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Sumter, S. C. 29150
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Dear Cousins,

The month of June approaches
And from all across the land,
The Lawton folks are planning
For the gathering of the clan.

That's right - - - the date this year for our reunion is Saturday, June 8th, at Edisto Island. This is one reunion you will not want to miss. Here's why: On Friday evening, June 7th, from 8:00 o'clock on, we have all been invited to the lovely home of Cousin Billy Mc Leod and his sister, Mrs. Rose Barnwell. They live on James Island at 325 Country Club Drive. How to get there? Where Highways 700 and 171 divide in Charleston, take 171 toward Folly Beach. After crossing Wappoo Bridge, turn left at the light, go 150 yards, and turn right. Theirs is a large house with tall columns on the front.

After the informal reception, out-of-town relatives will want to stay in a motel of their choice in Charleston. You may make your own reservations and arrangements with one of these suggested motels: Holiday Inn (Highway 171 South, Box 3366), Charleston Inn (35 Lockwood Drive), Holiday Inn (Downtown, Meeting at Calhoun St.), Sheraton-Ft. Sumter Hotel (No. 1 King St.), all with addresses of Charleston, S. C.

The reunion will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 A. M. with registration beginning at 9:30. We have secured a school house on Edisto Island where we will have both our meeting and the luncheon at \$1.25 per plate. As you travel South on Highway 174, the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church is on the left, with the school about a mile beyond the church on the right. Both are on the main road to Edisto Beach, about 37 miles from Charleston.

This year we have planned to have no speaker, since we feel that there are a number of our own group who have interesting and varied facts and stories. Come prepared to be "on the program" if you wish. Of course, we may have to limit ourselves in the interest of time. Bring any historical information you may wish to display.



The highlight of this year's reunion will be the formal unveiling and dedication of the cenotaph to Captain William Lawton which has been erected in the yard of the Presbyterian Church. This will take place just after the lunch, with a brief but meaningful service. Those who wish to have a share financially in the erection of this cenotaph may mail your contributions to us or bring them to the reunion, if you prefer. This unveiling is a once-in-a-lifetime event which you will certainly not want to miss!

Now here is some general information you will want to have concerning our reunion:

We will have available for sale copies of the South Carolina Historical Magazine with Tom Lawton's article on Captain William Lawton.

French-fold note paper with the Lawton coat-of-arms will be on sale for \$1.00 per box, as last year. If you are unable to attend the reunion, we will mail this to you for \$1.25 per box.

We are open for invitations for a meeting place in 1969.

We shall have the usual recognitions, family data, and such other matters as we are all interested in.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please return the enclosed card to us by May 15th if you plan to attend the Friday reception or the Saturday luncheon. We need to know how many to plan for. If we do not hear from you by the 15th, we will assume you have other plans. Also use this card to notify us of any needed corrections or additions to the mailing list.

Thank you for reading this "wordy" letter, but this is one of the fallacies in electing a preacher as your president!!

We're looking forward to seeing you this year at the reunion.

Sincerely,

Kirk and Sarah

J. Kirk Lawton, Jr., President
Sarah S. Lawton, Sec't-Treas.