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Iris Ronald Latta and His Descendants

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34 IRIS RONALD (7) LATTA, John Alexander (6), Alexander Robertson (5), Thomas B. (4), James (3), Unknown (1). Born in Hickman County, Kentucky on December 4, 1888; married on January 18, 1911 to Ruth Copeland. Ruth was born in Wingo, Graves County, Kentucky in January 11, 1889 and died February 1918. The children were born in Hickman County, Kentucky.

Children:

147 Camellia (8)

148 Iris (8)

Horry Ronald Latta

CAMELLIA born 10-21-1911. She married James Wilbur Sinks on June 3, 1930 in Mexico, and they had one son, Ronald Frank Sinks. He married Eileen, and they had one daughter, Jennifer. Jennifer Suzanne Sinks married Anthony Dickens on December 18, 2004. They have two sons, James and Luke.

IRIS RONALD LATTA, JR born 8-28-1915 Watervalley, Kentucky, and died. 12-15-1968. He is buried at Resurrection Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married my mother, Helen Acton, who was born 2-2-1921 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She died 2-25-1969. Also buried at Resurrection Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

They had four children: Ronald Dean Latta, Patricia Sue Latta (me), Jerry Lee Latta, and Timothy Acton Latta.

My Dad, Iris Latta, was also drafted in WW 2. My Dad, my mother, my grandmother, and we three children went to El Paso, Texas for six months. I remember we had one big room with

curtains hanging everywhere for dividers. While there, we three children had whooping cough all at the same time. Because of his six months service, he had VA benefits for doctors care.

My grandmother also worked at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City during the war. She worked for Boeing Aircraft assembling something for airplanes as I remember. That was the only time she was employed in her entire life. She lived with my parents from the day they married until the day they died. At that point she lived with my brother Ronnie for a while, and then moved in with us until she passed away.

I also remember getting flour sacks to make clothing, and coloring our own margarine yellow. Also, as a child, when shopping at our Five and Dime Store, we paid the tax with "mills. They were coins made of cardboard. Whenever I mention that to other people, they had never heard of it.

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Editorial

Mitch Latta used a quite modern array of equipment in his library research. I can remember bringing a notebook, pen, pencil, and some change for the copy machine in the library.

But no matter how you do your research, I encourage you to continue searching for your Latta family history. Read again what Sue Cox says about how 45 minutes of research can make a real contribution.

When you find something, share it with me, and like Sue Caldarelli, we will work on getting it printed here in our newsletter.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

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

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I married David Eugene Caldarelli on 8-27-1960 in Raton, New Mexico. I go by the name Sue Latta Caldarelli. My family tried calling me Patty Sue, but my brother was one year older to the day, and always just wanted to "pat" the baby, hence I am Sue.

Below is the data for my three children:

Kelly Ann Caldarelli Haeusler married to Steve Hauesler on March 4, 1988. Now Divorced. She had two children, Cody David Hauesler and Camille Renne Haeusler,

Debra Dawn Caldarelli Hebert married to Steve Edward Hebert on February 20, 1995. No children.

Monte David Caldarelli, married Kerry Cabiness, now divorced. They had three children: Jessica Leigh Caldarelli, Courtney Lynn Caldarelli, and Garrett David Caldarelli.

My brother, Ronald Dean Latta, married Anna Marie Peysen on December 10, 1971 in Athens, Texas. They have two sons, John Kevin Latta and Robert Jason Latta.

John Kevin Latta married Stephenie Lynn Wood on December 17, 2005 in Lakeland, Florida. They have one son, Wyatt Austin Latta.

Robert Jason Latta married Corinne Elizabeth Wilson on June 24, 2006. No children.

My other two brothers, Jerry Lee Latta and Timothy Acton Latta, did not respond to my request for their family information.

My husband, David Caldarelli, was a Registered Professional Engineer and worked in the aerospace industry for 40 years. He graduated from New Mexico State University in 1962 when President Kennedy said we were going to the moon. As my husband modestly puts it, he had a small part in sending the manned flight to the moon. He is still sought after to do consulting work for the programs at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. That is where all the Saturn V vehicles and Space Shuttle Main Engines were tested before they went to Kennedy Space Center for the actual launch. SSC is

still actively testing rocket engines for future programs.

My two brothers, Ronnie and Jerry, also received engineering degrees during that era. My brother, Ronnie, was corporate general manager of engineering and construction for his firm. His group managed all capital projects over one million dollars. His final one was 400 million dollars. He mostly interfaced with engineering firms and contractors and negotiated major contracts. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Louisiana.

Jerry spent his career with IBM, and at one time lived in Tokyo for six years.

Some Documentation on the Iris Latta Family

According to Ancestry.com, the Certificate of Death for Horry Ronald Latta is Commonwealth of Kentucky number 9874. He died on April 14, 1915 in Hickman County, Kentucky. Horry's age was given as one year, six months, and 21 days, with a birth date of Nov. 25, 1913. The informant, I. R. Latta of Water Valley, KY, listed Horry's father as Iris R. Latta, born in Hickman, and Horry's mother as Ruth Copeland, born in Graves. The attending physician, R. L. Bushart, stated that Horry died of acute indigestion, with contributory meningitis.

The Kentucky Birth Index, also from Ancestry.com, lists Iris Latta as being born on August 28, 1915 in Hickman County, mother's name Ruth Copland.

The World War 1 Draft Registration Card for Iris Ronald Latta, according to Ancestry.com, gives his date of birth as December 4, 1888 in Hickman County, Ky. His present trade is farming, and his home address is Water Valley, KY. Iris stated that he was married, white, with a wife and two children. He asked for an exemption from the

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Some Documentation on the Iris Latta Family

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draft because "wife 2 children crippled". Iris was listed as medium height and build, brown eyes and black hair. The date of registration was June 4, 1917.

The U. S. Census taken April 26, 1910 in District 4, Hickman County, Kentucky, T624, Roll 480, Page 7B, dwelling and family 145 lists the John A. Latta, Jr. family as follows:

John A. Latta, Jr., male, white, age 47, married 23 years in present marriage, born in Kentucky, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Kentucky, occupation: Farming.

