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Noel E. Latta Genealogy

By: Nola Wilson and Jack Latta, jklatta@suddenlink.net, Branch 9

Noel Latta was born in August of 1903 in Fargo, Oklahoma, and died in September of 1985 in Woodward, Woodward County, Oklahoma. He married Ella Faye Bostwick on April 1, 1925 in Ellis County, Oklahoma. Grandparents: James Eudorus Latta and Harritt Amanda Shelton. Parents: James Gardner Latta and Gertrude Bengner.

Noel Eudorus Latta was the oldest child and had four brothers and two sisters: (2) Guy, (3) Kenneth, (4) Pauline, (5) Truman, (6) Gertrude, (7) Donald.

Ella Bostwick was born in November, 1906 and died in January, 1995 in Woodward, Woodward County, Oklahoma.

Ella's grandparent's: Frances Bostwick and Jane Smith

Ella's Parents: Sherman Tacumseh Bostwick and Hattie Ella Shaklee.

Ella had four brothers and four sisters: (1) Lula, (2) Eddie, (3) Grace, (4) Otis; (5) Vern, (6) Ella, (7) Altha, unknown birthdates of Harley Ross and Sadie Mae.

Noel and Ella were married April 1, 1925 in the Methodist Church at Fargo, Oklahoma and made their home in the Greenwood Community. They set up housekeeping in a dugout type house and later moved into a two bedroom farm house. The Greenwood location was Northwest of Fargo, Oklahoma and consisted of a Presbyterian Church, a schoolhouse and across the road the Sunset Cemetery on land donated by Noel's Mother, Gertrude Bengner Latta.

They had five sons and one daughter: (1) Wayne Leon born May 12, 1926, died February 15, 1968; (2) Nola Irene born January 30, 1929; (3) James Sherman born April 8, 1933, did not survive; (4) Don Bruce born February 23, 1936, died March 6, 2017; (5) Jack Bostwick born July 11, 1939; (6) Terry Noel born March 13, 1946, died September 15, 2013. There are sixteen surviving grandchildren.

-Wayne Leon married Agnes Dies and had two children, Michael Wayne and Cathy Elizabeth.

-Nola Irene married William L. Wilson Jr. and had three children, Pamela Jane, Deborah Faye and William L. Wilson III.

-Don Bruce married Betty Howard and had four children, Ricky Don, Connie Sue, Patricia Ann and Gary Bruce.

-Jack Bostwick married Kay Wensler and had four children, Jacquelyn Kay, Barbara Diane, Thomas Jay and Edward Glenn.

-Terry Noel married Lois Harrison and had three children, Linc Casey, Sherrie Dene', Lance Paul.

They had many stories to tell about growing up; how far Noel walked to get to school or how far Ella rode a horse to get to school in rain or snow. Their courtship was either on horseback or horse and buggy. One such story was when Noel took Ella home one evening, he was showing off and galloped his horse and buggy around the house, one buggy wheel caught the corner of the house and tore a board

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Editorial

This issue of our Latta Genealogy Newsletter was also delayed by the Covid pandemic. But we are finally getting back to editing it. In here you will see a biography of Noel Latta submitted by his son and daughter Jack Latta and Nola Wilson. I would like to see more biographies of our parents and grandparents. We can preserve their memory for future generations to enjoy. I send this newsletter to several major libraries, and if you send me the story of your parents or grandparents, their memory will live on in our 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.

Our website contains the following as duties of a branch captain:

The Branch Captains shall:

- ☀️ Collect, organize & share information for their representative branch.
- ☀️ Start a GEDCOM file with the data collected for the branch.
- ☀️ Enter into the GEDCOM all information with documentation received from other members of the branch.
- ☀️ Coordinate research to provide documentation for all data contained in GEDCOM.
- ☀️ Share GEDCOM information with other members of the branch. Ensure that the GEDCOM file does not contain any information about living persons to protect their privacy.
- ☀️ Information about living persons may be shared ONLY with the written permission of the living individual.

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**Latta Genealogy Society
Treasurer's Report
April 19, 2021**

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TREASURER: Randy Phillips, 41 S. Morrell Ave., Geneva NY 14456 (315) 759-9121
parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

Report Period: February 7, 2021 through April 19, 2021

Beginning balance: \$9,355.69

Income:

General Fund donations:	\$560.00
Research Fund Donations:	\$25.00
DNA Fund donations:	\$5.00
Pay Pal Donations:	\$226.61

Total Income: \$816.61

Expenses:

Hostway website fees	\$39.85
Newsletter 71 Expense (Ken Mueller)	\$671.93
Document Scanner	\$319.28
Washington State Filing	\$10.00
USPS shipping (J. Latta documents)	\$12.80

Total Expenses: \$1053.86

Ending balance as of April 19, 2021: \$9,118.44

Included in ending balance:

Funds allocated for research: \$1,380.50

Funds allocated for DNA: \$4,038.70

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off. Her parents were sleeping in an upstairs bedroom in that corner of the house. When Ella's dad made it downstairs, Noel, horse and buggy were nowhere in sight. Noel returned the next morning to help repair the damage.

Noel and Ella made their home in Ellis County, Oklahoma. They had a farming and ranching operation and raised their children to be honest and hard working. Wayne continued with the farming and operated a dairy. The other children left that calling to work in other fields.

Noel served as Sunday School Superintendent at Greenwood Presbyterian Church for many years which his mother and father helped to organize.

During the 1940's Noel was contacted by the Red Cross and spent many hours and traveled many miles collecting donations. He had a great gift for conversation and was usually successful in this endeavor.

Noel served as a member of the Ellis County Farm Loan board and met monthly to hear requests for farm loans. He did this for many years until this program was discontinued by the government.

Noel and Ella received a lot of teasing about getting married on April 1st (April Fool's day). They took this teasing good naturedly and it was no joke as it lasted sixty years.

