

EDNA LAWTON DIES IN SAVANNAH HOSPITAL

Sister of Local Woman Passes Away After Beautiful and Useful Life

Her many friends here were shocked last week to hear of the death of Miss Edna Lawton, of Beaufort, a sister of Mrs. R. H. Gibson, of this place. Miss Lawton had many friends here, and her death is universally mourned.

She died in the Telfair hospital at Savannah, where she had gone a few days before for medical treatment. She had spent most of her life in Beaufort, and was loved by all who knew her in that community.

Edna Earl Lawton was born December 27th, 1883, at Rose Mount, Screven county, Georgia.

The family moved to Beaufort early in her life and immediately became a vital part of the life of the old town, which was the birthplace and home of her mother Adelaide E. Reynolds.

Finishing at Beaufort high school, Miss Lawton later took a course in Savannah at the Richmond Business college, accepting from there a position with Reppard Schnedker & Co.

She later held several other positions, and was with the office of Spears and Want, attorneys, at Darlington, where she was when the illness came upon her that finally caused her death.

Her death causes the first break in the group of sisters.

Those surviving in her immediate family are: her mother Mrs. Judson Lawton, of Beaufort, and five sisters, namely: Mrs. J. H. Haynesworth, of Savannah, Ga., Miss Minna Lawton, Savannah, Ga., Miss Florence Lawton of Bennettsville, Mrs. R. H. Gibson, Hampton, and Miss Estelle Lawton, of Beaufort, and two brothers-in-law, Capt. J. H. Haynesworth, and Mr. R. H. Gibson.

The remains were taken to Beaufort last Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were preached at the Charles Street Baptist church, the Rev. C. H. Mount being in charge of the services. The interment was in the family lot in the church yard.

The pallbearers were: William Kinghorn, Niels Christensen, Joseph Walpole, R. V. Bray, Jr., William Roberts and Rivers Varn.

Gen. Lawton Led Units in Seizure of Historic Fort

BY W. E. JACKSON

Another man well known to Savannah and who had part in the history of Fort Pulaski was Gen. A. R. Lawton. General Lawton was born November 4, 1818 in St. Peters parish, Beaufort district, S. C. He later lived and went to school in Savannah. In July, 1835, he entered West Point Military Institute and in 1839 graduated as a lieutenant of the First Artillery Regiment. Disliking a military life he resigned his appointment in 1841 and entered Harvard Law School. After 1843 he practiced law in Savannah, and was elected president of the Augusta and Savannah Railroad. In 1855-56, he served as representative in the state Legislature. By 1860, he was a state senator and took an active part in the secession movement.

After the people of Savannah had thoroughly discussed and considered the seizure of Port Pulaski, and after a final conference with Governor Brown, Colonel Lawton then commanding the First Regiment of Georgia was ordered by Governor Brown, on January 2, 1861, to take possession of the fort. The next day, Colonel Lawton took possession of the fort with the following forces: detachments from the Chatham Artillery, Captain Claghorn; the Savannah Volunteer Guards, Captain Screven, and the Oglethorpe Light Infantry, Captain Bartow.

Colonel Lawton became a brigadier general and was in charge of the military district of Savannah. He began to organize forces for the defense of the coast. In February, 1862, when General Lee was ordered to Richmond, General Lawton succeeded to the command of the military district of Georgia.

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Mrs. St. John Alison President General of

SUMMERVILLE, Jan. 11 (Special) —Mrs. Ruth Jennings Lawton, a former president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, died here today. She was the widow of St. John Alison Lawton of Lawton Plantation, James Island.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a. m. Tuesday at St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, James Island. The Rev. Walter D. Roberts and the Rev. Edward B. Guerry will officite. Burial, directed by Parks Funeral Home, will be in the churchyard.

Mrs. Lawton served as president general of UDC from 1925 through 1927. She also was a historian general of the organization in 1922.

In addition, she served as president of two UDC Divisions, that of Virginia, her birthplace, and of South Carolina.

