



# Teter - Teator Tree

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Happy mid-Autumn, from the Freehold Teators,

I trust this newsletter finds you in good health,  
and in good places in life!

I have delayed the printing of this newsletter,  
waiting for at least two vitals, not wanting to  
“jinx” certain events, especially births and mar-  
riages. They have now occurred and listed below.

In case you panicked and thought you had missed  
this year’s Reunion, you can rest assured. An odd  
number year is the year between Reunions. Thus,  
you are right on schedule, the plans for the next  
Reunion are customary ones—the third Sunday in  
July again at Brandow Park. The details will be in  
the Spring newsletter.

Here are the vital records that I know about. If I  
missed any, let me know, and I will update in the  
next newsletter.

## **Births:**

—Emmalyn Alice, born October 20, 2015, at Co-  
lumbia Memorial Hospital, weighing in at 7 lbs,  
13 oz. The proud parents are Lisa (Every) and  
Kevin McNeill. Congratulations to mom and dad,  
and to proud grandparents Claudia and Gene.

## **Marriages:**

—Jennifer Armstrong Murray, to Dann  
Ganzhorn (son of Donald and Marie Gan-  
zhorn), on September 7, 2014, at the Or-  
chard Hill Center, Chesterland OH.

—Rebekah (Bekah) Richardson, daughter  
of Phyllis (Teator) and Cliff Richardson  
of Westerlo, to Derek Green, son of Brian  
and Donna Greene of Westerlo recently  
and New Hampshire currently, on October  
4, 2015, at the First Baptist Church of  
Westerlo, with reception at Settle Hills  
Banquet Center, Altamont, NY.

## **Deaths**

—Bruce Brink, 7 Aug 1946 – 1 Nov  
2014; obit copied later

—Amy Hansen, 4 Aug 1967 – 7 Nov  
2014; obit copied later

—After double-checking the past couple  
newsletters, I realized we had noted Kath-  
erine Brink’s passing, but I had not in-  
cluded an obituary. It is copied later.

If I have missed any vitals, please let me  
know.

## **Matters of the soul**

I can see my brother Ron rolling his eyes about my including these next two accounts, and I wavered between silent modesty (not writing) and acknowledgment (writing), with the risk of commenting on affairs that some deem private.

Both deal, for me, with matters of satisfying the soul, and I have chosen to share.

The first was the non-burial of my Uncle Roger. He died in 2011, in unfortunate circumstances, dying in a house he used to own but somehow came to not own, with the people whom he had taken in a few years earlier somehow coming to possess his house under very favorable financial circumstances. One might have expected these beneficiaries to handle Roger's final resting place but it was not to be. So, Roger's ashes lay at Cunningham's for a few years. It wasn't really my business to take care of, but there was that nagging gnawing that says family should take care of family, especially at death.

And Ron, knowing of my gnawing, offered to split the costs of a burial, and now Roger rests in the Greenville Cemetery, next to his mother Glenna and his uncle Norman Fitch.

Gnawing #1 was satisfied.

Gnawing #2, a tougher one for me to explain, even to myself, might come from my years of walking through cemeteries and re-

cording the final spots of our ancestors. Somehow, I feel comforted in knowing where my ancestors' final spots are.

Somewhere along my family lines, someone took care of those details, whether it was good planning, or perhaps the kindness of a relative, as I know is the case in an instance or two.

Roger's burial added to a gnawing that had been building over the years, and that gnawing was the lack of a marker for my grandmother Glenna.

Again, Ron's awareness of my feelings, and his own mixed feelings of shouldering a duty that is not really his, or mine, led to a decision that yielded to my wish to buy a monument stone that marks where my uncle Roger, his mother (my grandmother) Glenna, and her brother Norman Fitch lie.

I have no expectation that anyone else should care but I know some of you will empathize. And thank you, Ron, for sharing these two ventures, both of which have salved that bit of conscience, that sense of family duty, that part that was nagging my soul. Rest in peace, Roger, Glenna, and Norman, and now others will find your stone, and resting place, in the Greenville Cemetery.

(I am not seeking similar stories but if you have one that you would want to share, let me know.)

