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I Have Been Searching For My Branch Forever

By: Linda Latta Carr, benlindac@gmail.com

I have been searching for my branch forever. I am enclosing what I do know of my Lattas. I am sure of all information from John James Latta, born 2 Feb. 1823, down to present. I am not sure about his parents or where they came from. I have parents listed but I have my doubts. Is there anyway that you can get this into the newsletter?

1 John B Latta

Birth: 11 Jan 1761, North Carolina
Death: 15 Sep 1827, Maury, Tennessee
Father: John Latta
Spouse: Mary Jackson
Birth: 1761
Death: 1828
Marriage: 1804

Children: John James (1823-1913)
Elizabeth
Sarah
Calvin (1812-)
Jane

Other spouses: Margaret Neeley, Elizabeth Wood

1.1 John James Latta

Birth: 2 Feb 1823, Jackson County, Georgia
Death: 25 Feb 1913
Burial: Corinth Community Cemetery

- 1860 census Ranges 8 and 9 Calhoun Alabama Post Office Com Grove Mary Latta 21 Robert K Waugh 25 Martha E Waugh 25 Wm A Waugh 6 James T Waugh 4 Lucinda C Waugh 1 JJ Latta 5 A J Latta 3

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Editorial

On Page 20, Kathy Latta presents the DNA contest that the Latta Genealogy Society is sponsoring. I would invite everyone to contact Kathy and sign up. The combination of a DNA test and accompanying documentation will greatly benefit all of us by expanding our knowledge of the Latta Family and how all of us are connected. Any non-British Lattas out there are especially encouraged to participate, see Geoffrey's article on page 13. It would be historically significant to see how Lattas from other parts of Europe are connected to those of the British Isles.

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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 Jan. 25, 2017

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Report Period: Oct. 2, 2016 through Jan. 25, 2017

Beginning balance: **\$8102.24**

Income

General Fund donations	\$940.00
Research Fund donations	\$45.00
DNA Fund donations	\$125.00
Pay Pal donations	\$229.63

Total Income: **\$1339.63**

Expenses

Hostway website fee, 4 months (14.94/mo.)	\$59.80
Newsletter Issue 59 (Ken Mueller)	\$433.37
Printer for Newsletter publication	\$313.36
Newsletter Issue 60 Advance (Ken Mueller)	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$1206.53

Ending balance as of Jan. 25, 2017: **\$8235.34**

Included in ending balance:

Funds allocated for research: \$1142.50

Funds allocated for DNA: \$359.00

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- Age 40 joined the Confederate Army, Company G, 10th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Commander W.H. Fomey. He was in battles of Chancellorsville, Salem-Church, Gettysburg, Bristow & Bull Run.
- Moved to Texas 1889 to Pruitt Community in Van Zandt County.
- 1900 census in son's household.
- After wife died he moved to Nashville, Arkansas with son & his family in 1892.
- Later moved back to Lamar County, Texas.
- Preached in Primitive Baptist Church.
- Was living with Sophronia when he died.
- He is buried next to his wife.

Find a Grave Memorial #13518552 Corinth Cemetery, Oakland, Van Zandt County, Texas.

Spouse: Mary Ann Rhodes
Birth: 1829, Georgia
Death: 1889, Texas

- Marriage certificate from Alabama.
- 1860 census Ranges 8 and 9 Calhoun Alabama Post Office Corn Grove Mary Latta 21 Robert K Waugh 25 Martha E Waugh 25 Wm A Waugh 6 James T Waugh 4 Lucinda C Waugh 1 JJ Latta 5 AJ Latta 3
- Not sure Haren Rhodes and Ura Terry are the correct parents – I have Ura about 61 when Mary was born and haven't found them in Georgia but ancestry.com trees have them as parents of Mary.
Marriage: 11 Dec 1854, Alabama.
Children:
 - James John (1855-1906)
 - Ann Judson (Jetty) (1859-)
 - Sophronia Jefferson (Fronia) (1868-1952)

1.1.1 James John Latta

Birth: 24 Jun 1855, Benton (Calhoun) County, Alabama
Death: 25 May 1906, Spring Hill, Lamar County, Texas
Burial: Corinth Community Cemetery

- died of pneumonia.
- On marriage record in Ala. State Archives he is listed as John J. Latta Jr. and she as Judy Ann Ford and it looks like B D Turner signed the record.
- 1860 Census Ranges 8 and 9 Calhoun Alabama Roll M653_4 p 388 Image 106 Robert K Waugh 25 Martha E Waugh 25 James T Waugh 4 Lucinda C Waugh 1 JJ Latta 35 Mary Latta 21 James J Latta 5 A J Latta 3

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- 1880 Census Calhoun County, Alabama FHL film 1254005 Nat'l Archives Film T9-0005 P 648C James 25 Juda A 18
- death certificate Lamar County Texas Clerk's No Consecutive 1505
- Buried in Corinth Cemetery, on CR 1244. Oldest marker 1874. Buford Alton Latta 1916-1961, Joe J. Latta 1882-1956, John J. Latta 1823 1913 and Sallie M. Latta 1889-1970 are buried there also.
- 1900 census Justice Precinct 4 Lamar Texas Roll T623_1652 P 13B Enumeration district 80 James 44 Maria 38 Joe 17 Edna 15 Emma 13 John 10 Ollie 5 Earl 3 Annie 1 John 80

Spouse: Julia Ann Ford
Birth: 10 Feb 1862, Benton County, Alabama
Death: 27 Mar 1945, Falls County, Texas
Father: Augustus Ford (1831-1906)
Mother: Mary Reidinger (1835-1909)

- 1880 Census Allens Calhoun Alabama Roll T9_5 Family History Film 1254005 P 648.3000 Enumeration District 10 James Latty 25 Juda A Latty 18
- James Latta listed 1900 Census Lamar Co Texas Vol. 70 E.D.80 Sheet 12 line 89 Julia age 38 b Feb 1862 Ala; son Joe b Dec 1882 age 17 Ala; dau Edna b Mar 1885 age 15 Ala; dau Emma age 12 b Feb 1887 Ala; son John age 10 b Oct 1889 Texas; son Ollie b Dec 1894 age 5 Texas; son Earl: age 3 b Jan 1897 Texas; dau Annie age 1 b Nov 1889 Texas; Father (of James) John age 80 b Jan 1820
- 1910 Census Justice Precinct 1 Lamar Texas Roll T624_1571 P 18A Enumeration District 71 Image 765 Julia 48 Joe 26 Ollie 15 Eila 13 Annie 11 Dennie 7 Milton 5 Eva 3

Marriage: 5 Oct 1879, Benton County, Alabama

Children: Henry E (1880-1956)
Joseph Jefferson (1882-1956)
Mary Edna (1885-)
Sophronia Emmaline (1887-1973)
John William (1889-)
Trella Peyton (1889-)
Ollie Parr (1894-)
James Earl (1897-1971)
Annie Lou (1898-1987)
Dennie Belton (1902-1984)
Milton Eli (1904-1973)
Era Essie (1906-)

1.1.1.1 Henry E Latta

Birth: 28 Oct 1880
Death: 12 Aug 1956, Grand Saline, Texas
Spouse: Sallie Haillard
Marriage: 1915