S. K., Wife, female, white, age 45, married 23 years in present marriage, born in Kentucky, father born in North Carolina, mother born in Tennessee, occupation: none.

Iris R., Son, male, white, age 21, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky, occupation: none.

Samuel McDumond, Servant, male, white, age 73, single, born in Tennessee, father and mother born in Ireland, occupation: Laborer.

The U. S. Census taken January 12-13, 1920 in McAlister, Hickman County, Kentucky, T625, Roll 575, Page 6A, dwelling 121, family 128 lists the John A. Latta family as follows:

John A. Latta, Head, male, white, age 57, married, born in Kentucky, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Kentucky, occupation: farmer.

Katherine, Wife, female, white, age 53, married, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky.

Camelia, Daughter, female, white, age 8, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky.

Iris Jr., Son, male, white, age 4, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky.

Bennett Guy, Brother in law, white, male, age 49, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky, occupation: Farmer.

The U. S. Census taken April 23, 1930 in Crystal, Zavala County, Texas, T626, Roll 2407, Page 37A, dwelling 63, family 72 lists the John A. Latta family as follows:

John A. Latta, Head, white, male, age 67, married, age at first marriage 24, born in Kentucky, father born in Kentucky, mother born in Tennessee, occupation: Carpenter, House Building.

Kate, Wife, female, white, age 66, married, age at first marriage 23, born in Kentucky, father born in North Carolina, mother born in Tennessee, occupation: none.

Iris R. Latta, Son, male, white, age 40, widowed, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky, occupation: Foreman, Garage.

Camillia, Gr. Daughter, female, white, age 18, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky, occupation: none.

Iris, Jr., Gr. Son, male, white, age 14, single, born in Kentucky, father and mother born in Kentucky, occupation: none.

The Autobiography of Camellia Latta Sinks

Contributed by Ronald Frank Sinks

Written on a yellow notepad in the summer of 2007. It is typed as she wrote it.

My name is Camellia lone Latta Sinks. I was born October 21, 1911 on my grandparents' estate, four miles from Water Valley, Kentucky. My grandparents were John Alexander Latta, born December 27, 1862 and Sarah Kate Latta, born February 10, 1864. They were married November 17, 1886. They had one son, Iris Ronald, who was my father. He was born December 4, 1888 and died June 12, 1933. He married Ruth Coplen of Wingo, Kentucky on January 18, 1911. She was born January 11, 1889. My mother had two brothers, Rex Coplen and Alexander Coplen. I was the oldest child. They had a son, Harry Ronald, born

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November 23, 1913 and died April 14, 1915, age 1 year, 4 months, 22 days. Another son, Iris Latta, Jr., born August 28, 1915, died December 15, 1968.

[In December, 2007, Camille told me that she, her brother Iris that she called Snookie, her mother, Ruth, and her father, Iris Ronald, all lived in a house with her grandparents, the Coplens. Ronny says that was probably because Camille's mother, Ruth, was sick with cancer and perhaps they were taking care of her during her illness. It seems that Ruth died when Camille was about 6 years old. I can't find the exact date of death recorded anywhere. The timing of this information is not in sequence with the next paragraph Camille wrote about her going "home on Friday afternoons" .]

When I was 6 years old, my grandmother Coplen wanted me to come stay with them and attend school in Wingo. I went Monday mornings by train to Wingo and back home by train Friday afternoons. I was unhappy without Snookie and very lonesome there. When Snookie was old enough to go to school, [Grandpa] moved to Clinton, Kentucky for us to go to school. He had a large poultry house and Ocella and Henry Lawrence moved there to work for him. Ocella was his niece. Later, we moved back to the farm and attended school in Water Valley. Sodner [Grandpa] went on an excursion to Texas and bought an irrigated farm at Natalia and we lived in Devine. I was a freshman in high school then. We lived there until Daddy came home from Detroit and later we moved to Crystal City when Daddy had a [car dealership]. He became ill and died and Snookie and I took his body back to Kentucky for burial by my mother. In Crystal City, I met Wilbur and we fell in love. Daddy didn't like him, and we went to Mexico and got married, June 3, 1930, and sent them a telegram. Later Daddy loved Wilbur very much. Jo Butler, my friend, and a girl Wilbur knew, went with us to get married.

We lived in San Antonio for a while and then moved to Big Foot for Wilbur to make a broom

corn crop. That turned out great. We lived for 2 months in a shanty and had the most fun of our lives. Wilbur's school friend lived there and we made ice cream every night and had a wonderful time.

Then we moved to Charlotte and Wilbur worked for Uncle Frank at the Chevrolet Motor Company. Later, I bought the café from the Minke's and had so much business that Wilbur had to quit work at the Chevrolet Motor Company to help me. He then went to the army and was sent to India. George Thompson, Wilbur's cousin who worked for us, stayed with Ronny and me. Wilbur finished boot camp and [End of Camille's story].

[James Wilbur Sinks died May 27, 1960 in Atascosa County, Texas, so he did survive the war.]