She was born April 7, 1872, in Lynchburg, Va., a daughter of Tipton David Jennings and Mrs. Anne Seay Jennings. Following her marriage to Mr. Lawton, an engineer and plantation owner, she lived in Charleston at 43 South Battery and later at the Lawton Plantation on James Island. Since Mr. Lawton's death in 1947, she made her home at the Squirrel Inn here. She was a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church here.

She was known throughout the UDC organization for her work in its historical department. In 1935 she was honored by the UDC by being named one of a committee of two to select the first project for a Jefferson Davis Historical Foundation, which she had helped establish. She donated the Hyde-Campbell Essay Cup to be awarded by the UDC.

Surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Leslie R. Dyer of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Joseph C. Gilbert of Sumter.

MRS. GUILIELMA LAWTON READ DIES

Was Well Known and Was Popular
With Many Friends.

The death early this morning of Mrs. Guilielma Lawton Read, wife of Abram C. Read, removes a widely loved Savannahian, who spent her entire life here and claimed a vast host of friends who grieve for her.

Mrs. Read was the daughter of Dr. William S. Lawton and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Lawton. The latter was the daughter of the well-known Georgian, Seaborn Jones. She was also the niece of the late Gen. Alexander R. Lawton. During her youth she lived in the old Lawton home on Lafayette Square, which was one of the social centers of the community, well known for its representative gatherings. She claimed an unusually large circle of friends whose devotion increased during the latter years of her life when her long illness was a source of grief to so many.

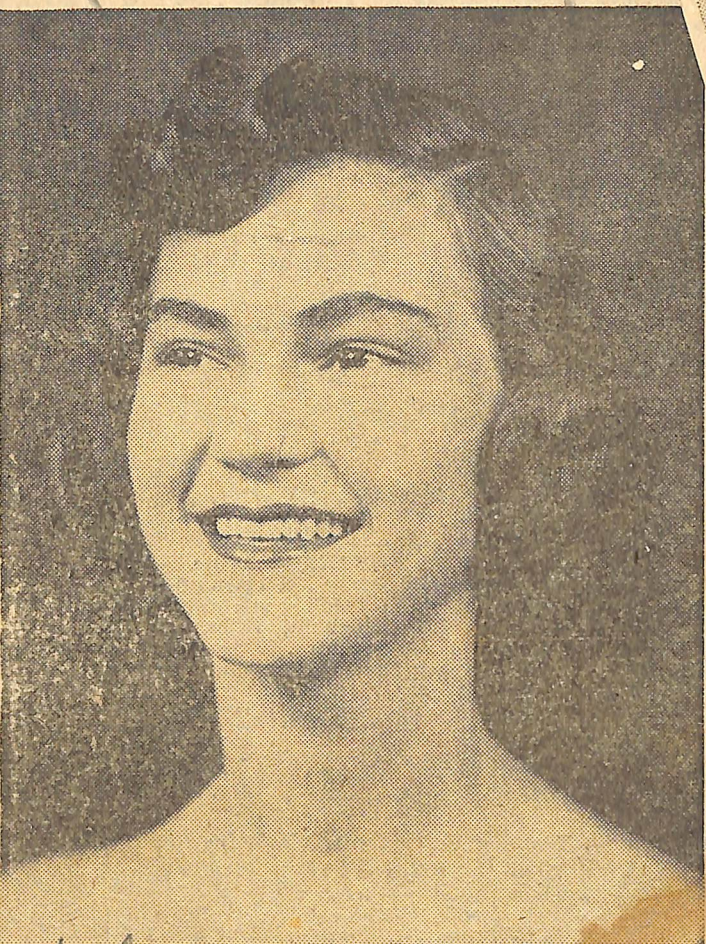
Always cheerful and possessing a lovable and charming personality, she was especially admired for her cheerful spirit and fortitude during her illness. A communicant of Christ Church, she was a devoted and active member. She possessed a beautiful Christian nature.

