

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Lois Getz Collection**

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**Collection Information**

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## Brief History

Lois Ann Getz (nee Zimmerman) was born on May 21, 1929 in Carlock, Illinois. Her parents were Anna Altorfer and Joseph Zimmerman, Sr. Her siblings were Joe, Richard and Kay. She married Marvin Getz in Roanoke, Illinois on September 10, 1950. They had two sons (Mark and Steve) and three daughters (Jean Barth, Sharon Albonico, and Ann Weeks), and at the time of her death, July 5, 2020, 25 grandchildren, and six great-grandsons..

Families represented include: Stoller, Getz, Wittmer, Klopfenstein, Habeger, Altorfer, Rich, and Zimmerman.

## Scope

The collection includes Lois Zimmerman's school records, letters from her relatives, and some personal family documents.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: School Records

- 1.1 McLean County Public School Report Card, Carlock Grade School, September 1935, re: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher Ruth Conger.
- 1.2 Carlock Grade School, September 1936, re: 2nd Grade teacher Ruth Conger.
- 1.3 Carlock Grade School, September 1937, re: 3rd Grade teacher Ruth Conger.
- 1.4 Carlock Grade School, September 1938, re: 4th Grade teacher Ruth Conger.
- 1.5 Carlock Grade School, September 1939, re: 5th Grade teacher Jim Bennett..
- 1.6 Carlock Grade School, September 1940, re: 6th Grade teacher Paul R. Workman.
- 1.7 Envelope, re: Made by Safety Envelope Mfg, Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- 1.8 Roanoke Grade School, 1941, includes envelope, re:7th Grade teacher Francis J. Valentine.
- 1.9 Roanoke Grade School, 1942, includes envelope, re:8th Grade teacher Alma M. Caldwell.
- 1.10 Roanoke Township High School, 1943, 12 pages plus envelope, re: Tilman R. Smith, Principal.
- 1.11 Roanoke Township High School, 1944, 12 pages plus envelope, re: Visual Schol Report Company, Greenfield, Indiana.
- 1.12 Roanoke Township High School, 1945, 12 pages plus envelope, re: Visual Schol Report Company, Greenfield, Indiana.
- 1.13 Bradley University Semester Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 1947-48, includes envelope, re: Asa Carter, Registrar.
- 1.14 Roanoke Grade School, 20 May 1942, includes green velvet cover, re: Alms M. Caldwell, Principal.

**Folder 2: Miscellaneous**

- 2.1 Card for Michael Zimmerman, 7 February 1913, re: "In Loving Remembrance of Dear Father Michael Zimmerman."
- 2.2 List of names sorted by date, 1906-08, 2 pages.
- 2.3 List of annual family vacations, 1959-2007.
- 2.4 "My Promise," personal note to Grandpa and Grandma, undated, re: "I promise to love and cherish [sic] the lord ...."; hand drawn Santa Claus.
- 2.5 Postcard, Carlock Mennonite Church, Carlock, Illinois, undated, re: Photo by C. U. Williams, Bloomington, Illinois.
- 2.6 Envelope, "Morton Elevator Co., Morton, Illinois," re: "New Morton Heavy Duty Elevators."
- 2.7 "Remembering Our Spiritual Heritage; The Faith Spreads," *Silver Lining*, by Bro. Perry A. Klopfenstein, page 50, no date, re: Tracing origin of Apostolic Church from Mennonites in Switzerland.
- 2.8 "Log Barn' Church," unknown publication, page 20, no date, 2 copies, re: Typewritten note: "Taken from "In Lincoln's Path."".
- 2.9 Lois Getz obituary, unknown source, 5 July 2020.
- 2.10 Letter to the Editor, "See For Yourself," from Johns Teubel, Tazewell County, Illinois, unknown source, undated, re: "Our Church is Apostolic Christian."

**Folder 3: Altorfer Family**

- 3.1 Hymnal, "Sammlung von Liedern und Gesängen zum Lobe Gottes," Zurich, 1884, 88 pages, plus cover, and a handwritten description, re: Personalized for Sintiche Altorfer, wife of Henry (Heinrich) Altorfer; Apostolic Christian Church.
- 3.2 Funeral Card, "In Memory of Anna B. Zimmerman [nee Altorfer]," 11 June 1978.
- 3.3 "Henry Altorfer," *Journal Star*, 2 October 1985.
- 3.4 "Mary Altorfer Passes Away," unknown source, undated, re: Daughter of Henry Altorfer; Lois Zimmerman's Sister
- 3.5 "Chronicle and Memoirs of Henry Altorfer 1859-1941," undated, 6 pages (including genealogical chart), re: Brief Autobiography of Henry Altorfer.

**Folder 4: Klopfenstein Family**

- 4.1 "History of Sophia Meiss Klopfenstein 1871-1949," "Submitted by Minerva Stahl," August 1975, 3 pages (including genealogical information), 2 copies.

**Folder 5: Rich Family**

- 5.1 "Rich Family Directory," undated, 6 pages, re: Genealogical Information.

