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Joseph Walker Latta Orange County, North Carolina Noble Citizen, Soldier and Statesman

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Known by his family and friends as Walker, Major Joseph Walker Latta was born in 1831 into a well-established lineage of Lattas who first settled in Orange County, North Carolina in the latter half of the 18th century migrating from Pennsylvania. Most were agrarian/mill owners, with vast land holdings and some owned slaves, as eventually did Major Latta himself. Major Latta's family was members of the Mount Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church that had been established in 1839. Joseph Walker Latta may have been named for his Uncle Joseph Latta (December 20, 1784 – May 13, 1824) and his Uncle Robert Walker, husband of his Aunt Eleanor Latta (August 16, 1774 – 1836). His father was James Latta (February 05, 1785—1870) and mother, Nancy Hannah Holloway (1788—July 08, 1853). He had nine siblings: Anderson (1807-1868), Elizabeth (1811--1879), Norwood (1814-1880), Ann (1814-1885), Simpson (1819-1863), Mary (1820-__?__), Candace (1822-1912), James (1824-__?__), Frances (1828 - __?__),. He became well-educated and held an interest in learning about contemporary statesmen and military men, as is evidenced with the only known surviving book from his library: The Lives of Winfield Scott and Andrew Jackson. The face page reads: J. W. Latta--Mobile— February 28, 1857 and his seal is stamped on the back page. He became head of Company Shops in Hillsborough, NC and was in that position when the Civil War commenced, establishing the Orange Guards to protect the railway system and bridges. The Hillsborough Recorder newspaper ran a notice on November 27, 1861 that reads: "Wanted fifty able bodied men, to complete a Company of Twelve Months Volunteers now in service, to be placed as a guard at the State Prison at Salisbury and also along the line of the North Carolina Railroad as a protection to the bridges. Duties light and pleasant. Those wishing to enlist can do so by applying to Thomas Webb, Hillsborough, or address me at the Company's Shops." JOSEPH W. LATTA, Capt. The Company became known as the "Orange Guards". He was transferred to the 66th NC Infantry Regiment Co. A, on October 12, 1863, rank Captain; the regiment had been organized by the consolidation of the 8th Partisan Battalion and the 13th Infantry Battalion on October 02, 1863 in Kinston, NC. He was promoted to the rank of Major retroactive to June 03, 1864 on July 08, 1864. This regiment fought in the Battles of: Newport Barracks, Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Fort Harrison, Burgess' Mill, 1st Fort Fisher, 2nd Fort Fisher, Wise Forks, Southwest Creek and Bentonville. The 66th NC Infantry Regiment, under the command of General Joseph Eggleston Johnston, surrendered to General William Tecumseh Sherman at the Bennett Farm on April 26, 1865. Many of Major Latta's family served in the Civil War.

By June 1864, he became interested to serve Orange County as a Representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives. On June 06, 1864, while positioned at Gaines' Mill Battlefield, he penned a letter to the Hillsborough Recorder newspaper to request space in its newspaper to express his vision for the citizens of Orange County and his worthiness to become a representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives to

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Editorial

Even if you or I do not know the answer to your family history question, by printing it here you may find someone who can help you. So please send me your brick walls, problem people and those you cannot find. One of our readers may already know that family.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on November 10th. It will be in Niagara Falls, New York, and I encourage everyone to come. Kathy Latta will give a seminar on DNA and how it is used in genealogy. DNA research is the wave of the future, and we all should learn what we can about it.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

Another goal of our Latta Family is to find a branch captain for every branch of the Latta Family. Unfortunately, we do not have a Captain for every Branch. We could use some more volunteers. If interested, please contact Sue Lattea Cox, Branch 17, Coordinator of Branch Captains. The duties of a branch captain were spelled out in issue 27, Fall 2005, page 32. Here is a revised list of our branch captains, with names and addresses.

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Latta Genealogy Society

Treasurer's Report

July 11, 2019

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Report Period: February 5, 2019 through July 11, 2019.

Beginning balance: \$10,400.74

Income

General Fund donations	\$310.00
Pay Pal Donations	\$61.91
Total Income:	\$371.91

Expenses

Hostway website fees	\$84.70
Bank Fees	\$35.00
Newsletter Issue 66 (Ken Mueller)	\$101.73
Newsletter 67 Advance (Ken Mueller)	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$621.43

Ending balance as of July 11, 2019: \$10,151.22

Included in ending balance:

Funds allocated for research: \$1237.50

Funds allocated for DNA: \$3983.70

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

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serve the people of Orange County. He resigned from the military on July 08, 1864 to accept the nomination for the North Carolina State Legislature. He served 1864-1875, and was one of the representatives who voted to reopen UNC-Chapel Hill that had been closed during the Civil War.

In 1871 Major Latta won a prize at the North Carolina State Fair, an elegant and esthetically engraved silver and porcelain lined ice water pitcher. In a centered medallion on the front is engraved: Major Joseph W. Latta and on the reverse side in a centered medallion is engraved: NC State Fair 1871. No records have been found to document the competition category; family lore says horse racing. This item remains in the possession of the author.

