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Working with Family Finder: A Branch 16 Case Study

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In Issue 54 of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter I described how the Family Finder tool works at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). Since then I have been working on setting up my own surname index in order to be ready to contact people in my match's records. I had all the records for my direct ancestry line but was sorely remiss in the information regarding siblings. It became obviously clear that that aspect would be an ongoing research task. But finally I got enough to provide a demonstration on how to work with this type of index.

In Issue 54 I mentioned the use of a Pie Chart. A Pie Chart helps to keep in mind what level of cousins one is focusing on while making an index but is too simplified for following siblings of your direct line ancestor. In theory one needs to have a list of surnames that is as close to present day matching donor's knowledge of surnames in their own family lines. In that sense, since FTDNA displays results in the 2nd to 4th cousin, 3rd to 5th cousin levels etc., one needs to start with 2nd Cousins and list one descending generation from the grandparents and their sibling's spouse's surnames. Doing so brings a client closer to the present day donor's knowledge base.

Going to the 3rd Cousin's level, one then has to list the siblings of the Great Grandparents and their spouse's surnames for the 1st and 2nd descending generations in order to get them to the present time line for comparing with Donor Matches. Following this pattern, every generation that you go back on the Pie

Chart you need to add a generation to the list of descending spouse's surnames as well. The matches that you receive may not connect to a direct line ancestor but to a sibling sister of your direct line ancestor. So this is the reasoning for following sibling lines of descent.

I started my own research by hand before developing Tables to display the records and have since concluded that to make the Tables easily cross referenced to the Pie Chart I would label the Table at the specified cousin level. On a Pie Chart at the

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Table 2A-A.L.Latta Br16 FG 15

One of thirteen siblings. The first two are half sisters by a 1st Wife and so no maternal DNA. I do not include these in a surname index. Only five of the remaining produced children. Next generation descending after (>)

Brix > Latta, Mottershead

Hickey > Horon, Kreye, Latta, Newbury, Oyler,

Killips > Hawkins, Kelly, Latta

Wyatt > Danvers(nee Latta)

Unknown > 1 known daughter
(nee Private)

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Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer's Report Aug. 18, 2015

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DNA fund donations	\$15.00
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Pay Pal Transfer (8/18/15)	\$47.49

Total Income: \$658.75

Expenses

Hostway website fee, 4 months (14.95/mo.)	\$59.80
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Total Expenses \$59.80

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>Wardrop> 3 sons, 3 dtr.s
>Williams> have issue -unknown

Table 3B-Siblings of E. DeCoteau
Only one other sibling produced issue
a) Desjarlais>8 children 6 sons, 2 dtr.s
b) Porter>DeCoteau>Epp,Lobb,Mannix, McLeod,Plester,Robinson, Roper,Savage,Welsh>available on request.

second cousin level there are 2 sets of grandparents or 4 individuals grandparents. So my Tables are listed as Table 2A to 2D. For the 3rd Cousin's, Tables 3A to 3H since there are 8 individual Great Grandparents.

There is a purpose to keeping these blocks of Spousal Surname Indices separate. A potential match

Table 1; Spousal, Sibling Surname Index

Armstrong 2C
Benson 3A-3s (subset)
Bradley 3A
Brix 2B
Brown2D

may have a list of surnames that connect specifically to an ancestral origin of a specific country. On my Pie Chart on the outer edge I have noted which country my ancestor's line came from. Hopefully this will sometimes make it easier to figure out whose line your match may be more closely related to.

The Tables 3C to 3H would proceed in a similar fashion. The 4th cousin Tables 4A to 4P would have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations descending from the direct relative in my line if the information was available. In a few instances it is, but for privacy sake I will show only the 1st generation descending from some lines.

To enable the use of these tables one still needs an alphabetized list of surnames cross referencing which Table the surname appears in. This becomes Table 1 and will be constantly upgraded as more ancestry lines are discovered. Setting up a system to quickly cross reference when a new match appears is recommended in order to get the best use of Family Finder.

These tables are set up for the express purpose of developing easily accessible surname indices for use with Family Finder at FTDNA. If you have an unusual situation that is hard to place in a Table you can contact me at lattakj@telusplanet.net. My own family provided plenty of unusual situations. For instance, the cousin DeCoteau from the Maternal side was adopted by a Latta descendant on the Paternal side. The placement of a person should be in the Table with the same blood line as Matches will probably see the alias surname in their Matches.

I hope this makes sense. I e-mailed my first Match and I will see if this is a workable effort. Have a good summer.

