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A Brief History of D.G. Latta, and D.G. Latta Limited

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David Gilliland Latta was born of an Irish farming family, at Ballycarny, County Wexford in 1869. Being the sixth of ten children, he saw little opportunity for advancement on the farm, so after completing his education at nearby Enniscorthy, he sailed for Canada in 1889.

The first year was spent in Ontario, then in the spring of 1890 he traveled to Whitemouth, Manitoba where he stayed with his brother William for a short time, before joining the North West Mounted Police. After completing three years with the force, he bought his discharge in the spring of 1893 and purchased land near Battleford, Saskatchewan, where he started sheep ranching. He continued ranching for four years, then, selling the ranch, he moved to Edmonton where he worked for two or three years in the employ of others while learning the carriage making trade. David Latta then started his own blacksmith and carriage shop at 132 Fraser Avenue, (99 St. & 101A Avenue). In 1902 he was joined by John H. Lyons to form the company of Latta and Lyons. This partnership lasted for several years until Lyons left the business and later started Lyons Motors Ltd. By this time they had expanded the business and had a second factory at 650 Elizabeth Street, (9548 102 Avenue).

In 1906 he was elected to Edmonton's second city council where he served with zeal, but did not run again. He continued to prosper, but finding delivery of materials and supplies from the East uncertain and difficult he decided to phase out the blacksmith and carriage making and go into the whole-sale distribution of these same materials. As this new venture prospered he continued to expand his property east on Elizabeth Street, finally occupying land from 9528 to 48 on 102 Avenue,

meanwhile disposing of the shops on Fraser Avenue.

In 1931 or 1932 he retired and moved to North Vancouver, leaving management to Robert Nimmo, his accountant. The Company did well under the new management, never failing to pay a dividend each year of the depression, and accumulating surpluses for future expansions. In 1947 Mr. Latta agreed to construction of new premises at 95th Street and 105th Avenue, where the company would enjoy the advantages of a spur rail to their own docks. Unfortunately Mr. Latta suffered a stroke in January of 1948, and was returned to Edmonton with Mrs. Latta, where he could be cared for, until his death on November 11, 1948, having never seen his new building. The building was completed in 1949 and all activity was moved to that location. The 102 Avenue buildings were sold in 1950 to the Army and Navy stores, and were used as a surplus goods warehouse for several years. They are now completely removed and the

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Editorial

Alex Latta has submitted something different this issue: two biographies of his grandfather, David G. Latta. I used them both so that the reader could compare and contrast two biographies from two different eras. My challenge to you, the reader, is: have you written a biography of your grandparents? If you write a biography or story about your Latta grandparent, send it to me, and I will gladly publish it in a future newsletter. Since this newsletter is sent to several libraries, your story will be preserved for future generations.

Barbara Smith has submitted a lengthy list of Branch 41 and 45 Latta families. Have you written up the legacy of your family? Please remember to include your sources. Some researchers have written, and I look forward to hearing from more authors. When you research, write, and publish your family history, we all will learn and benefit.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

Another goal of our Latta Family is to find a branch captain for every branch of the Latta Family. Unfortunately, we do not have a Captain for every Branch. We could use some more volunteers. If interested, please contact Sue Lattea Cox, Branch 17, Coordinator of Branch Captains. The duties of a branch captain were spelled out in issue 17, Summer 2002. Here is a revised list of our branch captains, with names and addresses.

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REPORT PERIOD FROM 7/1/03 through 12/15/03:

COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 6/30/03:		\$ 3,144.75
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 855.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$2,289.75 ¹	
Income 7/1/03 through 12/15/03:		\$ 1,368.88
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 3 donors	\$ 50.00	
GENERAL FUND ² – 68 donors	\$1,318.88	
Expenses 7/1/03 through 12/15/03		(\$ 970.79)
Newsletter editor- reimburse expenses for issue #20	\$ 696.05 ³	
Internet Valueweb– Latta.org website connection fee	\$ 99.75	
Reimburse treas. MS Front Page software for webmaster	\$ 99.99	
Latta.org domain name registry renewal 2004-2005	\$ 40.00	
Directory of Family Associations listing for 2004	\$ 35.00	

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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 905.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,637.84 ⁴	

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NOTES REGARDING DONATIONS -

- Your donations not only support the publication and mailing of the newsletter, but also cover related expenses. These include the registration fee for the Latta.org website domain name (renewable every two years), the monthly website connection fee of \$19.95 per month, and potential expenses related to the very important project of becoming a nonprofit organization.
- Currently, we are unable to accept credit card donations. If you would like that convenience to be available, please contact the treasurer above.
- Donations received after 12/15/03 will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.**
- Please send any corrections, questions or comments about donations or financial matters to the treasurer, Virginia Curulla, address above. Suggestions welcomed.**

¹ Please note that this amount has been corrected since the previous treasurer's report. Income from donations was added incorrectly in the issue #20 report. The correct total was \$682.54.

² Includes \$150 donated specifically for nonprofit enterprise or other purpose.

³ Expenses for issue #21 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

⁴ Balance will be approximately \$1950 after deducting expenses for issue #21

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spot where the old blacksmith shop stood is now occupied by the Chinese Elderly high-rise. The site where the original shops were on Fraser Avenue are now partly occupied by the new Citadel Theatre. His small farm which he had as a hobby in North Edmonton is now a part of the Steele Heights community. David Latta's memory was honored by the City of Edmonton Archives, by the official naming of the "Latta Bridge" after him. The family home which he built in 1905, and stood by the bridge at 9151 Street and Jasper Avenue, was razed in 1986.

THE LATTA FAMILY ASSOCIATION IS GROWING!

By Virginia Latta Curulla, vcorolla@earthlink.net, Treasurer, Branch 22

The Latta Family Association/Genealogy Newsletter will be listed in the next issue of the International Directory of Family Associations. This will be a printed pullout booklet included in the March/April 2004 issue of Everton's Family History Magazine. We have renewed our domain name "Latta.org" through 2006 with Domain Registry of America. Thanks to our many volunteers, our group is becoming even more active and drawing worldwide interest.

Three of our members, Sharon Weaver, Anna Smith, and Brian Smith, have volunteered to coordinate our exciting new archival project. You will find a separate article about that in this newsletter.

A volunteer (or volunteers) still are needed to carry us forth into nonprofit status. Would you be willing to guide us through the process or work with a group to address this urgent need?

A note from your editor: I am always looking for good articles on the Latta family. You do not have to be a Pulitzer Prize winning author to be in our newsletter. Just please send me your stuff at: Ken Mueller, 337 Gertrude St., Elgin, Illinois 60123, U.S.A.

THE LATTA FAMILY ASSOCIATION - A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION?

By Virginia Curulla, Treasurer

Our Latta Family Association should not be run as a personal business. As treasurer, I'm unwilling to take on that responsibility. We need to become a nonprofit, tax exempt organization. Cindy Stiene (Branch 15) has done a great job drafting by-laws based upon other groups like ours. Please refer the last issue of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter to see her proposal. It is urgent that someone step forward to "shepherd" our group through the process of setting up a nonprofit. You do not have to be an expert, only willing to become informed and follow-through. WILL ONE OF YOU SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION BY VOLUNTEERING?

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Branches 41 & 45 Combined

By Barbara R. Smith, West Valley City, Utah

1 SAMUEL (1) LATTA,

Born in Ireland, but may have died in America. (Elvira Latta McHenry, d/o 5 Thomas Latta, said that his name was Samuel.) Children:

2 WILLIAM (2) b. ca 1784 (determined by the 1860 census).

ALEXANDER (2). He may have been living with William in 1820.

** (If the head of this family really was named Samuel, my choice would be 8 Samuel (4) Latta of Branch #3. He had sons, Alexander and William, about whom nothing had been learned. His son, Moses, was b. ca 1765 which may make 2 William (2) b. 1784, a little young for this family.

2 WILLIAM (2) LATTA,

Samuel (1) Said to have been born in Ireland. The 1850 & 1860 census say he was born ca

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1784/85 in PA. He d. 2 Nov 1862 at Roscoe, PA. (R.H. Latta - He came to Pennsylvania with his brother Alexander and settled in Westmoreland County. He was first married to two Corwin sisters and had a child by one. m. 2nd - Rachel Stewart in 1814. She was b. in 1796 d. 15 Jun 1879. William bought the old brick house at Roscoe. Rachel said she moved into the old brick house as a bride in 1814.) see ** below.

Child by Martha Warden:

MARY (3) b. 7 Sep 1811 d. 1887 m. John Speers - 8 Children:

1) Wm Henry 1831-1894 2) Rebecca 1833-1905 3) Sarah 1835-1893 4) Martha Isabel 1837-1922 5) John Frye 6) George Warden 7) Mary Ellen 8) Maria Lucretia 1841-1911 m. David Byers - 3 daughters: Mary, Eva & Jane.

Children by Rachel Stewart:

3 WILLIAM (3) b. 5 Apr 1816.
4 JAMES D. (3) b. b. ca 1818.
5 THOMAS (3) b. 24 Mar 1820.
HENRY (3) b. ca 1822 d. 4 Jul 1848.
6 JOHN WESLEY (3) b. ca 1823.

SARAH J. (3) b. ca 1825 d. 8 Apr 1863 m. David Echiles - 2 Ch: John and Sarah.

RACHEL M. (3) b. ca 1827 d. 1 Dec 1859 m. 30 Apr 1851 Clark Crow- 3 Ch: 1) Charles d. 1851 2) James d. 1857 3) Anna Salina 1851-1926.

7 ROBERT J. (3) b. 21 Sep 1828.

MARTHA JANE (3) b. 12 Apr 1830 d. 17 Oct 1893 & buried at Lone Tree, IA m. 25 May 1848 James H. Lutz (b. 20 May 1827 d. 20 Jan 1890 at Lone Tree - 11 Ch: 1) John H. 2) Allen 3) Mary Ann 4) Joseph Angelo 5) Kate Estella 6) James K. 7) Cora J. 8) Rachel D. 9) Charles W. 10) Frank Osborn 11) Ella Bell.

