

LAWSON FAMILY HERITAGE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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The LFHP newsletter is published four times a year by the Lawson Family Heritage Program and is dedicated to research on William Lawson, Scottish Rebel, thought to have been born in Montrose, Scotland, June 26, 1731, and his descendants. William died in Scott Co., Virginia, Jan. 16, 1826.

What's Happening in our LFHP

We have a team in place to answer inquiries to our program, both on line and by mail. Along with this, when Family Group Leaders and members see any postings that they believe belong to one of our "Rebel's" lines, they are more than welcome to contact the posters and invite them to look at what our program offers. They can include Barb Lawson with this communication, and she will follow up with an invitation to join in our family research project. If they are not comfortable in doing this themselves, they can go to their Family Group Leader, and ask for their help.

When we receive a letter, or a query, the first task is to be sure that the person inquiring is a descendant of our Rebel. The easiest way to do this is to go to our Host FTM, that of Patti Lawson, on her Rootsweb site: <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patti-lawson&id=I00086>

We are pretty sure that we have every descendant listed from each of the lines to about 1900, and in some families well past the 1930 census. If we are missing any, we are very anxious to add them to our family tree, or make corrections to what we have in place.

After we make the connection, we determine which "Family Group" this person should be part of, and include the "Family Group Leader" in a welcome letter, that includes the e-mail addresses of the closest kin researching in our program. (We do not share phone numbers or addresses). We offer to help them with finding census, and any thing else that can help them fill in gaps in their line of descent.

In this communication, we identify the pages (HTTP) where the family is found on our host site, so that all

From Barb Lawson:

Take another look for your family members if they lived in Kentucky. Sites that I have on my favorites are:

Kentucky Death Certificate Images 1852-1953:

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=KYdeaths%2c&so=2&rank=1&gsb2co=2%2cUSA&gsb2pl=20%2cKentucky&gsd2co=1%2cAll+Countries&gsd2pl=1%2c+&sbo=1&srchb=r&prox=1&ti=0&ti.si=0&gss=angs-c>

The actual images are not limited to 1852-1853 as the title indicates but actually cover many more years.

Kentucky Birth Images from 1911 to 1999

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=KYbirthindex%2c&so=2&rank=1&gsb2co=2%2cUSA&gsb2pl=20%2cKentucky&gsd2co=1%2cAll+Countries&gsd2pl=1%2c+&sbo=1&srchb=r&prox=1&ti=0&ti.si=0&gss=angs-c>

This is through Ancestry.com which all libraries have FREE access

can easily find it. If Patti does NOT have a census listed for the family, this is a good time to bring her up to date by attaching the census image, and including her in our e-mail.

We are hoping in turn, these new members will send what they know to Patti, along with census documentation, so that she can continue to update our Host FTM. On many occasions, we receive communications from Lawson's who do not connect with our line of research. We now are in contact with almost every Lawson family who once lived in Virginia.

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We will pass the information on this query to the other Lawson groups, and also to Carl Lawson, as his DNA program is extremely helpful in sorting out the different families.

Recently, a young man, by the name of Brian Lawson came to us, inquiring about his ancestor William Lawson (Abt. 1740), of Union County S.C. As many of you know, this William has been posted as one in the same as our William Lawson (1731). We know that this cannot be, as our William is buried in Virginia, while their ancestor remained in Union South Carolina, where he is buried. No matter how much we have attempted to clarify this, there has always been a smidgen of doubt that our William could have had an earlier marriage and children in this area.

Brian agreed not only to take a DNA test for his Lawson line, but is currently working with a couple people to begin a S.C. Lawson Family Research Project. He has proof of his descent back to Sion Lawson, through a son Neville Lawson. It is believed that Sion's father was William Lawson (Abt. 1740) of Virginia.

This has been a very exciting few months, awaiting his DNA results. They are now posted on Carl's website, and offer proof that Brian does not descend from our Rebel. They need a few more DNA samples to verify this, but you can see for yourself the difference in the markers: http://lawsondna.org/Pages/DNA_Project_37%20markers.html

Our Rebel's group is Group 11, while Brian's (Sion Lawson) DNA can be found in Group 20. If you believe you descend from the Union County South Carolina Lawson's, please contact Brian Lawson at brianleelawson@yahoo.com As Carl has said over, and over, we cannot make the final call from only one DNA test. Their family research program regarding DNA has a long way to go, but this is a grand start. There are many, many researchers who have been working on this line for decades, and we are hoping that they will be as enthusiastic as we were to bring our information together.

