



Teter - Teator Tree

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Newsletter #44

Greetings and a warm hello to the descendants of John (and Calvin) Teter.

It has been two years since a newsletter has arrived in your inbox or mailbox. Issue #44 provides a chance to catch up on vitals and other news. This information can be found in the body of this email as well as in the pdf attachment as well as a new feature on my website (see later feature).

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Reunion Newsletters

On my to-do list for a long time has been to make past Teator/Teter Newsletters accessible online. Up till now, perhaps you have kept each issue and stored it someplace you could find it.

Finally, a surge of effort and time allows me to announce the Reunion Newsletter are now available online, thus bringing to fruition one of my prized projects. Every newsletter is now available on my website. Click/enter the web address:

<https://www.dteator.com/genealogy/genealogy.html>

and then click on **Newsletters-All**. Starting in 1992, in order, all the newsletters are ready to read.

And to help some of us out, I have indexed most of the key topics in each news-

letter. Next to the Newsletters-All link is the Index link.

After checking it out, let me know what you think. Good idea? Important to you? Could be more useful if...?

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Family Tree Branch Filled

“Thank you for contacting me. I have waited 85 years to talk to my family.”

These were the last goose-bump-inducing words of a February 2023 phone call.

Family trees are often a road map of a family growth showing where we came from and what has followed us. In a perfect world, every single name and date is correct, to be valued for the rest of our lives.

Not being a perfect world, an occasional blip shows up once in a while.

In the 1980s, Nora Baldwin had hand-crafted a family tree of the descendants of John Teter, forming the basis of our group. She related a few stories that would not be found on a family tree. And one of them involved my grandparents.

Nora had listed my grandparents, Orlando Teator (son of Alexander) and Glenna Fitch Teator, and under them the four children they had from 1928 to 1934 (Donald, Ferris, Barbara, Charlotte). A fifth, Gerald, was also listed but had died less than a year old. And that chart continued with their children’s marriages and offspring, at least as Nora knew or was told.

She re-told me information that I had mostly known already. There were three more children born in 1937, 1939, and 1942, definitely Glenna’s, with the last two probably from different fathers. It was, however, the 1937 date, attributed to a Morris/Maurice Teator, that has been a nebulous mystery for my life. Many people seemed to have known of Maurice but no one knew any details, other than he might have been adopted by a Hudson NY couple.

It was a mystery that has gnawed at me ever since I became involved with the Teator/Teter family genealogy. And so close a relationship! I cannot even say I came up across dead-ends because I never had a path that started any place.

That is, until February 2023. Being a subscriber to Ancestry, I receive notifications of newly discovered relatives, usually third or fourth cousins or even more distant. One evening, I received a notification claiming a new relative, possibly first or second cousin, on the paternal side.

I was caught by great surprise. I know all my first and second cousins on my father’s side after all these years of family research. Well, of course, I muttered to myself that I wondered if there was a side relationship that was just discovered.

The name Adam Tracey was attached to the

notification, a name I did not recognize, fueling my first thought. However, Adam had contributed a family tree and I looked it over. It held lots of names I did not recognize but then the name Nack jumped off the page. Purportedly, a Nack couple had adopted Maurice, according to what I was told. Lots of names filled the page.

And then, a single name, on a branch all by herself, sat Glenda Teter. The spelling did not match my grandmother. However, it was too much a coincidence to ignore.

On Ancestry, one is able to communicate with the new relative. I responded by Ancestry message to Adam, indicating the spelling of my Glenna Teator, the siblings of her husband Orlando, a bit of possible 1930s history and stress in the family, and the listing of the siblings and birth years. I asked for further comment and information.

I waited a day, then two. People take a while on Ancestry sometimes. Then four days. Then six. Eight days was discouraging and I mentally gave up.

At the ten day mark one evening, the phone rang. I have caller ID and the name Nack jumped out of my phone and figuratively yelled at me. I picked up the phone with a nervous hand.

“Good evening.”

“Good evening, is this Don Teator?”

