

WILSON July 7, 2005

Dear Cousin Robert,

Recently, Paul Laerton sent me the enclosed newspaper article and said it was from the Nov. 5, 1799 City Gazette and Daily Advertiser. I've never heard of this newspaper or of this story. It's so sad and also so strange.

This William Laerton of Black Swamp has to be William Henry Laerton, my great-great-great grandfather. However, I've never heard of any connection to a Gratton family. The next time I see you I'll ask you about this in case you can shed any light on the puzzle.

Hope you and Miss Cora are having a good summer.

Love to you both,  
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