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Welcome back to newsletter #3!

Summertime is my time to catch up on or start some project I've promised myself to do. Summer of '93 meant getting my documentation together for the various findings of the Teator-Tator-Dator genealogy.

Back in 1985-1987, I made page after page of notes of any Teator name I could find. I realized that a variety of sources went to particular families and noted the names of the family members on 3x5 cards, of which I have a few hundred, some connected to the immigrant, some of whom I still need to connect.

I had intentions of publishing something sometime, but with a deadline that nebulous, I let a few of my concerns wait a while, especially after becoming Greenville Town Historian in 1989. One of those concerns was, and is, documentation, which would allow anyone else reading my findings to figure out how I reached my conclusions.

Our reunion last summer got me thinking about genealogy again and I got the documentation for the descendents of John Teter done in time for the reunion. This summer, in a promise finally kept, I started the documentating process for all the other few hundred families. This meant taking tens of pages of notes, cutting them up, and placing them with the family group sheets that I had spread on my living room and office floors. I warned Debbie it might look insane for a couple weeks but finally I had all my documentation placed with the people.

The next step will be to type this documentation into the genealogy I had formed, which I hope to do during the winter and spring. By next summer, I hope to have a fuller report for the genealogy of the immigrant.

A few other notes. This issue's family sketch is that of Katherine (Teator) Brink. A thank you goes to Katherine for making her story

available. At the same time, I hope each of you consider what your story is and start sketching some of it. I've been asking a few of the "elders" to go first, partially because they have more of a life span to reflect about, but each of us will have a chance to be the "Family Sketch" topic.

Volunteers for the 1994 Reunion Organizing Committee should think about meeting by the end of November. I'll be calling the volunteers of last reunion, looking for an re-enlistment, or replacement by another interested person, or recommendations. Do we have the next reunion in similar style as our first one? Are their additions or changes to make? Do we invite other Teator descendents more distantly related? These and other details will be the focus of that group. If I don't call you, and you'd like to be on that committee, call me at 634-2397. A weekend evening in late October or November is probable.

Please let me update my mailing list. If you've moved, or someone in the family has moved, let me know. Also, if there's a birth, marriage, or death in the family, pass along the information.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the early Teator ancestors in America, or whatever they called it in 1710. The Spring 1994 newsletter will try to connect John Teter with Zacharias Teter.

Feel free to send suggestions or comments about the newsletter. I obviously have my ideas what it should be but I know more perspectives will make it richer.



HISTORY: THE PALATINES AND HANK JONES

An immediate classic when it first appeared in 1985, Hank Jones' *The Palatine Families of New York: A Study of the German Immigrants Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710* presents the first three generations of 500 of the 850 immigrant families. Pages 136-139, the ones focusing on the Teator (Dather) family, are included in this newsletter, beginning on the facing page.

To keep it short, the Palatines of what is today southwest Germany, had seen enough by 1709. War, plundering, taxes, and a devastating winter of 1709 (religious persecution was only a small factor) pushed our Palatines to the edge. The English needed help in the colonies to produce naval tar for the ships and had sent out advertisements to settle the "golden land." In early 1709, groups of Palatines were reaching Rotterdam and then departing to London in the summer and fall. About one quarter of the 13,000 reaching London boarded ships in December and finally left in April 1710. Arriving in New York City, the Germans were kept on Nutten Island until late summer. Finally, an agreement was reached and many of the families were settled at today's Germantown (Columbia County) and West Camp (Ulster County).

For a fuller account of their troubles, I'd recommend Jones' book, W.A. Knittle's *The Early Palatine Emigration*, and The Palatine Society's *The Palatines of New York State*. I'll try to include more details in future newsletters.

So, what should you notice that might not be so obvious at first reading? First, what you see looks neat and organized but getting there is difficult. Jones had to read through thousands pages and names written in German, Latin, and English script. As noted in the last newsletter, there's more than one spelling for most names.

Second, an (HJ) after a name is a conclusion reached by Jones after looking at the evidence. There are very few records that show three generations in a single document. If John is the son of George in one document, and Henry is

the son of John in another document, how can we be sure that Henry is the grandson of George when there are other Johns & Georges & Henrys in the area at the same time? Sometimes, a guess is made based on the best evidence. That guess may be proven wrong if better evidence appears later.

