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Pennsylvania Patent Issued to Ephriam Latta in 1794

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A land patent by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 305 acres to Ephriam Latta was issued in 1794. Ephriam Latta was the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Clarence Johnston Latta of Sterling, Colorado. He came to America in 1760 from County Donegal, Ireland. Ephriam's son Moses Latta served with the American troops in the Revolutionary War. Moses' son, Moses Jr., was born in an eight room brick house in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. This house was constructed in 1832, and was also the birthplace of Joseph Latta, son of Moses, Jr. Joseph Latta was the father of Dr. Clarence Johnston Latta. In years past, an annual Latta family reunion was held at the old brick hose. The patent, most of which is handwritten, reads as follows:

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

To whom all these presents shall come, greeting:

Know ye, that in consideration of monies paid by Ephriam Latta into the receiver's general's office of this commonwealth at the granting of the warrant hereinafter mentioned and of the sum of five pounds twelve shillings, a balance allowed him in said office there is granted by the said commonwealth unto the said Ephriam Latta a certain tract of land called Plainfield, situated on Big Sedwickly in Huntingdon township, Westmoreland County, beginning at a stone thence by land of John Baker north five degrees, west ninety-five perches to a white oak, thence by land of John Thompson south eighty-five degrees west

fourteen perches to a white oak, north thirty-seven degrees west ninety-two perches to a white oak, south eighty-five degrees west eighty-five perches to a hickory north ten degrees west ninety-five perches to a hickory, south seventy degrees west forty perches to a dogwood, thence by land of John Miller thirty-five degrees west one hundred and forty perches to a post, south twenty-one degrees, east one hundred forty-four perches to a white oak, thence by land of William Hunter north fifty-eight degrees east twenty perches to a white oak south fifty-seven degrees east eighty-three perches to a hickory, north eighty-three degrees east fifty perches to a black oak and north twenty-two degrees east one hundred fifteen perches to the beginning containing three hundred five acres, one hundred twenty perches and allowance of six per cent for roads, etc.

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Editorial

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the resignation of Mrs. Virginia Curulla as our Treasurer due to health concerns. I cannot say enough about how Virginia held our Latta group together after Paul Calhoun passed away. And even more thanks are due to Virginia for helping us forge a new Latta non profit group. Without her, we would have been lost.

Mrs. Beryl Redfield has agreed to serve as Acting Treasurer until the next elections. Beryl has always done an excellent job with every task our Latta group has given her. She has my complete vote of confidence.

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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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COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 5/4/08:		\$ 5,415.97
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 950.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,465.97	
Income 5/4/08 through 9/30/08:		\$ 1,206.50
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – 0 donors	\$ 0.00	
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Expenses 5/4/08 through 9/30/08:		(\$ 905.50)
Newsletter editor- reimburse exp. issue #34 & nsltr copies	\$ 830.75 ¹	
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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 950.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,766.97 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 note: We have a new treasurer as of now. PLEASE SEND ANY DONATIONS TO BERYL S. REDFIELD, 4281 WINFIELD RD, TAYLORSVILLE UT 84123.

¹ Expenses for issue #35 (you are reading it) have not been deducted.

² General fund balance will be approximately \$ 3,945 after deducting expenses for issue #35.

Ephriam Latta Patent

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Which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated 4th April 1788, granted to the said Ephriam Latta with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land, with the appurtenances unto the said Ephriam Latta, and heirs to the use of him and his heirs and assigns forever free and clear of all restrictions and reservations as to mines, royalties, quit-rents or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of this commonwealth to be delivered at the pit's mouth clear of all charges.

In witness whereof, Thomas Mefflin, governor of said commonwealth, hath hereto set his hand and caused the state seal to be hereunto affixed the eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1794 and of the commonwealth the nineteenth.

Letter From Farina Latta Jones

Submitted by: Eugene C. Latta, Branch 3
Letters are copied as originally written.

Oakland, California January 30, 1972

Dear Rosemary: [My father's sister]

How nice to learn of another distant relative. I did appreciate very much your letting me know of your mother's not feeling well. I have enjoyed hearing from her at least once a year. Perhaps she told you that years ago when I lived in Sunnyslope, north of Phoenix, my Mother was visiting one winter and a friend of ours met your parents somewhere and they called on us. It has been enjoyable keeping up with them and I was so sorry to hear a few years ago of your Father's death [7-9-62]. He had been interested in knowing of the family relationship, and I presume we are distantly related.

From time to time I endeavored to locate as much of the family history as possible and had some correspondence with your parents about it. I had

asked my oldest sister to get all the records together our family had back there and send me but it was only when I was home in August in 1971 that I was able to assemble all she had to bring back with me to copy. What I had previously had been more sketchy - in fact much of it still is.

When I was in New York some years back your father wrote in January, 1960 that he had records tracing back to generations in Ireland and if he could locate it he would send me the information. He said his great, great, great grandfather was Mungo Latta, in Scotland, and then came the name of Moses Latta, then another Mungo. Then an Ephram Latta migrated from the northern part of Ireland to America and settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he was given a grant of 1000 acres. His grandfather, another Moses Latta, his father Joseph Latta and he were all born on that tract of land. Later in February, 1960 he mentioned that he had located the history but since it only went back two generations in Scotland and didn't think it would be of much value. I never got around to writing and saying that I would find it of much value if he could make copies of it, or if he could Xerox (or some other type) copies for which I would gladly send the money. He also gave me your brother's address at that time: Rev. Eugene Latta, S. J., 1002 East 52nd St. Kansas City, 10, Mo. [My namesake; deceased]. He said he had done further research and that I might write him. That was about the time I was ill and later underwent serious surgery and was ill for a long time, finally coming out here and settled again prevented my working on the family history again for a long time. Now a distant relative (the granddaughter of my Father's cousin) has been working on it and wants me to help all I can. So if it is possible I would appreciate having copies of the material your father or brother had — and would be glad to pay for Xerox copies if you could have them made there or would have them made here if you felt willing to release them to me so long enough for me to make copies. We then, if you would like, would be most happy to make copies of the material we work up.

According to what we have accumulated so far

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Letter From Farina Latta Jones

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it appears that your Father's Grandfather, Moses Latta, was also my Father's Grandfather. My Father Willie Benton Latta was born Dec. 3, 1860. His Father, Robert Washington Latta was born 9-16-1825 married Julia Ann Jenkins, born 6-2-1826. His parents were Moses Latta born 9-14-1782 in Pennsylvania, and his mother was Margret Quarry born 8-18-1786. Does that sound familiar? I think Moses' father was William Latta, who in turn was a son of James Latta (I think) from Ireland. I understand several brothers came to America James Samuel and Moses who died when his children were quite young, and that there were probably one or two others. Your father mentions an Ephram Latta was one of them, his grandfather, so I am assuming or wondering if he was a brother to the others mentioned above??

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I wrote your Mother a note along with my printed New Years note and told her I was going to write you for information. Would you like for me to write your brother and if so, is the address I had still correct? I feel real provoked with myself that I have delayed so long completing this stuff but so many illnesses and surgeries and other things seemed to give me no time nor energy after working and keeping up the apartment. I will enclose a copy of my New Years note and you will see why lately I have been out of commission. Your Father mentioned that an attorney in Denver, Robert Latta, had supplied him with most of the information that he had. I have copies of the letters of two of my uncles in connection with writing Robert Latta when he was working it all up. My father's brothers were James Perry Latta, who lived with us much of the time, and Dr. John Milton Latta of Wichita. He had one sister — Sarah Isabelle Latta, who also lived with us for a long time. My Grandfather, who died when I was about two, also lived with the folks — but of course I don't remember him. From pictures he was much the same build as your father. John Milton was somewhat the same — only a little heavier I believe. My

father was shorter and more stocky build — but Uncle Perry was shorter also but not as stocky or full-chested. Many of the Lattas I have seen or seen pictures of look similar — one particularly like my Dad.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

My best to you for 1972,

Sincerely, Farina Latta Jones

338 Lenox Ave., Apt. 6

Oakland, California 94610

P.S. Do you by chance have the address of Edythe Latta Watson? Your Father mentioned she was Robert Latta's daughter and had been his secretary and when he wrote she was in Tuba City, Arizona. I can't locate her there. I remember when I lived in Phoenix and worked for the Dwight B. Heard Investment Co. I heard after she had been there, that she gave a talk about the Indians at the Heard Museum (whom the Heards of the company I worked for had endowed) too late for me to go and meet her. So I presume she must have worked with the Indians up there.

