

DRIVING GUIDE TO:

*THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SPRING 1779*

*AND THE SAVANNAH RIVER UPPER
BEAUFORT DISTRICT*

(HAMPTON AND JASPER COUNTIES)

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**SITE B: TISON FAMILY CEMETERY/
PATRIOT JOHN TISON**

John and wife arrived from North Carolina with the Stafford family to make their home on the Savannah River having received a grant of 250 acres in August 1771. His descendants have assumed that he was buried on the plantation and erected a monument to his memory.

John's Revolutionary file shows 253 days of service. There is a claim for 48 days additional service in Black Swamp under Col. Bouquins. A claim exists for services in the Granville Co. Militia, June to August 1779 (other entries exist). (Forebears and Descendants by S. G. McCormick)

William Stafford, the uncle of John's wife was a colonel in the Continental Army (McCrary's history of the Revolution), and a member of the famous "Jacksonborough Legislature." The location of William Stafford's death is not known



**SITE C: LAWTONVILLE CHURCH HISTORICAL MARKER/
DURING THE REVOLUTION KNOWN AS SAVANNAH RIVER, CAROLINA
CHURCH 1775**

This first church was originally located a few miles north of this historical marker on the Savannah River toward Matthew's Bluff. At this marker location, the name changed to Pipe Creek in 1787. Reverend Joshua Lewis and messengers, John Grimball and Joseph Lawton, presented the application. Another change of location brought the name of Lawtonville in 1884. (C. K. Johnston)

The churches of the back country often served as gathering points for presenting the ideas of resistance to British rule. Oliver Hart, Baptist minister in Charleston, was recognized by the Provincial Congress as a leader in putting forth the ideas of resistance. He is believed to have been a constituting minister of Savannah River, Carolina.



**SITE D: BOSTICK CEMETERY/
PATRIOT WILLIAM MANER**

"According to Revolutionary War records William Maner was fighting for the colonist cause soon after his 22nd birthday. Like most citizen-soldiers, he was in and out of the militia throughout the war. Between 1776 and the end of the war in 1783 he served as Private, Corporal, Sergeant, Captain, and Adjutant in several regiments." (Gentlefolk by A. W. Maner)

William Maner is found on the list of soldiers at the fort on Sullivan's Island in June 1776 when the British attacked and were defeated; later the fort was named Ft. Moutrie in honor of William Moutrie who was in command in the battle. Corporal William Maner was with the Fourth South Carolina Continental Regiment (Artillery). In late 1779 William Maner served as Adjutant in Col. William Harden's Upper Granville County Regiment.

William Maner's brother, Samuel Maner, rode express for Governor John Rutledge for eight months.



SITE E: STOKES' BLUFF PALICHUCKLA BLUFF (HENRY MOUZON'S 1775 MAP)

"Ft. Prince George was built at Palachucola in the course of the war [Yemassee], and was garrisoned until 1722. (Two Centuries of Lawtonville Baptists by Coy K. Johnston)

"In 1723, the Palachacola Fort was established in the northwest corner of Granville County near the present town of Garnett. This was a well-traveled crossing on the Savannah River, later to be known as the Two Sisters Ferry." (The History of Beaufort County, South Carolina by L.S. Rowland, A. Moore and G. C. Rogers, Jr.)

When Jean Pierre Purry came in 1731, to select a site for his Swiss settlement, he was accompanied by the captain of the Carolina Rangers who guarded the southern frontier between McPherson's Cowpen and the ranger fort at Palachacola. (Rowland, Moore, and Rogers)



SITE F: TWO SISTERS FERRY- LOCATION AT TIME OF REVOLUTION (LOCATED ALONG SAND HILL ROAD, NEAREST ROAD)

"General Prevost began to land his redcoats on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River on April 29, crossing at Purrysburg and at Two Sisters Ferry near Black Swamp.

"The British occupied Black Swamp only three hours after Moultrie had left his camp on a fifteen- mile forced march to the Coosawhatchie River."

"Moultrie was obliged to abandon a number of sick soldiers to the British when the Americans hurriedly withdrew from Black Swamp because he did not have the wagons with which to transport them. Once he arrived at Tullifiny, however, he wasted no time in sending his senior physician, Dr. Peter Fayssoux, under a truce flag with a letter to General Prevost on May 2 asking for medical care and protection of the sick by the British. Fayssoux was able to take a good look at the enemy position while he was behind British lines, and he reported to Moultrie that the camp extended for three miles from Two Sisters Ferry." (Crescent Moon over Carolina by C. L. Bragg)



**SITE G: ROBERTVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
PATRIOT JOSEPH LAWTON**

Joseph Lawton was a lieutenant in Col. Stephen Bull's Granville County Regiment of Militia. He received funds for provisions for a scouting party in May 1778. Two pay bills prove he commanded the Black Swamp Company of Foot at Two Sisters Ferry from July 5 through July 11, 1778. Family writings say that Joseph Lawton was an officer in the Continental forces.

