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Sarah Latty and Luther Vannice

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My husband, Ken, and I attended a Vannice family reunion three years ago in Dayton, Washington over the Memorial Day weekend. We visited the old homestead of Luther M. and Sarah Latty Vannice, Ken's great-grandparents. I had not researched this side of Ken's family, but I knew that Sarah's surname had many spelling variations. One of Sarah's son carried Latta as his middle name. I had seen Sarah's death certificate where her husband had furnished the name of her father as Mathew Laty and her mother was [blank] Rice. When I asked a descendant of Robert about his middle name, she insisted that it was spelled the "correct" way. In fact, she was insulted that I could ask such a question. Needless to say, I changed the topic, but the genealogy bug had bitten once again.

Not long after returning home, I started to research Sarah Ellen Latty/Latta. I wanted to learn more about this lady. Almost no one at the reunion knew anything about her, except as the wife of Luther and mother of 6 children.

Sarah Ellen Latty's parents were Matthew Warren and Sarah Rice Latty. Matthew Warren Latty was born in Maryland, 20 March 1795, the son of Alexander and Mary "Polly" Clifton Latty. Not long after Matthew was born the family moved to Gallatin County, Kentucky. Matthew served during the War of 1812 in the 13th Regiment Kentucky Militia commanded by Lt. Col. John Davis, Capt Zibe Holt's company recruited for the Battle of New Orleans. On 20 December 1827, he married Sarah Rice of Henry County, Kentucky. About 1831, Matthew and his family moved west, stopping in Quincy Illinois before moving on to Des Moines County, Iowa, arriving in Burlington 18 April 1834. The journey was

indeed hard on this family, for according to family lore, they lost 5 children on the way to Iowa.

On October 21, 1839, Matthew purchased 160 acres at the rate of \$1.25 per acre in the Southwest Quarter of Township Seventy-one North, Range Two West, Des Moines County, Iowa Territory. This property was located about 5 miles north of Burlington, in Benton Township, now known as Latty Station, a stop along the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway.

Five more children were born on the homestead: John about 1835, James H. about 1837, Joseph Warren, 1 June 1839, Mary A., 27 September 1842, and Sarah Ellen 12 June 1844. Mathew Latty died 16 October 1877. When Sarah Rice Latty died 31 July 1890, only three of the children survived her, Joseph Warren, Mary Kline and Sarah Vannice.

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Editorial

One common feature of the articles in this issue stands out for me. I enjoy seeing the authors list their sources. Whether you do record searching like Ms. Vannice, interview a relative like Alex Latta, or a combination, I think that a family researcher should keep track of where the information comes from. Otherwise, how do you know how accurate your stuff is? Are you guessing, relying on someone's memory, another's research, or do you have some documents to support your statement. Sometimes I have to go back to what I thought I knew, and double-check it by finding some documentation. And when I am given the "facts" by another genealogist, I always verify it by research. Maybe we can resolve that next year, 2006, we will work on our bibliographies and fact checking. Along the way we may even discover some new information.

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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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Sarah Latty and Luther Vannice

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About six miles away, in Yellow Springs Township, Albert & Indiana Hukill Vannice and family had arrived from Switzerland County, Indiana in 1842. One of their sons, Luther M., was born 23 January 1845 in Yellow Springs Township. When the Civil War started, 19 years-old Luther enlisted in Company C, 30th Iowa Volunteer Infantry for three years or the duration of the war. Sarah Latty's brother, James H. Latty, served in the same company with Luther. On returning home after the war, Luther Vannice courted Sarah Latty and they were married 1 October 1868 in Des Moines County, Iowa.

Luther and Sarah Vannice heard "the call of the West," as the writer of Luther's obituary describes their move to Washington Territory. It was probably the passage of the Homestead Act following the Civil War that prompted Luther and Sarah, to follow the example of their parents in moving west. There Luther could claim 160 acres under the new act and receive three years credit from his military service so that in two years he would meet the residency requirement.

Sarah's obituary states that a party of six couples took the Union Pacific to San Francisco. Then they traveled by steamer up the coast to Portland, Oregon. From there, the couples went up the Columbia River by boat to The Dalles, Oregon. Luther and Sarah went by wagon to Walla Walla, Washington Territory (about 200 miles) arriving in the spring of 1870.

While Sarah stayed at Mill Creek to await the birth of their first child, Luther went up the Touchet River to look over the land and chose land for his homestead. He filed for a homestead located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, township 11 North Range 40 East in Columbia County, Washington Territory.

Albert Matthew Vannice was born 08 August 1870 at Mill Creek, Washington Territory. Five more children were born at the homestead, James Harvey, 16 May 1873; Robert Latta, September 1876; my husband's grandfather, William Hammond, 15 February 1879, and Anna Eliza

"Lida", 22 November 1884, and Mary who died at childbirth. Five children survived both parents and had families of their own, numbering 22 grandchildren.

Luther raised Cayuse horses, mixed cattle and hogs. The cash crop was wheat which he sold to the Maringo Flour Mills. The wheat was then shipped down the Tucannon River during high water to the Grangeville boat landing on Snake River.

As I stood in the kitchen of the old house the Saturday afternoon of the reunion, I thought about the life and times of Sarah Latty Vannice, raising five children without electricity, indoor running water, indoor plumbing. She had no grocery store down the street, nor Macy's to buy clothing, bedding and linens. Wood stoves were used to heat the house, boil water and cook the food, some of which was grown in her garden. Instead of milk delivery, she walked to the barn and milked the cow. How different from the life we live today. But I also saw wild roses growing everywhere, some already in bloom and could imagine the beauty that she could see out her kitchen window.

Sarah was a strong and caring woman who helped her neighbors in time of need and shared the hardships of pioneer life of the day. About 12 years before her death, Sarah developed diabetes and died from its complications, becoming blind and an invalid the last four years of her life.

Sarah Ellen Latty Vannice died 05 May 1923 and Luther followed her 13 March 1924. They are buried in the Dayton City Cemetery.

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Catherine Lockhart Latta 1864 - 1949

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Catherine Latta was born at Bready County, Donegal, Ireland on August 9, 1864, the daughter of Alexander Latta and Elizabeth Lockhart. The family soon sold the farm at Bready, which had been in the family since the early 1600's, and moved to County Wexford where another farm was purchased near Enniscorthy. She completed her basic schooling here and about 1890 accompanied her brother Charles to New York. Charles went on to Crookston, Minnesota, to apprentice in the newspaper business, and Catherine stayed in New York to train as a nurse at St. Andrews Infirmary.

Upon graduating as a Registered Nurse, Catherine was looking for a job and saw an ad by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway seeking nurses for a new Hospital they had built in Las Vegas, NM. She applied for the job and was hired as Head Nurse. It was here that she met Dr. Madison Munroe Milligan. They went to Denver and were married. Dr. Milligan remained in Denver for a year or so,

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then returned to Las Vegas. They remained in Las Vegas, New Mexico, until 1912. Catherine changed her name to Kathleen at this time and was only known by that name to all her descendants.

They then bought a farm near Trujillo on the Conchas Lake road where they went into business raising chickens, goats, and milk cows. Kathleen obtained a contract from the A.T. & Santa Fe Railway Hotel and Restaurant to supply fresh eggs, cream and poultry.

After a few years things looked better in the nearby town of Stanley. They moved there and started a market garden. It took three days to herd their cattle and live-stock, together with their young family. Stanley looked like a good place to settle, but after several years of drought, the farms failed and the only industry, a copper mine and smelter, closed down. It was no longer a viable situation, so Kathleen moved to Santa Fe, where she could obtain a better education for children. Dr. Milligan remained a few more years in Stanley and commuted to Las Vegas by rail. Dr. Milligan practiced for a total of 53 years.

After Dr. Milligan died, Kathleen went to live with her daughter May in California. She returned to Santa Fe, where she died and is buried along side of her husband. Kathleen longed to return to Ireland to see the places where she grew up, but this dream was never realized.

Note: This information was given me by Harold Milligan, her oldest son, in 1993. I possess a copy of Alexander Latta's Will stating that his daughter's name was Catherine. We knew her as "Aunt Cassie".

Do you have a biography of your Latta relative? I would like to publish here in our Newsletter for all to read, enjoy, and preserve for future generations. Please send your biography to the editor by mail or e-mail at Doc Huer@aol.com.

Burlington Native Frank Latta Was Aboard USS Lagarto in World War II.

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It has been 60 years since the World War II submarine USS Lagarto was sunk by a Japanese minelayer in the Gulf of Thailand, taking its 86 crew members to their deaths.

Cmdr. Frank D. Latta, a native of Burlington, Iowa and a 1928 Burlington High School graduate, was one of those considered missing in action, but presumed dead since May 24, 1945.

This May, a team of deep-sea divers discovered the wreckage 200 feet below sea level, 93 miles from the southeast coast of Thailand.

Since its discovery, Navy officials and the diving team have had some disagreement over the ship. The Navy considers all sunken U.S. ships gravesites, off-limits to people in general.

However, the divers who found it would like to document the submarine, which is intact and sitting upright on the ocean floor. According to Karen Duvall of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wis., the crew was given the OK to photograph the ship from the outside in mid-July, mostly to confirm that the submarine is, in fact, the USS Lagarto. Two family members visited the wreckage with the divers, armed with letters, pictures and other mementos Lagarto families have sent them to be read or placed at the site as a goodbye to their loved ones.

