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Evander McIver Law

Major-General Evander McIver Law, of Bartow, has a distinguished record both in war and in peace. General Law is a native of South Carolina, born in Darlington, on August 7, 1836. His father, Judge E. A. Law, was a lawyer by profession and a prominent legislator in his day. He married Sarah Elizabeth McIver. General Law's maternal grandfather, Gen. E. R. McIver, was descended on one side from a Scotch family early settled in the Carolinas, and on the other side from the Kolbs, of German stock, one of whom, Col. Abel Kolb, was one of General Marion's chief lieutenants in the Revolutionary struggle, his field of action being in the upper Peedee region, and was murdered by the Tories before the end of that war. Gen. E. R. McIver was a prominent citizen of South Carolina, and during the nullification troubles in the early thirties was commissioned as a Brigadier-General of South Carolina troops, that State at that time threatening to leave the Union and raising an army. His paternal grandfather at the age of

sixteen became a soldier in the Revolutionary armies.

One of General Law's grandmothers was a DuBose, of the distinguished Huguenot family of South Carolina and which contributed also largely of valuable men in the early settlement of Georgia; another grandmother on the mother's side, was a direct descendant of the Earl of Cromarty, a kinsman of the Stuarts, the royal house of Scotland.

General Law's early education was obtained in the schools of Darlington and completed in the South Carolina Military Academy, at Charleston, a famous school known as "The Citadel." For three years prior to the Civil War he was a professor in the King's Mountain Academy, at Yorkville, S. C. In 1860 he established a military high school, at Tuskegee, Ala., and was engaged in that work when the Civil War began. January 12, 1861, as Captain of the Alabama Zouaves, he assisted in the seizure of the Navy Yard and forts near Pensacola,

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Editorial

Every newsletter is a team effort. I could never do it without the help of my fellow Latta researchers. So I want to thank my friends who have helped: Beryl Redfield, Paula Gruginski, Randy Phillips, Kathy Latta, Virginia Curulla, George Latta, Sr., Carol Rini, Ken Erdle, Neal Underwood, all of our branch captains, and so many more.

I also could not do a newsletter or have a Latta Genealogy Society without you, our members. So my gratitude and thanks to you for all of your support since we started in 1996.

Please keep up the good work with your contributions and articles.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

Another goal of our Latta Family is to find a branch captain for every branch of the Latta Family. Unfortunately, we do not have a Captain for every Branch. We could use some more volunteers. If interested, please contact Sue Lattea Cox, Branch 17, Coordinator of Branch Captains. The duties of a branch captain were spelled out in issue 27, Fall 2005, page 32. Here is a revised list of our branch captains, with names and addresses.

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Fla. After the capture of Fort Sumpter, he organized his company for the regular Confederate service and it became Company B of the Fourth Alabama Regiment of Infantry. At the organization of the regiment he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel.

Mustered into the Confederate service at Lynchburg, Va., May 7, 1861, he was ordered to Harper's Ferry, where his regiment was attached to General Bee's brigade. It was in the first Confederate line of battle at the first battle of Manassas and sustained the heaviest loss of any regiment on the field. He soon became Colonel, and at the battle of Gaines Mill, in 1862, he commanded Whiting's Brigade and won the praise of Stonewall Jackson in his official report for the splendid charges made by Hood's and Law's Brigade. He retained command of Whiting's Brigade during the remainder of the Seven Days' Battle, and also at the second Manassas, and at Sharpsburg, October 3, 1862, he was commissioned Brigadier-General. When General Hood was wounded on the second day at Gettysburg, General Law took command of the division and led the assault on the Federal position at Round Top. The attack was made with great skill and courage, but his division left two thousand men on that bloody field. At Chickamauga he commanded the same division and won the written thanks of General Longstreet for his conduct in that bloody struggle. At Wilderness and Spottsylvania his Alabamians added to their already great record under his command. At second Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, his division sustained the attack of the 16th Federal Corps and inflicted upon them a loss of four thousand five hundred men. In this fight General Law was severely wounded and had to retire for a time from active service. When Sherman invaded South Carolina he was assigned a command at Columbia, and later took command of Butler's Brigade of cavalry. On the recommendation of Generals Johnston and Hampton he was promoted to Major-General just before the close of the war.

After the war he resided in South Carolina and engaged in railroad surveying and farming, and during that time was president of the King's Mountain Railway. In 1873 he returned to Tuskegee, Ala., where he was living at the outbreak of the war, and for eight years gave his time to the building up of the "Grange" as a help to the agricultural interests of the country. He returned to Yorkville, S. C., in 1881, where for a time he was assistant superintendent of King's Mountain Military Academy. In 1893 he settled in Bartow, and in 1894 established the South Florida Military Institute on the same lines as the Virginia Military Institute and the South Carolina Military Academy. This school won immediate recognition, and in 1895 the Florida Legislature made it a State institution, under an act which authorized one cadet from each county in Florida at the expense of the State. The school is also patronized extensively by students from Florida and other States who pay tuition.

In 1863 General Law married Miss Jennie Latta, of South Carolina, daughter of W. A. and Camilla (Torrence) Latta. Of this marriage six children have been born, of whom four are now living, namely, Dr. E. M. Law, of Miami, Fla., W. L. Law, civil engineer, of Rockhill, S. C.; Annie, now Mrs. P. P. Johnston, of Bartow; and Dr. E. A. Law, of Bartow.

In politics General Law is a staunch Democrat. In religion his preferences incline to the Presbyterian Church. Possessed of an excellent education he has added much to it by a wide course of reading, his preferred lines being history and biography, and has become a man of fine attainments. He has in preparation a book of reminiscence of the Civil War but has not yet published it. Outside of this he has been a constant contributor to various periodicals of the class represented by the Century Magazine. After eight years with the South Florida Military Academy, he became interested in the local paper at Bartow, The Courier-Informant, published by the Polk County Printing Company, and has since given the greater part of his time to that paper as its editor.

Genealogy of Jennie Latta

From the Branch 12 files in the Latta website,
www.Latta.org.

36 WILLIAM ALBERT (4) LATTA, Robert (3) James (2) Robert (1). Born: Nov. 15, 1809. Died: July 7, 1865. Married three times.

First wife: Camilla Catherine Torrence, June 24, 1824. She was Born: Nov. 19, 1813 in Mount Mourne, Mecklenburg, NC. Died: Nov. 29, 1851. Buried: Rose Hill Cem, York, SC. She was the Daughter of James Galbraith Torrance & Ann "Nancy" Davidson.

Second wife: Sarah F. Dews, June 30, 1853. She was Born: 1821 in PA. Died: April 3, 1854.

Third wife: Miss Anna Clark, July 22, 1856. (also seen as Clarke), widow of Winnsboro, N.C. She was Born: March 1823. Died: Oct. 26, 1912.

Children by First Wife:

59 WILLIAM "Willy" (5) Born: May 9, 1835. Died: July 12, 1841. Buried: Rose Hill Cem, York, S.C.

53 MARGARET M (5) Born: About 1837. Died: About 1919. single.

55 ANNIE I. (5) m. Col. William Blackburn Wilson, two daughters: Florence Wilson. Annie Latta Wilson.

60 ADA (5) Born: About 1842 Died: About 1854.

56 JANE ALLISON "Jennie" (5) Born: 1844 in York, S.C. Died: 1918 in Bartow, Fla. Married: Gen. Evander McIvor Law, March 9, 1863. In: Law Plantation, Columbia, S.C. He was Born: Aug. 7, 1832 in Darlington, S.C. Died: Oct. 31, 1920. In: Bartow, Fla. He was the son of Judge E.H. Law & Elizabeth E. "Bettie" McIver. 4 children; McIver Law, Augustus Law, Annie Law, William Latta Law.

52 ROBERT JAMES (5) single. The Town of Latta, S.C. was named after him. He was educated at King's Mountain Military Academy and served in the Confederate Army. Worked as an Engineer for the railroad where he surveyed the area that became the town of Latta, Dillon, SC.

54 FLORENCE CAMILLA (5) Born: About 1853. Died: About 1915. single.

Children of the Second Wife:

81 Child Latta (5) Born and Died: 1854.

Children by Third Wife:

57 JOHN ALLISON (5) b. July 13, 1857; d. January 21, 1936; m. Anna R. Lewis January 2, 1921.

The U. S. Census taken 22 July 1850 in Yorkville, York District, South Carolina, dwelling 7, family 7, lists the William A. Latta family as follows:

William A. Latta, age 39, M, Farmer, Real Estate worth \$5500, born in Yorkville, S. Ca.

Camillia C. Latta, age 35, F, born in No. Ca.

Margaret M. Latta, age 13, F, born in York District.

Ann I. Latta, age 11, F, born in York district.

Adeline C. Latta, age 8, F, born in York District

Jane E. Latta, age 5, F, born in York District

Robert J. Latta, age 3, M, born in York District.