The Reverend Fred Jones in the 1895 minutes of the Savannah River Baptist Association wrote that a British officer lost his horse near Joseph Lawton's place and to his surprise was furnished a horse by Lawton who remarked "I am not fighting men, but for principles." Later, Lawton was betrayed by Tories and faced execution by the British. The officer that Lawton had helped saved his life saying "Such a man must not be executed." (Upper St. Peter's Parish by T. O. Lawton) Company of Horse.



SITE H: ROBERT FAMILY CEMETERY/ PATRIOT FAMILY

Jacques Robert and his wife, Sarah Jaudon Robert with their family left French Santee sometime after the birth of their youngest child in 1757. By the late 1760's the family is found in land transactions on the Salkehatchie River. The move to the Black Swamp area came after the death of Jacques Robert in November of 1774. Sarah Jaudon Robert died 26 April 1779; two days before Prevost led British troops across the Savannah River into South Carolina. Sons John and Capt. Peter were Patriots. Capt. Peter and wife, Anne Grimble Robert, moved their family to Louisiana after 1800.

Jacques was the son of Pierre Robert, first minister to the French congregation on the Santee. Another descendant of Pierre Robert that was on the Savannah River in the spring of 1779 as the British began to cross was Maj. Peter Horry who had been on outpost duty at Purrysburg on April 26th. Perhaps he returned to Black Swamp at Sarah Robert's death.



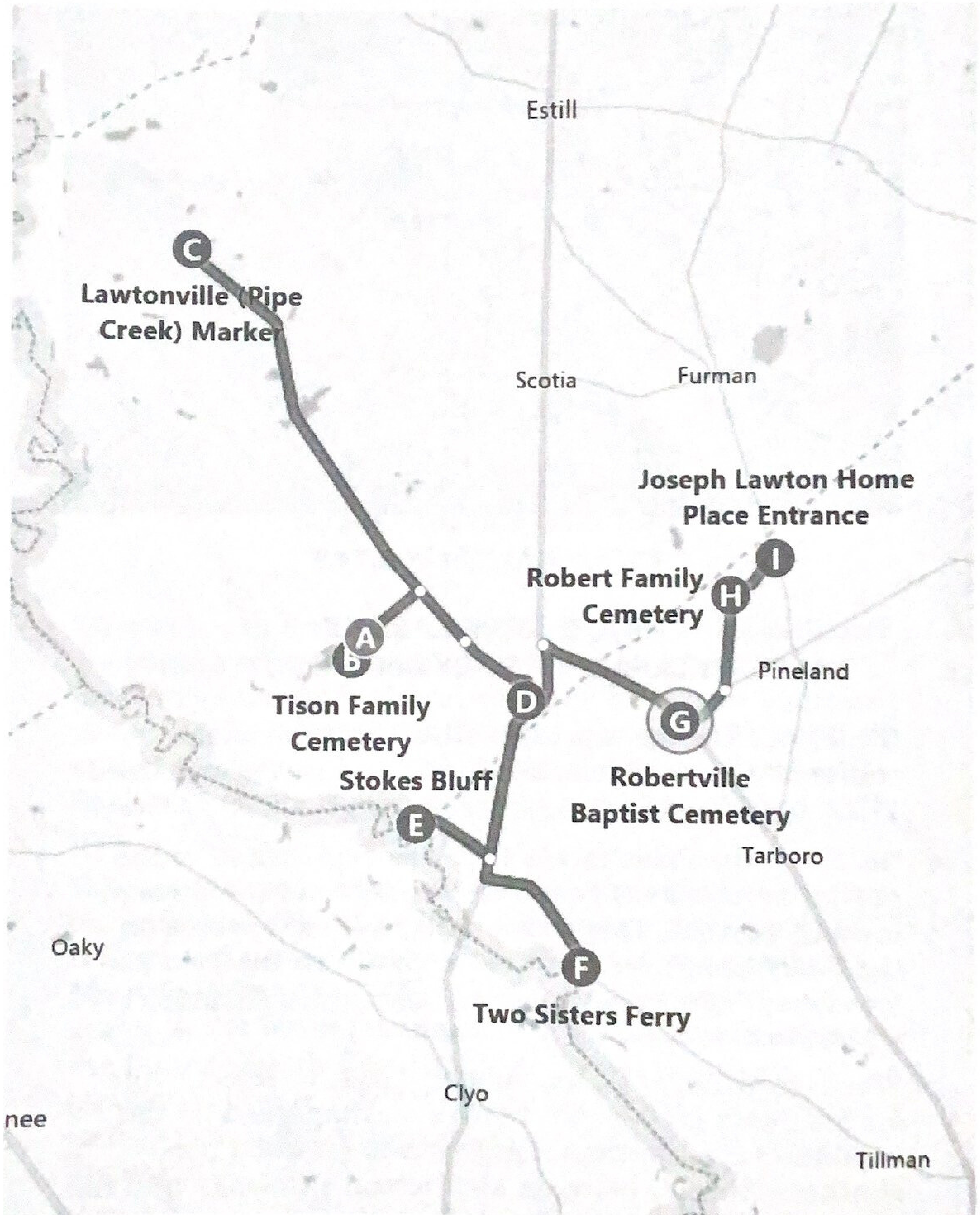
**SITE I: JOSEPH LAWTON HOME PLACE ENTRANCE
(DO NOT ENTER - HOUSE NO LONGER EXISTS)
MULBERRY GROVE PLANTATION**

