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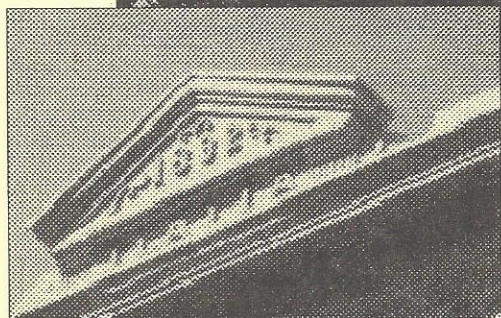
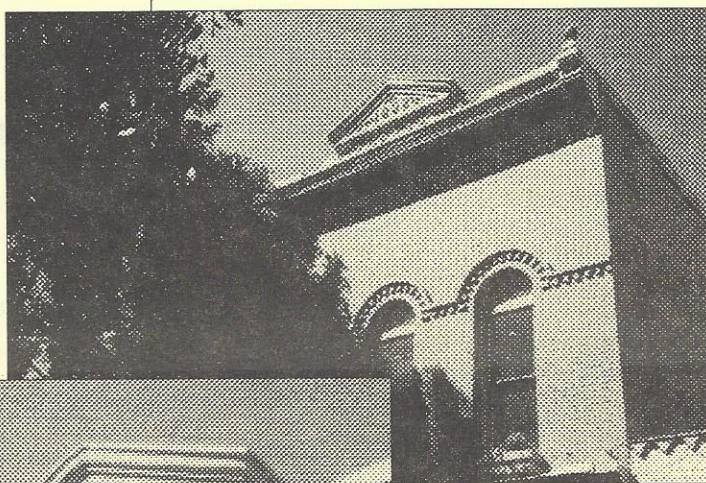
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Branch 23

Tom Latta was boomtown saloonkeeper

Leadville was Colorado's second largest city in 1879, when prospectors crossed the Continental Divide and discovered one of the richest silver lodes the world has ever known. They named their mining camp Ute City, but by spring the name had been changed to Aspen.



Tom Latta's Aspen, CO, saloon, built in 1892, with the date and the owners name (inset) visible atop.

By 1890 Aspen's silver production exceeded Leadville's, making Aspen the nation's largest single producer. Just three years later Aspen's twelve

thousand residents had six newspapers, four schools, three banks, electric lights, a modern hospital, two theaters, an opera house, and a very small brothel district.

It was in this mining-town heyday that Thomas Latta opened his saloon called the "New Brick" in a building he constructed in 1892. Latta's name appears on the façade atop the building and also inlaid in tile inside the entrance. The customers soon gave the saloon a nickname—The Red Onion—something unusual, the likes of which could be found nowhere else on earth.

The nickname stuck, and Tom Latta's

saloon lives on, the only one of Aspen's mining-day saloons still operating in its original location.

Aspen's fortunes fell with the return to the gold standard in 1893. Ironically, one of the largest nuggets of native silver ever found was mined in Aspen in 1894, weighing over a ton. With a diminished commercial market for silver, Aspen survived as a rural county seat and ranching center as mining declined in importance.

Just 700 people lived in Aspen in 1935 when plans were first made for a ski resort. In 1947 Aspen Mountain opened with the world's longest ski lift. The following year Aspen became the first U.S. ski resort to host an international competition, and its reputation has continued to flourish ever since.

Subsequent owners of The Red Onion—as the establishment is called still today—have restored the charm and ambiance of Tom Latta's saloon, and it continues to be a favorite dining and drinking spot for fun-lovers in Aspen.

Sam McCray of Dayton OH originally sent us a query about the building's origins. Both Sue Cox of Salem WV and William S. Latta of Santa Barbara CA have since

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Editorial**Full steam ahead**

Difficult though it is to believe, our newsletter has now concluded its second year of publication, and Latta researchers are still turning up left and right.

Each week brings new requests for trial copies of our publication, and more updates and additions and photos and queries and articles and discoveries and the tide shows no sign of turning.

You have all been most kind and lavish in your praise of *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter*, for which we continue to be grateful. It is on such nectar that we thrive.

In the coming months you will see more information on our website, perhaps downloadable files and searchable databases and miraculous bells and whistles as yet unimagined. If, that is, we can find the time to do all that and respond to the requests for trial copies, and process the updates, and tabulate the additions and file the photos and post the queries and ooh-and-ahh over the discoveries and....

Volunteer needed

Soon the Index to Lattas and the Index to In-laws will be converted from text files to Microsoft Access databases, and these in turn will be made available on the web page.

Many researchers have already sent in corrections to be made to the indices, and these will need to be entered by a volunteer after the databases are created. Then as new names are added and further corrections sent in, the volunteer will maintain the databases. With their other duties neither George nor Paul will be able to take on this chore.

Here's where you come in—if you have e-mail capability and use MS Access (or can import and export databases in Access-compatible format) we need you to step forward and take over this project. You would be responsible for maintaining the two databases, and approximately once a month (or so) sending the current versions of the databases to Paul for inclusion in the web page.

