

# Teator / Teter Tree

Fall 1994

Newsletter #5

Welcome to the Fall 1995 Newsletter. The crisper air of autumn has almost made me forget one of the more humid summers of recent years.

This cover page is a collection of odds-and-ends and other notes. But, as you might guess, the main topic after a reunion will obviously focus on the reunion. On the back of this page is a copy of the press release given to the Daily Mail, Greenville Local and Mountain Eagle. I heard a dozen or so nice comments from non-Teators who saw the picture in these papers. Also included in this mailing is a reprint of the group picture.

Actually, reunion day was one of the more pleasant days during mid-July. The crowd started to grow after noon, with later arrivals adding to our eventual total of about 85-90 present. Of course, there was food enough to feed another 30 or 40. Photographs from the 1992 reunion were left about for volunteers to identify all the faces that I couldn't; almost all were done but there are some blanks, so maybe the unknowns will be identified at the next reunion. The updated genealogy was available and a few corrections and several additions were made. I know I still don't have 100% accuracy yet. Everyone present was introduced after we ate and we spent the rest of the afternoon catching up on a couple years worth of talk, watching the kids play, trying to keep up with the kids, etc. The reunion started breaking up at about 5:00 and by 5:30, Oak Hillers might not have been aware that nearly one hundred Teator/Teter relatives had invaded Brandow Park.

Based on the feedback before, during and after the reunion, I'd recommend that the 1996 reunion be held at Brandow Park again on the third **Sunday** of July with the same food arrangements. If you feel strongly for or against any of these details, let me know by next summer; by then, we'll try to finalize plans so that those traveling from afar can plan in advance. I know some of you came this summer because of the Saturday date, but attendance was down about twenty-five, the cause of which I am not sure.

One recipe was written from the reunion and

is included in the newsletter. I'll be needing some more for the spring issue.

Pictures taken at the 1994 reunion will be brought to the next reunion, but anyone who wants copies of the group shot or of the smaller family shots can order by writing or calling me.

A confession. The family portrait column that I feel is key to our newsletter is missing. I asked a couple people, and they were hesitant and I didn't press the issue. I know others of you are willing if I would ask, but I didn't. I could have written my own, but... I will try to have another installment in the spring issue. If you'd like to be that family, call me soon. Otherwise, I'll call for volunteers to write or be interviewed. I'd like to get back to continuing the one column that gets most of the compliments.

While I'm thinking about writing, please accept the offer for you to write or contribute information. Although I carry the responsibility for much of the information in the newsletters and for having started it, I'd like to think that anyone who has anything to write would feel welcome in considering this newsletter as a good place to share Teator/Teter information.

On to the wider view of Teator genealogy. Over the summer, I corresponded with a Phil Teeter of California who had the most extensive Teator notes, along with mine, that I had ever seen. We've exchanged tens of pages of notes, mostly of the first five generations of Teators. I can foresee, a few years away, a manuscript of some kind about the Teator clan. I'll keep you posted on this and other correspondence.

So for now, school beckons, and my summer projects, if any were undone, will bide their time till next summer. Thanks for allowing my sharing of Teter information.



## HISTORY / GENEALOGY

### Who was Lydia Richmond?

Actually, this article will tell you more of where she came from than who she was. This happens for two reasons. One, unless something is written down when the person was alive, we depend on hearsay, and I'm not privy to much hearsay. Second, the female line often gets slighted when genealogy focuses on the male line.

Fortunately, Joshua Bailey Richmond authored a Richmond genealogy in 1897, tracing his ancestry to the Richmond immigrant. One of those descendants mentioned is our Lydia Richmond. Summarized below is what Joshua Richmond writes in his book, starting with Lydia and working her path back to the immigrant.

Lydia Richmond<sup>7</sup>, the daughter of Joseph Richmond and Mary Halstead (she of Coxsackie), was the sixth child of twelve: Sarah (m. Halsey Brines), Rachel (m. Samuel Potter, resided in Broome, NY), Phebe (m. Philo Reed, resided in Broome, NY), David (lived in Canada), Delphy Ann (m. Cornelius Decker, resided in Broome, NY), Lydia (m. John Teter, resided in Rensselaerville, NY), Lucinda (m. Lansing Traver), Mary (m. Jacob Kane, resided in Broome, NY), Joseph, Sophia (m. Harvey Holliday), Cyrus and Reynolds, the last two dying unmarried. (Broome probably means Town of Broome, Schoharie Co, NY.)

