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James Latta and the Latta Plantation

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James Latta was born Aug. 21, 1755 in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. He died Oct. 30, 1837 in Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, USA. Birth date estimated on 82 years, 2 months, 9 days.

First marriage in Ireland: Elizabeth Houston.

CHILDREN OF JAMES LATTA & ELIZABETH HOUSTON LATTA:

1. William Latta b:09 Oct 1781 m:Mary Pamela Woods on Dec 1811.

2. Robert Latta b:21 Aug 1783 Find A Grave Memorial# 8596251.

1st m:Jane Allison on 04 Nov 1806.

2nd m:Eliza Dilworth b:09 Oct 1821.

2nd marriage in USA: Jane Allison Knox m: April 12, 1796, Lincoln Co., NC

CHILDREN OF JAMES LATTA & JANE KNOX LATTA:

1. Mary Margaret Allison (Polly) Latta m: James Gilbraith Torrence

2. Elizabeth (Betsy) Latta m:Benjamin Wilson Davidson.

3. Nancy Angelina Latta m:Rufus Reid.

4. Ezekiel Latta Find A Grave Memorial# 24054187.

James Latta is "Latta Branch #12" as established by Robert H. Lattas' work, located in the "Library of Congress", Rare Book Room, Washington, DC.. In 1792 James Latta was in Ireland educating his sons. He came to America in 1792 to administer on John's estate, which shows that he was

probably a brother. Only one son, Robert, came with him. They walked from Charleston, South Carolina, to Lincoln, North Carolina and were taken in and cared for by a gentleman named Albert Torrence. On account of the shock of the wreck and the walk his mind left him. He later sent for another son, William Latta. His first wife died in Ireland, Elizabeth Houston. There were other children of this marriage but James Latta only brought Robert & William. From the works of Robert H. Latta, "Library of Congress."

Robert was the only child James Latta brought to America with him on his first trip. Roberts mother was Elizabeth Houston Latta. It is said she died in Ireland and his father James Latta sent for his younger brother William, my ggg-grandfather. There were other children left in Ireland so Robert and William had older brothers and sisters.

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Editorial

I urge you to help save the Latta Plantation. Please call, write or e-mail the Mecklenburg county Board at Commissioner Pat Cotham, Chairman, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, telephone number 704-336-3866 or Patricia.Coatham@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov, or Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte NC 28202. Please ask that the Latta Plantation be adequately funded. We need to save our Latta cultural and historical resources.

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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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PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO: Treasurer, Ms. Beryl Redfield, 4281 Winfield Road, Taylorsville, Utah 84123. Thank you for your generous support!

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ROBERT LATTA (JAMES2, ROBERT1) was born August 21, 1783 in Antrim, Ireland, and died August 25, 1852 in Columbia, S.C.. He married (1) JANE ALLISON November 04, 1806. He married (2) ELIZA DILWORTH, daughter of SAMUEL DILWORTH and SARAH WAYNE.

Notes for ROBERT LATTA:

Robert was President of National Bank, Columbia, South Carolina. He was naturalized at Charlotte, South Carolina, 2/7/1814.

More About ROBERT LATTA:

Burial: Presbyterian Church Yard, Columbia, SC.

Children of ROBERT LATTA and JANE ALLISON are:

1. JANE LATTA, d. Philadelphia, PA..

2. JOHN ALLISON LATTA, b. January 01, 1808; d. October 26, 1826, Columbia, SC.; m. ANNA E. LEWIS.

More About JOHN ALLISON LATTA:

Burial: Bethel Churchyard, York, SC.

3. WILLIAM ALBERT LATTA, b. November 15, 1809; d. July 07, 1865. m: Camilla Catherine Torrence 24 Jun 1824.

Children of ROBERT LATTA and ELIZA DILWORTH are:

4. IDA ELIZA LATTA, b. July 15, 1834; d. May 25, 1859, Columbia, SC..

More About IDA ELIZA LATTA:

Burial: Presbyterian Church Yard, Columbia, SC.

5. JAMES THEODORE LATTA, b. June 19, 1827; d. May 22, 1865, Pendleton, SC.. m: Angela Lott Wetheral.

6. SARAH ELIZA LATTA, b. May 12, 1823; d. January 04, 1829.

7. CECILIA ANN LATTA, b. February 05, 1830, Yorkville (YORK), S.C.; d. April 17, 1891, Charlotte, NC.. m: Rufus Murray Johnston 29 May 1856 Woodlawn, Columbia, SC.

Latta Plantation, circa 1800, is the last remaining Catawba River plantation open to the public. The 62 acre farm of James Latta, a Scot - Irish merchant, is on the National Register of Historic Sites and consists of the original home and smoke house, enhanced by eleven other outbuildings, as well as fields, farm animals, a garden, and interpreters in period clothing. Latta Plantation is located just north of Charlotte, North Carolina.
<http://www.lattaplantation.org>.

Built in 1800, Latta Place was owned by James Latta, an immigrant from Northern Ireland. A successful traveling merchant through 1820, Mr. Latta then retired and turned his property into a cotton plantation consisting of 742 acres and 34 enslaved people. After Mr. Latta's death in 1837, his wife Jane sold the property to David Harry. In 1853, William Sample purchased the property, which was owned by the Sample family until 1922. Crescent Land and Timber, a subsidiary of Duke Power, then purchased the property because of its proximity to the Catawba River, and rented the home out to tenant farmers, until the house was abandoned in the 1950s.

In the 1970s, a group of citizens recognized the structural and historical significance of Latta Place and formed a private non-profit entity, Latta Place, Inc., to save and restore the property. With much diligence, and due in large part to the efforts of Jean Boggs, Latta Place, Inc. secured \$110,000 from Mecklenburg County to restore the home, and opened it to the public in the mid 1970s. At that point Latta Place, Inc. donated the house and land to Mecklenburg County and recommended that the adjacent property be purchased by the county to form what is now Latta Plantation Nature Preserve.

Today, Historic Latta Plantation is still operated by Latta Place, Inc. In addition to daily tours, Latta offers 35 special events each year, five themed summer day camps, home school programs, workshops, educational field trips, and daily tours year-round. The 12,000 school children that visit the site annually are able to participate in unique interactive historical programming, visit rare and endangered breeds of historic livestock, see the process of growing short-staple cotton first hand, visit our honeybee exhibit, and much more!

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The Latta Plantation has over 42,000 visitors each year, and educates over 12,000 school children annually. The Latta Plantation works closely with local schools. A portion of Historic Latta Plantation's funding is embedded within the Parks and Recreation budget of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. After experiencing 50% funding cuts from Mecklenburg and the Arts and Science Council over the past several years, the Latta Plantation is struggling to continue offering all of its educational programs, tours, special events, summer camps, and workshops to the community. Recently, Mecklenburg County notified the Latta Plantation that they plan to eliminate their funding. This will cripple the ability of the Latta Plantation to maintain its programs for students and the public. Unfortunately the number of historic sites available to children is decreasing due to closings as a result of lack of funding. The Latta Plantation believes that our history and cultural heritage needs to be preserved and is a vital part of a well rounded education.

Funding decisions will be made in June 2013. Please help ensure that the Latta Plantations' funding is not eliminated by immediately writing, calling, and e-mailing:

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Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners,
704-336-3866 or
Patricia.Coatham@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov, or
Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, 600
East 4th Street, Charlotte NC 28202. Please ask
that the Latta Plantation be adequately funded.

If you want to contact the Latta Plantation directly to help:

www.LattaPlantation.org or
704-8752312.

A Note on a Colonial Latta Family

By: Ken Mueller, editor

On page 1203, volume III, of the book Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania, John W. Jordan, editor, published 1978 by the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, it states:

"Rev. James Latta, D. D., great-grandfather of Jane Sutton (Latta) Pinkerton, was born in the north of Ireland in 1732, and came to America with his parents, James and Mary (Alison) Latta, who settled near Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, about 1740."

I call attention to the surname Alison. James Latta of Branch 12, see page 1, married Mary Margaret Alison. The above James Latta is of Branch 8. We will see the name Alison again in the following articles by Sue Cox and Geoffrey Latta. There must have been strong connections between the Latta and Alison families.

Some "Scotch-Irish" History

By Cheryl Sue Cox, Branch 17, Vice President of Research, Suelatteacox@yahoo.com.

My father had wanted to join the Latta DNA Project for quite some time, so he recently received a kit to send in. Once we got the results, I went to the Latta DNA Project website and compared his numbers to the other volunteers. There was one other volunteer from Branch 17 and I was figuring that their numbers would be a complete match. I was wrong. They were off by one number. But he was a complete match to a volunteer from Branch 8.

This would mean that Branch 8 and Branch 17 share the same ancestor somewhere in their family tree. I pulled up Branch 8 and started looking it over to see where the connection could be. Branch 8 and Branch 17 both have their origins in the State

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of Pennsylvania. I know that the first man in our Branch 17 was John Latta and that he was living at Shirley, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War. I have not been able to find out where he came from or where he was born. There is a William Latta living just south of him at Ayr, who I have been hoping to connect him too.

