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The Last Latta Male Standing: For this Family Tree

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James Michael Latta, known as Mikee, is 13 years old in 2014. Born in North Carolina in 2001, Mikee is the "last male standing" in a long list of Latta males in this direct family line (of Branch #7). If he, at some future time has a male offspring, the Latta name in this family line will likely survive; if not this specific family tree may end!

A primary purpose of this paper is to trace backwards the family tree of Mikee Latta as far back as can be proven with available primary and secondary sources. This review will show that even though there are a number of males in a family line, that does not necessarily mean there will be a male heir to carry on the family name.

Mikee Latta does have a younger sibling, a sister, Margi Joy Latta (age 12 in 2014). Of course, as a female, she is not likely to produce a male while keeping the Latta name, although that could happen.

Mikee and Margi are sometimes called "M&M" by their parents, Patrick Ray and Julie Sloop Latta. Photo #4 is shown of that family in 2010. Julie Sloop was born in 1973 in South Carolina. The geographic location of that state is partially shown in Exhibit 1. Julie's only living parent is her father, Eddie Sloop, her biological mother is deceased.

Patrick Latta, Julie's husband, was born in North Carolina, in 1972. Stanley Michael Latta, the only sibling and brother of Patrick Latta, was born in 1967 in the same state.

Dr. Stanley Latta has an earned Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). His brother, the Rev. Patrick Latta has an earned Master of Theology Degree as well as an earned undergraduate Bachelor's Degree.

Gaston County, North Carolina, specifically the city of Gastonia, has been important in the lives of Mikee, Patrick and Stan Latta. A partial copy of a North Carolina map shows the geographic location of Gaston County (see Exhibit 1). Its southern border connects to South Carolina. As stated earlier, South Carolina is the home state of Julie Sloop Latta (see Exhibit 1).

Both Dr. Stanley Michael Latta and the Rev. Patrick Ray Latta are the sons of Everette Michael and Barbara Lynn Stanley Latta. Notice that Stan's first name is his mother's maiden name, Stanley, whereas his second name is "Michael." Observe the name of "Michael" being prevalent with Stan's father's second name being "Michael" with grandson Mikee having his legal second name to be James Michael Latta. Patrick Ray Latta's given

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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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E. Michael Latta
Mike will start with the next issue.

Treasurer responsibilities were transferred from Beryl Redfield at the beginning of 2014. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Beryl for making the transition a smooth one, although I did barrage her with a number of questions as I took over responsibility for the funds of the Society and prepared this report. Thank you Beryl, I will continue the great work you have done for many years.

REPORT PERIOD Sept. 18, 2014 – Jan. 2, 2015.

Beginning Balances: **\$6956.42**

Income

General Fund Donations:	\$585.00
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Total Income: **\$818.00**

Expenses

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4 months @ \$14.95 per month: \$59.80
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Total Expenses **\$704.85**

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names have no known family connection. His name is a combination of the following. When he was born, his father was campaigning for the then Lt. Governor of North Carolina, Patrick Taylor to become Governor of the State. Thereby his first name, Patrick. His mother, Barbara Lynn Stanley's parents had long-term friends, a married couple that never had a child. Their last name was "Ray." To preserve that name, Patrick's second name became "Ray" hence Patrick Ray Latta.

Everett Michael Latta, as noted earlier, is the biological father of Stan and Patrick Latta. The origin of his name is not known, specifically the spelling of the first name Everette with an "e" at the end. He rarely was called that name; indeed, he was most often called "Michael" by his parents and all others who knew him during his formative years. The name of Mike came into common use after he enrolled in college. The first college he attended was Wingate Junior College, now Wingate University near Charlotte, NC, graduating in 1959 with an Associate in Arts (AA Degree). The second college he attended was then Appalachian State Teachers College (ASTC), now Appalachian State University (ASU) located in Boone, NC, located in Watauga County. He earned his undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science, B.S.) in 1961 and his M.A. Degree (Master of Arts) in 1964. Since Boone N.C. and Watauga County have been a significant part of his life, as well as his wife, her parents as well as his children, a map of that geographical area of the State of North Carolina is also shown in Exhibit 1. Watauga County is located in the northwestern part of the State of North Carolina bordering the State of Tennessee. The town of Boone, N.C. is the county seat of Watauga County. It is nearly 200 miles from Raleigh N.C., the Capital of the State. A map of that geographic area is shown in Exhibit II.

Dr. Everette Michael Latta earned his terminal degree, a Doctor of Education Degree, Ed.D. from

Duke University in 1966 at age 26. This was the third higher education institution he attended. The geographic location of this international educational institution is located in Durham County, NC, (See exhibit II). Notice that Durham County borders Granville County mainly at its northeastern geographic border. More on Granville County will follow.

Everett Michael (Mike) Latta was born in his parent's "rental" home in 1939, in North Carolina. Notice that his birth certificate indicates that he was "born alive" at 11:15 pm. Among other data it showed that he had two siblings "born alive" but were "now dead;" more on them later.

Since Granville County, N.C., has been significant in the birth, life and death of this family Latta Clan, a partial copy of a North Carolina map is shown in earlier Exhibit II. Notice that the northern border of Granville County connects to the State of Virginia; most of its southern border connects to Wake County, the county in which the city of Raleigh is located, the Capital of the State of North Carolina as well as the county seat of Wake County.

Everette Michael Latta was "on loan" to the defunct Office of Education in Washington, D.C. during partial years of 1970-71, after he was selected to be an "OE Fellow." He was one of twenty individuals throughout the United States selected for this designation.

The village of "Tar River," is where Everette Michael Latta was raised. It is identified on page 276 of a book cited below. Also in this book pages 270-5 there is a section entitled "Tar River." C.A. was the father of Michael Latta. The Crews Home (now Bailey Farm) was the "rental" house in which E. Michael Latta was born.

The "Crews Home" (Farm) was where E. Michael Latta lived with his parents while they were sharecroppers of the Crews Land. When he was about three years old, his parents bought about six acres of land, with a house along with the Store and moved across the road (not street) from rental

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land to ownership of land and real property. According to the purchase agreement this was the year 1942.

One of the primary reasons for the purchase of the house, land and store was that C.A. Latta believed he would be called into military service during World War II and he wanted his wife and two children, at that time, to have a place to live should he get killed. This was probably on his mind as his older brother, Haywood Dale Latta, had been killed in the war, leaving a wife and two daughters. When C. A. Latta was called up, he did not pass the physical exam; hence he did not serve in the military. He returned home, farmed, operated his store, and became engaged in other trades for the remainder of his life.

Michael Latta lived in his parents' purchased home through his school years. He attended grades one through twelve graduating from Wilton High School in 1957. This school is described in a book entitled, "Roaming Around Southern Granville County and Vicinity: Places, People, Facts," by John H. Wilson, Jr. and 181 Cooperators, printed by the School of Graphic Arts, Masonic Home of Children, Oxford, NC, 2004 (312 pages). When the book is referenced in this paper it is identified by the cited page.

Earlier information was provided about Wilton High School when it was located at Wilton. Wilton is located in Granville County. During his senior year in high school at age 17, Michael drove a school bus to and from school for a distance of about 25 miles a day, for a state payment of \$20.00 a month or \$1.00 a day for each twenty school days of the 180 day, nine month school term. There were 14 students in his graduating class; he had earned 16 educational units including 4 units in agriculture. He was identified as "Most Likely to Succeed." There were about 325 students in all grades, one through twelve in 1957. His parents were also graduates of Wilton High School, although at that time, 1933, there were only eleven grades.

A companion volume to the above cited reference is entitled, "Roaming Around Northern Granville County and Vicinity: Places, People, Facts," by John H. Wilson, Jr., printed by the School of Graphic Arts, Masonic Home for Children, Oxford, NC, 2003, (302 pages). The name of the town of "Oxford" is indicated as the place of the printing of this reference as well as the former book. It is the county seat of Granville County (see map, Exhibit II). This later book was not used in this paper, only the former book was used, with the following exceptions. There are references to a "Gene Latta" and a "Latta Place" on page 44. It has not been determined if this individual or place has any connection to the primary Latta Clan in this report. As to the former book, however, the author's parents, the names of Carlyle and Blanche Latta are shown on page 270, whereas the author's grandfather Alex Latta is identified on page 88. (More of each of these individuals later.) Also these individuals are the great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta and their great, great grandfather Latta, respectively.

On August 22, 1964, Everette Michael Latta married Barbara Lynn Stanley. Observe the marriage took place in Boone, NC, Watauga County (see earlier map, exhibit I). This was their first marriage. Observe that on August 22, 2014, Dr. Everett Michael and Barbara Lynn Stanley Latta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their sons Dr. Stanley Michael and the Rev. Patrick Ray Latta. Their daughter-in-law, Julie Sloop Latta along with their granddaughter Margi Joy and grandson James Michael Latta were a part of the event.

