

The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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Branch 12

Past lives on at Historic Latta Plantation

James Latta (branch 12, family 19) was living in Ireland in 1792, apparently a widower, when he came to America, along with his son Robert, to administer John Latta's estate. We're told that father and son were shipwrecked near Charleston, SC, and barely escaped with their lives.

In 1796 James married Jane Knox, and with her had four children—Mary (Polly), Nancy, Elizabeth (Betsy) and Ezekiel.

James Latta settled in Mecklenburg County, NC, around the turn of the century, where he built

subscription to the *Latta Journal* to keep you informed of upcoming events.

A number of our readers have written us about Latta Place and sent us copies of their literature, suggesting this as a worthwhile vacation stop.

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a fine cotton plantation on the Catawba River, and lived there until his death in 1837. Jane survived to age 89, outliving all her children.

Today Latta Place, Inc., a private nonprofit organization, maintains the restored 62 acre farm of James Latta in Huntersville, NC, twelve miles north of Charlotte. Historic Latta Plantation is located within Latta Plantation Park, which also features canoe rentals, fishing, horseback riding, a raptor center, and picnic areas.

Memberships are available, and they include free admission, discounts at the gift shop, and a

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Editorial**Coming through**

Again and again you, our readers, keep coming through.

We've gone into the red to publish each of the first three issues and each time you came through with enough contributions to keep us afloat.

You sent us suggestions for improvement and we've tried to incorporate them where possible.

When we needed volunteers to take on the responsibilities of new columns on reunions and research, you came through again.

And, so far, we've had an abundance of material to use in each edition.

In response to your generosity we feel blessed and honored, and reminded more than ever that it's because of you that we do what we do.

Please continue to send us family trees, biographies, articles of general interest, old documents and photos, suggestions, praises, criticisms, queries, and of course boatloads of money.

But most of all, keep on appreciating what we do, because we certainly appreciate you.

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Which branch am I?

Don't know to which branch your Latta ancestors belong? Check the index to Lattas and the Index to In-laws. It's found on the computer diskette you received with issue 3 and also on our web site. If you can't find them there, contact George, providing as much information as possible about your earliest Latta ancestor.

Once you know your branch number, send a SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) to Paul with your branch number and he'll send you the names and addresses of others in our database (if any) researching the same branch.

All the information we have on a given branch can be found on the diskette. The files on the diskette are in ASCII text, and can be read by any word processor whether it runs under DOS, Windows or Macintosh.

One fine day all the branches will be united and we'll know the identity of our common ancestor.

Thanks to our publishers

Many of our readers have commented favorably on the quality and appearance of our newsletter.

While we welcome all the praise we can get, we have to share some of it with our friends at Dupps Printing and Publishing, especially Mr. Bill Dupps and Mr. Bob Mortus. Their help and advice have been of immeasurable value in getting out our newsletter.

Research rendezvous

One of the suggestions we received from our readers was for a column dealing with "records and where to find them."

Naturally, this would deal with Latta records in particular, but would include genealogical sources in general. While none of them could be nearly as interesting, we understand that a few of our readers have lines other than Latta which they research.

We're happy to report that Marion Latta Fawl has accepted the challenge of editing this column. Please send your suggestions and recommendations to her at

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It's our hope that this column will run every-other or every-third issue at least.

The Library Project

Thanks again to the generosity of our readers, many of whom send us more than the requested contribution, we are able to continue sending *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter* to their favorite libraries and societies. Here is the current list:

Allen County Public Library
900 Webster St
Box 2270
Fort Wayne IN 46801-2270

Arlington Heights Library
500 N Dunton Ave
Arlington Heights IL 60004-5966

Dallas Public Library
1515 Young St
Dallas TX 75201-5411

Friendship Free Library
40 W Main St
Friendship NY 14739-8701

Gail Borden Public Library
200 N Grove Ave
Elgin IL 60120-5596

Greensburg/Hempfield Area Library
237 S Pennsylvania Ave
Greensburg PA 15601-3086

Jackson Co Genealogical Soc.
420 S Main St
PO Box 1133
Independence MO 64051-0633

Jackson Co Historical Society
Room 103
Independence Square Court House
Independence MO 64050-

Kansas City Public Library
311 E 12th St
Kansas City MO 64106-2454

Mid-Continent Public Library
North Independence Branch
15616 E 24 Hwy
Independence MO 64050-2098

Newberry Library
60 W Walton St
Chicago IL 60610-3380

Ohio Genealogical Society
34 Sturges Avenue
PO Box 2625
Mansfield OH 44906-0625

Rockford Public Library
215 N Wyman St
Rockford IL 61101-1061

Ross County Genealogical Society
270 S Paint St
PO Box 6352
Chillicothe OH 45601-6352

Rundel Library
115 South Ave
Rochester NY 14604-1896

State Historical Society of MO
1020 Lowry St
Columbia MO 65201-7298

The Everton Publishers, Inc.
PO Box 368
Logan UT 84323-0368

Washington Co Genealogical Society
PO Box 446
Washington IA 52353-0446

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society
4400 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh PA 15213-4080

Western Reserve Historical Society
10825 East Blvd
Cleveland OH 44106-1777

Westmoreland County Historical Society
951 Old Salem Road
Greensburg PA 15601-1352

If you'd like to add a library or society to our growing list, please send us the name and address along with an additional contribution. We want our reasearch to have the widest possible circulation.
Again, many thanks.