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Death: 1970
Marriage: 1915

1.1.1.2 Henry E Latta

Birth: 28 Oct 1880
Death: 12 Aug 1956, Grand Saline, Texas
Spouse: Sallie Haillard
Birth: 1889
Death: 1970
Marriage: 1915

1.1.1.2 Joseph Jefferson Latta

Birth: 10 Dec 1882
Death: 1956, Texas
Burial: Corinth Community Cemetery

- WW I Draft Registration Van Zandt, Texas FHL Roll # 1983769 draft board
- 1900 Census Precinct 4 (Fraugh Spring Hill & Faulkner) Lamar Texas Joe 17

Spouse: Sallie

1.1.1.3 Mary Edna Latta

Birth: 3 Mar 1885

1.1.1.4 Sophronia Emmaline Latta

Birth: 22 Feb 1887, Alabama
Death: 1973, Lake Charles, Louisiana

- 1900-10 Justice Precinct, Lamar, Texas
- 1900 census Justice Precinct 4 Lamar Texas Roll T623_1652 P 12B Enumeration district 80 Emma Latta [Emma Ford Latta] James 44, Maria 38 Joe 17 Edna 15 Emma 13 John 10 Ollie 5 Earl 3 Annie 1 John 80

Spouse: Lattie Washington Jones
Birth: 17 Feb 1885, Arkadelphia, Clark, Arkansas
Death: 23 Jan 1943, Claiborne, Louisiana
Father: Harden Jones (1852-1937)
Mother: Martha Lou Ellen Pennington (1849-1928)

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- 1900 Census Justice Precinct 4 Fannin, Texas Lattie Jones 14
- 1910 Census Justice Precinct 1 Lamar, Texas Roll T624_1571 P4A Enumeration District 72 Image 781 Washington Jones 24 Harden Jones 59 Martha L Jones 61 Ema Jones 23 Vesse Jones 2 Evelyn Jones 8/12
- 1920 Census Wilson, Choctaw, Oklahoma Roll T625_1456P15 B Enumeration District: 80 Image 536 Lattie W. 33 [35] Emma 32 Vessie 12 Evelyn 10 Hardin 10 Hardin 68 Martha 70
- Texas Death Index 1903 2000 Lattie W Jones d 23 Jan. 1943 Smith county, Texas Certificate 70160

Marriage: 1905

Children: Dolly Vessie (1907-1996)
Minnie Evelyn (1909-1994)
Verda Marie (1921-)

1.1.1.4.1 Dolly Vessie Jones

Birth: 19 Jun 1907, Paris, Texas
Death: 5 Dec 1996, Smith County, Texas
Burial: Mason Cemetery, Arp, Texas

- SS# 467 30 3388 Smith County, Texas
- 1920 Census Wilson, Choctaw, Oklahoma Roll T625_1456 P 15 B Enumeration District: 80 Image 536

Spouse: Noel William Taylor
Birth: 9 Oct 1899, Van Zandt County, Texas
Death: 7 Oct 1971, Arp, Smith County, Texas
Father: William (Billy) Byrd Taylor (1873-1976)
Mother: Henrietta Euretha (Tody) Akins (1879-1981)
Marriage: 10 May 1924, Haynesville, Claiborne, Louisiana

Children: Mildred Imogene (1926-)
Edith Germaine (1926-)
John Hardin (1930-)
Mary Evelyn (1932-)
Clara Elizabeth (Becky) (1934-)

1.1.1.4.2 Minnie Evelyn Jones

Birth: 1909
Death: 1994

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1.1.1.4.3. Verda Marie Jones

Birth: 1921

1.1.1.5 John William Latta

Birth: 10 Oct 1889

1.1.1.6 Trella Peyton Latta

Birth: 1 Dec 1889

1.1.1.7 Ollie Parr Latta

Birth: 22 Dec 1894

- 1900 Census Justice Precinct 4 Lamar, Texas
- WW I Draft Registration 1917-1918 Record Ollie Parr Latta b 22 Dec 1894 residence Van Zandt, Texas
- 1930 Census Brownwood, Texas Ollie P 35 Winnie D 28

Spouse: Winnie D Hise

Birth: 1898

Marriage: 24 Nov 1921

1.1.1.8 James Earl Latta

Birth: 1 Jan 1897, Paris, Texas

Death: 31 Jan 1971, Henderson, Texas

Burial: Good Springs Duncan Cemetery, Rusk County Texas

Occupation: Engineer for Ohio Oil Company

Religion: Pentecostal Church

- Texas Vital Statistics Death Certificate 205.020 State File No 51837
- SS Death Index: SSN 434 09 2520 Last residence 75652 Henderson, Rusk County, Texas
- James Latta listed 1900 Census Lamar County, Texas Vol. 70 E.D.80 Sheet 12 line 89 Julia age 38 b Feb 1862 Alabama; son Joe b Dec 1882 age 17 Alabama; dau Edna b Mar 1885 age 15 Alabama; dau Emma age 12 b Feb 1887 Alabama; son John age 10 b Oct 1889 Texas; son Ollie b Dec 1894 age 5 Texas; son Earl: age 3 b Jan 1897 Texas; dau Annie age 1 b Nov 1889 Texas; Father (of James) John age 80 b Jan 1820
- 1920 census Mississippi, Columbia, Arkansas Roll T625_59 page 10A Enumeration District 88 Image 520 James Earl 23 Zara J 22 James Earl 1 2/12

Spouse: Zora Izetta Taylor

Birth: 7 Mar 1897, Ben Wheeler, Texas

Death: 1 Sep 1976, Henderson, Texas

Father: William (Billy) Byrd Taylor (1873-1976)

Mother: Henrietta Euretha (Tody) Akins (1879-1981)

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- I remember picking flowers with her for arrangements for the church. She also played the piano at church.
- Copy of Marriage Certificate. I remember going with Daddy Earl at Christmas to buy a box of chocolate covered cherries for her anniversary. They were her favorite.
- Texas Vital Statistics Certificate of Death 4123 State File# 71005
- Funeral services 17 Sept 1976 1st Pentecostal Church in Price, Texas grandson Thomas A. Wainwright officiated.
- SS Death Index Zora Latta SSN 439 28 0030 last residence 75652 Henderson Rusk Texas b 7 Mar 1897 d Sep 1976
- SSN issued Louisiana before 1951
- 1920 Census Mississippi, Columbia, Arkansas Zara J Latta 22 James Earl 23 James Earl 1 2/12

Marriage: 23 Dec 1917, Van Zandt County, Texas

Children: James Earl Jr. (1918-1992)
William Marlon (1920-1993)
Hoyle Alton (1922-2008)
Sylva Izetta (1925-1982)
Baby (1930-)
Darriel Thomas (1933-1937)

1.1.1.8.1 James Earl Latta Jr.

Birth: 24 Oct 1918
Death: 2 Feb 1992, Texas
Occupation: worked in oil field

Texas Death Index., 1903-2000
Good Springs Duncan Cemetery, Rusk County, Texas

- I remember seeing gunstocks that Uncle Jim had carved.
- 1920 census Mississippi, Columbia, Arkansas Roll T625_59 P 10A Enumeration District 88 image 520 James Earl Latta 23 Zara J Lata 22 James Earl Latta 1 2/12