Please excuse this messy letter but I am not quite in the swing of things yet, and this little portable isn't the best.

**Excerpt From Another Letter
By Mrs. Farina Latta Jones**

Submitted by: Eugene C. Latta, Branch 3

In a letter from Mrs. Farina Latta Jones dated October 11, 1972, she states:

"My Father's name was William Benton Latta, and his brothers: Dr. John Milton Latta (of Wichita) and James Perry Latta of Enid, Oklahoma (now both deceased). His sister was Sarah Isabelle (Belle) Latta. My brothers and sisters were: John Baier Latta (died in Okla. City) and a brother Woodrow Wilson Latta, now living in Santa Clara. My sisters: Vera, Helen, Denina, Nadine—all married and still living. "

Letter From Paul Calhoun to Eugene Latta

Submitted by: Eugene C. Latta, Branch 3

Paul H. Calhoun
129 Lincoln Drive
Port Clinton OH 43452-1248

10 May 1992

Mr. Eugene Latta
836 Pebble Beach Drive
Upland CA 91786

Dear Mr. Latta:

My hobby is family history, and you and I are third cousins, as your great-grandfather, Joseph Shaw Latta, and my great-grandfather, William Latta, were brothers.

I have been trying for some time to locate descendants of Joseph, and your Aunt, Mrs. Aletta Latta of Burkburnette TX, was kind enough to send me your name and address.

The earliest Latta ancestor I have positively identified is Ephriam Latta, who was probably born in Northern Ireland around 1752. My hope is to one day assemble a book about Ephriam and his ancestors and descendants. That's the reason for my wanting to locate as many cousins as I can.

I know that your grandfather, Dr. Clarence Latta, was also interested in family history. My mother remembered his attending family reunions in Pennsylvania in the 1930's and 40's.

I've enclosed a chart (for you to keep) showing the descendants of Joseph Shaw Latta whom I've already identified. I don't know the whereabouts of any of them other than yourself and the descendants of Rosemary Latta Redney and your uncle Donald Latta. If you have addresses for any of these cousins, or know of additional names that I am missing, I would be grateful if you'd send them to me.

Also, I'm sending you a number of sheets dealing with various Latta family members. If you can correct or add to the information on these sheets,

would you mind doing so, and returning them in the envelope provided? In return, if you are interested in our family history, I would be happy to send you a family tree showing our descent from Ephriam Latta, as well as the other lines that we have in common: Johnston, Thompson and Belford. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.
Your very truly,
Paul H. Calhoun.

Edward Latta Letters Continued

Transcribed by: Sue Cox, Branch Captain
Coordinator, cscox57@verizon.net

Editor's Note: These letters are a continuation of the series of letters written by Edward Latta (1841-1916) as detailed in Issue 34.

LETTER ONE

Written on stationary from the "Office of S. F. Atwood, Real Estate Agent, Conveyancer and Examiner of Titles" at Leavenworth, Kas.,
_____ 188 ____.

(Upside down on the top of the letter is written - "Mama don't my writting look like I was ving up to my claims but I have a good reason")

Well Pet min took Mr. Attwood out in the hall for a privat talk. Will pet we have had a big snow here yesterday and as soon as it began to fall I thought of Mama and the boy if they or my Pet had to get the kindlings in. Oh Mama you don't know how I would like to be home with you and start the fire for you in the morning but mama papa is trying hard to save sompthing here. And as soon as I know what we are gong to do are get the mother settled so we can be and one way or the other I will have you come or I will come to you. We can't live apart if you feel as Papa dose. And I think you do from the way you wrote the first letter. Pet I

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take that out ivry few days and read it. It is the best letter I ever got from you but your letter of the 6 was also good one to. Will mama please write papa often. You don't know how I think about. Tusd I started from the foundry to go to Rothenburg 6th and thinking about you I kept up the R R track until in front of M C Clark Co haus before I knew the difirance. 3 blocks walk so pet you may know that papa thinks of you. I wish I could go to you for a week if not for longer but pet it has been raining and storming every since I came here but I am shure that I am a head of them at last. so the next fight comes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in Aprile. So now I will look around for something else. It may be Sprathy will build a barn down there on the Lath. Pet don't fail to write me a good letter Sunday so by by to my dear wife & pet & son from a good true and sober papa. E. T. Latta.

LETTER 2

Written on letter head from "Office of GEO. T. BEVEN, WHOLESALE * FRUITS, * COM-MISION, Flour and Grain Dealer, No. 224 Delaware Street, Leavenworth, Kan." dated Feb. 8, 1882. (Along the left edge of the letter is written "Save this cards")

To My Beloved Wife and Sons.

Pet I have been very busy every day I have been here. I went to work and repaired the fence within ten weeks after I got off the train. I would have written Sunday again but was with Sfrotty all day. I sent you a card Thursday evening. I think I have got min and Dozler all safe. Attwood & Sfrothy sais they are satisfied I Title is the best of all and for me not to compromise with min and Dozler unless they pay me. Will Sprathy sais he will stick to me through & thick & thin. Backer will be back from Topeka tomorrow and then I will be able to find out still better men and Hall are awful mad and scared about it. They see now they will have to do something for us to get something from themselves

if the write to you don't answer Pet, and send me that letter of Dozlers in my other card or in the desk new desk. Pet I will try and write a few tims Friday evening, excuse this short letter dear Pet, as I have to go to the office and the up to Sfrothys he is sike from Nacknation. I am sore all over to that is on my right hand and am my land leg, and I tell you it is hard on my feet to walk all day on these side walks after being suling all summer & winter. Mama I sleep and eat my brickfast at Walkers. They are all well and God bless my Pet I hope this will find you all well and not so sore as papa. So by by God blefs my angle and keep her safe from accident of fire and bad helth. Mama by by for this time as this is written in grat hast and in G. T. Bevens office. Love to all from papa. (Along the left side is written "to his loved ones E. T. Latta")

LETTER 3 and 4

Written on stationary of "D. R. Anthony, P. M. - Post Office, Leavenworth, Kan.: - Feb. 12, 1882.

To my Dear and beloved Wife and Sons

Mama I was at the office at mail time this morning and received nothing from that only one I love on earth. I don't see how you could fail to drop papa a few lines and let me know how you are getting along but I hope for the best Pet. Mama I have been kept on my feet from day to day about this lots. I saw today Mr. Backor he thinks we are all all wright, angle did not take the lots and Jim was obliged to sell the day after I got here to Ide so as to rase the money to pay Mr. Angle back his \$800.00 that she had to rais for Dan. So then Ide lots the north half to Dasler & then Dasler sels back to him the Brick House so you see how they are working things. I have spoke to Dosler but once and not at all to him for this reason. Pet I see now that they thought we would never come back and hire and Dasler would wipe out the hole thing. Min had told Attwood that they could buy my interest for 25.00 and Mr. Angle had give Hall the 25.00 to get my title that was before I got here. And Hall and Dosler both went to Omah to see Lizza so you see

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they are working every way to get it all but Pet I am a going to get all that there is in it. Tell Mother to not sign any papers they send here only they come from me. I believe I am gong to get a part of here money and if they think I will they will run off an try and compromise with her and if they will do that it will to get off for less than I can get. So you see how it goes. Min has lost all of her friend such as Dr. Nealy and those men who are business men. Dear and Darling Pet how I wish you was here with me and fixed up all safe and and nice and you don't know I wish that I could come in on you tonight. For I fear you are crap since I got no letter today. But I shall ever pray for our get settled down again and together. Mama so we will not have this grate anchatce. I told Clark that I bet you are up at the house as I got no letter. I due hope you are. If so papa will be glad shure Mama and if you do care papa wont be mad but glad. Pet I am writing here in the P. O. And standing up I supose that is the reason I cant wright good and Clark is singing now and then. Well Mama if one moore week goes over without a letter I will be at the train next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to meet my baby. Pet and dear angle. Leave the boys and hous in good hands. Don't go to Mins but Pet be patant as long as you can so you will not have to bo back again for I don't want to part again. Remember what we said if Pet was going to sleep there papa would sleep with it. Mama I will write as often as I can and when I can get to some bodys desk to do it. You know it is not like if I had a desk of my own. Mama dear I am as I promised you the day I left you. A true and shall ever be a papa that you shall never daut again; Mama after lots of love for you remember papa has two good little boy that has a big place in papa hart God bles and keep you and them from all harm until papa can be with you. They are beginning to work up the mail and clirks coming in so I will kils mama and by good night Pet wright to papa so by by darling angle from papa to all. E. T. Latta.

