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## Missouri Getman Family 'Fall' Reunion

It will be held at the Rotary Park in Nixa Mo. September 11, 2022 from 9am til 2pm.

Bring a dish of your favorite food or two even maybe e.g.: dessert, drinks, or paper plates to share with your cousins.

We will eat at noon while we enjoy visiting.

There are tables there and lots of shady areas so you might want to bring along your chairs too.

the address is 301 West Nixa Park Dr. Nixa Mo.

Love to see ya there!

## Message from the President of the Getman Family of America

Our Getman Family Association had our annual meeting August 5th and 6th, 2022, in Johnstown New York.

We toured the Fort Plain museum, had a picnic lunch at a park in Canajoharie, met with Ed Brown in Mayfield who has a collection of items from Captain David Getman who was a Civil War veteran. We stopped by the Dutch Barn and briefly talked to Mr. and Mrs. St Leger, however the BBQ was cancelled due to Mrs. St Leger being ill.

At our business meeting I summarized our accomplishments from the past year, as well as suggestions for our organization to work on during the next year.

1. The Getman association has a life membership in the Stone Arabia Preservation Society. They are working on putting an historical marker by the Dutch Barn Farm.

2. We have updated the wording in our Getman Association Constitution.

3. We have updated our Getman website, thank you to Maureen and Grace Getman.

4. We are having more board meetings using technology to connect with members, via Zoom. We are including all members in the board meetings.

5. We are on Facebook with 200 plus followers, thank you to Jody Adams in Missouri as coordinator.

6. More research is being done to extend our family line in Europe prior to 1710, thank you to Tom Getman who has had a connection with a Getman in the Ukraine, but hasn't heard from her recently...hoping she is safe and well.

7. A volunteer from the Palatines to America organization transported Henry Z Jones Palatine collection from California. The collection is housed in the Germantown library and the Palatine Parsonage Museum.

### Suggestions/Needs:

1. We need a DNA manager for the Y DNA project through Family Tree DNA. It would be beneficial for a male with the surname Getman to take on this task.

2. We need volunteers for board members.

3. I would like to see a comprehensive membership list to distribute to all contacts. The list would include name, address, phone, and email of all members. This would mean some collaboration with Wayne Getman (newsletter producer) and Jody Adams (Facebook coordinator) to compile this list.

### Your board members are:

Marjorie Rosendahl, President

Maureen Getman, Secretary

Randy Getman, Treasurer

Wayne Getman, Historian

Clyde Getman

Marty Chase

Tom Helmer

Tom Getman

Jody Adams

Marjorie Rosendahl

## 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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### **A LOVER'S MAD ACT**

Utica Weekly Herald, NY

July 7 1893

JOHNSTOWN, July 3. Israel Wollinski of this village has been desperately in love with Miss Cora B. Jeffers, daughter of Robert Jeffers, a well-to-do farmer living about a mile and a half west of the village: His advances have been discouraged, but he still persisted in his suit. Last evening Miss Jeffers drove to town with Miss Jennie Stewart. While they were returning, Wollinski overtook them at the old fort and asked Miss Jeffers to ride. She refused and started toward home. He overtook the girls near the farm of Nicholas Veghte, and they drove into Mr. Veghte's yard to get rid of him. After he had passed they started to go home by a different route, but he overtook them near Eugene Miller's house, and drove across the road in front of them, so that they could not pass. He then got out of his buggy: and insisted that Miss Jeffers should go with him. She refused again and he drew two revolvers from his pocket and said if she would not go with him he would take her life, and began firing. The girls jumped from the carriage and ran. He followed and fired three or four times. He then stopped and putting the pistol to the right side of his head fired. The ball came out the left eye, destroying it. It is thought that he may recover, but will be blind. Miss Jeffers was shot thro' both hands and in the back and breast, and her injuries are thought to be probably fatal.

### **KILLED BY A REJECTED LOVER'S SHOT**

The Evening star, Washington D. C

Monday, June 13, 1887

Two years ago Cora B. Jeffers, the pretty daughter of a farmer of Johnstown, N.Y., was shot by Israel Wolinski, then a jeweler in that place. Interest in the affair is renewed by the young lady's death Saturday from the effects of the shooting. Wolinski shot Miss Jeffers because she refused to encourage his matrimonial advances. They were approaching the young lady's home on a Sunday when Wolinski, who had been drinking, drew a revolver from his pocket and fired two shots at the young lady. Only one shot took effect. Miss Jeffers was greatly shocked and lay as though dead. Wolinski shot himself in the eye and the ball was extracted from the roof of his mouth. He is totally blind.

*Cora Jeffers (GFG - B) 1863-1887 is a daughter of Eleanor R. Getman (GFG - B 210) 1841-1901 and Robert L. Jeffers 1841-1902.*

Detailed information about this case including extensive coverage of the "Wolinski Trial" was reported in "The Fulton County Republican," Johnstown, NY. A special supplement having also been published Thursday, December 24, 1885. These are available at "fultonhistory.com" otherwise known as Old Fulton New York Post Cards.

# Maple Tree

The Saratoga Sentinel, Saratoga Springs, NY  
Thursday September 17, 1874

On the farm of a man named Benjamin Getman, in the town of Ephratah, Fulton county, there is a maple tree which is fourteen feet in circumference and is known to be over two hundred years old. For one hundred and seventy consecutive years it has been tapped each sugar season. It is very properly considered quite a curiosity.

