

# The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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## Ireland: What Do We Know?

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In Issue 49 of the Newsletter I tried to summarize the current state of knowledge about the Latta connection to Ireland. This article updates that information and tries to determine what further might be done. As many members will know, the Society has over recent years undertaken some research into the Latta family in Ireland. Many Lattas in the US can trace their ancestry to the north of Ireland where many Scots Presbyterians were settled in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Pioneering work by Alex Latta and others has given us a picture of the family connections with Ireland. Ireland offers specific challenges to genealogists in terms of the lack of good census and parish records compared to Scotland or England.

So what do we know?

1. Between 1610-19 a significant number of Scots moved to the north of Ireland as part of the attempt by King James I of England (who was also King James VI of Scotland) to strengthen his rule in a country where rebellion against British rule was endemic. There is an excellent account of this process in the book "The Scottish Migration to Ulster in the Reign of James I" by M. Perceval-Maxwell. While some Scots had moved to Ireland prior to 1610, this represented a substantial and organized increase to that process.
2. The process worked on the basis that "undertakers" were granted land and in return promised to persuade tenants to relocate from either England or Scotland to work the land and to form a potential military presence to combat Irish opposition to British rule. A significant group of these undertakers were from Scotland.
3. The first reference to Lattas in Ireland occurs in the 1630 Donegal and 1631 Donegal and Tyrone Muster Rolls. These rolls represented an attempt by the British government to take stock of how many people were available for military duties if needed. James Latte was listed in Raphoe (1631) [Source?] and John Latay in Raphoe in both 1630 and 1631. In both 1630 and 1631 he was living on land owned by the Bishop of Raphoe. Robert Letty was listed in Strabane in 1631 (sword and halbert). These references suggest that some Lattas came over in the first wave of migration, as between 1619-33 very few came over. The pace increased again after 1633.
4. The next source of direct information is the 1663 and 1665 Hearth Tax rolls which list James Latter in Londonderry, John Lata in Tullyennan, Donegal, John Latta in Bready, Donegal, John Lawtie in

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## Editorial

From the articles in this issue, you can see that DNA testing is the future of family history. Genealogical research will always be necessary, but often tying together loose ends will be done by DNA testing. So my advice is have your DNA tested, and follow where that evidence leads. My hope is that we can connect most if not all of the many branches of the Latta Family. Please see page 24 on how to get started with DNA.

But do not neglect traditional genealogical research. Otherwise your DNA test will be in a vacuum, with no people to connect with. Please also include labeled pictures of your family, as that makes it interesting to young people.

## The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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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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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 April 17, 2018

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**Report Period: Jan. 10, 2018 through April 17, 2018.**

**Beginning balance: \$8088.07**

### Income

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>General Fund donations</b> | <b>\$610.00</b> |
| <b>Research Fund</b>          | <b>\$30.00</b>  |
| <b>DNA Fund donations</b>     | <b>\$95.00</b>  |
| <b>Pay Pal Donations</b>      | <b>\$71.40</b>  |

**Total Income: \$806.40**

### Expenses

|                                                  |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Hostway website fees</b>                      | <b>\$69.75</b>  |
| <b>Newsletter Issue 63 (Ken Mueller)</b>         | <b>\$416.07</b> |
| <b>Newsletter 64 Advance (Ken Mueller)</b>       | <b>\$400.00</b> |
| <b>New Subscriber Campaign Expense (Sue Cox)</b> | <b>\$85.20</b>  |
| <b>State of Washington Annual Fee</b>            | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                            | <b>\$981.02</b> |

**Ending balance as of April 17, 2018: \$7913.45**

**Included in ending balance:**

**Funds allocated for research: \$1187.50**

**Funds allocated for DNA: \$569.00**

**State of Washington Non-profit Corporation Annual Report filed Feb. 11, 2018.**

**2017 IRS Form 990-N for Tax-Exempt Organizations filed Feb. 23, 2018. The Latta Genealogy Society is a tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**As a 501 (c) (7) organization, donations are not tax deductible.**

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### **Ireland: What Do We Know** (Continued from Page 1)

Londonderry and William Latta in Taughboyne, Donegal. Robert Latta in Tyrone in 1670 was also on the hearth tax roll.

5. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century there are various references to Lattas in Ireland. The flax growers list of 1796 included Abraham, Alexander, James, John and William Latta all in Taughboyne as well as Samuel Latta in Clonca, Donegal and William Latta in Templemore, Londonderry. A Samuel Latta, possibly the same one, was involved in a legal case in Ardagh, Donegal in 1786 and was a landowner in Dowish, Donegal in 1781. John Latta made a will in Bready in 1732 and there is another John Latta will in Castlethird in 1737. William Latta made a will in Bready in 1770. James Latta was a vestryman in Donaghedy, Tyrone between 1762 and 1778. Two separate John Lattas were householders in St Johnston in 1794. A 1781 landowners survey showed John Latta owning land in Ardagh, Dundee and Parks, Donegal. Whether this was the same owner or more than one John is not clear.

6. Research on Latta branches shows that several trace their origins to Ireland. Branch 1 traces to James M. Latta born in Donegal and his son William who came to America in about 1740 and died in 1808. Branch 3 traces to Moses Latta who died in Donegal in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. However the branch information is probably not accurate as it lists Moses' children who were also born in Ireland – Samuel about 1719, William in 1730, Moses in 1740 along with Ephraim born in the 1750s, Mungo who died in 1842 and John died in 1799. Birth dates in 1719 and the 1750s along with a death in 1842, even at an advanced age seem unlikely to be correct. Branch 4 begins with James Latta born in Ireland in 1730 (or 1716) whose children were also born in Ireland – James (1748), Samuel (1756), Moses (1760) and William. The family came to America in about 1772. Branch 5 begins with Ben or Eben Latta whose son John was born in Ireland in 1754 and came to America in about 1790. Branch 6 begins with a James Latta born in Ireland about 1700. Branch 7 begins with Thomas Latta, one of five brothers from Ireland who came to America before 1760. Branch 8 starts with the famous “shipwreck Lattas” and James Melyne Latta and his wife, Mary Alison. His son, also James, born in Ireland about 1732, was a member of the first graduating class of the University of Pennsylvania in 1757, and was the third moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America. There were three other children of James Melyne by his first wife, who had died in Ireland. They were Samuel, William and John. From sources it would appear that Samuel had been born about 1719 in Airsty, Donegal, and died in 1813 in Washington County, PA. William was born about 1729, and died in Mount Pleasant, PA in 1803. Branch 12 begins with Robert Latta, born in Killenny, Donaghedy, Tyrone in 1750, and who came to America by 1774. Branch 13 begins with William Latta, born about 1761 in Donegal. Branch 16 begins with John Latta, born in Bready, Donegal about 1657, and died there in 1725. Most of this family stayed in Ireland, with part moving from Donegal to Wexford in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Branch 18 begins with William Latta, born in Ireland about 1776, who came to America with two brothers, Samuel and David, in 1799. Branch 25 begins with William Latta born in Tyrone in 1776, and coming to America before he married. Branch 29 began with John Latta born in Ireland in 1722 and coming to America before the Revolutionary War. Branch 35 begins with John Latta born in Donegal about 1727, possibly the John from Branch 8, who was the half-brother of James Latta.

