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Alexander Hamilton Latta

By: Susan Gormley, sgormley@jkl.com

Hello, my name is Susan Gormley, and I am the niece of Josephine Latta Harron, who was born and raised in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was 86 when she passed away and she was the daughter of Jeanette and Alex Latta. She and her husband George did not have any children. My mother and my siblings are in the process of cleaning out her house and we came across quite a bit of interesting information about the Latta family. If you are interested in having this information, please let me know, and we would be more than glad to send it to you. The information goes back quite far. Please let me know if this is something that would be of interest to you.

Alexander Latta was born on 18 July 1893 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 27th Ward, 4225 Ludlow Street. His parents were Samuel C. and Florence E. Latta. The birth certificate is number C145417.

Editor's note: The U. S. Census taken 15 April 1910 in Ward 27, Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, T624, roll 1401, enumeration district 621, sheet 1B, family 14, shows the Samuel Latta family as follows:

Latta, Samuel, male, white, age 42, married once, married 18 years, born in Pennsylvania, father and mother born in Ireland (Irish), occupation sergeant police force.

— Florence C., Wife, female, white, age 39, married once, married 18 years, mother of 10, 4 living, born in Maryland, father born in Ire. (Irish), mother born in Pennsylvania, occupation none.

— Alexander H., Son, male, white, age 17, single, born in Pennsylvania, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Maryland, occupation butcher meat shop.

— Samuel C., Son, male, white, age 7, single, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Maryland, occupation none.

— David J., male, white, age 6, single, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Maryland, occupation none.

— Edwin E., male, white, age 3, single, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Maryland, occupation none. (end of editor's note.)

The Atlantic City Cemetery Association, Pleasantville, New Jersey, lists the following internments in the Greenwood Cemetery:

Grave 1, 12-27-27, Florence E. Latta.

Grave 2, 12-15-35, Samuel C. Latta, Sr., age 72.

Grave 3, 9-11-46, Alex H. Latta, age 53.

Grave 4, 2-24-58, Jeanette E. Latta, age 66.

Grave 5, 5-28-75, Samuel E. Latta, age 78.

Alexander H. Latta enlisted in Troop B, 1st PA Cav. on Sept. 6, 1917. He was promoted to 2nd Lt. in the 109th

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Editorial

I would like to print an article on your branch. Please send me some information on your branch! Drop me a line. I want to include an article about your branch, but I do not know your family history. Unless it is about the Latta families that I have personally researched, I rely on you, the reader, to supply the Latta family history information. Even if you are stuck with a brick wall on your Latta family, tell me about it. Send it to me. Kenn and Barb Miller sent me their information, and you see it on page six. I would love to read about your Latta family.

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

Revised List of Branch Captains

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

Branch 1: Ken Mueller, 7400 East Mule Circle, Prescott Valley AZ 86314, DocHuer@aol.com. I also am your editor.

Branch 3: Alan L. Latta, P.O. Box 508, Inkom, ID 83245, allatta@aol.com.

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Branch 20: Vicky Latta - McCain, 1216 West Elm Street Kokomo, IN 46901, v.latta-mccain@sbcglobal.net.

Branch 22: Robert M. Hawkins, 520 Audubon Place Ct., Manchester MO 63021, Bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net.

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LATTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY**Treasurer's Report****July 1, 2012****TREASURER****Beryl Redfield****4281 Winfield Road****Taylorsville, UT 84123-2344****(801) -550-7360****AUDITOR****Randy Phillips****1456 Lake St.****Elmira NY 14901****(315) 759-9121**

REPORT PERIOD March 10, 2012 – July 1, 2012***Income* 03/10/2012 – 07/01/2012 \$1033.42**

General Fund Donations: \$973.42

N. Ireland Research Fund: \$60.00

DNA Research: \$0

***Expenses* 03/10/2012 – 07/01/2012 \$629.07**

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April, May, June @ \$14.95 per month

• Newsletter Issue 46 expenses (Ken Mueller) \$442.33

• Back Issue Printing \$23.79

• Microsoft Word upgrade (Ken) \$118.10

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Alexander Hamilton Latta

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Inf. on June 1, 1918. Here is his Officer's Record Book:

Name: Alexander Hamilton Latta

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Organization: 109 Inf, Reg. (Temp)

Date of Birth: July 18, 1893)

Civil Profession: Sales Agent, U. S. Slicing Mach. Co.

Laporte Ind

Person to be notified in an emergency: Samuel C.

Latta - Father, 4226 Market St., Phila PA.

Languages: French: No. German: No.

Courses of Instruction:

Browning Rifle: course held at Chatillon-Sur-Seine,

commanding officer: J B Cousart, Capt. 109 Inf.

Army Candidate: Hancock, GA, commanding officer

J B Cousart.

Promotions:

2nd Lt. 6/1/18 Authority S. O. 238 G.H.Q. J B

Cousart, Capt 109 Inf.

1st Lt. 3/15/19 Authority S. O. 74 G.H.Q. Col.

Dunlap, S. A. Davis Cavalry.

Wounded: Sept. 6/18, Sept. 5/18. [Gassed]

Sick from wounds: Sept. 6/18, to Nov. 2/18.

Service:

Troop B, 1st PA Cav. 9/6/17 to 11/20/17 with Exped.

Force from May 16, 1918.

Batt. C, 108 F. A. 11/20/17 to 12/1/17.

Troop D, 101 Cav. 12/1/17 to 12/13/17.

53 Brig., Hq F.A. 12/13/17 to 1/5/18.

Co. A, 109 Inf. 4/18/18 to 5/2/18.

Received triple typhoid Vaccine 2-5-19 Capt. Fred

Bearden, M. S. U.S.A.

25 Apr. 19 This officer has rendered most satisfactory service having at all times done his full duty. Signed W.R. Dunlap, Col. 109th Inf.

Here is the original discharge of Alexander Hamilton Latta, dated July 21, 1919:

Army of the United States of America. To all who shall see these presents, greeting: This is to certify that by direction of the President and under the provisions of section nine of the act of Congress, approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Alexander Hamilton

Latta, First Lieutenant Infantry, was honorably discharged from the military service in The United States Army at Camp Dix, New Jersey on the Thirteenth day of May 1919.

Military Record:

Battles, engagements, skirmishes: 2nd Battle of the Marne July 14th—18th, 1918; Marne-Aisne offensive July 18th Sept. 6th, 1918; Battle of Hanmout Nov. 10th-11th, 1918.

