



Teator - Teter Tree

Summer 2010

Newsletter #30

The Descendents of John Teter Reunion of 2010 has come and passed. The Town of Durham survived our tenth biennial, with both residents and reunioners faring well.

A typical summer day, with temps in the low-mid 80s and a pleasant breeze, felt refreshing after the couple weeks of hot and humid that we have endured. (Remember last year: a tolerable 90-degree day with barely a current of air.)

Across the street was the third annual Gray Fox festival, and a steady stream of cars passed on their way home. A few early arrivals saw a minor fender bender when an inattentive family car hit the back end of the family pickup.

One of my summer's highlights is the chance to see many familiar faces once again at our reunion, some of whom I had not seen since 2008, and several whose last acquaintance stretches back four, or six, or more years. For a couple of you, it was the first reunion! Reassuring chitchat about reasonable health, work, retirement activities, doings of the children, special events, community involvement, etc., help cement the family bond over the years.



2010 Teator Reunion

A look at past reunion group shots reminds us all that just when nothing changes a year at a time, the total effect of the eighteen years since our first reunion in 1992 tells us all that much has changed. The knee-nippers are just graduating from high school, the kids are now young adults, the young adults are approaching middle-age (sorry to tell you), and on it goes. Ultimately, the photos remind of us of our loved ones, who meant so much, who have passed away.

Also available for viewing were the duplicated photos from past years, as well as a family tree.

Deb and I had arrived about 11:15, unloaded the grill and supplies, set up radio, checked the bathrooms, and Deb swept up a bit.

by noontime for another event they needed to attend.

By quarter after, a few cars had pulled in and by 12:30 half the crowd was there, with another dozen arriving by 1 p.m. and another dozen some time after.

By reunion's end, nearly 50 Teator-ites had appeared. And although a bigger number does not make our family history any more or less important, it is satisfying to share an afternoon every couple of years with a larger group.

Enclosed is a group shot for everyone, while any family attending should also have a family line photo included. (The group shot does not include Bradley and Bradley — early arrivals and leavers — and a group of later arrivals, from Nora's line, who also are not in the family line shot but we were glad to see — brothers Ken Baldwin and Herman Reinhold, Herman's daughter Heidi, and Heidi's cousins Elisabeth and Deborah [Karin and Steve's daughters])

Chris Kohrs (Town of Durham clerk) had opened the bathrooms earlier, and I assume she locked up after we left. I urge you to thank the Town Board (7309 SR 81, East Durham, NY, 12423, or call) for our use of Brandow Park. It serves our purpose well, and I will write a note to the Town Board. Overall, we run a fairly inexpensive operation, with no additional costs for park use.

The food, as usual, was plentiful and good. A thank you goes to Roberta for the meal's blessing; another big thank you, and another, and another to Debra for filling in the operational pieces that make my life much easier.

We had a moment of silence for those who have passed since last reunion: Linda Ruocco, Bob Armstrong, Elsie LaBate, and Archie Lyon. (Archie's obit is copied in this newsletter.)

The range of dishes and desserts is a testament to originality, good planning, good cooking, and perhaps some good luck. I found myself wishing I could have had a spoon of sev-



Olin's line (part 1)



Olin's line (part 2)
(plus Bradley and Brad)

eral more dishes but there's only so much room. (When I was younger....) And, the desserts were as good and plentiful, as usual.

Of course, a thank you goes to all of you who came out. I suppose I don't need any validation but I do feel rewarded when you do attend, whether you come for the family history, or to see relatives we only see once every two years, or to check out the best dessert (not that I would do that, mind you),

or reconnect with people who have become friends over the eighteen years since the first reunion, or to see how many more white hairs I have, or whatever the reason may be.

As usual, we did superlatives. I was so pleased to see the oldest from last time still take home this year's "trophy" — Katherine Brink, our eldest blood-line descendant, and John Monette, the eldest person on the family tree.

Congratulations, Katherine and John, and may you see you again in 2012. First prize did not go to Gene Every, who once again claimed to be youngest looking old person we ever knew.

The youngest attendees were Dillen Wade (also in 2008) (9, son of Lori and Joe) and Nate Ben (11, son of Sky and Diane)

Coming the farthest was a much tougher contest this year, with no clear, long-distance champion, so we called a three-way tie between Nancy (& Jim) LaBarbera, June (& John) Monette, and Jess Forgey.