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Branch 45 begins with William Latta, born in Ireland in 1777. Branch 49 began with William Latta born in Ireland. Branch 50 begins with Joseph Latta, born in 1796 in St Johnston or Ardagh. Branch 51 begins with William Latta, born 1710 in St Johnston. Other branches record that they had Irish origins without being able to supply a named connection.

7. Most Irish records are for Donegal. In addition, a family of Lattas in Wexford moved there from Donegal in the 19<sup>th</sup> century (Branch 16). There are smaller numbers from Tyrone, Down and Dublin, but we cannot be sure whether some or all of these came from Donegal rather than directly from Scotland. Many of the settlers in Donegal went to a specific area in the eastern part of the county that was known as the Laggan. The main communities represented were Newtown Cunningham and St Johnstown, which are about 7 miles apart and a number of small communities near them including Taughboyne, Churchtown, Castlethird, Cross, Bready, Castleforward, Ardagh, Killea, Haw and Magheraboy. To the southwest of these communities are Raphoe and Convoys and beyond them Stranorlar and Meenavoy, while Letterkenny is to the west. Again, these are all close – Newtown Cunningham to Raphoe is about 12 miles. Lattas were also found in Lettermore, south of Stranorlar. Sources also identify Airsty and Killenny but these cannot be related to anywhere today. Millford also seems untraceable, although the town of Milford does exist. It is some distance from any other Latta settlement, although it is not too far from Rathmelton, which may be the Ramelton referred to in several sources.

The problem of course is linking these pieces of information to make any sort of family tree. Any attempt to do so would be sheer guesswork given the limited range of first names used and the lack of good parish records. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century records are better but still subject to the fact that most census records and many registration records no longer exist. Some parish records have been indexed and are available as are some civil registration records. These show 85 Latta birth records, 41 church records and 44 civil records from 1805 to 1916. These represent 63 individuals as for 22 there are records for both civil and parish sources. Out of the 63 births, 55 are from Donegal and only 8 from other counties. There are 51 marriage records covering 37 separate marriages between 1783 and 1901. Of these 22 are from Donegal and 15 from other counties, of which 6 were from Tyrone. There are 39 death records covering 36 individuals, of which 34 were from Donegal.

The only surviving census records are for 1901 and 1911. These show the following families still in Donegal:

1901: Family of Mary Latta age 57, a widow in Drumherville, Glenalla, Donegal with her son John age 30 and daughter Maggie age 26, plus two servants. John's occupation was listed as farmer and the family's religion as Presbyterian. They also appear in the 1911 census.

1901: Family of John Latta farmer age 34, Presbyterian, in Roosky, Castleforward, Donegal, unmarried with his sister Cassie age 28 and three servants. In the 1911 census John is listed with sister Mary Jane age 34.

1901: Family of Robert Latta age 70, a farmer with wife Margret age 66 and children Martha age 30 and Robert age 26 in Dromore, Magheraboy, Donegal. All were Presbyterian. This family does not appear in the 1911 census.

1901: Family of William Latta age 73 with wife Jane age 57 and five children, Matilda (34), Thomas (25), Annie (25), John (22) and Robert (19). Living in Glebe, Taughboyne, Donegal. All were Church of Ireland. William was listed as an agricultural labourer. In the 1911 census William was aged 84,

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but the only children listed were Matilda (age given as 40) and Robert (31). Thomas appears to have married and is listed in 1911 age 35 in Haw, Killea, Donegal with wife Sarah age 36 and child William Robb age 0.

1901: Family of James Latta age 60 unmarried living with his brother William age 72 and sister Elizabeth age 52, also both unmarried in Castlethrid, Taughboyne, Donegal. All were Church of Ireland. In 1911 James, aged 72, was living on his own.

1901: Family of Jane Latta age 63, a widow, with son Robert age 19 and daughter Mary Jane age 25, plus two servants. Jane was listed as a farmer living in Castlethrid, Taughboyne, Donegal. The family was Presbyterian. In 1911 Jane age 73 and son Robert age 29 were listed.

Close to Donegal was William age 30 in the city of Londonderry, Church of Ireland. He does not appear in the 1911 census. Also in Killenny, Dunnamaragh, Co Tyrone, William age 70 and his wife Jane age 71, both Presbyterian. William and Jane were still alive in 1911 aged 81 and 80. .

Apart from the families in Donegal, there was one family in Ballynakill, Co Wexford, headed by Elizabeth age 74 with son Robert Alan age 34, his wife Elizabeth Mabel age 33 and their children Margret Elizabeth age 3 and Robert Andrew Alexander age 0. All were Presbyterian. In 1911 Elizabeth was not listed but Robert Alexander (age 44) and Elizabeth Mabel age 43, now had five children, Margaret Elizabeth (13), Robert Andrew Alexander (10), Barbara Bessie (9), Francis Fender (6) and Herbert Lockhart (4).

There was also one family in Pottinger, County Down, John age 50, wife Margret Ann age 37 and children John Campbell age 15 and James Henry age 2. All were Presbyterian. In 1911 they were also listed except for James Campbell Latta. Also one family in Ballycultra, Holywood, County Down, consisting of Edmund age 48 and Nancy age 39, listed as Church of Ireland. They did not appear in the 1911 census.

In 1911 there was also a listing for Mary Jane Latta age 39 and daughter Christina in Ivan, Duncairn, County Antrim living (or just staying with) with her brother, James Alexander Clarke and his wife. There was also an Edgar age 35 in Ballymena, County Antrim, boarding in a family.

Two more intriguing entries for 1911 were James age 7 in Newtown Cunningham, Donegal, listed as the adopted son of Andre Walker and his wife Rebecca. In the same location there was George aged 1, adopted son of John Boyd and his wife Sarah. Both were the children of Mary Jane Latta, who was unmarried.

Please also see my website, Latta Family Origins, <http://www.lattafamilyorigins.org>. It is designed to provide information on the Latta and Latto names and genealogy for Scotland, England and Wales, Ireland and to a limited degree for Australia and New Zealand. The information on this site is regularly updated as new information becomes available. The most recent update was posted on February 26, 2018. I would urge anyone who can add information that is blank here or can make connections between individuals or who sees any errors, to e-mail me at [geoff@lattafamilyorigins.org](mailto:geoff@lattafamilyorigins.org).

