

# The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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## Descendants of James Melyne Latta

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### First Generation

1. **James Melyne LATTA** was born in 1690 in Donegal, Antrim, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom. He died in Virginia, United States. In 1740, only a few white families were scattered along the Hyco, the Eno, and the Haw Rivers in the area that became Orange County, North Carolina. ("Orange County 1752-1952") In 1748 there were approximately 20 taxables, but by 1751...settlers were "flocking" in, mostly from Pennsylvania. In 1755 we find James Latta among early Orange County taxpayers.

Petition: "To the Right Honorable Earl of Granville, Viscount Carteret and Baron Carteret of Hawns in the County of Bedford in ye Kingdom of Great Brittan; one of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council and Knight of the Most Nobel Order of the Garter, act. The Petition of His Majesties Most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, Protestant Dissenters, and your Lordships most Dutiful Tenants, Inhabitants of Rowan County, an Infant Settlement on ye Back frontiers of the Province of North Carolina, on behalf of themselves and their brethren in ye joining frontier Counties of Anson and Orange, a few of whom are the subscribers." The Petitioners go on to say, "We are originally your liege people. Mostly originally from the North of Ireland, trained and brought up under Presbyterian Church Government, and we and our forefathers have resided sometime in ye Northern Province of Pennsylvania, Jersey and New York, where we were exempted from paying, or supporting, any clergy save our own, and we come here encouraged by gracious proposals to Protestant Dissenters published in your Lordships name and by your agents, Mssr. Mosley & Halton, whereby we hoped to enjoy like freedom" (such as they had in Penn., Jersey and New York). They were complaining about being taxed to support the Church of England, when they were already supporting their own Protestant churches. They were petitioning to be relieved of such taxes. The petition was signed by John Latta, James Latta and many other Orange County residents. (Copy in possession of Larry D Draughon; Branch 7 who states "This Petition was probably written before 1758, because one of the men mentioned in the Petition died in 1759 and another died in 1760 and John Earl Granville died in early 1763. At his death the powers of attorney to his agents in N.C. became void and there was no one authorized to sell any more of his lands.)

James Melyne Latta and Mary Allison were married. Mary Allison was born date unknown. James Melyne Latta and Mary Allison had the following children:

- +2 i. **Ann LATTA**, born 1727, Carolina, British America; married Robert WILSON, abt 1753, Orange, North Carolina; died aft 27 Aug 1820, Orange, North Carolina, United States.
- +3 ii. **John LATTA Sr.**, born 1 May 1734, Ulster, Northern Ireland; died 13 Jul 1824, Orange, North Carolina, United States.

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## Editorial

I would like to thank Mike Latta for a great job of organizing and carrying out our 2015 LGS Annual Meeting. Our Latta Society had a very good year in 2015. We published our newsletter 3 times, we helped many Latta friends and researchers find their families, and we had a great Annual Meeting.

Next year we want to have another great year. To this end, I am encouraging suggestions for the 2016 Annual Meeting. Please contact me with your ideas.

## The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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Please send family group sheets, pedigrees, and ged-com files to your branch captain.

We're on the World Wide Web! Visit our web site at <http://www.latta.org>.

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

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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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## Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer's Report Dec. 15, 2015

**AUDITOR:** E. Michael Latta, 1536 Shadowood Lane, Raleigh NC 27612  
MikeLatta@NationsConsultants.com. Due to a family illness, Mike could not review this report.

**TREASURER:** Randy Phillips, 41 S. Morrell Ave., Geneva NY 14456 (315) 759-9121

**Report Period:** Aug. 19, 2015 through Dec. 15, 2015

**Beginning balance:** **\$8085.17**

### Income

**General Fund donations** **\$537.70**

**Pay Pal Transfer (Dec. 15, 2015)** **\$134.04**

**Total Income:** **\$671.74**

### Expenses

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

**Newsletter Issue 56 (Ken Mueller)** **\$390.22**

**Newsletter Advance Issue 57 (Ken Mueller)** **\$400.00**

**Annual Meeting Expense** **\$757.79**

**Total Expenses** **\$1607.81**

**Ending balance as of 8/18/15:** **\$7149.10**

Treasurer's note: The Annual Meeting expense was a Board approved decision to pay for Ken Mueller's travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting in North Carolina. Ken has put in many years of volunteer service on behalf of the LGS and the Board felt it appropriate to thank him for his service by covering his travel expense to attend the meeting.

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- 4     iii. **Reverend James LATTA** was born in 1732. He died on 29 Jan 1801 at the age of 69 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, United States.

### Second Generation

2. **Ann LATTA** (James Melyne-1) was born in 1727 in Carolina, British America. She signed a will on 27 Aug 1820 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. Probated in the Orange county court, deed D, page 586:

In the name of God Amen I Ann Wilson farmer of the County of Orange State of North Carolina being low in health but in sound mind & memory thanks be given unto God calling into mind the mortality of my body knowing that is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally first of all I give or recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubling but at the general resurrection I shall regain the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly estate wherewith he had blessed me in this life I give demise & dispose of the same on the following manner & form.

First I give & bequeath to my son John Wilson twenty dollars

- I also I give & bequeath to my granddaughter Polly that lives with me her choice of pewter plates six in number two pewter dishes & one large basin

& also I give & bequeath to my granddaughter Bekey that lives with me one bed of furniture & two pewter dishes & five pewter plates & one heifer called Brenda

- Also to my grandson Robert Wilkinson one cow

- Also I give to my son Thomas Wilson one dollar

- Also I give to my son Caleb one dollars

also I give to my son-in-law John Wilkinson five shillings - Also I give to my son James Wilson ten dollars

- Also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson my stand of drawers & two beds of furniture & one cow & all the pewter not before named & after my debts is paid & my property below named is divided I allow the balance of all my property to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson.

Also I constitute make & ordain Thomas Wilson & Elizabeth Wilson the sole executors of this my last will & testament & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all every other former testaments will legacies bequests & executors by me in any wise before named wills & bequeaths ratifying & confirming this no other to be my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Ann Wilson as her last will & testament in the presence of us in hers & in the presence of each other have hererunto subscribed our names witness

Joseph Latta     Ann [X] Wilson  
Caleb Wilson

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When Ann died her personal property was listed in the Orange county estate papers, none of her property was sold at public auction. An inventory of the estate of Ann Wilson, dec., viz. 5 cows & 5 calves, 6 sheep & 16 hogs, 1 still, 3 beds & furniture, 1 cupboard & 12 pewter plates, 4 dishes, 2 pots, 1 teakettle, 1 silver watch, 6 pewter pint basins, 3 large pewter basins, 3 cart boxes, 1 bramble scythe, 1 case drawers.

Ann would have inherited the still from her husband. Not many people owned one because the apparatus was very expensive and was passed on to a man's wife or children at his death. She died after 27 Aug 1820 at the age of 93 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. May have been a widow of a Latta. She received a grant in Orange County that Robert Wilson's name was added to later.

<http://www.latta.org/Branches/Branch%207.htm>

Ann LATTA and Robert WILSON were married about 1753 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. **Robert WILSON**, son of Thomas WILSON and Elizabeth DINWIDDIE, was born in 1729. He owned 228 acres on Little River in 1760 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. He gave the Oath of Allegiance in 1777 in Hillsborough, Orange, North Carolina, United States. Robert died about 1806 at the age of 77 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. He signed a will in 1806 in Orange, North Carolina, United States.<sup>1</sup> Robert Wilson was probably a member of the early Wilson family in North Carolina, however he took up residence in Orange County in the neighborhood of a number of immigrants from the Pennsylvania frontier who had come south to avoid the Indian raids.