Major Latta married Elizabeth (Bettie) Terry, daughter of Hezekiah and Jane Dunnegan Terry of Orange County and a school teacher (log structure) at Cedar Grove, North Carolina, on July 07, 1874. Her family was members of Little River Presbyterian Church in Hillsborough and her father was a huge landholder and a slave owner. Three daughters were born to this union: Sadie—November 01, 1876, Bessie—December 26, 1877 and Myrtle—November 21, 1883. Sadie married John Edward Cole (Grandfather of author), Durham County, on June 24, 1903 and had one daughter, Sarah Edith Cole, on September 10, 1904; Sadie died at the age of 29 on August 21, 1906 and Sarah Edith, who never married, died on November 06, 1945. Bessie married Edward T. Estes of Rutherford College, NC on June 25, 1900 and had one daughter, Evelyn (August 19, 1901—July 22, 1978). Evelyn married Marvin Shankle Lowder (1899-1950); two children were born to this union: Marvin Shankle Lowder Jr. (1921-1996) and Betty Jo Lowder (1928-2012). Bessie died at the age of 25 on February 01, 1903. Myrtle married John Knox Vaughan, Durham County, on March 22, 1905 and had one daughter, Elizabeth Umstead Vaughan, born on January 22, 1906. Elizabeth died at the age of two on June 16, 1908; Myrtle died at the age of 22 on June 08, 1906. All three of Major Latta's daughters died prior to their 30th birthday!

After the Civil War and marriage, Major Latta became a successful farmer, owning over 400 acres of land. While in Durham on business March 21, 1887, Major Latta was stricken with a stroke and was taken to the home of his nephew John Archebald McMannen Jr. Four days later, March 25, 1887, Major Latta was pronounced dead; he is buried at Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Guess Road, Durham, NC among the graves of his parents, siblings, wife and two daughters—Sadie and Myrtle. Major Latta's Grandfather John Latta Sr.--head of Branch 15--(April 30, 1734—July 13, 1824) and Grandmother Suzanna Latta (died July 04, 1792) are buried at St. Mary's Chapel, Hillsborough, NC. Martha Virginia McMannen (August 02, 1845 – April 09, 1888), niece of Major Latta and daughter of Rev. John Archebald McMannen Sr. (for whom McMannen Methodist Church, Durham, NC is named) was the first wife of Brodie Leonidas Duke, brother of James B. Duke, founder of Duke University; she is buried in the Duke Mausoleum at Maplewood Cemetery, Durham, NC. She and Brodie Duke had two children: Mabel and Pearl.

Major Latta's wife, Bettie, remained a widow, living in Durham County until her death on June 25, 1904; she is buried at Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

George Marvin Lowder, great great grandson of Major Joseph Walker Latta, and his son and daughter are the only living direct descendants of Major Joseph Walker Latta and his wife, Elizabeth Terry Latta. They reside in Morganton, NC, not far from where Bessie Latta Estes, Mr. Lowder's Great Grandmother, began her life as a wife to Edward T. Estes and gave birth to her only child, Evelyn.

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After the Civil War and marriage, Major Joseph Walk Latta became a legend in Lebanon Township, Durham County, NC and has remained as such to this day. The legendary legacy of Major Joseph Walker Latta has been perpetuated especially by the author, who is not a blood descendant, but a grandson of John Edward Cole and his third wife, Beulah Breedlove Cole. Sarah Edith Cole, daughter of Sadie Latta Cole, and granddaughter of Major Joseph Walker Latta, was his half aunt. The author solicits any additional information/photos available regarding Major Latta and his family.

The following page is a photograph of the marriage record of Joseph Walker Latta and Bettie Perry. The next page is a photograph of Elizabeth Terry Latta. The page after that is a photograph of Major Joseph Walker Latta.

Below is a photograph of the sword of Major Joseph Walker Latta.



Here is the personal stamp of Joseph Walker Latta.



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State of North Carolina,

Office of Register of Deeds,

Orange COUNTY.

7th July 1874.

To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

I Joseph W Latta having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage
of Joseph W Latta of Orange Co. aged 43 years
color White, the son of James Latta and Mary W Latta
the father now Dead, the mother Dead, resident of Orange Co.
And Bettie E Perry of Orange Co. aged 23 years,
color White, daughter of Elizabeth Perry and Sam Perry
the father Dead the mother Dead, resident of Orange Co.

*And the written consent of _____ the
said _____ to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said County.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature, subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

John Laws

Register of Deeds.

1. Name of person applying for license.
2. Name of man to be married, in full.
3. Residence.
4. Age.
5. White or colored.

6. Father of man to be married.
7. Mother of man to be married.
8. Living or dead.
9. Living or dead.
10. Residence if known, if not, state unknown.

11. Name of woman to be married, in full.
12. Residence.
13. Age.
14. White or colored.
15. Father's name.

16. Mother's name.
17. Living or dead.
18. Living or dead.
19. Residence if known, if not state unknown.
*If both parties are over 18 years of age strike out 1.

State of North Carolina,

Orange County.

I Las. H Fitzgerald
united in matrimony Joseph W Latta
the parties licensed above, on the 7th day of July 1874, at the
residence of Abner J Lilly
in Little River
Township, in said County, according to law.

*WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:

Abner J Lilly of Orange Co.
Giles Latta of Orange Co.
John H. Levy of Orange Co.

Las. H Fitzgerald

1 Name of person officiating 2 If minister, of what denomination, if Justice of the Peace, etc. 3 Name of man married. 4 Name of woman married
5 Place of Marriage. 6 Township *At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.





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Stephen Benton Latta

By: Brandy Van de Riet, reading.vdr@gmail.com, Branch 1

My name is Brandy (Latta) Van de Riet. I have connected my family's history to the branch you are managing. I am missing information about Stephen Benton Latta, my great-grandpa. Here is my line. My father Kenneth Harold Latta, b. Jan 15, 1942, married Doris Jean Ross. He had a brother named Jimmy Latta and a sister named Edith Talley and another that died at birth. His father was Lawrence Lee Latta b. 1907 d. 1983. Lawrence Latta was born to Stephen Benton Latta b. 1861 d. 1947, married to Flossie Robison. Stephen Benton was son of Calvin Latta b. 1818 d. 1892 (married to Rachel Jenkins). Calvin's father was Moses Latta 1782-1854. Calvin's father was William Latta 1731-1808. William's father was James Melyne Latta 1690-1730? That's as far back as I have found. Any connection to whom preceded James or more information about links to Stephen would be appreciated. The only online information I found about my grandfather was in my grandmother's obituary. He lived 5 minutes from me growing up but he passed when I was 4. Thank you in advance.