Medals awarded: none. [Later awarded the Purple Heart].

Wound chevrons authorized: Two S.O. 38 and S.O. 7th Hq 109th Infantry.

War service chevrons authorized: Two Gold: May 2, 1918 to May 3, 1918.

Remarks: Battalion Adjutant 109th Infantry.

Editor's Note: In the U. S. Census taken 5 Jan. 1920 the William J. Dublen family is listed in Atlantic Township, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, T625, roll 1015, family 76, enumeration district 9, sheet 4A as follows:

Dublen, William J., Head, male, white, age 48, married, born in Pennsylvania, father born in Sweden, mother born in France, occupation: Doctor, M.D.

Mary L., Wife, female, white, age 42, married, born in Pennsylvania, father and mother born in Scotland, occupation none.

Latta, Alexander H., Nephew, male, white, age 26, single, born in Pennsylvania, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in New Jersey, occupation: Auto Dealer.

David J. S., Nephew, male, white age 15, born in Pennsylvania, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in New Jersey, occupation none.

According to Ancestry.com, Alexander H. Latta married Jeannette Middendorf in 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the U. S. Census taken May 2, 1930 of Margate City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, T626, roll 1309, enumeration district 57, sheet 27B, family 768, the Alex H. Latta family is listed as follows:

Latta, Alex H., Head, owns home valued at \$20,000, male, white, age 36, married, age at first marriage 28, born in Pennsylvania, father and mother born in Pennsylvania, occupation: Dealer Automobiles.

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Here is Lt. Latta's original military identification card:

No. *45-285*

AMERICAN
EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
• Corps Expéditionnaires Américains
IDENTITY CARD
Carte d'Identité

Name *Alex. H. Latta*
Nom

Rank *1st. Lieut. 10th*
Grade *28th*

Duty *Adjutant General*
Fonction

Signature of Holder *A. H. Latta*
Signature du Titulaire *Alex. H. Latta*

Adjutant General.



Alexander Hamilton Latta

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Latta, Jeanette E., Wife-H, female, white, age 33, married, first married at age 25, born in Pennsylvania, father born in Germany, mother born in Pennsylvania, occupation none.

— Josephine A., Daughter, female, white, age 6, born in Penn, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Pa, occupation none. (End of Editor's Note)

In a letter dated August 2nd, 1938 to Capt. Jock Latta, c/o Canadian Pacific, Empress of Britain, Alexander Latta writes:

Dear Captain-

A friend of mine came home from Scotland on your ship last year and noticed your name was the same as mine and told me of you and I am writing more out of curiosity than anything else, the name is an unusual one and there is a story regarding it that has been passed on to me together with a coat of arms that I will be glad to send you a copy of if you are interested.

The story is that the name originated in a town called in English the Garden of Eden, somewhere in France and that two brothers left France, one going to Scotland and one to the North of Ireland where my branch comes from (Londonderry) and you are the first one of the name that I have ever been able to locate from your side of the Atlantic and I spent a year in France with the A.E.F. and looked over every French map I could lay my hands on and I couldn't locate any town that even remotely sounded like the Garden of Eden all of which may be one of the pipe dreams that people have at various times and tell someone of and when it reaches the third or fourth party people have started to wonder if it is true or not and that is the reason for this letter ...

Editor's Note: For the first time in the history of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, we are publishing information from the 1940 U. S. Census.

In the U. S. Census taken April 6, 1940, the Alex H. Latta family is listed in Margate City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, enumeration district 114, sheet 5A, family 156, as follows:

Latta, Alex H., Rents home, \$60 month, head, male, white, age 47, born in Pennsylvania, attended school: no, residence on April 1, 1935: same, occupation salesman auto agency.

— Jeanette, female, white, age 48, married, attended school: no, born in Pennsylvania, residence on April 1, 1935: same.

— Josephine, female, white, age 16, single, attended school: yes, born in Pennsylvania, residence on April 1, 1935: same.

The Registration Card for the United States Selective Service in 1942 lists Alexander Hamilton Latta as follows: Residence: 101 N. Exeter Ave., Margate, Atlantic, N.J. Telephone: 2-1310, age 49, born July 18, 1893 in Philadelphia, Penna, name and address of person who will always know your address: Mrs. Jeanette Latta 101 N. Exeter, Margate, N.J., employer's name and address: unemployed.

End of Editor's Note.

Branch 27 Latta Family History

By: Kenn and Barb Miller, kennbar@comcast.net

William Loren LATTA (1894 - 1987)

William Loren Latta b. 17 Sep 1894 at Albia, Monroe Co., IA., USA

William Loren LATTA + Julia + Clella POTTER + Milfred + Catherine + Catherine +> Margaret + Wilma

m.(1) Julia Gray

m.(2) 01 Feb 1918 Clella POTTER at San Diego, CA., USA

m.(3) 14 May 1971 Mildred O Harding

m.(4) 07 Dec 1979 Catherine Ethel Frayer Mosier

d. 09 Jun 1987 at Cardington, Morrow Co., OH., USA.

William's Parents: Thornton Zachariah LATTA (1855), Margaret Emma MACCONLEY (1860).

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William's Children: Margaret Lorene LATTA (1919), Wilma LATTA (1921).

William's Siblings: Howard Linton LATTA (1884), Charles Thornton LATTA (1889), Mildred Junia LATTA (1897).

William's Grandparents: Hugh Stephens LATTA (1814), Elizabeth STEPHENS (1820), Conley, wife.

William's Grandchildren: Kenneth Lee MILLER (1942), Judith Arlene Miller (1944), Anita Faye Miller (1946), Virginia Preston (1942), Nikki Preston (1945), Barry Preston (1948), Bonnie Preston (1948).

William's Great Grandchildren: Eric Todd MILLER (1963), Leah Raye MILLER (1965), Lisa Faye MILLER (1965), Lora Kaye MILLER (1967), Kristen Dye, Brian Dye (1968), Melissa Dollens (1970), Jared Dollens (1976), Brett Dollens (1979), Garry Jr. Copus, Daniel Givens Dawson (1981), Sean O'Mahney Dawson (1983), Dyanna Marie Dawson (1986), Brian Daniel Moore (1977), Cory Keith Moore (1979).

William's Parents In Law: Arthur H Gray, Florence Williams, John Daniel POTTER (1872), Mary Amanda WILBURN (1877).