"I know Michael is very thrilled to have some closure," said Carol Latta, sister-in-law to Michael Latta, son of Cmdr. Frank Latta. Carol was married to Patrick Latta, another son, who died 12 years ago. "Mike always wanted to go by the last known site and drop a wreath. He was never able to do that. But now he'll have some conclusion before he dies."

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Currently, Mike Latta is sailing the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with no way to be contacted. Carol and the other remaining Latta family members live in California, where they heard the news of the submarine's discovery shortly after it was found.

"Mike knows his father had a motorcycle the crew snuck onto the submarine," Carol Latta said, a hint of laughter in her voice.

Latta explained that her father-in-law had a passion for motorcycles. Although it was against Navy policy to bring motorcycles on board, Frank Latta would disassemble the bike, put it in a crate and sneak it on the ship. Once the ship had landed, he would put it back together again and ride it up and down the streets wherever they were.

"It's probably still on board (the submarine)," Latta said.

Frank Latta was more than mechanically inclined though. He was artistic, too, Latta said.

"I have a lot of his artwork in my home," she said. Frank Latta was into woodwork and wood-carving and the intricate pieces are still appreciated in the Latta home.

Both Mike and Pat Latta were young when the submarine was sunk, but they do remember being on board.

"Mike's talked to a woman who is (compiling current submarine information). Her father is probably one of the crew members who chastised Mike for playing around on deck," Latta said. "They remember their dad was a big deal. They always missed their dad."

Neither of the brothers talked about their father much, nor did Frank Latta's wife, Holly, a Burlington native who eventually remarried. But Carol knows Pat had reoccurring underwater dreams throughout his life.

"He would be happy to know the gravesite was found," she said.

Pat and Mike's children were a little surprised to find out their grandfather was such an important figure in history.

"It's very important they found the submarine," Latta said. "But it's like another era. (My daughter) Robin was sent all the information and she said, 'You know, I never even talked to Dad about this,' She was surprised at the history in it.

"It's like ... you live with them and you know them, but you don't talk about the past," Carol said as a way of explanation.

http://ussubvetsofworldwarii.org/ussubvetwwii/lost_boats/pages/LAGARTO.htm

Keel laid down by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company, Manitowoc, WI 12 January 1944;

Launched 28 May 1944; Sponsored by Mrs. Paul H. Douglas; Commissioned 14 October 1944; Cdr. Frank D. Latta in command.

USS LAGARTO (SS-371), under the command of Cdr. F.D. Latta, departed Subic Bay, P.I. on 12 April 1945, for her second patrol during WWII in the South China Sea. On 27 April, she was directed to the outer part of Siam Gulf.

LAGARTO contacted USS BAYA (SS-318), already patrolling in Siam Gulf on 2 May 1945, and exchanged calls with her by SJ radar. Later that day BAYA sent LAGARTO a contact report on a convoy she had contacted consisting of one tanker, one auxiliary and two destroyers. LAGARTO soon reported being in contact with the convoy, and began coming in for an attack with BAYA. However, the enemy escorts were equipped with 10 cm radar, and detected BAYA and drove her off with gunfire, whereupon the two submarines decided to wait and plan a subsequent attack.

Early on the morning of 3 May 1945, LAGARTO and BAYA made a rendezvous at about 7!-55'N;102!-18'E and discussed plans. LAGARTO was to dive on the convoy's tack to make a contact at 1400, while BAYA was to be ten to fifteen miles further along the track. During the day, numerous contact reports were exchanged. At 0010 on 4 May after a prolonged but unsuccessful attack, BAYA was finally driven off by the alert escorts, and no further contact of any kind was ever made with LAGARTO.

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Japanese information available now records an attack on a U.S. submarine made by the minelayer HATSUTAKA, believed to be one of the two radar-equipped escorts of the convoy attacked. The attack was made at 71-55'N; 102°E in about 30 fathoms of water, and in view of the information presented above, the attack here described must be presumed to be the one which sank LARGARTO.

This vessel's first patrol was in the Nansei Shoto chain as part of an antipicket boat sweep made by submarines to aid Admiral Halsey's Task Force 38 in getting carrier planes to Japan undetected. She sank the Japanese submarine I-371 on 24 February 1945, and participated in several surface gun attacks with USS HADDOCK II (SS-231) and USS SENNET (SS-408). Two small vessels were sunk and two more damaged in these attacks, and LARGARTO shared credit for the results with these submarines. Cdr. Latta had previously made seven patrols as Commanding Officer of USS NARWHAL II (SS-167). Every patrol made by this officer was designated successful for the award of combat insignia, a record surpassed by no commanding officer in the Submarine Force.

More Old Latta Letters

The editor continues printing the old Latta letters sent by Alan Latta. The letters are published verbatim, with original spellings. The title is how it was addressed. Two of the letters are presented as photographs because they were too difficult to transcribe. It was worse than reading old script German.

The letter of April 11, 1857 was addressed to Westmoreland Co Mountplesnt poste Mr Samual Latta, and it was in a small envelope.

The letter of Feb. 5, 1857 was addressed to PennSylvania Westmarland County Mount plesent Postofice Saml Latta. It was folded as a packet letter.

**Mr. Samuel Latta Pennsylvania
West moreland County mount plesent
post office in haist**

Folded as a packet letter, postage 10.

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Sept 10th

September the 10 th 1846

Der fathe and mother I take this oportunity to inform you that wey ar well at present and hoping these few lins Will find you engaring same lasan the frandson all well atpresent but Davit and Silas Latta and thare familys has the bager gales E Latta died august the 17 jams Chandlar has the agor Robert Curl for seral days William E Curl had the fero but he is gatin stout agan and the folks the rough the hawpash has thare helth is good But along the elke hrt river is Crickey.

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Mr. Samuel Latta
Westmourland county
Mount plesent pensylvany

Folded as a packet letter, postage 25

Dec 5th 1842 Adams County Ohio

Dear brother and sister I am going to pay you a few lines I received your letter dated Jan the 28 1834 was the last account I had from you part of that letter was to Sam l Latt and a part to my self

that gave me a gradea of sadis faction to us all my hlth at present is pirty good and family and friends in generar is in good helth and hoap theas few lines may find you in Joy ing the same state of helth

I am now a going to give you an a count of my present can cerns my sun Thomas wente to see the new cuntary last fall and bot land thean and was so hily ple as ed with that pace that he could not be con tented to live in ohio any longen then he could sel his farme that we liv on an open tunity soon served and Thomas sold his farme this fall and went back to ilinois and bought another peas of land in the south west part of ilinois in randolf county with in nine miles of chester witch is on the east side of the missisipi river this is the place I expect to move to againt the first ofe march next if it is faverable time for the boats to run I had hot to pay you a visit wonst more time but it will be im possible now as I expect to go agrade fan der of I hate the thots of leaving my daughter behind mee but hur husband mor hur self in cline to move they hav three children maryJane & roberthenany & martha ann theyay are in talen able helth at present I am going to brag of cousin steven thomp sons maray he married a miss eaty bold ridg last aprile thewon of the finest girls in this section of country

i wish you to wright to me as quick as possible and giv mee a par ticular aco unt of all my sisters and thear family and uncul katechion family as i dont know but I may bee a makeoun to sum of the atchisons in ilinois for thomas hard of peple of that na me thear and i expect it is sum of my friends I wish you to right son that i may git your letter be fore i move a way and i wish to bee remembered to all my friends Oaen to you my friends

Nancy Roberson to Samuel and Rachel Latta
NB i heard from Jane Latta above amonth a go & she was gitting able towrite about Ten a mother long spell of sickness and her brother John wente to wheare thar brother Robert died and Lost his wife and five of his children and has cum back again robert R Latta and family is well and they hav six chil dren three sons and three daughters. Direct your letter to Brown county Decator Ohio

April the 11 Address

Dear Brothers and Sisters I take this opportunity
to say to you that I will not present and
and hoping that those few lines will find
you all enjoy the Spring the friends I
let there I fear I know Ephraim Latta and
Wife was near to us last fall when Latta
was married and she has but one son
now. But she is a young one and I hope soon
I think that will be the first of many
times is unknown the wheat crops were high
the corn was almost as good as last
year the 11 of May may have a good time
and that was the last of the wheat was
in the wheat crop this year the wheat crops
were high and the corn was good on the 11
and it is as good as I found now the
the corn is good I am sure of it but we
live in hope that the winter will be a
good one John Jenkins said last winter
I have given five dollars to you and I have
received of you these dollars this is so and
you are a good man and I am sure of it
your friend to you all
William F. Latta

~~But it is not~~

I will show you and if I find
 Kiefuff Ba I will work it all summer
 the two and look water on times
 yet the true straight hand the hand
 more I will show the month of
 April as the full all mine before
 now this may be 3 evening. tomorrow
 look and look so but it is not before
 yet

the winter is long and cold and
 I have heard much that I get all
 a wife before and the water for the spring
 looking off to the hill area there
 above the hill and mean in the
 looker corner

With many right about
 the times and places the take
 the respects to all Enquiring Friends
 with returns.