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## John Latta of Dumbarton

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John Latta m Ann Lindsay 1798 Dumbarton, Scotland

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Matthew (1799 Dumbarton-)

James (1800 Dumbarton-)

John (1802 Dumbarton-)

Alexander (1804 Dumbarton – 1882 Dumbarton) m Jean/Jane Stuart/Stewart (1808/9-1873 Dumbarton) 1834 Dumbarton

John (1835-1889 Dumbarton) m Margaret Ure Begg (1840/1-1925 Dumbarton) 1866 Falkirk

Alexander (1867 Dumbarton -1928 Birkenhead) m Emily Elizabeth Bridson (1870/1-1930 West Derby) 1892 West Derby

John (1892 West Derby -1966 Wallasey) m Margaret Milne (1897-1950) 1927 Wirral

Alexander Stuart (1897 Wirral-1963 Melbourne, Vic) m Christina Allan 1924 Birkenhead

Jean Thorburn (1924 Birkenhead-)

Campbell Stuart (1931/5 Barcelona) m Patricia E Taylor 1959 East Retford

Elizabeth C (1960 Worksop) m Andrew J Allan 1981 Surrey SW

Justin Campbell (1975 Surrey SW) m Zia Olivia Nolan (1977-) 2004 Surrey Northern

Amelia Clare (2006 Kingston-on-Thames)

Malcolm Bridson (1904 Wirral-1976 Birkenhead) m Theresa McDonald (1907-1994 Birkenhead) 1929 Birkenhead

Ian A (1930 Birkenhead-) m Patricia Parkinson 1954 Birkenhead

Malcolm (1933 Birkenhead – 1992 Bristol) m Janet E. Quick 1958 Birkenhead

Alison J (1964 Wirral-)

Philip Alan (1966 Wirral-)

Eric (1935 Birkenhead-) m Margaret E. Wilbraham 1958 Birkenhead

Deborah K (1962 Birkenhead-) m Alan H. Jones 2000 Birkenhead

Doreen J (1938 Birkenhead- 1948 Birkenhead)

Margaret Ure (1869 Dumbarton-1941 Dumbarton)

Jane Stewart (1871 Dumbarton-1877 Dumbarton)

William Begg (1873 Dumbarton-) m Annie McColl Campbell (1879/80-1964 Dumbarton) 1906 Dumbarton

Primilia Alexandra (1906 Dumbarton- 1993 Dumbarton) m Hugh McIntyre 1937 Dumbarton

Margaret Ure (1910 Dumbarton – 2004 Dumbarton)

Ann M'Callum (1875 Dumbarton-1883 Dumbarton)

John Ferrier (son of Abraham Ferrier and Margaret Ure Begg born 1862/3 takes name Latta-1927 Dumbarton) m Margaret McCulloch (1862/3 – 1931 Dumbarton) 1891 Dumbarton

John Ferrier (1892 Dumbarton-1943 Milton Glasgow) m Maggie Lindsay McKinnon (1892/3-1989 Kilwinning) 1916 Stevenston

John Ferrier (1917 Stevenston-1942 War) m Elizabeth Graham 1941 Stevenston

Andrew McCulloch (1894 Dumbarton- 1982 Michigan USA) m Loiusa Mae \_\_ (1897/8-)

Patricia Mae (1929/30-)

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Margaret Begg (1895 Dumbarton-1977 Dumbarton) m Thomas Mackenzie 1914  
Dumbarton  
William (1898 Dumbarton-1965 Dumbarton) m Annie Nicol (1898-1984 Dumbarton)  
1920 Blythswood Glasgow  
Mary (1920 Dumbarton- 1980 Dumbarton) m Andrew Robert Milne 1942  
Dumbarton  
John Ferrier (1921 Dumbarton- 1921 Dumbarton)  
William (1930 Dumbarton-) m Catherine Sheila Wemyss (1929/30-2003  
Dumbarton)1956 Dumbarton  
Robert William (1971 Dumbarton-)  
Hugh Abercrombie (1900 Dumbarton-1986 Vale of Leven) m Jessie Sibbald Jackson  
(1909/10-1999 Vale of Leven) 1943 Bonhill  
James (1838 Dumbarton-1903 Dumbarton) m Catherine Dale (1842/3- 1898 Dumbarton) 1868  
Dumbarton  
Alexander Stewart (1869 Dumbarton-1963 Melbourne, Aus) m Jane Buchanan Fyfe (1871/2—  
1947 Dumbarton) 1898 St George Edinburgh  
Janet Nelson Fyfe (1900 Dumbarton – 1978 Dumbarton) m John Mackenzie 1939  
Haymarket  
Janet Campbell (1872 Dumbarton – 1872 Liverpool)  
Catherine (1875 Dumbarton)  
James Robert (1877 Dumbarton- 1941 New Zealand) m (1) Annie Margaret Kettle (1875/6-  
1923) 1905 New Zealand  
James Stuart (1909 New Zealand-1977 NZ) m Dorothea Lyndsae \_\_\_ (1911-1966)  
M (2) Evelyn Florence Kennedy (1882/3-1974) 1926 New Zealand  
Mary Ann (1838/41-1913 Dumbarton)  
Alexander (1847/8-1905 Anderston Glasgow) m Jane Erskine (1855-6-1934 Anderston Glasgow) 1878  
Mid Dist Old Monkland  
Margaret Drummond (1880 Anderston Glasgow-1958 Kelvin)  
Jane Stewart (1882 Anderston Glasgow – 1969 Glasgow) m Robert Reid 1907 Anderston  
Glasgow  
Mary Ann Lindsay (1884 Anderston Glasgow – 1961 Partick Glasgow) m David Reaburn Smith  
1910 Anderston Glasgow  
Alexander (1886 Anderston Glasgow-1941 Hillhead Glasgow) m Jessie Drummond Nicol  
(1896/7- 1960 Kelvin) 1919 Anderston Glasgow  
John (1889 Anderston Glasgow-1945 Kelvingrove) unmarried  
James (1890 Anderston Glasgow-1895 Anderston Glasgow)  
Elizabeth Erskine (1893 Anderston Glasgow – 1940 Hillhead Glasgow) m John Crawford  
Morrison 1921 Hillhead Glasgow  
Agnes Smellie (1895 Anderston Glasgow-1984 Glasgow) m Arthur Darlington 1919 Anderston  
Glasgow

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Matthew (1849/52 Dumbarton -1942 Bonhill) m Ann Dale (1854/4-1926 Bonhill) 1874 Dumbarton  
Catherine Ann Campbell (1875 Dumbarton-) m William Davidson 1899 Bonhill  
Jane (1877 Dumbarton – 1964 Cardross) m David Steel 1900 Bonhill  
Annie Dale (1879 Bonhill- 1966 Huntly) m Angus C McNair 1905 Bonhill  
Isabella Dale (1881 Bonhill- 1973 Dumbarton)  
Matthew Alexander (1881 Bonhill – 1884 Bonhill)  
Jessie Dale (1884 Bonhill – 1966 Bonhill & Renton) m James Allan Carmichael 1930 Hillhead  
Glasgow  
Elizabeth Vipont (1886 Bonhill – 1973 Dunoon)  
Alice Stewart (1888 Bonhill – 1965 Bonhill & Renton)  
Catharine (1807 Dumbarton-)

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## John Latta of Kilmarnock

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John m Mary Wood(s) 1798 Craigie by Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland

