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Rescue Swimmer to be Honored for Heroism

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Mitchell Latta, a 23-year-old Coast Guard rescue swimmer based at the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, will be honored Thursday in Washington for rescuing 181 people from the rooftops of their flooded New Orleans homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The USO has named Latta "Service Member of the Year" of the 38,000-member Coast Guard, and he will receive his award in a ceremony at the National Building Museum in Washington, according to officials.

Latta will receive the award the day before "The Guardian," a movie about the challenging lives of Coast Guard swimmers, hits theaters across the nation. The movie, which stars Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, premiered in Washington on Sept. 7.

The USO will present "Service Member of the Year" awards Thursday to an enlisted member of each branch of the armed forces at the event as part of the 2006 USO World Gala, U.S. Newswire reported.

Latta, a petty officer third class, was one of 95 Mobile area-based members of the Coast Guard who received medals in Mobile on May 12 for their efforts in rescuing people stranded along the central Gulf Coast following Katrina -- the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

Katrina surged ashore Aug. 29 of last year.

"I didn't expect something like this, but I'm honored and looking forward to it," Latta said of his upcoming honor. He said he has packed his clothes for the trip to Washington.

Latta said he served as a rescue swimmer for several helicopter crews based at the Coast Guard Aviation Center in Mobile, which was a key staging site for Coast Guard rescue missions to New Orleans, as well as to the Mississippi and Alabama coasts, following Katrina.

Latta said he first arrived in New Orleans as part of a helicopter crew the night after Katrina's landfall. He noted that New Orleans was in almost total darkness, and the crew he was with used a searchlight to locate scores of people stranded on rooftops. Many of the victims were shining flashlights skyward so that Coast Guard crews could spot them, he said.

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Editorial

After reading through the genealogy papers sent to me by Mrs. Rose Ann Latta of Amboy, Illinois, I noticed many connections between the branches. I think that we may all be more closely connected than we realize. To find out, we should try the DNA testing as recommended by Bob Hawkins on page 18. But also, I would like to have more published information on the various Latta branches so we can see the evidence for or against connections. We need to have a broad range of information. So please send me what you have written up on your Latta family, try the DNA testing, and let us see where the evidence leads us. I think it will show that we all related and connected.

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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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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. The board has decided that we should take PayPal donations through our website. Arrangements will be made to do this in 2007.

Donations received after 12/21/06 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 #30 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² General fund balance will be approximately \$ 3,600 after deducting expenses for issue #30.

Rescue Swimmer to be Honored

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"We got the children and the elderly first," Latta said.

The rescuers continued to pick up stranded New Orleans residents throughout the night, he said, adding that when dawn broke, he could hardly believe what he saw. "I kept looking for the edge of the water, to see where the flooding stopped, and I couldn't see an end to it."

To hoist victims into the Coast Guard choppers, Latta said, he used a rescue basket, as well as a device that goes under the arms with a strap between the legs.

"We tried to keep the families together," he said. "A lot of them were in shock. Most of the children were scared and confused. Some of the people said, 'Thank you.' The children didn't say anything, but they screamed for their mother or father if they weren't with them."

He said the helicopter crews took those they rescued to designated sites in the New Orleans area where food and water were available.

Although he's the one being honored, Latta said, the rescues were "a team effort" and that he flew with several different Coast Guard helicopter crews over the first five days after Katrina. Each crew included a pilot, a co-pilot, a flight mechanic and a rescue swimmer.

"It feels good to do my job, which is to help people," said Latta, who is from Seaford, Del. He said he plans to make service in the Coast Guard his career.

Latta said he applied for the rigorous training necessary to become a rescue swimmer because "I wanted something challenging and demanding. I saw that this job fit that description."

USO stands for the United Service Organization and provides entertainment, recreational services and other support to U.S. military personnel throughout the world.

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Mitchell Latta Family History

By Nancy DeFusco,
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Mitchell Latta has been honored as the US Coast Guard Service Member of the Year. He is descended from a family who has served the public.

His Great-Great-Grandfather Samuel C. Latta Sr. was a Sergeant with the Philadelphia Police at the turn of the last century. His Great-Great Uncle Alexander was a Captain with the Atlantic City, New Jersey Life Saving Station. All of his Great Uncles served in the Great Wars. His Great Grandmother Elizabeth sold war bonds on Broad Street in Philadelphia as Charles de Gaulle stopped to thank her for her efforts in support of liberating his country. Uncle David had actually been reportedly killed in action serving his country. He however came home just as his mother always believed he would.

His Great-Grandfather, Samuel Jr., was just about to enter the Coast Guard Academy when he had to stay home to care for his ailing mother. His Grandfather, Richard Latta, is a Medical Doctor who saved lives in Shore Memorial's Emergency Department.

This portion of Branch 16 has lived around the Philadelphia region since Hamilton Patterson married Charlotte Cunningham over 150 years ago. We have moved apart as generations have passed but then an event happens and we reconnect again. Mitchell's heroism is such an occasion.

20 1/2 LB. Latta Baby Born

By Sue Lattea Cox, Branch Captain
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"A twenty and one-half pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latta, Monday, and the grocer is the proudest man in Sapulpa. Both the baby and

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20 1/2 Pound Latta Baby

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mother are doing well." This newspaper article was found in The Sapulpa Light on September 20, 1901. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~okcaddo/newspapers/trib1901.txt>. To find out who the proud parents were, I googled "Latta" and "Sapulpa" and found that Branch 9, Family 29 - Thomas Albert Latta lived in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He married Iva Kirkpatrick on Sept. 26, 1900. Their first child was a son, Edward Kirkpatrick born in 1901 at Sapulpa, Indian Territory (OK). Edward married Augusta McDonald, who was born at Shreveport, Louisiana. Edward died about 1947. Thomas Latta was a Presbyterian and Republican. Author of Life's Highway and published a magazine known as Latta's Fortnightly Review, he owned several newspapers in Oklahoma. He was also editor of other papers. At the time of his death he was editor of Tulsa Oklahoma World. Thomas enlisted in the Spanish American War as member of Company D, 1st Territorial Volunteers, and was discharged as a Sergeant. Born at Park Hill, Cherokee nation, he started the first newspaper at Sapulpa in the Creek nation. Later he returned to Cherokee country and started the Claremore Messenger; then he went to Bartlesville and started the Enterprise; it was the second Indian Territory paper to take Associated Press reports. He became associated with the Tulsa World as editor in 1907, the year of statehood and remained there until 1912 when he became editor of the Oil and Gas Journal. Again he went to Bartlesville where he bought the Bartlesville Examiner. Later he became editor of the Oklahoma City Times. He again joined the Tulsa World in 1919 when he became editor and a few years later editor-in-chief until the time of his death. He was a Presbyterian and a Republican. Thomas was the author of Life's Highway and published a magazine known as Latta's Fortnightly Review. In religion he was a Presbyterian. Fraternally he was a Mason, Knight of Pythias and Woodman of the World. Although Thomas is listed as being a newspaper man, it is feasible to believe that he may have started out

in the grocer business when he first married.

