



Teator - Teter Tree

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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Teator Newsletter. I trust everyone did not overstuff on Thanksgiving, and that your Christmas shopping is further ahead than mine.

This newsletter is taking a different turn for this issue. Enclosed is a genealogy report of the descendents of John Teter. Some of you have a copy similar to this. What you will see this time is the inclusion of all the information I have, or, I should say, all that I think I have.

Second, because I have changed genealogy programs and am working on a different computer since the last printout of the genealogy, I am hoping that all the information was transferred correctly.

So, guess what favor I'm asking of all of you? Yup. Please check the information and if something is wrong, I'll fix it and make note of it in the next newsletter. Also note any additional information I should have.

Feel free to also comment on any wording, most of which I will probably blame on the program. However, I will try to make whatever changes I am able to make.

The next reunion, the 4th biennial reunion, will be the third Saturday of July, the 18th, at the same place. A confirmation will be made in the spring newsletter, and details will be made then. If you have any recommendations, send them to me.

A few reminders might be in order.

- Please let me know of any address changes.
- Let me know if I have missed a birth, marriage, or death.

- If the mailing label is addressed differently than you like, let me know and I'll change it.
- As children grow up and become independent and move into his or her own household, let me know and I'll put them on the mailing list.
- Anyone with an online service can reach by email at teator@aol.com. Otherwise, the usual route of sending me information at the return address works too.
- Save any newspaper clippings and send me a copy.
- I need a family or two to be the family profile for the spring and fall newsletters. Any brave volunteers?

I have lost track of the following people: Lyn Shortsleeve, Bradley Teator Jr, Lori Forgey, Gayle Hallock, Sheila Hallock, William Hallock (both), and Kevin Rogers. If you know of their whereabouts, and if that information would not be violating some confidentiality, please let me know.

The only other request I have of everyone (everyone from teenager and older) is to write a short biographical piece. When I first started collecting the Teator details, I primarily was interested in collecting dates and places. Now that I have most of that information, I would like to flesh out some of the starkness of the information I have.

Questions include: What was the person like? Where did he/she live? Where did he/she go to school? What jobs were held? What places have been travelled to? What are the hobbies? Have there been any awards? What other significant parts of a person's life should be noted?

And since I'm the one doing the begging, I will try to set the example, following below. The length can vary as much as you want. The length could be as little as 100 words, most might be a few hundred words, and I would not mind reading a few thousand words. For the sake of this newsletter, and the possibility of submitting our genealogy to a printer some time in the future, I could see a few hundred words as being pretty typical.

Be sure to write about yourself but remember to feel free to write about someone who has died.

Don Teator was born April 14, 1952 in the Camp Kilmer Army Base in New Jersey when his father was stationed there. When he was one year of age, his parents moved to Freehold, on Big Woods Road, where Don lived until about age 20.

He attended the Greenville Central School District for all grades kindergarten – 12, starting in September of 1957 and graduating in June, 1970. He graduated as Valedictorian of his class.

He attended SUNY Albany from 1970-1973, and from 1975-1976, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Social Studies and English. He would also receive his Master's Degree in Education from SUNY Albany (which has since changed its name to University at Albany).

Don married Debra Hoovler of South Cairo on June 5, 1976 at her parents' backyard on Garcia Lane. The reception was held at the Jolly House in Leeds.

Don worked on the farm his parents owned during childhood years, and worked one year at Alberta Lodge (dishwasher and outside work) during the summer of 1969. He worked summers for Spohler's Elm Grove from 1970-1983, four years as a handyman and twelve years as a bartender. In between was a few months working at a gas station, bowling alley, and Becker Durham.

Don lived at Spohlers for the summers of the early 1970s, lived in Albany during two of the college years, even lived with his brother Ron in Catskill for a few months, and was a caretaker for a 90 year old man in Greenville Center from 1974-1977.

Don and Debra lived at this house for the first year of marriage before housekeeping for a Big Woods Road house (on the corner with Weed Road) from 1977 until 1984. They bought their current house in 1983, renovated it and moved in 1984, living next to the airport, Debra's parents' business.

A son, Nathaniel, was born in 1980 and, as only children can do, changed the course of their lives.

After a short stint as a substitute teacher in

And feel free to help out someone else who is pen-shy. So, here goes.

For now, someone reading about me in this genealogy knows when and where I was born, when and where I was married, who my parents and siblings are, and who my children (child, in this case) are.

A "fleshing out" might go as follows. (I will use the third person narrator style, referring to myself by my name. If you feel more comfortable using "I", go right ahead.)

1976, Don started teaching at Taconic Hills, finishing a leave in the 1976-1977 school year at the Ockawamick Building. From June of 1977 to June of 1985, Don taught junior high English at the Roe-Jan Building of the same school district. He then changed schools and started teaching high school English at Cairo-Durham, where he would be working with Barbara, Darren and Stella Teator (as well as having a half dozen more family relatives as students). In 1989, Don was selected as a New York State English Council Teacher of Excellence.

Other interests include genealogy, a "disease" not to be underestimated, which struck in 1985 and remains unabated to this day. In 1989, Don became the Greenville Town Historian, replacing Edna Adams. In 1994, he was appointed to serve on the Greenville Planning Board. Othwise, a wide reading of newspapers and magazines, a broad use of computers since 1985, a daily attempt to bike or run or ski or walk or some other physical activity, a game of chess or backgammon, editing three different newsletters (family, local history, and teacher), among other things, fill in his free time. In particular, thirty 100 mile bicycle rides, over the last fifteen years, are a source of focus and enjoyment. Physical endeavors could be a topic of a chapter.

As of 1997, a healthy 45 years, a dependable network of friends and family, an absence of bad luck, and the outlook of more enjoyable years are the background of Don's life.

I hope I'm not scaring too many, but I think I'd like to include material like this. Material of one's spouse, in my case – Debra, will be included under the spouse's name, unless some of it is better included first under the primary person (the Teator blood person). If a list of details is easier, I could use even that.

So, the challenge is out. Write your own biographical sketch, please. Otherwise, someone may write it for you.