John (1798 Craigie – 1882 Kilmarnock) m Margaret Gibson (1807/8-1882 Kilmarnock) 1830 Kilmarnock  
George (1830 Kilmarnock-) m Margaret Crocket 1855 Kilmarnock  
John (1832 Kilmarnock -1907 Kilmarnock) m Margaret Pinkerton (1838/9 – 1916 Kilmarnock) 1862  
Kilmarnock  
John Pinkerton (1862 Kilmarnock – 1892 Kilmarnock)  
George Gibson (1864 Kilmarnock – 1865 Kilmarnock)  
Annie (1866 Kilmarnock-)  
Edward Stewart (1869 Kilmarnock- 1894 Barrow-in-Furness)  
Margaret Gibson (1871 Kilmarnock – 1951 Kilmarnock) m Alexander McCaull 1922  
Kilmarnock  
Elizabeth (1874 Kilmarnock)  
Robert (1834 Kilmarnock -1860 Kilmarnock)  
Margaret (1839 Kilmarnock – 1869 Dumbarton) m Alexander McMurray 1860 Kilmarnock  
Mary (1841 Kilmarnock)  
Agnes (1844 Kilmarnock – 1904 Kilmarnock) m Peter Campbell 1873 Kilmarnock  
William (1802 Craigie -)  
Robert (1805 Riccarton – 1882 Milton NSW) m Jean (Janet) Lindsay (1804 Muirkirk, Ayr-1896 Milton, NSW)  
1829 Kilmarnock  
Agnes (1829/30 – 1919 Kilmarnock) m John Thomson 1853 Kilmarnock  
John (1834 Kilmarnock – 1911 Milton NSW) m Ann McMillan (1842 NSW-1929 Milton, NSW) 1862  
Broulee, New South Wales (NSW), Australia

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James (1863 Broulee NSW – 1938 Milton NSW) m Rose Thomas (1870-1950) 1889 Milton NSW  
John James (1889 Milton NSW – 1916 War) m Ellen May Gumley (1891-1967) 1910  
Byron Bay, NSW  
Norman Richard James (1911 NSW – 1986 Lismore, NSW) m Eileen May  
Nipperess (1913/4-2000) 1931 Lismore, NSW  
(Rupert) Renwick Clyde (1913 Ulladulla NSW-) m Gwennie Ernestine Bennett  
1942 Five Dock, NSW  
Harold Henry Sidney (1915 Redfern, NSW- 1987 Ballina, NSW) m Edna Edith  
Gardmer (1913-2002) 1937 Lismore, NSW  
Elsie M (1891 – 1969)  
Bertie Roy (1892 Milton NSW – 1952 Sydney, NSW) m Kathleen Copas 1923  
Paddington NSW  
Robyn  
Dianne  
Robert Gibson (1894 Milton NSW – 1918 War)  
Arthur Henry (1896 Milton NSW – 1959 Campsie, NSW) m Florence L Higgins 1922  
Milton NSW  
Clifton Arthur (1923 Milton NSW – 1973 NSW) m Phyllis Mary Bateman 1944  
Glebe NSW  
William Clyde (1898 Milton NSW- 1960 Sydney, NSW) m Florence Rose Normanton  
1923 NZ  
Joyce  
Yvonne  
Gertrude E (1900 - ?)  
George V (1901 Milton NSW -1922 Lismore NSW)  
David Gordon (1905 Milton NSW – 1982 Warilla, NSW) m Mavis A Forman 1927  
Moruya NSW  
Leslie David  
Gladys M (1908/9)  
Geoffrey Cecil (1912/13- 1967) m Madge Ivy Gresty (-2007) 1938 Milton NSW  
Robert Geoffrey  
Diana  
Robert (1865 Broulee NSW – 1868 Ulladulla NSW)  
John (1867 Ulladulla NSW – 1963 Parramatta, NSW) m Emily Estella Jane Cason (1886/8 –  
1921) 1908 Milton NSW  
Heather Myrtle (1909-)  
Ann (1870 Ulladulla, NSW)  
Janet Mary (1872 Ulladulla, NSW – 1965 Goulburn, NSW) m Archibald P T Hancock 1901  
Sydney, NSW  
William Kendall (1875 Ulladulla NSW – 1948 Canterbury, NSW)  
Agnes Charlotte (1878 Ulladulla, NSW – 1966 Burwood, NSW) m Arnold M Dowse 1910  
Sydney, NSW

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David (1881 Ulladulla NSW – 1947 Nowra, NSW)  
Mary (1837/8 – 1908 Canongate Edinburgh) m James Gibson 1852 Kilmarnock  
Robert (1841 Kilmarnock – 1928 Kilmarnock) m Margaret Brown (1842-1904 Kilmarnock) 1861 Kilmarnock  
Robert Brown (1862 Kilmarnock – 1865 Kilmarnock)  
John (1864 Kilmarnock – 1941 Kilmarnock) unmarried  
Jane Brown (1866 Kilmarnock – 1868 Kilmarnock)  
William (1869 Kilmarnock – 1943 Kilmarnock) m (1) Annie Simpson (1871/2- 1904 Kilmarnock) 1898 Kilmarnock  
Robert (1904 Kilmarnock- )  
m (2) Jeanie Fraser (1878/9 – 1962 Kilmarnock) 1907 Waterside  
Maggie Fraser (1908 Kilmarnock – 1957 Kilmarnock) m Thomas Blackburn Thomson 1955 Kilmarnock  
Janet Lindsay (1871 Kilmarnock – 1921 Old Kilpatrick) m Robert Wilson Currie 1900 Kilmarnock  
Robert (1874 Kilmarnock – 1876 Bridgeton Glasgow)  
Margaret (1877 Kilmarnock – 1940 Alloa) m James Reid 1903 Kilmarnock  
David (1880 Kilmarnock – 1954 Kilmarnock) m Mary Lymburn Paul Roy (1881/2 – 1937 Kilmarnock) 1906 Kilmarnock  
Mary Paul Roy (1907 Kilmarnock – 1996 Kilmarnock) m James Calderwood Lindsay 1940 Kilmarnock  
Robert (1910 Kilmarnock -1994 Prestwick)  
David (1913 Kilmarnock -1997) m Jeanie Brown Little (1909/10 – 1988 Kilmarnock) 1940 Kilmarnock  
Marlyn Jean (1948 Kilmarnock -) m William Shand Stewart 1965 Kilmarnock  
John (1915 Kilmarnock – 2009 Kilmarnock)  
Marion Roy (1919 Kilmarnock – 1964 Kilmarnock) m Daniel Merry McClymont 1950 Kilmarnock  
James Gibson (1883 Kilmarnock – 1884 Kilmarnock)  
William (1843 Kilmarnock – 1934 Bateman's Bay NSW) m Elizabeth Backhouse (1848 – 1924) 1867 Broulee NSW  
Robert Backhouse (1868 Broulee NSW – 1954 Bateman's Bay, NSW)  
William Lindsay (1869 Broulee NSW – 1951 Ballina, NSW) m Esther Higgins (1872-1957) 1895 Milton NSW  
Leslie Vincent (1895 Moruya, NSW – 1946 Lismore NSW) m Elizabeth Louisa Dawson (1896-1967) 1915 Ballina, NSW  
Olivia Violet Irene (1916-1968)  
Ellaine Beatrice (1920 – 2008)  
Marie Claire (1922 -1985)  
Vincent Raymond (1923 Nimbin NSW-1997 Goonellabah) m Kathleen Ellen Judge (1926/7- 2009) 1950 Byron Bay, NSW