There is no Branch Captain for Branch 9 at this time. A volunteer is needed.

Scotland Trip

By Tom Kintigh, tqkintigh@att.net.

In September, my wife and I took a 12 day trip to Scotland. It is a beautiful county, one of the most gorgeous places on earth. The people were wonderful, but at times the always charming brogue was very difficult to understand. Go there if you ever can.

We got lots of history and visited a bunch of castles. It covered mostly the Highlands and the clans; the Highland clearances and migration to Canada, North Carolina, and Australia. We heard (ad nauseam) about Prince Charles Edward Stewart, the young pretender; Mary Queen of Scots; William Wallace, a.k.a. Mel Gibson; and King James VI, his Scottish title, who became King James I of Great Britain.

The trip was strictly a vacation, but being highly interested in history and genealogy, I had my eye and ears tuned for anything relating to my ancestors. Beside the Latta family, I have a ggggg-grandfather that according to family legend was a Jacobite supporter of Prince Charlie. When the Young Pretender's effort failed, my ancestor escaped with his life to Switzerland and then migrated to Pennsylvania. We did visit the Culloden battlefield and I got a small book about it, but found nothing about my ancestor. I did notice the names of some officers in the government army, Ligonier, Wolfe, and Forbes, that later were very prominent in the French and Indian War.

Armada Castle on the Isle of Skye is the traditional seat of the Clan Donald, the largest clan, and contains a museum with a library and study center for genealogy and history. I made some inquiries but came away empty handed. The center dealt

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mostly with the highland clans, especially the MacDonalds. What they had on lowland Scots I had already read in the Tucson Family History Center. There were some people named MacDonald on the tour and they got good information.

Tartans are big business in Scotland and not just for tourists. A man's full highland formal dress - popular for weddings - can cost US \$2000. I started looking in Edinburgh for a Paisley District Tartan; the tartan associated with the Latta name, but couldn't find anything. Finally in Glasgow I did get a necktie. If I had wanted a kilt, the cloth would have to be custom woven and there were businesses that do that.

There have been numerous web-postings and articles about a Latta coat of arms. I can report that at Edinburgh Castle, there is no Latta Coat of Arms in the stained glass windows of the Great Hall. Very high up (I'd guess over fifty feet) on the ceiling there are many, many coat of arms in the form of shields. Unfortunately, none of the staff in the Great Hall could tell me anything about them nor was there any thing about them in the literature available on the castle.

There was a Mungo Latta (Branch #3, Family 7) that was a brother of my ggg_grandfather Ephriam Latta. I had been curious about such an unusual name and learned that it was a Scottish saint. The sons of that family had religious names, Mungo, Ephriam, Moses, Samuel and John. In Glasgow, one of the places we went was St. Mungo's Cathedral, a very old and impressive Presbyterian Church where Saint Mungo is buried. In talking with one of the staff, I mentioned the Latta name and he replied: "That is not an uncommon name here". He lives in the village of Uddingston which is about 10 miles away and he told me there is a street named "Latta Brae" which in Gaelic means "Latta's Hill". I told him that in 1665 a James Latta was a student at Glasgow University and he pointed out the room in the lower level of the cathedral where the university was founded.

The most interesting thing about the trip was that in all the history we read and heard, there was no mention of the Jacobite plantations in Ulster or the Ulster Scots (Scotch-Irish to Americans) and that really surprised me. The Ulster Plantations and the subsequent migration to colonial America after the death of King William (the Ulster Scots protector) is of immense importance in the history of the United States. The Scotch-Irish were the ones that pushed the frontier over the Appalachian Mountains and strongly advocated independence from Britain. Conversely, the Highland clearances occurred after American Independence are not of any particular significance in American history. This only goes to show that in our common heritage what is important to Americans is not necessarily important to Scots and vice-versa.

Latta Genealogy Society "Archives" At Allen County Public Library In Fort Wayne, Indiana.

By Virginia Curulla, Treasurer

Curt B. Witcher, Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library, gave us a tour of the comprehensive family history resources available in Ft. Wayne when my husband, Joe Curulla, and I visited in October.

Sharon Weaver, who catalogues acquisitions in that department, arranged our meeting with Curt. Sharon is a Latta Genealogy Society member and a Latta/Latty descendent whose ancestors were in northern Kentucky around 1800. Those Lattas probably were branch 22. We enjoyed a pleasant dinner with Sharon and her husband, Larry.

Latta Genealogy Society members have been sending Latta information to the Historical Genealogy Department so that it can be preserved for future generations. Our Latta archivists, Brian and Anna Smith, record and organize information and then take it to the library in Fort Wayne.

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Latta Archives in Fort Wayne

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All the papers that we have sent to Ft. Wayne have been neatly bound in blue library covers, and are filed under the Latta surname. The collection currently includes:

The Grand Old Man of Purdue University and Indiana Agriculture: a Biography of William Carroll Latta.

Archives of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, compiled by Ken Mueller. These are five volumes of papers with Latta family information that others have sent to the newsletter editor.

The Latta Genealogy Newsletter, from Issue #1, summer 1996 to present.

Haw Patch tales: tracing Hoosier ancestors, by Lawrence Sullivan. These are stories about Lattas that Larry has written between 1994 and 2006.

The Lord's vineyard: being the history of the pioneer Latta family of Old Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas, written by F.F. Latta. (Branch 9)

William Latta Family, compiled by Robert H. Latta (1935). (I think this was branch 3 – correct me if I'm wrong.) This includes transcriptions of family letters from 1839 and 1842.

Reminiscences of Pioneer Life, by Robert R. Latta. Original 1912 bound book with many photos. (I don't know which branch this is.)

The library also has a copy of the book authored by J. Smith Futhey, on the occasion of the "one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Chester County, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1870." This book has much information about branch 8 Lattas, and might contain some clues about other branches.

The Ft. Wayne library has other resources that contain information about Lattas in various areas, and is well worth a research visit. Mr. Witcher says they are eager to have our contributions. They will bind papers with hard covers and file them with other Latta surname books.