From the archives of The Latta Family Newsletter

SAMUEL LATTA OF NEW YORK*

Samuel Latta was born in Ireland in 1756. He died 19 Aug. 1820. He was the son of James Latta, who was born in Ireland 11 Jan. 1730. Samuel settled first in New Windsor, Orange Co., N.Y., then removed to near Geneva, N.Y. He married Elizabeth Schultz, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Kilburn) Schultz, who was born 10 Oct. 1768 in New Windsor, Orange Co., N.Y. She died 7 Jan. 1854, near Geneva, N.Y. They were married in the New Windsor Presbyterian Church on 19 May 1786.

Moses Latta (a brother of Samuel) married Elizabeth Carman 5 Dec. 1782 in the Goshen Presbyterian Church, Goshen, N.Y. He settled in Geneva, N.Y., built the first house there, and owned most of what is now the present city of Geneva. He was a mason by trade. He died before he was able to take his family from Orange County out to Geneva. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

James Latta (another brother) was born in Ireland in 1748 and settled in Walkill, N.Y., and later around Geneva, N.Y. He married Sarah Jackson 23 Feb. 1773. He also served in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1818 at Lewiston, N.Y. where he had gone to reside.

Samuel Latta, shortly after his marriage to Elizabeth Schultz in 1786, removed from New Windsor, N.Y. to Geneva, N.Y. where he bought 1,000 acres of wild land. The old Bible record reads some of the children were born at Mount Pleasant, so that must have been the name of the place near Geneva. He probably followed his brother Moses to that place, and was followed by his brother James with his family later.

That James and Samuel lost track of the family of Moses is not strange when we consider the route they traveled to go from New Windsor to Albany by schooner, to Schenectady by wagon, up the Mohawk River to Fort Stanwix (now Rome) in canoes, portage over to Wood Creek and down that to Oneida Lake, across the lake to Fort Brewster, then down Onondaga Lake to Three River Point, then up the Seneca River and Lake to Geneva. With good luck the trip could be made in two weeks, but oftener required three weeks.

The children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Schultz) Latta:

1. Mary Latta, born New Windsor, N.Y. 8 Dec 1788. Married John Fraleigh 4 March 1816. They removed to Angola, Steuben County, Indiana and their later history is not known. Children: Joana, Harriet, George, Samuel, Charles, Mary, Moses, and one child name unknown.
2. Sarah Latta, born New Windsor, N.Y. 19 May 1791. Died 8 March 1793.
3. Agnes Latta, born New Windsor, N.Y. 13 Aug. 1793. Died 15 Aug. 1795.

*Abstracted by John W. Latta, Jr. from a manuscript in the Library of Congress by Edin D. Collins, titled: "The American Descendants of Samuel Latta", dated 1940.

4. Isaac Schultz Latta, born Geneva, N.Y. (Mount Pleasant) 10 May 1796. Died 16 Dec. 1862. Married Polly Reed Ford at Geneva, N.Y. 7 Nov. 1821. They first settled in Geneva but later removed to Friendship, N.Y. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. He was a lumberman and farmer. Children: Samuel Elisha Latta, born Aug. 1822, died 1911; Josiah Reed Latta, born Apr. 1825; Mary Caroline Latta, born May 1831, died Jun. 1867.

5. Joana Latta, born Geneva, N.Y. (Mount Pleasant) 7 Jan. 1799. Died of old age in Geneva. She was an unusually attractive woman of more than ordinary ability and she declined marriage to devote her life to the care of her invalid sister Susan.

6. Moses Latta, born at Mount Pleasant, Geneva, N.Y. on 23 Jul 1801. Died 31 Aug. 1811.

7. Susan Latta, born at Mount Pleasant, Geneva, N.Y. 24 Jul. 1804. Unmarried, she was an invalid all her life and died of old age in Geneva.

THE FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN CABE LATTA

The family Bible of John Cabe Latta was published by the American Bible Society, New York, 1848. Three generations are recorded in this Bible, including 13 of his grandchildren, all the children of his son Samuel Tate Latta. It is now in the possession of Milton A. Latta, Hillsborough, N.C. This abstract was made by John W. Latta, Jr.