He obtained a grant for 228 acres along the south fork of Little Creek just east of the current small town of Schley, North Carolina. The survey was conducted in the name of Ann Latta, who married Robert at or about this time. A File Folder for the grant is in the North Carolina archives and was recorded in Book 12, page 57 on 30 July 1760. Archelius Wilson on the same day patented land adjacent to Robert, so it is likely they were brothers.

The early Wilson's might be in the Perquimans Currituck County area near Albemarle Sound. A Robert Wilson will is filed in 1696 with son Isaac. There are numerous Isaac Wilson descendants and wills. Caleb Wilson's will is filed in 1754 with brothers Josiah and Malachi and later one of the Isaac's has a son Caleb in 1815 will. Patrick Anderson has copies of many of the early wills, but hasn't tried to piece the whole puzzle together. He has noticed that he couldn't match any of the Robert's mentioned up to this Robert Wilson. All of the wills are in the Raleigh archives. He thinks this Robert is a branch of this group.

Anderson further believes that the key to finding this Robert's father is to look for Archelius Wilson, who patented land in Orange County at the same time and adjacent to as this Robert, which means they were probably brothers. Later, the name Archelius is used for a grandson of this Robert, through son James. We need to find a will or tax record that links Archelius back to the main Wilson family to provide the missing link. There are probably too many Robert Wilson's to be sure of linking this one to the correct one. The tax records might have Robert and Archelius appearing together on a tax list in their county of origin, before they got their land patents in Orange County.

The Wilsons of Caithness and Sutherland descend from William, son of that George who was Chief of Clan Gunn in the mid 15th century. The Wilson tartan was designed by William Wilson of the Bannockburn

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Wilsons, for his wife, Janet, in the early nineteenth century. This branch of the Wilson family may use either the Wilson or Gunn tartan.

They were Scots-Irish and probably of the Presbyterian faith and helped establish the Little River Presbyterian Church -- the early records of that church burned.

In the pleas and quarter session of 1777, Robert was one of several men to take the oath of allegiance at the Orange county courthouse. He is listed as being in the Revolutionary War; he probably did not actually participate in battle, as many men did not.

Robert WILSON and Ann LATTA had the following children:

- +5 i. **James WILSON**, born 28 Oct 1755, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Henrietta ; died bef May 1825, Orange, North Carolina, United States.
- +6 ii. **John WILSON**, born 25 Oct 1755, Orange, North Carolina, British America; died bef Feb 1829.
- +7 iii. **Thomas WILSON**, born 11 Jan 1759, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Jane WOOD, 16 Mar 1789, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 11 Jul 1829, Orange, North Carolina, United States.
- +8 iv. **Elizabeth WILSON**, born abt 1760; married ALLISON; died 1849.
- +9 v. **Ann WILSON**, born 1764; married John WILKERSON, 19 Feb 1794, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died aft 3 Jul 1838, Orange, North Carolina, United States.
- +10 vi. **Robert WILSON**, born abt 1770; married Elizabeth JOHNSON, 28 Dec 1795.
- +11 vii. **Caleb WILSON**, born abt 1777; married Isabel CRAIG, 1845, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died aft 15 Jan 1857, Orange, North Carolina, United States.

2. **John LATTA Sr.** (James Melyne-1) was born on 1 May 1734 in Ulster, Northern Ireland. He died on 13 Jul 1824 at the age of 90 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. He was buried on 16 Jul 1824 at Saint Mary's Episcopal Cemetery in Orange, North Carolina, United States. Revolutionary War Soldier of New Hope Congregation.

**Suzanna** was born on 7 May 1740. She died on 5 Jul 1792 at the age of 52. John LATTA and Suzanna had the following children:

- +12 i. **Thomas LATTA**, born 1767; married Elizabeth HASTINGS; died 1841.
- +13 ii. **James C. LATTA**, born 5 Feb 1785; married Nancy Hannah HOLLOWAY, 8 Oct 1806, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 1870.
- +14 iii. **Eleanor LATTA**, born 7 Aug 1774, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Robert WALKER, 18 Apr 1791; died 13 Jun 1836, Orange, North Carolina, United States.
- +15 iv. **Joseph LATTA**, born 29 Dec 1779, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Sarah CABE, 22 Jan 1810, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 15 May 1824.

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### Third Generation

5. **Thomas LATTA** (John-2, James Melyne-1) was born in 1767. He died in 1841 at the age of 74.

Thomas LATTA and Elizabeth HASTINGS were married. **Elizabeth HASTINGS** was born (date unknown). Thomas LATTA and Elizabeth HASTINGS had the following children:

- +52 i. **Joseph Hastings LATTA**.
- +53 ii. **Mary Elizabeth LATTA**, born 2 Sep 1800, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married George LONG, 28 Oct 1829, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 10 Feb 1886, Orange, North Carolina, United States.

5. **James C. LATTA** (John-2, James Melyne-1) was born on 5 Feb 1785. He died in 1870 at the age of 85.

James C. LATTA and Nancy Hannah HOLLOWAY were married on 8 Oct 1806 in Orange, North Carolina, United States.

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James C. LATTA and Nancy Hannah HOLLOWAY had the following children:

- +54 i. **Anderson LATTA**, born 1807; married Elizabeth Ann ALSTON; died 1868.
  - +55 ii. **Thomas LATTA**, born 1810; married Luetta BLALOCK; died 1885.
  - +56 iii. **Elizabeth F. LATTA**, born 23 Dec 1811; married Reverend John Archibald MCMANNEN, 20 Dec 1832; died 10 Feb 1886.
  - +57 iv. **Simpson N. LATTA**, born 11 Nov 1819; married Hawkins MALONE, 2 Feb 1843; married Emily Mildred PEARCE, 14 Sep 1859, Person, North Carolina, United States; died 3 Aug 1863.
6. **Eleanor LATTA** (John-2, James Melyne-1) was born on 7 Aug 1774 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. She died on 13 Jun 1836 at the age of 61 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. Eleanor LATTA and Robert WALKER were married on 18 Apr 1791. **Robert WALKER** was born on 29 Dec 1767 in Little River Township, Orange, North Carolina, United States. He died in 1826 at the age of 59 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. He was buried in Presbyterian, Church, Grimsby, Niagara District. Robert WALKER and Eleanor LATTA had the following child:
- +58 i. **George Washington WALKER Sr.**, born 1811, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Lucy Ann DORTCH, 11 Oct 1837, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 1844, Orange, North Carolina, United States.

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Seventh great grandparents:

James Melyne Latta (1690 - ?) and Mary Allison

Sixth great grandparents:

Ann Latta (1727-1820) and Robert Wilson (1729-1806) married about 1753.

Fifth great grandparents:

John Wilson (1755-1829) and Eunice Browder (1764-1829)

Fourth great grandparents:

Nancy Lois Wilson (1786-1860) and Reverend Isaiah Cole (1778-1857) married on 9 Sept. 1805.

Third great grandparents:

Reuben Wilson Cole (1816-1875) and Nancy Couch (1825-1906) married on 22 Feb. 1844.

Second great grandparents:

William Olive Cole (1853-1936) and Margaret Sarah Frances Pickett (1858-1922) married on 19 Dec. 1876.