The Latta Family

By: George Clinton Latta

Submitted by: Randy Phillips, Treasurer and Branch 4 Captain

My father James Latta and Sarah Jackson were married in the city of New York Feb. 23, 1773, and moved to Wallkill on the Hudson River where he remained until 1778. He then moved to New Windsor on the Hudson River where he remained until 1789, then came to Geneva, Ontario County and purchased land and on the 14th of September 1789, arrived at Geneva with his family, then six children. They came up the Hudson River to Albany in a Sloop, crossed over to Schenectady in wagons, ascended the Mohawk River as far as Fort Stanwix (now Rome), and hauled their small boats over the portage into Wood Creek, down that into Oneida Lake. They reached that place on the evening of a clear moonlight night, and my Father being anxious to cross the Lake, paid his men extra wages to pass over the Lake to Fort Brewerton during the night, fearing a storm would arise in the morning and detain them several days as was frequently the case.

The route then was down the Oneida River to Three River Point, then up the Seneca River to the outlet of Seneca Lake, then up that to Geneva. The voyage from Schenectady to Geneva consumed seventeen days, during the greater part of which time it rained. At that time there were but three or four log houses in Geneva and about the same number at Canandaigua, there was no mill in the country nearer than Newtown (now Elmira) fifty miles distant and this one had no brush. The flour ground there required to be sifted before using it. My brother Samuel came by way of Newtown and drove the cutter, on his arrival at the farm and gave the man that was employed chopping and planted some pumpkins which were partly ripe and as they had been without milk for a long time, they picked and cooked some of the pumpkins and had a supper of milk and pumpkins.

I have heard my father tell of going to Newtown to mill with grist on horseback and at night would let his horse loose to graze and take lodging himself in a tree during the night to keep out of the way of the wolves

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which were very numerous at that time. Provisions at that time were brought into the country by water, up the Mohawk River in bateaus and from the Susquehanna River on pack horses. It was some time before mills were erected in this part of the country. Most of the families at that time kept one or two mortars or hominy blocks for pounding corn in. These blocks were frequently amongst the people in the country made in the stump of a tree near the house. They would cut a stump square and then burn or dig a cavity in the top deep enough to receive the corn and to relieve the labor the pounder was frequently used by means of a spring pole. I can recollect seeing mortars of this kind used in this town on or near the farm now lately owned by John Peterson. Eight miles from the city of Rochester which must be within 43 years as I came into this town, then called Gates, in the month of June 1810. I can also recollect when father lived in the town of Seneca four miles west of Geneva going to mill on horseback in company with my brother two years older than myself as early as 1804 or 1805. We first went to Bears Mill seven miles east of Geneva on the Seneca outlet (now Waterloo) and on arriving at the mill ascertained that we could not get grinding immediately, we concluded to go to a mill known as Lyons Mill on the Canandaigua outlet at or near where the village of Lyons stands. After an absence of about four days we returned home with our grist, which to the family must have been good news, both on account of our safe return and the receipt of the flour which undoubtedly was much needed as it was about harvest time.

My mother died 3 July 1807 and my father moved to Lewiston in the spring of 1809 and purchased a farm three miles east of Lewiston village on the Ridge Road on land covered with timber to make a farm. I remained with my father on the farm one summer. During that summer I attended school at the school house in the Indian village of Tuscarora six weeks, and in the winter of 1810, I attended school in the village of Lewiston. In the spring of 1810 I came and drove oxen two months on the farm spoken of by James L. Barton in his address delivered before the Young Men's Association of Buffalo 1st Feby 1848, as being the place where his father slept the first night of his arrival at where the present village of Lewiston stands, for which I received from my brother-in-law Benjamin Barton his order on Joshua Fairbanks Store for ten dollars' worth of dry goods and in the month of June 1810 I left Lewiston on horseback for the mouth of Genesee River where I arrived on the 17th June. At this time the Ridge Road was not cut out on the ridge where it is now traveled but was run on the ridge and north and south of it where it could be made with the least labor.

At that time there was no causeway over the Tonawanda Swamp, a distance of about four miles. I recollect when crossing that swamp the water most of the way was fetlock deep and from that knee deep to my horse most of the way. I think there were but two frame buildings between Lewiston and Green River, one of which was at or near Gaines and other was erected by Abel Rowe, father of Asa Rowe, for a tavern and was occupied by him for a tavern until the spring of 1845, when it burned down. At the time it was burned it was owned by R. P. Edgerton as a public house. Since that time a new house has been erected on the same ground and is now occupied by George Wimble near the green house in the town of Greece. I recollect attending the house warming of Mr. Rowe's house in the winter of 1814. It took two days getting there, attending the ball and getting home. We started by sleighing and returned with a wagon, occasioned by a rainstorm which continued all the night of the ball and until about 10 o'clock the next morning.

In the month of August I went out in company with Benjamin Gardner of the firm of Child & Jordan, then merchants at this place, and several other to hunt deer, which at that time were very plenty. We caught two or three deer and I caught the fever and Ague which shook me every day for about 56 days and then every other day for some time which reduced me quite low.

In the month of November, Porter, Barton & Co. had a vessel called the Ontario lying in the river taking in a cargo for Kingston, Upper Canada and Ogdensburg. My brother Samuel Latta and Capt. Charles Sweet

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Master of the Schooner thought it would be of service to me to take a trip across the Lake. Accordingly I was fitted up with the necessary sea stores and pocket money, by my brother Samuel Latta, and put on board under the care of the Captain. We sailed at about 11 o'clock at night for Kingston where we landed a part of our cargo, then went down the river St. Lawrence to Ogdensburg where we landed the remainder of the cargo.

We lay several days at Ogdensburg, then got underway for Kingston. On the passage up the St. Lawrence we run on a flat rock near Chippeway Bay where we lay several hours, then got off and came up to Kingston where we took in some loading and came out on the Lake about 12 o'clock at night and the next day came within 10 or 15 miles of Genesee River, when we met a heavy wind from the westward and were compelled to run back and put in to Fresquile harbor. We were at this time rather short of provisions. The next morning the Captain, myself, Oliver Culver, Frederick Bushnell, Samuel Sheldon and other passengers went on shore in pursuit of provisions and called at the house of the Widow Selleck to get some bread and other provisions but could not get any bread as she was out of flour. She said she had sent to mill a grist and if we would wait until they returned from the mill she would let us have some flour. Some of the party discovered she had a loaf at the fire baking. They purchased or Mrs. Selleck gave us half the loaf and we purchased some turnips and went on board. At evening the wind came round fair and the Captain feeling anxious to get out as the ice began to make in the Bay we got under way again for the Genesee River. The next morning we made the land off the devils (?) At noon with the wind at the South West, we run down to Genesee River and came to an anchor at the mouth of the harbor. The same afternoon that we got into the river, a cutter had crossed the river on the ice. During several days we had no provisions on board the vessel except peas and pork which we had plenty of but no butter, bread or vegetables of any kind. The vessel was about three weeks performing the trip to Ogdensburg and back, during which time I had an excellent appetite and on my return home I had fully recovered my health. The next spring I had one fit of the Ague and since that time have never had any symptom of the Ague.