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## **2014 Obit for Amy Sue Acker Hansen**

EAST DURHAM – Amy Sue Acker Hansen, 47, passed away Friday morning, November 7, 2014 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness. Born in Catskill on August 4, 1967, she is the daughter of Susan Teter Weaver and the late Paul H. Buscher.

Amy was raised in Cornwallville and graduated from Cairo-Durham High School. She worked for several area businesses as a receptionist. Amy was a member of the Round Top Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Amy is survived by her husband, Andrew Hansen; two daughters, Angelica Lynn Acker and Destiny Sandra Vogt; three grandchildren, Andrew Hyden Acker, Dakota

James Acker and Amelia Sue Forsey; her mother and stepfather, Susan and George Weaver; brother and sister in-law, Thomas and Alana Buscher; two nieces, Brenna and Malaina Buscher. In addition to her father, Amy was predeceased by her grandparents, Ralph and Gladys Teter, and Helmut and Dorothy Buscher.

Calling hours will be Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 Route 81, Greenville. The funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by burial in Round Top Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Durham Ambulance, PO Box 106, Oak Hill, NY 12460 will be appreciated.

## 1930 Census

A little extra time on my hands allowed for some searching the census records, and the 1930 Federal Census was used for this newsletter. (The 1940 census was explored in the Winter 2014 Newsletter.)

“Misspellings” are copied from the census pages.

Harpersfield, Delaware Co (household #180/  
residence #183) 4/24/30

**Orlando S Teator**, 24, mar. at 21, farm laborer

Glenna E, 22, mar. at 19

Donald O, 1yr, 9 mos

Ferris A, 1 mo

Durham, Greene Co (25/28)

**Elsie Teator**, 58, widowed, house value-\$1000

Mary A (Teator), 26, single

Willis, 17, single, farm laborer

Durham, Greene Co (27/30)

**Bill Atkinson**, 26, head of household single, farm, father-Canada, mother-England

**Norman Teator**, son-in-law, 22, mar. at 21

Evelyn Teator, sister, 34, mar. at 25, father-Canada, mother-England

Dorothy E Washburn, niece, 9, b. MA, mother-Canada, father-CT

Shirley M Teator, niece, 6 mos

Durham, Greene Co (125/132) Village East  
Durham

**Olin R Teator**, 28, mar. at 20, butcher, house \$1500, owns radio

Grace E, 32, mar. at 24,

Martha E, 6

Robert C, 5

Katherine E, 3 yr, 6 mos

James F, 0 mos

Rensselaerville, Albany Co (153/169) Preston Hollow Village

**Zina B Radick**, 50, m. at 20, post-master

Mary, 52, m. at 22

Marion Warner, boarder, 12

Rensselaerville, Albany Co (52/54) Preston Hollow Village

**Charles Radick**, 24, m. at 23, dairy farmer, radio

Doris, 23, m. at 22

Rensselaerville, Albany Co (168-184)

**Joseph Pearson**, 45, m. at 34, farmer, \$800 house, owns radio, b. in England, also mother & father, arrived in 1906

Kittie Pearson, 45, m. at 34

Kenneth, 11

Walter, 8

Middleburgh, Schoharie Co (74/86) Main Str

**Norman J Radick**, 49, m. at 23, com'l traveler, monuments; house \$5000

Jesse M, 50, m. at 24

Utica, Oneida Co - 1710 Oneida Str

**Orlando S Teter**, 61, m. at 41, clothing cutter, \$7500 house

Emma B, 56, m. at 36, mother-Germany, father-Germany

### Also, in Durham

George J Teator, 71

Walter S, son, 45

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### More Census info

And I putzed around a little more and am sharing these notes from a variety of censuses.

### 1900

Rensselaerville

Zina B Raick, 21 – Dec 78, 21, m1

Mary, 24 – Mar 76, m1, 0 children

### 1900

R'ville (243/312)

Charles Radick, 48 – July 51, m. 27 yr, father & mother born in Ireland

Angeline C, 50 – Nov 49, m. 27 yr, 4 children, 3 still living

Norman J, 19 – Jan 81

Augusta Hollenbeck, 21 – Aug 1878, servant

**1910**

R'ville, Cheese Hill  
 Alexander Teator, 62, m2, 9 yr  
 Elsie, 38, m1, 9 yr, 4 ch, 4 living  
 Olen R, 8  
 Mary A (Teator), 6  
 Orlando, 4  
 Norman W, 2

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(One of our **puzzles** is what happened to **Mary Radick** (sibling to Zina B and Norman) after marry George White. I located her only in the last couple years. According to a Nancy Lynk email, George and Mary had one son, Benjamin, but I have not found him in any vital or census records.

