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Edward T. Latta, Branch 3

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83 EDWARD THOMPSON (7) LATTA
Samuel N. (6) James (5) William (4) Samuel (3)
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Born near Grandview, Iowa September 20, 1841; d. 1916; buried in Grandview Cemetery, Grandview, Louisa County, Iowa; m. Mary E. Jackson, daughter of John and Fanny (Stauffer) Jackson, September 17, 1867. She was born in 1847 and died in 1918. Buried at Grandview Cemetery. Edward went to Denver, Colorado in 1860; returned November 6, 1860. Edward enlisted in "K" Co. 8th Iowa Infantry September 11, 1861. Promoted to Captain 4th Indian Home Guards, Cherokee Nation, February 25, 1863, by Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton. Discharged September 25, 1863, service no longer required. Went to Leavenworth, Kansas. His father was agent from Ft. Randall, South Dakota to Ft. Benton, Montana at that time. In March, 1864, his father sent him to Ft. Sully, Dakota to distribute annuities to the Sioux where he remained until July 16, 1867, as his father's deputy. He returned to Grandview. His wife was born in Licking Co., Ohio November 28, 1846, and settled in Grandview in 1850. In April 1868, he returned to Leavenworth, in grocery business; in 1869 in cattle business. Was stock agent for Missouri Pacific RR until 1881. Member of City Council of Leavenworth from 1877 to 1881. Returned to Grandview, became prominent in politics and held a number of offices. In 1916 in insurance. Children: 115 Samuel John Daniels Latta (8) and 116 Frank Roberts Latta (8). The Edward T. Latta papers can be found at the

Wichita State University Library, Department of Special Collections, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0068,
<http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/2002-02/2002-2-a.html>. Title: Edward T. Latta Papers.

The discharge of Edward T. Latta states that he enrolled as a private in the 8th Regiment of Iowa Infantry, Company K, on 21 Sept. 1861. He was discharged on 28 Feb. 1863 at Benton Barracks, Missouri by reason to enable him to accept commission as Captain in the 4th Indian Home Guard. Said Edward T. Latta was born in Louisa County, Iowa, was age 20, 5 feet, 10 1/8 inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, occupation farmer.

The editor contacted Wichita State University Library, Department of Special Collections, and their papers are intact and available to the public.

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Editorial

On page 20 you will see the information for the second annual meeting of our Latta Genealogy Society. It will be on August 10th in Bellevue, Washington, near Seattle. I would encourage anyone who can to attend. Last year's meeting brought several good ideas to our society, and I would like to see more. Also, it is a great chance to make or renew friendship with fellow Latta researchers. You may also get an idea to punch through that brick wall on your little known Latta ancestor. And it is always fun to talk genealogy. So I encourage you to come to our meeting on August 10th. For more information, please call Mrs. Virginia Curulla at 425-6430309.

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Articles will be edited for grammar, spelling, and clarity. Requests to publish an article will be individually evaluated by the editor.

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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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 950.00
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Income 1/1/08 through 5/3/08: **\$ 716.16**

N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 0 donors	\$ 0.00
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Reimburse Randy Phillips eBay cost Edward Latta papers	\$ 61.00
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GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,465.97 ²

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Membership: The bylaws state, “Any person who supports the purpose of this Society may become a member in good standing upon payment of the minimum donation.” The minimum donation currently is \$10 (U.S.) for subscribers within the U.S. & Canada. Minimum donation \$15 (U.S.) for other countries. Newsletter only status (non-voting) is provided for libraries and those interested in the newsletter but unable to make a donation.

Your donations support the publication and mailing of the newsletter and cover other expenses of the Latta Genealogy Society. You will see above that the LGS purchased the Edward T. Latta Civil War era papers that were for sale on eBay. Our Vice-President for Research is processing, evaluating, and scanning these original documents. CD's will be available. The originals will be sent in archival envelopes to Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana for permanent preservation.

Please direct any corrections, questions, or comments to the treasurer or auditor, addresses above. Thank you for your generosity.

¹ Expenses for issue #34 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² General fund balance will be approximately \$ 3,700 after deducting expenses for issue #34.

E-Bay Auction of the Edward Latta Papers

By: Randy Phillips, Vice-President

Not wanting to let the letters slip away yesterday I went ahead and bid on and won the auction. One way or the other, I wanted to insure that these wound up in the hands of the LGS or the branch of origin. Due to the short time frame I had to work there really wasn't time to try and get someone else involved even though I would have liked to see someone from that branch have an opportunity to purchase a part of their history. I will be working on a plan for handling these in the future but this one caught me by surprise. Here is the description of the letters as copied from EBay: Collection of Americana letters of Edward T. Latta, Union officer, Captain with the 4th Regiment Indian home guard. He was one of very few officers who served with Native Americans during the Civil War. Latta became a land speculator and purchasing agent for railroads. During the 1880s he left his family behind in Grand View, Iowa and relocated to Leavenworth, Kansas. The collection consists of deeds, warrants, and a series of 26 letters dated 1882 and 1883, on assorted letterheads, written by Latta to his wife. They detail commercial transactions and also poignantly reveal how difficult it was for him to be living apart from his family. From checking our website this appears to be: 83 Edward Thompson (7) Latta.

Letter from Edward T. Latta to His Wife Mary

On the letter head of the Pacific Hotel, S. W. Corner & Shawnee Streets, Leavenworth, Kansas, Oct. 28, 1883.

To My Dear & Bilovid Wife & Sons Pet I Have just come from the office and behold I got no letter yet not one word have I had. And to tell the truth I doe not know what to say, but there is one thing shure if I donot heare soon I will goe Home to all

what is the matter I hope Mama is not sick. Well Pet I hope you will get those Deeds of in the morning as Galion that is the Savings Assisotion will back out he Paid Attwood \$20.00 to Hold to bind the contract and the Deed must be here this week or he will withdraw it. The Other Deed \$20.00 is as good a found move the Other Traid as I wrote you the man has until Monday noon to look up the Tax and then he will tell me what he will doe. If I don't traid I think I can sell 33 to another man, but I would like to clean up as much or Mary if the hats as possible while I am at it and then if Mama is going to come here I will look for Sompthing to doe but if not I will come Home as I told you when I left if you want goe with me I will stay with you. As Mama told Papo once where I said I was going to leave you sais goe a head there will always be a Home far Papo here with Mama God Bless Pet don't never forget that Pramis as I never shall forget mine. I think the reason you don't write is you want to make Papo feel bad, Pet I told Harman to give you 4 or 5 dollars every week if he don't send it over you send for it. Have the Boys fix the South chicken the best they canuntill we decide what to doe if I come back I will fix them a good coop for the winter but if we move we don't need much better than they have. The sun is shining this evening the first time so lary for 16 days. Pet I forgot what kind if a cloke you wanted there is so many here I canot desidePlease tell me in your next or answer to this. The under clothes I have not forgotten of which I see some very fine goods. Dear Pet answer this so I will get it by return mail Don't fail this is my Honist request and you will doe it if you have one Speck of Love for Papo. Dear Pet & Sons with love to all I will close By By Papo E.T. Latta Boys be good to Mama and don't goe up town at evenings By By

Another Letter from Edward T. Latta to His Wife Mary

On the letter head of the City Hotel, Wm. Teer, Prop'r, First Class Sample Rooms for Commercial Men, Holton, Kan., Nov. 13, 1883.

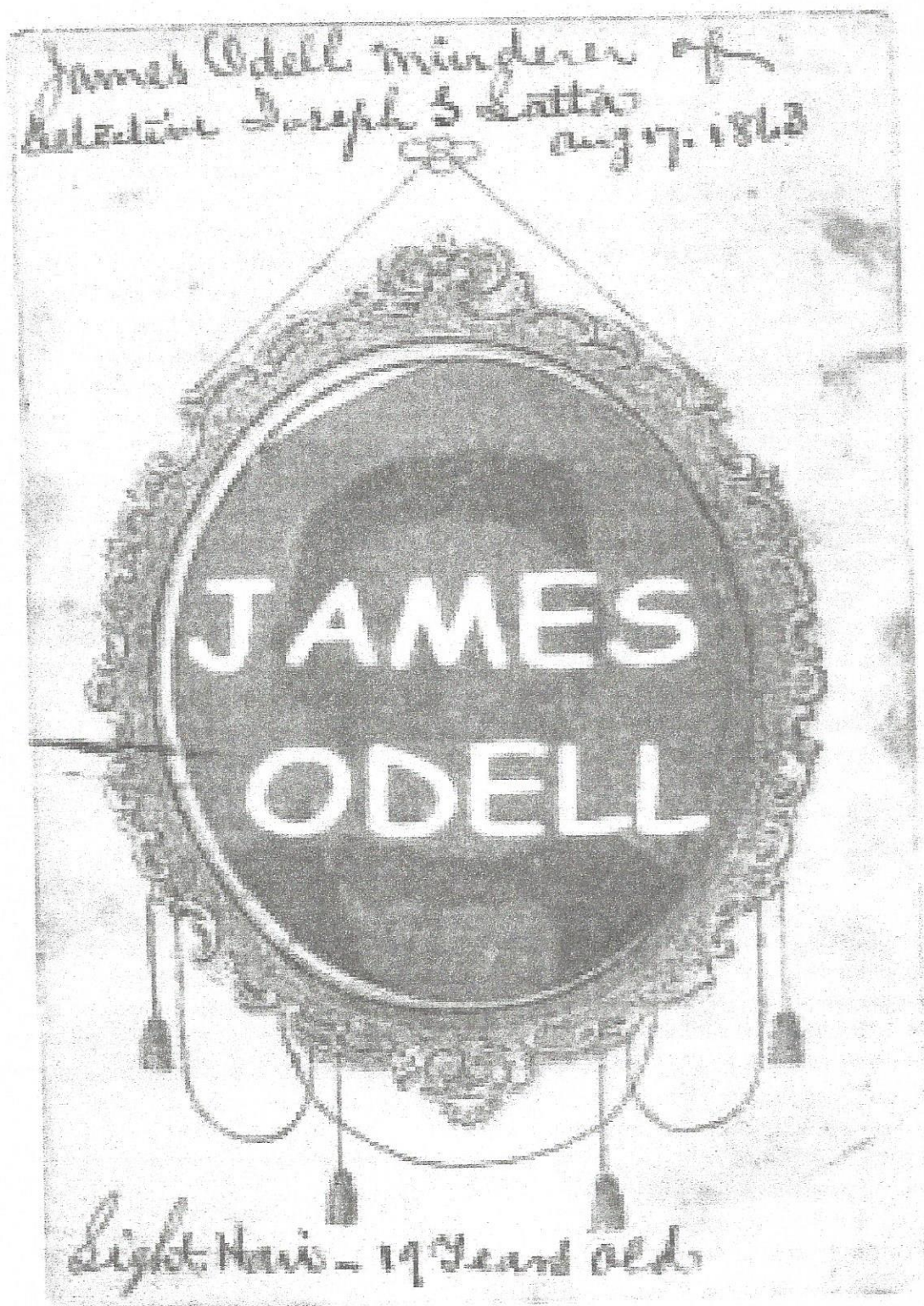
Another Letter from Edward T. Latta to His Wife Mary