Your Latta family needs YOU!

The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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We stand corrected

Eagle-eyed Marilyn Holt of the Western PA Genealogical Society wrote to point out that the article in Issue 5 titled *A Latta Civil War Saga* should have been titled *A Latta Revolutionary War Saga*.

John Latty was at the Battle of Cowpens, which took place on 17 Jan 1781. Marilyn suggests *History of South Carolina in the Revolution* by Edward McCrady as a good reference for anyone who would like to pursue the history.

Your editor humbly apologizes for the error, and lamely offers the excuse that he was not a history major.

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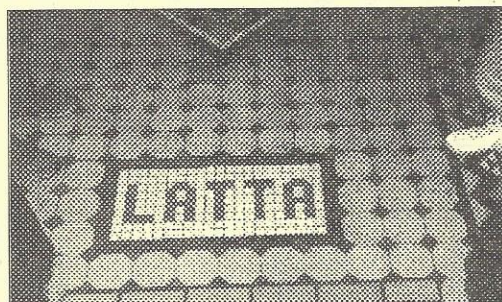
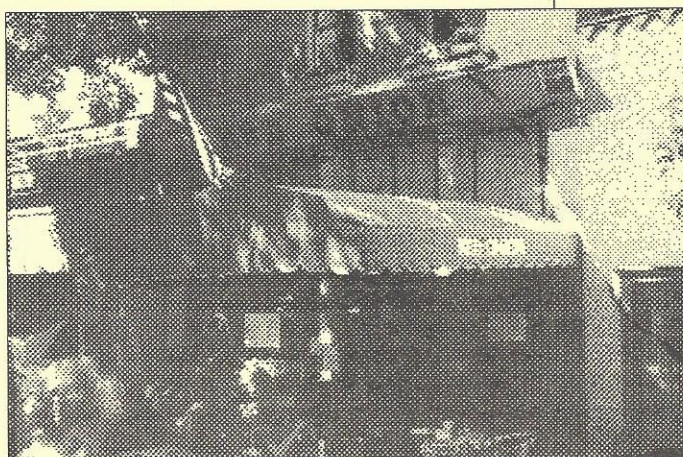
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provided information about Tom Latta and his Red Onion Saloon.

Thomas Latta, 49, occupation saloonkeeper, his wife Laura, 40, and a stepdaughter Grace, 16, are enumerated in the 1900 Federal Census of Pitkin Co, CO, at 313 East Hopkins St, Aspen. Thomas was born in Pennsylvania and his parents in Scotland. Laura was born in England, as were her parents, and Grace was born in Kansas.

If you can add to the saga—what became of Laura and Grace?—what did Thomas do after he sold The Red Onion?—when and where did he meet his end?—let us know, and perhaps we can write another chapter in the story of boomtown entrepreneur Tom Latta.



Branch 23 is a short branch.

1 Colin (1) Latta lived Scotland, married Mary Muir and Janet Bauch.

2 Thomas (2). Coal miner, married Margaret Kiddie

4 Colin (3) 1822-1852 Killed in coal mine, Luzerne Co, PA, married Janet MacGregor

22 Thomas (4) born 1846, died 1847

7 Alexander (4) Born PA in 1849, married Jane Robertson, lived Inkerman, PA

38 Jessie (5) born 1879

39 May (5) born 1880, died 1880

24 Thomas (4) born 2 Dec 1850. In 1906 he lived at Glenwood CO and was single
[divorced? widowed?—ed.]

25 Colin (4) born 1853, died 1854

14 Robert (3) 1823-1850

5 Thomas (3) 1826-ca1876. Married Elizabeth Simpson

26 Thomas (4) born 1851

15 Janet (3) Twin to Thomas, born 1826, married Robert Simpson

16 Mary (3)

17 Margaret (3) Married John Atkins, died 1887 in New Zealand

18 George (3) Twin to John, went to Melbourne, Australia

6 John (3) Married Mary Lang, lived in New Zealand.

36 Thomas (4) born ca 1866

37 Daughter (4)

19 David (3)

3 John (2)

8 Hugh (2)

9 Colin (2)

10 Janet (2)

11 Helen (2)

12 Sophia (2)

13 Elizabeth (2)

11/24/97
Bill Latta
w Latta 9mci
world.com
Said he died in
Glenwood Springs
Co. alone & is
buried there.
11/20/97
J Goleago Jwebtune
Said
Tom's parents
were Alexander Latta
miner Jenkins Township
Schuykill Co, PA
Son of Colin &
Jeanette MacGregor
Latta natives of
Scotland.
2 sons) Alexander
) Tom (Red Onion)

