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ALEXANDER LATTIE

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As I understand, my great great grandfather, Alexandre Meldrum Lattie/Latta was the child of John Lattie, born in Scotland and Helene Clark Lattie, born in Scotland. Alexandre was the second of three children that I am aware of. He was born 10 May 1802 in St Andrew, County Fife, Scotland. I also have Kilkaldy, Fifeshire in the local records in Oregon. I do not have information on the first child born to John and Helene. However, I have the name of the third child, James Lattie.

From here on I notice the name of my ancestor is spelled, "Alexander" most often rather than "Alexande".

We skip to the year 1830. Alexander is now about 28 years old and in Oregon Territory. He may have come here with the Hudson Bay Company. Secondly, he may have arrived on the English bark *Ganymeade*. Thirdly, local records also indicated he came to the Pacific as a First Mate of the bark *Columbia*. It has been pointed out that many Latties located in Nova Scotia, and live in Latties Brook. I have never seen any mention of my ancestors being there or not.

The natives showed Alexander the hazards of the *Columbia*. It seems he was very skilled at bringing barks across the bar and into the mighty *Columbia*.

Whether he was brought here by the Hudson Bay Company or hired after his arrival is not actually known. However, at some point he became an employee. Before long he was fired for drunkenness, but quickly rehired by the company for fear he would guide other vessels to the *Columbia* River fur trade country.

From October 1843 there is an account that Dr. John McLaughlin was forced to promote Mr.

Lattie to 2nd Mate of the bark *Vancouver*, the first ship to enter Victoria Harbor from London. He was 2nd Mate/ Commander of the English Side-Wheel Steamer, *Beaver*, for a period of 2 years. Records show he was on the *Cadboro*, the *Tonquin*, and USS *Shark* also.

For a period of time he was Chief Factor of Ft. George, now Astoria, Oregon. From his Journal (1846), now housed at the Heritage Historical Society, it appears Alexander was a well educated man. He wrote well and kept good notes. *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Volume LXIV, No. 3, Sept. 1963.

On 3 November 1845, Alexander was officially married by a Catholic Priest, P DeVos, of S J Mission. He also baptized Ce'cust the same day. He gave her the Christian name, Marie Catherine Sikkas. Ce'cust's father was a Tillamook Indian, and her mother was a Chinook Indian. It is said though she was given the name Marie Catherine

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Editorial

Mrs. Smith says that she likes old letters. I like them, too. So please send me a copy of your old letters, and I will consider them for a future newsletter. Along with the letter, please include any information on how it was mailed, from whom to whom, and maybe even a little genealogy information on the people mentioned in the letter. If you think that the handwriting might be a little difficult, feel free to type up a translation.

One of my concerns with an old letter is that it may never be published, and thus lost to history and future generations. So often we have just facts and figures on our family. An old letter is a chance to see the personality of your ancestor. My challenge to you is to look for some old letters and see what we can do to save our Latta heritage.

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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 27, Fall 2005, page 32. Here is a revised list of our branch captains, with names and addresses.

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REPORT PERIOD FROM 12/3/05 through 4/20/06:

COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 12/3/05: **\$ 5,022.63**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 945.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$4,077.63

Income 12/3/05 through 4/20/06 **\$ 1,128.14**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 0 donors	\$ 00.00
GENERAL FUND – 52 donors	\$1,128.14

Expenses 12/3/05 through 4/20/06: **(\$ 956.96)**

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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 945.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$4,248.81 ²

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NOTES REGARDING DONATIONS:

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Your donations support the publication and mailing of the newsletter and cover related expenses. These include the registration fee for the Latta.org website domain name (renewable every year), the monthly website connection fee, and expenses related to the project of becoming a nonprofit organization.

Currently, we are unable to accept credit card donations. So far, one subscriber has requested that we resume accepting credit card payments.

Donations received after 4/20/06 will be acknowledged in the next newsletter. Please direct any corrections, questions, or comments about donations or financial matters to the treasurer, Virginia Latta Curulla, address above. Thank you.

¹ Expenses for issue #28 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² Balance will be approximately \$ 3,400 after deducting expenses for issue #28.

Alexander Lattie

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she preferred to be known as Elizabeth.

On the Marriage Records, it is recorded that Alexandre was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and the groom consented to let the five (5) children be raised Catholic. The children, at that time, were Alexandre, William, Helene, Marie and John Z. Their ages 13, 11, 9, 5 and 3. Eventually there were three (3) more children born into this family. Susanne, John Z., and Mary Elizabeth (the youngest, my great grandmother).

It is important to note when Alexander married he signed his name, Alexr. Lattie.

The Marriage and Baptism records are in the Ilwaco Historical Society and Museum, Ilwaco, Washington.

Alexander Lattie was Naturalized and became a citizen 16 May 1846.

Alexander drowned 4 September 1849, at the age of 47. He was poling in a canoe, the pole did not hit bottom, he was pitched over the side and never came up.

According to Rev. G. H. Atkinson's Diary, Alexander drowned on 10 September 1849. "I heard yesterday of the death of Mr. Lattis, a pilot. He is said to have been intoxicated, was poling a canoe at Vancouver, suddenly came to deep water, run his pole down, finding no bottom, he pitched into the river and did not rise...". "Diary of G.H. Atkinson 1847-1858" Part V, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, XLI, March 1980.

Mrs. Latties' Donation Claim Papers state Lattie drowned in the Columbia, near the mouth of the Willamette.

Ce'cust, Marie Catherine, (Elizabeth) Lattie lived some 20 years beyond her husband, Alexander. She was the first Indian to be granted a Land Claim, 360 acres. Her son William also held a Claim for another 360 acres. Elizabeth established a boarding house (summer house) in 1853. Upon her death the oldest daughter, Helene, acquired the summer house. The area is today the beautiful beach resort of Seaside, Oregon. I now live across the street from the burial site of Ce'cust.

**Early History of
Cherry County, Nebraska**

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(Editor's note: Larry Sullivan, who brought this article to my attention, states that Milton Latta is of Branch 1.)

In the farming sections of the county the first wells were dug by hand. Some wells were walled up with lumber, others needed no walls because the nature of the soil was such that it would not cave in. Wells in the ranching section presented a more difficult problem because of the sandy soil which always caved in. Early ranchers attempted to overcome this problem by digging a few feet, then putting in a curb made of lumber and weighted with sand. They then dug underneath the curb which settled as they dug beneath it. But at best they could go down only a few feet and consequently were able to use only surface water. In 1895 Milton Latta, whose home on Hackberry Lake was on the present site of the headquarters of the Wild Fowl Refuge, conceived the idea that by pumping water up through an iron pipe, he could sink it into the sand to any depth desired. He believed that by digging a small hole and keeping it filled with water, he could pump the sand and water up through the pipe and that the water in the hole would prevent the sides from caving in. Accordingly he made a drill of a short piece of 1¼ inch pipe with one end flared so that it was a little larger than the rest of the pipe. This drill was the same size as the pipe to be used in the well.

Mr. Latta tried out his idea at his home and found it completely successful. As he pumped the pipe down he examined the sand. When the sand became coarse he drew the pipe out and put on a "sand point" made of six feet of perforated pipe covered with fine gauze down to the point where the pipe reached the coarse sand. After allowing sufficient time for the walls of the well to settle

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around the pipe and hold it firmly in place, a pump was attached to the pipe and soon fine clear water was coming forth. This discovery solved the well problem for the shallow water sections of the county.

Mr. Latta's next well was made for W. H. Stratton at its store at the Oasis Post Office, midway between Simoen and Kennedy, but later discontinued. News of the success of these two wells soon spread to all parts of the county and Mr. Latta was in much demand to make wells which were sorely needed. To show what this meant to the early ranchers, during the winter of 1894-95 at the homestead of the author, one hundred head of mature cattle were watered by pumping the water with a wooden pump by hand from a shallow well.

