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Latta DNA Project

By Bob Hawkins, Branch 22 Captain

There are currently 53 branches of the Latta family. We have poured over record after record in search of a link. We have not met with much success. DNA testing is an avenue that we now need to take to link the branches to our ancestors. We have enlisted FamilyTreeDNA to help us in our endeavor. They are the leader in the field of DNA testing for Y chromosome testing (male to male relationships). Male members with the surname of Latta or one of the variations are eligible to participate in the study. The test is the Y-DNA12-12 Marker Test. This is the world standard test to verify the Y chromosome. (A 25 and 37 marker test is also available). The test will also determine your ethnic and geographic origins both recent and far distant. The cost of the kit for our surname project is \$99 and samples are held 25 years in case you would like further testing. We need eligible males from each branch to participate to make this a success. Please visit their website at <http://www.familytreedna.com/> for a more detailed description of the services offered and an informative source of DNA information. FamilyTreeDNA is currently coordinating Y DNA testing from 1100 different surname projects around the world. You can e-mail me at bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net to get started, or you can order through our special Latta Join link which will allow you to order a test at our group rates: http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=J50244. Or you may write to me at: 620 Hickory Knoll Ct., Ballwin MO 63021.

Here is the results on the DNA Testing so far. I have secured permission of all donors to use their names.

Our first donor was George Latta, Branch 13. George has been a huge help in this project. George feels that Branch 4 is closely related to Branch 13

and has donated funding to pay for a member of Branch 4 to be tested.

Perry Latta of Branch 1, George Latta and William Latta of Branch 13, Robert Latta of Branch 30, William Latta of Branch 31, and Ryan Latta of Branch 51 have all had 12 marker tests done and have matching DNA. They all have a haplotype that shows there ancestor was from Western Europe. We are waiting for results on Branch 22. They will be available in late January.

The following is a scale put out by FamilyTreeDNA regarding matches in DNA. The chance that their shared ancestor was 100 years ago is 33.57%, 200 years is 55.88%, 300 years is 70.69%, 400 years is 80.53%, 500 years is 87.07%, 600 years is 91.41%. So far in the program five Latta lines share a common ancestor. I have had a number of e-mails and calls concerning the testing and am happy to help you out way I can. Let us try to get at least one donor from each branch and clear up this whole branch thing.

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Editorial

When your family looks for your autobiography, will they find it? Did you write up your life story for your children? One way to make sure that your story is saved is to send it to the Latta Archives. Page 12 explains how.

Also, you can preserve your family's history by sending it to me for our newsletter. Just write it up as a narrative, a story, or a biography. We all want to read what you have, as we are all Latta family. It looks like we may all connect, perhaps back in Scotland.

That is also why we are organizing as a non-profit society. We want to continue our search for our Latta families, and be able to share that story with everyone.

So please, take a few minutes, and jot down what you know. Mail it or e-mail it to me. Someday your grandchildren will thank you.

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<http://www.latta.org>

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 8/29/04 through 12/31/04:

COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 8/29/04: **\$ 4,349.11**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 905.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,444.11

Income 8/29/04 through 12/31/04 **\$ 1,047.22**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 2 donors	\$ 40.00
GENERAL FUND – 47 donors	\$1,007.22

Expenses 8/29/04 through 12/31/04: **(\$ 792.55)**

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Internet Valueweb- Latta.org website connection fee	\$ 109.75
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COMBINED FUNDS ON HAND 12/31/04: **\$ 4,603.78**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 945.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,658.78 ²

Thank you for your generosity. Together with the work of many volunteers, your donations make the Latta Family Association and Newsletter possible.

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 year), the monthly website connection fee of \$21.95 per month, and 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 12/31/04 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 Expenses for issue #24 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² Balance will be approximately \$2,958.78 after deducting expenses for issue #24.

The Latta Semple Connection

By: Walter S. Stewart, N. Rockhampton,
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William Latta married Elizabeth Semple on September 24, 1754, in Lochwinnoch, Scotland and had the following recorded children:

1. Jean Latta, Female, Christening: December 5, 1773. Lochwinnoch, Renfrew, Scotland.
2. James Latta, Male, Christening: November 24, 1771, Lochwinnoch, Renfrew, Scotland.
3. John Latta, Male, Christening: March 12, 1758, Lochwinnoch, Renfrew, Scotland.

This information came to me from Mr. David W. Webster, a professional genealogical researcher in Scotland. In addition, he provided me with the information contained in the William Latta Dative that follows this. It was shortly after the receipt of this report that I suspended my genealogical endeavors. Too much, I could not afford his services. I hope you all can benefit from his efforts.

A Testament Dative arises from the needs of the estate of the deceased to go through a formal legal process when the deceased did not make a will. The occupation wright is another description for a blacksmith.

Testament Dative of William Latta, Wright

Submitted By: Walter S. Stewart

Translated By:
Beryl Redfield of Branch 45,
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Alex Latta of Branch 16

TESTAMENT DATIVE No. 64, page 298

The Testament Dative and Inventory of the Debts and sums of money that were indebted and owing to the deceased William Latta of Gravelmass

in the parish of Lochwinnoch at the time of his death who deceased in the month of [blank} Made and given up by William Latta Wright at Glenhead " " " of the said Defunct and Executor Dative quare nearest in kin decerned _____ by the Commissary Depute of Glasgow as an Decreed Dative Pronounced thereabout upon the thirtieth day of July eighteen hundred and one years in itself fully bears.