Looking at Branch 8, I found that they also lived in Pennsylvania, but had lived in Chester County and had come there from Ireland in the winter of 1738 at Elkton, Maryland. James Latta had married Mary Alison, whose family was from Leck, Ireland, which is located in the same barony as St. Johnstown, where a lot of Latta information has been found in the Irish Research Project. Among their sons was listed a "William Latta." Could he be the William living at Ayr? Could our John Latta at Shirley, be a son of this William?

I began looking into the Alison/Allison family history and found an e-book on line at the Boston Public Library. It was called "The History of the Alison or Allison Family in Europe and America" and had quite a bit of history on Irish migration into the United States. I began looking into some Irish history and read an interesting article called "From Rostrevor to Raphoe: An Overview of Ulster Place-names in Pennsylvania, 1700-1820 by Peter Gilmore.

Many of the "Scotch-Irish" had come to Ireland from Scotland in the early 1600s, when the earls and their adherents governed Ireland. At that time, the earls and their adherents were found guilty of treason by England and the six counties of northern Ireland were escheated. The escheated lands were divided among "undertakers" (English who would lease only to English and Scottish tenants and take the oath of supremacy), "servitors" (mainly Scots, who could take Irish tenants, but if so their rents were increased), and natives. Native Irish grantees paid twice the quitrents, but weren't required to take the oath. Colonists were given the best lands. Irish were made tenants-at-will, denied their freehold

rights under the attainted earls. The plantation and others that followed elsewhere in Ireland proved a practical success (farming and manufacture) but culturally a time bomb.

Within a decade of the 'Flight of the Earls' came the Ulster Plantation. The Irish were driven off their lands and into the bogs and the moors where it was hoped that they would starve to death. The conditions upon which the new people (the Scots) got their land bound them to repress and abhor the Irish natives, admit no Irish customs, never to intermarry with the Irish, and not to permit any Irish on their lands. As a result many of the Irish starved to death. Many others sailed away and enlisted under continental armies.

At this time, we believe that some Latta families came to Ireland from Scotland and settled in the Ulster Plantation. The Allison family also came from Scotland and became prominent families from Magilligan Parish at Drumnaha. There they lived for almost 100 years until problems arose with the Stuart Kings and the famous Siege of Derry during the Williamite Wars.

It is one of the ironies of British empire rule that having settled Ulster with people of the Protestant faith, it was not long until the British were persecuting these Scotch Irish residents of the Plantation for holding to their dissenting Presbyterianism.

Even more galling to the "Orangemen" (as they came to be called after the Revolution of 1688) were the trade restrictions imposed by the English as though on "foreigners." The transplanted Scotch-Irish had made agriculture and stock-raising thrive on the rocky hills of Ulster. They had introduced flax growing and built a high-quality linen industry, and were engaging in superior woollen manufacture. Deprived of the right to export their goods even to the motherland or the other English colonies or to import from anywhere but England, their source of a livelihood was narrowed to bare subsistence. (Scotch-Irish Timeline by Sharman Burson Ramsey)

At this time the status of the Presbyterian Scots-Irish declined. Political alienation with the

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Test Act of 1704, followed by economic hardship contributed to the great Ulster Scots emigrations to the United States in early 1718.

In 1718, five ships of immigrants from the north of Ireland set sail for the United States and arrived on the coast of New England, but were forbidden to land in Boston by the intolerant Puritans, who did not want the Scotch-Irish living among them. Being late in the year, the ships had to winter along the Kennebec River to the north. Some of the immigrants settled on the land, but many stayed in the ships during the unusually severe winter of 1718-19, and petitioned the city of Boston for help from starvation.

From this area along the Kennebec River, the Scotch-Irish left the Kennebec and came overland to Pennsylvania, settling in Northampton County. Others began the community of Londonderry, New Hampshire, among these the Samuel Allison family. Allison history states that there were five Allison brothers who traveled to the United States. They spread out into Pennsylvania with their families, and at least one of the brothers then took the road south into the Carolinas, settling in the Mecklenburg, North Carolina area. Latta family history states that five Latta brothers came to America, settled around Elkton, Maryland, migrating into Pennsylvania, and down into North Carolina, and there are Lattas found in the Mecklenburg, North Carolina area at an early date.

Looking at Branch 8, James Latta married Mary Allison, sister of Rev. Francis Alison. Francis Alison was the son of Robert Alison, a weaver, and he was born at Leck, Ireland in 1705. Francis Alison came to Pennsylvania in 1735 where he tutored the John Dickinson family until he became the Presbyterian minister at New London, Pennsylvania. It would be a fair assumption that James Latta arrived in the United States at about the same time. The Allison history did not give any information about Rev. Francis Allison's father,

or his sister, Mary Allison, who married James M. Latta. However, it is noted in the book Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania Genealogical and Personal Memoirs, Vol. 3 by John W. Jordan, that Mary Alison married James M. Latta. This was a second marriage for James M. Latta. One of their sons was named after her brother, The Rev. James Allison, and named James Allison Latta. His biography can be found online and states that he was named for his mother's brother.

Looking back at the article "From Rostrevor to Raphoe," I found it interesting to follow the travels of the Scotch-Irish across Pennsylvania where they named many of the counties and towns after places in Ireland. Thousands of Scotch-Irish had arrived from Ireland in early 1700 where they traveled west in search of farmland. The most recent estimate is that between 100,000 to 250,000 persons left Ireland for North America between 1700-1725. (Patrick Fitzgerald & Brian Lambkin, *Migration Irish History 1607-2007*) Provincial Secretary of Pennsylvania, James Logan noted in 1729 that "it looks as if Ireland is to send all its inhabitants hither, for last week not less than six ships arrived (in Philadelphia) and every day, two or three arrive also." Derry, Ireland's significant commercial role as a home port in transatlantic shipping doubtlessly affected settler's choices of transportation. Many immigrants would have left Ulster by way of Lough Foyle, the coastal area where Londonderry is situated. Over the centuries thousands of people have used the port of Derry to travel overseas in search of a new life. In the eighteenth century Derry was one of, if not the, most important Ulster port in the emigration trade. In July 1729 one Derry merchant reported that 25 ships had left the port that summer already, each carrying 140 passengers. Not only did ships sail from Derry to Colonial America, some also sailed to Canada, docking in Nova Scotia. Emigration to America was closely linked to the flaxseed trade, itself crucial to Ulster's economy. Ships bringing flaxseed to the province were refitted to carry migrants back across the Atlantic. Other ships brought timber or cotton to Ireland and Great Britain before returning with

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migrants. In the early nineteenth century there were several shipping companies operating a passenger service out of Derry. By the late 1830s ships from Derry were also sailing to Australia. The last passenger voyage by a Derry-owned ship to New York was made in 1873. Those wishing to travel to North America were now carried down the Foyle in paddle tenders to Moville where they were transferred to the transatlantic steamships. [Loughs Agency-Emigration] In the second half of the 19th century, Moville was a significant point of embarkation for many travelers, especially emigrants, to Canada and the United States of America. Steamships of the Anchor Line, of Glasgow, and others en-route from Glasgow to New York City regularly called at Moville to pick up additional passengers. The liners anchored in the water channel in the middle of Lough Foyle opposite Moville, and passengers were ferried to and from the shore using the tenders. The ships would sail in, anchor, and swing around with the tide and then sail out again. Most of the liners originated in Liverpool or Glasgow, and stopped at Moville to pick up the Irish passengers. The tenders sailed from Derry and also from Moville itself. At the pier in Moville, there is a pub by the name of "The Hair of the Dog" which was once the Shipping Office where emigrants would buy their tickets to America. [Rootsweb mailing list - Donegal-Irish Ports] So if you are looking for passengers lists for your Irish ancestors, it might state that the ship was from Glasgow to America, or Liverpool to America.

The Scotch-Irish westward movement in Pennsylvania can be traced in the names of towns that they founded which bear names of Ulster's nine counties (Dublin being a prominent name), or those of Scottish Origin (Ayr).

When emigrants from the north of Ireland arrived in Pennsylvania, they found the areas around Philadelphia already settled by English families. Thus, they moved into Chester County, then Pennsylvania's only significant territorial division west

of Philadelphia. From Chester County, they moved further west into Lancaster County. The town of Drumore, originating in 1729, takes its name from the town or parish of Dromore on the Lagan River in County Down.

The growing migration of Irish population led to a proliferation of Ulster place-names. Provincial Secretary, James Logan (an Ulster-born Quaker) attempted to direct the continuing flow of Irish migrants to the "lower end" of Lancaster County, towards the contested Maryland border. The "lower end" settlements included Drumore & Colerain townships. Colerain was settled principally by the Irish, some of the earliest settlers, Allisons, were living there as early as 1716.

John Allison departed Derry in the 1720s to settle in the Pennsylvania wilderness given the unflattering title "the barrens of Derry," a misleading name given to the rich potential lands of Donegal Township in Lancaster County.

Pennsylvania experienced a dramatic expansion of settlement in the 1730s, fueled by the large number of immigrants landing at Philadelphia beginning in the late 1720s and continuing through the 1730s. Immigrants from Ulster figured prominently, especially from 1725-1729.

