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Lattas in the Civil War

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The Civil War remains a key event in the development of the US. Given where they settled when they arrived in the US, Lattas fought on both sides in the War. As many members may know, the Society's website contains a list of those who served drawn from the National Parks Service (NPS) information, which is the most complete list of Civil war soldiers: www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm.

In this article, I will attempt to:

1. Produce a best estimate of the total of those who served on each side
2. Relate the names to branch members
3. Comment briefly on the pattern of service and major battles in which they were involved

How Many Served?

The website list contains 277 names, including those Lattys, Latties etc. who can reasonably be assumed to be part of one or other of the Latta branches. However, a soldier was generally included in the NPS list for each regiment in which he served. There was some consolidation of regiments and some individuals may have enlisted in different regiments at different times. For instance, Alonzo Latta (Br3, #582) shows up under both the 15th and 11th Michigan Infantry. It seems very likely this is the same person. Alfred C Latta (Br4/27) shows under both the 84th NY Infantry and the 5th NY Veteran Infantry. Luther Latta (Br29/32) shows three times under different Ohio regiments. Some were listed under two different surnames. Milton Latta (Br 3/94) of the 32nd Ohio Infantry was also listed as Milton Latty.

There has to be some guesswork in any final total. A John P Latta shows under four Ohio regiments. I have not been able to clearly identify a John P and I suspect that this is the same person but I have not been able to establish that for certain. So any total may still be an over-estimate of the numbers who fought. Eliminating the duplication that I can account for in a reasonably certain way, my best estimate is that 94 Lattas fought for the Confederacy and 117 for the Union. The great majority of these enlisted with state-specific regiments. For the Confederacy, Lattas were in 12 states of which North Carolina (27) and Tennessee (22) represented over half. For the Union 19 states were represented, the dominant ones being Ohio (25) and Indiana (14). The states of Missouri and Tennessee had soldiers fighting on both sides in the war, although the vast majority of Lattas from Tennessee fought for the Confederacy. Missouri had 4 soldiers from the Union and 2 from the Confederacy.

Branch Matching

There are a number of challenges in matching the list of those who served with their branch information. Many of the Confederate soldiers are listed purely with initials. Where for example a soldier is listed as C O Latta under two Georgia regiments, I can be reasonably sure this is Caleb Oliver Latta (Br28/9). E M Latta in the 7th Kentucky Cavalry is most likely Elbert Monroe Latta (Br 6/58). Where the initial is a J things are

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Editorial

We welcome our newest Branch Captain, David Hart of Branch 27 & 47. A branch captain will help any new researcher get started, often by explaining how to do genealogy research, guide inquiries regarding the particular branch, keep in touch fellow branch members, and act as a point of contact for the branch regarding emails and such.

We also need volunteers to help us with social media, such as Facebook. The next generation of family historians will be on Facebook and Twitter, and we want to be a part of that.

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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 March 26, 2016

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Beginning balance:	\$7149.10
Income	
General Fund donations	\$1235.00
Research Fund donations	\$40.00
DNA Fund donations	20.00
Pay Pal Transfer (March 25, 2016)	\$23.97
Total Income:	\$1318.97
Expenses	
Hostway website fee, 4 months (14.95/mo.)	\$70.24
Newsletter Issue 57 (Ken Mueller)	\$14.49
Newsletter Advance Issue 58 (Ken Mueller)	\$400.00
Washington State yearly registration fee	\$10.00
Total Expenses	\$494.73
Ending balance as of March 26, 2016:	\$7973.34

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trickier given that John, James and Joseph were all common names. Union soldiers were generally listed with first name(s) so the task is easier although even there a John Latta could sometimes be difficult to place.

With all the usual qualifications, I think I can identify 44 Confederate soldiers by branch, just under half the total. Of these the dominant branches are Branch 15 (11 soldiers), Branch 28 (7) and Branch 7 (6) with a total of 11 branches represented. For the Union, I can identify 64 by branch or just over half. These are drawn from 16 branches with Branch 3 (14), Branch 1 (12), Branch 4 (6) and Branch 29 (6) contributing the most.

Service

The NPS site provides good information on most regiments in terms of where they were deployed during the war, when they were formed and when they were mustered out. It also shows the major campaigns and battles in which they fought. Taking just the major engagements, it is interesting to consider how many Lattas might have been involved.

Looking at the regiments in which Lattas served, the battles in which the largest number were involved were Shiloh (April 1862), Antietam/Sharpsburg (September 1862), Fredericksburg (December 1862), Stones River/Murfreesboro (December 1862-January 1863), Chancellorsville (April-May 1863), Gettysburg (July 1863), Chickamauga (September 1863), the Wilderness (May 1864), Spotsylvania Courthouse (May 1864), Cold Harbor (May-June 1864), Petersburg (June 1864), Atlanta (July 1864), Nashville (December 1864) and Sailor's Creek (April 1865).

At Gettysburg for instance, on the Confederate side there were nine regiments in which Lattas served and 16 Union regiments. At Fredericksburg, seven Confederate and 17 Union regiments were involved; at Cold Harbor 12 Confederate and 16 Union. It is not difficult to imagine with numbers such as these that Lattas faced Lattas on many battlefields.

The number of Lattas who died in the Civil War seems limited. First, as the NPS site clearly shows, many regiments lost more men to disease than were killed in battle. In some cases, these numbers are stark. Looking at the seven different Illinois regiments in which Lattas served, these lost 491 killed in battle or dying from immediate battle-related wounds but lost 939 from disease. For the 8 Michigan regiments, the relative losses were 726 in battle and 1,651 from disease.

For the Confederacy, there appear to be the following deaths:

- J T Latta, 8th Arkansas Cavalry died in Alton Military Prison, Illinois December 1864. I cannot relate him to a branch
- John Pierson Latta 53rd Georgia Infantry (Br 28/50) was killed at Gettysburg
- Berdine D Latta 7th and 24th Georgia Cavalry (Br 28/59) died 1865
- Thomas Benton Latta 7th Kentucky Mounted Infantry (Br 6/52) was killed in 1862
- Henry Clay Latta 46th NC Infantry died 1864 from wounds received at the Battle of Hatchess Run
- Henderson Latta (listed in NPS records as Harrison) 23rd NC Infantry (Br 7/95) died during the war
- Philip Latta 66th NC Infantry (Br 15/80) died 1864
- William J 11th Tennessee Cavalry died 1864 (Br 31/37)

This is not necessarily a complete list but consists of those I can identify.

On the Union side:

- Silas Latta 47th Indiana Infantry died of typhus March 1862 (Br 1/178)

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- William Adams 47th Indiana Infantry died of pneumonia February 1863 in Arkansas (Br 1/183). William was the cousin of Silas
- Ephraim Latta 35th Indiana Infantry died of typhus February 1865 in Huntsville, Alabama. I cannot relate him to a specific branch
- Francis Marion Latta (listed as Marion Francis) 3rd Iowa Infantry was killed at the Battle of Mission Ridge, Georgia in November 1863 (Br 1/149)
- William McCobb Latta 29th Iowa Infantry died of typhus October 1863 in Arkansas (Br 3/225)
- Harvey Latta 11th Michigan Infantry died January 1863 in Ohio possibly as the result of capture and imprisonment by Confederate forces (Br 3/578)
- William Latta 7th Michigan Infantry died of pneumonia November 1862 (Br 3/580). He was the brother of Harvey
- Martin M Latta 4th Michigan Infantry died December 1862 of chronic diarrhea near Spotsylvania, Virginia (Br 1/188). Martin was the cousin of both Silas and William Adams Latta
- James William Latta 3rd Minnesota Infantry died 1864 although it is not clear if the death was war-related (Br 48/10)
- William Henry Latta 61st NY Infantry was killed at the Battle of Fredericksburg December 1862 (Br 13/28)
- Robert Washington Latta 10th Ohio Cavalry died 1870 as a result of wounds received in the war according to branch information (Br 1/194)
- William N Latta 89th Ohio Infantry was captured at the Battle of Chickamauga in September 1863 and died in Andersonville prisoner of war camp in August 1864 (Br 3/73)

More Research

We will plan to post on the Society website the spreadsheet relating the list of Civil War soldiers to their branches. I would strongly encourage anyone who can see errors or can add further information, to let me know so we can update and expand this data.

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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The Rest of the Story – Lattas in the Civil War

By: E. Michael Latta, in Collaboration with Jean Mitrovich and Jimmy Creech, Branch 7

There were three known Lattas of Branch 7 that were engaged in the War Between the States, often known as the Civil War. These Latta brothers by name were: Simpson, Harrison and Henry. Their parents were Henderson and Ann Rhew Latta. More about them is reported in the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, Issue 46, Spring 2012, page 4. Henderson Latta's burial site is in the Family Cemetery in the Town of Stem in Granville County, North Carolina.