Spouse: Helen Elaine Akins
Birth: 3 Oct 1925
Death: 18 Jan 1992
Good Springs Duncan Cemetery, Rusk County, Texas

1.1.1.8.2 William Marlon Latta

Birth: 4 Apr 1920, Emerson, Arkansas
Death: 29 Jan 1993, Heflin, Webster Parish, Louisiana

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Occupation: U.S. Air Force
Religion: Methodist

- State of Arkansas Bureau of Vital Statistics Delayed Certificate of Birth County of Columbia, Township Moss, Emerson, Arkansas. Registration Dist. No 127-5369
- Death Certificate St of Louisiana 394208
- Social Security Death Index. William M Latta SSN 437 14 8769 last residence 71039 Heflin, Webster, Louisiana born 4 Apr 1920 died 19 Jan 1993 SSN issued Louisiana before 1951

Spouse: Ruby Helen Escoval
Birth: 30 May 1925, Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Death: 3 May 1995, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana
Father: Jura Alva Escoval (1880-1960)
Mother: Zenar Tucker (1889-1972)

State of Louisiana Certificate of Birth Ward Registration #14-512X File No 771
Last address Rt. 1 Box 339, Heflin, Louisiana
Death Certificate State of Louisiana 522544

Marriage: 18 Dec 1941, Columbia, Arkansas

Children: Linda Ann (1942-)
James Marlon (1947-)

1.1.1.8.3 Hoyle Alton Latta

Birth: 3 Jan 1922, Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Death: 29 Oct 2008, Homer, Louisiana
Burial: 1 Nov 2008, Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Occupation: Manager Waller Ford Haynesville, Florida
Religion: Church of Christ

Spouse: Christine Kendrick

Children: Philp R
Samie L (1940-2012)

1.1.1.8.4a Sylva Izetta Latta*

Birth: 29 Jan 1925, Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Death: 18 May 1982, Henderson, Rusk County, Texas
Burial: Good Springs Duncan Cemetery, Rusk County, Texas

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Spouse: Albert Wainwright

Divorce: Louisiana

Children: Thomas

Other spouses: Skeeter Wheeler

1.1.1.8.4b Sylva Izetta Latta* (See above)

Spouse: Skeeter Wheeler

- Do not remember this man except for his wooden leg.
- Family stories has the Wheelers as wealthy people from Oklahoma

Children: Robert Earl

Other spouses: Albert Wainwright

1.1.1.8.5 Baby Latta

Birth: 24 Sep 1930

1.1.1.8.6 Darriel Thomas Latta

Birth: 4 Sep 1933

Death: 1937

died of diphtheria

1.1.1.9 Annie Lou Latta

Birth: 16 Nov 1898, Paris, Texas

Death: 1987, Bartley Funeral Home

Occupation: Louisiana Ordinance Plant

Education: County Teaching Certificate

Religion: Baptist

- Jones Community School under Willie Darnell
- Commuted 50 miles to Plant from Haynesville during WW II
- Belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebecca Lodge
- A Roland Latta was listed as pall bearer
- 1900 census Justice Precinct 4 Lamar, Texas Roll T623_1652 P 13B Enumeration District 80 James 44, Maria 38, Joe 17, Edna 15, Ema 13, John 10, Ollie 5, Earl 3, Annie 1 John 80 residence Precinct 4 (Fraught Spring Hill & Faulkner) Lamar, Texas

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Spouse: Harvey Y. Reeder
Father: William Reeder
Mother: Margaret Allen Garrett
Marriage: 14 Feb. 1915

Children: Lily Pauline (1917-)
Ruby Juanita (1925-)

1.1.1.9.1 Lily Pauline Reeder

Birth: July 1917
Spouse: Kirk Sherman
Children: Paula
Unknown

1.1.1.9.2 Ruby Juanita Reeder

Birth: 1 Mar. 1925, Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Spouse: Lunsford

1.1.1.10 Dennie Belton Latta

Birth: 18 Dec. 1902
Death: bef 1984, Dequincy, Calcasieu, Louisiana

- Uncle Dennie worked at the Morton Salt Mine in Grand Saline, Texas.
- SS Death Index SSN 452 09 6616 Last residence 70633 Dequincy, Calcasieu, Louisiana born 18 1902 died before 1984

1.1.1.11 Milton Eli Latta

Birth: 26 Nov. 1904
Death: 1973
Occupation: Policeman

Uncle Milton was a policeman in Dallas, Texas.

1910 census Justice Precinct 1, Lamar, Texas Roll T624_1571 p 18A Enumeration District 71 Image 765 Julia 48, Joe 26, Ollie 15, Eila 13, Annie 11, Dennie 7, Milton 5, Eva 3
1930 Census Haynesville, Claiborne, Louisiana Roll 789 p 25A, Enumeration district 5, Image 748.0 Milton 25 Verba 22 Jimma 4 1/2

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1.1.1.12 Era Essie Latta

Birth 6 Dec. 1906

When Aunt Era was 12 someone – I was told it was her Aunt – gave her some turquoise earrings. She gave them to Sylva Latta when she was 12, and Sylva gave them to Linda Latta. Linda gave them to her granddaughter Mary Searle on her 12th birthday.

1.1.2 Ann Judson (Jetty) Latta

Birth 9 March 1859, Markton, Alabama

Named for a famous missionary.

According to Dollie M. Ray, Granddaughter, there were 12 children, 4 born near Canton, Texas, the others born in Pruitt Community (Grand Saline area), Texas.

1860 Census Ranges 8 and 9, Calhoun, Alabama.

Spouse: John Ingram

Birth: 9 March 1859

1870 Census, home precinct 5, Calhoun, Alabama, M593, Roll 5.

Non-British Lattas

By: Geoffrey Latta, Secretary Historian, gwl820@hotmail.com

While most Lattas in the US trace their origins to the British Isles, there are a number of other countries where the name Latta has appeared. This article will look at the available information on these non-British Lattas. Websites such as Ancestry.com have a number of records including US census returns that show the place of birth and in some censuses the year of immigration and language of non-British Lattas. Passenger records for immigrants through Ellis Island are also a useful source and show Lattas from Italy, Finland, Hungary, Russia, Czechoslovakia (and Slovakia), Germany and Austria, in addition to those from Britain and Ireland. There are also some church birth and marriage records online from the countries of interest.

Italy

Ellis Island records recorded the places of origin of the Lattas from Italy as Rapolla, Pattado, Sassari, Cagliari, Catania, Sciacca, Tula, Giovinazzo, Litcia, Riccia, Ozieri and Ettenia. Transcriptions of place names

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were often incorrect even from English-speaking countries and from non-English frequently so. Thus it is not possible to identify all the places listed. For those that can be identified Sassari, Cagliari, Ozieri and Tula are on the island of Sardinia. There is a Pattada in Sardinia and this may be the place listed as Pattado. Catania and Sciacca are in Sicily. In the south of Italy, Rapolla is in Basilicata, Giovinazzo in Puglia and Riccia is in Molise. Litcia is most likely Liscia in Abruzzo. I could not identify Ettenia.