From Lancaster County, the immigrants moved further west into the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania. It is noted that the Cumberland Valley was settled by a large number of Irish immigrants and in 1751, it was noted that of the 5,000 residents, all were Irish except for 50 families. As land became available further west in Pennsylvania after the Indian wars, a migration of the Scotch-Irish into Bedford and Westmoreland Counties are seen. This route can be seen in our Latta branches.

As I was reading this information, I could pinpoint our Latta families who lived in Chester County, Lancaster County, Bedford County and Westmoreland County. When did they first arrive? Were some of them among those five ships which landed in New England in 1718? Of those signing the petition for help from the city of Boston, no Latta or Allison signatures were found aboard that particular ship that stayed in the Boston harbor.

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Were they among those who entered through Philadelphia from 1725-1729?

Did all of the Latta families start out in Chester County, Pennsylvania, from one set of brothers and then spread out over Pennsylvania and into the Carolinas? Hopefully we can begin to piece this puzzle together, perhaps with the help of our DNA testing.

Latta Research in Ireland

By: Geoffrey Latta, Secretary Historian,
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As many members will know, the Society has over recent years undertaken some research into the Latta family in Ireland. Many Lattas in the US can trace their ancestry to the north of Ireland where many Scots Presbyterians were settled in the 17th century. Pioneering work by Alex Latta and others has given us a picture of the family connections with Ireland.

This article is an attempt to take stock with what we know currently. I fully recognize the debt to those who have done past work. Research in Ireland is particularly difficult for several reasons. First, many Irish genealogical records were destroyed in 1922 by a fire. Second it seems likely that a significant percentage of the Scots families who emigrated to Ireland did not stay more than 100 years before they continued on to the US. Third, most Lattas went to Donegal. While some remain there, the area of Donegal (now in the Republic of Ireland) to which they went is no longer heavily Protestant and it is likely that as a result, church records are more difficult to trace.

The first issue is where the Lattas in Ireland originally came from in Scotland. While there is no specific information about Lattas, we do in a broad sense know where immigrants into Ireland came

from and the specific area to which they came in Donegal also helps narrow down the likely geographic origin. Unfortunately the main Scottish emigration to Ulster began in 1609, and there are few parish records in Scotland prior to that date from which we could draw any conclusions about the origins of the Lattas. The generally accepted wisdom is that most came from Ayrshire. It is noticeable that the spelling of the name in Ireland moved quickly to Latta or Lata with the typical spelling from western Scotland as opposed to the use of Latto in eastern Scotland.

One major way to try and review the origins of the Lattas in Ulster is to look at the "undertakers" who were given land in Donegal. These undertakers had to take on the responsibility of bringing in a minimum number of tenants. There were 18 main Scottish undertakers for Donegal. Of these, 7 were from the south-western counties of Wigtownshire and Kircudbright. There does not appear to be any Latta connection with either of these counties. There were also two undertakers from counties where no Latta connection seems likely - these were from Roxburgh and Banff respectively and one who was a favorite of King James with no specific geographic connection that seems promising. This leaves:

Michel Balfour (Lord Burleigh). Interestingly he owned lands in Fifeshire although his main seat was in Kinross. This was inherited from his mother's side. He also had family from Largo and Kilmany, Fifeshire. There was a significant Latta connection to Largo.

Cuthbert Cunningham. Origin not clear but probably Ayrshire.

Sir James Cunningham of Glengarnock in Ayrshire, close to Kilbirnie.

James Cunningham of Moiragh. He was related to Sir James and was also probably from Ayrshire.

John Cunningham of Crawfield in Ayrshire. It is claimed that the town of Newtown Cunningham (see below) was named after him.

Alexander McCaulay of Durling. This might possibly be a family from Dunbartonshire.

John Stewart of Kilbirnie in Ayrshire, an area where significant Latta families were found.

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William Stewart of Dunduff in south Ayrshire.

It is possible that further research on these eight individuals might lead to clues on the origins of the Donegal planters.

There are records for a number of male Lattas in Ireland. While it is difficult in some cases to distinguish whether records apply to the same person, it is a reasonable estimate that we have identified information on about 200 male Lattas, although some of the records may relate to the same person so the total number may be fewer than this. Of these around 70% can be clearly linked to Donegal. In addition, a family of Lattas in Wexford moved there from Donegal in the 19th century. There are smaller numbers from Tyrone, Down and Dublin but we cannot be sure whether some or all of these came from Donegal rather than directly from Scotland.

Many of the settlers in Donegal went to a specific area in the eastern part of the county that was known as the Laggan. The main communities represented were Newtown Cunningham and St Johnstown, which are about 7 miles apart and a number of small communities near them including Taughboyne, Churchtown, Castlethird, Cross, Bready, Castleforward, Ardagh, Killea, Haw and Magheraboy. To the south-west of these communities are Raphoe and Convoy and beyond them Stranorlar and Meenavoy, while Letterkenny is to the west. Again, these are all close - Newtown Cunningham to Raphoe is about 12 miles. Lattas were also found in Lettermore, south of Stranorlar. Sources also identify Airsty and Killenny but these cannot be related to anywhere today and Millford also seems untraceable, although the town of Millford does exist but is some distance from any other Latta settlement although it is not too far from Rathmelton, which may be the Ramelton referred to in several sources.

It is also clear that many of the Presbyterian Scots who went to Ulster in the early 17th century moved on to the USA in the late 17th and early

18th centuries. The reasons for this onward emigration cannot be affirmed completely but it is likely that they faced the twin pressures of hostility from displaced Catholics and from the English settlers who were predominantly Anglican, the religion of the established Church of Ireland.

One of the most famous of the early emigrant families was that of James Latta, one of the members of the first graduating class (which totaled 7) of the University of Pennsylvania in 1757. (Personal note - my son, also names James Latta, graduated from Penn in 2009). The Rev James Latta was the head of the Presbyterian Church in the USA. Born in Donegal in 1732, he died in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1801. He had come to America as a child, with his father, James Melyne Latta, who died in 1745 and his mother, Mary Alison, who was the second wife of James Melyne Latta. Mary Alison had been born according to family records in Leck, Donegal, which is a small community close to Letterkenny. The father had settled in Elkton, Maryland. This family is often known as the "shipwreck" Lattas as it is reported that their ship was wrecked when it arrived in America and all family records were lost. There were three other children of James Melyne by his first wife, who had died in Ireland. They were Samuel, William and John. From sources it would appear that Samuel had been born about 1719 in Airsty, Donegal and died in 1813 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. William born about 1729 died in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania in 1803.

Other early Latta families in America with Irish roots include the family of James Latta (1755-1837), a merchant and plantation owner who emigrated about 1785. He owned property in both North and South Carolina and was the founder of Latta Place in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

Samuel Latta (1756-1820) was also born in Ireland and after coming to the United States, was a farmer of 1,000 acres in Geneva, New York.

It does not appear that research has given us any clear family history on where in Scotland the emigrants to America came from, although one history of the Latta family in Pennsylvania says that family history believed they went from Ayrshire to Donegal.

Earliest Branch 51 Latta Family

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The earliest identified Latta of branch 51 is William Latta, b. ~1710 in Costitan near St. Johnston, Ireland. The fact that he is listed in the International Genealogical Index(r) 1993 02 28 Edition of the LDS provides some evidence of his existence, but, as with all such records, must be further confirmed. Stronger evidence is that this William is identified as the husband of Agnes Rhea in the book "Notable Southern Families", Vol II authored by Zella Armstrong and published in 1922. This book seems to be recognized by a number of genealogists as thorough and well researched. Yet another piece of information lending credence to William belonging to branch 51 is the naming of children. As Geoffrey Latta noted in his interesting article "The Latta Family in Western Scotland" in Issue 48 of the newsletter, "Scottish naming conventions were to call the first son after the paternal grandfather and the second daughter after the paternal grandmother." As we will see further down in this article, the names William (not surprising) and Agnes reappeared in their grandchildren in branch 51. While cautiously claiming William and Agnes for branch 51, I continue to look for more definitive proof.

In her book, Zella Armstrong writes of Agnes Rhea "She had childrn [sic], names unknown excepting Elizabeth Latta and Joseph Latta. Joseph Latta came to America, married and lived near Brandywine, Pennsylvania." From there, several records of Joseph Latta have been found starting with his marriage to Susannah Steen on 2 Nov. 1772 in Old Swede's Church of Wilmington, Delaware.

Joseph appears on several tax lists and militia rolls for Concord Twp of Chester County PA, often with one or more of his brother-in-laws Frederick, John and William Steen, from 1777 to 1782 as found in the PA Archives, Series 3 and 5.

The trail then grows cold until Joseph is identified as the father of Agnes Latta on the record of her marriage to Samuel Hicks dated 29 July 1793 in Frederick County, VA.

The next uncovered record is the will of John Steen, Joseph's father-in-law, of Harrodsburg, Mercer County KY where he, Steen, had owned a tavern/inn from 1789 until his death in 1799. In his will dated 18 July 1799 and probated October of that same year, he names among others daughter "Susannah, wife of Joseph Lathy". For several years I had thought that the Joseph Latta/Latty/Lattie appearing in tax lists of late 1790's and early 1800's for neighboring Fayette County, KY was the Joseph of branch 51, primarily because of the close proximity of Susannah's father, John Steen. However, subsequent discoveries proved otherwise and I gave up the Joseph of Fayette County to the late Connie Latta of branch 52.