According to this book, Sophia Richmond Holliday had four children, two of which - Mary and George - probably lived to adulthood. If anyone knows anything about Sophia Holliday's descendents, let me know.

Lydia's father Joseph<sup>6</sup>, was born in Beekman (Dutchess County), NY on October 21, 1783 and died September 8, 1848. Joseph was the fifth child of twelve: Mary (m. Stephen Bull), Rachel (m. Alexander Coventry), Phebe (m. Reynolds Tripp), Keturah (m. Wilbor Dewitt), Joseph, Benjamin (m. Mary Bull), Richard (m. Lydia Brainard), David S., (m. Maria Hay), Sylvester (m. Hannah Treadwell, Mrs. Margaret Engle), Hemima (m. John Atwater, Stevenson Thome), and Margaret.

Jospeh's father, Cyrus<sup>5</sup>, was born May 26, 1748 in Westerly, RI and died October 21, 1837. He married Rachel Vincent of Dutchess County, NY, who was born in 1757 and died in 1833. They resided in Beekman and in 1804 moved to Conesville, NY.

Cyrus' father was also named Cyrus. Cyrus<sup>4</sup>

was born in Kingston, RI. From his first marriage to Jane Crandall, they had five children: Lydia, Elizabeth, John, Ann and Cyrus (died young); from his second marriage to Phebe Mott, he had six children: Jane, Sylvester, Phebe, Abigail, Mary, and our Cyrus<sup>5</sup>. Note that there are two half-brothers named Cyrus; the one we claim is Phebe Mott's.

Cyrus<sup>4</sup>'s father was John<sup>3</sup> Richmond. John was born in Newport, RI in 1660 and died in 1740. John married Elizabeth --- (last name not known), and had ten children: Cyrus<sup>4</sup>, Abigail, Sarah, Stephen, Ann, Elizabeth, Rebeca, Esther, Content, and Priscilla. John appears to have been an active citizen of Westerly, RI.

John's father was Edward<sup>2</sup>. Captain Edward Richmond was born about 1632 and died November 1696. From his first marriage to Abigail Davis, he had eight children: Abigail, Edward, John<sup>3</sup>, Elizabeth, Mary, Esther, Silvester, Sarah. Two more children came from his second marriage to Amy Bull (daughter of Governor Henry Bull): Henry and Ann. In 1674, he was one of the incorporators of Little Compton, RI.

Edward's father was John<sup>1</sup> Richmond, born in 1594 and died March 20, 1664. He emigrated from Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, England, probably in 1635; he was one of the purchasers of Taunton, RI in 1637. (Note: Given these dates, John<sup>2</sup> is believed to have been born in England.) He had four children: John, Edward, Sarah, Mary. Each of these lines, in addition to our Edward, is carried further in this book. The name of his wife, date of their marriage, and the date her death have not been found. The village of Richmondtown of the easterly part of Taunton takes its name from John Richmond.

Thus ends my summary of Joshua Richmond's material. With 8,000 names, there's more in the book than can possibly be covered in this newsletter. Suffice it to say that all of these people are our relatives!

So what more do we know about Lydia Richmond Teter.

The gravestone of Lydia Teeter lies in the Stone Store Road Cemetery on Stone Store Road, a road that turns off Rt. 145 on the western edge of Livingstonville, Schoharie Co. The inscription reads:

Lydia Teeter  
wife of O. S. Mace  
died Mar. 28, 1884  
AE. 56 yrs 11 mos & 19 ds.

Her stone lies next to her first husband,  
whose stone's inscription reads:

John Teter  
Died Sep. 27, 1866  
Aged 50 Years, 11 days

Just down the hill a little lies the O. S. Mace's  
stone's inscription:

Orlando S. Mace  
Died Feb. 28, 1887  
Aged 66 years, 11 mos, 3ds.