BIRTHS

John C. Latta; 7 Dec 1814
Sarah J. Duskin; 29 Jul 1826
Eliza H. Tate; Apr 1829
William Duskin Latta; 2 Aug 1845
Joseph Edmund Latta; 19 Jan 1853
Samuel T. Latta; 29 Sep 1855
Sarah J. Latta; 25 Sep 1857
Pattie A. Woods; 2 Mar 1859
Lula W. Latta; 26 Dec 1888
John Wm. Latta; 12 Sep 1890
Samuel T. Latta; 14 May 1892

MARRIAGES

John C. Latta and Sarah J. Duskin; 19 Sep 1844
John C. Latta and Eliza Harriet Tate; 7 Jan 1852
Samuel T. Latta and Pattie A. Woods; 22 Mar 1888

DEATHS

Sarah Jane Latta; 2 Oct 1845
Joseph Edmund Latta; 8 Jun 1854
John C. Latta; 17 Apr 1868
Sallie Eliza Latta; 11 Jun 1907
Eliza Harriett Latta; 25 Jan 1923
Pattie A. Woods Latta; 24 Mar 1939
Samuel Tate Latta, Sr.; 10 Nov 1941

[The following note has been taped to this page: "Nancy Cabe married John Latta 3 Dec. 1812. Joseph Latta married Sarah Cabe 22 Jan 1810." From the Editor's files: John and Joseph Latta were brothers--see tombstone inscriptions on page 5. Nancy and Sarah Cabe were sisters; being two of the nine daughters of John and Mary (Strayhorn) Cabe. Joseph and Sarah (Cabe) Latta were the parents of John Cabe Latta.]

HONORABLE JAMES POLK LATTA*

Hon. James Polk Latta, a United States Representative from Nebraska was born near Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio, October 31, 1844. He was the son of John and Mary (White) Latta. In 1846 his family moved to Jackson County, Iowa, where he attended school and worked on a farm. He was an Episcopalian.

In 1863, James Latta took a homestead in Nebraska Territory where he engaged in farming and stock raising in Burt County. He later became a school teacher in Tekamah, Nebraska.

He became a member of the State house of representatives in 1887; and a member of the State Senate in 1907. In 1890 he organized the First National Bank of Tekamah, and served as its president until his death.

James P. Latta was married to the former Libbie Jonas on December 29, 1870. Their children:

Edward Latta born 12 April 1872. Married Stella Stout 16 May 1900; children: Elizabeth Demaris, born 24 August 1902, Arthur James, born 24 January 1903, John Bennett, born 25 October 1905.

Don Latta, died 1880, aged 7 years.

Bur Latta, born 31 October 1879. Married 1st Ellen Harrington 1 September 1903, child James; married 2nd Adelaide Thomas, August 1904.

He was elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses, from the Nebraska Third District and served from March 4, 1909 until his death in the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, September 11, 1911. Interment was in the Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Nebraska.

*Based on articles in: BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS 1774-1971. Washington, D. C. U. S. Government Printing Office. 1971.
WHO WAS WHO IN AMERICA, VOL. I, 1897-1942. Chicago, The A. N. Marquis Company. 1942.
and
The Robert H. Latta Collection, Library of Congress.

ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM MALCOLM LATTA

- (1) John Latta, Sr. 1727 - 1795; from N. Ireland but of Scotch descent.
- (2) John Latta, Jr. c1760 - 1819
- (3) William Latta 5 Dec 1787 - c1875
- (4) John Latta c1820 - c1860
- (5) Thomas Latta 4 Oct 1848 - 28 Mar 1928
- (6) John William Latta 23 Jul 1882 - 25 Mar 1950
- (7) William Malcolm Latta 16 Jul 1908

FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN LATTA, JR.

BIRTHS

William Latta; 5 Dec 1787 Jane Latta; 29 Mar 1797
Sarah Latta; 15 Oct 1790 Samuel Latta; 10 Jan 1783
Alexander Latta; 29 June 1793

MARRIAGES

John Latta and Margaret Neely; 1 Jan 1782

DEATHS

John Latta; 19 Jan 1819 Alexander Latta; 9 Aug 1823
Margaret Latta; 30 Aug 1842 Samuel Latta; 29 Aug 1855

[This family is recorded in a Bible (Mark and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's Printers, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1789). It was found in the attic of Thomas Latta's (line # 5, in the ancestry listing, above) house about 20 years after his death. It was evidently brought from the Fishing Creek community in S.C. to Maury County Tenn. Both the ancestry listing and the Bible record were contributed by Mr. W. M. Latta, P O Box 110427, Nashville, Tenn., 37211 who further states that John Latta, Jr. and his brother, Thomas Latta [see p 18] married sisters, making their children double first cousins.

A List of the Taxable Persons in the County of Orange, 1779 with amount of their taxable property

Latta, James £ 6309
Latta, John 12133
Latta, Thomas 400

[The above list was abstracted by John W. Latta, Jr. at the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C.]

Research report

Connections—Robert H. Latta's Note K, Branches 22 & 8

—by Virginia Curulla

My grandfather, William Tevis Latta, wrote to Robert H. Latta in December 1918, with information about his father, Alexander W. Latta, and his grandfather, William W. Latta, both from Woodford County, KY. William Tevis Latta indicated that the family had come from Northern Ireland, supposedly Belfast. He was mistaken in believing that his father and grandfather had been born in Ireland. Census records consistently indicate that both were born in Kentucky. In fact, their father and grandfather, Matthew Latta, was known to be a pioneer in Woodford County, KY as of 1790.

