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Office of
Augusta & Savannah R.R.

July 15th. 1896.

Alexander R. Lawton

President of this Corporation, entered into rest July 2nd.
1896.

He was known to all as a diplomat honored and renowned for his able protection of American interests; as a heroic and valiant soldier; as a successful and learned attorney, preeminent for wise counsel; as a courteous and hospitable gentleman, and a chivalrous and christian man. To this Board he was known as an untiring, devoted and loyal officer. At the incorporation of the company he was chosen president and completed the road without a dollar's indebtedness. He surrendered his office and remained a director until the troublesome times of the reorganization of the Central system came upon us, when he was again called to the helm and brought the company into a port of safety.

Resolved Therefore Unanimously, That in the death of General Lawton the company has lost its oldest, truest and most devoted officer. That words cannot define the magnitude of this loss nor sufficiently express our appreciation of his eminent ability. That we, his associates in the management, to whom he always extended that courtly friendship and warmth of affection so rarely found in business association, realize there is a presence gone and a voice silenced forever.

Resolved Further, That we tender to his family our sincere sympathy, asking to be permitted to share their sorrow. That these resolu-

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tions be entered on the Minutes of the Directory, and a copy be transmitted to them by the secretary.

Adopted at a special meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Augusta & Savannah R. R.
held this 15th. day of July 1896.

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H. H. Hull,
Secretary.

General Alexander Robert Lawton

departed this life, July 2nd, 1896, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. No recapitulation of the events of his life can make his merits more distinguished or add to his recognized eminence as a citizen or to his acknowledged virtues as a man. The first belongs to his country, the latter are most precious to the community in which he moved and served.

In the councils of his state he was eloquent and wise; in the assertion of her sovereign honor, patriotic, self-sacrificing, brave; among the first to answer her call to arms, he offered his life and shed his blood in the vindication of her cause and that of the Confederate States.

Eminent in his profession as in legislation and in arms, he was accredited a national representative to one of the foremost and most punctilious European sovereignties, where his ripe discretion and courtly manners invited favor to himself and advantage to his country.

In the midst of such distinctions there was none he valued more than the office of Trustee of the University of Georgia, which he had held at his death for more than a fifth of a century. Associated during his long tenure of this important office with many of the most eminent and trusted citizens of the state, he was conspicuous for his unvarying devotion to duty, for his wise counsels, and his keen solicitude for the welfare of the University in all its departments and relations. Uniting with these qualifications the brilliant experiences of an eminent career and the broad scholarship of his great profession, he was finally awarded the highest honors that institution could confer.

Just in his dealings with his fellow men, faithful to all the obligations of his social relations, in hospitality unstinted, in charity generous, in religion "pure and undefiled", it is well to cherish the hope, that the honors of his noble life are consummated in eternal reward.

Therefore, resolved by the University Club of Savannah, that we deplore the demise of our late Honorary Member, General Alexander Robert Lawton, that the Secretary inscribe these proceedings upon a separate page of our minutes, that he cause them to be duly published, and that he transmit a copy of the same to the widow of the deceased.

W. W. Gordon Jr.

P. W. Meldrim

Wm. L. Clay

A. A. Lawrence,

Committee.

Savannah, Ga. December 5th, 1896.

A true copy: Davis Freeman, Secretary.