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To My Dear & Belovid Wife & Sons Mama you will see that I have arrived at Holton al safe & sound. When I got on at Valey Falls I found a Bro Knight of this place on the box car that was badly Hurt in the Neck the Car roled clear over and landed right side up about 40 feet from the track there was also a boy badly hurt the conductor sent him back to Winchester. The conductor got one leg badly Spraned Tom Fortun was the Inginer of the Train. Pet that letter this morning was written in such grate hast I am afraid you will be unable to read it – I was very nurvis as I had walked from 5th Street to the rail Road office after my Pass & then to P.O. and your letter was so kind & good and cheared Popo up that you may know I could not help being nurvis. Pet you say that you will come and see Popo if I want you to you know I want to see you when I will be allowed to stay aweek in 11Worth and it might hopin I might – be ordered out – and not get to meat you as I would like to doe and be gon for a week and you know Popo could not stand that. I think Pet the best way with our short means that is had better save the money to move down with as that 23 or 4 Dollars would come good then Pet as soon as I can find out what I am going to doe I want my Pet with me, then if I am for you for a fus days Mama will be there when I get back Pet I feal by your letter that mama is going to be good to Popo once moore & Pet you know that is all Popo wants in this world is mamas undaided Love and then Popo can work as I usto do So if this job is going to last I think we had better move wright away what do you say tell Popo. I know Pet if you try so hard to please Popo as I will try to please you we will never have any moore truble in this world God knows I don't want any moore I am nearly used upknow but Pet this letter please Popo so will that I have maid a new resolve as I said this morning that I have not tasted a drop of Beer or Whiskey or anything intoxicating of any Kind, although it was offered to me several times

on the train today since last Saturday a week my Friends out here say they nevar saw me looking better than I doue now. I weant my wife & boys with me & I hope Pet you will not Disapoint me. But if you wont move until you come & see for yourself I wont object. I have got nearly as Stingu & close as you are sing I have quit Drinking, but I know Pry Pet will moove whatever you want to doe but let us know in your answer to this. And then I will know what kind of arrangements to make and tell you when to come as neare as I can you know I am working for someone else now and will have to go when they until I get a lot of buy on Hands & coming in every day. And then I could tell when I could be at 11Worth and get a week of to help my Petget a Hause or to meat her it is your deside so let me know in your letter for Sunday as I will be back by that time. Then I donot know what way I will doe but they canot be posially be better than the one I got today = Pet you did not say whether you got those under close or not & I have put 10.00 Dollars inside of that deed I also sent 5.00 the next day Please tell me whether you got them all or not in your next if you have not before you get this. If the boys can doe no better they had better bild a pise of soupthig and coyer & bank up good with hay for those south Chickins. Pet I must close the landlord is a sleep in his chair & it is after 11 oclock & all are in Bead. Except for Fenton & Judge Crozier who just came down stairs cart is in Sesion hir now = Well Darling Pet be Good & True to Popo as I am to my Pet so Mama & son who I canot her say good night. From up Stairs to Popo & Mama but I think of all theise thingh and Pet it makes Popo feel that much moore anctouos for us all to get together soon the sooner the better By By from a true & loving Popo Love to all E. T. Latta

This is the 4th letter I mailed to you to am was a card Mr Fenlou is writing at the same table now By By Pet



Detective Joseph Latta Murdered 7 Aug. 1863 By James Odell in Noble County, Indiana

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I purchased on E-Bay the following:

"Vintage Photograph A "Wanted Poster Card", a small 4 inch by 2 5/8 inch card with opal sepia photograph glued on card of James Odell, light hair, 19 years old, wanted for the murder of Detective Joseph G. Latta, 7 Aug. 1863.

In 1863 Mr. Houser, then quite a young man, resided with his parents in Fairfield township, a mile or so east of the Center. The war was at its height, and Fairfield had sent into the service nearly every available man.

Among those in the service was James Odell, son of a widow, who lived on a farm across the road south from the old Buchanan homestead, a mile north and about a mile west of Sedan. Latta, the man who was killed, was at this time in the service of the government as assistant provost-marshal.

Some of the duties of this office were the arrest and return into the service of any deserter who might be found in the territory under his control, as well as the apprehension of such disloyal persons, as might be considered dangerous, such as those who tried to prevent enlistment or who encouraged deserters. Latta had a bad reputation to begin with, and this made his work all the more disagreeable to the people. He had, whether justly or not, we cannot say, the reputation of being connected with the gang of horse thieves, counterfeiters, etc., that had for years infested Noble and adjoining counties. D. Z. Hoffman, of this place, who describes him as a man of great strength, remembers him well, having seen him often.

He says that at the spring election that year in Butler township, he, Mr. H., was trustee, and therefore inspector, and that Latta came there and voted over the protest of the election board, as they believed he had a vote only in Swan, Noble County.

Next day, Hoffman and others went over to

Swan, and inspected the poll book, but not finding Latta's name, concluded he had voted but once, and let the matter drop. In Auburn, 1863, Latta was very active in looking up deserters and such. On one of his trips into DeKalb county he formed the acquaintance of Mr. Houser and eventually suggested it would be a nice thing to get up a party and have a dance at some convenient place. This was about a week or ten days before the murder.

Mr. Houser, not knowing Latta's purpose, agreed to get up the party, and so had a number of young people invited to meet at the home of Wm. Wert, a mile east of the Center, on Monday evening, August 17. Latta came with the rest, coming over from headquarters at Kendallville, having a woman in the buggy with him. It was learned later that she was one of the tough characters that swarmed about the then military headquarters at Kendallville. It would appear that Latta's plan was to get a number of people of that neighborhood together, believing that among them would be James Odell, who he claimed was a deserter, and a man named Hewitt, who had, as he believed, been advising men to desert, or at least, not to enlist. Latta would get a bounty for the arrest of all such. Mr. Houser, however, knew nothing of the plan. Supposing the party to be what he had intended, he borrowed Latta's buggy to go after a girl near by, and on his return found the party broke up and nothing doing in that line, and Latta had Hewitt handcuffed. The people soon dispersed, and not knowing anything more was going forward, Mr. Houser and another young man went off together, helped themselves to a neighbor's melons, and about 2 a.m. were at home in bed. Latta, however, with his prisoner and the woman, had gone down to old Mr. Buchanan's where he left the rig, prisoner and woman, and proceeded alone, across the road, to arrest Odell. He knocked at the door and Mrs. Odell got up, lighted a lamp, and without dressing asked what was wanted.

Latta asked if "Jim" was at home, and was told he was. He told her to have him get up and come out as he wanted to see him. As Mrs. Odell hesitated, Latta broke open the door, forced his way into the house, and started for the stairway, as Mrs. Odell had told him her son was upstairs. Odell

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Detective Latta Murder

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himself had heard the trouble, and realized what was wanted, jumped out of bed, got his revolver and stood at the head of the stairs. He warned Latta not to come up, as he would surely kill him. But Latta's blood was up, and springing forward, he reached about the middle of the stairs when Odell fired. The aim was deadly, for the bullet struck his heart. With the exclamation "I am shot!" he stepped down on the floor, put the lamp, which he had wrested from Mrs. Odell as he came in, down on the table, walked to the door, then out into the yard several steps toward the gate, then fell dead. The alarm was given and the woman in the buggy took the handcuffs off of Hewitt, and Latta's body was picked up and taken across to Buchanan's, where it was cared for, and next morning taken to Kendallville.

