



Teator - Teter Tree

Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter #45

Good early-winter day, Descendants of John Teter,

-- I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday period. Those in upstate NY weathered an autumn drought that tested our gardens and creeks, only to followed by more stereotypical November air and now frigid air.

-- Below: text of newsletter; including four photos..

-- Also attached (for email): pdf file (ttr 45) of actual newsletter. Open and print if you want the genuine newsletter as produced.

-- I have bcc'd the 110 of you for privacy's sake. (65 email addresses)

-- Feel free to forward this email, or encourage someone else to sign up. The last email included the names who I email, those I mail, and those with whom I would like to re-establish contact. (those names are in Newsletter #44 – found online)

Reminders:

-- Past issues of newsletters can be found: <https://www.dteator.com/genealogy> and click on Newsletters-All. Also, I have concocted a simple index in case you are interested in a particular topic or vital. Also available are other family links.

Vitals: One of the reasons for having a Teator/Teter Newsletter is to share stories of those of us who share a common ancestor.

Another reason is to share info how the family is being reshaped by births, marriages, and deaths. In the nine months since the last email, only one vital record has been shared with me. I suspect there must be more. So, please contact me if I was out of the loop for your or your family's vitals. Also, I am aware of "significant others" who have not been welcomed into the family newsletter. Help fix that deficiency, please.

Marriage:

Peggy Sue Teator

- daughter of Margaret (Morse) and Donald Teator

m 8 June 2024

- at Malden Bridge Community Center

Brian Johnson

- b 22 June 1985 – Azle TX
- son/o Peggy Woodland & Charles Johnson

Congratulations Peggy Sue & Brian!

One Teator Branch Fills Out: The Maurice Teator / Maurice Peter Nack Family Line

Columbus is credited with discovering America, even though "America" was always there. And in the last newsletter, I detailed how I "discovered" my Uncle Maurice, even though he was present the whole time. (Actually, it was Adam who first made contact with me!)

Upon connecting with Maurice Nack, the sixth child of Orlando and Glenna (Fitch) Teator, and after a few visits, I invited Maurice, wife Lynn, and daughters Marianne and Kathy to introduce themselves, writing biographical pieces to share. And they all responded.

Maurice Teator Nack

I was born Maurice Teator on June 25, 1937 in Catskill, New York.

From birth, I was a part of the Brady, a Catholic run home for children.

I remained here until about 6 years old, when it was discovered that I was not Catholic and could no longer stay at the home.

I was transferred to the Albany Home for Children. As I aged, I was put in several foster homes (mostly farms, where we were required to work and behave).

At age 12, I was adopted by Harold and Mildred Nack. My adopted father was a mechanic and my adopted mom was a secretary at a state girls reform school. (* I was told that I could not be adopted earlier because my paternal father never signed off.)

We lived in Greenport, New York outside of Hudson where I attended Junior High and Senior High.

I graduated in 1956. I was elected to have best personality in my yearbook. In the summers, I worked at Lake Taconic State Park.

Upon graduation, I attended New Paltz State College, majoring in history and education. I was a member there of Delphic fraternity.

I left New Paltz to attend Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, receiving a certificate of graduation in 1960.

In June of 1960, I enlisted in the Air Force and did my training in Texas (Lachland) learning skills to be a computer operator.

In July of 1961 Lynn and I were married at New Paltz. I had met Lynn (Marilyn Coburn) while attending New Paltz.

We travel to Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to be close to my Air Force Base (Kincheloe) and Lynn started her teaching career.

We had two daughters while there
Marianne Elizabeth, June 25, 1962

Catherine Annamarie, December 20, 1963

In March of 1965 I left the service as a staff sergeant and I had received several awards. We decided to return to Red Hook, New York near Lynn's parents. I worked at DeLaval Separator in Poughkeepsie and Lynn continued to teach.

A service friend told us about a job at Parker Brothers in Salem, MA. I got the job there as head of the computer department and stayed there until General Mills bought them out.

We ended up buying a house in Beverly, MA where our girls attended school and grew up. Graduating from high school, Marianne attended the aggie and tech classes in vet tech. She also took classes at other colleges in the area. Kathy attended Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and majored in education.

After 48 years in Beverly, we moved to Hagerstown, MD to be close to Kathy and family. We now live in a development that is largely for seniors and close to our family here. Marianne decided to stay in Massachusetts and now lives in Gloucester.

Thank you for being in touch with me and learning more about my past life.