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PERSONAL DATA				NATIVITY		CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION		EDUCATION		HOME	
NAME	Relationship	BIRTH DATE		PLACE OF BIRTH		Year Immigrated	Years in U. S.	Persons in Family	Months not Employed	Can Read	Can Write	Can Speak English	Owned House or Flats
		Month	Year	Male	Female								
COLORADO, ADAMS COUNTY													
Latta, Robert A.	Head	M	Nov 1852	48 M	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seale A.	Wife	F	Nov 1862	37 M	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keith M.	Daughter	F	Jun 1892	7 S									
COLORADO, ADAMS COUNTY													
Latta, William	Head	M	Apr 1850	50 M	18	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Anna	Wife	F	Dec 1866	33 M	18	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nellie	Daughter	F	Jun 1884	15 S									
Catherine	Daughter	F	Sep 1889	16 S									
Wallace	Son	M	Apr 1893	7 S									
Willie	Son	M	Aug 1898	1 S									
COLORADO, GARFIELD COUNTY													
Latta, Margaret	Sis	F	Mar 1860	40 M	0	3	Widow	1	1	1	1	1	1
(Listed in home of brother, Thomas Latta)													
COLORADO, EL PASO COUNTY													
Latta, Anna N.	Head	F	Jun 1856	33 M	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reginald A.	Son	M	Feb 1887	13 S									
Harry E.	Son	M	Jan 1892	8 S									
Theresa C.	Son	M	Oct 1894	4 S									
COLORADO, EL PASO COUNTY													
Latta, R. A.	Head	M	Mar 1876	64 M	43	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mary A.	Wife	F	May 1876	66 M	43	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ernest	Daughter	F	Jun 1895	24 M	3	3							
Ernest	Daughter	F	Jul 1895	24 M	3	3							
Knight, Carrie	Daughter	F	Jan 1892	18 S									
Knight, William	Son	M	Jan 1892	18 S									
Latta, M. R.	Son	M	Apr 1863	37 S									
Ksne, J. T.	Daughter	F	May 1863	37 S									
COLORADO, PITKIN COUNTY													
Latta, Thomas	Head	M	Dec 1850	49 M	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Laura	Wife	F	Jan 1860	40 M	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grace	Daughter	F	Aug 1881	16 S									
CONNECTICUT, NEW HAVEN COUNTY													
Latta, Mary	Head	F	Oct 1874	25 M	3	3							
Lucia	Daughter	F	Oct 1896	1 S									
Edith	Daughter	F	Jan 1898	2 S									
Robert	Son	M	Mar 1900	2 S									
(Mary Latta is shown as boarder in home of Fred Northrop, children are presumed to be hers.)													

ABBREVIATIONS: Stuart's Daughter, Belfast, Ireland, Sect. Cent. Land, England; Ed. J. Editor Daily Paper, Exeter Housekeeper, Belfast; Sal. Keeper, Det. Germany, Land: Canada

The articles on this page are reprinted exactly as they appeared in The Latta Family Newsletter.
Our thanks to Danny R. Latta and the late John W. Latta, Jr.

Branch 1

James T. Latta update

by Ken Mueller

In the autumn 1997 edition of *The Latta Genealogy Newsletter*, page 6, Corrine Afton asks who is James Latta, the itinerant preacher. James Latta was my wife Karen's ancestor, born 13 Nov 1796 in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, died 14 Feb 1855 in Perry Township, Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana.

James Latta was married three times: (1) 17 April 1821 in Champaign County, Ohio, to Elizabeth Seegar (born 23 Aug 1800 in New Jersey, died 27 March 1839 in Noble County, Indiana). (2) 12 June 1839 to Frances S. Goode (born 1801, died 26 June 1840 in the Haw Patch, Noble County, Indiana). (3) 18 Jan 1842 to Eliza Jane Reeder (born 1810 in Ohio, died in Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana). As far as I know, only the first marriage produced children.

For sources, I use *The [Robert H.-ed.] Latta Collection*, 1940, Rare Book Room. U.S. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. See Volume 1, Branch 1, starting with page 1. Copy seen by me in 1987. I also cite as a source on Latta family history Alvord's *History of Noble County, Indiana*, by Samuel E. Alvord, 1902, B. F. Bowen Publisher, Logansport, Indiana. Pages 354 and 355 are quoted below

JAMES T. LATTA

A respected farmer at Ligonier, Noble County, Ind., was born September 23, 1858, in Olmstead County, Minn. His parents were R. S. Latta and Mary (Tumbleson) Latta, who were joined in marriage December 12, 1848.

The father was born November 12, 1826 in Illinois, and died February 13, 1900. His wife was a native of Ohio. To their union was born eight children. One died in infancy, while seven grew to maturity, six of whom are still living. For several years after his marriage R. S. Latta was engaged in the work of the ministry, his labors taking him to LaPorte, Jay and Noble counties. His labors in the cause of religion were quite successful, being productive of much good in the communities in which he served. Later he moved to Minnesota, locating in Olmstead County, but returned to Noble County, Ind., in 1860. Here he settled on a farm two and one-half miles north and west of Ligonier.

James Latta, the paternal grandfather of James T., was the first minister of the gospel in Ligonier. He was also an associate judge of the court of Noble County, and signed the first death warrant in that county. His maternal grandfather, James Tumbleson, lived to the remarkable age of ninety-eight years. He had been a noted hunter, and once, to win a prize of twenty-five bushels of corn, he killed two hundred and fifty squirrels in one day. He killed sixty-one deer in one autumn on the "Haw Patch" and he is said to have killed his first deer at the early age of twelve years while yet a resident of Westmoreland County, Penn., where he was born April 26, 1798.