The new evidence was tax and land transaction records in Lee County, VA. Lee County forms the far southwestern tip of Virginia and provides the entry to the Cumberland Gap through which the Wilderness Road led many families across the Appalachian Mountains into Kentucky and beyond to lands of what was then the Northwest Territory. Joseph Latta appears on Lee county tax lists for each year from 1799 to 1807 (excepting 1803), and his son, William, appears on each list from 1802-1806. Additionally, at least four land transactions naming Joseph Latta/Latty AND, IMPOR-TANTLY, WIFE SUSANNAH, are recorded between 1804 and 1808.

The primary land owned by Joseph Latta in Lee County consisted of 200 acres bought in 1804 lying on both sides of Martin's Creek which is about 7-8 miles from the Cumberland Gap and very close to the Wilderness Road. When I visited the area to obtain copies of the records, I drove the narrow road along the length of Martin's Creek. I didn't really expect to locate the exact tract since it was described in metes and bounds, i.e., "Beginning at a post oak, two white oaks and two dogwoods on a bushy hillside....". There are a few scattered houses and the (mostly) paved road alongside the creek, but the land is quite hilly and remains mostly undeveloped. It was a somewhat strange feeling knowing I was treading on

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ground so close to an ancestor of 200 years ago.

That feeling multiplied greatly when we hiked through the Cumberland Gap through which, undoubtedly, Joseph and several of my ancestors, along with so many other pioneers, passed into the interior of the country. As a further aside, the National Park Service has done a magnificent job of removing the highway that many years ago passed through the Cumberland Gap replacing it with a tunnel, and restoring the pathway through the gap to something approaching what it may have been like in earlier times. It made for a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

Picking up the trail of Joseph again, the last record found in Lee County was when he sold his land in a transaction dated 12 October 1808 with final settlement dated 28 March 1809. Significantly, Susannah's name also appeared on the transaction so she must also have been living at this time, but this is the last record that has been found of her.

Joseph obviously traversed through, but seemingly didn't spend any time in, Kentucky as he next appears in the deed books of Harrison County of what was then the Northwest Territory but would later become the Territory of Indiana before its statehood. Harrison County is on the north side of the Ohio River at the Falls of The Ohio, i.e. Louisville. In the very first entry of the very first deed book of Harrison County dated 9 March 1809, Joseph Latta leased 160 acres of land for 5 years.

Joseph and son William both appear on the tax lists of Harrison County for 1812 and 1813, but neither had any land listed. Joseph also appears in the Estray Book in 1812 claiming a stray horse he had found. Joseph is listed on the marriage record as the father of Isabella Latta when she married Melvin Dirban on 4 Nov. 1812 in the county.

Some interesting records exist from the 1813 session of the General Assembly of the Indiana Territory at which the representative for Harrison County presented a petition requesting relief for Joseph Latta. The representative gave a second

and third reading of the request, as the rules required, then the request failed to pass the assembly.

The last official record found for Joseph was when he was named as serving on the first Grand Jury in an entry dated 11 April 1814 in Washington County, which had been set off from Harrison and included the land which Joseph had leased.

The two sons of Joseph, William and John, were both listed as serving in the Indiana Territory Militia in 1813.

It is well documented that both William and John acquired land on the west fork of the White River about 50 miles away in Owen County in October 1817 where they were, by some accounts, the first white settlers.

Only anecdotal entries hint of, but not name, Joseph after 1814. One, Early History Of Greene County, Indiana, by Jack Baber, 1875, says, "...old John Latta...has the credit and honor of being the first white man to build a log cabin in Greene County in the year 1817." But in 1817, son John was not "old" having been born 11 July 1795 and died Dec. 1826. Was it Joseph instead as he would have been "old"? Or perhaps Mr. Baber used the term "old" because he was referring to someone who lived several decades before. There is no proof, but it doesn't seem like it was John.

In another, possibly using Baber's recollections then expanding, History of Greene and Sullivan Counties Indiana, 1884, published by Godspeed Publishers: "It is said that the first settler in this township was old John Latta, who built his log cabin on Latta's Creek, near where the old canal crosses the same, early in the year 1817. He was the first settler in that vicinity, and the creek upon which he located took its name from him. He was a noted hunter and trapper, and spent much of his time in quest of game, the hides and carcasses netting him more than he could make any other way." Once again, I suspect this may have been Joseph, not John Latta. John was just upriver in Owen County from the confluence of Latta's Creek and the White River in Greene County. But then again, it is certainly possible that it was John who built the log cabin in Greene County in early 1817 then bought land upriver in southern Owen County in

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October 1817. The inventory of John Latta's estate sold at auction upon his Dec. 1826 death lists many farm implements and livestock, seeming to belie the characterization as one who made his way primarily by hunting and trapping. With conflicted musings, this mystery remains. But no other mention of Joseph has been found.

So, proof of where and when Joseph died has not been found, but I suspect it was sometime between 1815 and 1818 in the border area of Greene and Owen Counties in Indiana. As for his wife, Susannah, since the last record discovered for her was in Lee County, VA, and, with no records in Indiana, I suspect her death in late 1808/early 1809 was perhaps a reason for Joseph to leave Lee County for Indiana, but that is only speculation.

For the tragedy that would befall the family of John Latta and other information on the further generations, I refer you to my earlier article in Newsletter 18, Fall 2002, "Early Generations of Branch 51".

Recognizing that the eyes of those with only a mild interest in branch 51 may have glazed over in reading the above, I offer a more concise tabulation of the first 4 generations of branch 51:

First Generation

1. William¹ Latta, born 1710 in Costitan, Castleton, St. Johnston, Ireland. He married Agnes Rhea, born abt 1720, daughter of Matthew Rhea II and Elizabeth McLain.

Children of William Latta and Agnes Rhea were as follows:

2i Elizabeth² Latta, born 1741 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donegal, Ireland.

+3ii Joseph² Latta.

Generation 2

3. Joseph² Latta (William¹), born 1750 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donegal, Ireland; died abt 1818 in Greene?, IN, USA. He married on 2 Nov. 1772 in Old Swede's Church Wilmington, New Castle,

DE, USA Susannah Steen, died aft 18 Oct. 1808 in Lee, VA, USA, daughter of John Steen and Jane Neild.

Children of Joseph Latta and Susannah Steen were as follows:

4i Agnes³ Latta, born abt 1775. She married on 29 July 1793 in Frederick, VA, USA Samuel Hicks, born abt 1770.

5ii William³ Latta, born abt 1786; died aft 1835. He married on 10 Jan. 1829 in Vigo, IN, USA Anne Landrum.

6iii Isabella³ Latta. She married on 4 Nov. 1812 in Harrison, IN, USA Melvin Dirbin.

+7iv John³ Latta.

Generation 3

7. John³ Latta (Joseph², William¹), born 11 Jul 1795 in PA, USA; died abt Dec. 1826 in Franklin Twp., Owen, IN, USA. He married on 12 July 1814 Jane McCrosky, born 27 Feb. 1795 in KY, USA; died aft 1860.

Children of John Latta and Jane McCrosky were as follows:

8i Susanna⁴ Latta, born 20 Aug. 1815; died bef 1820.

9ii Joseph⁴ Latta, born 30 March 1817; died Bet 1820-27.

+10iii John⁴ Latta Jr.

+11iv William T.⁴ Latta.

12v James⁴ Latta, born 6 Jan. 1821 in Franklin Twp., Owen, IN, USA.

+13vi Nancy⁴ Latta.

+14vii Abram⁴ Latta.

15viii Susannah Jane⁴ Latta, born 3 June 1826 in Franklin Twp., Owen, IN, USA. She married on 6 Jan. 1842 in Vigo, IN, USA Samuel Lowe, died 25 Jan. 1908 in Terre Haute Vigo, IN, USA, buried in Mewhinney Cem., Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA.

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10. John⁴ Latta Jr. (John³, Joseph², William¹), born 17 July 1818 in Franklin Twp., Owen, IN, USA; died abt 1853. He married on 23 Feb. 1843 in Vigo, IN, USA Mary Cox, born 1822 in OH, USA.

Children of John Latta Jr. and Mary Cox were as follows:

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16iElizabeth J.5 Latta, born 1847 in Vigo, IN, USA.

17iiMary A.5 Latta, born 1849 in Vigo, IN, USA.

18iiiLaura5 Latta, born 185x in Vigo, IN, USA.

11. William T.4 Latta (John3, Joseph2, William1), born 30 Oct. 1819 in Owen, IN, USA; died 1 Jan. 1908 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Grandview Cem., Vigo, IN, USA. He married on 26 Dec. 1847 in Vigo, IN, USA Barbara Mewhinney, born 1822 in OH, USA; died bef 1915.

Children of William T. Latta and Barbara Mewhinney were as follows:

19iMary(?) Allie5 Latta, died aft 1934.

20iiSylvanus L.5 Latta, born 4 Oct. 1848 in Vigo, IN, USA; died 3 July 1934 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA; buried 5 July 1934 in Grandview Cem., Vigo, IN, USA.