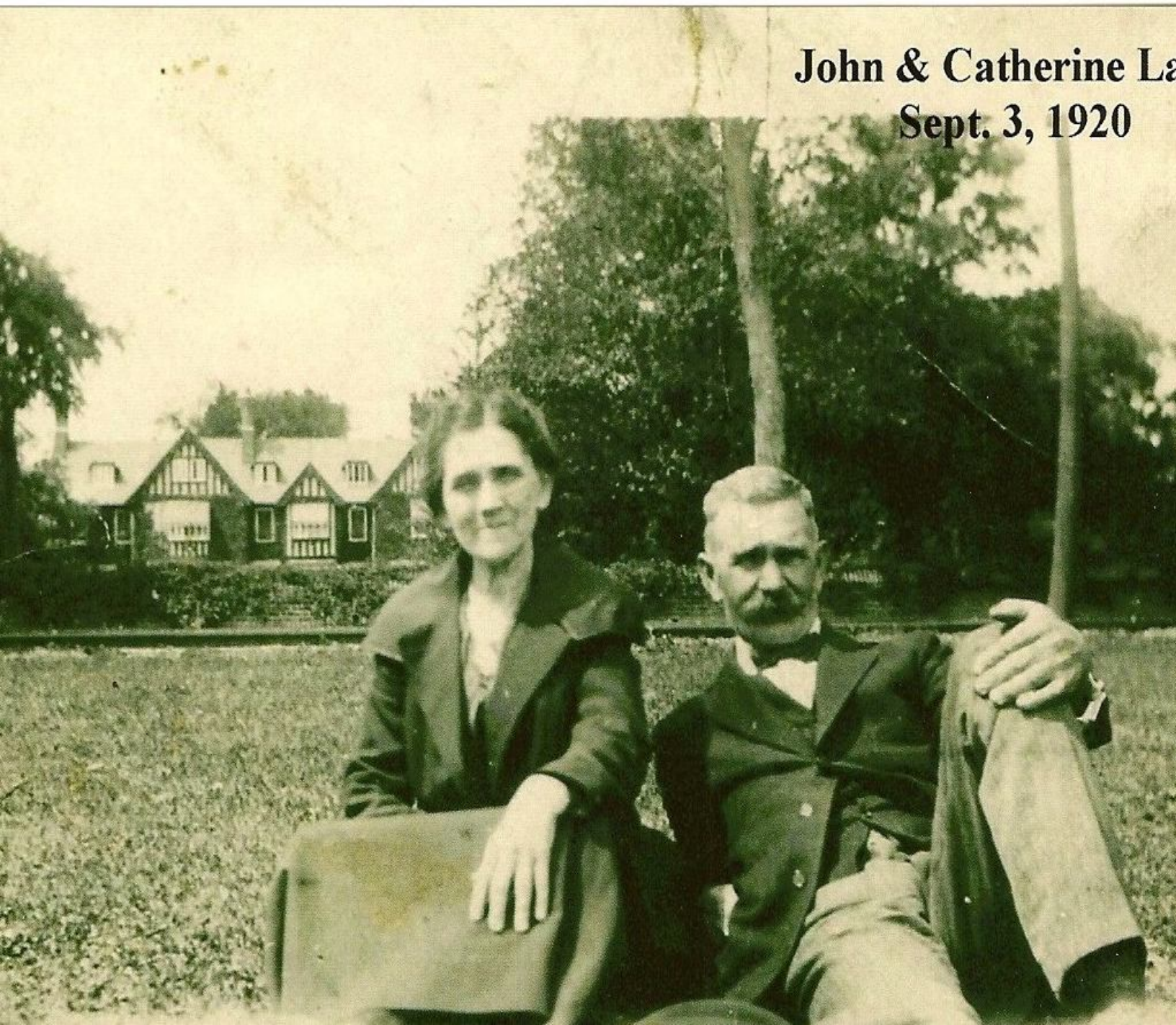


Camillia Latta (1911-2008 and her brother
Iris Ronald Latta, Jr. (1915-1968).



Ruth Copeland Latta, 1889-1918

John & Catherine Latta
Sept. 3, 1920



John Alexander Latta, above right, was born December 27, 1862 in Hickman County, Kentucky, and died May 4, 1960 in Charlotte, Texas.

Sara Kate Bennett Latta, above left, was born February 10, 1864 in Hickman County, Kentucky, and died April 30, 1951 in Charlotte, Texas.

Letter from Moses Latta to Thomas Latta

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Branch 3, Family 12

William L. Latta was born in 1757 in Londonderry, Ireland. He married Elizabeth Rankin circa 1784 in Ireland. His parents were Samuel Latta and Mary McCobb. William died in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1813.

Elizabeth Rankin was born in 1765 in Hasbrough, Donegal County, Ireland. Her parents were Samuel Rankin and Jennie Edmonston. She died from a fractured thigh 23 May 1846 in Crawford County Pennsylvania at the age of 82. See the letter written by her son. Our website states that the letter is at the end of the Branch, but it was not, so I am posting this letter now and will add it to the website.

Thomas wrote the following letter to his brother Moses when their mother Elizabeth died in 1846. It is addressed to Mr. Moses Latta, Frankfort, Ross Co., Ohio, and the postmark reads Malvern, Ohio June 8, 1846. It was not enclosed in an envelope, but sealed, and a big 5 mark on it instead of a stamp.

Dear Brother: I have very unpleasant news to communicate at this time. Our aged mother is no more.

She departed this life on the 23d of last month [23 May 1846], after an illness of about seven weeks. About the seventh of April, at night, she was sitting as usual after the rest was in bed, and by some unknown cause in rising to go to bed she fell and dislocated her thigh. They wrote to us shortly after, but the letter was long coming, and although Eliza and I started the second day after it came to hand, we did not get there until the 16th of May. At this time she suffered no pain, but was reduced to a state of extreme debility, having taken no food for two weeks. We stayed from Saturday until Thursday and seeing no material change we left her, not knowing how long she might linger; and it appears by a letter received yesterday that she continued as

we left her until Saturday morning, when she came worse and continued to sink gradually until six o'clock she expired. Considering her great age the case is not extraordinary, but death comes when it will, is unexpected, and we ought to improve every instance of the kind as a warning to ourselves to watch and be ready, for in such an hour as we think not we may be called to give our account, and there is no discharge in that war.