The Dathers, and other Palatines, were church-going people, as evidenced by the church records. The church of choice was Lutheran or Reformed, and most of the early Dathers stayed in Dutchess and Columbia Counties.

The name of the church indicated in the birth or christening record often indicates the neighborhood of the parents BUT it's misleading just often enough. Sometimes, the pastor would record the birth in the book of the church for which he was responsible for, and if he were a travelling pastor, a baby in Rhinebeck appears in the NYC book!

The abbreviation sp. after each child represents the sponsors for that child, something similar to godparents. These sponsors usually were relatives - parents or siblings. A clue to who is related to whom is given by the sponsors. Look at the third generation to see this pattern.

Another clue is the child-naming patterns. Although not a regular pattern, one still looks for the following. The first son might be named after father's father, the second son after the mother's father, the first daughter after the mother's mother, the second daughter after the father's mother, the third son or daughter after a father's or mother's sibling, etc. That's why there are so many male names of George, Henry, and John, and so many female names of Catharina, Elisabetha, Anna, and Maria. This pattern slowly fades so that by the early 1800's, it's not as much of a help as it had been. Of course, with all these similar names, figuring who belongs with what family gets tougher, as already pointed out above.

I'll point out Zacharias on page 137. I believe he is John Teter's great-grandfather, a relation I will try to show in the next newsletter. Thus, our line goes Johann, Lorentz, Henrich, Zacharias, Henrich, David, and John.

CONRAD DARREY (Hunter Lists #113)

Koenraet Peur was a passenger on Capt. Tomas Wilkens's ship 10 June 1709 in Holland (Rotterdam Lists). Conrad Dorry aged 36, Luth., carpenter, was in the 3rd arrivals in England later that year (London Lists).

Conrad Darrey was entered twice on the Hunter Lists: on 1 July and 4 Aug 1710 with 1 pers. over 10 yrs. of age.

LORENTZ DÄTHER (Hunter Lists #114)

Jerg Thater, s/o the late Johann Thater of Lehn berg, commune Giglinger in the duchy of Wurtemberg, md. 26 April 1715 Anna Maria Meyer, d/o the late Johann Fridrich Meyer of Rohrbach near sintzen, baronate Vennig (West Camp Luth. Chbk.). This was one of several entries where Kocherthal erred in noting an emigrant's ancestral village: after years of searching throughout Würtemberg and the Kraichgau, the actual Däther home was found to be not Lehn berg, but 7129 Leonbronn (14 km. n.e. of Bretten; Chbks. begin 1657, but gaps). Hans Döther, his wife Elisabetha, and their children Lorenz, Margaretha, and Georg were on communicant lists at Leonbronn beginning in 1697; they were noted 1697-1700, and 1704-1708. Elisabetha, w/o HS. Dötter, d. 31 July 1708. Hans Döter, the so-called old Nürnberg, d. 13 Jan 1709. After the entry on the 1709 communicant list for the surviving three children - Margaretha, Lorenz, and Hß. Jörg - was an added notation which read "sind in Engelland verreißt." Laurents Deder and Maria Dederin were in the 5th party of Palatines on Capt. William Newton's ship 3 July 1709 (Rotterdam Lists).

→ Lorentz Däther made his first appearance on the Hunter Lists 30 June 1710 with 3 pers. over 10 yrs. of age; the household always was recorded with 3 pers. over 10 yrs. on Hunter except for 4 Oct 1710 when 5 pers. over 10 yrs. were registered, and 25 March 1712 when 2 pers. over 10 yrs. were listed. Lourens Dieder was nat. 8 and 9 Sept 1715 (Kingston Nats.). Louwerens Teder made his first appearance on the tax rolls in the North Ward in 1717/18 and was continued until 1727/28 when Margreeta, wid/o Lowerence Teder deceased was noted (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). A child of Lorentz¹ Däther was:

- 1) Henrich^a (HJ), md. Catharina Benner. His first entry on the tax rolls was in 1739/40 (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). The will of Hendrick Tieter of Rhinebeck was dated 18 Sept 1778 and probated 18 May 1785 (FERNOW WILLS #1742). The ch. of Henrich² Dieter (Titter, Doder, Deithardt, Teter et. var.) were:

- i) Anna Margaretha^a, bpt. 10 Aug 1740 - sp.: ... and Margridt Bender (Rhinebeck Flats Ref. Chbk.). She md. Jacob Thomas by 1761 (HJ).
 ii) Johannes^a, bpt. 2 March 1742 - sp.: Johannes Benner and Magdalena Streit (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.). He md. Margaretha Reiffenberger (HJ). The will of a Johannes Peeter of Rhinebeck was dated 15 Aug 1794 and probated 2 March 1795 (Dutchess Co. Will Bk. A).
 → iii) Zacharias^a, bpt. 16 Oct 1743 - sp.: Zacharias Schmith and wife Anna Maria (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.). He md. 17 Dec 1770 (Annätjen) Elisabeth Wahlen (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 iv) Elisabetha^a, bpt. 25 April 1747 - sp.: Henrich Bender and Catharina Bender (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.). She md. John Fulton (HJ).

- y) Catharina^a, b. 3 Jan 1750 - sp.: Johannes Schmidt and Catharina Pulver (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 vi) Abraham^a, bpt. 15 May 1751 - sp.: Abraham Benthuisen and Catharina Benthuisen (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 vii) Henrich^a, bpt. 24 April 1753 - sp.: Henrich Bender and Catharina Botzer (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.). He d. 24 July 1835, aged 82-4-24 (Red Hook Luth. Cem.).
 viii) Catharina^a, bpt. 15 Feb 1755 - sp.: Jacob Maul and Anna Dorothea Tromboor (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 ix) Wilhelmus^a, bpt. 8 April 1757 - sp.: Wilhelm Petzer and Magdalena Dunsbach (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.). He d. 29 April 1841, aged 84 yrs., 1 month (Red Hook Luth. Cem.).
 x) Phillip^a, b. 9 Feb 1761 - sp.: Phillip Feller and wife Susanna (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.). He d. 3 March 1833, aged 72 yrs., 1 month (Red Hook Luth. Cem.).

Georg Doher was nat. 8 and 9 Sept 1715 (Kingston Nats.). He made his first appearance on tax rolls in the North Ward in 1717/18 and his last at Rhinebeck in Feb 1761 (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). Pastor Berkenmeyer wrote of visiting his home at Rhynek in 1737 (Albany Protocol, p. 130). Georg¹ Deter and wife Anna Maria Meyer had ch.:

- 1) Maria Magdalena^a, b. 7 July 1716 - sp.: Jacob Kaputzgi and wife Anna Magdalena (West Camp Luth. Chbk.). She md. Christoph Ring (Rink) at Rhinebeck 27 April 1736 (Loonburg Luth. Chbk.).
 2) Johannes^a, b. 11 Jan 1718 - sp.: Johann Michael Waegelin and his wife (West Camp Luth. Chbk.). He was on Rhinebeck tax rolls 1742/43 - 1768 (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). He md.

1st Catharina Barthel and had issue:

- i) Georg^s, b. 27 Oct 1743 - sp.: Jurge Deter and Anna Maria, grandparents (Loonenburg Luth. Chbk.). He probably md. Anna Maria Zufeldt (HJ).
 - ii) Johannes^s, bpt. 20 Oct 1745 - sp.: Johannes Veller and Anna Barbara Deter (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 - iii) Catharina^s, b. 24 Aug 1747 - sp.: Friedrich Dodter and Catharina Zufeld (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - iv) Sophia^s, b. 31 Jan 1750 - sp.: Georg Adam Zufeld and wife Catharina (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - v) Anna Maria^s, b. 7 Dec 1752 - sp.: Georg Toedter and Anna Maria (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
- Johannes^s md. 2nd Elisabeth, d/o Balthasar and Elisabetha Loth, 10 Feb 1754 (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.) and had ch.:
- vi) Johannes^s, bpt. 26 May 1754 - sp.: Christoffel Ringh and Maria Magdalena Ringh (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 - vii) Elisabetha^s, b. 15 Dec 1754 - sp.: Henrik Theeter and his wife (Rhinebeck Flats Ref. Chbk.).
 - viii) Philippus^s, bpt. 27 Feb 1757 - sp.: Stoffel Ringh and Maria Magdalena Teder (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 - ix) Henrich^s, b. 16 June 1762 - sp.: Henrich Voland and wife Elisabeth (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - x) Magdalena^s, b. 2 Jan 1766 - sp.: Joseph Reichert and wife Catharina (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).

