

The Latta Genealogy Newsletter

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The Latta Name in Finland

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As some researchers will be aware, one country that has genealogical records for the Latta name is Finland. Sites such as Family Search and Ancestry.com have records for births and marriages between 1710 with a census record for Parikkala and 1909 (several census records).

Both Family Search and Ancestry.com have nearly 250 records from Finland as well as recording those in the US who had a connection with Finland. Among US residents born in Finland were:

Mary Latta a widow age 64 in the 1940 Census living in West Pike Run, Washington Co, PA. Her children were born in the US.

Fulda (male) and Anna Latta living in NYC in the 1920 Census having immigrated to the US in 1912 and 1915.

John Latta age 43 with his wife Anna M age 45 and son Edward H age 21 in the 1910 Census in Ashtabula County, Ohio. All were born in Finland and immigrated to the US in 1890.

Jack Latta age 35 in the 1900 Census in Biwabik, St Louis County, Minnesota.

To understand the genealogical situation, it is important to recognize some of Finland's history. For much of the last 800 years, the area of what is now Finland was governed either by Sweden or by Russia. In the 18th century a majority of ethnic Finns were governed by Sweden but in the 19th century by Russia. This is important in looking at historical records not least because of name changes, particularly for places now in Russia. Finland did not become an independent country until 1917 in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution.

In Finland itself the name was widely distributed across the country. Mikkeli was a particular center for the name. This is a town of 50,000 people about 150 miles northeast of the capital, Helsinki. Other places near Mikkeli where Lattas were recorded included Juva, a town of 6,000 about 20 miles from Mikkeli and Anttola southeast of Mikkeli. Joensuu is a city of 75,000 people in North Karelia in eastern Finland near the Russian border about 150 miles northeast of Mikkeli.

There were also a number of Lattas in towns in the Finnish province of Viipuri (Viborg), which was owned by Finland until 1945 but is now part of Russia. As a result the Finnish population largely left towns like Sortavala after 1945. Elisenvaara is also a small village in Russian Karelia.

Nehvola was a small village on the shores of Lake Ladoga, which is now in Russia not far from St Petersburg. One source quotes that in the 1930s there were three families with the name Lattu in Nehvola.

This hints at a fundamental issue with the name. In historic records the name is sometimes spelled with one or both letters "a" having an umlaut. This is not like an umlaut in German, which slightly changes the pronunciation of the letter, but is actually a separate and distinct letter of the Finnish alphabet. Thus if the name was pronounced with umlauts it would not be spelled in English as Latta but more like Laytay. While some

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Editorial

In this Issue we see examples of the international scope of the Latta family name. Besides the United States, there are Latta families from Scotland, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Slovakia, and Hungary. There are probably Latta families in South Africa, and we encourage those family members to send us their story. Every Latta family is important and deserves to have their story told. So I ask everyone to take a little time, write down what you know, and send it to me for publication. Your children and grandchildren will thank you.

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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.

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Latta Genealogy Society Treasurer's Report Dec. 30, 2021

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Report Period: Oct. 28, 2021 through Dec. 30, 2021

Beginning balance: \$8,111.67

Income:

General Fund donations:	\$392.50
Research Fund Donations:	\$60.00
DNA Fund donations:	\$10.00

Total Income: \$462.50

Expenses:

Hostway website fees	\$44.85
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Office Max filing supplies	\$49.33

Total Expenses: \$169.30

Ending balance as of Dec. 30, 2021: \$8,404.87

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Funds allocated for DNA: \$4,148.70

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Finnish immigrants to the US may have kept the spelling and over time pronounced the name in a more English fashion it is possible others may have changed the spelling. The name Lattu shows up in genealogical records such as the 1924 US naturalization record for Onnie Lattu born in Rutola, Finland in 1906. Rutola is one of the locations with Latta records from earlier dates. Similarly Irmali Lattu born in Finland was approved for Canadian citizenship in 1959. In Russia too the name would be transliterated into the Cyrillic alphabet. This appears to mainly take the form ЛАТТЫ, which would come closer in pronunciation to Lattu than Latta.

Even in Finland today the name Latti appears at least as common than Latta, which may hint at alterations in spelling. Lattis born in Finland show in US census records as for Aida Latti in Manhattan in 1930, a 62-year old cook born in Finland who immigrated in 1904. Also Matti Latti age 50 born in Finland was a laborer living in Dublin, Cheshire County, New Hampshire in 1930 with his wife Lydia (also born in Finland) and three children, Toivo, Hugo and Einar, all born in the US. The parents immigrated to the US in 1903 and 1905.

The Russian connection also shows up. A senior official of the Russian Ministry of Defense in around 2000 was General-Major Vasili Filipovich Latta and one might guess he came of ethnic Finnish stock.

Intriguingly the name Latta also appears in Hungary, which has one of the only two languages that are linked to Finnish (the other is Estonian). I have not found any reference to the Latta name in Estonia although there are references to both Lattu and Latti.

Are there any readers of the Newsletter who have any Finnish connection? Or does anyone know any Lattas who might have?

The Family of James Latta and Katherine Lang

By: Diane Backwell, Dbackwell54@gmail.com

In a letter dated 16 March 1995 from Alex Latta of Scotland to James McFarlane Latta:

The Lattas or Lattos came from a family in Ayrshire, called Laithes of about 1300 vintage. The Latta name originated from a chap called John Wilson, alias 'Lawtie', who leased land from an abbey in Central Perthshire about 1480.

The word 'Lawtie' or 'Lata' meant 'honest and trustworthy' and the aid John Wilson had it tagged on as a compliment by the monks of the abbey – (Honest James Wilson).

These bye-names were common; sometimes they were dropped and sometimes they were assimilated into the name. At the time it was common for people to take their bye-names from where they lived, so just as James of Stirling became James Stirling Lawtie James Wilson became James Lawtie and the name Lawtie over time became Latto or Latta. The Lattas/Lattos of the 1600s were writers to the Signet (Royal Lawyers), Advocates (Senior Barristers) and similar – Quite clever folks.

