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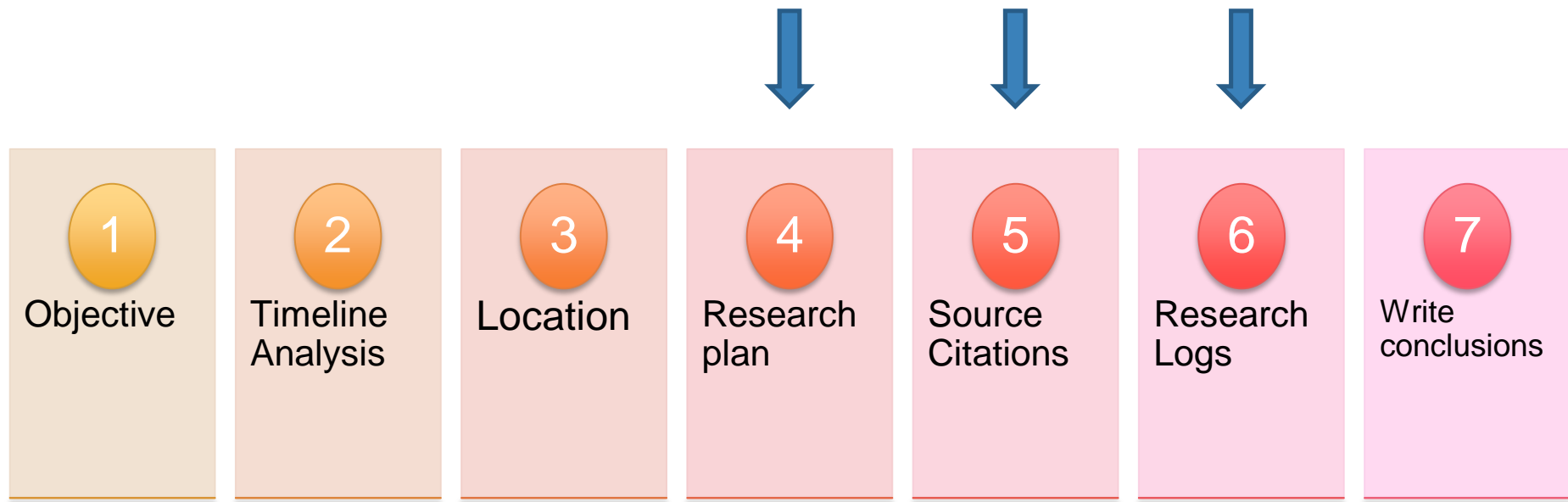
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Class Outline

- Georgia Dawson Case Study
- Research Planning
- Source Citations
- Research Logs



The Genealogy Research Process



Research Planning



Why a Research Plan?

- Efficient use of research time
- Search the best records first





1

List the Research Objective



1. Objective

- **Prove identity or relationships or discover actions**
- **Key identifiers: birth, death, and marriage dates and places and known relationships**



Georgia A. Dawson Case Study

Georgia A. Dawson, 20 Feb 1856, Will Book 2 p. 239

Dau: Lilly Dawson

Brother: A. L. Lewis

Sisters: Mary L. Lawton, Sarah M. Lawton

Nieces: Mary Royston, Sarah Royston

John DeLacy, 10 Oct 1888, Will Book 3 p. 191

Sons: John M. DeLacy, R. E. DeLacy

Daus: Amelia DeLacy, Erin G. DeLacy, Kathleen M. DeLacy

Grandson: Thomas DeLacy Tollman

Marilee Beatty Hageness, "Abstract of Wills 1838-1900
Russell County, Alabama, (Anniston, Alabama: MLH Research
1997), 9. FHL 976.1485 P2 h.m



1. Objective

Example objective:

The objective of this research project is to identify the parents of Georgia A. (Lewis) Dawson. Georgia's will was dated 1856 in Russell County, Alabama.



2

Summarize the Known Facts



2. Summarize the Known Facts



Create a
timeline



Assemble
sources



Enter
information



Analyze
events



Make a
list of
research
ideas



Known Facts for Georgia A. Dawson

Died in Russell
County,
Alabama 1856

Born about 1836

Possible maiden
name of Lewis

Daughter: Lilly
Dawson

Sisters: Mary L.
Lawton and
Sarah M. Lawton

Nieces: Mary
Royston and
Sarah Royston



- What information could answer the objective?
- Work from the known to the unknown



3

Understand the Locality



Jurisdictions



- **Government or church entity that created records**
- **Different levels: town, state, county, national, etc.**
- **Church levels: parish, diocese, etc.**



Geography and History



Boundary changes



Repositories



Migration Trails



Laws



Russell County on the state line of Alabama and Georgia

Records

Russell County, Alabama Record Dates

Beginning Dates for Major County Records ^[1]					
Birth	Marriage	Death	Census	Land	Probate
1934	1928	1934	1830	1832	1832



https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Russell_County,_Alabama_Genealogy



4

**Identify Sources for
the Location and
Time Period**



Family Search Wiki > [Country] Genealogy > Record Finder

Italy Record Finder

Europe → Italy → Record Finder

This table can help you decide which records to search using the following steps:

Step 1. In **column 1**, find your goal.

Step 2. In **column 2**, find the types of records most likely to have the information you need.

Step 3. In **column 3**, find additional records that may be useful.