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Robert William (1925 Nimbin NSW- 1997 Palmer's Island, NSW) m Betty Williams (1925-1986) 1944 Lismore, NSW  
Geoffrey James (1927-1928)  
Esther Narelle (1932-1999)  
Allan John (1934 – 2015) m Lily Irene Darrell 1957 Sydney, NSW  
Lindsay Graham (1941 Nimbin NSW – 2005 Billinudgel, NSW) m Robyn June Hardy 1962 Camden, NSW  
Lionel Raymond (1943- 1984 Kirra, NSW) m Dawn Lee Bunce 1963 Tweed Heads, NSW  
Norman John (1897 Moruya NSW – 1974 Ballina, NSW) m Lucy Elizabeth Brown (1898-1982) 1921 Casino NSW  
Eileen E (1899 – 1984)  
Rowena Mary (1904 – 1962)  
Allen Joseph (1907 Bellingen, NSW -) m Evelyn Rose Bartlett (1913-2007) 1934 Queensland  
Robert William (1914 Ballina NSW -1986 Murwillumbah NSW) m Edith Doris Dyason (1910/1-2005) 1939 Ballina NSW  
Esther (1919 – 1919)  
David (1870 Broulee NSW – 1943 Kingsford NSW) m Alice Barbara Ladmore (1880-1967) 1901 Moruya, NSW  
Alma D (1902-)  
John (1872 Broulee NSW – 1952 Smithfield, NSW) m Annie Whittle Burgess (-1929) 1904 Campbelltown, NSW  
John William (1905 Woollahra, NSW – 1963 Smithfield, NSW) m Dulcie Evelyn Gambie (1906/7- 1975) 1928 Glebe, NSW  
Frederick Harold (1907 Rockdale, NSW – 1981)  
Joseph Warren (1910 Rockdale, NSW- 1968 Parramatta NSW)  
George Albert (1912 Rockdale NSW – 1912 Rockdale, NSW)  
Agnes (1913 -?)  
Allan Whittle (1922 Glebe NSW-1988) m Rita Walton 1942 Liverpool NSW  
Joyce (1947-)  
James Gibson (1873 Broulee NSW – 1963 Bateman's Bay, NSW) m (1) Sarah Dinah Owen (1870-1942) 1895 Nowra NSW  
Cecil Clyde (1896 Moruya NSW – 1957 NSW) m Winifred Mary Harrington (1894/5-1972) 1922 Drummoyne NSW  
Winifred Margaret (1924 – 2015)  
Joy Evelyn (1928/9-)  
Fay Elaine  
Owen Herbert (1932- 2005 Dee Why NSW) m Gabrielle Elizabeth Kelly 1956 Ashfield, NSW  
William Roy (1897 Moruya NSW – 1977 Sydney, NSW) m Mary Ann Cain (1892-1931) 1919 Granville NSW

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John William (1919-1970 Wollongong NSW) m Edith Jane Williams 1940  
Wollongong, NSW  
Mavis Pearl (1921- 1977)  
Vera G (1901  
Muriel Arline (1904  
Daphne Z (1910  
m (2) Mary Ann Morris (1869-1964) 1942 Nowra, NSW  
James Gibson (1923 Yamba NSW– 2006 Bateman's Bay NSW) m Joy Audrey Ivy Barber  
1949 Moruya NSW  
William George (1928 – 2010)  
Charles Thistleton (1875 Broulee NSW – 1941 Moruya NSW) m (1) May Barbara Ladmore (1876-  
1902) 1897 Moruya, NSW  
Frederick William (1898 Moruya, NSW-1901 Moruya, NSW)  
William Charles (1899 Moruya, NSW – 1961 Sydney, NSW) m Catherine Alice Maria  
Brown (1909/10-2001) 1935 Balmain North, NSW  
Barbara M (1901  
May J (1902  
M (2) Rosetta Greenwood (-1951)  
Roy Thistleton (1912 Milton NSW- 1971 Wollongong NSW) m 1934 Elsie R Bagnato  
Sydney, NSW  
George Albert (1876 Broulee NSW – 1960 Burwood, NSW) m Harriett Johnson (-1947) 1906  
Sydney NSW  
Elizabeth (1908-)  
Charlotte (1908 – 1974)  
George Albert (1910 Sydney NSW-) m Joyce Aileen Melouney (1913-1972) 1930  
Canterbury NSW  
Leslie George (1930 Punchbowl NSW-2007 Muswellbrook NSW) m Ivy June  
Birchall (1930 – 2012) 1950 Auburn NSW  
Helen Patricia (1965 – 2014)  
Alexander James (1878 Broulee NSW – 1935 Bateman's Bay, NSW) m Maud Mary Connell (1883-  
1952) 1903 Moruya, NSW  
Ella Mary (1904-1968)  
Rita Elizabeth (1906-1971)  
Ina Philomena (1908  
Irene M (1911  
Hilton Alexander (1913 – 1988 Bateman's Bay, NSW) m Dawn Latham 1947 Moruya NSW  
Hilda  
Aileen Monica (1916-1938)  
Leo Francis (1923 Bateman's Bay NSW-) m Agnes Ellen Woods 1950 Moruya NSW  
Alexander Vincent (1927- 1996 Karangi NSW) m Pamela Mary Dellavalle 1965 Sydney  
NSW  
Elizabeth (1880 – 1930)