The U. S. Census taken 3 July 1860 in Yorkville, York County, South Carolina, dwelling 108, family 108, lists the W. A. Latta family as follows:

W. A. Latta, age 49, M, Farmer, Real Estate \$47,000, Personal Estate \$105,000, born in Y D SC

Anna Latta, age 36, F, Gauf D SC

Margaret Latta, age 22, F, born in Y D SC

Ann Latta, age 19, F, born in Y D SC

Jane Latta, age 15, F, born in Y D SC

Robt Latta, age 12, M, born in Y D SC

Florence Latta, age 9, F, born in Y D SC

John Latta, age 2, M, born in Y D SC.

According to Ancestry.com, E. Mcilver Law married Jennie Latta on 9 March 1863. Source: York South Carolina Newspapers Marriages Notices.

The U. S. Census taken 23 August 1870 in Sub-division No. 1, York County, South Carolina, dwelling 2027, family 2042, lists the Evandai M. Law family as follows:

Evandai M. Law, age 33, M, W, Lawyer, Real Estate \$20,000, Personal Estate \$2,500, born in South Carolina.

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Jane E. Law, age 25, F, W, born in South Carolina.

Evandai M. Law, age 5, M, W, born in South Carolina.

William L. Law, age 3, M, W, born in South Carolina.

Matilda Smith, age 45, B, F, Domestic Servt, born in South Carolina

Joseph Smith, age 24, M, B, Farm Laborer, born in South Carolina.

The U. S. Census taken 8 June 1880 in East 425, Beat 1, Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama, dwelling 110, family 124, lists the E. M. Law family as follows:

E. M. Law, W, M, age 43, Farmer, born in SC, father and mother born in SC

J. E. Law, W, F, age 35, Wife, Keeping house, born in SC, father and mother born in SC

E. M. Jr. Law, W, M, age 15, Son, At home, born in SC, father and mother born in SC

W. L. Law, W, M, age 12, Son, At home, born in SC, father and mother born in SC

A.L. Law, W, F, age 9, Daughter, At home, born in SC, father and mother born in SC

E. A. Law, W, M, age 5, Son, At home, born in Ala., father and mother born in SC

R. L. Law, W, M, age 2, Son, At home, born in Ala., father and mother born in SC

Cantery Harris, B, F, age 60, Servant, born in Ala.

The U. S. Census taken 1 June 1900 in Precinct 3, Bartow town, Polk County, Florida, dwelling 2, family 2, lists the E. M. Law family as follows:

E. M. Law, Head, W, M, born Aug 1836, age 63, Married 38 years, Supt School, born in South Carolina, father and mother born in South Carolina

Jennie Law, Wife, W, F, born Nov 1844, age 55, Married 38 years, mother of 5, 4 living, born in South Carolina, father and mother born in South Carolina

William L. Law, Son, W, M, born May 1868, age 32, Married 4 years, Teacher, born in South Carolina, father and mother born in South Carolina
Elizabeth Law, D in Law, W, F, born Aug 1869, age 30, Married 4 years, mother of 2, 2 living, At School, born in South Carolina, father born in South Carolina, mother born in Georgia

W. Latta Law, Grand Son, W, M, born Sept 1896, age 3, Single, born in Florida, father and mother born in South Carolina

Elizabeth Law, G - Daughter, W, F, born Feb 1899, age 1, born in Florida, father born in South Carolina, mother born in South Carolina

Edwin A. Law, Son, W, M, born Sept 1874, age 25, Single, At School, born in Alabama, father and mother born in South Carolina.

Jennie Latta Document on E-Bay

By: Randy Phillips, Vice President,
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I talked with Brian Foster on the phone. What a nice guy. We spoke for probably 20 minutes. He told me quite a story about the historical documents of Gen. McIver Law. Brian purchases historical documents and photographs primarily and bought some documents pertaining to Gen. Law in 2003 or 2004. Upon his purchase of the items (which included the Janie Latta document) he was approached, at the auction, by a gentleman who introduced himself as Gen. Law's great great grandson. He informed Brian that he was the person who had submitted the items for auction. Brian inquired if any additional items were available and the man said no. He stated that there was a family dispute over allowing the current items to be auctioned.

Brian states that a year later (2004?) the family brought another selection of items to auction. A large legal battle ensued as the state of S Carolina tried to stop the auction and lay claim to the letters. At the same time another family member also tried to stop the auction. It had become apparent that these documents of Gen. Law were quite valuable

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Jennie Latta Document on E-Bay

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and both a family member and the state wanted the proceeds. The lawsuits were dismissed and the items went to auction. An acquaintance of Brian purchased this lot. Both of these auctions were conducted by Wes Cowan of Cincinnati Ohio, a very reputable auctioneer and historian who has appeared on Antiques Roadshow and History Detectives. While I don't have many specifics on whom this great great grandson was or other specifics, I believe Brian's story was very credible. He stated that I could also research the past auctions on Wes Cowan's website and find the auction listings. I searched the website and found the listings for 2004 but did not dig into the actual auctions to confirm these items.

As for the current item on eBay, the top of the document states Composition (graduating) of Janie E Latta 1860. I wonder if this could have been something she wrote at school. The document is entitled Woman and extols the virtues of woman as created by God, according to Brian's listing.

I feel the document is authentic and have gone ahead and placed a bid. We were the only bidder at the starting bid of \$29.99 and we were able to obtain the document.

**Composition (graduating) of
Jennie Latta 1860**

Transcribed verbatim by Ken Mueller, editor

Woman

When we see a beautiful and complicated piece of mechanism in operation, we admire its brilliant results but often overlook the secret springs of motion, which give it beauty, harmony and utility. So in reference to society. We see and feel and admire its beauty and harmony, but ascribe little importance to the secret agent which pervades it - harmonizing the discordant elements of which it is

composed and giving to it its humanizing, elevating, & enabling attributes. That agent in Society is feeble, fragile, but at the same time, strong true, and loving woman. We can go back to the days of mother Eve, and cite her as an illustrious example of the influence of woman over the destiny of man. In her we beheld the germ of all that is good in Society. And for her absolute necessity to man's Social development we can claim the highest authority - that of the good and great author of the universe. The Lord God said. "It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a help meet for him." This is authority too high and holy even for the most self conceited of the self styled nobler sex to infect. This boon to man is one which since the days of Adam to the present time, despite his ingratitude, the benevolence of his maker has never refused him. [Page 2] We are forcibly impressed with the idea of the dreary and disconsolate aspect of the first Eden, before it was illumined by womans presence, and it was because it was the first Eden and womans first event in her divine uniform of love, charity and benevolence. But with in gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts man should thank Him that He so ordained it, that the world has been in reference to the benign influence of woman in his happiness, a continuous Eden from its formation to the present time. When he made the sun to be the center of the solar system, he decreed that woman should be the center of the Social system. And that decree has never been revoked. Had Eve had no successors, gloom, darkness and despair would have reigned over the world. Were Eves successors now recalled from Earth, and the nobler sex left to themselves, earth would again become a vast, dreary & desolate waste. As well strike the Sun from the heavens and look for life, beauty, and harmony in the physical world, as to withdraw from mans society womans influence, and look, and look for beauty and harmony in the moral, social and religious world. In society, man may rule the head, but woman rules the heart. What can intellect accomplish with all its boasted and brilliant achievements in elevating and [page 3] refining society without the aid of the softening, mellowing influence of the heart. Man conquers, woman

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humanizes, civilizes and christianizes. The heart is her domain. There she reigns supreme. Wise that knows anything of womans nature, will deny, that she is the heroine of the heart - of its nobler impulses and sacred affections. And if sometimes she fails in her efforts to ameliorate the nature of man it may be ascribed to his astentary and percessings than to the fact that her ineptitude is not divinely merciful and compassionate. For such cases it is well, it is right that the obdurate should be cast out of Eden.

God made woman as a help mat for man; not any so, but He made her beautiful, physically and mentally. And when her due influence is claimed for her, it is not for her personal beauty or adornments; but for her heart adornments. Beauty of mind, moral beauty is the secret power by which woman governs. Womans mind and heart have been said to form a mirror so beautiful and pure that even the best of men cannot look into it without seeing, in their own natures defect - until then weakness to themselves. Who can resist the influence of this modest, humble, beautiful decorated, self sacrificing, spirit? Mans arrogance may well be abashed, when his selfishness & vanity - are reflected [Page 4] from such a mirror. So is to the possession by woman of these endorsements that society owes its refinement.

She is one nicest conscientious counsellor of man, the leader and healthful trainer of the child. Her influence is paramount - Schools colleges & churches are as nothing when compared with womans Home influence.

