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Case Study: DNA Ties To Branch 1

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Robert H. Latta of Branch 1, had the concept in the 1930's to communicate with all Lattas (and Latta derivatives) that he could find on the North American continent and in the British Isles. Of those that wrote back it was his objective to discover the connections between them all. Connecting the different Branches has had some up and down's over the years but at this stage there are 53 distinct Branches and over 25 Notes (see Data bases at www.latta.org). The Branches receive a number when they have 5 deceased Ancestors while Notes have less than 5. Recently we have been becoming familiar with the use and study of DNA for genealogy. I wish to demonstrate how the different tests offered at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) help reveal information in different ways.

1. The Use of YDNA from Male Donors; YDNA comes from the male line and shows a Genetics Distance (GD) calculation where those with more mutations have a higher score on the Genetics Distance Scale. This is from the premise that male DNA mutates approximately once in 125 years. Over time these changes can be tracked and a pattern of relationship becomes apparent. For Branch 1 there were 36 Matches spread over 5 levels of Genetic Distance. Those where GD was equal to 0 or 1 had the least amount of mutation and it was calculated that the range in generations to a Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) was from 4 to 7 generations. Those at a higher level of GD had more mutations and ranged from 8 or greater number of generations to a MRCA.

Table 1 shows how the 36 Donor's compare.

Table 1: Genetic Distance Discussion of YDNA Donors

Table 1 shows a great number of "cousins" showing a range of relatedness from 5 to 15 generations to a MRCA. If there were no other tests being done on these "cousins" we could still make some comparisons on what is shown on each individual's test results. For instance, those who relate at GD=0 half show Henry and Nelson as extra surnames. At a GD=1+2, there are 3 Branches which show a relatedness to only one of these two surnames. For more information, other tests like the Family Finder (FF) and the Mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) tests can provide more information. There are two YDNA Donor's from Branch 1. Neither has done the FF test and so I have submitted the test kit number for Br1a to the Latta Genealogy Board of Director's. It appears that 1a is the older of the two and thus their genetic information will be able to reach back further to show connections to different Branches. The Board of Director's have already voted on providing a kick start to the DNA contest by subsidizing relevant Donor's. We are already seeing some Family Finder results connecting more than one Branch. From the Table we can see the closest connections which should find support using the Family Finder test are on the closest level 1, 3, 7, 13, 16, 29, and then on the next level 5,6, 8, 9, 17, 22, 30, 31, 51. Under scrutiny we are expecting the Family Finder results will help us develop a time line of when and where the Branches connect.

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Editorial

I encourage any member who can to come to our Annual Meeting. We can share Latta history, stories, and memorabilia, and visit.

It is not too early to think about the 2018 Annual Meeting. If you would like to help plan for 2018, please contact me.

Besides the fun of meeting with fellow genealogists, we have an Annual Meeting to maintain our tax exempt status. We are required to have a face to face meeting at least once a year. We could even hold more than one meeting a year, if enough members were interested. Remember, we are all family.

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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.

Branch1: Ken Mueller, 7400 East Mule Circle, Prescott Valley AZ 86314, DocHuer@aol.com.

Branch 3: Alan L. Latta, P.O. Box 21158, Cheyenne WY 82003, allatta@aol.com.

Branch 4: Randy Phillips, 41 S. Morrell Ave., Geneva NY 14456, parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

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Branches 10 and 15: Cindy Stiene, 158 Intracoastal Dr., Madison AL 35758-7925, lmsjfs@knology.net.

Branch 11: Brian Wagnon, 24535 E. Cobbs Corner Rd., Tahlequah OK 74464, neopopmail@gmail.com.

Branch 12: Belinda J. Peterson, Mentone Girl's Secondary College, P. O. Box 52, Mentone, Victoria, Australia 3194, Peterson.belinda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer's Report August 31, 2017

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Report Period: May 16, 2017 through Aug. 31, 2017

Beginning balance: **\$8235.34**

Income

General Fund donations	\$370.00
DNA Fund donations	\$50.00
Reprints Ordered	\$17.50

Total Income: **\$437.50**

Expenses

Hostway website fee, 4 months (14.94/mo.)	\$44.85
Newsletter Issue 61 (Ken Mueller)	\$35.71
Reprint Expenses	\$20.58
Newsletter Issue 62 Advance (Ken Mueller)	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$501.14

Ending balance as of Aug. 31, 2017: **\$8200.81**

Included in ending balance:

Funds allocated for research: \$1142.50

Funds allocated for DNA: \$434.00

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Table 1; Branch 1a Genetic Distance

Genetic Distance	Generations To MRCA	YDNA Donor's
0	5	Pri.* McK.* 7d 16b* 13b (1b 3ab 29 7abc 13a)-all show the same two extra surnames at greater than 9 generations
1	5	22a(8)* 6b 8ab 17 9b (51 5 31 30)-show only one of the two extra surnames
2	9	16c(5)* Aust.* 22b 49 (Can)-shows one extra surname
3	12	Bra. 14 USAa 16a
4	15	Mil* Nelson Henry- Br 1a lists the same two extra surnames

* indicates that Donor has done the Family Finder test"

(#) a discrepancy for this group where the number of mutations is different for one individual as compared to the rest in the same group"

(Br.s) that share the same number of extra surnames.

2. Family Finder test results:

Branch 1 Family Group 3:

John Latta married Margaret Potter and through their daughter Jane Margaret Latta (FG 97) married Henry McLaughlin, we have three female descendants who have done the Family Finder (FF) test. Previously I mentioned there were two Latta YDNA Donors who have not done the FF test. I am hoping to get Branch 1a subsidized to compare results. One of the female descendants has agreed to publish name and email and will act as spokesperson for this group of Donor Matches. Queries can be directed to Debe. L. Greene at dlbacque@aol.com. For requests of privacy I will refer to the other Matches as DLG2 and DLG3. The lineage of this group places their connection to the first known Latta (Jane FG 97) at 6 generations. This time period from 1796 to present day makes it roughly 30 years per generation. There are also two more generations documented at the www.Latta.org site.

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Table2; Family Finder (FF) connections to Branch 1.