Do you have Latta stories and documents that you would like to see preserved in print form for

future generations? If so, forward your donations to Brian and Anna Smith, 5425 33rd St., Columbus, Indiana 47203, email: smith.anna@insightbb.com.

Corrections to Branch One

By Lawrence Sullivan, Sullivan@scrtc.com.

1 James M. (1) Latta

Born: Before 1730. The LaGrange (Ind.) Standard, May 21, 1814, says: "This family is an old one in this country, and in Ireland, where the first James M. Latta was a nobleman, with estates near Donegal." You may recall that I sent you a printout of the newspaper article cited above, and the actual publication date was May 21, 1914, not 1814.

There was not even a LaGrange in 1814, let alone a newspaper.

The article cited was an obituary for this man:

247 Gordon Latta (6) born at Boston, Mass. January 18, 1884. Killed by explosion of acid tank of Mexican Crude Rubber Co. at Detroit, Michigan. Educated at the Episcopal School in LaGrange Co., Indiana at Highland Park Military Academy and at Purdue Institute. 33d degree Mason.

Branch # 43 Family Information

By Rose Ann Latta, Amboy, Illinois

Five Latta brothers came to America in the year 1738, or shortly after. They were: 1) John Latta - 1) William Latta - 1) Thomas Latta - 1) James Latta and 1) Samuel Latta. Some stayed in Maryland, others migrated into the southern part of Pennsylvania.

1) James Latta: remained in Elkton, Maryland and died in 1745. He was married two times: first wife: had four sons with her.

2) John Latta: b) N. Ireland d) Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co. PA.

m)- Miss Storey, had 4 children.

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2) William Latta: b) 1730 N. Ireland d) 4-21-1808 Bullskin Twp. Fayette Co. PA.

m) - Katherine Jane Taylor Had 12 children

2) Moses Latta: b) N. Ireland d)

lived in Mt. Pleasant Westmoreland Co. Pa.

m) - children.... ?

2) Robert Latta: b) N. Ireland d) 1784 Bart Twp. Lancaster Co. PA. He came to America with the McClean Family in the early 1700's.

m) had 9 children.

Then James Latta: m) Mary Allison had one son.

2) Rev. James Latta D. D. b) 1732 N. Ireland d) 1-29-1801 Lancaster Co. Pa. m) Mary McCalla 2-26-1765 Bucks Co. Pa.

2) Robert Latta: had 9 children:

3) Moses Latta: m) Mary "Polly" Scott (1798) in Bedford Co. PA. Rev. James King performed the marriage. Moses d) prior to 1803 he farmed & owned a large farm Westmoreland Co. PA.

Polly - d) 1836 they had two sons:

4) John Latta: d) young

4) Abraham Latta: a surgeon, in Mexican War. m) and had six daughters.

3) Ephraim Latta: lived in Bart Twp. Lancaster Co. PA. d) 8-1-1831 Westmoreland Co. PA. He owned a large farm near Pleasant Unity, six miles from Greensburg, PA (near Westmoreland Co. PA). m) Eliza Graham, after his death, Eliza m) his cousin - Moses Latta, son of William Latta (Robert's brother son).

Ephraim Latta: was over his fathers estate.

Ephraim, was over his brother 3) William Latta's Will (1814).

3) William Latta: b) 1774 Lancaster Co. PA lived in Westmoreland Co. PA (head of branch 43) was with, but not married to - Sarah Sparks, the daughter of Solomon and Rachel Sparks.

They had a son: 4) William Sparks Latta: b) 6-22-1809 Westmoreland Co. PA.

William Latta was a waggoner and with his team of horses on the Greensburg to Philadelphia Run, Wm. had a accident and later died at the Inn run by Dawn and James Reed in Bedford Co. PA (7-5-1814). He would have been 40 years old.

His brother, Ephraim Latta, of Westmoreland Co. Pa. "Equator". The Will states Bond of \$6000.00, also names James A. Reed and George Ego - of Bedford Co. PA. The estate, was settled in Orphans Court, Westmoreland Co. PA. 4) William Sparks Latta, would have been five years old when his father died. Sarah Sparks, takes 4) William S. Latta and moves back with her parents. The Sparks family help raise 4) Wm. S. Latta. Solomon Sparks also lists Wm. S. Latta, in his Will.

3) John Latta: b) Lancaster Co. PA. d) 3-10-1806. Single. He lived in Elkton, Cecil Co., Maryland not far from Rock Church. He is buried in the Stone Grave Yard. He was a minister. His Will - Orphans Court, Elkton, Cecil Co., MD, probated April 25, 1806, left his brother, Ephraim Latta, near Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., PA his wearing apparel and after my just debts. are paid, my sister, Mary Latta, shall have the residue of my property.

3) Samuel Latta was in business with Ephraim Latta, and died in Westmoreland Co. PA. single

3) Letita Latta: m) Joseph McClean, in Westmoreland Co. PA.

3) Robert Latta: d) in Crawford Co. PA.

3) Mary Latta: m) William Dunlap in Westmoreland Co. PA.

3) James Latta: no information.

4) William Sparks Latta: B) 6-22-1809 Westmoreland Co. Pa.

D) 9-8-1877, (68) Saturday @ 1 am at home, East Providence Twp. Everett, Bedford Co., PA. Buried - Providence Union Baptist Cemetery (now called Providence Bible Baptist Cemetery).

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4) William S. Latta, grew up around Westmoreland Co. PA. The Sparks family helped raise him. William S. Latta, went to Bedford Co. PA. (1833), 24 years old and single. He was in Bedford Co. PA. (1833-1834-1835-1836) and was single. 1837, he was not in Bedford Co. PA. By 1838, William S. Latta was back in Bedford Co. PA and married to Margaret Causlett.

4) William S. Latta, stayed in East Providence Twp. Bedford Co. Everett, PA the rest of his adult life.

Married, Margaret Causlett: 1837 Westmoreland Co. PA. They had three children: two boys and one girl.

5) John Causlett Latta: b) 1-18-1839 Rays Cove, PA.

5) William Henry Harrison Latta: b) 12-23-1840.

5) Jane Latta: b) 1843.

Margaret, 26 years old, died, leaving William with three small children to raise. Grandma Sarah Sparks helped with the children. She took Jane to live with her at her brother Abraham's home.

4) William S. Latta: married- Mary Jane "Madeline" Swartz (1847). He was still living on the farm at Rays Cove with his two sons, John and William H. H. Latta. William S. Latta had six more children with Madeline.