As resine we instill our first and most lasting, in precession of right & wrong; these we take our first expression truly in chief candor & sincerity. There on our Mother's knee, the most sacred of altars, we first learn of God, and to love him implicitly. The characters are ingrained in our nature which for good or evil will endure for all time. And the teacher is woman In character she is lovely and beautiful. She may be weak and dependent, but that she is equal to the performance of the grave and

arduous duties imposed upon her in becoming, by God's fiat, the companion and help mat for man, & think the most arrogant of the other sex will scarcely have the boldness to deny. There is no civilized society where womans home influence is not acknowledged sovereign. In proportion as society is refined & elegant her position is elevated, and man bows to her supremacy. Wherever she is degraded and held in social subordination men are savages and barbarians. Who that knows anything of womans relation to society, as Mother Wife & Sister will gainsay its importance? Who that has experienced the tender care and tireless solicitude of a mother; [Page 5] or the unselfish, pure & may say almost holy love of a Sister; or the self sacrificing spirit and religious doctrine of a Wife, will withhold from any opinion their most hearty approval. Ancient & modern histories abound in illustrious examples of a woman, who have exercised a marked influence over the destinies of nations. These are examples success of woman out of womans proper sphere and not fit subjects for our admiration. When we pay homage to such merit, we do gross injustice to the modest and unostentatious characteristics which give to woman her true claims to the love of her own, and the strongest title to the elected alligence of the other sex. Truthfulness is the sine qua non in womans character - to all that is pure charitable generous noble, her heart should be responsive and when any of the misfortunes & afflictions to which we are liable quit to elicit from her sympathy & charity- when her heart does not respond to sorrow & suffering, she is false to her high mission. Men require the plaudits of the world to incite them to noble deeds. Woman in her heroism needs nothing else than the secret and silent sanction of her conscientious and affectionate nature. A greater euciniene, a more beautiful and truthful tribute to womans influence, and from a source more entitled to our consideration I do not know, than that paid by John Randolph the great Virginian [Page 6] who said - that when envired by temptation, when infidelity and skepticism boldly or insidiously assailed him, his strongest armour against their assaults, was the remembrance of his mother teaching him when a child to live the Lords Prayer.

Latta Research Files Found

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These pages were found in the files of Margie Ellis Howell of Kansas, City, Missouri. She had originally donated her files to the Powell Memorial Library in Troy, Missouri. When the library no longer had room, they were taken by Phyllis Copus of Brighton, Missouri, who has been scanning them into the computer.

The files mostly pertain to Margie Howell's work in researching the Parke/Park/Parks family she (and I) descend from. The title page has a handwritten note that the pages were given to her by Marguerite Latta Bryant. We do not know if Margie is even related to the Latta line. I am familiar with her Parke and Ellis lines and do not see any Latta connection. Just so that readers know that I am not related to this family in any way. Margie Howell left literally filing cabinets full of stuff and Phyllis has been engaged in an heroic effort to scan all this material into the computer. She has already filled up over 14 CD's worth and is sending me copies. We haven't figured out why Margie had these Latta records as there doesn't seem to be a connection with blood relationship or place. Her family and research was focused on Missouri and Kansas coming from Kentucky and North Carolina; the family of this Samuel Latta lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa.

I did some research and found the mystery connection. Margie Ellis Howell published her first genealogy book "The Kinfolks of William Parke and Synah Perry..." in 1967 and has been researching and teaching genealogy ever since. It turns out she is the great-granddaughter of 215 Elizabeth Latta (6) (1818-1898) (Branch #3) who married Thomas Blair. The connection with Samuel Latta (1810 - 1869) is:

215 Elizabeth Latta (6) ((1818-1898) m. Thomas Blair)

Moses (5)
William (4)
Samuel (3)
Unknown (2)
Unknown (1)

34 Samuel Latta (6) (1810-1869)

James (5)
Mungo (4)
Moses (3)
Unknown (2)
Unknown (1)

Moses (3) and Samuel (3) were brothers, sons of an unknown father born in Ireland. Following are the census records I found which may be useful to someone.

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37 169 162 Blair Thomas	58 M W Farmer	
Ireland		
39	----- Elizabeth	54 f w Home Penn-
		sylvania
40	----- Mary	23 f w Home Ohio
41	----- John	21 m w Farm Hand
Ohio		

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01	Blair Samuel	19 m w Farm hand	
Ohio			
02	----- James	14 m w Farm hand	
Iowa			
03	----- David	17 m w Farm hand	
Iowa			
04	----- Robert	12 m w Farm hand	
Iowa			
05	----- Franklin	9 m w Home	Iowa

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THOMAS BLAIR / Marriages: Spouse:
ELIZABETH LATTA Marriage: 28 AUG
1845 ,Ross, Ohio

Batch No.: M513203 / Dates: 1840-1852 /
Source Call No.: 0281639 V.E-F

This is Branch #3 on <http://latta.org> website.

"215 ELIZABETH (6) b. Nov. 18, 1818 d.
January 18, 1898; m. Thomas Blair on Aug. 28,

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1845 (Ross Co., OH Marriages). Lived some years in Ohio, then in Bates Co., Mo. where both died. Children: John lived in California. Samuel in Iowa. David and Frank in Bates Co., Mo. James in California. Mary in Iowa."

US Census 1900 - Missouri - Bates Co. - Deer Creek Twp - Page 28 (stamped) - Series T623, Roll 839 - ED 3/Sheet No. 8A

Heritage Quest index / image

30 194 193 Blair David R Head W M Nov

1839? 46? M 17 Iowa

31 ----- Emma Wife W F Mar 1855

45 M 17 3 2 Minnesota

32 ----- Mabel Daughter W F June 1890

9 S Nebraska

33 ----- Myrtle Daughter W F June 1893 6 S
Nebraska

US Census 1910 - Missouri - Bates Co. - Adrian (Deer Creek Township) - Page 33 (stamped) - Series T624/Roll 768 - ED 3?/Sheet No. 16A

Heritage Quest index / image / index: DAVE BLAIR

35 ... 149 Blair, Dave Head M W 87? M1

27 Iowa Ireland Ohio

36 -----, Emma? Wife F W 54 M1 27

3 3 Virginia Indiana Virginia

37 -----, Mabel daughter F W 21 S

Iowa Iowa -----

38 -----, Myrtle daughter F W 17 S -

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39 Switzer, Charles servant M W 19 S

[scrawled] Virginia Illinois

35* Age was scrawled, the first digit overwritten and looked like 77 or 87. Age apparently should have been 57 since he was 17 in 1870 census.

Note: enumerator used the horizontal dashes as ditto marks.

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By: Margie Ellis Howell

Transcribed by Carol Rini, Troy, Missouri

(Notes from) LATTA FAMILY By Robert H. Latta, from Robert Latta's Collection in the Library of Congress Rare Book Division

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Margie Ellis Howell, (Mrs. Roy)

5608 Charlotte

Kansas City 10, Missouri

These pages following, beginning with page 1, are from the Robert H. Latta collection in Library of Congress, Rare Book Division. Mr. Robert H. Latta was an attorney in Denver who spent many many years collecting data concerning all branches of the Latta family. He compiled material on 53 Branches, collected in 10 loose-leaf notebooks. There is a scrapbook, Book of Wills, index, photograph album, etc. A wonderful collection.

I am descended from Branch 3. I had these pages copied in Washington and mailed to me. I reviewed the entire work there in April 1962.

Mr. Robert H. Latta is also descended from Branch 3. There is probably more about this Branch than any of the others. He especially had more pictures of people from Branch 3 than from the other Branches.

Most of the notes, handwritten in the margins, are mine. Beginning page 52 are my notes in supplement to Mr. Robert Latta's original notes.

I am descended from Elizabeth Latta, page 10. She is daughter of Moses Latta, #23, page 10. Elizabeth's son, David Rankin Blair, was my grandfather.

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in supplement to Robert H. Latta notes, preceding.
#34, Page 16, SAMUEL (6) LATTA
Samuel C. Latta and Nancy Wallace Latta
Children:

1. Robert Edwin Latta, about 1836 to 10-8-1871

2. Joana Latta about 1842 to 1902

3. Mary Margaret Latta 1847 to 9-21-1852

I do not have record of 2 children, one named Mary and one Margaret, as there is shown in previous info.

#2 (or #72) Robert Edwin Latta m. 3-3-1860
Nancy Findley

b. about 1830

d. 1-16-1916

Robert and Nancy came from Ohio near South Salem to Garden City, Mo. He died age 85 and was buried there. They were slave owners - owning at least 1 slave they brought to Mo. When he died, she took 6 children and a niece and went to Bloomfield, Iowa, to farm, raised family, and died in home of parents of Marguerite Latta Bryant, below.

The niece was the daughter of Nancy Finley's brother, Nelson. Her name was Lilly McCants - she was raised by Nancy. Lilly was still alive, July, 1960. Lilly's son was Ed McCants, 219 So. Chambers, Galesburg, Ill. I wrote to, did not receive answer.

Children of Robert Edwin and Nancy:

4. Nancy Jane (Jennie) Latta, b. Dayton, Ohio 9-13-1867

m. 3-21-1888 William Bridges.