William's Aunts and Uncles: Catherine Letitia LATTA (1839), Ephraim LATTA (1843), Sarah Elizabeth LATTA (1845), Stephen A. PARK, William Hearst LATTA (1848), Mary Isabella PALMER (1848), James Garrett LATTA (1850), Ida NICHOLS (1862), John Alexander LATTA (1853), Andrew H. LATTA (1857), Linton Thomas LATTA (1861), Minnie I. REX (1863), Loren Hugh LATTA (1863), Clara H. HAMIL.

William's Cousins: Allen PARK, Bryon Everest PARK (1867), William Everest PARK (1868), John Garrett PARK (1869), Elizabeth Junia PARK (1872), Clarence Palmer LATTA (1873), Clarence Palmer LATTA (1873), Lloyd Everett LATTA (1875), Frank Elwyn LATTA (1877), Lorena Belle LATTA (1879), Ruth Elizabeth LATTA (1882), Catharine Estella Latta (1879), Hugh Rex LATTA (1890), Agnes Winifred LATTA (1892), John Stephens LATTA (1895), Elizabeth LATTA (1898), William Charlton LATTA (1902), Mildred Elizabeth LATTA (1894), Lorene Esther LATTA (1898).

William's Brothers and Sisters In Law: Mary Gray, Myra L Gray, Erma POTTER, Hazel POTTER, Margaret, Fay, Jessie May OSBORNE, Hannah E, Fred GANLEY (1893).

William's Nephews and Nieces: Howard Jr. LATTA, Margaret LATTA, Nancy Jane LATTA, Robert LATTA, Arthur Linton LATTA (1937), Veda Arlene LATTA (1938), Charles Wendell LATTA (1940), Arline GANLEY (1917), John Ganley (1920).

Events in William Loren LATTA's life:

17 Sep 1894- - William Loren LATTA was born; Albia, Monroe Co., IA., USA

01 Feb 1918 - Married Clella POTTER (aged 22); San Diego, CA., USA

Living - Birth of daughter Margaret Lorene LATTA; San Diego, California, USA

Living - Birth of daughter Wilma LATTA; San Diego, California, USA

23 Jun 1938 - Death of wife Clella POTTER (aged 42); Ocean Park, CA., USA

01 Jan 1956 - Death of mother Margaret Emma MACCONLEY (aged 95);

17 Mar 1970 - Death of wife Julia Gray (aged 72); Los Angeles, California

14 May 1971 - Married Mildred O. Harding;

30 Mar 1977 - Death of wife Mildred O. Harding;

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07 Dec 1979 - Married Catherine Ethel Frayer Mosier;

09 Jun 1987 - William Loren LATTA died; Cardington, Morrow Co., OH., USA

- - Death of father Thornton Zachariah LATTA; CO., USA.

1. Margaret Lorene LATTA (1919 -)

Margaret + Paul => Kenneth + Judith + Anita
William's Daughter,

b. Living

m. 16 Apr 1941 Paul Eugene MILLER at Santa Monica, California, USA

d.

Margaret's Parents: William Loren LATTA (1894), Clella POTTER (1895).

Margaret's Children: Kenneth Lee MILLER (1942), Judith Arlene Miller (1944), Anita Faye Miller (1946).

Margaret's Siblings: Wilma LATTA (1921).

Events in Margaret Lorene LATTA's life:

Living- - Margaret Lorene LATTA was born; San Diego, California, USA

23 Jun 1938 - Death of mother Clella POTTER (aged 42); Ocean Park, CA., USA

16 Apr 1941 - Married Paul Eugene MILLER (aged 24); Santa Monica, California, USA

Living- Birth of son Kenneth Lee MILLER; Galion, Crawford Co., OH., USA

Living - Birth of daughter Judith Arlene Miller; Galion, Crawford Co., Ohio, USA

Living - Birth of daughter Anita Faye Miller; Galion, Crawford Co., Ohio, USA

09 Jun 1987 - Death of father William Loren LATTA (aged 92); Cardington, Morrow Co., OH., USA.

06 May 1996 - Death of husband Paul Eugene MILLER (aged 79); Cardington, Morrow Co., Ohio, USA.

2. Wilma LATTA (1921 -)

Wilma + Gordon => Virginia + Nikki + Barry + Bonnie

John's g Granddaughter,

b. Living

m. 27 Jan 1942 Gordon Preston at Santa Monica, California, USA

d.

Wilma's Parents: William Loren LATTA (1894), Clella POTTER (1895).

Wilma's Children: Virginia Preston (1942), Nikki Preston (1945), Barry Preston (1948), Bonnie Preston (1948).

Wilma's Siblings: Margaret Lorene LATTA (1919).

Events in Wilma LATTA's life:

Living- - Wilma LATTA was born; San Diego, California, USA

23 Jun 1938 - Death of mother Clella POTTER (aged 42); Ocean Park, CA., USA

27 Jan 1942 - Married Gordon Preston (aged 25); Santa Monica, California, USA

Living - Birth of daughter Virginia Preston; Anaheim, Orange Co., California, USA

Living - Birth of daughter Nikki Preston; Fullerton, Orange Co., California, USA

15 Jan 1948 - Birth of son Barry Preston; Culver City, LA Co., California, USA

Living - Birth of daughter Bonnie Preston; Culver City, LA Co., California, USA

21 Sep 1972 - Death of son Barry Preston (aged 24); San Diego, San Diego Co., California, USA

09 Jun 1987 - Death of father William Loren LATTA (aged 92); Cardington, Morrow Co., OH., USA.

Descendants of Thomas Lattie

By: Glenda Clooney, eagle63_199@yahoo.com

My Great, Great, Great Grandfather:

Thomas Lattie Born: 1789, Castlethrid, Londonderry, Ireland, D: Dec. 2, 1884 Latties Brook, Hants Co., Nova Scotia. Buried: St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Hants Co., Nova Scotia

Married: Elizabeth Ann Monroe

B: 1806, Ireland, D: November 30, 1882 Latties Brook, Hants Co., Nova Scotia, Buried: St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

They had 8 Children:

1. William Lattie B: 1831

My Great Great Grandfather:

2. James Lattie B: Nov 4, 1832 Nova Scotia, D: March 01, 1902 Latties Brook, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

Married: Michal Roth B: Abt. 1826

They had four children:

1. Frederick Lattie B: 1859

2. Thomas Lattie B: 1864 D: Dec. 20, 1890

3. Charlotte Lattie B: 1866 D: May 9, 1867

My Great Grandmother:

4. Elizabeth Ann Lattie B: Aug 29, 1867 D: 1950

Married: Oct. 29, 1885 to William James Macdonald B: 1864 D: 1949

Children:

1. Frederick Macdonald B: Apr. 2, 1886, D: Aug. 9, 1917 WW1

2. Laura A. Macdonald B: Jun 15 1887, D: Sometime in the 1980s

My Grandfather:

3. Thomas Lattie Macdonald B: Sept. 22, 1890 D: June 14, 1964

Married: September 10, 1925 Viola Mae

Brightman B: March 17, 1906

D: June 3, 1997

Children:

My Mother 1. Elizabeth Viola Macdonald B: Feb. 26, 1927 D: Mar 13, 2000.