**Folder 6: Stoller Family**

- 6.1 Attention Family & Friends," from Virgil & Hulda Stoller, undated, 10 pages, re: Genealogical Information.
- 6.2 Letter, handwritten), from "your little niece Octillia Levina Stoller [Levina Otillia Stoller?]," to Aunt Lydia, 28 May 1899, 2 pages.
- 6.3 "Chronological Extract of the History of the Stoller Generation," from "The Kandertal," 15 December 1956, 4 pages, re: Genealogical Information.

- 6.4 Letter, from Vyra [Vyra Kaufmann Stoller?], to Millie, 9 April 1993, 2 pages, .

### **Folder 7: Wittmer Family**

- 7.1 Wittmer Cousins, 1962, re: List of Wittmer cousins and their birthdays.  
7.2 Genealogical Information for members of Jacob Wittmer Family, 1962, 22 pages.

### **Folder 8: Joseph C. Zimmerman Sr.**

- 8.1 Birthday Card, from “The Morton Breakfast Club,” to Joseph Zimmerman, Sr., undated.  
8.2 Jos. C. Zimmerman, Sr., 17 July 1974, 4 pages, re: Brief Autobiography of Joseph Zimmerman, Sr.  
8.3 Obituaries for Reverend Joseph C. Zimmerman, Sr., *The Pantagraph, Pekin Times, and Journal Star*, 10 February 1979.  
8.4 Letter, from B. S. Huschen, Attorney At Law, Roanoke, Illinois, to Kathryn Z. King, Eureka, Illinois, and Lois Getz, Morton, Illinois, 3 pages, 22 August 1979, re: Final Report for Estate of Joseph C. Zimmerman.

### **Folder 9: Getz & Sommer Families**

- 9.1 “1889 Peter Sommer Invented Keystone Fence,” *Fence Lines*, Published by the Keystone Steel & Wire Co., Peoria, Illinois, April 1939, 1 page, 2 copies.  
9.2 Genealogy of the Johns Getz Family” undated, 1 page, 2 copies.  
9.3 Genealogy of the Joseph and Mary Virkler Sommer, undated, 3 pages, 2 copies.  
9.4 “The Following Information was Given by our Father – Henry Getz,” undated, 3 pages.  
9.5 Genealogy of the Johns Getz Family, undated, 1 page, 2 copies.  
9.6 “A Portion of the Following Information was Given by our Father – Sameul Getz,” undated, 2 pages, 2 copies.  
9.7 Photograph (10” x 8”), “JC and Anna Zim[merman], BE & Rose Getz, Esther Klaus ...and Anna Hodel,” undated.  
9.8 Photograph (8” x 10”), “BE & Rose Getz,” undated.

### **Folder 10: Zimmerman Family Correspondence**

- 10.1 Letter, from Sister Lydia, Eureka, Illinois, to Joe Zimmerman [Sr.], Carlock, Illinois, 15 May 1916, 2 pages.  
10.2 Letter, from ?, Fairbury, Illinois, to ?, Carlock, Illinois, 18 December 1916, 1 page.  
10.3 Letter, from Joseph C. Zimmerman, Jr., to Captain [Ellis] Danner, Field Artillery Unit of ROTC, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, 9 June 1942, re: “... my final decision of not going into advance training in the field artillery .....”  
10.4 Letter, from Carline, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to Joe [Zimmerman, Jr.], Roanoke, Illinois, 1 June 1943, 2 pages (with envelope).  
10.5 Letter, U. S. Army Air Forces, from Joe [Zimmerman, Jr.], Miami Beach, Florida, to Lois [Zimmerman], Roanoke, Illinois, 19 August 1943, 1 page (with envelope).  
10.6 Letter, from Fred Leman, Pyongyang, Korea, to Aunt Annie, Uncle Joe, and Lois [Zimmerman], 17 December 1943, 2 pages (with envelope), re: ”Your Christman gift arrived yesterday..”  
10.7 Letter, United State Navy” letterhead, from Rich [Zimmerman, Jr.], to “Folks,” 25 July 1945.  
10.8 Letter, from Rich [Zimmerman, Jr.], to “Mom and Dad,” 25 May 1946.

- 10.9 Letter, from Fred [Leman], to Aunt Annie [Zimmerman], 8 February 1946, 2 pages.
- 10.10 Letter, from Ben and Elizabeth Dotterer, Mansfield, Ohio, to Joe Zimmerman [Sr.], Roanoke, Illinois, 6 December 1962, 2 pages (with envelope).
- 10.11 Letter, from Eunice, Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Anna [Zimmerman], undated.
- 10.12 Letter, from ?, to Anna [Zimmerman], undated.
- 10.13 Postcard, from Marie, to Anna Altorfer, Roanoke, Illinois, undated.

**Folder 11: Gift Agreement**

- 11.1 Museum gift agreement form and inventory of donation, with Sharon Albonico, September 2023.