FF DNA Donor	Matches with .. Gen., cM, LB	Comments
DLG-1	1. DLG-2Br1 FG 3	
Br1 FG3	2. DLG-3 same as above	
	3. LLF, 3-5, 40+14	Lists Latta's as coming from Indianna
	4. JM, 4+R, 36+11	"Charlatta"
	5. BML3c FG4, 5+R, 34+9	
	6. JH Br15, 5+R, 33+10	Through Note 3 FG 13
	7. JRB Br7FG27,5+R,27+8	
DBL16b	1. DLG-2	Br 1 FG3
	2. MP, Br4 FG4, 4+R,50+12	
S(A)B	1. JWLBr5FG7, 5+R, 28+8	
?Note Z	2. DLG-3, Br1 FG 3, 5+R,29+8	
P.L.(Aust)	1. BGH Br1FG3, 4+R,28+3	
BML3c	1. DLG-1 Br1 FG 3, 5+R,34+9	
	2. M.H. 4+R, 32+15	Br 29 FG 3

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Table 3: Timeline of 4 Branches 1, 3, 29 and 16.

Timeline	Branch 1	Branch 3	Branch 16	Branch 29	Branch ____
1650		John FG1 Latta, 1652			
1675				John Latta 8 th gen.	
1700					
1716				John Latta 1722, 7 th gen.	
1730		Samuel FG4 Latta 1730, 6 th gen.	John FG 1 Latta, 1732, 6 th gen.		
1746	John FG 3 Latta, 1756 7 th gen.	Wm. FG12 Latta, 1757, 5 th gen.	Alex.FG3 Latta, 1758, 5 th gen.		
1760				Geo.Latta 1769, 6 th gen.	
1776		Tho.FG22 Latta,1789 4 th gen.	Wm.FG4 Latta, 1784, 4 th gen.		
1790	JaneFG97 Latta 1796 6 th gen.				
1806				Margaret Latta FG 5 th gen.	
FTDNA Donor	<u>DLG-1</u> <u>DLG 2&3</u>	<u>BML3c</u>	<u>DBL16b</u>	<u>MH</u>	

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Discussion of Time lines for Tables 2 and 3.

Branch 1: DLG-1,2,3 follow the Branch 1 file up to John Latta marries Margaret Potter but then adds on William Latta married to Kathrine Taylor from RHL's Marriage Books, also claiming William is the son of Br 8 James M. Latta (1684-1724). BGH Br.1 FG 3 follows his ancestry to John Latta and Margaret Potter and he also claims William Latta and Kathrine Taylor from the Marriage Books and that James M. Latta (1684-1724) is the father of William. DLG-1 compares at 5+R, 34+9 to BML3c, thus linking Branch 3 DLG-2 compares at 5+R, 40+8 to DBL16b, thus linking Branch 16.

Branch 3: BML3c lists ancestors that match the Branch 3 file. He compares to MH, Br29 FG3 at 4+R, 32+15, thus linking Br 3 to Branch 29.

Branch 16: DBL16b lists ancestors that follows the Branch 16 file. He compares to DLG-2 at 5+R, 40+8, thus linking Branch 16 to Branch 1 Also he compares to MPBr4 FG 4, 4+R, 50+12, thus linking Branch 4 to Branch 16.

Branch 29: MH only has Jared Post married to Margaret Latta but we know from the Branch 29 file that there are three more generations that add to this line. There is a Branch 29 YDNA Donor that has not done the Family Finder test so I will be submitting his kit number for subsidizing as well.

Table 3 is made available so that Branch Captains can get an idea of where to look for the possible connections that the DNA results have produced. I will be asking the DNA Donors to communicate with respective Branch Captains who are more familiar with the family lines involved.

For the next Newsletter I will be doing the remainder of Branches not yet discussed, centering around Branch 15, which as a family group have lots of connections to explore.

Descendants of Leroy Dewitt Latta

By: Jan Roddy, Branch 15, janroddy@cox.net.

Generation 1

1. **LEROY DEWITT/ LATTA** was born on 24 Jun 1852 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 17 Mar 1936 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He married Malissa Ann "Lizzie" Springer, daughter of Aaron Thomas Springer and Mary Ann "Polly" McCoy, on 02 Oct 1873 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 25 Jan 1857 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 20 Aug 1944.

Leroy Dewitt Latta and Malissa Ann "Lizzie" Springer had the following children:

i. **JOHN T2 LATTA** was born in 1874 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died in 1879 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

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2. ii. ALICE MATILDA "TILLAR" LATTA was born on 22 Jun 1878 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 24 May 1957 in Jackson, Madison, Tennessee, USA. She married William Odus Armstrong on 08 Sep 1898 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 22 Sep 1873 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 26 Nov 1950 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA.
3. iii. THOMAS THURMAN LATTA was born on 25 Sep 1888 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 30 Dec 1959 in Corinth, Alcorn, Mississippi, USA. He married LILLIE BELL UNKNOWN. She was born in 1888. She died on 10 Dec 1957.
- iv. LELA BELLE LATTA was born in 1889 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 04 Feb 1930. She married Joseph R Huggins about 1902. He was born on 13 Mar 1860. He died on 26 Nov 1927.

Generation 2

2. ALICE MATILDA "TILLAR"² LATTA (Leroy Dewitt¹) was born on 22 Jun 1878 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 24 May 1957 in Jackson, Madison, Tennessee, USA. She married William Odus Armstrong on 08 Sep 1898 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 22 Sep 1873 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 26 Nov 1950 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Alice Matilda "Tillar" Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #54958191

Notes for William Odus Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958173

William Odus Armstrong and Alice Matilda "Tillar" Latta had the following children:

- i. JOHN DEWEY³ ARMSTRONG was born on 28 May 1899 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 27 Apr 1971 in Tennessee, USA. He married Mamie Blanche Jaggers on 26 Nov 1930 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 06 Mar 1908 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 29 Oct 1995 in Tennessee, USA.
- ii. LELA BERTHA ARMSTRONG was born on 03 Feb 1901 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died date Unknown.
4. iii. LEXIS ARMSTRONG was born on 08 Mar 1903 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 25 Apr 1991 in Tennessee, USA. He married Nannie Mae Jobe about 1926 in Tennessee, USA. She was born on 30 Oct 1900 in Mississippi, USA. She died on 15 Sep 1983 in Tennessee, USA.
5. iv. ALMA PEARL ARMSTRONG was born on 24 Apr 1904 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 11 Jul 1993 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) JAMES M HAMM after 1940. He was born on 05 Jan 1904 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 Feb 1969 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She married (2) WILLIE D MEEKS about 1935 in Tennessee, USA. He was born on 13 Dec 1899 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 11 Oct 1936 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA.
- v. RALPH ARMSTRONG was born on 20 Nov 1905 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died in Aug 1982 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He married JESSIE WILSON. She was born on 12 Sep 1912. She died on 31 Jan 1998 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Ralph Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958157

Notes for Jessie Wilson: Find A Grave Memorial #54958143

- vi. EUNICE ARMSTRONG was born on 02 Jan 1908 in Gravel Hill, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 10 Dec 1993 in Cordova, Shelby, Tennessee, USA. She married WILLIAM EULUS JONES. He was born on 14 Nov 1908 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 25 Feb 1988 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Eunice Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958675

Notes for William Eulus Jones: Find A Grave Memorial #54958693

6. vii. LEOLA A ARMSTRONG was born in 1910 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 18 Jan 1991. She married James T "JT" Sims about 1936. He was born on 17 Mar 1911 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 28 June 1989.