James T. Latta depended for his education almost entirely upon the common schools of Perry Township, Noble County, continuing his studies until he was twenty years of age. He then taught school for four terms, one term of which was after his marriage. On April 21, 1880, James T. Latta was married to Abigail Simpson, who was born September 11, 1862. She is a daughter and only child of Jonas and Estella (Case) Simpson, the former a native of Elkhart County, Ind., and the latter of Vermont. The marriage of the subject and his wife resulted in the birth of three children, viz.: Zuila E., born March 18, 1881, became the wife of Willard Slabaugh, who resides on a farm near his father; Thurlow R., born July 2, 1883; and Orta L., born January 4, 1895. After his marriage Mr. Latta settled on the farm where he yet resides.

Politically Mr. Latta has been a staunch and earnest advocate of the Republican Party, and in a political campaign is always found in the heat of the conflict, doing his share towards upholding the principles of his party. That his labors have been appreciated is evidenced by his selection in 1890 as census enumerator of Perry Township. In the spring of 1896 he was appointed deputy assessor, and performed the duties so efficiently

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More Eden burials

Lawrence Sullivan of Glasgow KY sent in these additional inscriptions which he copied many years ago at the Eden Cemetery, just west of Topeka IN:

Rev. James Latta, d. 14 December 1855 (59 y, 1 m, 1 d)

William J. Latta [son], d. 1 April 1851 (25 y, 2 m)

James J. Latta [son], d. 15 April 1849 (in 17th year)

Jabez E. Latta [son; date and age undecipherable, but Latta genealogy shows 1836-1874]

Elizabeth Latta [wife #1; stone broken and unreadable, but Latta genealogy shows 1800-1838]

Francis S. [wife #2], d. August (?) 1840 [Latta genealogy shows only that she died "a short time after" her marriage to James Latta in 1839]

Ancestor news from Scotland

Reader Alex Latto writes that he is interested in information on those who emigrated from Scotland in the 1600's and 1700's to Northern Ireland and eventually to the USA. His plans include visiting Belfast and Londonderry to follow up on some details he has uncovered. He would like to hear from other readers who are working on this area.

Alex was fortunate to win a genealogy search as a prize in a contest, and reports that this took his ancestry back to 1750, confirming much that he knew, and disproving one connection while confirming another. Although Alex is a Latto, his great-grandfather's brothers were Latta, as were earlier kin. "Latto" seems to have been peculiar to the county of Fife in Scotland, and more generally to the east of Scotland as they spread to places like Dundee and Aberdeen.

According to Alex's research the Latta/Lata people came from the LAWTIE families of Edinburgh and that area. One went to Cullen in Banffshire to be choirmaster of the large church there. A few Lawties remain in Banffshire, but elsewhere the name has disappeared. In his younger days, Alex was known as "Eck Lawtie," showing that though the spelling may have changed the pronunciation has endured through the centuries.

Many have contended that the Latta ancestors came from a place called Laithis in Ayrshire, but Alex disagrees. He has come across Lawties in Fife in the 1500's and the earliest was a reference to John Lauty in a deed recorded in the year 1397.

"Lawtie" or "Lata" in old Scots meant "honest" or "trustworthy" and may have started as a "by-name" as the Scots would say, a name tagged on after the surname to describe the bearer. Alex cites the example from the records of Coupar Angus Abbey (northeast of Perth, Scotland) where land was leased by the abbey to "Johne Wilsone alias Lawtie." This would be the equivalent of calling him "Honest John Wilson." Less than a century later this may have been shortened

to "John Lawtie."

Write: Alex Latto, 3 Ochilview, Alva, Clackmannanshire, FK12 5EU, Scotland.

[Postage from the US to Scotland is sixty cents for the first half ounce and forty cents for each additional half ounce.—ed.]

Branch 12, family 2

Sketch of James Latta

Jerry C. Gordon submitted the following excerpt from *Sketch of Lineal Descendants of Samuel Wilson, Sr.* by Mrs. J.B. Eaves, page 108:

James Latta, as were so many of the settlers of this section, was of Irish extraction. He came from Ireland after the Revolutionary War, in 1790, and settled between Hopewell and Catawba River. In 1795 he married his second wife, Jane Knox. To them were born three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary and Nancy. They were remembered as not only very beautiful but very estimable ladies.

Nancy married Maj. Rufus Reed of Iredell County. Elizabeth married Benjamin Wilson Davidson, an account of whose family has been given elsewhere. Mary was the second wife of James Torrance and they had two children—Dr. William Torrance and Jane Torrance. Dr. William Torrance died young. Jane married Dr. W.S.M. Davidson. They lived on the "Billy" Wilson place near the Robert Wilson home. Billy and Robert were sons of Samuel Wilson, Sr. and were unusually attached as brothers. Dr. Davidson was a grandson of Samuel Wilson, Sr. He had only one son James who died when quite a young man.