5) Abraham Sparks Latta: b) 1848 d) 2-10-1937 (85)

5) Phillip Latta: b) 1849

5) David Samuel Latta: b) 7-8-1852

5) Rachel Anna Latta: b) 2-26-1854 d) 2-21-1920 (66)

5) Pony Latta: d) young

5) Mary Ann Latta: d) young

Grandma Sarah Sparks died in 1850. Jane

Latta (granddaughter) was now 17 years old, and living with her and Aunt Indiana Hughes, William's half sister. In Sarah Sparks Will, she listed her 2 children, 1.) William Sparks Latta and 2.) Indiana Hughes. She also mentioned her granddaughter, Jane Latta, stating that if she (Jane) behaved herself, she could live with her Aunt Indiana Hughes until she got married. Then she could have one cow and her bedding.

Descendants of:

4) William Sparks & Margaret (Causlett)

Latta:

5) - 1. John Causlett Latta: b) 1-18-1838, Rays Cove - Bedford Co. Everett, Pa. d) 7-3-1915 (77) buried- Harold, S. Dakota

He enlisted in the Civil War, in Bureau Co. Illinois 9-21-1861, 57th IL. Regt. Discharged - 3-30-1863 and commissioned 1st Lieut. in 1st Alabama Cavalry, later promoted to Captain and served until the end of the war. Mustered out Huntsville, Alabama. 10-20-1865.

Went to Wyanet, IL In 1882 - went with his family to Huron, South Dakota. In 1909, went to Waverly, Iowa.

Married three times:

1st- Caroline E. Day, Wyanet, IL. d) 3-16-1892, buried Harold, S. Dakota.

2nd- Mrs. Carrie Thompson 1894 at Pierre, S. Dakota d) 1899

3rd- Mrs. Anna Davis - June 1905

He had 8 children:

6) - 1. Nellie E. Latta: b) 1867 d) 1867 (5 months) buried- Forrest Hill Cemetery- Wyanet, IL.

6) - 2. Albert G. Latta: b) 5-21-1868 Wyanet, IL. Single

6) - 3. Frank Lee Latta: b) 12-14-1871 lived at Cincinnati, N. Y. Rt. # 1, m) Ether Maude Hammer. 7) Leigh Clark Latta: b) , d) Glendale, Ohio.

6) - 4. Nettle M. Latta: m) Joseph C. Higgins lived at Blunt, S. Dakota.

6) - 5. John W. Latta: b) 6-20-1876, d) 1914 m) Edith Smith.

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6) - 6. Roy E. Latta: b) 1878 Wyanet, IL. d) 1947 (73), buried- Wyanet, IL. m) Mary J. Higgins 5-29-1900. b) 1872 d) 1942, buried- Wyanet, IL. lived- Morrison, IL.

6) - 7. Carrie E. Latta: b) 1880 Wyanet, IL. d) 1974 (94), buried- Wyanet, IL. m) Lewis E. Golding b) 1878 d) 12-20-1960, (82) lived - Morrison, IL.

6) - 8. Daisy May Latta: b) 1-11-1883 What Cheer, Iowa m) Clyde E. Moore.

5) - 2. William Henry Harrison Latta: b) 5-23-1840 d) 3-21-1910 Information on next pages.

5) - 3. Jane Latta: b) 1843 d) 1911 (68) buried- Everett, Pa. m) Nicholas Garlick

4) William Sparks Latta and his second wife- Mary Jane (Madeline) Swartz, m) 1847, b) 1816, d) 5-1888 (72), buried at Everett, PA.

5) - 4. Abraham Sparks Latta: b) 1848 d) 1923 (75). m) Margaret Jane Defibaugh 11-29-1871, b) 1850, d) 5-30-1889 (39). Both are buries at Graceville Cemetery, Everett, PA.

He was a farmer. Private in "K" Co. 208th Regt. Vol. under Capt. Adam Weaving.

Mustered in 9-12-1864, and mustered out with Co. 6-1-1865.

Lived at Rays Cove, Bedford Co. Everett, PA. Rt. # 4. In the 1920 Census living at E. Providence, Bedford Co. PA. He was 72 and widowed. His brother David was now living with him. Abraham and Margaret had 6 children:

6) - 1. John Latta: b) 1872 lived West Virginia.

6) - 2. Mary M. Latta: b) 1874 d) 10-14-1925 (51) single buried Everett, PA.

6) - 3. James B. Latta: b) 1876 m) Ida Mills, lived at Everett, PA.

6) - 4 William Latta: b) 1878, m) Bessie Hinish, lived at Everett, PA.

6) - 5. Henry Latta: b) 1881, m) Blanche Freight.

6) - b. Albert Ross Latta: b) 7-8-1888 d) 7-20-1914 (26).

5) - 5. Phillip Latta: b) 1849 d) young

5) - 6. David Samuel Latta: b) 7-8-1852 Everett, PA. d) 2-19-1937

m) Eva Ellen Coughenour 2-13-1881 (Divorced)

He was in Bureau Co. Wyanet, IL (1877) when his father died. David lived at Rays Cove Everett, Pa. Rt. # 4. After the divorce he was living, with his brother, Abraham.

David and Eva had 10 children:

6) - 1. Dora Belle Latta: b) 12-17-1881 William's Station, Somerset Co. PA, m) William Queer 7-11-1899 she had 8 children:

7) - 1. John 2. Harvey 3. Myrtle 4. Elmer 5. Eddie 6. Floyd 7. Merle 8. Carne.

6) - 2. Carne May Latta: b) 5-3-1884 Bard, PA, m) Wilson Millard Shumaker, lived in Cumberland, Maryland. She had 3 children: 7) - 1. Elizabeth 2. William 3. Merle.

6) - 3. Delilah Myrtle Latta: b) 9-24-1886, m) George Millhouse and had 4 children: 7) - 1. Nellie 2. Luther 3. Leora 4. Evelyn.

6) - 4. Francis Jane Latta: b) 11-9-1888 m) William Henry Mathias 12-10-1907 and lived in Berlin, PA. 7) - 1. Ralph 2. Samuel 3. Robert 4. Harry

6) - 5. Mary Amelia "Minnie" Latta: b) 1-14-1891 Connellsville, PA, m) Walter Earl Wesley 10-20-1908, and lived in Somerset, PA.

7) - 1. Sue Ellen 2. Wilson 3. Jenny Elizabeth

6) - 6. Howard Wilson Latta: b) 5-31-1893 Connellsville, PA, m) Anna Moffett and lived in Union Town, PA.

