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## Lattas in the Civil War – Branch 7

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Second Lieutenant Henry Clay Latta was “mortally wounded” and died on November 10, 1864 according to the “Morning Report” of General Hospital #4, Richmond, Virginia (See Exhibit I). Notwithstanding, Exhibit II indicates that he was “killed, October 27, 1864.” Still, Exhibit III shows that “he died on or about November 10-12, 1864, of wounds.” Whenever Henry Clay Latta actually died, he was 22 years old as can be determined by Exhibit IV – showing that he was 19 when he volunteered for service on February 1, 1862, as a “private.”

Henry Clay Latta (or Henry C. Latta or H.C. Latta, as his name alternately appears in various Confederate States of America (CSA) documents, was 5’10” tall, single, and a farmer when he volunteered. His likeness is shown in Photograph A. According to a secondary source, David K. Latta, there were 15 members of Latta Branch 7 who served in the CSA, but Henry Clay Latta is the only one known to have an existing photo. Underneath Photograph A is this citation: “In memory/Second Lieutenant/ Henry C. Latta.” The photo (taken March 28, 2007) is of a memorial paving brick in the then newly constructed walkway in the Confederate Section of Oakwood Cemetery, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. It is highly appropriate for Henry Clay Latta to be recognized in this manner since it is not known where he was buried though it appears certain that he died in a Richmond, Virginia hospital (Exhibit I). Moreover, even though North Carolina was the last state to join the CSA, it provided more troops than any other state, with

correspondingly more casualties.

While not a casualty of the war *per se*, Henry Clay Latta’s older brother, Simpson Latta, was discharged on May 26, 1862 for reasons of “debilities and peritonitis chronic,” according to a book entitled “The Bloody Sixth: The Sixth North Carolina Regiment Confederate States of America.” This history was written by Richard W. Iobst, with “Roster of the Troops” by Louis H. Manarin (see p.311 for Simpson Latta). In this book, there is a narrative about the Reactivated Regiment written by Wade Lucas. One interesting aspect about Simpson’s name is that the “family list” of children shows his name to be “G. Simpson” but his military record shows his name to be “Simpson J.” Latta, and as being a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> NC Infantry, as does also the book above. The same “family list” of children also includes the name of Henry Clay Latta, Simpson’s younger brother. “The Bloody Sixth”

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### Editorial

I am excited to see so much activity by Latta researchers. There is DNA research, Civil War research, Latta biographies, the Latta Family on Facebook, and challenging inquiries from Latta researchers trying to connect with their Latta relatives. I recall way back in 1996 Paul Calhoun and George Latta started this newsletter to bring us together and find out more about ourselves. Look how far we have come since then. Think about how far we can yet go. Let's keep up the good work and continue to share your results with everyone here at our newsletter.

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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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**Lattas in the Civil War – Branch 7**

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book provides the following information about Simpson Latta: born in Orange County, NC, where he resided as a farmer and enlisted as a private at age 22, on May 1, 1861. It is likely that Simpson Latta influenced his brother to join the Cause, because Henry Clay Latta enlisted about 3 months before his brother's discharge.

Henry Clay Latta was born in Orange County, NC, but resided in Granville County, NC, when he joined the "Tar River Rebels" as a private in Company E. Captain Robert L. Heflin's company was officially known as Company E. The company was enlisted in Granville County in February-March, 1862. It was mustered in at Camp Mangum, near Raleigh, NC. This is where Company E was assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, NC Troops. The company functioned thereafter as a part of the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and its exploits for the remainder of the war were reported as part of the regimental history (see Exhibit III). The 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, NC Troops, Company E, was made of A.P. Hill's 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps, Henry Heth's Division, and John Cook's Brigade, which is where Henry Clay Latta was a part of the Battle of Hatchess Run on October 27, 1864, and where it was reported that he was "mortally wounded" as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. (See Exhibits I, II and III.)

While Henry Clay Latta was mustered in for duty as a private, he quickly rose through the ranks, being promoted to Corporal sometime prior to February 1, 1862 (see Exhibits III and IV, plus his "Roll of Honor" service card), and then promoted to Sergeant between November-December 1862 (Exhibits III and IV). He was present or accounted for until wounded in the face on December 13, 1862 at Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Henry Clay Latta "acted with distinguished gallantry and refused to leave the field" (see Exhibit III, as well as Exhibits V, VI and VII. Note: this latter Exhibit VII shows the name to be "Lattie," but all other facts are consistent with the primary documents for Henry Clay Latta.) He was able to

return to duty in January-February 1863. Exhibit III shows that Henry Clay Latta was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on March 30, 1863, however other documents show that he was "elected" (see Exhibit VIII) or "promoted" (see Exhibit IX) on February 11, 1863. Both of these exhibits show the promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on February 11, 1863 instead of the March 30, 1863 date shown on Exhibit III. According to the records, Henry Clay Latta was present and accounted for until he was wounded again in action on June 15, 1864. He returned to duty in July-August 1864. He was again present and accounted for until he was wounded in the back, likely the cause of his eventual death, at Burgess' Mill, Virginia, on October 27, 1864 (Exhibit III).

Henry Clay Latta's father was named Henderson Latta. While photograph B, date unknown, shows his likeness, Henderson Latta was born on June 20, 1811 in Orange County, NC. He died on August 28, 1895 and was buried in Stem, NC, located in Granville County. Henderson Latta's will dated February 7, 1894 was probated by his youngest son, and Henry Clay Latta's youngest brother, Allen Latta.

As can be ascertained by the dates of the birth of Henderson Latta, he was 50 years old at the beginning of the war and lived through and until nearly 30 years after the War ended. What he saw or did during this time is not known. What is known is that he married Ann Rhew from Stem, North Carolina, on November 6, 1834 and they had 9 children. Their names and year of birth are recorded as follows: Sarah Hopkins, 1836; G. Simpson (believed to be Simpson J.), 1836; Harrison R., 1840; Henry Clay, 1842; Mary June, 1846; Luena (or Lucinda), 1848; Louisa, 1848; Allen, 1850; Ann, about 1854.

Henry Clay Latta's youngest brother, Allen, was born February 26, 1850, and died on January 28, 1911. His wife, Emily Sneed Ragland, was born on September 6, 1850 and died on March 28, 1911. One might question why Allen did not serve alongside his brothers; however the best likely answer is that he was only 15 as the war ended.

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Allen Latta was married in 1873 and had 12 children during the next 18 years. He and his wife had their first child on July 4, 1875 and named him Henry Clay Latta, almost surely in memory of his older brother who died during the war. The names and birth dates of Allen's children are recorded as follows (Photograph C): Henry Clay, July 4, 1875; Annie Elizabeth, June 1, 1876; Alice Blanche, June 1, 1877; Joseph Lucious, 1878; Alex Allen, October 24, 1879; Thomas, possibly 1880; John Irvin, June 3, 1881; Eunice Standgrove, July 22, 1883; Hazel Clyde, October 31, 1884; Mary Emma, September 19, 1887; Viola Henderson, December 21, 1891; Wade Simpson, about 1893.