Simpson Latta was born in 1838. Evidence to support this date was discovered in the North Carolina State Archives by Jean Mitrovich. There appears, however, to have been some confusion about his name. One reference has him as G. Simpson; another has his name to be Simpson J. Latta. (See Newsletter, Issue 46, page 1.) Regardless of his name discrepancy, little is known about Simpson other than he enlisted as a private in the 6th North Carolina Infantry in the Confederate States of America on May 1, 1861. In a little over a year, he was discharged for specific health issues as reported in the book entitled The Bloody Sixth. (See Newsletter, Issue 46, page 1, 4.) What is not known is what happened to Simpson after he was discharged from the CSA. The best evidence available concludes that Simpson died somewhere between May 26, 1862, and a date before the filing of his estate documents on April 6, 1862, in the Granville County Court of North Carolina. It is highly likely that he died from the complications of the health matters as set out in the above named book.

As to Harrison R. Latta, according to the U. S. Census of 1860 and his military headstone, he was born in 1841. His family records have him born in 1840. When Harrison enlisted in the CSA, according to his headstone inscription, he was a member of Company E, 23rd North Carolina Infantry. What specific actions he was engaged in are not known, but a search of "Find A Grave" has him dying at Chimborazo Hospital #3 in Richmond, Virginia. According to research by Jean S. Mitrovich, Harrison died from typhoid.

Harrison's last payment for his military service in the Army was the period of March 1, 1862 to June 22, 1862. An amount of \$89.06 was paid on November 17, 1863, at the request of Henderson Latta, Harrison's father. Observe that this last military service payment to the estate of Harrison Latta was made about 17 months following his death.

For some time there has been a debate about Harrison Latta's burial site. Thanks in large measure to the research of Sherri Maddrey and Vonda Maddrey Whirley, daughters of Jean S. Mitrovich, a headstone was located for Harrison Latta. It was in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, even though Harrison Latta had always been buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, not much distance from each other. In November 2015 the principal author of this article visited Harrison Latta's burial site and headstone, a moving day.

As to Henry C. Latta, his family records show his birth year to be 1842 whereas his headstone shows 1843. His early life and exploits in the Civil War were identified in the Newsletter, Issue 46, Spring 2012. What was not known at the time of that publication was where he died and where he was buried.

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Again, thanks to the research of Jean S. Mitrovich (earlier identified in the Newsletter, Issue 54, Fall 2014, page 9, with others assisting), it has finally been determined that Henry C. Latta died in Hospital #4 in Richmond, Virginia, on November 10, 1864. However, other military records have him dying on other dates. (For example, see Newsletter, Issue 46, page 6). But no burial site or headstone was immediately known or located following his death.

The finality of a burial site and headstone became a certainty for 2nd Lt. Henry Clay Latta on Saturday, November 14, 2015, due in large measure to the efforts of Jimmy Creech, Commander, Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Camp #3000, Richmond, Virginia. Observe his death date here is shown to be October 12, 1864, although the final headstone cut showed his death date to be November 12, 1864.

These two individuals, Mitrovich and Creech, demonstrated what family members can do together when they both have a genealogical interest. For example, Jean S. Mitrovich first made contact with the principle author of this article when she first read the article in Issue 46 of the Newsletter. In it, evidence affirmed that Allen Latta was the author's great grandfather, whereas Allen Latta was Mitrovich's great, great grandfather. See Photo page 9, Newsletter, Issue 46. Allen Latta's father was Henderson Latta, the father of the young men who enlisted in the CSA, the main subjects of this article.

Commander Jimmy Creech may also have been on a genealogical mission. His mother's maiden name was Joyce Faye Latta, the youngest sister of Carlyle A. Latta, the father of the principal author of this article. Both Mitrovich and Creech have genealogical ties to 2nd Lt. Henry Clay Latta. Thanks to the work and efforts of Jimmy Creech, Henry Clay Latta now has a headstone and burial site located in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, 151 years, five months, and eight days following his death.

Members of the direct and indirect family of Henry C. Latta attended the headstone dedication ceremony. They are pictured in the photograph on page 8. The names (as provided by Jean S. Mitrovich) of those present and their tie to Henry Clay Latta are:

Name	Relationship to Henry C. Latta
Row 1, L-R, Benjamin S. Whirley (my great grandson)	5 th great grand uncle
Austin M. Whirley (great grandson)	5 th great grand uncle
Vonda Maddrey Whirley (daughter)	3 rd great grand uncle
Row 2 L-R Sherri D. Maddrey (daughter)	3 rd great grand uncle
Sandra Tunstall (Guy Tunstall's wife)	none
Jean Staples Mitrovich	great grand uncle
H. Scott Whirley, Jr. (my oldest grandson)	4 th great grand uncle
Connie Latta, Branch 12 (information provided to the author)	Kin to James Latta (2015 Annual Meeting site)
Row 3 L-R Richard G. Mitrovich (husband)	none
Guy P. Tunstall, Jr. (Second cousin)	great grand uncle
Brian M. Whirley (my youngest grandson)	4 th great grand uncle
Mike Latta (Second cousin), author of this article	great grand uncle

Guy is the grandson of John A. Tunstall and Annie E. Latta, eldest daughter of Allen Latta.

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Earliest Branch 51 Lattas

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Note: This article is a compilation of two previous articles published in the Latta Genealogy Newsletter, publication numbers 18 and 49, with a few corrections and additional information found since those articles were written.

The earliest identified Latta of branch 51 is William Latta, b. ~1710 in Costitan near St. Johnston, County Donegal, Ireland. William Latta was married to Agnes Rhea in County Donegal, Ireland. The lineage of Agnes Rhea and her marriage to William Latta is well established as she was the granddaughter of Matthew "The Rebel" Campbell who was a cousin of Archibald Campbell, 9th Earl of Argyll of Scotland. Both were on the losing side of a religious war with James II, the Catholic King of England, the result of which saw Archibald executed in 1680 and Matthew banished to a prison on the Isle of Man. Matthew subsequently escaped to Ireland and changed his name to Rhea.

The book "Notable Southern Families", Vol II authored by Zella Armstrong and published in 1922 also lists the marriage of William Latta and Agnes Rhea. This book seems to be recognized by a number of genealogists as thorough and well researched. It is also of interest to observe that Geoffrey Latta noted in his article "The Latta Family in Western Scotland" in Issue 48 of the newsletter, "Scottish naming conventions were to call the first son after the paternal grandfather and the second daughter after the paternal grandmother." As we will see further down in this article, the names William (not surprising) and Agnes reappeared in their grandchildren in branch 51.

In her book, Zella Armstrong writes of Agnes Rhea "She had childrn [sic], names unknown excepting Elizabeth Latta and Joseph Latta. Joseph Latta came to America, married and lived near Brandywine, Pennsylvania." From there, several records of Joseph Latta have been found starting with his marriage to Susannah Steen, daughter of John Steen, on 2 Nov. 1772 in Old Swede's Church of Wilmington, Delaware. (Note: R.H. Latta's Memorandum Book lists this marriage as 2 Oct. 1772.) From Chester County, Pennsylvania the trail of the family of Joseph Latta leads down Shenandoah Valley to Lee County, Virginia near the entrance to the Cumberland Gap then to the Northwest Territory, which later became the state of Indiana.

Joseph appears on several tax lists and militia rolls for Concord Twp. of Chester County PA, often with one or more of his brother-in-laws Frederick, John and William Steen, from 1777 to 1782 as found in the PA Archives, Series 3 and 5 as well as in Egle's Notes. Tax lists from this period also identify Joseph Latta/Latte/Latty as a resident with 60 acres, 2 horses and 2 cattle. Families of Steen relatives also reside in the same Concord Township.

The trail then grows cold until Joseph is identified as the father of Agnes Latta on the record of her marriage to Samuel Hicks dated 29 July 1793 in Frederick County, VA. The Samuel Hicks family would also show up later in the 1810's and '20's in Owen County, Indiana where William and John Latta, brothers of Agnes (Latta) Hicks, also settle.

The next uncovered record is the will of John Steen, Joseph's father-in-law, of Harrodsburg, Mercer County KY where he, Steen, had owned a tavern/inn from 1789 until his death in 1799. In his will dated 18 July 1799 and probated October of that same year, he names among others daughter "Susannah, wife of Joseph

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Lathy.” For several years I had thought that the Joseph Latta/Latty/Lattie appearing in tax lists of late 1790’s and early 1800’s for neighboring Fayette County, KY was the Joseph of branch 51, primarily because of the close proximity of Susannah’s father, John Steen. However, subsequent discoveries proved otherwise and I gave up the Joseph of Fayette County to the late Connie Latta of branch 52.