Lynn Nack

I was born Marilyn Elizabeth Coburn to Daphne and Win Coburn in Middlebury VT on May 1, 1939. My mom was a teacher and my dad and electrical engineer - both had met at the University of Vermont. My dad enlisted in the army during World War II and served in several US bases with a final tour in Japan. My sister Joyce was born nearly six years after me. During my dad's stay in Japan, we moved back to live on my grandparents farm in Middlebury, where I started school. Upon my dad's return home, we moved to Burlington VT where he took a job.

I went to elementary, junior high, and high school in Burlington. I was active in several organizations in high school and graduated 1957. During my senior year in high school, my dad accepted a job with IBM in Kingston and we moved to Red Hook NY.

I started college at New Paltz where I met Maurie (and when I changed my name to Lynn). After graduation from Dutchess, he enlisted in the Air Force. We were married in New Paltz upon my graduation in 1961. We moved to Sault Ste Marie, MI where he was stationed. Our two daughters – Marianne and Kathleen - were born here. After serving here, we returned to NY to live and I continued teaching at the elementary level. Maurie had an opportunity to work for Parker Bros. in Salem MA and we moved to Beverly MA - buying a home there.

Our girls went from elementary to high school in Beverly. I continued to teach, getting a Masters in reading and counseling. I taught reading, elementary, and learning disabilities. We enjoyed good friends here and lived in our home for nearly fifty years.

Our girls left home to attend college. Maryanne went to a tech college to study vet tech. She



Maurie & Lynn (date not ascertained)
A photo taken last year with my brother Ron and me was in the last newsletter

was always our quiet one, loving her books and pets. Kathy went to Hood (Frederick MD) for teaching, and was our busy one loving her bike riding, sports and friends.

Maryanne took classes at two other colleges and then returned home (Beverly MA) to live. Kathy met Rick, got married, and started her family in Maryland.

In May 2017, we sold our Beverly home and moved to Maryland so we could be closer to Kathy and her family. In 2023, we met you folks – a part of Maurie's lost family. This was the highlight of his year.

Marianne Nack

Oldest daughter- born in Michigan on Dad's birthday

Lived in Beverly MA most of my life

Went to school for animal science

Worked at a pet supply store for 10 years

Worked for a chemical company in the warehouse doing administrative work

Now work for a third party warehouse as a customer service person

Now live in Gloucester MA near the ocean with my cat Mora

I enjoy reading and crafting



2024 photo: Lynn & Maurie flanked by daughters Marianne and Kathy

Kathy Nack Tracey

Hello, I am Kathy Tracey – Maurice and Lynn’s younger daughter. I currently live in Smithsburg, MD with my husband Rick. After high school graduation, I decided to attend Hood College in Frederick, Md. I majored in early childhood education with the goal of being an elementary school teacher. I would be following in the steps of my grandmother and mother who were both teachers.

I met Rick on a blind date my freshman year. We will celebrate our 39th wedding anniversary this August. I graduated and began my career as an elementary school teacher in Frederick County, MD. My husband Rick is an assistant superintendent for a

construction company. He started his career as a carpenter and has worked his way up in the company. This fall he will celebrate his 40th anniversary with his company.

We have three grown children. Adrienne is our oldest daughter. She graduated from Frostburg State with a degree in Education. She is also an elementary school teacher. She is married to Joshua Haden who is a buyer for Johnson Controls. They have two daughters, Kinsley who will start pre-K this year and Keegan who turned one in May. They live in Hagerstown, MD.

Our second child, a son Bryan, lives in Wilmington, N.C. with his girlfriend Amber.



**Generations 1, 2
and 3—2018 photo,
at Gettysburgh**

Left to right:
Lynn & Maurie; Bryan,
Adam, Rick, Kathy;
Josh, Adrienne
(absent: Marianne)