21iiiMartha J.5 Latta, died bet 1929-1934.

22ivWilliam5 Latta Jr., born 13 Aug. 1853 in Vigo, IN, USA; died 8 March 1929 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA; buried 10 March 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem., Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

23vJohn W.5 Latta, born 4 June 1858; died 2 Sept. 1899; buried in Oak Hill Cem., Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

24viBenjamin5 Latta, born 1870; died 12 April 1943; buried in Grandview Cem., Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

13. Nancy4 Latta (John3, Joseph2, William1), born 13 Sept. 1822 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA; died 31 Jan. 1889 in Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Cooper's Cem., Riley, Vigo, IN, USA. She married on 25 Jan. 1842 in Vigo, IN, USA Christopher Eversole, born July 1814 in Fairfield, OH, USA; died 6 June 1881 in Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Cooper Cem., Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children of Nancy Latta and Christopher Eversole were as follows:

25iJoseph5 Eversole, born 1850 in Vigo, IN, USA; died 1936; buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem., Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

29vEmma Dora5 Eversole, born abt 1866 in Vigo, IN, USA.

26iiJacob5 Eversole, born abt 1852 in Vigo, IN, USA.

27iiiJane E.5 Eversole, born abt 1855 in Vigo, IN, USA; died 22 March 1899; buried in Cooper Cem., Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

28ivJohn W.5 Eversole.

14. Abram4 Latta (John3, Joseph2, William1), born 21 March 1824 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA; died 8 Jan. 1906 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Carpenter ("100 steps") Cem., Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA. He married on 2 Dec. 1849 in Vigo, IN, USA Lovica Dean, born abt 1830; died bef 1898, daughter of Elijah Dean and Malinda Combs.

Children of Abram Latta and Lovica Dean were as follows:

30iWilliam Albert5 Latta, born 14 Sept. 1850 in Marion, MO, USA; died 25 June 1929 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA; buried 27 June 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem., Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

31iiLynella5 Latta, born abt 1855.

32iiiJames5 Latta, born 1 Jan. 1856 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA; died 2 Dec. 1914 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.

33ivMargaret5 Latta, born abt 1860 in IN, USA.

34vElijah5 Latta, born 1 Feb. 1862 in Vigo, IN, USA; died 12 Jan. 1941 in Los Angeles, CA, USA; buried 20 Jan. 1941 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

35viCharles5 Latta, born 13 April 1865 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA; died 5 April 1944 in Clay City, Clay, IN, USA; buried in Billtown Cem., Brazil, Clay, IN, USA.

36viiNora Ellen5 Latta, born 20 Sept. 1869 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA; died 11 Aug. 1942 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA; buried in Highland Lawn Cem., Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Descendants of William Latta

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Generation 1

1. William Latta-1. He died in April 1808 in Fayette, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

William Latta and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

i. John Latta was born on 15 Sept. 1756 in Pennsylvania, U.S.A.. He died on 4 Oct. 1842 in Greenville, Mercer, Pennsylvania, U.S.A..

ii. William Latta.

iii. Catherine Latta.

iv. Margaret Latta.

v. Andrew Latta was born on 29 April 1769. He married Jennette Robertson on 6 Oct. 1795.

vi. James Latta.

vii. Robert Latta was born on 29 Sept. 1773 in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.. He married Isabella Johnston on 22 Dec. 1795. He died on 28 April 1851 in Haw Patch, La Grange, Indiana, U.S.A..

viii. Mayor Latta.

ix. Samuel Latta was born on 11 June 1775 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He died on 24 July 1851.

x. Ephraim Latta. He died in 1838 in Honey Creek, Richland, Ohio, U.S.A..

xi. Moses Latta was born on 14 Sept. 1782 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.. He died on 18 Nov. 1854 in Muscatine County, Iowa, U.S.A..

xii. Jane Latta. She died in 1830.

Generation 2

2. Robert Latta-2 (William-1) was born on 29 Sept. 1773 in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.. He died on 28 April 1851 in Haw Patch, La Grange, Indiana, U.S.A..

Notes for Robert Latta:

See U. S. Census taken 8 Aug. 1850, Town of Eden, T36NR8E, LaGrange County, Indiana, M432, Roll 157, Page 6, Family 61.

Isabella Johnston was born on 25 Dec. 1768. She died on 2 Feb. 1853 in Eden Township, La Grange, Indiana, U.S.A.

Robert Latta and Isabella Johnston were married on 22 Dec. 1795. They had the following children:

3. i. James Latta was born on 13 Nov. 1796 in Bellefontaine, Logan, Ohio, U.S.A. He married Elizabeth Seegar on 17 April 1821 in Champaign County, Ohio, U.S.A. He died on 14 Feb. 1855 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A..

ii. Jane Latta was born on 14 Sept. 1799 in Ohio, U.S.A. She married Robert Samuel Curl on 29 June 1819 in Champaign County, Ohio, U.S.A. She died on 6 May 1868.

iii. William Latta was born on 5 Nov. 1801 in Ohio, U.S.A. He married Matilda Prudence Layton on 16 Nov. 1826. He died on 5 Nov. 1847 in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, U.S.A.

iv. Margaret Latta was born on 26 Nov. 1802 in Ohio, U.S.A. She married Benj. Chandler on 15 Jan. 1818. She died on 27 Feb. 1850.

v. Samuel Alexander Latta was born on 8 April 1804 in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, U.S.A. He married Mary Ann Guthrie on 8 April 1828. He died on 28 June 1852 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, U.S.A..

vi. Mary A. Polly Latta was born on 21 March 1805 in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, U.S.A. She married William Darnell on 15 April 1826. She died on 29 Nov. 1869 in Hancock County, Illinois, U.S.A.

Notes for Mary A. Polly Latta:

See The Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issue 2, Autumn 1996, page 3 & 12. Source given in the newsletter as 977.14H2A, 1872, History of Champaign & Logan Counties of Ohio.

vii. Johnston Latta was born on 12 Jan. 1807 in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, U.S.A. He died on 5 Jan. 1873 in Haw Patch, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He married Martha L. Copeland on 26 Sept. 1842 in Elkhart County, Indiana. The four known children of Johnston Latta and Martha Copeland are: James Latta, born about 1845 in Indiana, Isabel L. Latta, born about 1847 in

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Indiana, Mary Latta, born about 1856 in Indiana and Frank C. Latta, born 1860 in Indiana, died 1897.

viii. Sarah Latta was born on 3 June 1809 in Ohio, U.S.A. She married Benoni Barnes on 15 April 1824.

ix. Achsa Latta was born on 24 Feb. 1811 in Ohio, U.S.A. She died on 7 Oct. 1864 in Eden Township, La Grange County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Notes for Achsa Latta:

See the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issue 5, Autumn 1997, page 7.

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3. James Latta-3 (Robert-2, William-1) was born on 13 Nov. 1796 in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, U.S.A. He died on 14 Feb. 1855 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Notes for James Latta:

See U. S. Census taken 17 Aug. 1850, Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, M432, Roll 162, Page 189, Family 52.

Elizabeth Seegar was born on 23 Aug. 1800 in New Jersey, U.S.A. She died on 27 March 1839 in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A.

James Latta and Elizabeth Seegar were married on 17 April 1821 in Champaign County, Ohio, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Milton Miller Latta was born on 9 July 1822 in Champaign County, Ohio, U.S.A. He married Julia Ann McDevitt in 1845. He died on 30 Nov. 1899.

ii. William Jonathan Latta was born on 2 Feb. 1824 in Champaign County, Ohio, U.S.A. He married Catherine Wineland on 4 Feb. 1851. He died on 5 Nov. 1856.

iii. Robert Seegar Latta was born on 12 Nov. 1826 in McLean County, Illinois, U.S.A. He married Mary Tumbleson on 21 Dec. 1848 in Eden Township, La Grange County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 13 Feb. 1900 in Oasis, Cherry County,

Nebraska, U.S.A.

iv. Samuel Lemon Latta was born on 16 Jan. 1830 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, U.S.A. He married Frances E. Pearce on 19 Feb. 1858 in Winona, Winona County, Minnesota, U.S.A. He died on 30 Jan. 1905 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Indiana, U.S.A.

v. James Johnston Latta was born on 23 June 1832 in McLean County, Illinois, U.S.A. He died on 15 April 1894.

vi. Jabez Elbert Latta was born on 6 July 1836 in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 17 Aug. 1874.

vii. Eden Reeder Latta was born on 24 March 1839 in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He married Mary Elizabeth Wright on 29 Sept. 1863 in Delhi, Delaware County, Iowa, U.S.A.. He died on 21 Dec. 1915 in Guttenburg, Clayton County, Iowa, U.S.A.

Frances S. Goode.

James Latta and Frances S. Goode were married on 12 June 1839. They had no children.

Eliza Jane Reeder was born in 1810 in Ohio, U.S.A. She died in Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A.

James Latta and Eliza Jane Reeder were married on 18 Jan. 1842 in Elkhart County, Indiana, U.S.A. They had no children.

