



Teator - Teter Tree

Summer 2006

Newsletter #24

Happy mid-summer to all.

Teator/Teter Reunion #8 has come and gone. Forty tough Teatorians (or, is it, Teatorites?) faced a forecast of hot and humid. Fortunately, the real heat waited until mid-afternoon, and a slight breeze would waft almost consistently through the pavilion at Brandow Park. A few stream-waders cooled off, and some of the kids begged to be spun "mad" fast on the merry-go-round.

Enclosed is a group photo. For those of you who attended, a photo of your family line is also enclosed.

The crowd started assembling somewhat slowly at noon, gradually got larger in a half-hour, and took most of its shape by 1 p.m. The food uncoverers started a little before 1 P.M. A thank you goes to Katherine Brink for bringing the ham which was one of the main courses; another thank you (a large one) goes to Gene Every for bringing his grill, hamburgers and hot dogs, and for grilling); and another thank you goes

to Roberta for the meal's blessing. The range of dishes and desserts was excellent — a testimony to good planning, good cheferly (probably not a real word!), and good luck! We could have fed another group just as large. And a thank you goes to the clean-up crew who made Brandow Park look none the worse for wear from the Teator invasion! Another thank you goes to the Town of Durham for allowing us use of the pavilion (if you are in position to thank any of the Town Board, please do so). Deb and I took the garbage home for disposal. (I need to add a large thank you to Deb, whose help behind the scenes and during reunion day is crucial.)

And then came the superlatives. Our most senior attendees were (non-bloodline) John Monette, and (bloodline) Katherine Brink and Connie Teator. (May you have many more reunions.) The youngest attendee, at official reckoning, was Keith Sattler, at the ripe age of 15; however, minutes after this designation, the Ben clan arrived and Mick, age 7,

claimed bragging rights. Coming the greatest distance were Alfreda Teator and Bud Bryer (FL), and Bradley Teator (60 miles); the closest were Roberta and Charlie Soderblom (about one mile), Gene and Claudia Every (about 3 miles), and Bruce and Bonny Brink (about five miles); after the official reckoning, Loretta and Robert Kudlack arrived, having traveled the few hundred yards, about 3 p.m. The newest grandparents were June and John Monette (daughter Jill's son).

I find it interesting that after almost 200 years after John Teter's parents came to the Cheese Hill area that so many of his descendants still live in the general locale.

Also available were family photos, as well as the poster photos of each reunion. These posters reflect fourteen years of reunion, sometimes showing little ravage of time, and yet at the same time showing that fourteen years changes almost all of us, especially the 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, but rolled back up when the breeze picked up.

Vital records:

births:

—Jamie Tyler Carkner, to Jill (Monette) and Scott Carkner, on April 15, 2005, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

marriages:

—Andrew Phillips, to Eileen Hendriksen, on September 2, 2005.

—Holly Brink, to Devon Morrison, on 24 June, 2006.

deaths:

—Gary Wilgus Jr, Nov 5, 2004

—Barbara Teator, July 18, 2005

—Loretta Baldwin, September 4, 2005

—William Hallock, July 1, 2006

If any corrections are needed, please let me know.

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PRESTON HOLLOW —

William H. Hallock, 78 years, of Preston Hollow, passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 1, 2006.

He was born in Medusa, N.Y. on October 17, 1927, son of the late Lester and Lillian (Rivenburg) Hallock. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and received the Korean Service Medal W/5 Campaign Stars, ROK Presidential Unit Citation and the UN Service Medal. A laborer and heavy equipment operator, he last worked at Henderson's in Freehold, N.Y. He loved to garden and was a life member of the DAV. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Teator) Hallock; a brother, Orson Hallock; and two sisters, Dorothy Cooke and Edna Goodfellow.

Surviving are a son, William Hallock (Jennifer) of East Nassau, N.Y.; four daughters, Linda Blank (Jay) of Freehold, Sheila Finn of Catskill, N.Y., Debbie Hallock of Margaretville, N.Y. and Gail Travers of Rensselaer, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m. at the Preston Hollow Baptist Church, Preston Hollow. Friends may call at the Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 SR81, Greenville, N.Y. on Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. Interment will be in the Brookside Cemetery.

