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The Latta-Latto Name in Scotland

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As most readers will know the Latta name originates in Scotland. It is clear that early references to the name spell it in various ways but over time the two dominant spellings of Latta and Latto emerged. This article will attempt to use the information from my website to show the evolution of the spelling of the name up to 1900 as well as the distribution of families across Scotland.

Between 1700 and 1800 the name is found almost entirely in five counties spread across central Scotland. Looking purely at birth records, we can see that Fifeshire (201 births), Ayrshire (90), Renfrew (88), Dunbarton (57) and Midlothian (21) were the main locations. Midlothian is the county that includes Edinburgh. Indeed only one other such birth was recorded in Scotland. Bear in mind that Scotland has 33 counties so the concentration to these five shows the narrow geographic origin of the name.

The spelling of the name in birth records varied widely. Given that many of the families were likely to have been illiterate, and given that spelling depended on the local parish clerk's preference for how to spell a name given verbally, this is not surprising.

However, we can see some patterns in the 18th century. In Fifeshire 12 different spellings were used but the two most common were Latto (31%) and Lata (30%). Latta as a spelling was used in 10% of births. In Ayrshire however Latta was the dominant spelling used in 62% of cases with Lata in second place with 21%. Renfrew followed a similar spelling with Latta at 47% and Lata at 40%. Dunbarton also had Latta as the most common with 44% but with Latae at 23% the next most common. Finally, Midlothian was evenly split between Lata and Lato.

There are two features of these statistics. One is the choice of whether to use one t or a double t. Across all births 55% used a double and this usage tended to increase as the century progressed. The second issue was whether to finish the name with an a or an o. While all locations had examples of both, it was clear that the o ending was mainly confined to Fifeshire and Midlothian.

Both the distribution and spelling saw a radical change in the first half of the 19th century. Increasing literacy almost certainly led families to have a stronger view of how their name should be spelled. Between 1801 and 1850 the name was almost evenly split in Fife between Latto and Latta. In Ayrshire Latta was the main spelling, but a few other spellings were seen, while Renfrew and Dunbarton were entirely spelled Latta with one exception of a Lata. Oddly, Midlothian, evenly divided in the 18th century, was dominated by Latta. The location of families also spread. The main addition to the picture was Lanarkshire, which included Glasgow, where the industrial revolution no doubt attracted an influx of families from other counties. Nearly all the births were Latta although there were a few Latto.

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Editorial

November 11th, Veterans' Day in the United States, and Remembrance Day in Canada, will soon be here. Let us honor our veterans by writing down their biography for everyone to know. When you send me their story to print here, I will also be sending copies of this newsletter to several major libraries. That way your veteran's story will be preserved for future generations. So think of who in your Latta family proudly served their country and deserve to be remembered, and send me their story for all to read.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

Another goal of our Latta Genealogy Society 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 Cox, Coordinator of Branch Captains, Branch 17.

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

Collect, organize and share information for their respective branch.

Start a GEDCOM with the information collected for the branch.

Enter into the GEDCOM file the information with documentation received from other members of the branch.

Coordinate research to provide documentation contained in the GEDCOM.

Share GEDCOM information with other members of the branch.

Ensure that the GEDCOM does not contain any information about living persons to protect their privacy.

Information about living persons may only be shared with the permission of that person.

Submit updates for the website to the Branch Captain Coordinator.

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Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer's Report Oct. 27, 2021

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Report Period: July 3, 2021 through October 27, 2021

Beginning balance: \$9,199.38

Income:

General Fund donations:	\$90.00
Research Fund Donations:	n/a
DNA Fund donations:	\$50.00
Pay Pal Donations:	\$125.02

Total Income: \$265.02

Expenses:

Hostway website fees	\$44.85
Newsletter 73 Expense (Ken Mueller)	\$701.53
Newsletter 74 Expense (Ken Mueller)	\$400.00
Ancestry Renewal	\$206.35

Total Expenses: \$1,352.73

Ending balance as of Oct. 27, 2021: \$8,111.67

Included in ending balance:

Funds allocated for research: \$1,480.50

Funds allocated for DNA: \$4,138.70

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In the second half of the 19th century spellings other than Latta and Latto effectively disappeared. Between 1851 and 1900 Ayrshire, Renfrew and Dunbarton were all Latta births with a few exceptions. Lanark and Glasgow were 79% Latta and 21% Latto. Midlothian was evenly split between the two spellings, but Fife became almost entirely Latto. Perhaps those who had previously used Latta in the county were influenced by the dominant spelling. The main geographic change was the influx of people into the county of Forfarshire (called Angus since 1928), which included Dundee, and where the jute and textile industries would have offered industrial employment. It was perhaps because the county attracted workers from Fife, which is just south, that almost all births were in the name Latto.

While spellings became more standardized there could still be inconsistencies even within a single family. Two examples may suffice. William Latta with that spelling was born in 1805 in St. Monance, Fife. He married in 1833 and his name was spelled Latto and the same spelling was used when he died in 1884. His three children were listed as Latta, Latta and Latto at birth between 1834 and 1842 but all were listed as Latto when they died between 1892 and 1931. In this case it seems clear that the family gravitated to the spelling Latto.

Another William Latta was born about 1815 in Wemyss Fife and used that spelling both when he married in 1838 and died in 1873. At least three of his children, however, were listed as Latto at birth in 1851, 1853 and 1858 while other children were listed as Latta. At death all the children I could trace were listed as Latta, so in this family this was clearly the choice of spelling they selected.

Throughout the 20th century the two spellings were the only versions of the name. Since the beginning of the 21st century the name Lata has emerged again in Scotland but among families tracing their origins to South Asia.

In the United States, it is clear that Latta is a much more common name than Latto. This is due to the fact that many Latta families in the US trace their descendants to families that came to America from the north of Ireland. These were families that had moved to Ireland in the 17th century from Scotland, and the spelling would confirm that most of these families probably came from areas like Ayrshire where the Latta (or Lata) spelling was prevalent. Early northern Irish records use both Latta and Lata, but there are no instances that I have encountered of the Latto/Lato name. For more information see my articles on Ireland in Issues 49 and 64 of the Newsletter. For more information on Scottish records, please consult my website LattaFamilyOrigins.org.