The new evidence was tax and land transaction records in Lee County, VA. Lee County forms the far southwestern tip of Virginia and provides the entry to the Cumberland Gap through which the Wilderness Road led many families across the Appalachian Mountains into Kentucky and beyond to lands of what was then the Northwest Territory. Joseph Latta appears on Lee county tax lists for each year from 1799 to 1807 (excepting 1803), and his son, William, appears on each list from 1802-1806. Additionally, at least four land transactions naming Joseph Latta/Latty AND, IMPORTANTLY, WIFE SUSANNAH, are recorded between 1804 and 1808. The primary land owned by Joseph Latta in Lee County consisted of 200 acres bought in 1804 lying on both sides of Martin’s Creek, which is about 7-8 miles from the Cumberland Gap and very close to the Wilderness Road. When I visited the area to obtain copies of the records, I drove the narrow road along the length of Martin’s Creek. I didn’t really expect to locate the exact tract since it was described in metes and bounds, i.e., “Beginning at a post oak, two white oaks and two dogwoods on a bushy hillside....”. There are a few scattered houses and the (mostly) paved road alongside the creek, but the area is quite hilly and remains mostly undeveloped. It was a somewhat strange feeling knowing I was treading on ground so close to an ancestor of 200 years ago.

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

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

As was the practice at the time, when a married man sold land the record of the transaction in the county Deed Book was followed by an affirmation that the wife was questioned in private to certify that she was in agreement with the sale and was not being pressured to do so by the husband. To this end, the recording of the land transaction from Joseph Latta to James Curry as recorded in the Lee County Virginia Deed Book noted that “...Susanna the wife of the said Joseph cannot conveniently attend at our said Court of Lee County to be personally examined...” and assigned two officers of the court to go to her house and examine her accordingly. The two court officers reported back to the court that they had done so on 18 Oct. 1808.

Given the above, could it be that Susannah was seriously ill at the time of this land transaction and died shortly thereafter? Since no other record of her has been found and the fact that Joseph then shows up in what would become southern Indiana only a few months later in Mar of 1809 would seem to make that a distinct possibility. Joseph obviously traversed through, but seemingly didn’t spend any time in, Kentucky as he next appears in the deed books of Harrison County of what was then the Northwest Territory but would later become the Territory of Indiana before its statehood. Harrison County is on the north side of the Ohio River at the Falls of The Ohio, i.e. Louisville. In the very first entry of the very first deed book of Harrison County dated 9 March 1809, Joseph Latta leased 160 acres of land for 5 years.

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

Some interesting records exist from the 1813 session of the General Assembly of the Indiana Territory at which the representative for Harrison County presented a petition requesting relief for Joseph Latta. The representative gave a second and third reading of the request, as the rules required, then the request failed to pass the assembly.

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

The two sons of Joseph, William and John, were both listed as serving in the Indiana Territory Militia in 1813. Records in the Indiana archives list both William and John acquiring land on the west fork of the White River about 50 miles away in Owen County in Oct. 1817 where they were, by some accounts, the first white settlers. Only anecdotal entries hint of, but not name, Joseph after 1814. One, "Early History Of Greene County, Indiana", by Jack Baber, 1875, says, "...old John Latta...has the credit and honor of being the first white man to build a log cabin in Greene County in the year 1817." But the problem with this is that in 1817, son John was not "old" having been born 11 JUL 1795 and died Dec. 1826. Was it Joseph instead as he would have been "old"? Or perhaps Mr. Baber used the term "old" because he was referring to someone who lived several decades before. There is no proof, but it doesn't seem like it was John.

In another, possibly using Baber's recollections then expanding, "History of Greene and Sullivan Counties (IN)", 1884, published by Godspeed Publishers: "It is said that the first settler in this township was old John Latta, who built his log cabin on Latta's Creek, near where the old canal crosses the same, early in the year 1817. He was the first settler in that vicinity, and the creek upon which he located took its name from him. He was a noted hunter and trapper, and spent much of his time in quest of game, the hides and carcasses netting him more than he could make any other way."

Once again, I suspect this may have been Joseph, not John Latta. John was a few miles upriver in Owen County from the confluence of Latta's Creek and the White River in Greene County. But then again, it is certainly possible that it was John who built the log cabin in Greene County in early 1817 then bought land upriver in southern Owen County in October 1817. The inventory of John Latta's estate sold at auction upon his Dec. 1826 death lists many farm implements and livestock, seeming to belie the characterization as one who made his way primarily by hunting and trapping. On the other hand, since Joseph would have been in his late 60's, and relief assistance had been requested for him a couple years earlier, would he have been in such health to be a vigorous hunter and trapper? Memories may have been foggy as to which Latta built the cabin, but it was most certainly a Branch 51 ancestor. It should also be noted that there is a Lattas Creek and a Latta rail yard in this area today. With conflicted musings, this mystery remains. But no other mention of Joseph has been found.

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

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Also of interest is a 24"x36" poster-sized map published in 1932 by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The map is titled "Indiana – The influence of the Indian upon its History – with Indian and French names for Natural and Cultural Locations" by E. Y. Guernsey. I happened to purchase a copy of the map several years ago because it seemed to be a good depiction of some of the early locations in Indiana. It was only upon closer inspection after I got home that I noticed, much to my delight, one of the annotations on the map across Greene County was "1st white set. John Latta 1817"!

In neighboring Owen County a few miles up the White River, the records, both unofficial and official, pick up the trail again and provide rather definitive evidence from here on. The unofficial records consisting of recollections of early county residents identify John and William Latta as the first permanent, white residents of Owen County as "...they had good improvements on their claims by the summer of 1818". A characterization of the two brothers as written in the Owen County history is rather interesting: "John appears to have been a man of honor, and was well respected in the community which he founded; but the reputation of William was rather unsavory, and in later years he created quite a sensation by leaving the country [sic] in the company of a woman whom the laws of the State gave him no right to live with – in other words he took her for 'better or worse' without the formalities of a wedding ceremony." As we will see later, the characterization of at least William is, if anything, generous.

Official land records document John Latta obtaining land in Owen County on the White River on 11 Oct 1817 and William Latta on the other side of the river on 29 Nov. 1817. The first U.S. Census of the state of Indiana in 1820 shows the household of William Latty with 9 people and that of John Latty with a total of 6. Those listed in the household of William Latta remains a mystery but events soon to occur ensure a well-documented trail of the family of John Latta.

John Latta died sometime in December 1826 leaving a widow, Jane (McCrosky) Latta, and 6 surviving children (John, William T., James, Nancy, Abram and Susannah) between the ages of 5 months and 8 years. An inventory of John's possessions was filed with the Probate Court of Owen County dated 12 Jan. 1827 by administrators William Latta and Joseph Landrum, JP. A sale of the estate was held and accounted for on 27 Jan 1827.

Before the sordid tale that follows, it is well to take a diversion from the trail and express some personal thoughts. When researching our ancestors it seems as though such research invariably raises more questions than answers. Dates of birth, marriage and death as well as lineage information form the skeleton of genealogical research. But life stories of the individuals represent the flesh and sinew that give definition and life to our ancestors. How certain events are woven into the tapestry of their lives are often incredibly interesting and provide fascinating insights into who our ancestors were – and, indeed, who we are. In researching historical events one soon learns not to be too judgmental about specific actions a particular individual took. We have only a distorted and very limited view of the context in which the person took such actions. Nevertheless, I can't help but wonder why adults would be so irresponsible to leave children as wards of the state while money disappears as the adults move in and out of the picture.

Returning to the trail, the Owen County archives residing in the public library in Spencer, Indiana has a wealth of original documents covering the legal incidents over the next 16 years. John's land and possessions were sold and brother William was in charge of handling the affairs as the administrator of the estate. William is also named as the guardian of John's six children in 1829. Both William Latta and the widow Jane sold their Owen County lands on 8 Sep 1829 and both appear separately in the 1830 census in Vigo County, Indiana –

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about 35 miles away. The household of the widow Jane also includes the six children. Several Owen County court orders and receipts for expense reimbursement to William from the estate are recorded over the course of the next several years. There is a record of William's marriage to Anne Landrum on 11 Jan 1829 in Vigo County. Also, there is record of a transaction documenting his purchase of land in that county on 27 May 1830 and sale of the same land on 1 Apr 1835.

In a letter dated 13 May 1834 from William Latta to Owen County Probate Judge Thomas Allen, he states that Jane, the widow of John who had remarried to Charles Tankersley of Vigo County in 1831, renounces all claims to the estate of John and that he (William) is about to move away. In a statement to the Owen County court dated May 1835, Jane (McCrosky/Latta) Tankersley states that "William Latta removed to the state of Illinois taking James Latta, 14, but leaving John, 16, William, 15, Nancy, 12, Abraham, 11, and Susannah, 9, in Vigo County in the care of Charles Tankersley and don't know anything of money." In a filing with the court in August 1835, Owen County Judge Thomas Allen requested William be removed as guardian of the five minor children left behind stating that William had left the area and was "entirely neglecting the children." The children then became wards of the state under the guardianship of Thomas Allen. This remained the case until John, the oldest of the children, took over as guardian of his siblings in 1841 when he was of legal age.