On board this vessel I first became acquainted with Frederick Bushnell, Oliver Culver and Samuel Sheldon who were passengers with me. Soon after we returned Mr. Bushnell came to the mouth of Genesee River with a small stock of goods and commenced mercantile business in connection with James K. Guernsey in the month of January 1811 he made a bargain with my brother and took me into his service and I continued with him as a clerk until the spring of 1821, for which I received a salary of \$50 a year and board until April 1816 and from that time until March 1821 I received \$200 against my board. War broke out in June 1812 and we moved the goods to Victor, Ontario County, in the spring of 1813 where I remained until the fall of 1814. I was then sent to Seneca and remained in J. K. Guernsey's store until the winter of 1815, when I was sent to Alexander, Genesee County, where I remained with Henry Hawkins, a partner of Mr. Guernsey, until we received the news of peace. During my clerkship from 1812 to 1821 I was never absent without leave except once. That was in the month of December 1814. I was engaged in the warehouse and the news came that the British troops had crossed the Niagara and taken Fort Niagara and had advanced into the country as far as the 18-Mile Creek. I concluded then if my country ever needed by services it was then. I was then 19 years old. I immediately went about preparing and the same evening at about 10 o'clock I left Genesee River with about a week's provisions in my knapsack and my rifle on my shoulder, steered my course for the Ridge Road afoot and alone and arrived at Parma Corners next morning where I met with a great number of the Militia going on to meet the enemy. Frederick Hanford, then Public Store Keeper, hired a team and took in eleven of us and started for Lewiston. The second day we arrived at Hard Scrabble, six miles east of Lewiston on the Ridge Road and about eight miles from Fort Niagara, then in the possession of the British troops, where we remained about three weeks.

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We numbered about three hundred men under arms, under the command of Col. John Atchinson. We had no fighting to do during my stay and I got rather tired of stopping in the army and got a pass and returned to Genesee River. During my stay at Hard Scrabble a number of circumstances took place which were pleasing but it would not do to mention them.

Still there was one that I will relate. One evening after we had all got snuggled down to sleep we heard the report of three guns, which was a signal for all hands to muster at headquarters. We accordingly started quick time and I can assure you I was not behind for the Colonel's quarters, a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile where we formed in a line of battle on the Ridge Road. When we expected to render our country some service after remaining there for about an hour, it was ascertained to be a false alarm and we were all ordered back to our quarters. In a short time we were all turned out again at the Colonel's quarters as before and again it was ascertained to be a false alarm and again ordered to our quarters. About this time it was pretty easy to make an alarm as most of us had got somewhat frightened. I am certain I was. About 12 or 1 o'clock we were alarmed a third time and when I awoke it was rather dark as we had no light in the room except for the fire which had got rather dull. It was all confusion and the cries of the Indians are upon us, which was not as agreeable as it is now to hear that dinner is ready, as we were pretty well frightened by this time being called out of our rest three times in one night.

The fun of it was, at the time of the alarm, our Captain was dreaming that the Indians were upon us and the man that lay next to him awoke and in getting up put his hand on the Captain's breast. The captain immediately sprang up and caught the straw bed on which he was sleeping and commenced swinging it back and forth and singing out the Indians are upon us which when we found was a dream instead of a reality, all felt much better than we would have had the room been filled with Indians. This caused considerable fun and we went by the name of the Straw Bed Company after.

When we were drawn up in a line of battle on the Ridge Road in the night not knowing where the enemy was come from, I can tell the reader that I was well frightened. I had my mouth full of balls and some in my pockets and the wiper of my rifle in one hand. It was a bright starlight night and very cold. I presume the second man in the ranks from me might have heard the balls rattle against my teeth. As it happened we had no fight. Consequently I came off with a whole skin and am still in the land of the living.

With the news of peace, I was then called back to Seneca where I remained a short time and then was sent to the mouth of the Genesee River where Guernsey & Bushnell commenced mercantile business again and I continued with them as clerk until the spring of 1821 when I commenced business in connection with J. K. Guernsey, F. Bushnell, V.R. Hawking under the firm name of GB&Co. The concern purchased of Guernsey & Bushnell, their stock of goods and vessels for which we paid annual interest and rent for wharfs and warehouses at Charlotte an annual rent of \$400. In the spring of the same year we established an Ashery for manufacturing pot & pearl ashes in connection with Mr. Currier one mile west of the Genesee River on the Latta Road in the town of Greece, Monroe County, N.Y. and about the same time we purchased of Guernsey & Bushnell a small stock of goods which they had at the village of Gaines in Genesee County. Soon after we purchased a lot in the village of Gaines and build a store and purchased an interest in an Ashery at Gaines and went into the business of manufacturing pears ashes in connection with Mr. James Marthen of that place where we had done an extensive business both in manufacturing pearl ashes and selling goods in the year 1825. By mutual consent the concern of Guernsey, Bushnell & Co. was dissolved and I purchased Mr. Hawking's interest in the business at Charlotte, and Mr. Hawkins purchased my interest in the business at Seneca. The firm was then changed at Charlotte to G.C. Latta & Co., and the partners were J.K. Guernsey, F. Bushnell and G.C. Latta, and at Gaines V.R. Harkins & Co., the partners were J.K. Guernsey, F. Bushnell and V.R. Hawkins.

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G.C. Latta & Co. continued in business at Charlotte until April 1831. The concern was then dissolved by mutual consent and I purchased the entire stock of goods and vessels, amongst which were the well-known Schooner General Brown, Julia, Mary, Java, Swallow and a schooner called The Charlotte of about 50 tons burthen which was built at Charlotte. In the winter of 1828 we fitted up and ran as a packet between Genesee River and Cobourg and Port Hope in Upper Canada, which was the first packet that ran on that route as a packet. We continued to run that vessel regularly as a packet during the season of navigation twice a week until the spring of 1834 when they commenced running the steamboat Transit from Toronto touching at Port Hope and Cobourg. Since that time the route has been kept up by steamboats belonging to Mr. Bittin of Toronto.