What you are looking for:	Try these records first:	Other useful records:
Age	Census, Civil Registration, Church Records	Military Records
Birth date and birthplace	Civil Registration, Church Records	Military Records
Boundaries (parish, district, county, province)	Gazetteers, Historical Geography	Maps, History
Country of foreign birth	Church Records, Census	Emigration and Immigration, Military Records
Death information	Civil Registration, Church Records	—
Emigration information	Emigration and Immigration, Census	Military Records
Historical background	History, Genealogy	Maps
Language helps	Language and Languages	Encyclopedias and Dictionaries
Living relatives	Directories, Civil Registration	Societies, Periodicals
Maiden name	Civil Registration, Church Records	—

Italy Research Topics



Beginning Research

- Research Strategies
- **Record Finder**
- Finding Place of Origin

Record Types

- Census
- Church Directories
- Church Records
- Civil Registration
- Court Records
- Directories
- Emigration & Immigration
- Genealogy
- Heraldry
- Military Records
- Nobility
- Notarial Records
- Occupations
- Online Records
- Other Records
- Periodicals
- Place of Origin
- Probate

Record Finder



Learn about the important record types for your locality – major clues for research planning

<https://www.icapgen.org/become-accredited/testing-regions/>

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL RESOURCES

This region covers the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

This is a non-comprehensive overview of some record types, resources, and strategies that may be covered on the ICAPGen regional exams. Use it as a starting point to direct your studies and to compile research reference guides.

IMPORTANT RECORD TYPES

Must Know Very Well	Good Working Knowledge	Some Familiarity
Cemetery Records Census Records (Federal, State, Special (i.e. Military, Mortality, Agriculture etc.) Land Records (County, Federal, State) Military Records (History, Benefit Pension-Bounty Land, Service) Naturalization Records (Declaration of Intentions, Petition for Citizenship, Oath of Allegiance, Final Papers) Probate Records (Intestate: Administrator Bonds, Inventories, Settlement, etc.); Testate: (Executor Bonds, Wills, Codicils, Settlement, etc.) Vital Records Availability varies (Birth, Marriage, Death)	Bible Records Biographies City Directories Court Records (Civil, Criminal, Divorce, Guardianship) Church Records (Baptism or Christening, Marriage, Death or Burial, Membership, Meeting Records) Emigration, Immigration, and Migration Histories (Local, County, Family, State) Maps, Gazetteers and Historical Geography Newspapers Obituaries Tax Records	Adoption Records Ethnic and Minority Records (African American, Native American) Manuscript Collections Voting Records



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Russell County, Alabama Genealogy

[United States](#) → [Alabama](#) → [Russell County](#)

Guide to **Russell County, Alabama** ancestry, family history, and genealogy birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Alabama
Online Records

Contents [hide]

- 1 County Information
 - 1.1 Russell County, Alabama Record Dates
- 2 County Courthouse
 - 2.1 Description
- 3 History
 - 3.1 Parent County
 - 3.2 Boundary Changes
 - 3.3 Record Loss
- 4 Places/Localities
 - 4.1 Populated Places
 - 4.2 Neighboring Counties
- 5 Resources
 - 5.1 Cemeteries
 - 5.2 Census
 - 5.3 Church Records
 - 5.4 Court Records
 - 5.5 Land and Property
 - 5.6 Local Histories
 - 5.7 Maps

Russell County, Alabama

Map



Location in the state of Alabama





Family Search Catalog : United States, Alabama, Russell

Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog

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Notes

Russell County was created by act of the state general assembly on 18 December 1832 from lands ceded to the state by the Creek Indians. County seat: Girard (1833-1839), Crawford, originally Crockettville (1839-1868), Seale (1868-1935) and Phenix City (1935-present).

Part of [United States, Alabama](#)

[Places within United States, Alabama, Russell](#) ▶

- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Cemeteries \(5 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Census - 1840 \(2 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Church records \(2 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Genealogy \(2 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Guardianship \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - History \(5 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Land and property \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Military records \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Military records - Pensions \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Probate records \(8 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Probate records - Indexes \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [United States, Alabama, Russell - Vital records \(5 \)](#)

[Print List](#)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/>



4. Identify Sources

Understand the record types!

- **Their content**
- **Their availability**
- **Their coverage of dates and geographic areas**



Ideas to Search for Georgia A. Dawson

**Marriage record for Georgia A. Lewis
and a Dawson**

1850 census records

Original probate records

Cemetery records

Marriage records for sisters



Step 5: Prioritize the Research Strategy

Check

Check online records first

Start

Start with the record most likely to answer your research question

Plan

Plan searches in specific databases



ICAPGen Level 1 & Level 3

“The correct records for the area and time period are used in an appropriate manner, and they are used in a logical order.”

<https://www.icapgen.org/guide-to-applying-for-an-accredited-genealogist-credential/table-of-contents-new/level-1-project-assessment/>



ICAPGen Level 2 Test

**Specific research
planning questions in
both 2-hour tests:**

- **General Questions**
- **Document Interpretation**



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3. Search the 1850, and 1860 census records for Dawson and Lewis families.

4. Search cemetery records for Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson – Russell County, Alabama.

5. View additional probate records for a possible father for Georgia.



Source Citations



Why should you cite your sources?

- **To evaluate and analyze each source located**



Why should you cite your sources?

- **Prove your research findings and analysis**



Why should you cite your sources?

- **Relocate the source and enable others to locate the source**



Ethics of Citation

- **“Ethics, copyright laws, and courtesy to readers require authors to identify the sources of direct quotations and of any facts or opinions not generally known or easily checked.”**

The Chicago Manual of Style: The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publisher, 15th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago, 2003), 594.



Source vs. Source Citation

What's the difference?



What is a Source?

A document, book, article, microfilm, photograph, website, etc. that gives you information, which becomes evidence in proving a conclusion.

