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Unraveling the mystery of the Union Bank of Moody, Latto & Demuth

Alex Latto of Clackmannshire, Scotland, set things in motion with his query in the Summer 2000 issue about the Union Bank of Moody, Latto & Demuth of Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas County, OH.

Treva Waldrop sent this response:

I read your questions in the Latta Genealogy Newsletter about the Union Bank of Moody, Latto & Demuth of Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co, OH. How do you happen to have a 100 year old canceled certificate of deposit from the bank? The Latto who was involved in the bank is part of my extended group of ancestors.

Treva Waldrop
Centerville, Ohio, USA

To answer your questions on the

bank:

The Historical Atlas of Tuscarawas Co, Ohio 1875 & 1908 Combined states the following:

"THE UNION BANK--This bank was established by George Johnston in 1874, and operated with the assistance of I.E. Demuth as Cashier, until 1893 when it was transferred to Thomas A. Latto and Mr. Demuth. In 1895 Maurice Moody became a member of the firm and the bank was operated under the name of Moody, Latto, & Demuth until the death of Mr. Demuth in 1903, when the firm name was changed to Moody & Latto.

"The Union Bank is the largest depository of bank funds in the Twin Cities of Uhrichsville and Dennison and is regarded as one of the most conservative banks in Ohio. Messrs. Latto and Moody have had a lifelong business experience and they are assisted in the management by their two sons, W. V. Moody, Cashier and F. E. Latto,

Assistant Cashier."

Treva included a descendant report on this family, which appears later in this article.

Next came an (apparently) unrelated query from Marcy Ugstad:

I am trying to locate descendants of Zona, Maud, and Letta Latto. I have 2 photos that I bought at an antique store in Oregon that I would like to get back to their families. Both photos are "cabinet cards" and date in 1800's. Both photos were taken in Ohio, one photo taken at Dennison and the other at Uhrichsville. If you know anyone researching these LATTO women, (they were young women in the photos), please have them contact me via email regarding the photos.

Thanks,

Marcy Ugstad

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Treva Waldrop's descendant chart:

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM² LATTO (LATTO¹) was born Abt. 1794 in Donegal, Ireland, and died October 11, 1867 in Stillwater, OH. He married MARGARET SPROULL 1822, daughter of WILLIAM SPROULL and CATHARINE

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Editorial**Passages**

This issue of the newsletter is a few weeks later than usual.

Your editor's father entered upon his final illness over Labor Day weekend and finally shuffled off this mortal coil on October 4 at the age of eighty-seven.

In addition to his day job as a middle school counselor, your editor is an ordained minister and for some months has been working closely with a young man of long acquaintance, who recently celebrated his twenty-third birthday in jail, where he is awaiting trial on extremely serious charges.

This young man, who has remained close to your editor since he was a student in the middle school, has, after many years of unsuccessful attempts, made a decision to commit his life to his Lord and Savior.

A wise person of your editor's acquaintance made the observation that, just as one life has come to a close, so another life has begun.

Food for thought.

**From the mail bag
Thomas Carstairs LATTO**

In the Summer 2000 issue, Alex Latto sent a query regarding Thomas Carstairs LATTO, and I questioned him about an obvious error in the birth date of one of the two children. Here is his reply:

Sorry about my error. Harriet and Christian were twins. Harriet was born on 1st September 1, 1844, and Christian on August 30, 1844. I would like to hear if there are descendants of T. C. in USA.

I was on holiday last month in USA. We were on a bus tour for 17 days. Started at Denver, and went by way of Custer, Salt Lake City and Grand Canyon, with 4 days at Las Vegas to end the visit. It was the third successive year in USA, on similar trips.

I found that an Agnes C. B. Latto, from Fife, Scotland, had remarried in 1905 to a John Blyth in the Falkland Islands. Was he in the whaling industry, I thought. I wrote to the postmaster there in the off-chance that there was still a Blyth in the Islands. I got a reply very soon after. A clerkess in the post office was indeed a descendant. She also passed my letter to Diane McGill who was similarly descended. Diane and Len, her husband, will be in Scotland this month and will visit me to compare notes. She has a roll of paper about 25 feet long with the Latto research she has done over the last two years.

I'll let you know if I find out more.
Alex Latto, Clackmannshire, Scotland,
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Alexander M. Lattie

This exchange took place on the LATTA-L mail list. For information about subscribing to the list, send a blank e-mail message to maillist@latta.org

I am interested in contacting any possible living kin. Also I am new to this and am wondering if there is some way to search Scottish records.

Alexander M. Lattie, my great great grandfather. Born 10 May 1802, St Andrews, Fifeshire County, Scotland according to

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Editor's note: There was far more material for this issue than I could cram in. Don't be dismayed if your stuff doesn't appear. Look for it next issue.

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Catholic records of Pacific Northwest. He was married and their children baptized by local Catholic Missionaries. He drowned about 4 Sept 1849. His Native American wife lived 20 years beyond him. I have located her burial site through a contractor that developed the area.

