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Branch 4 History - Battle of the Genesee

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The following account of the Battle of the Genesee was part of an article called War on Lake Ontario written in October, 1942 by Dexter Perkins and Blake McKelvey, City Historians of Rochester (formerly Charlotte), NY.

The entire article can be found at <http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/>

Britain and America were again at war from 1812 to 1815. It was only a matter of time before our Latta ancestors found themselves in the midst of the fighting. One such instance was on Lake Ontario, on the short stretch of the Niagara frontier from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. The control of Lakes Erie and Ontario was crucial for the victory of America. In 1812 the transport of supplies by land, on either side of the lakes, was extremely difficult. Roads were few and poor. With Fort George occupying the Canadian side of the river and Fort Niagara occupying the American side of the river, there was sure to be fighting in the area of Lewiston, New York, on the lower Genesee. The American fleet consisted of few ships, and the British vessels were much the same. Both sides were building ships on the lakes or converting schooners by mounting guns on their decks. The British were stationed out of Kingston, near the outlet of Lake Ontario into the St. Lawrence, and the Americans occupied Sackett's Harbor on the south side of the lake. In the spring of 1813, American Commodore Chauncey felt that his fleet was strong enough to make an attack on York (modern Toronto). Late in May, Chauncey took part with the arm in an attack on Fort George. The venture was successful, and the fort was occupied. Meanwhile, the British Commodore had the rest of Lake Ontario largely to himself. On the date that Fort George

was attacked, British Commodore York attacked Sackett's Harbor. Luckily for the Americans, he failed to take the place. However, he took to sailing up and down the lake harassing the Americans. He soon learned of a supply of provisions at the Genesee River, and decided to sail for that place. He appeared off the river mouth with his squadron of six vessels, and sent 150 men ashore. The few inhabitants of the village offered no resistance. They were shut up in one or two buildings to prevent their warning the rest of the countryside. The British carried off between four and five hundred barrels of flour and pork comprising government stores in the warehouses of Frederick Bushnell, and in addition, a large boat anchored in the harbor with 1200 bushels of grain for the American army. According to tradition, the British officer in charge of the landing carefully gave a receipt for the goods to George Latta, Bushnell's clerk. Word of the raid leaked out and 80 Penfield militia arrived at Charlotte the next morning, but they were too late.

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Editorial

I am personally sad that the all branch Latta Reunion had to be cancelled (see page 16). Perhaps smaller Latta family reunions based locally or on one branch that would work better. For example, Louise Fitzjerrell, 3327 S. Marion Ave., Tulsa OK 74135, informs me that Latta Family Branch 9 will be holding their annual reunion in the Latta Family Barn in Prairie Grove, Arkansas on 12 June 2005 from ten o'clock to four o'clock. Anyone who wishes to organize a Latta reunion, big or small, please let me know. I will be glad to publish your reunion information in this newsletter. You may also wish to consider printing up a few pages on your part of the Latta family story. Mrs. Testerman's article (see page 13) is from just such a reunion. And a family reunion is a great time to exchange stories, share memories, and make new friends. So I look forward to hearing from you.

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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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Currently, we are unable to accept credit card donations. If you would like that convenience to be available, please contact the treasurer.

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Please direct any corrections, questions, or comments about donations or financial matters to the treasurer, Virginia Curulla, address above. Thank you.

¹ Expenses for issue #25 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

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The British had sailed to Sodus, the next point to be raided. There followed a period of 10 to 12 weeks of battles. Three times the American and British fleets actually met and exchanged fire, once off Niagara, once off the Genesee, and once off York. Residents on the Genesee found the second of these engagements of the greatest interest. On the 11th day of September, the British fleet lay off the Genesee. The inhabitants of Charlotte supposed the fleet had anchored preparing for another raid, and went into the country for militia. Men armed and unarmed flocked from the backwoods settlements, and in a few hours a considerable number of men collected ready to fight or to run, as changes of invasion should make it expedient. There was great excitement on shore as the American ships opened fire and the British guns replied. Smoke hid the squadrons from view, as the roar of the cannon was heard by settlers far inland. The American ships had a longer range than the British, so kept at a respectful distance. They could annoy the enemy without great risk to their own vessels. The British fleet headed for Amherst Bay, there the Americans dared not follow. The spectators on shore were left in doubt as to the outcome of the battle. The Americans then decided to abandon Fort George and concentrate on securing Sackett's Harbor. At this time the British began to burn homes on the American side of the lake. Earlier that year, York had been burned too. The British hence were in no gentlemanly mood. The next year they were to burn Washington in retaliation. But in the meantime, they proceeded to execute night attacks. They took possession of Fort Niagara, then set out to treat Youngstown, Lewiston, Black Rock, and Buffalo as York and Newark had been treated. The news brought panic to the settlements of the Genesee. Early in the morning of December 22, an express rider dashed up in front of the post office in Abelard Reynolds' house crying that Fort Niagara had fallen. The British and, worse, the Indians were on their way. Lewiston and Youngstown had been burned, and every man was needed to defend Buffalo.

The militia of this section were promptly ordered out. Down at Charlotte, nineteen-year old George Latta for the first time since he had been working in Bushnell's store was absent without leave. With a week's provisions packed in his knapsack, and his rifle over his shoulder, he trudged westward over the Ridge Road until Frederick Hanford from Hanford's Landing overtook him at Parma Corners with a team and drove him and eleven others to Hardscrabble, six miles east of Lewiston. They had little to encourage them. An eye witness of the tragedy of Lewiston reported that the citizens about Lewiston and vicinity escaped by the Ridge Road towards Genesee Falls, all going the one road on foot, old and young, men, women, and children flying from their beds, some more than half dressed, without shoes or stockings, together with men on horseback, wagons, carts, sleighs and sleds overturning and rushing each other, stimulated by the horrid yells of the 900 savages on the pursuit, which lasted 8 miles, formed a scene awful and terrific in the extreme. Before night the city of Rochester was crowded with militia coming in all night and next, but the whole of this proved to be a false alarm. The enemy had never been but 10 miles this side of Lewiston. The next week, the families had moved back to their homes. On the Genesee, the crisis brought about a stiffening in the attitude of the settlers toward the war, a determination to resist and to win. The Genesee settlers took what measure they could to protect themselves. Two cannon, an eighteen-pounder and a four-pounder, were brought from the arsenal at Canandaigua and dragged over the muddy forest trails by seventeen yoke of oxen. A committee of safety, consisting of Hamlet Scranton, Oliver Culver, Frederick Hanford, and Samuel Latta, was organized for the double purpose of establishing a patrol along the lake shore and of preventing false rumors of enemy landings like that which had panicked the village in the winter. In May, Commodore Yeo appeared off the mouth of the Genesee again. Recently he had made a profitable raid on Oswego, at the falls of the Oswego River. After holding Oswego for a night, they