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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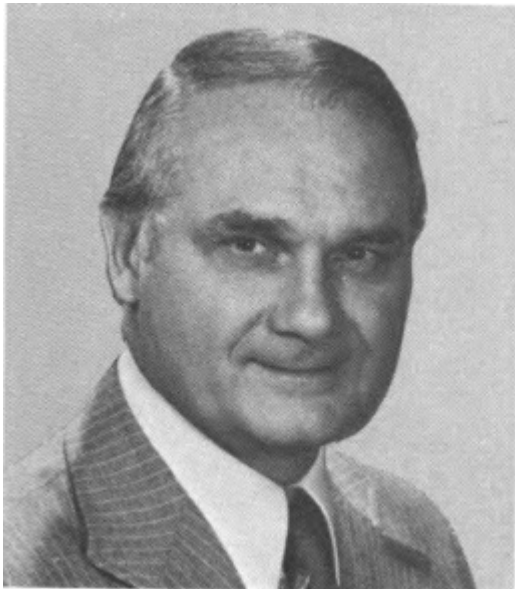
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Delbert Leroy Latta

From: Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia

Delbert Leroy Latta (March 5, 1920 – May 12, 2016) was an American lawyer and politician who served 15 terms as a United States Representative from Ohio's 5th district from 1959 to 1989. A Republican, he is one of the state's longest-serving politicians as well as the father of Bob Latta, who has held his father's congressional seat since 2007.



Delbert Leroy Latta (1920-2016)

Latta was born in Weston, Ohio, the son of Bessie Viola (Thompson) and Lester Latta. He attended the public schools in North Baltimore, Ohio, and graduated from McComb High School in 1938. He attended Findlay College, 1939–1940; Ohio Northern University, LL.B, 1943, and from the same university, A.B., 1945. He served in the Ohio National Guard and the United States Army, 37th Division, 1938–1941, and in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1942 and 1943.

He was admitted to the bar in 1944 and was a member of the Ohio Senate from 1953 to 1958, serving three terms. Del Latta practiced law and taught at Ohio Northern University. He was a delegate to the 1968 Republican National Convention. He was elected as a Republican to the 86th and to the 14 succeeding Congresses from January 3, 1959 to January 3, 1989.

In the United States House of Representatives, Latta served on the Agriculture and Rules Committees, as well as being appointed to serve on the House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate hearings. He was one of ten Representatives on the Judiciary Committee supporting President Richard Nixon during impeachment hearings, voting 'no' on all three articles of impeachment. However, he turned against Nixon upon the release of the smoking gun tape, and stated he would vote for impeachment when the articles came up

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for vote in the full House, as did all of the Republicans who voted against impeachment in committee. Latta said that hearing Nixon's involvement in the cover-up indicated that "we certainly weren't given the truth" by the White House. He also served as the ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee from 1975 to his retirement in 1989.

In 1981, he co-sponsored the Gramm-Latta Omnibus Reconciliation Bill which implemented President Ronald Reagan's economic program, including an increase in military spending and some cuts in discretionary and mandatory spending. The law also mandated the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (the Kemp-Roth Tax Cut). In 2003, the Bowling Green, Ohio, Post Office was designated the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building, Public Law 108-50.

Latta was married to the former Rose Mary Kiene, rural Pandora, Putnam County, Ohio, and they had two children, Rose Ellen and Robert (who currently serves in the congressional seat he formerly held), five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He died at Bowling Green, Ohio on May 12, 2016.

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The Lord's Vineyard

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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. Here is an excerpt from this book. [Continued from Issue 73]

8 John Stewart (4) Latta

The fifth child of 3 John (3) and Jane Starr Latta was a son, John Stewart, born in York District, South Carolina, November 4, 1821. On November 2, 1848, he married Mary Jane Shannon, daughter of Granville Shannon, Vineyard pioneer. John's middle name honored some Starr ancestor.

John Stewart Latta was a blacksmith and for many years served out of Fort Smith as U.S. Deputy Marshall. During this time, he became well acquainted with a red headed border resident, "Clem" Rogers, who became father of a well-known Rogers, familiarly known as "Will."

"Uncle John" was probably most beloved and most remarkable of any of the sons of John and Jane

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(Starr) Latta. He was the humorist of the family. From the time he was a small boy, he delighted in harmless pranks and practical jokes. Along with the trait of character, he was known during his entire life as one of the most fearless U.S. Deputy Marshall to ever bring a border outlaw into Fort Smith.

John Luther Latta of Wylie, Texas, tells of one of the pranks perpetrated by John Stewart when he was a boy. At a great Sunday service, Uncle John spied an old dog asleep just under the edge of the Vineyard Church. He peeled some bark from a hickory tree and with a bit of the inner bark he quietly hog tied the dog. Then he went into the church and took his seat. Presently the dog began to make a noise, louder and louder, until it drowned out the preacher and the whole congregation came out to see what the matter was. John avowed his innocence with no avail. Though John expressed fear that the dog would bite him, his father made him go under the church and release the dog. We will present many more such stories about our favorite uncle before we have finished with this short history of the Lattas.

The following children were born to John Stewart and Mary Jane (Shannon) Latta:

Frances Stewart, born November 29, 1849, at Evansville, Arkansas. She married George L. Washington and had the following children: 1) Maud Lillian born January 1, 1869, and married F.V. Craig. 2) Annie Pearl born July 23, 1870 and died unmarried age 18 years. 3) John Dreas, born March 10, 1872, and married Lorena Cravens. 4) Ruby May, born October 22, 1873, and never married.

18 Thomas Franklin (5) born December 21, 1850, at Evansville, Arkansas. He married Sophrenia Alberty and they had a large family, but we have been unable to learn the names of but two, Donna and Lee Latta. Lee passed away near Muskogee, Oklahoma about 1935.