Last year I printed out the Memorandum Book (<ftp://latta.org/pub/memobook.txt>). Pages 6 and 7 seem to coincide with much of his life though it mentions Wm Latta circa 1818. Wonder if it was any relative. I have quite a bit of info—was born & raised in Astoria, OR. If you or anyone would like, I would like to share the information I have.

I have a portion of his journal which was deciphered in 1960; it was my mothers. The original journal is in the museum in Astoria. He was also written up in an issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*.

Joan Luper
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Dear Joan, Some time ago, I was contacted by Dick Coffman, whom I believe also is descended from this Alexander Lattie. I sent him a copy of a chapter written by Russell Dark about this Alexander. It had been sent to me from the Astoria OR museum in 1992 by Evelyn Leahy Hankel. I would presume you have all this information.

Dick's address was:

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His email was pontiac@pnnw.net

I'm sure he would be happy to hear from you. Good luck!

Virginia Latta Curulla
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Branch 22

Reminiscences of Pioneer Life

Only today I stumbled across your fine Genealogy Newsletter and am wondering if you would be interested in the information contained in a 186 page book entitled *Reminiscences of Pioneer Life* written by my great-great-grandfather, Robert R. Latta (Freck), and published in 1912 by Franklin Hudson Publishing Co.

References in the book go back to Freck's

grandfather who was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1767 and died in 1847. Freck was born in Western Pennsylvania in 1836, moved with his family by covered wagon to Cripple Creek, Colorado, in 1868 and died in the Ozark Mountains around 1922. One of Freck's daughters, Margaret Florence Latta, was my great-grandmother. She was born in Mills County, Iowa, on June 22, 1864 and I vividly remember her telling me stories when I was a young boy of her journey west with her family in a covered wagon. The book contains a number of photos including Freck, aged 20 in 1856, and aged 65 in 1901.

I would not part with this book, but would be willing to send you a photo copy if you are interested and would give me your snail-mail address.

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Lattas in eastern and central Europe

In the summer 2000 newsletter, references are made to the Lattas from Eastern and Central Europe.

Lattas lived and are still living in the Carpathian Mountain Regions. Many are in Pcolina (now Slovakia); but also in other villages. The name Latta was also listed as Lata on passenger records.

The Lattas from this part of Europe are Ruthenians, Carpatho-Rusyns, Rusnaks, or Rusins--all synonymous. The Communists referred to them as Ukranians.

People doing genealogical research into these areas will find leads they need on the internet on www.carpatho-rusyn.org/slov1. The LDS also has records from the Greek Catholic Parishes in the villages.

The countries, depending on the years, are Austro-Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Slovakia. (Rusyns also live in Poland, Ukrania, Romania and Yugoslavia.)

This information might help those seeking Lattas in Eastern Europe.

Regards,
Anna Latta Owens

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T.R.A.I.L.**More volunteers would be great!****By Virginia Latta Curulla**

Latta descendants who share a passion for researching our ancestors have made substantial contributions toward our Northern Ireland Research project (Task Force Researching The Ancestry Of Irish Lattas - TRAILS). We collected \$930, and disbursed \$44 for a researcher who worked with Alex Latta at the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in Belfast last year. We also have paid a total of \$94, to Sherry Irvine, B.A., M.S., C.G. R.S., F.S.A. Ms. Irvine comes very well qualified to guide our project. She has written *Your English Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans* (2nd edition, 1998) and *Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans* (1997), as well as various journal articles on British research. Ms. Irvine co-authored *Going to Ireland: A Researcher's Guide* (1997) with Nora Hickey, a genealogist based in Ireland.

Ms. Irvine has designed the first part of a research plan for us, and suggested that volunteers among us could review Northern Ireland sources available through the Family History Centers (FHC). Family History Centers are found in many of our communities. Most of these records are on microfilm, and can be viewed at the FHC. Volunteer researchers could save time—and money. One professional genealogist estimated that a thorough Latta study for Northern Ireland would cost about \$10,000! Early estate records, such as those of the Duke of Abercorn, will require a great deal of time for review, but are likely to provide information about our ancestors that is unavailable elsewhere. If we do the groundwork, a professional genealogist could search resources that are available only in Ireland. Ms. Irvine has associates who will review records in Ireland, following the plan that she designs for our Latta research.

To date, we have 6 volunteer researchers: Bill Latta, Kansas City; Tom Kintigh, Tucson AZ; Ellen Rowan Taylor, Ft. Wayne IN; Beryl Redfield, Salt Lake City; myself, Seattle WA. Alex Latta, Edmondton, Canada, continues to do on site research during his personal trips to Northern Ireland.

Some of the records that we can check near our homes include the Londonderry Muster (1622), Tyrone Muster Roll (1630), Pender's Census of Ireland 1659, etc. Assignments have been given to the volunteers listed above. I will collate Latta information found, or note that a possible source was checked, but there was no mention of Latta.