INVENTORY

There was indebted and owing to the said Defunct aforesaid of his death the sum of two pounds sterling, part of the sum of Ten pounds two shillings and six pence Sterling contained in a bill dated the Twenty third day of December one thousand and seven hundred and ninety nine, drawn by the defunct upon and accepted by John Jemison Allright in Lochwinnoch payable three months after date.

SUMMA INVENTORII PATET

Confirmation given whereon to the extent of Two pounds Stg only by Robert Grome Commissary Depute and Benjamin Barton Clerk of the Commissariat of Glasgow. At Glasgow the Eighteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and one years.

BOND OF CAUTIONRY

In presence of Mr. Robert Grome, Commissary Depute of Glasgow Commissariat, Peter Peterson writer in Glasgow as Prer for the after designed James Carswell and gave in the Bond of Cautionry after unsorted desiring the same to be Registered and whereof the tenor follows— I, James Carswell, Innkeeper Lochwinnoch Do hereby Bind and oblige me and my heirs, Executors and successors, as Surety and Cautioner for William Latta Wright at Glenhead that the goods, years debts, sums of money and effects that pertained and belonged to the Deceased William Latta of Gavelsmass now given up in Inventory, or hereafter to be added and

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eiked thereto in order to be confirmed by the said William Latta Wright Executor Dative qua nearest of kin to the said defunct decerned by the Commissary of Glasgow upon the Thirteenth Day of July last, shall be made forthcoming to all parties having interest as accords with law. And I consent to the Registration hereof in the Books of Council and Session or of any other competent court that Sellers of downing upon six days charge and all other execution necessary may here on pass and for that purpose constitute Peter Peterson, writer in Glasgow Procurators. In Witness whereof these presents written upon this and the preceding pages by Robert Malcolm, Clerk to Peter Peterson Writer in Glasgow are Subscribed At Lochwinnoch the Seventeenth Day of November Eighteen hundred and one, before these Witnesses Robert Caldwell Writer in Lochwinnoch and Robert Orr Weaver there signed James Carswell, Rob Cardwell _____ Robert Orr Witness.

**Autobiographical Sketch
Of Charles Stewart**

Submitted By: Walter S. Stewart

Transcribed by Suzanne Ross

The following narrative is a short outline of some of the most prominent incidents of my life from my infancy till the present. We were staunch Covenanters – a name applied to a party embracing a majority of the people, who, during the 17th century, bound themselves to establish and maintain the Presbyterian doctrine and polity, as sole religion of the Country, to the exclusion of prelacy and popery, and, for a long time, whose only place of public worship was a glen or hillside in some out-of-the-way place, where they were wont to meet, from all parts of the surrounding country. In defiance of their persecutors they

held an open-air conventical, and, in accordance with their own convictions, poured out the earnest effusion of their souls, in praise and supplication to the Almighty for protection and deliverance from their bloodthirsty pursuers. They were well aware that their discovery would incur the penalty of martyrdom but faith – with them being predominant – kept reason in abeyance.

My father, on whom I had mostly to depend for my information regarding his predecessors, either did not know, or otherwise did not take any particular interest in relating their memoirs. I have heard him speak of his grandfather (my paternal great-grandfather) as being a tailor-to-trade and that he worked out, it being the custom in those days for a tailor to go from house-to-house and do the sewing required. His wages were fourpence per day with his meals and he saved money and bought a farm.

Of his father (my paternal grandfather) I only know that he was a custom weaver-to-trade, which at that time was a very common and useful occupation. The people, especially in all rural districts, in almost every case were their own manufacturers of both bed and body clothes. Therefore, custom weaving was indispensably necessary, and a good, honest weaver could always command as much work as he could accomplish with very fair returns. As a pastime he had been remarkably fond of fishing, so much so that in time of winter he would break the ice on the river Clyde – which was at a convenient distance – and drop his line through the hole thus made, and thereby (besides gratifying his peculiar taste) often secured what he deemed a prize – a fry of excellent trout.

Later on he removed to Paisley and remained there until his death, which occurred in the 88th year of his age. He was Church officer to the Reverend Mr. Syminton who placed a memorial stone above his grave.

My mother's ancestors were natives of Renfrewshire, but her father (my maternal grandfather) was said to be of French descent. His name was William Latta. For three generations they were coopers to trade, and in succession occupied the same premises – the name of which was Old Corbar in the parish of Kilbarchan – and was near the neighborhood of Castle Semple.

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Her mother (my maternal grandmother) was Elizabeth Sempill. She was lineally descended from the Sempills of Castle Sempole (sic), and Belltrees. (A very ancient and noble race and reputed for their great generosity and kindness of heart.)

The Sempills of Belltrees are known as early Scottish poets. Sir James Sempill was the author of a clever poem entitled "The Packmans Paternoster". Robert, son of James, acquired considerable fame as author of "The Life and Death of the Piper of Kilbarchan or the Epitaph of Habbie Simpson", and also the "Song of Maggie Lauder". Frances Sempill (the last of the rhyming Lairds) was the author of the song "She Rose and Loot Me In".

They once had large possession in Renfrewshire, as the names of Castle Sempill and other places indicate to this day. The estate of Castle Sempill lies in the parish of Lochwinnoch, and when seen from the heights around is one of the most beautiful and picturesque scenes in Scotland. It was acquired by Colonel William McDowal in 1727.

A few miles down the river Clyde – on the left bank – a ruined mansion appears which was once the Seat of the noble family. It is one of the decayed Scottish houses, which is deeply interesting from the distinguished figure which they played in the history of Old. The ruined house of the Clyde was, till lately (and I believe still is) the property of the inheritor of the family honors – The Baroness Sempill.