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viii. KATE MARIE ARMSTRONG was born in 1913 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 25 Jan 2004 in Collierville, Shelby, Tennessee, USA. She married TULON TROY SAMPLES. He was born on 14 Apr 1912 in Mississippi, USA. He died in May 1974 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Kate Marie Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #55039570

Kate Marie Armstrong Samples was survived by a daughter, Carol Moling and husband Danny of Collierville; and a grandson, Troy Moling.

Notes for Tulon Troy Samples: Find A Grave Memorial #55039581

3. **THOMAS THURMAN² LATTA** (Leroy Dewitt¹) was born on 25 Sep 1888 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 30 Dec 1959 in Corinth, Alcorn, Mississippi, USA. He married **LILLIE BELL UNKNOWN**. She was born in 1888. She died on 10 Dec 1957.

Thomas Thurman Latta and Lillie Bell Unknown had the following child:

7. i. **HUGH BASIL³ LATTA** was born on 25 Sep 1909 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died in Mar 1966. He married Ruth G Lusk about 1930. She was born on 22 Nov 1907 in St Louis, Missouri, USA. She died on 27 Dec 1974 in Luka, Tishomingo, Mississippi.

Generation 3

4. **LEXIS³ ARMSTRONG** (Alice Matilda "Tillar"² Latta, Leroy Dewitt¹ Latta) was born on 08 Mar 1903 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 25 Apr 1991 in Tennessee, USA. He married Nannie Mae Jobe about 1926 in Tennessee, USA. She was born on 30 Oct 1900 in Mississippi, USA. She died on 15 Sep 1983 in Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Lexis Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958091

Notes for Nannie Mae Jobe: Find A Grave Memorial #54958113

Lexis Armstrong and Nannie Mae Jobe had the following child:

i. **BILLY T⁴ ARMSTRONG** was born on 17 Jun 1928 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 May 2009 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He married Nell Dixon on 07 May 1950. She was born about 1934. Notes for Billy T Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958063

Obituary for Billy T. Armstrong Billy T. Armstrong was born June 17, 1928 in McNairy County, Tennessee the son of the late Lexis and Nannie Mae Jobe Armstrong. He was united in marriage to Nell Dixon on May 7, 1950. Mr. Armstrong was a graduate of Union University, and received his Masters Degree from Memphis State University. He was a teacher for 42 years and a basketball coach for 28 years at Farmington, Ramer, and Selmer. Mr. Armstrong was an ordained Deacon at Gravel Hill Baptist Church, and was a former Director for Pickwick Electric Cooperative, where he served as treasurer and president. He was also a former president of the McNairy County Retired Teachers Association, a charter member and a founder of the Ramer Ruritan Club, and a 32nd Degree Mason. Mr. Armstrong departed this life on May 5, 2009 in Selmer, Tennessee at the age of 80 Years, 10 Months, 18 Days. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nell (Dixon) Armstrong of Ramer, TN; a daughter, Gail Day and husband Danny of Selmer, TN; two grandchildren: Adam Day and wife Meg of Ramer, TN and Alicia Day of Ramer, TN; three great grandchildren: Lynleigh Day, Addison Day, and Russell Day; and a host of extended family and friends.

5. **ALMA PEARL³ ARMSTRONG** (Alice Matilda "Tillar"² Latta, Leroy Dewitt¹ Latta) was born on 24 Apr 1904 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 11 Jul 1993 in Tennessee, USA. She married (1) **WILLIE D MEEKS** about 1935 in Tennessee, USA. He was born on 13 Dec 1899 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 11 Oct 1936 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

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She married (2) JAMES M HAMM after 1940. He was born on 05 Jan 1904 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 05 Feb 1969 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

Notes for Alma Pearl Armstrong: Find A Grave Memorial #54958561

Notes for James M Hamm: Find A Grave Memorial #51958580

Notes for Willie D Meeks: Find A Grave Memorial #147267409

Willie D Meeks and Alma Pearl Armstrong had the following child:

- i. MARY F4 MEEKS was born on 06 Mar 1936 in Tennessee, USA. She married Eddie Oran Denney on 25 Nov 1956 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He was born on 14 Sept. 1934 in Tennessee, USA.

6. LEOLA A3 ARMSTRONG (Alice Matilda "Tillar"2 Latta, Leroy Dewitt/ Latta) was born in 1910 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 18 Jan 1991. She married James T "JT" Sims about 1936. He was born on 17 Mar 1911 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 28 Jun 1989.

James T. "JT" Sims and Leola A. Armstrong had the following children:

- i. BETTYE SUE4 SIMS was born about 1937. She married James D "Jimmy" McClain on 26 Jun 1953. He was born on 16 Apr 1934 in Pleasant Site, Tennessee. He died on 15 Nov 2009 in Selmer, McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

Obituary for James D. McClain.

James D. (Jimmy) McClain was born April 16, 1934 in Pleasant Site, Tennessee the son of the late Freeman and Lena James McClain. He was united in marriage to Bettye Sue Sims on June 26, 1953. Mr. McClain was a truck driver for over 40 years. He was a member of the Pleasant Site Baptist church and attended Gravel Hill Baptist church. He loved his wife, kids, grandkids and great grandkids more than anything. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He loved truck driving and being on the road with his baby. He loved his dogs and grew some of the best tomatoes. He will be truly missed by his family.

Mr. McClain departed this life on November 15, 2009 in Selmer, Tennessee at the age of 75 Years, 6 Months, 30 Days. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bettye Sue McClain of Selmer, TN; three daughters, Jan Parson and husband Dennis of Counce, TN, Sherry Crumby and husband Tommy of Selmer, TN, Melody Clayton and husband Tracy of Jonesboro, AR; two sons, Jerry McClain of Gilchrist, TN, Mike McClain and wife Susan of Bethel Springs, TN; three sisters, Christine Sewell, Kay Nix, Janet Ferrel; four brothers, Maury McClain, Larry McClain, Phillip McClain, Ricky McClain; 15 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mr. McClain was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Glen McClain; three brothers, Wendell McClain, David McClain, Ronnie McClain.

