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Henry Latta, 1865-1930

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I just had a huge shock. A good one though. I was cleaning off some book shelves in my office and came upon an unopened Latta Genealogy Newsletter (Issue 25 Spring 2005). I must have been at sea when it came in. In the newsletter I found the letter from Allan Latta of Branch 9 telling of the old Latta letters. Henry Latta was my grandfather, and William T. Latta my mysterious great grandfather.

John Henry Latta was born in Haw Patch, La-Grange County, Indiana, on 25 January 1865. He was called Henry most of his life, as his only brother was named Jonathan. His parents, William T. and Mary Elizabeth Cunningham Latta along with children Henry, Jonathan, Maude, and Sarah moved to Missouri in 1872. According to Attorney Robert Latta, William died 25 Jan. 1898 in Webster County, Missouri, but extensive research does not reveal any evidence of this. An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Greene County, Missouri lists William T. Latta in Brookline Township, Greene County, a miner from Pennsylvania, stating he arrived there in 1876. In the 1880 census of Hickory County, Missouri, city of Wheatland, the children are working out as farm and household helpers. In 1880 Mary is living in Wichita working as a seamstress. In 1900 Mary is found married to Richard Bateman on the Pottawatomie Indian reservation. Mary died 16 July 1907 at her son Jonathan Latta's ranch in Harper, Kansas, and is buried in the Star Cemetery, Harper County, Kansas.

Henry went to Kansas when he was 14 and worked on the Kinkaid Ranch and on various ranches around the Millerton, Kansas area. July 1892 Henry wrote a letter to Blanche Clum, of

Conway Springs, proposing marriage to her. Henry Latta and Blanche Clum, daughter of Allen C. Clum and Catherine Leatherman Baker, married 30 July 1893 in Conway Springs, Kansas. Blanche came from a strict Dunkard (German Baptist Brethern) background. I cannot imagine how her parents reacted to her marriage to Henry, who drank, chewed, swore, and had a habit of freely exhibiting his temper.

Henry made the Run from Hunnewell, Kansas into the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma on 16 Sept. 1893, and staked a claim. The story is told that after he staked his claim he came upon a woman whose buggy had broken down, so he threw her up behind his saddle and took her to stake her claim. He took his new bride and homesteaded on the Strip, near what later became Clair, Oklahoma. Their first home there was a dugout and sod shelter, but later they built a nice two story farmhouse purchased from the Sears Roebuck catalogue. In

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Editorial

Whatever our IRS designation, we are here to do genealogy. As you can see from this issue, we research our Latta ancestors, and find their family stories. Libraries are friendly places full of Latta family information. We donate DNA, visit archives, interview relatives, whatever it takes. We are full of questions about our Latta past.

So please keep up the good work. Continue to read through the census until you find your people. Visit courthouses and cemeteries. Keep in touch with fellow genealogists. And most of all, share your results with everyone present and future by sending in articles to be printed. This is much more fun than the IRS will ever know.

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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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COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 4/30/07:		\$ 5,382.55
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 950.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,432.55	
Income 5/1/07 through 7/31/07:		\$ 1,031.55
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 0 donor	\$ 0.00	
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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 950.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,681.43 ²	

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¹ Expenses for issue #32 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² General fund balance will be approximately \$ 4,000 after deducting expenses for issue #32.

Henry Latta, 1865-1930

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March of 1894, Henry and Blanche drove in horse drawn wagon from the Cherokee strip clear to Leavenworth, Kansas to adopt a nine year old boy named Wallace Wood from the Kansas State Orphan Asylum. He is recalled as being a red head (a Branch 1 trait) and after Henry died Blanche sought a lawyer to help her in case the red headed boy might return and seek his share of the estate. I speculate that Wallace Wood was a son of Henry Latta by another relationship.

Those were hard years and in order to help out Blanche rode a horse several miles to teach in a sod school house, and later in a dugout school house. She told of centipedes in the classroom and of how she had to go chase rattle snakes away so the children could go outside. Their first two children, Gladys and Elmer, were born in Oklahoma Territory, but after Elmer Ward died of whooping cough, at age 4, Blanche demanded they move "back to civilization in Kansas". About 1899 they moved back to Kansas and rented a home in Milton while they looked for a ranch to buy. In 1901 Henry purchased 440 acres that had been part of the English owned Runnymede Colony, it became the nucleus of what became a 1600 acre ranch NW of Norwich, Kansas. The signatures on the deed are notarized by the US Counsel, Manchester, England. This land was on the north side of the Chikaskia River in Southern Kingman Co., Canton Township. The ranch became a paradise for hunters and fishermen until Henry had it made a game preserve. Blanche was very proud of her house with stained glass in three doors, a metal bathtub. Water had to be carried to it but it drained outside, and a flush toilet that required a bucket of water to flush. The English owners had a butler to empty the container from outside. Three more children were born there: Ellen Faye, Margaret Grace, and William Allen. Jonathan Latta, Henry's brother, owned a large amount of acreage across the river and over the years they constantly tried to acquire more land to their side of the river to out do the other sibling. Henry was known for traveling around speculating

on land. We have one postcard he sent Aug. 1908 from Ft. Garland, Colorado saying he was staking a claim there. He was known for his imported cattle from the Scottish Highlands, mule breeding, and Tennessee Walking horses.

In 1907, concerned about the quality of education the children were receiving at the one room school, Blanche purchased a house in Norwich, Kansas. She and the children lived there while the children were in school in Norwich. When the need arose to go to the ranch and deal with Henry either Grace or Gladys would get on a horse and ride out to take care of matters. They apparently were strong enough to deal with Henry's personality.

After weeks of suffering from a strangulated hernia and following an operation Henry passed away 13 Jan. 1930 at the ranch. The funeral was held in the Norwich Christian Church. His daughter Grace recalls it as the day of a terrible blizzard, they drove over snowdrift covered fences to get to the cemetery, and were unable to bury him so placed the coffin in the garden shed at the cemetery until Spring. Henry and Blanche are buried side by side in the Upchurch Cemetery Norwich, Kansas. Blanche Latta died 19 June 1959.

Blanche was a teacher at heart and talked a lot about the family. She told us of receiving the letter from Attorney Robert Latta seeking information, and still had the letter and Latta coat of arms Robert Latta had sent to them. Apparently, it made Henry so curious about his background he got on his horse and rode to Fayette County, Pennsylvania. When he arrived at the Latta farm and explained who he was they allowed him to stay, but he had to sleep in the barn. He stayed for haying season to earn his keep and learn all he could of the family. All of Henry's Latta photos and documents were passed on to his only son Bill. I visited the home of my Aunt Anabel (Bill's widow) in the 1980s and she proudly showed me how they had preserved the will of William Latta (1) and the gun and powder horn William (2) carried from Pennsylvania to Indiana and then on to Missouri. A few months ago I found out the will, gun, and all were sold at her estate sale.

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All of the Latta children graduated from Norwich High School. The girls all taught at the Norwich school.

Elmer Ward Latta, born 8 May 1894, Oklahoma Territory, died of whooping cough 23 Nov. 1898 in the Oklahoma Territory. Buried in the Deer Creek, Cemetery near Clair, Oklahoma.

Gladys May Latta, born 26 July 1897, Clare, Oklahoma Territory, and died 16 April 1974. Married Sydney Leigh Sparr 11 June 1918. Gladys and Sidney are buried in Clearwater, Kansas.

Shirley Leigh Dalton b. 8 Oct. 1929 m. Walter F. Dalton 9 Feb. 1952 d. Jan 8 2007

Ellen Faye Latta, born 28 July 1902 on the ranch near Norwich, Kansas, and died 6 Sept. 1993. She married Albert C. Bomholt 24 Jan. 1923. Ellen received a degree from Kansas State Normal School. Ellen and Albert are buried in the Upchurch Cemetery Norwich, Kansas.

Joanne Bomholt living

Gary Bomholt living

Margaret Bomholt living

Margaret Grace Latta, born 26 July 1905 on the ranch. Married (1) Elmer Madden he died in a plane crash one month after they married (2) William Elliot Denney. She held a BA in Education from Pittsburgh, Kansas and a Masters Degree in Education from WWSU in Bellingham, Washington. She died 2 March 1994, and is buried beside her mother in the Upchurch Cemetery, Norwich, Kansas.

Paula Leigh Denney Gruginski living.