The office of hereditary Sheriff was held by the Sempills from the period of the erection of the Barony of Renfrew into a Shire by King Robert III. They also held the Bailiary of Paisley from 1545 when they acquired this office from John Hamilton, Abbott of Paisley. Sir John Sempill was raised to the dignity of the Peerage, with the title of Lord Sempill, by James 1st in 1488. Elliotston and Castle Sempill continued in the possession of this ancient family for about 500 years.

My mother's name was Jane Latta. She was my father's second wife, to whom she bore six

children – four sons and two daughters. I was the fourth son, but the fifth born. She was a woman of mild disposition, of purely virtuous and industrious habits, and genuine piety. This was the principal means of forming the moral character of her family, and being a kindly turn of mind, was much respected by those around her. My mother was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone in bodily trouble and frequently saving the expense of medical attendance amongst the poor of her neighborhood. She was possessed of some amiable and excellent abilities. She was fated to incessant and arduous toil. A lack of education meant she never much developed beyond the acquirements of her daily life.

Female education in her young days was very limited. So much so that beyond being able to read a psalm by spelling the big words, was considered to be unnecessary, and even productive of an evil tendency. I have heard her relate, with a painful remembrance, how whilst she was arriving at womanhood, she went to an evening school for the purpose of learning to write, but was soon forced to withdraw on account of her Father's stern opposition. He told her that she must either give up attending school or leave his house. He said that writing was of no use to a woman – except for clandestine correspondence. By self application she had become a fair reader, but never could do anything at writing or arithmetic. She kept her house-keeping account on the inside of a cupboard door with chalk marks of her own contriving.

My father, George Stewart, although born in the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, claimed Paisley as his native town. His parents had moved there when he was a mere boy in order to have their sons instructed in the art of silk weaving, which was then a very lucrative occupation, and for which Paisley was far and greatly famed. He was a very active man in his sphere of life. Being a staunch Reformer, wherever he resided he became a leader in all public movement, which he believed would lend to the social elevation of the people. Generally, although I am sorry to relate it, seldom (if ever) proved to be for his own domestic or personal advantage. For, as is too often the case with those who volunteer their service (in what is, apparently, for the public good) his only reward was (in most

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cases) the empty plaudits of a few who were similarly engaged, and the ill will and obliquy of all who were not in favor of the movement. However, it must be admitted that men who thus come to the front as leaders, in a cause in which the interest of the masses is concerned, are deserving of a better fate. For although they at times may overreach the end they have in view, yet we have to thank them for almost all the happy reform and much of the progress which we at present enjoy, and of which we, with justice, so proudly boast.

I have said that, wherever he resided, he became a leader in all agitations prospective of reforming some public grievance, and also in what manner he was rewarded. Suffice it to say, he had moved from Bailleston to the Calton of Glasgow for the purpose of being more convenient to a supply of work. Just at the time when the Radical agitation was rapidly gaining adherents in the City, and in which he took a prominent part. As the organization increased, he became deeply involved in its proceedings, availing himself of every opportunity to further the cause, until circumstances made him aware that they were in the hands of traitors. Seeing that all their plans were frustrated, and any further efforts would be in vain he removed to a place called Steps, about four miles from the City, on the Cumbernauld Road. Thinking, no doubt, that by going to reside in a retired part of the country he might escape being pursued by the emissaries of an irate government. But such was not to be the case, for in a short time he was notified by an old acquaintance that he had no time to lose in getting out of the way (if he valued his liberty, and perhaps his life).

His name was on the "black list" and he had been "informed on" by one of his companions who had been acting as a spy. He immediately set about putting his house in order, so that his family might get along in his absence. He fled to Kilmalcolm moors and was only about two hours gone when a party arrived to take him prisoner. He remained away till George IV came to Scotland in 1822, when an amnesty was granted to all surviving

political offenders. Such was his reward, and that of others, who had spent their time and talents in a movement, the intention of which was the removal from Society of some growing political and social wrongs, which had become almost like slavery to the masses. Having no way of redress, they resolved to take the management of affairs into their own hands. But, alas, they were fifty years in the field before their time and, therefore, could not reap the harvest they anticipated. But they at least sowed the seeds of a reform which is still growing and bearing fruit.

As regards the story of my own life, although not uneventful, yet I fear there is not much to relate that is likely to interest the outside world.

I was born on the 21st of January in 1813 at a village called Bailleston, about five miles east from the City of Glasgow, and as informed by my parents on my arrival into the world I brought with me a very delicate constitution, which kept my parents upwards of three years in a state of uncertainty as to whether my fate would be life or death (the scales for the time being seemed about equally balanced). However, by the careful and tender nursing of an intelligent and affectionate mother they were turned in my favor and life gained the ascendancy. Ultimately I became a new creature, although never very robust. When I was seven years old I was sent to school, the distance of which was about two miles. My father, being a hand-loom weaver, gave me a certain quantity of yarn to wind every morning before setting out and another when I returned. My time for study was very limited and my scholastic education was finished when I was nine years of age. I then graduated in the art of weaving, which I had previously been practicing on my sister's loom when an opportunity occurred, and followed the profession upwards of fourteen years.

Having a natural taste for reading, when I got a penny from a friend or for running a message, instead of spending it on some sweeties, I would lay it past for the purchase of some "Street Ballad" or little storybook such as "Cheap John", "Leepin the Tailor" and "Thrumy Cap", of which I had a considerable collection and kept them

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carefully as my dearest treasure. In course of time I was able to get a second-hand copy of "Johnson's Dictionary" and "Cobbet's English Grammar", together with a copy of Burns' poems, which I kept at the loom beside me and studied them while at work.