An earlier Photo #10 taken in 1996 shows the couple, Dr. Everette Michael and Barbara Lynn Stanley Latta at that time. Barbary Lynn Stanley, the author's wife, was born in Watauga County, North Carolina in 1941. Her parents were James A. Stanley and Charlotte Sutherland Stanley. Of interest, Barbara's parents James Alfred and Charlotte Sutherland Stanley as well as her mother's parents Charlie and Addie Shull Sutherland celebrated

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their 50th wedding anniversary at earlier times as well as her father's parents S.H. and Ida Combs Stanley. Barbara S. Latta had one sibling, a younger brother named James Charles Stanley. Charles is married to Denise Warden. They have two children, Sarah Louise and James Sutherland Stanley.

Barbara's husband Michael had three brothers, two of whom died almost at birth as they were twins, being born at home and being too small with medical complications. Robert Carlyle was born on December 19, 1937 and died on December 21, 1937 whereas Roger Young was born on December 19, 1937 and died on the same day - both born in Granville County, NC. (See map, Exhibit II) According to family lore, the father of these boys, Carlyle A. Latta, placed each in a shoebox and buried each at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery. (More on this church later.) For many years only two small rocks indicated their burial site; in recent years, small tombstones with nothing more than an "L".

According to a "Certificate of Marriage," Blanche Gordon Latta and Carlyle Alexander Latta were married in Clarksville, Virginia (Mecklenburg County) on January 29, 1936. Once again, these were the parents of the author and the great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta.

Carlyle Alexander Latta was born on November 10, 1914 in Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina to Alex Allen Latta and Pauline Overton. Alex Allen Latta was age 34 when Carlyle was born, white, born in Durham County, North Carolina. His wife Pauline was age 24 when Carlyle was born, white, born in Granville County, North Carolina. (See Map marked as Exhibit II.)

Carlyle Alexander Latta died on April 13, 1975 in Duke Hospital, in Durham County in the City of Durham, NC (reference to Map, Exhibit II) and that an autopsy was performed. C.A. Latta, as he was often known, was one of the sons of A.A. Latta (more on him later).

Anna Blanche Gordon was the mother of the author of this article, the wife of Carlyle A. Latta. They were the great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta. Observe Blanche, as she was usually called, was born on April 9, 1916 in Fishing Creek Township, Granville County, NC, to Luther Gordon, father and Anna Daniel, ages 34 and 35, respectively. In addition to Blanche, there were three additional females and two males making a total of six offspring in that Gordon family.

As pointed out earlier, while Blanche Gordon was married to C.A. Latta, she kept records about her children and grandchildren. Since the records are somewhat difficult to read, below are selected details from this Genealogy Record:

Children:

Robert Carlyle and Roger Young Latta
(Previously reported)

Everette Michael Latta
(Previously reported)

Annabelle Latta, born 1941

Married: July 12, 1959 to Roger L. Overton
Separated September 1979.

Children: Robin Ann Overton, Roger Lee Overton, Jr., and Robert Anthony Overton.

Paul Alexander Latta born 1947

Married: July 19, 1969 to Nancy O'Dell
Separated October 1982.

Children: Shannon Elizabeth Latta.

Anna Blanche Gordon (Latta) Blackley died in Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina. (More on her last name at death later.) Observe Blanche died on June 9, 1995 at age 79, whereas her first husband, C.A. Latta died at age 60.

When Carlyle A. Latta died, Blanche Latta was about 58 years old. She continued to operate the C.A. Latta Store for about two more years. Photo #12 was taken of her during this time. During this period of time a male friend of hers in the community and Church as well as a friend of her deceased husband would visit her often in the country store

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at Tar River (earlier discussed). He had been left a widower when his wife May died. His name was Milton C. Blackley. He had two sons, David and Jean Blackley, both grown.

After some period of courtship, they decided to marry, spending the next 18 years together as man and wife.

Blanche and C.A. Latta were married in 1936, and were separated by death after 39 years together. C. A. Latta had at his death four living brothers: Rupert, Douglas, Thomas and Dalton. What is important for this article is as follows: Rupert married but had no children. Douglas married and had two sons, Douglas, Jr. and Gary. Douglas, Jr. married but had no children and Gary married and had one child, a daughter. Thomas married and had two children, a daughter and a son, Tommy. He married but did not have a son. Dalton never married and had no children. One brother, Haywood, married and had two daughters. As reported earlier, he was killed during World War II. Carlyle, as noted, had three sisters: Elizabeth, Josephine and Joyce. With the exception of C.A. Latta's sons, there was no male heir to carry on the family line from all of these Latta males. Only one of his sons produced a son who begat a son, Mikee Latta.

One of C.A. Latta's pallbearers was Milton Blackley. After C.A. Latta died, Milton, as reported earlier, married his former wife, Blanche.

Of special notice is that two of Blanche Latta Blackley's grandsons, both ministers, Roger Overton, Jr. (he was the son of her daughter) and Patrick Latta (he is the son of her oldest son) officiated at her funeral. Blanche had 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and was also survived by her sisters Mrs. Mary G. Moss and Mrs. Lizzie G. Marks.

Prior to the death of C.A. Latta in 1975, he and his wife Blanche Latta were featured on the cover of a publication named "The Lamplighter" by the

Wake EMC (Electric Membership Cooperative) in December 1974. The writing under their photograph perhaps best summarizes their work life as well as their philosophy of life:

"I don't give Christmas gifts. This year I'm going to do what I've always done—give small gifts and things I've made, pickle, jelly, preserves. I just can't see buying everything in sight, then taking the next three months to pay for it, that's stupid and partly what's wrong with this country now. I believe in using what you have. We should be happy for small favors, the Lord's been so good to all of us. The children will all come sometime during the holidays. We'll be together, that's what counts and there'll be plenty of good food as always. You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a good Christmas."

As reported earlier, Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery is the final resting place for many in the Latta Clan. The Church, according to its cornerstone, was founded in 1835. It was rebuilt in 1927. Over the years it has been added to and improved several times. Corinth Baptist Church is located in Granville County, NC (See Exhibit II) in a non-designated community. Indeed, it is not shown on the map. It is located on Highway 96 about five miles south of the town of Oxford and before reaching the Village of Wilton, referenced earlier. The tombstones, as they existed in 2012, are used as reference in the remainder of this article.

The parents of Anna Blanche Gordon were Luther Gordon and Anna Daniel. Observe that his middle name was used in the name of one of the twin Latta boys dying at near birth; that name as earlier reported was Roger "Young." Luther Young Gordon was 43 years old at death, leaving behind a wife and six children, two boys and four girls.

Luther Gordon's wife's full name is Anna Bell Daniel, born July 3, 1881, died Aug. 13, 1938, making her 57 years of age at death. Observe that she had two given names; namely Anna and Bell. Observe that one of her daughters was named "Anna" Blanche Gordon. When she had a

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daughter, she was named "Annabelle" written together not separately. The parents of Anna Bell Daniel were Stephen Daniel and Alice Hunt Daniel, according to family records.

When Blanche and Carlyle Alexander Latta had their youngest child, a son, he was named Paul Alexander Latta. Perhaps his Grandmother Pauline Latta's first name was used as his first name. Certainly for his second name, Alexander, his father's second name was used.

This earlier evidence means that Luther Y. and Anna Belle Daniel Gordon were the great, great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta on the Gordon side of the extended family. Moreover, Sam Gordon was the father of L. Y. Gordon and his mother was Martha E. Gordon. Her tombstone name indicated Martha E. but family records have her being called "Pat." Her family name was Brummitt. Notice that the birth and death dates of Sam Gordon to be August 5, 1853, with death on July 8, 1923, being 70 years old.

The wife of Sam Gordon was Martha E. (Pat's) with her birth and death dates being February 1845 (with no specific day) and December 1919 (without a specific date), dying at age 74. Interestingly, Pat (Martha E.) was eight years older than Sam Gordon.

The parents of Carlyle Alexander Latta were Alex Allen Latta, father, age 34 at Carlyle's birth, and Pauline Overton, mother, age 24. For Pauline O. Latta, the birth date is April 15, 1890, with her death on January 11, 1946, making her 56 years of age. For Alex A. Latta, his birth date was October 24, 1879, with death occurring on March 12, 1962, making him 83 years old. During their marriage, A.A. Latta begat 10 children with his wife Pauline, seven males and three females over a twenty year period, 1910-1930. Their names were: Carlyle, Rupert, Douglas, Thomas, Dalton, Elizabeth, Josephine, and Joyce, Haywood Dale Latta, and Brent Allen Latta. Brent was killed on a motorcycle as a

young man. He never married and never fathered a child. He was also buried at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, earlier identified. Another son, Dalton I. Latta, previously mentioned, was also never married and had no children. He was born September 29, 1923 and died April 19, 1980, making Dalton 57 years old at death, one year older than his mother at death.