8 JOSEPH W. (3) b. 27 Jun 1836.

9 OSTRANDER D. (3) 1 Aug 1838.

10 ALEXANDER S. (3) b. Jan 1842.

(I think 2 William (2) may have been the son of Rev. 5 William (4) Latta of Branch #3 who lived in South Huntington twp of Westmoreland County. He did not have a brother, Alexander, however his birthdate of 1784/85 fits there. Also, Rev. Wm Latta was an Elder in the Mt Pleasant Presbyterian

Church. This church was founded by Samuel Warden, *et. al*, and he was one of the first elders and trustees: 1980 Biographical Encyclopedia of Westmoreland Co, PA - pgs 707/708.

Also, on these pgs, Martha Warden d/o Samuel Warden, was b. 14 Oct 1782, wife of John Latta. However, in an excerpt of Samuel Warden's Will of 1815, it says daughter Matta, wife of William Latta. Matta being a nickname for Martha. I believe 2 William (2) above was first married to Martha Warden. Their daughter, Mary, named a daughter Martha and a son George Warden. In 1824 William was named guardian for his daughter, Molly.

** William was in Washington Co, Pa in 1820, 1830 & 1840. He was not in the 1850 census index but he was found on pg 125 of Allegheny Co in West Elizabeth with his son, William, the boat builder. Rachel and 6 children remained in Washington Co, E. Pike Run - pg 159. In 1860 William and Rachel were living together in Wash. Co, Allen twp—pg 2. brs)

** The 1850 & 1860 census also prove that Sarah, Rachel, Robert, Joseph, Ostrander and Alexander belong to this family. brs)

3 WILLIAM (3) LATTA, William (2) Samuel (1) Born 5 Apr 1816 near Belle Vernon d. 17 Jun 1881 at Elizabeth, PA m. ca 1843 Mary J. d/o John & Sarah (Price) Gibenor (also seen as Givnor). Mary b. ca 1820 d. 17 Apr 1901 at Wilkinsburg, PA. At age 16, William apprenticed to learn the boat building trade near Belle Vernon. He worked in Cincinnati, OH and later in Honeycomb Valley, AL where he built his first boat. He then returned to Monongahela, Pa & later expanded, having shops in several towns in the area.

Children:

ANASTASIA ANNE (4) b. 16 Mar 1845 Elizabeth, PA m. Moses H. Taggart of Chambersburg, PA. 7 Ch: *1) Mary E. m. Henry Walkinshaw *2) Anthony A. *3) Frank R. *4) Eugene B. *5) William L. *6) Albert D. *7) Anastasia.

VANDELIA GRAVILLA (4) b. 16 Feb 1848 d. Jul 1934. Kindergarten Teacher.

IMOGENE MARY (4) b. Feb 1855. In 1920 was in Wilkinsburg, PA.

LUELLA BLANCHE (4) b. ca 1857.

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11 ROWLAND STEWART (4) b. 7 Jul 1860.

CHARLES EMMETT (4) d. age 18 mo.

** (In 1850 they were living in West Elizabeth, Allegheny Co and his father was with them. In 1860 they were in Monongahela, PA. The 1870 census proves Rowland was their son. William's death date - Elizabeth Herald Notices - Allegheny Co, PA. brs)

4 JAMES D. (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born 1818 at Elco, PA d. 6 Sep 1857 m. 1st Lucinda A. Riggs who was b. ca 1822 and d. 20 Jan 1853 possibly from drowning when an overcrowded bridge collapsed while watching a baptism. m. 2nd - Margaret Lucinda Crow who was b. 1821 and who may have married a Mr. Noble after 1870.

Children by first wife:

MELISSA A. (4) b. ca 1842 d. 2 Jan 1902 m. David Phillips.

12 WILLIAM L. (4) b. 28 Jun 1844.

THERESA J. (4) b. ca 1846.

JOHN J. (4) b. ca 1848 d. 1870.

13 JAMES HENRY (4) b. 18 Jan 1851.

Children by second wife:

LOWMAN G. (4) b. ca 1854 d. ca 1875.

Named after minister who united his parents in marriage.

CLARENCE (4) b. ca 1856. Was with his mother in 1910 Wash. Co.

CHARLES (4) Not found on any census.

JANE (4) Not found on any census.

** (James and wife Margaret and first four children above, were in Washington Co in 1850, next door to Rachel in E. Pike Run twp. This would indicate that Margaret was the first wife of James. James died in 1857 and the 1860 census has Lucinda as the head of the family. In 1870 this family was in California, Washington Co., PA - pg 62 with 4 sons living at home: John, James, Lowman & Clarence. Although I found no marriage of Margaret to a Mr. Noble, the 1910 census for Washington Co has Clarence Latta and his mother, Lucinda A. Noble. brs)

5 THOMAS (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born 24 Mar 1820 d. 1898 at Elizabeth, PA m. Maria Drake Stewart who was b. ca 1824. He enlisted in the Civil War. Children:

MARGARET ANN (4) b. ca 1846 d. 4 Jan 1925 m. Unknown. One child: Mrs. Georgia Foxhall who lived at Edenboro, PA in 1934.

IRENE B. (4) b. Sep 1849 m. Thomas Crozier. By 1900 had 5 Ch: Jessie L., Dora, Blanche M., unknown, & Vankirk.

ELVIRA D. (ADA) (4) b. 1850 d. 1933 m. Thomas W. Speer. Child: Emma m. 1st - Mr. Hiel 2nd - William McHenry. She said the father of 2 William (2) Latta was Samuel. Lived in Pittsburgh in 1937.

CHARLES (4) b. 1852 d. 1856.

CATHERINE (4) b. 1856 d. 1886.

WILLIAM (4) b. 1859 d. 1859.

GEORGE (4) b. Mar 1861 d. 1922.

HARRY C. (4) b. Dec 1868 Caulker. On 14 Jun 1898 enrolled as a Private at Pittsburgh in CO 1, 14th PA Vol Infantry. Mustered into service of U.S. for two yrs, from 14 Jun 1898 as appointed Artificer. Mustered out with CO at Camp Marion in Somerville, NC on 28 Feb 1899. In 1938 was member of faculty, Veteran Adm at Mt Home, TN. Single. He said 3 William Latta, boat builder of branch 41, is his uncle.

ALICE (4) b. 1867 d. 1913.

** (I did not find Thomas in 1850 or 1860, however, he was a Produce Dealer in Findley twp of Allegheny Co - pg 87 in 1870. Thomas & Maria had 7 children: Margareth, Irene B., Eliza, Cate, George, Harry and Alice. They were in Elizabeth twp in 1880 and had 4 children: Ada, George, Harry, Alice and 1 granddaughter, Emma. brs)

6 JOHN WESLEY (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born ca 1823 in the old brick house at Roscoe, PA d. ca 1879 in Monongahela, PA m. ca 1855 Charlotte Watson. John was a Tailor. Children:

OLIVE (4) died when a baby.

14 HOWARD LAFERTY (4) b. ca 1856.

ELLA SPEERS (4) b. 1864 m. John Ford. In 1935 living in Hazelwood, PA. 4 Ch: Malcom, Lillian, John Jr., James.

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ANNA VANDELIA (4) b. 1867 m. 1st - 16 Apr 1888 Cornelius W. Roy - 3 Ch: Charles Stanley, Cornelius Webster, & Charlotte. Anna m. 2nd - Lewis G. Lang - 2 Ch: Margaret E. & Albert Herman. m. 3rd - Malcom Stafford m. 4th - Charles A. Wells. In 1938 living in Des Moines, IA.

CORA (4) b. 1874.

CHARLOTTE (4) Buried Howe Cemetery near Coal Creek, PA.

** (John was living with his sister, Sarah & her husband, David Echiles in Fayette Co, PA in 1850. In 1860 John, Charlotte and 2 children were in Brownsville, Fayette Co. In 1870 Charlotte and 4 children were in Monongahela, Wash. Co, PA - pg 45. brs)

7 ROBERT J. (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born 21 Sep 1828 d. 20 Apr 1868 m. Nancy J. Smallwood. She was b. 12 May 1831 and d. 12 May 1872.

Children:

UNNAMED (4) Infant, b. and d. 1854.

IDA JOSEPHINE (4) b. ca 1856 Coal Crk Center, PA d. 1932 m. 14 Sep 1882 Clarence Linsey Hagerty at Monongahela, PA - 4 Ch:

*1) Ethel Valeria *2) Reuben Perry *3) Ida Frances m. Mr. Ashcroft *4) Nancy Elmira - Single. In 1937 living in Monongahela, PA.

MELISSA (4) b. ca 1858 d. ca 1905 m. Demus Hill - 8 Ch: Orpha, Swilhart, Grant, Huber, Leslie, Edgar, Mable, Irene.

FRANCES ELNORA (4) b. ca 1860 d. ca 1911 m. James Johnston. No children.

ELLA (4) b. ca 1862 m. William Fredenburg at Ilwaco, WA - 4

Ch: *1) Edith m. James Brazel *2) May m. Mr. Miller *3) Robert (4) Hazel.

BLANCHE (4) b. ca 1868 d. 11 Feb 1893. Single.

** (In 1860 Robert and Nancy and 2 children: Josephine & Melissa were living in Allen twp of Wash. Co - pg 2. Robert was a farmer. brs)

8 JOSEPH W. (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born 27 Jun 1836 in PA d. 30 Nov 1913 Iowa Soldiers Home in

Marshalltown, IA m. 1st Sarah, name of 2nd wife is unknown. Joseph enlisted 13 Jun 1861 in the Civil War in Co F 1st IA Cavalry at Iowa City, IA. He was discharged 22 Apr 1862 at Sedalia, MO. He was admitted 26 July 1910 to the soldiers' home.

Children by first wife:

WILLIAM S. (4) b. Oct 1870 IL m. Bonnie M. _____ - 1 Ch: Wilson H. who lived at Lincoln, NE in 1913.

BERT N. (4) b. Apr 1872 IL.