By this time I had taught myself to write and attempted putting my thoughts into verse, as best I could. But being entirely ignorant of the art (as I afterwards discovered), my poetry was greatly lacking both in rhyme and measure (at which I felt very much annoyed). I set myself, with what information I had acquired, to remedy the defect. It was a task of much time and study but of pleasurable enjoyment. A few years later my mother died, which caused great change in our affairs. My father gave up housekeeping and went to stay with a daughter of his first wife. I had to betake myself to lodgings (and a strange fireside) which I found I never could enjoy. To make it more disagreeable I was in very bad health at the time, and was unable to do any work for several months. After regaining my health and having now reached manhood, I resolved that I would have a home of my own, even if it should be of most humble description. Having (from observation and experience) become convinced that to remain a weaver I must also remain a bachelor, should I have temerity to become a benedict and at the loom. I would doom myself and those who might be dependent upon me to a life of cheerless, unremitting toil, and comparative poverty. Therefore, with a resolution never to return to it I left my loom (to be appropriated by the first tramp who might come along), and going to Coatbridge I got employment as a laborer in Dundivan Iron Works. I was fortunately set to work with engineers and I soon acquired a knowledge of the structure and of the Steam Engine, which inspired me the hope of being thereby able (at some future time) to improve my circumstances. To crown my happy anticipation, I took to myself a wife and got what I most desire – a home of my own. I then engaged to serve three years to boiler-making.

Although I finished my time, I never enjoyed the occupation.

The Continuation of the Story of Charles Stewart

By: Walter S. Stewart, wande@ozemail.com.au.

Four of the known children of George Stewart and Jean Latta were baptized at Lochwinnoch, Scotland. They are: William Stewart, born 18 and baptized 28 July 1808; John Stewart, born 24 Aug. and baptized 22 Sept. 1809; Mary Stewart, baptized 30 June 1811; and Charles Stewart, born 3 Jan. and baptized 21 Feb. 1813. Another child of George Stewart and Jean Latta was baptized as Maryanne Stewart at Old Monkland, Scotland, on 5 Jan. 1817.

Charles Stewart, the writer of the autobiography, was married to Ann Wilson in 1840 in Baillieston, near Glasgow. She was born to John Wilson and Agnes Selkirk about 1816 in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in her 80th year on 12 Nov. 1895. Charles and Ann left Scotland in 1856, immigrating to Galt, County of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. They had three sons and two daughters, Charles, John, George, Mrs. Agnes Cooper, and Jennie (Jane Ann). Ann Wilson Stewart's obituary was published in the *Galt Reporter* on 25 Nov. 1895. Charles Stewart died in Galt on 6 May 1900. On the page 9 is a picture of Charles Stewart at age 86, with his son Charles Foulds Stewart, age 54, grandson Charles Drury Stewart, age 29, and great-grandson Charles Hargrave Stewart, age 4 months.

In table form, here is the lineage of the Stewart family:

1. George Stewart married to Jean Latta on 6 Nov. 1807, Beith Old Parochial Register, Parish of Kilbarchan.
2. Charles Stewart (1813 - 1900), married to Ann Wilson (1816 - 1895).
3. Charles Drury Stewart (1869 - 1933), married to Margaret Sutherland (1861 - 1948).
4. Charles Hargrave Stewart (1898 - 1975), married to Ethyle Alexandra Hopkins (1902 - 1983).



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Saltcoats Lattas

By: Alan Latta, twat_mccallister@hotmail.com.

The James Latta (1877) that I have listed, I have found his family in the 1881 census - resident at 11 Towers Street, Govan, Lanark, Scotland. He had 3 brothers: Thomas Campbell Latta (aged 5 in 1881) this is the Thomas who went to Canada, Alexander Latta (aged 9) and Allan Latta (aged 12), all of whom were born in Paisley, Renfrewshire. He had a sister Margaret who died at age 7, the same year as the census, and another sister Cathernine Buchanan Latta aged 1 in 1881. His father was called James Latta and he was a Baker, Journeyman. His mother was called Mary Wilson Latta.

Using the website, Scotlandspeople.gov.uk I have managed to take it back further than this. The father I mentioned there James Latta was born in 1847 and died in 1889. Through his death certificate I have managed to trace his parents: An Allan Latta who married a Catherine Buchanan on 18 Nov. 1821 in Pailsey High. I know that this father Allan Latta died in 1867 aged 71, registered in Tradeston, Glasgow. He must have be born in about 1796. I can find no record of his birth on this web site - nothing for Allan Latta at all apart from his death certificate and his marriage certificate. I was unable to view the marriage certificate, however have ordered it and should receive it within the next 2 weeks. I have his death certificate which lists his parents, however it is very difficult to read, I am hoping that the marriage certificate will shed new light on this!

It looks on his death certificate as if his father's name was William Latta (a carter) and his mother was Janet Erskine, however that may not be correct. The death certificate was signed by a John Latta listed as his son, so James Latta (1847) must have had at least 1 brother.

I am at a loss at the moment as to how to take things back further. The marriage certificate will hopefully be legible and also list a place of birth and his parents' names. If you have any suggestions or information then please let me know. I thought that Latta was a fairly uncommon name, however back in those days there were hundreds of us - and

what makes it even more complicated is the fact that most of them had the same bloody first names!!!

Torrance and Latta families

By: Keith Latta, Branch 13, Victoria, B.C.

I would like to recommend highly a book, Your Affectionate Daughter, Isabella by Ann Williams (247 pages) published 2001. It can be ordered from the Latta Plantation administration office or Amazon.com.

The book deals mainly with the Latta family (branch 12) and Torrance family who established cotton plantations next to each other in North Carolina, and covers roughly the first half of the 1800's. The two families became closely connected over the years through marriage and common commercial interests. Their way of life changed forever, of course, in the 1860's - gone with the wind.