Mr. Latta was a very rich man, but not a miser. He died in the year 1837.

'J'ever wonder?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?

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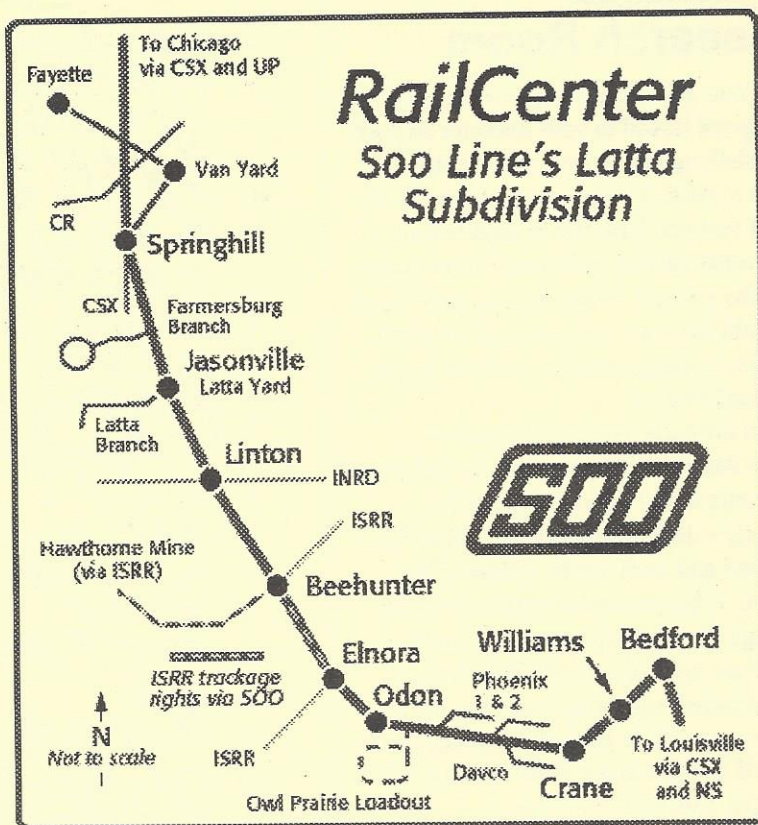
Can you track this Latta?

This railroad line is located between Terre Haute and Bedford, IN, and is known as the "Latta Sub-division." There is a "Latta Yard" and a "Latta Branch" in Jasonville.

Do you know the identity of the railroader for whom these elements were named? Is/was he a member of your Latta Branch?

If you know or can determine the identity of this Latta, why not write up a biography and send it in for publication?

How about you railroad hobbyists? Here's a chance to combine railroading and genealogy!



Source: <http://www.railcenter.com/bkyard/latta>

Branch 7, family 11

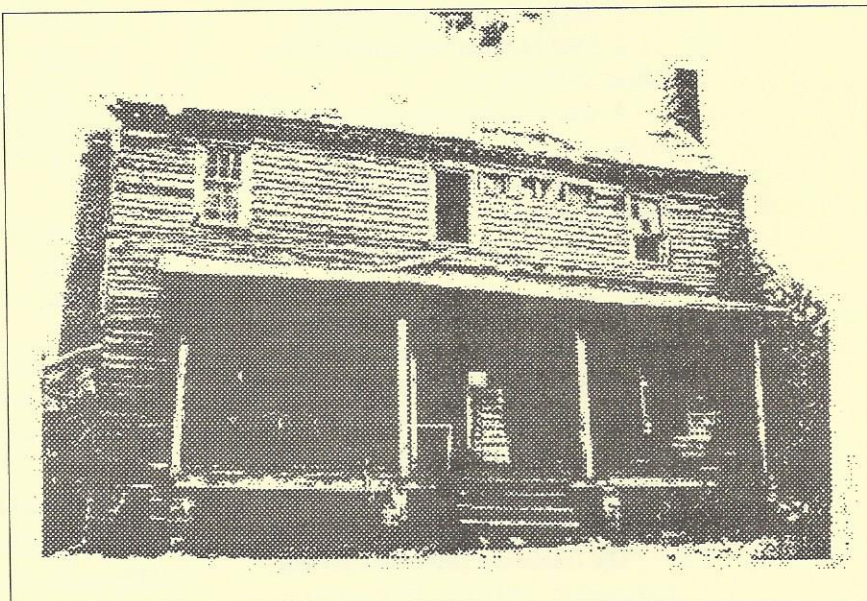
Latta Family House

The earliest family associated with this two-story tall, early nineteenth century dwelling is the Latta family. Descendants believe that Henderson Latta (b. 1812), who was living in the area by the taking of the 1850 census, was an early occupant, though whether he built the house is not known. In 1908 his son, G. Simpson Latta, sold the house to Lucy O'Brient, who transferred it four years later to A. O'Brient. Large local landowner G. B. Watkins purchased it in 1935 from O'Brient's widow, Susie, and it remains in his family.

