

LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION REUNION

June 17-18, 1988

HOLIDAY INN

Hardeeville, S. C.

The Lawton & Allied Families Association annual reunion was held in Hardeeville, S.C. at the Holiday Inn June 17-18, 1988. Approximately forty members of the Allied Families met for our traditional get-together on Friday evening. Cora Peeples faithfully provided her display of newspaper clippings about activities of our family during the past year. Please remember to send Cora information about births, marriages, activities, honors and deaths. Newspaper clippings help Cora build an interesting display which she does for us each year and which is appreciated by all. A collection of paintings by a very talented member of the family, Wesley Maxwell Lawton, were on display.

The business meeting began at 10:00 A.M., Saturday. A group of approximately forty-five members and guests were welcomed by Dr. Robert James Lawton, President. The Invocation was given by Wesley Maxwell Lawton. Mrs. Marion R. Lawton (Peggy) gave the Treasurer's report for her son, Russell Lawton, reporting a balance of \$3022.63 in the cemetery fund. Work has been done at the Smyrna Church Cemetery and Robertville Cemetery during the past year. Jack Boineau has found a man to clean the cemetery on Edisto Island where Col. William Lawton is buried. There is extensive work needed to restore this cemetery, brick work and all.

The report of the Historian, Cora Peeples, will be attached to the Minutes. This includes births, marriages and deaths. This report will be as complete as the information which you send to Cora.

Dr. Gerald M. Church (Gerry) reported for the Bibliography Committee. He requested that any members with suggestions for information which can be added to the Bibliography contact Lucille Dickinson, Catherine Moore, Robert Peeples, Thomas Lawton or Gerry Church.

Tommy Lawton reported that work is continuing on Incorporating a Lawton Family Association.

A proposal for a marker for Col. William Lawton and his wives was discussed. Tommy Lawton will work with Jack Boineau to determine what needs to be done at the Edisto Cemetery.

Dr. Peeples reported that \$1049.00 has been collected toward a monument to Pierre Robert to be located at the church at St. James, Santee.

Copies of the new printing of "Our Family Circle" are now available from Cora Peeples (\$25.00 plus \$2.50 Postage). Five dollars goes toward the family cemetery fund. We all would like to thank Cora for making this new printing possible.

Next, each family group introduced their individual members and gave their relationship to the Lawton family tree.

Dr. Gerald M. Church, Program Chairman, presented our speaker for the reunion - our own Reverend Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples. Robert gave a very informative talk on "The History of Early Robertville". At the conclusion of Robert's talk we adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened after a delicious (and I do mean delicious) buffet lunch and Marissa Jane Hunt (Granddaughter of Jane and Gerry Church) recited a poem which she had composed about the reunion.

THE LAWTON REUNION

"The Reunion is here!
The Reunion is here!"
The voice is still ringing in my ear

Welcome Lawtons' the old sign says,
The Lawton Reunion should last 3 days,
At the Holiday Inn the speech will be given,
For all the Lawton's descendents that are still livin!

From England the Sir William came,
To bring the Lawton family name,
And here and now we celebrate,
The Lawton people, so, so great

And for 3 days we reunite,
For sometimes days and sometimes, night,
To remember where the Lawtons came,
And celebrate the Lawton Name!

By Merissa Jane Hunt, June 1988, 10 years old.

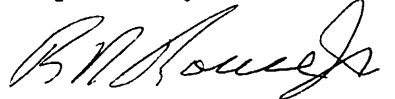
A discussion of the 1989 meeting site concluded with a proposal to meet in Charleston, S.C. Russell Lawton will investigate possible locations to hold the reunion.

Blaine Mikesell gave a very informative presentation of a proposed tour of England for the Lawton and Allied Families in June 1989. By now you should have received additional information on this tour.

Election of officers was held with Dr. Robert J. Lawton accepting the Presidency for one more year. Joseph J. Miller, III was elected Vice President (President elect) and Robert N. Rouse, Jr. was elected Secretary. Russell Lawton was re-elected Treasurer for the cemetery fund and Dr. Gerald M. Church will continue as Program Chairman.

Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples gave the closing prayer and Dr. Robert James Lawton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert N. Rouse, Jr.
Secretary

P.S. Please excuse my tardiness in sending out the Minutes, but Morrelle and I have had many complications in our lives since the meeting in June.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE 1988 REUNION

Col & Mrs Wesley W. Bean, Jr. and Wes (Eleanor Lawton), 10 N. Marsh Rd, Savannah, GA 31410
 Mrs. E. C. Bidez (Sidney Morrison), 27 Nancy Place, Savannah, GA 31406
 Florence LaRoche Blackwell, 1720 Lakeview, Camden, S.C. 29020
 Ms. Patti M. Bostick, Box 939, Beaufort, S.C. 29901
 Dr & Mrs Gerald M. Church (Jane & Gerry), 312 S. Warren, P.O. Box 15, Big Rapids, MI 49307
 Cdr & Mrs. Donald P. Curtis (Donald & Margie), Rt 3, Box 90A, Darlington, S.C. 29532
 Mrs. M. Blair Dickinson (Lucile Lawton), 901 Chapel Hill Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33435
 Marissa Jane Hunt (Granddaughter of Jane & Gerry Church), Humble, TX
 Mrs. Leslie J. Huntley (Connie L.), 205 E. 21st St., Lumberton, N.C. 28358
 Dr. Jane Lawton LaRoche, 101 Green St., Brevard Springs Cottage, Camden, S.C. 29020
 Mr & Mrs Charles Lawton (Caroline & Charles), 28 Oakview, Greenville, S.C. 29605
 Kathryn L. Lawton, 28 Hillcrest Dr., P.O. Box 237, Oviedo, FL 32765
 Mrs. Marion R. Lawton (Peggy), 146 Lawton Ave. N., Estill, S.C. 29918
 Mr. Marion R. Lawton, Jr. (Russell), P.O. Box 16, Folly Beach, S.C. 29439
 Dr. Robert James Lawton (James), 132 Poland St., Waynesboro, VA 22980
 Lt. Col. Rosa T. Lawton, 124 Berry Tree Lane, Myrtle Trace, Conway, S.C. 29526
 Mr Thomas O. Lawton, Jr., 2 Hampton Dr., Allendale, S.C. 29810
 Mr Wesley Maxwell Lawton (Maxwell), 11 N. 29th St., Richmond, VA 23223 46590
 Mr & Mrs D. Blaine Mikesell (Charlotte Lawton & Blaine), 100 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, IND
 Mr & Mrs Joseph J. Miller, III, Route 9, Box 263, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
 Mrs Lawton C. O'Cain, 159 3rd St., East, Estill, S.C. 29918
 Mrs. C. L. Patterson (Edith M.), 3117 Boundary St., Burton, S.C. 29902
 The Rev & Mrs Robert E. H. Peeples (Cora McKenzie & Robert), 8 Moon Shell Rd., Hilton Head
 Island, S.C. 29928
 Mr & Mrs William A. Pope, 50 Palisades Rd., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309
 Carolyn F. Ramsay, 525 Knollwood Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29209
 Mr & Mrs Ernest F. Ramsay (Miriam & Ernest), 142 E. Calhoun St., Denmark, S.C. 29402
 Jane Lawton Ray, One Ascan Ave., Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375
 Dr & Mrs T. M. Rhodes (Frances & Milton), 1162 Buist Ave., North Charleston, S.C. 29406
 Mr & Mrs Robert N. Rouse, Jr. (Morrelle & Bob), 1012 Nottingham Pl., Johnson City, TN 37604
 Mr & Mrs W. B. Watson (Carole & Bailey), 843 Rama Rd, P.O. Box 13294, Charlotte, N.C. 28211
 Martha Deanna Wagoner (Deanna), 9 Broad St., Charleston, S.C. 29401
 Mrs Kenneth L. Wickett (Crystelle Robert), 2461 Ridgmar Plaza, Ft. Worth, TX 27116

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Essie H. Morrison of Savannah, died 7 Oct. 1987, 77 yrs. old, survived by a son, T. W. Morrison, Jr. of Atlanta & a daughter, Mrs. Sally Morrison Payne of Birmingham.

Mrs. Loyer Lawton Zahner, 86, of Atlanta died 22 June 1987, daughter of Edward & Harriette Lawton, survived by her daughter Harriet Zahner Vanhouten, 2 sons: Robert & Kenyon Zahner and 2 sisters: Miss Florence Davant Lawton & Mrs. Susan Lawton Daugherty of Atlanta.

Charles Lawton McCall, 83, died Nov. 1987, descendant of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & his 1st wife, Mrs. Mary Cater Rhodes Lawton; his widow, Lillian (Blue) Clark McCall, died in 1988, survived by 2 sons: Charles Lawton McCall, Jr. and Walton Clark McCall.

Miss Annie Dasher Ramsey, 78, died 4 Jan. 1988, survived by her brother, Ernest F. Ramsey of Denmark, SC and sister, Mrs. Mildred Weiss of Alexandria, Va., descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert.

Mrs. Lona Ruth Miller Thomas, 83, widow of Henry B. Thomas, died 18 Dec. 1987, Shreveport, La., descendant of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & of Benj. T.D. Lawton.