At this point in the saga the trail of William and nephew James grows cold. It's now clear why William's neighbors viewed him as having a rather "unsavory" reputation. And the actions of John Latta's widow, Jane, also raise more questions than answers. Her second husband, Charles Tankersley, was 12 years her senior and she had 3 more children from this marriage. Charles Tankersley died in 1850 and Jane appears in the household of her daughter Nancy (Latta) Eversole in the 1850 census for Vigo County. Jane then shows up in the household of her youngest daughter Elizabeth (Tankersley) Young in Clay County in the 1860 census. A record of Jane's death has not been found.

Except for James, the other five children of John and Jane Latta all settled in Vigo and Clay Counties where they were mostly farmers and coal miners. Unfortunately, tragedy was not finished with this Latta branch. John, the oldest of the five children of John and Jane Latta, died about 1852 leaving a widow and 3 small daughters. The other four Latta children (William T., Nancy, Abram, and Susannah) married and had many descendants who mostly remained in the 2 counties.

Abram is the great-great-grandfather of the author and was a few months shy of 82 at his 1906 death and burial in Cloverland, Clay County, Indiana. Although somewhat old for service, he was enrolled into the U.S. Army toward the end of the Civil War. He was wounded, spent time in a hospital in Alabama and received a pension for his service. His pension application and service record can be obtained from the National Archives. The 1891 pension application lists his deceased wife, Levica Deen [sic] and living children Albert b. Sep 1850, James b. Jan 1856, Elijah b. 1 Feb 1862, Charles b. 13 Apr 1865 and Nora (Latta) West b. 20 Sep 1870. Trying times seemed to continue to haunt a number of these descendants but some of the stories are too fresh to explore further.

As a closing comment, I suspect many would agree that exploring the mysteries of one's ancestors is psychologically rewarding to better understanding that we are. But it can also be a very humbling experience as well. Often the result is a very healthy appreciation of what those who passed before us endured. Such has been my experience in researching my Branch 51 ancestors. But I still have thousands of questions. If I could only ask them!

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Descendants of William Latta

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First Generation

1. **William Latta** was born in 1710 in Costitan, Castleton, St. Johnston, Ireland.

William married **Agnes Rhea**, daughter of **Matthew Rhea II** and **Elizabeth McLain**,. Agnes was born about 1720.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 2 F i. **Elizabeth Latta** was born in 1741 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donagel, Ireland.
Elizabeth married **John McCrabb**.
- + 3 M ii. **Joseph Latta** was born in 1750 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donegal, Ireland and died about 1818 in , Greene?, IN, USA.
Joseph married **Susannah Steen** (d. After 18 Oct 1808) on 2 Nov 1772 in Old Swede's Church Wilmington, New Castle, DE, USA.

Second Generation

2. **Elizabeth Latta** (*William*¹) was born in 1741 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donagel, Ireland.

Elizabeth married **John McCrabb**, son of **McCrabb** and **Margery Rhea**,.

The child from this marriage was:

- 4 M i. **William McCrabb**.

3. **Joseph Latta** (*William*¹) was born in 1750 in Costitan, St. Johnston, Donegal, Ireland and died about 1818 in , Greene?, IN, USA.

Joseph married **Susannah Steen**, daughter of **John Steen** and **Jane Neild**, on 2 Nov 1772 in Old Swede's Church Wilmington, New Castle, DE, USA. Susannah died after 18 Oct 1808 in , Lee, VA, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 5 F i. **Agnes Latta** was born about 1775.
Agnes married **Samuel Hicks** on 29 Jul 1793 in , Frederick, VA, USA. Samuel was born about 1770.
- 6 M ii. **William Latta** was born about 1786 and died after 1835.
William married **Anne Landrum** on 10 Jan 1829 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 7 F iii. **Isabella Latta**.
Isabella married **Melvin Dirbin** on 4 Nov 1812 in , Harrison, IN, USA.
- + 8 M iv. **John Latta** was born on 11 Jul 1795 in , , , USA and died about Dec 1826 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA.
John married **Jane McCrosky** (d. After 1860) on 12 Jul 1814.

Third Generation

8. **John Latta** (*Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 11 Jul 1795 in , , , USA and died about Dec 1826 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA.

John married **Jane McCrosky** on 12 Jul 1814. Jane was born on 27 Feb 1795 in , , KY, USA and died after 1860.

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Third Generation

Children from this marriage were:

- 9 F i. **Susanna Latta** was born on 20 Aug 1815 and died before 1820.
- 10 M ii. **Joseph Latta** was born on 30 Mar 1817 and died between 1820 and 1827.
- + 11 M iii. **John Latta Jr.** was born on 17 Jul 1818 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA and died about 1853.
John married **Mary Cox** on 23 Feb 1843 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 12 M iv. **William T. Latta** was born on 30 Oct 1819 in , Owen, IN, USA, died on 1 Jan 1908 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Grandview Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.
William married **Barbara Mewhinney** (d. Bef 1915) on 26 Dec 1847 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 13 M v. **James Latta** was born on 6 Jan 1821 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA.
- + 14 F vi. **Nancy Latta** was born on 13 Sep 1822 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA, died on 31 Jan 1889 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cooper's Cem, Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.
Nancy married **Christopher Eversole** (d. 6 Jun 1881) on 25 Jan 1842 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 15 M vii. **Abram Latta** was born on 21 Mar 1824 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA, died on 8 Jan 1906 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Carpenter ("100 steps") Cem Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.
Abram married **Lovica Dean** (d. 16 Nov 1892) on 2 Dec 1849 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 16 F viii. **Susannah Jane Latta** was born on 3 Jun 1826 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA.
Susannah married **Samuel Lowe** on 6 Jan 1842 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Samuel was born in 1819 in , , KY, USA, died on 25 Jan 1908 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Mewhinney Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

Fourth Generation

11. John Latta Jr. (*John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 17 Jul 1818 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA and died about 1853.

John married **Mary Cox** on 23 Feb 1843 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Mary was born in 1822 in , , OH, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 17 F i. **Elizabeth J. Latta** was born in 1847 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 18 F ii. **Mary A. Latta** was born in 1849 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 19 F iii. **Laura Latta** was born 185x in , Vigo, IN, USA.

12. William T. Latta (*John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 30 Oct 1819 in , Owen, IN, USA, died on 1 Jan 1908 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Grandview Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

William married **Barbara Mewhinney** on 26 Dec 1847 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Barbara was born in 1822 in , , OH, USA and died before 1915.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 20 M i. **Sylvanus L. Latta** was born on 4 Oct 1848 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 3 Jul 1934 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 5 Jul 1934 in Grandview Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

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Sylvanus married **Marinda Trueblood** (d. 5 Jul 1904) on 24 Dec 1868 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Sylvanus next married **Sarah J. Trueblood** (d. 31 Dec 1922) on 2 Jan 1909 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

Sylvanus next married **Sarah J. Trueblood** (d. 31 Dec 1922) on 29 Jun 1915 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

- + 21 M ii. **William Latta Jr.** was born on 13 Aug 1853 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 8 Mar 1929 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 10 Mar 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
William married **Nancy Caroline Lawson** (d. 19 Sep 1926) on 6 Jan 1876 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 22 M iii. **John W. Latta** was born on 4 Jun 1858 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 2 Sep 1899 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.
John married **Charlotte Harper** (d. 5 Jul 1948) on 15 Feb 1868 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 23 F iv. **Martha J. Latta** was born in Jun 1861 in , , IN, USA and died between 1929 and 1934.
Martha married **James B. Rolison** on 11 Oct 1897 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 24 F v. **Alice Latta** was born in Aug 1865 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 6 Sep 1948 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
Alice married **John Wesley Park** (d. 1930) on 22 Jun 1890 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 25 M vi. **Benjamin Latta** was born in Sep 1872 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 13 Apr 1943 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Grandview Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

13. M v. **James Latta** was born on 6 Jan 1821 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA.

14. **Nancy Latta** (*John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 13 Sep 1822 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA, died on 31 Jan 1889 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cooper's Cem, Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

Nancy married **Christopher Eversole** on 25 Jan 1842 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Christopher was born in Jul 1814 in , Fairfield, OH, USA, died on 6 Jun 1881 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cooper Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 26 M i. **Joseph Eversole** was born in Aug 1850 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 15 Jan 1936, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
Joseph married **Elizabeth E. Daniels** (d. 24 Dec 1927) on 29 Apr 1877 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 27 M ii. **Jacob Eversole** was born about 1852 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
Jacob married **Mary Stephens** on 3 Jun 1882 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Mary was born in 1867 in , Parke, IN, USA.
- 28 F iii. **Jane E. Eversole** was born about 1855 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 22 Mar 1899, and was buried in Cooper Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.
Jane married **Robert J. Ellis** on 18 Sep 1889 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Robert was born on 24 Jul 1849 in , IN, USA, died on 28 Jan 1901, and was buried in Cooper Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.
- 29 M iv. **John W. Eversole**.
- 30 F v. **Emma Dora Eversole** was born about 1866 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

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Emma married **William Parks** on 15 May 1890 in , Vigo, IN, USA. William was born about 1866 in Marshall, , IL, USA.