Although greatly deteriorated, the once fine dwelling is one of the earliest surviving center-hall plan structures in the county. Its exterior retains part of its modillion block cornice and a gable end, double-shoulder Flemish bond chimney.

Where its weatherboards have peeled away, its mortise and tenon frame is visible. Inside, it is divided by a center hallway with a boxed stair. Heavily vandalized, it retains suggestions of its Georgian and Federal finish, including a bit of flush-sheathed wainscoting in the hall and a few raised six-panel doors and three-part surrounds.

Source: *Heritage & Homesteads*, 1988. (Granville Co, NC)



Marion Latta Fawl

Research Room

You now have a copy of the original land grant issued to your ancestor in your own shaking hands, and expectantly begin to read. You soon find letters in the script that you have never seen before and words spelled differently from those of today's world. After shaking your head and rubbing your eyes, you tell yourself that the language written on these pages is indeed English.

In the early years of this nation, words were spelled phonetically and then according to the notion of the writer. Webster's desk dictionary had yet to be invented and each writer followed the custom of his particular region or family heritage. Even today, common American words are spelled very differently in other English speaking countries, so the modern American English language can't be used as a guideline when reading text from the 18th or 19th century.

Approach To Translating

1. Don't start by going word for word.
2. Skim through the document.
3. Find familiar and recognizable names and phrases.
4. Identify character styles for this writer.
5. Translate easy stuff -leave blanks where necessary.
6. Go back and try to fill in the blanks.
7. Ask for help. There may be someone in your local genealogical society who is experienced in this area. The Family History Center in Salt Lake City has a department that will do this work for you, but then you won't have the fun of doing it yourself.

The following guidelines for late 18th century and early 19th century script are based on editorial conclusions from the 1800 census and should not be taken as definitive statements on early penmanship. This is offered as an aid and not as a cure-all for your translating woes.

A	Abert	Ad	ua
B	Bh	BB	bb
C	Cc	Cc	cc
D	Dd	Dd	dd
E	Ee	Ee	ee
F	Ff	Ff	ff
G	Gg	Gg	gg
H	Hh	Hh	hh
I	Ii	Ii	ii
J	Jj	Jj	jj
K	Kk	Kk	kk
L	Ll	Ll	ll
M	Mm	Mm	mm
N	Nn	Nn	nn
O	Oo	Oo	oo
P	Pp	Pp	pp
Q	Qq	Qq	qq
R	Rr	Rr	rr
S	Ss	Ss	ss
T	Tt	Tt	tt
U	Uu	Uu	uu
V	Vv	Vv	vv
W	Ww	Ww	ww
X	Xx	Xx	xx
Y	Yy	Yy	yy
Z	Zz	Zz	zz

BEWARE!

ss	sh	Th	th
ch	ck	ai	ea
d	t	tt	ll
dd	tt	dd	tt

Terminating g is often added.

Double consonants are often reduced to single.

Single consonants are often doubled.

excerpt from New York in 1800: An Index to the Federal Census Schedules of the State of NY, with other aids to research edited by Phillip McMullin, Provo, UT: Gendex Corp., 1971, pp. ix and x.

Marion welcomes your questions, suggestions for future columns or research tips you'd like to share. Write to her at: Marion Latta Fawl, PO Box 2002, Weaverville CA 96093-2002

You soon
find letters
in the
script that
you have
never seen
before

Queries

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LATTA Branch 28	Would like to exchange information with other descendants of Latta Branch 28 (David, Alexander, Fleming LATTA, et al.) —Glenna Kinard, 3540 Gleneagles Ct, Lithonia GA 30058-7290, (gkinard@aol.com)
LATTA Branch 45	Is there anyone researching Latta Branch #45? If so, please contact me. —Carol Latta Milner, 8402 111 th St No Apt 207, Seminole FL 33772 (CAROLMILNER@hotmail.com or HELLO117@juno.com)
LATTA TAYLOR	Seek information on John Taylor LATTA, born before 1800 in Allegheny Co, PA, s/o William LATTA and Elizabeth (Taylor) LATTA. There is a memorandum in <i>The 49 Branches of the Latta Family</i> about Elizabeth TAYLOR and William LATTA, but I do not have a copy of that memorandum. —Wilma (Latta) Chambers (Branch 30), 3006 S. Crysler, Independence MO 64052-3237
LATTA	Seeking descendants of Hamilton Paterson LATTA and his sons Samuel Cunningham LATTA and William J. LATTA. Hamilton emmigrated from Co Donegal, Ireland to Philadelphia PA in 1856. Any information appreciated. —Alex. Latta, 6104 94A-Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta CANADA T6B 0Y8 (allatta@gambit.ab.ca)
CRISS LATTA Note G	Looking for info on the siblings and their descendants of Walter Allen LATTA (1804-aft 1880), 3rd s/o James and Nancy Allen LATTA of note G. This family settled in Limestone Co, AL between 1820-1825. James held land grants in Limestone Co, AL and Madison Co, AL as early as 1816. Walter's known siblings were John, Jacob Allen, Mary and Sarah. Sarah married a John(?) CRISS between 1831-1833. John married a Danna. —Cindy Stiene, 102 Sugar Leaf Ct, Madison AL 35758 (cstiene@traveller.com)
CORNELIUS HARTGRAVES HATLEY HENDERSON LATTA LITTLE WHITWORTH	Looking for info on the descendants of Walter A. LATTA'S children excluding John Pierce (my branch). This family settled in Blount Co., AL in 1860. Children: Jacob Allen, Robert T., Martha Ann, Catherine D., Walter A., Nancy B., Mary E., Parmelia F., Sarah, James B., John Pierce. Known marriages: HARTGRAVES, HATLEY, CORNELIUS, HENDERSON, LITTLE, WHITWORTH. —Cindy Stiene, 102 Sugar Leaf Ct, Madison AL 35758 (cstiene@traveller.com)
LATTA (Br #1) POE POTTER	Margaret Jane POTTER, b 29 Aug 1771, d 24 Jan 1852 m John A. LATTA (branch 1). Seeking info re: Margaret Jane's mother, Susanna POE, and family. Susanna m Samuel POTTER and res Westmoreland Co PA. —Don McLaughlin, 1278 Jensen Ct, Delafield WI 53018-1951 (dmclaugh@execpc.com)