Inventory and appraisement of the goods and chattels of Tom George A. Nassau taken August 1st 1784

4	Gravelle beds	4 00
3	Mrs. Selby's Spinnage	18 00
3	White Spinnage	3 00
2	White Spinnage (Gravelle)	2 00
2	Iron Chaudrons	8 00
3	Wine Quills	9 00
9	Penalls	1 00
1	Gr. Tissue	27 00
1	White Chaudron Sheet	2 00
1	Set of Iron Tools	15 00
1	Iron Trestle	20
1	Aperture	1 00
1	Wagon	20
1	Iron Saw Frame	1 00
1	Iron Pan	40
1	Iron Underwood	2 00
1	Sheet of Tissue	2 00
1	Iron Tub	1 00
1	Compost	15 00
1	Rowl of Sheet	1 00
1	Gravelle Goblet	1 00
2	Rocking Chairs	5 00
1	Wash Stand	2 00
1	Wash Stand	2 00
3	Bells	20
1	Wash Stand & Rodding	25 00
1	Gravelle "	15 00
1	Wardrobe	6 00



What is a Source Citation?

A statement identifying the specific location of a source and details about that source.

Russell County, Alabama, Estate Case File, Georgia A. Dawson, 1861-1864, Folder 1 Box D, inventory; "Index and Probate Estate Case files, 1826-1915, arranged alphabetically, > Probate Estate Case Files, Davis, Edward L. - Doles, Arah, 1826-1915, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 May 2018); FHL microfilm 2,203,643.



1

Choose a Style



The Chicago Manual of Style: The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers, 16th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago, 2010.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997; revised, 20th printing, 2014.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. 3rd ed., rev. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2017.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009.

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*, 8th edition. Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams, editors. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.



2

Understand the Source



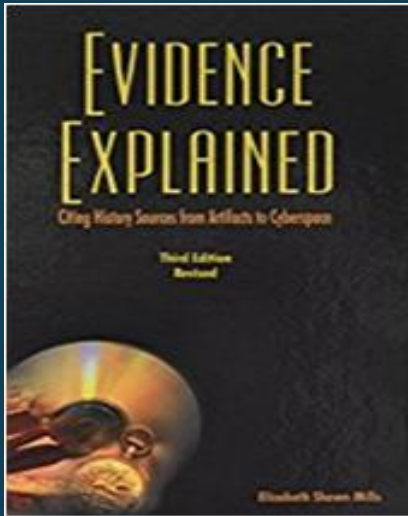
Step 2: Understand the source

Wtq - Estate Case File - Dawson, Georgia A. 1861 - 1864 -

Folder
Box

D. L. Lewis - Adm - BROTHER
OF GEORGIA
E. GUARDIAN
OF LILLY

Heir
Lilly Dawson - only child -



Layered Citations

The term coined by Elizabeth Shown Mills to describe digital sources that contain digital images of original records.

Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Fundamentals of Citation,” *Evidence Explained*, 3rd ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2015), 58.



Layered Citations

- **Include both the physical source citation, then all the digital source citation information, separating the two sections with a semicolon.**
- **A third section might be necessary if referencing the original microfilm reproduction of the source**



**Layered Citation for the
Probate File of Georgia A.
Dawson**

- **Russell County, Alabama, Estate Case File, Georgia A. Dawson, 1861-1864, Folder 1 Box D; "Index and Probate Estate Case files, 1826-1915, arranged alphabetically, > Probate Estate Case Files, Davis, Edward L. - Doles, Arah, 1826-1915, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 May 2018); FHL microfilm 2,203,643.**



3

Create a Citation

1. **Author - Who**
2. **Title - What**
3. **Publication - When**
4. **Location – Wherein and Where is**



Author of the source Who?



**The author of
an article,
book, or other
publication**

**The creator of
a record; often
a religious or
government
entity**

**The informant
in an
interview**

Author or creator of the source

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Title or description of the source – **WHAT?**

Published works: books, articles, journals, websites are italicized

Unpublished works: a personal history, interview, collection of loose papers, birth registration book, online database - use quotes around the title or if not titled describe the record

Title / Description or what is the source

- Russell County, Alabama, **Estate Case File, Georgia A. Dawson**, 1861-1864, Folder 1 Box D; "**Index and Probate Estate Case files, 1826-1915**" arranged alphabetically, > Probate Estate Case Files, Davis, Edward L. - Doles, Arah, 1826-1915, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 May 2018); FHL microfilm 2,203,643.



Publication of the source – WHEN?

Published source:
cite the year of
publication; for a
journal or
magazine, add the
month or season.

Website: add the access
date. Because URL's
change, the date could
help to relocate the
source.



Publication of the source – WHEN?

Unpublished source: use the date of creation, the date of the event it reports, or both.

Publication of the source or when did the event happen?

- Russell County, Alabama, Estate Case File, Georgia A. Dawson, **1861-1864**, Folder 1 Box D; "Index and Probate Estate Case files, 1826-1915, arranged alphabetically, > Probate Estate Case Files, Davis, Edward L. - Doles, Arah, 1826-1915, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : **accessed 27 May 2018**); FHL microfilm 2,203,643.



**Location of the source
within a book or database –
WHERE?**

**Published source: a
volume or page
number**



**Online database: cite the
image number or
waypoints**



Location of the source within a collection – WHERE?

**Government
certificate -
document number**

**Unpublished source -
identify an order and
describe it: “folio 3, page
25”**

Location of the source - where within a collection

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**Location where the source
can be accessed or viewed**

**Published
source:
place of
publication**

**Website:
URL**

**Unpublished
source: where
the source can
be viewed**

**Location
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or viewed**

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Tips for Accreditation Candidates:

- **No specific style format is required, but be consistent with style formats throughout the project**
- **Create a citation template, especially for commonly used sources such as a census**



Tips for Accreditation Candidates:

- **Citations in the report, research log, family group sheet, pedigree sheet, and documents should match**
- **Avoid cutting and pasting from websites with improper templates**



Tips for Accreditation Candidates:

- **Create the citation in the research log then copy and paste into the genealogy database, the research report, and the front of the document.**



Tips for Accreditation Candidates:

- **Include citations for negative searches.**
- **Once the report or article is complete, create the shortened citations.**



“Careful attention to the style and content of citations . . . is the badge of an advanced genealogical researcher.”