Married: Russel Clooney B: Nov., 1921 D: Apr. 23, 1986

Children: 1. Randall Clooney

2. Wilfred Clooney

3. Darlene (Clooney) Dimock

4. Glenda Clooney

2. Thomas William Macdonald

3. Thelma Rosemary Macdonald

4. Annie Iona Macdonald

5. Donald James Macdonald

6. Winston Churchill Macdonald

7. Dale Brightman Macdonald

8. Phillip Wayne Macdonald

3. Mary Lattie B: 1933 D: December 7, 1934

Married: Silas Shay

Children:

1. Arthur Barney Shay B: 1879

4. Thomas Lattie B: June 8, 1836 Died: June 7, 1913

Married: December 1, 1874

Margaret E. Lunn B: December 10, 1852 D: 1938

They had 10 Children:

1. Annie Lattie B: 1876

2. Sharlot Lattie B: March 10, 1877

3. Margaret Lattie B: May 31, 1879

4. James William Lattie B: January 20, 1881 D: 1972

5. Mary P. Lattie B: December 22, 1882

6. Minnie L. Lattie B: January 9, 1885

7. John R. Lattie B: April 11, 1887 D: 1952

8. Thomas Lattie B: June 10, 1889

9. Adam I. Lattie B: August 8, 1891

10. Samuel Lattie B: June 14, 1893

5. Jemima Lattie B: 1841 D: January 6, 1900

6. Samuel Lattie B: 1846

Married: Susan ?

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Descendants of Thomas Lattie

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Children: 1. William L. Lattie B: 1873 D: April 10, 1902

7. George Lattie B: March 24, 1848 D: August 4, 1904

Married: Mary Hennigar B: 1864 D: March 25, 1896

Children: 1. Caroline Lattie B: Feb. 11, 1884

2. Georgia Lattie B: October 1, 1885

3. Arthur Lattie B: July 16, 1887

4. Bertha Lattie B: July 16, 1889

5. Lydia Lattie B: June 1, 1890

8. Caroline Lattie B: 1850

FT DNA Report June 2012

Kathy Latta, Branch 16, lattakj@telusplanet.net.

Public site:

www.ftdna/public/LATTA-Gene.Society

Family Tree DNA (here after referred to as FT DNA) reports information regarding each participant in two different ways. The first lists the number of steps or Genetic Distance (Gen. Dist. here after referred to as GD) that one individual compares to all the others in the study. The other reports an estimate of the number of generations to the Most Recent Common Ancestor (here after referred to as MRCA).

GD is expressed in levels of mutation with a value of one (1) being equal to a sum of differences between gains and losses to the sequences of chemicals that make up each Marker. Each Level of GD is a sum of gains and losses where the least amount of change or mutation demonstrates the likelihood of two individuals being more closely related than when the sums are greater. A GD of zero means that there are no differences in the two

participants at the Level that they are being compared at. These values can change when more Markers are tested. The Table of Genetic Distance below shows a common pattern that was shared by many participants in the study. In the table below two participants did the Haplo test (Branch's 16 and 22) therefore the others do not need to test for this. A Haplo test is like a Marker that lies deeper in the DNA chain and is not as prone to mutation as the Markers that are reported. Everyone in this table would be "Cousins" showing patterns of mutations. The "Cousins" on each Level of GD are showing equal amounts of change and might be inferring an equivalent amount of mutational change from the MRCA. Again these values can change when the number of Markers compared to are increased.

Composite Table of Genetic Distance

Gen.=15GD=4 USAa Br 16a

Gen.=12 GD=3 Can Aust 22b 49

Gen.=09 GD=2 5 8a 9ab 17 22a 30 31 51

Gen.=03GD=1 1a 3a 7abc 13a 29

Think of a Bulls-Eye Target board. The participant that is being compared to all others in the study is at the center of the board. Each ring on the board is equivalent to a Genetic Distance or value of mutational change i.e. GD=1, GD=2. Where the center is the present in terms of time and the further away reflects changes over a greater length of time. When GD=0 that means that two people are more closely related showing no mutational changes. At GD=1 a group of "cousins" demonstrate an equal value of change, even if they are not on the same Markers. Comparing a group of "cousins" at GD=1 and GD=2 means that the latter have changes that occurred much farther back in time and again the accumulation of changes do not have to be on the same Markers. Occasionally individuals reports showed an absence of values at certain levels of GD. In these cases there were no known participants who showed a range of mutations at these levels. An absence of a value at these levels

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does not mean that no mutations have occurred but that there are no representatives to demonstrate the changes. When looking at the generations reported on each level of GD you get the number of generations on average where you can expect changes or mutations to occur. For most in the study there were about 3 to 5 generations between each level of change.

Participants showing an equivalent amount of mutation formed two to four different clusters of "cousins". On one level appeared Branches 1a, 3ab, 7abc, 13a, and Branch 29. The next level showed Branches 5, 8a, 9ab, 17, 22a, 30, 31 and Branch 51. On the next level you will find USAa, and Branch 16a. When you go past these levels of mutation you start picking up different surnames. They also start picking up different Haplo types. So the farther back you go in Genetic Distance from the present, the DNA can still show changes that have taken place a very long time ago.

There are 39 people listed on our public website at this point in time (URL listed under title of this article). The following breaks down how they are represented.

*23 people share a common ancestry and all share the same surname or one of its derivatives. Two have had their Haplo Group tested and they are exactly the same (R1b1a2a1a1b). A Haplo Type is a SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism).

Haplo Types are located at specific sites that are not prone to mutation and therefore can pinpoint geographic regions ancestors are likely to have come from. This is of particular importance if there are no close matches and original migration or point of origin is unknown.