Mrs. Read is survived by her husband, Aaron C. Read; one daughter, Miss Anne Read, and one sister, Mrs. Emily Lawton Garrard.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, 118 East Thirty-fifth street, with private interment in the Lawton-Jones vault at Laurel Grove Cemetery. Rev. David Cady Wright, rector of Christ Church, will conduct the services.

The active pallbearers will be Charles Ellis, Wymberley W. DeRenne, T. Mayhew Cunningham, Jr., George E. Cope, Charlton M. Theus and Frank S. Mackall.

The honorary pallbearers will be J. Randolph Anderson, W. W. Mackall, P. A. Stovall, J. Florence Minis, C. T. Airey and W. D. Judkins.



April 4 **EMMA ANN LAWTON** *1955*
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mannor Lawton of Myrtle Beach announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Ann, and James Carson Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper L. Benton. The wedding will take place June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach.

Fairfax Man Wins Legion of Merit In Guam Assault

Fairfax— (Special) —Maj. Crawford B. Lawton, USMC, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Lawton of Fairfax who recently returned to his base in the Pacific theater after spending a 30-day leave with his family has received the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of duty while serving first as executive officer and later as commanding officer of a landing team during the assault of Guam and throughout the ensuing operations."

The citation, signed by Lt. Gen. H. A. Smith, USMC, reads:

"Major Lawton was largely instrumental in supervising and coordinating the left landing team in a difficult left turn, immediately upon landing and against heavy and accurate enemy fire. At all times throughout the operations he was in front lines exposing himself to enemy fire and inspiring the officers and men of his command by his conspicuous gallantry. His grasp of a situation and his resulting sound decision contributed to the success of his landing team.

"On July 24, 1944, after the 16 officers of two assault infantry companies had become casualties, he assumed command, re-organized the depleted companies into one attack group and continued the assault against strongly resisting forces. Later when organized resistance had ceased on Guam, he ably commanded his battalion in securing and patrolling the southern portion of Guam. His exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services materially aided the success of the operations on Guam and was in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Marine corps."

A graduate of Clemson college, Major Lawton has three brothers in service in the army, Lt. Col. E. G. Lawton, Lt. Col. W. A. Lawton, overseas, and Capt. F. A. Lawton, Fort Dix, N. J.

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DR. FRANCIS A. LAWTON

ESTILL, Jan. 19 (Special)— Funeral services for Dr. Francis Asbury Lawton will be held at the Estill Methodist Church at 11 a. m. Tuesday with the Rev. Joe Sowell, the Rev. J. T. Sanders and the Rev. Joseph Kovach officiating. Interment will follow in Lawtonville Cemetery, under the direction of Peoples Funeral Service of Hampton.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Tressa Stokes Lawton of Estill; four sons, W. A. Lawton of Estill, F. A. Lawton Jr. of Greensboro, N. C., Lt. Col. E. G. Lawton of Arlington, Va, and Lt. Col. C. B. Lawton of Quantico, Va.; one brother, T. O. Lawton of Barton; two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Tonge of Spartanburg and Mrs. O. T. McIntosh of Savannah, and 12 grandchildren.

BOBBY JOE FENNELL

FAIRFAX, Jan. 19 (Special) — Bobby Joe Fennell, 20, son of Mr. [Name] of Fairfax

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COLUMBIA, S. C., TUESDAY

James M. Lawton

**Garnet Native, 44, Dies
In a Vidalia Hospital;
Rites Held in Georgia**

SOPERTON, Ga., Dec. 21—Funeral services for James M. Lawton, 44, native of Garnet, S. C., who died Saturday night in a Vidalia hospital after an illness of one day, were conducted from the Soperton Methodist Church Sunday by the Rev. Ernest Seckinger. Interment was in Westview Cemetery, Soperton.

Mr. Lawton was born and reared in Garnet, the son of Thomas O. Lawton and Nadine White Lawton.