6) - 7. Etta Maude Latta: b) 2-8-1896 Somerset Co. PA, m) Harry Miller and lived in Cumberland, MD. 7) - 1. Harry

6) - 8. Harvey James Latta: b) 1-28-1898 Somerset Co. PA, m) Pearl Coffman and lived in Dunbar, Fayette Co. PA. He was a coal miner.

7) - 1. Eva Ellen Latta: b) 5-8-1918 Dunbar, PA. d) 9-28-1937 (19)

7) - 2. Harvey Gordan Latta: b) 7-24-1919 d) 2-1969 (50)

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7) - 3. Lloyd Jackson Latta: b) 2-16-1922 , twin of Samuel.

7) - 4. Samuel David Latta: b) 2-16-1922, twin of Lloyd.

7) - 5. Lester Merle Latta: b) 5-8-1923 d) 12-1980 (57)

6) - 9. Lester Lee Latta: b) 1-28-1901 Somerset, PA, m) Irene Me Cleary. He was a civil engineer Corp.

7) -1. Elizabeth Jane Latta: b) 7-30-1924 Berlin, PA.

7) - 2. Merle "Buster" Leroy Latta: b) 11-3-1926 Oaken, Ohio

6) -10. Elmer Wesley Latta: b) 1-15-1904 Berlin, PA, m) Philomene Barr 4-6-1925

7) -1. Elmer Eugene Latta: b) 2-16-1925 m) Josephine Darbie.

8) - 1. Stanley Latta: b)

8) - 2. Mark Latta: b)

7) - 2. James Leroy Latta: b) 10-11-1930 Somerset, PA, m) Pauline Smith

8) - 1. Alicia Latta: b)

8) - 2. Diane Latta: b)

8) - 3. Dwight Latta: b)

5) - 7. Polly Latta: d) young

5) - 8. Mary Ann Latta: d) young

5) - 9. Rachel Anna Latta: b) 2-26-1854 Rays Cove Everett, PA. d) 2-21-1920 (65) (Influenza), buried at Bloody Run Baurough Everett, PA. m) John M. Morgart 8-19-1879 Bedford Co. Everett, PA.

6) - 1. Howard John 2. Chalmer Lewis 3. Lottie Viola 4. Goldie M. 5. Jessie L 6. Marshall William.

1880 - Bedford Co. Census shows: Mary Jane (Madeline) Latta, age 64 - widow, living with her daughter, Rachael Ann (26) and her husband, John Morgart (21).

5) William Henry Harrison Latta: b) 12-23-1840 at Rays Cove, W. Providence Twp., Bedford Co., Everett, PA. His mother, Margaret (Causlett) Latta, died when he was 5 years old.

At the age of 19, William married Barbara Garlick, age 21, daughter of John and Mary Sleighter Garlick. On 8-25-1859, Evangelist Lutheran Minister, Rev. George C. Probst, performed the ceremony, in W. Providence Twp. Bedford Co. PA.

After the wedding, they moved to Rays Cove, W. Providence Twp. Bedford Co. East of Everett, PA. This is where 5) William H. H. Latta grew up.

1860 - They had their first child, Sarah Catharine Latta: she had-T. B.

1862- Their second child was born, Mary Jane "Molly" Latta. Mary Jane, was only two months old when Sarah died, and is buried in PA.

8-27-1863 - 5) William H. H. Latta, 23 years old, served in the Civil War. He was drafted and mustered into the United States Service as a Private in Comp. B, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry- at Chambersburg, PA. He was promoted to Corporal August 1, 1864 and transferred on June 1, 1865 to Company B, 148 Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He mustered out with a detachment of that company and honorably discharged, June 18, 1865 near Alexander, Virginia. William was a member of the G. A. R. of Sheffield, Illinois. His Civil War picture shows him with a clean face, but hair on his neckline. The reason that the men grew hair on their neckline was due to the cheap and hard material their uniforms were made of. Many men that wore these uniforms broke out around their necks and became infected. The hair protected the neckline when the uniform rubbed their necks.

Barbara was left behind to care for the farm and raise their small daughter. It was told Barbara would go outside into the cold weather and chop wood like crazy, taking out her frustrations. She could hear the canons going off, in the distance. The family was still living at Rays Cove, PA on a farm they were renting, possibly owned by the King family.

1875 - 5) William Latta & Barbara, purchased the land they were living on at the Cove, on the eastern edge of West Providence Twp. adjacent

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to the Juniata River. Less than two years later, 13 Feb. 1877, they sell the property for the sum of one dollar to Phillip G. Morgart of Everett, "Owing to sundry losses and misfortunes". Apparently, 5) William was "Bankrupt". Buildings on the property included a log house and log barn.

1877 - Soon after, the family, with 7 children, decided to migrate to Bureau Co. Illinois. 5) William H. H. Latta had family members, already living there. Some of the Sparks family members had come to IL in 1850. 6) William Bartley Latta, the youngest child of 7 children, was only 1 year old at this time. 5) Wm. H. H. Latta's father, 4) William Sparks Latta, had died on 9-8-1877, after the family had already left Pennsylvania heading for Illinois.

William Henry Harrison Latta b) 12-23-1840 Rays Cove, Bedford Co. PA, d) 3-21-1910 (70) Wyanet - Manlius Area, Bureau Co. Illinois. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL.

m) Barbara Ellen Garlick: 8-25-1859 W. Providence Twp. Bedford Co. Everett, PA. b) 11-5-1839 Bedford Co. PA. d) 6-30-1920 (82) Bureau Co. Wyanet, IL.

They had 12 children: three boys and nine girls:

6) - 1. Sarah Catherine: b) 9-17-1860 Rays Cove - Bedford Co. Everett, PA. d) 12-12-1862 (2 yrs. old) she had T. B. Buried: Providence Baptist Cemetery, on Bunker Hill Rd., East of Everett, PA. Rt. 30.

6) - 2. Mary Jane "Molly": b) 10-6-1862 Rays Cove - Bedford Co. Everett, PA. d) 1-14-1923 of cancer (60) at Ohio, IL. Buried: Manlius, IL. m) James H. King 7-6-1879 Bureau Co. Ohio, IL. b) 2-28-1859 Everett, PA. d) 5-26-1927, buried Manlius, IL. They had 13 children: one died, six boys and six girls.

6) - 3. Ellen Barbara: b) 6-10-1866 Everett, PA. d) 6-12-1866 (2 days). Buried: Providence Baptist Cemetery on Bunker Hill Rd. E. of Everett, PA. Twin of John Henry Grant Latta.