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were able to make way with two small schooners, over two thousand barrels of provisions, a quantity of cordage, and nine heavy cannon as loot. The news of the raid upon Oswego had reached the Genesee before the British arrived. At Rochester and Charlotte preparations were speeded to resist attack. The eighteen-pounder was sent to Charlotte, the four-pounder to Deep Hollow, the ravine on the west side of the river above the lower falls. At sundown on the 14th of May, the British fleet was sighted. Thirty men arrived on the shore with power and ball at Charlotte shortly after daybreak in the fog. As the fog lifted, a boat from the British fleet was seen coming toward the shore displaying a flag of truce. The Americans denied the boat to land. The British officer delivered his message from the boat. All private property would be spared if the citizens surrendered the public stores. Back went the spirited reply, "The public property is in the hands of those who will defend it." By this time the number of militia had been increased by volunteers from the settlements on the Ridge. On shore the cannon was loaded, the riflemen ready. The gunboat fired, and then in his excitement the man in charge of the cannon fired ahead of his orders. The boat was still far beyond range, and with this warning all hope of capturing her by surprise was gone. After firing a few more shots, she returned to the fleet. So ended the great battle of the Genesee. Though the fleet did not leave the river mouth until the next day, there was no further hostilities.

**Purdue Pays Belated Tribute
To 'Father of Indiana Agriculture'**

By Lawrence Sullivan, Sullivan@scrtc.com

Purdue University Press is planning midsummer release of a biography of William Carroll Latta (1850 - 1935), a man who lived pretty much out of the spotlight during his 54 year

association with the school.

Sometimes called "the father of Indiana agriculture," Latta joined Purdue in 1882 when the fledgling Indiana school had only 12 faculty members and a student body numbering in the scores.

Latta, who had recently graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University), was hired to teach agriculture and manage the school's model farm. He went on to found and direct for many years the school's influential Farmers Institutes, a forerunner of the present-day Cooperative Extension Service that has had international scope and impact.

Entitled *The Grand Old Man of Purdue University and Indiana Agriculture*, the book was the brainchild of Frederick Whitford, coordinator of the Purdue Pesticide Program. He saw the work "as an opportunity to reflect on the life of a man who had influenced our careers in ways he could never have imagined."

His co-author is Andrew G. Martin, a training specialist with the university's Cooperative Extension Service.

The authors describe Latta as a pioneer to whom virtually everyone in the fields of agricultural extension, teaching and research are indebted.

Whitford's early digging into the background of Professor Latta led him to an article in *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter* (Summer 1999 issue) dealing with a Liberty Ship named in his honor during World War II. He contacted Ken Mueller, editor of the newsletter, who directed his attention to the treasury of family history on line on the Latta Organization's website and added additional bits of family lore from his own personal files.

Mueller's wife, Karen, is a descendent of the same Branch #1 Latta line. Her great-great-grandmother Sarah Josephine Latta (1852—1939), was the younger sister of William Carroll Latta.

Among the many family details from their files the authors were able to use in *The Grand Old Man* was a whimsical tale about William C. Latta's great-grandfather, 7 Robert (3) Latta (1773 - 1851), getting into a publicized spitting match with his apprenticeship "master" at the height of the Whiskey Rebellion.

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The account adds a bit of color and irony to the biography of a man well known for his strict dedication to the temperance movement, both through the Methodist Church and extensive work with the YMCA.

Quoted with permission of the authors, here is how they tell the story:

"As a young man, Robert was apprenticed to a saddle maker named Robert Galloway in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The relationship between master and apprentice was difficult, and in 1795 Galloway advertised a reward in the Pittsburgh Gazette for the return of Robert, who had allegedly run away.

Nine Pence Reward. Runaway from the subscriber an apprentice boy, named Robert Latta, 19 years of age, well made, fair complexion, has very long black hair, very large black eye brows, and gray eyes, has a very lofty walk, takes short steps, not exceeding four inches, when in company is very polite, and talks of paying his addresses to ladies of a superior rank; he is very much addicted to drinking spiritous liquors; and is a most abandoned liar. I suppose him to be gone to Fayette county. Whoever shall apprehend him shall have reward but no charges paid.

This was, the biographers note, "no simple runaway." The article then turns to Robert Latta's somewhat convoluted response, which appeared in the Pittsburgh Gazette 15 February 1796.

Whereas a certain Robert Galloway, saddler, of Washington county, advertised me in the Pittsburgh Gazette the 28th October last as having run away from him as an apprentice, offered the generous reward of 9 pence for apprehending me and bringing me home, but no charges. As my time was previous to one of his business he would give a reward equivalent for the loss he was like to sustain, but

know impartial reader, that said Galloway had been down at Yorktown and reported that he had furnished his apprentices with arms and ammunition, and that they had been at the burning of General Neville's house, and if he had not made a precipitate retreat he would have been apprehended.

On his return home he sent me down to bring up some property he had neglected in his hurry, and I got as far as Getty's town, in York county, where I was apprehended, on his report, and taken to Chambersburg and there confined in jail, after some time I was admitted to jail, and when an examination took place I was honorably acquitted, and said Galloway proved to be a liar.

After my return home he gave me my indentures, and employed me as a journeyman for 4 months, at 5 pounds per month, to superintend his business, during which time he went to Kentucky; when he came back, being vexed at paying so much money, he reported that I had stolen some of his money in the month of November, at which time have made it appear before William Boyd, Esq., that I was not on the west side of the Allegheny mountains. He then sued me for the clothes he was to give during my apprenticeship. I also cast him in this action -- he then swore before squire Boyd, the second time, that I had stole his money and that it was done in December. I also proved that false -- I threatened to prosecute him, he then produced a deposition of a minor boy, taken before a magistrate in Washington county.

Squire Boyd then asked him how he knew I had taken the money, he replied that the boy had told him so, and took up the boy's deposition and swore to the contents of it, (amazing it is to think that a man would swear to a boy's deposition without a certainty) and then apprehending his danger, and being armed by some of his friends that James Paul, Esq., sheriff of Fayette county, was waiting to take him, he took a quick departure, given Ohio Bail

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to all his creditors, and like all evil disposed persons with hasty strides flying from justice for fear of being detected in their villainy. . .