John Anna (5) born November 11, at Evansville, Arkansas, and married Thomas Price near Modesto, California. Thomas Price was a brother of Lucy Leanna Price, first wife of 12 Eli Chambers (4) Latta. John Anna kept house for 12 Eli Chambers (4) Latta after the death of his first wife and until his second marriage in 1883. She had four girls, all born near Modesto, California. They were: 1) Florence Evans, born October 12, 1884, married Jack Giovanetti. 2) Ruby married Frank Nell, died in December 1938. 3) Mary married Floyd Wisecarver. 4) Frances married Lawrence Whitmore and now living near Ceres, California.

"Cousin Johnnie" as John Anna was always called in our family, was a strong, fine appearing woman and died quite suddenly leaving her four girls to be raised by others. She was a hard worker and a person of wonderful disposition, full of fun and humor and always agreeable and optimistic in the face of any adversity. She is buried at Modesto, California.

Margaret (5) was born December 10, 1855, and married Edward Meek Allison. They lived near Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Their daughter, Martha, married W. E. Carter and lives (1939) in Little Rock, Arkansas. Margaret died March 24, 1925. A son, Samuel, survived her.

Ella May (5) was born December 22, 1858, and married Acquilla Garrett. They also lived near Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

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For many years, 8 John Stewart (4) Latta was a deputy U.S. Marshall in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. When a boy in South Carolina, he had gained an intimate knowledge of the Cherokee Indians. When these Indians were moved west to Indian Territory during the 1830s, they were located a few miles west of the old Latta homestead at Cane Hill, Arkansas Territory. The experiences of John Stewart Latta while in the Nation would fill a large volume. Unfortunately, only a few of them have been preserved, and those by accident.

Mrs. F. V. Craig, of Westville, Oklahoma, was a granddaughter of John Stewart Latta. She is quoted as follows, "John Stewart Latta was my grandfather, of whom I have nothing but the happiest recollections. He came to live with us when my father died, before I was seven years old. He had white hair and beard then, and he suffered a great deal of asthma. He slept almost sitting up and rarely slept all night but was up and down. Even with suffering and broken rest, he was the most cheerful man, a great man to play practical jokes. He was no complainer about anything. Although hard times came often knocking at our door, Grandpa went serenely on his way, seemingly confident that everything would come out all right. He took great delight in scaring us children.

"If we came home from some neighbors after dark, we knew we would see some frightful object or hear the howl of some wild beast on our trail before we reached the safety of our home. Our shrieking and headlong flight over fences and through branches was none the less violent because we knew Grandpa was back of it all.

"Grandpa was a very kindly man. With all our noise and bad manners, he very rarely scolded any of us. I think he must have been a fine-looking young man, tall and broad shouldered, with blue eyes and fresh rosy skin. He was a man of great physical courage and determination and infinite patience as to detail. This I have been told by people who knew him in his prime. He was for some years after the Civil War, a Deputy U.S. Marshall in this part of the state, or I should say in Northern Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, then the Indian Territory. He had the distinction of capturing and bringing to the bar of justice many desperate characters from other states who had taken refuge in the hills of this 'no man's land' in the years just after the war. It was a matter of pride with him that in the years of dealing with such characters, he had never killed a man.

"He was married in his 28th year to Mary Shannon. There were born five daughters and one son, my mother the oldest. One daughter died in infancy. Frank Latta, the son, married Sophrenia Alberty and they had five boys and five girls. Lee Latta the second son lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The youngest daughter of this family lives in San Angelo, Texas, Mrs. Donna Harris. The next daughter, John Anna, married Thomas Price near Modesto, California. You are better acquainted with her descendants than I am.

"Margaret, who married E. M. Allison, died a few years ago. A son, S. M. Allison lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A daughter, Mrs. Walter Carter, lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. These two were all the children born into her family.

"Aunt Ella Garrett, the youngest child, was the mother of eleven children. Three are dead, but all lived to be fully grown. The only one of them living in this part of the country is John Garrett, one of the most progressive farmers in our county. The others lived in Oregon and Colorado.

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"Grandpa died sometime in October 1898. He had pneumonia and died of it rather suddenly at the home of his daughter, Margaret Allison, on Cane Hill and was buried there in the Cane Hill Cemetery."

"Uncle John," as he was known in this writer's home, was the most admired and most loved of all the relatives. His character and personality were such as to inspire every member of the family. He was the anchor or pivot around which revolved the entire Latta family in his generation. He died near Prairie Grove, Arkansas, October 17, 1898.

9 William Ramsey (4) Latta

The sixth child of 3 John (3) Latta and Jane Starr was a son, 9 William Ramsey (4) who was born in York District, South Carolina, May 26, 1823. "Uncle Will" as he has always been known to this writer, was certainly the most remarkable of all the immediate family. He was a tall, strong, robust man, straight as an arrow, polite and manly as a French cavalier and possessed of more native ability, mother used to say, "than all of the rest of the family." When engaged in something that interested him, he was capable of physical exertion equal to that of three or four ordinary men. "Uncle Will" was an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Minister and followed that profession for a number of years.

Unfortunately, Uncle Will lacked the balance necessary to realize upon his remarkable ability. He visited California in 1888 and 1889 with 12 Eli Chambers (4), the father of this writer, who has heard his mother say that she considered Uncle Will one of the finest men she had ever met. He was as gentlemanly and courteous during the months he was in our home as it would have been possible for anyone to be, and never tired of aiding daily with the hundred and one chores incidental to a pioneer California ranch.

Uncle Will lived to be the oldest of his brothers and sisters. He died July 23, 1906, aged 83 years, and is buried in Maywood Cemetery, Kansas. He married twice. The first wife was Ann Jones, married November 20, 1851, daughter of Rev. Evan Jones, missionary to the Cherokee Indians. She died and was buried at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, now the state of Oklahoma.

The second wife was Mary Jane Robinson, married November 11, 1869, at Wyandotte, Kansas. She was born December 10, 1839, in Berkeley County, West Virginia, daughter of William Shields Robinson and Rebekah H. Robinson (no relation) also of Berkeley County, West Virginia. She died at Winfield, Kansas, August 12, 1929, aged almost 90 years and is buried in Maywood Cemetery, Maywood, Kansas.