Note that the age-spread on some of these ch. is confusing (HJ).

- 3) Anna Elisabetha^s, b. August 1719 at Rheinbeck - sp.: Henrich Schaffer and wife Susanna Agnes (N.Y. City Luth. Chbk.).
- 4) Anna Barbara^s (HJ), conf. 13 April 1740 at Theerbos (Loonenburg Luth. Chbk.). She md. Johannes Feller by 1747 (HJ).
- 5) Henrich^s, md. as s/o Georg^s in 1747 Beletje Neher (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.). He made his appearance on tax rolls at Rhinebeck in Feb 1747/48 and may have been the Capt. Henrich whose estate was noted in 1777 (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). Issue:
 - i) Anna Maria^s, b. 7 Jan 1749 - sp.: Georg Toder and Anna Mara, and Anna Neher (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - ii) Rebecca^s, b. 27 Oct 1750 - sp.: Frans Neher and wife Rebecca (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.). She had a license to marry Georg Sharp 23 April 1772 (N.Y. Marriage Lic.).
 - iii) Georg^s, b. 11 Aug 1752 - sp.: Jurrien Theeter and his wife (Rhinebeck Flats Ref. Chbk.).

- iv) Beeltje^s, bpt. 9 July 1754 - sp.: Christiaan Bekker and Annatje Bekker (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 - v) Johannes^s, bpt. 22 Aug 1755 - sp.: Frans Nier and wife Rebekka (Red Hook Luth. Chbk.).
 - vi) Johann Henrich^s, b. 18 Aug 1760 - sp.: Hanes Deder and wife Elisabeth (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.). The mother in this entry was not named (HJ).
 - vii) Elisabetha^s, b. 7 Feb 1766 - sp.: Jacob Neher and wife Elisabeth (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
- 6) Johann Friederich^s, b. 26 Jan 1723 at Rheinbeck - sp.: Joh: Fried: Meyer and wife Anna Barbara (N.Y. City Luth. Chbk.). He was conf. at Rhynb. 19 June 1743 (Loonenburg Luth. Chbk.). Frederick was on Rhinebeck tax rolls from June 1748 to 1775, when his widow was listed (Dutchess Co. Tax Lists). He md. 9 Feb 1748 Catharina Zufeld (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.). He d. Nov 1773, aged 51 yrs. (Rhinebeck Luth. Cem.). Issue:
- i) Anna Maria^s, b. 15 May 1750 - sp.: Georg Toedter and his wife Anna Maria Maria Magdalena (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - ii) Elisabetha^s, b. 27 Aug 1752 - sp.: Jurrien Adam Shoenfelt and his wife (Rhinebeck Flats Ref. Chbk.).
 - iii) Catharina^s, b. 6 April 1755 - sp.: Henric Theeter and his wife (Rhinebeck Flats Ref. Chbk.).
 - iv) Anna^s, b. 22 Feb 1761 - sp.: Johannes Feller and wife Barbara (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - v) Friederich^s, b. 10 July 1763 - sp.: Friderich Neher and wife Anna Maria (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - vi) Georg^s, b. 16 Aug 1766 - sp.: Jerg Adam Zufeld and wife Catharina (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
 - vii) Jeremias^s, b. 18 June 1769 - sp.: Henrich Deder and Maria (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
- 7) Elisabetha^s, bpt. 25 June 1727 - sp.: Frerik Meyer and Anna Barbara Meyer (Kingston Ref. Chbk.). She was conf. 17 June 1744 at Rhynbek (Loonenburg Luth Chbk.) and md. Jacob Neher 20 Jan 1747 (Rhinebeck Luth. Chbk.).
- 8) Anna Maria^s, b. 6 Nov 1728 and bpt. Rhyneck - sp.: Maria Barbel and husband Velten Scheffer (N.Y. City Luth. Chbk.).
- 9) Lorentz^s, b. 25 Dec 1736 and bpt. Rhinebeck - sp.: Hans Velten Scheffer and wife Maria Barbel (Loonenburg Luth. Chbk.).