- ii. NANCY CAROLYN SIMS was born on 18 Jan 1944 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 18 Nov 2010 in Jackson, Madison, Tennessee, USA. She married JIMMY DAN BURNS. He was born in 1944.

Obituary for Nancy Carolyn Burns.

Nancy Carolyn Burns was born January 18, 1944 in McNairy County, Tennessee the daughter of the late J. T. and Leola Armstrong Sims. She was a member of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Burns departed this life on November 18, 2010 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 66 Years, 10 Months. She is survived by her husband Jimmy Dan Burns of Ramer, TN; a daughter, Deanne Thorne and companion Bryan James of Corinth,

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MS; a son, Dane Burns and wife Carrie of Henderson, TN; three grandchildren, Mealea Myers, Grant Burns, Joshua Burns; a sister, Bettye McClain of Selmer, TN; numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

7. HUGH BASIL³ LATTA (Thomas Thurman², Leroy Dewitt¹) was born on 25 Sep 1909 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died in March 1966. He married Ruth G Lusk about 1930. She was born on 22 Nov 1907 in St Louis, Missouri, USA. She died on 27 Dec 1974 in Luka, Tishomingo, Mississippi.

Hugh Basil Latta and Ruth G Lusk had the following child:

- i. HUGH LUSK⁴ LATTA was born about 1938 in Mississippi, USA.

Descendants of John Walker Latta

By: Jan Roddy, Branch 15, janroddy@cox.net

Generation 1

1. JOHN WALKER¹ LATTA was born in Jan 1850 in Tennessee, USA. He died in 1926 in Fannin, Texas, USA. He married Victoria Huggins, daughter of James Monroe Huggins and Elizabeth Springer, on 05 Nov 1871 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 24 Aug 1853 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 14 Oct 1931 in Honey Grove, Fannin, Texas, USA.

John Walker Latta and Victoria Huggins had the following children:

2. i. ELMER GILMON² LATTA was born on 10 Apr 1878 in Gravel Hill, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 31 Dec 1966 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. He married (1) ALICE JANE "ALLIE" ROGERS on 26 Feb 1905 in Fannin, Texas, USA. She was born on 15 Feb 1887. She died on 18 Apr 1910 in Honey Grove, Fannin, Texas, USA. He married (2) NINA BOND after 1910. She was born on 18 Oct 1894 in Texas, USA. She died on 04 May 1956 in Fannin, Texas, USA.

ii. JOHN GILBERT LATTA was born on 09 Sep 1881 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 24 Aug 1908 in Fannin, Texas, USA.

Notes for John Gilbert Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #14503214.

iii. JAMES SAMPSON "SAM" LATTA was born on 31 Jul 1883 in Gravel Hill, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 31 Jan 1943 in Terrell, Kaufman, Texas, USA.

Notes for James Sampson "Sam" Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #14503260.

The body of J. S. Latta was brought here from Terrell, where he passed away Sunday evening at 11 o'clock. He was an inmate of the State Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Windom Church of Christ, conducted by J. E. Luttrell. He is survived by two brothers, E. G. Latta of Bonham and Bert Latta of Honey Grove. Burial was at the Windom cemetery.

iv. WILLIAM BURTON "BURT" LATTA was born on 08 Jul 1887 in Gravel Hill, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 12 Jul 1968 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA.

Notes for William Burton "Burt" Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #14503228.

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Last Rites Held Here Sunday For Burt Latta. William Burton (Burt) Latta, 81, who made his home at the Page Nursing Home in Honey Grove, died at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning in M&S Hospital in Bonham. He had been in failing health for the past several years but had been in the hospital only three days at the time of his death.

A retired farmer, he was never married. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in the Arledge Ridge community. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Cooper-Sorrells Chapel with Elder H. G. Ball of Tioga as officiate. Interment was in the Windom Cemetery. Pallbearers were G. O. Hawkins, Dick Nichols, Lemuel Locke, M. G. Parrish, Alvin Loschke and R. W. Poeck.

Generation 2

2. **ELMER GILMON² LATTA** (John Walker¹) was born on 10 Apr 1878 in Gravel Hill, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 31 Dec 1966 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. He married (1) **ALICE JANE "ALLIE" ROGERS** on 26 Feb 1905 in Fannin, Texas, USA. She was born on 15 Feb 1887. She died on 18 Apr 1910 in Honey Grove, Fannin, Texas, USA. He married (2) **NINA BOND** after 1910. She was born on 18 Oct 1894 in Texas, USA. She died on 04 May 1956 in Fannin, Texas, USA.

Notes for Elmer Gilmon Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #24814771.

Notes for Alice Jane "Allie" Rogers: Find A Grave Memorial #24814746.

Elmer Gilmon Latta and Alice Jane "Allie" Rogers had the following children:

i. **MAE ARDIE³ LATTA** was born on 16 Nov 1905 in Edhube, Fannin, Texas, USA. She died on 26 Dec 2004 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. She married William Steve Hodgkiss on 17 Nov 1925 in Commerce, Hunt, Texas, USA. He was born on 20 Jun 1905 in Telephone, Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 05 Mar 1974 in Texas, USA.

ii. **NEVA LATTA** was born on 13 Dec 1907 in Edhube, Fannin, Texas, USA. She died on 25 Dec 2005 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. She married Howard Vernon Smith on 20 Oct 1927 in Commerce, Hunt, Texas, USA. He was born on 06 Jul 1903 in Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 24 Mar 1996 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA.

Notes for Nina Bond: Find A Grave Memorial #24814816.

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3. **MAE ARDIE³ LATTA** (Elmer Gilmon², John Walker¹) was born on 16 Nov 1905 in Edhube, Fannin, Texas, USA. She died on 26 Dec 2004 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. She married William Steve Hodgkiss on 17 Nov 1925 in Commerce, Hunt, Texas, USA. He was born on 20 Jun 1905 in Telephone, Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 05 Mar 1974 in Texas, USA.

Notes for Mae Ardie Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #45190580.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mae Latta Hodgkiss, age 99, of Bonham, will be held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004 at the Northside Church of Christ in Bonham under the direction of Wise Funeral Home. Mr. Charles Wrenn will officiate. Burial will follow in the Willow Wild Cemetery. Mrs. Hodgkiss passed away on Dec. 26, 2004 at the Seven Oaks Care Center. She was a 1925 Graduate of Bonham High School and attended East Texas State University. She married William Steve Hodgkiss on Nov. 17, 1925 in Commerce and he preceded her in death on March 5, 1974. She taught school in Harrison and Lamasco communities of Fannin County until the birth of her daughter and then becoming a homemaker. She was a member of the Northside Church of Christ. She is survived by: Daughter and son-in-law: Nell Brady and Dwain of Lubbock, TX.