William Ramsey Latta wrote a history of the Latta family, something that can never be equaled at this late date, but it was burned before anyone was familiar with its contents. There were apparently no children by the first marriage. By the second were:

1. Robert Boyd Latta, born May 27, 1872, at White Church, Wyandotte County, Kansas. He married Myrtle Addie Allen at Maywood, June 11, 1902. She was a daughter of Milton L. Allen (born in Kentucky, November 24, 1833, and died at Atchinson, Kansas, February 1866) and Amanda Walker (born in Tennessee, September 28, 1832, and died at Atchinson, Kansas, August 20, 1881).

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Robert Boyd Latta and wife have three children: 1) Howard Allen Latta, born June 24, 1903, at Kansas City, Kansas, married Ester Gaddis. 2) Doris Marguerite, born in Kansas City, Kansas October 10, 1904, married John B. Jacobs. 3) Lester Vernon Latta, born December 25, 1911, at Lenexa, Kansas, married Viola Hink. In January 1940, Robert Boyd Latta and his wife lived at Winfield, Kansas.

2. William Harley Latta, born January 24, 1877, at Tallahassee Mission, Indian Territory, married Bertha Reitz at Kansas City, Kansas. William Harley died in June of 1921, at Manitou, Colorado and is buried in the cemetery there. He had no children. In January 1940, the widow was living in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

3. Ross Ferrell Latta, born at Maywood, Wyandotte County, Kansas, August 5, 1878, and married Ella Rietz (sister to the wife of William Harley Latta) at Kansas City, Kansas, June 22, 1909. They had two children: Herbert Shields Latta, born May 21, 1914, at Manitou, Colorado. 2) Bruce Ferrell Latta, born January 8, 1916, at Manitou, Colorado. Ross Ferrell Latta died, December 19, 1919, at Mount Harris, Colorado and is buried at Manitou, Colorado. His widow remarried in January 1940, was Mrs. W. J. Harding of 140 N. Spruce Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Robert Hall (4) Latta

The seventh child of 3 John (3) Latta and Jane (Starr) Latta was a son, Robert Hall Latta, born in York District, South Carolina on February 29, 1825. He went to the Mexican War in 1846 and then to California in 1849. "Uncle Bob" was of a very loveable disposition but could never stay in one place any length of time. We only know that he was a tall man, like the rest of the "tribe" with dark hair and grey eyes. As a "bull whacker" he probably established an all-time record.

As camp boy Uncle Bob followed his older brothers and his father with their bull teams from York District, South Carolina, to Cane Hill, Arkansas. Then he freighted to the various army posts throughout the southwest. He carried produce and articles manufactured in the shops at the old Vineyard Homestead for trade with the Indians when they received their stipend from the Government. Driving a bull team, hauling quartermaster supplies, he followed Doniphan's army into Mexico and back. He did not return to the old home, but continued to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Next Uncle Bob drove a bull team from Santa Fe to Santa Barbara, California. The route was over the old Santa Fe Trail through Death Valley to Los Angeles, and then to Santa Barbara. We have always understood that he drove an army outfit on this trip and accepted release or discharge at Los Angeles. For ten years Uncle Bob freighted out of Stockton to the mines throughout the Mother Lode and as far south as Tule River. We have met a number of pioneers who knew him and who admired his skill with a bull team. James Turner once told us that Bob Latta was one of the best teamsters and bull whackers who ever freighted out of Stockton and that Latta once told him that he had never crossed a bridge with a freight team, that he had always moved into the frontier before they began building bridges.

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Mr. Turner freighted from Stockton in 1850 and passed away at about the age of 103. This writer interviewed him at his home at Turner Station near Mantaca, California, about 1930 and learned that he had known three of the Latta brothers when they were freighting from Stockton, Robert Hall, Andrew Jackson and Eli Chambers.

"Ink Out"

When the Comstock Lode was opened, Robert Hall Latta freighted from Sacramento to Virginia City. Then he went to Silver City, Idaho, where he continued to freight. About 1880 he lost a leg in an accident with a bull team, but afterward continued to freight until the time of his death on the Gilmore Ranch near Silver City, Idaho about 1886.

Attached as Robert Hall was to his brothers and sisters, he could only once in years be forced to take up a pen to write to them. This writer has been able to locate only one letter written by "Uncle Bob." It is a gem. Prodded by several members of the family in concerted effort to force him to write while holed up in a snowstorm during the spring, he got pen, ink and paper and started at a task as distasteful and painful to him as skinning a skunk. He opened lamely, passed a few formalities, made excuses, moaned about another letter he had to write, could think of nothing to say, got frantic and then had an inspiration, writing in thin letters "ink out," although he obviously had more ink, because he signed his name very clearly.

10 James Eudorus (4) Latta

The eighth child of 3 John (3) Latta and Jane Starr Latta was a son, 10 James Eudorus Latta (4), born January 9, 1827 in York District, South Carolina. On June 15, 1858, he married Hattie Sheldon. She was a missionary sent by the old Cumberland Presbyterian Church to the Cherokee Indians and he was a teacher in the Indian School at Tahlequah, Indian Territory. For many years (this writer has understood for 30 years) they continued work in the Indian Territory, interrupted only by the Civil War.

Friday evening, December 6, 1895 at 3:30 o'clock 10 James Eudorus Latta (4) died and was buried at Claremore, Oklahoma. He was aged 68 years, 10 months and 28 days at death. Concerning the passing of 10 James Eudorus (4) Latta, his daughter Amanda Moor (Latta) Hanley has written:

"My father died from the effects of an operation for gland trouble. We thought he was getting along well and were preparing to take him back to the farm where we were living, when blood poison set in, and he only lasted a few hours. My brothers, Dwight and James, were old bachelors at that time and did the farming, as my father's health was such and had been for a number of years, that he could not do much. Yet he insisted on doing garden work and helping Mother with the chickens." Mother died in April – home of Dwight Hitchcock after Dwight H. died in 1915 – February.

The children were:

1. John Sheldon Latta, born August 3, 1858 at Park Hill, Indian Territory. He married Susan Edwina

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Rogers near Whitesboro, Texas. Their children were 1) Thomas Eudorus married May Calhoun. 2) Helen May. 3) John Ernest married Bessie Prior. 4) Ray married Walter Calhoun. 5) Hazel married Ollie Phillips. 6) Jewel.