More on Stephen Benton Latta

By: Ken Mueller, Branch 1 Captain, DocHuer@aol.com

Hi! Brandy, I looked for Stephen Benton Latta on Ancestry.com and FindaGrave.com. Here are the records that I found in chronological order. The first mention that I found of Stephen Benton Latta was with his parents in the U. S. Census taken 27 Aug. 1870 in New Buda, New Buda Township, Decatur County, Iowa, page 8, family 50, is listed Calvin Latta, Farmer, age 53, born in Ohio, Rashell Latta, Keeps House, age 46, born in Indiana, Mary A. Latta, age 21, at home, born in Iowa, Moses Latta, age 18, farm laborer, born in Iowa, Warren Latta, age 10, born in Missouri, Stephen Latta, age 8, born in Missouri, John Latta, age 5, born in Missouri.

As a teenager, Stephen continued to live with his parents. In the 1880 U. S. Census taken July 13-14 in New Buda Township, Decatur County, Iowa, family 286, supervisor district 3, numeration district 61, page 32, is listed Calvin Latta, white male, age 62, farmer, born in Ohio, parents born in Penn. Rachel, age 55, white female, was listed as wife, keeping house, born in Ind., father born in Virginia, mother born in Penn. Next was Mary A., daughter, while, female, age 30, at home, born in Iowa, Moses W., son, white, male, age 28, farm hand, born in Iowa, Warren J., son, white male, age 21, farm hand, born in Missouri, Stephen B., white, male, age 18, farm hand, born in Missouri, and finally, John Lee, white, male, son, age 15, farm hand, born in Missouri.

By 1900, Stephen Latta was the head of his household, his siblings, a servant, and himself. The U. S. Census taken 11 June 1900 shows Stephen Latta as head of family 96, in New Buda, McBride Township, Decatur County, Iowa, supervisor district 8, enumeration district 50, sheet 5. Stephen was single, male, age 38, born May 1862 in Missouri, father born in Ohio, mother born in Indiana, and owned the farm. Living with Stephen was his brother Moses W. Latta, age 48, born July 1851 in Iowa, single, male, white, a farm laborer, his sister Mary A. Latta, white, female, widow, age

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51, born July 1848 in Iowa, and servant Carrie Hill, single, white, female, age 18, born June 1881 in Iowa.

On 20 Oct. 1901 in Decatur County, Iowa, Stephen Benton Latta, married Mary Flossie Jane Robinson at the home of the bride, Blockley, Iowa. Stephen was white, age 41, a farmer residing in Davis City, Iowa, born in Akron, Missouri to Calvin Latta and Rachel Jenkins. Mary was white, age 24, born in Decatur County, Iowa to William Robinson and Catherine Trembley.

By 1910 Stephen and Mary Flossie had four children. Stephen B. Latta appears in the U. S. Census taken 11 May 1910 in Burrell Township, Decatur County, Iowa, supervisor district 8, enumeration district 44, sheet 10B. Stephen was the Head of family 146, white, male, age 48, married 8 years, a farmer, born in Missouri, father born in Ohio, mother born in Pennsylvania. Flossie J. was his wife, female, white, age 32, born in Iowa, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Ohio, married 8 years, 4 children born and living, occupation none. Eva M. was listed as a daughter, white, female, single, age 7, born in Iowa. Rachel C., age 6, daughter, white, female, single, born in Missouri. William L. was a son, age 5, white, male, single, born in Iowa. Laurence R. was a son, age 3, white, male, single, born in Iowa.

Ten years later in the U. S. Census of 1920 we see that the children of Stephen and Mary Flossie are now teenagers. Family 117, in Colfax Township, Harrison County, Missouri, supervisor district 3, enumeration district 101, sheet 5A, dated January 20th, shows Stephen B. Latta as Head of the household, farmer, white, male, age 58, married, born in Missouri, father born in Indiana, mother born in Pennsylvania. His wife is Mary F J Latta, age 41, white, female, married, born in Iowa, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Indiana, occupation none. Eva M was a daughter age 17, white, female, single, born in Iowa. Rachel K. was a daughter age 16, female, white, single, born in Iowa. William L. was a son age 14, white, male, single, a laborer, born in Iowa. Laurence R., the youngest son, was age 12, white, male, single, born in Iowa.

By the time of the 1930 U. S. Census on April 8th, all four children had left home. Family 54 in South Fork Township, Monroe County, Missouri, supervisor district 6, enumeration district 69-14, sheet 2B lists only Steven A. Latta and his wife Flossie J. Steven is age 68, male white, age 68, Head, Farmer, rents, married, age at first marriage 40, born in Missouri, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Ohio. Flossie J. was listed as the wife, age 52, white, female, married, age at first marriage 23, born in Iowa, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Ohio, occupation none.

One of Stephen and Mary Flossie's grandsons were living with them in 1940. In the U.S. Census taken 14 April 1940 in Woodlawn Township, Monroe County, Missouri, S.D. 9, E.D. 69-21, Sheet 5A, household 103, is listed Stephen B. Latta, Head, Farming, age 78, born in Missouri, Flossie J Latta, wife, age 62, born in Iowa, and Floyd N. Latta, Grandson, age 19, farming, born in Missouri. All three were listed with an 8th grade education.

The final documents that I found for Stephen Benton Latta were his burial and death record. Find a Grave shows his burial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Paris, Monroe County, Missouri. He was born 23 May 1861 in Akron, Harrison County, Missouri, and died 9 Feb. 1947 in Paris, Monroe County, Missouri. His wife was Mary Flossie Jane Robinson 1878-1951.