He was owner-operator of the Soperton News, a steward of the Methodist Church. A graduate of Estill, S. C., High School, he attended Clemson College. He was also a pulpwood dealer.

Survivors include his widow, the former Hayes Fowler; two sons, Jimmy and Tom Lawton; three daughters, Nan, Justine and Frances Lawton of Soperton; one brother, Col. Thomas O. Lawton of Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Stiles M. Harper of Estill and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Lawton of Bluffton, S. C.

MRS. JANE LAWTON BOSTICK
BEAUFORT, Feb. 24 (Special)—

Mrs. Jane Lawton Bostick, 82, daughter of the late Benjamin T. and Eliza G. Lawton, died Monday in Beaufort Hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at noon in Black Swamp Methodist Church near Garnett. The Rev. Richard L. Johnson and the Rev. Mr. Ritter will officiate.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Maude B. Allen of Luray; five sons, Benjamin Bostick of Beaufort, the Rev. Edward Bostick of Richmond, Maner L. Bostick of Beaufort; Joseph A. Bostick of Augusta and Decatur R. Bostick of Marion; five daughters, Mrs. William R. LaRoche of Charleston, Mrs. Edward H. Hoge of Mt. Berry, Ga., Mrs. James O. Gamble of Greeleyville, Mrs. Weldon Rogers of St. Louis and Miss Eliza Bostick of Beaufort; a niece; 23 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Ernest A. Rhodes

FOLLY BEACH, S.C. — Ernest Augustus Rhodes, 63, died Monday at a Columbia, S.C., hospital after a long illness.

The Estill, S.C., native was an Army veteran of World War II, a graduate of The Citadel and a member of Folly Beach United Methodist Church. He was retired from the Charleston Naval Shipyard where he was supervisor of electronics module maintenance.

Surviving are two brothers, G. Edward Rhodes of Charleston and Claude L. Rhodes of Columbia.

Funeral: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stuhr's Downtown Chapel in Charleston, burial in Carolina Memorial Gardens in Charleston.

Remembrances: Folly Beach United Methodist Church.

*Ernest A. Rhodes,
shipyard retiree*

FOLLY BEACH

Ernest Augustus Rhodes, 63, died Monday.

Born in Estill, he was a son of the late George and Emmie L'Artigue Fishburne Rhodes. He was a graduate of the Citadel, a World War II Army veteran and a member of Folly Beach United Methodist Church. He was a retired supervisor of the electronics module maintenance facility at Charleston Naval Shipyard.

Surviving are brothers, G. Edward Rhodes of Charleston and Claude L. Rhodes of Columbia.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stuhr's Funeral Home, Downtown Chapel, Charleston, with burial in Carolina Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Folly Beach United Methodist Church.

Deaths and Funerals

ERNEST A. RHODES

Ernest Augustus Rhodes, of 110 West Huron Ave., Folly Beach, a retired supervisor at the Charleston Naval Shipyard, died Monday in a Columbia hospital.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Stuhr's Downtown Chapel. Burial will be in Carolina Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Rhodes was born June 12, 1921, in Estill, a son of George Rhodes and Emmie L'Artigue Fishburne Rhodes. He attended The Citadel and was a member of Folly Beach United Methodist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two brothers, G. Edward Rhodes of Charleston and Claude L. Rhodes of Columbia.

M/SGT. TILDEN H. McGBREW Jr.

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CHARLES L. CHISHOLM

ESTILL — Charles Laughlin Chisholm died Saturday in Clinton.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. today in Lawtonville Cemetery, near Estill. Burial will be directed by Peoples-Rhoden Funeral Home, Estill Chapel.

Mr. Chisholm was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Estill, a son of Milton M. Chisholm and Rubye Peoples Chisholm.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Brady L. Lineberger of Columbia and Mrs. Raymond F. Grenfell of Jack-

Herbert Lee Lawton,
Grahamville, S. C.

RIDGELAND, S. C., Sept. 1-
Herbert Lee Lawton, 74, died t
day at his home in Grahamvil
near Ridgeland after a long il
ness.