Child by second wife:

15 FRANK L. (4) b. Feb 1878 IL.

9 OSTRANDER D. (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born 1 Aug 1838 Roscoe, PA d. 4 Jun 1886 at Elko, PA m. Mary M. Allen, d/o James Allen, of Charleroi, PA. She was b. ca 1838 d. 1926. When a child, Ostrander lived in the "old brick house" at Roscoe with his parents. He later bought it from Joseph Allen. For his Will, see my Loose Leaf Book of Wills.

Child: OLLIE J. (4) b. prob ca 1858 m. Jun 1879 Samuel Teagarden Chester. He was b. 8 Mar 1853 in Allen twp Washington, Co, PA. He was the s/o Samuel Aiken & Margaret Jackman Chester - 6 Ch: *1) Grace Chester m. L. T. Fiedler *2) Mary Margaret *3) Charley L. *4) Montie Ray *5) Harry *6) Ralph. They were living in the "old stone house" in 1938.

** (Ostrander was eleven yrs old in 1850 when he was living with his mother, Rachel. He was listed as 22 yrs old in 1860 while living with his parents, William and Rachel. His wife, Mary was living in Roscoe, PA in 1900. Date of her birth was given Nov 1849. brs)

10 ALEXANDER S. (3) LATTA,

William (2) Samuel (1) Born Jan 1842 d. 22 Dec 1910 at Elco, PA m. 26 Mar 1855 Mary Ellen McKenna. She was b. ca 1835 d. 1922. In 1861 he enlisted in the Civil War as a Sergeant in the 15th WV Cav. For his Will, see my Loose Leaf Book of Wills. Mary Ellen is buried in Howe Cemetery. Child:

16 EDWARD J. (4) b. Jan 1867.

** (Alexander was 9 yrs old in 1850 and 20 in 1860. He and Mary Ellen were in Wash. Co in

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1900. Their birthdates were Jan 1841 and Jun 1846 respectively. brs)

11 ROWLAND STEWART (4) LATTA,
William (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born 7
Jul 1860 at Monongahela City, PA m. 27 Jul 1884
Sarah Ann Beedle at Castle Shannon, PA. She was
b. 20 Oct 1865 at Lostoc, PA. Children:

WILLIAM ELMER (5) b. ca 1885.

17 CHARLES EMMETT (5) b. 6 Sep 1886.

ADA MAY (5) b. 28 Nov 1887
McKeesport, PA d. 188 Aug 1888.

RAYMOND STEWART (5) b. 21 Sep
1889 McKeesport, PA m. 25 Jun 1924 Mary Mar-
garet Monroe. She was b. 28 Jan 1893 at Pitts-
burgh, PA. He served in France during WWI. He
was a wallpaper dealer.

18 CLIFFORD B. (5) b. 11 Aug 1891.

19 EVAN DUANE (5) b. 13 Aug 1893.

MARY ALBERTA (5) b. 19 Nov 1896
McKeesport, PA m. ca 1922 Alfred C. Humphrey.
He was b. 31 Jul 1897. Lived in Akron, OH in
1932. 2 Ch: Edith Ann b. 3 Dec 1924; Mary Lou
b. 2 Apr 1931 Akron.

ALLEN EDWARD (5) b. 17 Aug 1901
McKeesport, PA.

FRANK ROLAND (5) b. 21 Nov 1903 d.
9 Jul 1904.

HARRY W. (5) b. 8 Aug 1906
McKeesport, PA.

CHARLOTTE EVELYN (5) b. 15 Jul 1911
McKeesport, PA.

** (The marriage of Roland and Sarah was
announced in the Elizabeth Herald Notices of Alle-
gheny County. brs)

12 WILLIAM L. (4) LATTA,

James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born
28 Jun 1844 Roscoe, PA d. 29 Apr 1887 California,
PA m. 4 Mar 1868 Philena A. Howe d/o Elias
Howe, inventor of the sewing machine. Philena
was b. 12 Apr 1846 at Coal Creek Center, PA d. 12
Jan 1923. Children:

WILLIAM W. (5) b. 13 Jan 1869 Califor-
nia, PA m. 5 Jun 1913 Margaret Glunt. She d. 13
Aug 1926. In 1914 he was Postmaster at Califor-
nia, PA. No children.

MARGARET JANE (5) b. 14 Jul 1873 m.
David H. Glunt, bro/o Wm's wife, Margaret. David
was b. 16 Sep 1870. In 1934 they were living in
Charleroi, PA. No children.

FREDERICK G. (5) b. 6 May 1875 d. 4 Aug
1944 California, PA m. Eva B. Powell who was b.
23 Apr 1873 d. 21 Apr 1936. He was Fire Chief at
California, PA. Ch: Fred b. 18 Mar 1911 d. 10
Apr 1911.

20 CHARLES L. (5) b. 9 Sep 1878.

21 LOMAN D. (5) b. 6 Apr 1881.

** (The Highland Cemetery records of Cali-
fornia, PA give Loman D. not Lowman. In 1900
Philena and 4 sons: William, Frederick, Charles &
Lowman were living in California, PA. brs)

13 JAMES HENRY (4) LATTA,

James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born
18 Jan 1851 d. 24 Nov 1907 m. Margaret Ellen
Dunshee who was b. 29 Feb 1860. They lived at
McKeesport, PA. Children:

EDNA BLANCHE (5) b. 14 Jan 1888 m.
26 Jan 1905 Lorenzo Domer Davis - 5 Ch: *1)
Vera Lucille b. 7 Jun 1906 m. Aug 1933 Karl L.
Walden *2) Harvey Kenneth b. 27 Jan 1908 *3)
Ralph Chalmers b. 23 Feb 1913 *4) Loran Domer
b. 15 Oct 1914 d. 4 Oct 1933 *5) George Drennan
b. 27 Nov 1916.

HENRY D. (5) b. 14 Jan 1888 d. Aug
1888. Twin of Edna B.

VIRGINIA D. (5) b. 3 Sep 1889 m. 29
Nov 1922 Louis Albert DeWalt who was b. 18 Aug
1894. 2 Ch: Virginia Lu b. 23 Dec 1924 Lois
Aleen b. 6 Feb 1928.

22 JAMES LAWRENCE (5) b. 30 Mar 1891.

LUCINDA D. (5) b. 9 Feb 1893 m. 9 Apr
1921 Edward Louis Renner who was b. 28 Oct
1890. 2 Ch: James Edward b. 26 Feb 1925 Richard
Latta b. 26 Aug 1929.

JOSEPH D. (5) b. 23 Aug 1898 d. 21 Dec
1902.

14 HOWARD LAFERTY (4) LATTA,

John W. (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born ca
1856 at Brownville, PA d. 10 May 1893 at Monon-
gahela, PA. Buried in Howe Cemetery near Coal
Creek, PA m. Sarah Jane Messenger at Mononga-
hela. Child:

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EMMA JEAN (5) b. 20 Mar 1866 m. Mr. Daugherty. Allegedly, her mother wanted her to be named after her cousin, Imogene Latta, but the minister misunderstood and named her Emma Jean. In 1936 she was living in Akron, OH and was a clerk in the Auditors Office.

15 FRANK L. (4) LATTA,

Joseph W. (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born Feb 1878 in Illinois. m. 13 Mar 1913 Kathryn E. Potter at St Louis, MO. Lived at Bloomington, IL in 1936. Children:

MEREDITH LOVEL (5) b. 22 Nov 1914 d. 27 Nov 1915.

JESSE BERNARD (5) b. 18 Sep 1917. Living in Bloomington, IL in 1936.

16 EDWARD J. (4) LATTA,

Alex. S. (3) William (2) Samuel (1). Born Jan 1867 m. 5 Jun 1889 Sara J. Thomas of Roscoe, Pa. She was born in 1866 in England. They were living in Elco, PA in 1900 and 1920. In 1935 living at Roscoe, Pa. Retired Pennsylvania Railroad man. Children:

VIOLA M. (5) b. Jan 1890.

ALICE L. (5) b. Aug 1891.

17 CHARLES EMMETT (5) LATTA,

Roland (4) William (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born 6 Sep 1886 Hillsdale, PA d. Feb 1972 Sewickley, Allegheny Co. m. 3 Jan 1916 Bertha Baker at Pittsburgh. She was b. 23 Jan 1890 at McKeesport. In 1932 was a news dealer at McKeesport. Children:

WILLIAM ELMER (6) b. 10 Sep 1917 d. 16 Jan 1997 Sun City Ctr, Florida.

OLIVERAN (6) b. 17 Jul 1922.

ROBERT BAKER (6) b. 2 Feb 1925.

SARAH FRANCES (6) b. 10 Mar 1927.

18 CLIFFORD B. (5) LATTA,

Roland (4) William (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born 11 Aug 1891 at McKeesport, PA m. 6 Jun 1925 Olga M. May in Cincinnati, OH. She was b. 27 Aug 1902 at Prestonburg, KY. In 1932 they lived at Prestonburg and he was a Printer. Served in France during WWI. Child:

CLIFFORD B. (6) b. 8 Dec 1928 Preston-KY.

19 EVAN DUANE (5) LATTA,

Roland (4) William (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born 13 Aug 1893 at McKeesport, PA m. Gladys Heasel. Served in France during WWI. In 1932 held government position at Washington, D.C. Child:

BARBARA JOAN (6) b. 3 Feb 1932 Washington, D.C.

20 CHARLES L. (5) LATTA,

William L. (4) James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1) Born May 1879 m. Pearl Everly. In 1934 living at Donora, PA. Children:

HARRIET (6)

WILLIAM EVERLY (6) b. ca 1904 d. 1919.