To double check his burial record, I looked in Ancestry.com. I found Stephen's death record from Paris, Monroe County, Missouri dated 9 Feb. 1947. He died from cerebral apoplexy and cardiac decopenration and old age. He had lived in this community for 47 years, was a farmer, and resided in Paris, Monroe County, Missouri. Stephen was married to Flossie Latta. Stephen was born 23 May 1861 in Missouri to Calvin Latta (born in Ind.), and Rachel Jenkins (born in Ohio). The informant was Mrs. Flossie Latta of Paris, Mo.

All of those records should give you a picture of the life of Stephen Benton Latta, a famer.

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Early Lattas in Pennsylvania: Matching Branch and Census Information

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

Pennsylvania was one of the states where Latta families were the most numerous in the 18th century. In the 1790 census, there were six Latta families listed, equal to North Carolina in being the largest number of families in any state (South Carolina came third). In 1800 the census showed 16 families, by some margin the largest of any state, with North Carolina second with seven. In 1810, numbers slipped back to 13 families with 14 in 1820. This probably reflects the gradual movement westwards of Pennsylvania families that moved to Ohio, Indiana and other states.

It is instructive to compare these families with the information on the records of the various Latta branches. Of the 45 branches identified, 18 have some link to Pennsylvania, although not all date back to 1790. Out of the 17 Latta heads of household in 1790 and 1800, twelve can be reasonably identified by branch, four are possibilities and one (Alexander in 1790) cannot easily be identified.

Branch Information

Branch 1 begins with James M Latta who was born in Ireland, coming from Donegal. He had one son William born before 1740 who died in 1808 and lived both in Lancaster County and Mount Pleasant in Westmoreland County. William had a number of children born between 1756 and 1782. The eldest, John, is probably Number 3 in the census list below.

Branch 3 starts with a Moses Latta who lived and died in Ireland. His son, William, lived in Westmoreland County, in Mount Pleasant and South Huntington and died in 1803. This is probably Number 15 in the census list below. A second son, Ephraim is likely Number 8 in the census list.

Branch 5 begins with Ben (or Eben) Latta whose son, John, died in Westmoreland County in 1802. This is probably Number 9 in the census list below.

Branch 8 are the "shipwreck" Latta family who were prominent in the Presbyterian Church. James born 1732 in Ireland, died in 1801 is probably Number 2 in the census list. He was in the first graduating class at the University of Pennsylvania and was the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America. Several of his sons were also ministers, including Francis Alison, William and John Ewing.

Branch 17 begins with John Latta of Huntingdon County, probably Number 10 in the census list below. His son, William is likely Number 17 in the census list. Branch 29 appears to be the same family.

Branch 19 had John Latta in Hempfield Twp., Lancaster County. This family then moved to the Carolinas probably before 1790.

Branch 27 began with a Thomas Latta who lived in Adams County. His son, Thomas born about 1727, died 1796 in Cumberland Twp, York County. This may be Number 5 in the census list below.

Branch 32 begins with Robert Latta who lived in Bart Twp., Lancaster County and died in 1779. His children included Moses and James and seem to be the same family as Branch 3.

Census Records 1790 and 1800

The two censuses in 1790 and 1800 showed only the name of the head of the household followed by the number of males over 16, males under 16 and females. The heads were:

1. Alexander Latta, West Nantmill in Chester County with 1 male over 16, one male under 16 and two females (1790). Alexander was not listed as a head of household in 1800.

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2. James Latta, Bart Township in Lancaster County, with 4 males over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females (1790). This is probably James who in 1800 was in Dromore, Lancaster County. Probably Branch 8, number 2 and/or Branch 32, number 5.
3. John Latta in Mount Pleasant Township in Westmoreland County with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 1 female. This is probably John who was in Bullskin Township, Fayette County in 1800. I believe this is John Branch 1 number 3 born 1756 and died 1843.
4. Moses Latta in Mount Pleasant Township in Westmoreland County with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 6 females. He was also in Mount Pleasant in the 1800 census. Probably Branch 3, number 9.
5. Thomas Latta in York County with 3 males over 16, none under 16 and 8 females. This may be Branch 27, number 2. There is a Thomas in the 1800 census in Cumberland, in Adams County but I cannot be sure this is the same person. Based on branch 27 information, Thomas died in 1796 so the 1800 reference may be to his son, Branch 27, number 4.
6. William Latta in Tyrone Township in Fayette County with 3 males over 16, 6 males under 16 and 5 females. In 1800 I believe this is William who was in Bullskin Township in Fayette County and is probably the father of John (number 3 in this list). I believe this is William Branch 1 number 2 who died in 1808 and was born prior to 1740.
7. Andrew Latta in 1800 in South Beaver Township, Beaver County with 3 males and 2 females. This could possibly be Branch 1, number 5 although the branch information says the family moved to Kentucky prior to 1800.
8. Ephraim Latta in 1800 in South Huntingdon, Westmoreland County with 3 males and 2 females. This is most likely Branch 3 number 6.
9. John Latta in 1800 in Salem, Westmoreland County with 6 males and 3 females. Possibly Branch 5, number 5.
10. John Latta in 1800 in Shirley, Huntingdon County, 3 males, 5 females and one other. Probably Branch 17, number 1.
11. Moses Latta in 1800 in South Huntingdon, Westmoreland County with 4 males and 6 females. Probably Branch 32, number 3.
12. Widow Latta (so described) in 1800 in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County; 4 males and 2 females. Based on location, the most likely candidates would be the widow of John Latta Branch 3, number 10 who died in 1799 or possibly the widow of John Branch 29, number 2, who died in 1798. Both were named Mary.
13. William Latta in 1800 in East Whiteland, Chester County, 2 males and 2 females. This is probably Branch 8, Number 3.
14. William Latta in 1800 in Chartiers, Washington County, 1 male only. This might be Branch 3, number 12.
15. William Latta in 1800 in South Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, 4 males and 6 females. Probably Branch 3, number 5.
16. William Latta in 1800 in South Beaver, Beaver County, 4 males and 2 females. This might be Branch 1, number 2.
17. William Latta in 1800 in Shirley, Huntingdon County, 2 males and 3 females. Probably Branch 17, number 362.