Next morning Mr. Houser says all the neighborhood knew of it, and turned out to capture the murderer, and a company of soldiers came up from the camp at Kendallville. But Odell was never seen again. It is apparent, too, that Latta's tough character made the people care much less about punishing his slayer, than they would had he been a decent man.

The rest of this history we get largely from Mr. John Treesh. He bought the Odell farm and moved up there from his former home in Richland township. In 1866 a payment on the place came due and he had to go up into Michigan to find Mrs. Odell and make the payment. On reaching there what was his surprise to find James Odell, whom he had known personally. Odell had reached there but a few days before, from his home in Canada, where he had been living since soon after the eventful night. He gave Mr. Treesh the particulars of his part of the trouble. He said he was not really a deserter, though his leave of absence, or furlough, expired that day, August 17. It had been no intention of his to desert, but he would have joined his regiment next day, the 18th. The delay of one day was caused by the marketing of some hogs that he and his mother owned together, and which she decided

she wanted him to attend to for her before he left. So he drove the hogs to Kendallville that day, sold them and now at his home, was getting ready to join the company. Of course Latta, as a provost officer, knew the date of expiration of every man's furlough, and with the bounty in view, did not propose to let his chance escape, for technically, Odell should have reported some time the 17th. That night, when he heard the knocking at the door and heard Latta ask for him, he realized what was up. And in the excitement and desperation of the moment, resolved he would not be taken. He gives the story of the shooting as we have given it. Seeing Latta retreat, and fearing he had committed murder, he turned and jumped for the window, fourteen feet to the ground and ran for his life. He halted at a house about two miles away borrowed a pair of boots, hat, pants, and coat, and then suddenly returned to his home, went in, got his own clothes, and such things as he could carry in his flight, and left.

But he felt certain he could not escape at once to Canada, as he intended, and so went to the house of a friend not many miles away, where he found concealment for four days. This fact shows that the people were not extremely anxious to find him. Leaving his hiding place, he managed to reach the house of an acquaintance somewhere in the north part of Steuben county. Here he remained for several weeks, when his friend, happening to be at a village not many miles away, by the merest accident, overheard some one say that they had found where the murderer of Latta was in hiding, and that he was to be captured that very night. On this information Odell hastily prepared to carry out his original intention of going to Canada.

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George F. Latta

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George F. Latta of Bakersfield, California, passed away August 12, 2007. He was born April 7, 1929, to Alvis Stanley Latta and Cora Hinsley Latta in Lakeview, Texas. At the age of 18 he married his childhood sweetheart, Mattie Lee Langley. They were married for 58 years until her death October 19, 2005. There were four things in life that George took real pride in his wife, his kids, his country music and his Indian heritage, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six of his eight sisters, Wanita Gee, Geraldine Roach, Nita Riley, Mildred Hardin, Namoi Combs and Flora Spaulding; and his only brother, Alva Latta. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra Lee and Charles Kuehlem of Burleson, Texas, Linda Gail and Edward Robinson of Apache Junction, Arizona, and Diana Lynn and Raul Davila of Bakersfield; eight grandchildren, Rikki Fraizer, Earl Kuehlem, Jeffery Kuehlem, Christopher Robinson, Ryan Robinson, Jeremy Latta, Jonathan Davila and Ashley Davila. He also had nine and one-half great-grandchildren, Randi Samuelson, Robyn Samuelson, Justin Logsdon, Charles Kuehlem, Jeffery Kuehlem Jr., Leann Kuehlem, Christopher Jacob Robinson, Riley Robinson, Alex Latta and a baby due in November; and sisters, Bonnie Everidge and Clara Bolinger.

Finis Latta

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While checking out the West Virginia Archives and History, I came across a death certificate for Branch 33 - #44 Finis Latta. I was quite surprised to learn that he died in a truck accident on Route 50 in Doddridge County, West Virginia (just 14 miles

from where I live). I also found his middle name was Nelson. Here is his information: #44 FINIS NELSON (5) b. May 17, 1911 in Pollard, Arkansas; d. June 20, 1945 in West Union, Doddridge County, West Virginia; m. Julia Mead in May of 1933. His death certificate (#6326 WV State Dept. of Health - WV Archives & History) states that he was the son of Robert Latta and Delia Thompson. He was listed as a truck driver, and died in a "truck wreck" at 5:45 p.m. on Rt. 50 in West Union, West Virginia, of a "broken neck." The informant was Elvis Latta (his brother), of Detroit, Michigan. He was buried in "Pollar, Arkansas". (Note the spelling of Pollard was wrong). His residence was listed as Detroit, Michigan. Route 50 was a two lane road at that time, and very crooked in 1945. It is now a nice four lane highway.

William Wallace Latta of Branch 18

From: <http://www.latta.org>, Branch 18

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6 WILLIAM WALLACE (4) LATTA

Lewis (3) William (2) Unknown (1). Born at Ashland, Ohio September 6, 1832; d. July 2, 1912; he and his wife are buried in the Tekamah Cemetery, Burt County, Nebraska; m. Mary Mason in Jackson Co., Iowa in 1857. She was born Oct. 2, 1833 and died Nov. 10, 1918; William W. Latta moved to Burt Co., Neb. in 1857. In 1901 living there. Director in First National Bank, Tekamah, Neb. Owned 4500 acres and has a very fine horse ranch stocked with fast horses. "Mrs. Mary A. Latta, born in Connecticut October 2. 1833, died November 10 at Tekamah; married to W. W. Latta May 10, 1857; they came to Nebraska in a wagon drawn by oxen, crossing the Missouri river at Sioux City and reaching Tekamah July 25, 1857; starting with little besides a breaking plow and cooking utensils they acquired a large acreage of fine

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William Wallace Latta

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farming land which was heavily stocked with cattle."

Two sons:

38 WILLIAM (5) died aged 21 years. Single. (Could this be the "William R. Latta" buried in the Tekamah Cemetery, born Sept 22, 1860; d. August 18, 1883?)

13 BUDD R. (5) b. November 26, 1871 in Arizona Township, Nebraska. Married May Sutherland of Blair, Neb. June 1900; d. in Denver, Colo. January 29, 1929 while on a visit.

William W. Latta was born September 6th, 1832, in Ashland County, Ohio. At sixteen years of age he began driving stage about Toledo and Dayton, Ohio, and followed this vocation until twenty-one years of age when he came to Jackson County, Iowa. He remained there from 1853 until 1857 when he came across the State of Iowa by ox team and located in Arizona Township in Nebraska. He was one of the pioneers who came there with few assets other than perseverance, industry, and a determination to conquer. He passed through the hardships to that life, adding success to success, growing with the country and becoming one of the county's wealthiest citizens. His home is in this city and from here he superintends his large interests. Mr. Latta has served his city several times as its Mayor and is a member of the City Council. Mr. Latta was united in marriage in Clinton, Iowa, May 10th, 1857 to Miss Mary A. Mason.

William Latta information and picture:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/OLLibrary/tekamah/pages/tkma0147.htm>

I also found an 1885 Nebraska State Census for him in Tekamah City, Burt County, NE

Latta, William, age 52, farm stock dealer, b.

OH

Latta, Mary A., wife, age 51, born MD

Latta, Budd R., son, b. NE (no age given)

His brother, John Latta, is also found in the census:

Latta, John, age 74, farmer, b. PA

Latta, Mary, 68, b. MD

Latta, Louisa, 26, daughter, b. Iowa.

Newspaper Articles From the Burt County Herald of Tekamah, Nebraska

From: William Latta, Santa Barbara, California

Transcribed by Beryl Redfield, Secretary/Historian

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Latta, Tuesday evening, in honor of Mr. Latta's sixtieth birthday. Between thirty-five and forty friends were present, who, before departing, presented Mr. Latta with a handsome gold-headed cane, which will always be a pleasant memento of the occasion.

Latta Surprised

A successful surprise party is oftener attempted than accomplished, but the surprise played on W. W. Latta, Tuesday evening, in honor of his sixtieth anniversary was as completely carried out as it had been carefully planned by President J.P. Latta of the First National bank.

As many of the old pioneer settlers as could be, on so short time, were invited to do honor to one among them. Some of the immediate neighbors and friends were invited to make up a merry group of invaders. The guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Latta at 8 o'clock and a few minutes later marched in a body to the beautiful home of the host to find him buried in the third page of a daily paper. Surprised? He was simply overcome. His birthday had not occurred to him, but he rallied and with the help of his good lady soon made every one comfortable. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Latta, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latta, Mr. and Mrs. John Shortell, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Harney, Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Story, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Well Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. B.F.

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Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. White, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fee, Mr. and Mrs. I.A. Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Korn; Mesdames G. Thomas, C.B. Davis, C.A. Hinsdale, D.C. Wallace, W.B. Bean; Miss Ella Green, Miss Jane Cook, Mr. Rob Carr.