Robert Latta noted that William moved from Indianapolis before they could have further correspondence. (William had come to Seattle after the death of his wife, Sarah LaVanche Webster, to live with my father, Charles Webster Latta.)

Note K shows that Alexander had an "Uncle Matthew" and a "Cousin John". Matthew was bondsman for the marriage of William W. Latta to Mary S. Williams 11 Oct 1826, in Woodford County, KY. Note K errs in saying that William Latta married Mary Moore. Mary Ann Moore married Thomas Latta, from Orange County, NC, who perhaps was related to these lines.)

William's brother, Matthew, may have been enumerated with the household of William W. Latta in the 1840 census, southern division of Franklin County, KY, as there was a male in his age range included there. I have not found Matthew again until 1860, when he was listed with his family in Lafayette County, MO census, next to the listing for William W. Latta.

The 1860 census includes Matthew's wife, Zerilda, and his son, John Richard Latta. John Richard, of course, is the "Cousin John" that Alexander remembered and mentioned to his son, William Tevis Latta. Matthew, age 69, still resided in Lafayette County, MO in 1870. Most of Matthew's descendants grew up and stayed in the Kansas City area, after spending a few years with their father, John Richard, before his early death in the Pomona, CA area.

William W. Latta died sometime before 13

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Branch 3, family 68

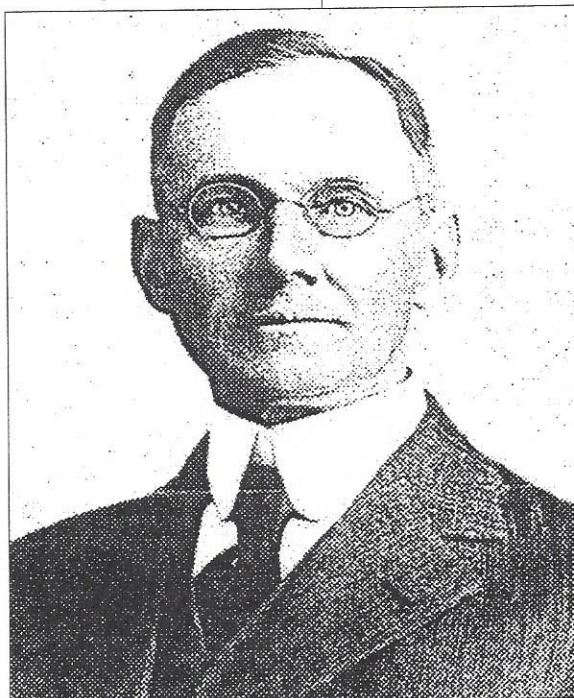
C. J. Latta, army doctor

—Excerpted from *History of Colorado* by Baker and Hafen, Volume 4, pp. 486-489

Clarence Johnston Latta, physician at Sterling and a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission, was born in the hamlet of Mendon, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1871, a son of Joseph S. and Susan Latta, the former born at that place and the latter in Urichsville Ohio, and was reared on a farm in Dickinson County, Kansas. He was graduated from the high school in the neighboring county seat of Clay Center in 1890 and some time later went to Montana, locating at Butte, where from 1896 to 1905 he served as money order clerk in the post office in that city. In the meantime

he was taking preparatory studies in medicine and in due time entered the Denver & Gross Medical College at Denver, from which he was graduated (M.D.) in 1910. In the following year he established himself in the practice of medicine at Sterling and has so continued. In connection with this country's operations in the World war, Dr. Latta rendered service as a captain in

the medical corps of the army for about a year, and he is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and the Reserve Officers Club. He also is a member of the Colorado State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. On October 5, 1903, at Boulder, Montana, Dr. Latta married Elizabeth E. Toole, and they have four children: Rosemary, Clarence John, Eugene Toole and Donald Francis. The Lattas are members of the Roman Catholic church and the Doctor is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is also affiliated with the Sterling Commercial Club and the Woodmen of America.



Connections

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Feb 1863, when his widow, Mary S. Latta, filed notice to be appointed administratrix of his estate. He died either in Woodford County, KY (court records indicate he was there during the summer and perhaps the fall of 1862) or in Missouri (Branch 22 notes). Mary Jane, and Alexander, who then was living in Rush County, Indiana, were named as his heirs.

Mary Jane was William's daughter, not his wife, a mistake in Note K. However, William Tevis Latta was correct in remembering that William's daughter, Mary Jane, married John Harris and moved west (California by 1880). I have not been successful in tracing their descendants, although the Missouri census indicates they had at least one daughter, named Mary. Branch 22 appears to be in error by saying that Mary Jane married "Mr. Thomson".

The similarities between information in Note K, from my grandfather, William Tevis Latta, and the information in Branch 22, from Thomas Waller Latta, appear too many to be merely coincidental. In addition, there are a number of connections between William W. Latta, John S. Latta (ancestor of Thomas Waller Latta), and Harvey MacDowell Latta, both of the latter admittedly belonging to branch 22.