In terms of the geographic locations involved, there is one concentration in western Pennsylvania with the contiguous counties of Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington, south and south-east of Pittsburgh and Beaver County on the Ohio border north of Washington County. Huntingdon County is in the south central part of the

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state. Adams, York, Lancaster and Chester counties are in a row in the south-eastern part of the state. I would welcome any input on the identification of the census records, in terms of corroborating or contrary information and also on the identity of Alexander from Chester County in 1790.

Census Records 1810 and 1820

There is substantial discontinuity between the census records of 1800 and those of 1810 and 1820. Only three of the families in the latter two censuses can be clearly identified as the same as the earlier ones. These are:

1. John in Salem, Westmoreland County. He is number 9 in the list above, Branch 5, number 5. He is listed in the 1810 census and may well be the person listed in Derry, Westmoreland County in 1820.
2. John in Shirley, Huntingdon County both in 1810 and 1820. He is number 10 in the list above, Branch 17, number 1.
3. William in East Whiteland, Chester County in 1820, although not listed in 1810. This is number 13 in the list above, Branch 8, number 3.

Among the families that appear for the first time in these two censuses are some that can reasonably be identified. These are:

1. Abraham who in 1820 was in Shirley, Huntingdon County. Probably Branch 17, number 345.
2. Ephraim in Bullskin, Fayette County in both 1810 and 1820. Probably Branch 1, number 9. He moved to Ohio around 1826 according to branch records.
3. The Rev Francis A in Dromore, Lancaster County in 1810. This is clearly Branch 8, number 72.
4. The Rev James in Sadsbury, Chester County in 1820. Clearly Branch 8, number 5.
5. John in West Salem, Mercer County in both censuses. Branch 1, number 3.
6. Moses in Shenango, Crawford County in 1820. Probably Branch 3, number 23.
7. Samuel in Bullskin, Fayette County in both censuses. Branch 1, number 8.
8. William in West Bethlehem, Washington County in 1820. This is possibly Branch 45, number 2.

However there are other families in these two censuses that I cannot easily identify. These are:

1. Elizabeth in East Huntingdon, Westmoreland County in 1810. This is probably Branch 3 but there are several possibilities. In order to be listed as head of household, she would either be a widow or would be single but not living with parents.
2. Mary in East Huntingdon, Westmoreland County in 1810. This is also probably Branch 3 in which case it may also be the Widow listed in the 1800 census.
3. Samuel in Salem, Mercer County in 1820.
4. William in Derry, Westmoreland County in 1810 and 1820.
5. William in Union, Fayette County in 1810.
6. William in Salem, Westmoreland County in 1810. Possibly the same person as William in Unity, Westmoreland County in 1820.
7. William in Beaver, Crawford County in 1810.

Once again, I would appreciate any input that would help relate these individuals to branch records.

I would like to thank Tom Kintigh (Branch 3) for his comments on this article.

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George Washington's Mount Vernon

By: Seth Gottlieb, Preservation Specialist,
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I am a member of the Architectural Preservation team at George Washington's Mount Vernon. A predecessor of mine left a binder of historic accounts of visits to Mount Vernon including the one mentioned here. Unfortunately, I've so far been unable to trace the original source document. My online searching led me to the Latta Genealogy Society, and I'm wondering if you might know the location of the document. I'm questioning the true identity of the author. I do have a 1916 reference to the account, in the annual report of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. If you have any suggestions on where I might be able to find more information, I would greatly appreciate it.

I've managed to do a bit more digging, and thought some of it might be of use to you. In the attachment from my previous email, the introductory paragraph at the top noted the letter had been read at a meeting of the Bucks County Historical Society. As it happens, a collection of the papers read before the society is available online, and includes an account of the reading of the letter. The letter was read by Mary Latta DuBois (1847-1922), who died without children. Her death certificate was signed by John Latta DuBois, also of Doylestown (I have attached her certificate here), but also apparently childless. I wonder, in your experience with the family genealogy (I readily admit that I'm not a genealogist!), do you have any sense of her next of kin, and who might have inherited the papers of John Ewing Latta?

Mary Latta DuBois, Branch 8

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

The mother of Mary Latta DuBois listed on the death certificate as Mary Latta was Mary Smith Latta (1812-1901), Branch 8, number 28. The branch information mentions that she married Charles E. DuBois and lists several children, although not Mary. To Seth's question as to who might have inherited the papers of Mary Latta DuBois, I cannot really hazard a guess as the branch information does not show any close family who would still have been alive in 1922.

I am enclosing two pages relating the visit of Parson Latta to Mount Vernon. My sister-in-law alerted me to this reference and I passed it on to Ken who published it in Issue 57 of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter. [Editor's Note: It was originally published in 1917 as A Collection of Papers Read Before the Bucks County Historical Society, Henry C. Mercer, *et. al.* editorial committee, Volume IV, pages 544-546, Press of the Chemical Publishing Company, Easton, Pa].

A Horseback Trip to Mount Vernon by Rev. John E. Latta

By Miss Mary L. DuBois, Doylestown, Pa

Doylestown Meeting, January 26, 1915

The object of this paper is to give an abstract from the journal of Rev. John E. Latta, containing an

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account of a visit which he made to Mount Vernon, Virginia, the home of George Washington.

The entire journal is written in the present tense, and the style is rather stilted compared to the present day idea of good literature. He made the trip from June 24, to July 29, 1799, by horseback, which was the mode of traveling those early days.