The folks are all well here that I have seen Molla Hanks will get that patron as soon as she comes down town. I saw Anna Hanks on the street yesterday. I had but few words with them but all well. Anna owns the balance of those 2 lots that Dasler wants so I wished that Mollee get Dasler & Min. have turned out to be darned theives. So I am a going to watch them until I get my own. By by papa to Pet.

LETTER 5

Written on letterhead from D. R. Anthony, P. M. - Post Office, Leavenworth, Kan." Mar. 5, 1882
(Written in the top left corner is "10 cts for papa boys")

To My Dear & beloved Wife & sons.

Pet papa was at the office this morning and I got no letter from the only being I love in this earth but I know you have been disapointed some times (this line is to Tharp) Pet, Min and Dosler ar trying to beat me out so I cannot tell how it will be got. I have been waiting for Angle and he got home from Chicago this morning so I may learn something to-moraw, it has first kept me running from one office to another for 2 weeks to keep track of things. Pet dear we have first walked fast back from dinner and I am very nervous dear Pet papa is not drinking a drop of any thing and never will again as you will see by that sworn statement I sent with the 15.00 on Friday. Your short letter with the derd maid papa feel just like I know you do mama when you get it such short news from papa. But pet you don't know how papa changed. I have had to write running from cart house to town and back a dozen times a day and at none of them can you get a chance to write a letter without putting them to truble. Well Pet I don't see any thing to do. Get the stack traid will not due anything until grafs cattle get good. I have trid to rent a cople little houses but they are so far out and rent is from 15 to 25 per month. I am trying to get apointed asistant apiser which will last 60 days. I will know Tusday the board meets to-morrow night for that purpose. So I don't think it best for us to moove until we get something to do

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for if we get mooved our expenses will be grater but pet I would rather be with you to day at home than any place in the world and I know pet would like to see papa I was at the train looking for you this morning but you didnot come so I followed the mare back up to the office.

More Letters From Edward Latta

Transcribed by: Beryl Redfield,
Secretary-Historian

#6

D.B. Anthony, P.M. Post Office, Leavenworth,
Kan. March 6, 1882

To My Dear and beloved Wife & Pet & Sons

Mama I arrived here this morning one + 1/2 Hour late got my Dinner and went to the shegar factory a foot they had the cattle cut out but since I came they have put the shiiping off untile next week. I am going to wright to Dock See now to come and buy the cattle and tomorrow morning I will goe to Kanasa City to see sijh Nichols Mr. Bryon promised to give me a commission if I could sell them here. and I know if See gets the cattle I will get to ship them as well as if I don't sell them I have saw Sam & Clark. and now Hall is talking to Hanks that suits me Pet. I send you 4 papers to day may not write again until Sunday by By Dear Pet from Pops to his only Pet. E.T. Latta

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D.B. Anthony, P.M. Post Office, Leavenworth,
Kan. March 6, 1882

To my Dear Pet Wife and Sons,

Mama I send you today a box (of) meat by Express. I have been hard on the run all day the School Board meets tomorrow night and I want to see enuff to have a majority in the board as I want to get the assessment of the tax. I think I will beat old Mim and Dasher if they have twisted around so

much but daren't write to Min nor believe a word she may write to you. I am working for my little family now not for fathers any more as you often told me. They would beat me at last, I am done with them.

I cannot tell Pet what we will do but something sure so by by Dear pet from your own Papa.

E.T. Latta

Pet you know it makes papa very nervous to want so much, I am not Drinking one drop Believe me pet mama. I expect a letter tomorrow. My love to all. Papa to Pet

#8

Office of S.F. Atwood, Conveyaneer and Real
Estate Agent

Special Attention Given to the Examination of
Titles and Negotiating Loans

Leavenworth, Kas Mar 10th 1882

To my Pet Wife & Boys,

Dear Mama I went to the P.O. this morning and I did not get the good long letter you promised me yesterday so Papa has to do without again today so now I do not expect any letter untill Sunday. And I am afraid you won't take time to think off me then but I hope you will Dear Pet. Mama I am living for you & my Sons only. And if we doe get back to this place that you will live for me and me "Only". If so Dear Pet we will be as happy as in our former years. And I want you to have the same confidence in me as you had then. And I want to have the same confidence in you that I had previous to the last 3 years. In other words Pet we will commence anew. And as long as both of us doe as man & wife what is "True" to each other Mama I know we cannot help but be happy. Now let us use our earnest efforts to restore each others "Confidance" without which Dear Pet we cannot be happy and God knows as well as you doe Mollie we don't want to live apart but to live as we did the last 2 years here. Mama neither of us could stand it and Papa could do no business with satisfaction when away from home.

Mama I know that before I was untrue to you and I have suffered a thousand deaths for it in my

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mind mentaly. And I ashure you by redusing it to writing that it will never occur again. Now Mama pet you take Sunday afternoon and write me what you think about this matter. Papa wants you to make the same promise in your letter in writing that you will be faithful to me beyond any doubt. Hoping that you will appreciate this request, you see Pet Papa has and also sent you that sworn Declaration which I have had no trouble to live up to and yet I feel proud of it. I just got the receipt for the Registered letter which it was in. Mr. Spratty just came in and detained me ½ hour. He has now gone home to make me a Deed book to those Back Lots. While he was here Min came in and asked for Mr. Attwood. The clerk told her he would not be in for some time so she started out and as she closed the door she called me out in the hall. She sais someone said that I was going to advertise here as not the wife of L.W. Latta which I never done, she also sais that I was going to prove that Maud and Will were eligitimate children and that I was going to prove it. I told her that I had never told a thing but what she had told me herself neither have I. She has come in again and waiting for Atwood and talking all the time I cannot write a tawl and you may know what kind of talk she is making. Mr Atwood came and I said I was glad to be relieved and Min spoke up and said it was to my wife it maid no difference it was all Lyes. But I will let it goe she says she got one letter from you I don't believe it. Pet I wish you would send me Min's letter to you I would like to see it for she is try to talk very nice now. But I got no use for her. Papa

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Law Office of Lucien Baker Leavenworth, Kas.
Mar 18th 1882

To my Darling Pet Wife and Spoilt Baby Mama & Sons,

Pet I got your 2 letters today and I ashure you that they both pleased me and I believe from the bottom of my good Pets Hart. Well Pet I don't know what to doe yet, I have been looking around

today again and I don't see a thing yet to doe only to wait for that lawsuit. John Prest told me that when the Jury was drawn I could have a job of going out in the country to summons some of them but yesterday he told me that the most of them were in town and that he would goe out himself for the few there would be from the country. So I doe not get that job. The R.R. are doing nothing in the stock business as there is no stock in the country to ship. Rube told me that he had but one load last week to transfer but I will keep looking for work. I met John Davis of the K Central this morning trying to rent a house to move back from Holton, and he found one house just west of the Babtist church cor 7 & snuckor and the man asked him 25.00 per month and he said he would have to leave his family out there a while yet until he could doe better. He has a job on this new road I don't know what salary he gets but they doe not want any more hands yet, and cannot tell when they will but Papa will keep looking. Mama I think I can get a job to buy some corn and oats at Onomw if the price is not to high tell Papa Jackson to have the mail carriers ask what the shipers are paying there if he doesn't know but tell him not to tell why he wants to know, also let me know what they are paying for butter & eggs at Grand View as I think I might make some expenses that way. Every thing is very high here, eggs .30, butter .50. Well Dear mama there is no news to write today but Papa would like to be with you the best in this world. But Pet I hope it won't be long this is the longest - 5 weeks I ever put in since I had my darling pet, and I am awfull home sick mama. Would rather goe to you than send this letter if I could possibly. Well Dear Mama I must close be carfull of yourself and the children and don't expose yourselves to sickness. So by by Pet from a faithful and true Husband to Mama & Sons.