More recently, Ms. Irvine has updated the first part of our plan, adding records for us to check, such as the

"Muster Rolls of Ulster Army of 1641", "Officers of the Militia 1761", etc. She also sent me the results of a cursory search for Latta information that she made while in England & Northern Ireland during this past April. At the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, Ms. Irvine found a map showing where John Latta lived in 1781, on the Manor of Lismochry and Mongaslin. She also found a James Latter (sic) listed in Faughanvale Parish, Callyverry (Tullyverry?) townland in County Londonderry. Another search disclosed a Patrick Leaters (sic) who was a renter in the Manor of Strabane, where the Duke of Abercorn was the "undertaker". These findings show the importance of considering any surname variations that are at all similar to Latta, such as Lata, Laty, Late, Latie, Latee, Latte, Lattie, Latter, etc. During a recent search of the 1796 microfilm showing flax growers, I found listing for "Lattaw", another apparent Latta variation.

In order to proceed most economically, we need additional volunteers to read microfilm records for Latta and related families. Do any of you have a few hours and a Family History Center nearby where you can borrow microfilm? (A local genealogical society or a public library can tell you the location of a Family History Center.) In addition to the sort of records mentioned, a review of available Northern Ireland church records would be very valuable. I can give you detailed information as to which microfilm to request and how to obtain it. Can you donate some time?

Please contact me if you can help. If more of us aren't able to volunteer, I believe that soon the best course of action will be to go ahead and have Northern Ireland records read by a professional genealogist, who will spend as much time as our current funds will allow.

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If you would like a copy of the research plan (part 1) and the map that Ms. Irvine found, please send me \$1.90 and a 9 x 12 self addressed envelope with \$1.43 in U.S. Postage.

If you are in Canada, please send a 9 x 12 self-addressed envelope, \$5.00 in Canadian funds (or \$3.70 in U.S. money). No Canadian checks please.

Editor's note: "Newsletter Retrospective", reprints from the archives of *The Latta Family Newsletter*, which normally appears on this page, will return next issue.

Lattas in the 1881 British Census

By Geoffrey W. Latta

As many researchers may know, the LDS Church has made the 1881 British census available on a set of 24 CDs. The CDs provide an index, which can then be used to access the details of individual census entries. As with much else that the Church has done for genealogists, one can only be grateful for the work that has gone into endeavors of this kind.

Coming from Britain myself, I have had a particular interest in researching Latta families in Britain and Ireland. Some of the work that I have done was outlined in an article published in the Newsletter in 1996 (Issue 2). In furtherance of this interest, I have examined all the entries in the 1881 census for Latta families, and I have cross-matched the entries with the records of births, marriages and deaths for Britain which I have collected. This article will outline some of the results of this work.

1881 Census

Like the United States, Britain conducts decennial censuses. The first was in 1801, but the census results only become valuable to genealogists from 1841 when individual names were recorded. The 1881 census provides the address, names of family members, marital status, age, gender, birthplace, occupation and relationship to the head of the household. The census records cover England, Wales and Scotland but not Ireland, which had a separate record that was destroyed by fire in 1922.

Latta Families and Individuals

In total the census lists 380 individuals with the name Latta living in 115 households. Of these households, 71 consisted of a "family," defined as more than one person with the name Latta living together (334 individuals). Five consisted of a one-person household. There were five households where a Latta was the head of household but none of the other people in the household were Lattas. There were 30 situations where one Latta lived in a household, as a domestic servant (6), lodger/boarder (8), visitor (2) or a relative (14). The remaining 6 individuals were Lattas living in institutions (hospitals or schools), including three children in one school together.

The incidence of the name should be seen in relation to the total population of England, Scotland and Wales, which was 29.7 million in 1881. The name clearly was relatively uncommon.

Accuracy

Unfortunately, once one has looked at the raw figures, the next task is to assess how accurate they are. In isolation, there would be no way to do this, but with parallel records of all births, marriages and deaths, one can begin to make some judgments. The problems that emerged

could arise from two sources. First, there may have been inaccuracies in the original census. These could be names entered incorrectly or families that were completely missed by the census. Even the census process today has a problem with undercounting. There is no reason to think that in poor cities like Glasgow, the same problem did not arise in 1881. Second, there could be problems in the transcription by the LDS researchers if they could not decipher correctly the names entered in the census or if they omitted entries. Anyone who has used the original handwritten census entries will have some sympathy with them in this regard. Apart from the problem of handwriting, there is also the problem of entries that have faded.

The problems arise in two directions. The first is that some families are entered as Lattas who probably were not. The second is that there are Lattas who were alive who do not appear. While one cannot be sure that all of these were resident in Britain at the time of the census, one can draw some conclusions about this group.