In U.S. Census records a number of Lattas were born in Italy. In 1940, Sam Latta in Illinois was born in Sicily. Louis Latta in Fresno, CA was born Italy as was Antonio Latta in NY. In 1930, Nick Latta age 43 was with his wife Rose (also born in Italy) and their children born in Illinois. He immigrated in 1909. Vincent Latta age 64 was born in Italy living in Brooklyn; his wife and eldest daughter were also born in Italy but the younger children in NY. He immigrated in 1912. Carmelo Latta age 50 living in Manhattan with his wife Mary also born in Italy and son born in NJ. He immigrated in 1902. In 1920, K. G. Latta age 24 was in Snow Creek, WA born Italy immigrated 1908; Frank Latta age 33 was in Fredericksburg, VA. Frank Latta age 33 with his wife Mary both born in Italy and two children born in Massachusetts was in Boston in 1920 having immigrated in 1911. Nick Latta age 25 in San Diego, CA had immigrated in 1902 and was with his wife Stella also born in Italy. Dominic Latta age 33 was in Santa Clara, CA with his wife Josephine and two children both of whom were born in California. In 1910, Rosalina Latta age 31 (male) was with his wife Kate also born in Italy in Erie, NY with children born in NY. The 1900 census shows Jeswell Latta born Italy in Avoca, Luzerne Co, PA age 28. He immigrated in 1900 and one can only speculate what his real first name might have been. Mary Latta age 28 and her sister Josephine age 18 were in Pomfret Co, NY having immigrated in 1898. Patrick Latta age 27 in Philadelphia had immigrated in 1885. Chedo Latta age 25 in Edmeston Co, NY had immigrated in 1900. In all the census records, some people recorded as Lattas do not appear to have been when one looks at the actual written entry and in others where the name is written as Latta it appears this may have been an error. For example Antonio Latta in the 1920 census in NY actually seems to have been written as Laetta although this could be the same person as in the 1940 census.

There is also a passport application for Gerardo Latta who was born April 11, 1877 in Alatri, Italy and was living in Rhode Island in 1923 when he applied. Alatri is in Frosinone province just east of Rome. Draft registrations in WW2 also had some Lattas born in Italy like Domenick Latta age 58 born October 21, 1883 and living in Scarsdale, NY. Tony Latta in Sacramento, CA was born August 26, 1887 in Palermo Sicily. Naturalization records from 1906 exist for Dominico Latta age 31 in NY; for Pietro Latta born October 31, 1889 in Salemi Italy and living in Brooklyn in 1913. Salemi is in Sicily. Pietro also was listed in the 1925 NY State census as age 35 with his wife Jennia in Brooklyn. Paolo Latta born 17 June 1856 in Castel di Sangro, Italy was living in Blair Co, PA in 1908. Castel di Sangro is in Abruzzo, Italy. Francesco Latta born January 17, 1897 in Tula (Sardinia) was living in New Britain, CT in 1913.

Ship passenger lists do not determine whether the individuals listed stayed in the US permanently but they are valuable to see where people came from if they list specific towns or regions. For example, in 1908 Giuseppe Latta arrived in NY having been born in Molise. Orazio Latta in 1908 was born in Carife in Campania. Of course the NY ship arrival records overlap with the Ellis Island records. Also ship crew were recorded thus accounting for the multiple entries for Alfredo Latta in the 1920s and 1930s. Guerrino Latta served on the Andre Doria in the 1950s.

Some Lattas from Italy show in the 1895 census in Argentina, which is no surprise as there was substantial Italian emigration to that country. A few Italian records are also on Ancestry such as the birth on November 27, 1823 of Domenico Antonio Latta the son of Michelangelo Latta. This was recorded in Liscia, Chieti, Italy. This is in Abruzzo. Giuseppa Latta daughter of Vincenzo Latta died in Castellamare di Stabia, Naples in 1895.

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The excellent site, Mappa dei cognomi in Italia, gives the current geographic distribution of surnames in Italy. This shows Lattas mainly in northern Italy in Piedmont, Lombardy, Liguria and Emilia-Romagna with a few in the Veneto and Marche. Only one small group is in the south in Campania and none show in either Sardinia or Sicily.

It should be noted that Bari has a street, Via Latta.

Spain

The 1905 NY State Census showed Aurelio Latta in Brooklyn born Spain age 46 with his wife and children all born in Cuba. Spain also shows some records for De La Latta.

Finland

Family Search listed 37 Lattas from Finland between 1734 and 1851. The great majority came from Mikkeli, a town in southeast Finland. Other towns where Lattas were recorded were Juva, close to Mikkeli. Also Sortavala, Kurkijoki, Kuolemajarvi and Muolaa were listed, which were part of Finland until 1945, but which are now in the Russian province of Karelia, close to the Finnish border. The only other town listed was Isokyro, which is in western Finland some distance from all the other locations.

The Ellis Island records show immigrants from Hemajoki, Finland but I cannot determine the location of this place, so the town may have been listed wrongly.

U.S. Census returns also showed some Lattas who were born in Finland. In 1940 Andrew Latta aged 57 was in Koochiching Co, MN with his wife Hilda, also born in Finland and children born in the US. In 1920 Fulda (or Hulda) Latta age 26 was in Manhattan having immigrated in 1915. His wife Anna was also born in Finland. In 1930 Simo Latta age 50 was in Hibbing, MN, having immigrated in 1910. In 1900 Jack Latta age 35 was in Biwabik, St Louis Co, MN having immigrated in 1893. Both Simo and Jack were listed as married but were not accompanied or living with their spouse at the time of the census. In the Minnesota state census of 1895 Tilda Latta was living in Minneapolis age 20, a single female.

In 1914 Maria Latta age 24 arrived at Sault St Marie en route to Minneapolis. Her father was listed as Andrew Latta from Viborg, Finland. Viborg was the province in which the towns listed above are now in Karelia, Russia.

One needs some care, however, in the transcription of names. A ship record for Antti Latta records a person who later is always listed as Antti Latti. There are also other Latti names from Finland. Linked-In has at least one Latta from Finland listed.

Sweden

Charles A Latta born in Sweden was in Seattle in the 1930 census aged 47 with wife Ala age 46, also born in Sweden. The year of immigration was 1911. It should be noted that other records show him as Charles Axel Latto. Michael Latta arrived in NY in 1886 aged 21 from Liverpool having been born in Sweden. Carlson Latta age 22 left Gothenburg in August 1887 bound for England. His birthplace was given as Uliker, Orebra, Sweden. This is probably Orebro County, west of Stockholm.

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Central Europe and Germany

When looking at Latta records from Central Europe, it is important to remember how much country boundaries changed both after the First World War and again after the Second. Thus someone who gave their country of origin before 1914 as Austria might have simply been recording the fact that they had lived in the Austro-Hungarian Empire rather than referencing their nationality. The Austro-Hungarian Empire was ethnically diverse and as well as Austrians and Hungarians, included Czechs, Slovaks, Romanians, Poles, Ukrainians, Jews, Italians and groups that described themselves by nationalities that are no longer widely recognized today such as Ruthenians and Galicians.