The party was very much like any other gathering for social recreation, except in number of hoary heads that marked this gathering. They added to the lasting remembrance of the social event, and made it the more to be remembered by the guests and especially Mr. Latta. At eleven o'clock in the midst of the overflow of good feeling, Mr. J.P. Latta entered the parlors and walking across to opposite where the host of the evening was sitting, said,

"Mr. Latta, you see yourself surrounded by a host of friends and neighbors. Many of them have known you for more than a third of a century. Some like yourself came here when this country was new and wild, and have gone through the privations of a frontier life. But the changes have been many since we first met. We have seen this great state emerge from a territory with but a few people to become one of the greatest states in the Union of its age, and the changes have been many since your and your estimable wife came here, and they must be pleasing to you. You have seen happy homes made on every farm; you have seen school houses erected where every child could attend; you have seen churches built where all could go; you have seen great cities, towns and villages built, all over the state. The life you have led has been an exemplary one – one that has been imitated by many, and one that you can look back over with pride, and others will speak of it with honor to you. But we have not invaded your peaceful domicile for the purpose of riot or theft, but we have come here this evening to rejoice with you and yours upon your 60th anniversary, as we have met together many times before and rejoiced at each others happiness, and we have met in the years gone

by and rejoiced over the cradle at the advent of a new born babe. We have also met many times with our friends and rejoiced at the wedding feast; we have met and mingled our tears with each others tears as we have followed a dear one to its last resting place. But today you have placed another milestone on life's journey and long since you have passed the meridian of life and are now travelling the down hill road of life's journey. We thought the time might come when you would want some one to lean on and support you upon your journey. We thought there would be no fitter substitute, as we could not always be with you than this staff, or cane, which will always be found a trusty friend, and should you ever be obliged to use, you will find it a true support. We ask you to accept it, not for its intrinsic value and worth, but as a memento coming from your neighbors and friends. Take it and whenever you use it think as kindly of the donors thereof as we think of you tonight, and may you enjoy a long and peaceful, prosperous and happy life is our wishes."

And saying this he held out a very beautiful gold-headed ebony cane, on which was engraved, "Presented to W. W. Latta on his 60th anniversary." The present was accepted, but the recipient was so overcome that he could only return thanks for the lovely gift. A bountiful supper was then served, after which instrumental and vocal music was had by Mesdames Hinsdale, Wallace, Davis, Crowell and Mr. Hamblin. After the mid hour of night the guests took their departure leaving their wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Latta may both live and enjoy many more happy occasions.

OBITUARY NOTICE – JULY 5, 1912
W.W. LATTA ANSWERS SUMMONS
One of Burt County's Grand Old Men Passed to
Great Beyond Tuesday

The death of W. W. Latta Tuesday morning, July 2, [1912] was a profound shock to this community. To his intimate friends, it was known that he was not as well this past week and that he was again confined to his room, but they hoped that he would soon be seen on the street again as was his

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usual custom. Mr. Latta's ailment dates back to last September, when he showed the first symptoms of a break in his robust health that he enjoyed from childhood. He was confined to his bed for several weeks and from that acute attack later he gained strength sufficient to come up town and visit with old friends and attend to his duties at the First National Bank, of which he was president, since his cousin Congressman James P. Latta passed away last September, but with best of care he could not regain his former vitality. He knew that his work was about finished and was quietly waiting for the curtain that divides time from eternity, to be drawn aside, and so, in his own home, in the midst of the friends and neighbors of many years, in the tender care of his wife and son, who were nearest and dearest to him, God's finger touched him and he slept the sleep that knows no waking.

W. W. Latta was born in Ashland County, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1832. When a mere lad he began life as a stage driver for the Western Stage Company on a route out of Richmond, Indiana; was transferred to a route between Dayton and Xenia, Ohio, where he drove a four horse coach, and later drove a four horse coach between Niagara Falls and Lewiston. In the meantime, his father moved his family to Jackson county, Iowa, and in the fall of 1852 Mr. Latta quit the stage business and came to Iowa where his father was located. May 10, 1857, Mr. Latta was married to Miss Mary C. Mason and immediately started for Nebraska. There was no railroad at that time, so they came in a covered wagon with all their belongings, which consisted of four yoke of oxen, a cow, a mare, and colt. They crossed the Missouri river at Sioux City, but there was no city then, just a steamboat landing and a few log shanties. They came down through the Indian reservation and located east of Tekamah, near the river, where he carved out a home. He arrived here in July just 55 years ago. On the 10th of last May they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Latta was a notable man and his career is a remarkable one. Here and unaided he began the struggle of life, and here by thrift, economy and self-denial he acquired wealth and rose to a position of commanding influence in the community. In financial and business affairs he possessed the confidence of the people to an unusual degree. In municipal affairs he took great interest, serving on the council for over 25 years with zeal and fidelity. He always consulted the people's interests, just as he consulted his own interests. He was a cautious, vigilant public officer and much of the permanent improvements in the city owe their foundations to his wise judgment. The cemetery especially, is today just what Mr. Latta made it, which was always under his care and supervision.

Common sense, practical ideas and conservative opinions were strong features in his character. Ripe in judgment, and in possession of confidence and esteem of everyone who knew his sphere of usefulness, it was cut short, he died too soon. During the last few months the lines on his manly brow grew deeper, their voiceless eloquence pleading against separation from her who had been his confidant, his true friend and inseparable companion through these 55 years. From her he was loath to part, he had no thought of death; it was nature's premonition of the advancing fate which he obeyed but did not understand. Fortunate in life, so was he happy in the time and manner of his going. While within a few months of the fourscore milestone he was in full possession of the vigor of his faculties with not one ray of his intelligence obscured or dimmed. Honored among men in his own city, county and state, he passed without a pang from this world; he was weary and fell asleep.

The funeral was held at his late home at 10 a.m. Friday July 5th. Rev. Dr. Taylor of the Presbyterian church conducted the service, and the attendance was very large. A select quartette sang: "Softly Fades the Light of Day," "In the Hour of Trial" and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were: Messrs E.C. and Chas. Houston, E.I. Ellis, F.A. Cameron, T.A. Minier, C.A. Metzler, E.V. Morgan, E.C. Carscaden.

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Mr. Latta would have been 80 years old next September, he was the eldest of a family of eight, five daughters and three sons, two sisters and three brothers preceded him, also three of his own children two of them in childhood, and his son Will after he had arrived at manhood. He is survived by his devoted wife and son Bud R., also two grandchildren Will and Edith Latta, three sisters, Mrs. O.B. Prior of Miles, Ia., Mrs. Mary Snead of Seymour, Mo., and Mrs. Lou White of Tekamah.

Relatives from a distance were: Mrs. H.C. Bechtel, Tama, Iowa; Miss Nellie Snead, Seymour, Mo.; W. W. Mason, Lubbock, Texas; Lou Latta and wife, Blair; J.R. Latta and wife, Decatur. Others in attendance from abroad were: Miss Kathryn Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Max G. Gladstone, N.C. Houston, Frank Houston, Alva Smith of Omaha; N.J. Ronin, Scott Wall, E. Hileker of Fremont; E.V. Morgan and wife, Gene Bordick and wife of Herman; T.A. Minier, M.S. Wilcox, F. Minier, T.T. Plummer of Craig; Geo., Minier of Oakland; Dr. J. B. Whittier of Decatur; Ed Stapleton and wife of Thurston; M.M. Warner of Lyons. All places of business were closed in respect to Mr. Latta during the funeral hour.

OBITUARY**CONGRESSMAN LATTA IS DEAD**

Died Nineteen Days After An Operation at Rochester, Minn.

HE WAS AN EARLY PIONEER

Came to Nebraska in 1863 and Settled in Burt County Where He Had Since Made His Home

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 11 – (Special Telegram) – Congressman J. P. Latta of Nebraska passed away at 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary's hospital. [1911]

Congressman Latta was operated on here on August 22 for intestinal tumor and adhesions and was believed to be recovering satisfactorily until Saturday, when he suffered a relapse. It is said his advanced age and the fact that his vitality has not

been high for several years were the cause. A second operation would have been required to free him from the ailment from which he had suffered.

Mr. Latta's wife and two sons were at the bedside when he died. Edward Latta was called here Saturday when the change for the worse took place. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced by the members of the family. Congressman Latta's body will be taken to his home at Tekamah, leaving here tomorrow night.

Native of Ohio

Mr. Latta was born near Ashland, Ohio on October 31, 1844, and two years later his parents moved to eastern Iowa, where they engaged in farming, being among the earlier pioneers in that territory. Here he grew to manhood, working on his father's farm in summer and attending school during the winter months, thus making most of the opportunities afforded him of getting an education.

In 1863 he walked across the state of Iowa, crossed the Missouri and took up a homestead in the territory of Nebraska, locating in Burt County, where he had since made his home. On December 29, 1870, he was married at Tekamah to Miss Libbie Jonas of Jackson County, Iowa. As one of the early pioneers, Mr. Latta was identified with the early development and activities of eastern Nebraska, and during his long residence in Burt County he had been engaged in farming and stock raising, at the time of his death, owning and operating large stock farms north of Tekamah. He was also president of the First National bank of that city.

Twice in Legislature

In 1887, Mr. Latta represented his district in the lower house of the state legislature and at the time of his election to congress three years ago was a member of the Nebraska state senate. Mr. Latta was elected from the Third congressional district of Nebraska, to the sixth-first congress and was re-elected to the sixty-second congress.

Mr. Latta is survived by his widow and his two sons, Edward Latta, cashier of the First National bank of Tekamah, of which Congressman

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Latta was practically the owner, and Bur Latta, manager of his father's stock ranch. One brother, George Latta of the Plateau State bank, lives at Herman. A cousin, W.W. Latta, lives in Tekamah and at the present time is very ill.

Representative Latta was active in the last congress, but because of ill health did not figure to any extent in the recent extra session. He was particularly interested in banking affairs and was placed on the banking and currency committee of the house. He took much interest in Indian legislation.