(50) Mr. Latta secured a patent on his process for making wells and sold rights to use the process in a given territory. Nearly all of the wells in the ranching section of Cherry County are now made by his process. With good windmills attached to these wells, ranchmen give no thought to their water supply other than to keep the mills and pumps in good order.

Mr. Latta's process also made it possible for settlers to have water in their homes. By installing a pump and sink in the house, water was available. This method was used in most homes until the time of modern homes with power water systems. In homes not yet made modern Mr. Latta's wells are still in use and are a great improvement over the previous method of carrying water from a well outside the house.

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Researcher Sends 'Cousin' on a Scavenger Hunt

By: Lawrence Sullivan, Sullivan@srtc.com.

Thanks to Cheryl Sue Lattea Cox (Branch #46), and her fine groundwork in pursuing the notorious "Blacklegs" William Latta in her family tree, I was able to run the rascal down and can all now rest in peace.

The end of the trail: Greenwood Cemetery at Monroe, Wisconsin, under a stone that reads "William Latta - died Nov. 18, 1867, Age 68 ys."

You may recall that the last public record from his life on the sly was a letter written in 1858 saying he had fled the law and was somewhere in Iowa.

Well, it turned out that is where they caught him. He was convicted - possibly a "first" in his long career in crime - and was locked up at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Ft. Madison. But somehow the old fox got himself freed once again, with a pardon from the governor that a leading clergyman claimed was fishy.

After running him to ground, I went back to my notes on the gang of horse thieves and counterfeiters known as "Blacklegs" who operated out of a tamarack swamp in Noble County, Indiana, and ranged as far a field as New York, Ontario and Minnesota.

As you know, the gang was crushed and scattered with the arrest of a handful of them at Rome City in 1858 and the subsequent trial and hanging of Gregor McDougale. My eye was caught by two sentences in McDougale's long and detailed confession that I had overlooked before. They said he and an associate, along with their wives, "came to Burr Oak, Michigan, and there met with Wm. Latta. Bought a place opposite, and stayed there several weeks repairing the place." The time appears to have been about 1855.

I had not considered this area previously (St. Joseph County, Michigan), but it lies due north of LaGrange County, Indiana, and just west of Branch County, where many of Latta's siblings settled.

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Scavenger Hunt

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The 1840 census placed William Latta in Orange Twp., Noble County, Indiana, on the La-Grange County line.

It took some effort, for it turned out that Latta was not in Burr Oak 10 years later after all, but immediately to the south in a smaller township called Fawn River. On top of that, Ancestry.Com misread the family name and indexed it as SATTA.

Anyway, that is where they were. William, listed as a farmer, headed a family that included his wife, Sarah; a 22-year-old-son named Napoleon [Bowen] Latta, working as an innkeeper; and a 13-year-old daughter named Harriett.

Finding several bits about the family on the St. Joseph GenWeb pages and other sources, I was able to trace the Lattas to Wisconsin in 1860 and 1870; back to Michigan, in Branch and St. Joseph counties, in 1880; and to Grand Rapids in 1900.

William Latta threw another ringer at me before the hunt was over. He somehow got registered in 1860 census both in the State Penitentiary at Ft. Madison, Iowa, and in the home of his son and family at Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin.

I figured it had to be the same man: how many 60-year-old Pennsylvania-born William Lattas, both of them counterfeiters, could there be on the planet?

Besides, the official account of McDougale's trial, published in 1859, even said McDougale's brother John wrote to Latta "somewhere in Iowa" warning him that detectives were hot on his trail.

I figure he had been let out of prison in time for the census taker to catch him in Wisconsin (the page was filled out on June 10), but not quick enough to be removed from the prison rolls.

A few news items from papers accessible on the web confirmed that supposition. I did not learn why the governor pardoned Latta, but did find the parson's accusation that it was in return for Latta's agreement to pump \$20,000 in funny money into a political campaign then under way in western Iowa.

In a final flourish, I found a small item in The Fort Wayne Sentinel on 10 April 1858 that read:

"Bowen Latta, son of the far-famed William Latta, was arrested a few days ago at Galesburg, Ills. Four thousand dollars in counterfeit notes on a Massachusetts Bank were found on his person."

Let me know if you want any of my notes.
Your "cousin," Larry.

Old Letters And Research

By: Barbara R. Smith, Branch 1

I love old letters! Reading an old letter is like opening a door to the past. They are interesting and can also be very helpful when you are doing genealogy.

Some years ago I was looking for information on my Latta family in the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The microfiche listed a film with some of the work of Robert H. Latta, of Denver. The film had only a few typed notes, mostly about John, the eldest son of William and Jane Latta of Fayette County, Pennsylvania - Branch 1. Happily, it also had several old letters which he had transcribed.

One of those letters was recently published in Issue 26 of *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter*. The letter was from Jane Latta, of Adams County, Ohio to her Uncle Samuel Latta, in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and was dated January 3, 1838. Samuel was the 6th son of William and Jane Latta. In her letter, Jane described how Robert Latta had gone to Illinois where he had laid out a town on the Illinois River, set up a saw mill and sold thirty odd lots for \$100 each. He had just got his mill started when he took sick with bilious fever and died fourteen days later. Robert left one quarter of his estate to Mr. Foster, with whom he had been living while in Illinois, and the rest of his estate to his sister, Jane. (This is not the same Jane who was writing to her uncle Samuel.) In another letter to Samuel, Jane calls Jane and her brother, John, cousins. The second letter makes it clear that, Jane and John

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had another brother. Joseph, who had died not long before Robert. Apparently, Mr. Foster was making away with Robert's assets so John moved to Illinois to look after Jane's financial interests.

Well, I love a challenge, and I really wanted to see if I could find this Robert Latta who had met with such misfortune. I knew that James, the eldest son of Robert, the third son of William and Jane, was living in Tazewell County on the Illinois River. So I decided to start there, and if necessary, look at all of the county histories and records along that very lengthy river. Fortunately, I found what I was looking for just two counties north of Tazewell.

In the 1860 History of Putnam and Marshall Counties, by Henry A. Ford, pages 121—122, I found in the description of the town of Webster, so named for the great expounder, Daniel Webster, the following statement: "A fractional quarter section was laid off here on the 20th of June, 1837, by Robert Latta, Alvin Dascomb, Walton Plato and Major P. McAllaster, Webster being thus ushered into existence by the skillful hand of the County Surveyor and his assistants", etc. At the bottom of the page is a footnote: Col. Latta died in Webster Sept. 23d 1837, "much lamented by all who knew him", as his obituary states.

In microfilm #1000510, item 4, page 355, another history of Marshall County, Webster, its beginning and its demise and this comment, "The death of Col. Latta gave the place its finishing blow. The settlers left and the cabins were removed elsewhere." It would be interesting to visit the nearby town of Lacon and see if any Lattas are buried there. The *Lacon Herald* (newspaper) was established in 1837. Perhaps it was the *Lacon Herald* that published Robert's obituary.

Later on I found in microfiche #6016848 - State of Illinois Public Domain Land Index - page 15809: Robert Latta of Ohio made six purchases of land in Marshall County in 1835 and 1836 for a total of 814.26 acres. (Obviously I should have looked here first.)

Some interesting facts to keep in mind:

The Jane Latta who wrote the letter was living in Adams County, Ohio.

Andrew, the second son of William and Jane Latta., in the 1830 census was listed in Sprigg township - page 80, Adams County, Ohio with his second wife and daughter.

Andrew's youngest son, Robert, was married in Adams County March 18, 1831 to Harriet Sillcott. One of their children is buried in the Cherry Fork Cemetery in Wayne township where they lived at that time.