Reverend Jeremiah Lawson and Robert Lawson (Married to Anna Goad) are two examples of this issue – Neither of the descendants of these two men are anywhere close to the DNA markers of our LFHP Lawson men tested. To offer solid proof we need a second DNA test of each line.

Some researchers believe that Reverend Jeremiah is a son of our Rebel, while many contend that he is of a different William Lawson.

Unfortunately, we have followed Jeremiah's line, and the last male descendant (from the line of Leonidas) that we could locate had only two daughters. Any other's that we would test would be of the same line of the existing DNA, and would not give us the bloodline needed for comparison.

Jeremiah was preaching in the area that our families were in Virginia, but his home was Mason Co., Ky, where early records indicate that there was also a John and William Lawson. More research needs to be done on these men. All that we have on Reverend Jeremiah can be found at:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patti-lawson&id=I00364>

If you would like to contact the family group leaders, please contact either Nancy Foley Johnson at nfjohnson3@insightbb.com or Sylvia & Thomas Seborn at sylviathomas@classicnet.net

With regards to Robert Lawson, the connection to our Lawsons comes about the time of the children of William II (1763) in Virginia, taking place in the 1820-1830 periods, not before. You can see what we have compiled at:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patti-lawson&id=I00367>

This family group is led by Robin Lawson at barsmeme@yahoo.com. However, with this Lawson family, the trail should be easy to follow, and there should be other men who qualify to test.

We recently discovered that Robert Lawson and Anna Goad DID NOT have a son named Maxwell, due to a DNA study of a descendant. Maxwell Lawson's line leads to the Falling River Lawson's.

We know for a fact that these families had some sort of "connections or acquaintances" with ours, but not as "an issue, or child" of William and Rebecca. We are finding more evidence of when and how these connections may have come about.

Our Host FTM has separated these two men from our family, but our LFHP, working along with Patti, continues to work with the Family Groups of these two men, in hopes that we will learn more, and some day find other qualified men to test for these lines. What we find on them will be added to their pages.

If you do not have a computer of your own, please take the time to visit any library, and ask them to help you look at your family. Anyone in the computer area can help you.

More and more is being put in place, and is easily found, including birth records, and death certificate images. This can save you both time and money in your research.

Just enter Lawson Family Heritage Program in the search line, and see what is available, then go to Ancestry.com and enjoy the hunt.



Scotland Gathering 2009



If you are interested in a trip to Scotland, you may want to take a look at the Clan Gathering <http://www.clangathering.org/>
On the 25th and 26th July 2009 Edinburgh will witness one of the largest clan gatherings in history. Holyrood Park will host a magnificent [Highland Games](#) over the two days, then on the Saturday evening Clan members will parade up the historic Royal Mile and take their seats on the castle esplanade for a spectacular [Clan Pageant](#) .

For your chance to be part of history get hold of one of our [Passports](#).

The Gathering 2009 is delighted to be one of the signature events of Homecoming Scotland. For further details on the full Homecoming Scotland program, available in April, visit the [Homecoming webpage](#).

DNA

Since our workshop in Campton three years ago, we have watched the progress of DNA as it has to do with our hobby of Family History.

We now know the DNA of our William (The Rebel) Lawson, born in 1731. This is nothing short of fabulous, cause ANY Lawson male can take this simple test and find out if he is of our lineage.

This program is also sorting out the different Lawson families.

There are a lot of researchers who may say, I can be no part of any testing, because the Lawson name has been lost through the generations, or because you are a woman.

What you can do, is to help with the program, with a contribution to the Lawson DNA program. If you would like to take part in this program, you may contribute any sum of money to the Lawson DNA Project General Fund. You can be specific as to the Lawson group, or area, or ancestral names that you would like to see your donations spent.