The death dates are unknown for all of the preceding except for Alex Allen Latta (known as A.A. Latta), the grandfather of E. Michael Latta and great grandfather of Stanley M. Latta (the authors of this article). A.A. lived with his oldest son, Carlyle Alexander Latta and his wife Anna Blanche Gordon Latta during the last 12 years of his life. A.A. Latta died on March 12, 1962 and is buried next to his wife Pauline Overton at Corinth Baptist Church in Granville County, NC. During the marriage of A.A. and Pauline Latta, they had ten children.

In summary, it appears from all accounts that Henry Clay Latta was a soldier's soldier – in volunteering for duty and in doing his duty. Wounded at least three times and placed on the Confederate Roll of Honor, with recognition for "outstanding men who displayed courage and good conduct on the field of battle," were likely reasons why he rose through the ranks so quickly during a 2.5 year span of service. While a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, he was paid \$80 a month, and Exhibit X shows his legible signature along with his troop information. For his efforts, he lost his life; however at the cost of his life, Henry Clay Latta protected the South and his family – both that he surely loved.

This article was prepared by E. Michael Latta and his son, Stanley M. Latta, based upon family records as well as microfilm copies of actual records residing in the North Carolina State Archives. Both men are life members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and also of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. If errors of omission or commission are found, please contact stanlatta@usa.com.

(CONFEDERATE.)

L 46 N.C.

*H. C. Latta*  
Lieut. Col. 46 Reg. N.C.

Appears on a

**Morning Report**

of General Hospital No. 4,  
at Richmond, Va.,  
for Nov. 11, 1864

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Admitted         | 186           |
| Returned to duty | 186           |
| Discharged       | 186           |
| Deserted         | 186           |
| Died             | Nov. 10, 1864 |
| When furloughed  | 186           |
| Time             |               |
| When transferred | 186           |
| Where            |               |
| Remarks:         |               |

Back me:

(054)

*Henry Clay Latta*

Exhibit I.

(CONFEDERATE.)

L 46 N.C.

*H. C. Latta*  
Lieut. Col. 46 Reg. N.C.

Appears on a

**Roster**

of the Forty-sixth (46) Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, Cooke's Brigade, Heth's Division, Hill's (34) Corps, Army Northern Virginia. Organized April 4, 1862.

Roster dated Nov. 10, 1864

|                                                                 |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Date of entry or muster into State service                      | 186 |
| Date of entry or muster into Confederate service                | 186 |
| Date of rank, and whether by appointment, election or promotion | 186 |
| Date and cause of vacancy                                       | 186 |
| Name of successor                                               |     |
| Remarks:                                                        |     |

*Henry Clay Latta*

Exhibit II.

North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865 Vol. XI - Infantry  
 Raleigh, North Carolina  
 Division of Archives + History, 1987  
 COS. D & E, 46TH REGIMENT N.C. TROOPS

p. 177

## COMPANY E

This company, known as the "Tar River Rebels," was raised in Granville County and was enlisted in Granville County in February-March, 1862. It was mustered in at Camp Mangum, near Raleigh, April 16, 1862, and was assigned to the 46th Regiment N.C. Troops as Company E. The company functioned thereafter as part of the 46th Regiment, and its history for the remainder of the war is reported as a part of the regimental history.

The information contained in the following roster was compiled primarily from a company muster-in and descriptive roll dated April 16, 1862, and from company muster rolls for July 1, 1862-June 30, 1863, and September 1, 1863-December 31, 1864. No company muster rolls were located for May 1-June 30, 1862; July 1-August 31, 1863; or for the period after December 31, 1864. Valuable information was obtained from primary records such as the North Carolina adjutant general's Roll of Honor, discharge certificates, medical records, prisoner of war records, newspaper casualty lists, and pension applications. Secondary sources such as postwar rosters and histories, cemetery records, and records of the United Daughters of the Confederacy also provided useful information.

## LIEUTENANTS

## LATTA, HENRY C., 2nd Lieutenant

Born in Orange County and resided in Granville County where he was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Granville County at age 19, February 1, 1862. Mustered in as Private. Promoted to Corporal prior to September 1, 1862. Promoted to Sergeant in November-December, 1862. Present or accounted for until wounded in the face on December 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he "acted with distinguished gallantry and refused to leave the field." Returned to duty in January-February, 1863. Appointed 2nd Lieutenant on March 30, 1863. Present or accounted for until wounded in action on June 15, 1864. Returned to duty in July-August, 1864. Present or accounted for until wounded in the back at Burgess' Mill, Virginia, October 27, 1864. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, where he died on or about November 10-12, 1864, of wounds.

Henry Clay Latta

Exhibit II

Confederate

L 46 N.C.

Henry C. Latta

Co. E 46 Reg't North Carolina Troops

Appears on a Roll of Honor of the organization named above.

County Granville

Date of entrance into service Feb 1 1862

Age 19 Vol. E Company

Died or Discharged, and when

Remarks: Wounded at Fredericksburg, Va. Dec 13, 1862. Returned to duty in Jan-Feb 1863. Appointed 2nd Lt. March 30, 1863. Wounded in action June 15, 1864. Died Nov 10-12, 1864.

Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina in accordance with provisions enacted by the General Assembly of that State in December 1870. This card was made from the original report forwarded from the Adjutant General of North Carolina, N. C. 1871-42.

(572)

Henry Clay Latta

Exhibit II

Confederate

L 46 N.C.

Henry C. Latta

Co. E 46 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)

Appears on a Roster of the Forty-sixth (46) Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, Cooke's Brigade, Heth's Division, Hill's (3d) Corps, Army, Northern Virginia. Organized April 4, 1862.

Roster dated Apr 1862

Date of entry or muster into State service, 1862

Date of entry or muster into Confederate service, 1862

Date of rank, and whether by appointment, election or promotion, Promoted Feb 11, 1863

Date and cause of vacancy, Killed Dec 13, 1862

Name of successor

Remarks:

Book mark:

(549)

Henry Clay Latta

Exhibit IX

(Confederate)  
46 N.C.

*Henry Clay Latta*  
Latta, Co. 46 Reg't North Carolina Troops

Appears on a  
Roll of Honor  
of the organization named above.

County *Granville*  
Date of entrance into service *July 1862*  
Age *24*; Vol. or Conscript  
Died or discharged, and when

Remarks: *Wounded in face at Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 13, 1862. He was taken to the hospital and remained there until he was discharged on Jan. 1, 1863.*

Computed in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina in accordance with the resolutions passed by the General Assembly of that State on December 20, 1862. This card was made from the original record borrowed from the Adjutant General of North Carolina—M. B. 1071317.

(1071) *J. W. Wilkinson* Copyist.

*Henry Clay Latta*

Exhibit I

(CONFEDERATE)  
L 46 N.C.

*Henry Clay Latta*  
Latta  
Pvt. Co. A. 46th NC

Appears on a  
LIST  
of casualties, in Ransom's Division, in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, and the fighting previous and subsequent to that affair.  
List dated *not dated*, 1862

Date *13th*, 1862  
Remarks: *wounded in face*

Series 1, Vol. 21, page 625.

SEAROMSTEIN Copyist.  
1371

Exhibit VII

(Confederate)  
L 46 N.C.