Love to all

E.T. Latta

Mr. Samie J. D. Latta

Dear son Papa was pleased to get your letter it was a good one. I think you had better set your Hens for Papa doesn't want to move until we know what we are going to doe if we move you can get

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rid of your chickens easy. Has Dazey got a calf yet. Tell F. R. Latta that he might wright Papa a few lines I don't care how many. Be good boys and help mama all you can and mind well. Be good to Mama you will never get another good Mama. From your Father E. T. Latta

Pet - doesn't this adrssing this letter prove to you pet that Papa has not tuched one drop since and it is all for the one I love my darling Wife and only Pet (be Happy

#10

Law Office of Lucien Baker
Leavenworth, Kas Mar 20, 1882

To My Dear Pet Wife & Sons,

Mama I have been very busy today I got my money of Angle this morning and I settled with Mrs. Ractenwald and paid the Bank the 100 dollars that I owed them. Also pd Mr Richards balance on the saddle so if you have not got that Deed off this morning don't fail to get it off at once for as soon as it comes and delivered to J.W.L he will make Angle a deed and then Papa will come home. I wish I could start this evening. If it comes tomorrow I will start Wednesday morning. Pet I cannot write any news as there is so much I cannot write it, but can tell my pet when I get there so by by Dear Pet & Sons from your True & faithfull Husband
E.T. Latta

Letter From Annie L. Latta

Submitted by Glenna Kinard, Branch 28,
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Envelope:

From: A. L. Latta*

Griffin, Ga., FTD

To: Mrs. Agnes M. Wilkins**

228 Spring St., Shreveport, La. (scratched out)
c/o J. A Malden***, Lewisville, Arkansas
(different hand writing; probably fwd.)

Two post marks:

Griffin, Georgia, August ?, 1917

Shreveport, La. Aug 10, (no year)

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Griffin, Georgia

August 6, 1917

Mrs. Agnes M. Wilkins

My dear cousin,

Received your letter some time ago and was much interested as I always am from those I love and esteem as I do you and other relatives.

As I have some leisure I will answer your letter. We had company week before last and no doubt that you can comprehend what it is to entertain visitors. But I certainly enjoy a visit from a friend or relative.

This last week our fruit was ready to use, so we went to work to save it \_\_\_\_ and dried a nice chance(?) and made pickles and canned some \_\_\_\_ canning as yet will can and preserve this week. We sure have fine fruit and vegetables. All we want and some to spare.

It has began raining yesterday afternoon continued through night and all day today so it is lonesome to have to stay indoors but will be a benefit to the crops. Although the crops not suffered but very little for rain this season. The farmers are very much encouraged over the condition of their crops while the cotton late is large and well limbed and heavy fruited and the bool weevil has not made its appearance in this section and I do hope it may continue to stay out. The corn crop also very promising if the rain will come suitable for the late corn will be a large yield which will be a big help to the people and I never seen so many sweet potatoes planted.

Well if this dreadful wide world war lasts we will simply need all that we can make and more too. I am sorry for all mothers that hafta give up their sons it is sad to think about. I am sure very sorry for cousin Ona\*\*\*\* but I trust that she may have the good fortune to see her son back to her safe and all right.

My father\*\*\*\*\* was a cripple from the Confederate War. He went through some very excitable times and had to struggle and face terrible

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hardships. Many others did the same. I was in hopes that there would never be a war in my time but there is a war for every generation to endure. The Bible tells us of wars and rumors of wars so of course we will only hafta do the very best we can. One of our neighbors son lost his mind worrying over this war and tried to kill himself. He cut his throat with his pocket knife so his father had to send him to the insane asylum. I am awful sorry for the family it is so sad to

them. So I will change my subject.

Hope that you have gotten well and at your self \_\_\_\_ this for it is sure bad to be in ill health and suffer. Mother's\*\*\*\*\* been getting along nicely ever since she had that bad spell not been the least bit sick. She's doing fine for one of her age. She's been way stout since she's gotten old. Get around and look after the chickens, go fishing well she simply likes out of doors life. She's takes exercise and it helps her wonderful too. I am glad that she can get around like that for it is company for her it helps her to put off \_\_\_\_\_ about her loved ones that pass away of course we miss them and never will be a time that we don't. But know that is God's will \_\_\_\_\_ be reconciled to His will and not give up. I feel satisfied that my father at rest for he certainly was a good Christian man and he had no enemies for he treated people like he wanted them to treat him.

How is your mother and father? Tell me about them also remember me to them with much love and kind wishes. Also tell me about all your sisters. I am always delighted to hear from any of you while we have never had the good fortune to meet your letters are a source of enjoyment to me and the rest of the family. I remember when I was a small child I would write to Cousin Mattie and she would answer my letters and I first knew that she was the sweetest girl. I hope that your mother got to make you the visit that she had planned. I know it is good to have mama with you.

Well cousin, you spoke of me visiting. I don't know of anything that would afford me any more

pleasure. I simply would be delighted. I am sure we would see a dandy time now would we not? I expect that we would ware our tonsils out. Say you and your husband would make me a visite as would be so glad to have you come. Tell me about Ruth and Norene\*\*\*\*\*. We have their photos when small and they get a lot of nice compliments on their good looks. Well I expect that you will get tired of reading so will close. Write soon.

Lovingly,  
Annie L. Latta

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Branch 28

* Rose Annie Lee Latta, b. 1878; dau. of William Thomas Latta/Mary Elizabeth Roseanna Hammond of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia

** Mattie Agnes Mauldin, 1882-1935, dau. of John Allison Mauldin/Mary Ellen Latta; wife of Erie Douglas Wilkins (1878-1972). She died in Shreveport, La. Mary Ellen is dau. of Fleming Thompson Latta/ Mary Julia Elizabeth Dismukes.

*** J. A. Malden: John Allison Mauldin (husb. of Mary Ellen Latta), son of James Cornelius Mauldin/Martha Ann Lile.

**** I believe this is Fleming Ona Latta, sister of Mary Ellen Latta Mauldin. Dau. of Fleming Thompson Latta/ Mary Julia Elizabeth Dismukes. Ona was born 1870; do not know when she died. Married A. William Clayton; in 1920 they were in Natchitoches, La.

***** "Father": William T. Latta (brother of Fleming Thompson Latta who is father of Mary Ellen Latta); Wlm. T. and Fleming were sons of Capt. Alex. Latta.

***** "Mother": Mary Elizabeth Roseanna Hammond, dau. of Charles Hammond and Nancy Jester.

***** Ruth and Norene (Wilkins). Children of Mattie Agnes Mauldin/Erie Douglas Wilkins. Ruth is my husband's (David Wilkins Kinard) mother.

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Margaret M. Miller

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50th Congress, 1st Session, House of Representatives, Report No. 2177.

Margaret M. Miller

May 14, 1888 — Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lane, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following Report to accompany bill S. 1150.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred Senate bill 1150, beg leave to report that they have considered said case and adopt the report of the Senate in this case as their report, and recommend that said bill do pass.