There children: 1. Josephine Bridges, now Mrs. F. J. Marchand, with whom I have had correspondence

2. Rollo Bridges

5. Moses Findley Latta, b. Dayton, Ohio 2-24-1864, died 1-28-1935

m. 6-21-1893 Jessie Elizabeth Sinclair 12-9-1864, died 1-28-1935 (doubt if this date and above date of 1-28-1935 correct. Probably did not both die same day). Parents of Jessie Sinclair: Wm. A. Sinclair and Mary Basset

Children of Moses and Jessie: 1. Marguerite Anna Latta 12-16-1898, married 4-23-1938. No children. Husband, Monroe H. Bryant. Has given me a great deal of information, including Bible of Samuel C. Latta, her great grandfather, and a picture album. In 1962, living on West Street, Bloomfield, Iowa. Reg. Nurse.

Handwritten note: Address in 1962 Mrs. Marguerite Bryant 411 North West Street

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2. Robert Merrill Latta 7-1-1896 to 1-30-1956
m. 1928, Thelma Willard, no children, 2 adopted children, Catherine and Robert.

6. William Wallace Latta m. 10-17-1888 Effie Bridges (sister of Jennie's husband). They lived in San Diego, CA. 5 children still there in 1962.

Children of William and Effie: Walter, Earl, Frank, Paul, Homer. I wrote to Paul - have correspondence.

7. Ed Latta b. at Garden City, Mo., died 1954. M May Cleveland, lived in Denver, no children.

8. Marguerite C. Latta m. 7-20-1887 Charles Brandt, lived in Wyoming. No Children. She came to visit her mother, Nancy in Bloomfield. Nancy destroyed letters between Marguerite and husband. She went to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she was a telephone operator 50 years. Died in 1953. Flew to Calif. last 2 winters before she died.

9. Louise Ellen Latta m. D.O. Johnson. Lived in LA., died 1952. No children.

10. Samuel Lewis Latta 1863 to 4-27-1866 (?)

#2. Joan (Anna) Latta about 1841 to 1902. Married twice. First to Aaron Parrett. When I visited Mrs. John Rogers (also from Latta family) in South Salem, Ohio, 1961, she had newspaper article telling about marriage of Anna Dick Latta Parrett to Prof. John M. Coyner. (Prof. Coyner was brother of Mrs. Hiser's grandfather, B. S. Coyner. I stayed with Mrs. Hiser in Greenfield - she is not directly connected to Latta family). Very descriptive article

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of marriage of Anna Parrett and Coyner. After her first husband died, she went to Calif and met Coyner. Then returned to South Salem, had a big Halloween party for all neighbors, wedding was surprise part of party. "Dick" in name comes from rich people in county - many children named for them.

The Iowa cousins think Anna Dick Latta educated Marguerite #8, above.

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#53 John Lattam. Erie Acten

Children:

1. Rufus Latta 2-19-1874 to 10-20-1958

Married twice. I have correspondence with wife, and with son Russell Latta. Live in St. Louis, Mo. - (Handwritten note: 1962 address - Mrs. Mammie Latta, 4 Chesterton Lane, Chesterfield, Mo.)

2. Allen Latta

Children: Earl Latta and Esther Latta

3. Charles Latta

Children: Everett Latta, Esther Latta

4. Ada Lattam. John A. Busch

Children: Chester Busch, Norma Busch, Violet Busch (See below), Mildred Busch

5. Anna Gertrude Latta

No children

Handwritten note: Violet Buschm. Wm Kennedy

Daughter Marian Kennedym. Paul J. Griffiths

Address: 776 Bayer Drive

Palatine, Ill.

I have correspondence Daughter: Audrey Kennedy

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#33 William Latta

Additional about daughter Margaret Nancy Latta Peairs. She is the grandmother of Mrs. Downs, in 1961, living in Greenfield, Ohio, and of Mrs. Clark, in 1961, living in Frankfort, Ohio. I have correspondence with both, and visited both in 1961.

Additional about daughter Sarah A. Latta Parrett. She is the grandmother of John Rogers, in 1961 living in South Salem. I visited him there. He and his wife have several Latta heirlooms. Parents of John Rogers were Albina Ann Parrett and Thomas Austin Rogers, m. 12-28-1882.

Sarah Ann Latta m. Strawder John Parrett - they were married by Rev. Wm Gage, old old pastor at Concord Church. This same minister who married my great grandparents, Elizabeth Latta and Thomas Blair.

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Elizabeth Jane Latta, daughter of #16, James

Latta

Married 3-30-1848, Aaron P. Craig

b. 3-10-1825

d. 1900

I have children as follows:

1. Cor Craig 2-21-1853

2. Carson Craig 3-21-1851

3. T.B. Craig 11-1868

4. Phebe Ann Craig 1-8-1849

5. Margaret Elizabeth Craig 9-5-1851

6. Sara A. Craig 12-1860

7. Wm. C. Craig 3-29-1863

Daughter of Wm. C. Craig is Mrs. Carsie Garinger, Washington Courthouse, Ohio 1962. I have correspondence with her - she gave me above information.

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Moses McClure Latta, #36, of Robert H. Latta notes. This is the information I have:

born about 1814 married 10-3-1836 or 11-4-1836 Elizabeth Nichols

b. about 1818

Children of Moses McClure and Elizabeth:

1. William Latta born about 1839

2. John Latta born about 1843

3. Alcetus Latta born about 1845

4. Harvey Latta born about 1847

5. Alice Latta born about 1858

6. Mary J. Latta died 2-12-1838, 26 days old

7. Errila J. Latta died 9-25-1852, 1 yr 3 mo 8 days

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#1 - William Newton Latta - same information is given under 73

#2 - John Latta

#3 - Alcetus Latta - came to Iowa 1865. Was in Civil War.

Children: 1. May Latta McMath (deceased by 1962)

2. Alpha Latta - died age 7

3. Edith Latta - died age 3

4. Harlin Latta - died age 2

5. William Latta - died age 17

6. Scott Latta - now deceased, 1962. This is father of Glen Latta, Route 5, Bloomfield, Iowa, with whom I have correspondence. See note on page 57a.

7. Jennie or Jane Latta Bozman - now deceased

8. Adda Latta Hatton or Horton - now living, age 83, Calio (?) Rock, Ark. I have not contacted.

#4 - Harvey Latta

Children: 1. Melvin M. Latta, died at Drakesville, Iowa, when son Lloyd was 5. Lloyd Latta now lives Box 117, Route 4, Little Rock, Arkansas. Have correspondence. See page 57a.

2. Lee Latta - now living Ottumwa, Iowa. I have correspondence.

3. Art Latta - now living Drakesville, Iowa.

#5 - Alice Lattam. Nichols and lived in Manhattan, Kansas. Glenn Latta says he's almost sure she's not living. Knows nothing of her family. Neither does he know if Alice's husband was any relation to her mother's family - Nichols.

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Other children of Scott Latta are:

1. Nellie Latta Small, now living Bloomfield, Iowa

2. Mrs. Richard Baird, Bloomfield, Iowa

Other children of Melvin M. Latta are:

1. Harvey Dale Latta, now Pittsburg, Pa., has son in Washington

2. Mrs. Eva Davis, now Phoenix, Arizona

3. Mrs. Bessie Feldman, Winfield, Iowa

4. Mrs. Blanche Van Sant, Winfield, Iowa

5. Mrs. Leta M. McDowell, deceased.

Son of Lloyd O. Latta (shown on previous page) born 1922, is:

Lloyd O. Latta

2112 LaColina Drive

Santa Ana, California

10. Christopher Hanawalt - (Handwritten note: descendent is Fred Hanawalt, 191 Elm Street, Chill_____, Ga.)

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James Latta, son of Samuel Latta, #4, Page 1. Bible in possession of Mrs. Arthur Fertig, Rochester, NY, gives these children as son of James. Don't know if this is right James Latta, but believe so. (Handwritten note: no don't think so)

This is all information from Bible:

James Latta from Ireland married 2-23-1773, Sarah Jackson of New York

1. Agnes Latta 1-9-1774 at Wallkill

2. Samuel Latta 4-14-1776 at Wallkill (See note below)

3. James Latta 12-3-1778 at Wallkill (See handwritten note below)

4. William Latta 2-12-1781 at New Windsor, died 7-13-1783

5. Mary Latta 4-28-1783 at New Windsor

6. John Latta 7-15-1786 at New Windsor (See handwritten note below)

7. Elizabeth Latta 2-12-1789 at New Windsor

8. William Latta 8-28-1793 at Canandaigua, NY

9. George Clinton Latta born 4-10-1795 at Mt. Pleasant near Geneva, NY (See note below)

Mrs. Fertig's great great grandfather was Samuel born 1776.

Grandfather of George Latta Barrus, with whom I also have correspondence from Rochester, NY was George Clinton Latta, born 1795.

Handwritten notes:

Later Mrs. Fertig believes father of her James who came from Ireland in 1773 was also James. If this is correct, then her James is not James son of Samuel #4 on Page 1.