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Francis (1881 Broulee NSW- 1934 Glen Innes NSW) m Annie Selina McPharlan (1878-1984)  
1912 Glen Innes NSW  
Frederick Gibson (1883 Moruya NSW – 1955 Sydney, NSW) m Mary Ellen Wilson (1884-1967)  
1904 Moruya NSW  
    William Frederick (1905 Moruya NSW – 1944 War) m Iris M Apperley 1929 Kiama  
    NSW  
    Frederick (1907 Moruya NSW-1919 Moruya NSW)  
    Robert James Newton (1909 Moruya NSW-) m (1) Mavis Mary Mason 1936 Rozelle  
    NSW m (2) Nancy Pauline Cox 1945 Rozelle NSW  
    Joseph Robert Leslie (1910/11-) m Ivy E Braithwaite 1932 Nowra NSW  
    Agnes M (1912  
    Albert John (1912 Moruya NSW-) m Doris May Campbell (-1967) 1935 Nowra NSW  
    Allen (1914-1919)  
    Joyce Marie (1918-)  
    Stanley Robert (1922-) m Lillian Joyce Lucas (-1964) 1941 Nowra NSW  
Stanley Clyde (1885 Moruya NSW – 1959 Sydney NSW) m Beatrice Madeline Palmer (1886-  
1965) 1907 St Leonards NSW  
    Levena Beatrice (1908-1910)  
    Madeline (1915-1915)  
    Stanley Richard (1910 -1962 Tuncurry, NSW) m (1) Doris Valda Brackenrig (1911-  
    1942) 1928 Sutherland NSW  
        Ruth (1932-2009)  
    M (2) Winifred Margaret Jean Buick (-1996) 1949 Hurstville NSW  
        Franklin Hamilton (1947 Cronulla NSW -2010 Coffs Harbour NSW)  
    James William (1913 Hornsby NSW-) m Esma May Featherstone 1940 Ryde NSW  
    Joyce Sylvia (1920-2006)  
    Albert Clyde (1924-1990 Forster NSW) m Daphne Phyllis Whiteman 1947 Sutherland.  
    NSW  
Janet Lindsay (1886 – 1964)  
Helena Walker (1889 – 1942)  
Albert Sydney Veitch (1891 Moruya NSW – 1962 Minnamurra NSW)) m Dolly Elaine Taylor  
(1895-) 1918 Ryde NSW  
David (1846 Kilmarnock – 1901 Milton NSW) unmarried  
Jean (1851 Kilmarnock – 1943 Newtown, NSW) m Charles Evans Thistleton (1854-1936) 1874  
Ulladulla, NSW  
Alexander (1812 Riccarton -)

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## So, How Are Your DNA Test Results Coming Along?

By Sue Lattea Cox, VP of Research. [suelatteacox@yahoo.com](mailto:suelatteacox@yahoo.com)

A few years ago, I had my father's DNA worked up for the Latta Genealogy project at [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) with the 12 marker kit. My Dad is now 87 years old, so for Christmas this year, I had his tests updated to the 37 marker. I was waiting for them to send him a new kit, but they were able to do the updated tests with his previous sample. I guess they keep those samples in their labs. This gave us better results of who he is related to in the Latta family. You can order one upgrade at a time, or a whole series of upgrades on the website.

I am not a DNA expert, and even though I met with Kathy Latta (our DNA expert) for several hours to discuss DNA, I am still in the dark on how to read results. She explained how DNA worked and gave me a lot of charts to fill in. [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) has information on the website about DNA and how it works also. The best way for me to understand my father's DNA results was to look at his profile page on [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). When you order testing at [familytreedna.com](http://familytreedna.com), you are given a kit number that you register on their website. At that point, you have a Kit number and password so that you can look at the results online. His Ancestral Origins showed that the largest percentage of his ancestors were from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Germany and England. This corresponds with all the family research that we have done.

Under the tab for Y-DNA Matches, he was an exact match for a member of Branch 8, and 1 genetic distance from members of Branch 1, 3, 16, 7, 29, and 13. When I clicked on the "TiP" report under the Branch 8 match's name, it gave me a comparison chart showing that my Dad and the Branch 8 member would have a common ancestor 8 generations back with 97.28% accuracy.

I started counting back the ancestors in our tree from my Dad. (1) James Earl Lattea, (2) George Washington Lattea, (3) Nathaniel C. Latta, (4) George Madison Latta, (5) John C. Latta, (6) John Latta, (7) John Latta who married Mary Dougherty, and (8) someone in Branch 8.

I looked at Branch 8 and noted that #1 James Latta whose second wife was Mary Alison came to America about 1739 and was in the famed "Shipwreck." #1 James Latta's list of children show #18 John Latta who has no history available. It was believed that he may have gone to North Carolina. However, if the DNA test results show that my Dad is related to Branch 8 with 97.28% accuracy at generation 8, then I believe that #18 John Latta, the brother of Rev. James Latta, was in fact the John Latta who married Mary Dougherty. Mary Dougherty was the daughter of Edward Dougherty, a man who owned a "house of entertainment" or tavern in Lancaster County on the Pequea Road west of the Gap and about two miles north-east of Strasburg. (History of Lancaster County's Highway System, From 1714-1760 by H. Frank Eshleman)

John Latta and Mary Dougherty's son, John Latta (Branch 17) married Mary Nixon, daughter of James Nixon, in Wilmington, DE. James Nixon's farm was located about 3 miles from Wilmington in Brandywine. James Nixon wrote his Will on May 16, 1773, and it was probated on June 26, 1775 (you can find a copy in the Richard Nixon Library). James Nixon also had a daughter named Jean who later married Francis Cluggage and moved to Shirley, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. Francis Cluggage and his family were from Shirley, and John Latta and his wife, Mary Nixon, also lived at Shirley. In his Will, James Nixon left money to his daughter Jean, and stated that it was in the hands of Rev. Robert Smith of Peaque. Rev. Robert Smith was minister of the Peaque Presbyterian Church located in Lancaster County in Salisbury Township. Perhaps the Latta and Nixon families both attended Peaque Presbyterian Church.

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## How Are Your DNA Test Results (Continued from Page 15)

#18 John Latta of Branch 8 is the son of James Latta's first wife, and the other member of Branch 8 whose DNA was tested is descended from Rev. James Latta, the son of his second wife, Mary Alison. DNA is traced through the father's line, so even though they had different mothers, the results would be the same.

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## Looking for the needle in the haystack

By: George Latta, Sr., Branch 13, georgelattasr@gmail.com

Helping my daughter-in-law Patricia Latta, "Trish," find her biological mother was a four year journey. After almost three years of using adoption boards, talking to members, running out dead end after dead end, we turned to DNA testing. Using Genetic Genealogy along with historical records & tree building, we found a path to finding Trish's Mother.

We started with the first people to show up on the DNA report, 4th-6<sup>th</sup> cousins. We built a family tree for every one of them, trying to find a common family member. Then as 3rd-4th cousins started to show up, we talked with all who were willing, getting as much information as we could about their line and then built a tree for every one of them. We worked every family line as far back in time as we could and then forward in time for each child until we could find a tie, not only with other 3rd cousins, but the 4th cousins also.

When 2nd-3rd cousins started to be reported, we again started building a family tree for each and every one of them. Then we found a family member named James Reed. He was willing to help, and with his help we made many ties of 2nd and 3rd cousins, and a very good point in the right direction, to the right family group. James helped us shave at least a year, if not longer off our research. (It pays to talk to the living ... lol)

In the end, it took a tree that filled out to over 12,000 family members, three years of looking and a solid year of record research and tree building to find her biological mother. Today I asked myself, was it worth four years of my life? All it took was the tears in Trish's eyes and the joy on her face to know it was all worth it.

Genetic Genealogy is a good way to be found in the sands of time, be remembered, let your great great grandchild connect, so have a DNA test done today.