15. Abram Latta (*John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 21 Mar 1824 in Franklin Twp, Owen, IN, USA, died on 8 Jan 1906 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Carpenter ("100 steps") Cem Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.

Abram married **Lovica Dean**, daughter of **Elijah Dean** and **Malinda Combs**, on 2 Dec 1849 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Lovica was born about 1830 and died on 16 Nov 1892 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 31 M i. **William Albert Latta** was born on 14 Sep 1850 in , Marion, MO, USA, died on 25 Jun 1929 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 27 Jun 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
William married **Mary Lovina Trueblood** (d. 19 Mar 1932) on 16 Oct 1873 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
William next married **Mary Lovina Trueblood** (d. 19 Mar 1932) on 6 Jun 1907 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- 32 F ii. **Lynella Latta** was born about 1855.
- + 33 M iii. **James Latta** was born on 1 Jan 1856 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 2 Dec 1914 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.
James married **Mary Violetta Morris** (d. 26 Nov 1930) on 16 Jun 1880 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA.
- 34 F iv. **Margaret Latta** was born about 1860 in , , IN, USA.
- + 35 M v. **Elijah Latta** was born on 1 Feb 1862 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA, died on 12 Jan 1941 in Los Angeles, , CA, USA, and was buried on 20 Jan 1941 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.
Elijah married **Clara Janette Barker** (d. 3 Feb 1927) on 20 Apr 1886 in , Vigo, IN, USA.
- + 36 M vi. **Charles Latta** was born on 13 Apr 1865 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 5 Apr 1944 in Clay City, Clay, IN, USA, and was buried in Billtown Cem Brazil, Clay, IN, USA.
Charles married **Zetta Barker** (d. 22 Feb 1922) on 27 Jun 1909 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA.
- + 37 F vii. **Nora Ellen Latta** was born on 20 Sep 1869 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 11 Aug 1942 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.
Nora married **George W. West , Jr.** (d. Jun 1928) on 6 Nov 1888 in , Clay, IN, USA.

Fifth Generation

20. Sylvanus L. Latta (*William T.*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 4 Oct 1848 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 3 Jul 1934 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 5 Jul 1934 in Grandview Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

Sylvanus married **Marinda Trueblood**, daughter of **Thomas Trueblood** and **Nancy Allen Mattox**, on 24 Dec 1868 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA. Marinda was born on 4 Aug 1848 in Lost Creek Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 5 Jul 1904, and was buried in Cooper Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

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Children from this marriage were:

38 F i. **Barbara Latta** was born on 22 Oct 1869 and died on 17 Oct 1871.

39 F ii. **Belle Latta** was born on 28 Jun 1871 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 8 Jan 1936, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

Belle married **James Wallace Moorhead** on 6 Nov 1889 in , Vigo, IN, USA. James was born on 6 Sep 1868 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 17 Aug 1951, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

40 F iii. **Stella Latta** was born on 9 Feb 1875, died on 5 May 1878, and was buried in Cooper Cem Riley, Vigo, IN, USA.

41 F iv. **Ida Ora Latta** was born on 28 Dec 1877 in Riley, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 23 Jan 1958, and was buried in Grandview Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Ida married **Wyethe**.

42 F v. **Celia Latta** was born on 7 Jun 1880 and died on 15 Sep 1966 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

Celia married **Clyde Hurst** on 4 Dec 1899 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Clyde was born in Brownstown, Jackson, IN, USA.

43 M vi. **Elmer Latta** was born on 5 Jun 1883 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 16 Aug 1929, and was buried in Grandview Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Elmer married **Anna Fagg**, daughter of **John M. Fagg** and **Elizabeth Kenney**, on 16 Mar 1907 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Anna was born on 12 Dec 1890 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

Sylvanus next married **Sarah J. Trueblood**, daughter of **Thomas Trueblood** and **Nancy Allen Mattox**, on 2 Jan 1909 in , Vigo, IN, USA. The marriage ended in divorce. Sarah was born on 1 Jan 1850 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died on 31 Dec 1922 in Pittsburg, Crawford, KS, USA.

Sylvanus next married **Sarah J. Trueblood**, daughter of **Thomas Trueblood** and **Nancy Allen Mattox**, on 29 Jun 1915 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Sarah was born on 1 Jan 1850 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died on 31 Dec 1922 in Pittsburg, Crawford, KS, USA.

21. William Latta Jr. (*William T.*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 13 Aug 1853 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 8 Mar 1929 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 10 Mar 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

William married **Nancy Caroline Lawson** on 6 Jan 1876 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Nancy was born on 23 Dec 1854 in Maryville, Blount, TN, USA, died on 19 Sep 1926 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 21 Sep 1926 in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

44 F i. **Minnie Latta** was born on 1 Feb 1878, died on 10 Jun 1940 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 12 Jun 1940 in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Minnie married **Charles P. Burk** on 5 Apr 1899 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Charles was born in Apr 1871 in , IN, USA, died before 1940, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

45 F ii. **Maude Latta** was born on 27 Mar 1880 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 13 Apr 1935 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

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Maude married **Charles Leslie Ellingsworth** on 27 Mar 1901 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Charles was born on 28 Feb 1878, died on 6 Aug 1967 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 46 M iii. **Meredith John Latta** was born on 12 Jun 1886 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 10 Sep 1972 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 12 Sep 1972 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

Meredith married **Okie Marie Flath** on 3 Oct 1938 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Okie was born on 15 Feb 1901 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

- 47 F iv. **Sarah Katherine Latta** was born on 17 Mar 1892 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died on 18 Sep 1971 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA.

Sarah married **Ira Taylor , Sr.** on 6 Feb 1918 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Ira was born on 8 Dec 1892 in , , IN, USA and died on 8 Sep 1926 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA.

- 48 F v. **Mabel F. Latta** was born on 28 Jun 1896 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 13 Jul 1974 in Greenfield, , IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA. Mabel married **Elmer Stephens** on 2 Apr 1913 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Elmer was born on 11 Nov 1888 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

22. **John W. Latta** (*William T.*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 4 Jun 1858 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 2 Sep 1899 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

John married **Charlotte Harper** on 15 Feb 1868 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Charlotte was born on 13 Jul 1867 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 5 Jul 1948 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 49 M i. **Lawrence Hershel Latta** was born on 11 Sep 1889 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 4 Jun 1923 in Paxton, Ford, IL, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA.

Lawrence married **Pearl T. Marion**, daughter of **Lafayette Marion** and **Mary J. Baysinger**,. Pearl was born on 24 Apr 1887 in Greencastle, Putnam, IN, USA, died on 1 Jan 1954 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 4 Jan 1954 in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 50 M ii. **Leroy W. Latta** was born on 24 Mar 1892 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 2 Sep 1950 in , Clay, IN, USA, and was buried in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Leroy married **Alvira M. Tormohlen**, daughter of **Henry L. Tormohlen** and **Matilda Mauntel**,. Alvira was born on 12 Oct 1893 in Holland, , IN, USA, died on 1 Feb 1959 in Brazil, Clay, IN, USA, and was buried in Roselawn Cem N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 51 F iii. **Lorna Gladys Latta** was born in Jan 1895.

Lorna married **Ralph Kuhn**.

- 52 M iv. **Ellison Marie Latta** was born on 25 Dec 1896, died on 14 Aug 1981 in Atlanta, Fulton, GA, USA, and was buried on 18 Aug 1981 in Roselawn Cem N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 53 F v. **Barbara Latta** was born on 21 Nov 1898, died on 3 Oct 1976 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 6 Oct 1976 in Roselawn Cem N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Barbara married **Walter C. Meyer**. Walter was born in 1897 and died in Jun 1935.

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23. **Martha J. Latta** (*William T.⁴, John³, Joseph², William¹*) was born in Jun 1861 in , IN, USA and died between 1929 and 1934.

Martha married **James B. Rolison** on 11 Oct 1897 in , Vigo, IN, USA. James was born in Jul 1852 in Columbus, Franklin , OH, USA.

The child from this marriage was:

- 54 F i. **Margaret B. Rolison** was born on 13 Jan 1893 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA, died on 18 Jun 1990 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 20 Jun 1990 in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA.

Margaret married **Arley Stephens** on 8 Dec 1915 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Arley was born on 7 Apr 1891 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, died in Jun 1957, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA.