In April 1831 I connected myself in business at Charlotte with Henry Benton, late cashier of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank in the city of Rochester under the name and firm of Latta & Benton, and continued in business at that place until Nov 1832 when I purchased Mr. Benton's interest in the goods and vessels and about the same time I sold one half the vessels to F. Bushnell, my former partner and formed a partnership with him in the storage and forwarding business at Charlotte under the name of Bushnell & Latta and continued on in the mercantile business on my own account until 1834 when I sold my stock of goods to Plumer & Chipman, P. Curran & Chipman and retired from business, except the forwarding business in connection with F. Bushnell which continued until the spring of 1835.

In the winter of 1832 and 1833 I built the well-known schooner Guernsey and the Schooner Cleveland. The Guernsey I gave the name of one of my former partners, J.K. Guernsey. The two last mentioned vessels I sold to Hooker & Co of Rochester.

In the spring of 1828 I purchased the farm I now live on. It was then in the state of nature and commenced clearing and in the spring of 1841 I removed my family onto the farm where I now reside. In the summer of 1854 I moved from my farm to Charlotte, purchased a house from Thos Crouch and remained in it until the spring of 1857 when I purchased I.W. Campbell's interest in the Lake House and fitted it up and moved into it in the spring of 1857 where I now reside.

I have always been of the opinion that Charlotte would someday be a place of business but have now made up my mind that it will not grow much during my time. Still I think when we get a change of times and a new set of inhabitants that it will grow up and become a place of considerable importance.

In the spring of 1849, in connection with Major John Williams, G.J. Whitney, J.M. Whitney, J.M. Goodman, and J.C. Campbell of Rochester, J. Eaton, Wm. Rankin and myself of Charlotte, we commenced building the Plank Road from Rochester to Charlotte and on the 11th of Oct 1849 we commenced taking tolls.

At the time making Plank Roads was a new business in this part of the country. The fact is the Brighton Plank Road was the first and only road of this kind I ever saw until this road was built. The person who contracted to build the road, a Mr. McDonagal, found when the work was completed that he was out of pocket about \$1300 and the company took the subject into consideration and voted to pay the amount, which was paid from the first earnings of the road before the company realized anything themselves and the company felt perfectly satisfied with the manner which Mr. McDonagal was settled with.

Aside from the profits arising from the investment in the road, the owners of the road have been well paid in the rise of their lands and the land holders in town have realized the same benefit with the owners of the road, and I really hope hereafter they will not oppose any further improvement which may hereafter be proposed to be made in town. And my opinion now is, and has been for many years, that this town has more advantages than any other town in the county and with the necessary improvements it will become one of the most valuable towns in the county. I hope hereafter to see my townsmen go on hand in hand in promoting the interest of the once despised town of Greece.

At the same time the Plank Road was commenced, a part of the same gentlemen who built the road erected the Lake House at the terminus of the Plank Road in the village of Charlotte. Thus far the owners have not recd much

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from their investment in the house. Still they feel quite confident that they will eventually earn a fair dividend on their investment. If they should be disappointed in their expectations in this, they feel satisfied the public will realize a benefit which will be some satisfaction to the owners.

In the summer of 1834 or 1835, a petition was got up by the inhabitants of Rochester and Charlotte to the Legislature of this State and a charter granted for the building of a railroad from the city of Rochester to Charlotte, a distance of 7 miles and the books opened for subscription and a part of the stock subscribed, but failed of getting the full amount subscribed owing to the building of a short road from the city of Carthage on the east side of the river, a distance of about 3 miles. This road was used for a few years and found to be an unprofitable investment and was abandoned and the rails taken up. Our road then slept until the spring of 1852. After the Rochester, Lockport & Niagara Falls railroad was finished, W.A. Boody proposed to assist us in getting a railroad on the west side of the Genesee River from the city of Rochester to Charlotte. And in the course of the summer of 1852 we got the amount of stock subscribed which was necessary – say \$150,000 – and in the fall of that year the company entered into a contract with Wm. Oates & Co. for the building of the railroad which was completed in the spring of 1853. The cars commenced running in June of the same summer.

In the spring of 1855, a company was formed and the stock subscribed for the erection of a grain warehouse and elevator at this place. The job was let to Mr. Albert Aldridge in the month of October 1855. The building was so far finished that they commenced taking in wheat, and about the 7th of Nov the building fell with some 65,000 bushels of wheat. The warehouse was a total loss and about 25,000 bushels of wheat ran into the river. The loss in the wheat probably was \$40-45,000. I made the company a present of \$500 on condition they would build a warehouse capable of storing 100,000 bushels of grain and capable of elevating 200 Bus an hour. The money was paid on G.J. Whitney's draft to A. Aldridge, the 4th Oct which was before the job was fully completed but on condition that it should be completed and put in operation as above stated.

VITAL STATISTICS

James Latta, from Ireland, and Sarah Jackson, of New York, were married at New Windsor, Orange County, New York, 23 Feb 1773.

Agness Latta was born 9 Jan 1774 at Wallkill

Samuel Latta was born 14 April 1776 at Wallkill

James Latta was born 3 Dec 1778 at Wallkill

William Latta was born 12 Feb 1781 at New Windsor and died 13 July 1783 at New Windsor

Mary Latta was born 28 Apr 1783 at New Windsor

John Latta was born 15 July 1786 at New Windsor

Elizabeth Latta was born 12 Feb 1789 at New Windsor

Wm. J. Latta was born 28 Aug 1782 at Canandaigua

George C. Latta was born 10 April 1795 at Mount Pleasant, near Geneva

James Latta died at Lewiston 13 Nov 1818, age 70

Sarah Latta died at Geneva 3 July 1807, age 53

James Latta, Jr. died in New Orleans in 1813, age 35

Samuel Latta died at Charlotte, Monroe County N.Y. Feb 1829, aged 53 years

John Latta died at Buffalo 15 July 1856 of Cholera. Buried at Lewiston

Betsy Latta died in Michigan 1857

Agness Latta Barton died at Lewiston, 6 Apr 1858, married Benjamin Barton at Canandaigua 1 Nov 1792.