On this direct family tree of Lattas, Pauline Overton and Alex Allen Latta are the great, great, great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta. Following this specific family line, their great, great, great, great grandparents were Allen Latta and Emily Sneed Ragland Latta, the parents of Alex Allen Latta. Note his second given name is the first name of his father's name.

Allen Latta was born September 6, 1850 and died March 29, 1911, making him 61 at his death. The birth and death dates for Emily, wife of Allen, were on February 26, 1850 and January 13, 1913. She died at age 63. Emily was about 6 months older than her husband Allen, and she lived less than two years following his death.

Information about Allen and Emily Latta was first reported in the "Latta Genealogy Newsletter," Spring 2013, Issue 46, pages 1, 4-9 including their photographs as well as the names of their children (page 5) hereinafter referenced as the "Newsletter." There were six males and six females born over an 18 year period of time, including Alex Allen. Observe the title in the "Newsletter" was "Lattas in the Civil War, Branch 7."

Usage of names that have appeared earlier or will appear later are as follows: a daughter's name of Allen Latta was Hazel Clyde Latta. Her middle name was used as the middle name of Milton Clyde Blackley, mentioned earlier as marrying the author's mother after his father's death. The name Viola Henderson; second name was the name of her grandfather and the first name of her father's father, Henderson Latta (more on him later). Wade Simpson was a son of Allen Latta, and he is listed in the earlier "Newsletter" (page 5).

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In it his birth year was reported about 1893. However, his tombstone in the Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery is more definite. His birth date was not reported but his year of birth was 1886 not 1893, while the year of his death was 1948, again date unknown. Similarly, his wife, Myrtle, was born in 1895 with death on an unknown date is 1934, according to the tombstone. Also, a Simpson Latta served in the Civil War and he was a son of Henderson Latta, and the brother of Henry Clay Latta, see "Newsletter."

One of Henderson and Ann Rhew Latta's sons, Henry Clay Latta, died in a Richmond, Virginia Hospital #4 due to complications from a final wound while engaged in a military battle during the Civil War. Known information about his life and service in the Cause was expressed in the "Newsletter." Parenthetically, as of May 2014, additional information has been brought to the author's attention when Jean Staples Mitrovich (jeansm2@verizon.net) contacted the co-author of the previously mentioned article in the "Newsletter." She pointed out her relationship to this specific family tree of Latta's; Allen Latta was Jean Mitrovich's great grandfather. Moreover, she is attempting to find out more about family members who served in the Civil War. Thanks to her work, an email from "Robert Krick (bob_krick@nps.gov) to smaddrey18@comcast.net with the subject, "The Latta brothers" was posted. Among probable new information about Henry Clay Latta is that he was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, although this is not certain. A reading of the above email reveals other information about the "Latta brothers" and suggests more research is needed. By the way, Robert E. L. Krick is a Historian in Richmond, Virginia. (Please note his name.)

The father of Henry Clay Latta as earlier noted was Henderson Latta. Second Lt. Henry Clay Latta was in the Civil War when he died. He was the great, great, great uncle of Margi and Mikee

Latta, the grandchildren of the author of this article, his great uncle.

Allen Latta's father was Henderson Latta. As reported in the "Newsletter," Henderson Latta was born on June 20, 1811 in Orange County, NC. (See the map of that county as a part of Exhibit II). Henderson died on August 28, 1895, and was buried in Stem, NC, a village in Granville County, NC (see Exhibit II for physical location.) These dates of birth and of death would have made Henderson Latta 84 years old. While a photo of his likeness is shown in the earlier "Newsletter," his age was not known. What is known is that he married Ann Rhew from Stem, NC, on November 6, 1834 and she bore him 9 children, 5 females and 4 males. Henderson and Ann Latta were the great, great, great, great grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta.

For this Latta Branch #7 of this family tree, the cited references above are all from primary sources. Beginning here, secondary sources are used. An example is <http://www.latta.org/Branches/Branch%207.htm> that provides the following conclusion; namely, that a Thomas Latta was the father of Henderson Latta. Also, Ancestry.com has his birth date to have been June 26, 1793. However, Ancestry.com has alternative names to be Grayson or Gregson. There is no primary source available to the author proving either of these names is correct. There was an individual, however, by the name of Grandison, born in NC about 1817, but when the NC census was taken when he was 33, his name was spelled "Grunderson" and was likely the son of this Thomas. In regard to "this" Thomas or "a" Thomas Latta, there have been several identified as being living in Orange County, NC during this period of time. This article is referring to the Thomas Latta, born on June 26, 1793.

In addition to the "Grunderson" and Henderson, there were two daughters that this Thomas begat with Jane (Janey) Scarlett. Thomas and Janey were married in Orange County, NC, on August 28, 1810. Janey was the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Jackson Scarlett. Best

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evidence available suggests that Janey Scarlett died and Thomas Latta married a second time to a widow by the name of Nancy Cain, with a daughter named Sarah. With Nancy Cain Latta, this Thomas Latta had four additional children, 3 females and 1 male.

Notwithstanding, the prior sentences in the above paragraph, an article entitled "Descendants of James Latta," by John Moore, Branch 31 Captain (johnm@mtaonline.net) Spring 2014, issue 52 of "The Latta Genealogy Newsletter," provides additional insight and conclusions about Branch #7, see pages 22-27, hereinafter known as the "James Article." Also, at the end of that article, it is stated that this article will be continued in Issue 53.

What Issue 52 in the "James Article" does do is to pose a number of questions about the Lattas. A specific question is raised about whether a Thomas Latta did marry Janey Scarlett (see page 25). Also on page 23, of the "James Article" it is written that it was not until 1779 that a Thomas Latta was on the tax rolls in Orange County, North Carolina.

What the "James Article" in Issue 52 does not do is to suggest, imply, or conclude who were the parents of Henderson Latta. Indeed, the best available data to this author is to conclude that Henderson Latta's father was a Thomas Latta and that his first wife was Janey Scarlett Latta. It can be deduced that a Thomas was married to Janey Scarlett as evidence supports they were married on August 28, 1810, in Orange County NC, when that Thomas was 18 years of age, having been born on June 26, 1793. About 10 months later, Henderson Latta was born on June 20, 1811, thereby reasonably concluding that he was their son.

If the above three sentences in the last paragraph are accurate, it is concluded that this Thomas Latta and first wife Janey Latta were the

great, great, great, great, great, grandparents of Margi and Mikee Latta. At this point, sufficient definite evidence is not readily available to continue back in time with this specific family tree. Suffice to say, that much more research will be needed to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt about who the parents of this Thomas Latta was, although there is some evidence.

For this article, this is a good stopping point as the purposes set out have largely been achieved. There is really nothing that can be done about ancestors in the past. The only real thing that can be done is to deal with the current generation in terms of those who are here. At this time, there are only two specific individuals left in this family tree that might likely carry on this line, one female, Margi and one male, Mikee Latta, indeed the last Latta male standing.

What will be the future of this family tree? Only time will tell.

PS. In developing this article the wife of the author is acknowledged. Her name is Barbara S. Latta. She has an earned undergraduate degree and an earned graduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is a MSLS (Master of Science in Library Science). This article would not have been written without her support.

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30.vii. MARY W4 SPARKMAN was born about 1824 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 15 Apr 1900 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married John Campbell Alexander, son of Abdon Independence ALEXANDER and Eliza Eugenia CAMPBELL, on 16 Dec 1845. He was born on 07 Jan 1824 in Carters Creek, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 Dec 1892 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

WILLIAM LATTA SPARKMAN was born about 1826 in Tennessee, USA. He married Lucinda Wakefield on 06 Dec 1849 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1838 in Tennessee, USA.

JOHN JACKSON SPARKMAN was born on 24 Oct 1827 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 22 Feb 1899 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He married (1) ELIZABETH J. "BETSY" BURNS. She was born on 24 Mar 1836 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 27 Mar 1901 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

SETH COLDEN SPARKMAN was born on 27 Nov 1830 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 12 Jun 1890 in Scrapbook. He married Lucy M Cummings on 27 Sep 1866 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1846 in Tennessee, USA.

JAMES THOMAS SPARKMAN was born on 16 Aug 1836 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 28 Jun 1893 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married (1) MARIETTA DABNEY. He married (2) LAURA KING. She was born in 1850 in Tennessee, USA.