James Latta m Katharine Lang 21 April 1781 Dumbarton, Scotland

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Robert (1781 Dumbarton-pre1785)

William (1783 Dumbarton-1837) m Anne Watson (1785 Dumbarton) 1805 Dumbarton

James (1807 Dumbarton-) m Elizabeth McFarlane (1807 Dumbarton) 1836 Dumbarton

Jean (1808 Dumbarton)

William (1811 Dumbarton)

Catharine (1812 Dumbarton-pre-1822)

Anne (1814 Dumbarton)

Elizabeth (1817 Dumbarton-pre-1820)

Elizabeth 1820 Dumbarton)

Catherine (1822 Dumbarton)

Henrietta (1833 Bute-1893 Renton) m Thomas McCunn Muir (1827 Greenock-1894 Dumbarton)1853
Rothesay, Bute

Robert Home Muir (1853 Dumbarton)

Anne Latta Muir (1855 Dumbarton)

Jane Mc Cunn Muir (1857 Dumbarton-Before 1861)

William Latta Muir (1859 Dumbarton)

Thomas Mc Cunn Muir (1861 Dumbarton)

James Muir (1863-After 1893 Dumbarton)

Alexander Hepburn Muir (1866 Dumbarton-1907 Bombay India) m Helen Houston (1871
Glasgow-1960 Hebburn Northumberland) 1894 Colombo Sri Lanka

Ruby May Muir (1896 Taredo Maharashtra India)

Robert Home Muir (1897 Taredo Maharashtra India)

William A Muir (1899 Glassford Scotland-1980 Glasgow) m Roberta McHendrick (1907
Glasgow-1982 Glasgow) 1929 Hammersmith London

Graham Muir (1934 Southall, London-2017 Little Sampford, Essex)

Jean Muir (2015 Perth WA-2015 Perth WA) m Donald Thurtle

John Latta Muir (1868 Dumbarton)

Duncan Muir (1876)

Robert (23 June 1785 Dumbarton-1868 West Greenock) m Henrietta Allison (1782/3-1867) 21 Dec. 1805
Dumbarton, daughter of David Allison and Catherine Wishart

Robert Latta (1805-1810)

James (1807 Dumbarton-)

David (1808 Dumbarton-pre-1820)

Robert (1810 Dumbarton-pre-1819)

William (1812 Dumbarton-)

Catherine (1813 Greenock East-)

Henrietta (1815 Greenock West-) m Neil Morrison 1837 Greenock

Malcolm (1838 Greenock) m Elizabeth MacFarlane (Derry Ireland)

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Neil (1842 Greenock)

James (1846 Greenock)

John (1850 Greenock)

Robert (1819 Greenock West-pre-1826)

David (1820 Greenock West-1902 Lambeth) m Elizabeth Bannatyne Black (1821 Greenock-1866 Port Glasgow) 1844 Greenock West

Robert Brown (1842/3-1910 Dunoon) m Catherine Gray Orr (1843/4 Scotland-1903 Partick) 1874 Port Glasgow

David Graham (1876 Barrow-1936 Granville NSW) m Charlotte Ellen Grainger (1874 Galway-1964 Adelaide Australia) 1903 Perth WA

Later m Ellen Rae Lennon Baker 1921 Paddington NSW

Douglas David (1904 Bunbury WA-1968 Yarraville) m Dorothy Gertrude Turner (1918 Carlton Aus.-2019 Victoria Aus.) 1942

Coral

Elaine

Fay Dawn (1952-1997)

Thomas Orr (1880 Barrow/1880-1931 Kilmacolm) m Margaret Miller 1910 Leshahagow

Robert (1911 Patrick, Glasgow-1981 Stirling) m Euphemia Mair Clark Barr (1915 Wishaw, Lanarkshire-1995 Stirlingshire) 1939 Stirling

James (1913 Scotland-1982 Kilmacolm) m Kitty Harold

Mary (1916 Kilmacolm-2008) m David Dewar Davidson 1942 Kilmacolm

Thomas Robertson Davidson (1959-1969)

Mary McFarlane (1847 Scotland) m Robert Buchanan Mcfarlane (1849 Bonhill, Dunbartonshire) 1869 Tradeston, Lanarkshire

Robert (1870 Govan) m Emily Warwick (1874 Lambeth) 1898 Newington, Surrey

Robert McFarlane (1900 Kennington)

Walter (1902 Lambeth)

Emily (1909 Lambeth-1993 Newcomb Aus.) m Jack Morris Endacott (1910 Brunswick Aus.-1993 Victoria Aus.) 1941 West Brunswick Vic.

David Latta (1872 Govan-1905 Lambeth) m Sarah Jane Burgess (1879 Lambeth) 1898 Lambeth

David (1900 Lambeth)

James McIntosh (1874 Govan-Before 1881)

Jane (1878 Scotland)

Mary Crawford (1880 Lambeth-1959 West Brunswick Australia) m John Joseph Francis Keogh 1886 Cork-1839 Sydney) 1919 Southwark, London

Also m Walter Endacott (1869 Exeter-1947 West Brunswick Australia) 1943 Melbourne

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Martha (1883 Lambeth)

Jessie (1886 Lambeth-Before 1986) m James Charles Fraser (1890 Kensington London-1960 Lewisham) 1915 Southwark, London

Irene Margaret (1920 Newington -1945 Birmingham)

Thomas McKay McFarlane (1888 Lambeth)

Henrietta (1848/9 Port Glasgow-1904 West Ham) m John Gilmour (1846 Renfrew-1901) M 1871 Glasgow

Elizabeth Black (1872 Port Glasgow-1948 Warren New York) m Walter Hume Whillans (1872 Edinburgh-After 1939) 1895 New York

George Page (1896 New York-1939 Alabama) m Ella D

Vera (1896 New York-1918 New York) m Arthur Cecil Nacion (1891 Jamaica, G.B.I-1975 Santa Clara, California) 1917 Manhattan, New York

Jean Erskine (1877 Glasgow-1969 Brighton, Sussex) m Charles Casburn Tweed (1875 Whitechapel-1917 Leigh-on-Sea, Essex) 1902 West Ham, Essex

Elsie Jean (1905 West Ham-1911 Forest Gate Essex) m Albert Victor Knights (1909 Trinity London-1999 Bexley Kent) 1938 Essex

Robert (1880 Scotland, [1881 Census says London])

Henrietta (1881 Bromley London)

Janet Gordon (1883 Bromley London-1970, Hampstead, London)

John (1887 Bromley London)

Jane (1851 Port Glasgow) m Robert Waddell (1854 Glasgow) 1873 Govan

Archibald (1873 Govan)