*H. C. Latta*  
Sergeant, Co. E, 46 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

Appears on  
Regimental Return  
of the organization named above,  
for the month of *December*, 1862

Commissioned officers present and absent:

Station  
Remarks:

Alterations since last return among the enlisted men:  
Date *1862*  
Place  
Remarks:

Enlisted men on Extra or Daily Duty:

Absent enlisted men accounted for:  
*Wounded, Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg*

(644) *J. W. Wilkinson* Copyist.

*Henry Clay Latta*

Exhibit II

(Confederate)  
L 46 N.C.

*H. C. Latta*  
Sgt., Co. E, 46 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)

Appears on a  
Roster  
of the Forty-sixth (46) Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, Cooke's Brigade, Hub's Division, Hill's (3d) Corps, Army Northern Virginia—Organized April 2, 1862.

Roster dated *Nov*, 1862

Date of entry by muster into State service, 1862

Date of entry or muster into Confederate service, 1862

Date of rank, and whether by appointment, election or promotion, *listed*, 1862

Date and cause of vacancy, *Resistant 11, 1863*

Name of successor, *John C. Russell*

Remarks:

Book number:

(645) *J. W. Wilkinson* Copyist.

*Henry Clay Latta*

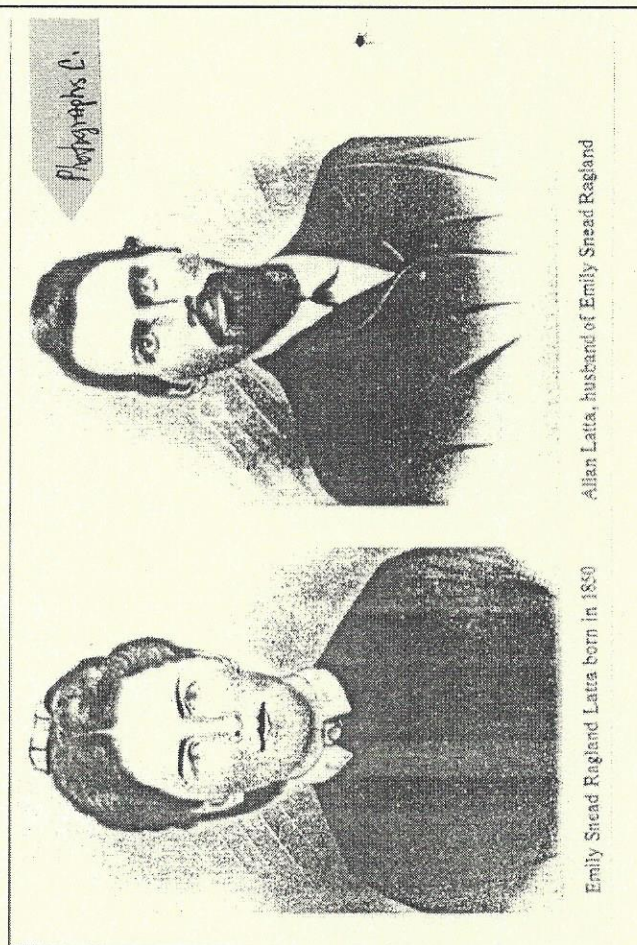
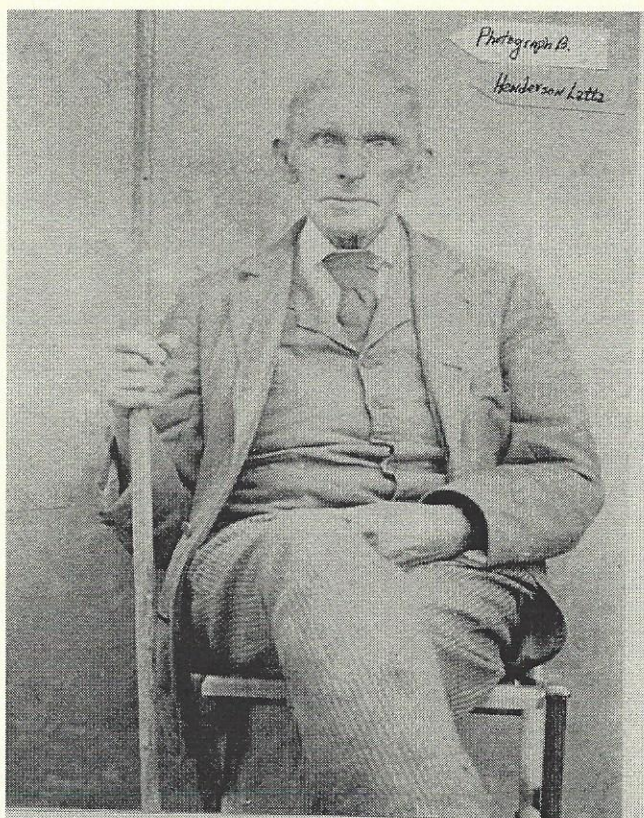
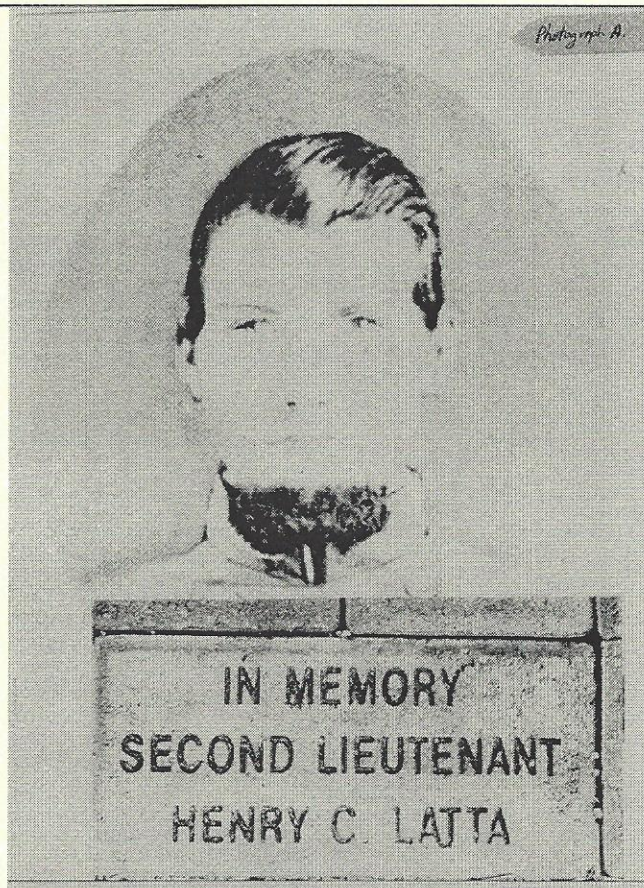
Exhibit VIII

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1997

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## Branch 22 Y-DNA Patterns

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The Latta Genealogy Society sponsors a Y-DNA Latta surname group with Family Tree DNA. Administrators are Robert Hawkins (female ancestor Latta branch 22) and Kathy Latta, branch 16. Their email addresses are:

bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net and  
lattakj@telusplanet.net. Please see their full addresses in this newsletter on page two.

Branch 22 Lattas who have been tested for Y-DNA are remarkably similar to other Latta men in the group. The first branch 22 Latta submitted his sample in 2005. The second branch 22 Latta, a known 6th cousin, sent in his sample 4 years later, in 2009. Both men are descended from Matthew Latta, the pioneer in Woodford county Kentucky in the 1790s.