Obituary

Mrs. J. P. Latta

The death of Mrs. J. P. Latta Saturday evening, June 9th, 1917, at 9:20 o'clock of heart disease, was a shock to everyone as the news quickly spread, and the brightness of the Sabbath was darkened by the news, for her death was an incident of more than passing moment. To her intimate friends it was known that she had not been well the past year, still she mingled with his friends and neighbors of many years till God's hand touched her, and she lay down to sleep the sleep that knows no waking.

It was with words of endearment that Mrs. Latta was eulogized in unstinted measure by everyone that knew her, for she was one of the most highly respected of the early residents of our city. She possessed many lovable characteristics with a graciousness of manner that impressed all who enjoyed the pleasure of her acquaintance, with her sincerity, honesty, and a kindly generous heart. She was always ready to meet life as it came whether freighted with frowns or smiles. She met all conditions with a brave and cheerful heart, and ever through all her life the same unassuming, earnest, devoted mother, eager to do all in her power for the furtherance of the pleasure and happiness of her devoted husband and loving children. A life in which those qualities prevail does not cease in its influence at dissolution, as those sterling virtues are perpetuated in those she has left behind.

Mrs. Latta was a devoted companion of her husband and together they traveled extensively in this country and abroad. She was noted for her hospitality and her home was always a social center. She was also active in church and missions.

Libbie Jonas was born in Jackson county Iowa, June 24, 1845, as passed away June 9, 1917, lacking only a few days of being 72 years old, at the home of her son Bur where she has resided since the destruction of her home by fire last fall. She was united in marriage with the late Congressman James P. Latta, Dec. 29, 1870. Three sons were born Ed, Bur and Don, the latter dying in infancy, who are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, five grandchildren Libbie, Arthur, Bennett Latta and James and Judith Latta. Also three nieces Mrs. Jennie Slade, Boone, Ia., Mrs. John Harrington Wayne, Neb., Mrs. McPhee, Minn.

The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The Episcopal burial service was conducted by Canon March, of Blair, and Mrs. Howard Hopewell and Ralph Conkling sang three favorite hymns. A large number of friends from far and near gathered to pay tribute to one they loved. The floral offerings were beautiful silent testimony of the esteem in which she was held.

The out of town relatives and friends present were: Mrs. Jennie Slade, Boone, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington, Paul Harrington, Wayne, Neb.; Mrs. Lathrop, Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. F. Goza, Tama, Ia.; Messrs Simm and Calery, Duncombe, Ia.; Mrs. Margeret Latta French, Mrs. George Carter, Miss Kathryn Ryan, Wm. Hines of Omaha; Dr. and Mrs. J.P. Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Stout, O'Neill, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Minier of Craig; Dr. and Mrs. Roost of Sioux City; Fred W. Claridge of Blair. The pall bearers were: John Harrington, Dr. J.P. Gilligan, F.A. Cameron, B.R. Latta, E.C. Houston, R.J. Mitten.

The sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereft children in their great sorrow — the loss of a mother. Mrs. Latta is gone, but the life she lived will remain a monument to her memory.

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

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

1. Does anyone know which branch this Thomas **Latta** was in?

Stockton Daily Argus

Stockton, San Joaquin Co., CA

26-31 Oct 1857

>>Saturday, 31 Oct 1857<<

CONVICTED -- Ezekiel **Bullock** has been convicted of murder in the 2nd degree, for the killing of Thomas **Latta**, in Sacramento, on the 9th of June last. The 'Bee' says that during the entire trial of **Bullock**, his wife has been by his side watching with great anxiety each phase of the case, often turning upon him a pair of sorrowful eyes and a pale, care-worn countenance. As he was leaving the court room on the day of his conviction, she forgot, for a moment, everything else but her affection for the once happy husband of her heart, and falling upon his neck, sobbed in the most heart-breaking manner, until forcibly removed. During the night session, **Bullock** held in his arms a little curly-headed child about 4 years old. Sue Cox, Branch 17, Salem, WV, cscox57@verizon.net.

2. I just received the newsletter (Issue 33, Fall 2007) and saw my information on page 26 query # 8. In the next newsletter under additions could you please put **Latta** Branch No. 23 #38 Jessie **Latta** b. March 30, 1879. Sorry I didn't make it clear in the email. Thanks. Nancy **Latta**, RLatta6374@aol.com.

3. I just had to write when I found the **Latta** Genealogy Newsletter website. My mother was Gwendolyn Loraine **Latta** (not listed in your files) and was the granddaughter of Oscar **Latta**, Texas Ranger, Company C. (photo attached is from <http://libraries.ou.edu/etc/westhist/Rose/ranger5.html>) My mom always spoke with admiration about her **Latta** heritage, and had stories of her father's wild family. She was born in Del Rio, Texas to Frank and Lorena **Latta**. My mom's mother was young, and her husband and his family had "Wild West" values--lots of drinking, fighting and shooting. My grandmother took my mom and went back home to her mom, divorcing Frank **Latta**. The website has Oscar **Latta** married to Mamie Earwood as Branch 1, which is why I am writing to

you.

I've never done any genealogy research, so I am not going to be any help to you, unfortunately. My mom has passed away. Her father was Frank, and the only other child (that I know of) was from his Indian wife Beulah, a girl named Nancy, who would have been born around 1954--and married Paul **Hand** and lived in San Antonio. My mom spent a few weeks in the summer during her childhood visiting her father, but didn't visit as an adult until she got word that he was dying, so we all went to visit a couple of times--he was a dear man--I wish I could have known my grandfather longer--he had apparently settled down quite a bit!

Frank was the son of Oscar, I believe, and he had a brother named Lawrence. I met one cousin of my mom's, Lawrence's son, Ross **Latta**, who was married to Joan. I also met their son Steve, and could probably find him again if needed. He had at least 2 siblings, but I never met them.

My mom would have absolutely loved this website. I don't know why I never thought about researching (by that I mean Googling!) the **Latta** name with her while she was alive. She died in 2005, and was so proud of her **Latta** family.

Frank A. **Hamer** and Oscar **Latta**, Company C, Texas Rangers, 1908.

It was just great to see this website, and if you have any questions or more information, I would love to hear from you.

I am pretty sure my mom was born as Gwendolyn Lorraine **Latta** on Jan 1, 1931 in Del Rio Texas. (A new year's baby--the doc was called from a party to deliver her, and wore his tux during the delivery, or so goes the story.)

Here is some info from the Val Verde (borders Erath County) County Cemetery I found the other night. I believe "Lizzie" is Pernetta **Latta**, my great-great grandmother (apparently never married though!), Oscar was her son, my great-grandfather, and a Texas Ranger; Lawrence is my great-uncle, I've heard the name "Lofton" and believe he's a brother to Lawrence and Frank. Lawrence had children, but the only one I knew was Ross, who had children, and the only one of those I know is Steve. Frank had my mom, Gwendolyn Lorraine **Latta**, and a daughter, Nancy. Frank **Latta**, my grandfather isn't listed here, but he was

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If there is a number before the name, it is that person's branch number. The editor suggests that the reader contact researchers of the same branch and share information.

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born July 26, 1903, and died in July 1971. He married my grandmother, Lorena Martha **Roberson**, in San Antonio in November of 1929, they divorced in 1933.

From the cemetery info:

Last	First name	Birth
Death	Inscription	
Latta	Lawrence	Sept. 17, 1900
Jan. 17, 1965		
Latta	Lizzie	1847
1933	Mother of Oscar Latta	
Latta	Lofton H.	March 29 1913
Nov 29 1963	Texas	
TEC5 CO C 7 Engineer BN World War II		
Latta	May	May 1, 1878
Apr. 17, 1963		
Latta	Oscar	Sept. 14, 1868
Aug. 2, 1954	He Hath Done What He Could	
Latta	Paul	Sept. 17, 1910
Dec. 31, 1928		

Thanks for the note back; I have an uncle who does genealogy--my mother's half brother, so not a **Latta**. I'll copy him on this note to see if he wants to add anything. Diane **McGinn**, 281-337-2814, diane.mcginn@innovene.com.

4. Good evening! Just wanted correct the typo in the last LGN newsletter on my e-mail address. It should be lmsjfs@knology.net. If anyone has tried to contact me and either received a bounced message or nor reply at all, please try again using this address. Regards, Cinda **Stiene**, Br. 15, Note 03 and Note G.

5. I glanced at page 22 when I first received the most recent newsletter, Fall 2007. But tonight I had a chance to look at it in some detail. The Fayette County, KY **Lattas** are branch 22, related most closely to Kim **Latta** of Burlington, Iowa. These **Lattas** descend from Harvey McDowell **Latta**, married Fannie **Johnson**, 29APR1845, Woodford County KY. Harvey was the son of Matthew **Latta** and Polly **Williams**. 'This latter couple also were parents to my ancestor, William W. **Latta** and Mary S. **Williams**, his wife. The Robert **Latta** identified in the 1900 Census was a son of Harvey McDowell **Latta** and Fannie Johnson. Harvey had a second marriage, but no children from that marriage as far as I can tell.

Kim **Latta** gave me enough info to tie in these later **Lattas** with what I have found in my own research. Cathi **Vannice** and I hope to do some more research on branch 22. What we need to do is read the order books in Woodford County KY to see what more information they contain on **Lattas** living in that area in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Virginia **Curulla**, Treasurer, vcurulla@mac.com.