After John S. Latta died, William Latta was a witness to the 1853 Franklin County, KY marriage of Rebecca Frances Latta, John's daughter. Other court records indicate William's connection with Harvey M. Latta. On 1 Feb 1862, "...conveyance is expressly made to the said H.M. Latta, in trust for the use and benefit of W. W. Latta, brother to the said H.M. Latta..." (Woodford County Deed Bk X, p. 474-5).

Clearly, Matthew, William W., John S., and Harvey Latta were brothers. When 2 Matthew (2), "the pioneer", died before April 1816, 8 heirs were mentioned. John S. was the only one of age to be named and receive his inheritance. Alexander, perhaps his oldest son, had been killed by Indians during the massacre at the River Raisin.

Branch 22 indicates that Matthew had another son, James, who moved to Gibson County, TN. Culp and Ross, in *Gibson County, Past and Present*, tell that the Olive Branch

Methodist Church was formed in 1825 when a group of men met in the home of James Latta. James had a son, Matthew, a name that appears almost unique to this particular branch of the Latta family.

Mary Latta, widow of 2 Matthew (2), and James's mother, is listed as a head of household in the 1830 Gibson County census. The males and females listed suggest that Harvey and three daughters were with her.

Culp & Ross mention that Elizabeth Latta, who married Edmund W. Raines 15 Nov 1828 in Gibson County, TN, was from Woodford County, KY. Marriages also are found for Margaret Latty and Nancy Latty in Gibson County, TN. A Gibson County Deed, dated 6 Mar 1837, identifies Nancy, the wife of Moses Hawkins, as formerly "Nancy Latta". Margaret "Latty", who married Henry Duffy, is the only one who cannot be tied into this group with some certainty.

Based on this and other supporting information, it seems fairly clear that the Latta family in Note K, and Branch 22 are the same family. Branch 22 would include 2 Matthew(2) Latta, the 1790 "pioneer" in Woodford County, KY; and his wife, Mary Williams. This couple had 9 children: (1) Alexander, probably born before John; (2) John S., born 11FEB1794; (3) James, born about 1798; (4) Matthew, born about 1800; (5) William W., born about 1805; (6) Harvey McDowell, born about 1807; (7) Nancy Latta, born before 1810; (8) Margaret Latta, born before 1810; (9) Elizabeth Latta, born about 1810.

Based also on this information, it appears that there is some confusion between the first and second generations listed in branch #22. The 1 _____ (1) Latta would appear to be the same individual as 2 Matthew (2) Latta. The Harvey Latta who married Elizabeth Fanny Johnson, would seem to be William W. Latta's brother; thus, the Harvey in the first and second generations is the same individual. The son, John, listed in the first and second generations, would appear to be the same person, John S. Latta, who married Margaret McKee.

Possible Father Of The 1790 "Pioneer" 2 Matthew (2) in Woodford County, KY

The 8 Nov 1788 issue of the Kentucky

it seems fairly clear that the Latta family in Note K, and Branch 22 are the same family

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Connections

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Gazette indicates that a "Mr. Latta" was killed by Indians 31 Oct on his way to Limestone with some teams of horses. This "Mr. Latta" may have been Matthew's father, although I have been unable to find records prior to 1788 to substantiate this possibility. Perhaps they had come to Woodford County shortly prior to his death.

There was a "Matthew Lotty" who was administrator of the will of Robert Young, in Chester County, PA, in 1750. Other estate documents suggest that Robert Young had settled in Orange County, NC, prior to his death. Perhaps this Matthew also went to North Carolina? There were others of the LATTA family there around the time of the Revolutionary War.

There was an Alexander Latta born to Rebecca Latta in 1770, Chester County, PA. There were two individuals in the East Nantmeal township, Chester County, PA 1790 census: Alex Latta, and Alex Letty. These individuals do not appear to belong to any other identified Latta family branch. Perhaps one of these was ancestor to Branch #22?

The pioneer, 2 Matthew(2), Branch #22, may have had a brother, Alexander, as there was an Alexander Latta listed next to him in the Woodford County tax records in 1794. After that time, an "Alexander Latty" did settle in Gallatin County, KY, not too far removed from Woodford.

Possible Connection Of Note K, Branch 22 & Branch 8

Branch #8 makes note of a Matthew Latta, whose father's name had been forgotten. Robert Latta wondered about a connection with Matthew in Woodford County, KY. The branch # 8 Latta family was very prominent in Chester County, PA and neighboring counties. If one or more of the possible ancestors of 2 Matthew (2) were tied in with Chester County, PA, a connection would be even more probable.

I would be very happy to hear from anyone researching these branches of the Latta family.

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Exception report

Reader Corrine Afton (Branch 1) writes in reference to the article in issue 3 titled *Down at Latta's Mill* by Lawrence Sullivan.

She says the Robert H. Latta who moved to Indiana is not the second-born son of William Latta whose will was probated in 1808 [Bullskin Township, Fayette County, PA—ed].