From Carl Lawson, carl@lawson.net

Here is how you can do it: -

1. Go to this page: - <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Lawson/>
2. On the left side of the page in the blue column is ³Contribute to the Surname Project General Fund. Click on it.
3. It brings up a new page. In the middle of the page you will see ³Click to pay with PayPal². Regular credit card payments can be made through PayPal, and it does not require you to have an account with them.
4. The next page you have to fill out the credit card information and make sure look at the top of the page where you will put Lawson and the amount in the blank spaces. This can be easily over looked.
5. After you have finish this and submitted it, you will receive a receipt from PayPal indicating that you have made the contribution.

The administrators of the project, Gayle Braswell Ellison, Lois Tonoff and Carl Lawson can see when and who has contributed to the fund.

Carl will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kin N' Cousins... we would like to welcome the following members to our family research:

Melissa Miller: William, Travis (1766), Henry (1810), Daniel & Fanny, William J.

John J. Ingram: William, Travis (1766), Sarah Sally Lawson & Hiram Ingram, William Hiram Ingram, William Joseph Ingram, John William Ingram, Lester Lee Ingram, William (Bill)Lester Ingram

Cody Higley: William, William (1763), Jeremiah (1798), William B. (1820), Mary Polly (1850) & Cornelius Buckner

Bill Barker: William, Sally Lawson & Henry Wood, Jonathon Wood. His family file be seen at: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/a/r/John--K-Barker/index.html?Welcome=1069208342>

Angie Lawson: William, Travis, John (1791) & Elizabeth Woods, David (1733), William T & Alpha Evans, Levi Julius

Amy Ezell: William, Travis, John (1791) & Elizabeth Woods, David (1733), William T & Alpha Evans, Levi Julius

Pam Brewer: William, Travis, Joseph & Susanna Lunsford, Louisa & Jeremiah Brewer

Debra Lawson Burk: William, William (1763), William (1799) & Catherine Lane, Hiram T. & Mary H. Carter, William H. & Mary Tipton

Kathleen Crouch: William, Travis (1766), Sarah & Hiram Ingram, Angeline & James Thomas

Marilyn Kunkel: William, Travis (1766), Sarah & Hiram Ingram, Angeline & James Thomas

Deborah Peterson: William, Travis (1766), Sarah & Hiram Ingram, Angeline & James Thomas

Hillary Swanson: William, then double dips through Travis, James P., Jeremiah Myron and secondly, Joseph 1794, William P., Lewis.

From the group of Robert and Anna Goad, we find a person to work with Robin Lawson. Prior DNA test tells us that Robert is not a son of our Rebel, but we still are looking for one more male of a different son to test. Robin and her "Family Group" will continue to be a part of our family research project.

Mary Marlene Schmidt: James R. Lawson & Rachel Mullet, John Lawson & Rachel Dockery

In order to provide all our Lawson Family Kin N' Cousins with as accurate and complete family information as is possible, please view the following website by Patti Lawson where you will find our official family lineages.
<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patti-lawson&id=I00086>



Book Reviews

WILLIAM LAWSON A SCOTTISH REBEL Author: Bill Porter

William Lawson, Scottish Rebel, an update containing over 200 pages, 8 1/2 x 11, index, softbound, is now available for \$35.00 plus \$5.00 s&h. If ordering more than one book please add \$1.00 s&h for each additional book.

The update is chock full of adventure on the Rebel and six of his children. The children are:

1. Ann Lawson b. ca 1760 m. Thomas Mallett, moved to KY.
2. William Lawson II b. 1763 m. Nancy Baker, lived in Scott County, VA.
3. Travis Lawson b. 1766 m. Maysie Simpkins, moved to KY.
4. Betsy Lawson b. 1768 m. William Canterbury, moved to TN.
5. Sarah "Sally" Lawson b. 1770 m. Henry Wood, lived in Scott County, VA.
6. Rev. Jeremiah Lawson b. 1773 m. 1st Matilda Higgins, 2nd Hannah Chanslor. Jeremiah, a Methodist Circuit Rider, was assigned to wilderness KY, MO, & OH.

Thanks to several researchers this is an exciting update. It goes up to the 5th generation, and has a generation lineage chart for one to fill out up to the 14th generation from the Rebel.

