

TEATOR / TETER TREE

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Teator/Teter Reunion Held At Oak Hill



A Teator/Teter Reunion of the descendants of John Teter (1816-1866) and Lydia Richmond was held July 19 at Brandow Park in Oak Hill.

Nearly 120 descendants attended, representing six of the seven lines of grandchildren of John Teter (and their children): Olin Teator- (Martha [Starr], Robert, Katherine [Brink], James Fanning, Bradley); Orlando Teator- (Donald, Ferris, Barbara [Hallock], Charlotte [Rogers], Roger); Norman Teator- (Shirley [Ritter], Howard, A. Janet [Armstrong], Raymond); Nora Baldwin- (Kenneth); Willis Teator- (Norman, Alfreda, Rose [Salisbury], June [Monette], Elsie [Labates], Donald, Pam [Dunavin]; and Zina Radick-(Charles).

This reunion, the first reunion of this scope in years, featured a "pot luck" picnic, sharing of old family information and pictures, the traditional reunion pictures, a family

history lecture, youngsters playing, and adults renewing acquaintances.

The oldest living descendant is Norman Teator, grandson of John, of Durham, while the family of Mark Teator, (son of Howard and Stella Teator) came the farthest, from North Carolina. The youngest descendant was Jared Richardson (son of Cliff and Phyllis Richardson), six weeks old.

John Teter was born in the Cheese Hill area of Preston Hollow and resided most of his life in Livingstonville and Franklinton. John Teter descended from Lorentz Dather, who was one of the 2500 Palatine immigrants of 1710 who settled at West Camp, Ulster County, and at East Camp (today's Germantown), Columbia County. Descendants of this line are clustered in the Hudson Valley with the surnames of Teator, Tator and Dater.

What?! A Teator newsletter? It's here. As an outgrowth of the 1992 Teator/Teter reunion, this newsletter will try to be a source of news and communication for the descen-dants of John Teter (1816- 1866).

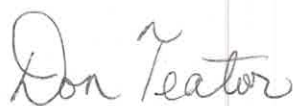
What will the newsletter do? The answer, I hope, will be influenced and shaped by the ideas of the people who contribute. The newsletter may share news about research on the Teator lines further back, update us on changes and additions in the current genealogy report, feature a two- or three- generation family, publish recipes, note current activities, reprint documents, encourage family history writing, etc.

My intention at this point is to publish a modest news-letter twice a year, sharing Teator/Teter information so that others gain an under-standing of who we are, where we come from, and what we do. Publication will continue if interest and availability of material are sufficient. I hope that some of you are willing to submit material.

The cost of the first issue and of the photo has been underwritten by donations at the reunion. Your suggestions, advice, criticisms, and compliments are welcome.

A thank you goes to each of you who has helped out along the way.

Sincerely,



P.S. Reprints of the family lines - Olin, Norman, Orlando, Nora, Willis Teator; Zina Radick - are available. (I send the

negatives to Ames for processing, unless custom work by Debra is needed.)

Current prices are \$.50 for 3 1/2x5 or 4x6, \$2.50 for 5x7, \$4.50 for 8x10; postage is additional. Also, the 22 page genealogy of John Teter is available for \$2 which should cover copying and postage.

Enclosed is your family group sheet. If information is wrong, please let me know. If information is missing (dates and places of births, marriage, etc.), again let me know. Contact me by mailing to Don Teator, RD#1, Box 147, Freehold, NY 12431 or calling (518) 634-2397.

THANK YOU, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A thank you goes to the Katherine Brink, Bev Fuegmann, June Monette, Rose Salisbury, Roberta Soderblom, Alfreda Teator, Don & Debra Teator, and Howard and Stella Teator for organizing the reunion and overseeing the details.

A note of appreciation goes to Debra Teator for her photography.

THE NEXT REUNION

The organizing committee, in a post-reunion meeting, recommended that the next reunion be held in 1994, with similar conditions to this year: the third Sunday in July, probably at Brandow Park, a pot luck picnic.

Also, one or two people offered to be on the next organizing committee, but I've forgotten who. Let Don Teator know and, as Fall 1993 approaches, the new committee can start planning.

REUNION 1992

(The front page shows the press release given to the Greenville Local, Catskill Daily Mail, and Mountain Eagle.)

A humid, somewhat cloudy day awaited the 120 descendants of John Teter. Many faces may have been familiar; name tags helped us identify those we hadn't seen in years or may have never met before.