*16 are not included in results for the following reasons:

a) Tested at 12 Marker Level Only; 1b, 13b, 16b, each already has another Branch Member tested at a higher level. Branch 4 also only tested

12 Markers and visually looks very similar to Branch 18.

b) Tested at 25 Marker Level Only; 8b, 14. Branch 14 does visually compare to the group of "cousins" but testing at a higher level would show which "cousins" have a closer kinship.

c) Tested at 37 Marker Level; Branch 18 has no other Branch as yet to compare to. Again I'll state, Branch 4 is visually the closest match. I will note at this time that these two Branches clearly state that their earliest known ancestors are from Ireland. This would seem to make them a completely different group than the larger group of participants.

d) Has Different DNA/Haplo Types; There are 4 participants who have the same surname or one of the derivatives. They are from Germany, Western Europe,

USAb, and Branch 6.

e) From Other Projects; Three people asked to join our Project and have different surnames.

f) Female Participants; Two are female and have done the MtDNA test.

Questions have arisen asking why and when should more Markers be purchased. How does the calculations used to predict Genetic Distance become affected by increasing the number of Markers? I can use six Branches to highlight this area of concern.

37 Marker Level

7a 13a
5 9a 22a
16a

67 Marker Level

7a
5 9a
22a
13a 16a

At the 37 Marker Level these six participants are spread over three levels of GD. At the 67 Marker Level they are spread over four seemingly indicating a finer tuning of when mutations have

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taken place. However, two Branches appear to have their results turned completely around. Two things are affecting these changes. First of all, reports from FTDNA reflect a comparison between one participant against all the others either in the group or against the whole data base. For this report I am showing representations of common patterns not specific reports of any one individual. The second item would be the actual way that Genetic Distance is calculated.

The Genetic Distance is the sum of changes to the Markers. Every Marker added to the equation which contains mutations can make small to big differences in the changes to the Genetic Distance being reported. That is what is happening when you see Branches being pulled to the opposite ends of a Table of Genetic Distance results.

To answer the question about why and when to have more Markers and Haplo Testing done. You have to consider whether you are likely to get more information than you had before. FT DNA may predict (guess) how many generations to an MRCA but their best guess will be hedged by the amount of error they are estimating or factoring into the equation for predicting the Genetic Distance. You can choose the level of error that you are willing to use. FT DNA provides Tables that display the number of generations to the MRCA from 50 to 100 % levels of accuracy. The 100 % value will always have values greater than 24 generations. Other considerations for testing the Haplo Grouping is whether or not the Branch you are in does not know the original country of origin and/ or you are not showing a relationship to a known group of cousins. Then there is the consideration for doing any of the tests offered, simply for the sake of curiosity and enlightenment.

For the larger group a kinship is shown but does not yet clearly show how they might more accurately compare. This might be improved if everyone tested at as high a level as possible. It is also possible if known relationships were

documented that this might help with the comparisons of participants. For instance if a GED com for 16a and 16b clearly shows their known MRCA to be at 4 generations or the relationships between 7a 7b and 7c was available this might help to refine the pattern of mutations and hence affect the number of generations to a possible MRCA. FTDNA needs this type of information as well as the DNA information that the participants provided.

An early draft of this report was submitted to some Members of the Board of Director's and quick discussions over a few days resulted in the Board voting to fund some of the participants that here to fore were not able to upgrade their tests. This will be in the next report in the Fall. Results will be evaluated in September and available for the next Newsletter. I also hope to post on the public website each individuals Table of Genetic Distances so that all can take a peek. This will probably happen in the Fall as well. Thanks go out to all the participants who supplied a sample of their DNA. This has been an interesting way to do genealogy.

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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.

1. I am very interested in the DNA patterns and DNA research as explained on pages 12 and 23 in the Spring 2012 Newsletter. What do I do to connect? E. Mike **Latta**, Raleigh NC, mike-latta@nationsconsultants.com.

2. I would love to read something about Branch 15. Dorothea **Burkhart** of Lexington NC.

3. Not sure which branch number, 7 or 9? John Stewart **Latta** was my grandmother's (Minnie Ann Latta **Rosser**) grandpa. John married Jane **Starr**. They had 5 children. Thomas Franklin was my grandma's dad. My dad was Franklin Louis **Rosser**. I enjoy the publications, thanks! Marilyn Ann **Rosser Campbell**.

4. Anything to report on Branch #50? Anything on the People of Branch #50? Nicholas **Charles** of Woodland, California.

5. Can anyone help me? I'm not a **Latta** descendent, however William (Bill) **Latta** married my great Aunt Agnes Doreen **Steele** on 14th Feb 1941 in Kent where Doreen was from. She was born Oct 1912 and died Apr 2006. William died Feb 1992. I confirmed his birth as 20th Apr 1916 from an incoming passenger list after they spent some time in South Africa in the 50's but I cannot confirm his birth location, it is thought by an elderly cousin of Doreen that he may have his roots in Iona, Scotland. William and Doreen did not have any children and my father and his brother were their closest family members. No one seems to know of his parents or if he had siblings or where he was raised. In the box of photos I received from my great aunt are a couple of photos from the Victorian era I know not to be of the **Steele** family so assume they might be **Lattas** I would like to tie up the loose ends of William on my family tree and possibly reunite some Latta photos with direct descendents? Kate **Steele Hennessy** via Facebook.

6. Books copyrighted in the US before 1923 are now in the public domain; their copyrights have expired and it is legal to copy such works. George **Latta**, Sr., georgelattasr@gmail.com.

7. History of Washington County, Iowa: From the First White Settlements to 1908. Also Biographical Sketches of Some Prominent Citizens of the County, Volume 2, Pages 592-594, Howard A. **Burrell**, S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1909.