The book includes family trees, many interesting letters and other family documents, and details about life during those years. It is a good reference for anyone planning on attending the reunion at the Latta Plantation next year. (See following article.)

Trivia department: We have previously discussed the term "Scots-Irish" on the Latta List in the past - a note from this book: "Scots-Irish is a modern term; during the early 19th century they were called Irishmen. It was not until after the huge influx from Ireland following the 1840's potato famine that "Scots-Irish" was applied to the earlier immigration. Happily the new term better describes their origin and culture and is used in this text for clarity."

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REUNION TALKING TIME

By: Marilyn MacNeall

Our Latta Reunion will be held on July 9, 2005 at the Latta Plantation in Huntersville, North Carolina. Their web site is:

www.lattaplantation.org.

The Saturday events will consist of a tour of the Heritage house and grounds, lunch will be supplied and then we may spend the afternoon sharing and talking.

Accommodations can be reserved at the Country Inn & Suites for 89.95 U.S. per night by calling reservations at 704-895-6565 and asking for the LATTA PLANTATION RATE. The rate is for days before and after the reunion. Call as soon as you have decided to attend.

If you wish to camp look up the Latta Plantation web site and go to rec and parks or call the McDowell Nature Reserve 15222 York Rd. (Hwy 49) at 704-583-1284 at least one week ahead to make reservations.

The Latta Plantation has T-shirts and golf shirts and other gifts if you wish to buy them when you arrive.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST. The fee which includes your admission and lunch will be \$30.00 U.S. per person.

We need your registration in by April 30, 2005. Please send your registration with the required information and your cheque to:

Mrs. Marilyn Macneall
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U.S. residents may send their currency in U.S. funds as I have a U.S. account set up.

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When you register more detail information will be supplied and maps will be included. There is also a separate registration form on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

If you wish to get in touch with me I can be contacted at 905-336-8685 or marilyn-macneall@cogeco.ca or fax 905-628-1818

Here's hoping we have a great reunion.

Non-Profit Committee Report

By: Cathi Vannice, cjazz@comcast.net

B. Mitchel Latta of Vancouver, Washington, has agreed to work on this committee. He joins Virginia Curulla, Connie Leaman, William Latta and Cathi Vannice. Thank you, Mitch.

We are working on the final draft of the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation. It is our intention to file the Articles of Incorporation with the office of the Washington Secretary of State this spring. If anyone has comments or suggestion they want to offer, now is the time. (See the last newsletter for a copy of the draft of the By-laws). According to Washington State law, the Board of Directors vote on the By-Laws at their first meeting after receiving the Certificate of Incorporation. This committee will be the Incorporators and form the initial Board of Directors. Please, it is important that you make your wishes known. Of course, the By-laws may be amended, but it is easier to get them right the first time.

Our next meeting will be 9 February 2005.

Editor's Note:

Please mail your comments and suggestions on the By Laws to Ms. Cathi Vannice, 4223 S. 144th, Tukwila WA 98168-4129. We want to get this all set up as soon as possible.

A reply form on the topic of our non profit society will be on the second to last page.

Latta Genealogy Archives Project

By: Anna Smith, Branch 22, Columbus, IN

The Latta Genealogy Archive Project has begun. We have received the first box of items and are eagerly awaiting the next.

Why Archive?

Compiling items relating to the Latta family genealogy in one public location will help ensure that the research will be available to future generations of Latta genealogists. Due to the fact that research gets lost, people move and families lose touch, we are compiling the group's research into a single archive to have at least one public location that the entire group will be able to reference.

What will be in the archive?

Thanks to "modern technology" we can include everything from family group sheets, to photos, to home movies, to audio recordings. Basically, almost any kind of media that you have pertaining to the Latta surname, it is fair game for the archive. This can include but is not limited to documents, photos, diaries, Family Bibles, wills, family written stories, home movies, and paintings.

How will the archive be compiled?

Anna Smith (Branch 22) and her husband, Brian will accept submissions from the group and catalog them and then digitize them by scanning in documents and converting other media into computer files. Once the digitizing is done, the archive will be put together and copies will be sent to Sharon Weaver (Branch 22) at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana to be entered into the library's collection. Books, complete magazines, Bibles, and diaries will be catalogued and sent directly to the Allen County Public Library.

Where will the archive be stored?

The "working copy" of the archive will be maintained on the computer systems of Brian and Anna Smith, with regular backups being done to ensure no loss of data.

Released editions of the archive will be available at Allen County Public Library initially, but we hope to establish a relationship with other genealogy centers around the country (or the world)

who are interested in housing copies of the archives. While having the archives at multiple locations will make it more difficult to ensure that each location has the latest copy, it will allow more people to have access to it, closer to home.

How do I submit information?

To submit information, items should be sent to Anna & Brian Smith. This can be done by email or by direct mail. Please be sure to include your contact information and branch number in case there are any questions about your submission. If the items pertain to a different branch number please make a note of this. Also, if known, please include a citation of where the information is from.

Once the items have been received, Anna will send you a receipt of the information and a release form. The release form has three questions/checkboxes and requires a signature. (1) I understand that the materials I sent may be photocopied and/or scanned and then put on a CD to be deposited in one or more of the Latta archives. (2) I do not want any information about living individuals to be deposited in the archives. (3) Only the following information may be deposited in the archives. (i.e. Photos, addresses, etc.) Once the signed release form has been returned the submission can be released to the archive.

If you have questions about the archive project or about what can be sent to the archives please contact Anna Smith at aks710@comcast.net or 5425 33rd St., Columbus, IN 47203, (812) 376-0948.