"What Galloway had failed to disclose was that Robert Latta was in jail after being arrested while doing what he was told to do by Galloway himself. The backdrop of this rather humorous incident was the very serious Whiskey Rebellion, the first incident in the young republic in which its citizens rose up in armed revolt.

The burning of the Neville home mentioned in Robert Latta's newspaper ad was the most dramatic and final act of the Whiskey Rebellion. What role Robert Latta played in the revolt is unclear, but it seems obvious that he used a disagreement with his master as a good reason to get out of town before the sheriff could catch him."

The title page of the forthcoming book by Fred Whitford and Andrew Martin is reproduced on page 8 with their permission. Lawrence Sullivan also provided valuable and crucial information to the authors Whitford and Martin.

A Box of Old Latta Letters

By: Alan Latta, Branch 9,
alatta@chass.utoronto.ca.

Back in the summer of 1993 I flew down from Toronto to visit my widowed mother, Viola Latta, who was living at the time in Wichita, Kansas. Early in our first conversation, she told me a very interesting story. She had recently received a call from a woman she knew, although not well; the woman said that her son worked for a demolition company and that they had recently demolished a house. In the attic, he had found a small metal box, full of miscellaneous papers, pertaining to the Latta family. Would my mother like to have them? Yes!

They gave them to Mom, and she said that the first thing she pulled out of the box was a letter bearing the date 1826. And she thought that the documents pertained to our family (Branch 9); the names and dates seemed right.

She brought out the box, and I began looking through the materials. Initially, I had been a bit skeptical, figuring that there probably was not much that was worthwhile. And perhaps there is not. Ultimately it will depend on how much is already known. But there are a number of letters from a Henry Latta in Oklahoma and Kansas, to another Latta in Texas, all dating from the first decade of the 20th century. And there are many receipts (tax, business, etc.), signed by various Lattas--mostly dating from 1885-1900. But there are also receipts and lists which go back further--all the way to 1801 and southwestern Pennsylvania. (Material to interest a local historian!) And there is genealogical material, including several letters from Robert H. Latta, the Denver attorney who compiled the first Latta genealogy in the late 19th/early 20th century (the collection now in the Library of Congress).

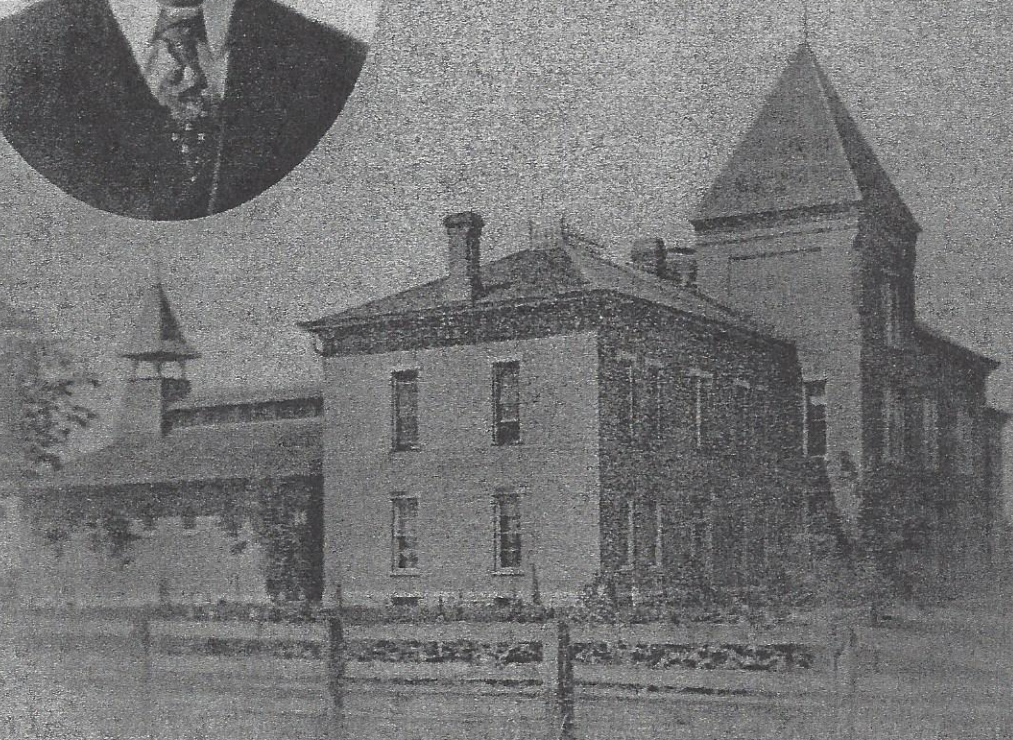
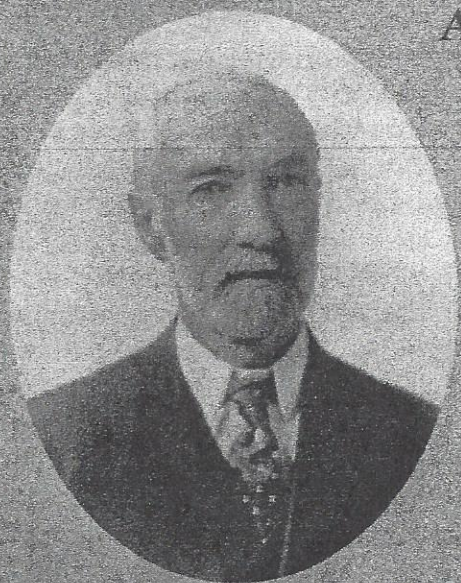
I was privately doubtful that the materials had anything to do with Branch 9, but at that time I had no way of checking. Shortly thereafter, my mother remarried and went out to Oregon to live; most of her possessions, including the metal box, went into storage. I did not see it again until last year, after Mother had passed away, and my brothers and I were sorting through her effects. I brought the box back to Toronto and, with the information now on CD and on the Latta Website, I was able to determine that the Lattas involved belonged to Branch 1. What to do? Well, the materials really ought to go to someone in Branch 1 interested in genealogy, such as the Branch Captain for #1, our Editor, Kenneth Mueller! So I sent off the materials by courier to Arizona, and we will undoubtedly hear more about them from Ken.

Editor's Note: One of these letters was written by Professor William Carroll Latta of Purdue University. It has apparently never been published, so I have reprinted it on pages 9 and 10, including his actual signature.