Elizabeth (1876 Glasgow)

David (1880 Poplar Tower Hamlets)

Jean (1885 Custom House, Essex)

Robert (1890 Tilbury Essex)

Sarah (1892 Tilbury Essex)

Eliza (1853-Port Glasgow-1875 Govan)

David (1855 Port Glasgow-1911 Orsett Union Workhouse Essex,)

James (1856 Port Glasgow-1950 Clifton Hill Vic) m Jemima Corbett Fraser (1855 Elgin, Morayshire-1944 Clifton Hill Vic) 1879 Ardoch, Glasgow

Margaret (Maggie) Corbett (1879 Kinning Park-1969) m Charles Derry Cox (1862 Melbourne-1941 Preston) 1901 Korumburra

Elizabeth Black (Bessie) (1882 Govan-1980 Wonthaggi) m Walter Valentine Hughes (1887 Collingwood-) 1900 Carlton Vic

Florence (Flossie) Valentine Hughes (1901 Melbourne) m Harold Walter Emmins (1900 Victoria-1982 Windsor Vic) 1924

Jack James Emmins (1925) m June Elizabeth Ogilvie (1926 Melbourne-2012 Melbourne) 1949

Janice Elizabeth Emmins

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John Jeffrey Emmins

James Alexander Hughes (1903 Korumburra-1904 Korumburra)

Walter Hughes (1906 Korumburra-1908 Korumburra)

Jack Hughes (1907 Korumburra)

David John Hughes (1908 Korumburra)

Margaret Ella Hughes (1910 Korumburra-1982 Victoria) m Carrick

2nd marriage to Walter Thomas Sharp 1950

David Alexander (1883 Kinning Park Glasgow-1950 Geelong Vic) m May Pollard (-1950 Armidale, Vic) 1929 Malvern, Victoria

Jane Fraser (Ginny) (1888 South Melbourne-1972) m David Nevin Alexander Baker (1869 Colac- 1931 Colac, Vic) 1911 Kennedy's Creek Vic.

David John (Jack) Baker (1912- 1967 Bentleigh)

William Frank Baker (1916-1977 Brunswick Vic)

2nd marriage to David William Howarth (1891-1969 Heidelberg) 1942

James McFarlane (1891 Footscray 1989 Melbourne) m Isabella Elizabeth May King (1899 Geetho Vic.-1992 Melbourne) 1924 Korumburra Victoria

James MacFarlane (1924 Korumburra-2009 Lara Vic) m Dorothy (Billie) Johnson

Boe (1923 Melbourne-2013 Lara) 1949 Dandenong

Kenneth James (1950 Melbourne) Partner Doreen Ivess (1952 Pimpinio)

Kate (1989 Melbourne)

Emily (1993 Melbourne)

Dianne Winifred (1954 Melbourne) m Daryl Philip Backwell (1953 Geelong)

Joel David (1981 Geelong) m Cassidy Prent (1983 Melbourne)

Milo James (2016 Melbourne)

Finn Jan (2019 Melbourne)

Joshua Murray (1983 Geelong) partner Christina (Bea) Viegas

Otis Booker Viegas (2013 Melbourne)

Ethan Jay (1984 Geelong) m Kailey Beddoe (1988 Calgary) 2012

River James (2015 Calgary)

Nova (2018 Calgary)

William m Sylvie Mottram

David

Andrew

Jennifer

Phylis m Aulbrey Whitehill

Francis (Frank) McDonald (1893 Korumburra Vic-1977 Fitzroy, Vic) m Ruby Clarice Victoria Amor

Sarah Florence (1893-94)

Helen (Nellie) (1896-1967) m Ernest Lesley Mitchell 1921

Eleanor Jean Mitchell (1921 Geelong West) m Ernest Rowland Dixon 1943

Victoria

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Lesley Bruce Mitchell (1923

William (1858 Port Glasgow- 1941 Southend-on-Sea, Essex) m Martha Brown (1858/9-1943) 1880 Poplar/Bromley

David (1884 Poplar/Bromley – 1977 Newark) m Joanna Keating (1883/4-1967 Redbridge) 1911 West Ham

Anna Hitts Latta (1886 Bromley Kent)

William (1888/9 West Ham Essex – 1978 Wellingborough) m Jean Duncanson (1889 – 1965) 1915 Alloa

Elizabeth H (1919 Cardiff – 1933 Rochford)

John A (1922 Cardiff)

Martha Violet (1890 West Ham-1976 Leigh-on-Sea, Essex) m Albert J. Yorston (1886 Ely Cambridgeshire-1977 Southend-on-Sea, Essex) 1915 Plaistow London

Robert (1896 West Ham – 1972 Chelmsford) m Jessie A. Howat 1922 Colchester, Essex

John Robert (1925 Tendring – 1991 Colchester) m (1) Janet E. Davy 1951 Colchester

Robert, still living

William, still living, m Julie A. Taylor, still living, in 1981, Corby

David, still living m Suzette D. Billing, still living, in 1984, Sutton
m (2) Barbara J. Ruggles in Colchester

Rodger A (1929 Tendring -) m Hannelore Schaub 1966 St Ives

John (1862 Port Glasgow-1912 Orsett)

Jane Wishart (1823 Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland -) m Peter John Fraser 1847 Millport

Peter John Fraser (1847 Millport Strathclyde)

James Drummond Fraser (1849 Cumbrae, Bute) m Sarah Ann Tucker (1854 Stowmarket, Suffolk-1935 Ipswich Suffolk) 1879

Gertrude Jean Fraser (1881 Ipswich Suffolk-1911 Ipswich Suffolk)

John Frazer (1882 Ipswich Suffolk-1925 Ipswich) m Ethel May Bullock (1886 Mutford Suffolk -1961 Ipswich Suffolk) 1920 Ipswich Suffolk

Florence Mabel Frazer (1886 Ipswich Suffolk-1969 Ipswich Suffolk) m Percival Charles Bullock (1886 Ipswich Suffolk-1958 Ipswich Suffolk) 1921 Ipswich Suffolk

James (1887 Ipswich Suffolk)

Robert Wallace (1826 Greenock West-1878 Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa)

James (1787 Dumbarton-1789 Dumbarton)

Agnes (1794 Dumbarton-1795 Dumbarton)