John T. Latta was also listed in Sprigg township - page 79 in 1830. At that time he had a wife and four children. John was married to Margaret Smalley in Brown County, April 27, 1825.

The Jane Latta who wrote to her uncle Samuel was Andrew's daughter. In Jane's second letter she mentions her brothers and sisters and where they live. Since she calls Jane and John her cousins, it is obvious that they are the children of either James (fourth son) or William (uncertain birth number).

The very early land records for Ohio show a James Latta in the White Oak Creek area of Ross County in 1800. Adams and Brown counties were formed from Ross. The Steubenville Land Office shows James Latta in Brown County in 1805. White Oak Creek is in Brown County near where Jane, John and Andrew Latta lived. There is also a Bullskin Creek near there. William and Jane lived in Bullskin township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Coincidence? I don't think so.

My conclusion: the John Latta who went to Webster to look after his sister's interests was John T. Latta of Adams County, Ohio (Branch #30). He was listed in Marshall, Lacon Precinct, page 189 when the 1840 census was taken as well as in Adams Co, Ohio. The trip to Illinois cost him dearly, as a letter from Nancy Robertson to Samuel in 1842 explains, "and her (Jane's) brother John went to where their brother Robert died and (John) lost his wife and five of his children, and came back again." John returned to Adams County, Ohio with his three older children. When the 1850 census was taken, they were in Brown County, Union township, page 50. John Latta died near Russellville in 1859.

Letter from William T. Latta to Samuel Latta

Transcribed by: Barbara R. Smith, Branch 1.

(Editor's Note: This letter was printed in its original handwriting in Issue 27.)

February the 5th 1857

Dear Father and Mother,

I take this opportunity to inform you that we are in good health at present and hoping that these few lines will find (you) enjoying the blessing.

The friends is all well so far as (we) know. I received your letter in due time. It gave me a great deal of satisfaction to hear that you was all well. cousin Chandler gets married tomorrow to the widow Edson. Wants a man but tries at a child. I think that the next will be my turn. I am going (to) see her tonight. The lung fever has been very fatal here this winter and a great no (number) has died with the erysipelas this (and) dysentery with bad fever in Fall. I am go in the (infirmary) Friday.

Wheat is 62 per, corn 25 per, oats 28. We have cut about 300 rod ditch on the marsh (acre). Cost us one hundred dollars and that is 150 rods cut, yet we are again to cut that this Spring and that will cost 75 dollars (to) get that done. It is a larger ditch than the other large ditch (and) it will cost about fifty cents a rod. We are cutting rail in about now to fence marsh in. We got no hay from it last harvest of . Robert Curl is in California and there was a letter came from Laben Parker a few days ago. Just stated that Nathan bad with the erysipelas and believed Curl died) lay sick for two months before the letter was wrote. (Note that he had died.) Samuel and Robert I (want to know) what progress you're making to get you a wife.

Now tell me honestly whether you are engaged or not. The chill fearsome is so common that I didn't hardly think worth while to speak about it. We have many queer winters here. For two or three days at a time cold enough to freeze man or beast and then the next two or three days is warm enough to work about without a coat. Last summer was

very hard. The wheat crops wasn't very good, the straw was short but it was able (to) fill out. I would like if some of you would come here.

My best to all the girls, to all inquiring friends. Tell Ilene Spear that (I am) well and I hope that (she is) well. Tell her that she mustn't get married to S. I'm com(ing) back there so they mustn't fret.

William T Latta to Samuel Latta

April the 11 A.D. 1857

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present And hoping that these few lines will find you all enjoying these blessings. The friends are all well so far as I know. Ephraim Latter and wife was here to visit last Fall. John Latta was married last Fall and she has put out his, all but the two youngest, and left her family. I think that will be worth you ___ sometimes is a ___ and the wheat crops was light yet the corn was a mess. Crop corn lost the seed. The 11 of May they was a good payment and that was the last. February the wells was all dry. Wheat \$100/per bail. The wheat crops was big ht (height) and oats housed the seed on the 4th and 5th it snowed as fast as I ever saw it. Now the snow is sixteen inches deep but we live in hope that the winter will break sometime. Cousin John Jenkins late winter.

I have written five letters to you and received no answer. Please answer this as soon as you can. Nothing more at present but remain your friend.

To you all,
William T. Latta

Now it is May 3rd

I better hurry now and if I find it profitable I will work it all summer. The snow and cold weather continues yet the freeze last night harder then was.

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Letter From William T. Latta

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More snow fell through the month of April then fell all winter before. Now this May, the 3rd May, comes in very cold and cold but it has not repent yet. Here the winters is long and cold and I have made (up my) mind to get me a wife before another winter, for sleeping alone (is) enough to kill a man in this cold climate.

All _____ When you write about me (to) friends and neighbors then take my best respects to all inquiring friends and neighbors.

I am going to see my sweet (Permillia) next Sunday night.

I heard just when I finished concluded my letter (that) Dr. Johnston Latta was lying at the in death but he has gotten better. He had the arysipelas. Milton Latta stayed about sixteen days with him and two others for various times.

Elizabeth Chandler has her son J. with us. He (is) nice and I will plead for (him) to stay if (he) can.

I heard a few days ago that cousin Robert was sick and five of Samuel Curl family is sick again. Chandler's wife has been to feed to her. Robert is married. Cousin Nancy's husband is (also) living there. My best respects to all inquiring friends. Now this is March the 7th.

William T. Latta
% Samuel Latta

John S. Latta Gives Dome Entrance

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One of the main entrances to the UNI-Dome, the covered coliseum now under construction on the UNI campus, will be given by John S. Latta, Jr., in memory of his father, John S. Latta, according to

T. Wayne Davis, national chairman of the UNI Foundation's Centennial Fund Drive.

Both father and son, long-time Cedar Falls businessmen, are alumni of the University. J. S. Latta Sr. attended what was then known as Iowa State Normal School, receiving a bachelor of didactics degree in 1903. Homer Seerley was president of the Normal School at this time, and was still president in 1924 when J. S. Latta, Jr. enrolled.

"The Centennial Committee and all involved are grateful to Mr. Latta for the latest contribution," Davis said. "It is indicative of this man whose life-time interest in UNI has been spelled out in guanine support of the many programs."

The entrance, which will bear the name John S. Latta, will be one of two located on the east side of the dome facing Hudson Road. The doors of the entrance will be recessed under a sloping concrete canopy which will be 60 feet wide and 20 feet high at its widest point. Spectators will funnel into the UNI-Dome through the 25-foot deep enclosure, passing through three glass revolving doors into the dome's main enclosure. There will also be 13 metal exit doors.

The John S. Latta entrance is the second of four intended to bear the names of major contributors to the UNI-Dome. Last fall, the late C. B. McDonald, 1920 UNI graduate and Cleveland businessman, contributed \$100,000 in the Centennial Fund Drive, becoming the first to give a naming gift.

The present goal of the UNI-Dome is \$7.1 million, which exceeds the original estimate. With nearly \$5 million already available through pledges and the bonding of student fees and other University funds, fund raising efforts are being aimed at the higher goal.

Construction of the coliseum is now underway on land west of the main campus, but the additional funds are necessary if desired features are to be included. It is expected completion will be in the fall of 1975 and dedication held during UNI's centennial celebration the following year.

The coliseum is the first of a three-phase centennial campaign which also includes a fine arts auditorium as phase two and various smaller

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John S. Latta

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additions to the University's resources as the concluding phase.

J. S. Latta, Sr., grew up in Louisiana where he became a rural school teacher. A desire for further education led him to Cedar Falls where he attended what is now known as UNI and founded the J. S. Latta School Supply business in 1896 with an original investment of \$75.