And next to O. S. Mace is the resting place of  
his first wife, Hannah Hagadom, who died in 1876.

Location of possible marriage and death  
records for Lydia have not been done, and remains  
part of some searching project.

Lydia is of course recorded in the census  
records with her husband while they are married.  
Because the first census to record individual names of  
all person in each household is the 1850 census, and  
Lydia is married by then, a look back at earlier  
censuses for mention of her name will yield little or  
nothing.

The censuses of 1850, 1855, 1860 and 1865  
have already been summarized in the genealogy.

The 1870 census for the Town of Broome  
shows head of household Lydia Teter (John died in  
1866), age 43, in the house of Melinda Brooks, value  
of personal belongings to be \$100; and children  
Alexander, Rachel, David, Elnora and Orlando.

The censuses of 1875 and 1880 remains to  
be searched, and a date of her marriage to O. S. Mace  
needs to be determined. Any hearsay of her marriage  
to Mace has not been heard by me.

So, what was she like? Too much time has  
passed by for anyone to have first hand experience.  
This might be a good time to remind everyone to  
record this kind of information for generations you'll  
never know.

## VITALS

### Births:

Bryanna Marie Baldwin, to Vernon & Kirsten  
(Handschuh) Baldwin, on July 19th; 6 pounds & 10  
ounces; at Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY.

Jessica Lorraine Hayner, to Ken & Sharon (Teator)  
Hayner, on August 25th; 8 pounds & 2 ounces; at  
Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, NY.

## NEW COMPUTER & SOFTWARE

Any of you with computers know that they  
can be friend and foe. Although the overall picture is  
a giant plus, every once in a while, I shake my head.

My new computer does a few more tricks  
faster, and the new ROOTSIV genealogy program  
(upgrade from ROOTS3) has quite a few more bells  
and whistles, but I feel like I'm learning a whole new  
program over again. After trying to print a genealogy  
a new Teator history in time for the reunion, and  
finding out the new program had some faults that kept  
me from doing that, I had to go back to the old  
program.

And then I figured I'd learn another geneal-  
ogy program, PAF, which I bought but it still sits in  
the box. And I bought Family Tree Maker which I did  
put to good use over the summer.

And I got an internal modem and fax with the  
computer, and Debbie is bugging me to learn how to  
use it (with some justification, I must admit).

So, if any of you with computers want to  
learn or teach me or trade "horror" stories, feel free to  
contact me.

## EVELYN TEATOR'S BLACK MIDNIGHT CAKE Janet Armstrong

1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1 cup hot water  
stir together  
1 1/2 cups flour sifted w/  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp vanilla