2. William Fowler Latta born in 1861 and died in Fort Smith, Arkansas when 18 months old.

3. James Gardner Latta, born August 29, 1863 at Fort Smith, Arkansas while his father was in the Confederate army and the family was refugeeing there. He married Gertrude Bengier, daughter of Arthur Noel Bengier. Their children were 1) Noel, married Ella Bostwick. 2) Guy. 3) Kenneth. 4. Pauline, married Jess Baughman.

5. Truman, married Catherine Atkinson.

6. Gertrude, married Dale Pratt.

7. Donald.

1. Dwight Hitchcock Latta born September 27, 1867, married Mabel Harvey. Their children were 1) Sheldon. 2) James Eudorus born December 29, 1904. 3) John Harvey. 4) Dwight Hitchcock Jr. died February 5, 1915.

2. Amanda Moor Latta was born July 12, 1870, at Park Hill, Indian Territory and married Lee Jackson Hanley at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, April 29, 1891. Their children were 1) Sheldon Hodge born December 8, 1892, and married Carry Reininger and living 1939 at Pueblo, Colorado. 2) James Arthur, born January 21, 1899, at Claremore Oklahoma, and married Mae Bacon living 1939 at Bird City, Kansas. 3) Harold Edward born June 23, 1904 at Greenwood, Oklahoma, killed in an auto accident October 22, 1932, not having married.

3. Thomas Albert Latta was born September 7, 1872 at Park Hill, Indian Territory and married Iva Kirkpatrick September 26, 1900. Their children were: 1) Edward Kirkpatrick born at Sapulpa, Indian Territory. 2) Iva born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 5) Albert born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 6) Alma born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. 7) Amanda born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. 9) Dwight born in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

11 Andrew Jackson (4) Latta

The ninth child of 3 John (3) and Jane Starr Latta was a son, 11 Andrew Jackson Latta (4), who was born in York District, South Carolina, May 7, 1829. On November 27, 1878, near London, Pope County, Arkansas he was married to Sarah Ann (May) Weaver, a widow. She was born in Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas, January 13, 1845, a daughter of John and Caroline May.

In 1849 or 1850 Andrew Jackson Latta, in company with his brother 12 Eli Chambers (4), rode horseback over the old Santa Fe trail to the gold fields of California. He obtained employment caring for the loose stock in the train and in that way worked his way across the plains to Los Angeles, California. A more complete account of this experience will be found under the life of Eli Chambers Latta.

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Going to the northern mines, Andrew Jackson lost the sight of his eyes through the delayed explosion of a blast of powder. (The writer has lurking in the back of his head a halfway recollection that he had heard this took place at Nevada City.) About 1860 he returned home and lived with his brothers and sisters. During this time, he was so blind as to make it necessary to lead him about. One eye was destroyed entirely and the other left practically sightless. After 20 years he had so regained his eyesight as to be able to read a newspaper without glasses. It was about six years after he regained his sight that he married. Three children were born to this union 1) Laura Starr, who was born on September 19, 1879 and died August 22, 1899 near London, Arkansas. 2) Alice Maxie, born February 11, 1883. 3) a daughter who died at birth October 8, 1886. Alice Maxie Latta married H. Frank Smith and is now (1940) living at Dover, Arkansas. She has aided greatly in assembling old letters and furnishing information for this account of the Latta family. 11 Andrew Jackson (4) Latta died at London, Arkansas on January 15, 1903, and is buried in Price Cemetery near London.

Martha Jane (4) Latta

The eleventh child of 3 John (3) and Jane Starr Latta was a daughter, Martha Jane Latta (4). She was born August 10, 1833 at Vineyard, Arkansas. She was married twice, first to Frederick Pilkington on July 4, 1855. There were two children by this marriage, both of whom are dead. The second marriage was to Moses Potts. Her children were John Calhoun Potts, who married Miss Anna Burton Wales, clerk of Murray County, Oklahoma; Mary Myrant Potts, who never married; Jacobson Latta Potts, life insurance agent married Miss Lucile Davis. According to John Calhoun Potts all these children were born at Preston Bend, Texas. About 1930 we received the following letter from John C. Potts, son of Martha Jane (4). It adds considerably to the above:

Martha Jane Latta

"Martha J. Latta was born August 10, 1833 and grew to womanhood at Vineyard, near Evansville, Arkansas. About 1856 (1854, before her mother's death -F.F.L.) she became a teacher in the old Cherokee Mission School at Tahlequah, Indian Territory. There she became acquainted with Frederick Pilkington, also a teacher in the same institution. They were married. (July 4, 1855, according to the John Latta buckskin covered bible. - F.F.L.)

"Soon after their marriage they came to Texas, bought 320 acres of land in Preston Bend on the Red River, Grayson County. After building their little home he taught the first school in that part of the country. Neighbors were few and far between. An epidemic of Flux scourged the country and Mr. Pilkington and their two children, little Robbie and Mattie, died within a week, leaving mother alone. Four of her brothers were in California, so the best she could do was to accept the offer of a kind lady friend to share her home with her during her bereavement. Here she stayed until August 2, 1860 when she married Moses M. Potts, my father, who came from Mississippi, a prosperous cotton farmer, and to this union were born four children:

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1) John C. Potts born July 28, 1861; 2) Mary M. Potts born April 24, 1866; 3) Jack L. Potts born January 20, 1868; 4) Thomas M. Potts born August 10, 1872..

"My mother was of medium height with dark blue eyes and dark hair, strong personality and untiring energy. Owing to adverse circumstances caused by the Civil War, fire and flood, she never realized the goal of her ambition. She died at age 82, August 8, 1915 and was buried beside our father and sister in Fair Lawn Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

13 Francis Marion (4) Latta

The twelfth child of 3 John (3) and Jane Starr Latta was a son, 13 Francis Marion Latta (4) who was born March 10, 1836 in the old John Latta log home at Vineyard, Arkansas. On July 3, 1862, he married Elizabeth I. Willis. They lived at Clarksville, and Russellville, Arkansas.