When I arrived in Shenango (Pa.) I found brother William had started with all his family (except [our ancestor] Robert) for the neighborhood of Madison, Ind. with a design of getting up the cooleage business there in the barrell line, expecting to make a fortune and pay off all his debts in a short time. He went from Shenango in very low circumstances, and left a number of his friends to suffer on his account. Young William Thompson has undertaken to redeem his father's place, and it is thought will get through with it with a little assistance from his friends. William McElhany and his son are working at iron mills below Greenville, so that I did not get to see them. Brother John has left his old station, and rented the old Allen farm. He gets along hardly enough. He is involved some on William's account. I saw a letter that came from brother Samuel while I was there. He appears to be prospering in the world very fast. He sold 72 tons of hay the last winter, which brought him about 700 dollars in cash, beside 16,000 pounds of pork at 3 1/2 cents per pound, and that all fattened on the produce of 16 acres of corn, leaving enough to winter 30 stock hogs. Your Paint Creek bottoms will scarcely beat that. Aunt Catherine went to Iowa this spring. It appears by a letter I received from there lately that she is very much pleased with that country. Talked of selling out at Washington and purchasing there. Uncle John and family were well, and well pleased with the country. We have an extraordinary fine season fast. Our old neighbor Mr. Hardesty, died this spring. I will add no more, but that our own family and all our friends are well as far as I know. Give my respects to William and family, and all our friends in your neighborhood.

Wishing the blessings of God to rest on you, I remain your brother, Thomas Latta.

Website for British Latta Information

By: Geoffrey Latta, gwl820@hotmail.com.

Taking advantage of what is either my retirement or at least a break from full-time work since January, I have put together much of the information that I have collected over the years on Lattas in Britain on to a website www.lattafamilyorigins.org.

Although I expect to do more work on the look and feel of the site and to add further information, I think there is sufficient now available to justify sharing it.

Would it be possible to include the attached note about the site in the next issue of the Newsletter? Also can the site be added as a link to the Newsletter website? I am certainly happy to provide any further information.

I always intended to get all my material in one place - it just took me 20 years to do it and fortunately website technology gave the ideal way to share this information!

Researchers seeking information about Latta (or Latto) family members from Britain or Australia, may be interested in looking at my website www.lattafamilyorigins.org.

The site contains a list of all Lattas from England, Wales and Scotland that I have been able to trace as well as some information on Lattas from Australia and Ireland. In total, the lists contain around 4,000 separate individuals, although since most entrants appear on more than one list, the total number of records listed is substantially higher than that.

The site contains:

- * A chronological list of all Latta births up to 1930 for England and Wales and Scotland. This information is divided into tables of information prior to national registration (1837 for England and Wales; 1855 for Scotland) and tables for births since registration. The information is presented separately for England and Scotland and for males and females. In most cases, I list the father and the mother's maiden name.

- * A chronological list of all Latta marriages up to 1950, on the same basis as for births. In addition

to the spouse, where known to me, I also list the mother and father of the person marrying.

- * A chronological list of all Latta deaths from the beginning of national registration up to 2000. As most researchers will know, the IGI records collected by the LDS Church cover births and marriages but not deaths which is why I am providing no information for these prior to registration.

- * Lists of all male Lattas arrayed by first name. These lists try to bring together for a given individual all relevant genealogical information. Thus at their most complete, they include date and place of birth, date and place of marriage and full name of spouse, data and place of death, names of father and mother and a list of children with dates.

Given the variety of spellings of the name, I have listed all variants up to national registration but only Lattas after registration. The main practical impact of this relates to Lattos in Scotland prior to 1855. It is evident that the two names share common roots and standardization of spelling did not occur until the early nineteenth century. At that point, all other variants disappear and only Latta and Latto remain.

Although I believe there is sufficient information to justify launching the site, I will be adding further information over time as well as fine-tuning the look and feel of the site. I would particularly ask anyone who sees blank information or information they think is incorrect, to contact me so that the tables can be improved steadily for the benefit of all researchers. I can be contacted either at gwl820@hotmail.com or via the website at geoff@lattafamilyorigins.org.

The editor found two interesting data entries in Geoffrey's web site. On 17 Dec. 1704 William Lata was born in Kilbarchen, Renfrew, Scotland to James Lata and Janet Allison. On 17 April 1709 William Latoe was born in Logie, Fifeshire, Scotland to James Latoe. There are many more entries, in fact, too many to put in a newsletter. We are reviewing other options for publication.

Speed Faces

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Men have been fascinated with hurtling themselves across distances as fast as they could throughout recorded history. In the early 1900s machine-powered horseless carriages created both apprehension and excitement. Auto racing was touted as the best way to test and improve popular stock cars. Racetrack speeds in 1915 were a fast ride for today's road car if not for current racing machines. Auto racers in those early days knew their faces were pulled out of shape by the car's velocity. They were protected only by a minuscule transparent barrier or even no windshield at all. These fast-moving occupants were curious how they might look to others.

Eddie Rickenbacker and one of his racing team, "mechanician" Virgil Clyde Latta, believed they could find a way to picture these effects upon the human body. Eddie was tall, around six feet or greater. Clyde was a diminutive man, barely five feet tall. He had the perfect combination of qualities for a racecar mechanic, muscular, but adding minimum extra weight in the auto, an experienced, highly talented mechanic, and fearless.

First Eddie and Clyde had to surmount various obstacles that could doom their endeavor before it had even begun. They had no doubt the management of the Indianapolis Speedway would oppose their venture out of hand. Newspapers frequently criticized the sport of auto racing. Some thought it lacked credibility as entertainment because of injuries and fatalities at the Indy track and other contests around the world. The Speedway wanted thrills but no "unfortunate incidents", especially just before the Memorial Day race on May 31, 1915. So Clyde and Eddie had to plan in secret. Debate and essential preparations would take place away from the track's garages where the men might be seen or overheard.

Once Rickenbacker and Latta devised how they would attempt this stunt, they took several turns on the track at lower speeds to check out its feasibility. Which day and time would be least likely to gain unwanted attention? They needed enough light for a clear photo, maybe very early in the morning. Probably toward the beginning of May on a week-day would give a good chance of avoiding too many autos practicing on the track. And the fewest possible onlookers would be best.

How would Clyde be positioned so he could take the photo? How could he avoid being thrown off balance? Would he be able to hold the camera long and steady enough to maintain focus? The device would have to be small so he could aim it while being securely fastened to the sprinting auto.