Our Newsletter By Mail and E-mail?

Your editor would like your opinion about whether or not we should offer an electronic version of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter. Some of the questions that have come up are how many readers also have a computer, the capacity of a subscriber's computer to download, the format, the subscriber's preferences, etc. To obtain your opinion I have enclosed a questionnaire on the second to last page. Thank you.

Research Queries and Replies.

Send your queries to the editor,
Ken Mueller, 7400 E. Mule Circle, Prescott Valley AZ 86314, Doc Huer@aol.com.

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 received your website from Betty Kitchen, I'm also exploring information on the Schell Family. I also have a Latta in my family tree. She is my Grandmother, Margaret "Maggie" Latta. Born in 1884 in Tuckersmith Township, Huron County, Ontario Province, Canada. She died in 1954 Clinton, Ontario Province, Canada. My Grandfather was William James Boa. He was born in 1882 in Usborne Township, Huron County, Ontario Province, Canada. They are both buried near Hensall, Huron County, Ontario Province, Canada. Hensall is west of London and South of Toronto. If you can assist me in locating my Grandmother's ancestors I would be deeply appreciative. I've already researched my Grandfather's ancestors back to Roxburgh in Scotland, but no luck on my Grandmother. Everyone always called them Bill and Maggie. They were farmers and very lovable. If you can lead me in the right direction, I would be grateful. Lawrence Schell, lawrence902@aol.com.
2. Joseph M. Latta, born approximately 1757, died April 16, 1821 in Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio. Surviving him are his third wife, Elizabeth Forrester Latta and two daughters, Rachel M. (Latta) Boyse/Boyce, and Mary "Polly" (Latta) Elliott, and possibly one son, Hiram Latta. Other survivors may include Matilda Long Latta, but are largely unknown at this time. Joseph Latta was a justice of the peace in Fairfield Township. He may have resided in Fayette County, Kentucky prior to removing to Butler County, Ohio. Eager to know about him 183 years later are two of his great great great great granddaughters, Connie Leaman and Karen Swanson, descended through one or the other of his daughters. The 4th great granddaughters are also second cousins through another line. Connie Leaman, 4427 SW 315th Federal Way WA 98023, R.Leaman@comcast.net.
3. Looking at the Monroe County, Ohio, web site I see: Jerusalem School. The Jerusalem School, which closed in 1958, was located in the Village of Jerusalem on what is known as Moore Ridge County Road No. 27. Included in this article are the names of former teachers. Can anyone identify who the Kay Harper Latta on this list would be? Thank you,
Betty Kitchen, 3505 Aurora Rd., Twinsburg OH 44087, kitchen2@adelphia.net.
4. I'm looking for information about Romague Latta, w/o Benjamin H. Streeter-Warren. Benjamin was s/o Benjamin H. Streeter (1826-1896) & Amelia L. Dunwell. After the death of Benjamin Sr., Amelia remarried to George P. Warren, possibly in the Chicago area. I'm curious as to the background of Romague Latta, whom Benjamin Jr. married 6/29/1904 in Goshen, IN. Eventually, they removed to the Detroit area, where he practiced law as general counsel for a number of Detroit area companies. Any clues, most welcome. Thanks in advance. kbcook@cfaith.com.
5. It appears likely that Romague Latta is in Latta Br. #1, family #37. Location is right and names are very close. What do you think? Alex. Latta, Br. #16, Edmonton, Canada.
6. Greetings, we would like to invite everyone to visit our website www.lattaplantation.org the official website of Historic Latta Plantation in Huntersville, North Carolina. We are in the process of creating an Online store. Please let us know of any items that would be of special interest to the Lattas. Let us know if there is anything that we can do. I am working on an on-line copy of James Latta's genealogy. Thanks.
Wayne Thomas, Webmaster.
7. The 1900 census of Monroe County Ohio has 2 new Lattas that I have never seen before. I know the others in the county from 1840's to then. (well, not personally) Can anyone identify these children?
 1. Charlie Latta age 10 listed as a cousin in the family of Conrad & Louisa Ackerman
 2. Ollie Latta age 14 a servant in the Reicer home.Thank you, Betty Latta Kitchen, branch 17.
8. I'm hoping you can help me. I have been looking at the Latta.org website and found it very interesting. I'd like to find what branch Thomas Latta belongs to and whom to contact regarding this branch. Thomas was born in 1799 at Alloa, Stirling, Scotland and married Sarah Gibson on 29 June 1818 at Midlothian, Edinburgh, Scotland. He moved to Australia in 1840 and died at Bull Creek in South Australia on 28 September 1855. He had a number of children including:

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Jane (1820), Mary (1821), John (1823), Sarah (1824), Thomas (1826), Elizabeth (1828), Robert (1830), William (1831), and Charles (1833). E-mail me if you need any further clarification. Thanking you in advance. Regards, Richard Latta, New Zealand. richardlatta@clear.net.nz.

9. Dear Richard: It appears that you are in Br. #14, and the Captain is Ian Latta, of Scotland. His e-mail is willilatta@tiscali.co.uk He was born at Old Comnock, where Thomas came from. Your nearest relative in NZ is Eric Latta. His e-mail is LattaME@xtra.co.nz. The connection between these two has only recently been established. If you cannot get help with these, I have much more info, but you would have to be specific. Glad to help. I hope I can live up to the reputation I seem to have acquired. Sincerely, Alex. Latta, Br. #16 Captain, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, al-latta@gambit.ab.ca..