I am going to see my Great
 Family at Sunday night

February the 5th 1851
Dear Mother and Father I take this
opportunity of informing that we
are in good health at present
and hoping that these few lines
will find you the blessing
the friends is all well so far as
known I record you later in due
time it gave me a great deal of satisfaction
to hear that you and all were well.
Charles gets married to Mrs. Edson. Wants a man but
trusts a child. I think that the
war will be no more. I am your
sister to night the Sunday school
has been very quiet here this winter
and a great no has died with
the wipers the is a disetory in
ever have in fact. I am as yet
in the infirmity Friday. Went
to see Barn 25 per cent 28
We have but a but 300 rod ditch
one the marsh does cost us
None no Dolores and there is
150 rods but yet we are agan to
cut that this spring and that
will cost \$45 Dolores get that
and it is a large ditch this the
other. Larger ditch it will cost
about fifty cents a rod
We are cutting rail in lower now of
fine marsh in. we got no hay
for it last harvest of too

Robert Carl is in California and
tha was after some fair
Labin parks few days ago you
sated that off rather had
With the crop and Robert
Carl ^{and} Labin sick for to month
before the let was not
Samuel and Robert I am what you
say you are making long gain off
you a life now to the brother
whether you are in to go to or not
the bill for now is so common
that I did not having think
with while to say about it
I have many business winter have
for to or three day a time take away
to freeze man or best and the
the now the to or three days is
warm any off. Well about without
last sunset was very
hear the what crops was rare
good the sun was short but
it was a fine day

I would like if some of you would
come to
to have take my best to all the
girls to all to enquiring from
tell Elean to hear that well
and I hope that well test how
that she must get more
to S. come back there to the
sit front off I Latta to Samuel Latta

The Robert Latta Family

From Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland To
Ulladulla, New South Wales, Australia.

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This story began in February, 2005, when Alex Latta, of Branch 16, emailed me to say that an Australian World War II Service Medal, formerly owned by Renwick Clyde Latta, was for sale on the Internet on the eBay site. Neither Alex Latta nor I was the successful bidder, however, the World War II Service Medal was purchased by another member of the Latta family who is resident in Victoria, Australia.

We were then faced with the mystery – who was Renwick Clyde Latta? Because of Privacy Legislation in Australia, the only document available for purchase relating to Renwick Clyde Latta, was a copy of his Marriage Certificate, which was obtained from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in New South Wales, Australia.

Renwick Clyde Latta, occupation A.I.F., married Gwennie Ernestiner Bennett at the Registry Office, Five Docks, Municipality of Drummoyne, New South Wales on 29th September, 1942. Renwick's father was John James Latta, Timber Getter, (deceased), and his mother was May Lee. At the time of his marriage Renwick was 31 years of age and his birthplace was recorded as – Ulladulla, New South Wales.

Renwick Clyde Latta's mother, namely Ellen May Latta, remarried after the death of her husband – John James Latta. She married Albert H. Lee in 1920.

A search of the Ulladulla - Milton History web-site revealed that John James Latta "Died of Wounds" in World War I, on the 20th November, 1916. Three of John James Latta's brothers – Arthur Henry Latta, Bertie Roy Latta, and Robert Gibson Latta also served in World War I. A fourth brother, William Clyde Latta was discharged from the A.I.F. because "he failed to obtain his parents' consent." Robert Gibson Latta died of wounds 2nd April, 1918. Arthur Henry Latta and Bertie Roy

Latta were also wounded in the war, but returned to Australia. The parents of these five World War I servicemen were recorded as James Latta and Rosetta Latta née Thomas.

The Australian War Memorial web-site now has approximately half of the World War I Service Records digitized and available on the Internet. The tragic Service Record of John James Latta was downloaded and printed. This record revealed many more pertinent particulars, including the name of John James Latta's wife, namely Ellen May Latta, (née Gumley), and the names of his three sons, Norman Richmond James Latta, Rupert Renwick Clyde Latta and Harold Henry Sydney Latta, all of whom served in the Australian Forces in World War II.

Progress was made working through the extracts of records that appear on the New South Wales - Births, Deaths and Marriages web-site, so numerous Certificates were purchased from the Registrar. The father of John James Latta – (whose birth was registered as James John Latta) on 7th November 1889, was James Latta (born 1863 N.S.W. Australia), – the son of John Latta (born 1834 Kilmarnock, Scotland.)

Contact was then made with Cathy Dunn of Milton, (Ulladulla), New South Wales, who made available to me some of her research relating to the Latta family of Ulladulla. I was then able to confirm that my research was on the correct course, which was to link Renwick Clyde Latta with his ancestors in Kilmarnock, Scotland.

A search of the I.G.I. (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints records), provided vital information linking the Latta family of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland with the Latta family of Ulladulla, New South Wales.

The I.G.I. records five children were born to Robert and Jeane (Janet) Latta, née Lindsay, in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. Robert and Jeane (Janet) Latta sailed to New South Wales, Australia with at least one child, c.1863. To date, it has been validated that four of the children of Robert and Jeane (Janet) Latta made their home in Australia, – John born on 1st December, 1834, William born

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on 5th November, 1843, David born on 23rd February, 1846 and Jean (Janet) born on 23rd June, 1851. It is believed that one of the family, namely their son John, sailed to Australia earlier than 1863, and their son David came to Australia after 1863.

The New South Wales, Australia, Marriage Certificate of John Latta, Farmer, records that he married Ann McMillan on 13th March, 1862, his mother's maiden name was Janet Lindsay, and the occupation of his father - Robert Latta, was "Printer of Cottons".

John Latta, William Latta and Jean Latta married in New South Wales, Australia and raised large families. John, who married Ann McMillan at "Dorresdale", District of Broulee, New South Wales, on 13th March, 1862, had eight children, and William, who married Elizabeth Backhouse at "Dorresdale", District of Broulee, New South Wales on 25th September, 1867, had fifteen children. Jean (Janet) who married Charles E. Thistleton, Bachelor, at Ulladulla, New South Wales on the 23rd July, 1874, had eight children. David Latta did not marry. Many descendants of John, William and Jean (Janet) served Australia in the armed forces during World War I and World War II.

The I.G.I. records the marriage of Robert Latta and Jeane (Janet) Lindsay - 21 August, 1829, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland. The names of some of their children are also recorded -

John Latta Born 1 Dec 1834 Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland.

Robert Latta Born 10 May 1841 Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland.

William Latta Born 5 Nov 1843 Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland.

David Latta Born 23 Feb 1846 Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland.

Jean Latta Born 23 Jun 1851 Kilmarnock, Ayr, Scotland.

Robert Latta died on 4th November, 1882 at Mimosa Farm, Milton, New South Wales, Australia, aged 85 years. On 5th November, 1882 he was buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Milton,

New South Wales, Australia.

(Jeane) Janet Latta died on 9th October, 1896 at Green Hills, Milton, New South Wales, Australia, aged 90 years. On 11th November, 1896 she was buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Sandridge, Ulladulla, New South Wales, Australia.

The names, and dates of birth of the children born to John Latta and his wife Ann Latta, née McMillan, in New South Wales, Australia are -

James Born 1863. Reg. 1863/6378.

Robert 1865. 1865/7322.

John 1867. 1867/16920.

Ann 1870. 1870/17933.

Janet Mary 1872. 1872/18518.

William Kendall 1875. 1875/20617.

Agnes C. 1878. 1878/23247.

David 1881. 1881/26679.

The names, and dates of birth of the children born to William Latta and his wife Elizabeth Latta, née Backhouse, in New South Wales, Australia are -

Robert Born 1868 Reg. 1868/7731.

William L. 1869 1869/9148.

David 1871. 1871/8396.

John 1872. 1872/8179.

James Gibson 1874. 1874/8604.

Charles Thistleton 1875. 1875/8833.

George Albert 1877. 1877/9326.

Alexander J. 1878. 1878/10160.

Elizabeth 1880. 1880/11434.

Francis 1881. 1881/15003.

Frederick G. 1883. 1883/16962.

Stanley C. 1885. 1885/19180.

Janet L. 1886. 1886/20272.

Helena W. 1889. 1889/20196.

Albert S.V. 1891. 1891/22833.

The names and dates of birth of the children born to Charles Evans Thistleton and his wife Janet Thistleton, née Latta, in New South Wales, Australia are

Janet M. Born 1876. Reg. 1876/21238.

Eleanor 1878. 1878/23223. William Sowerby 1880. 1880/25618.

Emily Eva 1882. 1882/27681.

Mary Jane 1884. 1884/31739.

Susannah L.M. 1887. 1887/34717.

Annie R. 1890. 1890/21851.

Harriet E. 1893. 1893/22634.

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A summary of the family links between Robert Latta, born c. 1797 Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland and Renwick Clyde Latta who was born 1913, Ulladulla, New South Wales, Australia, and whose World War II medal was sold on the Internet on the eBay site.

Generations.

1/Robert Latta who married Janet Lindsay 21st. August, 1829, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland and sailed to Australia, with at least one members of his family, c. 1863.

2/John Latta, born Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, 1 December, 1834, the son of Robert and Janet Latta – above at 1/. This John married Ann McMillan 13th March, 1862, “Dorresdale”, New South Wales, Australia.