Your editor invites you, dear reader, to enter this discussion. You may contact Mr. Sullivan at 109 Beechwood Ct, Glasgow KY 42141-8792 or Ms. Afton in care of the editor.

Reunion Roundup

Send your Latta reunion information to our reunion coordinator, Alexandra Coates. Include such details as the branch(es) involved, if known, dates, location, directions, whom to contact, etc. We want to give your reunion as much publicity as possible.

Also, Alexandra is thinking about a national Latta reunion. Let her know whether you would be interested in such an ostentation, and any ideas you may have.

Contact her at:

Alexandra Coates, 1255 New Hampshire Ave NW, Apt 933, Washington DC 20036-2327. Her email address is acoates@CapAccess.org

Komedy+ Korner

When companies ship
Styrofoam, what do they pack
it in?

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Overheard at the Old Folks' Home:

"Sure is windy today, isn't it?"

"No, I think it's Thursday."

"So am I. Let's get something to drink."

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Spellbound

I have a spelling checker,
It came with my PC.
It plainly marks for my revue
Mistakes I cannot sea.
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your please too no,
It's letter perfect in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

—Quoted by Penny Harper

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Our thanks to Paul V. Ludy, publisher of the *Ludy Legacy*, for providing us with a lifetime supply of amusing stuff.

Latta Sisters reach century mark

Reader Steve Hinson (Branch 15) wrote to tell us that his great aunt, Jesse B. (Latta) McCracken passed away in January at the age of 103, three months shy of her 104th birthday. Steve's grandmother, Florence (Latta) Hinson celebrated her 100th birthday on March 19, 1997. The Latta sisters are the daughters of John W. Latta and Martha R. Thompson.

George P. Latta**Update on the update****Old News**

Branches 2 and 29 were connected.

Branches 13 and 38 were connected.

New News

Branches 10 and 15 have been connected.

Branches 47 and 27 have been connected.

New Branches

Branch 50 has been added.

Branch 51 has been added.

What? New branches? Yes, I have gone and done it this time. I have added two new branches, but only after working for the past few years to find a tie, with no success. I felt adding this information as a branch would give us all a chance to see if we might have a tie with our own branch. I also felt that if Robert H. Latta had this much information on a Latta line he would have started a new branch.

Now for some other updates. The Library of Congress has found it in their heart to send me what I asked and paid for sometime ago:

!Full copy of Branch 16. (This will be on the next disk)

!Full copy of the Country index (This will be on the next disk. I call it the "World Index")

!Full copy of the Memorandum Book pages 1-28. (I hope to have it on the next disk)

I have made some family line updates to many of the branches and a very large update to Branch 16. This update was in part from the full copy of the branch sent me, and from the family records of Alex Latta of Canada. This will be out on the next disk.

Some of you have asked when you might see your family line updated. I would like to say, "You're next" to each person who has asked, but I can't. I have way to many updates to say that. I know most, if not all, of you have spent many years recording your family line and now you have the chance to share all your hard work, not only with the people of today, but those of 100 years from today. Because of that, most of you are excited to see your work recorded in the branches and find it hard to wait. But please know, I might be a bit slow at typing, but I will get the job done. I'm just as excited to record your line as you are in sharing it, so hang in there.

I would like to take the time to thank all of you who have sent your updates, and a special thanks to Barbara Smith of Utah, who not only has sent me her updates, but has taken a great deal of her time over the past few years to help me find branch ties. We have been looking at Branch 41 & 45, 1 & 30, with an eye on a few others. Along with this she has been so kind as to send or find for me many records on Latta's yet to have a family branch. Thank You Barbara for all your help.

DAR acknowledges gift disk

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The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution gratefully acknowledges the gift of "The 49 Branches of the Latta Family" (Disk).

To date we have received only one or two genealogies on disk, and have not completed work on our cataloging program for this material. However, it will be in use soon, so we are keeping your gift and it will be available for use soon.

Sincerely,
Barbara B. Ulrich
Librarian General

Consumer Alert

Some of our readers have received a mailing advertising *The Latta Archives* for \$29.99, claiming it "represents our total knowledge about the Latta family—past and present."

While we have not seen a copy of this book, we remind our readers that it is published by **The Latta Family News** of Denver, CO. This company publishes oodles of "family newsletters" in which the copy is identical, but the name of the family is changed. They also have "The (your name here) Family Cookbook" etc. We assume they are simultaneously offering *The Jones Archives*, *The Kaltenbach Archives*, *The Gonzalez Archives* and *The Dropchek Archives*, to name but a few.

Caveat emptor (Let the buyer beware).

What? New branches?

Yes!

Branches 50 and 51 have been added.