Books may be ordered from and paid to either:

Bill Porter	Wise County Historical Society
PO Box 1901	PO Box 368
Coeburn, VA 24230	Wise, VA 24293

The historical office is located in the Wise Courthouse, Room 250. www.wisehistoricalsoc.org



For those researching the Lawson Families connect to the Russell Co. Fugate Families;

Julie found this in the Rootsweb message board:

Author: rfugate103 Surnames: Dawson, Fugate, Monroe,

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.lawson/3437.3/mb.ashx>

From letters submitted to David Faris, he compiled "The Fugate Family of Russell County, VA" published 1986 by Gateway Press, Baltimore, Library of Congress #85-82569. His #327 Dicey J(eeter) H(ayes) Fugate m. Daniel H. Lawson, son of James & Mary Ann (Francisco) Lawson, on 2 Dec 1858 in Scott Co, VI. He was b. 3 Nov 1835 (calculated from his gravestone). Moved in 1871 to KS and settled near Bartlett, Labette Co, KS where he farmed. He died 4 Nov 1903 and buried at Fairview Ce. between Oswego and Bartlett, KS. They had 5 boys and 1 girl. Three have their descendants including Martha Jane (Lawson) Monroe listed.

http://worldcat.org/search?qt=worldcat_org_all&q=The+Fugate+Family+of+Russell+County%2C+VA

Baltimore : Gateway Press ; Philadelphia, PA : Book orders to D. Faris, 1986. OCLC 13947566



From June Leto:

If you are interested in, or doing any research on Jacobites Rebellion 1745-46. Here is a free book that contains a list of people that were suspected of being involved in the Jacobites Uprising of 1745-46. The names were gathered by Supervisors in Scotland and sent to the Commissioners of Excise, of The British Government after the war in 1746. It seems they were attempting to roundup any and all of the troublesome Jacobites in Scotland. Lots of names here and information about where they live and what their professions were, and what role they had during the Uprising.

Title: A list of persons concerned in the rebellion . by Archibald Philip Primrose. Published in 1890 by The Scottish History Society. You can read, or download this book in PDF from Google Books, at

<http://books.google.com/books?id=X3oaATUurrQC&pg=RA1-PA372&dq=a+list+of+persons+involved+in+the+jacobite+rebellion#PPA1.M1>



We recommend several sites to add to your "Favorites" for searching your ancestors

To locate a book, or search for a book at the nearest library to your computer: <http://worldcat.org/advancedsearch>

The other book site that is a must on your list is that of "Google Books" <http://books.google.com/>

Heritage Quest is available on-line from your computer, by using your library card to access their files.

Harold B. Lee Library from the Brigham Young University site is: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/>

Tips to Treasure

From Eileen Shelton: I have heard that you can borrow the FTM (Family Tree Maker Program) from the library and install it on your computer for free.

The only advantage of buying a new one is if you want to put your tree on line, which I would never do any way. My daughter bought me my version of FTM 2005 and I have never updated it. Editor's note: The newer versions of family tree maker are more difficult to use, but they are the only ones that will work with the newest Vista computers.

You can download from the older version to the newer, but not vice-versa.

From Julie Miller: Actual images of Tennessee marriage records are now online. I have found marriage recordings and bonds for another non-Lawson family back to 1802.

On Ancestry.com for Tennessee Marriage Records actual images:

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=TNsta>

This is for 1765 - 2002.

There is another Tennessee Marriage Records database listed for 1851-1900 but it does NOT have the images.

From Eileen Shelton: Ohio , the crossroads of the nation, has placed digital images of their death certificates, 1908-1953, online. The images and associated indexes are free and available from Family Search Labs.

Before gaining access to the Ohio death records, you must first register with Family-Search Labs. There is no charge for registration. Go to <http://labs.familysearch.org> and click on Record Search. Set up a free account and register your e-mail address. Your e-mail address will be validated within 24 hours and you will receive an activation key. The activation key is good for seven days. Record Search requires the use of Adobe Flash Player 9.