Of course, Eddie and Clyde were aware of the risks. Fatalities among drivers and mechanics sometimes occurred during qualification trials and races. "The Speed Demons" were highly dangerous in the best of times for all involved. Driver, mechanic, pit crew, and even spectators often had little or no protection from autos blasting by at what seemed like incredible speeds. One member of Rickenbacker's 1915 Maxwell team, "Coal Oil" Billy Carlson, would be killed racing in Tacoma Washington later that year. Drivers Bob Burman, Frank Galvin, Hughie Hughes, Carl Limberg, Lewis Jackson and others would die on various tracks the following year.

Call them brave or foolhardy, but Clyde and Eddie forged ahead. Together they figured out how to fasten the daring mechanic's feet to the front frame of the car and tie a strap around his waist to hold him. He would stand to face the driver and Bud Lounsberry, the mechanic riding with Rickenbacker.

We don't know all the details of how Eddie and Clyde carried out their plans, but the appointed day came, very likely Tuesday, May 4, 1915. Dawn was barely peeking over a few trees in the east. Eddie drove onto the track with Clyde tied and strapped in place, holding the camera in front of his waist. The unlikely trio escaped notice during several practice runs.

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What must Clyde have experienced during this jarring ride, fastened to the frame of the Maxwell, a racer lacking any semblance of a modern suspension system? His body jerked wildly, back and forth, up and down. Did Clyde wonder if he would survive the ever-increasing speed - 40 miles per hour, 50 miles per hour -- around the first lap, then 60, 70 and 80 miles per hour. Finally Bud gave him the signal for a final burst of speed. They would be going at 90 miles per hour!

Eddie and Bud's bodies jostled from side to side as the Maxwell turned corners or flew over rough spots on the track. Clyde, perched at the front of the car and much higher than the two other men, struggled to keep his body and hands steady while aiming the camera at their faces. Very aware of the three of them careening around the track, he looked down to see the effect of the breakneck speed on the two men's faces. There - he saw them in the camera lens! But at that moment the car lurched, shifting the viewer to focus into the empty sky. Well -- steady the camera against his waist and try again. This time he pressed the shutter as soon as he saw the their distorted visages. Clyde swelled with elation at his singular achievement! He didn't yet notice the news photographer behind the fence snapping all of them in his much wider lens.

What happened after that? The trio must have realized that their exploit would be the talk of the Speedway and Indianapolis. The sidelines photo put the cap on their adventure, documenting how they had done it.

Clyde's photo of Eddie and Bud's faces and the photographer's photo of Clyde on the auto were wired around the country for front-page news with various local papers. The pictures told the story, accompanied only by explanations of what had been done, who was in the photos, how, where and when it happened. The fact that the Speedway management immediately banned any such

foolhardy deeds in the future probably didn't hurt the men's reputations as racers at all!

Perhaps in no little measure this exploit got Rickenbacker notoriety that distinguished him from many other racecar drivers. Carl Fisher, owner of the Indianapolis Speedway, appointed "Rick" as the manager of his 1916 Presto-Lite racing team with four Maxwell racers. No doubt this setup allowed the young man his pick of applicants for drivers and mechanics. The Maxwell team led by "Rick" was famous during those two racing years. New Maxwells for 1916, a large truck to carry them, white overalls and helmets for the team, lots of publicity - they would have been set up for many years to come if WWI hadn't intervened.

Rick and Clyde must have felt a certain "brotherhood" after their joint adventure. Clyde was with him from New York to the West Coast during 1915 and 1916. Then Rick went on to fame as a WWI ace, Indy Speedway owner, the manager of Eastern Airlines, and involvement in WW II.

Clyde also served in WWI and later had a garage in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He moved to Seattle around 1926 where his two brothers and sister were living. Clyde enjoyed the reputation of being a genius with engines. But he also apparently had a drinking problem that caused him to disappear for periods of time.

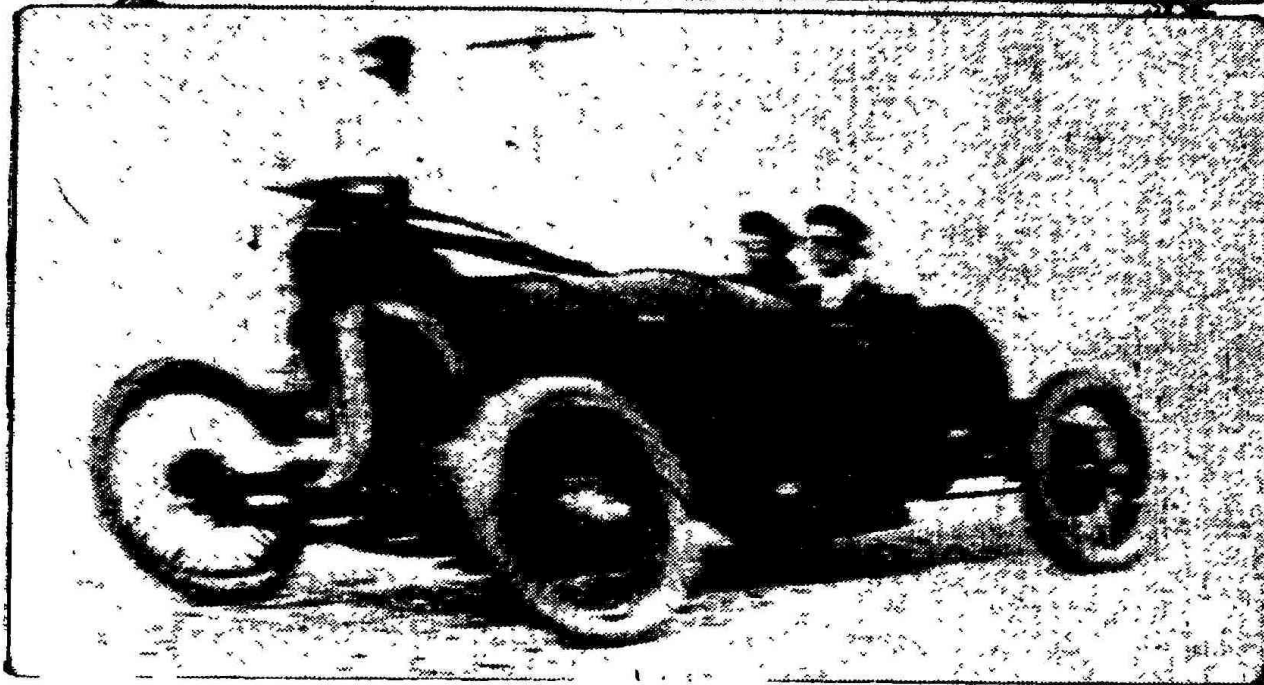
Perhaps Clyde was taking a new direction in life in November 1936 when he married "Dolly", Ruth O. Remmert, a widow with a young son. But within a few months he sustained a concussion falling down the stairs of The Detroit Hotel, an apartment building. Clyde died of intracranial hemorrhaging on June 30, 1937 a couple of weeks after his accident.

