



Teator - Teter Tree

Summer 2012

Newsletter #33

With a mix of satisfaction, pride, and relief, I have settled down into the writer's chair the day after Teator Reunion 2012 to start this account (this does not mean it gets done the same day – almost never does).

The weather, too, seemed to have a mix on its mind. Although we did not face the heat of the few days before or the 100 degrees of two days later, the thermometer did rise to the mid-80s for a while, a cloud cover dampening the higher temperatures; a light spotty rain (did someone count 47 drops?) greeted the last few groups being photographed; and then the sun finally appeared and gobbled all the rain drops and spit them back in a grand humidity that was sweat-breaking just sitting in the chair. Shortly thereafter, it was time to bid farewell.

So, I wish a heartfelt thank you to all who shared the afternoon.

Deb and I reached the park just before 11 a.m. to inspect and set up the pavilion and park, which had suffered major damage last year during Hurricane Irene's rampage. The Town of Durham had capably restored most of the park to pre-Irene levels. Of course, the old entryway around the guard rail fence is gone, with a cable blocking the new one. The block building bathroom was gone, with port-o-lets taking its place for the time being. The rest, though (tennis courts, pavilion, heavy picnic tables), almost lulled us into thinking nothing had happened. So, hats off to the Town for getting Brandow Park back into shape.

About the one job we had not anticipated was the wiping down every seat and every table top, mostly layered with dust and dried mud too thick to ignore. Then, a few of Bradley's line arrived early to help set up for a surprise. More later.



Teator Reunion 2012



Olin's Line—2012

was going to be a reunion, but space started filling by 12:30, with later arrivals adding a sense of fullness.

And as people approached the pavilion, I usually got a "volunteer" to color code the names on the family tree hanging six feet tall on the corner pole.

The food table, as usual, gave testimony to good wholesome country cooking and satisfying dishes. A full length of one table and part of another barely contained the main dishes, side dishes, salads, condiments, and plates of burgers & dogs & rolls.

Then, there was another table fabricated by the Every-Armstrong clan, rigged with a frame, several bags of ice for bottom filler, all to keep cool the dishes and salads needing refrigeration. It was a great idea, and thank you for the undertaking and thinking about our safety on a hot day.

Normally, we start opening food lids somewhere around 1 p.m. but some early starters made it more like 12:45, something closer to our stomachs' timetables. Need to keep that in mind for next year (meaning, start grilling by 12:20!) Thanks, to Deb, for assuming Chief Griller duties so I could walk around and gab, and to Claudia who filled in as Deb's assistant.

A thank you goes to Jennifer Murray for blessing the food. After realizing Roberta was not in attendance, I called for a volunteer and Jennifer offered.

And, thank you, Katherine for the platter/container of ham, a welcome contribution to the meat supply, and a perennial reminder of your thoughtfulness and generosity. And then, its maker unknown to me, a plate of sliced, cold corn beef complemented the mix, and more than a few commented it was excellent. With a dozen or more side dishes, the Teator Reunion offered a satisfied tummy-full for everyone.

Just as the main course was finishing, at a pre-arranged signal, I interrupted with an announcement that there was an element of this year's Reunion that would be different. And for the sixty or so of you present, you witnessed Bradley and Marjorie's 25th year renewal vows, written and pronounced and overseen by yours truly. The text is available on my website (see end of newsletter); if you don't have a computer, let me know you want a copy and I will send one.

The dessert table was complemented by the "wedding" cake that Bradley and clan had brought (made by a friend).

Interruption #4 (I lost track after awhile so thank you for tolerating the intrusions) led to introductions. I appreciate you volunteers who introduced your family lines, and families, with a sense of pride that rang out in all your voices.

The category winners came next. For about the fourth reunion in a row, John Monette (non-bloodline) and Katherine Brink (bloodline) took the most-veteran honors – congratulations, and we are so pleased you both could continue top honors. (There is some close competition just behind, too.) It should be noted that Gene Every tried, once again, from the shade of the honey locust tree, again, to compete, claiming he was 82 years young. That, however, is ten years younger than he claimed four years ago, showing how gracefully he is aging.

The youngest in attendance were Zander (short for Alexander, a good family name!) and Kendra Teator, Bill & Kim's children. Jack, of a side of Bradley's family, at age 6, should also be mentioned.

Coming the farthest were Steven and Karin Page, and Beth (Indiana), and Jennifer Murray and Robert & Bonny Armstrong (Ohio).

Loretta & Robert Kudlack again won the closest competition, reconnoitering the 358.9 yards to the park.