Of those listed as Lattas, I can reasonably verify that 339 were Lattas, but for 41 I have no matching births, marriages and deaths or cannot verify from the fact that they were part of families that were clearly Lattas. This does not mean that they were definitely not Lattas, but 21 of the 41 are located in Fifeshire and Forfarshire (the modern day county of Angus). In these counties, the name Latto is much more common than Latta and I would guess that some Lattos were incorrectly transcribed as Latta. One family of six were all born in Ireland (hence there are no matching birth records) and one could speculate that they returned there.

On the other side of the coin, there are clearly Lattas that were incorrectly entered under another name. My own great-grandfather and his family were entered as Latte. One family was entered as Satta (again an understandable error on the part of the LDS as an S and L looked rather similar). In total, there are 56 male Lattas who were living in 1881 who did not appear in the census records under Latta. Of these, I can reasonably identify 14 entered under the names Latte, Satta and Latto. Even so, a shortfall of 42 is quite large.

It is less easy to estimate the shortfall for females. This is because Scotland adopted the helpful practice of recording female deaths under both maiden and married names. The census on the other hand only records the current name. Thus a female Latta born in 1840 and dying in 1900, whom I cannot trace in the census, could easily be a married woman entered under her married name. I would estimate that the number of females missing is similar to that of the number of males.

As mentioned above, names missing from the census could be the result of original failure to record them or of

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transcription error. It is also possible that some could have been out of the country, although given that Lattas were not generally wealthy, this is unlikely to be a major factor. Navy personnel were recorded but not Army and I can identify one soldier who does not appear in the census. Members of the merchant navy might also have been missed if absent. However, there is only one entry with a married head of household who was a woman and this was for the soldier mentioned above.

Related Names

As part of the crosschecking process, I also searched on names similar to Latta. This yields the following counts: Latto 354, Latty 106, Latey 35, Lattey 27, Latte 23, Latt 7, Laty 7 and Lata 0.

The interesting name here is clearly Latto. This name was heavily concentrated in two counties, Fifeshire and Forfarshire (Angus today), which yielded 244 Lattos. Other research that I have done shows that in the 18th century, the spelling of the names was mixed in Fife as elsewhere. It would appear that as spelling became more standardized, these two counties opted to spell the name with an "o" while other areas like Ayrshire opted for an "a". The other names were concentrated in England and occur rarely in Scotland, which would indicate that they are separate in origin.

Geographic distribution

Of the 380 Latta entries, 306 were in Scotland and 74 in England. This is to be expected given the Scottish origin of the name. The concentration is in the central part of Scotland in a band from Ayrshire in the west to Fifeshire in the east. The largest number were in Lanarkshire, where Glasgow is located (104). In England, the majority of the 74 were in the London area (32) or Lancashire (34), which covered the industrial areas of Manchester, Salford and Liverpool.

Occupations

The Lattas were not a rich group. There were 99 males, who had an occupation listed. The youngest of these was 12 years old, with two who were 13. Of these, I would estimate that 65 had blue-collar jobs. The most common listings were coalminer (6), ship carpenter

(5), labourer (5), and agricultural labourer (5).

The 34 who did not appear to have blue-collar jobs were divided into five broad groups. First there were 6 farmers (plus 3 farmer's sons) who appeared to own land and employ farm labor. Second there were 6 clerks of various kinds plus two customs' officers. Third, there were two solicitors (lawyers). Fourth, there were a few merchants or manufacturers (6). Finally there were two commercial travellers (salesmen). The other seven were spread across such occupations as grocers or bakers, which might have been blue-collar jobs or could have been shopowners.

Not surprisingly, there were fewer women with occupations listed. The total was 52 and they were concentrated in several occupations. There were 14 domestic servants, 11 dressmakers, 10 weavers (cotton, linen or jute) and 8 who were listed as farmer's wives or daughters. The other nine were spread across a variety of occupations.

Geographic Mobility

Since one can match current residence with place of birth, it is possible to draw some conclusions about the pattern of mobility in Britain in the nineteenth century. As one might expect, the mobility was generally from more rural counties to more urban locations. Thus of the 63 Lattas in Ayrshire, 58 were born there (92%). On the other hand of the 104 in Lanarkshire, which includes Glasgow, only 51 were born there (49%). Unfortunately for the London area residents, many were lacking the information on place of birth, but the figure looks as if it would be similar to Lanarkshire. Lancashire looks even lower, but once again a number of the entries lacked the information on place of birth.

Conclusion

The reliability of the Census overall seems rather lower than I would have hoped. This is probably a good warning to researchers to treat all sources with some care. This can be both good and bad news. At times, it may seem one has drawn a blank when it is actually the source that is incorrect; on the other hand, having the parallel sources to work out when something like the census is inaccurate is a rare luxury.

Branches 8 & 9**Letter from Wm. M. Latta**

Virginia Latta Curulla writes: Alex Latta has been kind enough to send me a letter that Wm M. Latta (of Nashville) sent to him 2 May 1979. I am transcribing it below.