“It is and with whom do I have the pleasure of talking?”

“This is Maurice Nack.”

We chatted for ten minutes, promising to write each to other. His info started filling in my family tree and I realized I had a “new” uncle.

From Maurice’s perspective, he was born in 1937 and was given up for adoption at birth. Never knowing his birth parents, he spent his first six years in a Catholic orphanage and the next six years in foster homes before being adopted by a family in Hudson NY, surname of Nack. He would graduate from the Hudson schools, meet his wife-to-be at college, work for 45 years in Beverly MA, and moved six years ago to Hagerstown MD. If he had ever mentioned any of this to his family, they seemed surprised to find out they had a new family, with the promise of the whole John Teter Reunion tracking them down. (Scary, eh?)

We would trade letters (handwritten by wife Lynn) and my brother Ron and I promised we would visit. In April 2023, we drove six hours to Hagerstown MD, parked in front of the address given, and espied an older gentleman walking to-

ward us. It was Maurice!

Ron and I had the pleasure of meeting most of Maurice's family: wife Lynn a retired school teacher; their daughter Kathy who married Rick Tracey; two of the three of Kathy and Rick's children (Adam, the Ancestry connection, being one); three grand-children (now four). We did not meet Kathy's sister Marianne who still lives in MA, near where Maurice and Lynn lived most of his working career. And Maurice showed Ron and me many of his collections. Perhaps, I can write a family report in a future issue.

Ron and I spent several hours that day and most of the following morning meeting family, trading stories and personal histories before returning home. We were overwhelmed: I had found Maurice, a family tree branch was now known (I am still working on their vitals), and they are part of our Teator/Teter Reunion.



Don Teator, Aunt Lynn Nack,
Uncle Maurice Nack, Ron Teator—April 2023
(fuller family photo next newsletter)

Teator Reunion – A Pause

July 2024 should be our next Teator/Teter Reunion.

Given the circumstances, I am asking your permission to suspend this year's Reunion.

One circumstance is Debra and I scheduling a trip to Ireland, covering a time period, we realized after that fact, coincided with the usual Reunion time. We are embarrassed to say the Reunion was not on our calendar when scheduling our trip and we had already committed by the time we did realize. *Big Mea Culpa.*

So, unless someone wishes to step forward to continue our tradition, I urge you to see what consensus our group can reach.

Circumstance two: Thoughtful and constructive comments over the last four to six years have questioned whether the Reunion details should be re-thought.

Here is what usually happens:

- meet at Brandow Park pavilion
- every even numbered year
- third Sunday in July (has been Saturday a couple of times)
- a shared dish of side and dessert

- person(s) responsible for bring hot dogs and hamburgers
- short presentation by Don
- photos and family tree available to see
- chat a couple hours
- help clean up before going home
- playground and Catskill Creek close by

Changes I have heard suggested:

- different place (indoors possibly)
- catered food (at cost, of course)
- different time of year
- different day of week
- Zoom meeting instead or in addition

Consensus?

Over the next few months, please email me your ideas. Responses could include, amongst others:

- Keep things same
- I care but will not be attending like usual
- Same routine, different place
- May or September (or pick a month)
- Cater food – try not go over \$20 person
- Zoom meeting in the year in between
- Start a blog for Teator/Teter family (or a Facebook page with password entry)
- (other ideas? these are here to foster some thinking)

Vital Records Update

A two year break has allowed a longer list than usual of vitals to be added.

And this update of vital records (births, marriages, deaths) is only as accurate as what is shared with me, what I happen to find, and careful data entry. Please, if I have missed any vital, or any person, or have wrong date, let me know. Looking at the Index on my website may jog a memory. (I will save Maurice's family branch for the next newsletter.)

Obit pangs. My genealogist hat looks at the facts, hard or easy ones. As I was looking over the births and marriages, a warm family glow filled the newsletter. And then, as I started down the list of obits, most of them in the last nine months, I was saddened with a sense of loss that made me sit back and ponder my connection with each. Some I saw somewhat often, others only at Reunions. However, 30+ years of re-connection and, then, not being able to so has been sobering.

