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Thank you for your letter dated March 9, 2000 regarding Henry and Zelphia Lawson. Henry Lawson was found in Stokes County in 1860 and 1870 census records. In 1880 Henry Lawson was in Surry County. Enclosed is information from the Surry County census records of 1880 and 1900. There was no census records for 1890.

North Carolina did not keep records of births and deaths until 1913. Marriage records are found in Surry County from the early years of 1771 when Surry County formed from Rowan County.

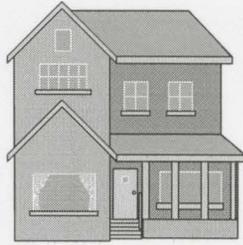
You might want to check Rowan County, NC. Surry County formed from Rowan County in 1771. Write the Genealogical Society of Rowan County, P. O. Box 4305, Salisbury, NC 28144.

We did not find any information in our family files on Henry Lawson or the name of anyone researching him in our surname file. Since William H. Lawson, a son of Henry, married a Goen (Goings/Goin), perhaps someone researching the Goings family could help. We did not find Woodson Goen in the census records in Surry Co.

We will be happy to print a query in our journal and place surname cards in our file. Information is enclosed.

We are sorry that we could not help you more. If you feel we might help in the future with some specific questions, please write us again. Good luck with your research.

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March 9, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am seeking any information on my great great grandparents:

Name: Henry LAWSON
DOB: abt 1815

Name: **Zelphia/Zilpha LAWSON (I believe she may have been a Lawson before marriage)**
DOB: **abt 1813 in Mt. Airy, Surry Co. NC Per LDS records.**

According to my ggrandfather, Plesant Dennis Lawson's marriage record he was living in Surry Co. at time of his marriage in 1880 *not found in Surry but listed in 1880 census*

The only other record I have found on them is:

Stokes Co. NC 1860 Census:

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|----|-----|-----|--------|----------|----|---|-------------|----|----|--|
| 28 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | HENRY | 45 | M | FARM RENTER | 50 | X- | (COULD READ/WRITE) |
| 29 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | ZELPHIA | 47 | F | | | X | |
| 30 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | SAUVINA | 21 | F | | | | <i>Lawrence, Virie</i> |
| 31 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | WILLIAM | 16 | M | | | | |
| 32 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | BILLY | 14 | M | | | | (I believe this was transcribed incorrectly and should be Riley) |
| 33 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | MILLY | 10 | F | | | | |
| 34 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | CAROLINA | 8 | F | | | | |
| 35 | 430 | 430 | LAWSON | PLESANT | 4 | M | | | | (my ggrandfather) |

Unfortunately, this is all I know and would appreciate any information you can provide.

I am including a self addressed stamped envelope and will gladly pay for this service.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Glenda Lawson Wehage

Looking for information 09
(ona?) Elizabeth Lawson Married 1820
or (Annie) Surrey County to Boarvine Braswell

Charlotte Braswell Jackson
5114 Herschel Spears Circle
Brentwood, TN 37027 615 373-4685

her father may be Thomas

LAWSON

Linda Lawson Murchison
5300 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Cameron, N.C. 28326.
May. 1, 1985

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(New Address)

Agnes Mosley Wells
521 N. Franklin Rd.
Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030.

Dear Agnes,

Thank you so much for the letter you sent with the names & addresses of my possible family members. I should have written sooner to thank you. I have contacted family members in Ararat, N.C. as well as found new ones in other areas. I now know my great, great, great grandfather's name was Jimmy Lawson. I have also added birth dates and names to my family tree. I get so excited everytime I get a new lead. I know that the family cemetery & old home place are in or near Ararat. May Cummings is from Ararat and is a relative so I

Lawson
I am corresponding a lot with
him and his wife Joyce.

My mother got a copy
of the Lawson Family tree book
but I'm not sure if it will
help.

Thank you so much for your
help. I am sending Max Cummings'
address also for your
list.

Sincerely,

Lida L. Murchison

June 17, 2008

I am searching for information about the parents of my great grandfather William Lawson b. 1827 in NC he married Catherine Griffin b 1827 in NC on 11 March 1849 in NC. After she died he married Susan Wall and I can trace them in the NC Fed Census through 1900. But I cannot find out who his parents were. Any help would be appreciated.

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ONE SLAIN AND TWO WOUNDED BY PATRICK COUNTY FARMER

Edgar Light, 42-Year Old
Virginia Man, Kills James
Lawson And Wounds Two
Women, One Seriously,
After Family Quarrel.

KILLER IS NOW IN JAIL

After eluding a three-day search by Virginia officers, Edgar Light, 42-year old Patrick county farmer, surrendered Wednesday morning to Sheriff Frank Mays at Stuart, Va., to answer charges of murdering his father-in-law and wounding his mother-in-law and sister-in-law in a family brawl that occurred late Sunday afternoon.

James S. Lawson, middle-aged resident of the Peter's Creek section between Mount Airy and Stuart, was the victim of the shooting, which occurred at the Light home after a family quarrel. Mrs. Lawson, the wife of the murdered man and mother-in-law of Light, suffered a slight wound in the ear; while Mrs. Ben Beasley, daughter of Lawson and sister-in-law of Light, received critical wounds in the abdomen.

The shooting, which was investigated by Sheriff Mays and Commonwealth Attorney Frank P. Burton, Patrick county officers, took place when the Lawsons and Mrs. Beasley went to the Light home to administer medical treatment to one of Light's step-children, which was also a grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson.