3/James Latta, born 1863, Broulee District of New South Wales. He was the son of John Latta who married Ann McMillan 13th March, 1862, Dorresdale, New South Wales – above at 2/. This James Latta married Rose (Rosetta) Thomas on 9th October, 1889 at Milton, New South Wales.

4/John James Latta (registered as James John Latta), born 7th November, 1889, Milton, New South Wales. He was the son of James and Rose (Rosetta), Latta who married on 9th October, 1889 at Milton, New South Wales – above at 3/. This John James Latta married Ellen May Gumley on 15th March, 1910 at Bangalow, Byron Shire, New South Wales.

5/Renwick Clyde Latta, born 3rd July, 1913, Ulladulla, New South Wales, Australia, whose World War II Medal was offered for sale on the Internet on the eBay site.

Renwick Clyde Latta was the son of John James Latta who married Ellen May Gumley, 15th March, 1910 at Bangalow, Byron shire, New South Wales - above at 4. After the death of her husband, John James Latta, in World War I, Ellen May Latta married Albert Lee in 1920. Hence her name appears as “May Lee” on Renwick Clyde Latta’s Marriage Certificate.

Renwick Clyde Latta had two brothers - Norman Richmond James Latta, born 6th March, 1911, New South Wales and Harold Henry Sydney Latta, born 23rd April, 1915, New South Wales, who also served Australia in World War II.

Part Two of this article will be in the next Issue.

DNA Research Continues

By Bob Hawkins, Branch 22 Captain and DNA Coordinator, Bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net.

There are currently 14 men that have submitted DNA samples. They represent 11 branches of the Latta Family. One of the men who has submitted a sample is Norbert Latta of Pliezhausen, Germany. He is not affiliated with any branch and his family has been in Germany for generations. He found the project by surfing the web and is very interested in finding out how his line ties in. His results will not be in until Jan. 2006. There is representation from the following branches: 1,3,13,16,17,18,22,30,31,49, and 51. Branches 1 and 13 have two submitters. There are currently others who are in the beginning stages of the project. If you do not see your branch listed please consider joining. If you have submitted a 12 marker sample and your DNA is an exact match with other branches please consider upgrading to the 37 marker level. This will give an even better idea of the distance in generations where there is a common ancestor. So far Branches 1,13, and 30 have taken the 37 marker test, with 13 and 30 being exact and 1 being one marker off. The one marker difference is a red marker that means they are related even closer than the standard measure. If you have mailed me sheets with your info I have received them and will be in contact with you soon. Please consider submitting a sample from your branch. Let's try to clear this whole 60 branch thing up. In the next issue I will submit the breakdown on all of the participants to date and try and explain more about the markers that make up our DNA.

Research Queries, Replies and Notes. Send your queries to the editor,

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

1. This is a follow-up to an e-mail to you from last year. I have located additional information and would like to share it and possibly find a connection. Marriage in New Brunswick. John **Wighton**, Colour Sargeant of the 72nd Regt. stationed in Fredericton, County of York and Catherine **Latta** of the same place were married by license at St. Ann's Chapel Fredericton, this twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord 1853.

Family letters say that the family was from the west of Scotland and that Catherine's mother died and left a young son and two daughters. One son and one daughter were taken in by relatives and the father (possibly named John) brought Catherine to New Brunswick. At the time of her marriage Catherine was only 16 years old. Her husband was a career military man and also served in India and the West Indies. They returned to Scotland and lived in Dundee. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Margaret **Serzans**, daisy@mcttelecom.com.

2. I am looking for a Jefferson **Latty/Lattie** who was an Indian and had 2 sons Allen Luther/Luther Allen and John **Lattie**. Allen is buried in Coleman, Oklahoma and John lived in Hobart, Oklahoma. Allen was born in 1881 d. 1962. In 1900? Allen lived in Caddo Gap Arkansas Montgomery County in the house of William **Williams**. We have not been able to find anything on Jefferson **Lattie**. Allen was my wife's great grandpa. He has one daughter living in a nursing home and John has children living in Oklahoma. Hope someone can help me out. Royce **Pate**, rl pate@alltel.net.

3. I am researching the lineage of John **Latta/Latty**, married to Frances **Conner**. I believe he was the son of John **Latta** and Martha (?) Frances **Scott** of Tennessee. Have not been able to document it. One of the documents I have is a sworn statement by Sarah Ann **Fuller** given to the Cherokee nation for application for the Indian Rolls. Application 14095-29994. She claims that she is the daughter of Nancy **Latty**, who married a John **Latty**. Claims her grandmother was Francis **Scott** (Martha Frances **Scott**)

Brothers and sisters of Nancy **Latty** were:

Sarah **Webb (Latty)** enrolled Lucinda **Latty**, Margot **Latty**, Susan **Kiner (Latty)**, John **Latty**, **** my ancestor (??) Allen Peggy (probably Margaret). Jefferson **Latty** ...lived in Chickasaw Nation. Wash **Latty** (Washington) son was Diver **Latty**. Connie **Latta**, Br. #52 - Captain, Mudpie3133@aol.com.

4. I'm researching the history of the Latta families of Vancouver Island, Canada for a book. Would like to contact a relative(s) of John **Blandford Latta** from Victoria, BC. John served in the Royal Air Force during the 'Battle of Britain' in WWII as a fighter pilot. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in November, 1940 and was killed in action in January, 1941.

John was recruited for the RAF just prior to the war by a retired British Naval Officer named Captain Henry **Seymour-Biggs** living in Victoria at that time. **Biggs** eventually recruited 719 local young men to serve as fighter pilots in the RAF - he personally selected each recruit and not one was rejected by the RAF. They became widely known as "**Biggs**' Boys." They served with distinction during the 'Battle of Britain' and a large number were killed in action. It is not known whether **Biggs**' recruitment activities at that time were motivated simply by patriotism, or whether he was an agent of the British military. Keith **Latta**, Victoria, BC, klatta@shaw.ca.

5. John **Elliott**, 1803-1875 married Sep. 15, 1825, Mary "Polly" **Latta**, 1796-1837 in 1825, Butler Co., OH. His birthplace was Chester Co., SC. Hers is unknown. They had 3 children together: Joseph **Latta Elliott**, 1827-1919; Esther Jane **Elliott**, 1829-1881; and Ebenezer N. **Elliott**, 1831- aft. 1850. Polly and John **Elliott** are my 3rd great grandparents.

I believe Polly's father was Joseph M. **Latta**, 1751-1821, and it is possible her mother was Mary **McEwen**. He married, possibly, 2 more times, to Catherine **McKinzie** and to Elizabeth **Forester**. He died intestate in Fairfield Twp., Butler Co., OH. His daughters were still involved at the settlement of his estate in 1831. There may have been a surviving son, Hiram **Latta**, 1801-1822. The two daughters were Polly **Elliott** (above) and Rachel M. **Latta Boyse/Boyce**, wife of Robert **Boyse**. They were married in 1821, Preble Co., OH. Connie **Leaman**, R.leaman@comcast.net.

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6. I have a **Latta** that seems to have fallen off the wagon going west. I can't find his parents. My grandfather's sister always said we were part of branch 9 but I cannot make the connection. So any leads would be a great help. I have sent in questions before but maybe this time someone will recognize something.

1. John James² **Latta** (John¹) was born February 02, 1823 in Jackson Co. Ga, and died February 25, 1908 in Cornith Cem/confederate marker (maybe 1913). He married Mary **Rhodes**. She was born in Ga., and died in Texas

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Children of John **Latta** and Mary **Rhodes** are:2. i. James John³ **Latta**, b. June 24, 1855; d. May 25, 1906, Spring Hill Tx. (Lamar co.).ii. Ann Judson (Jetty) **Latta**, b. 1858, Alabama; m. John **Ingram**, March 03, 1872, Anniston Calhoun Co. Courthouse Al.iii. Sophronia (Fronia) **Latta**, b. September 11, 1868. Generation No. 22. James John³ **Latta** (John James², John¹) was born June 24, 1855, and died May 25, 1906 in Spring Hill Tx. (Lamar co.). He married Julia (Judy) **Ford** October 04, 1879 in Tallegia, Al, daughter of Augustus **Ford** and Mary **Reidinger**. She was born February 10, 1862 in Benton County, Ala., and died January 14, 1944 in Grand Saline Tx.Marriage Notes for James **Latta** and Julia **Ford**:Married Calhoun County Al 04 Oct 1879 by B. D. **Turner** minister - Anna **Reidinger**'s husband.Married Merlin (Doc) **Bailey** supposedly in Paris TxChildren of James **Latta** and Julia **Ford** are:i. Henry⁴ E. **Latta**, b. October 28, 1880.ii. Joseph Jefferson **Latta**, b. December 10, 1882; d. 1956, Texas.iii. Mary Edna **Latta**, b. March 03, 1885.iv. Sophronia Emmaline **Latta**, b. February 22, 1887; m. Laddie Jones.v. John William **Latta**, b. October 10, 1889.vi. Trella Peyton **Latta**, b. December 01, 1892.vii. Ollie Parr **Latta**, b. December 22, 1894.3. viii. James Earl **Latta**, b. January 01, 1897, Paris Texas; d. July 31, 1971, Henderson Tx.4. ix. Annie Lou **Latta**, b. November 16, 1898.x. Dennie Belton **Latta**, b. December 18, 1902; d. February 11, 1984.xi. Milton Eli **Latta**, b. November 26, 1904.xii. Era Essie **Latta**, b. December 06, 1906.Linda **Latta Carr**, benlindac@cox.net.

