



# Teator - Teter Tree

Spring 2009

Newsletter #28

A good Spring day, to all,

Spring is finally here, with a slap of summer punching through recently. I trust this newsletter finds you in good health.

The Teator-Teter genealogy project has meant recording and sharing the details and big moments of individuals and families. We find them in the oral history – the stories that we tell each other, the stories that have been passed down and embellished, the stories we experienced and have remembered, and, occasionally, the stories that have been written down. Other details are recorded in newspaper clippings, hopefully saved by someone. And, still others are parts of an official record – church records; governmental birth, marriage, and death certificates; property deeds; census records; court cases; and so on.

One hard and physical piece of evidence is the stone that marks the final resting spot of a loved one. The information about location is usually recorded on the death certificate, or is mentioned, in modern times, in the obituary, or is remembered by people who attended the funeral or have visited the site. One of the parts of my project is to record in which cemetery the deceased can be found.

Better yet, but rarely done so far, is to identify which part of the cemetery. Anyone who has ever hunted for a stone in a large cemetery is grateful if such information is preserved.

On the following sheet, copies of photos I took of five stones are included. The Stone Store Cemetery is just large enough to make the finding of a stone a short adventure. Finding the Cheese Hill Cemetery is an adventure itself (just past the juncture of Scutt Road, left hand side if traveling from Preston Hollow; it is small enough to not have to look far, if the stones still exist). The Potter Hollow Cemetery is large enough for one to want to know which section of the cemetery the stone is before one spend an hour looking for the special stone.

The photographs I took were in natural light. Knowing what I know some twenty years later, I would take along artificial light, or a full length mirror to reflect sunlight, to cast distinctive shadowing to make the text more readable.

So, go forth, take along the camera and record the headstones of your loved ones and the details of where. Then, if you are kind-hearted enough, either send me the digital file or a copy of the photo for me to

more on back

**Ruocco, Linda**

**GREENVILLE** — Linda Ruocco, 63, born Linda Evelyn Turner to Dorothy and Elton Turner in Niskayuna, N.Y., on July 11, 1945 passed from this Earth on September 12, 2008 after courageously fighting a lengthy illness in the Albany Medical Center.

Her father made the ultimate sacrifice dying in the waning days of World War II prior to meeting his daughter, and her mother passed away from a sudden illness in 1947. Linda was predeceased by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Ruocco in 2007 and resided in Freehold, N.Y.

Linda was raised by her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Teator (1895 to 1979) and her husband Norman Teator (1908-1999) of Durham, N.Y. whom she called her "Pa". She leaves her aunt, Janet (Teator) Armstrong of Cornwallville, N.Y. and her un-

cle, Raymond Teator of Durham, N.Y. Her aunt Shirley (Teator) Ritter, formerly of Coxsackie, and her uncle Howard Teator, formerly of South Durham, predeceased her. Linda was considered by all as their "little Sister" having been raised on the Teator farm starting before the age of two.

Linda was a loving and caring soul to all who knew her. She bore the consummate "servants heart" extending her care to her many cousins, their kids, their extended families and her own extended family of neighbors, co-workers and friends. Her care giving, compassion and strength made her the center of her family and her humility, eternal optimism and giving heart drew all who came in contact with her closer. Linda's ability to give so much of herself in support of her loved ones even while facing her own challenges commanded deepest admiration and respect.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, all of God's creatures and was a dedicated employee at the Porto Insurance Agency of Catskill.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects and share in celebrating the gift Linda was to so many. Visitation will be at the Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 SR81, Greenville, N.Y. on Tuesday, September 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, September 17 at 11 a.m. with a graveside committal to follow at the family plot in the Potter Hollow Cemetery, Potter Hollow.

Those who desire may contribute in her memory to the Durham-Oak Hill U.M. Church or to the American Heart Assn.

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record. Surprisingly, I have very few photos and, with your help, I'll start a gravestone photograph collection of the Teator-Teter genealogy.

**Other notes:**

- I have heard very little in terms of births, marriages, and deaths. I have included a copy of the obituary of Linda Ruocco.
- The next newsletter will probably be the Summer 2010 Reunion Invitation. In it I will try to include any vital records I have missed over the past few years. If you are aware of any I missed, please let me know and I will make a note in that newsletter.
- Unless something changes, the next reunion is planned for the third Sunday of July, 2010, as we have regularly done for the past few reunions.