F. M. LATTA.

Francis Marion **Latta** was born near Chilli-cothe, Ross county, Ohio, February 24, 1831, and was the youngest son of James and Isabelle (**Nichols**) **Latta**. In 1840 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Louisa county, Iowa, the family home being established in Concord Township during the pioneer epoch of its history. His early life was spent on the home farm looking after the interests of his parents until he was thirty-five years of age. On the 14th of March, 1865, he married Miss Sarah M. **Cowles**, a daughter of Oliver and Hannah (**Olmsted**) **Cowles**, of Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa. Mrs. **Latta** was born August 6, 1839, in New York and was a teacher in the Iowa schools at a very early day, being thus connected with the Indianola Seminary which was established in 1860 under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal conference. Rev. **Fleming** was on the board of trustees and through his influence Mrs. **Latta's** sister, Huldah C. **Cowles**, was the first teacher of the primary department and Professor **Grey** was the principal. But at the opening of the war he resigned and went to the front as an officer in the army, being succeeded in the school by Professor E. H. **Winans**, a graduate from Mount Pleasant. In the spring of 1862 Mrs. **Latta** took her sister's place as teacher in the first primary department and also as teacher of vocal music and penmanship. It was in

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war times and money was scarce, so that they could not have special instructors for each branch as they do at the present day. The seminary was obliged to close after that year for want of funds, and the teachers being overworked and poorly remunerated, Mrs. **Latta** did not receive her salary for her last term until five years after. In the meantime the school had been opened again as the Simpson Centenary College, named in honor of the man who gave it the endowment. Following her experience as a teacher in the Indianola Seminary, Sarah M. **Cowles** gave her hand in marriage to Francis M. **Latta** in March, 1865, their first home being in Louisa county, Iowa. During the earlier period of Mr. **Latta's** residence in that county he had engaged largely in stock raising, and the fertile prairie of the then sparsely settled Washington county proved to be a profitable item as grazing land for cattle. In this manner he became acquainted with the country and following his father's death in 1864, when it became necessary in the settling up of the estate to make a new home for himself, he removed in the spring of 1866 to Dutch Creek township, Washington county, and purchased the well known A. T. **Groendycke** farm which remained his home until his death. During these years his energies were devoted to farming and stock raising. In politics he was always an uncompromising republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, but he took little part in active work along political lines. Although the township was strongly democratic he was chosen for two terms as township trustee. He was converted and united with the Franklin Congregational church and was very prominent in its work, always being an active, influential member. His death occurred at his home in Dutch Creek township March 19, 1887, and his remains were interred in the New Haven cemetery in that township. His death and the settling up of his estate caused the breaking up of the home ties on the farm that had been the family home for twenty-one years, and Mrs. **Latta** now makes her home in

Muscatine, Iowa. In their family were five children, Karle Cowles, William F., Edgar L., Kate M. and Rose I., four of whom are still living.

Karle C. **Latta** was born in Louisa county December 12, 1865, and spent his boyhood in Washington county. He attended the common schools and spent one year at the Washington Academy, after which he remained on the farm until his father's death. After the breaking up of the home he spent two years in Washington county and then located in Greene county, where he purchased a drug store. He learned the business in the store and became a registered pharmacist in September, 1892, and has since been more or less connected with this line of activity. In 1905 he established and became the publisher of the Paton Portrait, a weekly eight-page paper, located at Paton, Greene County, Iowa. The paper has a good circulation and increasing patronage and is recognized as one of the influential papers of the county. Having always been interested in the political affairs of his country and, like his father, a firm believer in the principles of the republican party, he has always taken an active part in political affairs of Greene county, serving for the past twelve years as a member of the county central committee, while he has also been active in town affairs, serving as clerk, treasurer, a member of the council and as a member of the school board. Upon the recommendation of Congressman J. P. **Conner**, whose personal friendship he enjoys, he was appointed postmaster and assumed the duties of that office January 1, 1909.

Fraternally Mr. **Latta** is a member of the Masonic Order and a strong advocate of the principles of that order. On the 6th of October, 1891, at Columbus Junction, Iowa, Mr. **Latta** was married to Miss Rowena B. **Overholt**, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. **Overholt**, both of whom died in 1906. To this union was born one child, Isabelle S., who graduated from the high school of her home town in the spring of 1909. In all life's relations, whether in his varied business interests, his official duties or in social circles, he has been the same honorable and upright gentleman who tries to do unto others

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as he desires to be done by, and enjoys the uniform respect of his community and county.

William F. **Latta**, the second brother, has remained single and makes his home with his mother at Muscatine, Iowa, where his business interests keep him well employed.

Edgar L. **Latta** died at Ada, Pontotoc county, Oklahoma, November 13, 1902. After leaving the farm in Washington county he attended a school of telegraphy and entered the railway service, serving at various stations in the capacity of agent and operator, including the Chicago & Great Western in Iowa and the Missouri Pacific in both Missouri and Kansas. On June 19, 1899, he was united in marriage to Mabel J. **Smith** at Eureka, Kansas, and after his marriage he located at Ada, where he was one the original settlers. He assisted in laying out the town and made real estate investments, the fruits of which he was not, however permitted to enjoy, as sickness and death soon overtook him. As a remembrance of his short life in their midst he left to the town the "Latta Block," a fine corner building.

Kate M. **Latta** is the wife of S. M. **Overholt**, whose home is Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Rose I. **Latta**, the wife of R. Von **Dresky**, is a resident of Muscatine. Iowa.

8. Portrait Biographical album of Clinton and Shiawassee counties, Michigan. Chicago: Chapman Books, 1891, pages 527-528.

Wellington **Warner** biography

W. **Warner**, one of the early settlers of Hazelton Township, Shiawassee County, and a son of William H. **Warner**, a native of Farmington, Conn., resides on section 27, where he has a highly cultivated farm. His father is of English descent, and was born July 5, 1792. He was a cooper by trade and later in life pursued the calling of a farmer. He married Polly **Gill**, a native of Preble, Cortland County, N. Y., who was born May 10, 1797. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a

hero in the Revolutionary War and freely gave his services for the defense of Independence.

After their marriage in New York State, the parents of our subject resided there for a number of years and in 1825 removed to Pennsylvania where they settled in Potter County on a farm which was all wild land. They improved the farm and put it in a good state of cultivation. Three children were granted to them, two of whom are now living. The father took an interest in politics and belonged to the Democratic party. He held the office of Justice of the Peace and all other township offices, was a prominent man in his neighborhood and became County Commissioner. He was a member of the Universalist Church. His death occurred November 1, 1861, and his wife died January 10, 1877.

Our subject was the second child in this family and was born August 11, 1824, in Preble County, N. Y. He received a common-school education and remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years, learning the trade of a carpenter and joiner, in addition to the usual duties of a farm boy. He was united in marriage with Susan **Latta** January 14, 1850.