7. I discovered that I was a **Latta** descendent about 20 years ago on one of those old mailing lists-Genie, I think, somewhat before the World Wide Web came to be. I had been working on my **Rowan** genealogy, and had hit a brick wall. I placed a query, because my GGgrandfather was named James **Latta Rowan**, and I had no idea where the **Latta** came from. Paul **De Bald**, of Br 47 responded. He connected me and here I am. We managed to combine Br 27 and Br 47 very shortly after I found **Latta.org** and the newsletter.

Here is my unsolved mystery: The patriarch of those two branches was Thomas **Latta**, who homesteaded land in the

Manor of the Maske in what is now Adams County Pennsylvania. The earliest documentation is 1765. It is thought that Thomas was born in 1727, but I don't think we know that for sure, either. Thomas died intestate in 1796, and there are extensive records from 1796, when he died until they finally settled the estate in the 1820's. Thomas's estate was called Rapho, which may connect him to Ireland, or may not.

Where was Thomas before he showed up in the Manor of the Maske? My best guess has always been that he was the Thomas mentioned in the will, dated 1768, of John **Latta**, Br 19, Lancaster County PA. John's son Thomas was the executor of his father's estate. Thomas's son John was mentioned in the will, and Thomas (27/47) had a six year old son named John at the time of his father's death. Thomas had a brother named David, who had a son, Robert named in the will. A few years later, Thomas was mentioned in the will of Alexander **Johnston**, along with his wife Deborah, some of their children, and child named Robert **Latta**, who was not a child of Deborah and Thomas. Could he be the same Robert who was in John **Latta**'s will?

Also, as is usual in Scotch Irish naming patterns, Thomas's oldest son was named John and his second son was Alexander, which assumes that Alexander **Johnston** was the father of Deborah **Latta**-no proof there, either.

Everything I found was linking Thomas to the original John **Latta**, until I found a Lancaster County Revolutionary War soldier named Thomas **Latta**. Thomas of Br 27/19 fame was a Captain in the York County Militia. The other Thomas **Latta** was a private in the Lancaster County Militia. I believe that the son of our Thomas **Latta** was too young to have been in the Revolutionary War.

Now the plot thickens. Has anyone else found anything on Pvt Thomas **Latta** that would make him the son of Br 19 John, or has anyone found anything connecting Br 27/47 Thomas to John? I figure I can keep working on this as long as I live, but I'm getting older and grayer by the minute. Sure would be nice to have some help. Thanks! Ellen Rowan Taylor, Branch 27/47 Captain, ellenrt@cox.net.

8. John **Latta** and Anna Elizabeth **Hockenbury**, branch 17: The children Harriett S. and Allice were mentioned in John's will made October 7, 1865, and probated January 31, 1866. We have this will which says in "Item fourth.--My other four children, Samuel **Latta**, Julia A. **Pool**, Lucinda **Mercer**, George M. **Latta**, and also Harriett S. **Latta** and Allice **Latta**, heirs of Abraham **Latta**, all of whom I here mention as having received all that I allow them to have of my estate." It is on the common basis of including the children of deceased heirs in the wills of the time that I have entered Abraham as a child of John. I have not been able to find anything out about this Abraham,

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Heariatt S. or Allice **Latta**. Did they stay in the Huntingdon County area of Pennsylvania when John and Annie moved to West Virginia ca 1837 and then on to Monroe Co., Ohio by 1840? Their oldest child that I can find anything on is Julia born 1817 in Pennsylvania who married Joseph **Poole**. Can anyone help with this family? Betty **Latta Kitchen**, kitchen2new@earthlink.net.

9. A mystery for your newsletter. When I went to the shipping records in July looking for William **Latta** born in Donegal. I found the arrival of John **Latter** and Catherine **Latter** in 1841 on the "Intrinsic". They arrived into Port Phillip in the colony of NSW (now part of Melbourne, Victoria) The misspelling was possibly because they couldn't write for themselves and it was mistranscribed by an official. I think this is the John **Latta** born in 1813 whose spouse was Catherine **Lemon**....He may be my William's brother and the parents were John and Mary (maiden name???) BUT I still have no record for William **Latta's** arrival in Australia in 1842 and no birth record or parent names. Any ideas of what I should do? Belinda **Peterson**, Australia, peterson.belinda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

10. This is also from Branch 9 - must have been a secretive group! My ancestor is Mary Lucinda **Latta** (June 16, 1851 - Aug 22, 1884), daughter of Thomas Neely **Latta** and Emily **Chandler**. She was born in Washington Co. AR and died (tradition says of 'milk leg fever') in Dodd City, TX. Her two youngest children by William Erasmus **Lovelace**, Dwight Lyman **Lovelace** (Nov 23, 1882 - Feb 26, 1964) and Mary **Lovelace**, were sent to live in Oklahoma with her younger sister, Martha Jane **Moore** (Mrs. Robert Samuel **Moore**). Dwight came back to live with his family around the time his father remarried in 1888. The daughter remained with her aunt and uncle. Further tradition has it that Mary **Latta** married Berkley **Collard**, was a church organist in the Dallas/Ft Worth area and died of pneumonia around 1916. I cannot find her anywhere. Mary Lucinda **Latta Lovelace** is buried in the English Cemetery in Bonham, TX and the grave marker has the name of Mary Stella, daughter, on it. I have these dates for her: Sep 1, 1880 - Oct 2, 1903. She was older than her brother Dwight **Lovelace**. I had never heard of this Mary until I saw her grave marker in Bonham. I had understood that the child born at the time of her mother's death is the one who went to her aunt. Is this Mary, buried next to her mother, the daughter who lived with her aunt and if so, are these dates correct, and does tradition have the death date wrong?

By the way, I have photographs of all (?) of the **Latta** tombstones at the Dodd City, TX cemetery if anyone is interested. Lisabeth **Davis**, lisa50@speakeasy.net.

11. I have questioned several times the possibility of Branch 7 entry 288 [unknown] being Wiley F **Latta**. This would entail Robert being married to Nancy **Riley** [June 29th 1827]. My only problem is the census carries more children [Orange county, NC 1850]. I can find no other entries for Wiley but can follow the lineage from him to date. Thanks for any help. Bob **Latta**, latta7300@bellsouth.net.

12. I have my well known mystery with my **Lata** Spanish ancestors. Probably we will never find an answer to the question "is there any proof connection between **Lata** in Spain and **Latta** in Scotland and Ireland", but there are many links between both zones (see f.i. <http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=1064152004%20>, or Alan **Latta's** Armada Invincible hypothesis). Cheers, Monica, monica@dorsch-martinelli.com.

13. I have been trying to locate who my Grandfather Ernest's parents were and I now have their names thanks due to a researcher in Indiana. Though I don't have much more to go on other than this and I do hope that you will be able to know whether or not they are a part of branch 1 or not. William T. **Latta** b.Feb. 1836 Indiana, married Sep. 30, 1858, d.feb.5, 1914, Wolcott, White Co., In. Married in Howard Co., In., to Sarah Jane **Armstrong** b.1842, Jennings co., In d. Jan. 28, 1924 White co., In. Her parents were Robert **Armstrong** born in Ky and Jane **Trousdell** born in Ky.

Grandpa Ernest full name was Arthur Ernest **Latta** and he was one of 13 children that were born to William and Sarah. There was one set of twins: Gracie Pearl and Racy Merle. Some of them must have passed away early on as there are death dates that say before 1943.

Here are the names of his siblings:

David Wesley b. 1859 d.2-22-1936 Kokomo?, marriage: To: Rachel E.

John S. b. c1860 In. d. before 1943

Robert Alfred/Alford b.1864, d. before 1943 In.

William Sherman b. c1865,d.before 1943 In.

Minnie Jane b. 6-15-1867 Carroll Co. In.,d.2-22-1949

Marriage#1 to John Henry **Mansfield**-Brookston, In. 12-20-1893

Marriage#2 to Riley **Stark**

Andrew Ulysses b.4-22-1870 Howard Co., In. d. 10-16-1912 marriage: 12-10-1901 to Mary **Lane**-White Co., In.

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Oscar Denton b. Apr. 1872, d. after 1943, marriage 12-30-1896 to; Anna **Stinson-White Co.**, In.

Mary Alice, b. 2-15-1905 In. d. 1957, 12-27-1893 to: John D. **Sigman-White Co.**, In.

Charles Wiley b. c. 1875 In. d. before 1943

Arthur Ernest b. 6-17-1880 In., d. 2-26-1943 Lafayette, In.

Marriage#1 Gertrude **Sines-White Co.**, In. 12-14-1905

Marriage#2 Eleanòr G. **Sigman**

Bertha may b. 9-9-1881 (or 1883) In., d. 7-25-1954, marriage to: Lewis Elias **Wamsher-Monticello**, In. 1-20-1904

Gracie Pearl b. May 1885 In. d. after 1943 marriage to: Dyes

Racy Merle b. May 1885, d. c. 11-2-1946, marriage to: Mildred L. (1902-1936) twin to Gracie.