- Harris, “Documentation and Source Citation,” 178.



Research Logs



1

What is a research log?

A record of what you are looking for, where you looked, and what you found.



2

Why Use a Research Log ?



Why use a research log?

- **Track positive and negative searches**
- **Note the date a database was searched**



Why use a research log?

- **Create source citations to be used other places**
- **Show at a glance what has been found**



Why use a research log?

- **Evaluate information and evidence**
- **Be more productive and efficient in research**



Why use a research log?

- **Avoid duplication of effort**
- **Break through brick walls with better record keeping**



The Electronic Research Log

- **Create in a table format or a spreadsheet**
- **Have multiple pages in a single spreadsheet**
- **Sort columns in a spreadsheet to view specific searches**



Sample Research Log – Document Table

DATE	REPOSITORY URL, Call # Film #	SEARCHING FOR	LOCALITY	SOURCE CITATION	RESULTS
7 Jun 2017	<i>Ancestry</i> http://ancstry.me/2rVSNGJ	1820 Census George W. Dillard	Georgia, Greene County	1820 U.S. Census, Greene County, Georgia, <u>Capt E Woodhams District</u> , population schedule, p. 202, line 2, George W. Dillard household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 June 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 8.	Free White Persons Males 0/10 2 Males 10/15 1 Males 16/25 1 Males 26/44 1 Females 0/10 1 Females 0/15 1 Females 26/44 1
11 Feb 2018	<i>General Land Office Records</i> http://bit.ly/2HhYW5R	Land Patents for George W. Dillard	Alabama, Chambers County	George W Dillard,(Chambers County, Alabama), 1837, cash entry patents no. 3733, 3768, 3770, 3771, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 17 March 2018).	<u>State Volume Patents</u> , dated 10 April 1837, St Stephens Meridian, Section 29, Chambers County, Alabama: # 3733, 3768, 3770, 3771.



Multi-page Research Log - Spreadsheet

156	28 Nov 2016	FamilySearch.org	http://bit.ly/2j9xBFO	Tax Assessment for Richard Royston in Ellis County, Texas	Ellis County, Texas	Ellis County, Texas, Tax Roll, 1893, "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," entry for R. Royston, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org : accessed 28 November 2016), image 429-430.	1 carriage, buggy or wagon valued \$5; miscellaneous tools \$5; 3 horses and mules \$100; 2 cattle \$15; total value \$125; state taxes ad valorem \$.19, school \$.16; poll \$1.50; county taxes advalorem \$.44 poll \$.50 total \$2.79
157	12 Nov 2016	USGenWeb	http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/morgan/taxlists/1831.txt	Tax Record for Thomas B Royston in Morgan Co. Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia	Marshall W. Williams, Morgan County Archives, "Morgan County, GA 1831 Tax Digest Index," entry for Thomas B. Royston, <i>USGenWeb</i> , (http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/morgan/taxlists/1831.txt : accessed 12 Nov 2016), .	Thomas B Royston p. 2; only Royston listing for Morgan County
158	12 Nov 2016	Morgan County Archives	PO Box 589 Madison, GA30650	Tax Record for Thomas B Royston in Morgan Co. Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia	Morgan County, Georgia, Superior Court, 1831 Tax Digest, page 2, entry for Thomas B. Royston, Morgan County, Archives, Madison, Georgia.	Royston, Thomas B. District 10, Newton County, land no. 122, 202 1/2 acres, on the waters of Yellow River, joins Jackson, originally granted to M. Cessna, 1 poll tax, 2 negroes, \$1.15.5
159							

Add

1000

more rows at bottom.



Dora Algje ▾

Robert Cisnie ▾

Thomas Beverly ▾

John Cary ▾

Sum: 15 May 2016 ⇅

Add a page for each generation or family member



The Electronic Research Log

- **Keep in your computer files with each ancestor or family**
- **Cut and paste information from websites**
- **Add links to online records**



