

# Teator - Teter Tree

Spring 2008

Newsletter #26

## Descendents of John Teter Family Reunion

To all Descendents of John Teter,

Here's hoping that Spring/Summer 2008 is finding you in good health!

Yes, it's been two years since our last reunion, and this is your invitation to:  
the 9th Biennial 2008 Reunion  
Sunday, July 20, 2008  
at Brandow Park, Oak Hill, NY

### Food:

- Meat will be provided, probably a ham (if someone would like to arrange for the purchase of a ham to bring to the picnic, call me. Costs will be reimbursed from the Teator treasury). I'll be checking with the Grillmaster also.
- Each household should bring a covered dish (salad, main dish, and/or dessert) to feed 4-6.
- Families are encouraged to coordinate with others, if you choose. Any single person can bring chips, munchies, etc.
- "Silverware", liquids, cups, napkins and chairs will be the responsibility of each household.

### Tentative Schedule:

- Arrive around noon, or whenever you can.

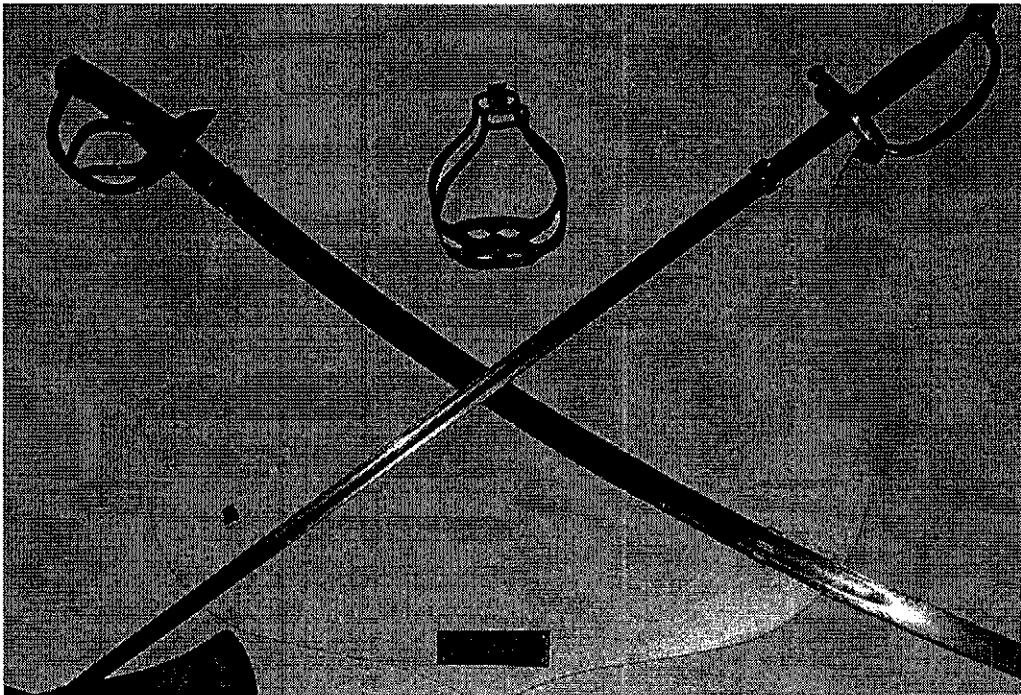
- Food will be served probably about one o'clock, shortly thereafter.
- We'll do introductions of the family lines.
- Remind me to do the oldest, farthest, etc.
- Plan on electric not being available.
- I'll bring the photo albums & family tree.
- If anyone has anything else they'd like to share, please feel free to do so.
- Deb will take the group photos again
- Bring a current photo of your family and children that can be kept in the photo album, if you can.
- Help cleaning up is much appreciated.

**Reminders:** Please let me know about any of these:

- changes of address, yours or others
- a mailing label that needs correction or change
- a new household that should receive the newsletter
- clippings of news, births, marriages, deaths
- Vital records I have not listed in past newsletters, especially in past two years

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The hobby of family history can be just a collection of information of dates and names. Usually, however, it is difficult to stop there, if one is really interested in family background. Stories are told and passed down, photos are shown to preserve or make memories, and artifacts are kept in someone's possession.

One of these venerable artifacts, perhaps the most important one for the Teter Reunion, is a cut-out board holding the swords and stirrups used by John Teter. Yes, our John Teter!

The metal plaque is inscribed:

**CAPTAIN JOHN TEATER  
1835 TO 1850**

A gummed label was attached (and now kept separately) and had text on it:

**Sword used by Captain John Teater  
in training, Grandfather of N. Radick.**

The swords and stirrups are said to have been used when John Teter trained with the local militia on the Middleburgh Flats in the years indicated above. Details about which militia company remains unknown to me; a great find would be to locate that information. What that training consisted of also remains unknown, to

me, at least. If anyone wants to investigate further, you would have the Teter Reunion on the edge of our seats!

So, how do these swords and stirrups come into my possession? Norm Radick, grandson of John, had possession of these in the early history. It then passed on to Norman Teator, who held them for many years. Upon his passing, they went to Janet Armstrong who passed them on to me.

Those named above have acted as the guardians and holders of this artifact. We don't own it. I trust that this handing down of John's swords will continue for many years and generations. I will bring this artifact to the next reunion.

A couple other notes:

—As always, come prepared for what Mother Nature throws our way.

—AND, a BIG bluegrass festival is scheduled for Poultney Flats, just across the street, that weekend. I'm not sure what that effect will be, and I was loath to change our date at the last minute.