The Ohio death records are one of many records currently available from Family Search Labs. Other indexed records include Georgia Death Records 1914-1927, Texas Death Index 1964-1998, Utah Death Certificates 1904-1956, 1900 Federal Census (excluding Indian Territory and the Armed Forces overseas), Port of New York (Ellis Island) Arrival Lists 1892-1924, Freedman Bank Records 1865-1874, Virginia Freedman's Bureau Marriage Records 1815-1866, Ontario, Canada Deaths 1869-1947 and others.

Additional records, not yet indexed, are available for browsing. These records include World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1850 U.S. Census including mortality and slave schedules, Pre-1900 Vermont Land Records, 1930 Mexico Census and many others.

Stay updated with what's new on Family Search Labs. Read the Family Search blog at <http://www.threerivershms.com/Scots.htm> Family Search Labs is the Family History Library's beta website. The Library hopes to digitize and index its collection within five years. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. Sign up by clicking the Family Search Indexing link.

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Presented by Sherry Hightower

<http://lawson-family-heritage-program.com/>

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<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patti-lawson&id=I00086>

Please contact her to help us complete our family tree.

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A Few Tidbits

From Julie Miller:

One area I've been to and heard the story of:

The Great Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina was the site of an extensive fugitive community from at least the early 18th century. It functioned as an autonomous region, immune to outside interference because of the twisting trails and waterways of the swamp. Trade, in the form of shingles cut from swamp Cyprus, was even conducted with outside communities. Its status as a refuge for fugitives led such a prominent figure as George Washington to recommend its draining and conversion to farmland. Washington and a number of other Virginia planters paid \$20,000 for 40,000 acres of the Great Dismal. This happened in 1763, the same year as the Slave Revolt in the South American Dutch colony of Berbice (Guyana). It seems more than a coincidence that Washington and other slave owners should decide to eliminate the Great Dismal Swamp, a noted haven for runaway slaves, in the same year as the largest slave revolt in the Americas to that date.

(There were also other fugitive communities in the Colonies). Also to keep in mind was the fact that following the 1715 Jacobites Rebellion many Scots were transported to the Colonies. Thirty years later the prisoners transported surely knew of these earlier Scots transported.

There was communication between the homeland and the colonies as can be seen from the Alexander Stewart narrative. He had friends and family who paid the price to set him free and then helped him along his way. Well, poor people helped each other too. A good example of this is the Underground Railroad for the slaves.

The extent to which the Presbyterian settlements of Scottish people had become spread over the American colonies down to the year 1760 may be inferred from the fact that there were one hundred and five ministers on the roll of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, which met in that year. It is stated by Dr. Alfred Nevin that there were at that time two hundred Presbyterian congregations in the country. This estimate is very much below the actual number. Three hundred would be nearer right. There were more than sixty congregations in New Jersey; from eighty to one hundred in Pennsylvania and Delaware; upwards of forty in New England; about forty in Maryland and Virginia; more than twenty in New York; from fifteen to twenty in North Carolina; and about twenty in South Carolina.

That Captain Campbell, having disposed of his whole fortune in the Island of Islay, expended the far greatest part of it from confidence in these fallacious promises, found himself at length constrained to employ the little he had left in the purchase of a small farm, seventy miles north of New York, for the subsistence of himself and his family, consisting of three sons and three daughters. He went over again into Scotland in 1745, and having the command of a company of Argyleshire men, served with reputation under his Royal Highness, the Duke, against the rebels. He went back to America in 1747, and not long after died of a broken heart. (This was Lauchlin who first came in 1737).

<http://www.threerivershms.com/Scots.htm> tells of groups who came to the colonies and settled in places like New York and Pennsylvania.

Another book which tells of Scots in the Colonies:

Scots in the Mid-Atlantic Colonies, 1635-1783 David Dobson; Format: Hardcover Pages: ix + 139 pp. Published 2002 \$25.00 ISBN: 9780806316994 Item #: GPC1466

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From June Leto, Sat. Jan 12.

Glen I have checked several sources in Augusta County, VA when I was looking for Simpkins Family...1700's..... will check to see what LDS has and get back with ya...I hadn't gotten around to ordering micro from them yethere is a really good book on Augusta Co and the Scotch-Irish settlement in Virginia 1700's. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~chalkley/index.htm>

Quoting Cary Losson, closson@1031tic.com

Seton, Sir Bruce Gordon and Jean Gordon Arnot. The Prisoners Of The '45.