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Mcintosh	2C,2D
Mclvor	3A-3s
McLeod	3B
Miller	3A3s
Milligan	3A
Moore	2C
Motterhead	2A, 2B
Newbury	2A
Plester	3B
Porter	3B
Robinson	3B
Roper	3B
Ruud	3A
Sargent	3A
Savage	3B
Smart	2C
Spangenberg	2B
Sweetman	2D
Tiffen	2C
Tilden	2C
Walker	2C
Walls	2C
Wardrop	3B
Webster	3A
Welsh	3B
Williams	3A-3s
Wuttunnee	3A

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Benjamin Franklin Latta (Continued from Page 8)

While Ben dodged both Confederate and Union recruiters, his oldest brothers, Elbert, twenty-two, and Thomas, twenty, were among the early volunteers with the Confederate Army in Kentucky. They enlisted at Camp Burnett, a recruiting station outside of Clinton, named for the former U.S. Rep. Henry Cornelius Burnett. They were assigned to the newly formed Company A, 7th Regiment, Kentucky Mounted Infantry. They, however, were un-mounted: There were inadequate horses to go around.

While armchair warriors parried on the political front, Elbert and Thomas marched into the notoriously deadly 1862 Battle of Shiloh, in Tennessee. Conducted one hundred and twenty miles south of the Latta farm, in bucolic fields, forest and orchards, not far from the looping path of the Tennessee River, the two-day battle produced traumatic casualties: 3,482 dead, 16,420 wounded and 3,844 missing or captured, a total of 23,746 men, Confederate and Union forces combined. That Elbert survived to come home from the war was a gift of fate. That Thomas did not was no surprise but to those who loved him. He was wounded and captured in the battle, and transported to the Union Army's Camp Dennison, in Ohio. He lingered for fifteen days, he died, and he was buried there.

Ben and Martha honored Thomas by naming their first son for him, a son conceived while farmer killed farmer, born seven months after his namesake's death.

As the conflict blasted into its second year, visions of wartime glory were replaced by the realities of wartime gore. Enthusiastic volunteer soldiers became scarce, and both sides resorted to one form of conscription or another. Congress passed the Civil War Military Draft Act in February 1863, mandating registration by all males between ages twenty and forty-five. Ben registered and stayed out of sight while he and his family continued to work the peaceful fields of the Potato Patch District. And fertility, unhampered by bloody battles, resulted in Martha's third wartime pregnancy, conceived in May of 1864.

It was not long after this, that the quest for able-bodied men finally came banging at the Latta door. Ben was conscripted into service with the Union Army, leaving behind a pregnant Martha and three children. Ben and other conscripts were marched to the Union Army garrison in Paducah, Kentucky, some fifty miles northeast of Clinton. From there, on December 15, 1864, Ben deserted. He was one of a reported 8,162 Union deserters that month. Like many others, Ben hid in the comfort of home, and he welcomed the birth of his second daughter, Ruth, on February 24, 1865.

The war ended in April. On July 28, 1865, Ben was arrested for desertion and remanded to the Paducah Garrison. By May of 1866, he had returned home and Martha was pregnant again. Their son Linn was born on February 26, 1867. Another, Guy, was born December 1, 1869.

In the spring of 1870, Ben moved his family to his own farm, purchased from William Gossum. In June of that year, Ben's family was documented in two ways: They were enumerated in the ninth U.S. census and their portraits were photographed. Son Lee, not yet born, was missing from the portraits, but he made his grand entrance on February 22, 1872, and Martha became pregnant yet again in June 1873.

But before Martha's confinement, in February 1874, Ben was injured. It was probably a minor cut—it could even have been an insect bite—but the wound became infected, the infection entered his blood stream, and he died on Tuesday, February 18. The death record listed the cause as "Arasypelas," a misspelling of the bacterial infection "erysipelas," a painful but relatively swift way to die. Ben probably suffered no more than a few days. He was buried in the Latta plot at Mount Zion Old Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery, on Water Valley Road, in Graves County.

A little more than a month later, Ben and Martha's last child was born, on March 26, 1874. Martha named the girl for herself, and everyone called her Mattie. Ben and Martha's seven offspring followed distinct paths, most of them interesting, some adventurous, some cut as short as Ben's.

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LGS Annual Meeting (Continued from Page 11)

For Saturday, September 19, 2015. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the full, free breakfast. The self service breakfast starts at 6:00 AM. For those who are interested, we could have a breakfast together from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM to continue our efforts to get to know each other better. Plan to be ready to depart from the Comfort Suites by 9:30 AM for our first major attraction. Plan to share rides for those who flew in with those who drove in, to the Latta House and Plantation, 5225 Sample Road, Huntersville NC 28078. Use your GPS for the physical address which is above. It is important to follow carefully as there are several turns to the Latta House and Plantation.