6. Hi. Just wondering who this family might 'belong to.' A friend of mine recently sent an email to a bunch of her friends - one of her friends noticed my last name "**Latta**." This friend of my friend recently wrote me. Her name is Ivana **Musilova** - she currently lives in Bratislava, Slovakia, but did live here in Ontario, Canada from 1968-1973 before returning to Slovakia. Her mother's maiden name was **Latta**. Ivana's Mom is Jolana; her father's name was Juraj **Latta** and he had a brother called Ladislav **Latta**. Ladislav has a son, Igor who currently lives in Toronto. He is Ivana's mother's cousin. The family came from Pichne, a small village near the Ukrainian border, about 7 km from the town of Snina. She couldn't get much information from her Mom, but all she knew was that Juraj **Latta**'s mother died when he was about 3 years old and his father remarried and had another daughter. Ivana's grandfather was born in 1922, and he died 9 or 10 years ago. Ivana's grandmother still lives in Pichne and she will be 84 this year. She did say that the next time she visits her grandmother in Pichne, she will try to find out more or she will go to the city hall and try to find more of the family history. Thanks so much, Jody **Latta-Poljanski**, Branch #13, jpolanski@sympatico.ca.

7. Hello, my name is Rebecca **Sykes Johnston**, and my address is 5789 Kerry Lane, Nanaimo, B.C. Canada. email: djohnston2@shaw.ca. I am looking for any information on my grandfather, John **Latta**, who came from Belfast, Ireland to Canada sometime around 1918 or so (not sure on this). He met my grandmother, Mary **Grieve**, on the ship over, and they settled in Edmonton, Alberta and had five daughters. John **Latta** was the oldest of several siblings, but the only one that I know of by name is James. Thank you for your help.

8. Hello Rebecca; It is so amazing to hear from another **Latta** Family whose ancestor was a contemporary of my Great Grandfathers. Besides my family line which is listed in Branch 16, there were also other

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Latta Families from Branch 13 that were here in Edmonton between 1898 to 1950's. Some have moved on to other areas but my family still resides here. At present there are Irish, Scot and Eastern European **Lattas** in Edmonton. Would you count as one of your family members "Polly **Latta**? There are several Johns and Josephs that my Dad could not connect to any Branch. Some even ran hotels and then they seemed to have disappeared. Dad spent hours looking for more information about the other **Lattas** that cropped up in the early phone and Henderson Directories. Without much success. Are any of your family buried here? There are several Gravestones that I think belong to your family at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. I could take digital images and e-mail to you if you like? Do you still have family in this area?

If your ancestors came from Ireland, my Dad was of the opinion that the Irish Branches were all related. We currently have a DNA study involving the Y chromosome (male descendancy) One Surname Project underway and I am writing the first report right now and hope to have it ready for the May issue of the "Latta Genealogy Newsletter". No doubt as we speak Ken, the Editor whom you contacted, will have entered your query to the newsletter. Will have to look some things up but I will get back to you about anything that I can come up with. Sincerely, Kathy **Latta**, Branch 16, Edmonton, Alta., lattakj@telusplanet.net.

Family Tree - DNA Latta Project A One Surname Search

By: Kathy Lattaa, Branch 16 Captain

In 2004 Family Tree - DNA started receiving samples from various people and other interested individuals not connected with any of the many Branches at the Latta Genealogy Society. At this printing 20 people from 14 Branches and 3 from those unconnected to any Branch (one from Germany) have had the pleasure of trying to decipher or figure out exactly what all the reports from FT-DNA really mean. I hope you find this report

easy to understand and find meaning in the two Tables that I am presenting.

This report consists of two tables. Table One is an abbreviated portrayal of the statistics gleaned from FT-DNA and Table Two a copy off of FT-DNA showing the distribution of the Y-alleles that make up the actual markers. Unfortunately the table can only be reproduced for our newsletter in black and white. At the bottom of the Table is a range from -10 (in blue) to +10 (in red), it is these values that comprise the total that appears in Table One, under the column Genetic Distance. For those of you who like to color, one color will do, make a copy of this page and go down each Marker column and color in only those who differ from the "Mean". As well, you will notice on this Table that after the 25th Marker all the Minimum and Maximum values seem to have shifted over a couple of rows. I assume there are not enough participants at these levels to make average comparisons.

As well I am including a four page introduction to a "One Surname DNA Project" written by Peter Staveley of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society. He had written this article and it appeared in our local Genealogy News Magazine "Relatively Speaking" (Volume 36, Number 1, pg. 21-24). Peter very kindly gave his permission to reprint the entire article as it stands. Peter just wanted me to note the single discrepancy, that being he is only a 6X great and not a 10X great. Permission was also given by John Hazelwood whose DNA information was used as an example in the article. Thank you Peter and John.

Once Peter's report is read it is easier to understand that not a lot can be written on the 12 Marker Level. However besides indicating a relatedness, one can visually look at Table One and Table Two and draw some conclusions. One thing that this level of study does is to separate the wheat from the chaff. You quickly get a sense of who is close and those who are not close.

I have assigned Alpha Characters paired with Branch Numbers to give some level of anonymity, and also to make the Table easier to read. One individual has asked not to be published and must be respected. For the most part the study is being done to see how the different Branches compare, and so

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displaying a Branch Number instead of surnames makes sense.

In comparing the different submissions I have bracketed those from the British Mainland (), those with an unknown origin appear with an asterisk *, and those with Irish roots I left unmarked.

Historically communication while settling this continent was a big contributor to the loss of familial ties. Over time warfare and other harsh living conditions leads us to a point where there are gaps in our knowledge base and the addition of DNA to genealogy will be a boon to our society.

When looking at the 12 Marker Level on the Table the same three individuals show little relatedness. One in particular shows no matching DNA. When there is evidence such as this, one has to conclude that the name "Latta" has been acquired by adoption; whether a person has been adopted or the name has been adopted. For this reason it does not hurt to have more than one DNA donor from the same lineage (Branch). Another instance of adoption is where orphaned children from a female line might be adopted by a brother; this would be considered family but still not have the Y chromosome from the "Latta" Line.

There are some Afro-American Lattas. Some may share Latta genes, while others may have simply adopted the name by association with a plantation. So in all there may be Branches where it would serve to have different lines within the Branch provide a DNA sample. Where these discrepancies occur these individuals might find it helpful to conduct an unrestricted name search at the FT-DNA site.

The information at the 25 Marker Level is a subset of those individuals who did a 37 to 67 Marker Test. It demonstrates changes in reporting as you go from a 25 to a 37 or higher Marker clarifying and narrowing down the number of generations to the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA). As there are no individuals that did only

a 25 Marker Test, my reporting will be at the 37 Marker Level and on Table One I have not included Branch Numbers for 12 or 25 Marker Levels.

There are out of 20 people in the project, 8 that share a relatedness at the 37 Marker Level to an MRCA between 6 and 9 generations. They are G13 (R13), M1 (J1), H9, N30, S8, 122. G13 and M1 shared a MRCA at 6 generations. M1 was kind enough to inform me that they have documentation for 7 generations and this places the MRCA in a known category. That is to say that the MRCA is someone already documented in the Branch 1 and 13 files.

Relating at 9 generations to MRCA at the 37 Marker Level are H9, N30, S8, and 122. H9 has documentation for 7 generations while 122 has documentation for 6. At this time I will point out that I have reported the statistics at the 90% Level of Probability. Lowering the level serves to bring down the MRCA (generations decrease). We know that James M. Latta Sr. is listed in Branches 1, 8, and 9. I believe that the DNA results confirms these branches are related and we just need to brush up the paperwork and bring together the next generation which includes 122 and N30. At 18 generations B* and P49 also tie in with these Branches.

For the most part, Table One goes through each individual and compares them to all other submitters. It may look like a lot of repetition but there are variations even at the 12 Marker Level. Combine the information with Table Two and odd tidbits can be gleaned. For instance, after coloring Table Two one can see that F*4 and T* show similar changes in alleles (the chemical base units that make up the Markers). Considering that T* is unconnected to any branch and does not know their ancestral origin, showing a close relationship to D17 and F*4 on Table One is extremely promising.

On the other hand, what you do not see is just as important. Here I am referring to those individuals who do not show any changes in alleles. Six at the 12 Marker Level, one at the 37 Marker Level and G13 on the 67 Marker Level does not show any changes until the 54th Marker. I thought this was surprising and gave something to think

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about. It is something to consider when ordering Marker Levels.

On the subject of Haplo Types which indicate Deep Ancestral Origins, in the group of 20 submitters, only one E*6 had requested their Haplo Type be tested. All others were assigned by their similarities to others in the DNA Data Bank at FT-DNA. R1a shows an Eastern European origin, while R1b is from Western Europe. These groups represent some very ancient lineages while more recent branches on the Phylogenetic Tree are R1b1 and R1b1c. Bear in mind that these were assigned. S8 is listed as R1b1 and G13, M1, 122 and H9 are listed as R1b. So unless we get some testing done, this area of discussion will remain vague.

So far five submitters have not been mentioned in this report; A 16, C 16, Q* 31, O 51, and L 3. All but A16 tested at the 12 Marker Level and all were exactly alike with no changes in alleles. Changes in alleles can take place so it would be nice to see these upgrade to the 37 Marker Level.

Last but not least, A 16, is my branch. I feel like the last kid off the bus. I went in feeling like my branch would tie in H9, S8, and M1 but that was not to be! We connect but much further back than I had anticipated. For all those with British Isle or Irish roots, The TRAILS project seems like a good way to proceed in order to connect. It could take place within two to four generations. Can we do it?