What is more remarkable is how these branch 22 DNA samples were like each other. They showed the same two differences from most of the other Lattas in the group.

Each branch 22 sample had a mutation on DYS442, value = 11. Twenty-nine of 30 other Latta surname men had value = 12. Each branch 22 sample also had in common another unique mutation, value = 9, on DYS511. Thirty other Lattas have a value of 10 in the same position.

Just this past year, a Latty (their family's traditional spelling) descendant of Burlington, Iowa sent in a DNA sample and requested a 37-marker analysis. His ancestor is Alexander Latty of Gallatin (later Trimble County), living in Kentucky in the early 1800s. There was an Alexander Latta/Lathey listed next to Matthew Latta in the Woodford County, KY tax rolls during the 1790s. After several years Alexander Lattey "disappeared", but simultaneously, Alexander Latty and his family came into view in North Central Kentucky.

Alexander Latty and Matthew Latta told similar stories of emigrating from "Maryland". (Family tradition in Latty family and Robert Latta

Collection, Rare Book Room, Library of Congress.) Because of confusion over the Mason Dixon line, these families could have actually lived in south-eastern Pennsylvania. This and other evidence have led branch 22 researchers to hypothesize that this Alexander and Matthew probably were brothers or at least closely related.

This third sample from the Iowa Latty descendant had a Y-DNA pattern very similar to most of the Lattas tested. And his profile was even more like that of the two Branch 22 Latta men. Latty shows the same mutation on DYS442 as the two branch 22 Lattas, differing in the same way that they do from 29 other Lattas tested. If Latty were to upgrade his Y-DNA results to 67 markers, we would know if he also shows the mutation on DYS511 that appears unique to the two known Latta descendants from branch 22.

Examination of the marker values for the Latta surname group as a whole suggests that branch 22 is likely to be most closely related to branches 1, 3, and 7. Please refer to the Advanced Matches tab to look at these results for yourself if you have been tested for Y-DNA.

Even if you have not been tested, you can see the Latta surname group report by clicking on the following link (or type it in your menu bar) to see results for those who have.

( [www.familytreedna.com/public/LATTA-Gene.Society/](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/LATTA-Gene.Society/) ) See the blue bar near the top, click on the "Y-DNA Results", and chose "colorized".

We would know more about how various branches are likely to be most closely connected if those Lattas who have been tested at the 12 to 37 marker level were to upgrade their results to the 67 marker level.

Testing of additional Latta males from other branches also would give us clues about where to concentrate our standard research in order to look for common ancestors.

Please see the article about the availability of Y-DNA testing scholarship funds in the article on page 23.

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**Branch 22 Y-DNA Patterns**

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Go to the Family Tree DNA webpage and check out the Latta Surname DNA group study for yourself! Consider participating and/or adding to the scholarship funds. Let's really benefit from the science available to us in advancing our Latta Genealogy!

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**Frances Gladys Latta Dunn**

By: Eileen Hook, Branch 4,  
ehook54@comcast.net

My grandmother, Frances Gladys Latta Dunn, was born in Lewiston (Model City), New York on May 30, 1899. Her father, Walter Romaine Latta, was a carpenter, and her mother, Adelle Angela Bartholomew Latta, kept house. Frances had two older brothers and one older sister. When she was two, a younger brother was born but only lived a short while, her mother dying as well. I remember Grandma telling me it was the midwife's fault as she did not know her business and caused the death of both her mother and little brother. Little Frances was left in the care of her older sister Eva, 14 years old at the time. Their family's life in New York and later in California is told below in grandma's words.

She loved to write and wrote many short stories, some about her own life and some about other family members. Grandma Frances died February 11, 1989 in San Mateo, California after a short illness. She told me many times she wanted to live to the year 2000 and thus live in three centuries, but it was not to be.

NOTE: There are 21 pages here; there is a gap between pages 10 and 17, whereabouts unknown. If pages are found, they will be added.

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**1930 Census Report on  
Frances G. Dunn**

In the U.S. Census taken 10 April 1930 in Assembly district 14, Sacramento City, Sacramento County, California, enumeration district 34-60, sheet 10A, family 264, the Walter R. Dunn family is listed as follows:

Dunn, Walter R., Head, owns home, value \$3000, has a radio, white, male, age 43, married, age 23 at first marriage, born in Kansas, father and mother born in Ohio, Lawyer, Law Firm.

— Frances G., wife-H, female, white, age 30, married, first marriage at age 21, born in New York, father born in New York, mother born in Wisconsin, occupation none.

— James R., son, white, male, age 8, single, born in California, father born in Kansas, mother born in New York, occupation none.

— Glen K., son, white, male, age 6, single, born in California, father born in Kansas, mother born in New York, occupation none.

— Donald W., son, white, male, age 5, single, born in California, father born in Kansas, mother born in New York, occupation none.

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By: Frances Gladys Latta Dunn

**COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE**

I met Dick [Walter R. Dunn] at the end of my first semester at U.C. in Berkeley. That was in 1920 just before I was to take my first finals. It was a Sunday evening when a group of mixed sexes met for a hike and picnic up behind the big "C." I had been delayed upstairs for a few minutes so when I reached the sidewalk, the rest had all been introduced to all the others. I joined my friends and we

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walked slowly towards the hill and up the slope. I walked along behind some of the men and girls and somewhere there I said something that caused a laugh. Dick laughed and then, as he said afterwards, he just started to follow me and never stopped. But I was the one who followed him to the picnic spot he had chosen. He handed me carefully across a small stream and then I sat beside him and shared my sandwiches with him. He always said they were the best chicken sandwiches he had ever eaten. Well, that was the beginning.

I worked that summer in Berkeley, caring for some children for my board and room and a small stipend besides. It gave us a chance to become acquainted and within two weeks, he told me he was in love. Well, what was I to say but that I loved him too. He was a practicing attorney in Oakland and we managed to get together at least once a week that summer. By fall, we decided to marry but my family said not yet. But we insisted and on Thanksgiving Day 1920, we planned a Christmas wedding. I announced my engagement when returning to college after that short holiday. The girls I knew who were among the eating group and the church group I associated with, gave me a towel and dust cloth shower. I also had finals during the next few weeks, but passed them with flying colors.

Aunt Mary and Uncle Fred Latta lived on a ranch near Los Altos, California, and since all the immediate family was to be present for Christmas, we decided to have the ceremony there. I recall that I have mentioned this in an earlier page so will not repeat much. Mr. Landels came from San Jose for the wedding ceremony and Dick and I drove him back to the station so he could spend the rest of that day with his family. He had two sons whom I knew in high school, so it made the ceremony a bit more friendly. A fine dinner and then we two drove to an East Oakland Hill where he had tried to fix up an old house for me. We worked at it and even planted a vegetable garden.



My Grandma, Frances Gladys Latta Dunn

By May of 1921, we had sold our lease and went to Sacramento where he had a job as an editor of a union paper.