21 LOWMAN D. (5) LATTA,

William L. (4) James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1). Born 6 Apr 1881 at California, PA d. 8 May 1951 in Brownsville, PA of a cerebral hemorrhage m. 2 Jun 1906 Sarah Ann Roberts of Charleroi, PA. She was b. 29 Aug 1880 in Worcestershire, England d. 15 Jul 1958 in Brownsville, PA. In 1934 both living at California, Pa. Child:

LOWMAN ROBERTS (6) b. 14 May 1908 at California, PA d. 4 Jul 1950 California, PA m. Anna Virginia Patterson, d/o John Patterson of California, PA. She was b. 26 Feb 1905 at Roscoe, PA. In 1935 he was living at 216 4th Avenue, California, Pa. and practiced dentistry at Roscoe, PA

22 JAMES LAWRENCE (5) LATTA,

James H. (4) James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1). Born 30 Mar 1891 d. Oct 1975 Staunton, VA m. 7 Jun 1922 Johanna Bulkosky. She was b. 7 May 1896. In 1934 living at McKeesport, Pa. Children:

ROBERT LAWRENCE (6) b. 31 Aug 1924.

NANCY LOHANNA (6) b. 25 Nov 1930.

END OF BRANCHES

R. H. Latta's Notes:

Possible connection between branches No. 41 and 45. Mrs. Charles A. Wells, branch No. 45, says that William Latta, the boat builder, branch No. 41, is her uncle, and that Imogene Latta, his daughter, is her cousin. Harry C. Latta, branch No.

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45, says that William Latta, the boat builder, is his uncle. Mrs. Emma Daugherty, granddaughter of John W. Latta, branch No. 45, says that Imogene Latta, daughter of William Latta, the boat builder, branch No. 41, is her cousin. That when she was christened her mother asked the minister to name her Imogene, but the minister thought she said Emma Jean, so she was named Emma Jean. Miss Elmora Hagerty, granddaughter of Robert J. Latta, branch No. 45, said that the names of the children of William Latta, father of the boat builder, William Latta, branch No. 41, had the same names as, the brothers and sister of Robert J. Latta, branch No. 45. This would indicate that branches No. 41 and 45 were the same. But the proof I lack is the names of the mothers of the children of William Latta, the father of Robert J. Latta, branch No. 45. William has been married more than one time. For further proof see my Loose Leaf Book for Possible connections.

Also there are connections between branches 41 and 45. Mrs. Chester, branch 45, family 4, told a friend that her grandfather William Latta, lived in the old brick house in Roscoe, Pa. and she often visited him there with his family, during the Civil War, and that some of the children of William came home there from the war with a furlough. Miss Imogene Latta, branch No. 41, wrote that her grandfather, William Latta, built and lived in the old brick house at Roscoe, Pa. It must have been at the same time that Mrs. Chester's grandfather lived there. Miss Imogene Latta was mistaken about her grandfather building the old brick house. It was built by a Quaker named Griffith.

The heads of both branches lived in Ireland, and their two sons, both by the name of William and Alexander, came to America and their descendants lived in the same place at the same time. They lived on Monongahela, California, Roscoe, McKeesport, etc., all in Pennsylvania. The sons of William Latta, branch No. 41, had the same names as the sons of William Latta, branch No. 45, except Ostrander and James. It looks as if the key to this situation is in the name or names of the wife or wives of William Latta, brother of Ostrander Latta,

branch No. 45. If this William Latta had the same wives as William Latta (2) branch 41, then it would unite the two branches.

My Notes: I was able to prove that branches 41 and 45 are the same branch by going through the various census for Allegheny & Washington Counties. The Census Indices are incomplete, so it took some looking to find William. In 1840, 2 William Latta can be found in East Pike Run twp - 141B - of Washington County. He had seven males and three females living with him besides himself and his wife. In 1850, 2 William (2), age 65, was living with his son, 3 William, in West Elizabeth Twp. - 125. His son was listed as a Boat builder and his wife was Mary J. - they had two daughters, Alice & Vandevy. Also in 1850, Rachel, wife of 2 William (2), was living in East Pike Run Twp. of Washington Co - 159. With her were Sarah, Rachel, Robert J., Joseph W., Ostrander D. and Alexander.

In 1860, 2 William and wife, Rachel, were living in Allen Twp of Washington Co - pg 2 with 4 ch: Sarah, Joseph, Oslander & Alexander. Also in 1860, 3 William (3) the boat builder and wife, Mary, were in Monongahela, Washington Co - 673 - with 4 children: Anne, Vandelia, Emma & Blanche. In 1870, 3 William, the boat builder, and wife, Mary J., were in Monongehela, Washington Co - 428 - with 4 ch: Vandelia, Mary, Blanche & Rowland.

Note: I have combined the two branches in the same manner that R. H. Latta used, i.e., starting with 2 William (2) I numbered the sons 3 to 10 according to birthdates.

Highland Cemetery records of California, PA lists: Loman, Loman D., Sara A., Eva B., Fred G. and Fred Powell Latta. It gives birthdates and death dates, place of birth of several and cause of death of several.

I have no doubts about branches 41 and 45 being one branch. I do still have some doubts about the progenitor of this branch. BRS

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Alfred Latta, Branch 4

Biographical Review of Calhoun County, Michigan Containing Historical, Biographical, and Genealogical Sketches Of Many Of The Prominent Citizens of To-Day And Also of the Past Illustrated. Chicago, Hobart & Mather, 1904, Pages 135-136.

Submitted By Connie Leaman,
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Alfred Latta, now deceased, was actively associated with the work of development and improvement in Battle Creek for many years. As a real estate dealer he would buy land, improve it by the erection of substantial buildings and then sell. In this way he added to the up building of the city as well as to his individual success and his operations were guided by such reliable business methods that he won the unqualified confidence of the public.

Mr. Latta was born in Lewiston, New York, April 6, 1821, a son of John and Milly (Smith) Latta. The father was an extensive property owner who had land near Lewiston and a large tannery and other business interests. During the War of 1812 his tannery and other buildings were destroyed by fire, but after the close of hostilities he rebuilt and continued to make his home in Lewiston until called to his final rest. His son Alfred was there reared and acquired a good academic education. He was one of twins in a family of ten children, eight sons, not one of whom was ever intoxicated or formed any bad habits. His twin brother Albert now lives on Grand Prairie near Kalamazoo, Michigan. Alfred Latta wished to attend college and prepare for the bar, but as his father needed his assistance in business he put aside his cherished plan and worked in connection with the management of his father's interests. When twenty-one years of age he went to Wisconsin, where he took up land from the government but after a year and a half returned to New York at the request of his father to look after his interests. A well informed man, he taught school in both New York and Wisconsin.

It was on the 6t of April, 1848, in Parma, New York, that Alfred Latta was married to Miss Martha E. Hill, who was born at Livonia Center,

Livingston county, a daughter of Rufus and Sarah W. (Brown) Hill, who removed to Lewiston, New York, during the early girlhood of their daughter. When she was eleven years of age she had attended school where Mr. Latta was a teacher. She received a good education, partly under private instruction and three time she had her trunk packed preparatory to going to college, when failing health forced her to forego this plan. Mr. And Mrs. Latta remained in Lewiston for four years and then started westward with the intention of going to Minneapolis, but stopping at Kalamazoo, Mr. Latta there invested in property and began dealing in real estate. In 1865 he purchased a farm of six hundred acres in Pennfield township, east of Battle Creek, and this he divided into lots and afterward sold. Removing then to the city he began real estate operations here, buying, improving and afterward selling property until he became one of the most active factors in the substantial up building of the city. His business was conducted along progressive lines and brought him gratifying success.

Unto Mr. And Mrs. Latta were born five children: Sarah P., the wife of Eli S. Glover, of Pullman, Washington, by whom she has four children—Grace, Edith, Arthur L. and Sheldon L.; Frank Hill, who is now postmaster at Battle Creek; Mary L., the wife of A. R. McIntyre, who was assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railroad for years and lives in Battle Creek; Alice M., the wife of Clarence J. Paul, an attorney of Minneapolis, by whom she has two daughters. Florence and Leila; and Homer A., a stockholder and director of the Union Steam Pump Co., who married Lulu Perry and resides at No. 202 North avenue.

Mr. Latta passed away January 13, 1887, and Battle Creek thus lost one of its valued and honored citizens. In politics he was a Whig in early life and voted for Henry Clay. In 1856 he became a Republican, supporting Fremont, and remained an advocate of that party until his death. He was a stanch advocate of educational advancement and was really ahead of his times in this way. When he advocated manual training he was called visionary but could he have seen the schools of the

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country to-day he would find that in every city his idea is now embodied in the curriculum. After his marriage he became a member of the Congregational church, his wife having been reared in that faith. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and the filial love and care which he bestowed upon his father, even to the sacrifice of his own interests, foreshadowed the consideration which he ever gave to his wife and children. He was a man of five feet, nine inches in height, weighing from one hundred and ninety to one hundred and ninety-five pounds, was of fair complexion, with light hair and blue eyes. His expression was genial and kindly and yet he was not without that strength of character which is the basis of all forceful manhood. In his business affairs he prospered and took great delight in providing the comforts of life for his family. He might well have been called one of nature's noblemen, for his life was actuated by high principles and free from all that was degrading, and his memory remains as a blessed possession to his family and friends.

Latta Family Turkey Stuffing

By Virginia Latta Curulla, Treasurer,
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This recipe is from my father, Charles W. Latta. He said it was a stuffing that was made by his Latta family in Zionsville Indiana. The recipe might not be new to all of you, but my family really enjoys it.

Break stale or dried French Bread into small pieces. Cut up celery and onions in a quantity to fit the amount of bread you are using. Add pitted olives, whole or cut in half as you desire. Flavor with salt, poultry seasoning and ground sage. Add lumps of butter. If putting in the turkey, moisten the stuffing slightly with boiling water. If cooking separately, moisten the stuffing somewhat more with chicken or turkey broth, and bake at 350 degrees for about an hour.