He was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. They had three children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom died without having been married. He died of Typhoid Fever and is buried in the cemetery at Russellville, Arkansas.

The three children of Francis Marion Latta and Elizabeth Willis were:

1. Guy Willis Latta, who received a fine education in engineering. He was probably the most promising of all the grandchildren but was, like his father, of frail physique. He studied at University of Tennessee and went to Mexico City as an electrical engineer when the city was being electrified. Frances Mitchell tells us that Guy was very popular in Mexico City, an ardent tennis enthusiast. He was seized with pneumonia, died and is buried in Mexico City.
2. Seth Latta, the second son, when a few years of age received a fall, the injuries from which caused his death a few hours later.
3. Margaret Latta, the daughter, was killed in an accident at a cotton gin when she was about 9 years of age.

Sarah Elizabeth (4) Latta

The thirteenth and last child of (Br 9 FG 3) John (3) Latta and Jane Starr was a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Latta, who was born January 6, 1839, at Cane Hill, Arkansas. On January 31st, in the old Latta log home at Vineyard, she was married to the Hon. James Mitchell. He was born at Cane Hill, Arkansas, May 8th, 1832, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 26th, 1902. He was a Confederate veteran of the Civil War and editor and proprietor of the Arkansas Democrat, which he founded and which in 1903 was still carried on by his sons William and Horace. For several years he was an instructor in the old Cane Hill, Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She died at Little Rock, Arkansas, December 1st, 1920, aged 81 years and is buried in Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock Arkansas.

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The Mitchell children were:

1. Belle, who died at the age of 2 years.
2. Mamie, born May 27, 1863 and died July 12, 1886, aged 23 years, unmarried.
3. William Starr, born March 7, 1866, married Frances Roots and in 1939 was living in Little Rock.
4. Frances, born March 16, 1869, never married and in 1939 was living at the old Mitchell home, 1421 Spring St. Little Rock, Arkansas.
5. Alice, born February 16, 1871, married John Eastman Coates and in 1939 living in Little Rock, Arkansas.
6. Jennie, born November 25, 1873, married Ashley Cockrill and in 1939 living in Little Rock, Arkansas.
7. Horace C., born October 17, 1875 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, married to Mary House and died in Sept. 1938.
8. James Mitchell Jnr., born January 13th, 1877, living 1939, unmarried.

Samuel (3) Latta and Family

This writer has found no record of the month and day of birth of Samuel (3) Latta. It is, however, recorded that he died in Fannin County, Texas, in 1867. He is described as being more than six feet, two inches in height, of large frame, not fleshy, light complexioned, blue eyes and brown hair. He married Miss Mary Boyd in Maury County, Tennessee. She died in 1827. About 1834 he went to Washington County, Arkansas with his seven children and lived adjoining his brother John. In 1861 he moved to Fannin County, Texas where he died in 1867. He is buried in Shiloh Cemetery near Bonham, Texas. Descendants still live in the vicinity of Bonham, Wylie and Faris, Texas. The children of Samuel Latta and Mary (Boyd) Latta were: Thomas Neely, Robert Boyd, John Leander, James Ewing, Emaline, Martha, and Mary.

14 Thomas Neely Latta (4)

Thomas Neely Latta was born on Duck River, Maury County, Tennessee, April 14th, 1820. He married Emily Chandler at Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas about 1840 and about 1845 moved to Fannin County, Texas. To Thomas Neely Latta and Emily (Chandler) Latta were born a large family of children whose descendants have become scattered over the greater part of the United States.

The eldest child of Thomas Neely Latta was Elizabeth Loretta, born December 25th, 1841, at Vineyard, in Washington County, Arkansas. She married Frank Stevins and died at Alvin, Texas in August of 1904.

The 2nd child was Margaret Aunith, born March 29th, 1843, at Vineyard, in Washington County, Arkansas. On May 26th, 1868 she married Mason F. Gray. She died in Dodd City, Texas, February 14th, 1917.

The third child of Thomas Neely Latta was William Franklin Latta, who was born at Vineyard, in Washington County, Arkansas, October 12th, 1844. He married Alice Crogen July 10th, 1873, and died at Buffalo Gap, Texas in 1891.

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Robert Alfred Latta was the fourth child. He was born February 28th, 1847 in Fannin County, Texas and married Mariah Sadler, October 26th, 1871. He died at Dodd City, Texas, September 1st, 1932.

The fifth child of Thomas Neely (4) Latta and Emily Chandler Latta was Dialtha Eugenia. She was born November 23rd, 1850 in Fannin County, Texas. July 7th, 1874, she married F. Rowland and died August 21st, 1934, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mary Lucinda was the sixth child. She was born July 16th, 1851, in Fannin County, Texas and August 25th, 1875, was married to M. E. Lovelace. She died August 22, 1924.

Thomas Jefferson Latta was the seventh child. He was born December 31st, 1852 in Fannin County, Texas. December 24th, 1879, he married Belle Smith and died July 5th, 1890.

The eight child was Martha Jane, born July 28th, 1854, in Fannin County, Texas. She married R. S. Moore December 24th, 1874, and is now living (1940) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Delbert Chandler Latta was the ninth child, born February 16th, 1856, in Fannin County, Texas. On May 16th, 1880, he married Katie Scott and died September 5th, 1887.

John Luther Latta was the tenth and youngest child of Thomas Neely (4) Latta and Emily (Chandler) Latta. He was born November 16th, 1858. November 29th, 1889, he married Ada Forgey and is still living (1940) at Wylie, Texas. He was for many years a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister.

Robert Boyd Latta

Robert Boyd Latta was the second child of Samuel (3) Latta and Mary (Boyd) Latta. He was born May 15, 1823 in Maury County, Tennessee. When he was eleven years of age he had white swelling in his left leg and was never again able to walk without the aid of crutches. About 1834 he accompanied his father and the rest of the children to a homestead adjoining that of his uncle, John (3) Latta, near Vineyard, Arkansas. When he married he built a fine log home of his own in Roney Valley about 4 miles southeast of Clyde, Arkansas. He learned the cobbler trade and became one of the finest boot makers ever to practice in that portion of Arkansas. He made and repaired boots in a building in Cane Hill, Arkansas, for more than 24 years, counting among his customers the famous Younger and James Boyd boys. Robert Boyd (4) Latta married Elizabeth Simpson. Their children were:

Mary Jane (5) Latta, who was born September 27th, 1854 near Cane Hill, Arkansas. She married Robert Shearer and left a large family of children. We had so little time we were unable to meet any of her children when we were at Cane Hill in July of 1939.