Agnes (1796 Dumbarton-)

Cathrine (1798 Dumbarton-1878 Dumbarton)

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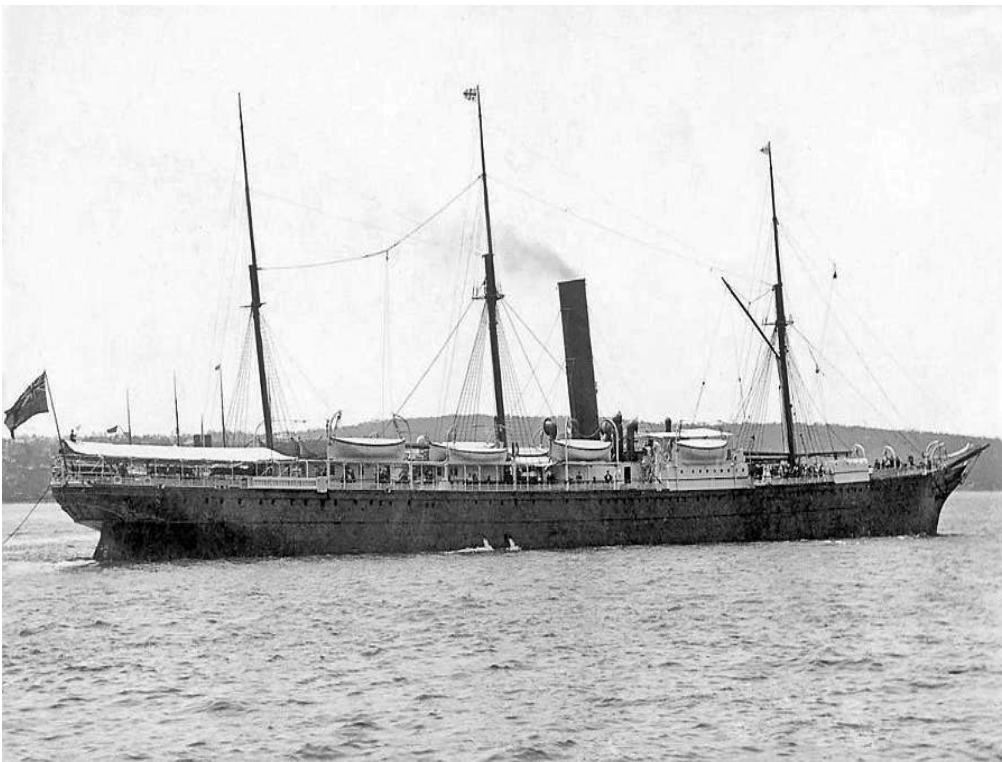
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Mariners and Ships in Australian Waters

By: Diane Backwell, Dbackwell54@gmail.com

Cuzco of Liverpool, George Nugent Conlan, Master, 2436 tons, sailed from the port of London Via Melbourne to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, 15th Nov. 1877. James Latta, age 20, sailed to Australia on the crew of the Cuzco in 1877. As a crewmember, his station was Sails.



The Cuzco, pictured above, was official number 65901, flagged to Great Britain. It was built in 1871, and launched 18 Oct. 1871. It was a passenger / cargo ship with iron screw steamer and 3 masts. The builder was John Elder & Co., Govan, at the Fairfield Yard, no. 129. The tonnage was 3898 grt / 2436 nrt. The engine, built by John Elder & Co., Govan, was 1-screw, steam compound, 13 knots. In 188 the Cuzco was re-engined with triple expansion at the same yard by then Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering. The first owner was Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Liverpool. The subsequent owner was Orient Steam Navigation Co., 1877. In March 1905 the Cuzco was broken up and scrapped at Genoa.

Loch Sloy

A Scottish sailing barque, her name was drawn from Loch Sloy, a freshwater loch which lies to the north

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Pictured above is the **Loch Sloy**, courtesy of Wikipedia

of the Burgh of Helensburgh, in the region of Argyll and Bute, Scotland. James Latta deserted the Loch Sloy in Melbourne in January 1887. It was just as well James jumped ship from the Loch Sloy in 1887 or I would probably not exist, as it sunk in April 1899 and only 3 people survived. On April 24, 1899, Loch Sloy sunk and only four men made it to shore with Kilpatrick dying soon afterwards. Seventeen days after the Loch Sloy sunk, John Simpson and William Mitchell were found about seven miles south of the Cape Borda Lighthouse. Mitchell was in a very bad way. He was found with a penguin carcass draped around his neck and he was taking bites of flesh as he went along. They and another man named John McMillan, finally made it to safety while another thirty-one passengers and crew drowned on the Loch Sloy.

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Loch Vennachar

Jemima Latta, pregnant with Jenny, and three children Maggie, 8, Bessie, 6 and Dave, 4 arrived in Melbourne, Australia in June 1888 having travelled steerage class from Glasgow on the **Loch Vennachar**. The captain's log book entry dated March 17, 1888 stated that there was sufficient food, water, etc. on board for "nine and a half passengers for 120 days".

Loch Vennachar, pictured below, was built in 1875 by Thomson's on the Clyde for the Glasgow Shipping Company. She was a three-masted iron sailing ship (clipper) that operated between Great Britain and Australia between the late 19th century and 1905. The name was drawn from Loch Venacher, a lake in the Stirling region of Scotland. It is understood to mean "most beautiful lady" in Scottish Gaelic. Loch Vennachar was always in the wool trade to Adelaide and Melbourne, but when not a wool clipper, she also carried passengers and other cargo.