Great grandparents:

Annie Josephine Cole (1878-1965) and Richard Johnson Pickett JP (1872-1926) married on 15 Jan. 1902.

Grandparents: Captain Henry Floyd Pickett (1902-1983) and Annie Pearl Crumpler (1906-1954) married on 2 June 1928.

Parents:

Richard Crumpler Pickett (1934-) and Shirley Joan Pope (1934-) married on 24 Jan. 1954.

Author: Richard Floyd Pickett (1954-)

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7. **Joseph LATTA** (John-2, James Melyne-1) was born on 29 Dec 1779 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. He died on 15 May 1824 at the age of 44.

Joseph LATTA and Sarah CABE were married on 22 Jan 1810 in Orange, North Carolina, United States. **Sarah CABE**, daughter of John CABE and Mary STRAYHORN, died 15 Feb. 1861 in Orange, North Carolina, United States.

Joseph LATTA and Sarah CABE had the following child:

- +59 i. **John Cabe LATTA**, born 7 Dec 1814, Orange, North Carolina, United States; married Eliza Harriett TATE, 7 Jan 1852, Orange, North Carolina, United States; died 17 Apr 1868, Orange, North Carolina, United States.

Editor's Note: Mr. Pickett has over 400 pages on the descendants of Ann Latta Wilson (1727-1820). If interested, please contact Mr. Pickett directly.

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## List of Branch Captains (Continued from Page 2)

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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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## Excerpts from Gribbel and Elkins Families

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this book is to gather together, in one volume, all the available genealogical information on the Gribbel and Elkins families. A considerable amount of the information has been published previously, in which case proper acknowledgement is made in the text or in the General References list at the end of the book. However, much of the material has not appeared in printed form before; this is especially true of the Gribbel family in Cornwall, part of the Latta family, and much of the Fox and Croser families. This latter fact led me to undertake the publishing of this volume; it would have been a shame not to make available to those who might be interested in the bits and pieces which only I had.

Naturally, any compilation of facts of this kind will turn up inconsistencies and contradictions. Where these have appeared, the problem has been resolved in favor of the more reasonable or creditable date or record. To maintain accuracy, any suggestions for corrections will be welcomed. It is not necessary to ask permission for use of any material in the book.

Recognition and thanks are due to William Laimbeer of Media, Pennsylvania, for his research in Pennsylvania and New York, and to C. Arthur Broomfield of Salcombe, Devon, England, for his original search of the Gribbels in Cornwall. To Miss Berenice Tuttle of Rutland, Vermont, my sincere thanks for her editorial assistance in preparing the text.

A final word to the reader: I hope you derive as much pleasure from reading this book as I have had in assembling the material for it. John Gribbel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huntingdon Valley, Pa. July 1962. Privately Printed.

### Chapter III THE LATTA BRANCH

(Margaret Douglas Latta married Wakeman Griffin Gribbel)

1. **Rev. James M. Latta**, of County Donegal, near Londonderry, Ireland, is the first known of this family in America. He set sail with his four brothers, was shipwrecked off the coast of Maryland, and settled, about 1738, at Elkton, Md. By his first wife, who died in Ireland, he had three sons, Samuel, William and John; also James Latta, by his second wife, Mary Alison (born at Leck, in County Donegal) whom he married in Dublin. Both died about 1745.

The Lattas of Londonderry say that the family came originally to Ireland from the Ayrshire coast of Western Scotland, about 1620, and before that from Northern France and Brabant (the modern Belgium).

2. **Rev. James Latta, Jr. D.D.** who was the son of Rev. James and Mary (Alison) Latta, was born about 1732 in Ireland. He came with his parents to America in 1738, and was a member of the class of 1757, the first class of the University of Pennsylvania (then the College of Philadelphia). In 1770 he was called as pastor to the Chestnut Level (Quarryville) Church, Lancaster County, Pa., and he served the congregation there for several years, his salary being 100 pounds a year, which was never increased, nor was it paid every year. In the 1790s the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the University of Pennsylvania. He favored incorporation of the congregation, against the opposition of many who feared the encumbrance involved. He succeeded in introducing the Watts Psalmody, though it necessitated his publishing a pamphlet in favor of the new hymns. He was also a Principal of the Academy at Quarryville for many years. He served as Chaplain in the Revolution for a short time, served in a detachment commanded by Lieut. Joshua Anderson, in Col. Thomas Parker's Battalion of Lancaster County Associators, in the Jersey Campaign of 1776. James Latta married Mary McCalla, born 1743, daughter of Capt. William McCalla of Plumstead, Bucks County, Pa.

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He died in 1801, and is buried at Chestnut Level. His widow lived on the family farm until her death February 28, 1810. His four sons all became Presbyterian ministers.

Children:

Francis Latta (Rev), b. Apr. 27, 1766

Mary Latta, b. Jan. 6, 1773

Margaret A. Latta, b. July 28, 1776

Elizabeth Latta, b. Jan 14, 1782

Sarah Latta, b. July 29, 1784, m. Rev. Thomas Love

William Latta (Rev.)

John Ewing Latta (Rev.)

James Latta, (Rev.), b. Jan 24, 1789

(Ref. "Rev. James Latta, D.D., Life" by Rev. Robert P. DuBois, Albany, NY, 1857)

**3. Rev. James Latta**, 3<sup>rd</sup>, son of Rev. James and Mary (McCalla) Latta, was born at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa., Jan. 24, 1789; was killed by a fall from a horse, and died May 30, 1862.

He served as pastor of Upper Octorora Church at Parkesburg, Chester County, from 1812 to 1852, and of the Pennington Church to June 1861; also helped by his teaching to build up the Christiana Church at Atglen, Pa., now known as Latta Memorial. He married Jane Sutton of St. George's, Del., daughter of John and Margaret (Nuttall) Sutton. (See Sutton Family, following.)

Children:

John Yates Latta

Mary M. Latta, b. 1820, m. William Armstrong.

William Sutton Latta, b. Sept. 6, 1822.

Margaret R. H. Latta, b. 1825

Eliza Jane Latta, b. Feb. 3, 1833, m. John Andrew Parkes.

**4. Dr. William Sutton Latta**, son of Rev. James and Jane (Sutton) Latta, was born Sept. 6, 1822, in Lancaster County, Pa.; died May 9, 1872. He was first Surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He married in Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1845, Margaret Eckert Whitehill, daughter of Samuel Atlee Whitehill. (See Whitehill Family.)

Children:

Jane Sutton Latta, b Sept. 16, 1846; m. James Crowell Pinkerton (1848-1891).

Their children:

William Woods Pinkerton (1870-1932), of Paoli; m. Edith Sowers Weckerly; their son died young.

Frederick O. Pinkerton (1872-1940); m. Nellie Evans

Elizabeth Gardner Crowell Pinkerton (1874-1950); m. Henry Birchard Green, and had three children, in Berkeley, Calif.

Samuel Latta Pinkerton (1877-1938); m. Adele \_\_\_\_\_ and had two sons.

John Pinkerton (1879-1930); m. in Calif., and had children.

James Crowell Pinkerton (1883-1930); m. in Calif., and had one son.

Jane Latta Pinkerton, d. Jan 1943.

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Samuel Whitehill Latta, M.D., grad. of Lafayette College, and of Univ. of Pennsylvania Medical College, about 1868. He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps until about 1874; on the U.S.S. Alaska in Korea in 1871. He was Chief Medical Examiner for Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia. He died about 1923 in Philadelphia and his wife, Ann Abell of Easton, about 1930. No children.