Generation 4

4. Samuel Lemon Latta-4 (James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 16 Jan. 1830 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, U.S.A. He died on 30 Jan. 1905 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Frances E. Pearce was born in June 1838 in Baltimore, Baltimore County, Maryland, U.S.A. She died on 30 Jan. 1905 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Samuel Lemon Latta and Frances E. Pearce were married on 19 Feb. 1858 in Winona, Winona County, Minnesota, U.S.A. They had the following children:

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i. Winona Latta was born about 1859 in Winona, Winona County, Minnesota, U.S.A.

ii. Ernest W. Latta was born in June 1865 in Indiana, U.S.A.

iii. Joseph L. Latta was born in June 1876 in Indiana, U.S.A.

5. Robert Seegar Latta-4 (James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 12 Nov. 1826 in , McLean, Illinois, U.S.A.. He died on 13 Feb. 1900 in Oasis, Cherry County, Nebraska, U.S.A..

Notes for Robert Seegar Latta:

See U. S. Census taken 9 June 1860, Perry Twp., Noble County, Indiana, M653, Roll 285, Page 52, Family 377.

See U. S. Census taken 1 July 1870, Perry Twp., Noble County, Indiana, M593, Roll 347, Page 241, Family 132.

See Nebraska State Census taken 19 June 1885, Little York Pct., Loup County, Nebraska, Enumeration District 513 Or 22, Sheet 23, Family 5, Dwelling 5.

Mary Tumbleson, daughter of James Tumbleson and Margaret Collet, was born on 13 Jan. 1828 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, U.S.A. She died on 11 March 1907.

Robert Seegar Latta and Mary Tumbleson were married on 21 Dec. 1848 in Eden Township, La Grange County, Indiana, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. William Carroll Latta was born on 9 March 1850 in La Porte, Indiana, U.S.A. He married Alta E. Wood on 10 July 1879 in Mason, Ingham, Michigan, U.S.A. He died on 22 Dec. 1935 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Notes for William Carroll Latta:

See the book The Grand Old Man by Frederick Whitford and Andrew Martin, Purdue University Press, 2005.

ii. Sarah Josephine Latta was born on 26 April 1852 in Jay County, Indiana, U.S.A. She married Hiram Turner Davis on 15 Feb. 1874 in Albion, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. She died on 6 Feb. 1939 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A.

iii. Milton Nimmon Latta was born on 18 July 1853 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He married Willette Marsters on 4 Oct. 1885 in Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska, U.S.A. He died on 16 May 1929 in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, U.S.A.

iv. Mary Caroline Latta was born on 15 Oct. 1856 in Olmstead County, Minnesota, U.S.A. She married Frank R. Lagourgue on 28 Nov. 1882 in Gage County, Nebraska, U.S.A. She died on 1 Sept. 1949 in Orange County, California, U.S.A.

v. James Theodore Latta was born on 23 Sept. 1858 in Olmstead County, Minnesota, U.S.A. He married Abigail Simpson on 21 April 1880.

Notes for James Theodore Latta:

James and Margaret were twins.

vi. Margaret Elizabeth Latta was born on 23 Sept. 1858 in Olmstead County, Minnesota, U.S.A. She died on 23 Sept. 1858 in Olmstead County, Minnesota, U.S.A.

vii. George Lincoln Latta was born on 30 April 1862 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 2 April 1893 in Kennedy, Cherry County, Nebraska, U.S.A.

Notes for George Lincoln Latta:

George had no known children.

viii. Charles Lewis Latta was born on 6 Nov. 1864 in Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. He married Daisy Stillwell on 1 March 1896.

Generation 5

6. Sarah Josephine Latta-5 (Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 26 April 1852 in Jay County, Indiana, U.S.A. She died on 6 Feb. 1939 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A.

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Notes for Sarah Josephine Latta:

See Nebraska State Census taken 19 June 1885, Little York Pct., Loup County, Nebraska, Enumeration District 513 Or 22, Sheet 23, Family 5, Dwelling 5.

Hiram Turner Davis, son of Hiram Davis and Frances Wilkerson, was born on 2 Aug. 1850 in Benton Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 27 Dec. 1907 in North Webster, Kosciusko, Indiana, U.S.A.

Notes for Hiram Turner Davis:

See U. S. Census taken 7 June 1880, Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana, T9, Roll 301, Enumeration District 68, Page 383, Family 98.

Divorce Papers for Hiram Turner Davis and Sarah Josephine Latta were filed 31 Dec. 1885 in District Court, Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska. Petition Granted 12 May 1886.

Hiram Turner Davis and Sarah Josephine Latta were married on 15 Feb. 1874 in Albion, Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Minnie Davis was born in Oct. 1875 in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A.

ii. Hiram Davis was born in 1877. in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A.

iii. Charles E. Davis was born in 1881 in Indiana, U.S.A.

iv. Schuyler Anson Davis was born on 12 Nov. 1884 in Odell, Gage County, Nebraska, U.S.A. He married Eva Elizabeth Seidel on 11 Nov. 1907 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. He died on 16 July 1955 at the Storm Ranch, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Saul Marsters, son of Stephen Marsters and Malinda Baldwin Martin, was born in Oct. 1831 in Harrison County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 22 Aug. 1903 in Clayton Township, Payne County, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

Notes for Saul Marsters:

Saul Marsters mustered in 22 Sept. 1864 in the 22nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and mustered out 8 May 1865. He received Pension No. 568798. Sarah, his widow, received pension no. 578202.

Saul Marsters and Sarah Josephine Latta were married on 27 May 1886 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Hazel Marsters was born on 29 March 1886 in Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska, U.S.A.

ii. Ethel May Marsters was born on 4 March 1889 in Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska, U.S.A.

iii. Saul Marsters was born on 18 Jan 1891 in Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska, U.S.A. He died on 24 Nov. 1897.

iv. Josephine Marsters was born on 29 Nov. 1894 in Taylor, Loup County, Nebraska, U.S.A. She died on 22 May 1958 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A.

John Labon Evinger, son of John Evinger Junior and Elisa Jane Yager, was born on 17 July 1840 in Jefferson County, Kentucky, U.S.A. He died on 9 May 1917 in Cove Township, Hatfield, Polk County, Arkansas, U.S.A.

John Labon Evinger and Sarah Josephine Latta were married on 9 Jan. 1907 in Leavenworth County, Kansas. They had no children.

33. Milton Nimmon Latta-5 (Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 18 July 1853 in Perry Township, Noble, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 16 May 1929 in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, U.S.A.

Willette Marsters, daughter of Saul Marsters and Nancy Ann Clark was born about 1871.

Milton Nimmon Latta and Willette Marsters were married on 4 Oct. 1885 in Taylor, Loup, Nebraska, U.S.A. They had the following children:

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i. Niles Latta was born on 16 April 1887 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

ii. Vera Latta was born on 21 March 1890 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

iii. Guy Latta was born on 10 Oct. 1892 in Nebraska, U.S.A. He died on 1 Jan. 1921 in Martin, Bennett County, South Dakota, U.S.A.

iv. Mary Wanda Latta was born on 17 March 1903 in Nebraska, U.S.A. She died on 18 March 1905 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

v. Auno Latta was born on 18 July 1905 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

Mary McThena was born about 1854.

Milton Nimmon Latta and Mary McThena were married on 5 Dec. 1875 in Noble County, Indiana, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Nona Latta.

William Carroll Latta-5 (Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 9 March 1850 in La Porte, Indiana, U.S.A. He died on 22 Dec. 1935 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Alta E. Wood daughter of Amos F Wood was born on 16 March 1854 in New York, U.S.A. She died in 1940 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A.

William Carroll Latta and Alta E. Wood were married on 10 July 1879 in Mason, Ingham, Michigan, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Bertha Latta was born in 1884 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A. She died in 1960.

ii. Robert W. Latta was born in 1886 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A. He died in 1970.

iii. Pauline Latta was born in 1890 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A. She married Henry J. Reemtsma in 1921 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, U.S.A. She died in 1955.

iv. Mary Latta was born in 1894 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana, U.S.A.

Generation 6

7. Minnie Davis-6 (Sarah Josephine-5, Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born in Oct 1875 in , Noble, Indiana, U.S.A.

Notes for Minnie Davis:

See U.S. Census for Taylor Precinct, Loup County, Nebraska, 20 and 21 June 1900, Supervisor District 6, enumeration district 157, sheet 8, dwelling 133, family 135, T623, Roll 934.

Eugene D. Thurston was born in Sept. 1859 in Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Eugene D. Thurston and Minnie Davis married. They had the following children:

i. Clarence A. Thurston was born in Oct. 1893 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

ii. Nora F. Thurston was born in April 1898 in Nebraska, U.S.A.

8. Schuyler Anson Davis-6 (Sarah Josephine-5, Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 12 Nov. 1884 in Odell, Gage County, Nebraska, U.S.A. He died on 16 July 1955 at the Storm Ranch, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Notes for Schuyler Anson Davis:

See U. S. Census taken 21 Jan. 1920, Long Beach City, 22 Santa Clara Ave., Los Angeles County, California, Precinct 1, T625, Roll 104, Enumeration District 72, Sheet 18B, Family 363, Dwelling 509.