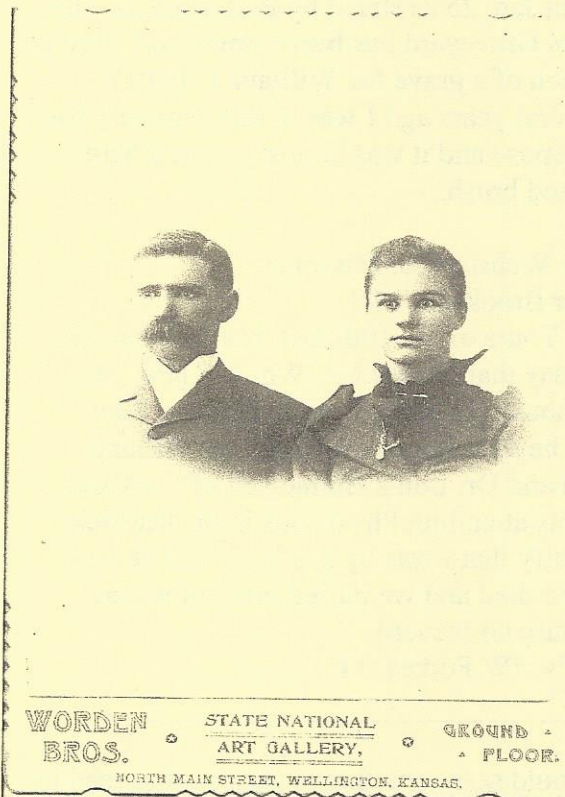
William Allen Latta, born 17 Jan 1911, and died 27 May 1967, married Anabel Robertson of Texas. William A. held a degree in Engineering from Oklahoma A&M He served in WW 2 as a US Naval Commander of Mine Sweepers in the Pacific theater and retired from the reserves as a Captain. He also retired as a Vice President of Pollock Paper Corp.

William A. Latta Jr. "Butch" b. 13 Jan., 1940 Oklahoma City, OK d. 10 June 1970 Carmel, California. Butch graduated from the US Naval Academy Annapolis, Maryland and as a USN

Commander was attending Naval post graduate school when he was murdered in his home, shot in the head while shaving. He was buried in Dallas, Texas with full Naval Honors.

James Michael Latta living.

Wallace Wood Latta, born 20 May 1885. He was adopted 1894. He left the family before they moved to Kansas. No further knowledge of him.



Henry Latta and Blanche Clum, married 30 July 1893 in Conway Springs, Kansas.

The Death of William T. Latta

By Captain Paula L. Gruginski, Branch 1,
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I have never had any substantiation to William T. Latta's death (William T. Latta, Samuel, William 1). Sure enough it is here in one of the letters sent

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The Death of William T. Latta

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to you by Allan Latta. Henry had apparently contacted a friend to advise him of his father's status. The friend then wrote back telling Henry of his father's death and enclosed the affidavit of death. Here we find the date of death clearly stated as Jan. 5, 1898, not Jan. 25 as stated by Robert Latta. The Box School Graveyard has been copied and there is no indication of a grave for William T. Latta's grave. Several years ago I was in this cemetery for another purpose and it was almost covered with brambles and brush.

Livingston Webster Co. Missouri
John Potter Brookline, MO

Dear Sirs, Yours of the 10th inst is at hand and in reply will say that I knew Mr. Wm T. Latta. He made my house his home from the 26 day June 1889 until he died January 5 1898. Dr William Bowhanan and Dr. Louis Hunnewell of Fordland MO. was his attending Physicians in his last sickness. I certify that I was by his bed while he was sick until he died and we buried him at the Box School House Graveyard.
Yours Truly JW Forbes, J.P.

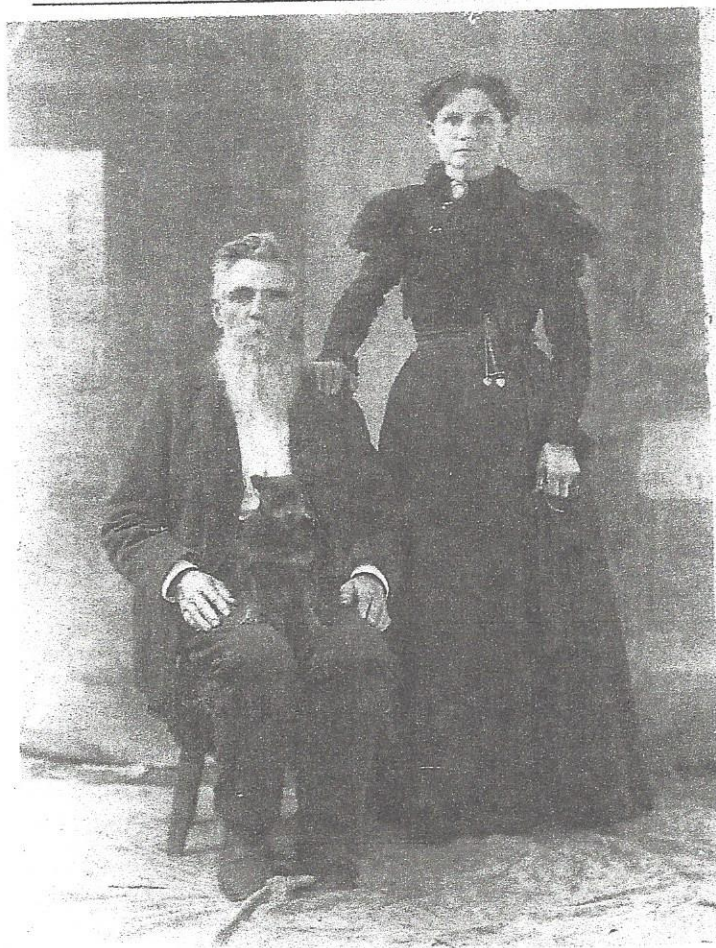
Then, it would seem one that is very hard to read is a letter to Henry Latta concerning Wallace Woods, the boy he adopted.

Hutchinson Reno Co., Kansas
December the 20th '94

Mr. Latta Sir I hear that you have maid out those papers concern Walles relies and put them in the bank awaiting the return of the 15 dollars which I agreed to give you for your expenses. I have already paid three dollars to get the papers maid out so that leaves me still 12 dollars in your det now I am a poor widow woman and have to work for my suport and I have not got the money just now but will send it to you just as soon as I can get it if that will suit you. O if you wont wait on me till I can send you the 12 dollars & you still claim the child

and are determined to take him you will have to pay his expenses here his Doctor and nerce bill which will amount to about fifty dollars. This will have to be paid before the boy leaves here. He has had another spell of sickness since recovering from the typhoid fever but is well now. I want to keep the boy if I can meet the terms he is all my comfort. Will you write to me what you intend to do about Walles as I am anxious to know please rite at once.
Yours with respect
Hulda Wood

The 1895 census of Hutchinson, Kansas lists a Hulda Wood age 63. Residing with her is Wallace Latta age 10 born in Kansas. Hulda seems old to be the mother of Wallace so it is back to the drawing board to find his mother.



Photograph of William T. and Mary Latta

Letter from Lizzie Latta Kane to Henry Latta

One of the old letters saved by Allan Latta and sent to the editor was a letter postmarked Brady, Texas, May 14, 1907, and addressed to Mr. Henry Latta, D Route 1, Norwich, Kansas. It was in an envelope 3.25 by 5.5 inches. I will quote it verbatim.

London, Texas
May 12th, 1907

Mr. Henry Latta
Norwich, Kans.

Dear Cousin

Is it possible that I can have the pleasure of answering your very wellcome letter, & to my Husband's lost cousin, oh how I wish Frank Latta had lived to met you. I was in London yesterday got your letter Oscar was away from home with the horses, so we did not get our mail until Saturday your letter came in London Monday. He has been buying cattle for other men & driving them to Brady, which is the nearest rail road it is 45 miles from us.

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They pay him so much per head & He is to all expence He has always worked with cattle, & lived on a ranch. He will not be through before the last of this month. Oscar & Belle are all the children we had, & Frank was all the Child His Parents had. we were married in 1867, July 4th. we were quite young. Frank was born Jan 15th, 1847 in Lagrange Co, Indianna He with his Parents came to Kans I think in 1862 settled in Atchinson Co. They lost several fine horses, & two hundred & fifty gold watch was taken from them If I ever see you I will tell you all I know) They moved to Bourbon = co. in 1866. & were married =

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There Thomas Latta - Frank's Father died in Sept

27=67) with Dysentery. Frank's mother went to Iowa to visit her Brother, & died there we moved to Texas in 74, when Indians were raiding the country, Frank liked Texas, & we were to Poor to live any where but here. so the Children & I are here yet. In Dec. 1901 a horse kicked Frank. He never go over it. He lingered, took Pneumonia, we had 4 doctors with him, but grew worse till March 23, 1902 = He died. He lived a Christian & I believe He is Happier than I am, although I think all of my children. They are the

4th

Pride of my life. my people all but one Brother, lived in Kans. it was 24, years before I could visit them, & while on the train I heard George Latta lived in Guthrie, Okla. I wrote told Frank I had located his Cousin George He told me not to come home with out seeing him. I met his family I will tell you later how wellco=me, they made me. I think so much of them) I was so lonely, &, wretched after Frank died. I visited my Brother in Okla. He lived 40 = miles from Geo. Latta. I was there & at Lawrence Kans. about 6 = months, & married Frank Kane a Kind Friend & near neighbor of

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my Brother. They all thought a great deal of him as well as I. &, as you know, women are silly creatures, or at least I guess I was. we married He lived 3. = month & died, that only added more sorrow to my heart. He left me with out any thing. what there was I gave to his Children they were all married I had left all Frank & I had with my children all I could do was to come home. my Daughter lives two miles from Oscar, & me & He is Hustling to pay for some land He bought two years ago. so he is away so much I miss him, I am with his wife & 3, boys

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His oldest Child is 6, years, old after I came home

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Letter from Lizzie Latta Kane to Henry Latta

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one year ago last fall I wrote Geo Latta's family two letters, but I never heard from them until last week. He wrote & told me about finding you. we were agreeably surprised, Frank has often told me about his uncle William = I don't believe he talked of any other uncle. (only he called George's Father, uncle Dave) I think your Mother's name was Mary, (was it = not)(where does she live) I have told you about my family now I would like to hear all about yours. (or come down & tell me will be better) my cousins was always like brothers to me, my

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oldest Brother died Feb 21st. 97 I have only one Bro left. He lives 40 miles east of Guthrie. Frank's Father & Mother were both born in Fayette co, Pennsylvania, I Presume they were married there. Thomas Newel Latta, Born June 13th, 1813, his wife Elizabeth = Atkinson was born Oct: 1809. Frank's Grand Father's name, was Samuel, we have it that he was a native of Pennsylvania well if I get an answer to this I will tell you any thing I know I have a poor pen to write with it scratches, instead of writes. allow me to thank you for your good letter, hoping to become better known to each other I will close,

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by giving you a standing invitation to come see us. we would be so glad, I shall expect an answer soon.
kind regards to all the family, (Your Cousin)

Lizzie Latta Kane,
London, Kimble Co, Texas,

Tell me where your mother lives, how many Brothers & sisters have you, How long have you lived in Kans, what kind of crops do you raise corn & cotten.