For many years the business was conducted by mail only and orders were received from the 48 continental states and from missionaries in foreign countries. The backbone of the business was "Latta's Book for Teachers," early editions of which are now collector's items. The eighth and last edition of this book was published in 1932.

The senior Latta was a leader in Cedar Falls where he served on the School Board for many years. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School for 30 years. He was one of the founders of the Cedar Falls Bible Conference and helped raise funds to keep it going. He died in 1956.

John S. Latta, Jr., a 1929 graduate of UNI, began work in his father's company the same year, serving as president from 1936 to 1971, at which time he retired. In 1972, J. S. Latta and Son merged with W. R. Grace and Company.

"Mr. Latta built the business into one of the most respected and successful school supply and distributorships in the United States," Davis said.

Mayor of Cedar Falls for two terms, John S. Latta, Jr., also served as officer and stockholder in Control-o-Fax Corporation, University Book and Supply, Advanced Systems, Inc., and others. He also served on the Boards of Directors of the First National Bank, Midway Bank and HON Industries of Muscatine.

Latta was active in the United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Elks Club, Beaver Hills Country Club and many other activities. He is a past president of the National School Supply and Equipment

Association. He now lives half the year in Cherokee Village, Ark., where he has continued his interest in civic and governmental activities. He and his wife, Virginia, spend the other half of the year in Vermont.

Latta has two children, John S. Latta III of Portland Ore., and Mrs. William E. (Joanne) Plantan of Cedar Falls. He has ten grandchildren, one of whom is John S. Latta IV.

**New Information on the
Latta Family Branch 11**

By: L. Marie Latta, lmarielatta@yahoo.com.

The following is information that adds to what is known about Branch #11.

Frances Scott Latty and John Latty's daughter, Nancy Latty b about 1813 d _____. She had children with a "Coleman", according to John R. Gritts' affidavit in the Dawes Application for her son, William Latty. (The date is not readable on my copy).

Nancy Latty's brother, John Latty, b approx 1819-1821, d 12/31/1894 and is buried at Bethel Cemetery near Cado Gap, Arkansas, no tombstone. (I have a copy of the burial request provided by John Westfall that shows date of death.)

John Latty's ex wife, Frances Connor Latty known as Fannie Latty, b 8/23/1827 d 8/17/1887 and buried at Caney Cemetery, Cherokee Co., Oklahoma.

The grave next to Fannie's is Susie(Latty)Tyner, my gggrandmother, b. (1827-1835) d 3/11/1911. The only information on her marriage is the reference by Sarah Ann Fuller in her sworn statement for Application No.14095-29994, says that Susan, one of mother Nancy Latty's sisters, married a Kiner (this could be a typing error and should be Tyner) by 1851. There is no family knowledge of her husband but she was known as Susie Tyner.

Susie Tyner's only child, James Matthew "Matt" Latty b. 8/15/1848 in Hamilton Co., Tennessee, d. 12/18/1892. I believe the "James age 3"

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listed in the 1850 Hamilton County, Tennessee census in John Latty's household is Matt.

Susan/Susie Latty/Tyner is not listed in that household census. On the 1860 Pineville McDonald County, Missouri Census there is a James M age 12, M. b. Mo. in Jefferson Latty's household. I believe this is Matt as the age is right and Jefferson is his uncle. (although Matt was born in TN).

James Matthew Latty m 12/27/1866 McDonald County, Missouri Marriage Records 1865-1951) to Vilsie (Baker) Latty b. 9/2/1846 d. 1/3/1904, both are buried at Caney Cemetery.

Matt & Vilsie Latty's children:

Rosa Belle Latty b 3/10/1873 d 1/17/1951 m Dowe Willis, b 4/18/1867 d 1/10/1951. Both are buried at Caney Cemetery.

Poly Latta (my grandfather) b 1/15/1878 at Wauhatchie, Indian Territory, Cherokee County, Oklahoma, d 1/13/1967. He changed the spelling of his last name to Latta sometime after 1907 when his first son was born and before the second son was born in 1911 - according to family lore because the post office was delivering his mail to other Lattys on his route. He married on 9/5/1904 to Ada Geneva Carlile b 8/24/1885 d 8/29/1937. Both are buried at Barber Cemetery, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.

Levi "Lee" Latty b. 7/15/1880 d 5/15/1970 m. Mary Edna Willis b 10/22/1878 d 9/7/1959. Both are buried at Caney Cemetery.

Jefferson "Jeff" Latty b. 7/4/1883 d.

Andrew "Andy" Madison Latty b 7/2/1887 d 1951 and buried in Bixby, Oklahoma.

James Henry "Jim" b 7/8/1889 d 1952 and buried at Caney Cemetery.

Poly and Ada Latta's children:

Henry Edward Latty b 12/17/1907 at Tahlequah, Ok., d 6/1973 and buried at Memorial Park, Rogers, Arkansas. He married Mary Lillie Potts b 5/24/1906 d.

Bennie Hubbard Latta b 11/24/1911 Qualls, Oklahoma. d 8/11/1971. He married Katie Elizabeth Christie d 2/26/1990 and both are buried at Barber Cemetery.

Jess Raymond Latta (my father) b 3/28/1917 at Qualls, Oklahoma d 5/21/1979. He married Hazel Genevieve Fritts b. 6/1/1922 d. 6/12/1993. Both are buried at Barber Cemetery.

That's all for now.

**The Robert Latta Family of Australia
Part 2, Continued From Issue 27**

By: Shirley M. Joy, Shirljoy@westnet.com.au.

Birth Certificates Purchased to Validate the Research:

JAMES JOHN LATTA. Born Milton, New South Wales 7th. November, 1889.

Father - James Latta, Labourer, aged 26 years, born Bateman's Bay, New South Wales. Mother - Rosetta Thomas, aged 18 years, born Dapto, New South Wales.

Date and place of marriage - 9th. October, 1889, Milton. Informant James Latta,

Father, Milton. Witness - Mrs. Thomas. Registration No. 1890/021787.

ROBERT LATTA. Farmer, died Mimosa Farm, Milton, New South Wales, on 4th. November, 1882, aged 85 years. Cause of Death - Old age. Born Scotland - 19 years in New South Wales. Married Jane Lindsay in Scotland when 24 years of age. Parents "not known". Children of marriage - Agnes 58 years, Mary 56 years, John 48 years, Robert 45 years, William 42 years, David 37 years. Jean 35 years. Informant John Latta, son of deceased, Mimosa Farm, Milton. Buried Wesleyan Cemetery, Milton, New South Wales. Registration Number 1882/011983.

JANET LATTA née Lindsay. Died at Green Hills, Milton, New South Wales on 9th. October, 1896, aged 90 years. Cause of Death - Senile decay, about 4 days. Born Muir Kirk, Scotland, 30 years in New South Wales. Married Robert Latta at Kilmarnock, Scotland when 19 years of age. Parents - John Lindsay and Agnes McWhenie.

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Children of marriage - Males living, John 61 years, Robert 56 years, William 53 years and David 48 years. Males deceased, Alexander, James. Females living - Agnes 69 years, May 65 years, Janet 45 years. Females deceased, Janet and Janet (named after her). Buried Wesleyan Cemetery, Sandridge, Ulladulla. Registration Number 1896/014218.

JEAN THISTLETON née Latta. Died, 27 Ashmore Street, Municipality of Erskineville, on 27th. November, 1943, aged 92 years. Cause of Death - Senility. Born Kilmarnock, Scotland - 81 years in New South Wales. Parents - Robert Latta, Farmer, and Janet Lindsay. Married Charles Evans Thistleton at Milton, New South Wales, when 23 years of age. Children of marriage - Janet M. 67 years, Eleanor 65 years, Emilie E. 61 years, Mary J. 59 years, Susannah L. M. 56 years, Annie R. 53 years, Harriet E. 50 years - Living. One Male deceased. Informant Harriet E. Arnott, daughter, 44 City Road, Sydney. Buried Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood. Registration Number 1943/029270.