The Grand Old Man

OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY AND INDIANA AGRICULTURE

A Biography of William Carroll Latta



EXPERIMENT STATION

Frederick Whitford and Andrew G. Morin

W. C. LATTA,
PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE
AND
SUPT. FARMERS' INETS.

Purdue University,
JAS. H. SMART, LL. D.,
PRESIDENT.

LAFAYETTE, IND., Feb. 21, 1900.

Mr. David H. Pershing,
Stauffer, Pa.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your letter just received, I was born in LaPorte County, Ind. Mar. 9, 1850. My father's full name is Robert Seegar Latta. My mother's maiden name was Mary Tumbleson. My parents were married about 1825 and, I judge, at mother's home in the Haw Patch, LaGrange County, Ind. Father's and mother's parents lived within two or three miles of each other on the Haw Patch. There are several of my relatives now living in LaGrange, Noble and Elkhart counties in northern Indiana. I have heard my father speak of relatives in Ohio and penn. and believe that the Lattas are all sprung from three brothers who came originally from Scotland to Ireland and from Ireland to some point in Maryland, if my memory serves me correctly. The Lattas are, therefore, of Scotch-Irish extraction. There is a Latta in the employ of the Pennsylvania Ry. Co. who, I understand, is not a very distant relative of ours, although I have never met him. One of father's cousins--James Latta, now deceased undertook to compile a history of the family some years ago when in Washington, but did not complete this work and I do not have full data at command to give you. My grandfather Latta's name was James. He had a brother Johnson Latta; both lived upon the Haw Patch and both have been dead many years. Other members of father's family were William, Samuel, Milton, Eden and, I believe, there was also a James. All of father's brothers, excepting Eden, are dead and I fear my own father is not living

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LAFAYETTE, IND.,

as he was very low when I last heard from him. His home is now in northwest Nebraska.

There were eight children in father's family, 5 boys and 3 girls. All of these grew to mature years excepting a sister who died in infancy. One of the seven who survived died some years ago. The rest are living in Indiana, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

I might also add that there is a family of Lattas living in Morgan County, this State, not far from Mooresville. I can not give the first name of the family. I have been in their home and am satisfied that they are distant relatives of ours.

If I can be of further service to you in your request, please command me freely. I should also be glad to know whether you are in any way related to the family.

very truly yours,

W. C. Latta

D.

*P.S. I have just learned that my
father died on the 13th of this month
W.C.L.*

Another Document from the Latta Box Sent By Alan Latta

Release Michael Croper and Jane his wife to Samuel Latta & Ephraim Latta adms of Wm Latta

Know all men by these presents that we Michael Croper and Jane his wife one of the Daughters, and legates Named in the last will and testament of William Latta deceased late of Fayette County Pennsylvania do hereby acknowledge that We have received of Samuel and Ephraim Latta administrators with the will annexed of William Latta aforesaid deceased the sum of [blank] in full satisfaction of our proportional part of the residue of Monies remaining in the hands of the said administrators after the settlement of their accounts in the registers office of Fayette County for the distribution of which provision was made in the last will and testament as well as the sum of ten pounds money of the United States in full of all legacies & bequests given by the said last will and testament And therefore the said Michael Croper and Jane his wife do release and acquit and forever discharge the said Samuel and Ephraim Latta their heirs Executors & administrators of and from the said proportional part, and of and from all legacies bequest, claims actions suits or demand, whatsoever by reason thereof

In Witness Whereof We have hereunto set our hands, and seals this [blank] day of [blank] A.D. 1815.

Attest

seal
seal

Editor's note: Some of the documents and papers contained in the box sent by Alan Latta were in the form of a packet letter. A large sheet of paper was written on in letter format, folded into a self contained packet, sealed with a small amount of wax, and then addressed. The postage was apparently paid by an amount written in the upper left corner, and then the letter packet was sent on to

the addressee. One such folded packet letter was addressed to "Samuel Latta Fayette County Mount Pleasant Post Office Pennsylvania". 25 was written in the upper left corner above the address. It is transcribed here verbatim.

Eckmansville Adams County Ohio October 25th 1841

Dear uncle

For the first time itake the opportunity of informing you how iam and where iam i have not known where any of my mothers connecions were till last week Stephen Thompson was working for me and after night he and myself got in Conversation together and he informed me where you way whether you known anything about me or not iknow not but i have often haon mother speak of her brothers and often spoke of her brother Samuel iam the son of Jane Croper whose name Was Latta she after that became the wife of Wm Cochran she had 2 children to him Mary and Samuel in the year of 1830 she departed this life then the old man went to Maryland and left me without aplace to go ithen in ashort time went to west union and set in with Mr. J. W. Lafferty and learnt the boot and saddlemaking business then traveled some little then commenced my business in Winchester this County where ilived 3 years then married 9 miles from there at that time was 23 years old and was 16 her name was Eliza Ann Mchaffey we was married April 10th 1839 we now have 2 children alittle girl 17 months old alittle son 2 months old iam through my short history of the past and now come to speak of the present and say that through kind mercy of god we are all tolerably well and hope these lines you and yours in the same way we now building ahouse in this place that we expect to get in it this fall yet if you will own me as anephew would be glad and iwish you to inform me where all the rest of your friends are so far as you can for imay say iamlost not knowing where any of are want you to write me along letter and give me all the particulars and inform me where Mothers firs children is whether they are living or not if they are near you tell them of me and some of come and see me or write atleast tell us where you are and we will

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**Letter from Alexander Latta McConnell
to Samuel Latta**

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pay you avisit asson as we can nothing more at present but remaining yours respectfully

Alexander Latta McConnell

When you write to me direct your letter to
Ecksonville post office Adams County Ohio and
please write soon as you any letter

A L McConnell

Here is another letter in the box from Alan Latta.

Stauffer Pa June 2nd 1899

Mr. Henry Latta Clare Okla.