I hope to hear from you and maybe this will jog someone's memory about one of their lost ancestors. Seems that they were kind of hard to find, in all probability due to poor record keeping.

Please let me know if you find out anything. I will let you know if or when I can get William's parents names. Take care, Donna **Latta Casey**, babe5144@yahoo.com.

14. I've just begun tracing my husband's family. (He is from Scotland.) His GGgrandmother, Ann **Latto**, was born c. 1850 in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. She was the daughter of Thomas **Latto** and Janet **Hain** (originally of Ceres). They were married 17 Jan 1842 in Ceres. In addition to Ann **Latto**, they had at least 2 other children:

James **Latto**, b. 10 Jan 1844 in Ceres

Jean Inglis **Latto**, b. 1855 in Cameron, Fife

Ann **Latto** married Robert **Barclay** of Strathmiglo, Fife on 22 Nov 1878 in Craigrothie, Ceres, Fife. He was the son of Robert **Barclay** and Elizabeth **Bruce**. If you may have a connection, please contact me! jeanni6225@aol.com.

15. I am trying to find a site or person who has pictures of early descendents or copies of documents of families in branch 4. The earliest picture I have is of my great great grandmother, Marion **Robinson** (wife of Herbert **Latta**-1872-1939.) I would be more than happy to reimburse any costs involved. Thank You, Craig Jack, craig.jack@us.army.mil.

16. I would like to put out a request to all of the Br. 4 **Latta** newsletter subscribers to send me their email address and/or mail address, how they are related to the Br. 4 line, and if they have any interesting articles, documents or photos to share. My goal is to try and establish a Branch network of communication for sharing family items and information that individuals may have. We might even uncover some interesting items that could be shared in the newsletter. Thank you. Have a Happy Holiday. Randy **Phillips**, Br. 4 Captain, phillipsf2@aol.com.

17. Looking for information on the ancestors of Benjamin **Barton**, who married Agnes **Latta**. Benjamin was born Mar 2, 1770 in Wilkill, Ulster, NY. We have some information indicating his father was Benjamin, but no birth date or listing for his mother, or any siblings. Thank you for any assistance. rrichter@wwt.net.

18. I am looking for dates, obituaries, burial place, and any pictures if in existence for Henry Thomas **Latta** and his wife Artelia Frances **Horton** from Orange Co. NC in the Hillsborough area. They had five children: Iva Ann, Lucy Ann, Melvin Thomas, David Ernest, and Margaret Frances. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. I think they may be buried in a small cemetery off St. Marys Rd, but not sure where to look. Thank you. sjrwalker@aol.com.

19. Re: Research Query #22, Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issue 26. My GG-grandfather, Moses **Latta** (Branch #3, Family # 13) married Sarah **Johnston**, the daughter of Mathew **Johnston** and Fannie Jane **Belford**. Mathew **Johnston** was born in 1777 in Belfast, County Down (? most maps show Belfast in County Antrim?), Ireland and came to the U.S.A. about 1799 with his wife and two small children. Mathew **Johnston** patented the land next to Moses **Latta's** father on Sewickly Creek in South Huntingdon Twp, Westmoreland County, PA. A Jane **Latta** married James **Johnston**, Sarah's brother. The **Lattas** are on my mother's side. On my father's side I have **Weddells** which I have been researching for many years. I spotted Isabella **Johnston Waddell** name long ago and have tried to identify her first husband, to no avail. There is an unrelated family of **Weddell/Waddell** that appears to have come from the Green-castle area of Franklin County to Westmoreland County and settled in the vicinity of Derry Twp. They were most likely Scotch-Irish. The point of all my rambling is that there is a strong **Latta - Johnston** connection in

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the South Huntingdon, East Huntingdon and Mt. Pleasant Twps of Westmoreland County. From the birth dates it is possible that Isabella **Johnston** could have been a sister or cousin of Mathew **Johnston**, and that Isabella **Johnston** or her parents came from Ireland. Tom **Kintigh**, Branch #3, Tucson, AZ, tgkintigh@att.net.

Report of the Nonprofit Organization Committee

Members: Virginia Curulla, B. Mitchel Latta, William A. Latta, Connie M. Leaman and Cathi Vannice.

We must form a nonprofit corporation for our society by the legal process known as incorporation. This can be done in any state, but since we were doing the work, we are incorporating in Washington State. These are the steps involved.

1. Name for the organization is Latta Genealogical Society

2. Articles of Incorporation. The AOC and the Bylaws are the organizational and governing documents of the corporation. The AOC creates the corporation under state law and are pretty standard in form. The bylaws provide the rules under which the corporation operates. Therefore they are usually written at the same time to make sure that they interrelate with each other.

The Articles are required by state law to contain specific information such as the name, a registered agent, powers, limitations, director liability, names of initial directors, and dissolution. These articles are almost verbatim from "How to Form and Maintain a Nonprofit Corporation in Washington State" written by King County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Community Involvement Committee. The purpose stated will also be used by the IRS to determine eligibility for nonprofit status as far as the IRS is concerned, but that is another step in the process which comes later. The

Incorporators in this case are the members of the committee that has been developing the two documents.

3. File Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State. The AOC are signed by the incorporators and filed. If the Secretary of State finds that they conform to Washington state law, he will endorse the copy, issue a certificate of incorporation and return the certificate to the incorporators. Corporate existence of a nonprofit corporation begins upon the filing of the articles.

4. After the above certificate is received by the committee/incorporators the following happens: Hold Initial Organizational Meeting.

After the issuance of the certificate of incorporation, a majority of the initial directors, again the committee, of the corporation must call an organizational meeting of the board of directors by giving at least three (3) days notice to the initial directors named in the articles. This notice must state the time and place of the meeting.

This meeting should cover the following business items at a minimum

1. Adopt Bylaws: Many groups have found it helpful to hold a study session prior to the organizational meeting to collect comments and discuss the draft documents --- That is what we are now trying to do. We can't all meet face to face, but by the magic of e-mail or mail we can do the next best thing. So, once again, please let's hear your comments - etc.

2. Elect Officers: We have a slate of officers each of whom has agreed to serve.

3. Decide on a Fiscal year. You will find that date in the bylaws but it will officially be adopted at the meeting.

4. Select a bank.

5. Approve any legal documents, i.e. lease, contracts we have none

6. Ratify organizers' Actions: actions taken before incorporation - approve expenses and reimburse.

Both documents have been written and are published here for your comments.

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Report of the Nonprofit Committee

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These are the FINAL drafts--So now is the time for your comments, ask questions or whatever.

Please e-mail Cathi Vannice at cjazz@comcast.net or by mail to one of the committee members in the following article with your comments before 1 Feb. 2006.

We would like to file for incorporation as soon as possible after the first of the year.

Articles of Incorporation of the Latta Genealogical Society

By the Nonprofit Committee

We, the undersigned, acting as the incorporators of a corporation under the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (Chapter 24.03 of the Revised Code of Washington), hereby sign and verify the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

Article I Name

The name of the corporation shall be Latta Genealogical Society (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

Article II Duration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article III Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be

4511 - 154th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be Virginia Latta Cullula.

Article IV Purposes and Powers

Section 1 Purposes

The purpose of this Society shall be educational and charitable, as provided in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and as is consistent with the laws of the State of Washington. It shall be

devoted exclusively to furthering genealogical research, promoting interest in and preserving the records of the surnames Latta, Latty, Lattea, Latto, including all spelling variations and related families.

Section 2 Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- A. To seek genealogical & historical knowledge about the aforesaid families.
- B. To preserve and perpetuate the records of the aforesaid families
- C. To aid individuals in compiling their family histories
- D. To make our Society's research available to others through the Society's publications, electronic, printed and other, and the Society's archival data on deposit at the designated repository or repositories.

To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 3 Powers

In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or By-laws, the Corporation shall have all powers which now or hereafter are conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes set forth above, or are necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or are conducive to the attainment of the Corporation's purposes.

Article V Limitations

All of the purposes and powers of the Corporation shall be exercised exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or any successor provision, and that contributions

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to the Corporation shall be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or any successor provision. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise permitted to an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in [including the publishing or distribution of statements] any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)3 of the Code or any successor provision, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)2 of the Code or any successor provision. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable, to its members (if any), directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

Article VI Members

The qualifications of members, if any, the application process, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members and their liability for dues and assessments, and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VII Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be five (5) directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Name	Address
Virginia Latta Curulla,	4511 – 154 th Place SE,
Bellevue, WA 98006	
B. Mitchel Latta,	4703 NE 112 th Street,
Vancouver, WA 98686	

William A. Latta, 15033 SE 49th Street,
Bellevue, WA 98006

Connie M. Leaman, 4427 SW 315th Street,
Federal Way, WA 98023

Cathryn E. Vannice, 4223 S. 144th Street,
Tukwila, WA 98168

The powers and duties, number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and criteria for removal of directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article VIII Director Liability Limitations

A director shall have no liability to the Corporation for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by the director, or a knowing violation of law by a director, where the director votes or assents to a distribution which is unlawful or violates the requirements of these articles of incorporation, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled. If the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director shall be eliminated or limited to the full extent permitted by the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification for or with respect to an act or omission of such director occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

Article IX Bylaws

Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the initial Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles. The authority to make, alter, amend or repeal bylaws is vested in the Board of Directors working in consort with the Advisory Officers as set forth in the Bylaws and may be exercised at any regular or special meeting of said Directors and Officers.