**1900**

R'ville  
 George F White, 48, June 51  
 Mary, 26, Jan 74, m 0 yrs, 0 children

**1910**

R'ville  
 George F White, 58, m2, 10 yr, Commissioner of School  
 Mary R, 36, m1, 10 yr, 4 ch, 0 living

**1920**

R'ville  
 George F. White, 67, fruit dealer, widower

(And then there is John Sweet. And I do not know who John Sweet's father is—a major deadend; John Sweet is Elsie's father, and she marries Alexander Teator.)

**1880**

Middleburgh (125/135)  
 John E Sweet, 39, farmer  
 Oliva, 34, keeping house  
 Arsella, 9  
 Elsa, 7  
 Leilla, 5  
 Warren, 2  
 Clark Coons, boarder, 64, farm laborer

**1900**

Broome, Schoharie (52/54)  
 John E sweet, 58 – Dec 41  
 Oliva, 54 – Nov 45  
 Elsie, 26 – Oct 73  
 Warren, 21 – Aug 78  
 George B, 16 – May 84

John E. Sweet, enlisted 1864, mustered out 13 June 1865, b. Middleburgh

**Quick notes:**

—A copy of this newsletter is online in pdf format, and you can email a copy to family members who use email. Attach the pdf file from dteator.com (click on Teator genealogy, and click on Fall 2015)

—I use Facebook sporadically, have thought of a Teator/Teter page, but am not going to take the time. If someone else beats me to it, let me, and others, know.

—Anyone who wants to do some research on the family line, I'd be interested knowing of it. If I can be of assistance, let me know.



## 2014 Obit for Bruce Everett Brink

DURHAM — Bruce Everett Brink passed away Saturday, November 1, 2014, at St. Peter's Hospital after a 3-year battle with cancer. He was born on August 7, 1946 to the late Charles E. and Katharine E. (Teator) Brink.

Bruce was born and raised a farmer, all of his animals were pets and he loved each one. He was a proud member of the Greenville Future Farmers of America when he was in school.

After graduation, he had a large flock of Suffolk sheep, as well as dairy cattle. He also had a milk route, hauling canned milk before bulk milk was available. Bruce ran a dairy farm until 1993, and still has beef cattle today.

He drove school bus at Cairo-Durham Central Schools for 40 years. He had an outstanding safety record and was proud of it. He was also proud of having kids on his bus whose parents also rode his bus route when they were in school.

He is survived by his wife Bonda Lee Brink, his son Brian (Delsia) Brink, daughters Sherri Ormsbee and Lori (Michael) Conners, granddaughters Emiliana Brink, Emily and Rachel Conners, his great granddaughter, Chelsea Rae Thrasher, his brother Ernest (Peggy) Brink, sister Bonny (Andrew) Sattler, numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and close family member June Marie (Bob) Abrams as well as many other cousins. He was predeceased by his sister Carol Lyon and nephew, Charlie Lyon.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday November 4th from 4 to 7pm with a funeral service to follow at 7pm at the A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville, NY 12083.

Burial will be at the West Durham Cemetery in Durham, NY on Wednesday, November 5 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Eddy Visiting Nurse Association 159 Jefferson Heights, Catskill, NY 12414.

## 2014 Obit for Katherine Brink

DURHAM – Katharine E. Teator Brink, 87, went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 20, 2014 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in East Durham on September 14, 1926, she was daughter of the late Olin and Grace Hallock Teator, and wife of the late Charles E. Brink, who she married on September 12, 1945.

Mrs. Brink worked at the former Becker Electronics from 1956 until it closed, and then was employed at Stiefel Laboratories until she retired in 1992. She was a hard worker, in addition to helping to run the farm with her husband.

