



Teator - Teter Tree

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Happy late summer to all.

The sixth biennial Teator/Teter reunion has come and gone. The 40-some of us who attended were blessed with good weather – an 80-ish degree, sunny day that became humid by mid-afternoon, just the right recipe for the kids to go swimming in the Catskill Creek across the street and for those of us who wanted the shade of the pavilion to not break into a sweat.

Enclosed is a group photo. For those of you who attended there is the smaller group photo.

The crowd was mostly assembled by 1 P.M., and a thank you goes to Gene for his grilling expertise (and grill). The range of dishes and desserts was excellent, a testimony to good planning or good luck! And a thank you goes to the clean-up crew who made Brandow Park look none the worse for wear from the Teator invasion!

And then came the superlatives. The oldest attendees were Loretta Baldwin, John Monette, and Bob Armstrong.

The oldest direct Teator descendent was Katherine Brink. (May you have many more reunions.) The youngest attendee was Nate Ben, Sky and Diane's son. The reunionites who came the greatest distance were Bud and Alfreda, from Castleton, while the closest was Loretta Kudlack's family, a few hundred yards away. The grandparent present with the youngest grandchild (present or not) were Janet and Bob Armstrong (Megan). A show of hands revealed about 30 of us came from Greene County, a sure sign of the roots of John Teter's descendents.

Also available were duplicated family photos of the last ten years, as well as the poster photos of each reunion. These posters reflect ten years of reunion, sometimes showing little ravage of time, and yet at the same time that ten years changes almost all of us, especially children. The photos also bore quiet testimony to our loved ones who have passed on.

A ten-foot long family tree was rolled out on one picnic table, giving ev-

everyone a chance to see how they fit into the big picture. A sidelight was a discussion of the difference of a second cousin and a first cousin once removed!

The winner of the descendent line best represented was the Olin Teator line with fifteen. Next came Nora Teator Baldwin's line with eleven (Vernon & Kirsten came after the photos were taken), followed by Orlando's line with eight, Norman's line with five, and Willis' line with four. The only surviving line not represented was Angeline Teter Radick's line.

A few reminders:

—Any notice of change of address is greatly appreciated.

—As teenagers pass into young adulthood and new addresses, let me know so I can send out one more newsletter.

—Is your mailing label correct? Do you want a change the way it is written?

—As new births and marriages happen, let me know, please. You can send to my address or email me (don@dteator.com)

—If you have ideas for an article or profile, I will be glad to accept your contribution.

—If you see newspaper clippings relating to family matters, please send them to me.

I have added to my web site (www.dteator.com). If there is material not clear or accurate, let me know. I'll try to fix it as soon as I can.

One more enclosure. I've included your family group sheet, listing the members of the family. Of course, if there are errors let me know. Beyond that, as a family historian and genealogist, I like to have the dates and places and important facts. I've included **dates and places of births, marriages, and deaths (& burials)**. If it is not on this sheet, I probably don't have it and would appreciate you filling in what you know and mailing back the sheet in the stamped envelope I've included.

In addition, I'm asking for two more pieces of information. One, if you have gradu-

ation dates and places for high school and college, that would be appreciated. For example, for myself, it would look like:

1970 Greenville Central School

1976 SUNY Albany, BA, Social Studies and English Education

1979 SUNY Albany, MS, Social Studies Education

The second set of information that would be of interest are your places of residence in your lifetime. If you have moved many times, the major places could be listed. And the listing could be general in nature.

For example (an imaginary one):

-East Durham as a kid

-Cairo (age 20-33)

-Trenton, NJ (33-present)

If you have exact addresses, that would be ok also.

Above and beyond the call of duty might be writing or making notes for a general biographical sketch.

Also, if there is a past generation family group sheet you would like to check, let me know, and I'll send you a copy of what I have.

And, if the sheet sent to you is better filled out by someone else, pass it on.

All this begs a big question – what will I do with the information? I plan on using the information for the John Teter reunions, something to use for us descendents. Other than vital records of deceased people, I will NOT place such information on any web site, and will caution anyone else from doing that. I have struggled with this web site stuff, and I will do whatever I can to keep personal information off the internet that could be used for identity theft or other such negative activities. Many family web sites forbid information about living descendents, a caution worth taking.

Thank you for your help, and I hope the next newsletter finds all of us in good health.