"When he [Joseph] moved from Edisto Island [1774] to Black Swamp, he obviously intended to produce silk on his new plantation in the backcountry when he selected the name 'Mulberry Grove.' Perhaps he hoped to receive technical assistance in producing silk from the settlers at nearby Purrysburg since the Purrysburgers had come to South Carolina some 40 years earlier for the express purpose of producing silk and wine." (Upper St. Peters Parish, Thomas O. Lawton).

This location is near Stafford Crossroads. Perhaps Col. William Stafford and Joseph Lawton were neighbors.

In 1773 Joseph married Sarah Robert, daughter of Jacques and Sarah Jaudon Robert. Sarah's family and Joseph's mother and Grimble half-brothers also made the move to Black Swamp.

DRIVING GUIDE MAP



DRIVING GUIDE DIRECTIONS

TOTAL DRIVE 1 HOUR 55 MINUTES, 45.5 MILES

SITE A: -----> **SITE B:**

WEBB WILDLIFE CENTER

(TISON FAMILY CEMETERY)

(1282 Webb Ave, Garnett, SC 29922)

2 MINUTES, 0.5 MILES

1. Depart Webb Center by following Webb Avenue to Check-In Station.
2. Turn right past the Check-In Station onto Bluff Lake Rd.
3. Follow Bluff Rd and take a slight right onto Nates Rd towards the Rookery.
4. Turn right onto the woods road just before the dove field on the right.
5. The Tison Family Cemetery is enclosed by a brick wall on the right about 150 yards from Nate Rd.

SITE B: -----> **SITE C:**

(TISON FAMILY CEMETERY)

LAWTONVILLE (PIPE CREEK)

MARKER

30 MINTUES, 10 MILES

1. Depart Tison Family Cemetery, taking a left onto Nate Rd.
2. Turn left onto Bluff Lake Rd.
3. Turn right onto Webb Ave and leave Webb Center through the avenue of oaks towards Augusta Stagecoach Rd.
4. Turn left onto Augusta Stagecoach Rd.
5. Travel 8 miles to arrive at the Lawtonville Church Historical Marker. The road will transition to an unpaved road past Bostick Plantation.
6. Continue on the unpaved road until you see the marker on the left side of the road.

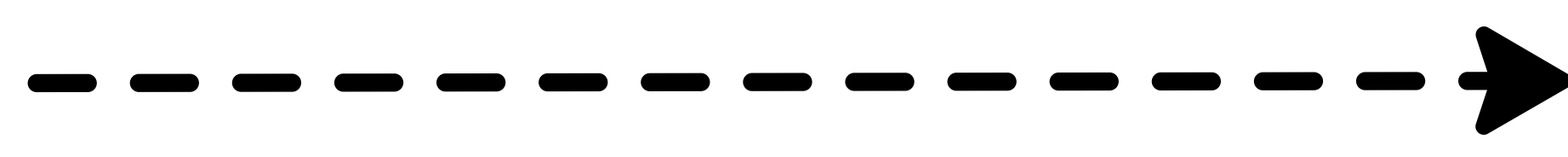
SITE C: -----> SITE D:
LAWTONVILLE (PIPE CREEK) BOSTICK CEMETERY
MARKER 35 MINTUES, 11.1 MILES