David Gilliland Latta

Excerpts from Pages 29 to 42 from the book
before — Alex Decoteau — after
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My grandfather, David Gilliland Latta, had the same kind of problems that any young boy would have growing up in a home with a very stern father and several brothers and sisters. His parents were, without a doubt, strict disciplinarians, unwilling to bend to the will of a young man who turned out to be very stem himself (as I well remember). There was a story about a new pair of shoes that came with a severe warning to look after them as they'd be the last he'd get for awhile. On his way home from town he removed them and hung them over his shoulder. When a feisty antagonist met him and engaged him in a fight, the shoes were set down at the side of the road. When the fight was over, however, the shoes were gone and David took off rather than return home to face the wrath of an angry father.

David's father, Alexander, was born in County Donegal, Eire, and became a farmer. He and his wife Elizabeth Lockhart, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, had a very hard life with much heartache. Five children - two girls and three boys - were born in Donegal. The two youngest, both boys, died very young and were buried in the Church of Ireland cemetery at Churchtown, Lifford, County Donegal.

The farm was not thriving so they decided to sell it, move to County Wexford, and try farming there. Another son, Robert Bruce, was born in Wexford, then a daughter and three more sons. When Robert was just three years old he fell into a tub of boiling wash water and died from his burns. His father built him a small casket and holding it tenderly on his lap, travelled by train back to Donegal to bury him beside his brothers. Upon opening

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the grave, Alexander found it full of water and requested another location. His request was denied. He woefully disinterred the two small caskets and took all three of his babies to their present location in front of the Presbyterian church in St. Johnstown, County Donegal, where their tombstone reads:

Erected by
Alexander Latta
In the Memory of his
Infant Sons.
Alexander
Born 6th Aug. 1858
Died 26th Jan. 1859
Alexander
Born 14 th March, 1861
Died 11 th April, 1862

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Here lie my children twain,
Whose lives I asked for in vain.
Oh, then be just,
'Til I return again.

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Also, their brother
Robert Bruce Latta
Born 1862, died 1865

These kinds of tragedies can create joyless homes, but, although there was much hardship and unhappiness, there must have been times of happiness too, or perhaps these conditions drew brothers and sisters closer to each other. In all, 10 children were born to Alexander and Elizabeth - three girls and seven boys. Of these, three little boys died between 1859 and 1865 - a terrible heartbreak.

David attended school at Enniscorthy and could foresee no future for himself in farming in Ireland. Is it any wonder that these children grew up fast and left home early to search for their own independence, wealth, and happiness? Of course, it would take years for some to attain these ends, and they were led in many very different, distant directions. Some of them were to meet again in the

future, on a different continent, and under different circumstances. The family farm is now a beautiful thriving place, still in the family, where race-horses are bred, and the Lattas there are happy.

David left home at 16 and worked for a few years, during which time he learned the basics of the blacksmith trade from farmers who did their own shoeing. In late 1888, when he had saved up enough money, he booked passage on a liner heading for Canada, and sailed for Montreal in early 1889. William, his oldest brother, who had had a very bad falling out with his father - and possibly with the law - had left earlier, eventually settling in Whitemouth, Manitoba. David arrived in Montreal and did itinerant work wherever he could find it, including farm labor and felling trees for lumber mills. He was having a lot of trouble making ends meet, though, and was certainly not getting ahead. He wanted to go west and own a farm of his own. When he got to Manitoba, he went to William's farm and worked for him until they too had a disagreement,

The North West Mounted Police were recruiting young men and David decided that was the way to go. He enlisted in Winnipeg on April 30, 1890, for a term of five years. His enlistment papers show that he was 22 years old, 5 feet 8-1/2 inches tall, weighed 160 lbs., with a chest measurement of 36 inches (38 expanded), dark brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, muscular build, good intelligence, sound heart, lungs, eyes, and feet (despite a large scar on the inside of his right foot from the misdirected blow of an axe when he was young), and was of the Presbyterian religion. He had never had rheumatism, epilepsy, hemophilia, or syphilis, had been inoculated twice on the left arm, and was recommended for enlistment.

He was stationed in Battleford, Saskatchewan, where he was able to indulge his love of horses, and while doing so, learn more and practice the blacksmith trade. He acted as a trainer and veterinarian and although he was happier than he had been in a very long time, he still wanted a farm

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and intended to leave the police force as soon as he had enough money to buy one.

When Pierre Decoteau was murdered in the winter of 1891, David was one of the policemen who went to investigate. He remained at the crime scene until the investigations were complete, then was sent to Decoteau's home where Marie was informed of her husband's death. On subsequent trips to the Decoteau family after they had returned to Red Pheasant, he became well acquainted with Jessie Scott Bird Wuttunee. I have often wondered if the name 'Bird' was a native name given to her, or if there was someone else with that name connected to her.

In April 1893, three years after he had enlisted, and two years short of his full term of service, David received word that his father had died unexpectedly. He requested his discharge so he could return to Ireland for the funeral, but in fact, his welcome there would have been cool to say the least, and I don't believe he really intended to go. It was just a way for him to obtain an early release from the NWMP.

When David received his discharge, he had to relinquish everything that connected him to the NWMP. Things that were too worn to salvage were condemned, but had to be returned nevertheless, along with those things that could be re-used. The list is as follows:

Condemned: 1 pr. long black boots, 1 pr. ankle boots, 1 pr. cloth breeches, 1 pr. braces, 1 pr. moccasins, 1 stable jacket, 1 stable trousers.

Those items considered fit to be returned to stores: 2 pr. cloth breeches, 3 pr. blankets, 1 blanket straps, 1 burnisher, 1 set of 4 brushes, 1 cloth cloak and belt, 1 cloth cape, 1 forage cap, 1 duck helmet, 1 fur cap, 1 pr. buckskin gauntlets, 1 hold-all and contents, 1 haversack, 1 kit bag, 1 pr. mitts, 1 palliasse, 1 pillowcase, 1 rug, 1-1/2 pr. sheets, 1 waterproof sheet, 1 cloth tunic, 1 serge tunic, and 1 towel.

One nice thing though, was that they refunded him the full amount of his discharge purchase money \$75.00. But he didn't receive his Certificate of Discharge until March 7, 1898, by which time he was living in Edmonton.

Upon leaving the NWMP, David bought a small farm near Sonningdale, Saskatchewan. He worked hard on his farm, enduring a prairie fire that almost wiped him out. He incorporated sheep ranching with his farm and seemed to be getting ahead, little by little. He had not been permitted to marry while in the police, but now that barrier had been removed and in the summer of 1896 he married Jessie Scott Wuttunee at the Industrial School where she had been working. On May 8, 1897 a lovely baby girl was born to them; they named her Elizabeth Hazel (Beth). Two more prairie fires were the undoing of the farm and rather than start all over again, David decided he would go to the gold-rush in the Klondike and seek the means of support for his little family there. He was a hard worker and a brave man, not afraid of the vicissitudes of life.

David, Jessie, and Beth left Saskatchewan with a team of horses and very few possessions. He had a little money from the sale of the farm, and hoped to find a place in the settlement of Fort Edmonton where Jessie and Beth could stay while he was away in the Klondike. All along the way they encountered broken-down wagons and ailing horses and cattle. Horses that needed shoeing, and wheels that needed repair or replacement were not an uncommon sight, and since David had the skills needed to keep his own team moving along, he also tried to help others who did not.

By the time they got to Edmonton, David could see there was a dire need for a blacksmith, veterinarian, and wheelwright, all of which he had ample training for, and the men-folk pleaded with him to stay. He had a knack for handling animals, particularly horses and dogs, and was even adept at shoeing oxen and mules. He is credited with being the first man to shoe oxen in Edmonton. His first job, however, was not as a blacksmith, but as a coal miner in the Dawson Coal Mine, which was

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just across the river from where he would eventually build his home. (By a strange twist of fate, in the 1990s the Dawson Coal Mine was the cause of the demolition of the home he built. The blasting in tunnels which ran under the river and under his house caused large cracks to form in the brick walls, but it stood as a landmark for over 90 years. The fact that he owned the mineral rights for his land didn't help when he sued the Dawson Coal Co. for damages - he lost.) David also worked on the construction of the Low Level Bridge. The Latta family's first home was on the south side of Clara St. between Kinistino and Namao Avenues (103 Ave. and 96 St.).