Once we arrive at the Latta House, we should have some time to look around. You are encouraged to pick up the brochure in the office entitled: "Historic Latta Plantation." It will identify various places on the walking guide. Additionally, on the back of the brochure of the Latta House, there is a list of enslaved African Americans who lived, worked and died at the Latta Plantation. They are buried at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. James Latta, the owner of the Latta Plantation, is also buried there. We plan to visit this cemetery later in the afternoon.

We should form our group for our privately guided tour inside the Latta House at 11:00 AM, Saturday, September 19. The tour will likely be a bout an hour. We CANNOT take any pictures inside the House. Because of this special Community Day and because we will be in attendance on this day, there will be no charge for us for this event. To visit outside grounds and park, there is also no charge. A gift shop has a number of items you may wish to purchase. Bring your camera and take all of the pictures you desire outside of the House, on the grounds, and of other buildings.

You may wish to Google the Latta House and Plantation in Huntersville NC to view the place ahead of your visit. Heather Lineberger, hlineberger@lattaplantation.org has assisted in our planning the visit. Her telephone is 704-875-2312, ext. 301.

Around 1:00 PM we will depart the Latta Plantation for a group lunch event nearby. The name of the restaurant is Lancaster's, a local family owned and operated facility. The physical location is 9230 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville NC 28078. Telephone number is 704-394-1464. Each person may order from the menu. Prices vary from \$6.00 to \$20.00, depending on your selection.

After lunch, we will visit the nearby Hopewell Presbyterian Church located at 10500 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville NC 28078. You may wish to Google the Hopewell Presbyterian Church to review its history, including the fact, as indicated above, that the grave of James Latta (owner of the Latta Planation) is located here. It is expected that Tina Brown, a member of the church, will give us a tour of the church as well as the graves that relate to the Lattas and those who lived and died at the Plantation. A book on the history of the church does record a number of Lattas in it. If you wish to purchase the book, it is \$25.00. This is up to you. We expect these activities will take about two hours, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Around 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 19, we have been invited by the Latta Plantation to join their community for an evening event at the Latta House, a celebration of its history and significance. There will be a number of special features, including a significant amount of food, fellowship and music. The cost per person is \$20.00. The cost per family is \$40.00. This is an optional event for each of you. You are encouraged to attend to support the Latta House.

Please plan to return to the Hotel no later than 8:00 PM on Saturday, September 19. At the Comfort Suites, a conference room for our Latta group will be provided. Here we propose that those driving in by car bring picture albums, family portraits, or other related genealogical records so that we may display them and connect to the various branches.

It is also recommended that each person develop a documented summary article on themselves and their family to be shared if possible. Perhaps later it could be considered for publication in our Latta Newsletter.

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Descendants of James Latta

By: John Moore, Branch 31 Captain, johnm@mtaonline.net

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40. SOPHIA⁵ LATTA (John⁴, James³, John², James¹) was born on 27 Sep 1837 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married William Marion Ham on 11 Sep 1859 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. Notes for Sophia Latta: b. September 27, 1837; d. soon after the Civil War. Married William Marion Ham on September 11, 1859. Had two children, John Davis, b. June 9, 1860; d. June 8, 1861. Sophia Ann b. May 17, 1862; m. Abb. Adkinson August 30, 1885. When his wife died William Ham m. his wife's sister, Susan.
41. SIMS C⁵ LATTA (John⁴, James³, John², James¹) was born on 06 Apr 1840 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 24 Sep 1934 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Mary 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. Notes for Sims C Latta: Confederate soldier. Buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, TN (outside the confederate lot). Cemetery record: 6 Apr 1840 - 24 Sep 1934. Father. (95 yrs.). (Pvt. Co. E, Tenn. Cav., C.S.A., Cross.; MCTC). Buried ROSE HILL CEMETERY. 6th (Wheeler's) Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry, Co. E, Confederate side, rank in Pvt. rank out Pvt. (Civil War Soldiers and Sailors) Born in Maury Co., Tenn. April 6, 1840; d. at Columbia, Tenn. on Sept. 24, 1934. Married Mary Cordelia Hackney November 11, 1860. She was born June 15, 1844 and died March 12, 1927. They are both buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Maury County, TN. General Sims Latta said his father had made an historical record of the family in the Carolinas. Named Sims after a friend of the family. Enlisted in Troop "E" 1st Tenn. Cavalry, Confederate Army, and served the entire four years. Came out a Sergeant. Also served in the 6th (Wheeler's) Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry, Co. E, Confederate Army. After the war he served as policeman, constable, sheriff and dept. U.S. Marshall. Farmer. Joined the Confederate Veteran organization and in October 1930 was elected Brig. General. Presbyterian. Never used profanity or touched tobacco, liquor of any kind, tea nor coffee.