This lady is a daughter of William J. and Sarah (**White**) **Latta**, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. The paternal grandfather, James **Latta**, a native of Ireland, came to America when a boy with his parents and married Sarah **Jackson**, a native of the Empire State. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and the maternal grandfather, John **White**, a Pennsylvanian, fought in the Revolutionary War. The parents of Mrs. **Warner** were married in New York and moved to Pennsylvania in 1836, settling in Potter County on a farm adjoining Mr. **Warner's**. Thus their young people grew up together and their long acquaintance fitted them for a harmonious companionship. Mrs. **Latta** was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was born March 5, 1796, and died August 15, 1869. Mr. **Latta** was in his political preferences a Democrat. He was born August 28, 1792, and died March 5, 1881. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom are still living.

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Mrs. **Warner** had her nativity December 21, 1821 in Steuben County, N. Y., and there received a district school education. After her marriage to Mr. **Warner**, they remained in Pennsylvania and he worked for some time at his trade. In the fall of 1852, they started West, going to Detroit and from there to Pontiac by railroad, reaching Flint by stage and then by ox team traveling to Shiawassee County. They settled in Hazelton Township, on section 34. There were then but eight men in this Township and only one of those is now living. The new farm was entirely unbroken and Indians and wild game abounded. They had a capital of \$600 when they started from Pennsylvania and with that they had to buy everything they had to eat, wear and use for some time. At that time he could not get an opportunity for a day's work. Corunna was the nearest town and it was twelve miles away.

Mr. **Warner** built a board shanty and housed his family and then began clearing the land with which he progressed slowly. He bought eighty acres of land and dug the first well in the township. Both he and his wife suffered from ague. After clearing off seventy acres of land he built the house and barn which now appears upon the farm. Two children blessed this pioneer home, William L. born August 10, 1854, who married Lena **Largen** and lives at Monette, Mo.; they have three children. George W., born February 9, 1859, married Emma **Fuller** and has two children; they live on the homestead. Our subject is connected with the Masonic order and takes an interest in politics being a Democrat in his views. He has been the Township Treasurer and for many years Justice of the Peace, and has filled the offices of Supervisor and Township Clerk. Mr. and Mrs. **Warner** have now retired from active work and for several years she has been an invalid. They have lived here now for thirty-nine years and have seen this county grow from its rough condition when wild cats abounded, venison was the principal meat and ox-teams the only means of conveyance, to its present prosperous

and populous condition, having every facility for railroad travel and connection by the great lutes of the telegraph with every part of the world.

9. Hi! My g.g. grandparents William **McClintock**, born 1803 in Donegal, and Martha **Robinson**, born circa 1816 in Donegal, emigrated to Australia in 1838 on an assisted passage, bounty scheme. They were married in Newtowncunningham, Donegal in 1834. His parents were John **McClintock** (from Maghereabuoy) and Rebecca **Latta** and her parents were William **Robinson** and Ann **Latta** (from Tollet). I am curious to find out more about Rebecca and Ann **Latta** and what their connection may be. Would you have any information on these two people? I have the Australian information but am very curious about both sets of parents - in particular if the mothers were connected? I would guess there is a strong possibility given that the distance between the two places listed on the marriage certificate is about 15 miles.

Thanks in anticipation. Maureen **Waight**,
waight@tpg.com.au.

10. I would like to talk to a **Latta** or other who has knowledge of a James R. **Latta** born about 1914 in Oklahoma. He was sent to Australia in 1941/2, served as a Chef in the 3rd Air Force serving as part of the 5th Bomber Group, based in Townsville & Charters Towers North Queensland at least until 1943 when I appeared.

I owe this man the biggest APOLOGY in the world, I understand he is dead and may be buried in Winona TX. My name is also James Ron **Latta**, e-mail: korkie@live.com.au.

Reprints of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issues #1 to 46, are available for \$4.00 each. This includes the postage. Please make the check payable to the Latta Genealogy Society. If you are interested, please contact the editor, Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com, 7400 E. Mule Circle, Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314.

Obituary of Paula Gruginski, late Vice President of Research of the Latta Genealogy Society

The editor regrets that he must report to our Society that our Vice President, Paula Gruginski, has passed away. Her family has sent us the following obituary from the Willapa Herald.

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Captain Paula Leigh (Denney) Gruginski was born June 11, 1941, in Pratt, Kansas to William and Grace Denney. In 1943 the family came out West, settling at Raymond, Washington in 1949, where Paula attended public schools until graduating from Raymond High School in 1959. Paula worked as a lifeguard at the Nevitt Memorial Pool in Raymond, and obtained her Water Safety Instructor's Certification from the National Aquatic School in California. On February 27, 1960, she married Kenneth F. Gruginski, a 1958 graduate of Raymond High School and recent Army enlistee.

During her husband's tours in Korea and Vietnam, she taught survival swimming for the 13th Naval District in Seattle, Washington, while attending Seattle University, and then Clark Community College in Vancouver, Washington, where she earned an Associate of Arts degree in Professional Nursing. As she and her two young children followed Ken to various army posts including stints in France and Germany, she worked as a Registered Nurse in military hospitals. With Ken's retirement from the Army the family moved to Vancouver where she began a 15 year stretch with Tektronix as an Occupational Health and Safety Manager, and attended Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree and Board Certification in Health Care Management.

Paula then merged her love of aquatics with her nursing and management skills to accept a position as Medical Officer on a large fishing vessel in the Bering Sea. Having embarked on yet another challenge, Paula attended Clatsop Community College, obtained an Associate of Arts degree in Maritime

Science, Unlimited Able Bodied Seaman Certification, and US Coast Guard Merchant Marine Master (Captain) with 1600gt coastal/3000gt international ratings, while working on various ships in the North Pacific and Bering Sea including oil spill recovery, factory trawlers, and crab boats. She especially treasured her time as a volunteer Mate aboard the Schooner Zodiac, a tall ship and the largest wooden vessel under sail on the West coast.

"Oma", as she was lovingly known to her immediate family, passed away quietly in Vancouver on May 13, 2012, Mother's Day, a fitting punctuation to a life of strong mothering for her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered as a person who tempered her keen ability to command action with kind benevolence and generous laughter. Her lifelong love of genealogy and family history gave her the courage to face every new challenge with confidence and determination. Following a private graveside service, Captain Paula was laid to rest at Fern Hill Cemetery in Raymond, Washington. She is survived by Ken, her husband of 52 years, son Kenneth A. Gruginski, daughter Mary Catherine Burpee, and grandchildren Dominique Burpee, John Paul Burpee and Jaden Gruginski, all of Vancouver. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver.