24. **Alice Latta** (*William T.⁴, John³, Joseph², William¹*) was born in Aug 1865 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 6 Sep 1948 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Alice married **John Wesley Park** on 22 Jun 1890 in , Vigo, IN, USA. John was born in 1865, died in 1930, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 55 F i. **Flossie I. Park** was born on 4 Feb 1891 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 28 May 1939 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Flossie married **George L. Coleman** on 26 Feb 1916 in , Vigo, IN, USA. George was born on 27 Oct 1885 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, died in Jun 1925, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 56 F ii. **Hazel May Park** was born in Mar 1892 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 29 Dec 1962 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Hazel married **John Owen Winton** on 31 Aug 1910 in , Vigo, IN, USA. John was born in 1886 in Knoxville, Knox, TN, USA, died on 29 Jul 1959 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

26. **Joseph Eversole** (*Nancy Latta⁴, John³, Joseph², William¹*) was born in Aug 1850 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 15 Jan 1936, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Joseph married **Elizabeth E. Daniels** on 29 Apr 1877 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Elizabeth was born in Sep 1854 in , Owen, IN, USA, died on 24 Dec 1927 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 26 Dec 1927 in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 57 M i. **Fred Lee Eversole** was born in Jul 1878 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 26 Nov 1960 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Fred married **Cora Jesse Goff** on 22 Feb 1905 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Cora was born in 1888 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died in 1939, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 58 F ii. **Nellie M. Eversole** was born in May 1883 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 28 Dec 1948 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

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Nellie married **Landan Chatham** on 6 Oct 1903 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Landan was born in 1877 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 3 May 1962 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 59 M iii. **Charles Christopher Eversole** was born on 9 Oct 1887 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 16 Dec 1962 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 19 Dec 1962 in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Charles married **Minnie I. Larimer** on 20 Feb 1917 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Minnie was born on 9 Jan 1898 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 22 Apr 1983 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 60 F iv. **Clara E. Eversole** was born on 13 Feb 1898 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died after 1962. Clara married **Frank Dawson** on 25 Oct 1919 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Frank was born on 25 Apr 1898 in Shelburn, Sullivan, IN, USA.

31. William Albert Latta (*Abram*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 14 Sep 1850 in , Marion, MO, USA, died on 25 Jun 1929 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 27 Jun 1929 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Albert married **Mary Lovina Trueblood**, daughter of **Thomas Trueblood** and **Nancy Allen Mattox**, on 16 Oct 1873 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA. The marriage ended in divorce. Lovina was born on 3 Feb 1852 in Jackson Twp, Lee, IA, USA, died on 19 Mar 1932 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 21 Mar 1932 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 61 M i. **Edward Latta** was born on 26 Aug 1874 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 16 Dec 1918 in Madison, Jefferson , IN, USA, and was buried on 19 Dec 1918 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

- 62 M ii. **Orestus Allen Latta** was born on 6 Feb 1877 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 10 Apr 1946 in Lost Creek Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

Orestus married **Sarah Louise ("Sadie") Ayers**, daughter of **Alonzo J. Ayres** and **Eliza A. Mewhinney**, on 16 Nov 1903 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Sarah was born in 1885, died on 18 May 1908 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 21 May 1908 in Highland Lawn Cem. Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Orestus next married **Elizabeth (Lizzie) M. Brown**, daughter of **Christian T. Brown** and **Barbara Romas**, on 22 Aug 1909 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Elizabeth was born on 18 Dec 1885 in , Clay, IN, USA, died on 27 Jun 1960 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

- 63 U iii. **still born Latta** was born on 11 Jun 1879 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died on 11 Jun 1879 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

- 64 M iv. **Ross Latta** was born on 5 Jul 1880 in , Clay, IN, USA and died before 1918.

- 65 F v. **Tressa ("Tressie") Latta** was born on 9 Jun 1885 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 16 Feb 1967 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 18 Feb 1967 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN.

Tressie married **Clarence Louis Modesitt**, son of **Augustus Calvin Modesitt** and **Melinda Chambers**, on 9 Aug 1905 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA. Clarence was born on 14 Oct 1881 in ,

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Clay, IN, USA, died on 10 Dec 1921 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 13 Dec 1921 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN.

66 M vi. **Ferman Latta** was born on 26 Nov 1887 in , Vigo, IN, USA, died on 12 Sep 1937 in Lost Creek Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 14 Sep 1937 in Soldiers Mon. Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Ferman married **Ruth Legrue**, daughter of **Henry Legrue** and **Celiana Proten**, on 6 May 1921 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA. Ruth was born on 18 Jul 1902 in , , France, died on 11 Feb 1989 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 14 Feb 1989 in Roselawn Mem Park N Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

67 M vii. **Charles Herbert ("Hub") Latta** was born on 11 Feb 1890 in Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA, died on 9 Jul 1951 in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN, USA, and was buried on 12 Jul 1951 in Soldiers Mon. Cem, Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN, USA.

68 F viii. **Emma Latta** was born on 10 Mar 1895 in , Vigo, IN, USA and died in 1899 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

Albert next married **Mary Lovina Trueblood**, daughter of **Thomas Trueblood** and **Nancy Allen Mattox**, on 6 Jun 1907 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Lovina was born on 3 Feb 1852 in Jackson Twp, Lee, IA, USA, died on 19 Mar 1932 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 21 Mar 1932 in Highland Lawn Cem, Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

33. **James Latta** (*Abram*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 1 Jan 1856 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 2 Dec 1914 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.

James married **Mary Violetta Morris** on 16 Jun 1880 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA. Mary was born on 12 May 1859 in Louisville, Jefferson, KY, USA, died on 26 Nov 1930 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

69 F i. **Maud Arabele Latta** was born on 12 Apr 1881, died on 26 Sep 1963 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Clearview Cem, Clay, IN, USA.

70 M ii. **William Clarence "Jumbo" Latta** was born on 2 Apr 1882 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 24 Apr 1963 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Clearview Cem Posey Twp, Clay, IN, USA.

William married **Pansy**. Pansy was born about 1889 in , , AR, USA.

71 F iii. **Lola Myrtle Latta** was born on 15 Jul 1885 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA and died on 31 Aug 1896 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA.

72 M iv. **Clifford Latta** was born on 13 Dec 1887 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 19 Jul 1967 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Clearview Cem Posey Twp, Clay, IN, USA.

Clifford married **Rose Schlatter**, daughter of **Ulrich Schlatter** and **Louisa Wilson**, on 10 Aug 1913 in Harmony, Clay, IN, USA. Rose was born on 25 Apr 1893 in Asherville, , IN, USA, died on 20 Jun 1980 in , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 24 Jun 1980 in Clearview Cem Brazil, Clay, IN, USA.

73 U v. **Died Young Latta** was born on 2 Aug 1890.

74 F vi. **Lena Latta** was born on 20 Oct 1892 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 2 Jun 1990 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Carpenters Cem Cloverland, Clay, IN, USA.

Lena married **Charles Edgar Killion, Sr.** on 25 Jun 1917 in Villa Grove, . IL, USA. Charles was born on 5 Mar 1893, died on 22 Jul 1962 in , , FL, USA, and was buried in Bay Pines Nat'l Cem, Pinellas, FL, USA.

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35. Elijah Latta (*Abram*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 1 Feb 1862 in Riley Twp., Vigo, IN, USA, died on 12 Jan 1941 in Los Angeles, , CA, USA, and was buried on 20 Jan 1941 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

Elijah married **Clara Janette Barker** on 20 Apr 1886 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Clara was born in May 1866 in , Clay, IN, USA, died on 3 Feb 1927 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 6 Feb 1927 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 75 M i. **Frank Charles Latta** was born on 11 Apr 1887 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 19 Oct 1940 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 22 Oct 1940 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

Frank married **Orbie Frances Krach**. Orbie was born in 1890 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 29 Jun 1943 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 1 Jul 1943 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

- 76 M ii. **Ira L. Latta** was born on 5 May 1889 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 22 Dec 1957 in Terre Haute , Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Centerpoint, Clay, IN, USA.

Ira married **Florence Edna Dierdorf**. Florence was born on 31 Dec 1892 in , , TN, USA, died on 18 Aug 1963 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Centerpoint, Clay, IN, USA.

- 77 F iii. **Elva B. Latta** was born on 19 Jul 1890 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 24 Jul 1924, and was buried on 27 Jul 1924 in Highland Lawn Cem. T.H., Vigo, IN, USA.

Elva married **George Miller** on 23 Apr 1916 in , Vigo, IN, USA. George was born on 28 Nov 1889 in , Clay, IN, USA.

- 78 M iv. **Fred R. Latta** was born on 21 Jul 1892 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA and died on 30 Jul 1980 in Los Angeles, , CA, USA.

Fred married **Alice McKenzie** on 25 Nov 1914 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Alice was born on 17 Mar 1896 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA and died on 11 Nov 1918 in , Vigo, IN, USA.

- 79 M v. **Kenneth A. Latta** was born on 19 Sep 1896 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA and died in Feb 1981 in , Orange, CA, USA.

Kenneth married **Wilma Mitchell** on 19 Jan 1921 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Wilma was born on 26 Apr 1900 in Shawneetown, , IL, USA.

36. Charles Latta (*Abram*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 13 Apr 1865 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 5 Apr 1944 in Clay City, Clay, IN, USA, and was buried in Billtown Cem Brazil, Clay, IN, USA.