Senate Report No. 967, Fiftieth Congress, first session.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1500) granting a pension to Margaret M. Miller, here carefully examined the same and report:

The facts bearing upon the right of the claimant, Margaret M. Miller, to be pensioned as a volunteer army nurse during the war of the rebellion have been carefully examined by the committee, who are of the opinion that under the precedents which Congress has made in the granting of pensions to ladies who volunteered and devoted themselves to the laborious duty of nursing the sick and wounded of the Army during the war, that the right of this claimant is clearly made out for such relief by the exhibits hereto appended (see exhibits marked A to H), which exhibits present all of the facts upon which the right of the claimant rests for a pension.

Your committee would, therefore, report Senate bill No. 1500 favorably, and recommend that it do pass.

Exhibit A

Elgin, Ill., December 1887.

To the honorable Committee of Pensions, United States Senate:

I, Margaret M. Miller, as your petitioner, submit

the following statement, and ask your generous consideration of it with the evidence submitted.

I responded to the call of Governor Morton, of Indiana, for helpers in hospital work, the need of the same being at that time very great in the Western armies, February 29, 1863, as a volunteer nurse from Indiana, I being then a resident of Goshen, Ind.

I was assigned to Adam's Black Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., where I served continuously until May 17, 1865; my services no longer required, the sick sent home, and the war about over, hospital closed.

I submit herewith my appointment, vouchers, letter of recommendation received then from Dr. Study, the last surgeon in charge there, with other proofs of service, showing the value and character of same, and ask full consideration.

I deemed it a privilege to work for the poor sick soldiers, and I have thought I would never apply for pension or pay for services then rendered, as the length of time which the length of time can prove to you, but circumstances alter cases. I am now over sixty years old, I have no home of my own, and have an invalid friend depending on me; because of this need of the relief, I now ask I may be allowed a pension as a volunteer army nurse, at \$25 per month during the remainder of my life, believing, as I do, that my country can now afford, from its surplus millions, to remember both men and women who served her faithfully at a time of peril which none can forget.

With great respect, gentlemen, very truly yours,
Margaret M. Miller, Late Volunteer Army Nurse.

Exhibit F

Goshen, Ind., December 20, 1887.

To the Committee on Pensions, Washington, D.C., United States Senate, or whom else it may concern:

I take pleasure in stating that before, during the war of rebellion, and for years thereafter Miss Margaret Miller resided in Goshen, Ind., where I was then and now a resident. That I know quite well that she, with two other ladies of this place, patriotically responded to the call for female nurses to

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attend to and minister to the sick and wounded soldiers. She and those other ladies went from our town to the hospitals near the front in February, 1863, and were on duty as nurses until sometime in May, 1865, except Miss Powell, one of the three, who, I think, died at Memphis in said service.

No soldier who shouldered a gun, performed long marches, endured heat, thirst, rain, and marched into the face of battle did for the country a more patriotic or valorous service than these three ladies of our town, of whom Miss Margaret Miller, now of Elgin, Ill., was one; and she deserves a pension. If the law does not reach far enough to include her claim, it should do so.

I further certify that I am in no way related by blood or affinity to said Miss Miller, and have no interest in her claim, other than to show her meritorious claim.

I further state, Miss Miller during all the many years of her residence in Goshen established and maintained an unblemished life of virtue, her good name being known and acknowledged by all persons of our town. In support of these statements, I refer to General Milo S. Hascall, Col. M.B. Hascall, of Forty-eighth Indiana, William A. Thomas, banker, and Mrs. W.A. Thomas, Dr. M.M. Latta, Captain Hawks, Dr. Jackson, Rev. H. Vannys, D.D., and others, for the verity of the statements herein made.

Respectfully, Jno. W. Irwin.

I found Dr. Milton M. Latta in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, in the 1880 census. He was 58 years old, born in Illinois, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Maryland, wife Julia, age 42, born in Michigan, son William J., age 24, born in Indiana, daughter Anna, age 8, born in Indiana. He and William were physicians.

[Editor's note: Milton M. Latta (1822-1899) was the son of James Latta (1796-1855) of Branch 1, and Elizabeth Seegar (1800-1839)].

Scottish Census On-Line

By: Sue Cox, cscx57@verizon.net

I recently came upon the Scottish Census for the years 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891 on-line. This cite can be found at <http://freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl>. These are just census records which have been transcribed so far, and does not include all records taken. These records show the decline in the number of Latta/Latto families in Scotland during this time period. Latta/Latto families left Scotland and migrated to America, Australia, Ireland, or other countries in search of a better life. I searched the records for the names "Latta" and "Latto" and came up with the following statistics.

In 1841, there were 196 records for the name "Latta." This included 11 records which were entered twice, 45 families by the name of Latta, and 26 individuals named Latta who were living in other households not named Latta, either as a relative, as a lodger or as a servant. The Latta families included:

- 7 families living in Dumbarton
- 3 families living in Kilmarnock
- 5 families living in Barony
- 2 families living in Old Cumnock
- 2 families living in Glencross
- 3 families living in Dalgety
- 1 family living in East Kilbride
- 1 family living at Leuchars
- 1 family living at Glasgow
- 1 family living at Elie
- 1 family living at Lasswade
- 3 families living in Abbey (Paisley)
- 3 families living at Irvine
- 1 family living at Saline
- 2 families living at Greenock East
- 2 families living at St. Cuthberts
- 1 family living at St. Quivox
- 1 family living at Old Monkland
- 1 family living at Dunipace
- 1 family living at Ayr
- 1 family living at Dundonald
- 1 family living at Stornoway

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In the 1851 census, there were 13 heads of family, and 9 Lattas who were living with family members not having the Latta name, or as servants. There were 2 families living in each of the towns of Dairsie, Irvine, St. Quivox, and Old Cunmock, and one family named Latta living in the towns of Ayr, Watten, South Leith, Cumbray, and Innerwick.

In 1861 there were 7 records of Latta, which included three families. One family in Watten, and two living in Haddington-Burgh. In 1871 and 1881 there were no Lattas listed, and in 1891 there was one family of four living at Aston. This family consisted of Harriette Latta, age 48, and her three children; Henrique Lisle, age 9, Ida Mary, age 18, and William Hector, age 15.

Of the name LATTO, in 1841 there were 100 recorded. Of these, 25 were families, and 12 were living with other families as servants or relatives. The families included:

7 families living at St. Andrs/St L'nards - Fife

- 5 families living at St. Monance - Fife
- 3 families living at Leuchars - Fife
- 1 family living at Kingsbarns - Fife
- 1 family living at Aberdeen - Aberdeenshire
- 1 family living at Wemyss - Fife
- 1 family living at Forgan - Fife
- 1 family living at Falkland - Fife
- 1 family living at Crail - Fife
- 1 family living at Fossoway-Tulliebole-Kinross-shire

- 1 family living at Dunee - Angus
- 1 family living at Logie - Fife
- 1 family living at Barony-Lanarkshire

In 1851 there were 3 records for Latto, George, age 17 listed as a servant in Dunino, John, age 32, listed as a journeyman shoe maker living in Dalkeith, and Wilhelmina Latto, age 26, daughter to Mary Kinnear, age 64 who is listed as a "pauper."

Register Report for John Latta

By: Margaret J. Hundertmark, Branch 5 Captain,
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Generation 1

1. John Latta-1. He was born on 22-Oct-1754 in Ireland. He died on 23-Nov-1802 in Westmoreland Pennsylvania.

Notes for John Latta:

General Notes:

Died in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, prior to November 23, 1802. Letters of administration were then granted to his widow, Mary Latta, James Parr, and John Woods. John Latta was accidentally killed while erecting a mill on Loyalhanna Creek, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania. He was assigned a land warrant dated April 3, 1769(?) to land in Indiana County, then Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, by Governor John Latta (Branch 10).

Mary Rankin is the daughter of John Rankin. She was born 1753 in Ireland. She died on 25-Jan-1826 in New Alexandria PA.

Notes for Mary Rankin:

General Notes:

Mary Rankin died at aged 73 years at the home of her son, John, in New Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

John Latta and Mary Rankin were married Abt. 1781. They had 8 children.

i. Ginney Mary Latta. She was born on 15-Nov-1783 in Ireland.

ii. Peggy Latta. She was born on 15-Aug-1795 in Ireland.