10. My sister visited the Latta Plantation recently. She is a journalist and is working on an article about the history of the Plantation. Her visit has resulted in an interest in the connection between branch 13 (our branch) and branch 12 (in particular, James Latta, who established the Latta Plantation.) William Latta (1) of branch 13 was born in Londonderry in 1761, and James Latta was born in Antrim, Ireland in 1755. My sister wants to know the relationship between William and James. I have told her that they were "probably cousins." But she wants some facts - not speculation. Can any of you genealogists who are experts on our Irish roots help? Keith Latta, Victoria, BC, Branch 13.

11. It is interesting that the Jack and Latta families married in Ireland because they also married in Westmoreland County, PA, see the article below. The Jack family was very prominent in early Westmoreland County; there is much more about them in Albert's history. The branch of Sewickley Creek that flows through Greensburg is know as "Jacks Run". A couple questions are raised by this information. (1) How did Elizabeth (Libbie) Potter Jack of Greensburg, PA meet James M. Latta of Goshen, IN? (2) Is the Walter Katta her sister Maggie married a misspelling of Walter Latta; if so, who is he? Note that James and Libbie named a son Walter. Tom Kintigh, tqkintigh@att.net, Branch #3, Tucson, AZ.

12. Branch 22 also has a Jack family connection. Margaret "Peggy" McKee married John Latta, son of Matthew Latta, the pioneer in Woodford County, KY. Peggy's mother was Jane "Jennie" Jack who married Robert McKee. McKees have Pennsylvania and Virginia roots. Robt McKee and Jennie Jack married in 1795 in Woodford County KY. Robert had a first marriage around 1786 to Margaret Hamilton. Robert McKee's parents were John McKee and Jane Logan. There is much information about the McKee family in the book "The McKees of Virginia and Kentucky." John Latta and Peggy McKee married 13 Jan. 1816 in Woodford County KY. Jennie Jack was living in Woodford County at that time, writing a note that give permission for her daughter to marry John Latta. Very possibly these families or portions of them emigrated together from Northern Ireland in the 1700s. Virginia Latta Curulla, latta4gen@earthlink.net, Seattle WA, Branch 22.

13. Info from Cumberland County, NS, Genealogy Society. Joseph Latta was born about 1798 in Ireland, likely St. Johnston near Ardagh, and died in 1874 at River Hebert. He likely was in Nova Scotia by 1820. He married Elizabeth McMorris or Morris (1811 - 1844), who came with her parents to Cumberland County in 1817. Joseph and Elizabeth had four children: Abraham (1835 - 1919) who married Diana Wood, Matthew (abt. 1838 - 1864), Elizabeth (1840 - 1920) who married Thomas Edward Anderson of Sackville about 1861, and Jane (abt. 1844 - 1882) who married David Amos. Most of the Lattas in Nova Scotia in earlier times were in the River Hebert region. Keith Latta, klatta@shaw.ca.

14. I am looking at the 1930 census for Wayne Twp., Monroe Co., OH. There is a James M. Smith, 75 and beneath him Maggie E. Latta [or perhaps Latte?], daughter 41. Can anyone identify this family? Which Latta or Latte is the husband of Maggie E? Thank you, Betty Kitchen, Branch 17, Twinsburg, OH.

15. Can someone give me the parents for the following person? I thought she was a daughter of Anna Belle Latta and William Forest Turner, both born ca 1875, but I had been told that they had seven children and I have the names of those seven from the 1910 census. The Mary I mentioned in that census died in 1919 so it cannot be her. I took the picture of the tombstone two weeks ago in the Moose Ridge Cemetery in Monroe Co., OH. Name: Mary L. Agin.

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Gender: Female. Date of Death: November 26, 2000. Birth Date: May 23, 1917. Volume: 32620. Certificate: 093273. Father's Surname: **Turner**. Time of Death: 11:03 AM. Marital Status: widowed. Place of Death: hospital/ER-outpatient. Years of Schooling: 12. Certifier: Physician. Method of Disposition: Burial. Mother's Surname: **Latta**. Race: White. Birth Place: Monroe, Ohio. Residence: Pickaway, Ohio. Age: 83 years. Thank you, Betty **Kitchen**, Branch 17.

16. Looking for James **Latta Stewart** of Pennsylvania @ 1836-1899 married Mary Irwin **Hodgson**. James **Latta** b. Parkesburg, PA. Caryl **Stuart Stratton**, Caryl@snet.net.

17. I have been searching for my branch for ages! I am descended from John James **Latta** b Feb 2, 1823 Jackson Co. GA d 1908 buried Corinth Community, TX with Confederate Marker. I think his wife was Mary **Rhodes**. He had a son James John and daughter Ann Judson (m an **Ingrum** or **Ingram**) I cannot seem to go back any further than 1823. Can you offer any help? I have also emailed the branch captain for branch 9. Linda **Latta Carr**, benlindac@cox.net.

18. Isabelle **Latta** b Jan 31 1823 - John **Hanawalt** b Dec 7 1816 Ross Co. OH - m- Dec 7 Sep 1840 Ross Co OH - James **Latta** father of Isabelle born near Londonderry Ireland abt 1769 married Phoebe **Doty** - James, son of Mungo and Isabelle (**McClure**) **Latta** - I would like parents of Isabelle **McClure**. Mungo **Latta** founded the town of Lattaville, Ross Co., Ohio. calvin.hanawalt@gte.net.

19. My ggrandfather was Robert **Latto Mather**, married Mary Jane **Mackenzie** in New Jersey, USA about 1880. He may have come to the US from Fife before 1870. His mother was Margaret **Latto** & father was James **Mather**. My ggrandfather (Robert **Latto Mather**) lived in the household with Robert **Latto**, age 80, b. Scotland, according to the New Jersey 1870 Census. Mary Jane **Mackenzie's** father, John **MacKenzie**, was born in Scotland (Fife I think) and her mother, Margaret **Bruce MacKenzie** was also from Scotland. Might these people be in your research? twosmr@aol.com.