Mary Latta Hamer died at Bengal, Mich., 18 Aug 1863, married Joseph Hamer in 1799 and they settled in

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Lewiston. Burned out by the British in the War of 1812, she found refuge with relatives at Genesee for herself and 7 children.

William J. Latta died at Whites Corners, Pa. 5 March 1881. Farmer, married at Bath, N.Y. to Sarah White Jan 11, 1815. Settled in Whites Corners, Pa.

George Clinton Latta died in Charlotte, N.Y. November 26, 1871. He married Frances Maria Mann of Toronto, Nov 12, 1839.

James Latta resided at Wallkill, Orange County, New York about one year previous to his marriage and was engaged in the dry goods business. He then went to New Windsor, Orange County in the time of the Revolution and resided until peace. He resided at New Windsor about six years and continued in the dry goods business until he moved to Geneva, Ontario County and purchased 1200 acres of land at 2/6 per acre in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, 4 miles west of Geneva. After clearing up 200 or 250 acres and getting out an orchard and comfortable buildings, for some reason unknown to me he sold out his farm and purchased a small farm of 50 acres, about 3 miles west of Geneva. Mother died at that place the 3rd of July 1807, aged 53 years and in the spring of 1809 he moved to Lewiston, Niagara Co., N.Y. and remained at that place until he died 13 Nov 1818 aged 70 years.

George C. Latta of the Town of Seneca, Ontario County, and Frances M. Mann from England, were married 19 Nov 1839 by the Reverend Mr. Clapp, Presbyterian Minister in Greece, Monroe Co.

George C. Latta, Jr. born 26 Nov 1840 at Charlotte, Monroe Co., N.Y.

Marian A. Latta born 20 Oct 1842 at my farm in Greece, Monroe Co.

Agness B. Latta born 17 Nov 1844 at my farm in Greece, Monroe Co.

Mortimer D. Latta born 1 Nov 1846 at my farm in Greece, Monroe Co.

James Henry Latta born 24 Oct 1848 at my farm in Greece, Monroe Co.

Frances Jane Latta born 20 Oct 1850 on my farm in Greece, Monroe Co., known later as the Greenleaf farm.

Flora Louise Latta born 5 Feb 1852 on my farm in Greece, Monroe Co.

John Wm Latta born 21 July 1855 at Charlotte, Monroe Co., N.Y. He was drowned 6 June 1862 at Charlotte, Monroe Co., N.Y., aged 6 yrs 11 months.

Manvalet Latta was born 10 Sep 1858 at Charlotte, Monroe Co.

FAMILY RECORD

Benjamin Barton of Sussex County, New Jersey, born 2 March 1770 and Agness Latta of Wallkill, Orange County, New York, born 9 January 1774 were married a November 1792 at Canandaigua in the State of New York.

Catharine Barton was born at Geneva, Ontario County August 31, 1793

James L. Barton was born at Cashong, Ontario County Sept 17, 1795

Samuel Barton was born at Cashong, Ontario County January 23, 1798

Sarah Barton was born at Cashong, Ontario County April 3, 1800

Susannah S. Barton born at Cashong, Ontario County August 27, 1802

William Barton was born at Cashong, Ontario County August 19, 1804

Jane Ann Barton born at Cashong, Ontario County October 27, 1806

Joseph Annin Barton born at Lewiston, Niagara County, February 15, 1809

Maris Barton was born at Lewiston, Niagara County, April 9, 1811

Peter Porter Barton born at Geneva, Ontario County, November 21, 1814

The editor thanks Beryl Redfield for typing this article.

Application for Membership to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Submitted by: Randy Phillips, Branch 4 Captain, parting_glass65@yahoo.com

Francis Skinner Vande Walle's Application was approved on 1 Feb. 1955, number 433145. Francis stated that she is descended from James Latta, who was one of twelve members of the Committee of Safety and Observation, Highway Master, May 8, 1775 at Precinct of Hanover, New Windsor, Orange County, New York. James Latta was born in Ireland in 1748 and died Nov. 11, 1818 in Lewiston, New York. James Latta married Sarah Jackson in 1773 at New York City. Their children were: Agnes, born Jan. 9, 1774, married to Benjamin Barton; Samuel, born April 14, 1776, married 2nd to Lydia Arnold; James, born Dec. 3, 1778; William, born Feb. 12, 1781, died 1783; Mary, born April 28, 1783, married Joseph Hamer; John, born July 15, 1786, married Mrs. Permelie Smith Burns; Elizabeth, born Feb. 12, 1789, married William Earl; William, born Aug. 18, 1793, married Sarah White; George Clinton, born April 10, 1795, married Frances Mann.

Francis Skinner Vande Walle stated that she was born April 6, 1895 at Marion, New York. She married Evert R. Vande Walle on Sept. 25, 1920 at Marion, Wayne County, New York. Evert was born Aug. 24, 1893. Frances stated that she is the daughter of Raymond B. Skinner, born June 9, 1863 at Marion, New York, died at Marion, New York on Jan. 7, 1946 and his wife Kate Lydia Deyo, born April 21, 1867 at Charlotte, New York, died at Marion, New York on Aug. 26, 1946, married June 5, 1894. Kate Lydia Deyo Skinner was the child of Levi Deyo, born July 6, 1821 at Seneca County, New York. Died at Marion, New York on Aug. 17, 1875 and his wife Esther Agnes Latta, born Jan. 2, 1826 at Charlotte, New York, died at Marion, New York on Jan. 16, 1908, married Dec. 29, 1846. Esther Agnes Latta was the child of Samuel Latta, born April 14, 1776 at Walkill, New York, died at Charlotte, New York on Feb. 4, 1827 and his 2nd wife Lydia Arnold, born on Jan. 19, 1786 at East Hadley, Conn., died at Charlotte, New York on Nov. 26, 1866, married May 12, 1806. Samuel Latta was the child of James Latta, born 1748 at Ireland, died at Lewiston, New York on Nov. 13, 1818 and his wife Sarah Jackson, born 1754, died at Geneva, New York on July 3, 1807, married Feb. 23, 1773.