Hardcover. Edinburgh: University Press, 1929. Edition: 1st Edition. VG/No Jacket Size: 8vo 8" - 9" tall. 3-volume set. Third Series. Green cloth boards with gilt show some edgewear, bumped on points, Vol. III has a small white dot on spine.

Foxing on endpapers, leaves very lightly tanned, 2 pages of Vol. I table of contents torn about 1" along bottom edge. Else boards and binding are very tight, a solid attractive set. This 3-volume set is a detailed account of Scottish Jacobites prisoners from the campaign of 1745-46. Names were compiled from the official Jail Returns of Scotland and from State Papers; Domestic and Scottish, Patent Rolls, Treasury Records, Admiralty and War Office Papers. These records were then enhanced by comparing them with contemporary published historical documents, clan and family histories. In addition to listings of 3, 471 prisoners along with their regiments, prison career, ultimate disposal, origin, age, notes and sources, these volumes also discuss the disposal of prisoners, pardons, transportation, special legislation regarding prisoners, Prisoners in Scottish and English prisons, trials, treatment, Jacobites Prisoners, French and Spanish prisoners, government officers, the Jacobites army. Scarce. Book #MCN02620

Note, Cary has ordered this set for his personal collection. Maybe there will be something else in our search of William. These books are not "new resources", they have been seen by many of us in the past, and as seems to be the case with each revisit, we find something else that brings new tidbits to research. To utilize them in their free and digitized form can be

The Gildart Project

Several of our LFHP members have been diligently researching to locate information on what we have nicknamed “The Gildart Project”.

We know from The Pro Records, and from various writings the exact list of passengers of both ships that transported prisoners to the colonies after the trials that resulted from Culloden.

June Leto, Patti Lawson, and Glenn Conrad have had research e-mails flying about, looking for trails of our William at the time he arrived on the Gildart, and for the period of time that he was to have been indentured.

With Glenn Conrad getting into the hunt, he’s renewed the interest and gleaned and examined newly found information, which provides leads and analysis. The team has found a tremendous amount of information, which leads them to believe that Glenn has located the landing of the Gildart.

From Glenn: “The landing area is thought to be near what is presently known as BUSHWOOD WHARF. Prior to that, in the 1800’s, it was known as Port Wicomico and it is thought that this is what is referred to in the Lyon book as “a port known as Wecomico”. Note: after research and extrapolation, based on historical depths, the circumstance of guarding prisoners etc., it is likely that the ship weighed anchor well offshore adjacent to this location, in my opinion.” What has been most interesting is the tool that took this team to this area. The topic that has been thoroughly discussed is the story of one man’s experience aboard The Gildart. This is the memoir of Alexander Stewart.

<http://www.nls.uk/print/transcriptions/lyon/vol2/index.html>

Go to this. Click to the right where it indicates Browse/Search. Then enter page 231, go to page. (Note: two ships, The Gildart & The Johnson, left port at the same time and brought the Scottish prisoners of the Jacobites Rebellion to the Colonies in 1747).

Until we find a manifest of sale of indenture, we cannot be sure, but it appears from the memoir that the auction for William’s indenture took place on the Gildart at the landing location.

Along with finding the location of the landing of the Gildart, this project continues, as we are now searching for other “transported prisoners”, from both ships. We are looking to see what stories they have left behind, in hopes that we may find clues to our William’s Missing Years.

Patti Lawson has begun a database, through her Rootsweb, and this will include every person that is traced, starting with the list of men on both ships.

From recent communications with James Doemer (Wm., Travis, John (1791), David (1833), Wm. T.), he has been looking at this line of research of the prisoners who were transported with William as well.

If others in our LFHP have been on this trail, please give Patti a call and let her know what all you’ve been finding.

Fran Romine has information that takes these men back in time to earlier prison records at the time of Culloden. She is working on putting her research together.

We also have found that the books that led us to the knowledge from the crown (See our LFHP Newsletter, Issue 2, Vol. 3 for the full story), those researched and published by David Dobson, is now available in a CD, which is completely “searchable”.