There appear to be many suppositions in this letter (without documentation), but also, some apparent leads that we could follow up. W.M. Latta appears to have believed that branches 8 and 9 were the same. It would be very interesting to see that family Bible that he mentions, and if he has any other documentation.

Can anyone identify the Alexander Latta, the younger, who died in Charleston, S.C. April 12, 1792?

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Wed. May 2, 1979

Dear Mr. Latta:

Your kind letter of Jan. 20, 1979 has been rec'd and appreciated although I have been rather slow in answering, this due to being so busy with my work at the shop.

I suppose you and your wife are getting ready for your trip to England, Scotland & Ireland by the end of this month. We plan on making such a trip someday if old "Father Time" doesn't overtake me before we get around to it.

As for the Latta family history, I may not have told you this but a William Latta of Scotland, known to some of his descendants in both Scotland & northern Ireland as "Auld William," fought with Richard I (The Lion Hearted) King of England in the third Crusade to the Holy Lands and was granted a Baronial Coat of arms by Richard in 1191 A.D. He was from Scotland. There was another coat of arms awarded the Latta family in France (or Gaul) about 800 A.D. I have a copy of the first one but not the earlier one. I am told that there was also a Baron Latta in Austria at one time.

I did not correspond with the Robert H. Latta, Lawyer & Publisher of Denver, Colo. but have read most of the data he collected in over fifty years. It is all in the rare book & manuscript section of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. He died in 1937 (sic). There was a W. H. Latta of Pullman, Wash., who was a mail carrier by profession who did considerable research into the Latta family over a period of some fifty years. His records are also stored in the rare book & manuscript section of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Then there is a Frank F. Latta of Santa Cruz, Calif., who has spent over forty years collecting information on the Latta's. I have corresponded with the latter two. Wm. H. of Pullman is deceased but Frank F. is still living. He is about 87 yrs. old. We all agree that the Latta name is very, very ancient—probably

originating in Messopotamia (sic) about 3500 B.C. or about 5,500 yrs. ago. The name in old Arabic means lid or cover. The Latta's were potters in these days and made the "lids or covers" to the large pottery urns used to store the grain in those days. The lids had to be made to very exact specifications and had to fit like a glove to seal the grain for storage. Some of these urns have been unearthed in the ancient city of Ur, where the British Archaeological Society and the Univ. of Pennsylvania have been excavating for many years "proving the Bible" as it were.

It is my theory that the Latta's originated in the Vicinity of Ur as the name "ATTA" was found listed as a family name there. This I found in a book *Excavations at Ur* by Sir Thomas Wooley, a Britisher. I believe these people followed the tide of civilization westward and on into Gaul where the "L" was added as Le Atta or "the Atta" in French. We do know with a reasonable degree of accuracy that there were Latta's in Austria, Spain, France, England, Scotland and Ireland. Evidently they went to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. They were Normans then. For many generations our branches lived in the highlands of Scotland, possibly around old Cumnock not very far from Edinburgh.

There were three Latta brothers—John, William & Andrew—who were made K.B.E.'s (Knights of the British Empire) during World War I for building ships to transport the British troops. I corresponded with Sir Andrew Gibson Latta, who lived in Edinburgh and he told me the Latta's had lived for many centuries in Scotland and that his ancestors came from Old Cumnock.

I have corresponded with Latta's in Ayr, Ayrshire Scotland, but none know much about their forebears (sic).

My branch came to America about 1738 and settled in s.e. Pennsylvania first and later went into the N. & S. Carolina region about 1750, later generations coming to Maury Co., Tenn in 1817.

I am about seven generations removed from the St. Johnston, Co. Donegal area of N. Ireland. It is my belief that we are descended from the old William of the 3rd Crusade 1191 A.D. In a letter from a Thomas Latta, cousin of Mrs. Geo. Irvine of Londonderry, he mentioned an old saying among (sic) the Latta's handed down through the generations -- about "Auld William lies a sleeping in the saud" (or old William lies sleeping in the sod) This cannot mean anything but reference to William of the Crusades, who fought with Richard I. He is reputed to have saved Richard's life when several Turks stormed the tent where Richard was quartered. This is why Richard made him a Baron in Scotland. This Crest or "Baronial Coat of Arms" is recorded in Robson's "the British Herald" and confirmed in Fairbairn's book of crests. The same basic coat

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Letter from Wm. M. Latta

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of arms is found, with some variations in some Editions of *Burke's Peerage*, showing the lines of a Baronet. It was granted to one William Latta "who has shown great ability in any kind of construction". Wm was supposed to have been a bridge builder, both stationary and pontoon for Richard's troops to use during the third Crusade.

It is a very beautiful (Baronial as opposed to a Knight) coat of Arms. The Crest is an Oak tree. Most Latta's have never seen it! The motto in Latin reads "Dum Vivo Vireo" or "while I live, I flourish".