Funeral services will be hel
Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock
Ridgeland Baptist Shurch by th
Rev. G. H. Mason. Burial will b
at the Lawtonville Cemetery i
Estill.

Lawton was born Aug. 6, 188
in Hampton County, son of th
late Thomas O. Lawton and Mar
Willingham Lawton. He operate
a sawmill at Lena for thirty year
After retiring, he made his hom
at Grahamville. He was a mem
ber of the Ridgeland Baptis
Church.

Survivors are five sons, Herber
Lee Lawton Jr., Georgetown
Boyce Lawton, Estill, Walker Law
ton, Valdosta, Thomas Lawton, an
DeLacey Lawton, Ridgeland; on
brother, F. A. Lawton, Greenville
three sisters, Mrs. W. S. Lindsey
Columbia, Mrs. K. E. Neely, Spar
tanburg, Mrs. Hugh E. Vincen
Varnville; nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Dr. C. P. Ry
an, Dr. J. O. Ryan, John McKen
zie, Lee Murphy, W. J. Ellis, D. N
Rivers, Lloyd Nettles, Lamar Brad
ley, Willard Mears.

Ridgeland Funeral Home is i
charge of arrangements.

GEN. LAWTON LED UNITS IN SEIZURE

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even Pines, General Lawton was ordered to prepare 5,000 men to move to Richmond on shortest notice. His telegraphic reply was, "My men are ready to march at once and I earnestly request that I be ordered to Virginia with them." His request was granted. His brigade consisted of the 3th, 26th, 31st, 38th, 60th and 61st Georgia regiments, numbering 5,700 men. They were transported as fast as railroad facilities permitted.

Upon his arrival at Petersburg, General Lawton was ordered to re-

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port with his command to Gen. Stonewall Jackson, in the valley and reached him just in time to move rapidly to the attack upon General McClellan's flank at Cold Harbor on June 27 which resulted in the complete rout of the federal army concentrated for the capture of the Confederate capital.

This brigade was commanded by General Lawton in person in the battle of Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, Cedar Mountain, and on the first day of the second Manassas. On that day General Ewell lost his leg and General Lawton was ordered to the command of his division and led it into action on the second and third days of the second Manassas. He continued in command of this division at the battle of Chantilly, at the capture of Harper's Ferry, and at Sharpsburg where he was borne from the field seriously wounded and disabled until May, 1863. In August, 1863, against his protests and desire for active field service, he was appointed quartermaster-general of the Confederacy and capably served in this important position until the end of the war.

After the war, General Lawton practiced law in Savannah and in 1884 was elected president of the American Bar Association. He continued to rise in esteem among his fellow men, and in 1887 was appointed by President Cleveland as minister to Austria and served there until 1889. He returned to Savannah where he lived until his death July 2, 1896.

HERBERT LEE LAWTON

RIDGELAND, Sept. 1 (Special)

— Herbert Lee Lawton, 74, died today at his home in Grahamville near here after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. at Ridgeland Baptist Church with the Rev. Gaines H. Mason officiating. Burial will be in Lawtonville Cemetery at Estill.

He was born Aug. 6, 1880, in

Hampton County, son of the late Thomas O. and Mary Willingham Lawton. He operated a sawmill at Lena for 30 years. After retiring he made his home at Grahamville. He was a member of Ridgeland Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Herbert Lee Lawton of Georgetown, Boyce Lawton of Estill, Walker Lawton of Valdosta, Ga., and Thomas Lawton and DeLacy Lawton of Ridgeland; a brother, F. A. Lawton of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. W. S. Lindsey of Columbia, Mrs. K. E. Neely of Spartanburg and Mrs. Hugh E. Vincent of Varnville, and nine grandchildren.

Friends may call at Ridgeland Funeral Home until the hour of services.

Tablet in Estell - Lanterville
Church. . . Rev. W. A. Linton
Died Feb. 28, 1879. Pastor
of this Church 27 years
erected by Church

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