Hugh Thomas (5) Latta, the second child of Robert Boyd (4) Latta, was born April 27th, 1857, at Cane Hill while his father was in the cobbler business there. He married Mary Dorcas Reed. They have a large family of eight children, four boys and 4 girls and 37 grandchildren. In 1939 when we visited at Cane Hill both Thomas Latta and his wife were living, but were visiting in Waggoner, Oklahoma, so we did not see them. We did visit with their son, Leland, who lives on the old Hugh Thomas Latta home in Honey Valley near Clyde.

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The youngest child of Robert Boyd (4) Latta and Elizabeth (Simpson) Latta was Frank Boyd (5) Latta. He was born March 29th, 1862 and is still (1940) living at the old Latta home in Honey Valley, 4 miles southeast of Clyde. Frank Boyd has been married 4 times. His first two wives were sisters and died many years ago. Amanda Malie Reed was the first wife and Jane Reed the second. Mrs. Blackmore was the third wife, but was divorced. The fourth wife, who was still living in 1940 was Minnie Cobb.

Frank Boyd (4) Latta's children are: Alice (5), who married Albert Cox, Minnie (5), who was born in 1883 and married Roel Pennell, Maud (5), who never married, James Boyd (5), who was born January 16th, 1890 and married Della Kidd, (has three children: Vera Agnes (6), married to Ray Kidd, James Vernon (6), who married Rowena Reed and Franklin Hugh (6), born February 21st, 1925). Ollie (5), who died at the age of eighteen months, and Julia (5), who married a man named Green and lived in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Emaline (4) Latta

Emaline, the third child of Samuel (3) Latta and Mary (Boyd) Latta, was born in Tennessee. She married Samuel Holmes.

Martha (4) Latta

Martha, the fourth child was born in Tennessee. We have learned that she married Mason F. Gray. Their son, Robert H. Gray is reported to us to be in Dodd City, Fannin County, Texas. We have been unable to contact him.

Mary (4) Latta

Mary, the fifth child was also born in Tennessee. She married Andrew Agnew.

John Leander (4) Latta

John Leander (4) Latta was the sixth child of Samuel (3) and Mary (Boyd) Latta and was born in Tennessee. His first wife died soon after they were married. A son, James, also died while a small child. The second wife was Martha Story. By her he had three children: Bettie (5), Sara Monroe (5), and Samuel Elijah (5) Latta. In 1935 the last two of these children were reported to us to be living near Angus, Texas. We have not been able to contact them. John Leander (4) Latta served in some capacity with Doniphan's Army during the Mexican War.

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James Ewing (4) Latta

James Ewing Latta, the seventh and youngest child of Samuel (3) and Mary (Boyd) Latta was also born in Tennessee. He married Ann Frasier, a widow. We have been able to learn nothing of the family. It has been reported to us that James Ewing Latta died at Valliant, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Like his brother, John Leander (4), James went to the Mexican War. It was their influence that that induced their first cousin, Robert Hall (4) Latta to enter the army at this time. It was also correspondence with them that interested three brothers of Robert Hall (4) Latta, Andrew Jackson (4), Eli Chambers (4), and Samuel Neely (4) in joining the army and later going to California.

The most common characteristic which marked this generation (4) of the Latta family was their great height. With the exception of John Stewart (4), the boys ranged in between six feet 2 inches and six feet four inches in height. It was said that the (three) Lattas were the "longest family in Arkansas", their heights totaling about 86 feet.

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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.

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Remembrance Day November 2021

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

As Remembrance Day approaches in many a country, school children are preparing assignments to explore different Veteran experiences by researching and doing an essay on a particular military person. This is a lead up to a class excursion to place Poppies on veteran's head stones. This has been referred to as the "No Stone Left Alone" movement. A time to reflect and pay respect to those who had gone to War for their country.

It has been over a hundred years since the first World War and every year we are reminded of sacrifices made on our behalf. We take time to reflect what meaning it has for us and to take time to acknowledge what our Ancestors have done by buying and wearing a Poppy. The Latta Genealogy Society also pauses and provides reflection as well. I have compiled a list of Canadian Military (Latta) Personnel and tried to acknowledge which Branch they came from. I started by thinking I could write about Branch 16 but it is hard on short notice to get enough material to make up an article. I did find something interesting though when I googled my Great Grandfather's brother's family from Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada. Specifically on Victor Brydon Latta (Br 16 FG 7). It seems in the City of Winnipeg, capitol of the Province of Manitoba, an event was developed to entertain and give respect to those already lost or those who were still far away from home. The event titled "Military Vaudeville", took place in Winnipeg at the Winnipeg Theatre and was hosted by the 144th Overseas Battalion of the Canadian Expedition Forces and the 3rd Battalion 90th Winnipeg Rifles. Characters were played by soldiers of many different Battalion's and there are sections in the program where Honourable Mentions for those already lost and those still serving are made. There are group photos of different Battalions and it was a noteworthy compilation.

There are many communities that have compiled Roles of Service books to commemorate events where many served from their communities. I inherited one such from my mom's mom who was attending the Edinburgh University at the time when Winston Churchill held an Honorarium Role in the function of the University. The book contains a short biography which includes a mini-Family tree by naming fathers, place of birth, where their service was served, types of occupation and military achievements made. Many pictures of the fallen were obtained and the Honourable mentions appear at the beginning of the book.

The Latta Genealogy Society Board of Directors, Branch Captains and those serving in other capacities are taking this moment to Honour all those that have served but also those who are serving us now. On November 11th, with our hand over our hearts and a Poppy on our lapel we will be giving our Thanks and Gratitude to Those in Service.

