

Hilton Head Island, S. C.  
May 1964

Dear Cousins,

Because we are proud of and thankful to God for our distinguished family connection, we are happy to extend this invitation to you and your family to share in a gala REUNION of the LAWTON & ALLIED FAMILIES on SATURDAY, 13 June 1964, at the National Guard Armory, Allendale, S. C. Registration @ \$1.30 begins 10AM, Call-to-order 10:30 AM. Supervised play for pre-school & elementary school children by Edwina Maner & her Committee includes swimming (life guard on duty) 10AM-Noon so bring their suits & towels. An "old-fashioned fried chicken dinner" with all the trimmings is being prepared for you by the Barton Community Club with Cousin Xania chairing the Food Committee.

In your honor Mrs. Leslie E. Hanna, Jr. (Betty Vincent) will give a Reception in her lovely home on Baker Ave. in Estill 8-10 PM FRIDAY, 12 June. On your behalf we have accepted Betty's gracious invitation. Out-of-towners will want to make advance o/night reservations at one of Allendale's many fine motels: Town & Country, Holiday Inn, Crescent, Allendale, Siesta, Howard Johnson, etc.

Great News! One of South Carolina's VIPs, SAMUEL GAILLARD STONEY ("Fascinating Sam" himself - almost a cousin!), author, lecturer, historian, tour director, etc., has graciously consented to charm us with his anecdotes of "our own Jamestown" (French Santee) and our Robert-Jaudon-DuBourdeaux Huguenot forebears. Thus inspired, you will want several of the Lawton-Robert-Jaudon "coats-of-arms" which will be available from your Secretary.

Your Historiographer, Mrs. Maner Lawton (Alice) Tonge, 166 Clifton Ave., Spartanburg, will brief us on all family births, marriages, deaths & honors. (Your branch of the family will be included if YOU mail all such items to her.) As Custodian of "OUR FAMILY CIRCLE" she reports only 80 copies left. Every family head should have one - a remarkable buy @ \$10 (half of which sweetens our Cemetery Fnd) a most-wanted wedding, baptismal, birthday or Christmas gift.

Those who heard the outstanding speech by Dr. E. L. Inabinett, Director of the South Caroliniana Library where the "LAWTON PAPERS" are deposited, on "The Lawton Family of Robertville" last year are delighted that it is in print @ \$1. We are grateful to Cousin Alice Tonge for accepting custodianship of our 500-copy "private edition". If each family gets several copies, they won't last long; get yours on the 13th - or send Alice \$1.25 to mail you one.

We expect our famous cousin, Carew Rice, world's greatest silhouette artist, to honor our Reunion with his presence. IF you are lucky you may get him to immortalize you & your family with his magic scissors. His address: Wiggins Road, Green Pond, S. C.

Please bring your historic documents, pictures, silver, honors, etc. to display. Your family rejoices with you in sharing them. How we thrilled last year to hear Dr. Martha Erwin Sibley's charming account of how she recovered her gr-grandfather's rare book from heirs of d...yankee arsonists & looters of 1865. We hope to hear from this gracious lady again this year.

Truly, our "cup runneth over"! You are invited by their hospitable owners to visit our three extant ante bellum family plantations: "Rose Lawn", "Gravel Hill" & "Erwinton" on Saturday afternoon. Then Tom Lawton, Jr. will direct our Cemetery Tour of Antioch, Smyrna, Concord, Lawtonville, Robert, Bostick, Blackswamp & Robertville Cemeteries where we all share responsibility for the care of graves of our beloved forebears. More about this later.

If you honor and love your family, do write us whether you'll accept these varied invitations for June 12-13. Thanks to the many gifts for our "operating treasury" in 1963, we managed to weather the annual financial storm; 1964 contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by your Treasurer - and welcomed! Also, do enclose any new names for our mailing list; we don't want to overlook (Heaven help us) anyone "of the blood". God's Blessings.

Faithfully yours,

(Rev.) Robert E. H. Peeples, President

(Mrs.) Cora McKenzie Peeples, Sec.-Treas.