A fair number of Latta U.S. census entries show a birthplace in Hungary. Peter Latta age 29 in Scranton, PA in 1920 immigrated 1908 and was with wife Anna born in the US. He gave his native language as Magyar (Hungarian). In his WW1 draft registration he gave his birthplace as Makis Falva and in his naturalization application the location is listed as Mcheifalva and elsewhere as Mehesfalva. The latter allows the location to be identified as the Hungarian name for the village, which in Slovakian is called Pcoline. Today this village is in the far eastern part of Slovakia near the Ukrainian border in an area that was ethnically mixed before WW1. In his WW1 draft registration Joe Latta in Pittsburgh born December 6, 1892 gave the same location as his place of birth. George Latta born May 24, 1893 in Westmoreland Co, PA gave his place of birth as Psolina and one may guess he was giving the Slovakian name for the same location.

George Latta in Cleveland in 1930 had immigrated in 1914 and was single aged 32, listing his language as Magyar. Another George Latta who immigrated in 1898 was in Pittsburgh in 1910 aged 36. He listed his origin as Hungary-Slovakia and his native language as Slovak. Intriguingly he was in a family headed by William Latta age 37 and his wife Susan but both of these listed themselves as Russian-Greek and gave their native language as Russian-Greek, making this family entry very odd. There was however a Ruthenian community in the area who were Greek Orthodox by religion so this may be what was intended. Another Peter Latta in Pittsburgh in 1910 age 35 gave his birthplace as Hungary and his language as Ruthenian.

In his WW2 draft registration card, Michael Latta in Pittsburgh born 23 August 1889 gave his birthplace as Chalidna, Austria-Hungary, which I cannot identify. Andrew Latta's draft registration in Binghamton, NY shows birth 28 March 1893 in Pesolina, Austria-Hungary. Again I cannot identify this location.

A number of Hungarian birth records from 1767 to 1877 show Lattas. The locations are Szirak, Gesztely and Vizsoly (east of Budapest), Tolna (south of Budapest), Sopron and Papa in western Hungary.

John Latta age 39 arrived in Quebec in 1922 from Hamburg, Germany. He gave his nationality as Slovakian and his country as Czechoslovakia.

Andrew Latta age 31 was in Manhattan in the 1920 census with spouse Anna. He gave his birthplace as Austria and his native language as German. Joe Latta in Guernsey Co, OH in 1920 gave his birthplace as Austria and his native language as Slovak. He immigrated in 1912. His wife was Anna, also born in Austria with Slovak as her language. George age 30 in Pittsburgh in 1920 gave his language as Slovak. He immigrated in 1910 and was with his wife, Katie, also born Austria-Hungary with Slovak as her language.

In his citizenship application Theodore Latta gave his birthplace as Rykow, Austria. This town is now in southern Poland near the Slovakian border. He was born March 1, 1889 and was living in 1921 in Porter Co, IN. Information posted on the Ancestry website shows that he travelled to Europe to represent Ukrainian immigration issues.

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Jan Latta applying for U.S. citizenship gave his place of birth as Sinawa, Galicia. Galicia is the area in the eastern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire that is now mainly divided between Poland and Ukraine. In the 1916 Canadian census for Manitoba, Alex Latta age 30 and his wife Nellie also age 30 gave their birthplaces as Galicia. Their eldest son Joseph (age 6) was also born there and they immigrated in 1910. They gave their religion as Greek Catholic.

In the 1940 census Paul Latta age 62 in Los Angeles was listed as born in Germany. In the 1930 census he gave his year of immigration as 1906. In his social security application, he gave his birthplace as Neisse, Germany. Neisse is in Silesia close to the Polish border. Carl Latta age 40 in Nowata, OK was also born in Germany. Carl E Latta age 40 born in Germany with his wife Madelyne S Latta (born in NY) was in Tulsa, OK and may be the same person as was listed in Nowata. Carl Emil Latta (born Karl) was naturalized in 1925 born February 8, 1900 in Ratibor, Germany. This is most likely the town in Silesia (now in Poland), which in Polish is Raciborz. In the 1920 census Augustus Latta age 48 was in Kershaw Co, SC born in Germany and immigrated in 1892. In the 1930 census in Manhattan Fred Latta age 32 and his wife Emma age 35 were both born in Germany and immigrated in 1929. In the 1910 census in St Louis Charles Latta age 58 with his wife Francis (sic) age 48 were both born in Germany. He immigrated in 1870 his wife in 1881. Their daughter was born in Missouri. In the same census Adolph Latta in Jersey City age 35 with his wife Amelia age 28 were both born in Germany but gave their language as Polish. They immigrated in 1903 with their eldest daughter born in Germany and the younger ones in NJ.

In the 1880 census in Philadelphia John Latta age 50 was born in Baden, Germany. In the same census Louis Latta age 25 in Leavenworth, KS age 25 gave his birthplace as Prussia. In the 1900 census he was still in Leavenworth age 44 having immigrated in 1877 and married to Bertha, also born Germany, who immigrated in 1882. Their son was listed as born in Missouri. In the 1860 census John Latta age 38 and wife Margaret age 30 were both born in Germany living in Racine, WI, with children born in Wisconsin. Linked-In has a profile for a Latta in Germany but it should be noted that he appears to be of Finnish origin as he lists one of his languages as Finnish.

Russia

It is important to recognize that prior to 1918 Russia governed Finland as well as including ethnic groups such as Ukrainians and Poles who now have separate countries. Thus one cannot be sure about the ethnicity of anyone listed as being from Russia.

John Latta in Pittsburgh in 1940 gave his birthplace as Russia and age as 44. His wife, Anna, age 39 was also born in Russia but the children were all born in Pennsylvania. In the 1920 census Louis Latta age 52 was with his wife Ruth age 51, both born in Russia and giving their language as Russian. They immigrated in 1915. Their son Harry age 17 showed as born in England. I would note there is no corresponding birth registered in England so the name may have been incorrect. In the same census Poul (or Paul) Latta age 25 in Queens, New York was with his wife Anna age 24 both born Russia (Ukraine) and immigrating in 1914. They gave their language as Russian-Ukrainian. Their daughter was born in NY. In the 1910 census in Crawford Co, PA Pavel Latta age 47 was born in Russia and gave Russian as his language. There is also a marriage record in Michigan on 30 August 1919 for Theodore J Latta age 38 marrying Catherine Wisnewcka age 31. He was born in Russia, she in Austria. In a passenger departure record, Teodor Latta age 29 departed Hamburg on 30 December 1909 and gave his ethnicity as Galician, which would usually equate to Ukrainian today. In the 1915 NY State census in Le Roy, Genesee Co, Steve Latta age 23 was with his wife Mary, age 40, and infant son.

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Both Steve and Mary gave their birthplaces as Russia-Poland. In 1906 in Northumberland Co, PA, Frank Latta age 22 died in a mining accident, with his birthplace given as Russia.

In the 1901 Scottish census in Glasgow Rachael Latta age 18, a domestic servant, showed as born in Russia, and was working for a family headed by Isaac Bridge age 48, a Jewish Rabbi born in Russia. There are also Lutheran Church records for St Petersburg for several Lattas between 1848 and 1874 with place names such as Latini, Laetina both in Spanko, Gross-Kolpana, Tsarskoe Selo and Wuoles, Shlisselburg. Tsarskoe Selo was the summer residence of the Tsars near St Petersburg and it is possible these Lattas worked in some way for the Tsar's family. As Lutherans, they may well have been Finns rather than ethnic Russians. In the recent past there was a prominent Russian Army officer, General-Major Vasili Filipovich Latta.