WILLIAM LATTA. Fisherman, died Princes Highway Bateman's Bay, Eurobodalla Shire, New South Wales, on 23rd. July, 1934, aged 90 years. Cause of Death - Senility. Born Kilmarnock, Scotland - 72 years in New South Wales. Parents - John (sic.) Latta, Shipbuilder (sic.), and Janet Lindsay. Married Elizabeth Backhouse at Durras Dale when 24 years of age. Children of marriage - Robert B. 66 years, William L. 65 years, David 64 years, John 62 years, James G. 60 years, Charles T. 59 years, George A. 57 years, Alexander J. 55 years, Frederick G. 51 years, Stanley C. 49 years, Janet L. 46 years, Helena W. 43 years, Albert S.V. 42 years - Living. One male and one female deceased. Informant James Gibson Latta, son, The Fish Hatchery, Cronulla, New South Wales. Buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Bateman's Bay, New South Wales. Registration No. 1934/014113.

ELIZABETH LATTA née Backhouse.

Died, Clyde Street, Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, 15th. November, 1924, aged 76 years. Cause of Death - Cardiac failure, Senile decay. Born George's River, New South Wales. Parents - Robert Backhouse, Labourer, and Ellen Walker. Married William Latta at Durras, New South Wales, when 19 years of age. Children of marriage - Robert 56 years, William 55 years, David 54 years, John 52 years, James 51 years, Charles 49 years, George 48 years, Alexander 46 years, Elizabeth 44 years, Francis 43 years, Frederick 41 years, Stanley 39 years, Janet 37 years, Helena 35 years, Albert S. 33 years - Living. None deceased. Informant Albert S. Latta, son, Nowra. Witness Fred Latta. Buried Methodist Cemetery, Bateman's Bay, New South Wales. Registration Number 1924/020805.

JOHN LATTA. Farmer. Died Milton, Municipality of Ulladulla, New South Wales, 23rd. December, 1911, aged 78 years. Cause of Death - Syncope, Senile decay. Medical Attendant - Charles S. Renwick. Born Glasgow, Scotland, 49 years in New South Wales. Parents - Robert Latta, Weaver, and Janet Lindsay. Married Annie McMillan New South Wales, when 29 years of age. Children James 47 years, John 41 years, Annie 39 years, Janet 36 years, William K. 33 years, Agnes C. 30 years, David 27 years - Living. One male deceased. Informant Jno. Latta James, son, Milton. Buried Methodist Cemetery, Sandridge, Ulladulla, New South Wales. Registration Number 1911/015401.

DAVID LATTA. Farmer. Died Milton, New South Wales, on 26th. June, 1901, aged 57 years. Cause of Death - Intestinal Obstruction - 40 hours. Born Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, 34 years in New South Wales. David Latta did not marry. Parents - Robert Latta, Calico Printer and Jeanette Lindsay. Buried 27th. June, 1901, Wesleyan Cemetery, Sandridge, near Milton. Informant John Latta, brother of "Green Hill", Milton, New South Wales. Registration Number 1901/006021.

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JAMES LATTA. Labourer. Died Ulladulla, Municipality of Ulladulla, New South Wales, 16th. April, 1938, aged 75 years. Cause of Death - Toxaemia, Cystitis and Pyelonephritis, Enlarged Prostate. Medical Attendant - J.I.M. Jamieson. Born Duras Lake, New South Wales. Parents - John James Latta, Farmer and Annie McMillan. Married Rosetta Thomas at Milton, when 25 years of age. Children Elsie M. 49 years, Bertie R. 47 years, Arthur H. 41 years, William C. 40 years, Gertrude E. 38 years, David G. 33 years, Gladys M. 29 years, Geoffrey C. 25 years - Living. Three males deceased. Informant A. H. Latta, Son, 102 Bridge Road, Glebe. Buried Methodist Cemetery at Sandridge, New South Wales. Registration Number 1938/008620.

EMILY ESTELLA JANE LATTA. Died Milton, Municipality of Ulladulla, New South Wales on 4th. April, 1921, aged 33 years. Cause of Death - Malignant Adenoma of Breasts - 3 years. Born Byrock, New South Wales. Married John Latta, Milton, New South Wales when aged 20 years. Children of marriage - Heather M. aged 11 years. None deceased. Parents - Robert Cason, Carrier, and Catherine Poland. Buried 5th. April, 1921, Church of England Cemetery Sandridge. Informant Jno. Latta, Widower, Milton. Registration Number 1921/005983.

Marriage Certificates Purchased to Validate the Research:

JOHN LATTA and ANN McMILLAN. Married at Dorresdale, New South Wales on 13th. March, 1862. John Latta, Bachelor, was a Farmer and his usual place of residence was Dorresdale. His birth place was Kilmarnock, Scotland and he was 26 years of age. His parents were Robert Latta, Printer of Cottons, and Janet Lindsay.

Ann McMillan, was a Spinster. Her usual place of residence was Dorresdale and she was 19 years of age. Her parents were James McMillan, Farmer,

and Ann Gibson. They were married at the Residence of the Bride's Father, according to the rites of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Witnesses - John McMillan and E. Carruthers. The consent of James McMillan, father of the bride, was given to the marriage. Registration Number 1862/001666.

WILLIAM LATTA and ELIZABETH BACKHOUSE. Married Dorresdale, New South Wales, on 25th. September, 1867. William Latta, Bachelor, was a Goldminer, and his usual place of residence Cockwhy. His birthplace was Scotland and he was 24 years of age. His parents were Robert Latta, Printer, and Jannet Linsey.

Elizabeth Backhouse was a Spinster. Her occupation was not recorded and her usual place of residence was Cockwhy. Her birthplace was New South Wales and she was 18 years of age. Her parents were Robert Backhouse, Settler, and Ellen Walker. They were married at Dorresdale by consent of Robert Backhouse, father of the bride, according to the rites of the Wesleyan Church. Witnesses - William Backhouse and Teresa Backhouse. Registration number 1867/001789.

JANE LATTA and CHARLES THISTLETON. Married in the dwelling house of Mr. Latta, District of Ulladulla, on 23rd. July, 1874. Jane Latta, Spinster, Domestic Servant, her usual place of residence was Ulladulla, New South Wales. Her birth place was Scotland and she was 23 years of age. Her parents were Robert Latta, Farmer, and Jeanet Lindsay.

Charles Thistleton was a Bachelor. His occupation was Farmer and usual place of residence Ulladulla, New South Wales. His birthplace was Shoalhaven, New South Wales and he was 20 years of age. His parents were William T. Thistleton and Eleanor Evans.

They were married according to the rites of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Witnesses - James Claydon and Mary Ann Spurgin.

Registration Number 1874/004001.

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JOHN JAMES LATTA and ELLEN MAY GUMLEY. Married Bangalow, Byron Shire, New South Wales on 15th. March, 1910. John James Latta, Bachelor, was a Shopkeeper's Assistant and his usual place of residence was Coorabell. His birthplace was Milton, New South Wales and he was 20 years of age. His parents were James Latta, Labourer, and Rosetta Thomas.

Ellen May Gumley, Spinster. Her occupation was Home Life and her usual place of residence was Bangalow. Her birthplace was Milton, New South Wales, and she was 18 years of age. Her parents were Oliver Franklin Gumley, Farmer, and Susan Hewitt. They were married at the Church of the Epiphany, Bangalow, according to the rites of the Church of England. Witnesses O. F. Gumley and O. Gumley. The Parents of the Bride and Groom gave their Consent to the Marriage. Registration Number 1910/001115.