The planned activities included pictures of the whole clan and of the various lines, duplications of pictures, introductions of each family, gag gifts for special categories, and a pot luck picnic. Of course, we had enough food to feed two hundred with a variety of dishes to choose from. Gag gifts went to the oldest male (Norman Teator), oldest female (Loretta Baldwin), youngest male (Jared Richardson), youngest female (Samantha Baldwin), family that came the farthest (Mark and Tammy Teator), mother with the most children (Gayle Hallock), grandparent with the most grandchildren (Norman Teator and Katherine Brink tied with 11), and one or two more categories that I've forgotten.

A friendly volleyball started (thanks, Glenna and Katherine) and the park playground was especially well used by the younger crowd (and those who like an upset stomach). Reports from the Catskill Creek, if any, were not filed.

Don Teator had prepared genealogical information to share. In addition, he narrated the progress of his information gathering and related his findings about our immigrant. Genealogy reports were available upon request.

Late afternoon found the gradual breaking up of the picnic and by 5:30, the

cleanup crew had started. By 6 pm, all was cleared, and hardly anyone would have known about the Teator invasion.

RECIPES

Did someone say 'food'?

The recipe for Alfreda Teator's broccoli salad is the first, I hope, contribution of recipes of family favorites. If you'd like to share your recipe for one of your favorite dishes (appetizer, main course, salad, dessert, etc.), send it to Don. This recipe was taste tested at the reunion with many compliments.

Broccoli Salad (Alfreda Teator)

Ingredients

1 head broccoli
1/2 cup peanuts (any variety)
1/4 - 1/2 cup raisins
6-7 slices bacon - well cooked
1/4 cup chopped onions
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sugar
1 tblspn vinegar

Directions

break up broccoli head
crumble bacon slices
mix broccoli & bacon with raisins,
peanuts, onions
blend mayo, sugar, vinegar
pour over broccoli mix

(next issue will feature another reunion recipe)

HISTORY

If possible, I'd like to have at least one article about history or genealogy of the Teator family in each issue. For this issue, a transcribing of the 1865 NYS, Town of Broome census gives an indication of the farm John Teter had.

(Also listed in the Town of Broome agricultural census, page 1, line 41, is Calvin Teter, an uncle of John)

On page 5, line 2, the 1865 census shows the following for John Teter:

125 improved acres, 50 unimproved acres; \$4000 value of farm, \$500 value in stock, \$100 value in tools and implements; 35 acres plowed in 1864, 50 in 1865; 50 acres in pasture both 1864-65; 45 acres of meadow in 1864, 20 in 1865; 12 tons of hay harvested in 1864; 1 acre of spring wheat sown in 1864 & 1865; 24 acres of oats sown in 1864, 28 in 1865, and 70 bushels harvested in 1864; .5 acre barley sown in 1864; 12 acres buckwheat sown in 1864 and 70 bushels harvested in 1864; .5 acre potatoes sown in 1864, 1.5 in 1865, and 40 bushels harvested in 1864; 1 acre peas sown in both 1864 & 65, 6 bushels harvested in 1864; 1.25 acres beans sown in 1864, 8 bushels harvested in 1864; .75 acre flax sown in 1864, 1 acre in 1865, 1.5 bushels seed harvested in 1864; 30 fruit (apple) trees in 1864, 65 bushels of apples in 1864, 2 barrels cider in 1864; 50 lbs maple sugar produced in 1865, 3 gal. maple molasses produced in 1865; 2 calves in 1865, 2 working oxen in 1865; 4 milch cows in 1864, 3 in 1865; 1 cattle killed for beef in 1864; 300 lbs butter produced in 1864; 1 horse two years or older in 1865; 1 pig owned in 1865, 4 in 1864, 3 pigs slaughtered in 1864; 550 lbs pork in 1864; 35 sheep shorn in 1864, 34 in 1865; 7 lambs raised in 1864, 15 in 1865; 135 lbs

wool shorn in 1864, 110 in 1865; 7 sheep slaughtered in 1864; \$12 value of poultry in 1865; 48 yards of linen produced.

A drought in the summer of 1865 had greatly affected crops. Hay was 1/3 of usual production, as was Indian corn. Buckwheat was 3/4 of usual. Rye and potatoes were about normal, according to the census.

(A comparison of John's figures with those of other farmers in the town of Broome shows that he was by no means the wealthiest farmer, but he does appear to be more prosperous than many other farmers. John's wealth, as shown in census figures, seems to have taken a marked upturn relative to other residents, compared to 5-10 years previously.)

FAMILY SKETCH

The family sketch column will describe a 2-3 generation family from the John Teter descendants. This sketch will give a broad picture about this family - names, residences, occupations, family traditions, family stories, etc. - in one or two pages.

This issue's sketch is one of Howard and Stella Teator, their children and grandchildren.