Where in the world?



This photo of the Latta, North Carolina, library was submitted by Colleen Latta Miller of Norman, OK. It was taken by Colleen's daughter while she was in the navy.

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Lattas in Apache Cemetery

Among the persons buried in the Apache Cemetery, Apache, Cochise Co, AZ, are Joseph Alexander Latta (1904-1974) and Ethel C. Glass Latta (1911-1983). According to Pat Bennett, there is a book available with biographical information on those buried in the Apache Cemetery.

For more information, point your browser to <http://www.futureone.com/~mzwhiz/cemetery.html>

Software review

DeedMapper worth its weight in gold

I recently purchased DeedMapper from Direct Line Software and I wish I'd done so long ago.

DeedMapper allows you to input "metes-and-bounds" property descriptions ("beginning at a walnut tree thence north 43 degrees east ninety four perches to a rock pile, thence...") and it will draw a map of the property correct to scale and oriented north-to-south.

This in itself is not so amazing, but DeedMapper allows you to superimpose your plot maps on your choice of background maps, showing such features as roads, streams, railroads or township boundaries. By so doing you can determine exactly where your ancestor's property was situated, and by spending some time looking through deed records you can determine who owned the adjoining property. In many cases the neighboring landowner turns out to be the father-in-law whose identity you've been seeking forever.

DeedMapper, especially when used in conjunction with modern topographic maps, has been an excellent research tool for me.

For more information and sample output, visit Direct Line's web page at <http://www.ultranet.com/~deeds/>

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Financial report

from 1 Sept. through 31 December 1997

PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$615.93
Receipts	
Subscription contributions	\$676.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$676.00
Expenditures	
Exchange Fees	\$ 7.83
Postage	\$210.00
Printing	\$204.00
Supplies	\$ 10.59
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$432.42
BALANCE ON HAND	\$859.51

Connections

Branches 1, 3 and 36?

With the help of some TAYLOR researchers your editor has been working on a possible connection between branches one, three, and thirty-six. Sherry Norton and Norris Taylor are researching Thomas TAYLOR (1773-1847) born PA, who married Nancy/Agnes McCLELLAND (born 1775/84 died 1848). Thomas's sister Elizabeth married William LATTA (RHL's memorandum book, page one). We believe this William LATTA may be 4 William (3) LATTA of Branch #1.

The possible connection to Branch #3 is that John TAYLOR, the apparent father of Thomas and Elizabeth, was a neighbor to 5 William (4) LATTA of Branch #3, and may be a relative of the Jane TAYLOR who married 2 William (2) LATTA of Branch #1.

In addition, it is beginning to appear more and more likely that 1 William (1) LATTA of Branch #36 and 5 William (4) LATTA of Branch #3 are the same man.

Readers who would like to join into this search for common ancestors are invited to contact Sherry at dnorton@earthlink.net and/or Norris at nmt1@ix.netcom.com.

McConnell connection to Branches 1 and 5?

Reader Dorothy Ruhmann wrote in response to Corrine Afton's article in issue five about the Lattas of Haw Patch, IN (Branch 1). Dorothy is a member of Branch 5 and a descendant of Samuel Rankin Latta. Samuel's father, John Latta (1796-1872) was married to Lucinda E. Gilchrist (1793-1874). She was the daughter of Lt. John M. Gilchrist, born ca 1755, and his wife Eleanor "Ellen" Berryhill (1769-1844).

John and Ellen Gilchrist had five children: Juliet M., who married Andrew Irwine; Lucinda, above; John A., killed in 1828 or 1829; Hannah C., who married James B. PARR; and Matilda B., died 1836, who married Thomas McCONNELL.