Mrs. Brink was a member of the Durham United Methodist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by three children, Bruce (Bonda) Brink, Ernest (Peggy) Brink, and Bonny (Andrew) Sattler; grandchildren, Brian (Delcia) Brink, Lori (Michael) Conners, Sherri Ormsbee, James Lyon, Daniel (Katrina) Lyon, Jennifer Lyon, Alicia (Shawn) Palmer, Holly (Devon) Morrison, Randy, Kevin and Keith Sattler; great-grandchildren, Emily Conners, Rachel Conners, Emiliana Brink, Brezney, Nicole, Andrew, Thomas and Cameron Lyon, Lucy and Ruby Palmer; numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a daughter, Carol E. Lyon; a grandson, Charles J. Lyon; three brothers, Robert, James and Bradley Teator and a sister, Martha Starr.

The funeral will be Wednesday, June 25 at 11 a.m. at the Durham United Methodist Church, 552 County Route 22 (at Route 145) Durham, followed by burial in West Durham Cemetery. The church will open at 10 a.m., prior to the service.

Memorial donations to the church will be appreciated. Arrangements are by A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, Greenville. Condolences can be posted at [ajcunninghamfh.com](http://ajcunninghamfh.com).

## How Germanic is Teter/Teator?

Many of you know, from reading this newsletter over the years, or from your own research, that our 1710 ancestors came from what is today's southwest Germany.

And four of the first five generations in America married into another Palatine family.

So, that should be a significant element of mine/our ethnic make-up, right? Even though my mother's side was loaded with Welsh and Scotch, I was guessing that the Germanic/northern European element would be as high as 40 per cent in my overall ethnicity.

Meanwhile, Ancestry online has been conducting a DNA research project/business over the past half-dozen years. Swab a stick with your saliva, place the swab in the tube provided, send it to Ancestry, and await the results.

When Ancestry had a special offer last year, I paid the fee for the test. A few weeks after submitting the sample, I received an email with the results.

I excitedly opened the pdf file, scanned through the pages, and came to the results.

*Surprise* would be an understatement.

The results said 91% of my ancestry came from the British Isles. Ninety-one percent! The northern European part was barely five percent. Whaaat!

So, I went back to read. Actually, it was a good lesson in world history and trade and conquest. Still, I was puzzled until I pondered more, and some of this will apply to you.

Even though Teator/Teter is clearly Germanic, the recent marriages in our lines of ancestry will give all of us a different result.

With my Mom's side being British Isles mostly, I knew the expected Germanic ancestry would not be higher than 50 percent.

But then my father's mother was a Fitch, another likely British Isler. And Alexander married a Sweet, another likely British Isler. The Germanic percentage was dropping quickly and I realized I should not have been so surprised.

Another Ancestry piece of information is the ethnic make-up of the typical resident of each country. Despite our notions that each country is a fixed nationality, we should keep in mind that world history shows that no Eurasian

country was ever static, without invasion, without trade, without romance between peoples of different ethnicities, etc. So the typical resident of each country will be a typical percentage of that country's ethnicity (usually a high number, of course, but allowing for outside influences).

Eliciting a chuckle or three from me when I viewed the results was the finding that the typical British Isles citizen was 80% British, after taking into account all of the historical influences that comprise British ancestry.

My chuckles came from the news that I was more British Isles-esque than the typical Brit (91% vs 80%). Go figger.

We tried the Ancestry test for Deb, the results raising an eyebrow or two, so we asked her parents to take the test. They agreed, and Deb and I had a chance to see if the claims of Deb's parents matched the "truth."

After reading the histories of the variety of ethnicities of her parents, we came away reassured, but also so very aware of the mix of world cultures that have taken place beyond our own initial knowledge of our beginnings.

So, I don't care, I will still continue to "brag" of our Palatine history, knowing the stretch of family of the last three hundred years of the Teator line, of course, has mixed with cultures from around the world.

In the back of my head, I could not help but do some math, just to show how sheer numbers can influence one's narrow scope of attention.

The Teator/Teter clan has been here since 1710. Since then, there have been about ten generations (OK, add a couple more after me). Those of you in my generation have four grandparents, eight great-gps, 16 grt-grt-gps, 32 3-grt-gps, 64 4-grt-gps, all the way to the tenth generation where I (and you of the same generation) have 1024 8-grt-gps. And our Teter line is one of those thousand-plus. So, knowing who those other 1023 are adds even more stories to our family trees.

If any of you do a DNA test, I would be interested in the results and your comments, if you are willing to share.