But -- for a few moments in time -- Clyde Latta and the famous Eddie Rickenbacker were joined by their dangerous exploit that May morning at the Indianapolis Speedway.

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Photographing Auto Racers at 90 Miles an Hour



LATEST STUNT IN SPEED PHOTOGRAPHY.

In the lower picture is shown C. Latta, a mechanician, making speed face pictures of Eddie Rickenbacher and his mechanician, Bud Lounsbury, while traveling on the Indianapolis motor speedway at the rate of 90 miles an hour. Latta is strapped on to Rickenbacher's car at his waist and feet, leaving his hands free to manipulate the camera, which he is holding before him, regulation newspaper style. The result of the stunt was more than gratifying, the first genuine pictures of a man's face at ninety miles per hour being the outcome, as shown in the illustration at the top.

the line, entries should be sent as soon as possible to A. M. Smith, chairman committee on entries, 503 Chamber of

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Photograph of Presto-Lite race team New York 1916. Photograph courtesy of Dave Kriplen, son of Ralph Kriplen, mechanic with Eddie Rickenbacker.

The names in order as above are: Jack Van Gable, Jack Vanhoven, Ralph Kriplen, Clyde Latta, Eddie Rickenbacker, and Pete Henderson.

The photo of the race team at Sheepshead Bay in 1916 is particularly important. I got it from Dave Kriplen in Indianapolis. His father, who is in it, wrote the names for the persons in it. Prior to this, most of the individuals were not identified, but Dave Kriplen has sure identification.

Research Queries, Replies and Notes. Send your queries to the editor, Ken Mueller, 7400 E. Mule Circle, Prescott Valley AZ 86314, Doc Huer@aol.com.

1. We have several "branch notes" on our website that we have not been able to connect to Branches. We have Notes A-Z, and Notes 1-15. Most of these Notes are very short, but contain information that we don't want to lose. Hopefully we can connect them to the correct Branches in the future. Taking Note 11, I began a Google search for **Latta** families in Jefferson County, Illinois. I looked at the 1900 Census for the James M. And Minnie **Latta** family. I found that James M. **Latta** was not only a farmer as listed in the census, but also a school teacher for the 1897-1898 term at the colored school at Camp Ground in Jefferson County (The Prairie Historian Vol. 9, No. 3, Sept. 1979). I then found four **Latta** men who were listed in the WWII draft for Jefferson County, two of which were sons of James and Minnie. Listed were Claude Calvin **Latta**, born 13 Mar. 1895 (colored) and James Glen **Latta**, born 23 Sept. 1898 (white). Googling further, I found the **Chambliss** family tree which listed Minnie **Chambliss**, born Oct. 27, 1869 in Farrington, Jefferson Co., IL, daughter of Joseph James **Chambliss**, Jr. and Matilda Jane **Mitchell**. James Monroe **Latta** was listed as the son of John M. **Latta** and Rebecca J. **Crawford** of Farrington, Jefferson Co., IL. Further information came up on the family of John M. **Latta** and Rebecca J. **Crawford**. John M. **Latta** was the son of Calvin **Latta**, born about 1812 in North Carolina. Calvin married Aminta **Mitchell**, who was born about 1820 in Tennessee. Calvin and Arminta also had a daughter named Mary E. **Latta** who was born about 1843 in Tennessee. She married Dr. Braxton B. **Spawr** on Nov. 5, 1859 in Jefferson County, Illinois. Further investigation showed an inquiry from Bill **Latta** of Kansas City, MO, on a message board asking for information on Calvin **Latta** who married Arminta **Mitchell**. He stated that Calvin's father was John J. **Latta**, who married Elizabeth **Wood**. Looking at the **Latta** Index on our website, I found Calvin **Latta** who married Arminta **Mitchell** in Branch 31. That allows me to add some of the information found in Note 11 to Branch 31.

See how easy that was. And it only took me

about 45 minutes worth of work. So go ahead, jump in there and look at the Branch Notes and see if you can help us out and find which branches they belong to. Cheryl Sue **Lattea Cox**, suelatteacox@yahoo.com, Branch Coordinator.

2. Starting with me: Sheila Gretchen **Roberson**, Father Rutherford Lee **Roberson** /his father Rutherford Hoyt **Roberson** /his mother Floyce Lee **Latta Roberson**. She was born Sept 8, 1914 in Tallapoosa County, AL. Her mother Nannie (Nancy?) Lou **Stewart** was born about 1888 in Alabama. (Poplar Springs, Tallapoosa County, as well as Pearsons Cross Roads, Chambers County, AL were names on the census reports)

Her father Wiley Elliot (Ellot) **Latta** born Sept 9, 1884, died Dec 15, 1971 Shelby County Alabama. His mother Emma L. **Fincher**, born July 29, 1860, died Aug. 3, 1935 married in 1883 to Earl H **Latta** born about Oct. 1852, or 1856. (Cowpens mentioned as area they may have lived). Some siblings: George, Martha, Mary?, Lonie, William. Earl's brother William was born in Georgia and married Mary Ann ? from Florida.