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Article X Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Society, the Officers who serve as the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Society, offer the assets of the Society to any Washington State organization having objectives substantially like or similar to those of the organization, under Section 501(c)3 of Internal Revenue Code and recognized as exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor provision.

Article XI Incorporators

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of

Incorporation this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Virginia Latta Curulla

B. Mitchel Latta

William A. Latta

Connie M. Leaman

Cathryn E. Vannice

**Bylaws of the
Latta Genealogical Society**

By the Committee

ARTICLE I**CORPORATION and REGISTERED
AGENT**

Section 1 The Corporation shall be known as the Latta Genealogy Society, herein referred to as the Society.

Section 2 The principal office of the corporation shall be located at its principal place of business or such other place as the Executive Board, herein referred to as the Board, may designate. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Washington, as the Board may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

Section 3 The Registered Office of the Society shall be located in the State of Washington, herein also referred to as Washington, at such place as may be fixed from time to time by the Board upon filing of such notices as may be required by law.

Section 4 Registered Agent
The Registered Agent, herein referred to as the Agent, shall reside in Washington.
The Agent shall receive license renewals and other notices and shall forward them to the Society's Secretary, keeping copies in agent's file. The Agent shall accept legal papers served on the Society. The Agent shall bring such papers to the notice of the board as soon as possible.

A statement signed by the Agent indicating consent to serve shall be placed on file with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington.

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ARTICLE II**RESOURCES****Section 1** Publications

The documents and publications listed hereunder, shall be considered bound to these Bylaws.

"The Genealogical Proof Standard". Board for Certification of Genealogists online at

<http://www.bcgcertification.org>

"How to Form and Maintain a Nonprofit Corporation in Washington State". King County, WA Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 2001.

Online at

<http://www.kcba.org/pulications/index.html>

"Crash Course in Family History for LDS". Paul Larsen, ISBN: 0-9742695-09-6, 2003

"Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary", Eleventh Edition, ISBN: 0877798-87, 2003.

"Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised", Tenth Edition. Henry M. Robert III et al, ISBN: 0738203076, 2000. Or the latest edition.

"Webster's New World Computer Dictionary", Tenth Edition. ISBN: 0766452478X, 2003.

Section 2 Archival Repository

The Executive Board shall designate one or more repositories for the Society's collective archival data and artifacts. The Board shall make an agreement with such Archive(s) for the orderly transfer of Latta Family information to another Archive in the event that the collections of the first Archive are being dispersed.

ARTICLE III**GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

Section 1 The Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws including the Standing Rules, the Revised Code of Washington, Non-profit Corporation Act 24.03 RCW, herein referred to as the Act, and Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, herein referred to as the Code, shall be the governing authorities of the Society.

ARTICLE IV**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1 These bylaws shall constitute the governing rules of this Society.

Section 2 Any procedural matter not covered within these bylaws shall be controlled, where applicable, by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order

ARTICLE V**MEMBERSHIP****Section 1** Membership

Any individual who supports the purpose of this Society may become a member in good standing upon payment of the minimum donation as established by the Executive Board policy.

A donor may specify the membership as individual or dual, if two members of a household are active in the Society.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Each member of a dual membership shall be entitled to the same voting privileges as an individual member

All members of the Society shall receive the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, herein referred to the Newsletter. A dual membership shall receive one copy of the Newsletter.

Section 2 Newsletter only subscribers

The Newsletter Editor and Treasurer acting jointly may approve for Newsletter subscription any interested organizations such as libraries, historical societies, or individuals as will promote the interests of the Society, including those who are unable to make a donation due to limited financial circumstances.

Newsletter-only subscribers will be non-voting members of the Society.

Section 3 Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the members shall be held the third Saturday of June each year at 1:00 p. m.

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for the purpose of announcing the results of the election of the members of the Executive Board and such other business as may properly come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting is a legal holiday at the place of the meeting, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the annual meeting is not held on the day designated therefore, the Board shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

Section 4 Special Meetings

The Executive Board, or not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the members entitled to vote at a special meeting, may call special meetings of the members for any purpose.

Section 5 Place of Meetings

All meetings of members shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place within or without the State of Washington designated by the President, the Board, by members entitled to call a meeting of members, or by a waiver of notice signed by all members entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 6 Notice of Meetings

The President, the Secretary or the Board shall cause to be delivered to each member entitled to notice of or to vote at the meeting, either personally or by mail, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the meeting, written notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. At any time, upon the written request of not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice to be given of a special meeting of members to be held at such date, time and place as the Secretary may fix, not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty-five (35) days after receipt of such written request, and if the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to issue such notice, the person or persons making the request may do so and may fix the date, time and place for such meeting. If such notice is

mailed, it shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the official government mail properly addressed to the member at his or her address as it appears on the records of the corporation with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 7 Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member under the provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or applicable Washington law, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 8 Quorum

Fifty per cent (50%) of the members of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. If less than a quorum of members entitled to vote is represented at a meeting, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting by majority vote.

ARTICLE VI

ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 The Society's Fiscal year shall be defined as the calendar year.

Section 2 The administrative affairs of this Society shall be vested in the Executive Board, herein also referred to as the Board, with the following five (5) elected members: President, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Research, Secretary/Historian and Treasurer.

Section 3 The initial President and Treasurer shall serve a three year term while the other officers will serve two years. After the initial terms are served, all elected officers will serve a two years term.

The elected officers may be re-elected to consecutive terms.

Section 4 The Board shall establish positions for and appoint advisory officers such as but not

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limited to: Archivist, Auditor, Branch Captain Coordinator, International Outreach Coordinator, Internet Resource Administrator, Newsletter Editor, Research Projects Coordinator, Research & Review Coordinator and Web Master. The set of Standing Rules shall define the duties of these officers. A simple majority vote of the board shall be sufficient for removal any advisory office position.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 General

The Executive Board is the governing body of the society and receives for action the initiatives of the Advisory Officers and the membership.

The Board shall solicit recommendations from the Advisory Officers.

To take any action, except as otherwise provided herein, a simple majority vote of those present and eligible to vote is required.

A quorum for Board meetings shall be a simple majority of board members. (Note-the number can never be less than 1/3 of the number of directors.)

Proxy votes shall not be permitted.

Section 2 Executive Board

The Executive Board shall

Fill vacancies on the board as necessary during the interim between regular elections.

Monitor and approve the activities of the Society, subject to provisions of these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Designate an Agent in Washington State as required in Article 1 Sec. 2.

The Board may revise the suggested minimum donation as needed to accomplish the purpose of the Society, subject to the approval of a simple majority of the general membership voting.

The Board shall submit an annual Society budget to the Advisory Officers for their approval by a simple majority vote of the Officers voting.

Section 3 President

The President shall

Provide leadership for the Board and membership.

Preside at all meetings of the Society.

Call meetings of the executive board as necessary or advisable, or at the written request of a majority of the Society members.

Initiate communication among the Executive Board members to address issues identified by President or others.

Section 4 Vice President of Communications

The Vice President of Communications shall

Perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve.

Assist the President with administrative duties and perform other duties as directed by the President or the Board.

Act as Parliamentarian and monitor the effectiveness of the Bylaws. Make recommendations for changes as needed.

Facilitate communication within the Society.

Publicize the activities of the Society within the genealogical community.

Section 5 Vice President of Research

The Vice President of Research shall

Facilitate the Society's research.

Report annually to the Board and membership on research activities.

Section 6 Secretary/Historian

The Secretary/Historian shall

Record all actions of the Board.

Preserve a record of all activities of the Society.

Provide a report of the society's activities for each publication of the Newsletter.

Make available records of the proceedings of the Board and the Society to any member in good standing or local, state, or federal official with a legal right to obtain such records. The individual requesting such records may be asked to pay for copying and mailing costs if these proceedings are available on the Society's website.

Correspondence received by any Board member or Corporate Office shall be kept for at least five years; such information can be electronically archived, such as preserved on a CD or similar media.

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Section 7 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall
Establish a checking account in the name of the Society.
Receive, record and deposit all donations into the Society's bank account.
Receive all expense reports, accompanied by proper documentation.
Pay or reimburse Society expenses in a timely manner, as directed by the Board.
Provide a financial report to be published in each Newsletter and on the Society's website.
Provide the Newsletter Editor with a current donor list for each Newsletter
Prepare individual donor records to be included with each Newsletter.
Provide financial records to the Society's Auditor and Secretary/Historian at the time each Newsletter is published, including reconciled bank account register and donor lists and amounts.
File financial reports required by the State of Washington and the Internal Revenue Service.
Engage in a reciprocal exchange of information with the Newsletter Editor or others as appropriate when information or comments are received that pertain to another's area of responsibility and interest.
Serve as registered agent in the State of Washington as provided for in Article I Sec. 2. If the Treasurer is not a resident of the State of Washington, the Board shall appoint a registered agent as required in Article I Section 2.
In no way shall the Treasurer assume the duties of the Auditor.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least once a year at an agreed upon time, using an appropriate form of convocation. Notice shall be given at least seven (7) days

in advance by ground mail or electronic means as appropriate. Board members shall acknowledge receipt of the notice.