Then for several months, he worked in the Southern Pacific Yards as a car builder. Some time during his early days in Sacramento, he had seen several attorneys for a possible job. One of these was the firm of Devlin & Devlin, S.P. attorneys. After James Robert was born in October 1921, we used some of our small savings to take a trip to L.A. and saw something of the Southland. Returning to Sacto, and still living in a rented and furnished apartment, we began to look for another place. Finally, we found a house with full basement on You Street which we could buy for \$225

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down and \$30 a month. That was just about our ability to pay then. But as luck would have it, Mr. William Devlin called one day and asked Dick if he would come see him at his office. This resulted in almost ten years of regular salary each month beginning at \$150 per month. It gave Dick a chance to show what he could do, in court and in writing briefs, most for S.P. cases. He loved that work and did a good job for the next few years. Regular raises made our life a bit easier even though we increased our family to three, with two more boys; Glen in 1923 and Donald in 1924.

During the twenties, we made a few changes in our home, raised a garden of sorts each year, built a garage, planted trees in the back yard and shade trees in front along with wisteria and hoped for shade around the house. We also used the basement for making wine of some fine Mission grapes bought from vineyards around about. Yes, this was in the days of Prohibition, and we were just a few of the many who made their own. I didn't like wine then and I don't like wine now, but then it made little difference. Most of our friends were doing the same things or worse. When we left Sacto for the Bay Area, we had a party and used a lot of that forbidden wine for our guests, 24 of them.

Jim went to Coloma School, kindergarten, followed at intervals by Glen and Don. I joined the PTA and even had a baby shower before Don was born, so I must have been a member at least by 1923. I needed friends and found them there. Three of us became a trio, piano, violin, and cello. Then I also had the fun of accompanying a dancer several times when she danced on programs. I loved that. A neighbor planned to buy a radio station located in the Senator Hotel and I was to become station pianist. His plans fell through and so I lost out. But our trio did play a program one night on KFBK radio. Some comments, and we hoped for more unpaid jobs, but they seemed to fall through. I wonder if we hadn't moved to San Mateo if my music might have been used more

locally but one never knows and at this time I can only wonder.

Vacations were usually spent on camping trips. We took off at the drop of a weekend and explored almost all of Northern California. We found some covered bridges and fishing pools in out of the way places. Our first camping trip was in May 1921 when Dick and I went to Placerville and asked about the road to the American River. "Pretty slick," answered a local. It was, and we found out what he meant before coming home. We encountered snow, rain, and very slippery roads, none paved in those days. But we did find a good place to camp and went back in July that year to Silver Creek, staying for two weeks, catching trout each day and having a wonderful time. We seldom went to the same place more than once although Dick did go back to that area on hunting trips later. We learned to camp with few items most folks can't do without. But we seemed to love the primitive and gloried in it. It wasn't until we went to Canada in 1930 that we bought our first tent and then didn't use it until about 1935 when we went to Yosemite early in the season and because of rain, we put up the tent.

Another item of interest we occupied our time with in Sacto [Sacramento] was our first boat. Dick had played with boats as a boy and his father and he built a sailing boat on the Mississippi called "Gypsy Queen," which they sailed down the river to Memphis where Dick left it and his father because they couldn't agree on something or other. At that time, Dick had run away from his home, his father and California. His father didn't want his daughter Eva nor his son to have an education. No one knew why this was so but both children ran away and got one anyway. Eva went to Normal School and taught school until she married. Dick went to a preparatory school in the east and ended up at the University of Michigan where he took special work in the Law School, receiving a certificate of completion of course. The "Gypsy Queen" was built during one vacation and Dick never lost his love of ships. More on this later.

Our first adventure in boats was a small sixteen

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footer with a Star motor. I helped by holding one end of the nail while the other end was being riveted. Knowing that there were over 5000 copper nails in our small boat, I figured that I held 4999 nail heads while Dick pounded the washer and sharp end to fasten the boards. Some fun! It was built in our side yard. And then one day, it was hauled down to the river and launched. That was an accomplishment and we were a very happy couple. From that time until we left Sacto, we spent a lot of time running up and down the river enjoying the speed and fun of planning since the motor was powerful enough to get the boat on top of the waves. We joined the Yacht Club and had many a nice party on the river during the summer months. One night, we had a barbeque of venison which Dick provided and cooked. Many said how they wanted their steak cooked but Dick told them, "You will eat it as I cook it." Most were rare and much to the surprise of all, they were very good that way. Another time we went up river to a good spot and had some of our very good friends along. Dr. Emil and Bertha Blechschmidt came with several of her delicious lemon chiffon pies. Jim that day was showing off and since the river was deep in that place, we watched with some anxiety as he swam into the deepest place. Dick kept him under observation until he realized that Jim was safe and then did the scolding. These were just some of the river funs we had.

Later we sold the hydroplane and got a larger boat to use around the Bay. But it was not satisfactory as we had to keep it at Pittsburg, too many miles away for pleasure. Then there was the problem of looters. At least twice we got word that somebody had been aboard and once the plug in the bottom had been removed and the boat sank. So we finally sold it and that began our "boat fund" which Dick added to whenever he felt he had some special money that had no urgent need in view. So that while in Burlingame, he felt free to start the big ship that was built in our side yard. (All information of this is in the scrapbook with photos compiled by me in later years.)

I shall give a short story of the reason for our larger ship. Dick wanted to buy one but those that were available were too expensive or too small. So he began to study boat magazines and came up with his idea of an ideal ship for us. We wanted one large enough for all five of us and also strong enough for sailing around the world if we do desired. Thus when he started the boat, it was to be 52 feet long with about eight berths. He began it after a hike into the Sierras which he took at too fast a pace and over 10,000 feet in one day. He came home with an enlarged heart and a doctor's instruction to take it easy for six months and no work. Well, he stayed in bed for two weeks but spent the time reading all about building a boat. Then by auto to the station every morning and evening, by train to S.F., he managed to get his plans all in order so that one day he ordered the first timber to make the keel. From there it is all in the BOOK (Boat book that is.) 1938-1950, sold in 1958.

Not too many years after we left Sacto, we got work one day that Bertha Blechschmidt had passed away. We left immediately for that city as we were very special friends of Doc as he was affectionately called. He had two sons and I recall that the younger, Richard, called Dick seemed to need advice. I felt very honored that he would come to me. We were always good friends. Dick married not too long after that and lived many years near Sacto at Fair Oaks but had his business mainly in the city. He became Assessor of Sacramento County and died in office. Another son, Fred, was a good friend and still is. He lives in Boulder City, Arizona or is it Nevada, with his wife Toria. I recall that he once asked me for help in his college chemistry. I could only give him my high school chem book but it helped him, he told me. He became an engineer and helping building dams throughout the west. Mostly dirt ones and I saw one near Huron, South Dakota some years ago.

Then Doc pulled a fast one. He sent a letter one day with the announcement of his marriage to Martha Hess. This was a shock to us as we considered his first wife to be very special. But we had no idea that we would take Martha to our hearts even more

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than Bertha Martha was a fine one in height but at first found and happy with laughing eyes and cheerful disposition. She had second sight she said and I have no reason to believe otherwise. She showed this perception several times while she lived to me and mine. They were a happy couple and we both loved them dearly. They would come from Sacto for a weekend visit and the two men would sit and play gin rummy by the hour and laugh heartily at the end of every game. Then they would talk about anything of interest to them, sometimes seriously sometimes in fun. But they seemed to be very compatible. Dick made few close friends.

Another couple in Burlingame was the Dawsons. They lived a couple blocks away from our Broadway home on Cabrillo Avenue. They had two sons and three daughters. We also found a common interest in playing Michigan Whist.