Earl's father (William?) **Latta** born in GA, could not find date. Earl's mother, Laura was born in South Carolina(?) around 1840. On the 1880 census it shows Laura as widowed and living with her son William, 24, as well as Earl 16, and Mary 14. That's about all I have found.

Wiley Elliot **Latta** and Nannie Lou's children:

Floyce Lee **Latta Roberson**, Dadeville, Dudleyville, Tallapoosa County, AL.

Kenneth **Latta** (He changed his spelling to **Laddie**, and all his family kept that spelling).

Olen **Latta** (Kenneth and Olen lived in and around Shelby County, AL).

J. C. **Latta**.

Mary Kate **Latta Gaither** (these two lived in the Chambers County area).

Exa **Latta Morgan** (Dudleyville, AL).

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Lily May **Latta** (died about 12 yrs old, fever?)

Any light you can shed will be wonderful.

Thanks, Sheila **Roberson**,
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3. Subject: William Homer **Latta**, Papers

To: mascref@wsu.edu

To whom it may concern; I am W.H. **Latta's** Grandson (William Clayton, Father). As near as I can determine, I am one of a very few living descendants of W.H. and Minnie **Clayton Latta**; the others being my Half-Brother, Richard Lytle's children (two boys, one girl), and my Uncle Arthur L.'s daughter.

I am in the area on business (Lewiston), and I have just recently learned of the existence of this repository of W.H.'s papers through the Latta Genealogy Society (LGS). I would like to drop by on Tuesday of this coming week, and view the documents, with the intention of having copies made for myself and the LGS. The Reference # is : 7248900339; OCLC # 29852884.

Your kind assistance will be greatly appreciated. Sincerely Yours, B. Mitchel **Latta**.

Well, I've planned my work, and worked my plan all winter long; and, I am nearly ready for the long awaited trip to Washington State University, Pullman. I plan to leave Vancouver for Pullman on the 6th of June, for the week. I'm getting on the road a little later in the year than I had expected, but I had a couple of unexpected things crop up over the spring that set me back a month.

I now have a new DSLR camera, with very fast 35 & 50 mm prime lenses, a remote trigger; and a new, very sturdy, tripod to mount said camera on (above the material to be photographed). I have tested the system, and it works very well. I have an eight plus hour LED light source, with associated battery, for the camera. I have fabricated a felt lined book holder, that will allow me to hold Grandfather's book open at 90 to 100 degrees, with a very simple photographed page holding mechanism.

For that information which is not bound, I have a hand scanner, and a clipboard with plastic pouch, that will allow me to place any particular page within the pouch, and hold it securely in place without putting any strain on said page, or being required to touch the pages with the scanner.

Since much of the information is on onion-skin, I have a "Polar White" page backer to eliminate page bleed-through.

Finally, I have a netbook, with the appropriate software to view and/or convert the RAW camera (*.nef) files into *.jpeg, *.png, and *.pdf, so that I can review the days work, when I return to the motel.

In addition, I have extra batteries, memory cards, battery chargers, cables, instructions sheets, etc. I have all of this packaged into what I call my camera kit (a duffel bag on wheels).

I plan to convert and compile the documentation, obtained during the trip, into *.pdf documents during the coming summer, and place these on CD-ROM; along with the original files. It is my intent to include all intermediate materials. These CD-ROMs will be made available to those with an interest, as well as to any of the repositories showing interest.

Let me know if you should have any problems with this proposed plan. Fabrication is ongoing as I write this; as some of the parts to fabricate a couple of electrical cables, etc., have not arrived. B. Mitchel **Latta**.

Howdy all; Well, I'm back. I had a very successful trip to Pullman. I found the on-campus "summer hotel," and it was a good stay. Ninety dollars a night cheaper than the motels in the surrounding area. The beds, however, give new meaning to the term "Rack". If you have any lumps or bumps, these puppies will definitely beat them smooth. Next time, an air mattress will be added to my arsenal.

I was given a separate room to work in, by the Library Staff. They had the **Latta** and **Kramer** materials asked for, waiting for me. I am so glad that I decided to bring the HP AIO scanner along, as it saved me tons of work. I was able to scan

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pages at 600 dpi directly onto a SC card. This I loaded into my netbook, and did a QC review. As a result of this, I caught a page or two that I had not scanned, as they stuck to the back of the previous page. I did the same with all pages photographed with my Nikon. I was a bit surprised at how well I was prepared for this trip, as every time I needed something, I had it right at hand; Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance, I guess.

I worked pretty steadily for a day and a half, without lunch breaks, and just as I was getting everything ready to pack up, the Library Assistant asked me if I would be interested in looking at another book by my Grandfather, located in a connecting library. I said sure, and I'm really glad that I did. It was a copy of the 50th Anniversary of the Pullman Presbyterian Church, and about 6 or 7 pages in, was a photograph of my Grandfather and my Grandmother (last remaining Charter Members). I have many photographs of my Grandfather, but had no knowledge of what my Grandmother looked like. I had only seen her once when I was a boy of 4 or 5, and she was sick in bed, with her back to me. I do remember a mass of gray hair, and the room (parlor) she was in. This book took an additional day to scan in, as the book had a very narrow gutter. These scans I looked at in great detail, to assure that all information scanned in correctly.

The **Latta** materials were of varying quality, and some copied well; but the book (the prize), was another matter. There were/are only four copies in existence; one to my Aunt Alice, one to my Uncle Arthur, one to my Father William C., and the copy in the repository. I'm assuming that the repository copy is/was the poorest of all the copies. As I have indicated in a previous missive, "wore out typewriter ribbon on old onionskin". I checked each page for legibility, but the contrast is quite low, even though I used a "lunar white" backer to cut bleed-through. It is readable on the screen, without difficulty; but direct printing,

without editing, has been mostly disappointing. I have some editing software that I will be utilizing to pull up the contrast and eliminate much of the background. I should have the entire book, and the other associated files, in *.pdf format, ready for distribution, sometime during this coming September. I will keep you apprised of my progress. It will be a large file set, so distribution will necessarily have to be via CD-ROM, "Thumb-Drive," etc.