Mary Ann Atlee Latta, b. Sept. 25, 1850; d. Dec 6, 1935; m. John Fleming Jones (1844-1922).

Their children:

Caroline Whitehill Jones, b. June 14, 1880; m. Alfred James Ostheimer, M.D. (1874-1936). No children.

John Latta Jones, b. Sept 11, 1890; d. Sept 30, 1946; m. Gertrude Ross of Doylestown, Pa. (1890-1959). They had one daughter, Cintra Jones.

5. William James Latta, b. Nov.21, 1852

Margaret Douglas Wilson Latta, b. Apr.21, 1855; d. at Staunton, Va., in May 1943.

Helen Elizabeth Latta, b. Oct 1858; d. Nov. 1914; m. Oct 19, 1892, Benjamin P.

Obdyke, and had one daughter, Margaret Douglas Obdyke, b. 1893. She m. William S. Vollmer, who was badly injured in World War I; they lived at LaJolla, Calif. They have one son William S. Vollmer, Jr. John Sanderson Latta, b. Aug 3, 1862; d. 1932(?); m Sarah Lauterbach, a widow, and a distant cousin. No children.

Thomas Love Latta, b. Sept 24, 1865; d. Jan 8, 1961; m. Florence Hood.

Their children:

Thomas Love Latta, Jr., born Oct. 16, 1893

Elizabeth Hood Latta, b. Feb 2, 1895; m. J. Ray McHenry of Zanesville, Ohio, who d. in 1920. No children.

Margaret Coryell Latta, b. March 28, 1896; m. Frank Rees, m. (2) Dr.

Nathan Stauffer, m. (3) Marvin Wynkoop, who d. in 1960. One dau., Florence.

Thomas Hood Latta, b. Oct. 4, 1897; m. twice, both wives died; has an adopted son, Thomas Rufus Latta.

1. 5. **WILLIAM JAMES LATTA**, son of William S. and Margaret Eckert (Whitehill) Latta, was born Nov. 21, 1852, at Parkesburg, Pa; died in Philadelphia, Apr. 29, 1938. He married Oct. 23, 1884, at Harrisburg, Kitty Nigh Bingham, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mitchell) Bingham. (See Bingham Branch, Chapter IV).

William Latta gave up college when his father died and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as telegrapher at Parkesburg, at a nominal salary; was rapidly advanced through superintendent of the grain elevator at West Philadelphia, superintendent of the Altoona Division at Altoona, and in 1883 became superintendent of the Philadelphia Division. The following year he was made General Agent of the Railroad, then a position of great responsibility and influence in Philadelphia and in the state.

Children:

6. Margaret Douglas Latta, b. Aug. 22, 1886.

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William James Latta, Jr., b. Sept. 15, 1888; d. Jan. 8, 1958. He graduated from Princeton University in 1909; was a Civil Engineer, and rose to General Accounting Manager for the Eastern Area with Bell Telephone Company.

Katharine Latta, b. Sept. 23, 1889.

Mary Bingham Latta, b. Nov. 24, 1890; m. Dozier Finley. Children: William Latta, Mary Dozier, Cynthiana, and Hugh Dozier Finley.

Rachel Whitehall Latta, b. Dec 20, 1892; m. Harry A. Franck of New Hope, Pa. Children: Harry A., Jr., Katherine Latta, Patricia Wilsey, Charles William, and Peter Whitehill Franck.

2. **MARGARET DOUGLAS LATTA**, daughter of William James and Kitty Nigh (Bingham) Latta, was born August 22, 1886, in Philadelphia. She attended Bryn Mawr College and is deeply interested in horticulture and in the arts; also in philanthropic and social welfare work. She married Oct. 26, 1907, in Germantown, Pa., Wakeman Griffin Gribbel. (See Gribbel Branch, Chapter 1).

Refs: "Annals of the American Pulpit," Vol. III, by Sprague.

Latta data (50-odd branches), collected by Robert H. Latta of Denver and stored in Library of Congress.

"Colonial and Rev. Families of Pa., Latta Lines," edited by Wilfred Jordan, New York, 1948.

### THE SUTTON LINE

1. **WILLIAM SUTTON**, the first known of this family, was of English descent; came to this country shortly before 1735, in which year he was living at Newport, Del. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Date of birth and death unknown. His wife was Ann \_\_\_\_.
2. **JOHN SUTTON**, son of William and Ann Sutton, was born August 9, 1729, in England. He came to America with his parents, and first settled on Eastern Shore of Maryland, moved soon to Kent County, Del, and engaged in farming near Dover. He married April 15, 1753, in Delaware, Jane Allen; both members of the Presbyterian Church. She died Feb. 20, 1774, surviving her husband by eight days only. Children: Ann, Samuel, William, John and Allen Sutton.
3. **JOHN SUTTON, Jr.**; son of John and Jane (Allen) Sutton was born near Dover, Del., Sept. 15, 1767. In early life he moved to St. George's Village, where he purchased a tract of land. He was a farmer, also the first merchant in town, and a shipbuilder. He was a member of Levy Court of New Castle County and one of the trustees of the poor. He served in the War of 1812. In the Presbyterian Church he was a Trustee for forty years, and an Elder for twenty years. He married at St. George's Village, Dec. 22, 1791, Margaret Nuttall, daughter of Adam and Margaret Nuttall (Adam's will probated 1785). Margaret (Nuttall) Sutton died June 29, 1826, and he died January 16, 1854; both are buried at St. George's Village.
4. **JANE SUTTON**, daughter of John and Margaret (Nuttall) Sutton, was born Oct. 28, 1792, presumably in Delaware; died June 20, 1841. She married Oct. 12, 1815, (3) Rev. James Latta. (See Latta Branch.)  
Refs: "History of Delaware," by Sharf.  
Bible records of John Sutton.

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## Won't You Be My Neighbor

By Sue Lattea Cox, Vice President, Branch 17

For several years, I have been searching for the exact location of the 300 acre farm that John Latta of Shirley Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania purchased in September of 1774. John Latta married Mary Nixon in New Castle, Delaware on January 1, 1773. They moved to Dublin Township, which later split into Dublin and Shirley Townships, the same year, as he is found in the 1773 tax list as "John Latta, Tax Collector."

This deed was found in Bedford County where John Latta purchased 300 acres at Dublin (now Shirley) in Bedford Co. (now Huntingdon Co.)

Sept. 10, 1774 - Know All Men by this presents that that J. James Daily of the Township of Dublin in the County of Bedford and Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of fifty five pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to me in hand paid by John Latta of the Township County and Provance afore at and before the selling and delivering of this presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and confirmed have granted bargained sold released and confirmed and by there presents do grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said John Latta his heirs and assigns all that certain improvement and tract of land with a location for three hundred acres, one hundred thereof surveyed situate lying and being in the Township of Dublin afore on the waters of Aughwick Creek bounded on the south by a run known by the Sugar Run on the west by lands of Samuel Daniel and on the east by a Scruby Ridge. To have and to hold the said improvement and tract of land location and survey here statements and promises hereby granted bargained and sold or mentioned or intended so to be and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said John Latta his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said John Latta his heirs and assigns forever. And if the said James Daily for myself my ancestors and administrator the said improvement location and survey with three hundred acres of land here date month and premises with the apurtainance unto the said John Latta his ancestors administrators or assigns against me the said James Daily my ancestors administrators and assigns and against all and every other person and persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and do for by these presents the honorable proprietor, only inteped in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Robt Clugage. Robert Shropshire. James Daily (Seal)

Robert Cluggage was the father of Francis Cluggage, John's brother-in-law by marriage. Robert Cluggage is found in the early records of Cecil County, Maryland, and moved to Franklin County, Pennsylvania, before coming to Huntingdon County, PA. He also had purchased land from James Daily. John Latta pays cash for his property, at a time when Pennsylvania was giving land warrants to settlers with no down payment, because few had the money. John Latta's wife was Mary Nixon, daughter of James and Mary Potts Nixon, who owned a farm at Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware. Her father's Will was written on May 16, 1773, and probated in 1775. Perhaps the 20 pounds that Mary Latta received from her father's estate was included in the 55 pounds to purchase the land.