Jessie was expecting their second child but because of the strenuous journey and the hardships of getting established again, her health was not good. Beth was a strong healthy child who required a lot of attention from her mother, and David was not able to be of much help. He had joined up with Ed Lyons in his blacksmithing shop and was working from morning to night in the shop on Rice Street between Kinistino Avenue and Namao Avenue (101 A Avenue between 99th and 100th streets).

About that time, the Battleford Industrial School for Indians had sent Emily Descoteau to work at Bishop's Court in Calgary, for \$12.00 to \$15.00 per month. This job could have lasted indefinitely, but, to Emily, family came first. When she travelled north to Edmonton for a visit with her Aunt Jessie, she saw the need for her help, and decided to stay.

On April 12, 1899 David's world started to unravel. Jessie began a long and difficult labor that ended with the birth of Jessie Daryl Latta, but it also led to the weakened mother's death on May 13. She was the first of many to be buried in the Latta family plot at Edmonton Cemetery. To combat his grief, David worked even harder, from sunrise to sundown, and left the babies in Emily's care. David and Emily were married in 1900 and this marked the beginning of a long and fruitful union, with many goals attained, even though there were

many more heartaches in store. The fact that Jessie and Emily were Cree could not have made their lives easy, and they certainly must have endured some measure of bigotry. But Emily was a very strong woman and she was to endure and become, along with David, one of the builders who turned Edmonton from a bustling village into a thriving city.

In 1901 the first of their 11 children were born to David and Emily — David Benjamin Latta, known as Benny. Their second child, Minnie, was born in 1902 but lived only two years, dying on November 7, 1904, just one month to the day after her sister Evangeline was born. In my estimation, Eva was the 'character' in our family and it would require a book of her own to do her story justice.

In 1902 David had gone into partnership with Percy Engel in a blacksmith shop. When Mr. Engel retired, J. Homer Lyons, a brother of Ed Lyons, re-placed him, and the business was known as 'Latta & Lyons'. The gold rush in the north continued to flourish and the shop also flourished, for there was never a shortage of broken wagons or shoeless horses.

David and Emily's family was growing and a bigger house was needed, so in 1906 David built a spacious three-story home on a large parcel of land at 1254 Jasper Avenue (the house number was later changed to 9131), where three generations of Lattas were to live. I was lucky enough to be a part of the third generation, along with my brothers David Gilliland, Alexander Lockhart and Douglas Alexander DesCoteaux Latta. The house was built on the edge of a ravine that led down into the river valley giving all the Latta children a wonderful playground to explore. It was a wonderful home and one where adventures abounded. Shortly after building it, David planted Manitoba Maples in front of his home, and they are still thriving nearly 100 years later, even though the house is long gone.

All of the Latta children attended Alex Taylor School, which was built at 93" Street and Jasper Avenue in 1907. For 40 consecutive years there was at least one Latta student attending the school. Grandfather had been selective in his choice of location for his home and the addition

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of a school to the area was a bonus.

Two important events occurred in 1906 - the birth of my father, Alexander Lockhart Latta, and David's election to City Council. He did not seek a second term because the constant bickering got him down, but during the time he was on it, he proved his worth.

In 1912, disagreements had arisen between Mr. Lyons and David, and it was determined that two men of strong will could not run a single business - especially if they could not see eye to eye, so someone had to go. Neither man had the cash to buy out the other one, so the decision to flip a coin was made. The winner would keep the business and the other would simply walk away. It was a gentleman's agreement which David won, and Mr. Lyons went on to establish 'Lyons Motors Ltd.', while David re-named his business 'D.G. Latta Ltd.'. The business continued to grow and prosper, and David expanded to a second premises at 650 Elizabeth Street (9528/48 - 102 Avenue). Later he sold the property on Fraser Avenue.

Three more Latta children were to be born before tragedy struck again - Catherine Williams (1908), William Bruce (1910), and Ernest Butler (1912). In November 1914, little Emily Isabella came into this world, only to leave it again on January 30, 1915. There were other calamities taking place too, as World War 1 was well under way, and people were fearing the loss of family members and friends. It was becoming more and more difficult to get supplies and materials from the east, and when World War 1 broke out, many of David's employees enlisted, leaving him short-handed. So he phased out the blacksmithing and carriage trade portion of the business and changed the focus of the company to wholesale distribution of those supplies and materials. Soon the company was doing wrought iron work, building fire escapes, doing woodwork for wagons and sleighs, and selling iron, steel, blacksmith, and carriage supplies wholesale. David and his helper, George Urquhart, built a

fire escape for McKay Avenue School, the first such item in Edmonton. A miniature was also built for advertising purposes, and is now owned by the City of Edmonton Archives. They also built the gates for the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery. Both of these are lasting tributes to fine workmanship. The company employed people of many different nationalities - Indian, American, Scottish, Ukrainian, English, Latvian, Irish, and Canadian.

Some time during those early years David acquired some 40 acres of property in North Edmonton (now the community of Steel Heights) and had a large house from the south side moved onto it. There was a large barn, too, which housed horses and cows, with a utility shed next to the house. My brothers and I often took the old 'Blue' streetcar to the end of the line, went into the store there to buy a loaf of bread each, and walked two miles out to the farm. This was in the 1930s when tough times meant that showing up on the doorstep empty-handed just wasn't done.

Walter Scott Latta was born in 1916, followed by Ruth Isabella in 1918. Gordon Gaynor was born in 1921, but died five months later. Emily and David had had more than their share of losses - and Gordon was the last of their children.

David indulged himself and his love of dogs by founding the 'Bellatta Collie Kennels' in 1918, raising many beautiful collies and winning awards and honors in both Alberta and British Columbia. In about 1933, at the age of 64, he decided that the business was doing very well, and it was time for him to retire. David left the operation of the business in the capable hands of Robert Nimmo, a very trustworthy man who had been David's bookkeeper for many years, and moved to North Vancouver.

At first, things went very smoothly for David. Among other things, he bought a small store which Ruth, his youngest daughter, looked after until 1946, when she was killed in an automobile accident. They brought her home for burial in the Latta plot at Edmonton Cemetery. David never had a chance to recover from his grief, for he suffered a stroke early in 1948. Emily brought him back

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to Edmonton and he stayed in our home with round-the-clock nurses until he died on November 11, 1948. Emily moved back into the 'old Latta house' and lived there until the expenses of such a large home became a burden, and it was sold. A small house was bought for her but she was never truly happy there. Scrapping between her sons and daughters - mostly over the business - was to give her much grief and worry, and she passed away on March 27, 1955.

Appendix IX, The Latta Family Bible

Charles Latta, who owns and lives on the original farm of Alexander and Elizabeth Latta when they first moved to Wexford, has the old Latta family Bible. It contains these entries:

Husband: Alexander Latta, Born 8th of August, 1823, at Bready, St. Johnston, Co. Donegal. Died, 1893.

Wife: Elizabeth Lockhart, Born 16th of March, 1827, at Glasgow, Scotland. Died, 1901.

Married in Presbyterian Church, Newtown Cunningham, Co. Donegal, on the 8th of Aug. 1850, by Rev. Joseph McConaghy, of St. Johnston. Alexander, eldest son of Mr. Wm. Latta, of Bready, to Elizabeth, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. Wm. Lockhart of Dawn Buoy?, Newton Cunningham.

Children: Elizabeth Bruce Latta, born 1851, died 1917; Isabelle Latta, born 1852, died 1905; William Latta, born 1856, died 1941; Alexander Latta, born 1858, died 1859; Alexander Latta, born 1860, died 1862; Robert Bruce Latta, born 1862, died 1865; Catherine Lockhart Latta, born 1864, died 1949; Robert Alexander Latta, born 1867, died 1937; David Gilliland Latta, born 1869, died 1948; Charles Wilson Latta, born 1872, died 1949.

Marriages: On 3rd of March, 1875, at Melbourne, Australia, by the Rev. D.S. McEachran. Captain Joseph Webster to Elizabeth Bruce Latta.

On the 4th of June, 1882, by the Rev. John Pringle, at 47 Dajmore St., Winnipeg, Manitoba Wm. Latta to Elsie Jane Melvor of Hepworth Co. Grey, Ont.

On the 28th of September, 1896, by the Rev. John Reid, Minister of Foulden, at Edinburgh, Scotland, Robert Alexander Latta, Ballinakill, Ferns, to Elizabeth Mabel Fender, sixth daughter of Andrew Fender, Foulder Deans, Berwickshire, Scotland.

Deaths: Have been entered above each name.

Appendix X, the Latta Family Tree

My brother Alex has traced our ancestors back to John Latta, who was born 1632 in Bready, Churchtown, Co. Donegal, Ireland. These are his progeny.

1. John Latta 1632 - 17..?; m. ??

John

2. John Latta 1657 - Nov. 28, 1725; m. Mary Steen 1669 - Aug. 24, 1719 James 16..?

John 17..?

Alexander 17..?