Please acknowledge Robert Hawkins, Branch 22 Captain, for managing the FT site and Kathy Latta for assisting and typing.

List of Branch Captains

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New Branch 7 Captain

I'm thrilled to be Branch 7's new captain! My name and address is: Lorraine Latta, 3268 1/2 Atwater Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039, Lorraine Latta @aol.com. For the next issue, I will definitely write something up about becoming captain. My older brother just participated in the DNA study, so I would like to discuss that, with the hopes of getting other Branch 7 gentlemen to take part in the study.

Thanks again, so much for this opportunity! I will certainly do my very best as captain of our branch. Best warm regards, Lorraine.

**Latta Genealogy Society
Second Annual Meeting**

Our second annual LGS meeting will begin at 1:30 PM, Saturday, 10 August 2008 at the Bellevue, Washington home of Virginia Curulla, Treasurer. For directions please call Virginia at 425-6430309, or e-mail her at vcurulla@mac.com.

Join in the lively discussion of our Latta families. Members of Branches 1,3,18,22, and 44 were present at last year's meeting. Why don't you represent your branch this year? August is usually a very pleasant time in the Pacific Northwest.

Last year's discussions produced recommendations that were adopted by the LGS board. The society has moved forward as a result of member suggestions. Please come and contribute your ideas to help our society in supporting and sharing Latta family research.

Family Tree DNA (L A T T A) Project

Name And Branch	Haplo Grpg. Assumed	Compared to .at Marker Level 12-25-37-67 (D,G,I,O,R)=United Kgdm *=Unknown All others = Irish	Genetic Distance Or Marker Variation NEM= No Exact Match	Markers # Absent	Level of Probability Reported at 90 % Unless stated otherwise	Generations To MRCA Most Recent Common Ancestor
A (Branch 16)	R1b1c	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland	OR	B, C, H, J, L,M,N,P	0			24
Cousin to C 16	R1b	(G, I, O, R) , Q*	0			24
		(D) , S	1		70.00 %	25
Documentation for		T*	3		14.48 %	24
7 generations		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers				
		H, M,N, (G, I)	0			10
		P, S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G13) M1	3			17
		H9, N30, S8, (I22)	4	N=3		17
		B*, P49	5	P=4		22
		E*6	23	15	00.14 %	24
B*(Branch Unknown)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A, C, H, J,L,M,N,P	0			24
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers	NEM			
		A, H, M, N, (G, I)	1			17
		P, S	2			24
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G13) M1	2			12
		H9, N30, S8, (I22)	3			16.5
		P49	4			20
		A16	5			25
		E*6	19	13	04.22 %	24
		67 Markers	NEM			
		H8	4	4		15
		(G13)	6	4		15
		E*6	23	16	05.88 %	24

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C (Branch 16)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A, B, H, J, L, M, N, P	0			22
Cousin to A16		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			22
		(D) S	1		68.18 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
D (Branch 17)	R1b1	12 Markers	NEM			
Anc. Origin; Scotland		A, B, C, H, J, L, M, N, P	1		70.00 %	25
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	1		70.00 %	25
		S, T*	2		36.91 %	24
		F*	4	3	16.54 %	24
		E*	8	5	00.86 %	24
E (Branch 6)	R1b1c	12 Markers	NEM			
Anc. Origin; Unknown	confirmed	T*	6	4	05.00 %	24
		(D) F*	8	D=5, F=6	00.86 %	24
		A, B, C, H, J, L, M, N, P	9	6	00.11 %	24
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		S	10	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers	NEM			
		A, B, H, M, N, (G, I)	12	9	00.74 %	24
		(D) S	13	10/S=9	00.18 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		B*	19	13	04.22 %	24
		(G 13) M1	20	13	04.22 %	24
		H9, N30, S8, (I22)	21	14/S=13	00.98 %	24
		P49	22	15	00.35 %	24
		A16	23	15	00.14 %	24
		67 Markers	NEM			
		B*	19	16	05.88 %	24
		H8	26	18	01.49 %	24
		(G 13)	28	18	01.70 %	24
F (Branch 4)	R1b1c	12 Markers	NEM			
Anc. Origin; Unknown		T*	2		38.98 %	24
		(D)	4	3	16.54 %	24
		A, B, C, H, J	5	4	04.91 %	24
		L, M, N, P, R	5	4	04.91 %	24
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		S	6	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	8	6	00.17 %	24

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G (Branch 13)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Un. Kgdms		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N,P	0			24
R13 related		(I, O, R) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1	1	68.87 %	24
		T*	3	3	14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers				
		A,H,M,N, (I)	0			10
		B,P,S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	25
		37 Markers				
		M1	0			6
		H8,N30,S8, (I22)	1			9
		B*, P49	2			13
		A16	3			18
		E*6	20	13	04.22 %	24
		67 Markers	NEM			
		H9	4	2		10
		B*	6	4		15
		E*6	28	18	01.70 %	24
H (Branch 9)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A,B*,C, J,L,M,N,P	0			24
Documentation for		(G,I,O,R) Q*	0			24
7 generations		(D) S	1		68.00 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers				
		(G,I), A, M, N	0			10
		B*, P, S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G13) M1	1			9
		(I22) N30, S8	2			13
		B*, P49	3			16
		A16	4			22
		E*6	21	14	01.77 %	24
		67 Markers	NEM			
		(G13)	4	2		10
		B*	4	4		15
		E*6	26	18	01.49 %	24

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I (Branch 22)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin ; British Isles		A, B*, C, H, J, L, M, N, P	0			22
Documentation for		(G, O, R) Q*	0			22
6 generations		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers				
		A, H, M, N, (G)	0			10
		B, P, S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G13) M1	1			9
		H9, N30, S8	2			12
		B*, P49	3			16
		A16	4			21
		E*6	21	14	01.98 %	24
J (Branch 1)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A, B, C, H, L, M, N, P	0			24
M 1 is related		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1		68.18 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
K* Interested Guest	R1a					
Anc. Origin ; Germany						
L (Branch 3)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A, B, C, H, J, M, N, P	0			24
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1		70.00 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
M (Branch 1)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A, B, C, H, J, L, N, P	0			22
Documentation for		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			22
7 generations		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
J1 is related		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24

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M 1 continued		25 Markers				
		A,H,N, (G, I)	0			10
		B, P, S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers				
		(G 13)	0			6
		H9, N30, S8, (I22)	1			10
		B*, P49	2			13
		A16	3			18
		E*6	20	13	04.22 %	24
N 30	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,P	0			24
		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers				
		A,H,M, (G, I)	0			10
		B, P, S	1			17
		E*	12	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G 13) M1	1			10
		H9,S8, (I22)	2			12.5
		B*, P49	3			18
		A16	4	3		18
		E*6	21	14	00.98 %	24
O (Branch 51)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Scotland		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N,P	0			22
		(G,I,R) Q*	0			22
		(D) S	1		68.18 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
P (Branch 49)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N	0			24
Documentation for		(G, I, O, R) Q*	0			24
6 generations		(D) S	1		68.18 %	24
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers	NEM			
		A,H,M,N, (G, I)	1			17
		B, S	2			24
		E*	13	10	00.18 %	24

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		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G 13), M1	2			13
		H9,N30,S8, (I 22)	3			17
		B*	4			20
		A16	5	4		22
		E*6	22	15	00.35 %	24
Q* (Branch 31)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Unknown		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N,P	0			24
		(G,I,O,R)	0			24
		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
		T*	3		14.48 %	25
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	25
		E*	9	6	00.11%	25
R (Branch 13)	R1b	12 Markers				
Anc. Origin; Scotland		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N,P	0			24
G 13 related		(G, I, O) Q*	0			24
		(D) S	1		70.00 %	25
		T*	3		14.48 %	24
		F*	5	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	9	6	00.11 %	24
S (Branch 8)	R1b1	12 Markers	NEM			
Anc. Origin; Ireland		A,B,C,H,J,L,M,N,P	1		68.87 %	24
		(G,I,O, R) Q*	1		68.87 %	24
		(D)	2		38.68 %	24
		T*	4	3	14.48 %	24
		F*	6	4	04.91 %	24
		E*	10	6	00.11 %	24
		25 Markers	NEM			
		A,H,M,N, (G, I)	1			16.5
		B, P	2			23
		E*	13	9	00.74 %	24
		37 Markers	NEM			
		(G 13), M1	1			8.5
		H8, N30, (I22)	2			12.5
		B*, P49	3			16
		A16	4			22
		E*6	21	13	04.22 %	24
T* (Branch Unknown)	R1b1	12 Markers	NEM			
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^a A value of ?? for any marker indicates that the lab reported a null value or no result for this marker. All cases of this nature are retested multiple times by the lab to confirm their accuracy. Mutations causing null values are infrequent, but are passed on to offspring just like other mutations, so related male lineages such as a father and son would likely share any null values.

The page display above was inspired by Jason Cleary who devised a colorization scheme to make observation of the differences between samples easy and efficient. He graciously supplied Family Tree DNA his colorization code which was modified in house to support our sub grouping system.

FamTree DNA thanks Jason for the time he spent pioneering this system for the benefit of our group administrators and project members.