Looking at the description of John Latta's land, it stated that it was located on the waters of Aughwick Creek, bounded on the south by a run known as Sugar Run, and on the west by lands of Samuel Daniel. Looking at a map of Shirley Township, I had noticed that Sugar Run was a creek that flowed into Aughwick Creek south of the town of Shirleysburg, and so I assumed that John's property was located south of town. I looked at the 1790 census records and noticed that some of his neighbors were the Colgates, who owned land south of town. So for many years, I was looking in that direction for the property, trying to piece together John's neighbors and figuring out who had the land after his death.

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Recently I came across a tax list for 1798 which listed taxpayers, what property was on their land, and who their neighbor was. John Latta was listed as owning 200 acres, with 2 houses, situate and adjoining property owned by John Vantrees. His son, William Latta, was living on 200 acres owned by John Vantrees, with 1 house, 1 granary, and 1 barn, situate and adjoining property owned by Adam Sharra. Adam Sharra owned 250 acres, had a saw mill and barn, and his land was situate or adjoining Isaac Sharra, John Vantrees and Adam Sharra. Isaac Sharra owned 250 acres, with a grist mill and barn. I had read about the Sharra (Sharrer) family in my research of Shirley township. I made a trip to the Huntingdon County Courthouse recently and began looking at early deeds. I noticed that in a deed dated June 23, 1806, Jacob Sharra conveyed 511 acres situate on Auckwich Creek to three of his sons, John Sharra, Jacob Sharra and Isaac Sharra. It stated in the deed that it was the same property conveyed to him by Samuel Daniel in 1783. Looking at a warrant map for Samuel Daniel's 511 acres, it shows that the property was owned by Jeremiah Warder & Company (Philadelphia merchants) in right of George Croghan, called Smith's Place, and the land to the east of him was owned by William Trent.

I began searching to find out who William Trent was. William Trent was the son of William Trent, a wealthy shipping merchant of Philadelphia, who was the founder of Trenton, New Jersey. William Trent, the son, was a Captain in the war during the French and Indian War. He began purchasing land in Pennsylvania, and vast lands in the Ohio Country west of the Appalachian mountains which he wanted to sell in parcels for development. William Trent was an Indian Trader, and he went into partnership with George Croghan, who was a young immigrant from Ireland. Croghan learned the Indian languages, and set up his trading posts in the Indian villages. He was called the "King of the Traders." Croghan had purchased over 4,000 acres from the Iroquois Indians, and he mortgaged land to Jeremiah Warder, a Philadelphia merchant who supplied goods to the frontier trading posts, when he needed money. Croghan owned the land in Shirley Township where Fort Shirley was built during the French and Indian War.

The seven year French and Indian War was a devastating blow to the early Indian traders, and many of them went bankrupt at that time. These Indian traders became known as the "Suffering Traders," and on February 20, 1769, a power of attorney was granted to Samuel Wharton, an attorney in London, by William Trent, George Croghan, Robert Callender, and other Indian traders, to contract and sell their assets in order to pay Philadelphia merchants. In March of 1767, James Dailey petitioned to purchase some of these lands. So, this land owned by William Trent, the Indian trader, fell into the hands of James Dailey in 1767, and he is seen on the early tax lists of Dublin township. Looking at the warrant map for Jeremiah Warder & Company's 511 acres, called Smith's Place, which was returned in the name of Samuel Daniel on Sept. 14, 1774, and that of William Trent, these properties were located directly across Auckwich Creek from Fort Shirley, north of the town of Shirleysburg.

I have found out of lot of information about John Latta by checking into the history of his neighbors. I found out who his wife was by tracking the Cluggage family, and I found out where his farm was located. So when you are looking into your Latta family tree, don't forget to look at the neighbors.

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## Descendants of James Latta

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

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55. JAMES HENRY6 LATTA (William J5, Moses4, James3, John2, James1) was born on 02 Oct 1857 in Maury County, TN. He died on 21 Apr 1922 in Martin, Weakley County, TN. He married (1) FANNY A LEONARD. She was born in Apr 1855 in Tennessee, USA.

56. MAGGIE6 LATTA (Moses5, Moses4, James3, John2, James1) was born in 1869 in Tennessee, USA. She died in 1955 in Spring Hill, Maury, Tennessee, USA. She married Maud Taylor, son of James M Taylor and Avalin Watson, on 08 Mar 1888 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born in Mar 1866 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died in 1936 in Spring Hill, Maury, Tennessee, USA.

57. ETTA L6 LATTA (Moses5, Moses4, James3, John2, James1) was born on 15 Jan 1872 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She died on 20 Dec 1957 in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She married (1) WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, son of John L Jacobs and Sarah J Beasley, on 05 Oct 1889 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 28 Oct 1867 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 Feb 1949 in Trimble, Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She married (2) DAN R FIELDS on 03 Dec 1908 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1839 in Tennessee, USA. She married (3) GEORGE F YOUNG before 1920. He was born in 1859 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Etta L Latta: Etta Latta married William Jacobs and had five children in Maury Co TN. Shortly after moving to Dyer County in 1904 she divorced William (reason unknown). She married a Mr D R Fields in 1906 and later married a Mr George Young. They are listed together in the 1920 & 1930 census of Dyer Co. TN. It is rumored there was a fourth marriage but she died bearing the name of Young. She is buried in Fairfield cemetery in Dyersburg TN in a grave that is not near to any of her recognized family. Marguerite Jacobs her granddaughter said she and other grandchildren hated to see her visit as she was very strict with them.

OBIT.. Dyersburg State Gazette Mrs Etta Young Dies Friday Night----- Mrs. Etta Young, grandmother of Marshall Wallace of Dyersburg, died at 6:30 o'clock last night at Donavent Rest Home here. She was 86. Mrs. Young's body is lying in state at Halls until time for the funeral services. Funeral rites will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Sunday, at the Pentecostal Church on Finley street. The Reverend Lawrence Jones church pastor, and the Reverend Sam Graves of Trenton will officiate. She is survived by three sons, Zeb Jacobs, Halls, Ross Jacobs, Trimble and J.C. Jacobs, Finley and several grandchildren. NOTE: Marshall Wallace is the only son of Marshall C Wallace and Ella Jacobs daughter of Etta.

Marriage lic. December 03 1908 . Jacobs, Etta Fields, D. R. (m) W 32 .