Queries

Send your queries to the editor, Paul H. Calhoun, 736 Grant St, Port Clinton OH 43452-2149 (pcalhoun@infinet.com)

LATTA CROW CREEK FOREST RE- SERVE, Albany County, WY	We have a topographic map of Crow Creek Forest Reserve, Albany County, WY, prepared by a detachment of the 3rd Btn of Engineers 21 June to 21 July 1906 for use during the 1906 maneuvers. The name LATTA appears several times on this map [<i>indicating land owners?—ed</i>]. We would appreciate any additional info on the origin/purpose of this map, and the LATTA family(ies) involved. —Leroy and Pearl Latta, 965 E Armstead St, Azusa CA 91702-4732
LATTA TAYLOR	Does anyone have information on William LATTA in Allegheny Co, PA, around 1800, mar Elizabeth TAYLOR, daughter of John Taylor? Their oldest son was John Taylor Latta. —Wilma L. Chambers, 3006 S Crysler Ave, Independence MO 64052-3237
LATTA	Who was the Thomas LATTA whose estate inventory was recorded in Lafayette County, MO as of 20 Dec 1807? —Virginia Curulla, 9050 Meridian Pl N, Seattle WA 98103-4153, vcurulla@cks.ssd.k12.wa.us
LATTA SWEENEY WILKERSON WILKINSON	Sarah LATTA was born in Michigan in Feb 1871. In 1886 she married William Marshall WILKINSON. Except for about 10 years in Nashville, they lived in Jackson County, Alabama. They had seven children, most notably George W. WILKERSON of the early Grand Ole Opry group known as "The Fruit Jar Drinkers." In 1901-02 while Sarah and William lived in Nashville, they resided on New York Avenue with William (L. or M.) LATTA and his wife Rhoda Jane SWEENEY. According to 1900 census this Willaim was born in Michigan and his father was born in "Fran. Canada", assumed to be Frankford, Canada. Any info on Sarah LATTA or William LATTA of Nashville would be appreciated. [<i>See page 4 this issue and Note N to the branches—ed.</i>]
LATTA	My great-grandfather was Jerome Bonaparte LATTA. He had sons Orville Theodore LATTA and James LATTA. My father was William Orville LATTA, son of Orville Theodore. Can anyone tell me to which branch we belong? —Bill Latta, 408 E 80th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64131-2119

Foreign exchange woes

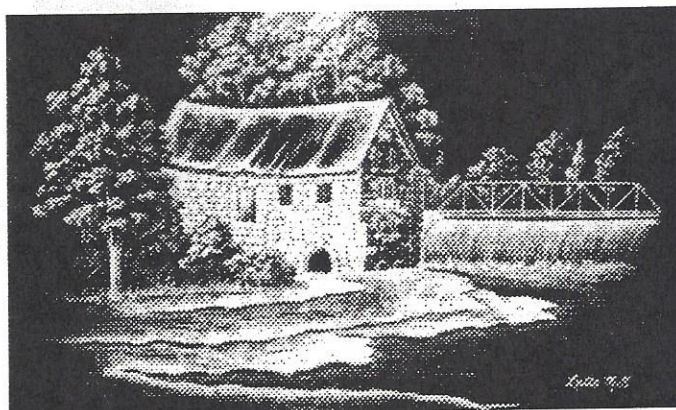
We have quite a number of readers in nations other than the USA, and we have experienced a problem receiving financial contributions from them.

The local banks here in the USA charge a five-dollar foreign exchange fee, which eats up quite a chunk of their contribution.

Canadian readers are able to purchase Postal Money Orders payable in US funds, which solves the problem for them.

International Postal Coupons can be purchased in most countries, but the problem is that they cannot be exchanged either for cash or postage stamps, but can only be used to pay for the postage on a single letter addressed to a foreign country.

If any of our readers know of a quick and easy fix for this dilemma, please let us know.



Last of the Latta Mills

This is the last remaining mill built by 2 John (2) Latta of Branch 13. The text of branch 13 contains a brief account of John Latta and his enterprises.

This mill, which was taken down last summer, was located in the town of Latta Mills (now simply "Latta") in Hastings Co, Ontario, Canada.

Our Financial Contributors since the last issue

We salute you, one and all! Your contributions make it possible.

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Financial report

from 1 January through 30 April 1997

PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$204.62
Receipts	
Subscription contributions	<u>\$870.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$870.00
Expenditures	
Advertising	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$381.10
Printing	\$187.00
Supplies	<u>\$67.93</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$636.03
BALANCE ON HAND	\$438.59
<i>Estimated cost to publish and mail Issue 4: \$393.44</i>	

Snippets

John Latta (Branch 3, Family 39), an attorney who in 1874 became Pennsylvania's first Lieutenant Governor, was born 2 March 1836 in Unity Township, Westmoreland Co, PA.

The town of Latta, SC, was named for Capt. Robert Latta, who was in charge of engineering for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Captain Latta drew up the original town map of forty acres. He pronounced the town's name "Laddie."

Necrology

On Tuesday, October 29, 1996, Alice Latta passed away at the Grey Nun's Hospital Palliative Care Unit, attended by her family.