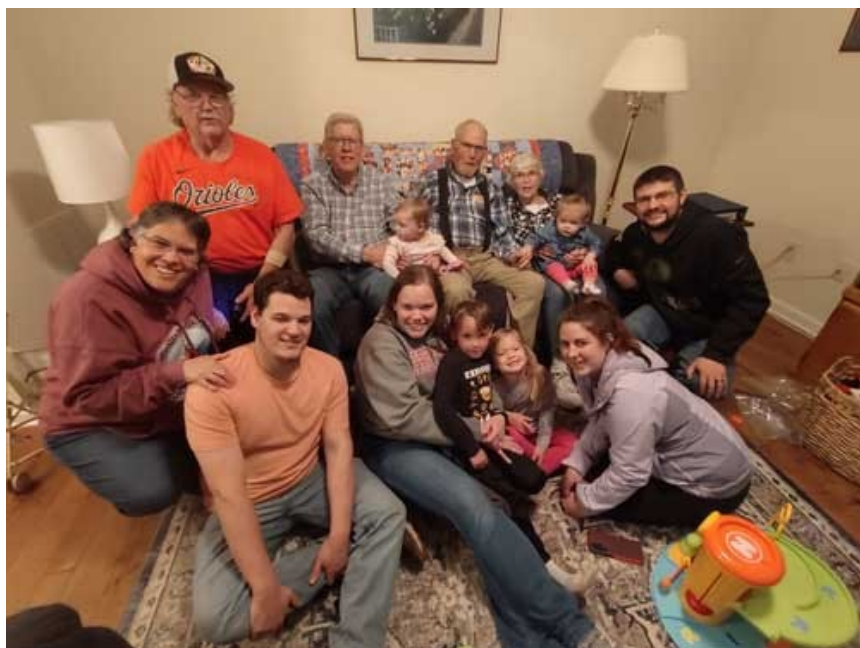
Kathy, continued:

Bryan works for Sunbelt Rentals and is district sales manager. Amber is a Pilates instructor, and this winter will graduate with a master's degree in public health.

Our youngest son is Adam, and he lives here in Hagerstown with his wife Hannah. Adam is a diesel mechanic for Carter. Hannah is a nurse. They have two children

Noah who will start first grade in the Fall and Aubrey who is 17 months old. We are lucky that two of our children live close by. Grammy and Pappy love spending time with our grandchildren.

We are so happy to be a part of the Teator family and have enjoyed getting to know our new cousins.



**Generations
1, 2, 3, 4**

A Spring 2024 photo with the great-grandkids gathered for a visit from Ron and me.

Rick, Ron, Maurie & Lynn on the couch. Newest faces: mom Hannah with Noah & Aubrey; Kinsley & Keegan; absent: Marianne, Bryan & Amber

An unintended fish-eye lens distorts the edges of the photo. Sorry to those affected.

Future Meetings

Through careless planning on my part, the Summer 2024 date of the usual Reunion found Deb and me on a river cruise in Germany. My sincerest apologies for that.

This break has led to discussions that bubbles up once in a while.

One discussion centers on the continuation of the Teator/Teter Reunion. Overwhelmingly, the response is YES although there are a number who respond positively although they admit they have not attended one in a long time.

One detail is the date. Over the years, we have held the Reunion on the third Sunday or Saturday in July, with Sunday the usual meeting date the last several Reunions. Some are suggesting a late Spring or early Autumn date would see kinder weather. And I tend to agree. School summer break used to be a reason to have a summer date, and still could be. So, Question #1: Do we keep July/August (preference?) or Other (May or September – which one?)?

A second discussion considered where. Wanting to keep it casual, and wanting to keep it local, Brandow Park in Oak Hill had been a friendly place to host our Reunions. And it is inexpensive. Another option opening soon would be the Greenville Park. The idea of having it at an indoor spot, a community center was heard. Although I think I heard most saying Brandow Park is good enough if weather cooperates, I am willing to look other places. Brandow or some place else?

A third angle is the **biennial nature** of our Reunions. Except for the two breaks (2020, 2024), we have held our

Reunions in even numbered years since 1992. Two years apart is just enough time to have people anticipate seeing others. That seems to be a majority opinion. Let me know if that is true for you.

A fourth topic, a new one for the newsletter although a few of you have mentioned this to me before, is an **online** meeting, most likely in **Zoom format**.

This raised a bunch of issues as many of you might suspect. Generally older & generally less computer savvy may have no idea what this suggestion means. Perhaps, if we tried this, we could persuade the non-computer-savvy to seek out the savvy ones that day. And people who are far flung across the globe could tune in that day.

And I wish I was more adept at this, even if I do participate in Zoom meetings.

If someone were to organize this, I would participate and help out with the genealogy as much as I could. And it could take on its own life with more dates.

And it seems our time frame allows for a Zoom year, in the odd numbered years. Any takers/organizers?

In summary, the questions to answer, to help make a better decision about upcoming meetings:

—When: keep as is or other (spring or fall)

—Where: keep as is or look elsewhere (idea?)

—How often: even numbered years or otherwise (idea?)

—Try zoom: yes or no? (And is there someone who might organize this?)

If you email your answer, or call me, I will keep a count of answers and report back by later spring.