



Teator - Teter Tree

Fall-Winter 2003

Newsletter #19

I hope this newsletter finds you able to enjoy family and friends during this holiday season. The stuffed feeling of Thanksgiving is just past, and the excitement of Christmas and New Year's is just ahead.

Last Labor Day Sunday, I found myself with a lot of Fingars, or is it Fingers. More than I could count on two hands. More Fingers than I've ever seen!

Actually, I realized there was a Fingar family reunion that invited anyone in the country to attend. Deb and I were two of about sixty who visited the Livingston town park in Columbia County, NY.

I was interested in this family reunion because it would be the grandfather of our John Teter, Hendrick, who marries Anna Fingar. (Alternative spellings include Fingar, Vinger, Vingar.) Thus, anyone who is an ancestor of Anna has left a network of descendents, all relatives of ours, apparently as prolific as the Teator / Teter family. Al-

though more information about this Fingar family can be found at www.fingerfamily.com, I'll review the first couple of generations in America at the end of this newsletter.

My usual reminders about changes still apply. Let me know if I need to:

- update or add addresses
- correct a mailing label
- be informed of births, deaths, and marriages
- make a copy of a newspaper clipping (I saved a nice clipping from the Sept 7, 2003 issue of the Catskill Daily Mail marking the golden anniversary of Bob and Janet Armstrong!)

And talking of changes:

I got a note from Stella Teator, reminding me that Jay and Anita have a son, Joshua Howard Teator, born on February 6, 2002. (How did I overlook this! My apologies, Jay and Anita, for being that forgetful.)

Two deaths need to be listed: Lori Forgey and Ferris Teator passed on. I've included both obituaries in this newsletter.

Although no one death is more important than any other death, I especially felt a shock with Ferris passing on. Although I knew he was battling cancer for a few years, the passing of my father's brother hits home, just as the death of a close one hits you also. The sharing of stories and grief helps to ease some of the pain, but perhaps the memories should not be forgotten so quickly. (This may be an idea for later, especially with some help.)

The next newsletter will be the official invitation to the 2004 Teator/Teter Reunion, but keep the third Sunday in July open. Again, unless something causes us to change, we'll meet at Brandow Park from noon on. Please email any suggestions or notices before the next newsletter comes out, which should be about April. (If anyone wants to write something, let me know. Mail me or email at don@dteator.com.)

Hoping that this winter will not be a repeat of last one,
Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don".

Teator, Ferris

SAUGERTIES, N.Y. — Ferris Teator, 73 years, of Saugerties passed away at the Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, N.Y. on October 7, 2003. He was born in Hobart, N.Y. on March 12, 1930, son of the late Orlando and Glenna (Fitch) Teator. Ferris was a lifelong farmer and trucker in the Albany and Greene counties area and was a former member of the Potter Hollow Grange.

Surviving are his wife, Althia (Wolven) Teator; a son, Adam Teator of Greenville, N.Y.; two daughters, Glenna Ryan and her husband John of Schenectady, N.Y., Katherine Ceroalo and her husband Kevin of Duaneburg, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Alexandra and Cassandra Ryan; a sister, Charlotte Rogers of Medusa, N.Y.; two brothers, Roger Teator of Freehold, N.Y., Vincent Teator of San Pedro, Calif.; also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Hallock and a brother, Donald Teator Sr.

Funeral service will be Friday 2:30 p.m. from the Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 SR81, Greenville, N.Y. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment will be in the Brookside Cemetery, Preston Hollow, N.Y. Relatives and friends are invited to the Cornerstone Baptist Church, SR145 in East Durham, N.Y. at the conclusion of the committal service for a time of fellowship and remembrance.

Those who desire may contribute in his memory to the Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, NY or to Cavell Cancer Treatment Center, 69 Prospect Ave., Hudson, NY 12534.

Please sign the guest book at
www.timesunion.com/obituaries

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LoriAnn Forgey

Enjoyed family and friends

CAIRO — LoriAnn Forgey, 41, died Friday, March 28, 2003, after a long illness.

Born in Stamford, Nov. 3, 1961, she was the daughter of the late Bradley Teator and Nancy and James LaBarbera of Roxbury.

Ms. Forgey enjoyed life with her family and friends. She attended Cairo-Durham High School and she also attended Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson for her nursing degree.

Survivors include sons, David J. Forgey and Dillan E.

Wade of Jewett; brother, Bradley and Margorie Teator of West Davenport; sisters, Lynne Teator of Queensbury, and Loretta and Robert Kudlack of Oak Hill; companion Joseph E. Wade of Cairo; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Richards Funeral Home, 383 Bross St., Cairo.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, 8 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. David Fraher, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in East Durham, officiating.

Private cremation will take place at the Albany Rural Crematorium in Menands.

In lieu of flowers, Ms. Forgey wished to have memorial donations made in her name to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 6 Automation Lane, Albany, N.Y. 12205. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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The Finger Family

JOHANNES(JOHN) VINGER

b: ABT 1700, Palatinate, Germany

d: ABT 13 Feb 1782, Taghkanic, Columbia, New York

m1: ABT 1720 Marina Christina ----

m2: 31 Dec 1725, CATTARINA HESS, Linlithgo Reformed Church, Livingston, Columbia, New York. They had these 12 children.

1. Elisabeth FINGER
2. MICHAEL FINGER
3. Marie Elizabeth FINGER
4. David FINGER
5. Anna(Catherina) FINGER
6. John Henrich FINGER
7. Johannes FINGER
8. Catharina FINGER
9. Jacob FINGER
10. Coenradt(Conrad) FINGER
11. Annatchen(Anna) FINGER
12. Peterus(Peter) FINGER

The numbers in front of the next family groups corresponds to the number above.