### Notes for William Thomas Jacobs:

William Jacobs was raised on a farm on the border of Maury and Williamson County TN. He married Etta Latta his neighbor from the next farm. They had a daughter and four sons. They moved to Dyer County TN in 1904 and they were divorced soon after. Etta remarried in 1906 and William kept the children (probably a necessity to work the farm). He married Belle (Chandler)Thompson in 1912 and she became known by the family as Mammie. He was a Seventh Day Adventist and would spend the entire day each Saturday reading his Bible. He enjoyed playing the fiddle although he had a limited repertoire of songs. He was very hard of hearing in his later years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He farmed in the Trimble TN area for many years. After the sons were married he built a three room home for his son Jamison and family. They worked the farm together

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with Belle doing the cooking for both families. Belle's brother Bob lived with them after he lost his leg in a logging accident. When the main house burned he bought a home in Trimble and turned his farm over to his son Jamison to farm on shares. He was a very honest hard working person.

William purchased 72 Acres near Trimble, Dyer Co TN in 1909 and his family had it until his death in 1949 when the boys sold it and divided the money.

Trimble is a small town settled after the Civil War in northeast Dyer County sitting at the edge of two counties - Dyer and Obion. The town of Trimble had its beginning in 1873, the result of the building of a railroad from Paducah to Memphis which ended at a bluff near the Dyer County line just across the Obion River Bottom. Here the bankrupt railroad remained uncompleted for several years on five acres of land donated by Jesse Pierce, the founder of Trimble. Finally, businessmen contributed money and Judge Lawrence S. Trimble of Paducah reorganized the company.

Trimble has changed very little during the years. Railroad growth helped Trimble by having a turn-around "Y" there. This was the end of the tracks. Trimble's main street today faces the main line of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad. From 1873 to present time, Trimble has remained true to its logo of being a diverse community. Source: Dyer County Volume II - Past and Present

In Williamson Co TN until 1903 on tax rolls of Dist 4 Went to Dyer Co from Williamson Co in 1904 from poll tax info Dist 15 Cert of death TN #49-02382.

58. SIMS AARON<sup>6</sup> LATTA (Moses<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 29 Jul 1874 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Mattie Ann Chappell, daughter of Henry Sam Pate Chappell and Martha Jemima Smith, in 1895 in Maury County, Tennessee, USA. She was born in Jan 1876 in Tennessee, USA.

59. WILLIAM STEVEN<sup>6</sup> LATTA (Moses<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1876 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Donna Wright about 1895 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 21 Jan 1881 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 19 Apr 1959 in Tennessee, USA.

60. HULDA<sup>6</sup> LATTA (Moses<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1885 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) FELIX H GATLIN, son of Alvin Gatlin and Nancy J James, on 27 Sep 1909 in Dyer County, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1843 in Tennessee, USA. She married (2) CECIL THOMPSON on 22 Dec 1923 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA.

61. WILLIAM BRADEN<sup>6</sup> LATTA (William Albert<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 08 Dec 1865 in Giles, Tennessee, USA. He died on 17 Feb 1917 in El Paso, Texas, USA. He married Pansy Loomis on 09 May 1900 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California, USA. She was born on 08 Feb 1878 in San Luis Obispo, California, USA. She died in 1961 in Virginia, USA.

Notes for William Braden Latta: Born Giles Co., Tenn. near Pulaski December 8, 1865; d. at El Paso, Texas February 17, 1917; m. Pansy Loomis of San Luis Obispo, Calif. at El Paso, Texas May 9, 1900. Real estate and investment business at El Paso. She was born February 8, 1878, died Alexandria, VA, 1961, buried El Paso, TX. After his death, she married Mr. William G. Dunn.

62. HETTIE GARDNER<sup>6</sup> LATTA (William Albert<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 07 Mar 1867 in Giles, Tennessee, USA. She married William Thomas Edwards on 22 Dec 1887 in Columbia, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 23 Nov 1866 in Wayland Springs, Lawrence, Tennessee, USA. He died on 01 Aug 1932 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Hettie Gardner Latta: b. in Giles Co., Tenn. near Pulaski March 7, 1867; m. William Thomas Edwards at Columbia, Tenn. December 22, 1887. He was born at Wayland Springs, Tenn. November 23, 1866; d. at Nashville, Tenn. August 1, 1932. Was with telephone company for 47 years and retired as Dist. Plant Chief at age of 65. Children: Walter Latta. Mary Louise b. at Nashville 1892; d. October 8, 1916. Sadie Claire b. at

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Nashville November 17, 1894 ;m. Earl G. Arnold of Pa. June 16, 1931.

63. SIMS CRAIG<sup>6</sup> LATTA (William Albert<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Nov 1871 in Tennessee, USA. He married Annie Parker on 26 Feb 1897 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Sims Craig Latta: Born at Columbia, Tenn. November 11, 1871; m. Annie Parker of Nashville, Tenn. February 26, 1897. In 1906 he was in the coal business at Memphis, Tenn. Afterwards shipping clerk for Bell Telephone Co.

64. ADA LOUISE<sup>6</sup> LATTA (William Albert<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Jul 1874 in Tennessee, USA. She married Frank J Mapel on 06 Sep 1900 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Ada Louise Latta: Children. Walter Latta Edwards b. Columbia, Tenn. February 10, 1889; m. Nancy Warren at Fayetteville, Tenn. April 28, 1910. Stationed at Old Hickory Powder Plant during the World War. In 1939 in radio and electric business at Nashville. Children \_\_\_\_\_. Ruth b. February 5, 1911, received her law degree at age of 23. Dorothy b. June 27, 1913; m. William L. Patton of Nashville. Children: William L. Mary Deloris.

65. IDA BELLE<sup>6</sup> LATTA (Sims C<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) 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.

Notes for Ida Belle Latta: b. October 18, 1861; m. Lemuel Phillips Padgett (member of Congress) November 11, 1880. Lemuel was the son of John B. and Rebecca Padgett. He was born Nov. 28, 1865 and died August 2, 1922 in Washington, DC. He is buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, TN. Children: Bessie L., John B., William L., and Lemuel Phillips Padgett. In the Rose Hill Cemetery, there is: GARTNER, Josephine Latta, 1 Jun 1912 - 8 Jun 1914. (Dau. Noland G. Latta & Bessie Padgett.), Block 'D' .

66. BENJAMIN H<sup>6</sup> LATTA (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Apr 1884 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 26 Jan 1938. He married Frances Marion Ricketts on 24 Nov 1914.

Benjamin H Latta and Frances Marion Ricketts had the following child:

67. FRANK<sup>6</sup> LATTA (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 Oct 1881 in Maury County, Tennessee, USA. He died in 1920 in Maury County, Tennessee, USA. He married Eliza M Mitchell on 12 Feb 1902 in Maury County, Tennessee, USA. She was born in 1880 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Frank Latta: FRANK, JR.(7) b. May 12, 1908; d. May 12, 1908; buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Maury County, TN. (LATTA, Frank, Jr., 12 May 1908. "Son M/M Frank Latta.", Block "A")

68. FRED<sup>6</sup> LATTA (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 08 Mar 1871 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 20 Oct 1944 in Maury, Tennessee, USA. He married Nancy Ellen Collier on 26 Mar 1891 in Maury, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Fred Latta: Born March 8, 1871; d. Oct. 20, 1944; buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Maury County, TN; m. Nancy Ellen "Ellie" Collier on March 26, 1891. She was born in 1871 in TN and died in 1948. In 1939 Fred was the State Comptroller at Columbia, Tennessee, and at one time was mayor of Columbia.

69. JOHN R<sup>6</sup> LATTA (John Monroe<sup>5</sup>, Calvin<sup>4</sup>, John J<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Jan 1879 in Illinois, USA. He died on 23 Mar 1965 in Jefferson, Illinois, USA. He married Lorena Katherine Waud on 27 Nov 1904 in Illinois, USA.