3. Alexander Latta 17..?; m. ??

William m. Jane Patterson

Martha m. Mr. Gilliland

4. William Latta 1784 - 1862?; m. 1 Jane Patterson 1795 - 1852; m. 2??

Alexander m. Elizabeth Lockhart

Hamilton Patterson

Margaret m. Joseph Wilson

Alicia m. James Henderson

Jane Ann m. William Lockhart

Isabella m. Peter McKenna

Catherine m. Mr. Osborn

5. Alexander Latta 1818 - 1893; m. Elizabeth Lockhart

Elizabeth Bruce m. Joseph Webster

Isabella

William

Alexander 1858 - 1859

Alexander 1861 - 1863

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*Robert Bruce (died in infancy)**Catherine Lockhart**Robert Alexander m. Elizabeth Fender**David Gilliland Latta m.1 Jessie Scott Wuttunee; m.2 Emily (Minnie) Decoteau
Charles Wilson 1872 - 1949***6. David Gilliland Latta** June 6, 1869 - November 11, 1948; m.1 Jessie Scott Bird (Wuttunee) 1875 - May 13, 1899*Elizabeth Hazel May 8, 1897- May 22, 1949;
m. F.M. Simmons**Jessie Daryl 1899 - 1980, m. Edward Sturrock**m.2 Emily Decoteau January 31, 1879 -
March 27, 1955**David Benjamin January 5, 1901- December
19, 1949; m.1 Winnifred Rosetta Wyatt m. 2 Pearl
Minnie 1902 - November 7, 1904
Evangeline October 7, 1904 - 1980 m. Frank
Stevenson**Alexander Lockhart October 13, 1906 - December
5, 1969; m. 1 Catherine Jessica Brix m. 2
Grace Oscroft**Catherine Williams November 20, 1908 - 19??;
m. Charles Harris**William Bruce August 23, 1910 - April 21, 1973
m. Lillian Oliver**Ernest Butler November 12, 1912 - ? m. Lila-
belle Killips**Emily Isabella November 1914 - January 30,
1915**Walter Scott February 26, 1916 - ? m. Alice
Hickey m. 2 Paula ?**Ruth Isabella July 30, 1918 - August 20, 1946.
Ruth died in an automobile accident at the age of
28 while she was out driving with her fiancé in
Vancouver.**Gordon Gaynor August 1921 -January 26, 1922***7. Alexander Lockhart Latta** October 13, 1906 - December 5, 1969; m. 1 Catherine Jessica Brix April 9, 1905 - August 8, 1993*Baby Latta (stillborn)**David Gilliland May 14, 1927 - February 18,
1984; m. Rose Marie Johnson**Alexander Lockhart [living] - ; m. Alice Hay
McDougall**Izola Chrysanthe [living] - ; m. Stanley Erwin
Mottershead**m. 2 Grace Oscroft April 14, 1905 — May 24,
1971**Douglas Arthur DesCoteaux [living]; m. Inge-
borg Lohr*

These families continue to grow and flourish.

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James Polk Latta (October 31, 1844 – March 4, September 11, 1911) was a Nebraska Democratic politician. Born near Ashland, Ohio, he moved with his parents to Jackson County, Iowa in 1846. He attended school and worked on a farm. In 1863 he moved to the Nebraska Territory to teach school in Tekamah, Nebraska. He farmed and raised stock in Burt County, Nebraska,

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eventually becoming interested in banking. He organized the First National Bank of Tekamah in 1890 and served as its president until his death.

He was elected to the Nebraska house of representatives in 1887 and to the Nebraska senate in 1907. He ran and won to represent as a democrat Nebraska's 3rd district to the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses serving from March 4, 1909 to his death on September 11, 1911 in Rochester, Minnesota. He is buried in the Tekamah Cemetery.

Preceded by John Frank Boyd (R) Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Nebraska's 3rd congressional district March 4, 1909 – September 11, 1911. Succeeded by Dan V. Stephens (D).

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Christopher Collins. Christopher Collins as the "Sharing Husband" from Road House.

Birth name: Christopher Lawrence Latta. Born: August 30, 1949, Orange, New Jersey, USA. Died: June 12, 1994 (aged 44), Ventura, California, USA. Other name(s): Chris Latta. Years active: 1979-1994. Christopher Charles Collins, (born Christopher Lawrence Latta, also known as Chris Latta; August 30, 1949 – June 12, 1994), was an American actor, voice artist and comedian, perhaps best known as the voice of the Cobra Commander on the G.I. Joe animated series and Starscream on the first Transformers series. He is also noted among Star Trek fans for his guest roles on The Next Generation and Deep Space Nine, along with many other TV shows and a number of films. In addition, he had a successful stand-up comedy career.

Early life and career

Collins was born Christopher Lawrence Latta in Orange, New Jersey, and grew up in the Morningside Heights section of Manhattan, New York City. His legal name became Christopher Charles Collins when his stepfather adopted him. Collins' biological father, Robert Latta, was a New York stage actor. His mother, Jane Morin, worked as an advertising executive. In his stand-up routine, he claimed to have grown up in Harlem and said his ultra-liberal parents had moved the family there "so he could meet some Negroes." (Morningside Heights is sometimes called "West Harlem.")

After a year at New York University, he studied acting, dance, voice and mime. In the mid-1970s, he acted on the New York and Boston stage and did voice-over work for Boston radio station WBCN. He made his animation voice acting debut as one of the English dubbers of the 1979 anime series Space Battleship Yamato (also called Star Blazers). He was most recognizable in that series as the voice of space marine Sgt. Knox

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during the Comet Empire installment.

Voice work

In 1983, Collins started voicing the Cobra Commander for a five-part G. I. Joe animated mini-series. In 1984, he reprised the role for a second five-part animated mini-series, which became a regular series in 1985. Also in 1984, Collins voiced a new character, Starscream, for a three-part Transformers animated mini-series. By 1985, he was voicing other G. I. Joe and Transformers characters in toy commercials, carrying on in those roles when the two television series made their debut. When he began doing regular voice work, he adopted the stage name Chris Latta because another Screen Actors Guild actor was performing as "Chris Collins."

Cobra Commander

Starscream Cobra Commander was the original leader of COBRA, usually portrayed (in the cartoon version) alongside the steel-faced Destro. Starscream was played as a megalomaniacal offside to the chief antagonist (Megatron performed by Frank Welker), and was more concerned with usurping his superior than following orders. After the Serpenter character was created in 1986, drawing power away from Cobra Commander, that role became very similar to that of Starscream's. Most striking, however, was the high-pitched, rasping voice Collins employed for both roles, which made the characters always seem duplicitous and conniving regardless of what they were saying, as well as adding an element of comic relief when they inevitably threw a tantrum or when they were humiliated by their superiors (Starscream getting slapped around by Megatron for his disobedience and Cobra Commander getting himself routinely countermanded by Serpenter). He also provided the voice for Wheeljack, a heroic Autobot who was something of a mad scientist, the Autobot's human friend Sparkplug Witwicky, and Gung Ho, a burly, rough and tumble G.I. Joe Marine characterized by his mustache and bald head. Gung Ho was very much

the antithesis of Cobra Commander; while Cobra Commander was a cowardly egomaniac and a weakling, Gung Ho was a brave, steadfast hero who was strong enough to withstand a punch in the jaw without flinching.

In 1988, Collins did the voice of Rulon commander Rasp in the cartoon Dino-riders. In this cartoon, he again formed a team with Frank Welker, who voiced Krulos, the leader of the evil Rulons. They also both played in G.I. Joe. Collins' success led to work on many other animated programs, including The Simpsons, where he originated the voices of Moe the bartender and Mr. Burns in the first season episodes "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Homer's Odyssey." Along with several other early The Simpsons voice actors, he left during the first season. Series regulars Hank Azaria took over the voice of Moe and Harry Shearer assumed the Burns role.

Other film and television work

Chris Latta as The Thug from Seinfeld episode, "The Subway". Later in the 1980s, Collins began working as Christopher Collins and acted in many live-action television series and motion pictures. He played Klingon Captain Kargan and Pakled Captain Grebndlog in Star Trek: The Next Generation. Collins went on to portray two different Markalians on Deep Space Nine, the first, Durg, and an unnamed assistant to The Albino. In Married... with Children, he played Roger, one of Al Bundy's bowling buddies and a member of NO MA'AM (National Organization of Men Against Amazonian Masterhood). He also portrayed a mugger on an episode of Seinfeld entitled "The Subway." His character known only as "The Thug" demands of Kramer "Gimme all da money!" before being apprehended by an undercover NYPD officer. In this episode, he is credited as "Chris Latta." He appears as "Mr. Forbes" in a first-season episode of NYPD Blue titled "Abandando Abandoned".

Collins' first live-action feature film appearance was a bit part in the Patrick Swayze movie Road House. He also appeared in True Identity, Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot, Blue Desert and A Stranger Among Us.

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Stand-up comedy career

Collins' stand-up career peaked in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when he performed in most of the major comedy venues in the United States and Canada. In 1990, he won the prestigious San Francisco International Stand-Up Comedy Competition. At the beginning of his act, he would enter in a black trench coat and order the audience to applaud the person who introduced him. Afterwards, he would pick out an audience member who failed to applaud and tell him he had to "clap alone." Later, he told the audience he was not a comedian, but a "psychotic who learned to market his problem." Collins' comic persona was a loud, angry, mentally unstable man who liked to intimidate the audience. This image suited him well in his many bit roles in films and television, where he often played mobsters and hit men. He was a frequent featured performer on *An Evening at the Improv* and *Caroline's Comedy Hour*.