Romania

In the 1940 census in Passaic, NJ George Latta age 41 and his wife Christine age 31 were both born in Romania. In 1920 George age 22 was in Akron, OH born Romania having immigrated in 1911 and giving his language as Romanian. In a WW1 draft registration George born May 15 1896 gave his birthplace as Tamas Laslo Bihoj (or Bihor) Hungary.

There are a number of church records for Lattas from Romania. For example Adalbertus Latta, a Catholic, died 6 March 1871 in Turda, Salaj, Transylvania. This town whose German name was Thorenburg is now in Cluj, Romania. In 1871 it would have been part of Hungary. Aloisius Latta died 10 April 1861 in Caransebes, Transylvania. This town, which is Karansebesch in German, is also now in Romania, but would have been part of Hungary in the 19th century. A number of other Lattas from Caransebes were also recorded. Since they were Catholic one may speculate they were ethnically Hungarian or Slovakian not Romanian.

Switzerland

A Swiss Catholic birth record shows Christopherus Latta born 1639 in Gachnang, Thurgau. This town is northeast of Zurich.

Brazil

FamilySearch shows a number of Lattas in Brazil between 1775 and 1899, all from Paranaiba, Mato Grosso do Sul, inland from Sao Paolo.

Ecuador

FamilySearch records show some Lattas from 1767 to 1779 in San Francisco, Paccha, Azuay Province, Ecuador. This is part of Cuenca in southern Ecuador.

Conclusion

It is perhaps possible that some of these Lattas were descendants of Scots who went to other European countries. However, it does appear that the name probably has its own separate roots in Finland, Italy and somewhere in Central Europe. It is tempting to think that the name may be Hungarian as the Magyar language

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is part of the Finno-Ugric language group that also includes Finnish as well as Estonian. However, a sufficient number of central European Lattas gave other languages such as Slovakian or German or other ethnic identities such as Ruthenian, Ukrainian or Galician, making a definitive statement difficult.

Are there any Society members who can trace their Latta origins to countries other than those with British heritage? If so, it would be great to add to our knowledge on this subject and possibly to add new branches to the Latta website.

The 2016 Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

By: Geoffrey Latta, Secretary Historian, gwl820@hotmail.com

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society was held on Saturday November 12, 2016 in Gettysburg. In attendance were Sue Lattea Cox, Tim Cox and Geoffrey Latta. In addition, Ken Mueller, Society President called in to the meeting by phone. There was a discussion of potential future research and future articles for the Newsletter. It was agreed to revisit the work done on the Latta family in Ireland in order to determine if more work would be useful. Regardless of the decision on whether to undertake additional work, an article would be prepared for the Newsletter summarizing the currently available information.

It was also agreed that Geoffrey would contact the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia to see if there was information that could be valuable in expanding the work that Sue had done on the role of Presbyterianism in early Latta migration in Pennsylvania (see Issue 59 of the Newsletter).

There was a discussion of how to encourage more articles for the Newsletter. It was suggested that readers should be encouraged to submit information even if it was not in the form of a finished article on the basis that Society officers could assist in preparing the material for publication.

There was also discussion of ways of encouraging younger members to participate in the running of the Society in order to ensure continuity. Ken pointed out that there had been a Newsletter for some while in the 1970s but that it had not been maintained, and having recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the publication of the revived Newsletter, it would be a shame if that continuity could not be maintained. It was felt that designating a back up to some of the officer roles might be a way of achieving this without requiring the appointed "assistants" to have to devote too much time. Adopting this approach could help ensure institutional knowledge was passed on to a younger generation of Latta family members. An appeal for volunteers should be included in a future Newsletter, and Sue undertook to contact some Branch Captains to see if that could surface any possible candidates.

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Branches Tied By Blood

Kathleen Latta, Branch 16, GAP Administrator FTDNA Latta Project

At this time there are roughly 60 DNA Donors who have tested with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) or an affiliated site with access to transferring to FTDNA. Family Finder has brought to light 15 Donors who show ties to Branch's 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 16, 18 29, Note 3, and several undocumented Latta Family connections.

Just to go over a few facts described in previous newsletters that may not have been understood. From your parents you get 50% DNA from each and this decreases by half each generation that you go back. Grandparents (4) 25%, 1xGrGrparents (8) 12.5%, 2xGrGrParent (16) 6%, etc. This however is not how FTDNA displays results so I was looking for what shows this pattern. FTDNA displays results in units of measurement called centiMorgans (cM) the measurement of all lengths of DNA shared with a Match and by the Longest Block (LB) which measures the longest strand of DNA shared between a Donor and the Match. Looking at my own Matches with known relatives I found the following; (Cousin Once Removed=C!R)

Aunt	2109 cM ,	195 LB
2 nd C!R	194	43
3 rd C!R	61	24

I am not sure if those who have transferred from Ancestry or 23 and Me may have values that are under represented as compared to those testing at Family Tree DNA. Ancestry and 23 and Me do not count DNA strands less than 5 cMorgens in length.

Choosing a Match with a known relationship allows you to sort into groups those that belong to different areas of your Pie Chart. This can also be done for those, ie. Adoptees, who do not know one or other of their Birth Parentage. In this instance you prepare to sort all Matches into groups using the "in common" feature. Make a list of the two closest types of Matches, ie. 2-4 Cousin, 3-5 Cousin. Using the Distant Relative selection prints out the generations in order. Use this as a Master to sort and keep track of who is sorted. Going to the first person on the list, click on "in common" and the group that results underline with the same colour as the first chosen Match on your Master List. Use another colour and go to the next Match on the Master List that is not yet underlined. Keep the groups separate. When you have a group separated you can then choose 5 to examine using the Chromosome Browser. Clicking the box to the left of their name allows you to then compare them using the Browser function. This then displays the chosen on a pictogram of your DNA. Write in the column by these Matches what chromosomes they share with you. It is not necessary to be able to actually place them on their position on the Pie Chart but you can use these now to discriminate which Matches relate to each other and to you. It really helps to have Donor's representing each parent.

Family Finder has good predictive value up to 7 generations. The 5Plus Remote groups the 5th, 6th and 7th generation. This combined with the YDNA results helps to paint a picture that is going to help us translate some tentative relationships into known relationships.

While researching in the various DNA Donor's file I became aware of some things one has to take note of when looking in each file. At the top of the list of Matches there are four task bars. The chromosome browser, in common, not in common and ancestral surnames. As well beside each Match there are icons for mailing, writing a comment or note about this Match and an icon representing a Family Tree (FT). When the FT is coloured it means that individual has entered an ancestral entry on their tree. Be aware that when searching Ancestral Surnames that the search engine will search the names of the Donor's as well as all names recorded under Ancestral Surnames for each Match but does not search the FT. You have to do this manually and sometimes there are hidden gems in there!

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I have produced some Tables to portray what I have learned from studying the DNA Donors so far (as of 7 January 2017).

Since time is running short and I need to submit this to Ken, the Editor, for submission in this current Latta Genealogy Society's Newsletter; I am going to delay discussion of the rest of the findings until the next Newsletter in order to hear from more of the DNA Donors I have been communicating with.