6) - 4. John Henry Grant: b) 6-10-1866 Everett, PA. d) 5-26-1927 (61) East Grove Twp. Lee Co. IL. Buried Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL. He is a twin to Ellen Barbara.

m) Ida M. Smith 2-7-1900 Bureau Co. IL. b) 1873, d) 1961 (88) buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL. She is half sister to Amy (Miller) Latta, 6) William Bartley Latta's wife). They had no children.

6) - 5. Emma Bessie: b) 10-16-1868 Everett, PA. d) 8-31-1884 (16). Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL.

6) - 6. Ida May: b) 11-6-1870 Everett, PA. Twin of Carrie Bell. d) 1961 (91). Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL. m) Francis Alonso Oloffson 10-30-1889. They had 7 children.

6) - 7. Carrie Bell: b) 11-6-1870 Everett, PA. Twin of Ida May. d) 1964 (97). Buried: Walnut, IL.

m) George Gallentine 1-11-1894, W. Bureau Twp., IL. They had 7 children.

6) - 8. Susan Amanda: b) 6-18-1874 Everett, PA. d) 7-12-1933 (59) Manlius, IL. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL.

m) Fredrick W. Krager 3-22-1916 Manlius, IL. b) 2-22-1869, d) 4-25-1939. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery. They had no children.

6) - 9. William Bartley: b) 7-5-1876 Rays Cove Bedford Co. Everett, PA. d) 9-14-1967 (91) at 3:30 p.m. K. S. B. Hosp. Lee Co. Dixon, IL. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL.

m) Estella Kolp: 1-3-1899. b) 7-4-1878 at Cass Co. Massena, Iowa. d) 4-3-1899 (22) W. Bureau Twp. Bureau Co. IL. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyanet, IL.

m) Amy Darlene Miller: 8-22-1903 at Madison, Wisconsin. b) 3-20-1887 Bureau Twp. IL. d) 7-1-1970 (83) at home, Whiteside Co. Rock Falls, IL of a heart attack Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery, Wyanet, IL. They had 12 children: eight girls and four boys. See the next page.

6) - 10. George Daniel: b) 11-3-1878 Bureau Co. IL. d) 9-18-1936 (58) Murdered at Aledo, IL. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery, Wyanet, IL. George was murdered by Lawrence Egbert. He was also in partnership at Princeton, IL with his son, Vaughn "Bun", breeding horses and marketing a saddle horse.

m) Nellie Lucinda Vaughn 12-14-1905 b) 9-13-1885, d) 10-14-1960 (75) at Princeton, IL. They had three children: two girls and one boy.

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6) - 11. Blanche Myrtle: b) 6-29-1880, d) 1-29-1916 (36) Bureau Co. IL. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery Wyand, IL.

m) Fredrick T. Heuer 12-11-1901 Bureau Co. IL. They had five children: four boys and one girl.

6) - 12. Ada Darlene: b) 7-23-1883 d) 3-12-1884 (8 months - 12 days) as a result from being dropped on her head, causing brain damage and fever. Buried: Forrest Hill Cemetery.

6) William Bartley & Amy Latta had been married 64 years at the time of his death: 1903 - 1967.

They were the parents of 12 children, 29 grandchildren, and 36 great - grandchildren.

7) 1. Estella May Latta. b) 5-28-1905 - New Bedford, IL, d) 72. Married Mr. Pfeffer.

7) 2. Amy Violet Latta. b) 1-25-1907 - New Bedford, IL, d) 81. Married Mr. Bennett.

7) 3. Eva Darlene Latta. b) 4-22-1909 - Fargo, Sargent Co., North Dakota, d) 19.

7) 4. William Irving "Bud" Latta. b) 3-24-1911- Fargo, Sargent Co., N. Dakota, d) 65.

7) 5. Harry Leslie Latta. b) 1-13-1913 - Concord Twp. Bureau Co., IL, d) 85.

7) 6. Margaret Katherine Latta. b) 4-24-1915 - Sheffield, IL, d) 90. Married Mr. Morgan.

7) 7. Gladys Latta. b) 12-5-1916 - Sheffield, IL. d) 61, Married Mr. Hermes.

7) 8. Hazel Gertrude Latta. b) 7-1-1919 - Sheffield, IL, d) 59. Married Mr. Epps.

7) 9. Blanche Ellen Latta. b) 11-14-1922 - Amboy, IL, Married Mr. Pillars.

7) 10. Fern Avis Latta. B) 1-18-1924, d) 2.

7) 11. Kenneth Louis Latta. b) 1-8-1926 - Amboy, IL, d) 79.

7) 12. Donald Wayne Latta. b) 7-16-1929 - Amboy, IL, d) 11-24-1996, (67).

In conclusion, these families are woven tighter than a spiders web through marriages: Sparks - Latta - Manspeaker - Hughes - Kings - Ritchey - Garlick - Morgart.

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1. Alexander Meldrum Lattie

** chr 15 May 1808, St Andrews & Leonard

** and/or: b 10 May 1802 St Andrews Fife.

** or b 1806 - 2 Nov, chr 9 Nov, Dairsie Fife

d. 4 Sep 1849 - Drowned Columbia River, Clatsop County, Oregon. Parents: John Lattie & Helen Clark who married: 1806 - 26 Nov, Dairsie.

m. Marie Catherine (Elizabeth) Sikkas

The DOB 10 May 1802 St Andrews Fife - is from another researcher Dick Coffman, whose 2 pages seem now not to be working:

<http://www.cnnw.net/~pontiac/lattie.html>

But there is another:

<http://www.e-familytree.net/F249/F249152.htm>

I believe the correct year of birth is probably 1808, not 1802, not in the least seeing his parents married 1806, but also, the DOB of 10 May 1808 would fit nicely with a Christening a few days later on the 15th. Further, it is entirely possible his parents had two sons same name, the first born 1806 having died young - a common practice to give the next child of same gender the same name.

His mother poss. born abt 1786, and died:

1858 in Fife, age 76 (SP Search) Helen Latto (other name Clark). His father, have nothing more.

Issue of John Lattie/Latto & Helen Clark

Alexander b 1806 - 2 Nov, chr 9 Nov, Dairsie Fife

James Lattie 1810 Elie Fife

Agnes Latto 1812 Elie

Helen Latto 1813 Elie

Thomas Latto 1817 Elie

John Latto chr abt 1818 Elie **

Jess Latto 1821 Elie

Jane Latto 1821 Elie

Alexander Latto chr 15 May 1808 Elie

I am not related to this family, but have an Australian contact who descends from John chr about 1818 - do you have /need details?