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Sister: Neva Smith of Bonham Grandchildren: Marc Brady and wife Andrea of Allen, TX; Sheryn Brady Hodges and husband Steve of Lucas, TX; Jon Brady and wife Ellen of Norfolk, Virginia Great Grandchildren: Davis & Connor Brady of Allen and Grace Brady of Norfolk, VA Niece: Janet Clayton of Bonham Pallbearers will be Billy Partridge, Rudy Wheeler, Kenneth Dale, Steve Mohundro, Bobby Vaught, and Aubrey Conley. Honorary Pallbearers will be Neil Downing, John Tanner, Roy Kemp, P.E. Biggerstaff, and Richard Gopffarth. The Family will receive friends at Wise Funeral Home from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Monday, Dec. 27, 2004.

Notes for William Steve Hodgkiss: Find A Grave Memorial #45190563

William Steve Hodgkiss and Mae Ardie Latta had the following child:

5. i. NELL⁴ HODGKISS was born in Jun 1934. She married Dwain Marshall Brady on 31 Dec 1955. He was born on 03 Jul 1931 in Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, USA. He died on 07 Aug 2008 in Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, USA.

4. NEVA³ LATTA (Elmer Gilmon², John Walker¹) was born on 13 Dec 1907 in Edhube, Fannin, Texas, USA. She died on 25 Dec 2005 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. She married Howard Vernon Smith on 20 Oct 1927 in Commerce, Hunt, Texas, USA. He was born on 06 Jul 1903 in Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 24 Mar 1996 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA.

Notes for Neva Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #44579715

Bonham, Texas -- Funeral services for Mrs. Neva Latta Smith, age 98 of Bonham, will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 28, 2005 in Wise Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Willow Wild Cemetery. Mrs. Smith passed away early December 25, 2005 at Seven Oaks Nursing & Rehab Center in Bonham. She was a 1927 graduate of Bonham High School. She married Howard Vernon Smith, October 20, 1927 in Commerce, Texas. He preceded her in death, March 24, 1996. Mrs. Smith was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was active in Methodist Womens Organization. She made communion bread for the church for over 20 years. Mrs. Smith worked with PTA and Blue Birds. She was a homemaker and sewed for the public. She enjoyed cooking for her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Mae Hodgkiss (Dec. 26, 2004). She is survived by: Daughter: Janet Clayton of Bonham; Grandchildren: Carolyn Stroud and Scott Clayton; Great Grandchildren: Heath and Nicholas Weissert and Callie and Chase Clayton Great Great Grandchildren: Morgan and Brayden; Niece: Nell Brady of Lubbock. Pallbearers will be Scott Clayton, Danny Joe Stroud, Heath Weissert, Nick Weissert, Jimmy Herriage and Ray Campbell. Honorary pallbearers will be Callie, Chase, Morgan and Brayden. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 801 Star St., Bonham, TX. The family will receive friends at Wise Funeral Home from 7:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday night.

Notes for Howard Vernon Smith: Find A Grave Memorial #44579724

Howard Vernon Smith and Neva Latta had the following child:

6. i. JANET⁴ SMITH was born in 1938. She married BOBBY DONALD CLAYTON. He was born on 19 Sep 1936 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 25 May 2010 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

Generation 4

5. NELL⁴ HODGKISS (Mae Ardie³ Latta, Elmer Gilmon² Latta, John Walker¹ Latta) was born in Jun 1934. She married Dwain Marshall Brady on 31 Dec 1955. He was born on 03 Jul 1931 in Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, USA. He died on 07 Aug 2008 in Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, USA.

Notes for Dwain Marshall Brady: Find A Grave Memorial #54163199.

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Services for Dwain Marshall Brady, 77, of Lubbock will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2008 in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Dr. Harvie Pruitt and Joe Burks officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Dwain Marshall Brady was born July 3, 1931 in Lubbock, Texas to Benny R. and Eleanor Brady. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He married Nell Hodgkiss on December 31, 1955. Dwain was a Field Representative for Deutsche Financial Servers until his retirement. He was a member of Sunset Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife of 52 years; son, Marc and his wife, Andrea of Denver, CO; Son, Jon and his wife, Ellen of Norfolk, VA; daughter, Sheryn Hodges and her husband, Steve of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren.

Dwain Marshall Brady and Nell Hodgkiss had the following children:

- i. MARC5 BRADY
- ii. SHERYN BRADY
- iii. JON BRADY.

6. **JANET4 SMITH** (Neva3 Latta, Elmer Gilmon2 Latta, John Walker/ Latta) was born in 1938. She married **BOBBY DONALD CLAYTON**. He was born on 19 Sep 1936 in Bonham, Fannin, Texas, USA. He died on 25 May 2010 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

Notes for Bobby Donald Clayton: Find A Grave Memorial #52920583.

Bobby Donald Clayton passed away on Tuesday, May 25 in Dallas surrounded by family & friends following a brief illness. Bobby was the son of Eddie and Lorena Clayton. He graduated from Bonham High School Class of 1955 and East Texas State University. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. Bobby had a career of over 50 years in the insurance business and was the owner of The Eagle Group Insurance Resources. He is survived by his wife Sharon of McKinney and their daughters, Christa & Katie, former wife, Janet Smith Clayton, and their daughter Carolyn Stroud and husband Danny Joe Stroud, son Scott Clayton and fiancé Donna Scobee, and his brother Marc Clayton and wife Lori, all residing in Bonham, as well as Sharon's sister, Sherry Mier and husband Steve of Lafayette, LA. He has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Pam Duncan. A graveside memorial service is scheduled for 5:00 in the evening Saturday, June 5 at Arledge Ridge Cemetery in Bonham and will be followed by a celebration of his life from 6:30-8:30 at the Clayton home place in Bonham.

Bobby Donald Clayton and Janet Smith had the following children:

- i. CAROLYN R5 CLAYTON was born in 1964. She married DANNY JOE STROUD.
- ii. SCOTT CLAYTON.