At this time I would like to announce a DNA contest in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday. As well it will be a Memorial Project for my parents who have past on now between 10 and 20 years. This is approximately the same time frame as the last immigrants for Branch 16 who came to the North American Continent between 1865 and 1885.

The contest will have at least six categories;

1. Y-DNA Donor's; whose surname is not Latta but at least 3 of their Y-DNA Match's are.
2. Y-DNA Donor's who are Latta/Latty (or derivative) descendants.
3. Female Donor's – one parent is a Latta
4. Female Donor's – lineage connects to a Latta (or derivative). Points may be gained by the number of generations that can be listed with this surname.
5. Lost Souls; Male Adoptees, Y-DNA Donors
6. Lost Souls; Female Adoptees, again, points can be gained if more than one generation with the Latta surname can be identified.

It would be a contest -not all kinks worked out yet – where applicants could gain points. Applicants may a single individual, or a family. Since this contest can take a year to reach fruition, we will have updates in each newsletter until the end. Applicants would have to pay outright initially, and those that qualify in the end would then get a refund of a portion of the tests.

Some of the categories that would be evaluated: a) Age - testing young people misses the age of the links we are hoping to reach. Therefore the Age categories would be i) less than or equal to 65, ii) 66 to 79 and iii) 80 Plus. The last category would have the highest value. b) Points for things like i) Joining the Latta Surname Project, ii) Being a paid member of the Latta Genealogy Society iii) Writing a story regarding their Latta Ancestor for submission to the Newsletter with points for historical documentation/discussion and points for length. There may well be other things like having more than one link to a different Branch. Time Line: I would like to have this go up on websites on March 1st in time for new submissions to make use of sales for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Year End Sale. Those not sending a kit in within a reasonable time frame following the end of this sale period might miss out on the contest. FTDNA specifies that those who are ordering during the time frame of this end of year sale have to have the order paid in full to access sale prices. They may pay for the kit by Dec. 31st but they may not actually get the kit returned till near end of January if they are quick. Otherwise if they are still submitting a paid for test the beginning of Feb. they will not get results till Easter. I would encourage rapid return of samples.

A special DNA Newsletter will be forth coming Mid to Late March which will contain the Rules and Regulations for the contest and outline the point system.

To enter the DNA Contest, please contact Kathy Latta at: 268 Knottwood Road North, NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6K 1Y4, or lattakj@telusplanet.net.

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Table 1 Columns include Donors with a Latta connection, ABC.		A. Ms. MAV	B. Mr. EGN	C. Mr. JM	Comments	
Rows include Donors with no known Latta connection, DEF		Gen. to MRCA	Gen. to MRCA	Gen. to MRCA		
D.	Ms. LM	3 - 5 44 - 23	3 - 5 44 - 23	2 - 4 45 - 34		
E.	Mr. WCF	3 - 5 42 - 23	3 - 5 42 - 23	2 - 4 50 - 17		
F.	Mr. JDT	5+Remote 35 - 9	5+R 35 - 9	2 - 4 72 - 22	Ancestor sold land to James Latta that became the Latta Plantation	

*NB MRCA = Most Recent Common Ancestor

Discussion Table 1

Although all three Donors with known Latta connections match with the same 3 Donors with no known Latta connections, this focuses our attention to the fact that all six DNA Donors had ancestors who lived in the same community between 2 to 5 generations ago. It was particularly interesting that we were able to capture the individual whose ancestor sold land to James Latta that was to become known as the LATTA PLANTATION. Also note, all six share on Chromosome 7. Knowing this will help when looking at other DNA Donors. In looking at a group of Donors it becomes imperative that you pinpoint who has the most common shared DNA. In this case Ms. MAV shared not only with the Donors in Table 1 but also with two others but on different chromosomes. See Table 2; Mr. JEC and Ms. NMM

Table 2; DNA Donor MAV notations

MAV *NB Notable Surnames, Hendricks and Tyner	Three Matches listing Latta 1. JM at 3-5 gen. 42 cM - LB 21 Chromosome 7		These two share 13 common matches with JM being 1 gen. closer to a MRCA*
	2. EGN, 5+Remote, 26 - 9 Chromosome 7		Martha Ellen Latta married William Kelm Gordon
	3. JEC, 5+R, 24-9, Chromosome 3	Br. 8 FG 2	James Latta married Mary McCalla
	One Match that lists Lattie NMM, 3-5 gen., 40 - 15 Chromosome 4 & 5		Request for more info has been sent

*NB MRCA = Most Recent Common Ancestor

Table 2 Discussion

Where Table 1 shows common DNA Donors with shared Match's, Table 2 lists the Match's for MAV with their connection to a Latta Ancestor where it is known.

Table 3; DNA Donor DBL16b notations

DBLBr16b	Two Match's listing Latta 1. MRP, 4+Remote, cM 50 - LB 12 Chromosome 4 *NB Lists Ancestral Surname Voorhees	Note G; Orange Co. List of Marriages	James Latta married Elizabeth Dunlop and Spousal Surname lists in the same time frame Wm. Dunlap married Mary Latta of Br 32 FG 9 *NB -Br 8 FG 4 lists John Ewing Latta married Catherine VanVoorhies
	2. AJD, 5+R, 40 - 8 Chromosome 22		
IM16e nee Latta	SEHC, 4+R, 39 - 10 Chromosome 12		Jean Latta married Alex. Craig, Scotland

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Table 4: DNA Donor's LEEM, RH, PL Aust, and BML, with notations

LEEM, Br 9	CA, 3-5 gen., 38 cM – 18 LB Chromosomes 19 and 23X	Br. 9 FG 1 Br. 9 FG 6 Br. 9 FG 214	John Latta married a) Sarah Ramsey and b) Elizabeth ????? Thomas Latta married Martha Neel(e)y Elizabeth Latta married John Stewart
RH Br. 22c	Latta Search 1. GC, 5+R, 36 – 8 Chromosome 20 Lattie Search 2. NMM, 5+R, 23 – 8 Chromosome 10		Matthew Latta married Mary "Polly" Williams Daughter Nancy married Moses Hawkins James Latty married Elizabeth Pearson, son James married Jane Hall, their daughter Ann married John Shipley.
BML Br 3c	1. DLG, 5+R, 34 – 9, Chromosome 2 2. MJH, 4+R, 32 – 15 Chromosome 11	Br. 1 FG 2 Br. 29 FG 13	Request for info has been sent John Latta married Margaret Potter Margaret Latta married Jared Post
PL Aust	BGH, 4+R, 28 -13, Chr. 11	Br. 1 FG 2	John Latta married Margaret Potter
DLG, unnumbered Mentioned that another Match lists Jane Latta m. Henry McLaughlin Br 1 FG 97, need clarification may have been with another site	1. AJD, 1-2 gen., 431- 61 2. LLF, 3-5, 40- 14, Chr. 14 3. JRB, 5+R, 27-8, Chr 11	Br. 16b, Chr 22 Br. 7 FG 4	Cousins, one ties to Br16b and the other ties to Br. 3c, Chr. 2 Request for info has been sent Thomas Latta married Jane Scarlett
KF, 5+R, 30 -9, Chr. 5	Matches with JL below	Note 3 FG 2,13 and Note G; Orange Co. list of Marriages	Virgil Latta m. Eva Alldredge, s/o John Latta M. Lucinda Hendricks, s/o Walter Latta m. Elizabeth Speer(s), s/o James Latta m. Nancy Allen, s/o James Latta (1732)
JL, 5+R, 30-9, Chr. 5	Matches with KF above		James Latta m. Minnie Downing, s/o Fermin Latta m. Mary Garner, s/o Ricardo Latta m. Isabel ??????
BJM m/o EH below		Br. 18 FG 2	Francis Latta m. John Milliken, d/o Andrew Jackson Latta m. Harriet Lane
EH s/o BJM above	RG, 2-4 gen, 65-22, Chr. 11		Phoebe Latty m. Thomas Dow, d/o Aaron Latta m. ?????? *NB Br. 50 lists George Dow m. Sarah Jane Latta
RK			Martha Robinson m. Wm. McClintock, Burt, Ireland, she has documentation, Martha is d/o Anne Latta m. William Robinson
RK cont'd	Lists 3 Match's 1. RP, 5+R, 30-9, Chr. 7 2. RES, 5+R, 29- 9, Chr. 6 3. AW, 5+R, 22-13, Chr. 7	Br. 6 FG 3	Request for info has been sent. Tho. Benton Latta m. MaryAnn Moore Annette Latta m. Manson McIntyre, she is d/o Ed Latta