Section 2 The Executive Board may call membership meetings in conjunction with the Latta Family Reunions.

Section 3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the written request of the President or any two (2) members of the Executive Board. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings may fix any place either within or without the State of Washington as the place for holding any special Board.

Section 4 Meetings by Telephone

Members of the Executive board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 5 Place of Meetings

All meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place within or without the State of Washington designated by the Board, by any persons entitled to call a meeting or by a waiver of notice signed by all members of the Board.

Section 6 Notice of Special Meetings

Notice of special Board meetings shall be given to a Board member in writing or by personal communication with the Board member not less than 48 hours before the meeting. Notices in writing may be delivered or mailed to the Board Member at his or her address shown on the records of the corporation. Neither the business to be transacted at, not the purpose of any special meeting need be specified in the notice of such meeting. If notice is delivered by mail, the notice shall be deemed effective when deposited in the official government mail properly addressed with postage thereon prepaid.

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ARTICLE IX**COMMUNICATION AND DECISION MAKING**

Section 1 The goal is to use all possible avenues of communication and operate by consensus.

Section 2 The Board shall notify the membership of significant issues by the Newsletter, ground mail, or electronic means, as appropriate. Members' opinions and/or suggestions shall be considered by the Executive Board in an effort to reach a consensus.

ARTICLE X**NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1 Only persons who have been Society members in good standing for twelve (12) months prior to nominations are eligible for election to any Society position

Section 2 The executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five members by the first of December. The committee will be announced in the December issue of the Newsletter to facilitate nominations from the membership.

Section 3 The Nominating Committee shall Submit the names of at least one qualified candidate for each elective office within forty-five (45) days of appointment. Nominations by the Membership shall be made in writing to the nominating committee. Each Candidate for election must give their consent to have their name placed on the ballot. The slate of candidates for the Executive Board shall be published in the Spring issue of the Newsletter with a mail ballot and two envelopes. The marked ballot shall be placed in the smaller unmarked envelope, and then placed in the outer envelope, which shall be signed by the voting member.

All ballots must be post marked within twenty-on (21) days of mailing to the membership.

Section 4 An election committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board to count the mailed ballots and make the results known to the Society.

Section 5 A candidate will be considered elected if receiving a majority of the votes cast by ballots returned to the location specified and within the time limit established in section 3 of this article.

Section 6 Newly elected Executive Board members shall assume their position on July 1st of alternating years.

ARTICLE XI**DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY OFFICERS**

Section 1 The Advisory Officers shall be appointed by the Executive Board as specified in the Standing Rules or as otherwise determined by the Board.

Section 2 The Advisory Officers shall facilitate implementation of Board and Membership decisions. These Officers shall promote activities that further the purpose of the Society.

Section 3 The Advisory Officers shall make recommendations to the Executive Board.

Section 4 All Officers shall keep and submit receipts to the Treasurer for expenditures, if any, as authorized in their budget.

ARTICLE XII**PUBLICATIONS**

Section 1 The Society shall publish the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, herein referred to as the Newsletter, at least three times a year.

Section 2 The Society shall maintain the approved Internet Resources to ensure a robust communication with the membership.

Section 3 The Society is the sole owner of all publications in any media including but not limited to print, electronic, magnetic and optical.

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ARTICLE XIII**AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made at any Executive Board meeting.

Section 2 An amendment shall be considered as passed if carried by simple majority of those members of the Executive Board voting.

ARTICLE XIV**ADOPTION**

These Bylaws, pages 1-9 are adopted this
_____ Day of _____, 2006.

Attested:

Virginia Latta Curulla
B. Mitchel Latta
William A. Latta
Connie M. Leaman
Cathryn E. Vannice

Approval
Date _____

STANDING RULES

By the Nonprofit Committee

Section 1 These Standing Rules may be amended by a simple majority the Board after considering recommendations submitted by the Advisory Officers.

Section 2 Duties of the Advisory Officers

2.1 Archivist

The Archivist shall

Receive, review, organize, inventory and forward data and artifacts for deposit in the Latta Family

Archives at the designated repository or repositories.

Obtain a signed acknowledgement from donors indicating that they understand that their submissions will be deposited in one or more archives with other Latta information.

The submitters shall also specify if they desire information about living individuals to be deposited in the archives.

A copy of the inventory of the donated material and a copy of the acknowledgment will be forwarded with the material to the archives.

A copy of the inventory and acknowledgement document shall be sent to the Secretary/Historian. The current designated repository is the Allen County Public Library, 900 Webster St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801.

2.2 Auditor

The Auditor shall

Receive and review the Treasurer's financial records at the time each Newsletter is published. Prepare an annual audit report for the President Monitor the non profit status of the Society.

In no way shall the Auditor assume the title or duties of the Treasurer.

2.3 Branch Captains

The Branch Captains shall

Collect, organize and share information for their representative branch.

Start a GEDCOM file with the data collected for the branch.

Enter into the GEDCOM all information with documentation received from other members of the branch.

Coordinate research to provide documentation for all data contained in GEDCOM.

Share GEDCOM information with other members of the branch. Ensure that the GEDCOM file does not contain any information about living persons to protect their privacy.

Information about living persons may be shared ONLY with the written permission of the living individual.

Submit updates for the website to the Branch Captain Coordinator.

Perform other duties as assigned by the Branch Captain Coordinator.

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Act as an advisor to the Branch Captain Coordinator.

Periodically write reports for the Newsletter.

2.4 Branch Captain Coordinator

The Branch Captain Coordinator shall Coordinate and facilitate the work of the Branch Captains.

Appoint and replace Branch Captains as necessary with Board approval.

Review all data submitted by the Branch Captain for the Society's website.

2.5 International Outreach Coordinator

The International Outreach Coordinator shall Promote and log information gathered about the Latta surnames and related families worldwide. Promote and disseminate Society's knowledge of Latta and related families worldwide.

2.6 Internet Resource Administrator

The Internet Resource Administrator shall Register the Internet Domain Name of Latta.org and keep this registration current.

Help to Maintain and monitor the Internet Rootsweb.com Latta Surname Mail List.

Subscribe and unsubscribe individuals if they are unable to do so on their own.

Unsubscribe individuals who are posting inappropriate messages.

Help to Maintain and monitor the Internet Ancestry.com Latta Message Board.

Block sender who continue to send materials deemed inappropriate to the Charter of the Society and delete messages deemed inappropriate to the Charter of the Society.

Maintain a link between the Internet Ancestry.com Latta Message Board and the Internet Rootsweb.com Latta Mail List so that messages posted to the message board will appear automatically on the Latta Mail List.

2.7 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall

Publish *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter*, herein referred to as the Newsletter, at least three times a year.

Collect and solicit articles from the membership and other sources for the Newsletter.

Publish the financial report and list of donors received from the Treasurer.

Compare subscriber list received from Treasurer with the Newsletter mailing list.

Engage in reciprocal exchange of membership information of comments with the Treasurer or other officers as appropriate.

Ready the Newsletter for distribution.

Mail Newsletters using the most economical mailing rate available.

Update mailing list if Newsletter is returned as undeliverable or with a forwarding address noted.

Store and maintain a collection of back issues 1-13 & 15 as paper copies and issues 14, 16-21 and any future Newsletters by electronic means with appropriate back-up of said electronic means.

Fill requests for back issues from copies of the master file issues.

Forward any funds received to the Treasurer with appropriate documentation.

Maintain a correspondence file with libraries and others that are interested in receiving the Society's Newsletter, but are not members of the Society.

Grant permission for libraries or other societies to reprint articles published in the Newsletter as appropriate.

2.8 Research Projects Coordinator

The Research Projects Coordinator shall

Accept and review request for research projects.

Submit recommendations to the Executive Board.

Promote and disseminate our knowledge of Latta and related families, specifically in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland is the only current Research project.

2.9 Research & Review Coordinator

The Research & Review Coordinator shall

Support Latta family research.

Accept and review documentation for the Latta Branches.

Determine if the family is part of a known branch

Determine if documentation submitted meets the Genealogical Proof Standard, herein referred to as the GPS.

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Assign new branch number if the GPS is met and research does not pertain to known Branch.

Suggest and provide guidance for further research to submitter if documentation is not sufficient at the time of the submission.

Write a report for the Vice President of Research

Maintain files for potential new branches.

Suggest researcher write a report for the Newsletter.

2.10 Web Master

The Web Master shall

Maintain and add material forwarded to the webmaster by the Research and Review Coordinator or the Branch Captains Coordinator for publication on the Society's website.

Maintain a file of signed written permissions from the originator of published information.

Monitor and ensure that no living individual's personal information is posted at the Society's website, unless written permission is obtained and kept on file by the webmaster as long as that personal information is posted on the website.

Editorial

The editor realizes that this is a very lengthy newsletter, but it is necessary that we give formal written notification of our legal plans and bylaws. Please read it all, and please continue to be a part of our Latta Genealogical Society.

Reprints of Issues 1-26 of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter may be obtained at a cost of \$3.50 each by writing to the editor, Ken Mueller, 7400 East Mule Circle, Prescott Valley, Arizona, 86314.