Personal life

Collins married twice and had three children. Early in his career, he divided his time between New York, Boston, and Los Angeles before settling in LA in 1983. In 1991, he moved to Ventura, California. Christopher Collins died on June 12, 1994, his cause of death officially recorded as a cerebral hemorrhage following a long illness. However, although spoken of emotionally by his contemporaries, comments made by Peter Cullen (who remarked that he was a victim of Hollywood's tendency to "devour its young"[1]), Susan Blu (who said that Latta was "a sweet guy who had his demons"[2]), and Flint Dille (who noted on the commentary track for the 20th anniversary DVD release of *The Transformers: The Movie* that Latta "died, and we never really found out how") have led to speculation on the nature of his death. [citation needed]

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Last Will of Thomas Latta

By Sue Cox, WVCox6@aol.com.

I was on vacation in Kentucky and sight seeing in Frankfort, Kentucky. While visiting the Kentucky Vietnam Memorial, I noticed that the Kentucky Libraries and Archives was next door. We ran into the library to see what they had. Since they had records from all counties in Kentucky, I decided to go back one afternoon and see what I could find on the Latta families. Needless to say, I could have spend days there. I did find the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Latta of Branch 6. I thought you might like to put it in the Newsletter.

WILL (HICKMAN CO., KY - Will Book C, page 308: Kentucky Dept. of Libraries and Archives: LDS Microfilm 321381) "The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Latta of the County of Hickman and State of Kentucky. I, Thomas Latta, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to-wit, this is to say, First, I give and bequeath to my son, Alexander, the tract of land that I live on containing 2.20 acres, also all the stock and farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture with the exception of four beds, also two negros namely Gilbert and Laten. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary, all the negros belonging to my estate not named in this my last will with their increase during her natural life and that at her death they be equally divided among all my children, and furthermore it is my will that my wife have the privilege of the house and that my son Alexander support her and he have the management of the above named negros and all the proceeds thereof over and above what will be necessary for a comfortable support for her. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son James one negro boy named Greon. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas the one negro boy named Jerry. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Selina Mary one negro girl named Jane. Also one horse,

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saddle and bridle worth \$75 dollars, two beds, bed-stands and furniture, one cow and calf, two head of sheep, one chest, one set of knives and forks, one set of plates, one oven. Sixthly, my will is that whereas I have given to my daughter, Jane Laffoon one negro girl named Mary, the st negro she has had and now has in possession that to hold her and her increase as her right and that in case she the said Jane Laffoon should die that Sinnet Laffoon her husband and my son in law have and hold said negro girl and her increase as his right and property. Seventhly, whereas I have heretofore appointed to some of my children, namely, Elizabeth, James, John, William W., and Thomas W., Catherine and Jane of my personal and real estate, it is my will that they have and hold the same as their right and that they shall not be required to account for the same. Lastly, I hereby appoint my son Alexander R. Latta and my son in law, Sinnett Laffoon, sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and hereby revoking all former wills by me made in writing. Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of August in the year of our Lord 1848. Signed, sealed, published, declared by the above named Thomas Latta to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our name as witnesses in the presence of the testator. (Signed Thomas Latta) Witnessed: Jessee Edwards and Sinnett Laffoon. Probated September 4, 1848.

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1. I am tracing my wife's family, the **McMillans** from Dumbarton, in Scotland, who married into the **Latta** clan. Would welcome any information – or contact of people who may be looking at the same family. Many thanks. Bob, bob@email.name.

Ancestors of Robert Latta Generation No. 1

1. Robert **Latta**, born 18 Dec 1830 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton; died 13 Jun 1908 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton. He was the son of 2. John **Latta** and 3. Sarah **Lang**. He married (1) Catherine **Smith McMillan** 23 Jul 1867 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton. She was born 30 May 1846 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton, and died 26 Dec 1900 in Netherton House, Dumbarton, Dunbarton1. She was the daughter of John **McMillan** and Jane **Gow**.

Notes for Robert Latta:

from 1881 Census:

living at Netherton, Dumbarton,

Source: FHL Film 0203549 GRO Ref Volume 496 EnumDist 10 Page 16

Robert **Latta** Married / Head / Tanner emp. 4 men 50 Male born : Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Catherine **Latta** Married / Wife 34 Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

John **Latta** Son / Scholar 12 Male born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Robert **Latta** Son / Scholar 10 Male born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Jane **Latta** Daughter / Scholar 8 Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Jessie **Latta** Daughter / Scholar 7 Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Meta **Latta** Daughter / Scholar 5 Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Agnes **Latta** Daughter 3 Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

James **Latta** Son 1 Male born : Dumbarton, Dunbarton
Lillias **McLean** Unmarried / Servant / Cook 42

Female born: Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Margaret **McLean** Unmarried / Servant / Domestic 18 Female born: England

More About Robert Latta:

Age at time of death : 77 years, 5 months, 26 days

Occupation: 1881, Tanner

Residence: 1881, Netherton, Dumbarton, Dunbarton

Notes for Catherine **Smith McMillan**:

from 1851 Census:

living at Castle Street, Dumbarton

John **McMillan** Head / Married / Master Carpenter emp. 80 men 35 Male born: Dumbarton

Jean **McMillan** Wife / Married 33 Female born: Cardross

Margaret **McMillan** Daughter / Scholar 9 Female born: Dumbarton

Archibald **McMillan** Son / Scholar 7 Male born: Dumbarton

Robert **McMillan** Son / Scholar 6 Male born: Dumbarton

Catherine **McMillan** Daughter / Scholar 4 Female born: Dumbarton

John **McMillan** Son 2 Male born: Dumbarton

From 1900 Death Certificate:

Catherine **Smith Latta** - married to Robert **Latta** - tanner (master) - died 26th December 1900 at 2H 15M PM at Netherton House, Dumbarton - female - aged 54 years - daughter of John **McMillan** (shipbuilder) (deceased) and Jane **McMillan** (ms **Gow**) (deceased). Cause of death was apoplexy for 3 hours - as certified by William A **McLachlan** MD - informant of death was Robert **Latta** (widower) .

Age at time of death : 54 years, 6 months, 26 days

More About Catherine **Smith McMillan**:

Occupation: 1851, Scholar

Residence: 1851, Castle Street, Dumbarton, Dunbarton
Generation No. 2

2. John **Latta**, born Bef. 1794 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton; died Abt. 1874. He married 3. Sarah **Lang** 04 Oct 1828 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton.

3. Sarah **Lang**, born Bef. 1812; died Abt. 1888.

Child of John **Latta** and Sarah **Lang** is:

1 i. Robert **Latta**, born 18 Dec 1830 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton; died 13 Jun 1908 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton; married Catherine **Smith McMillan** 23 Jul 1867 in Dumbarton, Dunbarton.

Endnotes: GRO On-Line Deaths - Extract 496/00 0413 (1900).

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2. Since 2001 I have been periodically contacting Latta.org to provide needed updates to branch 11. My name is Douglas **Latta**, and I am the fourth child of Harold **Latta** (105- born July 16, 1921 died October 26, 1989). Incorrectly, Harold is listed as only having one child, Hilarie Alexis **Latta** (**Malesci**), living. Harold's families are:

1st wife - Doris **Larehall** born 1922 died 1969.

Craig Allen **Latta**, born July 18, 1944 died July 1, 1996.

2nd wife - Rosemary Alicia **Keefe** January 27, 1917 died August 2, 1977.

Hilarie Alexis **Latta**, living, husband Luigi **Malesci**, living.

Tracy Irene **Latta**, living.

Douglas Aric **Latta**, living, wife Regina Antoinette **Aguirre**, living.

Please let me know what needs to be done to get the record corrected or who I may need to contact.

Douglas **Latta**, 818 612-5179, thelat@earthlink.net.

3. I am trying to find information on a Mr. **La Latta**. I was thinking his first name may have been Lawrence, but now I am not sure. He was married to my Aunt Mary **Billetdeaux**. All I have to go on is a PA 1930 census. My aunt was born in Cresson, Cambria Co., PA abt. 1923. I also have my Grandfather Vincent P. **Billetdeaux's** obit that states that my Aunt, Mrs. **La Latta**, lived in FL. I don't know if they met and married in PA or FL. A very nice lady in one of the **Latta** branches found out that she was in the USN WAVES stationed out of FL. This is all I know on this couple. I am hoping someone will recognize them and help me place their info in my tree. Sincerely yours, Patricia M. **Chulick**, 141 Cheshire Ridge Rd., Harmony, NC 28634. joe2@yadtel.net.

4. I am researching the 30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and found your page at : <http://www.latta.org/Branch%201.htm>. I have records indicating a Silas **Latta** (probably your person #24) that is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Howe (formerly Lima), Lagrange County, Indiana in 1860 is a civil war veteran. Having died in 1860 causes certain problems with that so I was looking to see if the Silas **Latta** that served in the 30th could be a relative as he was from Lagrange County, Indiana also. I found a few inconsistencies in the information I have on Civil War service of the Silas

Lattas that served and the data on your page. I will list them here so you may further investigate if you wish. If you happen to know where the Silas **Latta** of the 30th Indiana is buried I would appreciate knowing where that is to visit the grave and document its location on the site I am creating at <http://30thindianaatrest.com>.