1. Depart the Lawtonville (Pipe Creek) Marker, turning around and heading back in the direction of Webb Wildlife Center.
2. Continue on Augusta Stagecoach Road for approximately 9.3 miles, passing the Webb Wildlife Center and turning right onto Robertville Rd. St. Johns United Methodist Church will be on your right as you turn.
3. At the stop sign, continue straight onto the unpaved road for 0.3 miles.
4. Bostick Cemetery will be on the left enclosed in an iron fence. If you reach SC-119, you've gone too far.

SITE D: -----> SITE E:
BOSTICK CEMETERY STOKES BLUFF
10 MINTUES, 4.8 MILES

1. Depart Bostick Cemetery, continuing in the direction you were traveling towards SC-119 for 0.4 mile.
2. Turn right onto SC-119/Clyo Road.
3. Travel 2.8 miles and turn right onto Stokes Bluff Rd
4. Travel 1.6 miles to the end of Stokes Bluff Rd and to the Savannah River.

SITE E:
STOKES BLUFF

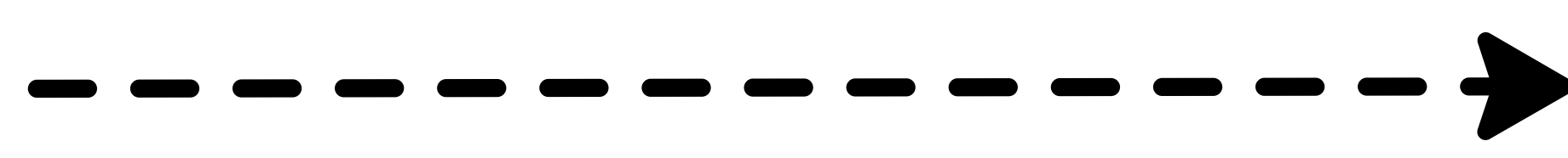


SITE F:
TWO SISTERS FERRY

10 MINTUES, 4.7 MILES

1. Depart Stokes Bluff Landing via Stokes Bluff Rd, returning 1.6 miles to SC-119/Clyo Rd.
2. Turn right onto SC-119/Clyo Road.
3. Travel 0.4 mile and turn left onto Sand Hills Rd
4. Travel 2.6 miles. The site is in the general vicinity to your right. There is no marker and no public access to the site from the road. If you reach Tom Goethe Rd, you've passed the site.

SITE F:
TWO SISTERS FERRY



SITE G:
**ROBERTVILLE BAPTIST
CEMETERY**

14 MINTUES, 10.4 MILES

1. Use caution when departing the Two Sisters Ferry site and changing direction to return 2.6 miles to SC-119/Clyo Rd.
2. Turn right onto SC-119/Clyo Road and travel 4.8 miles.
3. Turn right onto Augusta Stagecoach Rd and then immediately turn right onto US-321/Columbia Hwy.
4. Travel 3 miles. Robertville Baptist Church and Cemetery is on the right at Robertville Dr.

SITE G: -----> SITE H:
ROBERTVILLE BAPTIST CEMETERY ROBERT FAMILY CEMETERY

9 MINTUES, 2.9 MILES

1. Depart Robertville Baptist Cemetery by turning right onto US-321/Cottonhill Rd and then immediately turning left onto SC-462/Gillison Branch Rd
2. Travel 1.1 miles and turn left onto Tye Branch Rd
3. Travel 1.8 miles and turn left onto Richard Pollins Rd
4. After you turn onto Richard Pollins Rd, you will see a small woods road on your right under the powerline that leads to the cemetery in the wooded area

SITE H: -----> SITE I:
ROBERT FAMILY CEMETERY JOSEPH LAWTON HOME PLACE ENTRANCE

4 MINTUES, 1.2 MILES

1. Depart Robert Family Cemetery and turn left onto Tye Branch Rd
2. Travel 1.1 miles
3. When you are at the stop at the intersection of Tye Branch Rd and US-601/Savannah Hwy, the site is directly across the highway. Don't enter the property, as it is privately owned.
4. Upon leaving the Joseph Lawton Home Place Entrance, a left turn onto US-601 will lead you to Furman and Hampton. A right turn onto US-601 will lead you to the intersection of US- 321.