Howard and Stella (Anton) Teator

Although the address reads Acra, Howard and Stella Teator live in the hamlet of South Durham, once an active corner a century ago on the Mahican Trail, today bypassed by Route 23 on its way up the Catskill Escarpment and Point Lookout. They have lived there since 1958.

Howard was born in 1932 in Durham, NY, the second child of Norman and Alice Evelyn (Atkinson) Teator (a fifth child in the household was Dorothy Washburn from Evelyn's first marriage). As was his other siblings (Shirley, Alice Janet, Raymond), Howard was born at home, a fact of life that the next generation would not experience. Howard went to the two room school house on Main Street in Durham until October 1939 when the new Durham Central School was built on Route 145. Graduating from the eighth grade from DCS in 1945 as salutatorian, Howard finished high school in 1949 at Greenville where he played soccer, basketball, and baseball. Of course, the family farm on what would become Mansard Avenue meant there were chores and summer haying to be done.

Howard writes, "I feel I was lucky to be born and to grow up on a farm. It was real tough times, but I think the people in the cities had it worse - unemployment,

bread lines, etc. I had the best parents possible. Uncle Bill (my mother's brother) lived with us as did cousins Barbara and Charlotte and my niece Linda. We were always busy doing our chores - taking care of & feeding & cleaning cows & pigs & chickens. Other chores included milking the cows, cleaning the stables, carrying water from the house to the barn for the animals, fixing fence in the springtime for the pasture. We hayed with horses and then got a tractor. It was loose hay at first and then came the baler. My mother kept busy making bread (10-12 loaves per week), cooking meals (always 8-10 people), and cleaning. Meanwhile, my father was busy working for the state highway in addition to farm chores and haying.

"We were all very busy and happy growing up. Lots of company visited and stayed for a vacation at the farm. We would go swimming every day or night at Brown's Mill, which felt good after haying all day.

"WWII started when I was nine. We always followed the progress of the war. The teachers always talked about it. Two cousins were in the war (Army & Navy). At home, we had rationing of gas, sugar, tires, etc. On one trip to Albany, I remember my father having three flats and fixing them with a kit.

"In high school, I took an agriculture course. Now, I feel I should have taken more math courses and studied harder and thought more about the future. I was on quite a few judging teams - vegetable and cattle. I went to the NYS Fair for contests, was on the NYS Vegetable Judging team and went to the Washington, D.C., national contest."

Howard worked at the Pioneer Insurance Company from 1949-1952. In 1952, Howard joined the Marines, traveling to Parris Island (SC), Quantico

(VA), Camp Pendleton (CA), Japan, and New London (CT). Leaving the Marines in 1955, he worked for the Workman's Compensation Board in Albany in the filing department. Then he went to artificial breeding school and substituted in different areas for a few months. He worked for the Peckham Road Corporation from 1957-1970 and for Miron Building Products from 1970-1991. At both jobs, Howard usually worked out of a job office trailer that moved around - Kingston, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Palisades Parkway, Lake George, the Northway, etc. After a heart attack and bypass operation in May of 1991, he got the doctor's OK to go back to work five months later but Miron wouldn't take him back. Howard's hobbies include vegetable gardening (tough going in the summer of '92) and reading magazines.

In 1957, Howard and Stella met, and were married in September, 1958. They were the first married couple for the Rev. Lounhardt, a Lutheran minister who married them at the Cairo Legion Hall (the Lutheran church had not yet been built). A reception followed at the Hall. A honeymoon to Atlantic City followed.

Stella, the daughter of John and Jean (Dedes) Anton, went to school in Catskill till 6th grade and then finished school at the Cairo Central School in 1958. She has worked at the Cairo-Durham Central School for 20 years and now works as a real estate agent for Cord's Realty. Stella's hobbies include gardening, sewing and reading, cooking, and baking.

Howard and Stella had four sons, all of whom attended the Cairo Elementary School and graduated from the Cairo-Durham High School. The oldest, Gary, was born in 1959, played soccer during high school and was in the photography club and National Honor Society. He went to college at Albany

Pharmacy, Hudson-Valley Community College, and Utica-Rome where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering. Presently, he works for IBM and lives in Pleasant Valley, NY (Dutchess County) with his wife Margie, daughter Alisha May, and daughter Marissa Evelyn (born August 27th of this summer). Margie, the daughter of Paul and Elsie Colvin of East Durham, attended Durham Elementary School and Cairo High School. She attended Albany Business College and worked for Blue Cross - Blue Shield and seven years at IBM until a maternity leave.