JOHN LATTA and EMILY ESSTELLA JANE CASON. Married Milton, 27th. May, 1908. John Latta, Bachelor, was a Farmer and his usual place of residence was Milton, New South Wales. His birthplace was Milton, New South Wales, and he was 38 years of age. His parents were John Latta, Farmer and Annie McMillan.

Emily Esstella Jane Cason, was a Spinster. Her occupation was Home Duties and her usual place of residence was Milton, New South Wales. Her birthplace was Byrock, New South Wales and she was 22 years of age. Her parents were Robert Cason, Carrier, and Catherine Poland. John and Emily were married at the Congregational Church, Milton, according to the rites of the Methodist Church. Witnesses - A. Warden and Agnes Latta. Registration Number 1908/005242.

JAMES LATTA and ROSE THOMAS. Married Milton, 9th. October, 1889. James Latta, Bachelor, was a Labourer and his usual place of

residence was Milton, New South Wales. Birthplace not recorded. Age not recorded. Names of parents were not recorded.

Rose Thomas, was a Spinster. Occupation not recorded. Her usual place of residence was Milton. Birthplace was not recorded. Names of parents were not recorded. Consent of Fred. Walter Thomas, father of bride given to her marriage, bride being a minor. Married in the Church of S.S. Peter and Paul, Milton, according to the rites of the Church of England. Witnesses - Jane Thomas and Henry Thomas.

Registration Number, 1889/007001.

WORLD WAR I SERVICE RECORDS.

The World War I Service Records of John James Latta, Robert Gibson Latta, Bertie Roy Latta, Arthur Henry Latta and William Clyde Latta were down-loaded from the Australian War Memorial web-site. These five men were sons of James Latta and his wife Rose (Rosetta) Latta, née Thomas who married 9th. October, 1889 at Milton, New South Wales, Australia.

Extracts are as follows:

JOHN JAMES LATTA.

Born near the town of Milton. N.S.W. Age 25 years and 11 months.

Height - 5 feet, 5 inches. Weight - 9 stone 2 lbs. Chest measurement 36 ¼ inches.

Complexion - Dark. Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black. Religion - Presbyterian.

Occupation - Sawyer. Wife - Ellen May Latta, 81 Caroline Street, Redfern.

Enlisted - 25/10/1915. Service No. 3525.

Children - Norman Richmond James Latta, Ulladulla.

Rupert Renwick Clyde Latta, Ulladulla.

Harold Henry Sydney Latta, Ulladulla.

27/1/1916. Admitted Dental - Heliopolis.

19/6/1916. Embkd. H.T. "Caledonian" to join B.E.F. Ex. Alexandria.

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29/6/1916. Disembarked H.T. "Caledonian", Marseilles.

1/11/1916. 54 Bn. Wounded in Action, France.

1/11/1916. Admitted Casualty Clearing Station. G.S.W. Spine, France.

John James Latta died at the 36th. Casualty Clearing Station, France, on the 19th. November, 1916, of wounds (Gun shot wound back) received in action, and was buried in Cemetery at Albert, Reference Sheet. 1/40000,J13. 6.7.5, on the same day.

Inventory of Effects - 3rd. Echelon. No. 6772. Disc. Ring.

ROBERT GIBSON LATTA.

Born Termeil, New South Wales. Age 22 years and 6 months.

Height - 5 feet, 8 ½ inches. Weight - 158 lbs. Chest measurement 37 ½ - 40 inches.

Complexion - Dark. Eyes - Grey. Hair - Black. Religion - C/E.

Occupation - Labourer on farm. Not married. Next-of-kin - mother, Rose Latta.

Enlisted - 7/11/1916. Service No. 3181. 8/45th. Battalion. A.I.F.

25/11/1916. Embarked Sydney. A72 "Beltana".

29/1/1917. Disembarked Devonport.

28/3/1917. Proc. O/seas France, via Folkestone.

29/3/1917. Etaples. Marched in ex. England.

12/11/1917. Charge. When on Active Service. Deserting His Majesty's Service, (from 10 a.m. 19-10-1917 to 4 p.m. 20-10-1917). Plea - Not Guilty.

Finding : Not Guilty of Desertion, but guilty of Absence without

Leave. Sentence : 90 days F.P. No. 2, 12-11-1917.

President : Major A.W. Hyman, 4th. Aust. Div.

Sentence confirmed, but 65 days of F.P.

Award

17/12/1917. Remitted by Maj-Gen. E. G. Sinclair MacLagan, G.O.C. 4th. Aust. Div.

Period awaiting trial : 21-10-1917 to 11-11-1917.

Total forfeiture : 49 days pay.

6/1/1918. Still with Unit. Field.

1/4/1917. Taken on strength. Field.

28/3/1918. Wounded in Action. G.S.W. Head. L. Arm Shattd.

30/3/18. G.S.W. Head & Left arm amp.

2/4/1918. Liverpool Merchants & Mobile Hosp. Died of Wounds received in Action, 5.10 p.m. Etaples.

Inventory of Effects - 1 Razor, 1 Wallet (containing 1 Franc Note (damaged),

1 Writing pad, 1 Paybook handed to Estates Branch, A.I.F., Headquarters, London.

3rd. August, 1922. Letter to - Mrs. R. Latta, Ulladulla, N.S.W. "Madam, your son the late No. 3181 Private R.G. Latta, 45th. Battalion, the site of his grave in the Etaples Military Cemetery is now officially registered as - Plot 33. Row C. Grave 12A."

ARTHUR HENRY LATTA.

Born near the Town of Bateman's Bay, New South Wales. Age 19 years and 7 months.

Height - 5 feet, 9 inches. Weight - 127 lbs. Chest measurement 31 inches.

Complexion - Fair. Eyes - Blue. Hair - Brown. Religion - C/E.

Occupation - Wool Machinist. Not married. Next-of-kin - mother, Rose Latta, Ulladulla.

Enlisted - 9/7/1915. Service No. 2478.

18/10/1915. Embarked to join Unit. Alexandria.

4/11/1915. Gallipoli. Reinf. joined Bn.

29/12/1915. Disemb. from Mudros. Alexandria.

19/3/1916. To be Lance Corp.

23/3/1916. Emb. For O.Seas ex. Alexandria.

30/3/1916. Disemb. at Marseilles, France.

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5/7/1916. G.S.W. Leg L. Adm. & tfd. To No.16.A.T., France.

26/7/1916. G.S.W. Thigh. Adm., Rouen, France.

-/8/1916. To England.

4/8/1916. Admitted. G.S.W. 1x1. Wands-worth.

25/1/1917. M/I from Per. Downs. Wareham.

8/2/1917. Crime. Neglecting to resume his guard duty when warned.

9/2/1917. Award reverts to ranks of Pte., by Lt. Col. C.H. Roberts.

1/4/1917. Adm. Tonsilitis. Disc., to Depot. England.

15/5/1917. Sick to Bgde Hosp. Acute Ruem.

25/5/1917. Disc. to duty.

30/7/1917. Proc. O/Seas to France to reinforce 4th Bn. Via Southampton.

21/8/1917. Rejoined Bn. (ex Wounds), France.

4/10/1917. Wounded in Action. France.

5/10/1917. G.S.W. Back & Arm. Adm. Etaples.

3/11/1917. To England. S.W. Back & Arms.

20/12/1917. Tfd. From High Beach Hosp. England.

8/3/1918. Pte. Adm. Discharged.

15/4/1918. Total period 39 days.

12/5/1918. Retd. to Aust. Per "D8", for change. S.W. Back.

BERTIE ROY LATTA.