I probably should have photographed the stone while I was there but I will be returning to find another 30th Indiana burial that is at the cemetery that I missed while I was there, if you would like I could photograph it and send it along if you don't have one.

From <http://www.latta.org/Branch%201.htm>:

8 Silas (5) **Latta**

David (4) Ephraim (3) William (2) James M. (1). Born April 16, 1854; at Kissimee, Fla.

February 16, 1938; m. Lorinda **Buck** of Battle Creek, Mich. January 13, 1872. She died August 12, 1916. He then m. Sadie **Beelman** of Kissimee, Fla. February 17, 1921. She was born at Leipsic, Ohio November 26, 1873. In 1933 she was living at Kissimee, Fla. Silas and first wife buried at Guthrie, Okla. He enlisted at LaGrange, Ind. February 3, 1862 in "G" Co. 20th Ind. Vols. Discharged at Huntsville, Ala. February 3, 1865. In 1907 lived on rice plantation at Rosenberg, Texas. Children all born at Stephenville, Mich.

274 Laura May (6) b. May 25, 1873; d. September 16, 1873.

275 Jessie Pearl (6) b. December 19, 1874; d. at Holdrege, Neb. August 24, 1882.

276 David (6) b. April 11, 1878; d. at Holdrege, Neb. September 7, 1882.

277 Maud (6) b. February 22, 1882; m. Frank Schmenschal at Rosenberg, Texas

February 22, 1903; d. there September 12, 1905. No children.

278 Myrtle Artlisa (6) b. June 19, 1876; d. at Holdrege, Neb. September 8, 1882.

This information shows Silas **Latta** with Company G of the 20th not Company G of the 30th and the dates a couple of days off on enlistment and mustering out. It also seems to have him enlisting at age eight.

The only other Silas **Latta** listed in the Civil War was from Niconza, Wabash County, Indiana and died in 1862 at Benton, Missouri and appears to be person 178 on the page with a difference in the enlistment date:

From <http://www.latta.org/Branch%201.htm>:

178 Silas (5) b. Wabash Co., Ind. October 30, 1845. Enlisted in the Civil War in 1863. Died there. Single. Thanks, Brad **Renno**, Prop. All in One Computer Services, P.O. Box 15553, Fort Wayne, IN 46885, Mobile: 260.466.7128, brad@renno.org.

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5. My name is Roger **Watkins** and I am looking for information on Helen **Graham Latta**. I am not sure that she is my great grand mother's sister but several of the locations and the name appear to be coincidental at least and hopeful at best.

The story goes this way, my mother, Hazel Lucy Earl **Watkins** was born in Gurnee, Pennsylvania in 1914. Her mother was Lucy Earl, who had carried the maiden name of **Rice** from her Grandfather Roswell Binn **Rice**. According to the family story, Lucy was the daughter of Artemisia **Graham** age 16 who died during that birth in January 1883. Artemisia's sister Helen **Graham** then age 14 was staying with Maria Trim **Rice**, Roswell's Wife. Helen and Artemisia's mother was Evelina **Rice Graham** daughter of Maria and Roswell.

Again, according to family story, Artemisia was not married and Evelina had died in childbirth just before this time. I know that Aunt Helen as my mother called her lived in the Wellsville, New York area in 1908 as I have a letter written by a family member named Etta to Maria telling her about her house burning down and she was staying with Aunt Helen and her husband.

My mother passed away 4 years ago at age 92 and she was the last of her siblings. Her mother and father passed away in the 1940's and some of the gaps in the story passed on with them. For most of my adult life I have been looking for my great grand mother, as my mother could not tell me her name. Lots of looking, many hours with old bibles and letters have put together the puzzle as I have it above but so many gaps make the pieces fit together poorly. I do have a photo taken about a year and a half after my grandmother was born, or 1885, which shows Lucy with Helen or that is the caption on the back. Helen is about 15 or 16 and a very pretty girl.

Avery **Rice**, Roswell's brother lived in Allegany County for a while, Whitesville, NY area and then moved west to Wisconsin about 1840. I have a better lineage on Roswell and with his family after they moved west but the pieces of Helen, Artemisia and Evelina are not that clear.

If it appears that Sheridan Gordon **Latta's** wife, Helen **Graham**, is the same Helen **Graham** who's mother was Evelina **Rice**, I would greatly appreciate any information you can provide. Regards, Roger **Watkins**, ramjettdsl@verizon.net.

6. I've managed to trace my **Latta** family tree via statutory registers and census records back to the 1840's in Scotland. Prior to that I think they hailed from Ireland, which is what the attached census record from 1841 of Robert **Latta/Hannah Latta** tells me (they were my great great great grandparents!), and then I've drawn a blank as I've no way of knowing where in Ireland they came from. Robert & Hannah's children were all born in Scotland. Generations of my family all appear to have worked in Lanarkshire mines until my father's birth (in London) in the 1930s. From 1901 the family have lived in the Hamilton area of Lanarkshire. I have no living generation above me. Other surnames arising via marriages pre 1902 are **McCallum**, **Murray**, **McFarlane**, **Gorman** and **Brodelt**. Thank you for taking the time to reply to me. Kind regards. Sally **Latta**, postal address: Flat C, 311 Main Street, High Blantyre, Lanarkshire Scotland G72 0DL. E-mail: Sally.Latta@glasgow.newsquest.co.uk.

7. 109 Wilson Clifford (8) **Latta**, Son of Finley Clifford **Latta**, married Gertrude **Enneking**, daughter of Henry and Angelica **Widrig Enneking**. Wilson Clifford **Latta** died on November 9, 1930 from complications during a routine (so I am told) surgical procedure. Gertrude and Wilson Clifford **Latta** had two children together:

- 1.) Patti Gay,
- 2.) Joan Wilson.

I know that Wilson Clifford **Latta** was a member of Hyde Park Country Club in Cincinnati and he won the Club Golf Tournament, but that date escapes me. Also, I am not sure of the date, but Gertrude **Latta** then married Grant **Dibert**. They had two children together:

- 1.) Grant **Dibert**, Jr.
- 2.) Joseph **Dibert**

But to follow the **Latta** Bloodline, Patti Gay **Latta** attended University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, and met her future husband Paul Webb **Triplett**.

(b. June 8, 1921 - d. May 19, 2004), son of Austin and Esther **Webb Triplett**. Austin **Triplett's** background is a bit vague being in the army and traveling so often. We do know now that Austin had a wife, Tempa **Shepherd**, and 2 children before marrying Esther **Webb**. All of which died, mother and baby during childbirth and Helen during infancy. Paul Webb **Triplett** and Patti Gay **Latta** had 4 children together, 3 surviving:

- 1.) Baby Gay - female, stillbirth
- 2.) Paul Webb **Triplett**, Jr., married Kathryn Noble
- 3.) Gay **Triplett**, married Mark Leutbecker
- 4.) Leslie **Triplett**, married Jeff Raasch.

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Paul and Patti Gay moved around the country initially as he was a salesman, but eventually settled and spent a majority of their lives in Cincinnati with their three children.

Now to Joan Wilson **Latta**:

Joan Wilson **Latta** (died recently, I don't know the date) married Robert **Klotz** and they had three children together:

- 1.) Robert **Klotz**, Jr.
- 2.) James **Klotz** (twin), married Mary **Noble**
- 3.) Grant **Klotz** (twin)

That is all that I have -- I don't know if it will be of any help, but if you need more or different information please let me know and I will dig it up for you.

Thanks, Mike, Michael.Triplett@gmail.com.

8. Mansfield - Marion K. **Latta**, 78, died Friday, June 1, 2007, in Mansfield. Wappner Funeral Directors is asking for assistance in locating Ethel Mae "Brenda" **Latta** of Green Camp or Marion, Ohio, or Daniel **Latta** of Pennsylvania. Persons with information may call 888-933-9334. K.L.

9. Back in April there was a question about the birth date of James **Latta** and I posted a message saying one might check gravestone in the Concord Cemetery in Lattaville, OH. Today I was going through some old photographs I had taken and bingo! I have a picture of both James and Phebe **Latta's** gravestones. On his it says he died Feb 22, 1849 at 80 years, this indicates he was born ca 1768/1769. Phebe's says she died Jan 11, 1832 at it appears to be 48 years. It is difficult to read because of the shadows on it and the worn condition of the stone.

Lattaville is in southern Ohio in Ross County; about 10 miles west of Chillicothe on route 28. Also, there is a Lattasburg in Wayne County, in northeastern Ohio, northwest of Wooster.

I have four photographs of gravestones in the cemetery at the Concord Presbyterian Church. They are: (1) the gravestones of James and Phebe **Latta**, (2) the stone of William **Latta**, (3) the stone of Sarah N. **Latta**, wife of William, and (4) the combined stone of Phebe J. **Latta** and Elenora R. **Latta**, the spinster daughters of William and Sarah. The light reflecting from William's stone makes it impossible to read, although the stone is impressive in size and in very good condition. There

are more **Latta** graves that I didn't photograph.