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(Handwritten note regarding John above) - descendants are Mrs. McVean and Robert M. Latta of Buffalo Chamber of _____, Buffalo, NY - See correspondence September 1963, to Mrs. McVean, Pompano, Fla - She is from same family as Mrs. Fertig. (Latta folder #2).

no children

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4. Melvina Lattaborn Camden, Mo. 1874

m. Dr. Paul Randolph Hamilton, Farmersville 11-10-1907

One daughter: Frances Samuel Hamilton

m. John H. Edward, Jr. 1-9-1929

Children of Frances Samuel Hamilton and John H. Edwards, Jr.:

1. Ellen Edwardsborn 1-21-1939

m. Norris B. Green, Jr. 3-11-1961

no children

2. John H. Edwards, III

m. Flo Martin 10-11-1958

Children: John H. Edward, IV - 7-1-1959

Martin Lee Edwards - 7-16-1961

Both daughters above, #3 and #4, Maude and Melvina, were educated at Liberty Collegein, Liberty, Missouri, then went to Millinery and Designers school in St. Louis. Went to Farmersville, Texas, as Millinery Designers and both married there.

Daniel Latta Neathery, son of Maude Latta and Daniel E. Neathery, above, has been employed at Sun Oil Company in Dallas for 28 years.

6. Robert Blair married Etta Spaw, one child Ada Blair. Lived in Walla Walla Washington - (Handwritten note: child not Robert)

7. Frank Blair married Leona Chapman. Lived on Thomas Blair farm in Bates County. Had no children, adopted son Marvin.

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#93 Alphus H. Latta, son of #51 William Latta (brother of my gr grandmother, Elizabeth Latta who married Thomas Blair).

This information given to me in June 1965, by James LeRoy Latta, 257 Bertau Ave., Elmhurst, Ill., 60127. He is son of Roy Latta, 93a. He received some of this data from his aunt, Marie, 93c in 1954.

According to Marie:

#93 Alphus Hegler Latta

Born in Ohio in 1850

Married Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Crow (See notes on page 68)

married 9-22-1876

Died Des Moines, Iowa 5-6-1932, age 82

Alpha and Mattie married in Iowa and moved to near Chillicothe, O, where he farmed. First 3 children born there. They moved to Garden Grove, Iowa, in 1880 or 1881, and bought a general store there. His partner was Dan Stearns. About 1897 they moved to Chariton, Iowa, and in a few years to Des Moines. Children of Alpha and Mattie:

#93a. Roy Latta, born Ohio, 7-24-1877, died 1-23-1937, buried in Kohlertown Cemetery, Nampa, Idaho

Children:

1. James LeRoy Latta (who gave me this information). Married Hettie Lorraine Stith of Amarillo, Texas. Has children: James LeRoy Latta, Jr.; Jerry Daniel Latta; Nancy Lorraine Latta McKeon.

2. George Haworth Latta

3. Arleen Latta Young

4. Roy Crow Latta

#93b. Fay Latta, born Chillicothe, O, 12-25-1878. Married Will B. Hesson from Chicago, Ill. 7-11-1904. No children. Died and buried Sacramento, California, 6-19-1919.

#93c. Marie Latta, born Chillicothe, O 7-26-1880. Married Logan R. Field 1-1-1905. No children. Died and buried Caldwell, Idaho 6-23-1960.

#93d. Don Latta born Garden Grove, Iowa 10-2-1882. Married Lynn Hare in Kansas City, Missouri. Had 1 son, Eugene Latta (in 1954 was age 42, unmarried, living in Kansas City, Mo.). Don and wife both died and buried in Kansas City. Don died 10-29-1937.

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#93e. Karl Latta born Garden Grove, Iowa, 4-5-1885. Married Bertha Casey (M. Howell note: In 1965, she lives at 4317 Highland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.). Has 1 son, Karl Latta, Jr. - married and has 2 sons: Jonnie Karl and Jimmie. (M. Howell note: In 1965 Karl Jr. and family live at 5829 Michigan, Kansas City, Mo.)

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(Pages 66 & 67 are copies of the actual letter mentioned on page 65)

On the following pages is a copy of a letter written by Dr. William Latta #51 to his grandson, Roy, in 1886. This letter was given to me in June 1965 by James LeRoy Latta, 257 Berteau Ave., Elmhurst, Ill., 60127, who is the son of the Roy who received the letter. The letter was written when Dr. Latta was 71 years old, about 6 months before his death.

Since it is somewhat faded, and difficult to read, I have copied it as follows:

Frankfort Ross County Ohio

April 10th, 1886

Mr. Roy C. Latta

Garden Grove, Iowa

My dear Grandson,

Your good letter of March 18 was received in due time. I was glad to get it. It told me all about getting my letter and about a sled from Santa Claus a skate from your Papa. That you go to Sunday School. That baby had the croup Friday night and that Spring had come. That last piece of information did not suit this place. We have had the most disagreeable weather the last 9 days that we have had this winter. It began to snow on the 2nd day of April and snowed every day till the day before yesterday the 8th of April, just a week. The sun was hid all this time and was very cold too. You ask me how I am getting. Well I can hardly tell. I am some days better then worse again. Doctor Dawson of Cincinnati sent me word by one of the students that he was going to Washington DC and if I was

willing he would stop off and see me. I shall be glad to see him. He lectures in the Ohio Medical College on Surgery on such diseases as mine.

I wrote to Dr. Waddle this morning asking his advise. This is a beautiful day and looks like spring. I shall be glad to have settled weather again for I shall hope to get better then. I have to be up every hour or so to pass my urine. This gives me but little time to sleep. You see a good many blots and crooked lines over this paper. Well it is caused by my going to sleep while writing. My pen goes off where it pleases. Well now I must bring this to a close. And I want you to write me as good letter as you did before. I am so glad to know you are a good boy. Then you will be a good man.

Write soon to your grandpa Wm Latta

(Handwritten note: See page 10)

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Elizabeth Latta - married 8-26-1845 Thomas Blair. I believe they were married in the Concord Church still standing near the town of Lattaville in Ohio, Ross County, by Rev. Gage. I have visited many Lattas in the area - they still attend the church. The cemetery in the churchyard is filled with Lattas. See my Blair family history for information on Thomas Blair.

Elizabeth and Thomas had their four oldest children in Ross County and in Steubenville, Ohio. Perhaps all were born in Ross County. They moved to Iowa, Des Moines County, between Nov 1853 and 1856. They moved to Bates County, Mo. April 1866. Both Thomas and Elizabeth died and buried in Bates County.

Elizabeth in Crescent Hill cemetery near Adrian, Mo. Thomas buried on family farm - I have not located the grave. Records of death, wills, deeds, etc on file in Bates County courthouse, Butler, Mo. Elizabeth lay blind for many years, was cared for by daughter Mary and son Frank and later Frank and his wife. My mother remembers visiting her when she was a small girl.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Latta Blair:

1. Mary Blair, born about 1847, unmarried
2. John Blair, born about 1859, Ohio, married in Bakersfield, Calif., died there, no children

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3. Samuel Thomas Blair, married Rhoda Haney, 1882. Lived in Iowa. Had children: Franklin Robert, Walter Haney, and Floyd Rankin.

4. David Rankin Blair married Emma Maria Longwood. See my Longwood history for this family. David and Emma are my grandparents. They had 2 daughters, Ella Mabel Blair who married William Lee Ellis (my parents). Other daughter was Edith Myrtle Blair and married Calvin Ray McRoberts. Myrtle now lives in Adrian, Mo.

I was born 12-2-1918, Montgomery County, Kansas, married Roy Howell, 1939. Son Jon Lee Howell, b. 10-23-1941. I have a brother, William Duncan Ellis, now living in Evansville, Indiana, who has a daughter, now age 18, Constance Jo Ellis.

5. James Blair - died unmarried, killed in hunting accident in Bates County.

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Re: Mattie Crow, wife of #93 Alphas H. Latta

According to the information James Latta of Elmhurst, Ill. received from his Aunt Marie #93c, in 1954, Mattie Crow was Martha Elizabeth Crow.

Daughter of G.H. Crow and Eliza Jane Crow.

Born in Wapello, Iowa, 12-6-1851.

G.H. Crow was farmer and was Representative from Louisa County, Iowa for years, was called Hon. G.H. Crow.

I am attempting to get some information concerning G.H. Crow to see if there is a possibility that he is descended from Wm Crow, my gr gr gr gr grandfather on my father's side. I have a great deal of information on the Wm Crow family.