DAVID GILLILAND LATTA

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From Souvenir of Alberta, 1906, Salesman
Publishing Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Wise communities, which are intelligently alive to their interests, select for the administration of their local affairs practical men of parts who have demonstrated in the management of their own business that they have the capacity to manage that of the public well. A striking illustration of this truth is found in the choice of David G. Latta to membership in the city council of Edmonton, and the benefits which have resulted from it. Mr. Latta is a member of the well known firm of Latta & Lyons, general blacksmiths and carriage makers, and is recognized as one of the foremost business men of the enterprising city in which his industry is located. By his energy, untiring diligence and intelligent and careful management he has built up for the firm one of the largest and most prosperous factories of the kind in the province, besides winning for himself the esteem of his fellow townsmen, who have manifested their confidence, in his integrity, ability and public spirit by electing him to the office he holds. He is a native of County Wexford, Ireland, born on June 6, 1869 and a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lockhart) Latta. The father was a native of Donegal in the Emerald Isle, where he was long engaged in farming, and the mother came from Glasgow, Scotland. The son obtained his education in the schools of Enniscorthy in his native county, and for a number of years worked on the farm with his father. But his opportunities for advancement there were so limited, and the realization of any high or worthy aspirations seemed so remote, that he determined to seek his fortune and a more liberal social life in the New World, which was not crowded with a redundant population, and in which social and political honors, as well as equal opportunities for progress and acquisitions, were open to all men of character and industry. He therefore sailed for Canada in 1889, and on his arrival

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located in the province of Ontario. For about a year he was variously occupied in that part of the country, and then moved farther West to the newer sections, taking up his residence at Whitemouth, Manitoba, where he remained until the spring of 1890. He then joined the North West Mounted Police, and during the next three years was an active and zealous member of that renowned force, whose valor has been shown in every kind of danger and every form of emergency, and whose praise is on the lips of the whole world. At the end of the period designated he bought his discharge, and after visiting a number of different portions of the West, purchased a ranch near Battleford in Saskatchewan, and turned his attention and his energies to the sheep industry. This industry occupied his time, employed his faculties and rewarded his efforts with profit for four years, and gave him a thorough knowledge of the business. But he tired of it, and having a mechanical turn of mind, with some experience in the use of this bent directly after coming to Canada, he sold his ranch and stock, and moved to Edmonton, with the purpose of devoting himself wholly to manufactures. For a time he worked at the business of blacksmithing and making carriages and other road vehicles in the employ of others until he mastered the details of the craft, then started an enterprise of his own in the same line. Two years later he formed his present partnership with John H. Lyons, and since that time they have worked together, building up their business, expanding their trade and widening the reputation of their establishment. Mr. Latta is practical mechanic, devoted to his business, and closely attentive to all the details of its management. The firm employs a large number of men, and he is occupied most of the time in overseeing and directing their work. But he does not let his hand forget its cunning, and may often be seen taking a turn at the forge or any other part of the work in his shops. In addition to being a superior mechanic, an excellent businessman and a highly capable and esteemed public official, he is a gentleman of extensive general information gathered in his wanderings through Canada and elsewhere, and seasoned by

thoughtful reflection. He has seen many phases of life in the West and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions of the country. His general knowledge of this character is a valuable asset to him in his business and public duties, and also adds to his value as a good adviser, a safe guide and an entertaining talker. He is a man of domestic habits, is married and the father of four children.

LATTA-LOCKHART-BRUCE

By Alexander Lockhart Latta, Jr., Branch 16

The connection of these names, according to traditional lore of Latta branch #16, is as follows: King Robert The Bruce of Scotland directed that upon his death, his heart was to be sealed in a locked chest and carried to Jerusalem by a party of trusted Knights, to be buried in the Holy Land. One of the persons to accompany the Chest to Jerusalem was named Lokard. The party was way-laid in Spain by the Saracens, and many were killed, including Lokard. Knowing that their journey must be aborted, the remaining Knights returned to Scotland, and the Heart of Bruce was interred in a different place than the body. The Lokard family received permission to change their name to Lockhart because of the significance of this event. Consequently all Lockharts are said to be related. Alexander Latta married Elizabeth Bruce Lockhart C-1850, whose mother was a Bruce, and a descendant of the Robert Bruce family. There are a large number of our branch that have borne the names of Lockhart and Robert Bruce over subsequent years.

Old Latta Pictures Wanted

By: Alex. Latta, Branch 16 Captain

I would love to post any Latta pictures you have on my web-site. The older the better. If you take current pictures I would like close-ups, showing facial features. The address is as follows: <http://www.myriadweb.ca/latta>. You can also mail pictures of Latta family members to me at: Alex. Latta, 6830 42 Street, NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6B 0Y8, allatta@gambit.ab.ca.

THE LATTA FAMILY ARCHIVES PROJECT IS ALIVE!

By Virginia Curulla, vcorolla@earthlink.net

We have three volunteers to coordinate the Latta Family Archives project, Sharon Weaver, Anna Smith and Brian Smith. All three are connected with Latta branch 22. Sharon Weaver, a Latty descendant, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She works at the Allen County Public Library. Sharon contacted her supervisor, Curt B. Witcher, manager of the ACPL Historical Genealogy Department. Mr. Witcher, who also is president of the National Genealogical Society, is very interested in receiving our Latta family information. Sharon has volunteered to do an inventory of Latta related materials that are now held at the ACPL. And she will coordinate submissions as they come in.

Anna and Brian are residents of Columbus Indiana. Anna is the granddaughter of Ted (now deceased) and Dorothy Latta, longtime Latta researchers. They will be the recipients of materials sent by branch captains and others. Brian and Anna will review and organize our Latta information. They will obtain a signed acknowledgement from donors indicating that they understand that their submissions will be deposited in one or more archives with other Latta information. Submitters will be asked to specify whether or not they want information about living individuals to be deposited in the archives.

Anna and Brian will send materials on to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne. Sharon will review what is received and handle the materials according to library procedures. This is a great beginning to a much needed extension of our Latta Family Association activities!

If you want further information or to submit information, please contact Sharon or Anna and Brian.

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LATTA BRANCHES

By Virginia Curulla, vcorolla@earthlink.net

From around 1900 to around 1938, Robert H. Latta of Denver, Colorado collected a vast amount of information on various Latta families in the United States, Canada, and Scotland. After his death in 1940, this information was deposited in the Library of Congress, Rare Book Room. Robert H. Latta carefully analyzed data that Latta family members had sent him and assigned branch numbers to each Latta family that he could not link with another Latta family in the U.S., Canada, or Scotland. He used branch numbers 1-49. Some of those branches have now been documented as part of another branch, resulting in some missing numbers in that sequence.

If Robert Latta was uncertain where a Latta Family might connect with others, he listed that family's information in notes with alphabetical letters attached. For example, the information that my grandfather, William Tevis Latta of Indianapolis, Indiana sent him is found in "Note K". Note K now is known to be part of branch 22. Robert H. Latta also appended notes to branches containing his hypotheses as to how a particular branch might link with others. Robert Latta did not solicit or apparently receive data from Latta families who had adopted a spelling variation, such as Latto, Latty or Lattea, which left some "holes" in his data.

As we continue to expand upon Robert H. Latta's work, we are assigning branch numbers to Latta families that are documented back to the mid-1800s without having a connection made with other known branches. For example, we now have branches 50, 51, and 52. Alex Latta, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is coordinating assignment of new branch numbers. You can contact him at allatta@gambit.ab.ca or 6104 94A Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6B 3C9, (780 466 9682).

Alex Latta, Branch 16 Captain, and coordinator of new branch assignment, has announced that he has discovered a new branch, number 53. They originated in County Donegal, Ireland, and expanded to Australia. Look for more on this in Issue 22.

Non Population Census Schedules

By Ken Mueller, editor

In the United States, a population census was taken every ten years beginning in 1790. However, in addition to these enumerations, an Agricultural Census was also taken in the years 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. Many of these schedules survive in state historical society libraries, state libraries, or state archives (Dollarhide 1999: 95-124). Basically, these forms show what was on the farms of the day, as to livestock, crops, or forest products. Also recorded is the size of the farm, its location, and the name of the principal landowner. When combined with the population census, land deeds, estate papers, and other documentation, a clear picture of our ancestors' lives can be seen.

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Dollarhide, William, 1999, The Census Book A Genealogist's to Federal Census Facts, Schedules and Indexes. Heritage Quest, Bountiful, Utah.

An example of an Agricultural Census follows:

Agricultural Census of 1870 Showing Robert S. Latta

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Productions of Agriculture in Perry Township,
in the County of Noble, Post Office: Ligonier,
State of Indiana, enumerated on the 28th Day of
July, 1870.

Name of Agent, Owner, or Manager: Latta,
Robert S.

Acres of Land: 40 Improved, 40 Woodland.

Present Cash Value: 4,000 dollars of farm,
200 of farming implements and machinery.

Total Amount of Wages Paid During the Year:
200 dollars
Horses: 5
Milch Cows: 2
Other Cattle: 3
Swine: 2
Value of All Livestock: 450
Wheat: 175 Bush.
Indian Corn: 150 Bush.
Oats: 25
Wool: 10 lbs.
Irish Potatoes: 30 Bush.
Orchard Products: 10 dollars
Butter: 250 lbs.
Hay: 5 tons
Forest Products: 35 dollars
Value of Animals Slaughtered or Sold For
Slaughter: 150 dollars
Estimated Value of All Farm Production: 652
dollars.

Editor's Note: Robert S. Latta is the son of
James Latta, Branch One, 1796-1855, and Eliza-
beth Seegars, 1800-1839. Robert was born 12 Nov.
1826 in McLean County, Illinois, and died 13 Feb.
1900 in Oasis, Cherry County, Nebraska. This is
my wife's direct line.

Winterthur Library

By Sue Lattea Cox, Branch Captain Coordina-
tor, Branch Captain Branch 17, Webmaster,
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I found that the Winterthur Library in Dela-
ware has a drawer full of Latta papers that relate to
Branch 8. There are five boxes of items relating to
William J. Latta, born Nov. 21, 1852 in Chester
County, Pennsylvania. His father was William Sut-
ton Latta (1822-1872). William Sutton was the first
surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad. William J.
began working at the Pennsylvania Railroad as a

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telegraph operator at age 18. The collection includes household and personal bills, various types of railroad passes, family letters, diaries kept by Rachel Latta, architectural drawings, photographs, legal documents relating to the "Grey Arches" and its greenhouse (this was a house owned by the family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). The letters were sent from the Latta children to their father, mother and Aunt Gertie between 1899 and 1919.