On this trip he visited the following places: Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Greencastle, Williamsport, Martinsburg, Shepheardstown, Harpers Ferry, Fredericktown, Hyattstown, Clarksburg, Georgetown, Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Upper Marlboro, Annapolis, Baltimore, Joppa and Bellair Bush.

Rev. John E. Latta was the son of Rev. James Latta, who was pastor at Deep Run Presbyterian Church in Bedminister township, Bucks county, from 1761 to 1770.

The extract from the journal is as follows:

"July 3, 1799. I set out for Mount Vernon the seat of the illustrious Washington, distant nine miles. After leaving Alexandria about a quarter of a mile I passed thro' a handsome little village which may be considered an appendage to the city, and I apprehend, is embraced by corporation. A short distance from this I passed over a considerable stream called Hunting creek which empties into the Potomac about a half a mile below Alexandria. The road is in general rough and hilly. This is particularly the case for some distance after you leave the city. The land, the chief of the way, is rather barren.

"After riding three miles thro' the General's farm I arrived at his house at 11 o'clock. A servant takes my horse and allows me to step into the house without ceremony. As the General is out riding thro' the farm, I inquire for his lady. She appears. I approach her and introduce myself as a young clergyman from Pennsylvania travelling to see the country, and at the same time observe that I had been made free to call and see their improvements. I am invited to take a seat. Immediately after I request to see the gardens. Mrs. Washington laments that there is none of the family to go with me. She, however, shows me the way to them. Immediately fronting the house on the west side is a large green, containing perhaps two acres, interspersed with delightful walks and very handsome trees. From the door set out spacious serpentine walks handsomely graveled. The one inkling to the right leads to the flower garden. The left leads to the vegetable and fruit garden. I take to the right as I always wish to go to the right. Upon entering the garden I am met by the gardener who very politely shows me all the most curious plants and trees. The garden is very handsomely laid out in squares and flower knots and contains a great variety of trees, flowers and plants of foreign growth collected from almost every part of the world. I saw there English grapes, oranges, limes and lemons in great perfection as well as a variety of plants and flowers wonderful in their appearance, exquisite in their perfume and delightful to the eye. The most extraordinary is a plant, native of Asia, which the gardener called Ala. It grows to a considerable size and is said not to bloom earlier than the age of an hundred years. This, together with all of the foreign plants and trees, is, at the approach of winter, carried into a large greenhouse built of brick which stand at one side of the garden. That they may be potable they are all planted in large wooden boxes filled with earth.

"After reviewing the garden, I take a view of the house and find it a spacious elegant building 90 feet long and of respectable width. It is frame, made in the paneled form overlaid with white paint mixed with sand. This gives it, at a distance, nearly the appearance of hewn stone. At each side is a portico with a roof as high as the main building, supported by 8 handsome columns, which gives the whole an air of dignity and grandeur. It is situated on the bank of the river, which, at that place, is several hundred feet higher than the surface of the water and thus commands an extensive prospect of the river (at this place 2 miles wide), and the transfluvian country.

"Between the house and the descent of the bank is a very beautiful and extensive green, and to enhance its beauty, still more, the General, whilst I was there, was engaged in new modelling its form, that to the beauties of nature he might add the embellishments of art: but in such a manner that the improvements would still appear natural.

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"Just as I finish this scene of speculation, the General appears. He approaches me and extends his hand in the usual salutary manner. As his lady is not present, a second introduction becomes necessary. This I perform by mentioning to him my name. He invites me to take a seat and orders a drink of ice punch. After a short conversation I propose riding. I am, however, impressed to stay for dinner. I find the General very agreeable and cheerful in conversation. At the introduction and conclusion of dinner I am requested by the President to officiate in my clerical character. The table is furnished in great, but not luxurious, variety of dishes.

"About 6 o'clock I mount my horse to return to Alexandria.

"The General carries on farming very extensively. He has one principal and 5 subaltern overseers, as well as a great number of negroes. The part of his land, however, which I pass thro' is neither good soil or in high cultivation. But as he possesses 10,000 acres of land, no doubt many parts of it exhibit quite the contrary appearance."

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Research Queries, Replies and Notes.

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

1. My name is Rebecca Benjamin I have been working on my family tree via Ancestry.com and came upon the Latta.org site via google. I first want to say thank you for all the work you have done keeping it going. Is the membership still a thing? I would like to proceed with it for sure. I also joined the Facebook page. I have been working very hard on my tree and double verify information and cross ref back to Latta.org in an effort to also find which people I DNA match to. I am currently working on a match that has a tree line to Branch #24. So I am like Branch #20 for a fact I can confirm my line to William 1814-883. My cousin's tree line is to Branch #24 William Elihu Latta, 1806-1892, daughter Sophia Latta married into the Biegher family. So then my question are the 2 James fathers of the 2 Williams? Branch #24 list James 1773-1847 Stark County. My Branch # 20 list James 1785-1826 Gahanna, Franklin., OH m.Elizabeth (although the grave site indicates James was b. 1774). Never-the-less it seems to look like the 2 James are indeed different and which one then is "6 James (3) (may be head of Branch 20)" the son of William 1740-1808? My thought it is James of branch 24 not 20 and therefore my James head of branch 20 is a son of an unknown son of Branch #1 James 1730-1814? Has this question ever came up before? My Ancestry DNA match's me as a 5th-8th cousin with the person from branch #24. So my guess is that we are matching to James branch #1 1730-1814?

Just a bit of back story on me. I did not know my birth father, a Latta, growing up, but recently became interested in finding out more about my family tree so started asking my mom questions and I was able to track his history down on Ansestry along with other Latta family members that I have DNA matched to, so it has been very interesting to say the least. My mother also did not know her birth father and his history and on top of it her mother was adopted! But I have been able to track all our lines and DNA match to them and like I said it has been very interesting!