Richard Arthur Vaughn, 57, died 23 Dec. 1987, buried in Lawtonville Cemetery, survived by Mrs. Barbara Morrison Vaughn, descendant of Benj. T. D. Lawton.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Medlock Wilkins, born 3 Feb. 1919 in Estill, daughter of John Lawton & Etta May (Blossie Ellis) Medlock, died 4 Oct. 1987, survived by daughters: Mrs. Richard Larry (Nancy Ann Wilkins) Jones, Mrs. Robert Grover (Gloria Wilkins) Wirtz and Jean Roberts Wilkins, and a son John Wesley Wilkins, descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert, B.T.D. Lawton and Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.

Robert Josiah Willingham, III (1 Apr 1912-27 Aug 1987), Wilmington, NC, Past President of this Assn., survived by 3 sons by his 1st wife: R.J. Willingham, IV, Michael Glenn & Stephen McCrae Willingham.

Mrs. Albert L. (Amelia Kanehl) Youmans (24 Jan 1899-3 Jul 1987), survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. Lewis (Meta Youmans) Guttis, Jr. of Lexington & Mrs. Louise Youmans Kinley of Charleston, descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert.

Albert S. ("Jock") Lawton, 87, died 1 Sep 1987 in Jacksonville, Fla., survived by his wife Tayloe Corbin Lawton & 3 daughters: Mrs. Tayloe Lawton Graves of Jacksonville, Mrs. Marian Lawton Langford of Tallahassee, Fl. & Mrs. Susan Lawton Butz of Fairfax, Va.

Kenneth L. Wickett, 92, died 3 Jan 1988 in Fort Worth, TX, husband of Mrs. Crystelle Robert Wickett, descendant of Capt. Peter & Anne (Grimball) Robert who left Robertville in 1803 for Mississippi.

Dr. Edward H. Wyman died 26 Jul 1987 in Jacksonville, Fla., son of Dr. Delacy Evelyn & Allene (Lawton) Wyman of Lena, survived by his wife, Mrs. Geraldine P. Wyman, 3 daughters: Mrs. Loretta Wyman Pillam, Mrs. Pamela Wyman Berneth & Mrs. Allene Wyman Parnell, 2 sons: Edward H. & DeLacy M. Wyman, & a sister, Mrs. Allene Wyman Stone of Greenville.

Mrs. Louise Johnston Barnes died 8 Oct. 1987, survived by a son, Eugene Lawton Rhodes, descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert and of Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

Hiram Bingham, Jr. died 12 Jan 1988 in Atlanta, survived by his mother, Mrs. Rose Lawton Morrison Bingham, 4 brothers, 7 sons & 4 daughters.

Benjamin Bostick, 91, died 21 Aug 1987 in Beaufort, descendant of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827), survived by a son Benjamin, Jr. of Olney, Md. & a daughter Patti Major Bostick of Beaufort, 3 sisters: Mrs. Jane Bostick Gamble of Kingstree, Miss Eliza Bostick of Charleston & Mrs. William Rogers of Atlanta, & a brother J. C. Bostick of Beaufort.

Mrs. Lilah Peoples Chisolm (6 May 1916-1 Jul 1987), only daughter of the late Stoney Lawton & Ethel (Rhodes) Peoples of Estill, survived by sons