Death of George Latta

Submitted by: Randy Phillips, Branch 4 Captain, parting_glass65@yahoo.com

The Battle Creek (Mich.) Journal comes to us with the following notice of the death of a former well known Lewistonian, who is kindly remembered by very many friends of his youth in this county:

Died Nov. 28th, 1884, at Ceresco, Calhoun County, Mich., Mr. Geo. Latta at the age of sixty years.

Mr. Latta was born in the town of Lewiston, Niagara County, N.Y., Aug. 5th, 1824, where more than forty years of his life were passed. In 1854 he married Mary Schenck, of Cambria, N.Y., with whom he lived until his death. In 1868 they moved to Iowa, but the climate not agreeing with them in 1870 they came to Michigan, where they have resided since. For a long time Mr. Latta has been somewhat out of health, but the final blow came in November, by what appeared to be a paralytic stroke from which he lay speechless and helpless for several days until death ended his sufferings.

Two children, Mrs. Meda Hough and Mr. Frank Latta, and the widow, remain of the family to mourn, with many other friends, his loss. Five brothers also are still living, Benjamin, of Clint Junction, Wis., James of Climax, Albert of Kalamazoo, and Alfred of this city, older, and Walter of Lewiston, N.Y., younger than the

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deceased. A half brother, Samuel Burns, the eldest of the family, now seventy-seven years of age, resides in Lewiston, N.Y.

A very large concourse of friends and neighbors attended his funeral and by word and act expressed their esteem for one who was a kind neighbor, affectionate husband and parent, benevolent citizen and friend.

Mr. Latta was an uncle of Mrs. T. E. Clark, of this village.

THE LORD'S VINEYARD

INCLUDING
THE
LIFE
OF
E. C. LATTA
1831 --- 1909

WRITTEN
AND
MIMEOGRAPHED
BY
F. F. LATTA
AT
SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARARY
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1940

The Lord's Vineyard

By: Jack Latta, jklatta@suddenlink.net

I recently came across a booklet entitled "The Lords Vineyard." My dad had given it to me several years before he passed some 30 years ago. I recently rediscovered it and put it aside. It was written and mimeographed by F.F. Latta Feb.9 1940. It is 92 pages long and has a Latta Coat of Arms in the front.



LATTA

THIS COAT OF ARMS WAS GRANTED
TO A LATTA AS A REWARD FOR HIS
SERVICES IN THE THIRD CRUSADE BY
RICHARD I OF ENGLAND WHICH WOULD
DATE IT SOMEWHERE NEAR 1190 A. D.
IT IS A SCOTCH ARMS.

MOTTO: "WHILE I LIVE, I FLOURISH."

Here is an excerpt from this book.

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THE NAME, LATTA

The origin of the name, Latta, is perhaps lost. It is a very old name and, according to information furnished this writer can be traced back through history in Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, France, Spain, Russia, Arabia, Austria and Italy. In spite of its wide distribution it has never been a common name. Dr. Lelia Latta, who lived at Chula Vista, San Diego County, California, one of the oldest members of the family interviewed by this writer, was interested for many years in tracing Latta history. While travelling in continental Europe, Miss Latta found that she was expected to know how to speak Italian, Spanish or French. Stories she heard from people of the name Latta in each of these countries told of a tradition that their forebearers were members of Caesar's army of occupation.

The Spanish form of the name has only one "T" and a double "L", being written Llata. According to pioneer California Spanish people interviewed by this writer there have been Spanish people of that name in Alta California, the correct pronunciation being Yah'-tah.

How the family came to be in England is not so easily understood, unless they also went to England with the Roman Legions. Miss Latta found that they had been there for many generations and had migrated from there to Scotland. From Scotland our own particular branch had gone to the north of Ireland when that country was occupied by the Scots.

The late Dr. S. E. Latta, pioneer physician of Stockton, California, did some research in the British Isles and corroborated in a general way some of the findings of Dr. Lelia Latta, of San Diego. He contacted both old English and Scotch families of that name.

The person who knows most about the name, Latta, is Attorney Robert H. Latta of 1723 Franklin St., Denver, Colorado. Robert H. Latta has spent more than 40 years gathering data concerning the Latta family. The result of this work is a large library of statements concerning the activities of the various branches of the family both in America and abroad. Mr. Latta has data concerning about 47 separate branches of the Latta family in America.

Concerning the name Latta, Robert H. Latta has the following to say:

It is many years since I heard from Dr. Lelia Latta. She is a member of Branch No. 3. Dr. S. E. Latta, of Stockton, California is a member of branch No. 3. It is some time since I heard from him. The name in Italy means tin.

Many of the branches lived in the North of Ireland. But they are all of Scottish descent. They do not claim to be Irish. Sir Walter Scott said that all persons of the same name were related, and belonged to the same Clan. The Irish in the North of Ireland rebelled against the English King. He sent Lord Deputy Chichester in 1607 to exterminate them. Chichester reported: 'I have often said and written it is famine that must consume the Irish, as our sword and other endeavours worketh not speedily. Hunger would be better...I burned all along the Lough and killed 100 people. Sparing none of what quality, age or sex, besides many burned to death. We killed man, woman and child, horse, beast and whatever we could find. ' -Godkin, Land War. After the Irish war terminated, the king sent his soldiers to Scotland and seized all the people they could get and forcibly removed them to Ireland. Among them were some named Latta. They did not marry the Irish. Their descendants came to America with a hatred of oppression and showed it in the Revolutionary War. In the north of Ireland today they and the Irish quarrel.

The word 'Latta' in Arabia means a cover or lid. As nearly all names were taken from some object or trade, perhaps this is where it originated.

Michael Latta, a Frenchman, was one of the leaders who captured the Bastille in Paris in 1789, and was awarded a gold medal for his services by a secret society then existing in France. He came to America.

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Michael Latta, an Austrian, a convert of Mohammadism was Generalissimo of the Turkish forces in the Crimean War.

Two Spanish sailors, of Austrian descent, were on the Armada that invaded England in the time of Queen Elizabeth 1. One was wrecked on the coast of Scotland, and the other on the coast of Ireland. They settled there, and their descendants came to America.

Samuel Latta, branch No. 4, married Lydia Arnold, and their descendants can claim a wonderful family tree, she was related to six presidents, Adams, (father and son), Taylor, Grant, Taft and Franklin Roosevelt. She descended from two Mayflower pilgrims, Richard Warren and John Howland. Richard Warren was related to nearly all the old kings and nobles of Europe, including William the Conqueror, Charlemagne, Alfred the Great, the Vikings, Robert Bruce, and Queen Victoria of England and King George of England, and the present Queen Elizabeth II. Quite a family tree.