So if I am reading correctly we do not know who the father is of 1 JAMES (1) LATTA branch 20 or the father of 1 JAMES (1) LATTA of branch 24 (*I am 20 and DNA match to 24*)?

Has there been any research into the 2nd James living in Bart, Lancaster, PA the same time as Rev James? The Latta.org location of PA LATTAs from tax, census spreadsheet does not have him on there. I have found citations as well as other Ancestry members that show a James with brothers Robert & Samuel with a Widow Latta that is assumed to be the brothers' mother. There is a possible connection that they have concluded that this other James in Bart, Lancaster is the head of branch 20 and that he also had a sister Mary Latta 1768-185 m. John Starrett that is buried in Mifflin Cemetery with James and his wife Elizabeth.

I can't find Mary on the Latta.org index search. It looks like there is no initial info regarding the 2 brothers Robert & Samuel but it could be possible maybe one of them is the father of James branch 24 that I am a DNA match to? Please let me know your thoughts. Best regards, Rebecca Benjamin, grbenjamin@aol.com.

2. Hi! Rebecca, there is a lot that we still do not know about how all of the branches connect. Many records from the 1700's and 1800's were lost or simply never existed. There DNA tests available. So try one, and then we can then compare DNA and see what happens. Ken Mueller, editor.

3. You are not going to believe this but when you said it would be nice to have a male Latta take a DNA test I started looking for my birth fathers brother and found him! I just talked to him on the phone! I am sure he was a little shocked but he was very interested in the Latta tree and I think might be open to taking a test, He also has a son.

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Okay so I went through all my shared DNA matches I have with my 1st cousin user my1964lark that is a direct tie to Branch #20 along with me (I am Branch #20) and I discovered we DNA match to branch # 1!

Branch # 1: My cousin and I are a DNA match to user Ammie Bottger she has direct link in her tree to:

191 Mary Ann (5) Latta

24 Silas (4) Latta

9 Ephraim (3) Latta Sr.

2 William (2) Latta,

1 James M. (1) Latta

My cousin and I also DNA match-

Branch # 1: User T.G.

97 Jane Margaret (4) Latta

3 John (3) Latta

2 William (2) Latta,

1 James M. (1) Latta

Therefore I do think my Branch #20 1 James (1) Latta is Branch #1 6 James Latta (3)

I also discovered that my cousin and I match to Branch #4 user jrslocum62

Therefore I believe Branch #4 1 James (1) Latta is actually Branch #1 1 James M. Latta (1)

This would make Branch #4 1 James (1) Latta's son 82 William (2) Branch #1 2 William (2) Latta

Therefore at first glance it looks like Branch #1, #4, and #20 might need to be combined based on my initial look of my cousins and my DNA matches on Ancestry.

My cousin and I also DNA match to branch #24 & #19 but am not sure how I tie in to them yet. Maybe it will be more clear when Branch #1, #4, #20 are combined?

Branch #19 user spoiledwife1131 has 12 Esther (3) Latta as a direct link in her tree along with corresponding father.

My cousin and I also DNA match to Branch #19 user shday57 she has same 12 Esther (3) Latta like spoiledwife1131 as a direct link in her tree

Branch #24 user treeson93 has 12 Sophia (3) Latta and corresponding father and grandfather as a direct link on their tree.

What else do you need from me to verify my branch #20 connection to branch #1 & #4?

What do you make of all of this? Rebecca Benjamin, grbenjamin@aol.com.

4. Rebecca, I am glad to hear that you found your uncle, and a cousin. I would certainly interview your uncle and see what he can tell you about his family history. Write down who told you the information and stories, and sign it and date it. I think that it is great that you found a positive DNA connection between Latta branches 1, 4, 20 and 24. I always thought that the Latta families were interconnected. Right now I do not have your answers. However, I would be glad to share your questions with other Latta researchers via our Latta Newsletter. We may get some answers then. Ken Mueller, editor.

5. 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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2019 Meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society

By: Randy Phillips, Treasurer, parting_glass65@yahoo.com

I will be hosting the annual meeting this fall in the Niagara Falls region of New York. The hotel will be the Comfort Inn and Suites, 6115 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York 14304, Phone: 716 524-2727. The hotel has free parking, free breakfast, and free WiFi.

Fri. Nov. 8th: Suggested arrival day for those traveling by air.

Saturday, Nov. 9th: I have reserved a meeting room at the hotel for the day on Saturday. The DNA surname project will get underway at 12 noon in the meeting room. We will provide a working lunch for the volunteers. We will break in the afternoon to allow time for dinner and some sightseeing. We will hold the Annual Meeting in the meeting room at 7pm.

Sunday, Nov. 10th: We will hold a second session for the DNA surname project if needed at 11am. The remainder of the day will be set aside for sightseeing for those that can stay. I will arrange an informal tour of several sights in Lewiston, NY. (10 minutes from Niagara Falls)

Mon. Nov. 11th, Veteran's Day: Some attendees may want to consider extending their visit to the area since Monday is a US Federal Holiday.

DNA Surname Project: Kathy will be hosting a session on DNA and the Spousal Surname Index. She is looking for attendees to volunteer to assist with the project. We will be working on this project on Saturday, and possibly Sunday depending on attendance. **For those who will attend and are willing to work on the project, the LGS will reimburse the volunteers for \$100 of their travel expense. You and your spouse/significant other attend and volunteer, you'll be reimbursed a total of \$200!!** This offer is available to the first 8 (eight) volunteers. Volunteers should email Randy Phillips to confirm participation and arrival date/time.