3

Categories for a Research Log



Categories for a Research Log

Date

Repository

URL/Call#/
Microfilm#

Searching
for

Locality

Source
citation

Results/com
ments



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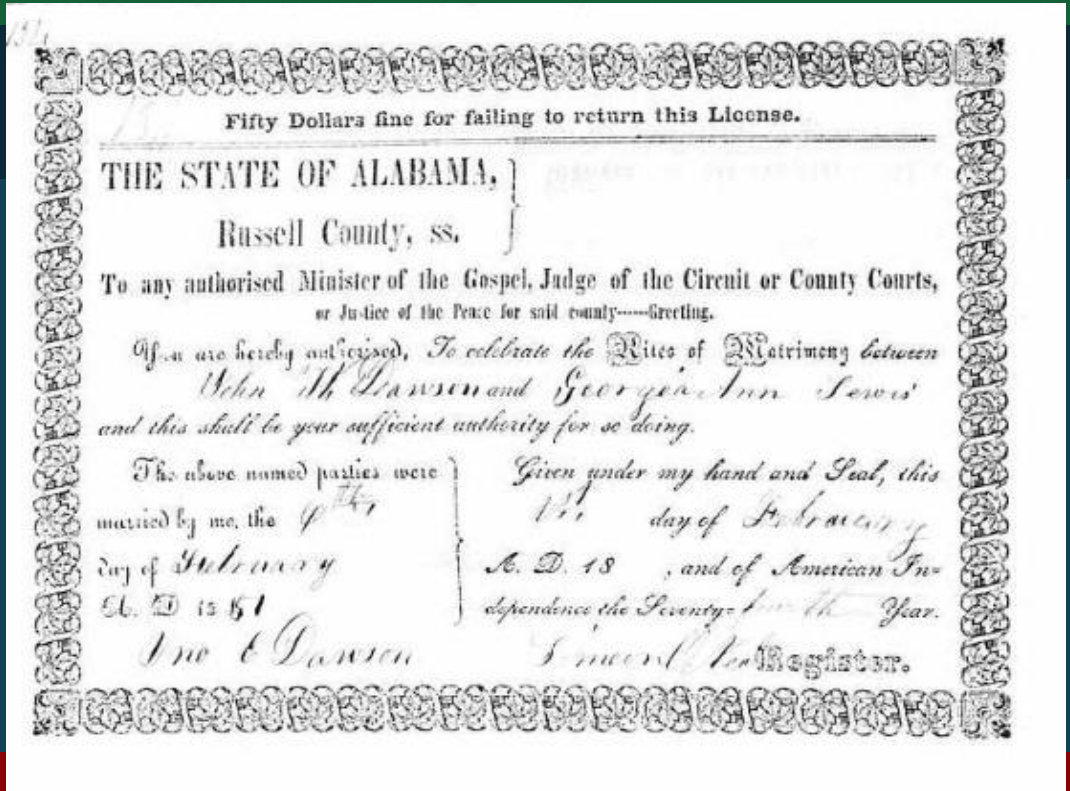
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Example:

John H Dawson and
Georgia Ann Lewis,
married 4 February
1850 by John E
Dawson; Russell
County, Alabama



Russell County, Alabama, "Marriage Record White 1847-50," p. 134, John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, 4 February 1850; image 280, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 6 March 2017);FHL microfilm 1,287,156, item 2.



- **List the date the search was performed.**
- **Some databases are updated periodically and need to be rechecked at a later date.**

Date: 6 Mar 2018





- **Record the website, library, archive, or other physical location that holds the source.**
- **The repository could be your own files if it is an inherited letter or document.**

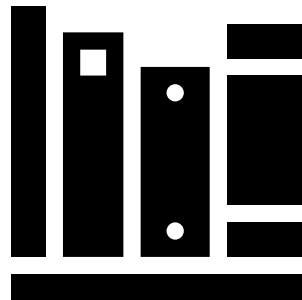
Repository:
FamilySearch





- **Copy and paste the URL, use Bitly.com to shorten**
- **The unique call # or microfilm # at a library or archive**

URL/Call#/Microfilm#
<http://bit.ly/2mNTL6b>





- **List the specific search: record type and name**
- **Sort by this column to organize by record type**

Searching For:
Marriage record
for Georgia A
Dawson





- **List the specific locality: city, county, state or country**
- **Sort by this column to organize by locality**

Locality:
Russell County, Alabama

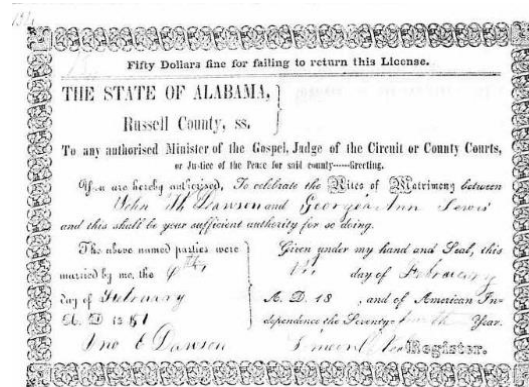




Source Citation:

- **Create the first time a source is viewed**
- **Add all details about a source**

Russell County, Alabama, “Marriage Record White 1847-50,” p. 134, John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, 4 February 1850; image 280, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 6 March 2017); FHL microfilm 1,287,156, item 2.

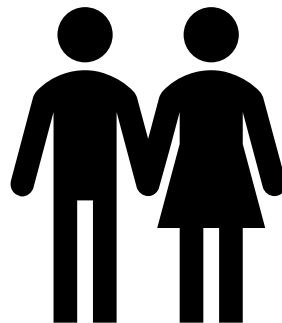




- **Copy names exactly**
- **Abstract information for lengthy documents**
- **Detail all information**

Results / Comments:

John H Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, married 4 February 1850 by John E Dawson; Russell County, Alabama

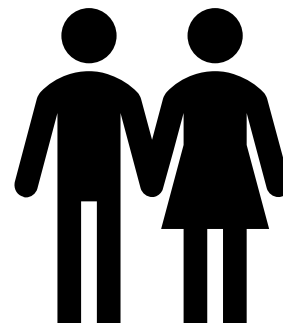




- **Use NIL for not in location**
- **Detail the search parameters**
- **Craft a source citation reflecting the specific source searched**

Negative Results / Comments:

NIL Searched for Lewis-Dawson marriage in Georgia, 1845-1855





- **Match document numbers between the research log, report, family group records, and documents**

Document Number: 1

Source	Results/Comments	Document #
"Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," Russell, 1809-1861, John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, 4 February 1850, image 156, <i>Ancestry</i> (www: ancestry.com : accessed 6 March 2017); image from <i>FamilySearch</i> .	John H Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, married 4 February 1850 by John E Dawson; Russell County, Alabama	1





Add document numbers as the last task in writing the report

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Marriage of Georgia A. Dawson