Wm. H. Latta, of Pullman, Washington has done considerable research and offers the following: In the old Dutchy of Brabant, now a portion of Belgium, the name Latta means lath or lath splitter. A common Flemish form of the same name is Latteur, a Croatian form is Lattas. The work lath in the older forms a number of the languages in that portion of Europe is given as Latte, Latta and Lata.

Editor's Note: In the Library of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville there is a similar book in their Arkansas Collection. The call number is: F417.W3.W3 no. 27-28. The citation is:

Latta, Frank F., 1892-1983

1956 The Lord's Vineyard; being the history of the pioneer Latta family of old Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas and including the life of E. C. Latta. Washington County Historical Society, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 118 pages. First published by the author at Shafter, California in 1940. Revised by the author in 1956.

The editor thanks Marilyn McNeal for typing this article.

Herman Orville Latta

By: Karen Wetherell, kwether@aceweb.com

My mother's cousin married a Latta. Here is a snapshot of what I can add:

His name was Herman Orville Latta, born 14 Aug. 1911 in Pueblo, Colorado. He died on 14 Nov. 1999 in Littleton, Douglas County, Colorado. Herman was the son of Virgil Willis Latta (1875-1951) and Sarah Hadlock (1888-1973). On 14 Aug. 1941 he married Adair Frances Osborne, the daughter of Porter Garfield Osborne (1880-1933) and Myrtle Gamble (1882-1951). Adair was born 9 May 1921 in Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, and died in Denver, Colorado on 10 April 2009. They had three children as known:

Janice Adair Latta, born 4 March 1944 in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, California, and died in June 2007 in Denver, Colorado.

Timothy Glenn Latta was born 25 March 1946 in Los Angeles County, California. He drowned in the family pool in May, 1960, in Los Angeles County, California.

Vergil Craig Latta was born 1 Sept. 1951.

I have lost track of Craig.

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In this photo from left to right are: Janice, Herman, Adair and Tim Latta in the fall of 1946.

On 16 Oct. 1940 Herman Orville Latta registered for the draft in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California. He stated that he was born 14 Aug. 1944 in Pueblo, Colorado, was white, 5 feet 10 and a half inches tall, 135 pounds, blues eyes, brown hair and a light complexion. His employer was North American Aviation, Inc. His mother was Mrs. Virgil Willis Latta.

Openings for Assistant Editor, Webmaster, Historian and Treasurer

For our Latta Genealogy Society to continue, we will need willing volunteers to step forward and become an assistant. The assistant would learn from the current officer what to do, and be ready to eventually take over that position. Like our Latta ancestors, we will all pass on. Please contact me at DocHuer@aol.com or one of the officers.

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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. George Clinton Latta (1795-1878) served in the War of 1812 served under Capt. Rawson Brown, Jr. in the 178th Regiment of Riflemen attached to the 46th Brigade under Major B. H. Brown at Fort Niagara under Col. John Atchison. George C. Latta applied for a pension on 29 Dec. 1857. His widow Frances Mann Latta received pension number WC 17 849. Randy Phillips, Branch 4 Captain, parting_glass65@yahoo.com.

2. Harriet Wing Sacks, Branch 4, of Amhurst, NY, wife of the late Gordon Sacks; mother of William and David Sacks, passed away on November 21, 2018. She is also survived by her brother William (Sandra) Wing of Rochester NY, her aunt Rosemary Nachtwey of Cleveland, OH, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. A graduate of Monroe High School (Rochester NY), the University of Rochester and the University of Buffalo's School of Education, she taught elementary education in the Rochester and Buffalo Public Schools for 27 years. She also served on the board of the Amherst Central Schools for 10 years; taught literacy education at Buffalo State College for 14 years; and served as an advisor to the University of Rochester Warner School of Education for over a decade.

3. Eugene C. Latta of Granbury, Texas has passed away 3 Sept. 2020. We see his genealogy letters and thought someone should be aware. Respectfully, Charles Thomas, case1981@sbcglobal.net.

Editor's Note: During his lifetime Eugene corresponded with me, and sent me articles about his Latta family. I published these articles so that even though Eugene is gone, his family story has been saved and preserved.

4. One of the best genealogical document you can find in your research is your ancestor's Draft Card. For both World War I and World War II, American men were required to register for the draft. For men born between 1872 and 1900, about 98% filled out a draft card. On the draft card were the man's name, date and place of birth, citizenship status, name of the closest relative, occupation, employer information, residence and a physical description.

After the United States entered WWII, all men between 18 and 65 had to register. About 10 million men registered. Similar information to the WWI draft cards was collected for each man. Even if your ancestor never served in the military, such information could be invaluable for you to learn about your family. Genealogy web sites, such as Ancestry.com, can help you access these draft cards. If you send the editor of this Newsletter an article about your ancestor and his draft card and life story, I will print it here. Thank you, Ken Mueller, Editor, DocHuer@aol.com.

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. Thank you, Ken Mueller, Editor, DocHuer@aol.com.