The last 4 remaining pages are all handwritten notes belonging to Ms. Margie Ellis Howell

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#3 Moses Latta and #4 Samuel Latta are brothers

My line:

David Blair and Emma Longwood grandparents

Elizabeth Latta and Thomas Blair gr grandparents

#23 Moses Latta and Nancy McGraw gr gr grandparents

#12 William Latta and Elizabeth Rankin gr gr grandparents

#4 Samuel Latta and Mary McCobb gr gr gr grandparents

Robert H. Latta line:

#76 Robert H. Latta and Sarah Myers

#38 Jane Latta and Henry Putman his mother - children took her name after father died

#17 Moses Latta and Jane McAdno grandparents

#8 Samuel Latta and Ann Moore gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr grandparents

Samuel McCray line - he is mentioned on page

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Mary Latta McCray mother

#71 Griffin Taylor Latta grandfather

#31/51 Alexander Bonner Latta and Eliza A

Pawson gr grandparents

#15 John Latta and Rebecca Bonner(?) gr grandparents

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr grandparents

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Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. _____ line:

Margaret Latta and Alex Peairs grandparents

#33 William Latta and Sarah Foster gr grandparents

#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr gr grandparents

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr grandparents

Mr. Rogers Line

Sarah A. Latta and Strawder Parrett grandparents

#33 William Latta and Sarah Foster gr grandparents

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#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr gr grandparent

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr gr grandparents

Marguerite Latta Bryant Line

Moses Findley Latta and Jessie Sinclair parents

#72 Robert Edwin Latta and Nancy Findley grandparents

#34 Samuel Latta and Nancy Wallace gr grandparents

#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr gr grandparent

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr gr grandparents

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Lee Latta Line - 1962 Ottumwa, Iowa

Harvey Marcellus Latta and Grace Holeman parents

#36 Moses McClure Latta and Elizabeth Nichols grandparents

#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr grandparent

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr grandparents

Glen Latta Line - 1962 - Rt. 5, Bloomfield, Iowa

Scott Latta father

Alcetus Daily Latta and Mary Jane Thompson grandparents

#36 Moses McClure Latta and Elizabeth Nichols gr grandparents

#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr gr grandparent

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr gr grandparents

Lloyd Latta - 1962 - Box 117, Rt 4, Little Rock, Ark.

Melvin M. Latta father

Harvey Marcellus Latta and Grace Holeman grandparents

#36 Moses McClure Latta and Elizabeth Nichols gr grandparents

#16 James Latta and Phebe Doty gr gr grandparent

#7 Mungo Latta and Isabelle McClure gr gr gr grandparents

#3 Moses Latta and ??? gr gr gr gr grandparents

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Dr. Louis Latta - Mamie - 2nd wife of Rufus

#96 Rufus Latta

#53 John Latta and Ann Acton parents

#23 Moses Latta and Nancy McGraw grandparents

#12 William Latta and Elizabeth Rankin gr grandparents

#4 Samuel Latta and Mary McCobb gr grandparents

Mrs. Mary Fertig - Rochester, NY. I have correspondence. Her gr gr gr grandfather James may be same James as under Samuel #4, page 1 of following history.

Mary Denton Snider Fertig

Charles Garrison Snider father

Mary Cooper Latta Snider grandmother

John Arnold Latta gr grandfather

Samuel Latta gr gr grandfather

James Latta gr gr gr grandfather

James Latta gr gr gr gr grandfather

Editor's Note: Genealogists I have contacted state that Mrs. Howell was active and on line from Kansas City, Missouri until 2003. Since then, there has been no word.

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Letter from J. Douglas Latta

Submitted by: Paula Gruginski,
Vice President, paulagruginski@msn.com

Auchenfail, Mauchline, Ayrshire

Telephone: Mauchline 463 4th May 1963

Dear Bob: I think you must be a distant relative of mine, although I cannot give you the connection.

I did have quite a family tree, made out by Robert H. Latta of Denver, a copy of one of his letters is enclosed, but this family chart has been unfortunately lost. It might be worthwhile trying to get in touch with this Robert Latta or his family if they are still around Denver.

There is very little doubt that the first Latta in Scotland swam ashore at Portincross in Ayrshire after one of the Armada ships was wrecked there. One of the best accounts of this wreck was written by Rev. John Lamb in his book — *Annals of West Kilbride* — (1896). West Kilbride being the village nearby. Latta is mentioned as one of the few survivors.

My brother had most of the family records, and most of them were missing when he died some years ago.

You probably know that your water supply at Denver passes through Glenfield Micro Strainers made at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. I have not been to see this installation, but may do so one day. I have been to Chicago to see the big crankshaft forge there, but cannot say I know Chicago.

Well, I do not know when if ever I will be in your area again, but if you find yourself in Scotland, come along and see us.

Yours sincerely,
J. Douglas Latta.

Latta Contest

By: George Latta Sr.,
georgelattasr@gmail.com

Hi People, let's have some family fun. I would like to start a contest that I will gladly fund. Like

any good contest we need a prize....

So the contest: Be the first person who finds the records of burial/interment/cemetery for GEORGE GRAY LATTA (Branch 7, Family 44).

The Prize: One full year of membership to the Latta Genealogy Newsletter... in any name you pick. The winner will be picked using the time stamp on the email sent with the answer. [If entering by mail, please send to the editor, who will forward it to George.] If everyone likes this Idea, I'll pick someone from our branches each month.... What do you think??

George Gray Latta was a captain in the Confederate Army, and took part in a number of engagements, including Lookout Mountain. Birth: Jan. 17, 1848, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina, USA. Death: Jul. 6, 1910, Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, USA.

From www.Latta.org:

Branch 7, Family 44 GEORGE GRAY (5) LATTA, William S. (4) James (3) Robert (2) Thomas (1). Born at Fayetteville, N.C. Graduate at Chapel Hill, N.C.

In 1879 married Fanny Brownlow of Knoxville, Tenn., daughter of Gov. William G. (famous in Civil War history) and Eliza O'Brien Brownlow. Admitted to the Bar in 1868. Died at Hot Springs, Ark. July 6, 1910 of Bright's disease (Bright's Disease is an older classification for different forms of kidney disease).

Five children:

217 GEORGIA (6) b. at Knoxville, Tenn.; d. at Hot Springs, Ark. April 4, 1921.

218 ANNA (6) b. at Hot Springs, Ark.; d. at two years of age.

219 WILLIAM BROWNLOW (6) b. at Hot Springs, Ark. Was law student at Washington University, St. John, Mo. In 1906 living at Seattle, Wash.

220 ERNEST FORDYCE (6) b. at Hot Springs, Ark.; m. Lenora McCue Norvell December 16, 1914, daughter of Benjamin Rush Norvell at Beaumont, Texas. In 1913 living at Hot Springs, Ark.

221 VIVIAN GRAY (6) b. at Hot Springs, Ark.; m. Thomas Clark Greenwood of N.Y. In 1915 living at Birmingham, Ala.

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

1. Hello, I'm not sure if I'm writing the correct person, but this was a site I was directed to when I searched for the surname "**Latto**," which I am told is a recent variant of my own surname "**Latou**," I am looking for any evidence that my support any relation between the **Latto**'s and the **Latta** family then. As far back as I have been able to go is an Andrew **Latou** (or **Latto**) from around Argylshire, Scotland, whose son was my great-grandfather, William **Latto Latou** (born in Dundee, Scotland). Please direct me if this is the wrong e-mail address to send this inquiry to. Thanks for your time, Marc **Latou**, mlatou@gmail.com.

2. Branch is unknown.... but it was interesting, so I sent it along. George **Latta Sr.**, georgelattasr@gmail.com.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Latta_%28aviator%29

James Douglas **Latta**

Born 13 May 1897

Place of birth Willesden, Middlesex, England

Allegiance England

Service/branch Flying service

Rank Captain

Unit No. 5 Squadron RFC, No. 1 Squadron RFC, No. 60 Squadron RFC, No.66 Squadron RFC, Awards Military Cross.

Captain James Douglas **Latta** (born 13 May 1897, date of death unknown) was a World War I flying ace credited with five aerial victories.[1] **Latta** flew originally for 5 Squadron, but only began his winning ways after his February 1916 transfer to 1 Squadron to serve as a fighter pilot operating a Nieuport. He destroyed an enemy aircraft at Wezmactart on 1 June 1916. His next two victories, on 25 and 26 June, made him a balloon buster, as he shot down an enemy observation balloon on each day. It also won him a Military Cross, gazetted a month later on 27 July. **Latta** then transferred to 60 Squadron as a flight commander. He drove down enemy airplanes out of control on 31

August and 19 September for his last two wins. He was withdrawn from battle on 23 November 1916 for a rest.[2]

Latta joined 66 Squadron as a flight commander in May 1917, to fly a Sopwith Pup. He was shot down and wounded in action on 8 June 1917. He did not serve on active duty after that.[3]

3. Dear Sir, Just received an email from my first cousin, Barbara (**Latta**) **Benish**. She sent me this email address, suggested you were in Branch #3, which she says is our branch (I take Barb's word on everything!). My father, Robert Tudor **Latta** was born 11/12/13 in Holton, Kansas. He was killed in Korea in 1952 while serving the army (Div. 24, 27th reg. I believe). Thanks, Larry **Latta**, kansasfats@gmail.com, 64265 E Idlewind Ln, Tucson AZ 85739, 520/825-2046.

4. I added John **Latta** to the "Find-A-Grave" data base. Pennsylvania's First Lieutenant Governor: John **Latta**, <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=57807937>

Birth: Mar. 2, 1836, Unity, Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Feb. 19, 1920, Unity, Pennsylvania,

USA

1857-1859 Yale College.