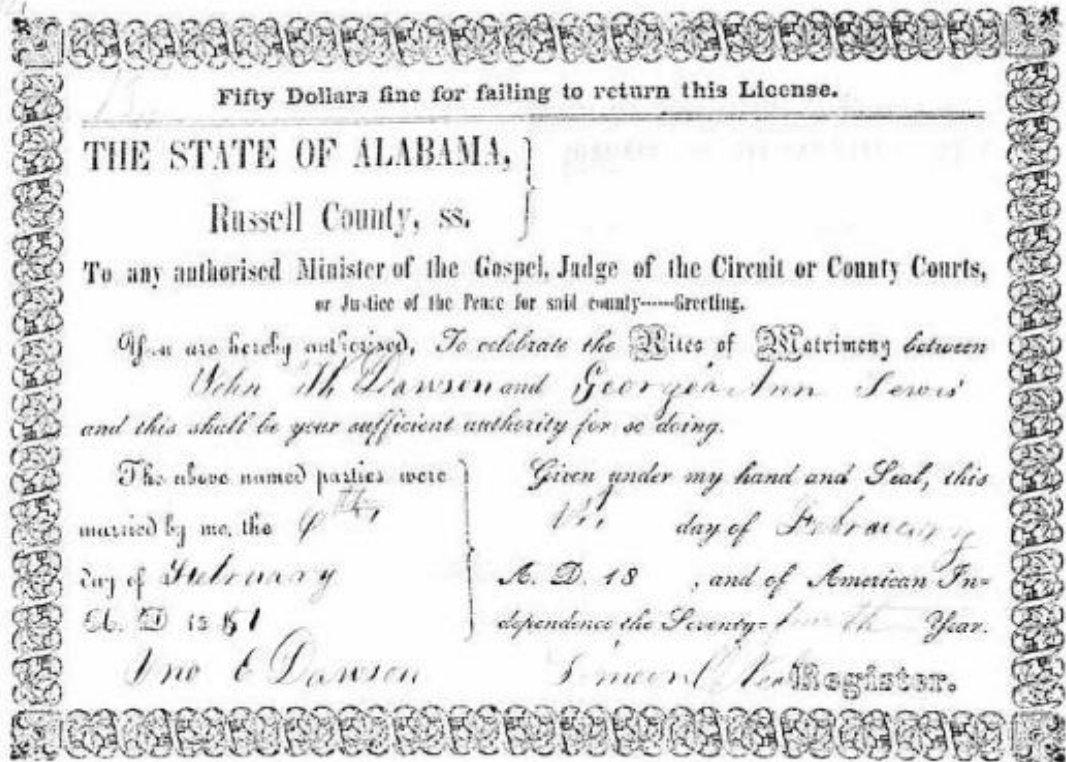
A search of Alabama marriage records revealed the marriage of John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, married 4 February 1850 by John E. Dawson.³ The young couple was living in the household of John E.

³ Russell County, Alabama, "Marriage Record White 1847-50," p. 134, John H. Dawson and Georgia Ann Lewis, 4 February 1850; image 280, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 6 March 2017); FHL microfilm 1,287,156, item 2 **Document 1**





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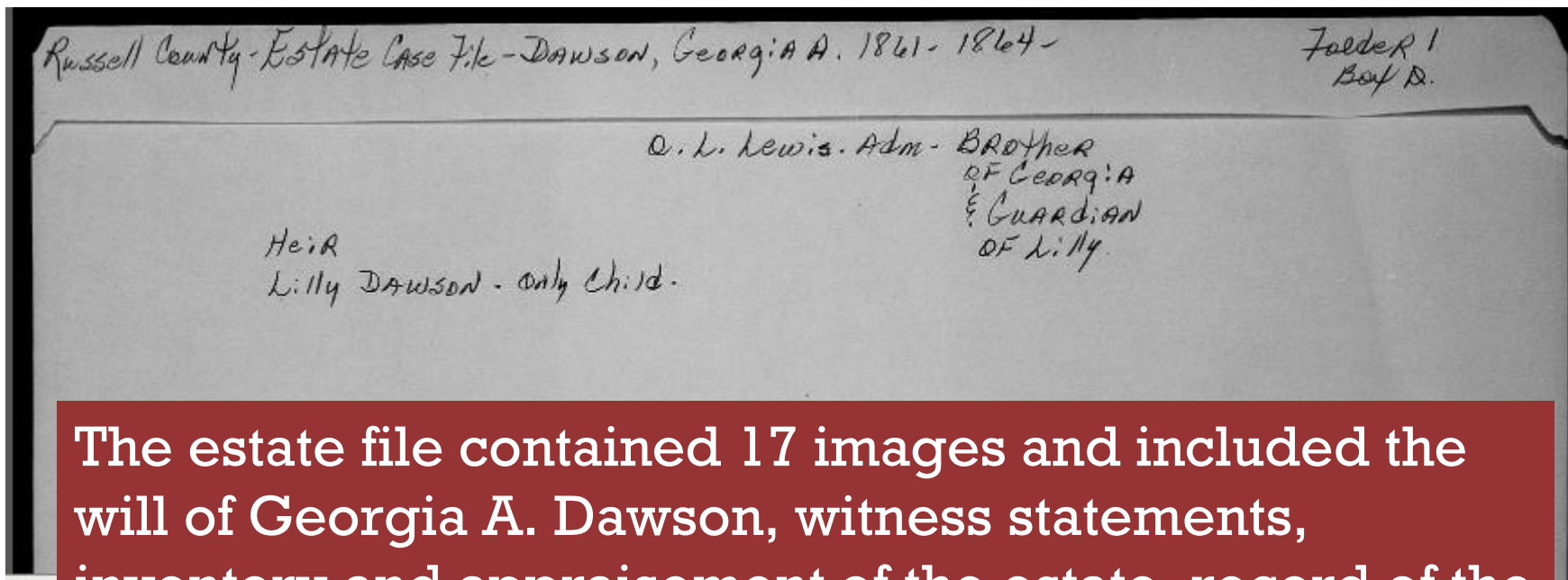
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Reaching the Research
Objective by Following
the Research Plan,
Creating Source
Citations, and Keeping
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Results for the Original Probate Record Search



The estate file contained 17 images and included the will of Georgia A. Dawson, witness statements, inventory and appraisement of the estate, record of the executor's sale, and final administrative documents.

