Emery Kinsman and motored to Richland Saturday and were married by Rev. Frank Brown, a former pastor of the Harrisville Methodist Episcopal church. The attendants were Everett and Lillian Powers, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. The bride is a graduate of the Harrisville high school and is a senior at the state normal school, Potsdam. She has been teaching for the past four years in rural schools. Mr. Clark is employed in the Harrisville paper mill. The bride will resume her studies in Potsdam after the Easter vacation.

[Teaching before completing your education degree isn't allowed today]

Helen Cring (GFG – A) b. abt. 1913, Is a great-great-granddaughter of Anna Maria Getman (GFG A 6) 1756 - ? and Johann (Hans) Lodewick Kring 1759 – 1835.

## **Did You Know ? Saltsman Potato Digger**

Irvin and Elijah Saltsman of Avoca, NY, develop a spinner type potato digger patented in 1880



Elijah Saltsman (GFG – A) 1852 - 1927  
Irvin Saltsman (GFG – A) 1855 – 1919  
Grandsons of Mary Getman (GFG A-29) 1787 – 1865 and John W Nellis 1783 - 1873

For additional information go to.  
<http://www.tuckertaters.com/potato-chronology.pdf>