Generation 3 (con't)

NATHAN AMAN SPARKMAN was born in 1841 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 08 Jul 1873. He married Emily J Roundtree on 03 Jun 1862 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

REBECCA JANE SPARKMAN was born in 1841 in Tennessee, USA. She died date Unknown. She married Robert Jackson Morrow on 23 Oct 1861 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1838 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died date Unknown in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

vi. NATHAN AMAN SPARKMAN was born in 1841 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 08 Jul 1873. He married Emily J Roundtree on 03 Jun 1862 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

i. MARY ANN4 SPARKMAN was born on 01 Jan 1830 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 13 Jul 1853 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

iv. REBECCA JANE SPARKMAN was born on 22 Aug 1835 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 17 Feb 1906 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married John Wood, son of John Wood and Lucreita Richmond, on 05 May 1878 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 04 Mar 1818. He died on 16 Aug 1889 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

v. SALLY MARGARET SPARKMAN was born on 10 Jan 1837 in Tennessee, USA.

Generation 3 (con't)

SALLY3 LATTA (John2, James1) was born on 26 Oct 1794 in Orange, North Carolina, USA. She died after 1850 in Rutherford, Tennessee, USA. She married Alexander Moore, son of Captain James Moore and Catherine Robinson, in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 10 Oct 1789 in Anson, North Carolina, USA. He died on 29 Jun 1851 in Rutherford, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Sally Latta: b. Oct. 20, 1794 (Maury County Cousins, page 365) in Williamson Co., Tenn.; m. Alexander Moore of Maury Co., Tenn. Alexander Moore was born October 10, 1789. (Maury County Cousins, page 365) Alexander Moore's sister, Mary Millie Moore, married Thomas Latta, Sarah's brother. Children: James and John.

Alexander Moore and Sally Latta had the following children:

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11. REBECCA3 LATTA (John2, James1) was born on 24 Feb 1797 in Orange, North Carolina, USA. She died on 20 Apr 1883 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married Seth Sparkman, son of William Reid Sparkman and Rosanna Williams, on 09 Jul 1822 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 15 Jan 1797 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 08 Oct 1884 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Rebecca Latta:) b. 24 Feb. 1797, Orange Co., NC; d. 20 Apr. 1883, Boston, Williamson Co., TN; bur. Sparkman Cemetery, Williamson Co., TN (see tombstone picture below) ; m. Seth Sparkman, son of William Sparkman and Rosanna Williams, of Boston, Williamson Co., Tenn. July 9, 1822. She lived near Franklin, Maury Co., Tenn. Children: Mary, William, John, Seth, Samuel, James, and Nathan. Daughter, Mary Sparkman Alexander buried in the Alexander Cemetery, Maury County, TN. Williamson County, TN Land Records: WILLIAM SPARKMAN and SETH SPARKMAN witness deed 19 Apr. 1819 from GEORGE ROPER to STEPHEN PIGG; \$150 for 50 acres on the head waters of Lick Creek lying on both sides of the Natchez Road where PIGG lives. Entered 15 June 1819. Deed Book F, pg. 53.

http://bellsouthpwp.net/k/s/ksparkman/cemetery_listings.htm Seth Sparkman and Rebecca Latta had the following children:

12. JANE3 LATTA (John2, James1) was born in 1803 in Orange County, North Carolina, USA. She died in 1850 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married Charles Robinson Sparkman on 21 Mar 1828 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 08 Jul 1804 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 06 Feb 1856 in Green City, Hickory, Missouri, USA.

Notes for Jane Latta: b. 1803, Orange Co., NC; d. 1850, Williamson Co., TN; bur. (believed) Sparkman Cemetery, Williamson Co., TN; m. Charles Robinson Sparkman, son of William

Sparkman and Rosanna Williams, of Boston, Tenn. Lived in Williamson Co., Tenn. Children: Mary, Emily, Thomas, Jane, and Margaret.

Charles Robinson Sparkman and Jane Latta had the following children:

31. ii.

32. iii.

EMILY SPARKMAN was born on 04 Feb 1832 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 02 Jan 1929 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married (1) THOMAS WASHINGTON PROWELL. He was born on 12 Dec 1838 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 12 Jul 1903 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

WILLIAM THOMAS SPARKMAN was born on 07 May 1833 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 19 Jan 1897 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He married (1) MARGARET FRANCES TRIMBLE. She was born on 14 Nov 1833. She died on 21 Jun 1908 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.

Generation 4 13. MOSES4 LATTA (James3, John2, James1) was born in 1806 in North Carolina, USA. He died on 27 Dec 1872 in Concord, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Matilda Craig, daughter of William Craig and Jennet Campbell, on 25 Sep 1827 in Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1807 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 02 Mar 1893 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Moses Latta: Moses and brother John Latta moved to Maury Co. TN with their family probably prior to 1810 from North Carolina. Their father died in 1815 returning from the battle of New Orleans. They received an inheritance from his estate that provided for them until they turned 18. Their mother remarried to William Hutchinson and they are residing with them in 1820. At some point they resided with their grandfather John Latta and are mentioned in his will. There are many records regarding payments for their care. John Latta is deceased in 1827 and passes administration of the estate to Moses when he turned 21 to administer for brother John as he is still a minor. Brothers Moses and John. They will marry sisters Matilda

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and Louise Craig in Maury Co. TN. Moses and Matilda married in 1827 and the purchased 100 acres from John Jamison in 1829. Their farm is located near Santa Fe in the county. Their first child William was killed in 1864 fighting for the confederacy. They raised seven children. In his obit he is described as honest and respected by all the neighbors

1820 census- Moses and brother John are residing with step father William Hutchinson and their mother in Maury County Moses - on 28 Oct. 1829 Maury Co. court minutes - indicted for disturbing public worship. Moses Latta purchased 100 acres on a branch of Carters Creek known as Sycamore from John Jamison on 14 Oct 1829 in Maury Co TN

1830 - 8 Dec. Samuel Craig buys 72 acres on Knob Creek from Moses Latta for \$650 (the part of William Craig left for Matilda Graig Latta) 1837 Maury Co. tax list Dist. 19 - Jno F. Craig, Robert Craig, Robt. Campbell, Jr., Samuel Craig, Moses Latta.

1840 - Apr. Samuel W. Craig dies. John Latta appt. guardian of minor children, Robt. Campbell admin. of estate. 1840 - 20 May Estate sale of Samuel Craig - purchasers include widow Susan, Robt. Campbell, Jackson Craig (Wm. Jackson), John Shadden; estate holds notes on John F. Craig, John & Moses Latta. Jackson Craig buys 2 sows and 2 pigs.

1850 - 17 Sept. Land Grant #21819 for 2 acres.

Obit... Mr. Moses Latta was found frozen to death on the morning of the 27th of December, 1872, near his house. He had left Santa Fe on the evening of the 26th under the influence of whisky. He had two bottles with him. He was seen within a half mile of his house about sundown; his wife waited for him until late and supposing he had stopped for the night with a neighbor retired; and rising early found his horse in the yard. She went .to the barn about two hundred yards and there found the dead body of her husband. Mr. Latta was over sixty years of age... he was honest

and respected by all the neighbors-- His only fault was an occasional over indulgence in intoxicating drinks. He leaves several children of respectability in the neighborhood. He is uncle of our present Sheriff, Simms Latta.

Notes for Matilda Craig: Obits... Mrs. Matilda Latta died Thursday afternoon this 2nd at the residence of her granddaughter Mrs. Dennis Hicks, near Concord in this county. She was eighty six years old and her feebleness coupled with the effects of le grippe which attacked her last year caused her death. Her body was laid to rest at Concord Church on Friday. She was the widow of Moses Latta who died many years ago. She leaves numerous descendents. Her only living son Mr. Moses Latta; Mrs. Joe Siston of Nashville and Mrs. Hutchinson are her daughters. She had been a long member of the Methodist Church and the memory of her good deeds lives after her.

1880 Census Place District 18, Maury, Tennessee John W. JONES Self MMale W35 TN Wk-Farm TNTN Sallie JONES Wife MFemale W29 TN Keep House TNTN Lena JONES Dau S Female W 6 TN TN TN Robt. JONES Son S Male W 3 TN TN TN Matilda LATTA Other W Female W 75 TN TN TN

Moses Latta and Matilda Craig had the following children:

- 33.i.
- 34.ii.
- 35.iii.
- 36.v.
- 37.vi.
- 38.vii.

WILLIAM J5 LATTA was born in 1833 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died in 1864 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Mary E Akin on 21 Dec 1856 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1832 in Tennessee, USA.

MARY E LATTA was born in 1835 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married Robert Mckee on 10 Oct 1866 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1815 in Tennessee, USA.