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The Wedding of Jean Latta and Dave Baker

By: Diane Backwell, Dbackwell54@gmail.com

1888 – Melbourne, Australia - Janet Latta (Jennie) – Married Dave Baker 20 June 1911 – Children Jack 1916, Bill 1917

Camperdown Chronicle Tuesday 4th July 1911: WEDDING AT KENNEDYS CREEK. BAKER—LATTA. A Kennedy's Creek correspondent writes — June 20th will long be remembered as a ??? day in Kennedy's Creek. It was the occasion of the first wedding celebrated in the hall, and the union of two of the most popular residents. Although a cold showery day, almost every family was represented. A little after 1 o'clock the ceremony that joined Miss Jean Latta, third daughter of Mr. James Latta, of Kennedy's creek, to Mr D. Baker, of Gethbrand West, was performed by the Rev. Mr. Brant, assisted by Rev. Mr. Williams, of Cobden. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Latta, wore a beautiful dress of cream Sicilian trimmings with silk insertions. She also wore the bridegroom's present, a lovely gold pendant, set with pearls and rubies and the orthodox wreath and veil. Miss Nellie Latta, sister, and Miss Flossie Hughes, niece of the bride, were bridesmaids. The former was dressed in white muslin, trimmed with insertion and tucks and the other wore a tunic dress of blue spotted cashmere over a cream blouse. They also wore the bride groom's gifts of gold brooches, set with pearls and emeralds. Mr. D. Latta and Mr. J. Baker attended the bridegroom. The hall was beautifully decorated by the bride's friends. A lovely wedding bell was suspended above the young couple, who, after the ceremony, were showered with rice and confetti. After the substantial wedding tea was dispatched, the beautiful three-tier cake cut, and a few toasts honoured, the centre of the hall was cleared and the company entertained with games, songs, etc., until the departure of some of the quests made dancing possible. The happy pair are spending their honeymoon in Melbourne. The bride's travelling dress was a lovely shade of brown, beautifully braided; brown hat, trimmed with ostrich plumes. Mr. Baker on the 17th was at a smoke night organised by his Devondale friends, presented with silver mounted shaving outfit bride received a number of valuable presents from her many friends. A great many were also sent to her future home at Larpent.

William Latta of Austria

By: Sue Lattea Cox, Webmaster, suelatteacox@yahoo.com

While reviewing newspapers.com, I came across several stories regarding William Latta, who was born on April 14, 1878 in Austria. The 1910 census report stated that the family spoke English as their native language. He is listed as a butcher owning his own business on Preble Avenue. Six children are listed with him and his wife, Mary: William Jr., Mike, Mary, Anna, John and George. William Jr. is listed as being born in 1891 in Hungary and Michael in 1894 in Pennsylvania. The next child, Mary is listed as being born in 1893 in Pennsylvania.

A newspaper article published on July 18, 1899 provides an interesting story about “Mrs. William Latta, a neighbor” who helped a young girl who was the victim of an exploding oil can. The victim, 20 year old

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Francesco Donich, a young Russian girl, was getting dinner for boarders who lived with her and her husband. Her husband was a butcher at A. Rok's butcher shop on the first floor of the building they lived in located at 598 Preble Avenue. The article said that three families lived in the building and were from Russian and Hungary. As the young girl was fixing dinner, she was in a hurry and since the fire was burning slowly, she started to slowly pour oil on the fire. The oil exploded and caught the girl on fire. She ran screaming from the apartment building into the street. Mrs. William Latta, who lived close by, heard the screams and ran into the street and poured water over the girl, sustaining burns herself. The young girl later died from her burns. She and her husband had only been married for one month.

In 1912, William Latta and his wife, Mary Hargus list a daughter Mildred Latta at 10 days old. She was premature at birth. On her death certificate, Mary is listed as Mary Hargus. The informant on the death certificate was William Latta, 621 Preble Avenue. The birth certificate of George Latta in 1906 states that Mary is the mother of 10 children, 7 living. The 7 living would be William, Michael, Mary, Anna, Nicholas, John and George.

In the 1920 census, William and Mary Latta are listed with four children, George, Nicholas, Susie and William. William, Jr. is 24 and listed as a chauffeur. Nicholas is listed as a butcher helper and is 15 years old.

Several other interesting newspaper articles appear for the family in the Pittsburgh Daily Post:

Nov. 8, 1913 – An article regarding Anna Latta, the comely 18-year-old daughter of William Latta, a butcher of Preble Avenue, who was having trouble with a young man forcing his attention on her. He came into the shop and asked her out. She refused. The following evening, he came to the house and she refused to admit him. The next morning, the inscription: "Anna, we will get you yet" along with a crudely drawn cross done in paint, appeared on the rear fence. A few days later, Anna heard a knock at the door at the rear of the home and when she answered it, she found a diminutive coffin with a cross tacked to the top.

Dec. 4, 1914 – An article stating "Pennsylvania railroad detectives, missing 11 bales of hay from cars in the Woods Run yards, followed a trail of small particles that had dropped from the bales as they were rolled along the ground. The trail, it is said, led to the barn of William Latta, a butcher of 622 Preble Avenue, and he was arrested."

June 1, 1918 – "John Latta of 621 Preble Avenue was sent to Morganza on charges of carrying concealed weapons."

April 25, 1923 – "William Latta, a merchant, 621 Preble Avenue, is worried over the disappearance of his daughter, Susie Latta, 14 years old, who left home a month and one-half ago and has not been heard from since. The girl is thought to be living in company with another girl on the Southside. She was seen by a friend of the Latta family Saturday night on Market Street. Miss Latta, according to her father, frequents

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the Southside Turner dance hall. She is about 115 pounds, has light brown hair, blackish green eyes, and has a small scar, the result of a burn, on her left cheek, close to her nose.” Susie later marries John Borman at age 15.

July 6, 1923 – An article regarding the accidental shooting of Anna Gouda, age 20. Three persons, George Latta, age 17, of 621 Preble Avenue, along with another boy and girl, were held for questioning. The girl, Anna Gouda, was confined to her home with a slight bullet wound, said to have been inflicted while the three were celebrating the holiday with a revolver.

Mary Hakach Latta died on January 1, 1931 and is buried in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. William Latta died on October 11, 1937 and is buried beside of Mary. Their daughter Mildred is buried in the same cemetery.

William Newton Latta, Branch 3

By: Sue Lattea Cox, Webmaster, suelatteacox@yahoo.com

I came across a newspaper article in the Altoona, Pennsylvania, Tribune dated November 14, 1903 called “Andersonville as Seen Today” written by Rev. James G. Teter.

Rev. Teter wrote about his recent visit to the Civil War prison and cemetery at Andersonville, Georgia. In the article, Rev. Teter described his meeting with the superintendent of the cemetery. “Before us is the beautifully kept National cemetery. To our left is a good house for the superintendent to live in. We are in his office. He said, “Give me the names of the men whose graves you want to visit.” Rev. Teter gave him the three names that he had. “I said “Latta.” He looked in the book and said, “Is it W. N. Latta? I said, Yes. Here is the record: W. N. Latta; number of grave 5246; Company H, Ohio; died Aug. 10, 1864, with chronic diarrhea.” His regiment number I did not get down.”