Details on the area: We are hosting the Annual Meeting of the LGS near the site of one of the world's natural wonders, Niagara Falls. The area is steeped in history as well with many historic sites still standing. Lewiston, NY is 10 minute north of Niagara Falls and was home to several of the earliest Branch 4 Latta's to arrive in the country in the latter part of the 1700s. Many of them are buried at the Presbyterian Church cemetery in Lewiston. Fort Niagara in Youngstown, NY is 20 minutes north of Lewiston. Historic Fort Niagara began as Fort Conti and was established by the French in 1679. During the next 136 years, it would be occupied by various forces during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution and the War of 1812. The Fort still stands and is now a state park that can be toured for a small fee. Lewiston was heavily involved in the War of 1812. In Dec. of 1813, the British captured Fort Niagara in the middle of the night. The next morning the British and their Native American allies from the Mowhawk village headed for Lewiston. They were intent on burning Lewiston to the ground in retaliation for the burning of Fort George on the Canadian side of the river. Without any real defense, the Lewiston villagers were being slaughtered by the marauders. Native Americans from the nearby Tuscarora village heard the calamity and came to the defense of Lewiston. This gave dozens of the villagers time to escape with just the clothes on their backs. Our Branch 4 Lattas were some of them. The village of Lewiston was completely burned to the ground, only to be rebuilt later. In the early to mid-1800s, Lewiston was a last stop on the Underground Railroad. Several of our Latta ancestors aided in the river crossings.

For those planning to attend the Annual Meeting and/or volunteer for the DNA Surname project, please email Randy Phillips to confirm your attendance and whether you will be helping with the project. You can also email Randy with any questions about the area, topics you would like to see discussed during the Annual Meeting, or any other concern. If you have any questions, please call me at: (315) 759-9121 or e-mail me at parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

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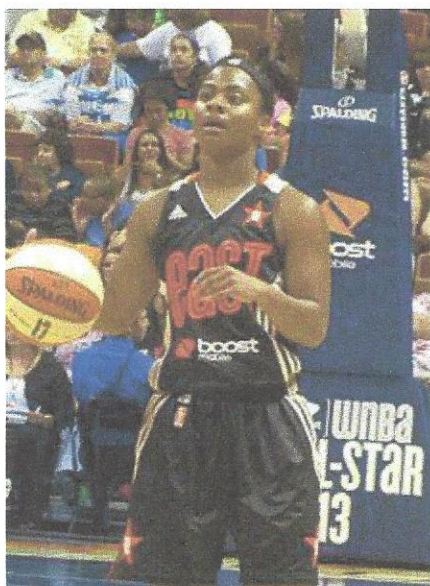
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Ivory Latta

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ivory Latta (born September 25, 1984) is an American professional basketball player who is currently a free agent.^[1] She was drafted 11th overall by the Detroit Shock in the 2007 WNBA Draft. A 5'6" (1.68 m) guard noted for her three-point shooting and on-court enthusiasm, she played college basketball for the North Carolina Tar Heels. She is the all-time leading scorer in South Carolina high school basketball history (men's and women's) with a total of 4,319 career points.^[2]



College Career

Latta was named the 2006 Player of the Year by ESPN.com,^[5] USBWA, GballMag.com and Basketball Times National Player of the Year, Nancy Lieberman Award Winner as Point Guard of the Year (2006), Consensus All-American (2006), ACC Player of the Year (2006), ACC Tournament MVP (2005), WBCA National Player for the Month of March (2005), All-ACC First Team (2007, 2005), AP All-American Third Team (2005), ACC Preseason Rookie of the Year (2004), All-ACC Second Team (2004), All-ACC Freshmen Team (2004).^[2] Latta averaged 14.0 points per game as a freshman, 16.2 as a senior, and 16.6 for her career at North Carolina.

Professional Career

Latta was drafted by the Detroit Shock with the 11th pick in the 2007 WMBA Draft. She averaged 3.0 points per game as a rookie, and had the second-best 3-point field goal percentage in the WNBA for the 2007 regular season.^[2] Latta appeared in her first WNBA Finals during her rookie season with the Shock, where they lost in 5 games to the Phoenix Mercury. On February 6, 2008, Latta was traded to the Atlanta Dream for the Dream's 2008 second round pick and LaToya Thomas.^{[2][7]} She played for Ceyhan in Turkey during the 2008–09 WNBA off-season.^[8] She was originally released by the Atlanta Dream at the start of the 2009 WNBA season, but then signed on July 3, 2009, after the Dream released Nikki Teasley instead.^[9]

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Latta played for the Tulsa Shock from 2010-2012, and joined the Washington Mystics in 2013. In 2013, she was selected to the WNBA All Star Game for the first time. In 2014, Latta was selected as an all-star replacement for the injured Elena Delle Donne, making it her second all-star game appearance.

In July 2016, Latta suffered a left knee injury during practice at the Verizon Center that would sideline her for the rest of the season after playing 22 games.^[10]

In 2017, Latta was healthy and played all 34 games. The Mystics advanced past the second round for the first time in franchise history, but were swept by the Minnesota Lynx in the semi-finals.

Personal Life

On January 9, 2003 a resolution was read on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by U.S. Representative John Spratt^[11] honoring Latta. She would also receive the key to the city of York, South Carolina (where she attended high school and Spratt's hometown),^{[11][12]} which celebrated Ivory Latta Day on January 10, 2003.^[13]

Latta's father and paternal grandmother both live with Parkinson's disease and she has been very outspoken about how her father's diagnosis impacted her.^[14] As a result, Latta serves as an ambassador for the Parkinson Disease Foundation (PDF).^[15] In this role, she is involved with fundraising campaigns for PDF and generating awareness about Parkinson's disease, and enlists other professional athletes to support the cause.^[14]

Latta's friendships with NBA superstar LeBron James and actor/rapper Chris "Ludacris" Bridges have been well documented.^[5]

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