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MARIAH C LATTA was born in 1838 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) CARROLL PINKNEY SAUNDERS. He was born in 1834 in Tennessee, USA.

NANCY H LATTA was born about 1840 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married Louis J Hutchison on 11 Jan 1862 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born about 1815 in Tennessee, USA.

ELIZA ADALINE LATTA was born on 11 Apr 1844 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died in 1880 (AR, USA). She married Ansel Kimsey Standridge on 09 Sep 1867 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 11 Sep 1842 in Habersham, Georgia, USA. He died on 02 Apr 1927 in Oklahoma, USA.

MOSES LATTA was born about 1847 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died about 1915 in Crockett, Tennessee, USA. He married Talitha Ann E Watson, daughter of Stephen Watson and Ellen-der McCollum, on 21 Oct 1868 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She was born in Apr 1853 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She died after 1920 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA.

JOHN LATTA was born about 1838 in Tennessee, USA.

14. JOHN⁴ LATTA (James³, John², James¹) was born in 1810 in Cherokee, North Carolina, USA. He married Louisa Craig, daughter of William Craig and Sophie Unknown, on 19 Oct 1834 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 18 Apr 1814 in Carters Creek, Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 20 Feb 1873 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for John Latta: Born 1810 in Orange County NC.; m. Louisa Craig, daughter of William Craig, of Tenn. He lived at Columbia, Tenn. He formerly lived in N.C. and in 1837 with his family in a covered wagon, went to Texas, not liking it there he returned to Tenn. Eleven children all born in Maury Co., Tenn. and those that are dead died there. He died in 1873. In 1813 brought to Tenn. in a covered wagon.

1840 - Apr. Samuel W. Craig dies. John Latta appt. guardian of minor children, Robt. Campbell admin. of estate. 1840 - 20 May Estate sale of Samuel Craig - purchasers include widow Susan, Robt. Campbell, Jackson Craig (Wm. Jackson), John Shadden; estate holds notes on John F. Craig, John & Moses Latta. Jackson Craig buys 2 sows and 2 pigs.

1842 - Jan.-Feb. James. M. White vs. Wm. J. Craig & John Latta - Fi fa - no property found to satisfy execution - fi fa levied on bay horse of Wm. J. Craig. Debt of \$20.50 plus court costs of \$4.25 satisfied 11 May 1842. Tucker & Hodge vs. William J. Craig & John Latta - Fi fa - no property found to satisfy execution - debt. pd. \$8.08 on 3 May 1842. Total debt \$20.50 plus \$4.25 costs. 1843 - 15 Mar. W. D. Davis, sheriff, levied fi fa on bay horse of Wm. J. Craig (see above case). 1843 - 11 May Debt of Wm. J. Craig & John Latta to Tucker & Hodge satisfied in full.

John served as sheriff and jailer of Maury Co TN

Notes for Louisa Craig: half sister to Matilda Craig

John Latta and Louisa Craig had the following children:

- 39.i.
- 40.ii.
- 41.iv.
- 42.v.
- 43.vi.
- 44.vii.
- 44.vii.

WILLIAM ALBERT⁵ LATTA was born on 30 Dec 1835 in Giles, Tennessee, USA. He died on 09 Feb 1877 in Columbia, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Mary Sina Braden on 15 Jul 1863. She was born on 17 Dec 1843 in Giles, Tennessee, USA. She died in 1937.

SOPHIA LATTA was born on 27 Sep 1837 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married William Marion Ham on 11 Sep 1859 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

SIMS C LATTA was born on 06 Apr 1840 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 24 Sep 1934 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Mary

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Cordelia Hackney on 11 Nov 1860 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1844 in Tennessee, USA. She died in 1920 in Tennessee, USA.

MARTHA J LATTA was born on 08 Jan 1842 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 18 Jan 1891 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married Thomas J Stewart on 02 Dec 1866 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1840 in Tennessee, USA.

JOHN LATTA was born on 14 Apr 1844 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 12 Nov 1912 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Anna Narcissa Cherry. She was born in 1848 in Tennessee, USA.

SUSAN LATTA was born on 30 May 1846 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married (1) WILLIAM M HAM. He was born about 1837 in Tennessee, USA.

iii. JAMES LATTA was born on 08 Mar 1839 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 22 Aug 1855 in Tennessee, USA.

viii. LOUISA LATTA was born on 11 Sep 1848 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 09 Sep 1857 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

ix. MOSES LATTA was born on 31 Aug 1850 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 09 Aug 1855 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

x. SAMUEL LATTA was born on 20 Dec 1853 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 30 Aug 1855 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

xi. FRANCIS LATTA was born on 12 Jul 1855 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 11 Sep 1861 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

i. SCIOTA G.5 LATTA was born about 1861 in Illinois, USA.

ii. TENNESSEE N. LATTA was born about 1859 in Illinois, USA.

iv. MARY ELIZABETH LATTA was born about 1842 in Tennessee, USA.

vii. WILLIAM JAMES LATTA was born on 23 Mar 1847 in Tennessee, USA. He married Sarah E. Ryder on 30 Oct 1881 in Chetopa, Labette, Kansas, USA. She was born on 25 Mar 1858.

15. CALVIN⁴ LATTA (John J³, John², James¹) was born in Apr 1812 in North Carolina, USA. He married (1) ARMINTA MINTA MITCHELL, daughter of John Mitchell and Mary Polly Edwards, in 1842 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1820 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 18 Nov 1875 in Mt. Vernon, IL Jefferson Co..

Notes for Calvin Latta: Born in N.C. in 1812 or 1813. He was a carpenter and bridge builder by trade. Married Arminta "Minta" Mitchell, daughter of John and Mary Mitchell, in Maury Co., Tenn in 1842. He moved to southern Illinois in 1852 and lived near Salem, Marion Co. Then went to Jefferson Co., Ills. in 1852, P.O. address Mt. Vernon, Ills. Eleven children. The six eldest were born in Maury Co., Tenn. The other five in Jefferson Co., Ills. Calvin and his son, William James Latta's biography can be found at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/labette/1901/lattawj.shtml>

Calvin Latta had the following children:

45. iii. JOHN MONROE LATTA was born in Nov 1844 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 21 Aug 1929 in Jefferson, Illinois, USA. He married (1) ANNA UNKNOWN.

Calvin Latta and Arminta Minta Mitchell had the following children:

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iii. JOHN MONROE LATTA was born in Nov 1844 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 21 Aug 1929 in Jefferson, Illinois, USA. He married (1) ANNA UNKNOWN.

vi. CYNTHIA ROWENA LATTA was born on 25 Feb 1847 in Tennessee, USA. She died in 1883 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA. She married George G Hopgood on 16 Jun 1874 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA. He was born on 21 May 1835 in Union, Kentucky, USA. He died on 25 Feb 1910 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA.

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Calvin Latta and Armintia Minta Mitchell had the following children:

iv. MARY ELIZABETH LATTA was born about 1842 in Tennessee, USA.

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iii. JOHN MONROE LATTA was born in Nov 1844 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 21 Aug 1929 in Jefferson, Illinois, USA. He married (1) ANNA UNKNOWN.

vi. CYNTHIA ROWENA LATTA was born on 25 Feb 1847 in Tennessee, USA. She died in 1883 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA. She married George G Hopgood on 16 Jun 1874 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA. He was born on 21 May 1835 in Union, Kentucky, USA. He died on 25 Feb 1910 in Morganfield, Union, Kentucky, USA.

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Generation 4 (con't)

WILLIAM JAMES LATTA was born on 23 Mar 1847 in Tennessee, USA. He married Sarah E. Ryder on 30 Oct 1881 in Chetopa, Labette, Kansas, USA. She was born on 25 Mar 1858.