Notes for John R Latta: b. January 24, 1879 in Illinois; d. March 23, 1965 in Jefferson Co., IL; m. Lorena Katherine Waud, daughter of Robert George Waud and Mary Elizabeth Burton on Nov. 27, 1904 in Jefferson Co., IL. 1930 Census, Farrington, Jefferson Co., IL: John R. Latta, 51, b. IL, father TN, mother IL, farmer, Lorena C. Latta, 46, wife, Irvie, 23, Keith, 20.

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70. OTTO E6 LATTA (John Monroe<sup>5</sup>, Calvin<sup>4</sup>, John J<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 Jul 1881 in Illinois, USA. He died in 1961 in Illinois, USA. He married Ethel Sylvia Waud on 15 Feb 1905 in Illinois, USA.

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**Bob Latta from Gastonia, North Carolina.  
Photograph by Mike Latta.**

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## **The Latta Genealogy Society Annual Meeting September 18, 19, & 20, 2015 In Charlotte and Huntersville, North Carolina and Vicinity**

**By: Mike Latta, [MikeLatta@NationsConsultants.com](mailto:MikeLatta@NationsConsultants.com)**

There were 16 people at some or all of the events for the Latta Annual Meeting, September 19, 2015. The members included Mike Latta, Ken Erdle, Jean Mitrovich, Rick Mitrovich, Randy Phillips, Melissa Peruzzi, Kim Latta, Cynthia Walker, William Brame, Nancy Bass, L. D. Bass, Ken Mueller, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Latta. Ken Mueller, editor of the Newsletter, flew in from Arizona. Ken Erdle drove in from Bloomington, Indiana, Kim Latta drove all the way from Burlington, Iowa, and Mike Latta, the Society Auditor and organizer of the meeting, drove in from Raleigh, North Carolina. The Latta members visited the Latta Plantation and Latta House, and had a private tour of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, North Carolina. James Latta, was buried in the Hopewell Cemetery in 1837 at age 82, his second wife Jane K. Latta was buried there in 1864 at age 89, and their son Ezekiel Latta was buried there in 1820 at age 10. Our lunch was at Lancaster's Restaurant in Huntersville. Their food and service was first class.

The Latta Plantation community invited us to their annual friends and family dinner. The food was Southern Food all the way, including delicious banana pudding. The editor had two helpings of this wonderful dessert. Our Latta Society is very grateful to the Latta Plantation Community for their kindness and hospitality.

Later on the evening of September 19<sup>th</sup>, our Latta Genealogy Society held its Annual Meeting in a conference room at the Comfort Suites Northlake in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our thanks to the staff of the Comfort Suites in making our visit and meeting there a top notch experience. Their service was superb.

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, some members had to leave to return to their homes and work. Mike Latta and Bob Latta continued their visit to the area by touring the Latta House in York, South Carolina. The owners of the Latta House in York, Mr. and Mrs. John and Diane Wine, gave us a private tour. We appreciate their kindness and hospitality.

The York House was the home of Robert Latta. He was born in Ireland in 1783 to James and Elizabeth Houston Latta. James came to the United States with Robert to settle the estate of a relative. James decided to stay and became a landowner above Charlotte. He was also a peddler. He and Robert would sell their wares in front of the York County Courthouse on court days. They did so well that in 1806 James bought the two lots across the street for \$20 each. Robert ran the store with him. In 1821, Robert Latta purchased the store and the lots from his father Robert for \$200 each. In 1806, Robert married a local girl, Jane Allison. They had four children: John A., William Albert, Jane Elizabeth, and an infant that died. After Jane's death in 1819, Robert married Eliza Dilworth, a Quaker from Philadelphia. They also had four children: Sarah Eliza, James Theodore, Ann Cecilla and Ida Elizabeth. Robert was described as a tall, spare man. He was as dry in conversation as in appearance. His life's objectives were good business and good health. He was known for his shrewdness and showed a profit in all his transactions.

In 1824, Robert began building a new store and home. It was designed like the Philadelphia row houses. It took four years to complete. The walls are seven bricks thick, 24 inches. The ceilings are 12 feet high, the moldings 18 inches wide, and all of the floors are heart pine.

There were 14 fireplaces. The doors on the third floor are nine feet by five feet. When the Lattas had a ball, they would open these, remove the beds, and this would be the ballroom. In 1826, Robert took his wife and two children to Europe to buy furnishings for the house. In a letter to his father, Robert complained that the

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trip would cost him \$600, and he took about \$900 to buy the furnishings. While there, he purchased chandeliers, blue wall coverings with silver threads, and furniture.

By 1830, Robert Latta was one of the richest men and largest property owners (including 1300 acres in Bullock's Creek) in South Carolina. He had stores in York, Camden, and Columbia. In 1840, he moved his family to Columbia and remained there until his death. His son William remained in the York House and ran the store and plantation.

William Latta was married three times and had eight children. He married Camilla Torrence in 1834. They had seven children: William, Margaret M., Anna J., Adeline C., Jane Elizabeth, Robert James, and Florence Camilla. In 1853, William married Sarah F. Dews. She died after one year. Anne Clarke was his third wife. They married in 1856, and had one son, John Allison Latta. William was a merchant and a cotton broker. As the story goes, his daughter Florence was our resident ghost. She was jilted at the age of 16, went up to the third floor, put on her black mourning clothes, and never left the house again. She died at the age of 66 of a broken heart.

William's son, Robert J. Latta, became the next owner, along with his sisters, Margaret and Florence. He too was a cotton broker. He had his office on the first floor. For a while the house was called the Latta Warehouse. When he died in 1919, the property was inherited by his half brother, John Latta. Like his predecessors, he was a cotton broker. However, he had financial problems and his property was put into the hands of Receivers. All of his holdings and personal property was sold at auction. The homestead was exempt and was deeded to his third wife, Anna. She sold the property to Mrs. Thomas Adams, who later sold it to George Cody. Thus the house passed out of the hands of the Latta family after over 100 years.

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## Latta Genealogy Society, Annual Meeting, September 19, 2015

Respectfully Submitted By: Randy Phillips, Treasurer

The annual meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society was held on Sept. 19, 2015 at the Comfort Inn Suites Northlake, Charlotte, NC.

Attendees were:

Ken Mueller, President, Branch 1 from Prescott Valley, AZ  
Randy Phillips, Treasurer, Branch 4 from Geneva, NY  
Mike Latta, Auditor, Branch 7 from Raleigh, NC  
Rick and Jean Mitrovich, Branch 7 from Chesterfield, VA  
Kim Latta, Branch 22 from Burlington, IA  
Ken Erdle, Branch 51 Captain from Bloomington, IN

The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by Ken Mueller, President.

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Some of the Latta Society members who toured the Latta House and Plantation in Huntersville, North Carolina are pictured above.

They are from left to right: Ken Mueller, newsletter editor and Branch 1 captain, Ken Erdle, Branch 51 captain, Kim Latta, Branch 22, Randy Phillips, Treasurer and Branch 4 Captain, his fiancée Melissa Peruzzi, and Mike Latta, Latta Society Auditor.

Everyone who came to our Latta Annual Meeting had a wonderful and memorable time. We hope to see even more Latta members and friends next year.

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### Election of Officers:

Randy reported that he received 26 ballots in the elections. A unanimous vote was received for Cheryl Sue Cox as Vice President of Research and for Geoffrey Latta as Secretary Historian. Their new term of office will be for two years beginning in January, 2016.