Dear Sir. In reply to yours of May 24th 99 would Say I herein send a copy of Samuel and Robert Lattas will which each of you as children of Wm Latta can copy. It does not appear that you Grandfather Samuel Latta made a will - Will get my Atty to search the records - Samuel and Robert Latta (your uncles) took the Homesteads at the appraisement paying out all the other heirs and recording the receipts. The Robertson land they bought afterwards. Your uncles and aunts living here are all dead - The address of Tho. L. Newell is Perryopolis Fayette Co. Pa Elija Johnstons address is Stauffer Westmoreland Co. Pa - your uncles has considerable personal property including notes at interest some of which cannot be collected being worthless but it will run to between 3 and 4 thousand dollars. None of the land has yet been sold it was appraised at over 5000 dollars. Cannot tell what it will sell for. There are 93 acres in the home farm appraised at \$36.00 pre acre - and 103 acres in the Robertson tract - appraised at \$21.00 pre acre. Will try to make sale in the fall. The land is rented during the summer. It will take several years to settle and Shape things.

your truly

D. H. Pershing

There are several more letters in the box from Alan Latta, and I plan to publish all of them in future Newsletters. The following affidavit was also among the many papers and is quoted verbatim.

Now Comes The Affiant Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bateman Who Being first duly sworn says that She is the identical Person of Mary Elizabeth Cunningham and was married to William T. Latta in the year Eighteen and Fifty - Eight (1858) at Lagrange in LaGrange County Indiana and Further That - Martha J. zears - and Sarah A. Gregg - and John H. Latta and Johnston S. Latta - are her children

Mary E. Bateman

Subscribed and sworn to Before me this 27th day of October 1899 - Geo. F. Laughmiller

Justice of the Peace

In and for Grant Township Jackson County
Kansas

Here is another paper from the box sent by Alan Latta about Samuel Latta.

Mrs. Jane Latta, Take notice that an Inquisition will be held at the late residence of Samuel Latta in Bullskin Township Fayette Co. on the 6th of May 1853, at 10o clock a.m. for the purpose of making partion of the real estate of said deas to an s among his heirs any legal representatives, if the Same can be done cron be done without prejudice to or spoiling the whole, otherwise to value and appraise the same according to law, at which time and place you can attend if you think proper.

M. Allen, Shff.

Sheriff, Office Uniontown }

March 26, 1853 }

There are two more papers which are exactly the same as the above, except that one is addressed to Mrs. Margaret Latta, and one is addressed to Mr. Robert Latta.

Descendants of Albert Latta

By: Jeannine Latta Noe, JNoe1936@aol.com.

I am delighted to have been put in touch with the Latta Family Groups and wonder if you are familiar with the book one of my cousins, Jacqueline Testerman, produced on our family lineage. It starts with Lawyer Robert Latta's research and traces our direct line back to William Latta, who immigrated from Ireland in the mid 1700s.

My particular ancestry travels thusly:

William Latta

Andrew Latta, April 29, 1769

Robert Robertson Latta, August 13, 1811

Albert Latta, July 4, 1839

Edward Ford Latta, April 16, 1877

Lloyd Alfred Latta, July 21, 1908

Jeannine Latta Noe

It has been quite thrilling to read about the people who came before me, and I wonder if some of the prominent traits that travel our line go back to our ancestors. The traits that I refer to include skills and abilities in building, architecture, drafting, engineering, and other precision work.

My father was a professional letterer all of his life, and partnered with his brother Silas, who was also gifted artistically. As teen-aged boys they painted the ceiling of a country church in Kansas, doing the artwork on their backs. As a teen-ager I visited the church and saw the paintings, but do not know if the church still stands.

During that 1950s visit to Kansas I also saw a house built by Albert Latta, my father's grandfather, who was a stonemason by trade. We marveled that the two story structure was still standing straight and square.

Those kinds of skills seem to be prevalent among the male members of the family. The female talent seems to be in needlework and painting. It seems as if we have to have a needle in our hands or we feel unclothed.

Our other family trait is the regular appearance of bright red hair. Sometimes it skips a generation or two, but then suddenly pops up in a new member's birth. One of my sisters is a Latta redhead,

but I alas am not. I always hoped one of my children would have red hair, but now must look for it in a future grandchild. Our larger family reunions were always a time to check out all the new red-heads and marvel at that beautiful distinctive color.

Please let me know how I can share some of this extensive information with other members of Branch 1.

Excerpts From The Latta Family Past and Present A Family Celebration,

by Jacqueline Latta Testerman.

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**** ROBERT ROBERTSON LATTA ****

b. 13 Aug. 1811, Lewis Co., Kentucky? m. Harriett Silcott 18 Mar. 1834 in Adams Co., Ohio, d. 19 April 1887 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa, s/o ANDREW LATTA and JENETTE ROBERTSON.

HARRIETT SILCOTT b. 26 July 1810, Loudoun Co., Virginia, d. 26 June 1874 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa. d/o William Silcott and Elizabeth Darr. (see Silcott History).

CHILDREN

ALFRED b. 2 May 1835, Adams Co., Ohio. Never married. d. 7 June 1855 at 20 yrs of age.

ELIZABETH b. 28 Aug. 1836, Adams Co., Ohio, m. Henry Spray 6 Jan. 1859. d. 18 Jan. 1899.

MARTHA ANN b. Oct 1837, Adams Co., Ohio. m. Jefferson Hockett 10 April 1864. d. 10 June 1871.

ALBERT *** b. 4 July 1839, Adams Co., Ohio. m.

MARTHA ANN FORD **** 24 Dec. 1868. d. 5 Dec. 1903.

FRANCIS MARION b. 16 Jan 1841, Adams Co., Ohio. Never married. d. 12 July 1863 (Civil War).

AMERICA b. Mar. 1842, Adams Co., Ohio. Never married d. 12 July 1861.

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VIRGINIA b. April 1842, Adams Co., Ohio, m. Jefferson L. Hockett 26 Oct 1873. (He was married to her sister Martha until her death in 1871) Virginia's date of death is unknown. (This is the bloodline of REX GOFF Jr., husband of PHILLIS GOFF, researcher).

CAROLINE b. 1888, Adams Co., Ohio. m. Robert J. Thompson 24 Nov. 1874. Date of death unknown.

EMMA b. 1 Mar. 1846, Adams Co., Ohio, m. David Parker 28 Dec. 1871. d. 8 July 1925.

ROBERT COLUMBUS b. 1847, Adams Co., Ohio, m. Mary Marts 30 Dec 1871. Date of death unknown.

WILLIAM J. b. 22 Aug. 1849, Adams Co., Ohio, d. 4 Sept. 1849. 2 weeks old at time of death.

MINERVA J. b. 1851, Adams Co., Ohio. Never married. d. Feb. 1901.