This researcher says the father, John Lattie/Latto was a tanner in 1820.

I think this could be the mother, Helen in 1841:

C41: Helen probably in Elie, Fife; Toll Wynd East Side

Helen Latta age 50, born Fife, Occ: Independent. With

an Elizabeth Thompson age 20, born Fife. (no Occ listed).

Having collected a lot of data on Scots Latto/Latta, I think there may be a good chance Alexander Meldrum Lattie/Latta's father John Latta is from this family: Alexander Lata and Alison Meldrum - no marriage found, have issue christened in North Leith, Edinburgh, Midlothian:

Alison Lata 1783

David Latta Chr 1785

Alexander Lata chr 1787

James Lata chr 1792

William Lata chr 1798

Thomas Lata chr 1796

John Lata chr 1789

Cheers, Anne, tsaod@slingshot.co.nz.

2. This is what data I have collected on these Latto/Latta's:

Elizabeth Lata m William Mitchell 12 Dec 1763 Dalgety Fife other date as Elizabeth Lota 12 Dec 1767, Dalgety Fife (IGI). One of the dates years may be a mis-transcript by the IGI. Have often see Elizabeth and Euphan/Euphem(ia) interchanged in earlier records.

Children: Mitchell, father George Mitchell (Mitchel):-

George b 15 May 1769, Chr Abedour Fife MMS:

Euphans Latty

Margaret b 1 Aug 1771, Chr Abedour Fife MMS:

Euphans Latty

Isabel chr 12 Dec 1773 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphans Lata

Euphens chr 7 Apr 1776 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphens Lata

Janet chr 16 Apr 1780 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphan Latto

Latto

Jean chr 9 Jun 1782 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphan Latto

Latto

Ann chr 20 Jun 1784 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphan Latto

Latto

Betty chr 1 Mar 1778 Dunfermline, MMS: Euphan Lattow

Lattow

I assume you refer to your Euphem(ia)'s birth on IGI 1838 as Euphan Lata naming her father Thomas, but

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Research Queries and Notes

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no mother name. I believe the following are probably her siblings - all chr on IGI in Logie with a father named Thomas and no named mother.

- 1) Andrew **Lata** Chr 1732 - 27 Aug, Logie
- 2) Jean **Lata** - Chr 1734 - 7 Aug, Logie
- 3) James **Lata** - Chr 1736 - 22 Aug, Logie

1) Andrew **Lata** is very possibly the same Andrew **Lata** who married 9 Jun 1764 Logie to a Mary **Arthur**. And in turn I think they are likely the parents of: Helen **Lata** chr 1765 - 3 Nov, Logie with father names as Andrew but no named mother.

As time went on, the **Lat(t)a** name in Fife was nearly always recorded and became known as **Latto**.

I'm not related as far as I am aware to these **Latto's** - though I am to other Fife **Latto** lines. Cheers, Anne, tsaod@slingshot.co.nz.

3. I am looking for any information on George **Lato**, dob c1689, Collesie, Fife, Scotland and Mary **Din**, dob c1690, Fife, Scotland. Married 1710 in Collessie, Fife, Scotland. They had 3 children that I can find George, William and Margaret. I would appreciate any help in further information on this family. Thanks, John, liddiards@iinet.net.au.

4. Hello - I was looking over the **Latta** website and was interested in finding out about my family's past. My grandfather was Virgil **Latta**, born in the early 1900's, I believe in Fort Smith, AR. He was one of four sons: Ursul, Flavil and Guy (yes, those are the real names!). He moved to Boulder, CO where he worked for the post office and owned a grocery store and a hotel at one time. I do not really know anything about his parents, grandparents, but thought I would be interesting to try to find out more. Thanks, Regards, Ronald L. **Latta** Jr., Managing Director, Howard Frazier Barker Elliott, Inc., 815 Walker, Suite 1140, Houston, TX 77002, rlatta@hfbe.com.

5. How do I correct some information given on **Latta** Branch 9? On the wife of Thomas Neely **Latta** #5 generation 4 it says that she was born in Vineyard, Washington Co. AR. This is incorrect. They have the date correct, but she was born in Illinois. Jacob **Chandler** did not come to Arkansas until about 1819 and went first to Clark Co. AR. From there he went briefly to Miller Co. AR which at that time extended into what is

now SE Oklahoma. In 1825 the white residents of that area were required to move as the land had been ceded to the Choctaw Indians. **Chandler** returned briefly to Clark Co. AR, but was in Washington Co. by the 1829 Sheriff's census. In Illinois, they lived in Grand Tower which was at that time part of Randolph Co., but is now Jackson Co. IL.

Emily **Chandler Latta** was the sister of my g-grandfather Preston **Chandler**. I have a copy of the **Chandler** Bible with the birth dates in it. The 1850 census of Fannin Co. is the only census in which the correct birth place is given for Emily **Chandler Latta**. Her sister Unity (Eunetta on your web page - Unity in the family Bible) was born in Washington Co. AR, not Fannin Co. TX. She never lived in Texas. She and John Leander **Latta** were married in Washington Co. 20 Oct 1853 and she died 3 years later 21 Nov 1856 in Washington County, AR (dates from Family Bible). Janelle Swearingen, Bixby, OK, janellesw@cox.net.

6. I also belong to a **Latta** family. It is sub caste of Brahmin Cast of India. You will find thousands family here who use their surname as **Latta** or **Lata**. I don't know what is the relation between the **Lattas** of India and Africa. Today suddenly I wanted to know about **Lattas** in India and world. Then I found your web site. I shall be very happy to share information and background of **Lattas**. But all depends upon your reply. Thanking You, Yours, Hari Prakash **Latta**, haripralla@sancharnet.in.

7. Actually as I wrote in my earlier E-Mail, Here in India, the surname **Latta** belongs to Brahman Caste in India. As you may be know that Indian race [The Hindus] is divided in so many Castes and then sub-castes. Traditionally it is believed in India that Brahman Caste [including **Latta** surname and so many other surnames] is a intellectual class who hold command on Education, Art, Culture, making rules for the society, placing best examples of humanity, dedication, love & affection, high thinking and simple living, always thinking for good of the society etc. I don't claim that all the Brahman in India has retained their above values. I think We are the original Indians belongs to northern part of India. I can send you the names of our head of the family since seven Generations. I am sending herewith my postal address as follow, you can send your newsletter or other material on **Latta** families. Please send your address also so I shall try to send you some book on Brahman Caste of India. Hari Prakash **Latta**, Adarsh Vihar Colony, P.O. DHANSAR - 828106, [Dist. Dhanbad] [Jharkhand], INDIA.