Also the men were employees of the PG&E Company and so had another common interest. We were rather lost when they moved to Pittsburg, California, and after World War II we didn't see them again.

Dick joined the Lions' Club in Oak Park at Sacto and had good comradeship with some fine men. At times when he had to be out of town, and couldn't be present at the weekly meeting, I would go in his place and played the piano for their singing. I also played for the violinist I mentioned in another page. Once I told my fish story as if it happened to Dick and the men really shouted with joy. I had a wonderful time with them. When we left Sacramento for the Bay Area, we had a farewell dinner party on New Year's Eve for twenty four men and women from that group. Good friends!

When my own father was a seventeen year old, he had a chance to go to Annapolis and a Navy career. He had the appointment but his mother said no; "Who would take care of him if he got sick and who would mend his clothes?" So he didn't go even though two years later she changed her mind, but it was too late; there was no appointment then. in charge of some fighting ship of that time. So

When the First World War came along, Dad felt real regret that he might have been an admiral and when my brother's grandson, Milton Latta got an appointment to Annapolis, I felt that Dad was going to have at least some member of his family in his Navy. But Milton went 2-1/2 years and resigned. He was not getting what he wanted out of the training, what would be his for his life work. I was really disappointed. I did have the satisfaction of having my son Jim get into the Second World War as an officer on an LST and get into several sea fights. Fortunately, he was not hurt nor was any of his comrades. Jim transferred to UWD before the end and spent some time in Hawaii learning how to land on Honshu when the time would come. And then came the bombs and the end of the war. We were all happy at that. The other two boys were not taken into any service much to their regret but much to my joy.

While in Sacto, we explored much of Northern California and had many enjoyable camping trips. We thought nothing of packing up on Friday evening and going off to some unknown spot. Our open touring car was a Star in those days and a good car on hills and mountains. No tent, no stove at first although later we got a gasoline two burner, very limited equipment but enamel cups. Those were necessary since aluminum ones held the heat and were hard to manage on cold mornings. While small, the boys slept in the back of the car but as they grew older, they too had the ground as their beds. We made our own sleeping bags in those days and used old blankets for ground cover. Very primitive but we liked it.

I recall one hunting trip that Dick and Jim went on. They were after deer but when they came

home, no deer but all their pockets, hats and available spaces were loaded with stones and rocks. Jim by now had decided he would become a geologist and collected all kinds of pretty rocks and some not so pretty. They did get a few gold nuggets, not enough to be of value. From then on, every time we went anywhere we spent much of our time collecting rocks. In 1935, when the boys and I took off for a tour of the United States at Dick's instigation as

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he would be away much of the summer, we collected many rocks and some good stones from various places in the country. One agate was picked up near the Powder River in Montana and become known as a "fish agate" from the design inside it. When we got to Detroit and picked up our new car there, we had quite a time finding places for all the rocks we had. But we managed. Wouldn't think of throwing any of them out. It was fun anyway.

Coming back to camping, one summer when Glen and Don and their families were camping in Tuolumne Meadows, there was a space between their tents for my bed. Both had tents but I slept under the stars, so close that one could almost teach them at night. Fortunately, it didn't rain. I love to see the moon, stars, and clouds from the mountain tops and from the Meadows are almost on the top. But there same a time when it was more comfortable to have a bed and when Dick and I went on trips to the East after Jim and family moved there, we always stopped at motels. Most were good. We enjoyed our comfort as we got older. I don't think I ever had a spanking from my sister, Eva. She punished me by talking quietly and that was worse than any pain from a real honest to goodness spanking. My Dad spanked me once and I don't blame him at this distance. This all happened while we lived on Cleveland Ave in Niagara Falls. Next door was a family of Italians with many relatives and boarders as well. How many I don't know but my family didn't want me to associate with any of them. It was an attractive place for a six year old child. One evening Dad, my brother and sister were out looking at the vegetable garden and I went over the fence. Dad called me home and scolded me, telling me not to do that again. Then he went back to look some more. I at once crossed over the fence and Dad called me home and spanked me. I think he felt guilty, as he never did that again. I never went over the fence again either.

Being a child there were many times I deserved it but very seldom was punishment meted out to me

except for the talking and I think a paddling would have been more welcome.

I was a feminine girl with a love of dolls and playing house. I even had a playhouse that I built myself in the back yard of our North Eleventh Street home. My playmate at this time was Ruth Douglas whom I had first known in the second grade at Normal Training School. She lived now at 10<sup>th</sup> and Empire Street across from Grant School. We were good friends then and still are. We seldom see each other but write now and then.

Ruth and I did many things together. When my sister had a birthday, we decided to hemstitch a handkerchief apiece for her. I also sewed on lace to make mine very special. Eva was delighted with our gifts. We also had our own alphabets so that we could write secret letters to each other. Many secrets, too. I wish I could recall what those notes said. But it think it was one of those things that girls tell to each other and then forget at once. We played outside most of the time as I was supposed to be ill at that time. But I never really thought I was and didn't know until years later that I had TB in those days and had to live out of doors as much as possible and be as quiet as could be with no excitement. Now Ruth lives in Oregon after her husband died in Altadena, California. She had a good life with him for over fifty years. As a child, she had told me that if she had a daughter she would name her Vivian. She did! A son also was part of her family and I have forgotten his name. I hope I can get to her home in Oregon one of these days.

In high school, one of my close friends was Thelma Bridges, a very religious girl and the oldest of five girls. She met and married a fine lad from U.C. who became a Presbyterian minister. I visited her and the family in Roseville, California and also in Dixon, California. For a few years we only sent Christmas greetings; then later I heard that they lived near Seattle and got in touch with her again. Carl James died there and Thelma continues to live in the home they built together in a Methodist Complex with complete care in later years. She visited me a couple weeks ago, in February 1976.

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Needless to say, we had fun remembering the good times we had in our young days. She has changed some since her youth. Now she can see the fun in things and freely admitted that she had been a prude — prim and exacting. Now she is a real human being and can tell a joke as well as the next one. I am glad since I also love to joke and gosh and like others to enjoy fun with me.

I think I was a normal mischievous girl, getting into trouble and even being a bit sneaky at times. When I was supposed to be ill and quiet, I got tired of being denied some pleasures I had so enjoyed. One of these was a trip to the movie theater once a week. Eva and I used to enjoy the serials with Pearl White or Francis X. Bushman. There was also Marguerite Clarke and later Mary Pickford. But to get back to the period of my illness, a friend I will call Laura and I took advantage of my family's ignorance and after a quiet morning at Sunday school (no denomination mentioned), I would ask for a nickel and go to my friend's house and the two of us would walk down town to a small neighborhood theater on North Second Street. It only cost a nickel and I enjoyed my stolen sweets the more for my family not knowing how really naughty I was. I told my sister about this many years later and she was really surprised. I may say here that it didn't hurt me a bit, physically. I guess this was the worst thing I ever did.

When the 1939 Exposition was held in San Francisco, Dick and I took our three sons to see the famous "Follies Bergere." I was a bit shocked that he would want the boys to see it but I guess it really didn't hurt any of them a bit. The girls were lovely and the show lived up to its advertising, naughty that is. The boys were 17, 16 and 15 at this time.