Charles married **Zetta Barker** on 27 Jun 1909 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA. Zetta was born on 21 Jan 1874, died on 22 Feb 1922 in Posey Twp, Clay, IN, USA, and was buried in Billtown Cem Brazil, Clay, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

- 80 M i. **Everett ("Pete") Latta** was born on 23 Jul 1909 in Posey Twp, Clay, IN, USA, died on 20 Dec 1996 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Oak Hill Cem, Riley Twp, Vigo, IN.

Everett married **Evangaline Irene Collins**, daughter of **Russell Collins** and **Floy McCullough**, on 24 Dec 1935 in Brazil, Clay, IN, USA. Evangaline was born on 31 Jul 1915 in Cory, Clay, IN, USA, died on 10 May 2010 in Brazil, Clay, IN, USA, and was buried on 14 May 2010 in Oak Hill Cem Riley Twp, Vigo, IN, USA.

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81 M ii. **Lester Latta** was born on 26 Jun 1911 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 23 Oct 1993 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried on 26 Oct 1993 in Oak Hill Cem, Vigo, IN, USA.

Lester married **Irene Kiefner** on 1 Jul 1939 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Irene was born on 2 Sep 1920 in Gary, Lake, IN, USA and died on 12 Jun 1997 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

82 M iii. **Leon Latta** was born on 22 Oct 1912 and died in 1912.

83 M iv. **Frank Alvin Latta** was born on 23 Nov 1913 and died on 9 Jul 1914 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA.

37. **Nora Ellen Latta** (*Abram*⁴, *John*³, *Joseph*², *William*¹) was born on 20 Sep 1869 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died on 11 Aug 1942 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Nora married **George W. West, Jr.** on 6 Nov 1888 in , Clay, IN, USA. George was born on 12 Jul 1860 in , IL, USA, died in Jun 1928 in Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Children from this marriage were:

84 F i. **Ethel Gertrude West** was born on 4 Feb 1889 in , Clay, IN, USA, died on 20 Nov 1974, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Ethel married **Ernest Henderson** on 10 Nov 1906 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Ernest was born on 10 Dec 1884 in Evansville, Vandenburg, IN, USA.

85 F ii. **Mabel Pearl West** was born on 3 Aug 1890 in Staunton, Clay, IN, USA, died in Jan 1944, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Mabel married **Charles B. Small** on 22 Nov 1921 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Charles was born on 14 Jul 1894 in Washington, Dubois, IN, USA, died in Jul 1963, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

86 F iii. **Bertha West** was born on 20 Apr 1892, died in Apr 1946, and was buried in Calvary Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

Bertha married **August Krone**. August was born in 1892, died in Mar 1949, and was buried in Calvary Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

87 M iv. **Roy West** was born in 1894, died in Feb 1959, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cem Terre Haute, Vigo, IN, USA.

88 F v. **Audrey Lee West** was born on 18 Dec 1895 in Seelyville, Vigo, IN, USA and died in Jan 1978.

Audrey married **Roy Clay Hawkins** on 19 Dec 1914 in , Vigo, IN, USA. Roy was born on 24 Jun 1899 in , IN, USA.

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71. WILLIAM CHARLES⁷ LATTA (James Henry⁶, William J⁵, Moses⁴, James³, John², James¹) was Latta, James¹ Latta) was born on 26 Feb 1896 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 03 May 1963 in Tennessee, USA. He married Erma Lillian Carroll, daughter of Eli Demetra Carroll and Ella Hollister, on 25 Dec 1916 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 27 May 1901 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 03 Oct 1995 in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, USA.

72. GEORGE CUTHBERT⁷ LATTA (James Henry⁶, William J⁵, Moses⁴, James³, John², James¹) was born in Dec 1887 in Graves, Kentucky, USA. He died in Feb 1963. He married (1) RUTH HIGH. Notes for George Cuthbert Latta: b. Dec 1887 near Pilot Oak, Graves Co., KY. SS Index says born Dec. 11, 1888 and died Feb. 1963. He married Ruth High, daughter of James High.

73. BENJAMIN ABLIN⁷ TAYLOR (Maggie⁶ Latta, Moses⁵ Latta, Moses⁴ Latta, James³ Latta, John² Latta, James¹ Latta) was born on 04 Jul 1890. He married (1) EXIE WARREN.

74. WILLIE MAUDE⁷ TAYLOR (Maggie⁶ Latta, Moses⁵ Latta, Moses⁴ Latta, James³ Latta, John² Latta, James¹ Latta) was born in Jun 1891 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) CLINT WARREN. He was born in 1884 in Tennessee, USA.

75. EMMA LEE⁷ JACOBS (Etta L⁶ Latta, Moses⁵ Latta, Moses⁴ Latta, James³ Latta, John² Latta, James¹ Latta) was born on 13 Apr 1891 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 30 Jul 1932 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She married (1) MARSHALL C WALLACE, son of Ernest Wallace and Maryet, on 26 Feb 1916 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 11 Jul 1888 in Obion, Tennessee, USA. She married (2) CAMPBELL GRAVES on 06 Oct 1907 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He was born in 1890 in Tennessee, USA.

76. ZEB ODEN⁷ JACOBS (Etta L⁶ Latta, Moses⁵ Latta, Moses⁴ Latta, James³ Latta, John² Latta, James¹ Latta) was born on 30 Oct 1892 in Spring Hill, Maury, Tennessee, USA. He died on 18 Aug 1958 in Finley, Dyer, Tennessee, USA. He married Bessie Spry on 29 Aug 1911 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 17 Feb 1895 in Tigrett, Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She died on 07 Jun 1970 in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, USA.

77. JAMISON CARRIDINE⁷ JACOBS (Etta L⁶ Latta, Moses⁵ Latta, Moses⁴ Latta, James³ Latta, John² Latta, James¹ Latta) was born on 26 Feb 1896 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 03 May 1963 in Tennessee, USA. He married Erma Lillian Carroll, daughter of Eli Demetra Carroll and Ella Hollister, on 25 Dec 1916 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 27 May 1901 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 03 Oct 1995 in Dyersburg, Dyer, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Jamison Carridine Jacobs: Jamison was born the son of William T Jacobs and Etta Latta in Williamson Co TN (Middle Tennessee) 1897. He moved with his father's family and grandparents to Trimble, Dyer Co TN (western Tennessee) about 1902. They were raised on a farm. He married Erma L Carroll in 1916 at age 19. They continued to work the farm with his father. Big Daddy as we called him was a pleasant outgoing person who was a farmer that worked his father's farm as a share cropper in Trimble where he raised his family.

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The cash crop was cotton and corn was raised to feed the work horses, mules and cattle. They also raised pigs and chickens mostly for their own consumption. The stock market crash of October, 1929 is usually considered the start of that decade of hardship known as the Great Depression. In Tennessee, however, the hard times had started earlier, particularly for farmers. World War I had raised agricultural prices and brought flush times, but with the coming of peace the export markets dried up and prices plummeted. Added to stagnant farm markets was the longest and most devastating drought on record. Low returns on farming drove many of the poorest class of farmers completely off the land, as the old system of tenancy, landlord stores, and scrip money began to collapse. He also worked as a barge hand on the Mississippi River during his earlier years. He worked in the Dyersburg Cotton Mill and operated a septic pumping business. He supplemented the family larder by hunting and fishing. He was prone to drink; forgoing it in his later life. He enjoyed gardening and going down to the store where everyone hung out; he played checkers, swapped tales and pocket knives.

Excerpt of OBIT... Dyersburg State Gazette Mr. Jacobs a well known and esteemed resident of the Finley community and active in community affairs is survived by his wife Mrs. Lillian Carroll Jacobs; two daughters, Mrs. Melba Dean of McCrory, Arkansas and Mrs. Marguerite Taylor of Gary, Indiana; three sons, William Jacobs of Saulk Village, Ray Jacobs of Saulk Village and Cary Jacobs of Hammond, Indiana and twenty grandchildren.

78. ROSS A7 JACOBS (Etta L6 Latta, Moses5 Latta, Moses4 Latta, James3 Latta, John2 Latta, James1 Latta) was born on 08 Feb 1903 in Williamson, Tennessee, USA. He died on 11 May 1958 in Dyer, Tennessee, USA. He married Lucille Glasgow on 15 May 1924 in Gibson. She was born on 17 Feb 1906 in Tennessee, USA.



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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. Maybe you can help. I have a coin that is W. C. Latta's. It is pictured on the preceding page. He was a member of the Canadian Coin Club started in 1957. This coin has 1957-1967 on it. I tried looking it up can't find anything. Who might be interested and do we know who W. C. Latta is? Marilyn Macneall, Branch 13, mgeo@cogeco.ca.