1. Elisabeth FINGER

b: 9 Apr 1727, Kingston, Ulster, New York

bptt: 9 Apr 1727, Old Dutch Church Kingston, Ulster, New York

m: 13 Jul 1757, Johann(Henrich) SCHMIDT, Reformed Church, Germantown, Columbia, New York

- a. Catherina SCHMIDT
- b. Henrich SCHMIDT
- c. Jacob SCHMIDT
- d. Bernhardt SCHMIDT

2. MICHAEL FINGER

b: 24 Apr 1728, Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co, New York

d: Columbia County, New York

bpt: 8 May 1728, Lutheran Church, New York, New York

m: 31 Mar 1752, MARGARETHA MUSER, Dutch Reformed Church, Katsbaan, Ulster, New York

- a. JOHANNES(JOHN) FINGER Sr
- b. Jeremiah FINGER
- c. Margaretha FINGER
- d. Elisabeth FINGER
- e. Lena FINGER
- f. Jacob FINGER
- g. Lea VINGER
- h. Jacob M. FINGER
- i. Anna FINGER
- j. Friederich FINGER

4. David FINGER (pay attention to this one)
b: ABT 1733, Livingston, Columbia, New York
d: BEF 1802, Livingston, Columbia, New York
m: 15 Nov 1757, Elisabeth DICK, Reformed Church, Germantown, Columbia, New York
a. Johannes E. FINGER
b. **Anna FINGER**
c. **Anna(Maria) FINGER**
d. **Annatien FINGER**
e. Catharina FINGER
f. Magdalena FINGER
g. Helena(Lena) FINGER
h. Elisabeth FINGER

5. Anna(Catherina) FINGER
b: 17 Jan 1734, Rhinebeck, Dutchess, New York
d: BEF 1779 [S1305]
m: ABT 1758: Peter N. BLASS
a. Johannes BLASS

9. Jacob FINGER
b: 3 Jul 1744, Loonenburg, Greene, New York
b: 23 Feb 1807
bpt: 2 Sep 1744, Zion Luth. Ch. Loonenburg, Greene, New York
m: 1770, Marytjen(Maria) BLASS; New York, New York
b. Elisabeth FINGER
c. Christina FINGER
d. +Catharina FINGER
e. Annatjen FINGER
f. +Marytjen FINGER
g. Eva FINGER
h. Lena FINGER
i. Jacob FINGER
j. Margaretha FINGER

10. Coenradt(Conrad) FINGER
b: 11 Nov 1746, Livingston, Columbia, New York
d: 28 Feb 1830, Germantown, Columbia, New York
bur: Reformed Church, Germantown, Columbia, New York
m: ABT 1776, Anatje(Anna) BERRINGER; ? Columbia County, New York
a. +Marytjen(Mariah) FINGER
b. +Elias B. FINGER
c. +Jacob C. FINGER
d. Critje(Margaretha) FINGAR

11. Annatchen(Anna) FINGER
b: 11 Oct 1748, Livingston, Columbia, New York
chr: 12 Oct 1748, Linlithgo Reformed Church
*d: 1797, Germantown, Columbia, New York
bpt: 12 Oct 1748 [S1322]

m: ABT 1770, Jacob BLASS; Germantown, Columbia, New York

- a. Johannes BLASS
- b. Elsjen BLASS
- c. Zacharias BLASS
- d. Michel BLASS
- e. Jacob BLASS
- f. Catharnia BLASS
- g. Elisabeth BLASS
- h. Gritjen BLASS
- i. Anna BLASS

Let's return to David Finger, the fourth child of Johannes and Cattarina. He and his wife Elisabeth Dick had the eight children listed further above.

The oldest, Johannes, marries Margaret Wieler (Wheeler?) and has seven children.

Here's where the fun starts. There are three names with Anna in them. One of them is our Anna. She marries Hendrick Teter and has David, James, Johannes, Zacharias, Marcus, Philip, and Mary Teter. It is David who marries Catharine Hess and they have our John, his siblings, and all of us.

One of the other Annas marries David Hess, who has Catherine, who marries our David Teter, who is mentioned in the paragraph just above, and your head starts spinning, keeping track of the cousins who married, and of the effect on our family tree!

The third Anna marries William Kerll (Carl?) and has two children.

Which of these Annas is ours is part of the research I'll try to undertake.

The fifth child of David Finger, Catherina, marries Jacob Stieber and has at least one child.

The next to last child of David Finger, Helena, marries Marcus Teter, another relative of ours way back, has at least six children, and makes our family tree even more interesting.

The last child of David Finger is Elisabeth, who marries Philip Kuhns (Coons?), who has at least one child.

There is a lot more but this is enough to give a flavor. Many of the names I've seen before in the Teator ancestry, and the Hess ancestry, are also seen in the Fingar genealogy. For several generations, Palatine descendents married into other Palatine families in the Hudson Valley.

One of the interesting tidbits picked up at this reunion is the story of the difference of spelling of Finger and Fingar. Apparently, the Hudson River was the dividing line, with the more "respectable" Fingars on the east side and the more common Fingers on the west side. Of course, this is just a story, but many stories have a basis in fact. The mid-1800s saw the establishment of one spelling for families, so families that were distant cousins living counties apart could have finalized a spelling of the family name different from other families. For living proof, just look at the "Teator" family with several major variants today. In fact, one of the stories I had heard early on was that one of the Teters thought his family was better than the others nearby and soon differentiated his name by spelling it Teator. True? I have no idea, and know of no one to corroborate this, but it does make for rampant rumor-mongering.

Enough Fingars for now. If you're interested in more, contact me.