Notes for Peggy Latta:

General Notes:

Peggy Latta came to America with John Hart as her guardian.

iii. Ephraim Latta. He was born on 21-May-1787 in Ireland. He died in Died Young.

iv. John Latta. He was born on 21-Mar-1789 in Ireland. He died in Died Young.

v. Ephraim Latta. He was born on 03-Jul-1792 in America.

vi. Polly Latta. She was born on 12-Nov-1793 in America.

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vii. John Latta. He was born on 15-Apr-1796 in Lancaster Co PA. He married Lucinda Ellen Gilchrist. They were married on 22-Apr-1823 in New Alexandria, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 02-Dec-1872 in Dyersburg, Dyer, TN.

Notes for John Latta:

General Notes:

John Latta, son of John Latta and Mary Rankin, lived in New Alexandria, Pennsylvania where Mary Rankin lived with him until her death. He also lived in Salem Township, Pennsylvania. He was a Millwright.

Written in 1886 by Samuel Rankin Latta and submitted by his great granddaughter, Dorothy B. Ruhmann.

"John Latta (3) learned the saddler's trade in Greensburg, the County seat of Westmoreland County. After Carrying on his business in New Alexandria until spring of 1837, making but a very scanty living, though practicing the most rigid economy, John Latta (3) and his wife, with their remaining children, removed to Blairsville, a town some ten miles away, in Indiana County. It was situated on Conemaugh River, along which was the western division of the Pennsylvanian canal. Here they continued to reside, John Latta (3) carrying on his trade. By practicing the most rigid economy, they bought and paid for a comfortable home, where they raised their children respectably. They were strict Presbyterian, of the strictest of their sort of that day. The children were all required to attend Sabbath-school, church and prayer-meeting, as a matter of course, and there was no excuse sufficient except sickness. On the Sabbath there was no sort of recreation allowed. The children were not permitted to go on the streets except on the way to church or to Sabbath School, and the writer (Samuel Rankin Latta) remembers that a funeral happening on Sunday was a sort of God-send to the children of the family, because they were allowed to attend funerals on Sundays, and thus might get out from home. No books or newspapers were allowed to be read on that day, except the most religious ones; and it was regarded as an awful sin to

whistle, even a hymn-tune on that day. It was obligatory on all Presbyterian children to commit to memory the shorter catechism, and on every Sunday evening, the children were called together, and made to recite it to the father. In those days, the catechism was one of the tasks required of Presbyterian children at the secular schools. The rigid economy practiced in the days when John Latta (3) and his wife were thus bringing up their family of boys, is but little known or practiced by their descendants in the good year of 1886. I, [Samuel R Latta] have no idea that the whole yearly expense of my father's family in those days, was over \$400.00 and yet, children were as well cared for then as now, though their clothes and schooling did not cost as much; but that was because they were not given as much, and taught to make them last longer. Provisions and clothing at the present day, are as cheap as they were in the years from 1840 to 1850, and perhaps more so.

The third son, Samuel, was also put into the shop to learn the same trade, but about the year 1842, a classical school was opened in Blairsville, and an old gentleman, Capt. Wm. Smith, persuaded Samuel that he ought to persuade his father to let him go to the Academy. When the notion once got into the boys head, he gave his father no peace. The father reasoned with him; that he was wholly unable, on account of his limited means, to give classical education. The boy's [Samuel] reply to this was, that he only wanted his father to pay his way until he was qualified to teach, and then he would work his own way. The father then wanted to know what the boy wanted to make of himself. The boy's reply was that he wanted to be a missionary."

[See Samuel Rankin Latta for his part of the autobiography.]

viii. Jenny Latta. She was born on 27-May-1796 in Lancaster Co PA.

Notes for Jenny Latta:

General Notes:

Jenny was born on May 27, 1796, 42 days after John, who was born on April 15, 1796. Jenny and John were appointed guardians at the March term of the Orphans' Court in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The guardians were Col. Alexander Craig, John Hart, and Nicholas Day.

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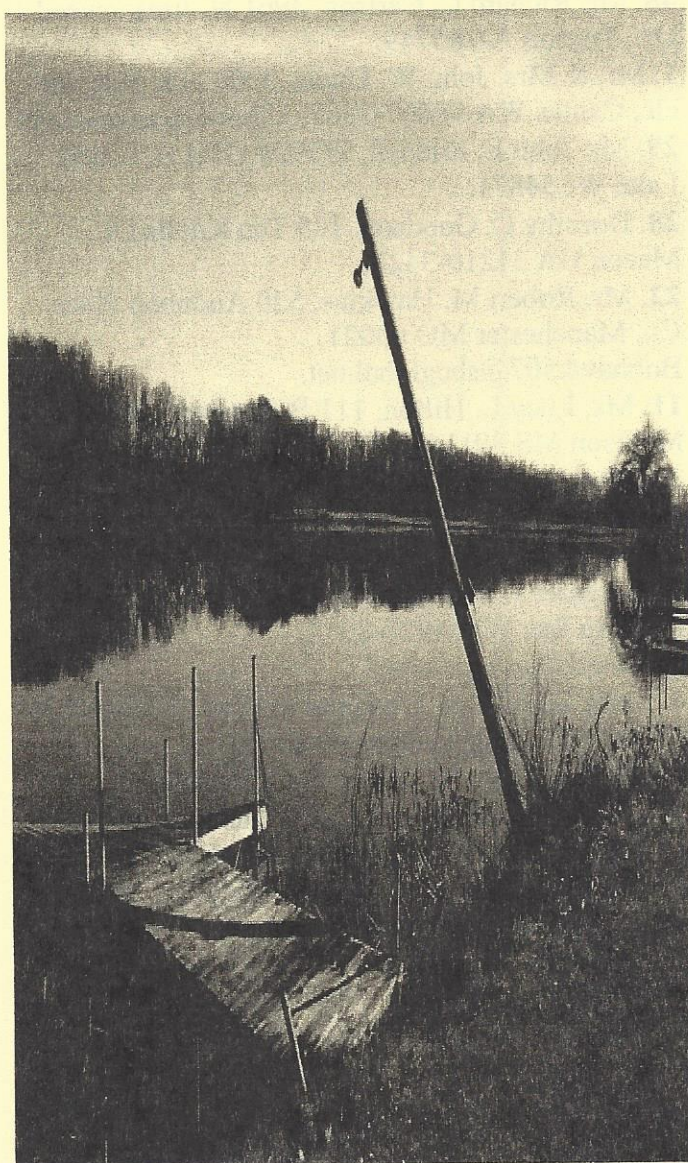
For future Queries, the editor suggests that the contributor include both e-mail and snail mail addresses, as not all researchers have Internet access.

1. I have a photo that belonged to my grandfather. The back of the photo says "Joe **Latta** - WWI" and the gentleman is in uniform. My grandfather was Clifton Harry **Buhrmaster** and he was in both the Army and the Marines. He was at one time stationed in North Carolina but the military took him around the world so the photo could have been taken anywhere. I know Joe was spoken of over my lifetime and he was known as a military buddy of my grandfather. Maybe someone will recognize their father or uncle. Lori (granddaughter of Clifton Harry **Burhmaster**), perkylzd@aol.com.



2. This is a shot in the dark. My family has owned cottages on Latta Lake in Noble County, Indiana since the mid '50's and my wife and I recently purchased the boat ramp and original small farm, etc. on the lake.

Do you know any history of the Lake? We have heard there is a book describing its early years. Attached is a picture of Latta Lake. Thanks for any help concerning this. John and Linda **Peterson**, Ozona, Florida, PETEDIST@aol.com.