Notes for William James Latta: W. J. LATTA, D. D. S., one of the foremost dentists of Chetopa, Labette county, Kansas, was born near Columbia, Tennessee, in 1847, and is a son of Calvin and Armintia (Mitchell) Latta. Calvin Latta was born in North Carolina in 1812, and is a carpenter and bridge builder by trade. He lived in North Carolina until he was twelve years old. In 1852 Mr. Latta removed to Jefferson county, Illinois, where he bought a farm. He was engaged in general farming, - in which he was assisted by his sons; - and also followed his trade. His wife died in that county, aged fifty-seven years. Mr. Latta still lives there. Their children were: Mary E. (Spawr) (Johnson), who has been twice widowed; John M.; W. J.; C. R. J. C., of Kentucky; Martha J. (Johnson), who lives

in Southern Illinois; Jerome B. P., of Hunt county, Texas; Harriet C. (Hopgood), of Kentucky; Tennessee K., deceased; Gertrude (Benson), deceased; and Mrs. E. B. Whitlow, who lives in Southern Illinois. Dr. W. J. Latta attended the common schools in his vicinity and assisted on his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years. Always ambitious to secure a good education, he quit business and went to Eureka, Illinois, and then to college at Morganfield, Kentucky. He then learned his father's trade, but finding the duties too arduous for his constitution, in October, 1868, he began the study of dentistry at Ashley, Illinois, with a brother-in-law. At that time there were but two dental colleges in the United States, and students pursued their courses mainly with preceptors. Dr. Latta studied and practiced with his preceptor, and was located at different places in Southern Illinois for a period of eight years. In 1876 he went to Texas, and practiced in Dallas county for four years. He then located in Chetopa, June 19, 1880. He opened his office in August of that year, and since that time has attended to a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Latta has a thorough knowledge of dentistry, and, inheriting a mechanical nature from his father, the choice of his profession was a wise one. He is a painstaking worker, conscientious and faithful, and has the confidence and respect of all who come in contact with him. Dr. Latta was married, in Labette county, to Miss S. E. Riter, who was born in Central Illinois. She came to Cherokee, Kansas, at the age of twelve years, and before her marriage taught vocal and instrumental music. She studied with Mrs. Handley, a very successful teacher in St. Louis. Mrs. Latta now has a class in music in Chetopa. She is highly accomplished, and moves in the best social circles of Chetopa. Dr. and Mrs. Latta had one child which died in infancy. Dr. Latta was a Democrat early in life, but changed to the Greenback ticket in Texas, and is now a strong Prohibition Populist. He served as police judge two years in Chetopa. He has always been an active worker in the Christian church, of which Rev. W. F. Guy is

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the present pastor. Dr. Latta owns his own home in Chetopa. He has been very successful and is well and widely known. <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/labette/1901/l/lattawj.shtml#57702>.

viii. JEROME BONAPARTE LATTA was born on 26 Jan 1851 in Tennessee, USA. He married (1) MIRA LATTA. She was born about 1866 in Illinois, USA.

HARRIET DELILAH LATTA was born about 1856 in Illinois, USA. She married (1) BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADKINS. She married (2) JAMES W. HOPGOOD on 07 Jul 1875 in Gallatin, Illinois, USA. He was born on 06 May 1855 in Union, Kentucky, USA. He died on 14 Jul 1893 in Union, Kentucky, USA. ix. MARTHA JANE LATTA was born in 1853 in Tennessee, USA.

xi. TENNESSEE KNOVLIN LATTA was born in 1858 in Tennessee, USA. She died in Oct 1860 in Craighead, Arkansas, USA.

xii. GERTRUDE LATTA was born in 1860 in Tennessee, USA.

xiii. EUGENIA BELLZORA LATTA was born in 1863 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) WHITLOW.

i. JOHN THOMAS MITCHELL was born on 11 Feb 1850 in Mt. Vernon, IL or Maury Co., TN. He died on 21 Nov 1931 in Van Buren, Crawford, Arkansas, USA.

ii. MARY E. MITCHELL was born in 1847.

iii. MARTHA C. MITCHELL was born in 1849.

16. MARTHA ANN LATTA (John J3, John2, James1) was born in 1824 in Tennessee, USA. She married Jesse Mitchell about 1846. He was born in Feb 1828 in Rutherford, Tennessee, USA. He died date Unknown in Van Buren, Crawford, Arkansas, USA.

Jesse Mitchell and Martha Ann Latta had the following children:

17. CYNTHIA LATTA (John J3, John2, James1) was born in 1828 in Tennessee, USA. She died in 1879 in Marshall, Mississippi, USA. She married Ebenezer Kilpatrick in 1858 in Shelby, Tennessee, USA. He was born about 1787 in Iredell, North Carolina, USA. He died on 01 Oct 1861 in Marshall, Mississippi, USA.

Generation 4 (con't)

Ebenezer Kilpatrick and Cynthia Latta had the following child:

49.i. JAMES LATTA5 KILPATRICK was born in Jan 1859 in Mississippi, USA. He married (1) JINNIE J KILPATRICK. She was born in Jan 1871 in Mississippi, USA.

18. MARY ANN ROBINSON (Mary3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 16 Apr 1817 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 06 Sep 1892 in Tennessee. She married Matthew Patton Sparkman on 27 Dec 1837 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 26 Mar 1817. He died on 04 Feb 1864.

Matthew Patton Sparkman and Mary Ann Robinson had the following children:

i. FRANCIS CALVIN SPARKMAN was born on 01 Jul 1859 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 16 May 1922.

ii. JOHN H. SPARKMAN was born on 17 Oct 1838. She died on 30 Nov 1859.

iii. REBECCA JANE SPARKMAN was born on 20 Mar 1841. She died on 12 Mar 1918.

iv. ELIZA MOLLY SPARKMAN was born on 24 Dec 1842. She died on 23 Jun 1890.

Generation 4 (con't)

Ebenezer Kilpatrick and Cynthia Latta had the following child:

49.i. JAMES LATTA5 KILPATRICK was born in Jan 1859 in Mississippi, USA. He married (1) JINNIE J KILPATRICK. She was born in Jan 1871 in Mississippi, USA.

18. MARY ANN ROBINSON (Mary3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 16 Apr 1817 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 06 Sep 1892 in Tennessee. She married Matthew Patton Sparkman on 27 Dec 1837 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 26 Mar 1817. He died on 04 Feb 1864.

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25. MARY W4 SPARKMAN (Rebecca3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born about 1824 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 15 Apr 1900 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. She married John Campbell Alexander, son of Abdon Independence ALEXANDER and Eliza Eugenia CAMPBELL, on 16 Dec 1845. He was born on 07 Jan 1824 in Carters Creek, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 Dec 1892 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

Matthew Patton Sparkman and Mary Ann Robinson had the following children:

19. SARAH JANE4 ROBINSON (Mary3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 22 Sep 1826 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 25 Jan 1897 in Williamson County, Tennessee, Indiana, United States. She married Shadrack Jackson Robinson, son of Michael Robinson and Nancy Chandler, on 31 Oct 1850 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 22 Nov 1825 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 23 Mar 1879.

Shadrack Jackson Robinson and Sarah Jane Robinson had the following children:

20. CHARLES MARION4 ROBINSON (Mary3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 27 Jun 1832 in Williamson County, Tennessee, USA. He died on 20 Mar 1912 in Williamson County, Tennessee, USA. He married (1) ELIZABETH HASSELL. She was born in 1840 in Tennessee, USA.

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Lattas in Australia and New Zealand

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There are today a number of Lattas in Australia and New Zealand and this article is an attempt to highlight some of the Latta immigrants whose descendants they are. I would ask all those with Australian or New Zealand connections to please correct any information given here and particularly to add information that may be missing.

Researching Australian genealogy poses some issues. The main one is that unlike the United Kingdom or United States, most census records on individuals are not available even after a lapse of time (100 years for the United Kingdom; 70 for the U.S.A.). Indeed by policy, individual records from national Australian censuses have been destroyed. Thus although the first coordinated state census was conducted in 1881 and the first national census in 1901, these cannot be used to identify Lattas in Australia at that time. Instead we are dependent on state birth, marriage and death records and sources such as registers of voters.

The only census records that are available are for New South Wales in 1828 (no Lattas) and 1891 when there were 9 Latta families although only the head of household is listed by name.

From the IGI and other sources, the earliest records I have seen are a birth for Sarah Amelia Latta variously given as 1810 in Kilmore, Victoria and 1816 in Seymore, Victoria. There is also a birth given for Robert in Leichhardt, New South Wales in 1819 and a marriage for Eliza Latta to Irving McLaughlin in NSW in 1841. I cannot specifically identify these individuals and would note that the 1828 NSW census showed no Lattas there. I have seen several references to Eliza's marriage but the other records seem more problematic to me.

Two other early genealogical records I have been able to locate are the marriages of John Latta to Catherine Lemon in Victoria in 1843 and of Robert Latta to Emily Sarah Williams in Sydney in

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1844. John was born in Killenny, Donegal in 1813 and Robert was born in Scotland about 1817.

John's parents were John and Mary but I cannot identify if they emigrated also and for Robert I cannot match his birth with any certainty so I am not sure if he emigrated on his own or with other family members.

New Zealand also does not make individual census data available.

The following is a list of the families or individuals that I can identify as immigrants, as far as possible by date of arrival:

Thomas Latta

Born Alloa, Scotland 1797/99; married Sarah Gibson (1788/9-1883) Edinburgh 1818; died Adelaide, South Australia 1855.

Children: John (1823-), Sarah (1824-), Thomas (1826-67), Elizabeth (1828-), Robert (1830-91), William (1831-1915), Charles (1833-) all born in Scotland.