Once Rev. Teter got the information he wanted on the three men, the superintendent escorted him to the graves that he wanted to see. “Now we start to visit the graves. I inquired why they were placed so close together. He answered that they had to be buried in trenches. A long trench was dug each day, running north and south and over six feet wide. Then the bodies were placed close together, with their feet to the east. It was the intention after the war was over to take them all up and rearrange the graves, but most people interested prefer to have them remain as they are. There was a stake placed at the end of each grave containing the name, number, regiment and company of each one. This was burned into the stake. All this was done by our own men. These stakes were replaced by boards, then by tombstones. There was a space of some feet left between the trenches, so that you can walk past the foot of the graves without stepping on them. Here we are at Latta’s grave. My feelings are beyond my control.

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I looked through falling tears and could see the name very plainly. I could see him as he looked when a boy. How his face did shine when converted! His earnest prayers and clear Christian testimony are yet fresh to me. I remember how he looked when he married my cousin, and Julia and I stood by their sides. I used my kodak and started on."

Rev. Teter continues his story about the other graves he visited of boys that he personally knew, and later toured the grounds with a man that he met there.

W. N. Latta or William Newton Latta, of Branch 3, was born in Ross County, Ohio on June 8, 1839 to Moses McClure Latta and Elizabeth Nichols Latta. He married Mary Jane Teter, daughter of John and Elizabeth Teter in Ross County, Ohio on Aug. 30, 1860. William and Mary had one child, Clara Edith Latta, born Oct. 1, 1861. William was a physician. He enlisted in "H" Company 89th Regt. Ohio Infantry on Aug. 13, 1862 when his daughter was not yet a year old. He was mustered into service as a Sergeant at Camp Dennison, Ohio and was captured at Chickamauga, Georgia on Sept. 20, 1863, where he was sent to Andersonville. He died there on August 19, 1864 from chronic diarrhea. His wife, Mary Jane Latta, later married John W. Trimble on March 10, 1866 in Ross County, Ohio and had two more children. She died on Sept. 25, 1872 and is buried in the Sharon Cemetery, Lattaville, Ross County, Ohio.

The Lord's Vineyard

By: Jack Latta, Branch 9, 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. Here is an excerpt from this book. [Continued from Issue 74]

The Life of Eli Chambers Latta

Eli Chambers Latta, the son of John Latta and Jane Starr, the principal character of this entire sketch, was born in Maury County near Nashville, Tennessee, April 8, 1831. He was a covered wagon baby, although born 18 years before the covered wagon babies of 1849. In 1825 his family started to move from York District, South Carolina, to Arkansas Territory, one or more trips west being made by the head of the family immediately following that date. In 1831, while the family was camped on Crooked Creek in Maury County, Tennessee, the wagon beds were removed from the running gears and placed on the ground to serve as living quarters. Some of the men of the party continued to Arkansas Territory and

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returned later. It was in one of these scoop-bed lynch-pin wagons that Eli was born. The family continued from Maury County, Tennessee to found the little settlement of Vineyard in Washington County, Arkansas, late in 1832 or early in 1833, three miles from Evansville and within two miles of the western border of the state. At the settlement which grew up near the old Latta homestead and known as Vineyard, a church and a Post Office were established. In 1833 John (3) Latta was the Postmaster and had the office in his log home.

On April 12, 1850, Eli Latta started for California with teams in a company with something more than sixty people. It is certain that upon this occasion he was accompanied by Andrew Jackson Latta and probably Samuel Neely Latta. After four months experience on the road, such as was common with the 'tourist trains' of that day, they arrived in California, August 10, 1850. The trip to California was made over the Santa Fe trail and across the southern end of Death Valley to Los Angeles and on to Santa Barbara. Shortly after joining the wagon train, Andrew obtained the job of caring for the loose stock which accompanied the outfit. Eli worked his way by gathering buffalo chips. The southern route was almost entirely barren of wood and "boise de vaca" were the only available fuel. During the entire journey to southern California this was his occupation. He carried a gunny sack suspended from the horn of his saddle and rode several miles from the trail to find it. The immediate vicinity of the trail itself had been stripped as clean as a floor. Each wagon had an empty sack hanging on the end of the reach which projected to the rear of the running gear. It was Eli's business to keep all of these sacks full of chips. In after years he used to state that it seemed that those sacks had no bottom and were always empty.

Eli's marriage to Miss Lucy Leanna Price took place in February 1877. She was a helpmeet indeed, but she lived a little less than seven years, and passed away.

Lucy Leanne Price was born in Sedalia, Missouri, February 3, 1850, and came to California to Sonoma county with her father and mother in 1868. She was the daughter of William Arjelon Price and Lucy Edwards. She died December 9, 1878 and is buried in Modesto. She had two sisters and three brothers:

1. William who was killed in Tennessee while a soldier in the Civil War.
2. Catherine Deshti, born at Sedalia, Missouri, and married (1) _____ Quizenberry and (2) John Davies. She died and was buried at Modesto, California June 1914.
3. Sarah was born at Sedalia, Missouri, married Wm. Bradley. She died and was buried at Fresno in June 1915.
4. Thomas Edwards was born at Sedalia, Missouri, married Johanna Latta. She died and was buried in Modesto in 1894. She was a niece of E.C. Latta who married Lucy Leanne Price, sister of Thomas Edwards Price.
5. John Louis was born at Sedalia, Missouri, married Bell Emerson and is buried in Modesto.

Children of E.C. Latta and Lucy Leanne (Price) Latta were:

1. Linna May (5) born in Sonoma County, California, March 9, 1873. She was married to John A. Orr at the Latta home at Orestimba August 19, 1891. She died in Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, Feb. 6, 1899, leaving no children.