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3. I was at a garage sale today & found a notice of baptism for Ruth **Latta Walsh**, baptized August 21, 1903; her parents are Walter C. **Walsh** & Jennie (**Latta**) **Walsh**, this was witnessed by Patroclus Alexander **Latta** & Margaret Jane **Latta**, if you are interested in this please let me know, (this notice is in A1 Mint condition). I tried contacting a gentleman by the name of Dan who had posted questions regarding the family Branch #40 but he did not respond by either email or instant messenger. I would be willing to forward this onto the appropriate family member. Please let me know what you would like me to do with this. Brenda **Horner**, bhorner7@gmail.com.
4. The Woodford County Historical Society had a presentation by Dr. Gerald L. **Smith** last July. I recently sent him a message about the above project. The link is: www.uky.edu/KAAE
He told me that he would be interested in any information that I have about slaves owned by my Latta ancestors in Kentucky. I have found some references in the slave census and in wills that I will send him. If any of you have similar information about Kentucky ancestors, I'd suppose that he would be interested in hearing from you. Virginia **Latta Curulla**, Bellevue WA, Branch 22, Vcurulla@dbug.org.
5. My mother was Patti Gay **Latta** whose father was Wilson (Branch 3, 109), son of Patti **Kumler** and Findley Clifford **Latta**. Patti Gay's father died 11-13-1928, following an appendectomy. We never knew any of our relatives as my Grandmother, Gertrude **Enneking** married again to Grant **Dibert**. I am looking for relatives, especially in the Cincinnati area. Itr53@hotmail.com.
6. Attached is pages and some misc. papers I found in my **Latta** bible. The bible is in poor condition because it went thru the 1913 flood in Peru, Indiana. Along with various treasures tucked among the pages there is also a lot of mud and water damage on the pages. The first page has the name Malinda **Latta** and the date 1890. I believe this is my great grandmother Malinda Louisa (**Click**) **Latta**. Misc. papers include "Willie" **Latta**. Little Willie is William Truman **Latta** 1892 - 1954. He is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery. (Oak Grove Cemetery) in Peru, IN. My dad remembers William T. as "Uncle Babe".
I was born and raised in Peru, IN. My father, Charles Kenneth **Latta**, is still living and 83 yrs old. His parents were Charles Burk **Latta** and Ida Muriel (**Jones**) **Latta**. Charles Burk and William Truman were brothers. Also attached to this mail is the invitation to the **Albery** family reunion that we discussed. The Branch 20 info that I printed off from your website is definitely my family. When we get back to the **Albery's** there's a few discrepancies between that info and mine so I will clarify and let you know what I find out.
Let me know if I can be of further help. Any information you can give me is wonderful. I will be sending in for a subscription to your newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you again, Vicky (**Latta**) **McCain**, ashelynsgranny@sbcglobal.net.
7. I talked with Don **Latta** in the mid 90's regarding the **Latta** line. He told me that he had a family bible that had "the history of the **Latta** family" contained therein. He passed away in the late 90's from cancer. If I could possibly locate her, perhaps she would send the info to me. Their last known address was Burk Burnet TX. I have little info re Don, as he was the youngest of the children of Clarence **Johnston Latta** MD and Elizabeth E. **O'Toole Latta**. See issue 5 pg 11. Also, I have a copy of the original deed to Ephraim **Latta's** land in the late 1790's. It is now faded but I have the description of same on separate sheet. My grandfather **Latta** was born in Westmoreland County PA (Waltz Mills) August 3, 1871. Keep in touch, Gene **Latta**, ulatta@nc.rr.com.
8. **Latta Minnie Smith** 1884 1927
I photographed this gravestone in the I O O F Cemetery, Section O, Denton, Denton Co., Texas. Feel free to use this picture for your personal records. I.O.O.F. is Independent Order of Odd Fellows. And yes, a great many **Lattas** are odd. In fact most of us. Lady23@webtv.net.
9. Hello, All! Need some input from our Orange Co. **Latta** and **Wilson** family researchers on the identify of Stephen **Wilson** and wife Sarah Elizabeth **Latta** noted in a deed between Stephen and John **Latta**, head of Branch 15, dated 1786, sold a year later to John **Cain**, 1787 by Stephen and wife, Sarah. Here's another example of the **Wilson/Latta/Cain** connections in early Orange Co., NC. I've already done a search through the LGN databases and came up empty-handed. Thanks! Cindy **Stiene**, Br. 15, Note 3 and Note G, lmsjfs@knology.net.

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10. Hello, I am a new member of the **Latta** Group. I am arriving at the **Latta** family by way of my research on the **Newell** family. I have questions about the early homestead near Mt. Pleasant, is it still there. If so are there photos not only of the home but the early generation as well. Thank you, Thomas **Merrill**, c/o Cindy **Stiene**, Br. 15, Note 3 and Note G, lnsjfs@knology.net.

11. I have found your page about **Latta** Genealogy Society Surname Study and I suggest that "the next theory - about the Roman soldiers settled in the region" is probably right. I think so, because there is a large society of **Lattas** living in Slovak, or Czech republic. This branch has its roots in the north-east part of today's Slovak republic, there is also a village where all inhabitants used the common surname **Latta** (recorded approx. since the time of Maria Theresa, Austrian Empire, almost to the middle of 20th century). My grandmother used to tell me about former north-east border of Roman Empire, where are still ruins of fort preserved. On the other hand, tens of **Latta** families emigrated to USA in 19th century, in the times of World War First until present times mostly to west European countries. There is also another tale, which says, that the region of north-east part of The Slovak republic started its quicker development after the settlers who came from the region of today's Polish city of Rzeszow (approx. 150km north) which mixed with the former medieval times inhabitants somewhere in 15-16th century. The tale also says, that the village where all inhabitants had the surname **Latta** was set by the man from the mentioned settlers who had 3 sons. They mixed with the former inhabitants and started ploughing the soil. In the 19-20th century some people changed their surnames from **Latta** to another (usually nicknames: volin - deer, etc.), with the development of the region, post and other it became a problem with the 500-1000 people using the same name.

Pzcoline is the village I was thinking about and where we came from. I was not sure if you know the area. My great-grand father was the mayor somewhere after the WW I, in the times of first Czechoslovakia. The area of Pzcoline is the poorest region in Slovakia today. Many of **Latta** families moved to The USA in 19 or in the beginning of 20th century. My grandmother had a pen-pal contact with her relatives until 1970-1980. But grandparents gone and the contact was broken. Younger generations were not interested in keeping contacts. I will

talk to my father who is more interested in genealogy and I think ten years ago he tried to make something like a genealogy tree. My own dad thinks, that **Latta** comes from **Latte** - milk, milkman, but I do not think he is right. He is thinking about Latin which was language used in the times of Roman Empire.

If you really search for the roots of the surname **Latta**, there are many documents in governmental archives, most of them are lists of the land owners from the Land Office, born, marital or other documents, but older documents (until 1918) are written in German or Hungarian (Austro-Hungarian empire), most of documents from 17-19. century were unfortunately destroyed during the world wars and by communist regime. But I can guarantee, that there are thousands of people having their surname **Latta** in The Slovak republic. Best regards, Michal **Latta**, michal_latta@yahoo.ca.

12. I am not submitting any info but I have a question which the web site doesn't help me. I am from the John **Latty** (**Latta**) and Elizabeth **Herndon** family tree. Someone via Ancestry.com told me that I am from Branch 28. So, I tried to figure out how to go about this process. Any help is appreciated and I can be reached at sbdennis@mindspring.com. Suellen **Browning Dennis**.

13. I was wondering how much information you have about the **Latta** family in Leavenworth, Kansas. My father is Robert Larry **Latta**, born in 1946, adopted by a couple who's names I don't honestly know. I believe my grandfather's name was Clark **Latta**, and that he was a druggist/pharmacist in Leavenworth, but my father had such a poor relationship with his parents that they were barely ever spoken of in my house. My aunt (his sister, also adopted and older than him by about 4 years) has speculated that my father was actually the child of some other **Latta** in the family, probably an unwed teenaged cousin, given over to his adoptive parents to cover up the event but keep the child in the family. The older I get the more curious I become about my ancestry. Any help you can offer in this regard will be appreciated. Sincerely, Daniel **Latta**, Fresno, California, squishybogslug@gmail.com.