**** Notes main bloodline

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ROBERT ROBERTSON LATTA

Robert Robertson Latta was born August 13, 1811 in Kentucky (possibly Lewis County). He was the son of Andrew Latta and Jenette Robertson Latta. Robert came from a family of 8 children; 3 boys and 5 girls. Sometime between 1810 and 1830, the family migrated to Adams County, Ohio, just a few miles across the Kentucky/Ohio boarder. On the 18th day of March 1834, Robert married Harriett Silcott in Adams County, Ohio. (see Silcott History). Together, they had 12 children; 5 boys and 7 girls, all of which were born in Adams County. Robert was a farmer as well as a pillar in the community. Between 1852 and 1860, Robert moved his family to Indianola, Warren County, Iowa. In the 1860 census of Iowa, he is listed as a farmer, with real estate worth \$6,000.00 and personal property valued at \$800.00. Back then, that was considered a good piece of change. From the book "THE HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA", pub. 1980, R.R. Latta is mentioned on page 182; "THE WARREN COUNTY BANK." "In November, 1870, a partnership for the transaction of banking was formed by the following persons:

Thomas Thompson, Wesley Cheshire, R.R. LATTA, Lewis Todhunter, H.C. Siegler, John Cheshire, J.B. McMurry, George W. Heiney, A.H. Swan, J.H. Whitney and James McGee. Their firm was named "THE WARREN COUNTY BANKING ASSOCIATION".

As the Civil War approached, Robert and Harriett saw their son Francis Marion, go off to fight in the rebellion. His military papers do not state whether he fought for the Union or the Confederacy, but I assume he was a Union soldier as he joined the Iowa Volunteers and Iowa is north of the Mason/Dixon Line. His military papers reads as follows; FRANCIS MARION LATTA, (first written, Marion Francis), enrolled as a Private in Co., G., 3rd Reg, of the Iowa Vols, in may 1861 in Kei-kuk, Iowa for a period of 3 years. He was appointed Corporal on 1 February 1863, He was a 5th Corporal at the time he was killed in action on 12 July 1863. He lost his life at the Battle of Mission Ridge near Jackson, Mississippi. Description: Age; 20 yrs. Height; 6ft. Complexion; dark Eyes; hazel Hair; black Place of birth; Adams Co., Ohio occupation; farmer. His pension papers further state that shortly after his enrollment, he was wounded in action at Blue Mills, Mo. on 17 September 1861. He stayed with his unit from the time of his injury until April 1862. In May and June he was listed as a Deserter. He reported back to his company again on 30 August 1862. He was Killed in Action on 12 July 1863. R.R. Latta applied for his son's pension in 1885, just 2 years before he died. It does not state whether R.R. Latta ever received his son's pension or not. Harriett passed away on June 29, 1874 in Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa 13 years prior to Robert's death on April 19, 1887. Upon her death, she left her husband with one child still at home. They both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Indianola, Iowa.

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**** ALBERT LATTA ****b. 4 July 1839 in Adams Co., Ohio, m. Martha Ann Ford 28 Dec. 1868 in Warren Co., Iowa, d. 5 Dec 1903 in Marysville, Kansas and is buried the Marysville Cemetery. s/o ROBERT ROBERTSON LATTA and HARRIETT SILCOTT.

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MARTHA ANN FORD

b. 30 Nov. 1847 in Harrison Co., Ohio, d. 30 Sept. 1918 in Marysville, Kansas of Cancer and is buried in the Marysville Cemetery.
d/o Edward Ford and Catherine Miney (Katie).

CHILDREN

HARRIETT S. b. 1 Aug. 1870, Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa. Never Married. d. 31 Jan. 1920 of breast cancer.

EDWARD FORD **** b. 28 Jan. 1873, Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa. m. MINNIE G. BODENNER 30 Mar. 1895 in Marysville, Kansas, d. 23 Jan. 1912 at the age of 39 of Valvular Heart Disease. He had been ill for 6 years.

BERTHA b. 29 April 1874, Indianola, Warren Iowa. m. Charles Philippi 26 Dec. 1892 d. 7 Dec. 1944.

LAURA b. 17 Sept. 1876, Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa, m. George Philippi 26 Dec. 1892. Date of death unknown.

ROBERT b. 8 Mar. 1879, Jewell Co., Kansas. d. 1891 at 2 1/2 years of age.

FRANCIS MARION b. 26 Jan. 1886, Jewell Co., Kansas. m. Carrie Joseph, d. 11 Jan. 1955.

**** Notes main bloodline

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ALBERT AND MARTHA LATTA

Albert Latta was born on the 4th of July 1839 in Adams Co., Ohio. He was the 4th child of Robert R. and Harriett Silcott Latta. He came from a family of 12 brothers and sisters, 5 boys and 7 girls, all of which were born in Adams Co., Ohio. Albert was a farmer as his father was and his before him. When Albert was 29 years old, he married Martha Ann Ford in Warren Co., Iowa. It is not known when Albert's dad and mom moved them from Adams Co., Ohio to Warren Co., Iowa, but we do know that it was after the birth of Albert's youngest sister, Minerva, in 1851. Albert and Martha settled and lived in Warren Co. until after the birth of their 4th child, Laura, in 1876. Sometime between 1876 and 1879, they moved to Jewell Co., Kansas. They

lived there until sometime after 1886, when they bought land in Marshall Co., Kansas from the Union Pacific Railroad. They purchased the land in the west half of the south west quarter of section 33, TWS 1, range 8. This was 80 acres for \$400.00.

Albert died in the winter of 1903. After his death, Martha and their daughter Hattie, continued to live and work the farm left to them by Albert. Sometime after 1910, Martha and Hattie moved to Marysville. She and Albert are both buried in the Marysville Cemetery in Marysville, Kansas.

Not much else is known about these pioneers. They were the first Latta's to live in Marshall Co., Kansas and to this day, the Latta families are well known and respected in that community. For over 100 years, we have called Marshall Co., Kansas, HOME!!!

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****** EDWARD FORD LATTA ******

b. 28 Jan. 1873 in Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa. m. MINNIE G. BODENNER on 30 March 1895 in Marysville, Marshall Co., Kansas. d. 23 Jan. 1912 of Valvular Heart Disease in Washington Co., Ks. and is buried in the Marysville Cemetery in Marysville, Kansas, s/o ALBERT LATTA and MARTHA ANN FORD****.

MINNIE GERTRUDE BODENNER

b. 16 April 1877 in Marshall Co., Kansas. d. 8 Dec. 1940 in Smith Co., Kansas and is buried in the Marysville Cemetery in Marysville, Kansas. (See the Jones and Bodenner sections of this book for more history).