About 1620 when the Protestant religion came into being and after the long Irish War, the then king of England forced several families to go to Northern Ireland to occupy the country. It is my belief that our Latta's were among these. I found a John Latta as being in a church register at Taughboyne, St. Johnston, Co. Donegal in 1688. He was Presbyterian same as my family for several generations at least since 1620 where they were organized in Scotland.

I have a record of an Alexander Latta, the younger, who died in Charleston, S.C. Apr. 12, 1792. He was formerly of St. Johnston, Co. Donegal -- left property to brother William Latta (a Sgt in Revol. War) and sisters Sarah & Mary Latta -- will dated 10Apr. 1792, probated & proved 2 Aug 1792. There was an Alexander Latta listed in my old Bible. So Alex. was a good old Latta name, no doubt.

According to Robert H. Latta of Denver (now deceased) Latta's lived near the following places in Co. Donegal, N. Ireland: -- Donegal in s.w. part of County on Donegal Bay; St. Johnston in east central part of county about ten miles s.w. of Londonderry and Kelly or Kellebogs, which is in the southwestern part about 15 miles due west of Donegal on McSwyne's Bay. My earliest ancestor a James M. Latta was married twice. We do not know who his first wife was but he was married the second time about 1730 to a Mary or Margaret Allison from Lac or Leck, Co. Donegal. By his second wife he had one son James who became the noted Presbyterian minister Rev. James Latta D.D. (1732-1801). By his first wife he had Samuel, William & John. I am descended from this John 1727-1795 buried at Waxhaw Presbyterian Churchyard -- 8 miles n.w. of Lancaster, S.C. He was my g.g.g.g.grandfather. He was born in Co. Donegal 1726 or 1727. He died at age 68 in 1795. He was a wagon maker by trade.

If you care to check into any of this while you are in Britain, I would be happy to hear from you when you get back.

As you can see the Latta's have a long, long history. There was a Robert Latta who was a professor at Edinburgh Univ. He wrote a book with a Mr. McBeth - *The*

elements of Logic by Latta & Mac or McBeth. There was a General Latta referred to in Johnston's history of Cecil Co., Md, page 287-289 who was a first cousin to Rev. James Latta D.D. (1732-1801). I could go on & on about the Latta's but am afraid you might find it boring.

Recently a Mr. John W. Latta of 4805 N. Seventh St., Arlington, Va 22203 and a Mr. Danny W. Latta have started publishing a Latta Family Newsletter. It was started last spring 1978 and is published quarterly. The subscription fee is \$5.00 per annum and eventually this will amount to something as they are digging in the old records at the Library of Congress, old Bibles, etc. and publishing it. If you are interested write John W. Latta above - he is the editor and Danny is the ass't.

I have met Danny but not John W. We are all trying at this late date to save what we can of the Latta family history here in America and in Ireland, Scotland England & where ever we can find them. They are a rather scarce breed now. I was the only male descendant who had 2 boys for over 200 yrs. My line almost ran out didn't it?

Well I must close it is midnight".

Luck to you and may you have a nice safe trip abroad. Let me know if you find something interesting!

Sincerely,

(signed) William Malcolm Latta (7-16-1908 to ?)

From the mail bag cont'd

Followup on Cmdr. Frank D. Latta

(Continued from page 3)

On page 3 of issue 13 is an article about Frank Latta.

I believe this Frank Latta was the son of Ray Latta, who was born in Morning Sun, IA, in 1891. While I do not know the birthday of Frank Latta, I believe that he was also born in Morning Sun IA. I also think he had two sons whose names I do not know.

I never met Frank Latta, but believe he is my half brother. My father experienced a brief marriage to Frank's mother, whose name I do not know. Following the dissolution of this brief marriage, my father, Ray, left Iowa and wandered for several years. He remarried and settled in Minnesota where my brother and I were born. My brother Miles was born in 1926 and died following a bicycle accident in 1941. I was born in 1927 in Deerwood, MN. I have two daughters, Nancy and Judy, both living in CA.

I have lived in Newport OR for 48 years and believe I am a member of Branch 29, but have had very little contact with relatives.

Ray Latta's father was J. Kirk Latta, owner and publisher of the *Morning Sun News* for sixty years. [1866-1953, buried Elmwood Cemetery, Morning Sun Twp, Louisa Co, IA—ed]

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Queries

Send your queries to the editor, Paul H. Calhoun, 736 Grant St, Port Clinton OH 43452-2149 (paul@latta.org)