For Divorce of Schuyler Anson Davis and Eva Davis see Case Number 8518, entered 23 Sept. 1922 in Superior Court, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Eva Elizabeth Seidel, daughter of Gottlieb Daniel Seidel and Manuela Barba, was born on 21 Nov. 1890 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, U.S.A. She died on 3 March 1955 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Notes for Eva Elizabeth Seidel:

See U. S. Census taken 15 April 1910, Prescott,

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Yavapai County, Arizona, T624, Roll 42, Enumeration District 127, Dwelling 8, Family 8.

Schuyler Anson Davis and Eva Elizabeth Seidel were married on 11 Nov. 1907 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Eva Josephine Davis was born on 2 Oct. 1908 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. She died on 2 Dec. 1982 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A.

ii. Bernice Nora Davis was born on 11 Dec. 1910 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. She married Frank Travis Harvey on 11 Dec. 1926 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. She died on 23 April 2005 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, U.S.A.

iii. Clarence E. Davis was born on 30 July 1914 in Yucaipa, San Bernardino, California, U.S.A. He married Lois Marion Rude on 18 Oct. 1941 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, U.S.A. He died on 11 Jan. 1997.

iv. Charles T. Davis was born on 10 March 1916 in Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California, U.S.A. He died on 23 April 1980 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A.

Helen Lucretia Kuhns.

Schuyler Anson Davis and Helen Lucretia Kuhns were married on 7 June 1930 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. They had no children.

Susan Elizabeth Murphy was born on 16 Oct. 1898 in Platte County, Nebraska, U.S.A. She died on 20 Oct. 1997 in Needles, San Bernardino County, California, U.S.A.

Schuyler Anson Davis and Susan Elizabeth Murphy were married on 25 July 1947 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, U.S.A. They had no children.

Generation 7

9. Charles T. Davis-7 (Schuyler Anson-6, Sarah Josephine-5, Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 10 March 1916 in Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California, U.S.A. He died on 23 April 1980 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A.

Roberta Howe.

Charles T. Davis and Roberta Howe married. They had the following children:

i. Cynthia Karen Davis was born on 31 Dec. 1941 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. She died on 9 Oct. 2007 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

10. Eva Josephine Davis-7 (Schuyler Anson-6, Sarah Josephine-5, Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 2 Oct. 1908 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. She died on 2 Dec. 1982 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Louis Boyd Hart was born about 1907 in Missouri to Nathin and Elizabeth Hart. He died on 24 Oct. 1944 on the Japanese prison ship *Arisan Maru* in the South Pacific.

Louis Boyd Hart and Eva Josephine Davis married on May 9, 1930. They had the following children:

i. Stanley Louis Hart was born on 18 Oct. 1931 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. See birth record 536-170F.

Case No. 13397 granted dissolution of marriage to Louis and Eva Hart on 20 Aug. 1935 in the Superior Court of Yavapai County, Prescott, Arizona, U.S.A.

Frank Waitman, son of Fred Waitman and Maude Parker, was born on 25 Nov. 1911 in Daviess County, Kentucky, U.S.A. He died on 23

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Oct. 1991 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Frank Waitman and Eva Josephine Davis married. They had no children.

11. Bernice Nora Davis-7 (Schuyler Anson-6, Sarah Josephine-5, Robert Seegar-4, James-3, Robert-2, William-1) was born on 11 Dec. 1910 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. She died on 23 April 2005 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Frank Travis Harvey, son of James Vincent Harvey and Anna Cecilia Munday, was born on 1 March 1907 in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, U.S.A. He died on 24 Jan. 1971 in Signal Hill, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A.

Notes for Frank Travis Harvey:

Frank Harvey and Bernice Nora Harvey were granted a Final Judgment of Divorce on 25 Nov. 1936 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Frank Travis Harvey and Bernice Nora Davis were married on 11 Dec. 1926 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Marilyn Estelle Harvey was born on 5 Nov. 1927 in Bellflower, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A.. She married George Merwin Vermilion on 26 Dec. 1945 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. She died on 16 Aug. 1997 in Orange County, California, U.S.A..

ii. James Robert Harvey, still living, married Shirley Louise Scott on 26 July 1952.

iii. Janet Arlene Harvey was born on 10 Sept. 1933 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. She married Vernon Harold Gerdes on 27 June 1953 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A. She died on 11 April 2012 in Prescott Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Notes for Vernon Harold Gerdes:

Vernon served in the U. S. Air Force Reserve, active duty in the Korean War from 1950—1952 in the 452nd Light Bomb Wing.

William Rudolph Storm, son of William Buntton Storm and Bonita Agnes Stephan, was born on 9 March 1913 in Junction, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A. He died on 10 Feb. 1995 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Notes for William Rudolph Storm:

William served in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

William Rudolph Storm and Bernice Nora Davis were married on 24 April 1942 in Gallup, McKinley County, New Mexico, U.S.A. They had the following children:

i. Eleanor Louise Storm, still living, married Steven Wayne Huddleston on 13 June 1970 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

ii. William Jeffrey Storm, still living.

iii. George Paul Storm, still living, married Rita on 6 Sept. 1975.



Sarah Josephine Latta Evinger (1852-1939).

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Sarah Josephine Latta (1852-1939) and her daughter Josephine Marsters.



Above: Sarah Josephine Latta (1852-1939) and her granddaughter Bernice Nora Davis (1910-2005).

On page 24, standing left to right are: Sarah Josephine Latta Evinger (1852-1939), her granddaughter Bernice Nora Davis (1910-2005), and Sarah's son, Schuyler Anson Davis, 1884-1955). In front are Stan Waitman (born Stanley Hart), James Harvey, and Marilyn Harvey (1927-1997). Editor's note: Stanley was adopted by his stepfather, Frank Waitman (1911-1991).

On page 25 is the wedding photograph of Schuyler Anson Davis (1884-1955) and Eva Elizabeth Seidel (1890-1955). They were married on 11 Nov. 1907 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

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1. Mr. Edward **Cooke**, descendent of Br 15, FG 29 - Joseph Walker **Latta** through his daughter, Sadie **Latta**, has provided the following information. Please see message traffic below.

Also Mr. **Cooke** is looking for the individual noted near the end of Br 15 as receiving photos of Joseph W. **Latta** and his wife, Bettie Terry **Latta**. Do you know who made the note? Was it Robt. H. **Latta**, the original compiler of Br. 15? I certainly don't have any photos of Joseph W. **Latta** and family. The note comments that the evidence accompanying the picture was enough to unite branches 10 & 15. Mr. **Cooke** is looking for copies of these photos.

There's additional information in work, but an earlier note from Mr. **Cooke** also indicated that Myrtle **Latta Vaughn's** husband, Knox, married another **Latta** cousin after his wife died. Knox **Vaughn's** 2nd wife was Pattie **Mangum Latta** (Br. 15, #182). Please respond directly to Edward **Cooke**.

Thanks! Cindy **Stiene**, lmsjfs@knology.net, Captain, Br. 15, Note 3 & G.

From: Edward **Cooke**

Hi Cindy-I am submitting what I have to date. I have a copy of a letter written by Joseph W. **Latta**, while in Petersburg, Va., on July 8, 1864 to Gen. S. **Cooper** in Richmond, Va. stating that on that day he resigns as Captain of Co. A. 66th NC troops. From the Hillsborough Recorder dated May 29, 1878 I have found that Joseph W. **Latta** attended the NC State Convention and Senatorial Convention, representing Lebanon Township. In the Hillsborough Recorder dated December 11, 1878 I have found that Joseph W. **Latta** was on the Board of Commissions of Orange County. I found the following article in the Hillsborough Recorder dated June 15, 1864:

Fifty Dollars Reward

My boy willis ran away about the 1st of February last. He is black, about five feet ten or eleven inches high, about twenty years old, and has lost one fingers from one of his hands. Mrs. **Cox**, who owns his mother, is living about eight

miles north-west of Hillsborough; he is probably lurking about that neighborhood. The above reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery to me, or confinement in any jail so that I can get him. JOS. W. **LATTA**, Company's Shops, N. C. R. R.

Joseph W. **Latta** married Elizabeth (Bettie) **Terry** July 16, 1874 by the Rev. James H. **Fitzgerald**, pastor of Little River Presbyterian Church. The Rev. **Fitzgerald** was installed pastor at LRPC in February 1874. Joseph W. **Latta's** mother was Hannah **Holloway Latta**, born about 1788 and died July 5, 1853; buried at Mt. Lebanon PB Church. Joseph W. **Latta** and Bettie **Latta** had three daughters: Sadie **Latta**, Born November 1, 1876 -- Died August 21, 1906; buried at Mt. Lebanon PB Church. Married John Edward **Cole** (1861 - 1924). Children: Charlie Edward **Cole**. I cannot read tombstone picture, but can get data. (I believe that he was born and died around 1896).

Sarah Edith **Cole** Born September 10, 1904 -- Died November 6, 1945. Never married.

Bessie T. **Latta** Born December 26, 1877 -- Died February 1, 1903. Married Edward E. **Estes** Born September 10, 1871 -- Died March 09, 1934 Rutherford College, NC.