Here is the last article that Paula Gruginski submitted to the editor, dated March 2, 2012:

I was born in Kansas near where my Grandfather John Henry Latta (Branch 1) settled in the 1800s. We moved to WA when I was young and I consider it my home, but following my military spouse around the world took me to many places and countries. I hold degrees in Maritime Science, Professional Nursing, and Health Administration Mgmt.

Genealogy became my interest about 48 years ago following a debate on the Latta family with

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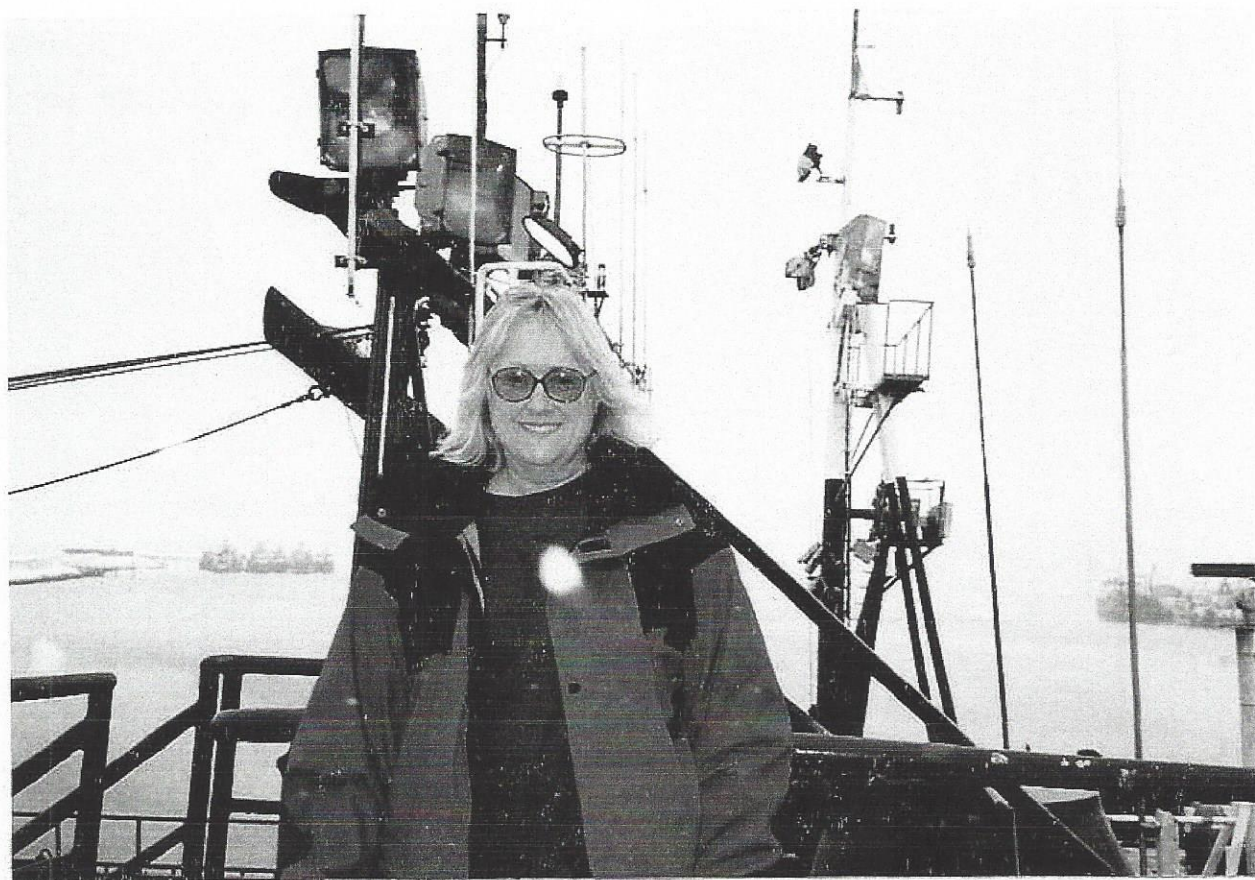
Paula Gruginski

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my Mother, and since that time I have spent many hours and traveled many miles in several countries tracking my Latta lineage. One of the most memorable events was visiting the Rare books room of the Library of Congress and holding what remains of the Robert Latta Manuscript in my hands.

I have enjoyed my role as VP of Research for the past two years and have spent a lot of my time assisting others by answering their queries and also offering assistance and correction to some posts re

Latta information on various online sites. I arranged for a Researcher for Ireland and she has been active, but has not located any new and different information. My personal research interest at this time is the origins of Branch 1 in America and its Scottish origins.



Here is a picture of Paula Gruginski on a fishing boat in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Her daughter Mary Catherine thinks that she looks happier there than in any other picture.

2012 Elections of the Latta Genealogy Society

By: Ken Mueller, President

With the enclosed ballot, members of our Latta Genealogy Society will be electing three officers this summer: Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Research, and Secretary Historian. These officers will serve for a term of two years. The nominating committee has proposed the following candidates:

Vice President of Communications:
Candidate: Randy Phillips,
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Randy is the incumbent Vice President of Communications. He monitors E-Bay for Latta items, shepherds our Facebook page, has contributed several articles about his finds. He found and sent to the editor for publication the Jennie Latta composition, which was never printed publicly until our newsletter's Issue 42, page 6. He also connected the editor with a rare find of Latta postcards, which were printed in Issue 39, page 25. Randy has agreed to run for reelection.

Vice President of Research:
Candidate: Cheryl Sue Cox,
suelatteacox@yahoo.com

Sue was born and raised in West Virginia, and graduated from Salem College with a teaching degree. In 1979 she married her husband Tim, and they have three grown children, and four grandchildren. Sue became interested in genealogy when her children were small, and worked on the Latta, Ray, and Vincent families on her father's side, and on the Ball and Collins families on her mother's side. Sue has worked with the Latta Genealogy Society for many years, submitting several articles to the Newsletter, and has worked as webmaster for the website since the death of Paul Calhoun.

Secretary Historian:
Candidate: Geoffrey Latta,
gwl820@hotmail.com

Geoff was born in Kent in England but has lived in Philadelphia for 35 years with his wife, Janice. He was educated in England at the Universities of Oxford and Warwick as well as having a degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

He has two children, Katherine and James, and recently retired after a career as a management consultant.

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I would be honored to serve as Secretary/Historian of the Society.

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