Mark, the second son, was born in 1962, participated in track, soccer, photography club, and National Honor Society during high school. He attended Albany Pharmacy where he earned his degree. Mark had visited NC and liked the area. He now lives near High Point, NC (in the country at Trinity) with his wife Tammy and son Christopher and works at the High Point Regional Hospital. Mark met Tammy at Brooks' Pharmacy in Dover Plains where Tammy was the assistant manager. Tammy, the daughter of Fred and Vivian Lee of Dover Plains, teaches aerobics classes in the YWCA. All three of them go to karate classes. Mark's interests include photography and guns; Mark has a pistol permit and practices shooting at local ranges.

Darren was born in 1964, works in the Cairo-Durham school cafeteria and subs for maintenance work. He still lives with his parents, doing many of the chores around the house that need to be done, enabling his parents to keep a large house. Darren is often heard talking about his truck.

The youngest, Jay, was born 1971. He played soccer during high school and is attending Columbia-Greene Community College. Present college plans call for a

two year degree in January and a transfer to SUNY at Albany, where Jay will probably major in law. Jay has worked summers at a local resort, Riedlbauer's, where he earns his college money.

As for a father's memories, Howard remembers the normal fighting between brothers growing up. Of course, they always looked out for each other. Older ones watched out for the younger ones (traffic, dangerous actions, etc.). Stella recalls the boys' constant companion, a German shepherd named Kim.

Howard and Stella feel they taught their children respect for older people and parents. There was plenty of company while growing up - cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents. In addition, Howard and Stella ran a small motel, with families staying a week or two. The Teator family had get-togethers for birthdays and other events, and Christmas meant going to Grandma and Grandpa's house. Stella notes that each of the boys were taught responsibility as they grew up. Each of them had chores to do - painting, gardening, mowing, weeding, etc. The fact that each of the married sons has a garden, Stella believes, is a connection with the lessons of responsibility and the love of outdoor that was taught during youth.

(Thank you, Howard and Stella, for all the notes and for going first in this column.

I want to have another family sketch for the spring newsletter. Start thinking about your family sketch. Contact me if you'd like to be one of the next topics.)

PICTURES / VIDEOTAPES

Pictures are worth 1000 words!

In addition to the written material, a gathering of pictures of people and events has started. Some of you sent or brought family pictures for the reunion. If possible, please look through your albums and pick one or two that show your family. If you can donate it, good. If you'd like it back, loan it for Debra Teator to copy and she'll send it back. This will be one way to start a Teator archives.

Did anyone shoot a video of the reunion? Can you make a copy for the archives? VHS or 8mm would be fine. Call me if you can make a copy.

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - LIST FORM

Most of the information in the current genealogy is a listing of dates and places of births, marriages, and deaths. This is a start, but what is more interesting is a short biographical sketch. While some might be comfortable writing this sketch, others could submit information by listing the details. Completing either one would do the job. The items that could go into a short sketch are as follows:

(A note about names first:

- 1- Use maiden name for women.
- 2- Use Town of _____, _____ County, State for place names. Include hamlets when appropriate; cite hospitals if appropriate. For example: East Durham, Town of Durham, Greene County, NY; or Albany Medical Center, City of Albany, Albany County, NY.)

NAME: name of individual

PARENTS' NAMES: (especially for those marrying into line; information already available for those in blood line)

SIBLINGS: (especially for those marrying into line);

GRANDPARENTS NAMES: (blood line - maternal side; marrying into line - both maternal and paternal)

BIRTH DATE & PLACE: date; place

MARRIED: individual

MARRIED DATE & PLACE: date; place

SPOUSE'S PARENTS: (especially if marrying into line)

SPOUSE'S SIBLINGS: (especially if marrying into line)

SPOUSE'S GRANDPARENTS: maternal and paternal (unless information is already in genealogy)

RESIDENCES & YEARS: a listing by years where individual has lived (from

birth to present [or death] if known)
SCHOOLING: a listing of schools attended and years; list graduations and degrees earned

JOB HISTORY: a listing by years the various jobs held

OTHER INTERESTS: list hobbies, interests, things you like doing

HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS: list high school, college, job, etc., connections

DEATH: (if appropriate): date, place

BURIAL: (if appropriate): date, place

A list like this becomes the basis for the written sketch. The next stage is the longer biographical work. This might include the different stories, events, explanations, views on life, memories, etc., that make a person, but more about this in the next newsletter.

(Copies of vital record certificates and newspaper clippings can be given to the Teator archives.)

I hope this is enough to get started.

QUERY

The query corner will be a place to have your questions about the Teator family or a Teator line printed. If the question is of a general nature, the answer might be printed in the following issue. Whether of a general or particular nature, include your address so others can contact you should answers be known.