For now, this will end the routine part of my life. I am living at an apartment house for older folks called Pilgrim Plaza and have many good friends here. We are now entering our 14<sup>th</sup> year here in San Mateo and I have been active in

Senior Citizen affairs most of the time. Music has played an important part of my activity and from now on, I hope to give more time to convalescent hospitals and rest homes, playing music they like to hear. I am now in my 77<sup>th</sup> year, 1976, the Bicentennial year of the United States of America.

I lived in many different kinds of homes during my time. The first I recall was the one on Cleveland Avenue at Niagara Falls. It was two storied with a large kitchen, a bathroom, dining room, sitting room and a parlor which was seldom used. Upstairs, there were three small bedrooms and I forgot the one bedroom off the sitting room. We had a front entrance, a side door opening into the dining room and a back door off the kitchen. The yard was large and we had a large garden of vegetables.

In California, we had a rented house on South Eleventh Street, number 339. A basement under the house was a couple steps down from the ground level. It made a fine place for playing and I remember that when a bird died in the yard, I buried it in the basement. Later, I dug up the place but found no bones or sign of the bird. I wondered what had become of it and still do.

Then I had two foster homes but only one of importance. It was in East San Jose with the Rieb-sams. They were fine people and did all they could to make me happy. Then when illness made it necessary for me to leave, I was sad. But my loving sister, Eva, came back from the hospital in San Francisco and that made me happy again.

After the operation and I was well on the way to good health, my folks made over the small house they were living in to accommodate us two girls. The storage room was made into a bedroom and kitchen, with a shed in back to be used as a wash room, laundry that is. We had a porch on the side as the front door opened into the living room and there was no place for a door anywhere else. I loved that house and had much fun there. My folks also built a sleeping tent in the back for me and of course my sister slept there with me. It was boarded up about five feet, then 18 inches of screen and a canvas top. I used it for several years. It was here that Ruth Douglas and I made the handkerchiefs for Eva and we also had a secret code for our secrets.

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**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.

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1. Hello Robin, I read your query in the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issue 45, with great interest. I have been working on this family for 47 years and I have never seen any book that really documents the **Latta** history back to Europe in much specific detail except for Brabant, Ireland and Scotland. The Attorney Robert **Latta** while doing family research did send out letters to every **Latta** he could find with some information about "legendary" history of the family, much of it contributed by family members who quoted stories passed down thru their own lines.

What you mention about Oklahoma and Arkansas though might just draw a different picture. There is a book originally published in 1939 in California "**The Lord's Vineyard**" By **F.F. Latta**. Later publications came from the Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville, Arkansas. This book is a history of the **Latta** family originating in South Carolina following the migration of family members to Arkansas. The author begins the book by quoting Atty. Robert **Latta** about probable emigrational routes from Europe, that at this time mostly have not yet been proven by firm documentation.

If you go on line perhaps to Amazon or book sellers dealing in older used books you might well find a viable copy of the book. I do have a copy if there is specific information you want I would be happy to scan a few pages for you.

Now, to the names you mentioned from 1930 census. Via census and death records I can trace that line from Riverside, Co., CA back to Arkansas and then to N. Carolina.

Lloyd N. **Latta**

b: 8 Jan 1916

d: 3 Aug 1987 Riverside, CA

In 1920 the family resided in Park Hill, Cherokee Co., OK

His Father was:

John L. **Latta**

b: 17 Oct 1876 Ark.

d: 22 June 1945 Los Angeles, CA

Mother: Sadie **Henderson**, IL

In 1900 the family lived in Twsp. 15 Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory

His Grandfather:

Thomas F. **Latta**

b: ca. 1851 AR

Mother: Sopronia

1860 the family lived in Bradshaw, Greene Co.,

AR

His Great Grandfather:

William S. **Latta**

b: ca. 1823 NC

Sincerely, Paula L. **Gruginski**, Vice President of Research, Latta Genealogy Society, paulagruginski@msn.com.

2. Dear George, George Grey **Latta** (1848-1910) is buried with other **Lattas** in lots 67 and 68 in section 10 of Hollywood Cemetery in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There's a curb with **Latta** on the step. In those lots are:

Wm. **Brownlow Latta** 1877-1950

George Grey **Latta** 1848-1910

Georgia **Latta** 1877-1921

Annie **Latta** (Our Annie)

Fanny **Brownlow Latta** 1848-1926.

What I've typed above are the inscriptions on the markers. George Grey **Latta**, Georgia **Latta**, and Fanny **Brownlow Latta** are under concrete ledgers.

I can scan and send a map of the cemetery that shows where section 10 is if that would be helpful. Best wishes, Liz **Robbins**.

That information was about:

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.

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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.

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

3. I am hoping that someone maybe able to help me find some information on the family of Margaret (Margareta) **Latta** born about 1874 in Italy and came to the US approximately 1900 (most likely through NY). She later married Anthony **Cuccia** in 1904 in Brooklyn. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mary **Rodriguez**, <http://facebook.com/mj321rod>.

4. I would like to know if there were any journals and/or diaries written by Samuel Nichols **Latta**, born Ross Co., Ohio, May 31, 1818 and appointed Agent of the Indians of the Upper Missouri. I would be particularly interested in any of his communications concerning a Hunkpapa Sioux Chief named Bears **Ribs** who was killed in Ft. Pierre, May 1862. Sincerely, Mike **Allen**, [mikeandmarianne@taosnet.com](mailto:mikeandmarianne@taosnet.com).

5. Looking for anyone with a connection to my great grandmother's **Latta** family. Here is what I have: William C. **Latta** born about 1864, died about 1899. Per marriage license he lived in

Alexandria PA at the time of marriage, per family notes he was killed in a train accident, but can't be verified as of yet.

Minnie Leah **Merritts** born about 1869 died about 1914. Per marriage license she lived at home in Petersburg, PA at the time of marriage. Married in Huntingdon Co., PA on June 28, 1888.

Children:

John **Latta** - Not sure on the accuracy of his name. Was taken from family notes. Per notes he was also killed in a train accident at the age of 21, but have not been able to verify this as of yet.

William Herman **Latta** born August 2, 1895 in Petersburg, Huntingdon, Co. Pa. Died about Jan. 1961 in Marion Co. OH. Married Ethel Gertrude **Weaver** in 1916 in Camp Lee VA. Also lived in Altoona for at time before moving to Marion Co. OH about 1930.

Verna Belle **Latta** (my great grandmother) born April 16, 1890 in Broad Top, Bedford Co. PA. Died Feb. 3, 1990 in Bedford, Bedford Co. PA. Verna was placed in an orphanage at age 12 until an unknown uncle took her to raise according to family notes, but have not been able to verify.

The marriage license states that William's parents were James & Lauara or Luann (can't read the writing) **Latta**. And Minnie's parents were Jacob & unknown **Merritts**. Minnie remarried on May 21 1901 to Edmund William **Hampton** after the death of her 1st husband William C. **Latta**. This is all the information I have been able to find. I have not been able to find a connection to any **Latta** branch to date. Thank you, Joy **Weicht**, [weitzelfamily@natel.net](mailto:weitzelfamily@natel.net), 2394 Teak Ave., Fairfield, IA 52556  
Email: [jweicht821@gmail.com](mailto:jweicht821@gmail.com).