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## The Obituary of Mary Tumbleson

By: Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com

Mary Tumbleson was born 13 Jan. 1828 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, the daughter of James Tumbleson (1798-1896) and Margaret Collet (1799-1851). When a child, Mary moved to Noble County, Indiana with her parents. At about age 13, Mary joined the Methodist Church,

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## Mary Tumbleson (Continued from Page 16)

and was a faithful member all of her life. She married Robert Seegar Latta ( 1826-1900) on 21 Dec. 1848 in Eden Township, LaGrange County, Indiana. Robert is of Branch 1. They had eight known children:

1. William Carroll Latta, born 9 March 1850 in LaPort County, Indiana. He died on 22 Dec. 1935 in West Lafayette, Tippicanoe County, Indiana. At the time of his mother's death, William lived in Lafayette, Indiana.
2. Sarah Josephine Latta, born 26 April 1852 in Jay County, Indiana. She died 9 Feb. 1939 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. At the time of her mother's death, Sarah lived in Leavenworth, Kansas. [Editor's note: This is the ancestor of Karen Mueller, the wife of the editor. See also Issue 49.]
3. Milton Nimmon Latta, born 18 July 1853 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana. He died 16 May 1929 in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska. At the time of his mother's death, Milton lived in Simeon, Nebraska.
4. Mary Caroline Latta, born 15 Oct. 1856 in Olmstead County, Minnesota. She died 1 Sept. 1949 in Orange County, California. At the time of her mother's death, Mary lived in Anaheim, California.
5. James Theodore Latta, born 23 Sept. 1858 in Olmstead County, Minnesota. He died before his mother.
6. Margaret Elizabeth Latta, born and died 23 Sept. 1858 in Olmstead County, Minnesota.
7. George Lincoln Latta, born 30 April 1862 in Perry Township, Noble County, Indiana. He died 2 April 1893 in Kennedy, Cherry County, Nebraska.
8. Charles Lewis Latta, born 6 Nov. 1864 in Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana. At the time of his mother's death, Charles lived in Oasis, Nebraska.

The funeral services for Mary Tumbleson Latta were conducted by Mr. Martin Carr and the remains were interred at Kennedy, Nebraska.

Sources: Valentine Democrat of 28 March 1907, Valentine, Nebraska  
And the genealogy files of the editor.

If you are connected to the family of Mary Tumbleson Latta, I would appreciate hearing from you.

On page 18 there is a photograph sent to the editor by the late Lawrence Sullivan, Branch 1. It shows Robert Seegar Latta and Mary Tumbleson Latta.

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Right: Mary Tumbleson Latta (1828-1907)  
Left: Robert Seegar Latta (1826-1900)

This photograph was sent to the editor by the late Lawrence Sullivan, Branch 1.

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## The Alex and Alice Latta Memorial Contest

By Kathleen J. Latta, Branch 16, lattakj@telusplanet.net

It is with regret that I must announce the DNA contest is taking longer than expected to launch. Therefore I would like to extend the contest for that period of time that it is going to take to e-mail each of the possible contestants both in the project and those that have cropped up through matches in the Family Finder(FF) results. I estimate that it will take about a month to do this and I would potentially extend the conclusion of the DNA contest for the extent of 5 Newsletter publications after the completion of the communication of this event to all concerned. This also gives those that may have contributions to the Newsletter time to work on a submission. The start of the contest will remain as published previously in the Newsletter and the finalized end date will be announced in the Winter Newsletter. As well I will need to also e-mail this to all participants.

I would like to give some examples of what we are finding. One thing I am trying to do is to relate the YDNA results to what we are finding with the Family Finder results to see if there is a way to offer correlation between the two tests. I am hoping that these two tests will help us fine tune the picture of what we are seeing with the data that is produced. I am encouraged at the possibility that we will find connections between the different Branches and Notes. As well we may even be able to offer insight to those who do not have a definite Branch connection yet. The one thing that has given me encouragement is the following of some of the descendants one generation removed from the older Latta/Lawtie/Latly lines. For instance the two oldest lineages go well beyond the 5 plus remote range that Family Tree DNA uses as the cut off for offering assurance that a Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) can be predicted. We are finding results that go beyond this range because the participants have very well listed Family Trees (FT) that allow us to view later than these ranges. This has the potential of us using the Spousal Surname Index to follow descending trends. In the Lawtie line I found two daughters whose lines are very well documented. One daughter married a Tuttle and another married a Wright. I have researched the Tuttle connections and will in due course do the same for other lines as well. So far I have found around 4 hundred descendants that list a Tuttle in their Ancestral Surnames. On examination I can prove that 2 to 3 hundred connect directly to this lineage. This is great that we can follow by using alternate surnames in the descending line to help find connections not so readily apparent.

There are at least 7 Branches and Notes that match on 3 milestone targets:

- 1) A Donor of a known Latta line or one of its derivatives.
- 2) Shows evidence of connecting to other Latta Branches or to those who do not know their connection as of yet.
- 3) Shows connection to one or both of the two oldest lines recently discovered.

There are some Branches that show ties to these older lines and to some Italian or Spanish names that are cropping up as well. The Tuttle lines daughter out to Tuttle (Toothill, Tuthill) and Wright. The Latly lineages have the following names in their descendants Family Trees, Dow, Needham, Kimball, Story, Wilford and Heath. I have not completed the research for these lines. I will be continuing this as I start the mail out for all Donors and will write more of this in the next Newsletter. I also hope to start researching names from the Spousal Surname Index. I have started making lists from this Index and used this technique to use as a demonstration after one of our Latta Genealogy Society followers reposted a query on Rootsweb. Glenna Kinnard is researching her Latta ancestry and is particularly interested in the Hubbard, Dismukes, and Mauldin lines. While I was checking Donors for the names in the one generation removed group, I also checked for these three names. It is quite surprising how often these names are evident in the Family Finder matches

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## Alex and Alice Memorial Contest (Continued from Page 19)

Ancestral Surname listings. I do not know if Glenna or any member in her family has done the DNA testing for genealogy but she would be encouraged that there is a good possibility of finding some answers through this avenue. At least 75% of the FF matches showed two if not all three surnames could be found in their Matches connections.

I mentioned about being able to correlate the FF results with what we know from the YDNA Donors' results. I am providing two diagrams or charts of tentative results. These two platforms are in the early stage of development but I can give you an idea of how we are using this information.

Diagram 1: Latta Clusters of Connections

|                                                         |                                          |                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAV, Branch 8                                           | Latty to Aust, Br. 51,<br>Br.12, Br.9/35 | Note 3<br>Branch 15                                                             |
| Br. 7, Br.3, Br.1,<br>Br.29, Latty(2 to Aust),<br>Br.16 | Lawtie and Latly                         | Branch 20, Branch 19<br>(the Br.19 person is not<br>a member of the<br>project) |
| Branch 31                                               | Branch 18                                | Branch 26 and<br>Branch 45                                                      |

Diagram 2: YDNA Genetic Distance Values for placement of Latta Lines

| Genetic Distance(GD) | Branch Lines showing connection to the oldest Lawtie and Latly lines. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0                    | Br. 7, Br. 29, Br. 1, Br. 3, Br. 13                                   |
| 1                    | Br.51, Br. 17, Br. 30, Br. 31, Br. 8 and Br. 9                        |

At the Genetic Distance of zero, all these Branches only show connection to the one generation removed from the older lines while those at GD of one had match's that tied them to one or both of the older lines. This is why it is important to have the oldest members of the family tested. It is only a matter of one generation to not being able to follow these lines unless very well versed in the Spousal Surnames that need to be followed.