LATTA WILLIAMS	Looking for links to Robert Thurston LATTA. His son was my grandfather, Johnson Brown LATTA, a horsetrainer/owner from Kentucky. My father, Johnson Brown LATTA, Jr. lived in the Jacksonville, FL area. J. B. Sr. would have been born in the late 1800's, birthday Feb. 2. J.B. Jr. was born Feb.26, 1912 - mother, Lucille WILLIAMS. —Kathryn Latta Rivers, 4726 Wesleyan Woods Drive, Macon, GA 31210 kathirivers@hotmail.com
LATTA McMORRIS	Looking for information on the ancestors of Joseph LATTA, born 1797 in Londonderry, Ireland and married to Elizabeth McMORRIS, born 1811. Please contact me by e or snail mail. Thank you. —Elvira Latta Charles, 16 Tompkins Hill Road, Washington, CT 06793 elviracharles@aol.com
LATTY MATHEWS	Am looking for information on the LATTY family of McDonald County, MO. John W LATTY b. 1858 in MO married in 1877 to Sarepta A MATHEWS b. 1858 in Arkansas. They had 10 children...Frederick Namen (1878), George Albert (1880), William G and James W. (twins) (1883), Mary Frances (1886), Martha Jane (1889), Phoebe (1890), Sybil B (1892), Curtis (1896) and John Lawson (1895). I am looking for parents and siblings of John W LATTY. Any information you could give would be appreciated. —Suzanne Ross, 1050 West Avenue #A, eureka, ca 95501 suz_ross@hotmail.com
LATTA	We would like to find some info on my wife's mother's family who are LATTA and lived in Batesman Bay NSW Australia. All we know is that my wife's grandmother married a Fred LATTA in Batesman Bay NSW Australia. Hope someone might be able to help; —Robert.Tizzoni, PO box 998, parkes parkes NSW 2870 Australia robertct@ix.net.au
LATTA SWITZER	The article in Issue Three was fascinating. I would be interested in any information relating to the William LATTA, Blacklegs, regulators, origins in Ohio and travels to Iowa. I note another Lagrange Co. "citizen" went west and was involved in similar activities there, tried, escaped and went to California. Name was Henry SWITZER. I am interested in his Ohio origins. —Paul Pettit, 28790 Ellis Ave., Romoland CA 92585 cpettit@telis.org
KELVIE LATTA RUTHERFORD	I am trying to trace back from Mary Jane LATTA (born Dundonald,(Loans?) Ayrshire, Scotland in January 1873). She married James RUTHERFORD in December 1902 in Paisley Scotland and died in childbirth in 1908 in Paisley Scotland. I know that her parents' names were James LATTA (born around 1837) and Jane KELVIE (born around 1841). They were married in Ayrshire on 11 September 1861. Any information on the parents of James LATTA or his wife or any other children would be most appreciated. —Cliff Shaw, Am Eichelberg 27, Bayreuth 95448, Germany cliff.shaw@uni-bayreuth.de
APPLE LATTA (Branch 7 family 1) MAGNUM RILEY ROBERTS	Thomas Sr if right one was father of Robert LATTA b 1802 married Nancy RILEY b1815 in orange county NC on 6/29/1827. 3 sons John, James and {unknown} maybe Wilie b1834 married Susan MANGUM 1858 served Civil War 24 NC co a wounded left leg Malvern Hill 7/2/62 2 s 3 d Minnie LATTA b1878 married Tom APPLE [2nd marriage] 1 child William Floyd b4.13.79 d7.5.43 married Elizabeth APPLE 12.10.1879 in orange county 6 children Lola LATTA b2/1881 married --- Roberts 6 or 7 children Nume LATTA 3/83 m Mary ROBERTS 6 children and Maggie O [?]; —Robert C Latta Sr, 201 SW 65 Terr, Pembroke Pines Fl 33023 rlatta@mindspring.com
LATA (Spain)	Looking for anyone researching about Family LATA from the Province Galicia (Spain). I have information about descendants in California (USA) and Buenos Aires (Argentina). Always happy to learn more and to help! —Monica Martinelli Lata, Ludwigshafener Strasse 8, Düsseldorf, NRW 40229, Germany Gerald.Moni@t-online.de
LATTA Branch 6, 7, 31	I am looking for any documentation of Indian heritage or lineage for LATTAs in Branches 6, 7, 31. —Jane Sneed Dunn, 8670 Enterprise Rd, Mt.Pleasant TN 38474 jadunn@edge.net
HOWARD LATTA	I am looking for information on Anderson and Elizabeth Alston LATTA and their son, James Gilman LATTA who married Catherine (Cattie) HOWARD of Caswell County. —Dorothea (Dottie) Davenport Burkhart, 1975 E. Holly Grove Rd, Lexington, NC 27292 dburkhart@davidson.cc.nc.us
CHRISTOPHER LATTA	I am searching for info on my ggrandmother, Sarah Jane LATTA. I think her father was a William LATTA. She was listed in Branch 25, but she most closely matches Br 31. She was born in TN circa 1823 and died circa 1854 or 1855. She married Towns CHRISTOPHER 2-6-1841 in Maury Co., TN. She is probably buried near Snow Creek, since her father lived there. How can I find the correct Branch # for her? —Janie G. Quarles, P.O. Box 624, McCrory, AR 72101 janieq@ipa.net

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Expenditures	
Sherry Irvine research	<u>52.50</u>
Balance on hand	744.50

Marion Latta Fawl, Branch 4, of Weaverville, CA, an early subscriber and frequent contributor to *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter*, died on 25 August 2000, following an illness of several months.