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6. Dear Mary: I was very happy to receive your letter with the enclosed information about our family. Yes, we are cousins—Your grandfather and my great-grandfather were brothers—that seems rather odd. Of course, since I am 57 and older than you—Thomas Jackson, however, was 8 years older than Asatel Moore, my greatgrandfather. And my grandfather, Henry Clay, (your father's first cousin) died at 43. I first started our tracing the family history book in 1934. Corresponded with Mr. Robert Latta of Denver, and when he died his work was placed in the Library of Congress here, in the Rare Book Collection. In his 50 years of research he had put together 39 branches of the Latta family—You and I are Branch #7. Having access to his work in the Library, I copied it all down. Our branch that is. Then a Mr. William Latta of Nashville, Tenn, wrote to me. He is also extremely interested in this hobby. He is Branch #9—We have corresponded during the past few years and he has really helped me. I won't go into all the details. Maybe you know all this but anyway thee five brothers, James, John, Matthew, Robert, and Thomas cane over from Northern Ireland in the early 1700's. They were Scotch, however, who had been practically driven over into Ireland from their homeland for political and religious reasons. They settled near Elkton, MD. James remained there. Our Thomas supposedly went on to Adam County, PA. Then about 1750 went to Orange County. Then Solomon was born in 1793. I have told Mr. Latta (William) that there has to be another generation between the original Thomas who came over from Ireland and Solomon because we are told that all the brothers had families so how could Solomon who wasn't here until 1793 be the son of the original Thomas who came over in 1738?? This is the problem that I have been trying to straighten out. I have been all over Southern Pennsylvania searching for something about Thomas. Found a will in Lancaster, PA of John Latta dated 1768. Found the place of the Rev. James Latta, son of the original James. I know there is Thomas Latta lived in Adam County, PA in 1748—Was he Solomon's grandfather? You see I am stuck. All I know is that Solomon's father was named Thomas. Maybe you have more about this. Is there anything in your grandfather's library about his grandfather? I have a lot of interesting information about our family. I'm sure you would like to see. At the present time, however, I only have one copy, about 50 pages. Will try to make some copies and send you one sometime soon. I'm not so good with the typewriter. This is an interesting point. In my immediate family, starting with Thomas (1) Solomon (2) Siddel(?) Morse (3) Henry Claw (4) Roscoe Doelo (5) James Clay (6) James Clay, Jr. (7) Daniel W (my son) (7) Marc Daniel (my grandson (8) Marc is the only grandson I have—have seven granddaughters—so you see Marc is the last of the Mohicans as far as my family is concerned. My father died in 1955. I could go on and on about the family but will just wait and send you a copy of the matter I've collected. Incidentally, I talked to a lady who lives near St. Mary's Church, Hershey, who said she was a Latta before she married. She is the one who told me about the nursing home and 'Aunt Mollie' Just who is she? Thanks again for sending me the picture and information. Will be more than happy to hear from you again.

With best wishes to you and your husband,

Sincerely, James C. Latta, Sr., 2920 Ontario Road NW, Washington, 9, DC, March 21, 1960

E-Mail Addresses Needed

To help spark an interest in our Latta Genealogy Society in the next generations, please send me the email addresses of relatives that you think might be interested in our Latta family history. I will send them an email copy of our Latta Genealogy Newsletter for a year. I also encourage you to send me the stories of your Latta families, as that will spark their interest. You can reach me at Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com.

The Sorrows of Sarah Jane Latta

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Another name ... date of birth ... date of death ... another name ...date of ... So often that is all we find while searching for our families. Sometimes, however, these facts can be used to give us glimpses into those unseen lives. The subject of this sketch is Sarah Jane (Latta) Nalley, the youngest daughter of John and Annie (Hockenberry) Latta [branch 17], my great aunt. Sarah was born 29 August 1840 in Monroe County, Ohio. She was young, quite young, when she married Marion Francis Nalley in 1855. She certainly had her share of sorrow. How could she possibly handle it all? To her nine children, death became a premature, but regular visitor. The 1860's were a particularly bad period in Monroe County. Daughter Mary Ann was born and died in 1862. Son John William was born in 1863 and died in 1864. Although family legend contended that sons James "Levi" and George were both killed when struck by lightning while looking for the cows, contradictory material in the Monroe County, Ohio Newspaper Abstracts of the Spirit of Democracy from the 12 July 1865 edition stated, "Died 2 July 1865 of diptheria, James L., eldest s/o Marion & Sarah J. NALLY of Wayne twp. 9y 17d." Then quoting from the 2 August 1865 edition: "Died in Wayne twp. 13 July 1865 of diptheria, George, s/o Marion & Sarah NALLY, 7y, 4m, 5d." So now her firstborn two sons are gone too. Her brother John Copeland Latta also lost his two little boys, only one and three years old, that September--cholera we were told. November, 1865--her father died; December, same year, her mother. That year-1865--would be remembered.

When her husband Marion Francis Nalley died in 1885 of consumption, she was left with three daughters (ages 19, 16, and 10), a blind son age 13, and a 24 year old son. In January of 1886 daughter Mary Jane married Simon Dougherty, and in June daughter Hannah married Jacob Morris. An article submitted to the Monroe County Ohio Families book by Mary Lou Henderson stated: "Because Hannah was only 16 and the law stated 18, Sarah, and her mother applied for the license. Since she could not write, Sarah made her mark (x) and the couple was married by a justice of the peace. Sarah married William A Flanagan as a second husband in September, 1887. At that time only Louisa (Lida) and Henry Harvey were still at home." Henry Harvey was only 24 when he died in 1897. The measles which caused his blindness eventually claimed his life. Of her nine children, only four lived long enough to marry and have children. Again, I wonder, how did she cope?

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- ✳ Submit updates for the website to the Branch Captain Coordinator.
- ✳ Perform other duties as assigned by the Branch Captain Coordinator.
- ✳ Act as an advisor to the Branch Captain Coordinator.
- ✳ Periodically write reports for the Newsletter.

Of course, a GEDCOM would be any program where you are collecting information. I personally don't keep my family tree information on anything other than WORD. I tried to get it all into a family tree program

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containing a GEDCOM, but it was too time consuming for me while I was working. You can send me as much or as little information as you want, and I will get it updated as soon as I can and published to the website and or newsletter. Sue Lattea Cox, Branch Coordinator and Web Master.

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

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Our New High Speed Scanner

The LGS board approved the purchase of a high-speed scanner for digitizing and copying documents, photos, and other items. The expense is included in the current treasurer's report. The scanner handles regular 8.5 x 11 sized paper, legal sized documents, such as D.A.R. applications, and smaller, irregular sized items. This now allows us to digitize any size quantity of documents in a very short time. It also allows us to preserve and share documents with other Latta genealogists and family. The first project was to digitize a quantity of photocopies from the Lewiston Historical Society in Lewiston, NY. These documents pertain to branch 4 and a likely connection to branch 16 and will be published in the LGS Newsletter.

If any LGS member has documents that pertain to the Latta family that they would like to share, they can be sent to Randy Phillips, Treasurer, for scanning. We will return the originals along with a digital copy. The documents will also be shared with Ken Mueller, Editor, for publication as permissible. If you have any questions please call or e-mail Randy Phillips, 315-759-9121, parting_glass65@yahoo.com.