CHILDREN

VANCE ALBERT b. 30 Aug. 1896, Greenleaf, Washington Co., Ks. m. Beryl Anna Severns, 16 May 1923. d. 4 Dec. 1966 of Cancer.

RALPH HENRY b. 13 Aug 1898?, Greenleaf, Washington Co., Ks, m. Audry Winchester, 18 July 1925. d. 2 April 1956 of Congestive Heart Failure.

SILVES EDWARD b. 7 Feb. 1900, Greenleaf, Washington Co., Ks. m. Bridgett Rupp. d. 14 Feb. 1965 of Cerebral Arteriosclerosis.

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FRANCIS MARION b. 23 April 1902, Greenleaf, Washington Co., Ks. m. Virginia Cummings, Oct. 1929. d. 18 Oct. 1975 of Congestive Heart Failure.

DOROTHY MARTHA b. 9 Nov. 1910, Greenleaf, Washington Co., Ks. m. Hiram Sackett, 28 July 1927. Still living.

After the death of Edward, Minnie remarried George Jones. They had three children; Theo, George Jr, and Hattie Mae. See the Jones section of this book for their family statistics.

**** Notes main bloodline

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**** EDWARD AND MINNIE LATTA ****

EDWARD FORD LATTA was the second child born to ALBERT AND MARTHA LATTA. He was born in Indianola, Warren Co., Iowa in the winter of 1873. He learned the farming trade along side his father and continued to farm all his life.

When he was 22 years old, he married MINNIE GERTRUDE BODENNER on the 30th of March 1895 in Marysville, Marshall Co., Kansas. She was all of 18 years old. They were married by Probate Judge W.T. Pulleine of Marysville.

After their marriage, they leased and moved to a farm in Washington Co., Kansas where they set up housekeeping and started their family. In August of 1896, they brought their first born into the world, a son, Vance Albert. Some of us lovingly remember him as Uncle Sandy. In the years to come, they had six more children; Ralph, Sylves, Frank, Robert, Lloyd and Dorothy. Minnie must have been a very busy little hen as there weren't too many months that she wasn't with child from 1896 to 1910.

At the age of 39 years, Edward died of Valvular Heart Disease, an illness he had suffered with for six years. He left his wife and seven children

to provide and care for themselves. I can't imagine how Grandma Minnie must have felt at this time. From what I understand, Edward and she had just purchased a farm in Jewell Co., Kansas just prior to his death. Now Sandy would have been about 16 years old around that time. That is a lot of responsibility for a teen-ager to carry. It seems they managed as they continued to farm and make what ever living they could. I wish I could say that we knew more about Edward but the truth is there are only two children still living from this family and Edward died while they were still very small.

Minnie, a widow of two years met and remarried George N. Jones on the 2nd of July 1914. They moved to Smith Co., Kansas and continued to farm. They had three children; Theo, George Jr. and Hattie Mae.

Minnie was a widow once again after the death of George in 1939. She lived 19 more months before her death in December 1940. (See the Jones section for more history).

Even though we did not have the opportunity to know Edward Latta, many of us have his blood running through our veins. For the most of us, he is "THE TIE THAT BINDS".

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Latta Reunion Cancelled

By: MarilynMacNeall,
marilynmacneall@cogeco.ca

Unfortunately I am canceling the Latta Reunion as of today. Registration has trickled in and we do not have even half the registrants that we need to hold a reunion. I have contacted everyone who has registered and either will destroy their cheques or return them. If cheques were cashed I will be reimbursing them. Thanks to anyone out there who volunteered their help. It has been nice meeting some new people. Thanks to everyone and if you have any questions please e-mail me. Here's to trying....

Research Queries, Replies and Notes. 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. The results of the 12 Marker DNA test I did as captain of branch 49 show an exact match for members of branches: 1,13,22,30. I took a 37 Marker DNA test and am waiting for the results. I also will send you updated information on branch 49 soon. Thanks, Stanley R. **Latta**, P.O. Box 998, Alamogordo, NM 88311, Reddog@wayfarer1.com.

2. I am seeking information for a library patron doing family history research. We are looking for information on Ephraim **Latta**, born about 1832, who married Jane **Dick**. The **Dick** family was from Sewickley Township, Pennsylvania. Any information regarding Ephraim would be greatly appreciated. Melissa **Johnson**, Librarian, Kirwin City Library, Kirwin, Kansas.

3. Hi! I am seeking any information for Mary **Rhodes** born 1829 in Georgia. Died in Grand Saline, Texas about 1889. Married John James **Latta** born 2 Feb 1823 in Georgia died in Grand Saline in 1913. Married between 1839-1872. Their daughter Ann Judson **Latta** was my gr gr grandmother. Barbara Willhite **Lashbrook**, jadyana@frontiernet.net, Rushville, IL.

4. My Dad's name was Kenneth A. **Latta** and he was born in Wolcott, Indiana. His parents were Earnest A. **Latta** and Eleanor G. **Sigman Latta**. there were 2 or 3 sisters, one was named Wilma, not sure of the other names as they were placed into foster home and adopted out. My Dad was born May 31, 1930. He had had two older half-siblings, named Richard and Lucile, she passed away in 1950 and was supposed to have been in her 40's. I have been trying to get more information on both of my grandparents which has been hard with no birth date for my Grandmother or where she was born. All I know about my Grandfather is that he was older than my Grandmother and was born June 17, 1880 and he passed away 1943-44. My Dad was in a Boys Home at that time. And, I know nothing about my GGrandfather or his Father. So, might anyone know of them or have come across some records of them, it would be great to know. Thanks, Donna **Casey**, P.O. Box 135, Hutchinson KS 67504, babe5144@yahoo.com.

5. Hi! Donna, I checked the 1900 U. S. Census for e.d. 65, Wayne Township, Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Indiana, and it lists Samuel L. **Latta** with a son named Ernest W. **Latta** born in June 1865, age 35, born in Indiana. Samuel L. **Latta** is listed as born Jan. 1830 in Illinois. This is definitely a branch one person. Samuel L. **Latta** was the brother of my wife Karen's ancestor Robert **Seegar Latta**. Also, look at the 1930 U. S. Census for Wolcott, White County, Indiana, E.D. 91-13, sheet 2B. Your family is also listed there. It is obvious from the census that Earnest **Latta** was married twice, as his son Richard was 21, and his wife Eleanor was 25. There is also a 1.5 year old daughter named Wilma. Earnest is listed as age 49, which would be born about 1881. The census was taken 3 April 1930. I think that is where I would have expected your family to be found in the census, as that is where your father was born in May 1930. This should help you tie into a whole line of branch one **Latta** ancestors on our website, www.latta.org. Your friend and editor, Ken **Mueller**.