Born East Milton. N.S.W. Age 24 years and 4 months.

Height – 5 feet, 8 inches. Weight – 138 lbs.

Chest measurement 34 – 35 ½ inches.

Complexion – Dark. Eyes Brown. Hair Dark Brown. Religion C/E.

Occupation – Farming. Not married. Next-of-kin, Father – James Latta, Milton.

Enlisted – 21/9/1916. Service No. 2586.

9/11/1916. A24 "Benalla" Embarked Sydney.

9/1/1917. Disembkd. Devonport.

10/1/1917. For O/seas. England.

5/4/1917. Proceeded Overseas, France.

6/4/1917. Marched in from England. Etaples.

11/4/1917. Taken on Strength. Field.

7/6/1917. Wounded in Action.

8/6/1917. Admitted (G.S.W. L. wrist.)

16/6/1917. M/I. from Hosp. Rouelles.

26/6/1917. Rejoined Battn. Ex. Hosp. Field.

22/9/1917. To Hospital Sick.

25/9/1917. Adm. (N.V.B.). Boulogne.

13/10/1917. Trans. to 1 Con. Depot.

14/12/1917. Still at Base Depot.

23/12/1917. Transferred to England.

2/4/1918. Proceeded Overseas, France. Long-bridge Deverill via Southampton.

3/4/1918. Marched in from England. Rouelles.

9/8/1918. To Hospital Sick. France.

9/8/1918. Admitted (Diarrhoea).

13/8/1918. Adm. (Obs. Dysentery). Etaples.

11/10/1918. Invalided to England.

11/10/1918. Adm. Debility. Chatham.

28/11/1918. Lon. Ex. Furlo.

21/12/1918. Returned to Australia, per Debility, "Mamari".

WILLIAM CLYDE LATTA.

Born Termeil. N.S.W. Age 19 years and 11 months. Born 15th. August, 1898.

Height – 5 feet, 3 ½ inches. Weight 107 lbs. Chest measurement 29 - 32 inches.

Complexion – Medium. Eyes – Brown. Hair Brown. Religion – Presbyterian.

Address – 76 Forbes Street, W'loo, E. Sydney. N.S.W.

Occupation – Tram Conductor. Not married.

Next-of-kin – (Father) James Latta,

Ulladulla, New South Wales.

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? Yes. (Chest measurement.)

Enlisted – 18/7/1918. Service No. N92857.

Headquarters. 2nd. M.D. N92857. Pte. Latta, William Clyde.

"This man enlisted on the 18/7/1918 at Sydney, his date of birth being 15/8/1898. He is in the "Deferred" Unit being one of those who are undergoing a course of physical training with a view of

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

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

1. My name is Penny **Boyce** from Melbourne, Australia, I am trying to make the connection of my family **Latta** to yours. The details I have and unsuccessfully tried to make a connection to your website are as follows:

My great great great great grandmother is Helen **Latta** b 8/6/1797 m David **Beveridge**. Her father was Colin **Latta** m Mary **Muir** branch no. 7 I think.

My big quest was finding out why my maternal g grandfather was named Colin **Latta Beveridge**. During my limited research I have come to the conclusion you are given these strange names because they actually belong to someone else in the family. So I left the **Beveridge** side and started searching the name **Latta** the following is my discovery

Colin **Latta Beveridge** b:15/11/1878

son of John **Beveridge** b 1853 m Faithy **Elliot** b 1856

John son of Colin **Bevridge** b:29/3/1818 m Harriet **Briggs** b:20/8/1816

Colin son of David **Beveridge** b:3/11/1798 m Helen **Latta** b:8/6/1797

Helen daughter of Colin **Latta (Lata, Lattow, Larlow)** b:20/1/1771? m Mary **Muir**

Colin son of John **Lata** b:23/3/1746 m Helen **Beveridge** b:16/12/1741

John son of Colin **Lato** (once again several different spellings for both first and surnames) m Maragret **Beveridge** b:3/1/1718

Colin son of Collen **Lato** m Jean **Bailyie?**

The **Beveridges** and the **Lattas** seem to be intertwined with each other throughout the early times and with time and effort one could put them in their rightful places. But it does make for long nights sorting out who belongs to who, especially when they all have such common names.

If I can help you or you can help, I would love to hear from you. Regards, Penny, penboy@tpq.com.au.

2. I would like to contact a descendant of Leigh **Brintnell**. His full name was Wilfred Leigh **Brintnell** but he was always known as Leigh. Leigh was born in 1895 near Latta's Mill, Ontario a few miles north of Belleville, and died in 1971 at Edmonton, Alberta. My father, 'Jack' Ward **Latta**, was a cousin and he and

Leigh grew up together in the Latta's Mill area. The **Lattas** and **Brintnells** have a long history - they intermarried during several generations in the 1800's. My father served in the Canadian army during WWI and Leigh was a pilot with the Royal Flying Corps. After the war, they both ended up living in Edmonton. Leigh became a legendary 'bush' pilot during the 1920's and 30's and created Mackenzie Air Services which eventually became a major airline - Canadian Pacific Airlines. He was posthumously awarded the Order of the British Empire for his career in opening up the Canadian north.

Leigh was the first person to fly into the barren region of Great Bear Lake. In 1928 he flew a mining prospector, Gilbert **Labine**, into Great Bear Lake and they discovered massive pitchblende deposits, the source of uranium. There was a market for uranium at the time for the radiation treatment of cancer. **Labine** developed a mine on the shores of the lake and by 1935 began shipping concentrated uranium by air. The attached photo was taken in 1935. It shows Leigh standing beside his aircraft next to the first shipment of uranium from the **Labine** mine on a cold northern day.

In a few years, uranium would have a less humane use than treating cancer. In the early years of WWII, the US government created the Manhattan Project based in Los Alamos, NM to develop an atomic bomb. The only source of large quantities of uranium at that time was **Labine's** mine. The Canadian government expropriated the mine and its production was greatly increased under a crown corporation called Eldorado Mining and Refining.

The Canadian government supplied the Manhattan Project with the uranium required to develop the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. Only 17 years had passed since the day Leigh and **Labine** stood on the frozen shores of Great Bear Lake examining a rock with a greenish color that they thought might be pitchblende. Keith **Latta**, Branch 13, klatta@shaw.ca.

3. Thanks to Gary, I learned that John Chester **Latta**, branch 13, was my gg grandfather. I have found John Chester **Latta**, age 80 in the 1920 census in Beowawe, Eureka, Nevada, also in census from 1870 in Nevada, but born/married/fathered in Ontario, Canada before

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increasing chest measurement to A.I.F. Standard.

The Attached letters have been received from his Father objecting to his enlistment. Under the circumstances his discharge is recommended as being under the physical standard."

Col. A.W. Sandford. A.A.C. Military District. 15.8.1918.

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Sir,

I have been notified that my son No. 92857, Pte. Latta William Clyde has inlisted. But I wish to have him discharged as I have had four sons join the A.I.F., which 2 has been killed, 1 Invalided home and the other is still fighting in France. I should think that 4 is enough from one family.

Mr. James Latta.

Ulladulla.

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Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter, my son gave his right name and age, but I do not wish him to leave Australia until he is 21 years of age. I have sent 4 sons to the front and lost 2, 1 returning badly hurt and 1 still fighting but I have no objection to him staying in the army for home defence if needed other wise discharged.

Yours faithfully.

R. Latta.

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30/8/1918. Discharged. His services being no longer required, having failed to obtain his parents' consent, the other sons of the family being now serving in the A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Proceedings of a Medical Board assembled at Victoria Barracks on 8 JAN 1918 by order of P.M.O. 2nd. Military District.

The Board has examined : - LATTA William Clyde and find that he is Unfit for Active Service. Immaturity.