Descendants of William Orland Latta

By: Jan Roddy, Branch 15, janroddy@cox.net

Generation 1

1. **WILLIAM ORLAND/ LATTA** was born on 07 Sep 1886 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. He died on 29 Apr 1978 in Corinth, Alcorn, Mississippi, USA. He married Eupha Lucinda Springer, daughter of Jessee Comer Springer and Cordelia Caroline "Cora" Huggins, on 28 Nov 1909 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She was born on 15 Mar 1888 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 30 Dec 1975 in Corinth, Alcorn, Mississippi, USA.

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Notes for William Orland Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #54837176.

Notes for Eupha Lucinda Springer: Find A Grave Memorial #54837165.

William Orland Latta and Eupha Lucinda Springer had the following children:

i. JESSIE CLIFTON² LATTA was born on 18 Sep 1910 in Tennessee, USA. He died on 16 Jun 1971 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA. He married Clara Florence "Fanny" Jegust on 29 Aug 1942 in Harris, Texas, USA. She was born on 09 Mar 1915 in Texas, USA. She died on 19 Jan 1975 in Pasadena, Harris, Texas, USA.

Notes for Jessie Clifton Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #158017512.

Notes for Clara Florence "Fanny" Jegust: Find A Grave Memorial #146095956.

ii. BONNIE RUTH LATTA was born on 06 Oct 1912 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 10 Apr 1987 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA. She married Samuel M Fite before 1932. They divorced after 1937. He was born on 09 Jan 1910 in Mississippi, USA. He died on 12 Jun 1975 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA.

iii. ELIZABETH ANN LATTA was born on 29 Oct 1917 in Michie, McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 27 Oct 2001 in Orlando, Orange, Florida, USA. She married (1) UNKNOWN PURVIS in Jan 1952. She married (2) JOE EDWARD AARDWEG in Dec 1965 in Lauderdale, Alabama, USA. She married (3) RAYMOND KING MASHBURN on 04 May 1988 in Orange, Florida, USA. He was born on 25 Jun 1918. He died on 31 Dec 1988.

iv. JOSEPH WILSON LATTA was born on 25 Sep 1919 in Tennessee, USA. He married GERTRUDE UNKNOWN LATTA. She was born in 1920 in Mississippi, USA.

v. MAY LATTA was born on 23 Sep 1921 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA. She died on 23 Sep 1921 in McNairy, Tennessee, USA.

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2. BONNIE RUTH² LATTA (William Orland¹) was born on 06 Oct 1912 in Tennessee, USA. She died on 10 Apr 1987 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA. She married Samuel M Fite before 1932 (1932, 1937 Public Directories Divorced after 1937). He was born on 09 Jan 1910 in Mississippi, USA. He died on 12 Jun 1975 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA.

Notes for Bonnie Ruth Latta: Find A Grave Memorial #30881734.

Samuel M Fite and Bonnie Ruth Latta had the following children:

3. i. DAISY LEE³ FITE was born on 06 Aug 1932. She died in 2007 in Pasadena, Harris, Texas, USA.

Notes for Daisy Lee Fite: Find A Grave Memorial #30881763

ii. JOANN FITE was born on 05 Apr 1934. She married Charles Henry Thompson Jr. on 18 Jul 1953 in Harris, Texas, USA. He was born about 1930.

3. JOANN³ FITE (Bonnie Ruth² Latta, William Orland¹ Latta) was born on 05 Apr 1934. She married Charles Henry Thompson Jr. on 18 Jul 1953 in Harris, Texas, USA. He was born about 1930. Charles Henry Thompson Jr. and JoAnn Fite had the following children:

i. WENDELL LYNN⁴ THOMPSON was born in Texas, USA. He married LAUREL CAIN.

ii. DENNIS WAYNE THOMPSON was born in Texas, USA.

iii. BONNIE JO THOMPSON was born in Texas, USA.

iv. CHARLES WILLIAM THOMPSON was born in Texas, USA.

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English Lawtie Lines

By: Kathy Latta, Captain Branch 16, lattakj@telusplanet.net

Unknown Lawtie/Latta(1)

2. John Edward Lawtie (2)

DOB 1470 or 78, DOD 1540 or 59, Saltmarsh, East Yorkshire, Howden, York, England. Married to Lady Jennet Foster, DOB; 1490/ or 1501, DOD; 1551/or 57, Yorkshire England Had at least one son, John Lawtie(3).

3. John Lawtie (3)

3. John Lawtie(3)>John Edward Lawtie(2)>Unknown(1)

DOB; 1513/ or 21 to DOD 1571, Howden, York, England DOM; ?, married to Catherine Howard (1522-1560), had at least two children. 4. Jennett Lawtie(4) and 5. Thomas Lawtie(4)

4. Jennett Lawtie (4)

4. Jennett Lawtie(4)>John Lawtie(3)>John Edward Lawtie(2), Unknown Lawtie(1)

DOB; 1543, Howden, York, England DOM; 4 May 1564, married to John (seen as Johannis) Wells(es), had at least 7 children . Christopher, Thomas, Walter, William, Phillipa, Isabel, Elizabeth.

5 Thomas Lawtie (4)

5. Thomas Lawtie(4)>John Lawtie(3)>John Edward Lawtie(2)> Unknown(1)

DOB; DOD not clear DOM; ? , married to Elizabeth Alice Crosier, had About 3 surviving children;

6. Hugo(5) married Jennett Dickson

7. Thomas(5) married Elizabeth Southworth , had at least 3 daughters, Emma Jane, Mary, Eliza Lawtie. 8. Isable (5)

6. Hugo Lawtie (5)

6. Hugo Lawtie(5), Thomas(4), John(3), John Edward(2) DOB ,Howden, York, England, married Jennett Dickson.

7. Thomas Lawtie(5)

7. Thomas Lawtie(5) > Thomas (4), John (3) John Edward (2) > unknown Lawtie(1)

Items of Note for this Family Line

A quick review at the Latter Day Saints (LDS), www.familysearch.org, site reveals other Lawtie families in the same time frame, also in the same area. As well some pedigrees provide the information that John Lawtie retained the title of "Lord" and His wife Jennett "Lady". He also passed this title on to son Thomas. The names chosen for the children were also significant as they had a very distinctive European sound to them.

Children of Thomae Lawtie/Lawtye married to Elizabeth Alice Crosier; all born at Howden, East Riding York/Yorkshire, England. Robertus Lawty, 1566, 24 Aug, may have died young without issue Thomas Lawty, 1568, 19 Dec., Isabella Lawty, 1570, 26 Nov., may have died young without issue as there is another child so named later. Hugo Lawty, 1575, 6 Jan., Isable Lawty, 1575, 3 Dec., Fransisca Lawty, 1576, 4 Dec., may have died young without issue, Cicilia Lawty 1580, 24 Oct., may have did young without issue.

