

Pension Application for Peter Getman, Kitman

W.16267

(Note: the pension application has some torn out pages from a small 3" X 5" book included. My own family has similar pages from the Netherlands. When anything important happened to the family, they brought their family book down to the court house and their information was recorded. This looks similar, but it is in German. AJ Berry)

Peter Getman was born in 1750 on the 11th day of May.

His sponsors were Peter Peiffer and Mary Margaret Getman.

He was married to Anna Elizabeth Frank in the year 1783 on the 9th January.

Her sponsors were Timothy Frank and his wife Anna Elisabeth, she was born in the year 1763 on the 5th day of September.

There was a daughter born to them in the year 1783 on the 13th September named Mary Catharine, her sponsors were Conrardt and Mary Catharine Frank—

There was another daughter named Elisabeth born in the year 1785 on the 9th October—her sponsors Frederick Frank and his wife Elisabeth. Again a son named Conrardt was born in the year 1787 on the 17th August sponsors Conrardt Getman and his wife Mary. My son Jacob Getman was born in the year 1789 on the 31st day of August. Sponsors Jacob Edick and Mary Catharine Frank. My son Christopher is born in the year 1782 on the 9th day of February, sponsors Conrardt Folts and his wife Anna. Another daughter Anna Margaret born in the year 1793 on the 1st day of May sponsors Jacob Folts and Anna Margaret Garlock. My daughter Catharine was born in the year 1795 on the 24th October. Sponsors George Weaver and his wife Catharine.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 11th day of February 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Anthony Beck who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that he is well acquainted with and understands the German language and that the above is a true translation of the family record of Peter Getman in the English Language and is hereto attached with two ???

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 11th day of Febry 1839. (Signed) John A. Beck
Laurence Marcellus, J. Peace.

I certify that I am well acquainted with John Anthony Beck that he is a man of truth and veracity and a credible witness that his testimony is entitled to full credit. Laurence Marcellus J.P.

State of New York

Fulton County associated with Montgomery for Judicial purposes SS

On this 22nd day of December 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Montgomery (being a Court of record) Elisabeth Getman a resident of the town of Ephratah in the County of Fulton aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Peter Getman who was a private in the war of the revolution. That from the best of her knowledge and the proof she has been able to procure her said husband then a resident of the Town of Frankfort in the County of Herkimer and State of New York in the year 1777. Entered the Service of the United States as a private in the Militia Company under the

Command of Captain Frederick Getman (1) in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Regiment in General Herkimer Brigade (2) and served therein from the time of the battle at Oriskany (3) until the close of the War at different periods which service she has reason to believe will appear by reference to records of the War Department and the proof thereto annexed and on which she rests her claim—She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Getman on the ninth day of January Seventeen hundred and Eighty three that her husband the aforesaid Peter Getman died on the twenty seventh day of December Eighteen hundred and twenty six that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

(Signed with her mark) Elisabeth Getman

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before John Hand a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery.

I hereby certify that the above named Elisabeth Getman (as she declares) makes a mark as her signature by reason of never having learned to write. And I further certify that she is unable to attend court by reason of bodily infirmity—I am acquainted with her and know her above mark & the statements by her made in said declaration are entitled to full credit.

John Hand, a Judge of the County Court of the County of Montgomery & Fulton Counties.

Letter included in the pension folder, dated April 4, 1940.

Reference is made to your letters in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Peter Getman (W.16267), of Herkimer County, New York.

The record of Peter Getman follows as found in the papers of pension claim, W. 16267, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Peter Getman was born May 11, 1750; the place of his birth was not stated. His sponsors were Peter Peiffer and Mary Margaret Getman, their relationship to him not shown.

While a resident of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, Peter Getman enlisted in the fall of 1775, marched from Fort Herkimer to Stone Arabia on an alarm and served four days. Again in the winter, following, he served a tour of five days at Caughnawaga against Sir John Johnson. In 1777, he served a tour of thirty days as private in Captain Frank Gettman's company (relationship not shown), Colonel Peter Bellinger's New York regiment and was in the battle of Oriskany. In 1778, he served a tour of three days at Earnest Town, also one month at Fort Herkimer. He subsequently served a tour of five days guarding boats on the Mohawk River and a tour of two months again at Fort Herkimer. He served to the close of the Revolutionary War, but no further dates of service or names of officers were given.

Peter Getman married January 9, 1783, place not designated. Anna Elizabeth Frank, who was born September 5, 1763, place not stated. Her sponsors were Timothy Frank and his wife, Anna Elizabeth, their relationship to her not stated.

The soldier died December 27, 1826, place of death not given.

Soldier's widow, Anna Elizabeth Getman, was allowed pension on her application executed December 22, 1838, at which time she was a resident of Ephratah, Fulton County, New York. Her name was borne on the pension roll as Elizabeth Getman.

The following names of children of Peter Getman and his wife, Anna Elizabeth are show in the claim:

Mary Catharine, born Sept. 13, 1783; sponsors, Conradt and Mary Catherine Frank.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 9, 1785; sponsors, Frederick Frank and his wife, Elizabeth.

Conradt, born Aug. 17, 1787; sponsors, Conradt Getman and his wife, Mary.

Jacob, born Aug. 31, 1789; sponsors, Jacob Edick and Mary Catharine Frank; in 1838 testified in Herkimer Co., NY.

Christopher, born Feb. 9, 1792; sponsors, Conradt Folts and his wife, Anna.

Ann Margaret, born May 1, 1793; sponsors, Jacob Folts and Anna Margaret Garlock.

Catharine, born Oct. 24, 1795; sponsors, George Weaver and his wife Catharine.

In 1838, one John Frank made affidavit in Herkimer County, New York, that he asked the consent of Anna Elizabeth Frank's father, to her marriage to the soldier, Peter Getman; he did not state his relationship to her. Reference was made in the claim to a Judge Frank who made an affidavit, with no explanation of title.

End Notes—W.16267—Peter Getman

1. Peter served as a private in Captain Frederick Getman's Company in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. On a "Pay Roll for Capt. Frederik Gettman Company 1780" Peter is listed as serving the following - "June the 14, 1779 June 18 (days) July 18 (days) April 18 (days 1780) May 17 (days 1780) and another one "Pay Roll for Capt Frederick Gettman Fort Herkimer October 21, 1780 Todel (Total) 13 (days)—They were sworn to before Jany the 10th 1781 at Fort Dayton Justice of the Peace William Petry. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, Folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer commanded the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
3. The battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.