Congratulations and thank you to both for their time and efforts.

Ken Mueller brought up the topic of trying to reach and recruit younger members. A discussion was held and Ken Erdle asked about using social media. Randy and Ken M. also brought up the need for a Vice President of Communication. This person would manage potential social media, including the LGS Facebook page. Randy was VP of Communication before taking on the duties of Treasurer. He still has management of the Facebook page but time constraints don't allow for him to spend much time on postings. A new VP of Communication could hopefully renew interest in the Facebook activity. To date, no one has stepped forward and expressed an interest in the VP of Communications position.

Jean asked about state genealogy societies. She states the Virginia has one and wondered about leveraging them in some way.

Randy and Ken M. brought up the need for succession planning. Should something happen to Ken, is there someone ready to step into the role of Editor? Should something happen to Randy, is there a process in place to transfer LGS funds to someone else? Randy will work on adding a second person to the LGS checking account and Pay Pal accounts for additional access.

Jean asked Ken M. what the expectations are from a Branch Captain. Ken stated that the captain is someone to guide inquiries regarding the particular branch. The captain is also there to guide a new person looking into their genealogy and point them in the right direction during their research of that branch. The branch captain also acts as a point of contact for the branch regarding emails and such.

There was also a discussion on the importance of DNA testing for branch members.

Mike Latta, Kim Latta and Ken Erdle all prepared beautiful displays of family items, photos, research, etc. Each gave some family history and explained the items.

A huge thank you was given to Mike Latta for all his time and efforts in putting together a fantastic and informative itinerary for those in attendance. Ken is looking forward to building on these efforts and will look into having the 2016 Annual Meeting held in another part of the country.

Another thank you to those in attendance that traveled from many parts of the country to attend the meeting.

Ken Mueller asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ken Erdle to adjourn. It was seconded by Kim Latta. The meeting adjourned at 9:31pm

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**Research Queries, Replies and Notes.** Send your queries to the editor, Ken Mueller, 7400 E. Mule Circle, Prescott Valley AZ 86314, Doc Huer@aol.com.

1. At the Latta Meeting in September, the editor received the following information:

James Latta, ? to about 1745, came from N. Ireland to America with four brothers in 1738, and settled in Southern Penn.

John Latta, Sr., 1726 to 1-9-1795 was born in N. Ireland, came to America when 11 years old and settled in South Carolina in 1751.

John Latta, Jr., 1759 to 1-19-1819, was born in South Carolina, came to Maury Co., Tenn. In 1817 with his family. John Latta and Margaret Neely were married January 1, 1782.

William Latta was born December 5, 1787 in South Carolina, and came to Tenn. in 1817.

John Latta lived in Maury Co., Tenn.

Thomas Latta lived in Maury Co., Tenn. Thomas Latta of Snow Creek married Martha Jane Johnson on January 23, 1870.

John William Latta, 7-23-1872 to 3-25-1951 lived in Maury Co., Tenn., and Obion Co., Tenn.

William Malcolm Latta, born 7-16-1908, born in Union City, Tenn. And now living in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Latta family Bible, printed in 1789 in Edinburgh, lists this information:

William Latta was born Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1787. Sarah Latta was born Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1790. Alexander Latta was born June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1793. Jane Latta was born March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1797. Samuel Latta was born Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1783. John Latta and Margaret Neely were married Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1782. John Latta departed this life on January the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1819. Alexander Latta died the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1823. Margaret Latta died the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842. Samuel Latta died August the 29 1855. Sallie Jane Latta was born November the 16 1870. John William Latta was born July the 23 1872. Lena May Latta was born January the 1 1876.

From: James Robert Latta, BobLatta2@yahoo.com, Gastonia NC.

2. My paternal grandfather was John Dale Latta (348 JOHN D. (7) in the Branch 1 database). Here's some information that should be added if you can:

John Dale Latta married my grandmother, Ruby Ross, and they eventually had one son, (an only child) Ross Dale Latta (my father) born in Del Rio, TX on August 15, 1931. They also lived in Alpine, TX and in New Mexico. Ruby died in New Mexico of cancer in 1955 or 1956. John Dale Latta later married Lela Mitchell in California. John Dale Latta died in San Diego County, California on July 27, 1971. Lela Mitchell-Latta was born November 4, 1914, in Okeechobee, Florida. She passed away May 14, 2005, in San Diego County.

After joining the Air Force, Ross Dale Latta married Joan Lee Hardison in Georgia on February 8, (?) 1952. Together Ross and Joan had three children, all still living. John Cleburn Latta (me), Steven Ross Latta, and Linda Lee Latta. Ross Dale Latta, died September 25, 2004 in Kerrville, Texas. Joan Lee Hardison Latta died October 30, 2001 in Sonora, Texas. Both are buried in the Red Creek Cemetery outside of London, Texas.

John Latta, jclatta@gmail.com.

3. My sister in law sent me a reference to a Parson Latta visiting George Washington in 1799 from a book by Robert F. Dalzell and Lee Baldwin Dalzell titled George Washington's Mount Vernon. Parson Latta has to be one of the three sons of Rev. James Latta (1732-1801), Branch 8.

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"The last year of George Washington's life, like so many others at Mount Vernon, mixed the commonplace liberally with the momentous. Typical of the former was Parson Latta's visit. On July 3, 1799, without warning and describing himself simply "as a young clergyman from Pennsylvania traveling to see the country," he made his way up the drive hoping to see Washington's "improvements." Since "the General" was off on his daily rounds, Martha dutifully pointed the way to the gardens. Several hours later Washington returned to find Latta still on the premises, having toured the grounds and viewed the house from every possible angle. Introductions were exchanged, and Latta was offered and drank a glass of cold punch. Still he lingered. Finally Washington invited him to dinner, and yet another kindness followed that one. As a rule meals at Mount Vernon went forward without any formal blessing, but on this occasion Latta was asked, as he put it, "to officiate in my clerical character" both before and after dinner.

With his visit at last over, Latta departed, apparently satisfied in every way by his encounter with the noble – and pious – hero/statesman. And however Washington felt about having his food prayed over in such circumstances, he too could be satisfied. He had not quite caught the young man's name (recording it later in his dairy as "Lattum"), but every courtesy had been shown him. The scene was played exactly as it should have been."

From Geoffrey Latta, Secretary Historian, gw1820@hotmail.com.

4. I have a correction from my article on Branch 1 in the Spring 2013 Newsletter, Issue 49. Further inquiry to Jeff and George Storm during holiday visits found that there were two children from the marriage of Eva Seidel and Frank Waitman. However, they have not heard from them in 30 years.

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

Frank Waitman, son of Fred Waitman and Maude Parker, was born on 25 Nov. 1911 in Daviess County, Kentucky, U.S.A. He died on 23 Oct. 1991 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, U.S.A.

Frank Waitman and Eva Josephine Davis married. They had two children, Chuck and Tom.

I attempted to locate an obituary for Eva Josephine Davis Waitman, but failed. Perhaps Chuck and Tom could contact me with further information. Thank you, Ken Mueller, Branch 1 Captain, DocHuer@aol.com.

5. Also following up on Issue 49, the editor was assured during our visit to the Latta Plantation in Sept. 2015 that their funding has stabilized at a good level, and they have many visitors. The Plantation grounds provide a multitude of recreational and educational opportunities throughout the year for anyone in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. You can contact them at 704-8752312.

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