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2. Sarah Catherine (5) born at Salida, Stanislaus County, California, June 7, 1874. On August 24, 1892, at the Latta home at Orestimba she was married to Lloyd Dorsey Worthington. There were two children, Martha, married Lloyd Preston, and Frank Claire. Martha was born January 3, 1895, and Frank was born March 9, 1896, both at the Worthington home at Las Gerzas, Stanislaus County, California. Frank married Eva Kneibes.
3. Richard Beard (5) born at Salida, June 5, 1876. He was broad and powerful, 6 feet four inches in height and had dark hair and eyes, resembling his mother. Accidentally killed March 29, 1892, at Orestimba school by a playmate who tripped him in a jumping contest. Buried in Hill's Perry Cemetery near Newman.
4. William Franklin (5) born at Salida, March 15, 1878. He was a large man, six feet one inch in height, large square frame, extremely heavy shoulders and arms and was a very powerful man. He had light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and was of a quiet unobtrusive disposition, but independent to an extreme, and a dangerous man when imposed upon. A great deal of his work was done with young stock, in which occupation as well as all other matters he was absolutely fearless. It was his fearlessness that at last led to his death, for he was killed by the kick of a mule which he was breaking. He died at Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, Feb. 6, 1906, and was buried by the side of his brother, Richard Beard.

Harmonia Campbell

About this time Mr. Latta settled on an 80-acre ranch on Orestimba Creek about one and one-half miles below Orestimba school house.

On October 25, 1883, the second marriage of E. C. Latta took place. The second wife was Harmonia Campbell, a daughter of Lewis Campbell and Jane (Sturgeon) Campbell. Lewis Campbell was a pioneer settler in Washington County, Iowa, a wheelwright, cabinet maker and carpenter by trade. He was an all-round mechanic and ran a sawmill for several years. Jane Sturgeon, his wife, was a twin sister of Edward Lindsay Sturgeon, who was a pioneer settler in California, coming in 1852, and working in the mines and redwood sawmills for many years.

E. L. Sturgeon settled first at Danville, Contra Costa County. In 1868 he came to the San Joaquin valley plains, acquired 400 acres of virgin soil and planted it to grain. This land lays four miles southwest of where the town of Gustine now stands. He served one term as County Supervisor of his district and carried on an extensive grain farming business near his brother, Jeremiah G Sturgeon. They at one time farmed 6000 acres of land. Edward Lindsey Sturgeon died at Capitola, Santa Cruz County, California, in 1920 at the age of 92.

"Cottonwood" School

Harmonia Campbell taught school in Iowa several years before coming to California in 1873. After

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coming to California, she taught the Clay District Grammar school (known as the Cottonwood School) for two years. The schoolhouse then stood a mile and a quarter north and a quarter of a mile east of where it now stands. Quitting teaching in 1875, she kept house for her uncle, Jeremiah Candee Sturgeon, on his grain ranch until her marriage in 1883. She was a woman of most exemplary character and an extremely hard worker. She died Nov. 7, 1922 at the home of this writer, her son, Frank Forrest Latta, at Gustine, Merced County, California, and is buried in Hills Ferry Cemetery, 3 miles northwest of Newman.

At the Orestimba home were born the four children by the second marriage.

Mary Joyce (5) Born at Orestimba, Stanislaus County, California, July 29, 1884. Married Albert Barnes Holtham at Modesto, Dec. 20, 1903. There were four children. Alberta Joyce born at the Latta home at Las Garsas, Merced County; Frances Brown, married Rector, had 2 children, died 1937; Willard, Howard.

John Campbell (5) Born at Orestimba, Oct. 8, 1885. In appearance and character resembled his grandfather, 4 John (3) Latta. Six feet one and one-half inches in height, light hair, blue eyes, and even white teeth which were always well cared for, large frame but not fleshy. At the age of fifteen, he, as his father was incapacitated, was the acting head of the family and bought eight mules, carrying on a teaming business and later a grain farming business which in 1922 had grown to 5000 acres. John Campbell Latta was a man who was square and honest to an extreme. He was known and respected by everyone. He had many friends and no enemies. He early assumed responsibility and sacrificed ten years of his life to the rearing of his two younger brothers. On Oct. 17, 1915, at San Jose, California, he was united in marriage to Miss Edythe V. Menzel. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Menzel, who were pioneers of the Romero District, Merced County, California. In 1922 he quit farming and moved to Gustine where he died in 1934. He had no children.

18 Frank Forrest (5) Latta

Eli Chambers (4) John (3) Thomas (2) _____ (1). Born at Orestimba, Sept. 18, 1892; six feet 2 and one-half inches in height, weight when normal 200 pounds. In general Frank resembled his father, having light hair, blue eyes, and large frame. In addition to physique, he also resembled his father in personal characteristics, actions and speech. In August 1899, he moved with his parents to Las Garzas, 11 miles south of Orestimba. Graduated from the Occidental Grammar School in May 1907. In August 1908 he moved with the family to San Luis, 12 miles south of Las Garsas, and 6 miles west of Volta. Worked for two years in the blacksmith shop for his brother John Latta. In April 1909 started work as an apprentice at the carpenter trade and worked at carpentry until September 13, 1913, when he started to attend the newly organized Gustine Union High School, driving 11.5 miles each way with horse and buggy. Later moved to Gustine and did janitor work in the high school and several other buildings. He was prevailed upon by the principal of the high school (C. R. Perrier) to enter the Summer Session of the University of California in 1915 and prepare to teach woodwork in the high school the following year. This was accomplished and for the two following years he taught during the afternoons and attended classes in the morning, graduating from High School in May 1917. During these two years his mother kept house for him in Gustine. After teaching one month in the Newman and Crows Landing

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School in the Fall of 1917 he entered the military service on Sept. 20, 1917, and was send to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington. Here he entered the Machine Gun Co. of the 363rd Inf., 91st Division. In Dec. 1917 was transferred to the Air Service at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. On the way to his new post he stopped at Gustine and was united in marriage to Mathilda Jeannette Allen, daughter of John Thomas and Clara Belle (DeMont) Allen. John Thomas Allen was born in Sacramento, California, and Clara Belle Demont was born in Oakland, California.