Another series of letters was sent from William Latta, Jr. to his father and sisters during his tour of duty on Sub Chaser 212 during and after WWI. Rachel's diaries cover the years 1904 and 1910 through 1915. She describes her life in Maine, Chestnut Hill, PA and Westover School in Middlebury, CT. Also featured are details of her trip to the St. Louis Exposition. There are also newspapers clippings of the Latta family, wedding invitations. The letters include letters to Aunt Gertie from the children, letters to Santa from the children, letters to Katherine from her father, letters to Rachel from family members, and blueprints of the house and property downed by the Lattas and a pencil drawing of a children's log cabin, built in the 1890s as a playhouse for the children.

The address for this library is: Winterthur Library, Rte. 52, Winterthur, Delaware 19735, (302) 888 4853, Librarian Jeanne Solensky, jsolensky@winterthur.org

Diary of Alice Wilma Latta, Branch One

By Diane Nichols, nanddnichols@in-tch.com

Alice Wilma 6 Latta, the daughter of Warren Johnson Latta, Branch one, and Harriett Emmeline Robbins, was born 30 August 1897 in New Buda Township, Decatur County, Iowa, and died 30 September 1973 in Mariposa, Mariposa County, California. She married Oscar Charles Tellier 21

March 1916 in Peoria, Peoria County Illinois, the son of Charles Tellier and Nannie Scott. He was born 17 July 1890 in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, and died 24 April 1946 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Both Alice and Oscar are buried in the Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Colma, San Bruno County, California.

Notes for Alice Wilma Latta: Alice and Oscar took the train from Davis City, Iowa to Peoria, Illinois where they were married. They then went to Assumption, Illinois to visit with Oscar's relatives there. The following Diary was kept by Alice on their trip by horse and wagon from Decatur, Illinois back to Davis City, Iowa in July 1916.

MY DIARY [Quoted verbatim]

July 10. Left Decatur 10.30, stopped about 4 miles south and painted our rig with gold letters. Camped west of Molqua one mile, on Flat Branch, the "Skeeters" almost eat us up. (bed bugs.) Slept in our rig (near cemetery).

Tuesday, July 11. Left camp about 8:00 a.m. Stopped at noon and made a covering for our rig. Left at 2.30. Stopped in evening north west of Taylorville and painted our canvas covering for our rig. Arrived at Kincaid about 10 o'clock p.m. Had to drive to Bolpitt to put up our horse and then walk back to Kinkaid to the hotel.

Wed. July 12. Left Bulpitt 9.15. Got caught in a shower and stopped by the Christian Church at noon. A chase after a hen. Went through Sicily & Pawnee, arrived at camp at 6 o'clock. Slept on the porch of an empty house near Auburn. (Lost halter).

Thursday July 13. Made us a halter this morning. Went through Auburn 10 o'clock. Camped under a hedge fence for dinner. A storm came up and we stayed all night at a farm house with a bro. & sister. They didn't charge us anything.

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July 14 Fri. Bull frog hunting at 10 o'clock. Eat dinner under a big locust tree in front of an old empty house, 5 miles south east of Jacksonville. Went through Jacksonville past the insane hospital and grounds at 25 till 3. There are 169 A. of _____. Never pulled into camp till 10 o'clock. Slept under a big oak tree in the school yard (near Bluffs).

Sat. July 15. Left camp at 7.15. Came over a great big hill that had names in the banks on the sides. Passed several fish ponds that had great big fish laying in the edge of the water dead. Stopped by the R.R. track to fish in a dredge ditch, out of the Ill. river, near Valleytown. Came along a road on edge of the river 4 miles from Valley town to Naples. Crossed the Illinois river on a ferry-boat at Naples. Lost in the ever glades. We came through a dense forest, couldn't see twenty feet on either side of the road, with weeds in the middle of the road higher than the buggy wheels. We thought we were in Africa, but were told we were on the main road to Quincy, Illinois. Got lost on a winding road through a timber. Had to find a ditch about half a dozen times. Didn't find our way out till one o'clock (at night). Pulled in camp at three Sun. morning.

Sun. July 16. Went through New Salem at 7 o'clock, took the trail west for Hannibal, Mo. Big 4. Went through Barry at noon. Went through Kinderhook at 3.30. Went past the bluffs. Saw some beautiful scenery. We camped about 3 miles north east of Hannibal, Mo. near a little town named Shepherd, in Illinois. Crossed the R.R. about 6 o'clock, there was a man in an auto killed by the passenger at 6 o'clock the same evening.

Mon. July 17. Crossed the Miss. river on a ferry boat into Hannibal, Mo. about seven o'clock. Drove along the side of a cliff at Birst St. (West) for a long way. The cliff was about 100 ft. high, almost solid rock, on the north side of the street. Took the Red Ball trail for Palmyra on an oil and gravel

road. Arrived at Palmyra at 12.30. Stopped in the shade of a big elm tree to eat our dinner. Left 15 till two. went through Philadelphia about 6 o'clock. Have had pike road all the way from Hannibal. Lots of snakes here.

Tue. July 18. Left at 6.15 almost upset the buggy. Stopped at a little shop to get our wheel fixed, near Cherrydell. The pike road run out between Philadelphia and Cherrydell. Not much corn here. Came through Cherrydell about 8. Hilly and rough country through here. Came through Sigsby about 10. Got caught in a shower north of Elgin about three. Camped north of Novetly.

Wed. July 19. Left camp at 6.00 o'clock. Came through Edina at 9. Took the cannon ball trail for Kirksville, had a young rabbit for dinner. Arrived at Hurdland 1.15. Stopped at a farm house about 3 o'clock and watered our horse. The man gave us some corn for her. Also made us come in and eat lunch. We got camped in a little shower of rain after we left. Came through Brashear about 5.00 o'clock. Got stuck on a hill about 12 miles south of Kirksville. Had to lead old Cannon Ball to the top. She fell down going up.

Thur. July 20. Came through Kirksville about noon. Struck some awful hilly country. Got on the wrong road and had to come back several miles on account of the hills. Had young rabbit for supper. Camped by the Chariton river.

Fri. July 21. Left at 7 o'clock. Came through Conneisville about noon, came through Martinstown about 3.30. Started west for Rosewood. Struck some of the worst hills I ever seen. Had to lead her up them and put a rock behind the wheels every few feet. Had to tie the hind wheels going down. Camped near a house. They gave us some hay & oats (about 12 miles from Unionville).

Sat. July 22. Took the White Line trail for Unionville. Left at 5. The buggy almost run over old Judy. Got us some harvest apples (near town)

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For future Queries, the editor suggests that the contributor include both e-mail and snail mail addresses, as not all researchers have Internet access.

1. I am always searching for Alexander Meldrum **Lattie**, born 10 May 1802, St. Andrews, County Fife, Scotland. He was with the Hudson Bay Company before drowning in the Columbia River (Oregon), September 4, 1849. Was the first white bar pilot on the Columbia (Native Americans taught him). He was my great great grandfather. He married one of the local Natives, **Ce'cust/Sekkus**, later baptized Marie Catherine (Elizabeth) **Lattie**. They had seven children. His parents were: John and Mary/Helene (Clark) **Lattie**. He had a brother, James **Lattie**. I don't have his birth information. I really don't know anymore about him other from his journal, he must have been a well educated man. Would you have any suggestions for me? Would you know how you obtain information from old Hudson Bay Records? Is this name familiar to you? Sorry for so many questions but any advice you can send me will be greatly appreciated. Joan Luper, joanieblake@yahoo.com.

2. Looking for birth information (he was b. ca. March or May 1812 in Richhill Township Muskingum OH) on Barton Allen **Latta** whose parents were killed by Indians when he was a baby, and he was raised by a neighboring family, the John William **Boxell** family. He married in 1836(?) a Jane **Elliot** in Morgan County OH and eventually moved to MN where he was buried in 1900 in Elk River MN. They had 6 children: James, William, Hugh Johnson, Nancy Jane, Abbe Anne, and Mary Elizabeth **Latta** who married Albert G. **White**. We do not who Barton's parents were. I am married to a descendant and the family has run out of leads! Thank you. Barbara Wolford, bwolford@stny.rr.com.

3. I am searching for John **Latta** b 1823 GA m Mary **Rhodes** d in Texas His son James John b 1855 in AL m Julia **Ford** 1879 in Benton Co. AL, and d 1906 near Grand Saline TX. Linda Latta **Carr**, benlindac@cox.net.

4. I am the son of William Duff **Latta** who was born in Calcutta, India in the 1930 s-he was the son of Alistair **Latta**-who was the son of Henry **Latta** of Edinburgh (who was an employee of the Royal bank of Scotland)-which branch do we belong to? My brother is Stephen William **Latta** who lives in Cape Town. My uncle is James **Latta**. My cousins are Michael and Denise

Latta. My great grandfather Henry worked for the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh. My grandfather Alistair worked as an expat in India. My dad William was born there in the 1930 s. The family moved to South Africa in 1940 s. and still live in Johannesburg Peter Lawrence **Latta**, pLatta@Telkomsa.net.

5. I have been looking for a William **Latta** who disappeared in my branch, and came across a William **Latta** of Bath and Copley, Ohio who was a counterfeiter. He moved on to Burr Oak, Michigan. There was a mention of him in one of the newsletters, but not much more information. I have found some interesting reading on the internet. Does anyone else have any information on him? I believe he may be Moses **Latta**, aka William Moses **Latta** of Branch 46. Linda **Wright** of Willow Creek, CA stated that Moses was aka William **Latta** in a query to the newsletter. I have e-mailed her and ask her where she got her information that he was aka William, but have not gotten a response. Does anyone else know? Moses **Latta** of Branch 46 married Rachel **Todd** and fought in the Rev. War. The story about his being impressed into the war by the British, escaping and joining George Washington and crossing the Delaware with him is the exact story that was supposed to happen to our John (1) **Latta** of Branch 17, that I am wondering if he is John's son, William **Latta**, who disappeared from Huntingdon County, PA in 1817. Sue **Lattea Cox**, Br. 17, 6 Woodhill Dr., Salem WV 26426, Latteacox@aol.com.