14. I am in the process of researching my family history and my grandmother's maiden name on my dad's side of the family was Jessie Allan **Latta** born in Kinning Park Glasgow July 3rd 1894. Her father was Allan **Latta** born 1870, mother Margaret Henderson **Latta** (**Walker**). They were married at Kinning Park

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Glasgow Jan 1st 1892.

Allan **Latta's** parents were James **Latta** born 1846 died 1889 and Mary **Latta (Wilson)**. James parents were Allan **Latta** born 1796 died Jan 1st 1867 and Catherine **Latta (Buchanan)**. Allan's parents were William **Latta** and Janet **Latta**. My question being do you have any info on this side of the **Latta** family. Kind regards, Andrew **Irvine**, Mulligansaddict@aol.com.

15. I have been looking for my branch and still haven't found one. I am descended from John James **Latta** b 1823 Jackson, GA d 1913 Grand Saline Texas. I have found parents of John B. **Latta** b 1761 NC died 1827 Maury, Tenn. John B **Latta** married Elizabeth **Wood**, Margaret **Neeley** and Mary **Jackson** b 1761 d 1828. John James **Latta** was the child of John B **Latta** and Mary **Jackson**. I have found Margaret **Neeley** in branch 9 and Mary **Jackson** in branch 31. Can anyone help me? Linda **Latta Carr**, benlindac@cox.net.

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Latta One Surname Project

By: Kathy Latta and Robert Hawkins, Branch Captains

Hosted by Family Tree DNA

Second Report

As of the 1st of October there are representatives from 20 Branch's and countries, with a total of 26 participants. Five others expressed an interest in participating and while three were previously tested Branches (1, 3, 29), two are from untested Branches (15 and 24). With luck they will order the kits and have the results analyzed shortly - possibly available as early as Christmas. At this time some at the 12 Marker level have upgraded to 37 Markers with results expected to be available mid to late November.

In the last issue of the Newsletter the Tables may not have been easily read on yellow paper. We now have a public website where Tables can be manipulated (by either Bob Hawkins or Kathy Latta) and printed off by the public.

This website is hosted by Family Tree DNA:
www.familytreedna.com/public/LATTA-Gene.Society.

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Requests can be accommodated and a message posted on the internet through Rootsweb to announce how long a particular Table might remain up. For instance the DNA shows that Branches 1, 5, 8, 9, 22, and 30 are closely related. Branch 5 data was not available in the last issue and when January rolls around and more data is released, there will be some that may want to update the Tables that pertain to their particular group. A Table can be formatted to include just the Branches specified on request.

When you go to the site, click on one of the bars to open the window, i.e. "Y Results," opens to a Table displaying the Markers for all participants. The public site only lists Last Name and Branch #.

Since the last report we have a new Branch Captain for Branch 5, Welcome Margaret Hundertmark! Margaret was able to persuade her brother to participate in the study and we were excited to see the closest recorded relationship between all Branches with 5 and 30 at 3 to 6 generations! Margaret is anxious to hear from the genealogist in Branch 30. I look forward to seeing these branches merge in the near future once documentation can be established! That is what this study is all about.

The next phase would be to have participants from those Branches that do not know their history prior to migrating to the North American or Australian continents. We would expect some to match with people from Italy, Russia, and other Eastern European countries. When looking at Passenger Lists of people stopping at Ellis Island, many nationalities are listed with Latta or variation surnames so it stands to reason some Branches must already be representative of these groups, just that their origins have been lost in time. Hopefully this project can point them in the right direction as it did for two Branches with unknown connections to another continent. Specifically Branch 22 and Amos's family lines appear to have an Irish/British Mainland connection.

Bob and I look forward to seeing this project evolve and are available to answer any questions, or take requests for Table display. Contact one of us at either at bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net, or lattakj@telusplanet.net.

Latta Genealogy Society**Annual Meeting****August 19, 2008, 1:30 PM.**

By: Virginia Curulla

The annual meeting was held at the home of Virginia Curulla, Treasurer. Cathi Vannice, Vice-President for Research, also was present.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE:

1. THE LOCATION AND TIME OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING: No time was agreed upon. It was agreed that August might not be the ideal time for this meeting, as several people had vacation or family school-related commitments that interfered with attendance.

2. NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION BY EMAIL: This was suggested again by Beryl Redfield, Secretary/Historian. Advantages could be saving costs of printing and postage for about 70% of our subscribers. More money would be available for other LGS projects. If on the internet, the newsletter would always be available on our web-site.

Newsletter copies still could be mailed to those who prefer or need that delivery. Members could have access to download the newsletter in .pdf form. It could be posted on the website 3-6 months later to make the newsletter available to others.

We could use a Rootsweb website for the initial distribution of the newsletter to members, as do some other organizations.

QUESTIONS: How to upload the newsletter to our website. Probably Sue knows or could find out.

Might donations drop off? We could consult others who use the internet to see their experience.

NEWSLETTER - NEW FEATURES /ARTICLES? Cathi and Virginia reviewed recent newsletters and agreed that "kudos" should go to the editor for a well-done publication. Inviting specific individuals to write articles about their branch/research seems most effective.

QUESTION: Do we know if queries are receiving responses?

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4. LGS WEBPAGE: Cathi and Virginia found that the PayPal button doesn't appear on the screen with MacIntosh Safari and FireFox browsers.

Board members and branch captains could be named with blind email links on the "about us" webpage.

Board minutes also should be available on the website.

5. KATHY LATTA QUESTIONS: Kathy Latta raised the issue of those with the Latta surname who have the name through adoption into a Latta family or by adoption of the surname as regards their participation in the Y-DNA study. Cathi and Virginia felt these would be legitimate participants in the LGS and/or the Latta surname study with the awareness that these men were part of a new Latta branch, not one that had been previously using the Latta surname.

Kathy also asked what we might do to indicate that a branch (or a limb of a branch) has "ended" with no male descendents. A similar question might be raised as regards branches that have no apparent descendents, female or male. Cathi and Virginia did not discuss this issue.

Kathy had questions about the annual meetings as specified in our by-laws. Ken should respond to her questions, which seem to be answered by a reading of the by-laws.

6. POSTING OUR FAMILY TREES: Ken asked whether the LGS should provide a way that Latta researchers could post their family trees. Cathi and Virginia recommended that LGS members should use the free "World Connect" for this. (See Rootsweb). There could be a link added to our webpage that now has links to members web pages. Our <latta.org> website is limited in space, which would inhibit serving that purpose unless we pay for increased internet space.

7. NORTHERN IRELAND RESEARCH: Cathi solicited volunteers to help with research and had two people step forward. However, she believes that we are close to having done all that

we can as volunteers. Cathi will review the status of the NI research and summarize where we are. Then we proposed that a new chairperson for the project be found. We might be at the point of using our funds for on-site research in Northern Ireland.

8. LGS PURCHASING ARTICLES OR DOCUMENTS? How do we know whether what is for sale is genuine or useful? Obtaining information on the provenance would be helpful. E bay sellers can be investigated as regards their track record of reliability, and they can be contacted by email to ask questions.

For research purposes, provided we don't pay more than they are worth, copies of original documents might be almost as valuable as originals. In many cases, it is the information that we are looking for. Is the information authentic and useful?

As Ken has said, documents should be scanned to CD/DVD as soon as possible, with originals forwarded to our archives. Then copies can be disseminated among our members as requested.

9. HOW TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP IN THE LGS: Members could submit Latta surname individuals and addresses obtained from their location phone books or maybe of their relatives. Prospective members could receive promotional issues of the newsletter, or a first class letter that tells about the LGS and offers a free newsletter. We could follow-up with individuals who have placed queries.

QUESTIONS: Are branch captains answering queries? Is anyone else responding to queries? How can we know if someone has responded?

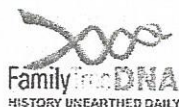
Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Latta Curulla

New Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer

By: Ken Mueller, President

Due to health concerns, Mrs. Virginia Curulla has to resign as our Treasurer. Until the next elections, the LGS Board will appoint Mrs. Beryl Redfield as Acting Treasurer.

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