The closest attendee, again, was Lori Forgey, 587.32 feet away. (I made up the numbers!)

The most recent high school grads were Samantha Baldwin and Brad Teator, both this year.

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The most recent grandchild, noted later, turned out to be two of June & John's grandchildren born in June 2010!

I noted it is so interesting that so many of us live so close to where Henrich Teter moved in the early 1800s (Cheese Hill; and he was born in the 1760s). We truly are bound to the family earth.

Photos were taken, and the large group photo is enclosed. For the official photo, 19 posed from the line of Olin (plus 2), 9 for Nora's line (plus 5), 4 for Norman's line, 5 for Orlando's line, and 2 for Willis' line.

The crowd started thinning out after 3:30-ish and headed home in the golden glow of a near perfect mid-summer's afternoon.

It was heartwarming to see all of you; I trust the next newsletter (maybe, next spring?) finds all of us in good health.

Take care,



Orlando's line



Norman's line



Nora's line (plus Ken, Herman, Heidi, Beth, Deborah)

P.S.S. A few reminders:

— I have listed later the vitals I caught up with at the reunion. Let me know if I missed any that have not been noted in any newsletter. Thank you.

— Any notice of change of address is greatly appreciated. Returns means a double mailing from me.

— As young adults gain new addresses, let me know so I can send out one more newsletter. (I have listed all newsletter receivers on my mailing list; if you see someone who should be added, let me know, especially the young adults.)

— 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 (or try to make it happen). Especially appreciated would be a general biographical sketch – individual or family.

— If you see newspaper clippings relating to family matters, please send them to me. (especially marriage write-ups and obituaries)

— I will put the reunion photos online (www.dteator.com); click on Teator Genealogy; click on 2010 reunion (by the end of summer); the 2008 photos are still online.

— 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.

—New vitals Births:

- Rachel Marie, to parents Scott and Jill Carkner; 7 June 2010; 7lb, 6 oz; at St. Peter's, Albany; little sister of Jaymie
- Jack William, to parents John and Tanya Monette; 18 June 2010; 6 lb, 7 oz; St Peter;s, Albany



Willis's line

A few last notes: a thank you to Bruce and Ernie with the gas canister backup! And a thank you to the couple of you who helped defray reunion costs. It is appreciated.

If you have ideas for the reunion, feel free to share. Unless there is a groundswell for change, it is likely we will meet again the third Sunday in July in 2012.

Finally, if anyone want a photo, you can copy it off my web site or, if you want a higher resolution photo, email me and I'll send you the original digital shot; or call me.

Take care until next reunion

Receiving the mailing:

Lawrence & Michele Armstrong
Robert & Bonnie Armstrong
Janet Armstrong
Ken Baldwin
Ken & Pat Baldwin
Vernon & Kirsten Baldwin
Sky & Diane Ben
Brian & Delsia Brink
Bruce & Bonda Brink
Ernest & Peggy Brink
Katherine Brink
Katherine & Kevin Ceroalo
Douglas & Pamela Dunavin
Gene & Claudia Every
William & Jennifer Hallock
Ken & Sharon Hayner
Robert & Robin Koochagian
Loretta & Robert Kudlack
Nancy LaBarbera
Charles Lynk
Robert & Nancy Lynk
Tamara S. Lynk
Charlie Lyon
John & June Monette
Cindy & Wes Moore
Jennifer Murray
Steven & Karin Page
David & Cindy Phillips
Charles and Susan Radick
Herman & Susan Reinhold
Hayden Reynolds
Mark & Kim Reynolds

Cliff & Phyllis Richardson
Ed Ritter
Charlotte Rogers
Jeff Rogers
Glenna & John Ryan
Rose Salisbury
Andrew & Bonny Sattler
Roberta & Charles Soderblom
Amanda & Chris Stegner
Adam Teator
Alfreda Teator
Althea Teator
Bradley & Marjorie Teator
Constance Teator
Darren Teator
David & Connie Teator
Donald Teator
Donald & Debra Teator
Gary & Marjorie Teator
Jay & Anita Teator
Lynne Teator
Mark Teator
Norman Teator
Raymond Teator
Roger Teator
Ron & Leona Teator
Stella Teator
William & Kim Teator