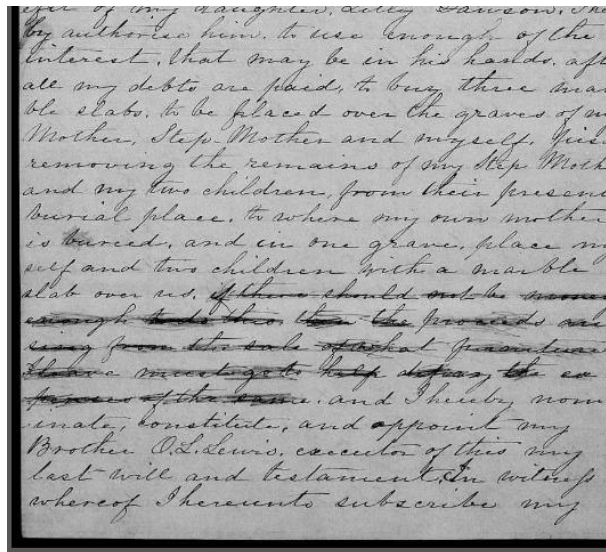


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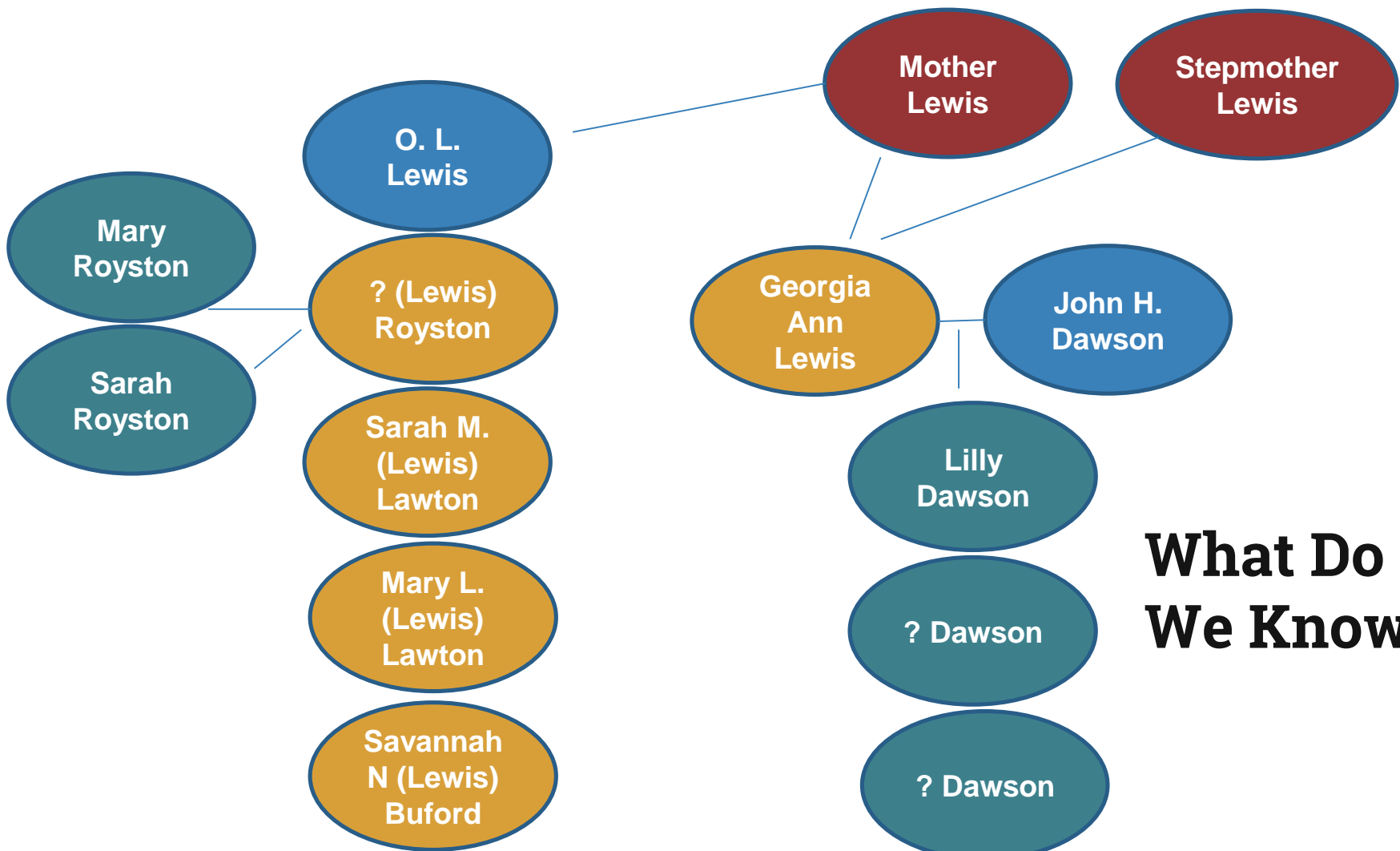
- My only child, Lily Dawson; commit to care of brother O.L Lewis
- If Lilly Dawson should die without marrying and before she is twenty one years of age, the afore mentioned property to be divided into four parts equally between my sisters:
 - Sarah M. Lawton, Mary L. Lawton, Savannah N Buford
 - The fourth part between my two nieces Sarah and Mary Royston, my eldest sisters two daughters by her first Husband



Transcribe Documents: Add link to Google Doc Transcription to Research Log



Trustee O.L. Lewis “to buy three marble slabs to be placed over the graves of my mother, step-mother, and myself. First removing the remains of my stepmother and my two children from their present burial place, to where my own mother is buried, and in one grave, place myself and two children with a marble slab over us, if there should not be money enough to do this, then the proceeds will come from the sale of my real estate. I have meeting to help defray the expenses of the same, and hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my Brother O.L. Lewis, executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my



What Do We Know?