Tom **Kintigh**, Branch 3, Tucson, AZ, tqkintigh@att.net.

10. I'm now confused re: my Branch #3.

(1) My paternal grandfather, Clarence Johnston **Latta**, M.D. Was born in Westmoreland Cty, PA, B 8/1871, D. 7/62.

(2) His father was Joseph Shaw **Latta** B. 1/6/1840 D. 7/5/1899; mother was: Susan **Grenfell Latta**, B. 5/25/1851 D. 1/10/1925.

(3) Joseph's father was Moses **Latta**, B. 6/24/1796 D. 6/16/1871; mother was Sarah **Johnston Latta**, B. 8/1/1796 D. 8/20/1880

(4) Moses' father was: Ephriam (sic) **Latta** B. Ca 1732, D. ca 1804; his mother was: Mary **Thompson Latta** (no info on B & D).

There's more info if needed. A schematic would be helpful?

1) See Issue 31, p. 8, Br 32 & 43 combined.

2) See Issue 30, p. 7-8, branch 43

3) See Issue 26, p. 18, br. 3 2nd column 2nd paragraph. Incidentally: Paul **Calhoun** and I apparently are 3rd cousins. My great grandfather Joseph Shaw **Latta** and Paul's great grandfather William **Latta** were brothers. I have a copy (not too good of shape) of a land grant giving Ephraim **Latta** a tract of land in "Plainfield" on July 18, 1794, via Rolls Office for State of PA in Par. (sic) Book No. 21, page 440, on July 22, 1794. I can't make out who signed off. Allegedly Ben **Franklin**??" Eugene C. **Latta**, 307 Sandwedge Dr., Fayetteville NC 28311.

11. Jean Esther **Latta** [her name on her 1931 Detroit drivers license] was born [per birth record #1910 issued 23 March 1943 by Michigan]: Etta Bertha **Latta** Jan. 6, 1908 Pennfield, Calhoun Co. Michigan to father: Fred E. **Latta**, laborer, mother: Della **Van Horn**.

On the 1910 Battle Creek (Bedford township) Michigan census listing for Fred E. **Latta**, Della is "Dee"; Jean's daughter's were told her name was Delia. On this same census, Etta Bertha appears to be the 2-yr old daughter listed "Ester."

Jean told her daughters her father was a butcher, which is the occupation listed on the 1910 census for Fred E. **Latta**. But for the most part Jean was very secretive about her past, telling her daughters: I've covered my traces; no one will find out about me.

Jean said father Fred E. **Latta** deserted the family and all the children but [she] were sent to foster care. She was sent to live with her Father and his new wife. Jean

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said she left home after high school, at 16 or 17, and went to work in a law office. She married #1. We don't know his name or when the marriage took place. She said she put him through law school. They divorced. We don't know if there were children from this marriage; apparently not. The next we know is that she marries #2, Lowell Ludwig Grady of Colby, Kansas, in Chicago IL May 15, 1943. She has two daughters with him. Jean died Jan. 21 1994 San Diego CA (listed on SSDI). Karen Walker, Skywalker2161@sbcglobal.net.

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Latta DNA Results

By Robert Hawkins, Branch 22 Captain

I have attached a copy of the participants in the Latta DNA Project. I will list the participants Branch # to match with the name.

Frederick J.-4

William J.-8

Donald G.-17

William A.-31

William C.-13

Ryan N.-51

Paul I.-3

David B.-16

Michael D.-1

Stanley R.-49

Alexander Lockhart-16

Lewis H.-22

Perry D.-1

George P.-13

Robert E.-30

James P.-9

William S.-18

Norbert-Germany (No Branch)

Amos A.-Canada (No Branch)

We have a Forrest Latta from Branch 6 that has not received results yet. Some of these people are asking some pretty technical questions concerning the project. I am far from a scientist and try to answer the best I can.

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William James Latta

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Donald George Latta

R1b1132314101114121211131329

William Alan Latta (Calvin Latta)

R1b1132314111114121211131329

William Carl Latta R1b1132314111114121211131329

Ryan Neil Latta R1b1132314111114121211131329

Paul Ivan Latta R1b1132314111114121211131329

David Barnard Latta R1b1132314111114121211131329

Michael Dennis Latta (James Latta 1735 Pa.)

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Stanley Ray Latta (William Latta. born 1787, Northern Ireland)

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Alexander Lockhart Latta

(Latta, John B: Abt 1657 D 1725 m: Steen, Mary)

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Lewis Henderson Latta (Matthew Latta, b.c. 1765, Maryland USA)

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Perry D. Latta

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George (branch 13) Phillip Latta (William Latta, b. c. 1761 Londonderry, Ireland)

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Robert Earl Latta

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15151717111019231615171537381212

James Patrick Latta

R1b113231411111412121113132917910111125151928

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William Sutherland Latta (William Latta, 1777, Westmoreland Co., PA) R1b1132414101114121212131329

Norbert Latta (Norbert Latta, Germany)

R1a132516101115121210141130

Amos Arthur Latta (Ireland)

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**Summary of Latta Genealogy Society
Meeting 30 June 2007**

By Cathi Vannice and Virginia Latta Curulla

The first annual meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society was held on June 30, 2007 at Virginia Latta Curulla's home in Bellevue, Washington. Nine

individuals attended: Marge Latta MacLean, Bill and Scott Latta, all of Bellevue; Celia Gammel of Tacoma, WA; Connie Leaman of Federal Way, WA; Cathi Vannice of Tukwila, WA; Paula Gruginski and Mitch Latta of Vancouver, WA.

Latta branches represented included 1, 3, 18, 22, and 44. Members of other branches sent their regrets and indicated their interest in attending for another year.

Results of the recent LGS elections were announced. The following candidates were elected:

Ken Mueller, Doc Huer@aol.com, President;

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Beryl Redfield, Bredf331@comcast.net, Secretary/Historian; and

Virginia Curulla, Latta4gen@earthlink.net, Treasurer.

**Members discussed protocols for assigning
new branch numbers and merging branches.**

Recommendations to be presented to the board included:

A new branch number could be assigned when the vice-president of research is provided documentation that meets genealogical proof standards (see article in last newsletter) back to about 1800. Either a gedcom or a "hard" copy is acceptable, accompanied by a copy of source material--pertinent portion only.

Members also discussed a protocol for correcting branch misinformation or errors. Corrections, with documentation, should be sent to the branch captain, if there is one. The branch captain will make comments on the suggested corrections, and pass the data on to the coordinator of branch captains. (The coordinator will be the first recipient if there is no branch captain.)

The coordinator makes any comments and recommendations, and forwards the data to the vice-president of research for a final review. With consensus, corrected data will be posted on the LGS website, with a notation that these are corrections, giving their sources.

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Data with insufficient documentation or from family tradition can be posted on the website, noted as such. This information can be useful for future research.

Contradictory data can be posted on the website, noted as such, until further research proves one set of data or another.

Copies of new branch information and corrections will be sent to the Secretary/Historian and to the LGS archives at Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Latta data now on the website: Members also discussed Latta information currently on the website. They would like some sort of acknowledgment to the effect that "Latta data on this website is from a mixture of family tradition and research. Data should be regarded as unproved unless sources are given and checked."

Latta memorabilia: Members discussed the desirability of knowing who has purchased items of interest to the LGS from eBay, Estate Sales, etc. (This could be addressed by having an individual LGS member assigned to keep a log of such information. With permission from the owner, pictures of Latta memorabilia could be posted on our website.)

Annual meetings and area meetings for LGS: Those attending enjoyed meeting and sharing their Latta research, and are eager for next year's meeting. Mid-April or September-October times were seen as preferable.

Members also suggested that the official "annual" meeting could be held in another part of the country (or world?) next year, wherever there is a sponsor and enough members to attend. Area meetings should be encouraged and could be held anywhere.

IS THERE A VOLUNTEER FOR NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL LGS MEEETING? Please tell Ken Mueller, president. See page 2 for his address.

Our Society's Tax Status

By Cathi Vannice and Virginia Latta Curulla

We received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service regarding our application for 501 (c) 3 status for income tax purposes. The IRS has determined that we do NOT meet the requirements for this designation, but rather are a 501 (c) 7 organization. Our organization will be exempt from paying income tax on our income, but our individual members may NOT claim their donations as charitable contributions on their own income tax forms. We are allowed to apply for a bulk mail permit, but not at the lowest rate.

The editor will make the determination as to whether a bulk mail permit will be advantageous for Newsletter distribution.

According to the IRS, the following are attributes of a 501 (c) 7:

- 1) organizational requirements are less stringent,
- 2) there is no requirement to dedicate assets,
- 3) social activity must be primary and other activities less than primary,
- 4) there is no limit on legislative activity as long as it furthers the exempt purpose,
- 5) political activity is permitted but taxed,
- 6) the organization serves the social and recreational purposes of its members,
- 7) donations are not deductible as charitable contributions,
- 8) not eligible for lowest bulk mail rates,
- 9) generating enough public support to avoid classification as a private foundation is not an issue,
- 10) exempt from Federal income tax on income derived from members, but other sources are taxed.

If you have any comments or suggestions on the LGS meeting, or our tax status, please contact Ken Mueller, president. See page 2 for his address.