As a last thought, I decided to document the site where my Grandfather's and Grandmother's house used to set, at B St. and Stadium Way (NE quadrant). The house was removed, and the land cleared, by the City of Pullman, for payment of back taxes, and sold to the current enterprise, sometime during the early/mid 1970s. I have both photographs and videos of the site. I do not know if photographs exist of the original house. If they do, I will be very much surprised. Cousin Mitch, mlatta@interplususa.net.

4. Been trying to find my **Latta** family history but can't seem to get past my Great Grandfather Donald A. **Latta** married to Aleta Viola **Durkee**. The children's names were Kay **Latta** (male DOB 8/19/1927 in Iowa), Opie **Latta**, Wanda **Latta**, not sure of any other siblings. Story has it 4 brothers came over on a ship early 1700s I believe settled in Carolina's and possibly fought for the king of England. That's all I know, I hope that you or anybody might have more info. on this **Latta** family. Heidi **Drew**, (owner), Greg's Moving Service, gregsmovingservice@sbcglobal.net.

5. I am hoping to find folks that may have photos or stories about Lawrence and Stella. Lawrence Edward **Latta** was born 17 Sep 1900 in Kimble County, Texas and died 17 Jan 1965 in San Antonio, Texas. He was married to my great aunt, Estelle "Stella" Lee **Calk**, born 4 Mar 1907 in Lytle, Texas, and died 8 Mar 1932 in Del Rio, Texas. I was named after her and only have one photo of her as a child. I found out that Lawrence married a Helen Elaine **Uln** later on in life. His father, Oscar L. **Latta**, Kimble County Sheriff, and Texas Ranger Lived in Kimble County, Texas

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before moving to Del Rio where he lived the remainder of his life. I would love to connect to anyone that may have family photos or stories about Lawrence and/or Stella. Sincerely, Stella (**Calk**) **Lawson**,
<http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.latta/590/mb.ashx>.

6. Hello! Does anyone have a missing Iowa **Latta** in their line? Eugene **Latta** is recorded with his family in Huntsville, AL in the 1870's. There is no known connection to the earlier **Lattas** in the area, all members of Note 03 out of Orange Co., NC. The Iowa **Lattas** were in the area long enough to have built a home in the now historic Twickenham/Old Town section of Huntsville, which has also become a stop along the annual historic tour of homes in Huntsville, 130 years later. Hope these **Lattas** find a branch out there! Cindy **Stiene**, Br. 15, Note 03, Madison, AL, lmjsfs@knology.net.

New Secretary Historian Needed

By: Ken Mueller, President,
Doc Huer@aol.com

We no longer have a Secretary Historian for our Latta Genealogy Society. If you are a member in good standing, and wish to be considered for an appointment to this position, please contact me, or any Board member.

The duties of Secretary Historian are listed in our Society's by laws, see Issue 27, Page 29, Fall 2005. They include:

The Secretary Historian shall record all actions of the Board, preserve a record of all activities of the Society, provide a report of the Society's activities for each publication of the newsletter, make available records of the proceedings of the Board and the Society to any member in good standing or government official with a legal claim.

The Secretary Historian should also keep correspondence for 5 years, which can be on a disk.

If it is printed in the newsletter, that preserves the record.

Next LGS Meeting

By: Ken Mueller, President,
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We are still looking for ideas and volunteers for a Latta Genealogy Society meeting for later this year. If you are interested, please contact me. Also, if you would like to host a regional or local meeting of the Latta Genealogy Society, please contact me.

An annual meeting of our Society is a legal requirement to continue as a tax exempt organization. Any help here would be greatly appreciated. The next newsletter will list a meeting time and place, as legally required.

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Our Latta Genealogy Newsletter is sent to several major libraries, including the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, The Library of Congress, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the Newberry Library in Chicago. This is done to preserve our Latta family history for years to come.

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Latta, South Carolina

From: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Latta, South Carolina- Town - Nickname(s): L-TOWN. Location of Latta in South Carolina: Coordinates: 34°20'18 N 79°25'59 W.

Country United States. State South Carolina. County Dillon. Elevation 105 ft (32 m).

Time zone EST (UTC-5), - Summer (DST) EDT (UTC-4). ZIP code 29565. Area code(s) 843 FIPS code 45-40480[1] GNIS feature ID 1246298[2].

Latta is a town in Dillon County, South Carolina, United States. The population was 1,410 at the 2000 census. The town is the birthplace of soul vocalist Chuck Jackson and opera composer Carlisle Floyd. It is also the hometown of NBA basketball player Raymond Felton, and Major League Soccer soccer player Kevin Sox. This small town also contains one of the many libraries that were started with funds given by Andrew Carnegie, which is located in the center of town.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the

town has a total area of 1.0 square miles (2.7 km²), all of it land.

Demographics

As of the census of 2000, there were 1,410 people, 580 households, and 399 families residing in the town. The population density was 1,358.9 people per square mile (523.5/km²). There were 665 housing units at an average density of 640.9/sq mi (246.9/km²). The racial makeup of the town was 57.94% White, 40.50% African American, 0.71% Native American, 0.07% from other races, and 0.78% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.64% of the population.

There were 580 households out of which 25.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 43.6% were married couples living together, 21.4% had a female householder with no husband present, and 31.2% were non-families. 29.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 15.7% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.43 and the average family size was 3.01.

In the town the population was spread out with 24.0% under the age of 18, 8.9% from 18 to 24, 23.8% from 25 to 44, 25.2% from 45 to 64, and 18.2% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 41 years. For every 100 females there were 74.7 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 68.3 males.

The median income for a household in the town was \$25,833, and the median income for a family was \$36,406. Males had a median income of \$30,714 versus \$19,583 for females. The per capita income for the town was \$17,451. About 16.5% of families and 21.2% of the population were below the poverty line, including 24.9% of those under age 18 and 31.4% of those age 65 or over.

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