I am looking forward to the next phase of this project and if any one has any questions can do my best to offer insight. E-mail me at [lattakj@telusplanet.net](mailto:lattakj@telusplanet.net).

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## Research Queries, Replies and Notes.

Send your queries to the editor, Ken Mueller, 7400 E. Mule Circle, Prescott Valley Arizona 86314, DocHuer@aol.com.

1. Here are some corrections on info concerning Opal's children and Lucille's children from Issue 63 page 17. Under 3 Frank J.(6) Latta all other than that which I have noted is correct for Frank Latta's children. Information about Opal's children:

Fame m. John Groves (Fame is still alive so her birthdate should be left out).

children: John, Terry, Michael and Janice

Darwin (b. d.) m. Shirley Kruger

children: Alan and Eric

Wilma (b.11/21/1929, d. 12/25/2011) m. Elbert Elmer Lohman (b. 6/12/1924 d. 1/19/1997)

Children: Diane, James, Mary Ann, Kim and Jacklyn

Information about Lucille (b. 2/14/1918 d. ) m. Folsom Reynolds (b. d.)

children - Maryland, Beverly. Robert, Jayne Ann.

My corrected e-mail address is: 1maryannh@gmail.com. Mary Ann Hartman.

2. I am searching for information on the family of Fleming Thompson Latta (1830-1901). Born in SC, died in Arkansas. His father was Capt. Alex. Latta (1790, SC-1866, Ga.), who m. Ellender McFarland Birchfield (1806, SC-1884, Ga.). He m. Mary Julia Dismukes (1835-1896). Born in Ga., died in Arkansas. One of their daughters, Mary Ellen (1858-1925), m. John Allison Mauldin (1853-1937). Lived in Arkansas.

Researching:

Beasley, Cobb, Dargan, Fetner, Harrison, Higgins, Gill, Martin, McCants, Porter, Rawlinson, Rutledge and Scott. (mostly SC)

Baxter, Bryant, Carson, Dillard, Eaves, Hampton, Huey, Lee, McDade, McDowell, Tolleson, Wells, Yancey. (mostly NC)

Dismukes, Harmon, Hubbard, Jenkins, Kinard, Latta (Branch 28), Long/Lang, Mauldin, McFadden, Thaxton, Wilkins, Wise. (mostly Ga., La, TX and Ark.). Thank you, Glenna Kinard, gbkinard@sc.rr.com.

3. Margaret Hoffman has passed away and was a member of branch 3. She was 81 years old when she passed on Dec. 26, 2017. Her obit was published in the Des Moines Register. By Randy Phillips.

4. I have the following information to insert from Branch 45:

16 LOWMAN D. (5) LATTA,

William L. (4) James D. (3) William (2) Samuel (1). Born April 6, 1881 at California, Pa, died May 8, 1951; m. Sarah Ann Roberts of Charleroi, Pa. June 2, 1906. She was born in Worcestershire, England August 29, 1880; Died July 15, 1958. In 1934 both living at California, Pa. One child:

68 LOWMAN ROBERTS (6) b. at California, Pa. May 14, 1908, m. Anna Virginia Patterson, daughter of Mr. John Patterson of California, Pa. she was born February 26, 1905 at Roscoe, Pa; Died July 3, 1967. He in 1935 was living at 216 4th Avenue, California, Pa. and practiced dentistry at Roscoe, Pa.

My father, Lowman Edward Latta, dob 2/7/1937, is the son of Lowman Roberts and Virginia Patterson. He lives in Dunedin FL. He has a sister, Carol Ann Latta Milner, dob 10/17/1940.

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## Research Notes (Continued from Page 21)

Lowman Edward Latta had two children with his wife Linda Audrey Walker, dob 8/15/1944. The children are Elizabeth Ann Latta Bass and Colleen Audrey Latta.

Elizabeth Ann Latta Bass is married to Ashley Bass. They have one daughter, Isabella Ann Bass, and they currently live in Tallahassee FL.

Carol Ann Latta Milner lives in St. Augustine FL, and has no children.

Thank you, Colleen Latta, Colleen\_Latta@hotmail.com.

5. I have found another Latta derivative that I am placing in the Member Notes notations. This line is as follows:

Aaron Latta (1594 to 1680, England to Massachusetts)

Daughter: Phebe Latly (DOB 1616 Essex, Mass.) married twice a) Thomas Dow, with issue, and b) John Eaton, no issue. By Kathy Latta, Branch 16 Captain, lattakj@telusplanet.net.

6. The branch 15 page says that in the Will of: 1 John (1) Latta, dated 1823, he mentions four sons-in-law, Robert Walker, Robert Davis, William Faucette and Thomas Holloway, Jr. He does not mention son-in-law, James N. Ray or his daughter, Ann. She would then be 51 years of age. Probably both were dead, leaving no issue or they were given their inheritance before the will was made out. See Will below. See Memorandum Book for deeds in Old Orange Co., N.C. FANNY (2) b. September 7, 1791; m. William Faucette, Fanny lived in Alamance, N.C. 1 son, 2 daughters, Robert, Frances, Mary, A daughter of Mary Married: W.L. McDade and lived at Cedar Grove, N.C. We believe we may be decedents of William Faucett and Fanny. What documents are there to prove this relationship? Thank so much. Lynne Ashcraft, lynneashcraft@gmail.com

7. 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.

Also, if anyone obtains new information, please feel free to send it to me. I will print it in our newsletter, where it will be available for years to come.

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## Latta Genealogy Society Nominating Committee

By: Ken Mueller and Randy Phillips

We are pleased to announce that Cheryl Sue Cox and Geoffrey Latta have agreed to run for reelection. Sue is our current Vice President, and Geoffrey is our incumbent Secretary Historian. In the next issue of our Latta Genealogy Newsletter there will an official ballot. They have been doing an excellent job for our Society.

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## Financial Report (Continued from Page 3)

**Membership:** The bylaws state, "Any person who supports the purpose of this Society may become a member in good standing upon payment of the minimum donation." The minimum donation currently is \$10 for subscribers within the U.S. & Canada, \$15 for other countries. Newsletter only status (non-voting) is provided for libraries and those interested in the newsletter but unable to make a donation. Your donations support the publication and mailing of the newsletter and cover other expenses of the Latta Genealogy Society.

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## Invitation to Join Family Tree DNA Latta Surname Project

By: Kathy Latta, lattakj@telusplanet.net.

The Latta Genealogy Society would like to extend a cordial invitation to other DNA Donors who list a LATTA or one of its 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](http://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:

Kathy Latta, Branch 16, lattakj@telusplanet.net or Robert Hawkins, Branch 22, bobhawk507@att.net

We are looking forward to including new met cousins in our search to join and explore the many different families of Lattas.

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