6. Perry Co., OH 1860 - 3 **Latta** families in a row. And in the household of one of them is Martin **Downey**, age 14 - whom I believe to be actually Martin Van Buren **Degarmo**. Do any of you know of any **Downey** or **Degarmo** connections to the **Latta** family of Perry County? Rick, Catholica@columbus.rr.com.

7. We are researching the family of Lois **Orton**, b 3/30/1828 in Pekin, Niagara Co., NY and d 3/05/1908 in Oshtemo, MI. She was the daughter of Myron **Orton** and Mary **Hoyt**. She married Albert **Latta** b 4/6/1821 in Lewiston, Niagara Co. NY and d 5/06/1912 in Oshtemo, MI. We are interested in descendants of this family. Verne **Fisher**, 29 Pondview Drive, Bergen, NY 14416, vernfish@juno.com.

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about noon. Arrived at Unionville. Old Nance refused to go any farther. Camped in a grove near an old log cabin in the edge of town all after noon, and night.

Sun. July 23. Left at 5 o'clock a.m. Took the red and white trail for Seymour, Iowa. Old Gun Powder balked again. Went through Genoa, Ia. about one. Crossed the line about nine. Missed the trail at Genoa and struck some more awful hills. Camped at a Christian Church. Slept under a maple tree beside the cemetery.

They must have arrived home in Davis City, Iowa on Monday, July 24, 1916, as this is where the Diary ends.

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8. I have been surfing the net and came across the following information in the history of Copley, OH. The busy commercial activities in Montrose are not really all that new. Also called Ellis Corners or Latta's Corners, Montrose has a long history of business. When it was Latta's Corners, tavern keeper William Latta actually was chiefly interested in counterfeiting and his hotel became a hangout for the gang of dandies he was in cahoots with. 1825 - In the 1820's with the commerce developing from the opening of the Ohio canal, a man by the name of James Brown formed a counterfeiting ring, "the blacklegs," in the Akron, Ohio area. Historian Samuel A. Lane, sheriff of Akron, Ohio and editor of THE BUZZARD wrote under the pen name of "Jedediah Brownhead, Esq.," in 1825, about James Brown and his followers. "---For your own protection, you should note the stature of the men who have taken up store-keeping in the little neighboring town of Boston. They are William G. Taylor of Cleveland; Abraham S. Holmes, Col. William Ashley of Boston; William Latta of Bath; Jonathan Decourcey and Thomas Johnson of Norton; Joshua King and Joe Keeler of Portage. These men are counterfeiters; and on a vast and damaging scale." Does anyone know which branch this William

is? I am assuming they are probably the same man. I would be very interested to know. Sue Lattea Cox, 6 Woodhill Dr., Salem WV 26426, Latteacox@aol.com.

9. Hi. My name is Adrian and I am Latta too. I am from Slovak Republic and our family here is quite big, especially in east Slovakia. I think that Lattas are settled here at least couple hundreds years. Some of them have moved to USA after first world war or even earlier. If these information are interesting for you and could help you somehow please let me know. All the Best. Adrian Huitner, huitner@yahoo.com.

10. I was looking through one of my several books on WW II, "Winter Journey Through The Ninth", written by Major Harry A. Franck. In the Preface it mentions that Harry A. Franck's wife was Rachel Latta Franck, who died in 1986. The "Latta" immediately got my attention and I checked the indexes to the RHL data. There is no spouse by the name of Franck, but there is a Rachel Whitehall Latta, branch #8, family # 14, born in 1892, that looks like a highly probable match. Major Harry A. Franck was 60+ years of age when WW II started and talked his way on to active duty; he had served in WW I. Can anyone verify that Rachel Whitehall Latta is Rachel Latta Franck? Tom Kintigh, Branch 3, Tucson AZ, tqkintigh@worldnet.att.net.

11. Yes, indeed. I can verify that Rachel Whitehill Latta was married to Harry A. Franck. She was Branch 8, and was my Aunt, my mother's sister. She and Harry had 5 children of whom four are living. She was an author in her own right. Her book "I married a Vagabond" was published in 1939. I recently purchased a copy on Amazon.com. Cynthia Elliott, Rountree@aol.com.

12. I ran across this "trading card" of Greg Latta who played professional football for the Chicago Bears. Some time ago, I exchanged emails with a Latta in Chicago who knew Greg and indicated he was from North Carolina. Apparently his ancestors were "employed" on the Latta Plantation, near Charlotte. The Latta Plantation was established by James Latta (branch 12) in the early 1800's. The old plantation property is now an historic site and State park. After the Emancipation Proclamation in the 1860's, many former "employees" on the cotton plantations adopted the surname of their "employer." Keith Latta, Branch 13, klatta@shaw.ca.

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13. I am interested in the **Latta** Genealogy. A Great Grandfather of mine was Barton A. **Latta** [Branch 48]. I have a lot of names and dates relating to Barton and his ancestors. If you are interested in this information, please get back to me. Thank you. Sandra **Flynn**, slflynn@ezaccess.net.

14. Regarding the Purple Heart Medal advertised on E-Bay (closing Oct. 5, 2003), inscribed with Alexander H. **Latta**. It appears that person is in Branch #16. Full name Alexander Hamilton **Latta**, born about 1890-1900. His father was Samuel Cunningham **Latta**, and his grandfather was Hamilton Patterson **Latta**. Hamilton Patterson **Latta** came to Philadelphia from Bready, Ireland, in 1856. Is any **Latta** out there bidding on this collection? Hoping to hear from someone regarding the Medal. Alex. **Latta**, Br. #16, 6830 42nd At., NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 3C9, allatta@gambit.ab.ca.

15. Boy, do I need some help. I am searching for Fleming Thompson **Latta**, 1830-1901. Born in SC; died 1901 in Arkansas. Married to Mary Julia Eliz. **Dismukes** in 1858. She died in 1896. I just found him (I think it's him, the details match) in the 1920 census, Pualaski, Ark., age 69, in the state pen!! What a shock! Is anyone else chasing this line? Does anyone know how I can get in touch w/Arkansas officials to find out why he was there and if he died there, where he is buried? He's the son of Alexander **Latta**, and Ellender **Birchfield Latta**. Thanks for any help. Glenna, Branch 28, gkinard@sc.rr.com.

16. I have been searching for my branch for ages. John James **Latta** b 2 Feb 1823 Jackson Co. Ga. d 1908 TX m Mary **Rhodes**. Children: James John **Latta** b 6 June 1855, m Julia (Judy) **Ford** 5 Oct 1879 Ala, d 1906 Lamar Co. TX; Jutta (Ann Judson) **Latta** b 1858 Ala, m John **Ingroum (Ingram)**; Sophrina **Latta**, b 11 Sept 1868 Ala. Can anyone help? Linda **Latta Carr**, benlindac@cox.net

17. From the Bible of Judith Ann **Dyer Latta Brisby** Dated 1884. This bible was used in the pulpit of Rev. Harvey Jerome **Kenney**. United in Marriage according to the Law of God and of the State of Kentucky at --- Mr. Tommie **Latta** to Annie **Dyer**, December 23, 1885. Tommie **Latta** was born February 23, 1851, died March 28, 1885 Smith Mills, KY. Annie **Latta** was born Feb.

23 1859. (Judith Ann **Dyer**) Lucy **Latta** was born September 13, 1882 Smith Mills, KY. Lucy **Latta** died September 17, 1882 Smith Mills, KY. Her father Tommie **Latta** died March 28, 1885 Smith Mills, KY. I would like to know the cause of death for Tommy and Lucy **Latta**. I purchased the microfilm of the newspaper of this time frame and there wasn't any thing listed about either deaths of Lucy's birth. Any one have any ideas about how I can find this information? Thanks, Judith **Brumm**, Branch 7, judith@texasbrumms.com.

18. I have been gathering information over the internet and working on Note 1. This branch is about John **Latta** who lived in Tennessee among the Cherokee Indians. He and his family moved west about 1850 to Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Take a look at it and if anyone has any additional information to add to it, please let me know. Sue **Cox**, Webmaster, 6 Woodhill Ave., Salem WV 26426, Latteacox@aol.com.

19. I am new in this group and was wondering if some of you could help me in my search. I am looking for my **Lata** ancestors in Galicia, Spain. All information I have is the following one:

1. Antonio Maria **Lata Sanchez** (*1909 at San Juan de Ouces/Bergondo, Coruna, Galicia, Spain - + 1959 at Buenos Aires, Argentina).

2. His parents: Antonio **Lata Ferreiro** (*1879 at Santa Eulalia de Provaos/Cesuras, Galicia, Spain - + in Spain) and Dolores **Sanchez Meilan** (* 1873 at San Juan de Ouces/Bergondo, Coruna, Galicia, Spain - + in Spain).

3. His grandparents: Juan **Lata Pedreira** (* at Santa Eulalia de Provaos/Cesuras, Galicia, Spain - + before 1909 in Spain) and Maria **Ferreiro Rodriguez** (* at Santa Eulalia de Provaos/Cesuras, Galicia, Spain - + after 1909 in Spain).

Does anybody knows if there is any relation between the surnames **Lata** and **Latta**? If so, does anybody knows how exactly they are related? Is anybody looking for **Latas** in Spain too? If so, I will be glad to share information with you! For the beginning, you can have a look at www.dorsch-martinelli.com. Many thanks for your help! Cheers. Monica, Monica@dorsch-martinelli.com.

20. All I know is this: Gustav Adolf **Schulze** married Bertha **Hamilton** in 1911 or thereabouts, and they had a son in 1914. They named him Lester Wilhelm, or

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Lester William - I'm not sure which. About two years later they divorced. About ten years after the divorce, Bertha **Hamilton** married a businessman named William Jack **Latta**, who adopted Lester Wilhelm, or Lester William, who, accordingly, was renamed Lester William **Latta**. In 1942 or thereabouts, Lester William **Latta** married Filomena Teodolina **Roberto**. In 1945 they had a son - viz., me, Robert Lester **Latta**. I'm professor of philosophy at Bukkyo (Buddhist) University in Kyoto, Japan, and a writer. I have no idea who William Jack **Latta's** ancestors might have been, but Bertha **Hamilton** was his second wife, and his first was a woman named Mamie **Leish**, though this spelling might be incorrect. Robert **Latta**, latta@mx.scn.tv.