A Hendrick Dieter of Dutchess Co., Luth. was nat. 17 Oct 1744 (Denizations, Naturalizations, and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial N.Y., p. 24).

FAMILY SKETCH KATHERINE (TEATOR) BRINK

I was one of five children born to Grace Hallock Teator and Olin R. Teator in September, 1926. In those days, children were born at home. The doctor made house calls and deliveries at home. I had one sister and three brothers. We were a close family. We seemed to get along well with each other. I think I was a little closer to my brother Fanning.

We owned a half acre of land. Half of that, Dad made into a garden. We had some chickens, pigs, calves and a few cows, so we had milk, eggs and all the meat we wanted. Mother made butter and cottage cheese. Mother always made homemade bread. We all helped. There weren't any freezers then; we canned all our fruits and vegetables. Our meat was either canned or smoked.

Before I started school, William Fox taught school in the little school in East Durham. His wife would go to school in the afternoon for music; she played the organ. She would stop and take me with her.

I remember when the doctor came to give us our shots. We would beeline it to the barn to hide in a horse-driven sleigh. I don't remember what happened after that, but I don't believe it did us any good. I know we got our shots anyway.

We went to a little one-room school house. First, we had one teacher and later on two. One teacher had grades one through four, and the other one had grades five through eight. There was only one bus which was kept in Cornwallville. Everett Barnes, the bus driver, picked up the children from Cornwallville, came down to East Durham, drove up to Stone Bridge, turned around and went down 145 to Cairo picking up children.

In 1939, the little red schoolhouses were closed and Durham Central, now Durham Elementary, was opened. I was then in seventh grade. There were only two people in eighth grade - my sister-in-law now, Olive Makely, and Theodore Lennon. Theodore dropped out,

leaving only Olive so they didn't have a graduation. My class was the first one to graduate from Durham. Now we had three buses to pick up the children - one from East Durham, one from Sunside and Cornwallville, the other from Oak Hill and Wright Street. The Oak Hill & East Durham buses also drove to high schools in Greenville and Cairo.

By now Dad decided to go to Earlington to farm it. He stayed one year. I went to Cocksackie to high school for two years. The second year I stayed with Mother's cousin and went to school from there. They lived just below where Aunt Nora lived on the Medway-Earlington Road. I walked from there down to Cummer's Corners to meet the bus mornings and back up the hill nights. My last two years of high school, I came home and graduated from Cairo.

In the little red school, we carried water to drink and put it in a blue and white crock with a spout on it for drinking. We lived close enough to school that we could go home for lunch. In the winter we would sleigh ride. There was a toboggan with runners that everyone would climb on. The front one would steer. We also rode downhill from the big hill on the Cornwallville Road. Sometimes we turned on 145 and rode down by Tubbs' Store, and sometimes we crossed 145 and rode down the hill by us. There wasn't as much traffic in those days.

The snow plow didn't come by very often and sometimes we would have to shovel this hill out so the oil truck could get in to deliver oil. The children on the other end of our road would be brought to school by horses and sleigh, all bundled up with their faces covered because it was so cold. A few times it was so cold, we had school in our teacher's house.

We lived by the Catskill Creek and played in it a lot. In some places, the stones were like a bath tub so you could just lay in the water and let it run over you. One time when we had high water in the spring, I (for some reason or other) went in it. I had a rough time getting out. I didn't tell my mother about it. She just knew I got wet and made me go to bed, I think, without supper.

In the winter, we had to wear long legged

and armed union suits to keep warm. It seemed like all the smaller children at that time did the same and long legged brown stocking over them. It sure was a happy day when spring came and we could shed them. In the spring we would pick bouquets of May flowers, violets & myrtle and wild strawberries.

I would usually get a doll for Christmas. Some of the neighbor children didn't seem to have any so I gave them one of mine. Christmas was a very happy time. Each year we would have a Christmas pageant in church, which we rehearsed for for weeks. One part I had was almost always to read the Christmas story from the Bible of Jesus' birth. Each year, Aunt Hattie Tubbs would give my sister Martha and I a new slip, silk stockings and some perfume, etc. Each year we saved these to wear for next year's Christmas pageant. Grandma Teator gave me a plate for a couple of years, and a dollar. I had these plates until I got married and somehow my sister got them and that was the last I saw of them. We used to get a letter from Santa each year, written on a long narrow sheet of paper. I was told that my brother had one of these letters. I would like to make a copy of it so my children and grandchildren can see. These were all happy memories.