President. Member.

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that date. Just wonder if anyone has come across any details of his death/burial? I am attempting to piece together the details of his life in Ontario, Canada to Nevada. Judy, jascott@quickclic.net.

4. I am tracing my family tree and am looking for my papa's brother and his family who last lived in Preswick, Ayrshire, Scotland. My papa is John **Latta** born 21/11/1926. He had a brother called David, a sister Minnie who died in her 40's and another sister May who died in 1996. I think the missing brother is called Richard but can't be sure. My papa was married to Jessie **Jardine** and I know nothing of her family. Any help would be appreciated. Teresa, tessandfinn2000@yahoo.ca.uk.

5. Hello, I am looking for living descendants of Rosetta **Prince** who married Bill **Newall**. They had one daughter, Rita **Newall** who was born in December of 1919. She married Pedro **Latta**, who was aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Wasp during WWII. The **Lattas** lived in California after the war. They had a daughter named ReEllyn Rose. My husband is related to Rosetta **Prince**. His grandmother, Mary Ann **Prince**, was an older sister of Rosetta's. When Mary Ann and Rose were young, they lived in the Lawrence/Methuen area of Massachusetts. Priscilla **Fanning**, New Hampshire, sfpf4@yahoo.com.

6. Hi there, I had been trying to figure out what **Latta** branch I belong to, but I think I have figured out why I was having so many problems. My grandfather was Robert Francis **Latta**, and my grandmother's name was Lucille **Peck**.

20 Albert Francis (5) **Latta**. Joshua W. (4) Phillip (3) John (2) ____ (1). Born at Laramie, Wyo. December 28, 1883; m. Clara Edna **Farrell** August 8, 1906 at Cheyenne, Wyo. She was born September 25, 1885 at Cheyenne, Wyo., daughter of Timothy and Mary (**Lapash**) **Farrell**. 1920 Census - Melvern, Osage County, Kansas - **Latta**, Albert F., age 36, born in Wyoming, father born in Ohio, mother born in Germany, farmer, stock and grain; Clara E., wife, age 33; Marguerite, daughter, age 11; Robert F., son, age 9; Alta B., daughter, age 6, Gilbret F., son, age 5; Wilma G., daughter, age 2 years, 6 months. All children born in

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Kansas. In 1935 lived at Charleston, Utah. Children all born at Malvern, Kan. except Nevabelle. Children: 42 Margaret May (6) b. April 5, 1905; m. Robert R. Perkins on September 2, 1929. He was born at Thatcher, Ariz. on June 30, 1902. Children: Joyce Robert b. at Milford, Utah May 7, 1930. Edna Jean b. near Neber, Utah January 8, 1933. Rose Mary b. in Utah February 7, 1936.

43 Robert Francis (6) b. May 7, 1910; d. May 9, 1991; m. Doris Wood.

44 Alta Beatrice (6) b. February 9, 1913; m. Clifford Edwards at Charleston, Utah June 13, 1937.

45 Gilbert Joseph (6) b. Dec. 7, 1914; d. Oct. 1986 in Salt Lake City, UT; Married: Stella Scott. She was born June 25, 1914 and died April, 1978.

46 Wilmetta Gertrude (6) b. June 19, 1917.

47 Nevabelle Mary (6) b. at Caldwell, Idaho September 16, 1921.

I hope this helps. Andrew Latta,
dj.drew.latta@gmail.com.

7. My name is James Ronald Latta of Wagga Wagga Australia. I have posted an inquiry before but I have more information. I am looking for information on my father who is deceased. The info I have is: James Ronald Latta, born 27th September 1914 in Arkansas. Died March 1957. Buried in Winona Texas. Social Security No 429-09-4254. Military Service: 3rd Bomber Group, 5th Air Force, as a member of the Catering Corps. Served in Australia 1942 to 1943. Possible then went to New Guinea. James Ronald Latta Jr. (Ron), corkey1313@yahoo.com.

8. Looking for info on Euphemia Latta, daughter of Thomas Latta born about 1738 in Logie Fife. Euphemia was married to William Mitchell and had two daughters that I know of Isobel born about 1773 in Dumfermline and Euphan born about 1776 in Dumfermline. Euphan Mitchell married George Morris.
Thanks very much. Helen, robandhelen@shaw.ca.

9. I recently found a magnificent Farm Security Administration photograph of a Walter Latta, a hunting and fishing guide of Bozeman, Montana, taken by Arthur Rothstein in 1939. You can find this picture by going to the Library of Congress Web site, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/mdbquery.html> and paging down to the yellow "Searching Numbers" box at the bottom.

Paste in the search number LC-USF34-027198-D This will take you to a page featuring a thumbnail of the photograph, "Walter Latta guides fishing and hunting parties. Bozeman, Montana," and if you click the line "Display Images with Neighboring Call Numbers" you will find a dozen other photos of him. A much better version of the photo, but with Mr. Latta unidentified, is at the Wesleyan University site, <http://www.wesleyan.edu/dac/imag/1976/0001/1976-1-0050-m01.html>. I have purchased a print of this photograph from the Library of Congress to hang on my office wall and would appreciate any information from Latta family members about Walter Latta's life. It is such a powerful portrait that I would be grateful to know more about him. With best wishes,
Stephen C. Schneider, Scs1708@cs.com.

10. Reading through the Latta genealogy site today -- I should be studying, but I'm so intrigued with this site; it has been years since I last contacted the Latta genealogy org -- I found an excerpt of a newsletter article in which mention, from Eileen Hook, regarding the name Latta being a truncated form of an even longer name, and this happened in France. My grandfather, James Donald Latta, told me similar details. Also, I would like to update my grandfather's information. Here is his immediate family's detail as copied from the genealogy site:

229 Harry (6) Latta,

Willis (5) Walter (4) John (3) James (2) James (1). b. October 11, 1891 in NY;

d. _____; m. Hazel Helen Fishbach of England. Children:

268 Gene Irene (7) Living in 1996

269 James Donald (7) Born: April 26, 1915. Living in 1996.

270 Margaret Helen (7)

271 Loma (7)

272 Morris Gerald (7) Hit by an Automobile and died at age 10.

James Donald was married to Noami, middle initial I. I cannot recall her maiden name. However, as I am now looking at her funeral notice as I write you, I will give you her birth and death information:

In Loving Memory of: Naomi I. Latta

Date of Birth: Aug 17, 1916 in West Lorne, Ontario, Canada

Date of Death: Dec 18, 1994 in Lockport, NY, USA

Funeral Service: Dec 21, 1994 at 11A at Lange Funeral Home, Inc.

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Officiating: Rev. Kenneth Weaver and Rev. Frank Bongiovanni.

Interment: North Ridge Cemetery

Now, at North Ridge Cemetery, there are other Latta family relatives buried there. I remember this from my previous trips. James Donald Latta, who passed away a couple years ago, I believe is buried there as well. James' sister Gene was the eldest of the children. I met her during my grandmother's funeral in 1994. She came down from Canada for the funeral, and my grandfather was born in Canada, so there should be more info about the Latta name in Canadian records.

Can you please update my family's information in the genealogy database with the above info with James Donald married to Naomi L., and also include her dates and places of birth and death? Also, James and Naomi were survived by four sons in order of first born to last born: Donald, Douglas Richard (my dad), Dennis, and David. All brothers are still alive. Thank you very much for your time, and take good care! Stacy L. Latta, Branch 4, stacyl@sfsu.edu.

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Our Latta Genealogy Society has incorporated this Spring as you can see from the letter below. We are now a non-profit group, and our interim Board of Directors will meet in May, 2006, to select the first officers. The details were published in Issue 27. We are all excited to be able to continue our group's missions, and we ask for your continued support.

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