1859 Admitted to the bar.

1863 PA state Senator.

1871 and 1872 elected to the legislature.

1875-79 The first Lieutenant Governor of

Pennsylvania. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic Order belonging to the Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason.: also The Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW). (From: www.Latta.org) Branch 3, Family 39 JOHN (6) **LATTA**, Moses (5) John (4) Moses (3) ____ (2)

George **Latta Sr.**, georgelattasr@gmail.com.

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

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Newsletter By E-mail

Any member who wishes to receive the Latta Genealogy Newsletter by e-mail, please contact the editor, Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com. It would save our Society some postage and conserve resources.

Newsletter Sent to Libraries

Our Latta Genealogy Newsletter is sent to several major libraries, including the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, The Library of Congress, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, and the Newberry Library in Chicago. This is done to preserve our Latta family history for years to come.

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5. The funeral card I scanned for you for J.R. **Latta** who died 10 Jan 1894 I now have the full identity for. He is: #146 John Robertson **Latta**, Branch 1, (#13 John Robertson **Latta**, Andrew **Latta**, William, James M.)

Born: 14 Oct 1846.

Died 10 Jan 1894 at 3:30 AM Wellington, Sumner Co., Kansas. Bu. Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Sumner Co., KS. Sources: Funeral card, Record of tombstones for deceased civil war veterans, 1870 census Attica, Logan Twp., Fountain Co., Indiana, 1860 census Logan, Fountain Co., IN, 1850 Census Logan, Fountain Co., IN. Paula **Gruginski**, Vice President, paulagruginski@msn.com.

6. Would you be so kind to have this information added to Branch # 9, Family # 74.

Price Cemetery, London Arkansas.

County records show that Laura Starr **Latta** was born Sept. 19, 1879, and died Aug. 22, 1899, She was the daughter of Andrew J. **Latta**, born May 7, 1829, died Jan. 15, 1905, and of Sarah Ann **Latta**, born Jan. 13, 1845, died Feb. 1, 1926.

This **Latta** family resided in the Georgetown community west of London, Arkansas. Local newspapers recorded the deaths of both parents (Andrew **Latta** died of what was considered to be "congestion of the brain"), listing them as prominent citizens. Little is found on Laura.

Laura's tombstone has been stolen & recovered many times over the past 100 years. Out of respect for Miss **Latta**'s remains, the caretaker keeps the tombstone in a safe place, other than the grave site.

Today, only a foot-stone with the engraved letters "LSL" is evident at her grave beside her Parents, grandparents, infant Niece, Sister and Nephew.

Thanks, George **Latta** Sr., Branch 13, georgelattasr@gmail.com.

7. Recent Ancestral Origins (From people who have had a DNA test done to date).

Welcome to the RECENT ANCESTRAL ORIGINS (RAO) database. This section displays the countries of origin reported by the people whom you match or nearly match from both our research and customer databases. Your list of matches represents the range of places in which relatives of your ancestors lived. Exact matches show people who are the closest to you genetically. Some matches, especially the more distant mismatches, are related to you before the time of surnames.

*Percentages above 2% are considered significant indicators of your family's origins.

*Percentages above 4% may be interpreted as highly significant indicators of your family's origins.

I have listed the top Latta family origins from my DNA test, and a few of interest.

England.....	4.8%
Northern Ireland.....	4.5%
Belgium.....	4.4%
Netherlands.....	4.3%
Scotland.....	4.0%
Denmark.....	3.9%
South Africa.....	3.9%
Wales.....	3.8%
Germany.....	3.4%
France.....	3.3%
Portugal.....	2.9%
Switzerland.....	2.6%
Sweden.....	2.5%
Norway.....	2.5%
Spain.....	2.5%
Canada.....	2.1%
Iceland.....	1.4%
Italy.....	0.9%
Slovakia.....	0.9%

George **Latta** Sr., Branch 13,
georgelattasr@gmail.com.

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8. Hello, I found your website when researching my Family Line, Virginia to the Carolinas. My ancestor Sarah Elizabeth **Latta** 1735 North Carolina married a Stephen **Wilson** 1743 Orange NC, they ended up in Orange TN. My **Wortham** Line from Virginia also connects to the **Latham** Line. They look like they came from VA to NC to TN on both. I am stuck at Elizabeth and Stephen. I have traced my **Wortham** Line back to 1648 Virginia with John **Wortham**. Any and all leads would be greatly appreciated. It seems I lose a lot of my family in the Carolinas 1700's. Namely, **Hobson** (Mourning), **Fox/Fuchs** (John), **Blake** (Benjamin), **Latta** (Elizabeth), **Wilson**, (Stephen). Any and all leads would be greatly appreciated, Sheri **Riley**, sherimriley@yahoo.com, California, USA.

9. Coincidentally, I was looking at the **Latta** Society web site last week, to see how I could update my Branch, which seems is 39. When I first started looking at my **Latta**'s, and we meet, I knew very little. However, when I read what was available of the **Latta** transcript, my family did get a mention, but though it contained some information to give me clues, it seemed that much of what was included for my family, was given, be someone who must have been related, but had no real accurate dates, places or names. When the site was getting constructed (long time ago in the 90's) I sent in the details (accurate) that I knew at that time. So when I was looking at it the other day, my branch 39 was rather bare, lots of blanks, for which I have now got names and dates.

Off hand, My Great Grandfather James **Latta** (Scotland), his 2 Brothers went to the USA.

Quickly, David **Latta** married Ellen (probably Hellen) **Greenshields** in Scotland. They went to America according to 1910 US census in 1902. On that same Census, David was a Widow and living Sheridan, Crawford Kansas.

His Brother, John Kelvie **Latta** married Elizabeth **White** in Scotland, They went to America according to 1910 US Census in 1905. On that same Census they were living in Coffeyville Ward 5, Montgomery, Kansas.

James **Latta**, their brother, was my Great Grandfather, who died in Scotland in 1899. His daughter, my Grandmother, Jessie Jolly **Latta**, went to Toronto, Canada in 1910.

Afraid without digging out an atlas, do not know where Kansas is in relation to Oklahoma.

I suspect though with the Robert **Latta** Manuscript.....that he got verbal information from someone from John and David's family. As they must have given the vague information about my Grandmother.

Do you know if the original transcript of Robert **Latta**, is on line ? Or can be viewed ? As I think the information regards my branch, is not backed up by official documents, and nick names where used, I do think there is probably information, that would help to do a bit more puzzle piecing. Kind regards, Victoria **Dandie**, victoriadandie@hotmail.com.

10. After finding records relating James M. **Latta** to a Mylnetoune, Stirling, Scotland.... I believe the middle name of **Melyne** is used to show family location of origins. I am researching Mylnetoune, Stirling, Scotland & have come upon another point of interest. Reading past **Latta** newsletters, I came upon a quote of a mother saying **Latta** was a name for **Laithia**. The Lothians were called to help protect Stirling Castle. I will research Lothians & get back w/you. Your friend, Maurica **Lucas**, mmedgecomb@yahoo.com.

11. I started digging deeper into my own holdings on the **Latta** family. I unearthed from my shelf:

Annals of an Ayrshire Parish, by Rev. John B. **Lamb**, B.D., first published in 1896. It recounts the sinking of a large Armada vessel ... "The captain of this vessel and sixteen of its crew are

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reported to have been saved, and to have settled among the former inhabitants with whom they intermarried, thus giving rise to such names as **Fairie** (from Admiral **Ferrara**), **Ravie**, and **Latta**, long common in the district. Traces of Spanish extraction are still discernable in the features of the fishermen's children in the place." Paula **Gruginski**, Vice President, paulagruginski@msn.com.

12. With Halloween just a few months away, I have sent you short article of both genealogical and paranormal interest for the October issue. If you are open for a bit of fun, please feel free to publish the article under Halloween fun. Good talking with you my friend. George **Latta**, Branch 13.

Branch No. 9, 13 **ANDREW JACKSON** (4) **LATTA**, John S (3) Thomas (2) John (1) Born: May 7, 1829. At: York District, S.C.

Died: Jan. 15, 1905 At: London, Ark. Buried: Price Cemetery Near London. Jack returned to the Vineyard area about 1860 because of an 1859 accident in which he was nearly blinded in an explosion in the mines. He regained partial eyesight after about twenty years. During his years of blindness, he lived with various family members. Married: Sarah Ann (May) **Weaver**, a widow, Nov. 27, 1878 near London, Pope Co., Ark. She was Born: Jan. 13, 1845 At: Clarksville, Johnson Co., Ark. She was the daughter of John & Caroline **May**. Children:

74 **LAURA STARR** (5) b. September 19, 1879; d. August 22, 1899 near London, Ark.

75 **ALICE MAXIE** (5) (also seen as Alice Mazie) b. February 11, 1883 near London, Ark.; m. Frank **Smith**.

From the Research of Brad and Sherry **Steiger**:
Haunted Highways and Hotels By Brad **Steiger**
Misty Miss Laura warns others to prepare to follow her.