After holding several non-commissioned grades in the Enlisted Mechanics Training Department at Kelly Field, Frank Forrest Latta was commissioned a 2nd Lieut. Air Service Production and ordered to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, where he was in an officer's school for 30 days. Service was with the 75th Spruce Squadron in Clatsop County, Oregon. After the Armistice he was given command of the squadron and demobilized it at Vancouver Barracks. Jan. 1, 1919, he left Vancouver Barracks as train adjutant with 500 troops for the Presidio of San Francisco, California and was in demobilization work at the Presidio until discharged June 13, 1919. Upon leaving the service he carried on a general contracting business in Gustine until 1922 when he started teaching school at Ceres High School, handling Woodwork and Physical Education. In Sep. 1923, he started teaching Carpentry, Farm Mechanics and Rifle Range in the High School at Porterville, Tulare County, California, where he taught two years. In 1925 he began teaching Farm Mechanics in the Tulare High School. During the summers of 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927 he attended the State Teacher's College at Santa Barbara. In addition, during the summer of 1925 he attended the post session of the State Teacher's College at San Diego, California. March 1st, 1931, he began teaching Farm Mechanics in the High School at Shafter, California where he is still employed (1940). In 1940 he had four children:

Monna Starr (6) Born Jan. 18, 1921, at Gustine, California.

Nedra Marie (6) Born August 15, 1923, at Gustine, California.

Don Allen (6) Born Jan 18, 1926, at Tulare, California.

Donna Jean (6) Born March 23, 1928, at Tulare, California.

20 Thomas Starr (5) Latta

Eli Chambers (4) John (3) Thomas (2) _____ (1). Born at Orestimba, July 31, 1896. Six feet two inches in height, large frame, very muscular, light curly hair, blue eyes, weight about 185 pounds. Like his brother William Franklin (5) in appearance. Married Elma Letitia Allen, sister of the wife of his brother Frank. Served during the World War with the Machine Gun Battalions of the 13th Division. In 1940 living on a ranch near Gustine. Children:

Verne Claire (6) Born March 27, 1920, at Gustine, California. Married Henry Jensen, Nov. 26, 1939.

John Thomas (6) Born June 23, 1923, at Gustine, California.

Big Salada Claim

While located at Orestimba (about 1896) Eli Chambers filed on a homestead of mountain land about 30 miles west of Crows Landing and 6 miles east of Mount Hamilton. Here, with the aid of John Campbell Latta,

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the oldest son by his second marriage, he built a three-room mountain home with porches and a stone fireplace, also a barn and wagon shed. This place was on the Big Salada Creek and was afterward sold to the owners of a nearby cattle ranch.

To Las Garzas

In 1899, about August 15, the entire family moved to a ranch ten miles south of Orestimba on Garzas Creek. This ranch of 160 acres belonged to mother. It was here in 1904 that Eli's health broke down completely, making it necessary for him to seek hospital treatment.

Finis

E.C. Latta passed away May 30, 1909, aged 78 years, 1 month and 22 days, and was buried in the Cemetery at Modesto, California.

[Typing for this segment was done by Beryl Redfield.]

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.

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. The Newsletter Issue 74 has information on Delbert Leroy Latta. Does anyone know what branch he is? Thanks, Alan Leroy Latta, Branch 3 Captain, allatta@aol.com.
2. Hi! We live in New Zealand and were wondering if our family members are part of your group. The information we know is:
Thomas Latta married Sarah Gibson. - not sure how many children they had in total, but one of their children is a relation to us, that is Sarah (Eliza) Latta, married James Dawson Jr.

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Born: 17 September 1824 in Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland

Died: 25 December 1901 at Bowmont Street, Invercargill, New Zealand

Many thanks, Jenny Vaughan, the4creightons@gmail.com.

3. Hi Jenny, I have the children of Thomas Latta and Sarah Gibson as follows (all were born in Alloa):

(1) Jane born 1819, married Alexander Broadfoot in Adelaide in 1847. She died in 1904 in Meadows, South Australia and had at least two children.

(2) Mary born 1821, married Robert Birrell in Adelaide in 1855 and died in Gore, Southland, New Zealand on 23 December 1908.

(3) John born 1823. I have no further information and assume he may have died young.

(4) Sarah born 1824 (as you knew), married James Dawson in Adelaide in 1849 and died Invercargill 1901.

(5) Thomas born 1826, died in Bull's Creek, South Australia 4 October 1867.

(6) Elizabeth born 1828. I have no further information and assume she may have died young.

(7) Robert born 1830, married Jane (or Jenny) Lynn in 1858 in Macclesfield, South Australia and died in Balwyn, Victoria on 29 December 1891. They had eight children.

(8) William born 1831, married Amelia Nicole 12 April 1860 in Mt Ephraim, South Australia. He died 13 June 1915 in Kensington Park, South Australia and had two sons, William born 1861 and Thomas born 1863, died 1931.

(9) Charles born 1833. One source says he died 1835. I cannot verify that but again I have no further record of him so assume he did die young.

Thomas and Sarah married in Edinburgh on 29 June 1818. Thomas died in Adelaide in 1855 and Sarah died in Bull's Creek, South Australia in 1883. The family must have emigrated between 1833 and 1847 but I haven't been able to locate a passenger list that includes them. If you are interested in more information on the family, you can see the information under the name lists on my website www.lattafamilyorigins.org or I would be happy to send it to you. Best Wishes, Geoffrey Latta, gwl820@hotmail.com.

4. **Latta Family Origins.** This website is designed to provide information on the Latta and Latto names and genealogy for Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland, and to a limited degree for Australia and New Zealand. The information on this site is regularly updated as new information becomes available. www.lattafamilyorigins.org. Geoffrey Latta, gwl820@hotmail.com.

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 free 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 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 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 are being held now. The candidates for President are the incumbent, Kenneth Mueller, and for Treasurer, the incumbent, Randall Phillips. All ballots should be sent by mail or e-mail to the Election Auditor, Stan Latta, stanlatta@usa.com. His mailing address is 115 Cimmaron Ct., Cary North Carolina 27511. The term of office is from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2023. The ballots are enclosed. They can be mailed or e-mailed before March 1, 2022.

Branch Captains (Continued from Page 2)

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.

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.

Some Branch Captains have not been heard from in quite some time. This will be followed up.

Sue Lattea Cox, Branch Coordinator and Web Master.

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Port Latta, Tasmania, Australia

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Port Latta is a locality in North West Tasmania, with a processing plant and port used to export iron ore from the Savage River Mine. Ore is transported from mine to port by a slurry pipeline, which is 85 km long and paralleled by Pipeline Road. After de-watering, the ore is loaded onto ships via conveyor belts. The capacity of the mine, pipeline and conveyor belt is about 2.4MTpa. The mine and port opened in 1967, and was still operating in 2021 with an expected life of mine to 2035 as per their 2020 yearly report. Its coordinates are: 40.852 degrees S, 145.381 degrees E.



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