



LAWTON CHILES
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G.M. Church
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Dear G.M.,

Thank you for your letter and enclosures. The "House of Lawton" in Our Family Circle was very exciting.

First, the mix between the Ellis' and the Lawton's. My grandmother on my father's side was Anna Mariah Ellis (born June 29, 1864). She was the 2nd wife of my Grandfather Joseph Wiggins Chiles (born 1845). My Father Lawton (born 1901) was the 5th and last child of that marriage.

Second, the reference on page 327 to Descendants of John Goldwire Lawton and his first wife Catherine Maner. I am named after my father and our middle name is "Mainor." That really blew my mind. Neither the Lawton or the Mainor shows up in my research of our Chiles line nor in the Ellis line. The information from the House of Lawton would indicate that the Lawton and the Mainor must have come from Anna Ellis family although the information I have of her line does not reveal this. The Mainor must be from the Maner.

This is a great mystery and if you and your associates can shed any light on it, I would be most grateful.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


LAWTON CHILES

LC/lp

William Henry Lawton — Mary Ediza Wiggins
5 Nov. 1861 — 24 Aug 1922 1860 — 1957
Several children.

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