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Why a One-Surname DNA Project?

by Peter Staveley



With the passing of his father, items in his personal effect inspired Peter to become interested in his family history. He joined AGS in 2001 and volunteered as a member of the Relatively Speaking Editorial Committee shortly thereafter. He is currently the administrator of the Staveley Group DNA project with Family Tree DNA. When not working on his research Peter enjoys gardening and winemaking, but mostly his time with his family, including the newest arrival, his great granddaughter.

Family Tree DNA, one of the largest organizations providing such a service, describes the reason for a one-surname DNA project thusly "Surname Projects are the most logical way to link men who have common ancestors together because a surname is passed down from father to son just as Y-DNA is passed from father to son."

The benefits of participating in such a study are many. When joining a group most companies provide participants a discount for the initial kit purchase and costs of upgrades. It affords the potential to confirm information previously established using conventional paper trail methodology but can often discover hitherto unknown links in their family tree. Also the various migrational patterns of the surname lines can be identified.

The project will have one person assuming the role as a group administrator who has the responsibility of coordinating the site. This person assists the members to understand their results, typically interprets the results for the whole group, and disseminates the information while respecting everyone's privacy. He/she can also publicize the results using a newsletter or web site.

As one would expect such a project compares Y-chromosomes of different families that share a common surname. Females do not carry their father's Y-DNA and, in most societies, usually acquire a new surname by way of marriage so the tested individual must be a male checking his direct paternal line. The male Y-chromosomes mutate at over a fairly short, reliable, time period — about 250 years, thus enabling relationships to be established with some reliability during the existence of surname use. Most researchers would not be interested in making connections prior to this. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), passed down from mothers to their children, male and female, are very stable with mutations taking many thousands of years to occur. Thus one can anticipate many mtDNA matches but trying to identify a "most recent common ancestor" (MRCA) becomes impossible, in fact the only way to consider a possible relationship with this testing is if the matching results are very rare. MtDNA testing however is very useful in identifying individuals' migration routes.

Joining a one-surname project group can be accomplished quite easily by doing a search on your name on the website of your testing facility of choice. Remember to search using the most common spelling variations of your name. Should you have a very common name there may be more than one study underway, in which case make your selection based on the principal location of the participants as it compares to your ancestry. However, once your results are in, Family Tree DNA will allow you to join multiple projects at the same time. Once you have located an appropriate study group you will see a link connecting to their study page showing a status of the group including contact information of the group administrator and the number of participants etc. There will also be an area for you to join the group, probably requiring contact information asking for some ancestor details. Should there not be a project already started using your surname

consider starting one and becoming the administrator, it is not an onerous task, the testing facility provides lots of assistance, including interpretation of the results — an in-depth knowledge of DNA technology is not a requirement.

It is recommended that initially one should purchase a 12-marker test as this minimizes the initial cost outlay. This test is primarily used to discount any relationship rather than to find new cousins. Should a 12-marker match occur then the sample size should be increased to 25 or more to endeavour to establish the probability of the number of generations to the MRCA. This can be done without the need of ordering a new test kit, as your DNA is stored by the facility for several years.

The table below assists in the interpretation of the results. Using the highlighted numbers as an example — if there is only one mismatch when comparing two 25-marker test results there is a 50% probability that these two people share an ancestor going back no more than seven generations, 90% probability going back 16 generations and 95% probability going back 20 generations.

Marker match	50% probability MRCA no longer than this no. of generations	90% probability MRCA no longer than this no. of generations	95% probability MRCA no longer than this no. of generations
10 of 10	16.5	56	72
11 of 12	17	39	47
12 of 12	7	23	29
23 of 25	11	23	27
24 of 25	7	16	20
25 of 25	3	10	13
35 of 37	6	12	14
36 of 37	4	8	10
37 of 37	2	5	7

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In fact, Family Tree DNA goes further in comparing two individuals' results, by offering the FTDNATiP — the time predictor for the MRCA between them, based on their specific results.

A one-surname DNA project can also be an invaluable addition to the research tools of a one-name forum. These forums are used as a medium for all researchers of a common name to share information, hopefully gleaning additional material for their research. As noted previously it can also sometimes uncover hitherto unknown relationships between different lines. It can be easily understood how a DNA study can link individual lines that were previously unsuspected or not established by conventional paper trails.

A good example of this is my experience with the "Staveley forum." With a membership of over 140 researchers there are many different lines identified within the group. My

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line, labelled "the Irish Line," has a well-documented mystery also known as "the Staveley legend" — I'm sure many families have them. The lineage of my ancestors during their time in Ireland is beyond dispute back to my 10X great grandfather William and his arrival in Antrim around 1650. It is the circumstances surrounding his move to Ireland that created the mystery. Letters from family members have suggested that, following the death of his father Robert Staveley in Yorkshire, his mother remarried and his stepfather sent him to Ireland. His reason was to apparently have William serve an apprenticeship although with a more devious purpose of minimizing the possibility of him claiming his father's inheritance. There were a number of Roberts of that era from different lines and hopefully the results of the new Staveley DNA Project that I am administrating will be successful in identifying from which line William, and therefore myself, was connected. Another story in the making?

AGS member John Hazelwood provides another example. As a member of the Haselwood-Hazelwood-Hazlewood group he discovered a link with another member having a difference of only one marker out of 32. Using the chart above one can assume they are related with their MRCA being within approximately eight to ten generations. John's most distant known ancestor is his great great grandfather John Hazelwood born in Wrexford Ireland in 1795 while his new-found cousin has traced his ancestry to Richard Hazelwood, his great great grandfather who died in Derbyshire England in 1825. John had no previous knowledge of any connection with Derbyshire. Based on the DNA results these gentlemen have the potential of possibly sharing a 2 or 3X great grandfather, but now the challenge for John and his cousin is to find a paper trail to validate this.

Once one's DNA test results are available they can also be submitted to Ysearch (www.ysearch.org), a site that accepts results from testing laboratories worldwide, thus permitting contributors to compare their markers with all the others in the database.

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Partial Glossary of DNA Terms — Courtesy Family Tree DNA

Allele: A DNA sequence that repeats at a certain locus or place. The allele value is the number of times the sequence repeats. Pronounced uh-LEEL.

Autosomal DNA: The non-sex chromosomes. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes: the first 22 pairs are autosomal DNA and the 23rd pair consists of the sex chromosomes (the X- and Y-chromosomes).

Base: The unit or building block of DNA. Adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine, (G), and thymine (T) are the four bases in DNA. The order of bases is the sequence of DNA.

Chromosome: A structure found in the nucleus of a cell that contains genetic material. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes; 22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes.

Coding region: A region of DNA that contains genes.

Complementary sequences: Opposing strands of DNA that bond together to form the double helix. The bases always complement one another, with adenine and thymine pairing together and cytosine and guanine pairing together.

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA): A chemical consisting of a sequence of hundreds of millions of nucleotides found in the nuclei of cells. It contains the genetic information

about an individual and is shaped like a double-stranded helix.

DNA sequencing: The process of determining the exact order of the nucleotide bases in a segment of DNA.

Double helix: The twisted shape DNA forms when its two strands bond together. A double helix looks like a twisting or rotating ladder.

DNA Y-chromosome Segment (DYS): The "name" of a marker on the Y-chromosome. It is assigned based on a nomenclature system controlled by the HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee, which assigns DYS numbers to newly discovered markers.

Gene: A segment of DNA which contains the genetic code to make a certain protein or part of a protein.

Generation: The number of years between the birth of the parents and the birth of their children. Different studies use different numbers of years per generation. At Family Tree DNA we use 25 years.

Genetic cousins: Individuals whose Y-DNA or mtDNA test results match one another.

Genetic distance: The number of differences, or mutations, between two sets of results. A genetic distance of zero means there are no differences in the results being compared against one another (exact match).

Genome: The entire complement of genetic material in a chromosome set. The human genome is composed of 46 chromosomes, with a total of 3 billion base pairs.

Haplogroup: A genetic population group associated with early human migrations and which can today be associated with a geographic region. It is important to note that even though female and male haplogroups may have the same letters, their definitions are different.

Haplotype: One person's set of values for the markers that have been tested. Two individuals that match exactly on all markers have the same haplotype.

Marker: A physical location (locus) on the chromosome. Family Tree DNA offers 3 levels of Y-DNA testing: 12-marker, 25-marker and 37-marker.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA): The genetic material found in mitochondria. It is passed down from females to both sons and daughters, but sons do not pass down their mother's mtDNA to their children.

Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA): The ancestor shared most recently between two individuals.

Mutation: A heritable change that occurs in genetic material. It may lead to a different number of repeats of a certain sequence or a change in one of the bases in a sequence.

Sex chromosome: The X- or Y-chromosome. Normally males have one X and one Y and females have two Xs.

Short Tandem Repeat (STR): A short DNA motif (pattern) repeated in tandem. ATGC repeated eleven times would give the marker a value or allele of 11.

Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP): A change in the DNA that happens when a single nucleotide (A, T, G, or C) in the genome sequence is altered. A person has many SNPs that together create a unique DNA pattern for that individual.

X-chromosome: One of the two sex chromosomes, X and Y. X is the sex chromosome that is present in both sexes: singly in males and doubly in females.

Y-chromosome: One of the two sex chromosomes, X and Y. The Y-chromosome passes down from father to son. Females do not receive it. The fact that the Y-chromosome goes down the paternal line makes it valuable for genealogy studies, since it typically follows a surname line. RS



An example of the DNA double helix form.