Births

Lachlainn Olin MacDonald: born: 19 May 2021; 8lb 15 oz; 21.75 in; at Albany Med, Albany, NY; parents: Alisha (Teator) & Nate MacDonald; grandparents: Gary & Margie Teator, Alton & Pamela MacDonald

Jaxon Thomas Albright: born 6 Dec 2020; parents: Brezney Lyon

Momoko Ann Reinhold: born 7 Apr 2022; parents: Nicholas and Mina (Mardani) Reinhold; grandparents: Susan (Garbasz) and Herman Reinhold

Nolan William Brustle: 6 May 2022; at 3:33 pm; at St Peter's Hospital, Albany; 9 lbs 4.5 oz; 20"; parents: Jessie (Hayner) and Jordan Brustle; grandparents: Sharon (Teator) and Ken Hayner, and Alma (Hagner) and Gary Brustle. (Sharon's note:

Audrey Kate Sattler: 30 August 2022; at St. Peters Hospital, Albany NY; parents Jamie and Randy Sattler; grandparents: Bonny (Brink) and Andrew Sattler

from a new marriage record: Jordan Brustle: born 2 Sep 1992; at Schenectady NY; parents: Alma (Hagner) and Gary Brustle

from a new marriage record: Larkin Michelle Cooper: born 23 Jul 1994; at Cooperstown; parents: Brenda and Craig Cooper

from a new marriage record: Tim F Pierceson: 22 Apr 1981; at Leonard Hosp, Troy NY; parents: Tim & Carol Pierceson

from a new marriage record: Katlyn (Kat) Sue Fay Humphrey: born 19 Aug 1996; in Hudson NY; parents Elizabeth Ann Dallas and Charles Humphrey

update: a son Eugene Taddeo: born 12 Feb 1999; at Glens Falls; to Lynne Teator and Larry Phillips (deceased)

Marriages

Jessie Hayner and Jordan Brustle: 14 Jul 2019; at The Church at Newtown Road. Waterford, NY; parents: Sharon (Teator) and Ken Hayner; Alma (Hagner) and Jordan Brustle

Keith Sattler and Larkin Michelle Cooper, 21 Oct 2022; at Settles Hill Banquet and Events, Altamont, NY; parents: Bonny (Brink) and Andrew Sattler, Brenda and Craig Cooper

Bryanna (Baldwin) and Tim F Pierceson: 13 June 2020; parents: Kirsten (Handschuh) and Vernon Baldwin, Carol & Tim Pierceson; (Tim has two children from earlier relationship: Tim 18 Feb 2004, Elizabeth 28 Aug 2005)

Dillen Wade and Katlyn (Kat) Sue Fay Humphrey: 9 Jul 2022; Bayard Elsbree Park, Preston Hollow NY

update: Glenna (Teator) Ryan and significant other Daniel Kessler; met 25 May 2012; Dan has two children: Megan and Daniel Jr

Deaths:

==Nancy Lee Cichester: December 9, 2022
==Margaret A Teator: February 23, 2023
==June N. Monette: August 21, 2023

a clump of news, and branch update, from Grandparent Ken Baldwin: newsletter is **keeping it all together**

son Patrick Bryce Alfred Baldwin: born 17 May 1989

married: 22 Oct 2021

Ruth Idealla Snow: born 3 Jan 1986 (mother Brenda)

children of Patrick and Ruth

Remington Wyatt Baldwin: born b 2 Oct 2020

Ryen Lynn Baldwin: (stillborn) 2 Oct 2021

Reign Patrick Baldwin: born 15 Aug 2022; at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson NY

Obit of Margaret A Teator:

Margaret A. Teator, 83, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023 at her residence. She was born July 6, 1939 in Bennington, Vermont, a daughter of the late Richard Morse and Helen Gates Morse.

Mrs. Teator was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Donald Teator and a son, Patrick MacIntyre; nine siblings.