The newest grandparents were Ernest and Peggy Brink (Lucy Brink Palmer, b. 28 May 2011, daughter of Alicia and Shawn Palmer) and Herman and Susan Reinhold (Herman Lucas Reinhold, b. 21 Dec 2011, son of Herman [Blake] and Polina Reinhold).

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Nora's Line—2012

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Calvin? You said, Calvin? For the first time, and after a bunch of years of crossing paths with Wayne Teter, and after thinking it would be right to invite him and Charlene, I invited Wayne and also his sister Susan Weaver. Wayne and Charlene accepted the invitation, and, Welcome to the Teator/Teter Reunion! (Perhaps, part of the next newsletter might be how Wayne's side connects, and who their descendants are.

Simply, for now, you should know that John Teter and Calvin Teter were brothers, and that Wayne (four generations from Calvin) and those of us in the fourth generation from John (me, Bruce, Claudia, Loretta, Darren, Vernon, etc.) are fourth cousins. The children of this generation would be fifth cousins, etc, (unless, of course, you already 3rd, 2nd, 1st cousins, or siblings). Want to guess what a fourth cousin, once removed is? (Clue: Claudia's daughter Lisa [and everyone else of her generation] is a 4C1R to Wayne. answer at the end)

Each family, present or not, should find a whole-group photo of the 2012 Reunion.



Norman's Line—2012

The group shot, as well as the family-line photos, are also on my web site – <http://www.dteator.com/genealogy/2012photos.htm>. I believe you can click on a photo and copy and paste, should you want a copy. If you want the larger file format, contact me.

Also on the web page is the wording for the wedding vow renewal for Bradley and Marjorie.

And several expressed interest in a copy of the family tree, similar to the sign-in sheet, or the traditional very long, horizontal one that I had displayed earlier (but packed up to save table-top room). Email me, and I will email the file and you can do as you wish. You will need a genealogy program, most likely, for a compatible format.

Thank you to those who helped Deb clear plates and litter. We took the Reunion garbage home and hope we left the pavilion as clean as we found it (actually, I know we left it cleaner).

Other notes:

For those of you who can make the time, thank the Durham Town Board/Clerk (7309 SR81; East Durahm, NY, 12423) for allowing the Teator Reunion to use the pavilion. We are charged nothing (an increasingly uncommon situation) for use of a park. (We could go other places for a fee but, unless I hear otherwise, I am assuming that Brandow Park is still a good fit for us. Things change, though, and I am receptive to other ideas for future reunions.)

A-hem, I hear my connection of the Reunion with Gray Fox may have caused one family to think the Reunion was a week later. It wasn't

The other lines, the siblings of Alexander and Angeline, are David W. Teter, Rachel (Teter) Gillespie, Elnora (Teter) Cantine, Orlando Teter, and Maryetta Teter (she died as an infant). All these other lines have died out.)

So, final numbers for 2012: a little addition gets you to about 65, a larger than usual turnout.

I will dispense with the usual reminders about newspaper clippings, addresses, etc. I'll repeat them in the next newsletter.



Willis's—2012

The Fourth Cousin, Once Removed Question:

Well, let's start with 4th cousins. Fourth cousins are people with the same great-great-great-grandfather, unless they are already first, or second, third cousins. For example, the first common ancestor Wayne and I share is our great-great-great grandfather David Teter, father of Calvin and John, our respective great-great grandfathers.

My son Nathan is one generation away, or REMOVED, from being Wayne's fourth cousin. Thus, he is a fourth cousin, once removed, as is Lisa (used as an example before, and any others of that generation). Again, if Nathan were one generation older, he would be Wayne's fourth cousin, but, since I am in that spot, I am the 4th Cousin.

If Nathan had a child, what would the relationship be between Wayne and my grandchild? (Yup, a fourth cousin, twice [or two generations] removed, a 4C2R!)



Calvin's—2012

A clarification from Winter 2012 Newsletter (#31), the one I recounted my ride with Ray and Wayne. The next to last sentence says, "Their father is David..." That "their" was referring to brothers John Teter and Calvin Teter, definitely not to Wayne and his sister Susan!

I hope to see you again in two years for the 2014 Reunion, unless our paths cross earlier. Here's to good health and just enough good stress till then.



Orlando's

Vitals: A few came to my attention during Reunion.

Births:

- Herman Lucas Reinhold, son of Herman & Polina, Bloomington, Ind; 12 Dec 2011
- Angela Lee, dau. of Molly Karg & Wm. Brad Lee; 14 Nov 2011

Marriages:

- Jay Monette and Megan Rozenweig, 26 May 2012, at Church of Blessed Sacrament, Albany; Jay is son of John & June

Let me know if there are more