Part of the family arrived in Port Adelaide in 1840 on the "John". They were listed as Thomas (age 40), Jane 19, Mary 17, John 16, Sarah 15. This gives rise to a couple of comments. While the births for the two younger children were registered in Alloa I have no comparable record for the two older children. Second, Thomas' wife, Sarah, and the younger children all ended up in Australia and so they must have traveled separately.

Of the male children, Robert married in 1858 and had 8 children; William married 1860 and had 2 children and I have no record of the others. All of Robert's male children moved to New Zealand where they married, Thomas (1859-1917) married in 1883 and had 9 children. Matthew married in 1891 and had 7 children; Robert married in 1896 and had 8 children; Charles married in 1896 and had 6 children; Henry James married in 1902 and had 7 children.

Thus many of the New Zealand Lattas can trace their heritage back to this movement by the five brothers.

John Latta

Born Killenny, Donegal 1813; married 1843 Victoria to Catherine Lemon (1820-95); died 1873 Victoria.

Children: Jane (1843-82), Isabella (1846-91), Mary Ann Lemon (1847-1904), Catherine (1849-1917), John (1851-1910).

His parents were John and Mary but I cannot identify them more closely.

John Jr. married in 1867 and had 4 children.

William Latta

Born Killenny, Donegal 1818; married 1849 in Melbourne to Sarah Black (1822/3-76); died (suicide) 1876 Warnambool, Victoria.

Children: William (1851-1932), Mary (1852-), John (1856-1940), Sarah (1856-57).

I cannot definitely identify his parents but given his place of birth he may be the brother of John above.

Of the male children, William married in 1881 and had 7 children; John married in 1889 and had 13 children.

Robert Latta

Born Glasgow about 1813-19; married Emily Sarah Williams (1822/3-1911) in 1844 in Sydney; died Sydney 11 September 1874.

Children: William Goudie (1845-89), Robert (1847-1924), Jane (1849-1943), John (1851-), Emily S. (1854-1914), James (1856-1926), Jeremiah E. (1859-1938), Adam (1861-1922), Margaret (1863-1928), Ann (1866-1934), Alfred (1868-1930), Emily (1870-70), Sarah (1870-70), David (1871-1901).

Of the male children, I have no marriage record for William Goudie, John, Adam or David; Robert married in 1874 and had 9 children; James married in 1876 and had 14 children; Jeremiah E married in 1888 and had 2 children; Alfred married in 1891 and had 6 children.

Robert Latta

Born 1805 Riccarton, Scotland; married 1829 to Jean (Janet) Lindsay (1804-96) Kilmarnock, Scotland; died 1882 Milton, NSW.

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Children: Agnes (1829/30-), John (1834-1911), Robert (1841-), William (1843-1934), David (1846-1901), Jean (1851-1943). All the children were born in Scotland.

John came to New South Wales in 1855 on the "Anna" and in 1862 his parents followed. The family consisting of the parents plus William, David and Jean (Janet) show as assisted immigrants arriving in Sydney on the "Peerless" in 1863. The eldest child, Agnes, probably married in Scotland in 1853 to John Thomson.

Of the male children, John married in 1862 in Australia and had 10 children; Robert married in Scotland in 1861 and stayed there; William married in 1867 and had 15 children and David did not marry.

George Joseph Latta

Born 1819/20 probably in London; married 1852 Islington, London to Catharine Woollard (1824/5-98); died 1891 Homebush, NSW.

Children: Kate (1852-52), George (1853-53). Kate Matilda (1856-1925), George Joseph (1859-1903).

The children were all born in England. The family of four arrived in Australia in 1860 on the ship the "Dover Castle".

George Joseph Jr. married in 1890 and had 3 children.

Andrew Latta Born 1836-7 Meenavoy, Donegal; married 1867 in Victoria to Anna Louisa Lancaster Ellis (1846/7-1925); died Wychetella, Victoria 1909.

Children: Margaret Elizabeth (1868-9), John (1870-70), Elizabeth (1871-), Margaret (1872-4), Louisa (1874-1957). Emilie (1879-), Joseph William (1881-1961), Catherine (1885-85), Annie (1887-87).

His parents John and Margaret Rodgers might also have emigrated but I have no specific evidence for this.

Joseph William married in 1912 and had 6 children.

John Latta

Born Liberton 1835, married Mary Lang 1861 Calton Glasgow. With children Thomas (born 1863) and Sophia Margaret (b 1864) went to Auckland, NZ on the "Helenslee" arriving December 1864.

Thomas, born Bridgeton, Glasgow 1863; married 1894 in NZ to Euphemia Blair (1870/1-1944), died 1943 NZ.

Thomas' children were: May Agnes (1902-), Thomas Alexander (1904-), Flora Maud (1906-), Henry Speery (1908-41), George Connecticut (1908-).

Robert Sanderson Latta

Born 1844 Co Armagh, Ireland; married 1868 in NZ to Louisa Blank (1846/7-1933); died 1914 NZ.

Children: Violet Mary (1870-), Catherine Harvey (1872-), Robert Sanderson (1873-1948), Sydney Ponsonby (1878-). The children were all born in New Zealand.

Did his parents William and Mary Harvey also emigrate? A possible brother, William Saunderson Latta (b 1840/1), married in 1870 in England and died in England in 1915.

Of the male children, Robert Sanderson Jr. married in 1908 and had at least 2 children; Sydney Ponsonby married in 1923.

John Latta

Born Donegal 1830; married Meenavoy, Donegal in 1859 to Elizabeth Buchanan (1840/1-1908); died Baynton, Victoria (I have conflicting sources on the date of death either 1885 or 1903).

Children: James (1859/60-1930), Moses (1861/2-1938), John (1864-), Maria (1868-1915), William John (1870-1949), Samuel (1872-1951), Elizabeth (1874-75), Elizabeth Jane (1876-), Andrew (1877-89), Henry Albert (1880-1960).

The arrival must have been between 1868-70 as William John was the first child born in Australia.

Of the male children, James married in 1883 and had 7 children; Moses married 1891 and had 3

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children; William John married 1907 and had 3 children; Samuel married 1901 and had 4 children and I have no record for John.

Henry Albert went to New Zealand where he married in 1907 and had 2 children.

James Latta

Born 1856 Port Glasgow; married 1879 Ardoch, Scotland to Jemima Fraser (1854/5-1944); died Clifton Hts, Victoria 1950.

Children: Margaret (1881-), Elizabeth Black (1882-), David Alexander (1883-1950), Jane Fraser (1890-), James McFarlane (1891-), Francis McDonald (1893-1977), Sarah Florence (1893-4), and Helen (1896-).

The first three children were born in Scotland – the rest not. Jemima arrived on the Loch Venachar in 1888 into Sydney, with children Maggie aged 8, Bessie aged 6 and David aged 4. Presumably James may have preceded her in going to Australia.

Of the male children David Alexander married in 1929 and I have no record of children; James McFarlane married in 1924 and had at least one child; Francis McDonald married in 1930.

Colin Latta

Born 1846/7 probably in Ireland; married Mary Norton; died 1917 NZ.

Child: William Cathcart (1871-1957) born Dublin; married 1918 in NZ.

Colin, Mary and William Cathcart went to Australia on board the Ormuz from London to Adelaide in 1892.

John Atherton Latta

Born Pentonville, London 1842/3; married in 1870 West Ham, London to Ann Hoy (1845/6-1906); died 1926 Victoria.

Children: Mary Hoy (1871-71), Edgar Atherton (1872-), Guy Spencer (1875-1914) all born in England. Edgar married in Australia in 1906 and Guy in 1909.

John Latta

Born Falkirk, Scotland 1872; died Picton, NSW 1902. I have no evidence of a marriage and his parents stayed in Scotland.

David Latta

Born 1876 Ulverston, England; married 1903 Perth, Western Australia to Charlotte Ellen Grainger; died 1936 Granville, NSW.

Child: Douglas David (1904-68). He married in 1942 and I have no record of children.

They emigrated to Fremantle in 1901 or 1902 on the "Ormuz".

James Robert Latta

Born 1877 Dumbarton, Scotland; married (1) 1905 in NZ to Annie Margaret Kettle (1875/6-1923), married (2) Evelyn Florence Kennedy (1882/3-1974); died 1941 NZ.

Child of first marriage James Stuart (born 1909).

The parents of James Robert did not emigrate as they died in Scotland in 1898 and 1903

He is the brother of Alexander Stewart (below).

Alexander Stewart Latta

Born Dumbarton, Scotland 1869; married Edinburgh 1898 to Jane Buchanan Fyfe (1871/2-1947 in Scotland); died Melbourne 1963.