- William Dee Chisolm, Jr. & Col. Stoney Peeples Chisolm & a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Elaine Chisolm) Johnson.
- Henry Franklin Colquitt died 4 Nov 1987, survived by 3 sisters: Mrs. W. G. Beauregard of Benton, La., Mrs. Claude D. Moore of Vivian, La. & Mrs. J. L. King of Phoenix & 2 brothers: Charles H. & William A. Colquitt of Shreveport, La.
- Dr. Henry Edward Crosby died 24 Dec 1987, son of Mrs. Dale Theus Crosby Pinckney & the late Henry Edward Crosby of Grahamville, survived by his wife Mrs. Patricia McCollum Crosby, a daughter Shelly L. Crosby & 2 sons: Henry E., Jr. and Christopher T. Crosby, descendants of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & Benjamin T. D. Lawton of Lawtonville.
- Mrs. Susan Hard Lawton Daugherty, widow of Carl Francis Daugherty of Atlanta, died 2 March 1988, survived by a daughter Susan Lawton Daugherty & 4 sons: Francis, Jr., Edward L., William H. & Rev. Lawton Daugherty & a sister, Miss Florence Davant Lawton of Atlanta.
- Mrs. Louella Lawton Gibson, 99, of Hampton, widow of Robert A. Gibson, died 25 July 1987, daughter of the late Judson & Adelaide (Reynolds) Lawton of Lawtonville and Beaufort.
- Winchester Graham, 90, of Columbia died 22 Aug 1987, son of the late Harry & Jenny (Kirkland) Graham, survived by a daughter: Mrs. Ida L. Pierson of Jacksonville, Fla., 2 sons: Frank & James Graham of Columbia, 3 sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds, Mrs. Corey Harvey Yancey Frost & Miss Grace Graham, & 2 brothers: Reuben & Hunt Graham of Texas, all descendants of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827) of Robertville.
- Mrs. Stella Ihly Henderson, 85, died 21 Aug 1987 in Savannah, survived by two sons: Col. Lindsey Patterson Henderson, Jr. & Robert Thomas Henderson, all descendants of II Landgrave Thomas Smith (1670-1738).
- Leslie John Huntley (14 May 1906-17 May 1988), Lumberton, NC attorney, husband of Maude Constance ("Connie") Lawton Huntley, Past President of this Assn.; they have 2 daughters: Mrs. Mary Huntley Floyd Bowen & Mrs. Rosa Lawton Huntley Moffat Howard.
- Mrs. Rosalie Spann Laffitte, 80, widow of Charles Atkins Laffitte; died 24 Sep 1987, buried in Lawtonville Cemetery, survived by 3 sons: Charles A., Jr., Henry Spann & Montague T. Laffitte, descendants of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & Benjamin T.D. Lawton.
- Frank Brabham Kirkland, 78, of Charlotte died 27 March 1988, survived by his wife Mrs. Janie Beth Carter Kirkland, a daughter: Mrs. H. Perdue of Summerville, SC & a sister: Mrs. Inez K. Hartzog of Bamberg, all descendants of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827).
- Mrs. Nell Peeples Lightsey of Varnville died 16 Aug 1987, survived by her husband Norris Lightsey & 2 daughters: Mrs. Moses Tucker (Nell Lightsey) Laffitte, Jr. of Columbia & Mrs. Margaret Lightsey McMillan of Hampton, descendants of Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

MARRIAGES

- Mollie Wannamaker Crouse, daughter of Wiley Harrison & Camille Crouse of Charlotte, married 7 Nov 1987 Charles Evans Henton. The wedding ring formerly belonged to her great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Izlar.
- Lalla Lee Laffitte, daughter of Dr. Moses Tucker & Nell (Lightsey) Laffitte, Jr. of Columbia, married 24 June 1987 George Earle Compson, III.
- Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arlen Miller of Garwood, married 29 Aug 1987 Marvin Allen Wilson, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence A. Wilson of Palestine, Texas. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maner Bostick of Estill.
- Paul Graham Mikell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Winborn Lawton Mikell of Estill, married 26 Sep 1987 LeAnn Marie Westendorf, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick E. Westendorf of Varnville.

BIRTHS

Brooke Vincent Randolph, born 20 July 1987 Anderson, SC, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rodger (Jane Vincent) Randolph of Murray, Ky.; he has a sister, Lauren. They are grandchildren of Dr. Hugh Edward Vincent, Jr., descendant of William Henry Lawton & Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

Keith Harrison Crouse, son of Wiley Harrison & Lindsay Crouse, Jr. of Charlotte, NC and grandson of Wiley H. & Camille Willingham Izlar Crouse.

Robert Lee Discher, born 20 Nov 1987, son of Charles Alford & Katherine C. Oliver Discher, Jr., a Benjamin T. D. Lawton descendant.

Emily Lauren Settle, born March 1987, daughter of John & Mary Hallie Colquitt Settle, a descendant of Alexander Benjamin & Narcissa Melissa (Lawton) Lawton.

Kurt Talmadge Lawton, born 11 May 1988, 6 lbs. 13 oz., son of Brewton and Joni Lawton of Augusta, Ga.; he has a 3-yr. old brother.

Graham Lawton O'Cain, born 2 Dec 1987, daughter of "Scooter" and Tammy O'Cain of Estill; her brother, Adams Clarke O'Cain was born 31 Dec 1985.

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Roberts of Monroe, La. died 29 Nov 1987 "2½ months short of her 100th birthday", survived by her son Ed Roberts and her daughter, Sara, of Monroe, La., descendants of Jean, son of Rev. Pierre Robert.

Robert Ridgeway Rice of Brickhouse Plantation, Wiggins, SC, died 12 May 1988 in Charleston, son of the late James Henry & Jennie Maner Rice, descendant of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827).

Claudius L'Artigue Rhodes, 71, died 26 May 1988 in Columbia, son of George & Emmie (Fishbourne) Rhodes of Hampton Co., survived by his wife Ann Mauld Rhodes, 2 daughters: Mrs. Gwenda Rhodes Yarborough of Mount Pleasant and Mrs. Claudia Rhodes Russ of Columbia, and a brother, George L. Rhodes of Charleston, as well as three grandchildren. His great-grandparents were Deacon George & Eliza Jane (Robert) Rhodes of The Hermitage Plantation, Lawtonville.