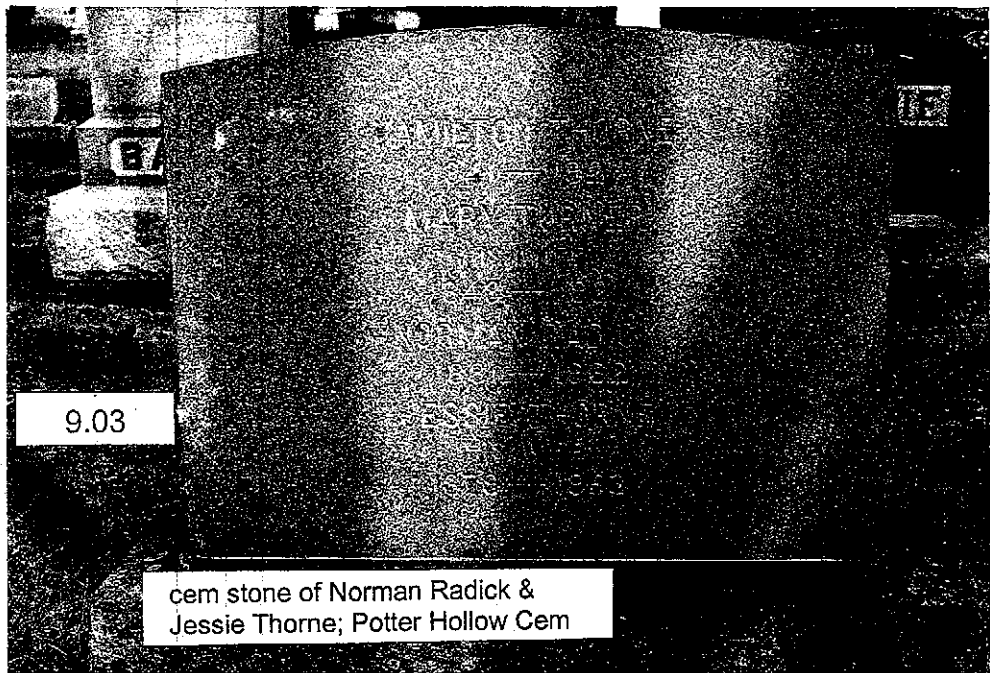
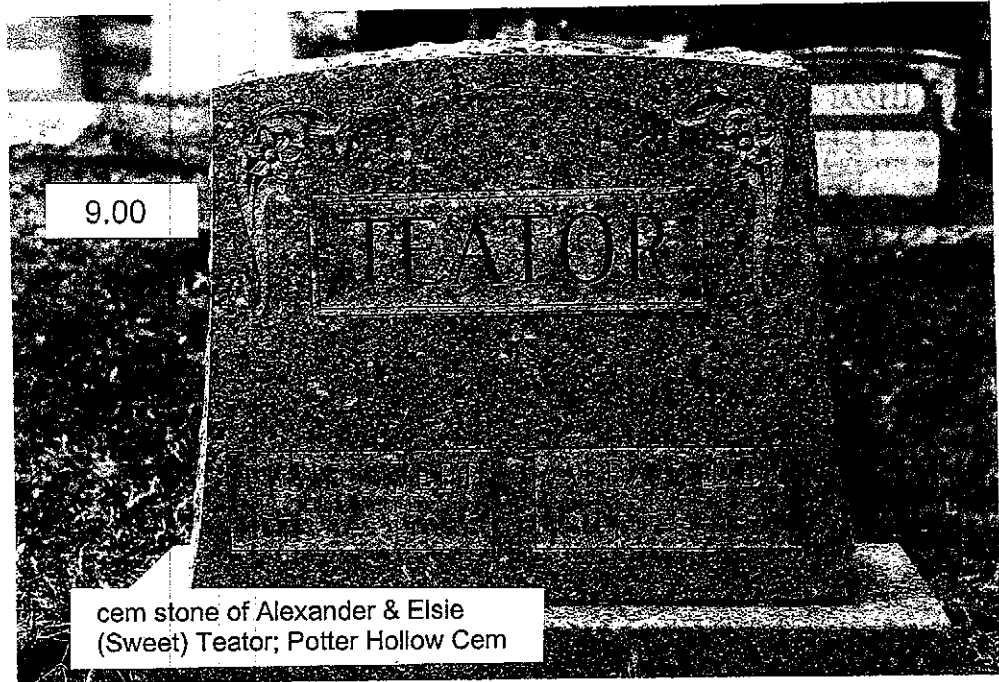
→ Photos taken at the last reunion are online. Go to dteator.com, then click on Teator Genealogy, and then 2008 Reunion.