2. I also have this coin, which is derived from a descendant from Branch 13. This family line was active in Saskatchewan, Canada but hailed from Hastings Township, Ontario. This is the Branch that Keith Latta and George Latta are from although I have not heard from them in some time. His name was Wilfred Goven Latta Family Group 241. Kathy Latta, Branch 16 Captain, lattakj@telusplanet.net.

3. The editor will reproduce the letter of Wilfred Goven Latta dated February 13, 1980 on the next page.

4. I found some information that I had so, I feel you may find it interesting.

Ernest's parents were: William T. Latta born Feb. 1836, marriage Sept. 30, 1858, death Feb. 5, 1914. His Father was born in Pa, Mother was born in Ky. No names or dates on them. Ernest's mother was Sara Jane Armstrong born 1842 Jennings County, Ind., died Jan. 28, 1924, White County, Ind.

Ernest had a heart attack while working at the Lahr hotel in Lafayette, Ind. at the age of 62. He died in 1943, listed as his children were Rosemary, Wilma, Kenneth, and Richard, Lafayette, and Mrs. Lucille Stockdale, Monon, two brothers: Oscar Michigan; the other brother wasn't listed, Mrs. Minnie Stark, and Mrs. Mary Sigman, both of Lafayette; Mrs. Bertha Wampsher, Monticello and Mrs. Pearl Dye, Delphi. Nothing about where Ernest was buried or if there was a family plot for him. He died on or around Feb. 28th, 1943. Elenora G. Robbins was Ernest's second wife and my Grandmother. Apparently, she had had a heart attack and passed away in Feb. (?) 1965. She was married to William Robbins in 1955, in Hutchinson, Ks. She had 2 brothers, Floyd Sigman of Lafayette, Ind. and John of Hillsdale, Ks. She was buried in Hillsdale. I do hope this helps you out with where my family members are as I am still having some problems in locating exactly where the Latta's are buried and if there are more that I don't know of for my family tree. Please let me know if this is of any help to you. Donna Casey, donnac961@gmail.com

5. Donna, I did some research on Ancestry.com for you. It appears that Arthur Ernest Latta sometimes used Ernest Arthur Latta. The same names will have the same birth dates in records. In 1918 Arthur Ernest Latta registered for the draft. He said his wife was Gertrude, and he was born 17 June 1880 in Indiana. In draft records for 1942 his name was Ernest Arthur Latta, born 17 June 1880 in Indiana, but no wife's name. In the 1900 U. S. Census of White County, Indiana, Ernest Latta age 19 lived with John and Mary Sigman as an employee. In the Census of 1910 Ernest A. Latta lived in White County, IN with wife Gertrude, daughter Lucille age 4, and son Richard age 1. Marriage records on Ancestry.com list a marriage in White Co. IN on 14 Dec. 1905 between Arthur E. Latta and Gertrude Sines, born 18 Aug. 1888. In the 1920 Census of White County, IN all 4 from 1910 were living together. But in the 1930 Census of White Co. IN Ernest Latta lived in Wolcott, White County, IN with wife Eleanor age 25, son Richard age 21, and Wilma, daughter, age 1 and 5 twelfths. Then in the 1940 U. S. Census of Indianapolis IN, Kenneth Latta, age 9, born in IN, in 1935 lived in rural White Co. IN, but in 1940 lived in the Lutheran Orphan's Home. You mentioned that Kenneth was your father. I also note that on Ancestry.com that Kenneth Latta, born 31 May 1930, died 5 Feb. 1982 in CA. Thank you, Ken Mueller, Branch 1 Captain.

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LATTA

MOTTO: "WHILE I LIVE I FLOURISH"

Copy of the Latta Coat of Arms, given to a man named Latta, by King Richard 1st, who made him a Baron for his services in the third crusade, 1190. He was a Scotsman.

Sir Walter Scott, said, that all Scotsmen of the same name are related, and belong to the same Clan.

All line 13 of the Latta family are of Scotch descent.

near Rocanville. I do not know the particulars of Evelyn Latta but think she is likely a (8) generation Latta, daughter of Harold J (7), Leslie F (7) or Elmer C(7) who were all born at Welwyn, Sask., - I have lost contact with this family but hope to get information of their whereabouts etc. this summer.

My Great Great Grandfather Wm (1) was born at Donegal or Londonderry, Ireland. My father(5) was born in Ont. and homesteaded at Govan, Sask. (which is my middle name) in 1905. Our son, Richard Gordon (7) is in the RC.M.P. presently Stf/Sgt. in charge of Terrace, B.C.

Our Grand-daughter Sandra went to University in Victoria last year and during the summer holidays worked at Ethard Gardens in Victoria.

I would appreciate hearing more from you regarding your parents & Grand parents also Brothers & Sisters.

My cousin Clare Latta in Oshawa, Ont., with whom you have been corresponding knows, and has much more information of the whereabouts of the Latta's than I have.

I will be looking forward to hearing more from you in the near future.

Sincerely

Wilfred Govan Latta.

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Dear Mrs Wardfop:

Was pleased to get your letter to-day. The Evelyn Latta that your brother visit in Rocanville some years ago was likely a descendant of Wm. Nelson Latta (5) generation Canadian Farmer. I met him in 1953 when he was 92. His one son, Wm. Albert was born at Welwyn, Sask. a town

6. Latta, Branch #5

1. (1) E. Latta born abt 1718 in Ireland (first name could be Eben or Ephraim)
- (2) Eben Latta, b 1744, Ireland
- (2) Jane Latta, b 1747, Ireland
- (2) Mary Latta, b 1749
- (2) Margaret Latta, b 1751, Ireland

* (2) John Latta, b 22 Oct 1754 near Hastrough, Donegal, Ireland, d 23 Nov 1802, Westmoreland, PA m. abt 1781, Mary Rankin, daug of Samuel Rankin & Jennie Edmonston

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*(2) John Latta & Mary Ranking's children are:

(3) Ginney Latta, b 1783, Ireland

(3) Peggy Latta, b 15 Aug 1785, Ireland, d USA. Peggy came to America with John Hart as her guardian

(3) Ephraim/Ephom Latta, b 1787, Ireland d bef 1792, age abt 4

(3) John Latta, b 1789, Ireland, d bef 1796, age abt 6

* (3) Ephraim/Ephom Latta, b 1792, America, m. Mary Thompson of PA, b 1774

* (3) Polly Latta, b 12 Nov 1793, America d bef 1802, America

(3) John Latta, 15 April 1796, Lancaster Co, PA, d 2 Dec 1872, Dyersburg,
Dyer, TN, m. Lucinda Ellen Gilchrist, b 22 Apr 1793, Dauphin Co, PA,
d 28 Oct 1874, Dyersburg, Dyer, TN

* (3) Jenny/Jenne Latta, b 27 May 1796, Lancaster Co, PA, 42 days after her twin, John.

Jenny and John were appointed guardians at the March term of the Orphans' Court in Westmoreland Co.,
The guardians were Col. Alexander Craig, John Hart, and Nicholas Day.

Someone at sometime questioned the siblings of John Latta and the report was: "His siblings do not know
anything of the history of him or his wife or of his other children except John (3) and that one of the girls
married a man named Rankin perhaps in Indiana or in Westmoreland Co., PA, She left one daughter who
died at an early age in New Alexandria, PA."

- ☐ **Does any one have information on Ephraim/Ephom, Peggy, Polly,
And/or Jenny?** Margaret Hundertmark, Branch 5 Captain, mjc-mark@c-mark.us.

7. Hello Latta Genealogists. My grandfather was Lloyd Everett Latta, (#29 of Branch 27). After he retired, he corresponded with Robert H. Latta to fill in details of Branch 27. I have a folio of his letters and papers and have gleaned information from them for the construction of my connection to the Latta family tree. It was been a several months since I did any active work on the Latta line, but am getting back to it. I have collected some information that will expand the information that Robert H. Latta left to us.

Anyway, I see that there is no branch captain for Branch 27 / 47 and I am willing to volunteer to serve in that capacity. Yours, David Hart, dlhart9491@gmail.com.

8. That would be wonderful. Whatever additions that you might have to the branch, please send to Ken to publish in the Newsletter and then we can put them on the website. Sue Cox, Branch Captain Coordinator.

9. Hi all! The Latta Genealogy Society created a Facebook page. We felt this would be a good tool for bringing Latta family and researchers together. I have been maintaining the LGS page since its creation. We have many followers but little activity. It would be nice to see the page become more active with postings, inquiries and the addition of photos. I think the Facebook page could be a valuable resource page for us. The LGS is also still looking to fill the role of Vice President of Communication. I held this role until assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer. VP of Communication is not a time-consuming position. The primary role would be maintaining the Facebook page. If we close down the Listserv page and turn our attention to Facebook or elsewhere, we could really use a volunteer to take on the role. If anyone would be interested or has a suggestion for someone who might, please contact Ken, me, or any of the board. We could surely use the help! Thanks, Randy Phillips, Treasurer and Branch 4 Captain, parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

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