21. Hi Alex, many thanks for your quick answer & explanations! Certainly, "lata" does have a meaning in Spanish: like in Italian, it means tin or can. And it means a thin metal plate too. If you understand German, "lata" means "Blech" (metal plate) And "Dose" (like a Coke tin - sorry, but my English is not very good; I wish I could speak it like German.). It is possible that the name is related to any metal-related occupation, but I don't know anything precise about this (I am starting now with this surname). As far as I know, my Spanish **Lata** ancestors were fishermen and farmers and lived at the Spanish north coast, near to El Ferrol. Some time ago I read about the possibility of the Spanish **Lata** branch coming from the British Islands. Apparently, they were fishermen and had to escape from Britain. If so, it is possible that there is a connection between the Spanish and the English / Irish branches. But I wasn't able to find any other details or to corroborate this theory (why they had to escape? And more important: when?). I'll keep you posted if I find anything about this! I had a look at your webpage - lovely! Especially the picture with your great-grandchildren. Definitely, the guy with the protruding ears is a **Lata** - he was my great-grandfather. I think I can consider me very lucky - my ears look "normal"! I understand why you are so interested in **Lata** / **Latta** pictures: it seems that big, protruding ears are a common family attribute. I could send you some old pictures of my family. I'd be glad to see them posted at your site, if you agree. Just let me know. We keep in touch! Have a good day. Monica, Monica@dorsch-martinelli.com.

22. William **Latta** and Catherine along with their only child, John **Latta**, emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland sometime between 1817 and 1840. John **Latta** married Elizabeth **Harper**, they had seven children. Elizabeth and all seven children were born in South Carolina. Any relatives or further information please reply. reddog@wayfarer1.com.

23. Dear Sirs, my name is Luis **Lata** and I'm Portuguese. In Portugal we're just a few named **Lata** and we're all of the same family. Before my great grandfather there are no records of the name **Lata** in Portugal, and I don't know the origin of this name. The origin of my family in Portugal is in a small Portuguese town Tamar (center of Portugal). I'm trying to figure the origin of the name and if there's any connection between the name **Lata** in Portugal and any branch of the name **Latta**. The search in Portugal is very difficult since the birth and marriage paper records (located in a church near Tomar) burned in a fire, so it's very difficult to me to find out more. If you think that maybe there's any connection please tell me. Yours faithfully, Luis **Lata**, l.lata@labvitoria.pt.

24. Hi, Reddog, I was reading your submission about William **Latta** and Catherine. My **Latta** was a Margaret **Just** who married P.A. **Latta**, (Br #40). Margaret's dad migrated from Ireland about the same time, his name was James **Just**. Do you have any information about P.A. **Latta**. My website www.djmri.com under **Just** Genealogy has all the information I have on my **Latta's**. Thanks for any help. Dan **Just** djmri@yahoo.com.

25. The Ulster-Scots Society Of America. The Ulster-Scots Society Of America is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization. It is primarily an educational and social organization committed to the promotion of the Ulster-Scots history and heritage, especially as it pertains to the nearly quarter of a million immigrants who left the north of Ireland (Ulster) during the 18th century and settled in America. The majority of these immigrants were the descendants of Lowland Scots who had settled in Ulster four generations earlier. Once in America, these immigrants came to be known as Scotch-Irish (or Scots-Irish). In the British Isles they are known as Ulster-Scots. Today nearly 22 million Americans can trace the roots of at least one family member to these hardy settlers from the north of Ireland. For more information please contact Paul **Smallwood** (President, Ulster-Scots Society Of America) at telephone: 919-380-0383 or email: ulstermen@yahoo.com.

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26. Not to be critical, but isn't the John **Latta** of branch #51 the same person as John of branches 12 & 19 combined? Also, on branch #52, I believe you will find this Thomas Jefferson **Latta** was the son of 2 George Washington **Latta** (2) in branch #11. The 1880 Census for Arkansas has T. J. **Latty** age 32 b. GA, wife M. and three children: A. J.; W. R.; L. B. The wife and first two children were born in Missouri. Also, A. J.'s age matches Andrew Jackson of branch #52. I thought it was interesting that Eliza **Hamilton**, the wife of his son, Claud Allen **Latta**, was featured in the Spring Issue. Interesting story too. Thank you for your kind attention. Sincerely, Barbara R. **Smith**, 3333 West 4630 South, West Valley, UT 94119.

27. We have been searching for the burial site and parental information for Jane **Latta** to no avail. She married James **Johnston**, descendant of Mathew William and Frances Jane **Belford** who immigrated to Westmoreland Co in 1790's with two small children, Sarah and James. Here's the kicker and maybe a link or connection. Sarah married Moses **Latta** and we are suspect that Moses and Jane may have been brother and sister. But we can't find any facts of that anywhere. Here is some of Jane **Latta's** information:
Jane **Latta Johnston**, B. 1808 PA. Married James **Johnston** May 11, 1826. Birth of William Matthew **Johnston** March 15, 1827, Westmoreland Co, PA. Birth of Fannie Jane **Johnston** February 13, 1829. Died 8 months after giving birth to Fannie on September 30, 1829. James remarried to an Anna **Gaddis Quail** and they had many more children together and resided in Ligonier, PA. If anyone knows where and how to find Jane **Latta**, it would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for death / burial information for her mother in law, Frances Jane **Belford Johnston**. Thanks cousins! Karen **Johnston**, johnstonarts@yahoo.com.

28. I own the store / gas / bar on the site of the old **Latta** store at Latta Mills Ontario, Canada. I've had so many people asking me questions over the last 8 years or so about the history of the area, including some **Latta's** visiting from the States a few years back (Michigan area I think). Unfortunately there very little written about who first settled at the site, there are only a couple of history books referring to the area and they are very vague. Any info you or any other **Lattas** could provide would be of great interest. Also any pictures anyone has of the old mill or store at **Latta** would be great. Thanks. Paul, phealy@sympatico.ca.

29. Paul, nice to hear of your interest in the history of **Latta's** Mill. I have noticed that road maps have shown the name of the village as simply Latta, Ontario for some years. My father was born and raised near the village, and the original mill was built by our ancestor, John **Latta**, about 1832. I last visited the mill site in 1987 - have lived in Victoria, BC for the past 25 years. At that time, I took photos of the old mill, the carriage house, etc., and brought home a small piece of limestone from the mill which I use as a "paper weight" on my desk. I have heard that the mill was demolished a few years ago - is this correct? I was hoping that it would be preserved and declared an historical site. I assume the "carriage house" is still there - it appeared to have been converted to a number of townhouses.

I have a Gedcom file (family tree) of our branch 13 which was kindly sent to me by Gary **Pokoradi** of Hamilton. Gary probably has done more research on the **Lattas** of branch 13 than any other person. If you have a program that reads Gedcom files, I would be pleased to send a copy of the file to you.

During my visit in 1987, I entered a little gift shop which was part of the old mill and was operated by a woman from Toronto. Various souvenir items marked "**Latta's** Mill" were on display. With great anticipation, I approached the owner and informed her that I was from far away Victoria, was a **Latta**, and that one of my ancestors had built the original mill 150 years ago. She shrugged and pushed past me as if I was invisible to speak to another customer. Some people are not easily impressed. C'est la vie. Best wishes, Keith, klatta@shaw.ca.

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Saul Marsters, 1831-1903

By Ken Mueller, Branch 1 Captain.

Saul Marsters was born 10 Oct. 1831 in Har-
rison County, Indiana, the son of Stephen Marsters
and Malinda Baldwin Martin. Saul Marsters was
first married 4 August 1850 at Rockville, Parke
County, Indiana, to Nancy Ann Clark. They had at
least one child, Willette Marsters, age 14 in 1885,
born in Indiana. Saul Marsters mustered in 22 Sept.
1864 in the 22nd Indiana Volunteer Regiment as a
private, company not assigned. He was assigned gar-
rison duty, and mustered out 8 May 1865. Saul Mar-
sters received pension number 568798. Nancy Ann
died by 1885, and Saul moved to Loup County, Ne-
braska, according to the 1885 Nebraska State Cen-
sus. A few houses away was the family of Robert S.
Latta, including his 33 year old divorced daughter,
Sarah. Sarah was born 26 April 1852 in Jay County,
Indiana to Robert Seegar Latta and Mary Tumble-
son. Sarah had married first to Hiram Turner Davis
on 15 Feb. 1874 in Albion, Noble County, Indiana.
But the marriage failed, and Hiram and Sarah were
granted a divorce on 12 May 1886 in Loup County,
Nebraska, on a petition filed 31 Dec. 1885.

Sarah J. Latta Davis and Saul Marsters became
acquainted and after a few months courtship were
married 27 May 1886 in Council Bluffs, Pottawat-
tamie County, Iowa. The children of their marriage,
all born in Loup County, Nebraska, were: Hazel
Marsters, born 29 March 1886; Ethel May Marsters,
born 4 March 1889; Saul Marsters, born 18 Jan.
1891, died 24 Nov. 1897; and Josephine Marsters,
born 29 Nov. 1894. Sarah's brother, Milton Nimmon
Latta, also married into the Marsters family. Milton
Latta and Willette Marsters were married 4 Oct.
1885 in Loup County, Nebraska.

Saul and Sarah Marsters lived together 17 years,
until Saul Marsters died 22 Aug. 1903 in Clayton
Township, Payne County, Oklahoma. The cause of
death was cancer of the face, throat, and tongue.
Saul Marsters was buried 23 Aug. 1903 in Fairlawn
Cemetery, Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma.
Sarah J. Latta Marsters, widow of Saul Marsters,
received widow's pension number 578202.