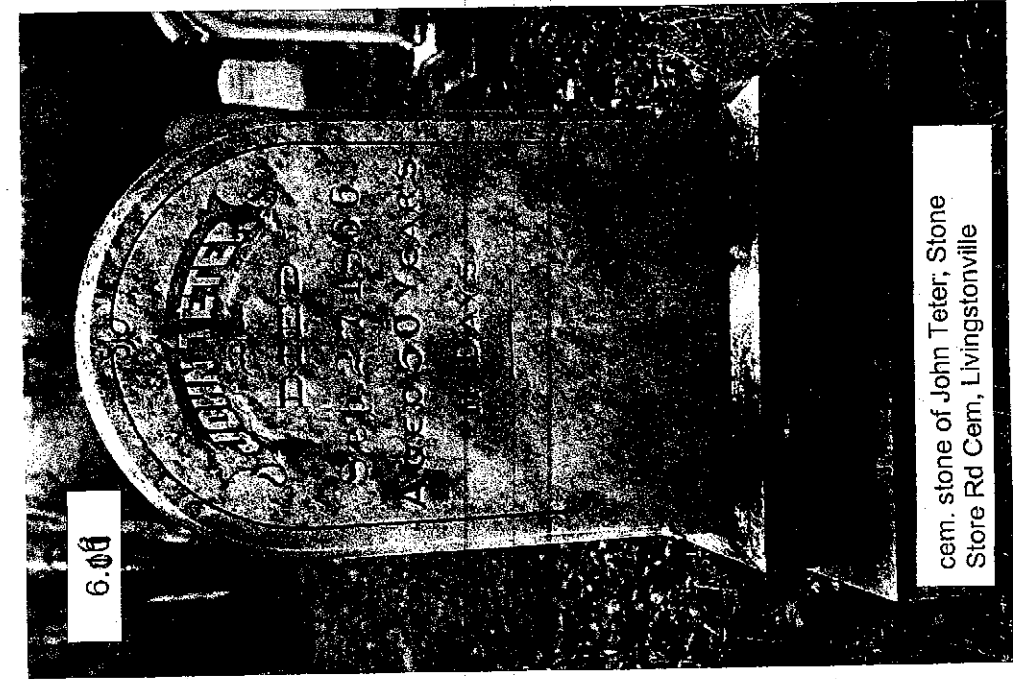
**More of the usual notes:**

- Send me any updates of big events so I can update records.
- Let me know if an address changes.
- If a new household has happened, let me know and I'll add one more to the mailing list.
- If the mailing label is not correct, or you'd like a change, let me know.
- Send clippings.
- If you'd like to write a piece for a newsletter, especially a family profile, I would certainly welcome that.

Stay healthy,







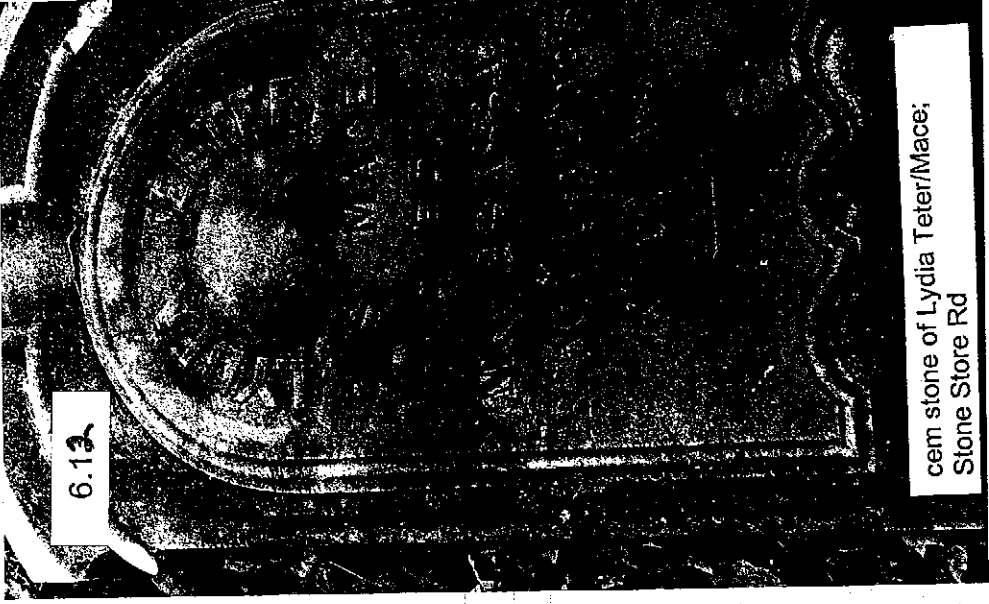
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cem. stone of John Teter; Stone Store Rd Cem, Livingstonville



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cem stone of David Teter, father of John Teter; Cheese Hill Cem



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cem stone of Lydia Teter/Mace; Stone Store Rd