Sims C Latta and Mary Cordelia Hackney had the following children:

65. IDA BELLE⁶ LATTA was born on 18 Oct 1861 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married (1) LEMUEL PHILLIPS PADGETT on 11 Nov 1880. He was born on 28 Nov 1855 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 02 Aug 1922 in Washington, USA.

42. MARTHA J⁵ LATTA (John⁴, James³, John², James¹) 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.

Notes for Martha J Latta: b. January 8, 1842; d. January 18, 1891; m. Thomas J. Stewart December 2, 1866. Children: Walter (m. Ida Edwards), Blanche (m. William Colquit), Allison Templeton, Stewart "Allie" (m. Mary Ethlene Lanius in 1919). Allie lived in Carrollton, Dallas County, Texas. All born in Maury Co.

Thomas J Stewart and Martha J Latta had the following children:

- i. WALTER G⁶ STEWART was born about 1868 in Tennessee, USA. He married (1) IDA EDWARDS.
- ii. BLANCHE C STEWART was born in 1870 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) WILLIAM COLQUIT.
- iii. ALLISON TEMPLETON STEWART was born in 1878 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

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George G Hopgood and Cynthia Rowena Latta had the following children:

- i. MATILDA L6 HOPGOOD was born in Jan 1880 in Union, Kentucky, USA. She died in 1951 in Evansville, Vanderburgh, Indiana, USA. She married BENJAMIN F. GHORMLEY in 1897. He was born in May 1877 in Kentucky, USA.
47. JEROME BONAPARTE5 LATTA (Calvin4, John J3, John2, James1) was born on 26 Jan 1851 in Tennessee, USA. He married (1) MIRA LATTA. She was born about 1866 in Illinois, USA.
48. HARRIET DELILAH5 LATTA (Calvin4, John J3, John2, James1) 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.
49. JAMES LATTA5 KILPATRICK (Cynthia4 Latta, John J3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born in Jan 1859 in Mississippi, USA. He married (1) JINNIE J KILPATRICK. She was born in Jan 1871 in Mississippi, USA.
50. JOHN L.5 MOORE (John L.4, Sally3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born in Oct 1855 in Tennessee, USA. He married Roxie F Moore, daughter of James J Moore and Mary B Bunch, on 23 Dec 1880 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born in Jan 1858 in Tennessee, USA.
51. ROXIE F5 MOORE (James J4, Sally3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born in Jan 1858 in Tennessee, USA. She married John L. Moore, son of John L. Moore and Angeline McKee, on 23 Dec 1880 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born in Oct 1855 in Tennessee, USA.
52. BENJAMIN F5 MOORE (James J4, Sally3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born in 1861 in Tennessee, USA. He married Annie Lee Akin on 23 Aug 1888 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1870 in Tennessee, USA.
53. JOHN P.5 MORROW (Rebecca Jane4 Sparkman, Rebecca3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born in 1876 in Tennessee, USA. He died date Unknown in Franklin, Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He married May McMinn in Williamson, Tennessee, USA.
54. WILLIAM ROBINSON5 SPARKMAN (William Thomas4, Jane3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 10 Nov 1861 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died in 1952 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He married Edna Lucreta Taylor on 09 Apr 1892 in Lewis, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 02 Mar 1869 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 21 Apr 1950.

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Preservation of Your Latta History

Computers may crash, web sites go down or are pulled due to lack of funding, natural disasters happen, and your relatives throw out all those old papers. To preserve your Latta family history for generations to come, send to us the story of your Latta family. We will print it in our Latta Genealogy Newsletter, and send it 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. Future generations will thank you.