Halloween was another happy holiday. There was a party at the church hall. Andy's Garage had dunking for apples, apples hanging on strings and money buried in flour. All of these you couldn't use your hands to get them. There were also parties like this at some of the homes.

We had all the childhood diseases. My brothers had a lot of other sicknesses besides. I still remember when I came down with the mumps. I was taking the mail to Uncle Fan Hallock. I turned around by his driveway and went back home. Not everyone got them. Aunt Nora came down to visit; she came down with them. Martha slept between Aunt Nora and me but she didn't get them. My brother Robert wanted to get them so he wouldn't have to lead the cows down to the creek to drink. Mother got them again, only on one side. She had them three times.

We always liked to get the mail for Uncle

Fan Hallock and take it to him because he had a butcher shop and would give us a raw hot dog to eat. This was a treat. After I was married, my mother-in-law would say we shouldn't eat raw hot dogs, that they weren't good for us. I had eaten them all my life and they didn't hurt me.

My mother and father were very special to us. Mother was full of fun and laughter. One April Fools Day she made pancakes for Martha and I with cotton cut up in them. Talk about a mouthful of cotton! I haven't cared for breakfast since then. We lost Mother at a young age.

Dad had a nice long life. I used to mow the hay away for Dad as he pitched it up into the barn. Dad just had a truck when we were small. If we went with him and Mother visiting, we had to ride on the back of the truck. Later on, he had a car. Dad was a butcher and that is the reason he had a truck to haul the scalding kettle on. Dad learned to butcher from Uncle Fan and worked with him. After, Dad worked on his own butchering and doing odd jobs. These were hard times because of the Depression. I remember my sister and I went up Windham Mountain after potatoes with Dad, and the door flew open and Martha fell out. I don't remember her getting hurt very much.

I started working in a boarding house when I was 12 or 13 from early in the morning until late at night. I'll never forget working the kitchens and peeling onion. They were some strong onions. My eyes watered so much I couldn't see, and everyone kept putting a bread crust and a pin for me to bite on but nothing helped. One summer I baby sat in Albany for a cousin. Every summer, I worked in a boarding house and did baby sitting when going to school nights and weekends.

We had wonderful neighbors. The Utters lived just across the road from us. They ran a saw mill, had a cooper shop to make barrels, and an apple orchard. The old creamery was used to pack the apples in the barrels and ship out.

One time Mother and Dad went to the fair and I had lunch with Aunt Maddie Utter because we came home for lunch. She made the best chocolate cookies.

Willie Fox, a teacher, lived near us where Paul Colvin now lives. Mrs. Moss, another teacher, used to live next to the Foxes. Charlie and Lena Meloy lived on the other side of us. He owned a blacksmith shop where Stanley Lawyer's house is now. There was a boarding-house on the other side of us. I remember East Durham used to have two butcher shops, two blacksmith shops, two stores just opposite each other with signs: Gas - 5 gallons for \$.99, sometimes \$.98. There was an ice cream parlor and a movie theater owned by John Lawyer. He made his own ice cream. There were lots of boarding houses and the saw mill.

I graduated from high school in June, 1945 and that's the summer I worked in Andy's Dinette, what is now Hansel and Gretel's. On September 12th, 1945 I married Charles Ernest Brink. Charles was a farmer. He was called Home on December 15, 1982. I kept the cows and farmed it until February 14, 1983.

My husband was born in West Durham to Ernest Brink and Cora Mae German Brink. Ernest Brink was from Ashland and so was Cora. When they were first married, they lived on Wilbur Finch Mountain. In the month of February, they moved to West Durham where Bruce now lives. Lightning struck his barn and he lost all his cattle and everything in it. He bought the West Durham Church, jacked it up and built a cow stable under it. I remember him saying the hardest work he did was to put the big beam in for the hay bay. Charles was born on this place. Several years later he bought the farm where my son Ernest lives. He bought this from Warwick Newell. Charles went to the little red school in West Durham. At one time, William Fox lived next to the school here. People use to come from neighboring places to church in West Durham. West Durham used to be a small settlement. There was a small parsonage and a seminary at one time. The people took boarders here also. Uncle Vernon Baldwin used to taxi the boarders from Catskill and Charlie Jenkins also.