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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, DocHuer@aol.com.

1. My name is Jim Latta. I have been checking the Latta.org website for years and as of yet not seen any new branch that might indicate my Latta family is related to. So the question is how does one go about adding a new branch? My Latta family is of Catalan descent in Spain, with migration to Mexico probably in the 1840s and finally the US in the 1870s. It would be interesting to see if there are other Lattas out there that may have a similar heritage. Besides Ireland, Scotland and Britain, there are quite a few people with Latta surnames in Spain (Catalonia in particular), the Czech Republic and Slovakia. These don't seem to be of British Isles ancestry at all that we can tell so far. I know the goal of the Latta.org site is to try uniting as many families as possible to a common "Latta" family in the "Old World", but so far I see only British Isle ancestry families. I would like to add our branch to try help complete the picture and possibly present a wider European view of the name. James Latta, jmlatta@sbcglobal.net.

2. I have noticed in some of the new Ancestry.com databases and in LDS databases that there are Latta families from Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Finland, in addition to our familiar Scotch Irish families. Yes, we do want to include everyone. I would welcome an article from you, Jim, with your family history. The more detail the better, with good information on the founding members, preferably back to the 1700's. What I would do is to print the article in the newsletter, and invite replies and comments from our members. If no one is connected to your family, then we would assign you a branch number. For example, Ken Erdle is our Branch 51 Captain. This branch was unknown to other Latta researchers before our newsletter started in 1996. Perhaps it would help if you looked over some of Ken Erdle's articles in Issues 49 and 58.

We have found that some branches are connected. As an example, Sue Cox was just working on branch 41, and it seems to be connected to branch 45. DNA testing would be helpful here. I suggest contacting Kathy Latta, Branch 16 Captain, as she is an expert on DNA, and can help you there. It is possible that some connections could be made with DNA testing.

I know that my letter here is not as polished as it could be, but I hope that this gives you the general idea. Please feel free to ask more questions. Thank you, Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com.

3. I grew up in a suburb of Rochester NY called Greece. One of the major roads leading up the highest hill to a church of the first Irish settlers is called Latta Road. The Greece NY Chamber of Commerce history page <http://greecechamber.org/history> states: "The first settlers to the area, arriving in the 1790s, were William Hinchey, a Revolutionary War veteran, and James Latta, a merchant seaman. Though no documentation exists, it is believed that the Latta family was heavily involved with the famed "Underground Railroad". Slaves seeking freedom in Canada were reportedly hidden in Samuel Latta's warehouse in Charlotte where they awaited transportation across the Lake." Best regards, Jim Castronovo. (E-mail address unpublished).

4. Yes, it is my branch 4. I'm not sure about the reference to James Latta being a merchant seaman. This has sparked my interest and is something I'm definitely going to research now. The Samuel Latta mentioned was one of the first to arrive in that area and was named the first Collector for the Port of Genesee on Lake Ontario. It is believed that Latta Road was either named after him or his father, James. No doubt Samuel was involved in the Underground Railroad because his sister, Agnes moved to Lewiston, NY and was involved in the Underground Railroad there. Looks like I've got some digging to do! Randy Phillips, parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

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Getting the Youngsters Interested in Genealogy

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Did you ever wonder what is going to happen to that stack of family history you have been saving once you are gone? Will the family pictures and family history disappear into the trash? My husband and I recently started going to antique stores to look around for interesting things to bring home. A set of old washtubs for the porch, a ceramic Christmas tree like Grandma used to have, and an old Brownie camera like Mom used to have. While looking around the antique stores, I noticed lots and lots of old family photos. As I look into the faces of the people in those pictures, I wonder what their history is. Where did they live, and what interesting things happened in their family. Why did their photo end up in an antique store, without even their names written on the back?

When my Grandmothers were living, I sat down with them and looked through their picture albums. "Who is this Grandma, this lady with a fox collar on her coat?" "I think that was a neighbor," my Grandmother said. As we looked through other pictures, I noticed the same lady in many other pictures. A neighbor? I don't think so. "Grandma, here is the same lady in this picture." "Oh, that was Mom's sister, Aunt Adeline." So now we have a name with the face. Her name was not written on the back of the photo, and once Grandma was gone, no one may have been able to identify her.

So how do we get our children interested in our family history? My three children are all young with young children of their own. They have jobs, and busy schedules. Their children are active in scouts, 4-H, and sports. Not one of them has expressed an interest in all this family history that I have stashed away in the drawers of my computer desk. One year, I made them all a scrapbook about their family tree. I added photographs and wrote interesting and funny stories about family members. The kids loved the books and read through them laughing, but I am still not convinced that any of them will take my family history over when I am gone.

So, how did I become interested in family history? We started going to our family reunion and talking with family members that we didn't know. My father and his sister started talking with distant cousins and my aunt began a family tree. She asked me to go with her to courthouses and cemeteries. I was a young mother. I had a full time job. But I am a paper pusher. I am a collector. I am an organizer. Maybe this family tree bug is just born in you.

As a committee member for the Latta Genealogy Society, we have discussed this interest in genealogy. Who will take our place when we get too old to run the society? Who will put information on our website, who will publish our Newsletter? Who will be our branch captains? As we look into the future of our family history here at the Latta Genealogy Society, we want to ask you, our members and readers – is there someone in your family interested in genealogy who can help us out? If we get the interest of some of our young people in our search for more Latta family history, then our Society will continue on for many years to come.

So we ask you. Are you sharing your Newsletter with family members? Are you collecting your family history and sending it to us for the website? Are you labeling your family photos so that future generations have a name with a face? If you can send us a story about your family history, even if you think you are not a great writer, we can publish and archive your stories and history. Then it will be there when the younger generation gets hit with that family tree bug. All of our Latta history will be available on our website, in libraries, and in our Newsletters.

We thank you in advance for your interest and your help.