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was named the *Champion Australian Player* of that tour. He was also the first Balmain player to play more than 200 games for the club. Reg Latta also coached the Balmain Tigers in 1929 and 1931. (1) Latta also served the Balmain Tigers as a committeeman and office-holder for many years. He was awarded Life Membership of the NSWRL in 1937 for services to the game. (2) Reg Latta died on 30 July 1970 at his Drummoyne home. (3)

References:

1. Alan Whiticker: Encyclopedia of Rugby League Players. ISBN 9780732908164.
2. Sydney Morning Herald "New Life Member" (page 17) 9 February 1937
3. Sydney Morning Herald - death notice- 1 August 1970

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5. My wife Karen's ancestor was Robert Latta, Branch 1, born 29 Sept. 1773 in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He married Isabella Johnston, widow of James Waddell, on 22 Dec. 1795. Isabella's father was William Johnston. Isabella was born 25 Dec. 1768. Robert Latta died 28 April 1851 in LaGrange County, Indiana. Isabella Johnston died 2 Feb. 1853 in LaGrange County, Indiana. Does anyone have any information on William Johnston or his daughter Isabella?

I went to our web site, www.Latta.org, and copied some information from the Branch 1 files. Here it is:

7 ROBERT (3) LATTA William (2) James M. (1). Born September 29, 1773 at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa. He died at "Haw Patch", LaGrange Co., Ind., April 28, 1851. Married a widow, Isabella Waddell, December 22, 1795, 5 years his senior. Daughter of Wm. Johnston of Washington Co. Pa., and aunt of Wm. F. Johnston, Gov. of Pa. 1848-1853. She was born December 25, 1768; died February 2, 1855. One daughter by first husband called Ann Latta who married Mr. Dye of Eastern, Ohio.

Children:

108 **JANE** (4). Robert Samuel Curl. Lived near Ligonier, Ind.; b. September 14, 1799; d. May 6, 1868. Lived near Haw Patch in 1834. Children: Robert L. Johnston, James A.D. Lybrand, Nelson, Milton, Samuel B. John, Joseph, William.

15 **JAMES** (4) b. Nov. 13, 1796; d. Feb. 14, 1855.

16 **WILLIAM** (4) b. Nov. 4, 1801; d. Nov. 5, 1847.

17 **SAMUEL ALEXANDER** (4) b. April 8, 1804; d. June 28, 1852.

109 **MARY A.** (4) Born: March 21, 1805; Died: November 29, 1869; Married: William Darnell April 15, 1826. 7 Children.

110 **MARGARET** (4). b. January 26, 1802; d. February 27, 1850; m. Benj. Chandler January 15, 1818. He was born June 27, 1790. Children all born at LaGrange, Ind.

414 **SARAH** (4) Born: June 3, 1809. Married: Benoni Barnes (Also seen as Barns) on April 15, 1824. Lived at Urbana, Ohio. One son, Two Daughters. Levi, Isabelle, (Unknown)

18 **JOHNSTON** (4) b. Jan. 12, 1807; d. Jan. 5, 1873.

111 **AOHSA** (4) b. February 24, 1811; d. October 7, 1864. Went to Haw Patch, with her parents in 1832; m. William Cotter. Lived in Ligonier, Ind.

112 **ANN WADDELL** (4) b. August 2, 1792; d. in childhood.

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2015 Latta Genealogy Society Elections

By: Ken Mueller, President, DocHuer@aol.com

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

Secretary Historian: Candidate: Geoffrey Latta, gw1820@hotmail.com

Geoff was born in Kent in England but has lived in Philadelphia for nearly 40 years with his wife, Janice. He was educated in England at the Universities of Oxford and Warwick as well as having a degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

He has two children, Katherine and James, and recently retired after a career as a management consultant. His interest in genealogy dates back many years and in particular he has spent a lot of time researching the Latta name in Britain. Some of the results of that research are available on his website www.lattafamilyorigins.org which his retirement gave him the luxury of creating. He has also authored various articles for issues of the Newsletter. His own Latta ancestors came from Ayrshire in Scotland.

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

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

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

Vice President of Communications: No candidate.

Under the bylaws of our Latta Genealogy Society, we are supposed to have an officer with this title and duties. A thorough search has not located a suitable candidate. For now, the position will remain unfilled. If you are a member in good standing of our Latta Genealogy Society, and have some skills using social media, please send me an e mail.

Please complete the form below, and enclose it with your membership fee.
Suggested: US and Canada \$10-15 US for 3 issues; Overseas \$15-20 US funds please.

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**Ballot for the Latta Genealogy Society,
August, 2015**

Please vote for the following two positions:

Vice President of Research, and Secretary Historian.

Please mark an X by the name printed,
or write in the name of an eligible candidate.

Vice President of Research:

Cheryl Sue Cox _____

Write In: _____

Secretary Historian:

Geoffrey Latta _____

Write In: _____

I certify that I am a current member of the
Latta Genealogy Society, according to the Society's
By Laws.

Name Printed: _____

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Date: _____

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