6. 9 Ephraim (3) **Latta**. Interment; Old Perrysville or Presbyterian Cemetery, Green Twp., Ashland Co., Ohio, located at the corner of Bridge and Church St. Church indexed list of names: "Ephram **Latta**, died 1838, age 59y." Note: There isn't a marker for Ephriam.

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24 Silas (4) **Latta**: Married Sarah **Franks** at Mansfield, Ohio on Oct. 11, 1842. Silas and Sarah were among the founders of the Bethel Methodist Church, which was located near there home. Silas's internment is at the Riverside Cemetery, Howe, IN.

Wife of Silas **Latta**:

Sarah (**Franks**) **Latta**: Interment is at the Riverside Cemetery, Howe, IN.

Child of Silas and Sarah (**Franks**) **Latta**: Ephraim **Latta** born 1843 died 1901, (58) lot 349, Civil War Veteran. Interment, Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange IN.

52 William Sylvester (5) **Latta**. William passed away at the home of his son, Harry Cecil **Latta**, at Clay Twp., Lagrange Co. IN., on Sept. 21, 1929. His interment is at the Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange, IN.

Wife of William Sylvester **Latta**: Laura (**Hoffman**) **Latta** died the year of 1921. Her interment is at the Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange, IN.

When my wife and I visited the cemetery at Perrysville, Ohio, where Ephraim (9) is buried, I forgot to ask for the number of the plot. I will contact the church or the lady minister and see if they will furnish a plot number. I would like to have the number for my files and share the number with you also. I am also going to look into getting some kind of a marker for him.

More information that I can share with you as follows:

291 Clara May b. Jan 28, 1881 and died 1927, age 46

Husband Walter **Atwater** b. 1877 and died 1958, age 81. Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange, Indiana.

Children of Clara and Walter **Atwater**:

Maynard W., b. July 19, 1901 and died Oct. 25, 1988. Interment: Shore Mennonite Cemetery, Lagrange Co. IN.

Marion, b. Jan 31, 1917 and died Oct. 5, 1994. Interment, Greenwood Cemetery, Lagrange, IN.

Photos that I have:

Cora **Latta Myers**, my grandmother, taken in front of her home at Topeka, IN.. The home still stands today.

Cora **Latta Myers**, school teacher and three other teachers.

Cora **Latta Myers** and family members, I am also included in this photo, age 4.

This photo was taken north of South Milford, IN., at Cora's sisters, Grace **Bullock**. This home is still standing today.

Clara **Latta Atwater** and her son Marion **Atwater**. Take at their farm, west of Lagrange, IN. My gr. aunt. This farm home is still standing today.

William S. **Latta**, and wife Laura. My gr. grandfather and grandmother.

Photo of the William S. **Latta** family, including, William, wife Laura, Cora, Clara, Grace and Harry.

William S. **Latta** family standing in front of their farm home, which is about one mile west of the Bethel Methodist Church, that Silas **Latta** was a member of and was one of the founders. This farm home still stands today.

A photo of the Bethel Methodist Church, which still stands today.

A photo of the **Latta** reunion, 1910, taken ? Robert and Lila **Emerick**, [remerick@Ligtel.com](mailto:remerick@Ligtel.com), 7606 E. 1200 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN. 46795.

P. S. I wanted to let you know that there are two cemeteries west of Topeka, Indiana, that are located on the old Robert **Latta** farm. The old church and old cemetery are on the south side of the road, and the new cemetery is on the north side of the road. It's been several years since I have visited these cemeteries, anyway as I recall Robert and Isabella **Latta** are interned in the old cemetery.

Philip **Latta**, a direct descendant of Ephraim **Latta** buried at Perrysville, lives at Auburn, IN. Philip>Milton>Harry>William S.>Silas>Ephraim.

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## Scholarships For DNA Testing

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

The LGS Board has solicited opinions, discussed, and has elected to support a DNA Scholarship plan to better inform the focus of active researchers and to assist in combining and extending some of the Branches. Budget consideration will limit the annual amount to a maximum of \$500.

Testing will be scheduled during the time of the year when reduced pricing is in effect if possible.

Priorities:

### UPGRADE BRANCHES OF GREATEST INTEREST FOR OUR RESEARCH

If someone writes an article making a good case BASED ON DNA RESULTS, those recommendations will be given serious consideration for partial or even full funding support. An example would be those cited in Virginia Curulla's article about Branch 22 and those likely to be most closely connected.

67 Markers is becoming more common for genealogical purposes thus we believe it is best use of our money to go right for that level. A greater number of markers is more useful in making comparisons, i.e. 111 marker testing is becoming more widely used.

Priorities to consider would be:

- Testing of males in Branches not yet tested.
- Upgrade of Branches with only one male participant tested to 67 markers.
- Upgrade Branches with only two male participants to date, because the variations among mutations could help indicate when and where branches parted ways.

The above policy was voted on and passed by the LGS Board of Officers.

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## Report of the Latta Genealogy Society Nominating Committee

By: Virginia Latta Curulla, 3/2/12.

Nominations were solicited by Virginia in the absence of any other volunteers to the committee.

Latta Genealogy Society Executive Board positions up for June 2012 election to two year terms beginning July 1, 2012 include:

Vice President of Communications: Currently held by Randy Phillips of Elymira, NY. Randy has accepted nomination for another term.

Vice President of Research: Currently held by Paula Gruginski of Vancouver WA. Paula has accepted nomination for another term.

Secretary Historian: Currently empty. Geoffrey Latta of Philadelphia PA has accepted nomination for this position.

Resumes and any additional nominations will be announced in the next newsletter (summer 2012), along with Ballots to be returned for count by the election committee. Results of the election will be announced in the fall newsletter.

If you wish to nominate yourself or anyone else for these positions, please contact Virginia Latta Curulla, 4511 154th Place SE, Bellevue WA 98006, 425 643 0309, latta4gen@comcast.net.

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## New Branch Captain

By: Sue Cox, Branch Captain Coordinator

There is a new Branch Captain for Branch 43. Ray Garlick Jr., P. O. Box 227, Coppell, TX 75019, rgkdfw@hotmail.com. Please contact him if interested in Branch 43.

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## Gregory Erwin Latta 1952– 1994

Greg Latta (born October 13, 1952 in Newark, New Jersey) was an American football player. As a tight end, he was drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League, but played instead for the Florida Blazers of the World Football League in 1974. He left for the Chicago Bears in 1975 along with the head coach of the Blazers, Jack Pardee. Latta was a member of the NFL Chicago Bears from 1975 to 1979. He died on September 28, 1994 at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, New Jersey. He was 41 years old.

In his rookie season with the Florida Blazers, Latta caught 39 passes for 815 yards and nine touchdown receptions. The Blazers went to the 1974 World Bowl Championship game, falling 22-21 to the Birmingham Americans.

During his 5-year NFL career, the 6-foot-three, 227-pound tight end caught 90 passes for 1,081 yards and 7 touchdowns. On special teams, he returned 3 kickoffs for 22 yards.

### Background

Latta attended South Side High School in Newark and Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland.

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## Newsletter By E-mail

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## 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, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the Newberry Library in Chicago. This is done to preserve our Latta family history for years to come.

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