6. I found an article in the Republican Compiler, Gettysburg PA dated Tues Aug 23, 1836. A Moses **Latta**, age about 50, had committed suicide by hanging. He lived with his widowed mother and two sisters. Does anyone claim this man? Branch 27 was in Adams County, but I don't know who Moses was. He was born c 1786. Since Thomas **Latta** only had two sons who lived to be adults, and John only left Hugh and Ephraim, that leaves Thomas Jr, and I know nothing about his progeny. Anyone? Ellen R. **Taylor**, ellenrt@cox.net.

7. In going through the new St. Paul's German Evangelical Church in Monroe County, OH, by Dr. Shirley **Harmon**, I found:

ST. PAUL'S, p 30: Olive **Reiser**, adopted child of Mr. and Mrs. **Reiser**, daughter of family name **Latta**, was baptized on her confirmation day in the Lewisville church, 31 Mar 1902.

Since my maiden name is **Latta** and this is my great uncle's family, I wonder---does anyone know the first names of these **Reiser's** or anything about this family? I next looked in:

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Our Financial Contributors since the last issue. We really appreciate your support!
If there is a number before the name, it is that person's branch number. The editor suggests that the reader contact researchers of the same branch and share information.

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MONROE COUNTY OHIO MARRIAGES 1867-1917:
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Fiber, Charles F. 32 Monroe

Reisser, Olive 22 Monroe

Jacob & Elizabeth (**Haas**) **Fiber**

John L B **Latta** & _____ **Moose** 4 Sep 1907

Usually I see **FIBER** spelled **FEIBER** in Monroe Co records and did have the name of Mrs. Charles **Feiber** in the obit for John L B **Latta** (we have him as John Elba **Latta**) but had not seen Olive's name before. But I have John's wife (Olive's mother) as Hannah **Schafer**. Does anyone know what, if anything, happened to Hannah and why this little girl was given for adoption. I have John L B's mother as Emily **Moose** and think that perhaps the child didn't know her mother's name when the parents names were given on the marriage application. Does anyone have information to help me? Betty **Kitchen**, Branch 17, kitchen2@adelphia.net.

8. In the 2001 Edition of the book ROOSEVELT AND HOPKINS--AN INTIMATE HISTORY by Robert **Sherwood** on page 203 the following is reported:

"The most important permanent White House Official was Executive Clerk, Randolph **Forester**, who with his assistant and successor, Maurice **Latta**, was responsible for "the orderly handling of documents and correspondence" and the supervision of the large clerical staff. Both **Forster** and **Latta** had been in the White House since the **McKinley** Administration.."

Do any one of you know anything more about Maurice **Latta** or to which branch he is a member? Mike **Latta** #7, NCI1BLatta@aol.com.

9. I have received a request for information on Earl **Latta**, b: 4/21/1893 in Niagara Falls, NY. Born to 43 Willis Frazer (5)**Latta** of RHL's branch 4. Can anyone add to this? Thanks, Randy **Phillips**, Branch 4 captain, 3303 Fergonson Comers Rd., Penn Yan NY 14527, Phillipsf2@aol.com.

10. I am looking for information on a Robert Menzo **Latta** born 1868 that showed up on a farm in Wheat lands, an itinerant worker. He married Mary **Stinemen** born 1875. They had Ester, Robert Wallace, John Kenneth and Oscar Elsworth, Edna, Belle and Chester. John Kenneth was my grandfather on my mothers side. I am interested in family ties before Robert Menzo **Latta**. Especially country and area of family origin. Thanks, Jay **Wilhite**, ewilhite@yahoo.com.

11. In Monroe Co **LATTA** was often pronounced **LATTEY**. When we visit, we still talk to people who knew the **Latteys**. The new death records CD from Monroe County, OH shows:

Latti, Hannah, Mariah died 9 Mar 1890 in Center Twp; age 34y, 6m, 17d; from consumption.

Right above it is this entry.

Latti, Samuel Varner died 7 mar 1890 in Center Twp; 21 days; from inflammation of the bowels.

Hannah Mariah was the wife of John Elba or (L.B.)

Latta. She was originally a **Shafer**. It seems very logical to me that it was her infant son that died 2 days before she did. Thank you. Betty **Kitchen**, bettykitchen@adelphia.net.

12. Hello everyone, I am brand new to the whole system. My name is Syzana **Gjokaj** and my maiden name was **Lattifaj**. There is a story in my family that we have Jewish roots. My family migrated from Albania around 1723 to Kosovo! The names of the people were Mark **Latta** and Peter **Latta**. Mark stayed in Kosovo whereas Peter left Balkans. I am try so hard to find out where Peter family is. Does anyone had a story that we can connected missing pieces. Please let me know.

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13. I am looking for information of William **Latta** of Ayr Township in Bedford County, PA. He is listed in the 1767, 1768, 1774, and 1775 tax list. This area became Cumberland County later. There is also a John **Latta**, single freeman, and Moses **Latta**, single freeman, listed in Peters Township for the 1768, 1769, 1770 taxes. John **Latta** of Branch 17 shows up in the Brothers Valley Township of Bedford Co. Taxes in 1772. I am wondering if he is the John **Latta**, single freeman above. Would he and Moses be brothers? Sons of William? Does anyone have any other information about this area at that time? William **Latta** was listed as a Justice of Bedford Co. in 1774, and John **Latta** was listed as a constable of Bedford Co. along the same time period. Sue **Lattea Cox**, Branch 17 Captain, latteacox@aol.com.

14. Hi, I am looking for an Elizabeth **Latta** who was born May 4, 1805 in Maury, Tennessee. She married a Hardy Cain **Kirby** on December 11, 1827 in Maury, Tennessee. She died on March 6, 1887; however my records don't say where. Elizabeth was listed in the

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1880 census for McCalister, Hickman County, Kentucky, where she was living with her son and his family. On the census, it states that Elizabeth's father was born in North Carolina and her mother was born in Tennessee. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Cari Ripley, ripley@pldi.net.

15. Would like to contact any descendants of Samuel John Latta (my gfather's cousin) who was a prominent member of the Liberal government in Saskatchewan during the early 1900's. Keith Latta, Victoria, BC, Branch 13, klatta@shaw.ca.

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