*I have been unable to determine which Benjamin Getman is being referred to.*

# Stove Blew UP

Saint Johnsville Enterprise and News, NY  
Wednesday, December 30, 1931

Johnstown, Dec. 28.—Myron Cromer aged about 20, a resident of Keck Center, narrowly escaped being killed, when seriously injured by the explosion of a water front in a kitchen range at his home yesterday noon. His case was reported as serious but favorable last evening.

Suffering from loss of blood, Cromer displayed remarkable courage in subduing a blaze that threatened entire destruction, of his home and dropped exhausted in the road while summoning Therman Christman, a neighbor, who rushed the injured man to the Nathan Littauer hospital, Gloversville.

Cromer who is well known in Johnstown where he has been employed on different occasions was; away from the house on Christmas, but returned yesterday morning when he started a fire in the stove and seated himself on a sofa nearby to roll a cigarette. The fire cracked and burned briskly when without warning the explosion came, reducing the heater to mere pieces. Cromer's escape from being killed is reported to have been miraculous as he turned his head for some reason just

as flying pieces of metal struck him glancing blows on the face and forehead.

Following the accident many recalled hearing the detonation of the explosion for miles around the locality, but on account of the hunting season did not realize what had happened.

The interior of the room was a jumbled mess as a result of the explosion. A good part of the stove went through a hole approximately one and one half feet in diameter in the ceiling, to the second floor of the frame building. A radio in the room was hurled through a window taking the sash and part of the frame work of the window with it. Pieces of glass and the stove were picked up forty feet from the side of the building where they went out. Two chairs were broken besides other articles broken or covered with soot and debris from the explosion. An accurate account of the property damage could not be estimated last evening but was estimated to be upward of \$500

*Myron Cromer (GFG - I) 1912-1985 is a fifth great-grandson of Anna Maria Getman (GFG - I) 1721-1811 and Johann Meyers, 1715-1810.*

# DEATH OF JOSIAH SHULL.

Oswego Daily Times, Oswego, NY  
Saturday, September 19, 1894

Hon. Josiah Shull, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Central New York, died at his residence in Ilion on Wednesday last. He was born in Danube, Herkimer county, on the 5th of January, 1820, of German parentage and patriotic descent. His grandfathers on both his father's and mother's sides fought with distinguished bravery as officers in the continental army in the battle of Oriskany, and elsewhere during the war of the Revolution. His father was a merchant, miller and farmer and Josiah was educated in the schools of Herkimer county and at Fairfield Academy. He was a mathematician, and for forty-five years was

a surveyor and civil engineer. Mr. Shall was superintendent of common schools in the town of Danube before his removal to Ilion in 1867. He was deputy clerk of the assembly in 1860, deputy clerk of the senate in 1864-65, and member of assembly in 1861. In 1867 he was chosen secretary of the New York State Dairyman's association, which position he filled until 1891, when he was chosen president of the same. It was as a member of that association and by his labors in promoting the dairying interests of the state that Mr. Shall was the best known to the farmers the state. In this connection he has been frequently called upon to deliver addresses upon agricultural topics before farmers' clubs, farmers' institutes, dairymen's associations and agricultural societies. In 1884 he organized the first dairy conference held on this continent.

At the centennial exposition of 1876 he was a member of the committee of managers for the exhibition of dairy products. He also took an active part in arranging the details of the dairy exhibit at the World's Columbian exhibition which was held at Chicago in 1893. In October, 1892, he was appointed manager and director in charge of the New York dairy exhibit at the world's fair. He also was president of the Central New York farmers club.

*Josiah Shall (GFG - B) 1820-1894 is a grandson of Anna Eve Getman (GFG - B 5) 1767-1842 and Johan Jost Scholl 1753-1837.*

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and traditions with  
your cousins, near and far.**

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## **BULL RUN**

Mohawk Valley Register  
Fort Plain, NY December 3 1880

Last Saturday Andrew Grey sold a two - year old steer to Alonzo Eacker . After putting a rope over his horns the animal became ugly. There was some of the finest climbing and quickest running ever witnessed since the first battle of Bull Run. After running Andrew under the horse barn and uncle Sam up the plum tree, the animal spent the rest of the day in chasing his owner, Eacker. The following is the course taken (Eacker on lead): Around Grey's barn twice , then over James Christman's ; thence over the farms and through the woods of Richard and Jacob Getman. At the latter place a stump was in sight—then the final struggle terminated in a victory for Eacker . He got on the stump just in time. When Alonzo was found by the neighbors he was speechless, had no hat, coat, vest nor collar. It is estimated that they traveled about eleven miles.

## **Lightning Damage**

Utica Daily Press, New York  
Tuesday, August 8, 1911

Ilion, Aug. 7 – The heavy electric and thunder storm which visited Ilion yesterday did considerable damage south of this village at Columbia, six miles south of this village, four head of cattle were killed by lightning on the farm of Daniel Stroup and one on the farm of David Stroup. The home of A. E. DeGarmo at Elizabethtown was struck by lightning, but no damage was done.

*Daniel Stroup (GFG - I) 1852-1938 married Elizabeth Getman (GFG - C 391) 1856-1946. David Stroup (GFG - C 534 / I) 1877-1961, is their son*