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Minutes of Latta Genealogy Society Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call, December 17, 2006

By Beryl Redfield, Secretary/Historian

Attendance: Ken Mueller, Virginia Curulla, Ellen Taylor, Sue Cox, Cathi Vannice, Bob Hawkins, and Beryl Redfield.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called by the President and held via telephone conference on December 17, 2006. The call began at 6:00 PM Pacific Time. The following items were discussed:

1. Using Pay Pal It was suggested we provide the service of Pay Pal on the Latta.org website in order to simplify donations to the Latta Genealogy Society. The motion was made by Ellen and seconded by Sue. The voting was unanimous.

2. Auditor. Cathi Vannice volunteered to serve as auditor for one year until another volunteer is found. The motion was made by Ellen and seconded by Virginia. The voting was unanimous.

3. Nominating committee. Ken reported that Mitch Latta and Gary Pokaradi agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, and he is waiting to hear from Keith Latta. Because a total of at least five members are required, Virginia and Sue volunteered to make telephone calls to Connie Latta, Betty Kitchen, and Connie Leaman to inquire as to their availability to serve on the Nominating Committee. The motion was made by Virginia and seconded by Kathy. The voting was unanimous.

4. Latta information received. Ken announced that he received a large packet of information from Rose Ann Latta of Amboy, Illinois, some of which appears to pertain to Branch 43, and perhaps Branches 1 and 8. He plans to publish this information in the Newsletter. Sue volunteered to make copies for Ellen and Kathy.

5. DNA research. Bob Hawkins discussed DNA research and said that before combining branches, DNA results could help verify the information. He stated that Branch 1 has participated.

In order to obtain more volunteers, Virginia suggested we set up a scholarship fund for which persons could make application. It was also suggested that donations to this fund could be set up. We discussed targeting testing for those with similar names and dates with a goal of combining commonalities, however a clear and convincing DNA analysis must exist.

ACTION: It was agreed that Bob will write an article to provide information on DNA testing, scholarship funding and suggest branches for testing. Sue will work with Bob on this. We will formally agree to funding at a later time, the amount and maximum depending on the number of marker test. Bob will submit a short article for the Winter Issue and a lengthier article for the Spring Issue.

6. Annual Membership Meeting. It is a Washington State requirement that an annual meeting be held the third Saturday in June. Virginia and Cathi will meet together to satisfy this requirement. They will first review the legal requirements and reply to Ken by e-mail.

7. Board Elections. The current officers are temporary until the new Board members are elected according to the provisions of the by-laws. The names of the Nominating Committee will be announced in the Winter Issue of the Newsletter with the slate of candidates announced in the Spring Issue. Also included in the Spring Issue will be a mail-in ballot to be returned within 21 days, with the results announced at the June meeting and published in the Summer Newsletter.

8. Other. Ellen reported that the DAR has a very informative website with some helpful information available on line. She will write an article describing this in detail for the Spring Issue. She will also write up something about the Latta DAR patriots.

9. Next Conference Call. There is no regularly scheduled meeting, however as items need to be discussed or approved, Ken may call a meeting of the Board of Directors.

10. Adjournment. There being no further business, Virginia moved to adjourn and Cathi seconded the motion. The call ended at 6:55 PM Pacific Time.

Comments and suggestions about the action of the LGS Board may be sent to Ken Mueller at the address below, or any officer listed above.

Ken Mueller, President, Latta Genealogy Society, 7400 East Mule Circle, Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314. Doc Huer@aol.com.

Research Queries and Notes

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8. I would like to find more information on the Lattas prior to John Latta, married to Margaret (nee Ronald) 11/6/1773 in Dreghorn, Ayershire (sic), Scotland. One of his sons was Robert, born in Kilmarnock 31/6/1787 and that is where my line of the family comes from. However, before that I have difficulty in tracing pervious relations. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you. Philip Latta, PO Box 32, Noosa Heads, QLD 4567 Australia.

DNA Testing

By Robert Hawkins, DNA Coordinator

Our DNA testing program is an ongoing project that is still going. We hope to eventually have all branches tested. The good news that I can report is that the cost of the 37 marker test has dropped to \$199.00. This is the minimum test to link branches. We still need many branches to participate. It must be a male with the surname of Latta. The following is a list of those that have been tested: Branch 1 has a 12 and 37, Branch 3 has a 12, Branch 13 has a 12 and 37, Branch 16 has a 12, Branch 17 has a 12, Branch 18 has a 12, Branch 22 has a 37, Branch 30 has a 37, Branch 31 has a 12, Branch 49 has a 37, Branch 51 has a 12. Ideally, we should have at least two participants from each branch. I have three things to ask of you:

1. If your branch is not listed please arrange to submit a sample.

2. Please upgrade if your branch has only a 12 marker test.

3. If you would like to make a donation for others in need Please Do So.

Information can be obtained at www.familytreedna.com or you can contact me directly at: Bob Hawkins, 520 Audubon Place Ct., Manchester, Missouri 63021. Ph. 636-391-6443 or e-mail bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net.

Nominating Committee Chosen

By Ken Mueller, editor

The by laws call for five or more members acting as a committee to nominate candidates for President, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Research, Treasurer, Secretary/Historian, and Branch Captain Coordinator. The positions listed in the last newsletter were intended to be temporary until new elections next year. The nominees will be listed in the next newsletter, Spring 2007. The membership at large will have a ballot included with their Spring 2007 newsletter, with which they may vote. Space for write in candidates will be provided.

The bylaws also provide that voting members should be current on their dues. Also, a nominee must agree to serve if elected.

The committee, once they have selected nominees, will report their choices to the editor. That will then conclude the business of the nominating committee. The nominating committee is comprised of these members of the Latta Genealogy Society:

Ken Erdle, Branch 51 Captain, see page 13.
B. Mitchell Latta, Branch 3 Captain, see page 2.
Connie Latta, Branch 52 Captain, see page 13.
Connie Leaman, R.leaman@comcast.net.
Randy Phillips, Branch 4 Captain, see page 2.
Gary Pokaradi, pokerman@sympatico.ca.
Brian and Anna Smith, Archivists, see page 7.

Any member who wishes to nominate a candidate for office may write to Mr. Ken Erdle, 7890 Wexford Ct., Bloomington, Indiana 47408, or send an e-mail to any committee member listed above.