Child: Janet Nelson Fyfe b 1900 Dumbarton, married 1939 in Scotland and died 1978 Dumbarton.

Since his daughter stayed in Scotland, and his wife died there in 1947 he must have emigrated to Australia later in life after 1947.

Joseph Kerr Latta

Born Portobello, Scotland 1887; married 1919 in NZ to Viola Alice Saunders; died 1953 NZ.

I have no record of children. His father died in Scotland in 1901 – possibly his mother, Jessie Robertson (b 1844/5) might have emigrated as I have no definitive record of her death in UK.

His probable emigration was 1908 on the "Ormuz" to Sydney.

Thomas Latta

Born Lambeth, London 1882; married 1915 to Margaret Davey (1891-1981) in Melbourne; died 1963 in Australia.

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Children: Ruth Elizabeth (1915-2005), Dorothy Margaret (1918-2013), Thomas John (1921-84), Gwenneth (1925-92), Joan Muriel (1928-74).

He was the only member of the family to emigrate. He was the brother of my grandfather and he emigrated via the US and Canada in about 1908-10.

Charles Thurston Latta

Born 1899 Leigh, England; married 1921 Leigh to Florence A Aldous (1898/9-).

They emigrated to Sydney on the SS "Baradine" in 1921.

Francis (Frank) Latta

Born Leigh 1873; married 1898 Wandsworth, London to Phillis Maud Smith (1874-).

He was the father of Charles Thurston (above). His other son stayed in the UK.

He emigrated to Sydney on the "Benalla" in 1928.

James Latta

Born Kelvin, Glasgow 1907; m (2) Marion Margaret McDonald Lees (1915-). He had a brief first marriage.

Children: Agnes Stevenson (1938-), Angus Lees (1939-), Ian James (1942-), Fiona Marion (1943-).

He emigrated to Sydney in 1951 on the "Ranchi".

Alexander Stuart Latta

Born 1897 Wirral, England; married 1924 Birkhead, England to Christina Allan; died Melbourne 1963.

He and his wife went to Sydney on the "Jason" in 1957.

There are also some other emigrants who can be identified but who do not appear to have had family in Australia or New Zealand:

William Latta

He was an emigrant to Wellington, NZ 1902. He might be William born in Rutherglen in 1878.

Alexander Latta

He arrived in Victoria 1852 on the ship "Emigrant" aged 28. He was listed as Scottish.

Thomas Latta

He arrived in Victoria in 1864 on the "Monarch" aged 35, listed as English.

It is quite likely that there are more emigrants, especially more recently, who I have not been able to specifically identify.

In listing the emigrants, it is apparent that they came from Scotland, Northern Ireland and England. One reason for listing the number of children their offspring had is it gives a sense that in Australia families were large and so Lattas would have multiplied quickly.

Once again any further information from Lattas in Australia and New Zealand would be most welcome.

New Branch 11 Captain

By: Ken Mueller, President

Brian Wagon has asked to join our Latta family as Captain of Branch 11, a branch previously without a captain. We welcome Brian, and please note his inquiry on page 23. His address and e-mail are listed on page 2.

Preservation of Your Latta History

To preserve your Latta family history for generations to come, we send the Latta Genealogy Newsletter to a number of major libraries, including the Newberry Library in Chicago, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, the Library of Congress, the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, etc.

Research Queries, Replies and Notes. Send your queries to the editor,

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1. I am looking for information on John **Latta** who married Mary **Daugherty**. Where were they married? Where were they taxed? I don't believe he was the John **Latta** who died in Westmoreland County in early 1800s. I believe that John was married to Mary **Story**. I am also looking for the **Latta** who was killed by Indians during the French and Indian War and for whom Latta Grove is named. Sue **Cox**, Vice President, suelatteacox@yahoo.com.

2. I have hit a dead end on "proving" my family's story. My cousin that I thought had records only has their birth and death dates (which I also have) and the (verbal) recollection of her mother, Susie **Latty Day**, and grandfather, Levi **Latty**, that James **Latty** was in fact the son of Susan **Tyner** and that he was born out of wedlock. There are a few pertinent records that connect the dots as to this. One is a marriage record that can be found noted here: <http://www.librarymail.org/genehist/county/recorder/marr-091.txt>. You have to scroll down to James M. **Latty** and see he married Bitcy **Baker** on 27 Dec. 1866 in McDonald County, Missouri. This is a probably a misreading/miswriting of the marriage certificate or a nickname as he was married to a **Baker** but her name was Vilsie.

And here <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSRL-ZRD> in a census report from Indian Territory, Cherokee Nation, that puts Susan **Tyner** as mother in law in the household of Vilsie **Latty** in 1900. James **Latty** was already deceased and their son Levi **Latty** was already out of the home starting a family of his own. They disappear, from what I have found so far, between the 1860 census and the 1900 census. This period of time—1860 to 1900--- (and James' father) are what I am working on and trying to figure out right now. I am interested in helping with Branch 11 as much as I can. Susan (Susie) **Latta** (or **Latty**) listed in branch 11 as a daughter of John **Latta** is said on the site to have no children. By our family history (I think it is a family bible) and oral history she did have a son, James Matthew **Latty** in 1848. He is my 3rd great

grandfather. He is found in the household of Susan's brother Jefferson **Latty** in the 1860 census of Pineville, McDonald County, Missouri, and his wife and mother are found together in the 1900 census after his death in 1892. On the **Latta** page he is listed under someone else's family but there is a question about him in red. I hope this makes sense. Brian **Wagnon**, Branch 11 Captain, neopopmail@gmail.com.

3. Recently, I looked for information on my wife Karen's ancestor, William **Latta**, the founder of Branch 1. Some researchers on Ancestry.com give his year of birth as 1730, others state it as 1735. William **Latta** is also said to have been born in County Donegal, Ireland. How is this known? A picture of a very dark tombstone from the Middle Presbyterian Cemetery, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania is shown by some researchers. So which is correct: 1730 or 1735? Is there some evidence or documentation? What is written on that black gravestone? In addition, William **Latta** is said to have married Catherine J. **Taylor** in 1754 in Pennsylvania. Does anyone have some proof of this? A marriage record, last will, land deed, etc. would help. Is there a **Latta** researcher from Pennsylvania willing to go to his cemetery? Another idea would be some information researched by genealogists of the **Taylor** family. Since William **Latta** is the immigrant ancestor for Branch 1 of the **Latta** Family, I hope to hear back from other researchers. Respectfully, Ken **Mueller**, DocHuer@aol.com.

4. John **Latta** (b.1813 c.) married Catherine **Lemon** in Dunamanagh, TYR, Ireland in 1841 and in 1841 came to Australia. Ann, Isabella Catherine John and Jane were born around Geelong in Victoria, Australia. Mel **Humphries**, mailmel@optusnet.com.au, Melbourne, Australia.

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Latta Genealogy Society

Annual Meeting

Nov. 25, 2014

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The meeting held in Salem, West Virginia and chaired by Sue Lattea Cox, Vice President of Research. In attendance were Sue Lattea Cox and Edmond Lattea (Br. 17).

Discussion was held on the topic of the research in Ireland and Scotland; on the DNA project; and on research articles on early Pennsylvania lineage.

It was announced that E. Michael Latta of Branch 7 will be the new auditor for the Latta Genealogical Society, with the board voting 3 to 0 in favor of Mike.

No other business was brought forward, and the meeting was adjourned.

Samuel John Latta

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Samuel John Latta (April 3, 1866 – April 22, 1946) was an educator, farmer, journalist and political figure in Saskatchewan. He represented Last Mountain from 1912 to 1929 as a Liberal.

He was born in London, Ontario, the son of John Latta and Eliza Barrell, (2) and was educated at Western University, the Ottawa Normal School and the Ontario School of Arts. (1) He taught school in Ontario from 1883 to 1905 (2) and authored *Latta's Drawing Textbook* which was used in Ontario schools for over fifty years. (1) He married Agnes Annie Boyland in 1887. (2) In 1905, Latta moved to Saskatchewan, settling on a homestead near Govan. He founded the weekly

Govan Prairie News in 1907 and was editor until 1929. Latta was a member of the council for the rural municipality of Lost Mountain Valley, also serving as secretary-treasurer.

He ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the provincial assembly in 1908 and then was elected in 1912. Latta served in the provincial cabinet as Minister of Highways and Minister of Education. He was defeated when he ran for reelection to the assembly in 1929.

After leaving politics, Latta worked as a writer and publicist until 1934, when he was named Commissioner of Libraries, Archives and Publications for the province. He served in the role until he retired in 1944. Latta died in Regina at the age of 80. (1)

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I Hit a Brick Wall

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