Though many will mourn her, she will be most sorely missed by her husband of forty-seven years, Alex Latta Jr.; her brothers Ian and Kenneth McDougall of Tribune, Saskatchewan; her brother, Alan McDougall of Calgary; her sister Shirley (Gary) McIntosh and their family of Niagara Falls, Ontario; her six children, Shirley (Ted) Bergen, Kathy Latta, Laurie Beaton, Alex Latta III, Shauna (Sid Orrell) McLanachan and Carol Latta, all of Edmonton; her ten grandchildren, Tammy Bergen (Pete Lovett) of Trenton, Ontario, Terri Bergen (Bill Calvert), Denny Bergen, Darcy Bergen, Curtis Beaton, Derrick Beaton, Michael Beaton, Neil Orr, Riki McLanachan and Chester Andrich; and her two great-grandchildren, Jaimi Workun and Shane Lovett. Alice was predeceased by her parents, Hugh and Helen McDougall of Tribune, Saskatchewan; and one grandson, Steven Bergen.

Following cremation, a Memorial Service was

Where in the world are the Lattas?

Listing of the Latta family branch numbers recorded from the late 1600's to about 1940, that can be found in each state and country.

ALABAMA: 3, 4, 12, 28, 31, 33.

ALASKA: 3.

ARIZONA: 1, 3, 9, 28.

ARKANSAS: 1, 3, 7, 9, 28, 31, 33, 49, Note Z.

CALIFORNIA: 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 18, 24, 27, 30, 31, 34, Note Y.

COLORADO: 1, 3, 4, 12, 14, 16, 18, 27, 28, 39, Note J.

CONNECTICUT: 15, 40, Note L.

DELAWARE: 8, 20, 42.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1, 3, 12, 8, 41.

FLORIDA: 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 13, 24.

GEORGIA: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 28, 31, 41.
(Most of the state was 28)

IDAHO: 3, 9, 30.

ILLINOIS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 17, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 41, 43, Notes: J, M, T, Y.

INDIANA: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 15, 20, 22, 27, 37, 46, Notes: K, T, Q.

IOWA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 15, 18, 22, 24, 27, 41, 43, 45.

KANAS: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 19, 22, 26, 30, 31, 34, 39, 37, 46.

KENTUCKY: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 22, 30, 31, 41, Note: K.

LOUISIANA: 3, 4, 12, 27, 28, 31.

MARYLAND: 1, 2, 3, 8, 22, 25, 26, 32, 40, Notes: D, S.

MASSACHUSETTS: 1, 5, 8, 3, 36, 38, Notes: P, R, L.

MICHIGAN: 1, 3, 4, 13, 15, 27, 36, 39, 40, 46, Note: Q.

MINNESOTA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 16, 24, 30, 39, 40, Note: V.

MISSOURI: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 36, 43, 46, Notes: U, Q.

MISSISSIPPI: 10, 20.

MONTANA: 3, 10, 18, 22.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: 5.

NEVADA: 13.

NEBRASKA: 1, 3, 4, 6, 15, 18, 24, 45.

NEW JERSEY: 3, 4, 16, Note H.

NEW MEXICO: 1, 3, 11, 16, 30, 37.

NEW YORK: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 27, 36, 38, 40, 43, 46, Note: Q, E. (Most of upstate branches 4 and 38)

NORTH CAROLINA: 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 31, 33, Note: G.

NORTH DAKOTA: 3, 4, 12, 13.

OHIO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 36, 37, 42, 48, Notes: J, L, P, T.

OKLAHOMA: 1, 3, 9, 6, 22, 28, 30, 37.

OREGON: 1, 3, 8, 41.

PENNSYLVANIA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 32, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, Notes: B, E, N, X.

SOUTH CAROLINA: 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 28, 35, 49.

SOUTH DAKOTA: 3, 23, 34, 43.

TENNESSEE: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 28, 29, 31, 33, Notes: K, T, Y, Z, I.

TEXAS: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16, 26, 28, 31, 33, 49, Note: T.

UTAH: 7, 13, 30.

VERMONT: 4.

VIRGINIA: 1, 3, 7, 8, 15, 24, 25.

WASHINGTON (state): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 17, 26, 30, 34, 39.

WEST VIRGINIA: 6, 11, 17, 27.

WISCONSIN: 2, 3, 4, 6, 12. (Most all 4)

WYOMING: 30.

✂ ✂ ✂ Other nations ✂ ✂ ✂

AFRICA: 21, 14, 34.

AUSTRALIA: 16, 23, Note: B

AUSTRIA: Note: B

BELGIUM: Memorandum Book. P.18.

CANADA: 3, 4, 13, 14, 16, 21, 27, 34, 38, 39, Notes: O, P, R. (Most 13)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Note: B

ENGLAND: 3, 4, 14, 15, 24, 34, 45, Notes: U, L, M, Q.

FRANCE: 14, Note: H.

INDIA: 17.

IRELAND: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 25, 28, 36, 38, 39, 41, Notes: R, S, O, X.

JAPAN: 1.

MEXICO: 1, 10, 22.

NEW ZEALAND: 16, 23.

PANAMA: 4.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS: 1, 28.

SCOTLAND: 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 21, 23, 34, 39, 44, Notes: K, Q, L.

SPAIN: Note: L.

SYRIA (TURKEY): LATTAquie. See notes.

RUSSIA: Note: B.