Those who desire may contribute in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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Finally, we took "line" photographs and tallied numbers.

A side note first. John Teter had seven children, with only Alexander and Angeline having living descendents today; no living descendents come from the lines of David, Rachel, Elnora, Orlando, or Maryetta. (Rachel's line ended with the death of Walter Pearson in 2000.) The Angeline line is represented by the families of Chod Radick and Nancy Lynk. Meanwhile, Alexander's line currently occupies almost 90% of the family tree space.

Alexander's children were Olin, Mary, Orlando, Norman, Nora, and Willis. At this year's reunion attendance, Olin's line numbered the most at 18, Nora's line was next at 10, Norman's line numbered 4, and Orlando's at 4, and Willis' at 4.

For the trivia minded, I re-looked at the chart, considered a couple of questions asked of me at the reunion, the answers to whom I did not have. So, here's the rough form of my investigation.

How many descendents are there of John Teter? All told, there's about 270 descendents (give or take a few, somewhat influenced by the update of vital records), counting the 90 people who have married into this line. And, of this 270 people on the list, about 200 are still living.

As noted above, five of the seven children of John have no living descendents.

Angeline's line, as seen in the Radick and Lynk families, totals 27, with 16 still living.

Alexander's line totals a little over 220, with about 185-190 living. (There's

a bit of caution about numbers; I'm in the middle of a modest update.) Alexander's children's lines go as follows:

--Olin: 63 total – about 50 still living

--Mary: 1 total – 0 living

--Orlando: 56 total – 46 living

--Norman: 45 total – 40 living

--Nora: 35 total – 31 living

--Willis: 22 total – 19 living

(Forgive my numbers if I'm off one or two.)

As for the generations, the first generation, of course, was John and Lydia (Richmond) Teter. As mentioned before, they had seven children. The third generation numbered 13, and there were/are 26 great-grandchildren, 52 great-great-grandchildren, 68 great-great-great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-great-great-grandchildren.

There are no grandchildren of John Teter still living; Norman Teator was the last one when he died in 1999. (In fact, Norman was the only living grandchild when the reunions started). Thirteen of the twenty six great-grandchildren are still living; Katherine Brink is the oldest of them, followed by Ken Baldwin, Janet Armstrong, Charlotte Rogers, Ray Teator, Norman Teator, and Alfreda Teator (not necessarily in chronological order). The youngest is Pam Dunavin. Almost fifty years separate the youngest and oldest of all the grandchildren, living or deceased (Charles Radick was born in 1905).

One generation later, Nancy Lynk, Chod Radick, Roberta Soderblom and Bruce Brink were born before Pam was, which is like having an aunt or uncle younger than the nephew or niece. The age spread in the great-great-grandchildren list also approaches fifty years.

For me personally, I thank each of you who attend the reunions, or express interest in the genealogy. Although I do this out of personal interest and enjoyment, it is nice to have company. My genealogy quest started, at first, to figure out family roots, to solve a family puzzle, to gather some meaning, and a few other reasons. It is rewarding to share with others.

And, for those of you who help out financially, thank you very much. I have not sought any contributions but some of you have wished to thus support my efforts. So, a thank you to Alfreda and Janet, with a recognition of generous help in the past from Norman (while he was living) and from the Armstrong families.

A few reminders:

- Any notice of change of address is greatly appreciated.
- As young adults gain 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. (especially marriage write-ups and obituaries)
- I send out a newsletter to everyone for whom I have an address. Currently, there are only a handful for whom I have no address.

I have some family history on 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. And I'll start working on filling out the other parts.

I'll be trying to put some reunion stuff on my web site – photos, updates, etc. I will leave off information that might compromise one's privacy. Let me know if you see a change needed. (email: don@dteator.com) If I take some time, perhaps, I can do some of the past photos also.

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

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

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