Drive the lonely stretch of Arkansas Highway 64, especially on a rainy night, and you will be likely to sight the tormented spirit of Laura Starr **Latta**, who died a month before her twentieth birthday in 1899. Motorists have claimed to have seen Laura's small, frail frame inside a white nightgown standing on the side of the road across from the cemetery where her body lies. Some old stories say that Laura was accosted by a gang and beaten to death on the way to her wedding. All that is known for certain is that she died a month before her twentieth birthday in 1899.

The inscription on her tombstone reads:

Gentle Stranger passing by,
As you are now, once was I.
As I am now, so you must be.
Prepare yourself to follow me.

[Http://www.bradandsherry.com/hauntedhighwaysandhotels.htm](http://www.bradandsherry.com/hauntedhighwaysandhotels.htm).

13. **Latta** in the Charlotte Cemetery Rochester, New York. (Looks like all Branch 4)

ABRAMS

Benjamin S.; 1848 - 1918

Maria A. **Latta**, wife of Benjamin S.; 1842 - 1925

BARRUS

Flora C. **Latta**, wife of N. K.; b 1853; d Nov. 29, 1887 aged 34y

LATTA

Frances M. **Mann**, wife of George C.; d Aug. 21, 1902 aged 88y

George C.; b 1795; [War of 1812]; d Nov. 26, 1871 aged 76y; [buried

Sec. S, lot 22]

George C. Jr.; b 1840; d Nov. 11, 1875 aged 35

George W., son of Samuel & Lydia; d Dec. 3, 1830 aged 8y 2m 11d

James, son of Samuel & Lydia; d Feb. 10, 1810 aged 2y 4m 15d

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James Henry; b 1848; d Feb. 20, 1884 aged 35y 3m 27d

Jane B.; see Jane B. **WOOD**

John Wm., son of G. C. & F. M.; drowned June 6, 1862 aged 7y 11m; also as aged 6y 11m 16d

Lydia, widow of Samuel; d Nov. 26, 1866 aged 80y 10m 7d

Mortimer D.; d July 27, 1910 aged 63y

Samuel; d Feb. 4, 1827 aged 50y 9m 20d

Samuel, son of Samuel & Lydia; d Aug. 26, 1811 aged 2m 25d

Submitted by George **Latta Sr.**,
georgelattasr@gmail.com.

14. I hope that someone can tell us who Lucille **Latta** is. Submitted by Paula **Gruginski**, Vice President, capt_paula@hotmail.com.

**Col. Lucille Latta**

Hartranft Post No 3 Guthrie, Oklahoma
Commissioned Feb. 18 1910
Age 9 years.

Election of Officers

The polls are now closed and the votes for president and treasurer of the Latta Genealogy Society have been counted. The tally shows a unanimous vote for both offices as follows:

President - Kenneth A. Mueller

Treasurer - Beryl K. Redfield

The members have resoundingly spoken by recognizing the leadership, dedication and commitment you have brought to our group and to the furtherance of our research of our Latta ancestors, and are, accordingly, requesting that you continue to serve another term in the office you now hold. Thanks to all LGS member who actively participated in the voting, and congratulations to both of you. Regards,

Ken Erdle, ken.erdle@gmail.com

Branch Captain 51 and vote counter

**Latta Genealogy
Society Annual Meeting
19 Aug. 2010
Bellevue, Washington**

By: Paula Gruginski, Vice President,
paulagruginski@msn.com

The meeting was hosted by Virginia Curulla (Br. 22) and chaired by Paula Gruginski (Br 1) V. P. of Research.

In attendance were : Virginia and Joe Curulla; Paula Gruginski; Cathi Vanice, Washington, and Connie Leaman; Washington.

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Agenda:

Announcement of those elected for President and Treasurer

President: Ken Mueller

Treasurer: Beryl K. Redfield

Activities pursued by Ken as President:

I have printed and mailed the newsletters on a timely basis, and printed and mailed the ballots so that the officer elections could occur on time. We have bylaw requirements and terms of office limited to 2 years per election. Also, we have found and preserved several historic Latta documents, such as the Elden Latta postcards, Latta biographies, and even an old Latta genealogy book. For next year, I would like to see more involvement by our branch captains in sending me current events to publish, branch history summaries, Latta biographies, Latta veteran stories, and more.

Discussions and Questions:

What are we going to do about our annual meetings?

~2011 Meeting:

Regional annual meetings as a way of developing local and more widespread interest. These could be attractive to new Latta researchers who otherwise are just "lurking". Such meetings could be the responsibility of each board member and/or branch captain to instigate at least once a year in the vicinity of where they live. (AKA "the coordinator"). The place could be a restaurant or public library or wherever convenient --not necessarily someone's home. The board member/branch captain would be responsible to plan the agenda and lead the meeting -- or get someone else to do so.

The treasurer could share the names of LGS members who live in the region or vicinity so that these people could be contacted by the coordinator or someone else in the region -- by email, phone, postcard.

~Who is going to take on helping a new person ?

The Branch Captains would have visibility of which members might be more closely related to the person and would ask them to help new members.

~How to attract new members ?

The idea of a person appointed by the Board to function as a Volunteer Solicitor and coordinator to assist in reaching out to various media to make Latta family aware of our group interest in the Family.

The coordinator might even call Latta surname individuals in the phone book ?

Upgrading our data base on the website would be very helpful in attracting new people.

~Incorporating a lineage question for new members ?

Would be a lot easier for them to connect with others in their Branch and a lot easier to assist them if they need help. Paula will ask the Board to incorporate such a question on the enrollment application.

~Northern Ireland Researcher. Paula has been in contact a candidate for Northern Ireland research and she has made a recommendation to the board to utilize the services of this researcher for our specific needs in the north of Ireland. Following the guidelines set forth by Sherry Irvine in the 2000 - 2002 evaluation the initial attempt will be to locate data on the immigrant ancestor's lines for Branches 1, 3, 16, 32 and 8. Branches 1 and 8 presently appear to have the same ancestor.

~DNA research and testing. Virginia shared some DNA reports that she has received. We need increasing participation in this role. We should encourage DNA testing for each branch and continue to offer scholarships for it.

It would be helpful to see the DNA map published in newsletter.

Virginia told of one prior case last year when we paid for the testing for another member of Branch 22 who was willing to participate. The results were very helpful.

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This leads to the branch combining and connections. I think that more DNA studies may connect branches, and research with publication into the pre Civil War days of Latta ancestors. Some branches have already been connected this way.

~It might be interesting (with permission) for a newsletter to include a migration map for our Latta Surname.

~A goal for the next year is to facilitate getting our web page to be fully accessible and for all Branches.

An Example of a Family Society Meeting

By: Kathy Latta, Secretary Historian,
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One of my away trips of course was the one to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library. This trip came about through my friend who accompanied me to your place last year. Dianne got interested in genealogy and for Christmas last year paid for her dad and son to get their DNA done.

Her dad got a hit at 5 or 6 generations and the fellow was the president of the Purcell Family of America. I believe they are incorporated as well. They had their Reunion, get together, in SLC and Dianne wanted me to go. They had an interesting fund raiser. At the big dinner hosted in the hotel they had a room set up with tables on which they displayed articles collected over the year or donated by individuals. There were police badges with name Purcell on them, paintings by Purcells, books, comics etc.

It was one of those auctions where a paper beside the item had lines on it where people could write up their bids and after supper the winners were announced. Another thing they did with

the entry payment was to make a keep sake for the event. For this event a glass scented candle holder was made with the bottom of the inside place for the candle embossed with "Purcell Family of America", and the year of the event. The event was well attended by about 50 people, including one who came from as far away as Australia.

Northern Ireland Researcher

By: Paula Gruginski, Vice President of Research, paulagruginski@msn.com.

I have interviewed and made recommendation to the Board of directors that we utilize the services of Eva Dougherty Gremmert as a researcher in Northern Ireland. That decision was supported by the Board. Please note that the funds used were donated exclusively for use in Irish Research.

Eva, a known resource and speaker on Irish genealogy, started working on her own Grandfathers who came from Co. Donegal Ireland, one of which was an Ulster Scott, over 30 years ago. She resides in Washington, but owns a house in County Donegal and goes there about 4 times a year for at least a month. She is also experienced in researching in Scotland.

Eva prefers a very focused approach and agreed to beginning our work based on the branches identified by the 2000 – 2002 evaluation by Sherry Irvine as a starting point on Branches 1, 3, 16, 32, and 8 (Branches 1 and 8 appear to have the same immigrant ancestor). Sherry based this decision on proximity on the map and also the commonality of the naming of male children within these Branches.

It would be helpful to have input from you on the immigrant ancestors that are connected with those Branches. A Family Group sheet of your first generation would be very helpful in the organization of this research. You may e-mail me at paulagruginski@msn.com, or write to the editor, Ken Mueller.

Eva plans to leave in early October for Ireland so an immediate response would be very helpful.