Dorothy goes on to note that the county history cited in issue five tells how William McCONNELL settled near the Latta family in Haw Patch with his wife and sons, James, Alexander, Thomas C., and William A, and a daughter Mary Ann.

What remains to be determined, of course, is whether the Thomas McCONNELL who married John Latta's sister-in-law is the same Thomas McCONNELL who with his parents and siblings settled in LaGrange IN in the 1830's. If so, then it would appear that the Branch 5 Lattas who were in northern Westmoreland Co PA in 1800 may have been much closer to the Branch 1 Lattas of northern Fayette Co PA than heretofore assumed.

All you Branch 1 and Branch 5 researchers, roll up your sleeves and go to work on this one.

George P. Latta**Looking for a tie between
"Family Tree Maker" and "The 51
Branches of the Latta Family" ?**

Broderbund Software Inc., Banner Blue Division
Family Tree Maker.
World Family Tree Index.
World Family Tree Volume 1 & 2.
Ver 2.0.

Tree (0000)	Branch (B-) & Family (F-)
Volume 1 or 2 (V-)	Number or Last Name.

0015, V-1.....B-12 F-28.
0071, V-2.....Latta/Donnell.(Same as 6117).
0162, V-1.....Latta/Suetterlin.
0219, V-1B-41 F-6.
0221, V-1.....Latta/Hanson.
0397, V-2.....Latta/Schweitzer.
0626, V-2.....Latta/Boyd.
0642, V-2.....Latta/Threadgill.
0737, V-1.....Latta/Bunch.
0786, V-1.....Latta/Censingier.
0795, V-1.....Latta/Allen.
0874, V-2.....Latta/Butler.
1371, V-2.....Latta/Urban.
1399, V-2.....B-5 F-1
1441, V-1.....B-6 F-59.
1461, V-2.....Latta/Brambila.
1575, V-1.....Latta/Griswold.
1703, V-2.....B-22 F-24
1724, V-2.....Latta/Dorn.
1870, V-2.....B-8 F-69
1871, V-2.....B-8 F-69
1926, V-1.....Latta/Arnett.
1979, V-2.....Latta/Smith.
2240, V-2.....Latta/Gray.
2347, V-1.....Latta/Vallis.
2354, V-2.....Latta/Atkinson.(Same as 4593).
2372, V-2.....B-3 F-1.
2393, V-1.....Latta/Fewell.
2398, V-1.....Latta/Hensley.
2459, V-1.....B-1 F-70.
2512, V-2.....Latta/Helm.
2518, V-1.....B-31 F-46&47.
2710, V-1.....B-6 F-79.
2863, V-2.....Latta/Jacques.
2894, V-1.....B-4 F-135.
2948, V-2.....B-22 F-6
2960, V-2.....Latta/Brewer.

3078, V-1.....B-15 F-1.
3085, V-1.....B-13 F-1.
3136, V-2.....Latta/Knapp.
3472, V-1.....Latta/Latchford (? B-1)(Member # 306)
3566, V-1.....Latta/Short.
3604, V-1.....B-9 F-14.
3688, V-1.....Latta/Chambers
3697, V-2.....Latta/Rankin.
3724, V-2.....Latta/Watson.
3811, V-2.....Latta/Prickett.
3842, V-2.....Latta/Francis.
3906, V-1.....Note F.
4114, V-1.....Latta/Young
4392, V-1.....Latta/Collins.
4467, V-1.....Latta/Bohling.
4593, V-2.....Latta/Atkinson.(Same as 2354).
4681, V-2.....Latta/Hopkins.
4795, V-1.....Latta/Sears.
4808, V-2.....B-9 F-12.
4808, V-1.....B-3 F-346.
4951, V-2.....B-30 F-10
5318, V-1.....B-13 F-127.
5319, V-1.....Latta/Reed.
5442, V-2.....Latta/Forester.
5500, V-1.....B-46 F-33.
5677, V-2.....Latta/Young.
5815, V-2.....Latta/Vestal.
5873, V-1.....B-15 F-1.
5938, V-1.....Latta/Smith.
6117, V-2.....Latta/Donnell.(Same as 0071).
6184, V-2.....Latta/Stedje.
6200, V-2.....Latta/Colman.

James T. Latta update

(Continued from page 5)

that four years later he was elected assessor for a further term of four years.

By a life of honest toil and preserving industry Mr. Latta has acquired a fair share of this world's goods, and, what is of more value, the respect and esteem of every one with whom he has come in contact. He and his family occupy an enviable social standing in the community in which they reside, possessing in a marked degree that happy facility of not only making friends but of keeping them.

The R. S. Latta referred to above by Alvord is Robert Seegar Latta (born 12 Nov 1826 in McLean County, Illinois, died 13 Feb 1900 in Oasis, Cherry County, Nebraska). My wife Karen is descended from James T. Latta's sister, Sarah Josephine Latta (1852-1939). If anyone would like to share information on this line of the Latta family, please E-mail me at DocHuer@aol.com