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Table 1; WW1 Canadian Overseas Forces Applicants (1914 to 1918)

Branch #	Recruit Name	POB/DOB	Marital Status	Occupation	DOEnl POEnl	Previous Militia Experience	Unit Attached to
16	Victor Brydon Latta	Whitemouth, Manitoba 4 Apr 1896	Single	Farmer	29Nov/15 Winnipeg		144 th Battalion
16	Robert Bruce Latta	Whitemouth, Ma 6 Dec 1888	Single	Farmer	25 Sep/14 Valcartier	Yes	106 th Battalion
34 FG8	Wm. Smith Latta	Ayr, Scotland 14 Apr/79	Married	Bookkeeper	9 Nov/14 Vancouver	Yes	6 th DCOK
34 FG21	Robt. Peter Latta	Ayr, Ayrshire, Sc 14 Apr/86	Single	Master Printer	5 Sep/14 Valcartier	Yes, 11 yr	7 th Battalion DOD Belgium 23 Apr 1915
13 FG247	Lawrence Boyland L.	Hensell, Ontario 20 Aug/98	Single	Printer	18 Sep/15 xxxxxxx		
39FG9	James Latta	Glasgow, Scot. 9 Feb/95	Single	Teamster	8 Jun/15 Niagara Camp		9 th Miss.Horse DOD 1918 in Glasgow
.	George Latta	Duddingston, Scotland 31 Jul/76	Married	Brass Finisher	15 Oct/15 Ottawa	Yes, 19 yr KOS Brdr	
16	Sydney David L.	Whitemouth, Ma. 16 Dec/98	Single	Farmer	23 Mar/17 Winnipeg		221 st Battalion
16	John Ivor	Whitemouth, Ma 30 Nov/94	Single	Farmer	2 Jun/16 Winnipeg		19 th Battalion
Unknw	Wm. Norman Latta	Barrie Isl. Ont. 14 Sep/98	Single	Farmer	2 May/16 Barrie Isl Ont		238 th Battalion
Unknw	Walter Norman Latta	Glasgow, Scotland 12 Jan/96	Married	None	1 May/18 St. John, NB		62 nd Regiment St. John
34 FG22	Henry Blandford Latta	St.Quivox, Scot 15 Feb/88	Single	Farmer	2 Jul/16 BC		3 rd OS Depot 3 rd Fld. Battery
13 FG132	Ethelbert Elijah Latta	Belville, Hasting Co. Ont	Married	Physician Surgeon	14 Jun/16 Kingston, Ontario	Yes, South Africa, 1901/02	10 th Canadian Field Hospital
NoteM FG 6	Eric Robt. Latta	Birmingham, Eng. 2 Sep/99	Single Drafted	Wireless Operator	3 Oct/18 Vancouver	Yes 19K 57224	
34 FG 23	Edward Fraser Latta	Port Kells, BC 1 Jan/92	Drafted Married 16May 1918	Printer	19 Oct/17	Yes	6 th DCOR Vancouver

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Research Queries, Replies and Notes

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

1. Forrest Latta and Tom Kintigh report that the Latta House on the Latta Plantation in Huntersville, North Carolina, near Charlotte NC, is closed permanently.
2. Linda K. Smith, Branch 9 Captain, reports that a copy of the 1956 version of The Lord's Vineyard is in her home, and another copy is available at the Arkansas State Library in Little Rock, AR. The call number is CS16.L28, Arkansas Collection.
3. I am a member of the Branch 3 Latta Family and hold several pieces of Latta family history. As I don't have anyone to pass important documents to, I would like to offer documents as I come across them to the historical society. Do you know if the society has a copy of F. F. (Frank) Latta's The Lord's Vineyard?" It was published with the Washington County Historical Society in Fayetteville, AR in 1940, with this edition updated in 1956. The byline on the title is "being the history of the pioneer Latta family of Old Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas and including the life of E.C. Latta 1831-1909." Frank is a member of Branch 3. He and my grandmother, Beatrice Estelle Latta Lewis, were in communication when she was researching family history in the 1960's. Terri Hall.
4. While going thru the LGS database to ascertain correct branches etc., I noticed on Ancestry that Note M can be improved with family information. On Ancestry I could verify that there are over 25 unique family trees that verify this family line. The gist of this is, that since it has been almost 100 years since Robert H. Latta started his foray into genealogy, meaning that in 100 years 4 generations have been adding to this tree. No doubt this is true for other Notes as well! I believe that this Note could be upgraded to a Branch. In the weeks to come we might write to these individuals to elicit help in verifying the validity of doing so. Kathy Latta, Branch 16 Captain.
5. The editor invites all readers to send in their queries and notes to be printed here.
6. To help spark an interest in our Latta Genealogy Society in the next generations, please send me the e-mail 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. I send our Newsletter to several major libraries to save your story for future generations. You can reach me at Ken Mueller, DocHuer@aol.com.

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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 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.

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.

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Elections for the Latta Genealogy Society

Elections for the offices of President and Treasurer of the Latta Genealogy Society will be held later this year. So far the nominees for President are the incumbent, Kenneth Mueller, and for Treasurer, the incumbent, Randall Phillips. Any other nominations should be sent to the Election Auditor, Stan Latta, stanlatta@usa.com. His mailing address is on page 3. The term of office is from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2023.

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society

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

On October 10th, 2021 at 700 PM EST the Annual Meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society was held virtually due to the Delta variant of the COVID. It was attended by:

Ken Mueller, Branch 1, who chaired the meeting

Stan Latta, Branch 7, Geoffrey Latta, Secretary/ Historian, and Kathy Latta, Branch 16, DNA Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order and the following topics were discussed.

- A. Election material will be included in the current newsletter being assembled.
- B. The need to acquire volunteers to take on assistant roles for key positions.
- C. Geoffrey raised the topic of Lattas in Finland and offered to do some research to present at a later date.
- D. Some Branch Captains have not been heard from in quite some time. This will be followed up.
- E. Remembrance Day is coming up and I (Kathy) have volunteered to write an article.

The virtual meeting was allotted an hour's duration and at this point the meeting was called to adjourn.

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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. 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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