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Other Lawty Families to Note

Stephanus Lawty, 1577, 17 Oct., son of Guillmi Lawty, born at Howden Jacobus Lawty, 1581, 4 March, also son of Guillmi Lawty. Children of Wm. Lawtie Born at Howden Catherin, 1584, 21 March, Margaret, 1588, 4 March, Thoms, 1593, 28 Nov., Lawrence, 1594, 17 Aug., Robart, 1595, 15 March, Robart 1596, 9 May, Jordan, 1598, 6 Jan., James, 1600, 21 Feb., Cicilie, 1602, 29 April, Willm., 1604, 30 March, Catherine, 1606, 29 May.

Children of Steven Lawtie, Born at Howden

Nicholas, 1607, 13 March, Willm. 1609, 22 March, Thoms, 1611, 23 Aug. , Jane, 1617, 27 Dec., Marie, 1620, 22 March, Willm. 1621, 15 June, Frances 1624, 17 Oct. Three wives of Steven Lawtie, 1) Dorothe Drap, DOM; 1606, 3 Aug. 2) Catherine Tawbutt, 1634, 25 Jan., and 3) Mary Awdus, 1636, 25 Apr.

Table 1; Descendancy of Matches for Jennett Lawtie married to John Wells

Latta Project Member	Matches With	Lawtie Line of Descendancy Jennett Lawtie (JL) m. to John Wells(JW)
Alberigi, Br 9 FG 8	Tinsley	JL+JW>Isabella Wells>William Tuttle
Cleven, lists FT Jean Latta m. Alex Craig, Scotland	Brearley	Same as above
Kay, lists FT Burt, Co Donegal, Ire.Latta/McClintock/ Robinson	Ridgley	Same as above
Mullins, Br 51 FG 2	Layton	Same as above
Hanson/Fulgham, Br 15 thru Note 3	Whitworth	Same as above, permission given for contact Kristi Hanson Fulgham; Kristi.fulgham@gmail.com
Latta 16b, Br 16 FG 6	Wheeler	JL+JW > Isabella Wells > John Tuttle

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Table 2: Descendancy of Matches for Thomas(T)>Hugo(H)> Alice(A)Lawtie Married to Robert Wright

Latta Project Member	Matches with	T > H > A >
Alberigi	Kopplin	T>H>A>Samuel Wright>SarahWright m. Noah Hampton
Holnagel, list FT As Br 18 FG 2 while Mom lists hers as Br 51 FG2	Couts	T>H>A>Samuel Wright>Mary Wright m. Thomas Cox
Weitzel, lists FT as James Latta m. Tamar Jenkins, son Wm. C m. Minnie Merrits, dtr. Verna Belle m. Elmer Baker	Taylor and Taylor-Holloway	T>H>A>Samuel Wright>SarahWright m. Noah Hampton Permission given for contact, Joy Weitzel; Weitzelfamily@natel.net
Latta, Br. 16b	Brinkerhoff	T>H>A>Joshua Wright>Elizabeth Wright
Mottershead Nee Latta Br 16e	Smith	T>H>A>Joshua Wright>Joshua 11 Wright>David Wright
Mullins Br. 51	Taylor	T>H>A>Joshua Wright>David Wright
Warenski, lists FT Br. 15 thru Note 3	Patterson,G + C Kelley, and Stewart	T>H>A>Thomas Wright>Susannah Wright> Eleanor Bullock Same as above, permission given for contact Robin Warenski; rbwabw@gmail.com
Cross	Hughes	T>H>A>Thomas Wright >Susannah Wright>Eleanor Bulloch
Webb, FT-no Latta, FF-no Latta	Patterson G+C Kelley	Same as Above Same as above
Latta (Poss.Br.15)	Harris	T>H>A>Joshua Wright>Benjamin Wright

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

1. Regarding the Third Crusade: In regards to family lore which aspires to grow fuzzy with the passage of a great deal of time, perhaps centuries erases the details but there should still be some nuggets of truth to discover. With respect to time and place of events during the Third Crusade (1189-1192), I decided to check quickly on Wikipedia to see if anything relates to the newest Lawty Line that was discovered with the help of Matches from the Family Finder test at Family Tree DNA. Briefly I can relate the gist of what is important to our line of inquiry. Family lore has it that a Genoese man named Latta (Latin meaning: one who works with tin) returns from the Crusade and stays in the British Isles. How did this come about?

Both King Richard the Lion Heart and King Phillip leave England with arrangements to meet prior to arriving at Messina on the Island of Sicily. They separate going by two different routes. On the way there King Phillip gets tired of waiting for troops to arrive so arranges the hire of a Genoese Fleet to carry his troops. His troops consisted of 650 Knights and their 1300 Squires. Wikipedia provides the information that accounts of the events surrounding the Third Crusade, although written by several scholars, the one that caught my eye and which I note with enthusiasm was the account by Ambroise, Roger of Howden, Ralph of Diceto, and Geraldus Cambrosis. Howden is without doubt a very important place of interest for our Latta/Lawty Lines. Kathy Latta, Captain, Branch 16, lattakj@telusplanet.net.

2. Invitation to Join Family Tree DNA Latta Surname Project

The Latta Genealogy Society would like to extend a cordial invitation to other DNA Donors who list a LATTA or one of it's derivatives to join the Latta Surname Project at Family Tree DNA. **Derivative Surnames include:** Latty, Lattie, Latto, Lattey, Lattea, Lawtie, Lotto.

As a non-profit organization we have presence on the Internet and can be reached in one of the following ways;

- 1) The Latta Genealogy website, www.latta.org
Which features an interactive search tool, or try the name index under database.
- 2) Facebook page, The Latta Genealogy Society
- 3) Facebook page, The Latta Gathering
- 4) Or through a GAP Administrator for the Latta Surname Project:
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We are looking forward to including new met cousins in our search to join and explore the many different families of Lattas.

3. Here are some excerpts from the Arlington National Cemetery Website provided by E. Michael Latta, Auditor, nci1blatta@aol.com:

James Edward Latta was born Dec. 11, 1924 in Granville County, North Carolina to R. I. and Bernice Regan Latta. He died Feb. 23, 1999, and was survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Sandra E. Latta and Barbara (David) Cress, grandsons Brett Cress and Devin Cress, and sister Cornelia (Stewart) Pickett. James Latta served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in WWII, and in the Vietnam War. For more information see the Arlington National Cemetery Website for their copyrighted article.