She was preceded in death by her husband. A son, Steven, survives.

Latto Bank mystery unravels

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CALDWELL.

Notes for WILLIAM LATTO:

David Hefling reports that William Latto Sr was born in 1790 and married in 1824. He is buried in Lima Cemetery, Stillwater, OH.

William Sr was a manufacturer of domestic goods in Philadelphia. He emigrated to America in 1822 on the day of his marriage. He owned, at the time of his death, 677 acres, most of it in Mill Twp. When he came to Uhrichsville, he settled on the Big Stillwater in the southwest corner of Mill Twp. He came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1832.

Notes for MARGARET SPROULL:

David Hefling reports she was born about 1803.

She came to this country with her parents. Her father died on the boat coming over. She married William Latto on the boat on the way over from Ireland.

Her sister, Eliza, married William's brother, Alexander.

She is buried in Lima Presbyterian Cemetery, Stillwater, OH.

Children of WILLIAM LATTO and MARGARET SPROULL are:

i. JOHN3 LATTO, b. Stillwater, OH; d. Enterprise, Kansas.

Burial: Lived in Enterprise, Kansas

ii. DAVID E LATTO, m. MARY M WHITE, Aft. 1892.

Burial: Lived in Kansas in 1884

2. iii. WILLIAM LATTO, b. July 02, 1825, Philadelphia, PA; d. May 15, 1889.

3. iv. ALEXANDER LATTO, b. December 09, 1826, Philadelphia, PA; d. September 27, 1890, Uhrichsville, OH.

4. v. ANDREW LATTO, b. November 18, 1828, Philadelphia, PA; d. September 16, 1901, Stillwater, OH.

5. vi. CATHERINE LATTO, b. March 20, 1832, Philadelphia, PA; d. January 29, 1920, Uhrichsville, OH.

6. vii. THOMAS LATTO, b. October 09, 1834, Stillwater, OH; d. June 17, 1881, Uhrichsville, OH or Stillwater, OH.

7. viii. ESTHER LATTO, b. 1837, Stillwater, OH; d. October 18, 1873, Stillwater, OH.

8. ix. ELIZA LATTO, b. March 14, 1838, Stillwater, OH; d. March 06, 1922, Stillwater, OH.

x. ANN LATTO, b. February 07, 1846, Stillwater, OH; d. September 20, 1848, Stillwater, OH.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM3 LATTO (WILLIAM2, LATTO1) was born July 02, 1825 in Philadelphia, PA, and died May 15, 1889. He married (1) REBECCA HOUK March 28, 1850 in Mill Twp, Tuscarawas Co, OH, daughter of JACOB HOUK and ELIZABETH CAHILL. He married (2) ELIZABETH ROSS January 25, 1874 in Tuscarawas Co, OH, daughter of JOHN ROSS.

Notes for WILLIAM LATTO:

David Hefling reports he was born 21 Jul 1825.

He was a farmer in Stillwater. His parents emigrated from Ireland to this country in 1822, having been married that year.

He served as Township Assessor, Treasurer and Trustee. He had a farm of 217 acres, lying along the railroad, of which two thirds was bottom land.

"Considerable coal is found in the hills, and the farm buildings are of a superior order". In 1875 atlas, it says he settled on Section 31 in Rush Twp in 1834. (Probably his father owned the land first.)

He is buried in Lima Cemetery with his first wife.

Notes for ELIZABETH ROSS:

Lived in Newport, OH when married to Nathaniel Smyth.

Moved to Tuscarawas county from Jefferson County when she was nine years old. She had 6 children to Nathaniel Smyth. Mrs. M. M. Davis, Park Valley, Mrs W. R. Oglebee of Flushing were two.

She is buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery with her son.

Children of WILLIAM LATTO and REBECCA HOUK are:

i. ELIZABETH ANN4 LATTO, b. January 27, 1851, Stillwater, OH; d. Stillwater, OH; m. EPHRAM JOHNSON FURNEY, December 12,

1872, Tuscarawas Co, OH.

ii. THOMAS ALEXANDER LATTO, b. February 09, 1854, Rush Twp, Tuscarawas Co, OH; d. January 06, 1909, Uhrichsville, OH; m. ADALINE CALDWELL, November 19, 1878, Harrison Co, OH.

Notes for THOMAS ALEXANDER LATTO:

He had lived in Tippecanoe, OH where he was in the mercantile business.

Occupation: Vice Pres Union Bank (Moody & Latto)

More About ADALINE CALDWELL:

Burial: Union Cemetery

iii. JACOB HOUK LATTO, b. September 21, 1855, Stillwater, OH.

iv. WILLIAM HENRY LATTO, b. May 30, 1858, Stillwater, OH; m. EDNA DAY, 1891.