Children: Betty Evelyn **Estes** Born August 19, 1901 -- Died July 1978. Married Marvin **Lowder**. Bettie Jo **Estes**. (If anyone desires, the **Estes** lineage can be obtained).

Myrtle M. **Latta** Born November 21, 1883 -- Died June 8, 1906.

Married J. Knox **Vaughn** Born March 14, 1879 -- Died June 28, 1949.

No Children. In the 1900 Census, Bettie **Latta** is listed with the three daughters and her status is Single; in the same 1900 Census, Joseph Walker **Latta** is listed as widowed. I will share more as I learn more. Do you know who has pictures of Joseph W. **Latta** and Bettie **Latta**. Best regards, Ed **Cooke**, sarahecole1878@gmail.com.

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2. In the middle of the year I told you of my Google site that displays all the **Latta** heraldic research I have done to date, my findings and conclusions. You mentioned that you would have a look at it and post the web link in the newsletter. I hope you have had time to visit my site to see what I have posted.

If you have chosen not to publish a web link to my research page could you do me a favour please; could you remove the incorrect heraldic information from the Latta.org site. I, like all **Latta** researchers, would like to feel that this site is a source of correct information and reference and that clearly isn't the case with the current heraldry page. My **Latta** heraldry research can be viewed at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/platta53/home/latta-heraldry>. Best regards, Peter **Latta**, 61 410 595 553, saggital@optusnet.com.au.

3. I just found a very interesting newspaper article on the California Digital collection. Since the newspaper dates from 1876, there is no issue of copyright. John Richard **Latta** was part of Branch 22 **Lattas**. He was the brother to my great-grandfather, Alexander **Latta**. The two men seem to have been brought up like brothers, and lived with or close to each other with their families.

John Richard **Latta** was the son of Matthew **Latta** and his wife, Zorilda (maiden surname unknown). He was born about 1841 in Kentucky -- probably Woodford County. John Richard's descendants knew that he was killed after being struck by a horse, and they thought that had happened in 1877 in Pomona, California.

The newspaper article provides an exact date of death, apparently August 2, 1876. The byline is Los Angeles, which of course is close to Pomona. Evidently there was a lot of truth in this family tradition! I believe the family tells of a return to Missouri after John Richard **Latta's** death.

I believe this finding will be particularly of interest to John Richard's descendants, including Anna **Smith** who was our LGS archivist with her husband Brian for a number of years.

William W. **Latta** and Matthew **Latta** lived next to each other with their families for many years. These were the fathers of Alexander W. **Latta** and Matthew **Latta**. Alexander was my great-grandfather. Talk with you soon, Virginia **Curulla**, latta4gen@comcast.net.

4. My husband is of the branch 46 line. We have been traveling throughout Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania states gathering information on his line for several years now. I would like to share some of the more important information we have uncovered with you this morning. We did find Moses **Latta's** grave stone/site in Bath, OH (did not find one for Rachel yet).

The big find was that Moses is the son of William of branch 3. He was given the property by his father William before William died in 1803. It was not sold to him by William's son William. I have not yet found anything that gives us an idea who Moses' mother was. It doesn't appear to be William's wife Sara.

We are still traveling and most of my paperwork is with me, but in many boxes. The information on my computer is not currently accessible. I hope to hear from you and see what I can do to share what we've discovered about this great family.

I have attached a scanned copy (2 pages) of the document showing William **Latta** conveying 53 acres and 148 perches to his son Moses **Latta** prior to William's death

I have also attached a scanned copy (2 pages) of the sale of those 53 acres to a John **Myers** while Moses & Rachel **Latta** were living in Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition I have attached 3 pictures of Moses' grave site in Bath, Ohio. The pictures do not show very clearly what is on his stone. It says:

Sacred To The Memory of Mr. Moses **Latta** who died Sept. 21, 1825.

There was additional writing on the stone giving his age, but we were not able to make it out. We thought it might have said Aged 69, but we

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couldn't be sure. Just behind his stone was a small stone with his initials of ML.

I have a lot of other documented material for this family that would correct a lot of the incorrect stuff listed in branch 46, I'm just not sure how to proceed.

One other thing. We were able to get Thomas's mother Nilo Ellen **Latta** into DAR before she died on Sept 5, 2010. She was the daughter of Ora Lee **Latta** & Clara May **Krontz**, son of David Aaron **Latta** & Sarah Emily **Courten**, son of David Todd **Latta** & Elizabeth **Golden**, 2nd son of Moses **Latta** & Rachel **Todd**. If there are any **Latta** direct descendants of David **Todd Latta** & Elizabeth **Golden** doing research that you know of, I'd be happy to give them the material they would need to apply with DAR. It was through Elizabeth **Golden** for DAR.

Warmly, Irene **Dolan**,
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Calling All Branch Captains

By: Ken Mueller, President,
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We have received word about some of the Branch Captains:

Branch 1: See my article on page 15.

Branch 4: Randy Phillips is working on an article about Latta Branch 4 in the War of 1812.

Branch 15: Cindy Steine sent the note on page 26.

Branch 17: See Sue Cox' article on page 5.

Branch 45: Beryl has been active on our Board of Officers and as our Treasurer.

Branch 49: Stanley Latta has been ill with cancer. Please pray for him.

Branch 51: See Ken Erdle's article on page 11.

Branch 52: Connie Latta has passed away.

I would like to hear about the research being done by other captains. Please contact me.

Frank Forrest Latta

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Frank Forrest Latta (1892-1983), California oral historian and ethnographer of the Yokut people and historian of the history of the early settlement of the San Joaquin Valley.

Frank Forrest Latta was the son of Presbyterian minister Eli C. Latta and teacher Harmonia Campbell, born on September 18, 1892, in Stanislaus County, near Orestimba Creek. Latta lived most of his life in the San Joaquin Valley. As a young boy Latta worked on several ranches in the San Joaquin Valley and became interested in the stories of the early pioneers, and in 1906 began interviewing people and gathering research regarding early life and early farming in California. Latta also spent much time researching the Miller & Lux farming corporation and its founders Henry Miller and

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To support himself Frank F. Latta became a teacher. He taught drafting and carpentry at high schools in Gustine, Porterville, Shafter and Bakersfield, California from 1915 to 1945. In 1919, he married Jeanette Allen and they had four children. When not teaching Latta was traveling the San Joaquin Valley, interviewing pioneers and Native Americans, gathering artifacts articles or writing at home. He published a large number of articles in San Joaquin Valley newspapers during the 1920s and 1930s.

In the early 1920s he began interviewing surviving Yokuts and settlers acquainted with them. Among these was Thomas Jefferson Mayfield, ("Uncle Jeff"), the youngest son of a settler on the Kern River from Texas, William Mayfield. Uncle Jeff grew up in a Yokuts village, following the death of his mother. His story prompted Latta to write his story, first as a series of newspaper articles, then as a book Uncle Jeff's Story : a tale of a San Joaquin Valley pioneer and his life with the Yokuts Indians in 1929. First printed in 1936, California Indian Folklore was Frank Latta's first work that specifically focused on the Native Americans of the San Joaquin Valley, describing the culture of the many tribes of the Yokuts. Also in 1936 he published a small book El Camino Viejo á Los Angeles, describing the route and history of El Camino Viejo, the old Spanish road and the settlements along it on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, from Los Angeles to what is now Oakland. Born near where that road crossed Orestimba Creek, it was a route that he had traced on his trips through the valley and taken photos of many of its features and landmarks. In 1938, Latta was honored with the presidency of the League of Western Writers.

Latta helped found the Kern County Museum in Bakersfield in 1941 where he worked both as a curator and as its director from 1945 until 1956. Latta also continued his research into the Yokuts. From this information gathered for more than a half-century, interviewing over 200 elderly Yokuts and

a number of settlers, Latta compiled and published the Handbook of Yokuts Indians, in 1949. The first edition was published through the Kern County Museum in a first issue of only 500 copies. A revised and enlarged edition would be published by him in 1977.

Also in 1949, Latta published his book Black Gold In The Joaquin, the story of the oil industry in the San Joaquin Valley in California, from the Indian usage of the oil, to the discoveries and the development of the extraction technology from the mid - 19th century to 1900.

In 1956 Latta moved to Santa Cruz, purchasing the Gazos Ranch in southern San Mateo County, formerly the Steele Ranch, south of Pescadero, California near Gazos Creek. He and his wife Jean intended to retire there and to turn the ranch into a historical museum to house his extensive collection of historical items he had collected over the years. He also intended to expand it into an 80-acre picnic and camping area stretching for a mile along the coast between Ano Nuevo Island and Pigeon Point with a realistic California Indian village and a pioneer California town. After going through official county procedures, Latta thought he was on his way to beginning his larger project, and made a public announcement of it, but then was stopped in the late 1950s. However he was able to establish the Rancho Gazos Historical Indian and Early Californian Museum.

Late in his life he published a series of books from information he had gathered over many years. The Dalton Gang Days and the Saga of Rancho El Tejon were first published in 1976. Death Valley '49ers was first published in 1979, and Joaquín Murrieta and His Horse Gangs, first published in 1980. Frank Forrest Latta died in Santa Cruz in May 8, 1983, and was buried at Hills Ferry Cemetery in Newman, California not far from where he was born.

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