20. Does anyone have a record of the following couple? Or a copy of the will of Moses **Latta**? Some researchers believe his name maybe William Moses **Latta**. Thanks. Moses **Latta** was born bef. 1760, and died abt. 1826. He married Rachel **Todd** 1795 in PA, daughter of William **Todd** and Ann **Rambo (Rembow)**. She was born 1769 in PA.

Children of Moses **Latta** and Rachel **Todd** are:

- i. Charlotte **Latta**, b. 1807, Ohio or PA, d. May 11, 1868.
- ii. David Todd **Latta**, b. 1801, Ohio; m. Mary Elizabeth **Golden**, October 10, 1830, Liverpool, Medina Co. Ohio; b. November 14, 1811, Burlington, Otsego Co. New York; d. February 11, 1891, Bronson, Michigan.
- iii. John **Latta**.
- iv. Franklin **Latta**.
- v. Joseph **Latta**.
- vi. Sarah **Latta**.
- vii. Mary Ann **Latta**.
- viii. Urusula **Latta**, b. abt. 1806; m. Chauncey P. **Ballou**, 1830; b. February 22, 1803, Fenner, Madison, New York.
- ix. Florinfa **Latta**.

Thank you, SherryLwitt@yahoo.com.

21. Hi All, As I was sitting here this fine Sunday morning looking for information on Rev. William **Latta** and his letter dated 1813 my mind drifted to the life long genealogical work of Clarence G. **Latta** (Branch 13, # 205 Clarence G (6) **Latta**). The last I remember all his work was sitting in a few boxes in his son David's closet, would anyone know if that has changed? Any updates? George **Latta**, Branch 13, georgelattasr@charter.net.

22. George ... thanks for reminding us of the remarkable genealogy research on the **Latta** family history done by Clarence **Latta**. I only met Clarence once - it was during 1987. I was traveling from Vancouver Island to Kingston, Ontario to attend my daughter's wedding, and arranged to visit Clarence at his home in Oshawa. He was retired after working all his life for General Motors. As you are aware, he devoted almost every day of his retirement years to **Latta** family research. Until that day I had very little interest or knowledge about our family history. We spent many hours reviewing the incredible research he had completed. Various family trees on large sheets of paper covered a complete wall in his office. I was 'hooked' when he pointed to my name among countless names on the family trees. Filing cabinets

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were filled with historic documents (wills, land deeds, photos, etc.) and correspondence with **Lattas** all over the world. I was overwhelmed and, at the end of the day, left with an interest in our family history that remains to this day. We kept in touch for some years thereafter - he was a true 'gentleman.' I, too, have wondered many times what has happened to the incredible amount of research that Clarence completed. Keith **Latta**, Victoria, BC, Branch 13.

23. Hi, my grandfather was Antonio **Lata**, born in Galicia, Spain 1909. I know it is almost impossible to prove, but do you know if there is any connection between Scotland and Spain? All were Celtic regions, and I know some people had to emigrate from the islands to the continent because of political or religious causes. If you are interested in, I could send you the information I was able to get (I am just starting with my mother's family.). Cheers. Monica@dorsch-martinelli.com.

24. Hello, Last year I added my **Latta** ancestors to the Branch list; I think at the time we were in Branch 13. Shortly after, we disappeared, and I have been unable to figure out where we went. At the time, we were (I believe) the oldest branch, dating back to Wilmington, Delaware (c. 1700), then Orange County, North Carolina. Do you have any idea where my folks would've been transferred to? I've searched several branches, but can't find my Robert **Davis** and Jane **Latta** that married at Old Swede's Church, Wilmington, Delaware in 1751. If you can steer me to the right branch, I would appreciate it! I believe that Jane **Latta's** father was a "Robert **Latta**" from North Carolina, that was one of four brothers that came from Ireland. Thank you, Andrew **Bergstrom**, Birmingham, Michigan, Bergstrom@aol.com.

25. Would you please enlighten me about the Tabor **Summerton** listed with the **Latta** Branch. Just what is this branch of what? My husband is a descendant of Tabor **Summerton** through his son Charles, we have been unable to find any documents concerning the birth of said son Charles. We are really confused by this thinking its possible that Tabor and his wife adopted Charles as the age that Elizabeth supposedly had Charles according to the Mormons site she would have been well into her sixties, I think 67. Any help you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Mina **Summerton**, bearcat2@zoominternet.net.

26. Never knew there were so many **Lattas**!! I have a very large extended family. I just started researching our family name and have found this site with this message board. It makes me wonder if I am related to any of you. I have just started this search so I don't have very much information yet. But my fathers name is James Nelson **Latta** and his fathers name was William **Latta**. I think his middle initial was E. but I'm not to sure this is correct. We all reside in Missouri in the Kansas City area and suburbs such as Independence, Missouri, Blue Springs, Harrisonville or Leesummit. Not much but I will have more soon. Anyone related? Thx P. **Latta**, pttiann@hotmail.com.

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Please take a minute to answer these few questions and return your reservation form as soon as you can. The Latta Reunion will be held 9 July 2005 at the Latta Plantation. The Latta Plantation is located in Huntersville, North Carolina. Huntersville is in Mecklenburg County, near Charlotte. The registration fee is \$30.00 U.S. per person. This includes your lunch and admission to the Latta Plantation.

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Number that are Vegetarian _____

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9. Comments and Suggestions:

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