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Our Financial Contributors since the last issue. We really appreciate your support! If there is a number before the name, it is that person's branch number. The editor suggests that the reader contact researchers of the same branch and share information.

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Preservation of Your Latta History

Computers may crash, web sites go down or are pulled due to lack of funding, natural disasters happen, and your relatives throw out all those old papers. To preserve your Latta family history for generations to come, send to us the story of your Latta family. We will print it in our Latta Genealogy Newsletter, and send it to a number of major libraries, including the Newberry Library in Chicago, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, the Library of Congress, the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, etc. Future generations will thank you.

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Elections of President and Treasurer

Office of President

The current President, Kenneth Mueller, has decided to run for reelection with the support of the Board of Officers. The term of office is for two years, from Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2020.

I have been the editor of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter since 2002, Issue 16. Since our Society's incorporation I have served as your President. My goal is to continue our mission of preserving the genealogical, cultural and historical legacy of the Latta Family. I have answered many e-mails and letters from researchers looking for their Latta heritage. I prepare and distribute your Newsletter three times a year. I work with my fellow Latta Society officers on research projects, encourage our branch captains, and coordinate our Society's activities. I enjoy the challenge and look forward to serving you, our Latta members, for another two years.

Office of Treasurer

Randall Phillips, the incumbent Treasurer, has decided to run for reelection with the support of the Board of Officers. The term of office is for two years, Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2020. As Treasurer, Randy has done a great job, managing our finances and paying our bills. Randy is also the Branch 4 Captain, monitors E-Bay for Latta items, and has contributed several articles about his finds. He found and sent to the editor for publication the Jennie Latta composition, which was never printed publicly until our Newsletter Issue 42, page 6. He also connected the editor with a rare find of Latta postcards, which were printed in Issue 39, page 25. Randy is currently working on article for our newsletter on his Latta Family Branch 4 and their involvement in the War of 1812. Randy looks forward to helping our Latta Family for another two years.

How to Vote in the Latta Genealogy Society Election

With every member's newsletter there is a ballot and stamped envelope enclosed. If you receive the Newsletter by e-mail, you should also have a ballot attached to the e-mail. Every current member is eligible to vote. Simply mark your ballot, and mail it by 1 Nov. 2017 to Mrs. Cheryl Sue Cox, Vice President, 6 Woodhill Ave., Salem WV 26426. She will count the ballots and announce in the next newsletter the names of the winning candidates.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society

By: Alan Leroy Latta, Branch 3 Captain, allatta@aol.com

With the consent of the Officers of the Latta Genealogy Society, the 2017 Annual Meeting will be at the Embassy Suites, 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Their phone number is: 719 599-9100 or 844-2529015. If we can get ten people or more to reserve ahead of time, we can get a group rate.

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Our plan is to enjoy the morning and afternoon of Saturday, October 21, 2017 in the old mining town of Cripple Creek. Branch #3 Lattas have deep roots in the Colorado Springs - Cripple Creek area. My father William Alexander Latta was born in a mining camp along Fountain Creek. There are also museums and quaint shops in Cripple Creek. Lunch and dinner would be at a local restaurant. Then at 700 PM we would gather in a meeting room at the Embassy Suites for the Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see as many members and their families at our meeting as possible.

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Latta, South Carolina

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Latta, South Carolina is off of Interstate 95 at exit 181. See the picture that indicates Latta is off of South Carolina Road 38 at the Latta/Marion sign. Mike Latta, the author is standing and pointing to the sign. Mike is also in the other three pictures.

For 18 consecutive winters, the author and his wife, Barbara, traveled Interstate 95 to and from Florida from their home in Raleigh, North Carolina. Each year they would see the Latta sign, and one year they decided to visit. The brick sign that one sees on entering the town states in bold letters: "Welcome to Latta."

For whom was Latta named? All sources have the town named for Robert James Latta. A mimeographed reference report in the Latta Public Library (see picture) titled: "The History of Latta" by Christopher Lynn Bethea of Latta High School, dated March 1974 states on page 2: "the name Latta came from Captain Robert Latta." His full name was Robert James Latta from York County, South Carolina. He was an engineer for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad that came through the area and established a depot that was earlier called "Laddie." Later it became the town of Latta after Robert James Latta surveyed an area of about 40 acres for the town.

Evidence indicates that Robert Latta was single and educated at King's Mountain Military Academy. Some have indicated that Captain Robert was an officer in the Confederate Army. This author does not believe this because of the following facts. In the home of Robert James Latta's father was William Latta. In the home of William Latta's father, Robert Latta of York, South Carolina, there is a framed, glass covered genealogical chart having the name of Robert James Latta, and a typed birthday of 1850. If that is true, Robert would have been only 15 years old in 1865, the end of the Civil War. Someone has written in an inked date of 1847 for Robert's birth. If correct, then he would have been 18 in 1865. Was he a captain in the Confederate Army? Maybe, maybe not. But he still could have had the title of Captain, as he attended King's Mountain Military Academy, or acquired the title by some other means.

For further clarification, Robert James Latta, for whom the town is named, was the son of William Latta of York, South Carolina. William's father was Robert Latta who built the Latta House in Huntersville, North Carolina. So the name of Robert James Latta was a combination of his grandfather's name, Robert, and his father's name, William. The best evidence this author has is that these men were in Branch 12. The author visited in 2015 both the James Latta house in Huntersville, North Carolina, and Robert Latta's house in York, South Carolina.

As earlier cited, the "History of Latta" report was in the Latta Library (see picture). A distinguished building, the Library is located in the Historic District of the town. It is one of the last Carnegie Libraries funded by the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie. When he retired in

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1901, his fortune was estimated at a half billion dollars, much of which was used to build libraries among other buildings. Many of the structures in the Town of Latta are now listed on the National Historic Registry.

The name Latta is on virtually every type building and sign in the town. There is a Latta Garden Club, a Latta U. S. Post Office, a Latta Fire Department, Latta Methodist Church, Latta Baptist Church, Latta Presbyterian Church, among other buildings in the town. Religion is apparently important in Latta. A close up of the Gazebo in the central part of the town celebrates the centennial of the town in 1987. The town was established in 1887. In the background one can see the name Latta Hardware and Supply Company.

How many people live in the town? As of 2016, there are 1,351 people living in the town of Latta. How many Lattas? At the time of the author's visit, a review of the town's telephone directory revealed none. If you wish to visit Latta, remember it is off of Interstate 95 in Dillon County at exit 181.



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Latta
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