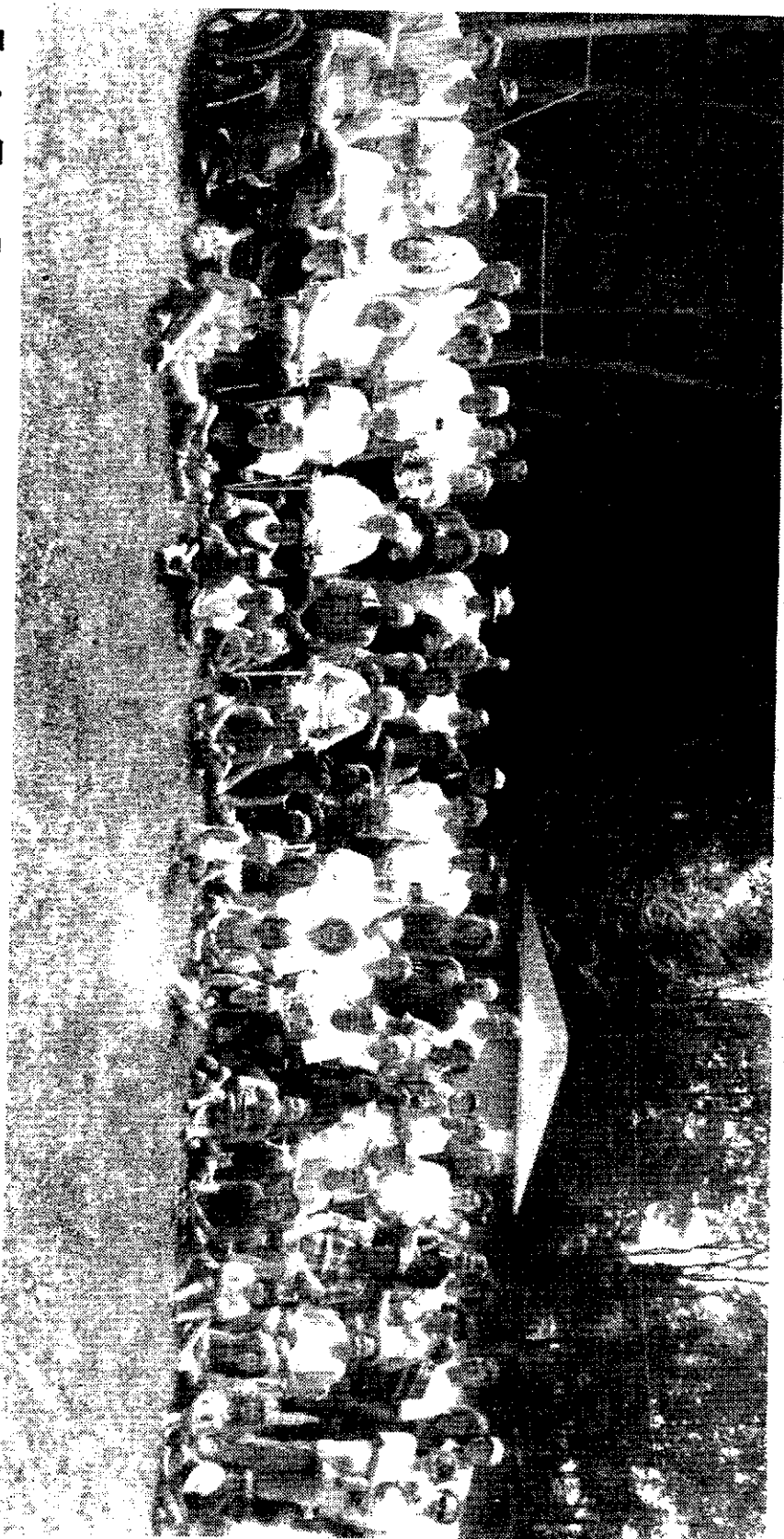
Bake 35 minutes @ 350

## ADDRESSES & LABELS

Please help keep the mailing list up-to-date!  
If you anticipate moving, letting me know will  
enable me to get information to you.

Second, if I should change the naming pattern  
on the mailing label, let me know and I'll tell my  
computer to shape up!

(If anyone knows the address of Sheila  
Hallock, please let me know.)



### ***Teator/Teter Reunion Held At Oak Hill***

THE 1994 Teator/Teter Reunion of the descendants of John Teter (1816-1866) and Lydia Richmond was held July 16 at Brantford Park in Oak Hill. About 85 attended this second biennial reunion, featuring a "pot luck" picnic, sharing old and new family pictures, and renewing old acquaintances. Surnames represented at this reunion include Teator, Baldwin, Armstrong, Birk, Ritter, Sattler, Every, Fuegmann, Reynolds, Ben, Labates, Lyon, Page, Phillips, Reinhold, Richardson, Ruocco and Salisbury. The oldest living descendant is Norman Teator of Durham (grandson of John Teter), the youngest (at the time of the

reunion) was Rebekah Richardson, and coming the farthest was the Herman and Susan Reinhold family of Grand Forks, North Dakota. John Teter was born in the Cheese Hill area of Preston Hollow and resided most of his life in Livingstonville and Franklinton, with most of his descendants living within a thirty mile radius of Durham, NY. John Teter descended from Lorentz Dather who was one of the 2500 Palatine immigrants who settled at West Camp, Ulster County, and at East Camp (Germantown), Columbia County. Descendants of Lorentz's line are clustered in the Hudson Valley with the surnames of Teator, Tator and Dater.