Charles' father had bought our farm from Charles' Grandfather German before we were married. He had to do a lot of work on the barn

and house as it was in bad condition. We rented the farm that Ernest Brink originally owned and later bought it from people living in California. We did the transactions by mail.

On August 7, 1946, our first son, Bruce Everett Brink, was born. Four years later, we had a baby girl, Carol Eva, September 13, 1950. Four years later we had another son, Ernest Gary, March 2, 1954, and six years later, another girl Bonny Marie, February 21, 1960. We continued to do farming and in 1953 Charles also went to work for the Conservation Department. He worked there trimming and planting trees and making road for about two years and was laid off. In July, 1955, I started working for Becker Electronics and worked there until February, 1988. We still continued farming and in 1955 Charles started driving school bus. We had a pretty busy schedule with chores, haying and our other jobs. When Becker Electronics closed in February, 1988, I started working in Stiefel Laboratories and I worked there until June 25, 1993, when I retired. Everyone thought I should have retired before, but these are decisions we need to make ourselves, and especially when Becker Electronics didn't have any kind of pension fund or retirement. I have been home (since retirement) and am really enjoying myself, doing all kinds of things that I like to do and especially with it being summer I can work outside mowing and caring for my lawn.

Bruce is a farmer like his father and drives school bus also. He married Bonnie Ormsbee in 1973. They have three children - Lori, Sherri and Brian.

Carol graduated from high school and Mildred Ellie and started working for the Health Department for New York State in Albany. On October 20, 1973 she married Archie Lyon. Archie had two sons and on June 16th, 1976, they had a son, Charles Joseph. On June 9, 1986, Carol was called Home.

Ernest drove tractor trailer and did carpenter work for Bill Jones for a while after graduation. Then he decided to start farming with his uncle, which he did until about two years ago. He married Peggy Sue King on July 8, 1978.

They have two daughters - Alicia and Holly. Ernest is now working for his brother-in-law, and in the winter works for the Town of Durham.

Bonny married Andrew Sattler April 24, 1982. Andy works for Simmons in Albany, and Bonny works for the Motor Vehicle Bureau for the State in Albany. They have three boys - Randy, Kevin and Keith.

All of my children live within a half-mile from me. I have three great-granddaughters. Lori married Michael Connors and lives in Poughkeepsie and has two girls - Emile and Rachael. Danny Lyon married Katrina Boest and has a daughter, Nicole Marie, and live near Oneonta.

We have gone from horses to tractors; snowmobiles were a big thing a few years ago. The year Bonny was born was an old fashioned winter. They didn't always keep the mountain plowed very good like today. When Herbert Utter found out I was about due to give birth, he was very good keeping the road plowed, but we still took our car down by Atkinson's pines and left it so we could get out because of the road drifting so badly. Bruce was only thirteen but he went with us down to the car and drove the truck back home. He was driving tractors at an early age.

We have one of the most beautiful views around. From Bonny & Andrew's house and our pastures, you can see across the Hudson River and even into other states. It would be wonderful if people could see off from the top of Mount Pisgah now but it is all grown up. There used to be a race track and a boarding house on top.

RECIPES

Nancy Lynk

(This was my mother's recipe and is a family favorite. It was on the buffet table at the first Teter reunion.)

Seafoam Salad

- 1 package (3 oz) lime gelatin
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- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup chopped nuts

1. Dissolve the lemon and lime gelatin in the boiling water.
2. Cool until syrupy.
3. Whip in mayonnaise and then evaporated milk.
4. Blend in cottage cheese, pineapple and nuts.
5. Refrigerate until firm.
6. Enjoy!

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS & DOCUMENTS

Part of my growing file is a collection of newspaper clippings, articles and documents about the Teator/Teter clan. These include notices of births and marriages, obituaries, features in local newspapers, official county or state documents for vital records, etc.

Please consider xeroxing the ones you have and sending them to me to place in my file.