Margaret was a former long-time resident of East Chatham, New York. She enjoyed visiting with those who had a need of companionship, she also enjoyed sewing and cooking.

Mrs. Teator is survived by her daughter, Peggy Sue Teator; sister, Rita Gates; brother, Donald Morse; brother-in law, Everett Maxham; many nieces and nephews, two special nephews, Clyde and Bert; along with many other family and friends who will miss her.

A special thanks to Helen and Linda who helped take care of her during her sickness and Agape hospice caregivers especially Michelle, Terry and Edith.

No Services are planned at this time.

Obit of Nancy Lee Chichester Teator LaBarbera:

(long-time Reunion attendee)

Nancy Lee Cichester passed away December 9, 2022 at Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. She had been residing in Andes, NY.

The second oldest of seven, Nancy was born April 21, 1942 to Gertrude (Pierce) and Edison Chichester in the Town of Broome, Schoharie Co.

She married, first, Bradley Olin Teator, in 1952, and second, James LaBarbera, in 1986.

Nancy and Bradley had four children: Lori (1961), Bradley Jr (1963), Lynne (1964), and Loretta (1966).

Nancy is survived by her husband; three of her children; and grandchildren: Bradley Teator III, Jessica Wilgus, Beth Teator, Molly Karg, David Forgey, Dylan Wade, Eugene Taddeo, and Victoria Hagar. Also surviving are great-grandchildren: Connor Parsons and Jack Parsons.

Predeceasing Nancy was first husband Bradley, daughter Lori, and grandchild Gary Wilgus.

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Nancy was cremated.

Nancy worked her adult life as nurse's aide in private duty, often taking care of a community member at their house. Nancy was known to look after and/or take in many a needy person or family, prompting her son's comment that at times their home might be mistaken for an orphanage.

Don Teator also recalled Nancy's love of family, with Nancy researching her family's branches as well as collaborating with Don on the Teator genealogy. Nancy was especially interested in the 1710 Palatine connection, baking a Reunion sized tercentennial cake in 2010.

Farewell, Nancy.

(obit created by Don Teator & Bradley Teator)

Obit for June N. Monette:

attended Reunions from beginning)

June N. Monette passed away peacefully on Monday, August 21, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. June was born in Preston Hollow, NY on Dec. 29, 1940, to Willis and Frieda Whitbeck Teator.

June spent her childhood in Chatham and graduated from Chatham High School before moving to Albany, where she worked as an underwriter at Public Service Insurance General Mutual.

June met and married the love of her life, John R. Monette, in 1968 and became the stepmother to John's five girls. Soon after marrying, June and John added 5 more beautiful children to their brood.

June's most treasured job was as a devoted mother to her children. She found great joy being with her children as they participated in scouting, sports, and getting together with their friends. June loved her camp at Sacandaga Lake, especially on Pizza night Fridays and taking the kids to the beach.

Family was always most important to June and when she was needed, she was there, always the steady. As her children grew older, June discovered a new passion, her grandchildren. June was the best "Granny" one could wish for, making all the time spent together special. The Parish of The Blessed Sacrament was very important to June, and she was fond of taking part in parish community activities. June found great pleasure being with her parish family. Although June

will be missed for so many reasons, including the amazing holidays she hosted and her pistachio cake, her family finds great peace in knowing that June was reunited with her beloved John.

June was the wife of the late John R. Monette. She was the loving mother of Jill Carkner (Scott), JoAnn Markopoulos (Jim), John Monette (Tanya), James Monette, Jay Monette (Megan). Stepmother of Gayle Coufal (Geoff), Linda Bowles (Charles), Catherine Androkavitz (Richard), Maureen Taylor (Robert), Patrice Cavalieri (Michael). Sister of Alfrieda Bryer, Rose Salisbury, Pamela Dunivin and the late Norman and Donald Teator and Elsie LaBate. She is survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with June's family Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 3-7 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Avenue (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206, Monday, August 28, 2023, at 10:30am.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

(I enjoyed meeting June's children during one of the services.)