It was said that there had been bad feeling in the family since Light married Mrs. Moir Collins, a widowed daughter of the Lawsons, against the will of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and other members of the family. This ill feeling came to a head while the Lawsons were at the Light home, and Light is said to have rushed into the room firing his pistol as he entered.

One bullet struck Mr. Lawson near the heart, and evidence is

through and inflicted abdominal wounds of Mrs. Beasley. Another bullet passed through Mrs. Lawson's ear. Mr. Lawson died as he was being carried into the Stuart hospital a short time later, and Mrs. Beasley is reported in critical condition.

In giving himself up to Sheriff Mays, Light did not deny the shooting, but asserted that he fired only twice. The Virginia officials stated yesterday that they will not call a special grand jury, but will await a regular term of court while they compile further evidence in the case.

LAWSON, James Monroe
MOUNT AIRY TIMES - Fri., March 10, 1939

Lawson

(Family file)

LAWSON, Sam
MOUNT AIRY TIMES - Fri., March 10, 1939

1903 Murder Case Opened In Stokes

Three "missing witnesses", who are supposed to have been missing over a period of 36 years, were this week discovered by Fred C. Handy, director of the state bureau of investigation, according to information released last Monday. These are alleged to know about the slaying of Sam Lawson, Stokes county man, 36 years ago.

According to the director, Leff Sisk, who was charged with Lawson's slaying, was brought back to North Carolina last year in connection with the crime. He was released, however, when no one was found who could produce evidence to identify him with the crime. Stokes county records reveal that the Lawson case dates back as far as December 28, 1903.

Lawson (family file)

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Lawson
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Feb. 1985 - (Lawson Family)

I need anything you have on
Lawson

Some of the names are

Columbus + ^(W) Polly Lawson
David + ^(W) Sarah Francis Lawson

Nancy Peel Gibbons

daughter was Pearl Irene
married William McKinley Lawson

My fathers parents
my father is Lonnie McKinley Lawson
I am Linda Lawson Murchison

David + Sarahs children

Margaret Savannah Lawson Matthews

Albert Lawson

John Lawson

Kinley Lawson

Mary Jane Lawson (Williard)?

Nancy Ada Lawson (Williard)?

Millie Ann ← ~~He~~ Married Grover Clearland
Key

Laura Alice Anna Maybelle



Maryle Lawson Bledsole

Maggie Potts

Betty Mae Johnson Coley

Jenny Lawson

(These are
some more
names but
I don't know
how they are
related)

I was going through your Surry
County history book and I can't
seem to locate these but

There are reference nos. in
back such as

28A, 117-142-191

204-226-242-270-343-365

414-426-439-470-491

495-497-51-551-555

556-710 783. Could be found
Also in Stokes Co.

My oldest relative is Savannah Lawson
Matthews Age 90

+ lives with Nealie Kimmer

RT3 Box 4

Elkin, N.C 28621

dad said he
lived around Arant & Pilot township

Please help!

Thank you
Mrs. Dale
Murchison

The Enterprise Stuart, Va. Aug 28 1985



THE GOOD OLD DAYS.....



Pictured above is Can Lawson, son of Bill and Frances Lawson, all of Patrick County. This picture was taken around 1910. Can Lawson was a veteran of World War I and died about 1920. The lady with him is Mary Stevens, who later married Dillard Mitchell. (Picture was submitted by Mrs. Will Lawson, niece of Can Lawson, who lives in Madison, N.C.)

Deacon Wiley Riggs

Was born July 28, 1833 and died April 25, 1904, making his stay on earth 70 years, 8 months, and 27 days.

In early life he married Miss Julie Haymore. Seven children, five sons and two daughters, were the fruits of this union.

He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Fisher's River meetinghouse and was baptized by the writer of this notice, the second Sunday in October, 1891. Soon after his baptism, he was ordained to the office of deacon, which office he faithfully filled till death.

Brother Riggs was a good citizen. He has finished his course in this life, and is much missed by the church; but while the church has lost a faithful deacon, the wife and children a kind husband and father, let us take courage in the happy thought that, ere long, we hope to meet Brother Riggs on the sunny banks of glory, where no farewell tears are shed.

M. G. Harbour.

Fisher's River Association at Tom's Creek Surry County, NC - October 1905

Elder T. J. Lawson

Was born January 10, 1822, and died January 20, 1904. His age was 82 years and 10 days. He was born out of lawful wedlock, and his mother being poor in earthly store, he was taken and raised by one Mr. Thomas Bryan. We suppose Mr. Bryan was very kind to him, for the writer has often heard him speak as if in loving remembrance of "uncle Tommy."

At the time the little Lawson boy was being raised, education had not gained such a degree of prominence as at the present, and he only learned to read and write.

He joined the church at Franklin, on the 1st Saturday in May, 1858. He was ordained to the office of deacon in May, 1859; and ordained to the work of the ministry January, 1863. He served in the ministry, after his ordination, about forty-one years; and was a very able and gifted preacher. He but seldom traveled to any great distance from home, but preached mostly in his immediate section, where he lived. He could command a larger congregation than any other preacher in the Fisher's River Association.

He never accumulated any great amount of property; but his honest, humble manner of deportment, and his uncompromising faithfulness to his trust, gave to him the confidence of worthiness among the very highest order of men, and gave to him the utmost confidence of those who entertained a contrary opinion.

He manifested three distinct talents - preacher, teacher, and pastor. And the churches generally prospered where he attended.

By order of the Association.

A. M. Denny.

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(Submitted by Diane Niston)