

ing embraced in the bonds of Christian hope and charity the Pi
of every Denomination."

The other outsider, a Doctor Samuel Perry, was greatly beloved according to the inscription, an implied reason for his placement there amid Bosticks, Maners, Martins. and their kin.

LENA

A feeling of tranquility mounts the heart as one nears the small village of Lena (Station), S. C. Little is left of the settlement that was seemingly so prosperous a few decades ago. Then comes the innersatisfaction of knowing all, as has been well with many those folk born and reared in this little spot. Lena is located where the Nixville Road and the Southern Railroad cross, just east of Filley Branch. This branch is one of, if not, the smallest northern flowing streams in the world, emptying into Lake Warren, S. C. The young folk in the community delighted in some good swimming with the first high water of Spring.

Most of this land, prior to the establishment of the village, belonged to the Lawtons and Morrisons.* Earlier it had belonged to Willingham land. The land east of the railroad belonging to the Lawtons and west of the railroad on to Estill belonging to the Morrisons.

† The original ancestral Lawton home was built by the Willingham family long before the War Between the States, and was occupied by four generations of Lawtons. Mrs. ^{Thomas C.} ~~W. A.~~ Lawton, Sr. was Willingham. This home survived the Civil War only to be razed by fire in March of 1930. The original home site is owned by the grandson, Wesley Lawton, where for years he has owned and operated Lawton Poultry Farm. This family afforded many fine Christians—five missionary sons, five missionary daughters, three Baptist preachers, and two doctors along with many fine laymen. Mrs. ~~W. A.~~ Lawton, Sr. was known for her missionary work in the community among the white and colored. Through her request Mr. Lawton built a one room mission where Sunday School for the colored was held. Later this small building was used for a white school house where Miss Mamie Lawton was the first teacher.

*In this correct
Mrs. W. A. Lawton Sr. etc
I thought is was
my grandmother
Mrs. T. O. Lawton*

* Land given to Anna Cordelia
Peeples Morrison as a wedding
present by her father, Capt.
Edward Hardon Peeples (1811-1892) in 1864.

† Silver Hill Plantation
built 1828

The Joseph Valentine Morrison home set on a hill close by the road, half way between Estill and Lena. This home was built in 1901 and burned in 1942. The home site is owned by Harry S. Morrison, Jr., a great-grandson.

Around 1900, the Southern Railroad built a railroad through these plantations linking Savannah, Ga. and Columbia, S. C. The crewmen camped on ~~W. A.~~ Lawton's land while working. During this time the men learned to know Mr. Lawton's lovely young daughter, ~~Aline~~^{Allene}, and requested that the station be named for her. Since the station of Allendale was so near and the names so similar, Lena was decided upon.

Mr. William Ravenal Tison was the first depot agent, and remained there for forty-five years. The only other agent being Mrs. Bartley Hughes of Furman. until the station closed in December, 1962. The depot building was torn down in January, 1963. The railroad brought much excitement to the little community and soon business starting springing up all around.

Henry S. Morrison built and operated the first store in 1901 until his death in 1912.-This business remained opened until recent years, later being run by Mr. Manny Smith, and then Harry S. Morrison, Sr.

Henry Morrison built two homes, one in 1901 and another in 1906. These houses are still standing and one is presently owned by a grandson, J. F. Wyman, Jr. of Estill.

The original Delacy Wyman house built for his bride, Aline Lawton, is still standing with its gigantic oak in the front so graceful and at peace with the world. This place is now owned by Admiral John B. Mallard, a relative of the Lawtons.

Mr. Ben Peebles built the first brick building—a variety store known as Peebles Supply Company was opened downstairs, and living quarters were upstairs. This building is now owned by W. J. Synott where he and "Bob" Cameron have owned and operated Synott and Cameron Honey Farms, a bee industry that was new to our community during the forties. Mr. Synott also operates E. Z. Tractor Company.

Mr. Herbert Lawton owned and operated the first sawmill. This was in operation shortly after the turn of the century. This was a right large mill employing many people. It was during this time that a hotel was in operation and a bank was chartered in 1912.

Mr. W. B. Trowell bought part of the Joseph Valentine Morrison estate prior to 1931 when he built his home, now standing. Mr. Trowell had the first blacksmith shop, first gritsmill, and was the first in Lena to put down a gasoline pump. While operating the above he also had a sawmill known as the "Push Hard Sawmill." The vehicle used in this business was called the "Leapen Lena." This family produced five fine high school athletes.

Mr. Manny Smith, a pioneer pole and pulpwood agent shipped through Wset Virginia the first poles and pulpwood shipped from this community from Lena in the 1930's.

In recent years, Mrs. G. G. Trowell opened the first florist shop known as "The Village Florist", and the T. R. Trowells have the first nursery.

The Herbert Lawton farm again brought a first to Lena when it was bought by Hagood Pecan Farm (1940's) and pecans were raised there. This farm is presently owned by Louis Pierson, a cattle and pecan farmer.

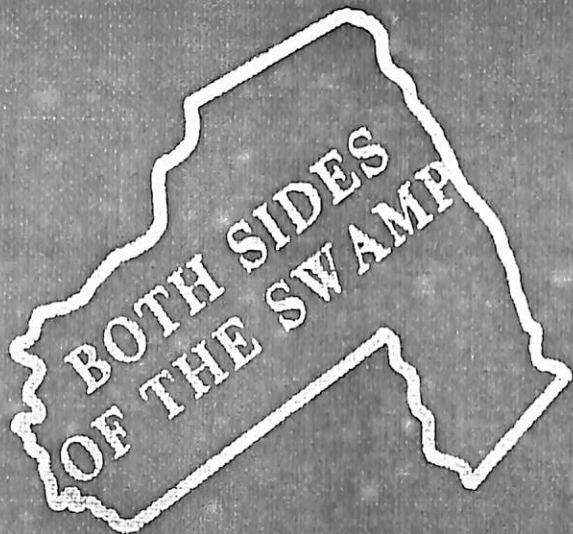


The Willingham Home, later the Lawton Home, now burned.



LAWTON-WILLINGHAM HOUSE
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SOUTH CAROLINA
1828 - 1930

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