Objective: The objective of this research project is to identify Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson, died 1856 Russell County, Alabama.

1. Search marriage records for Georgia Ann (Lewis) and a Dawson spouse – Georgia or Alabama.

2. View the original probate file. Look for other family members

3. Search the 1850, and 1860 census records for Dawson and Lewis families.

4. Search cemetery records for Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson – Russell County, Alabama.

5. View additional probate records for a possible father for Georgia.



1850 census Russell County, Alabama

Noland Lewis	59	"	"
Martha	55	"	"
Sarah	18	"	"
Mary	16	"	"
Savannah	14	"	"
James M Creo	40	"	"

Noland Lewis 59
Martha Lewis 55
Sarah Lewis 18
Mary Lewis 16
Savannah Lewis 14
James M Creo 40

1850 U.S. Census, Russell County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 203 (printed) sheet 101 (stamped), dwelling 1411, family 1411, Noland Lewis household, digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 14.

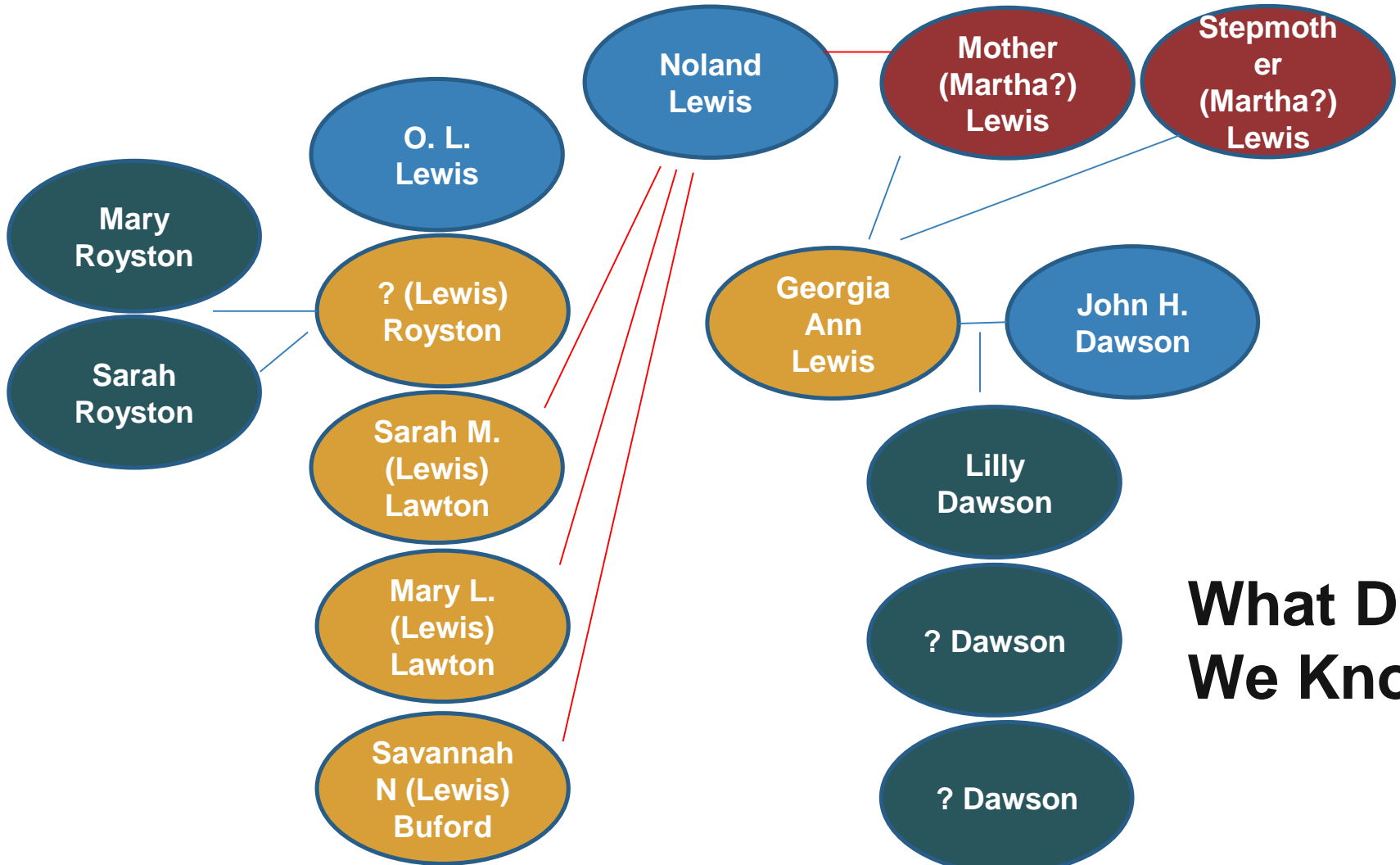


1850 census Muscogee County, Georgia

John E Dawson 45
Mary Dawson 33
John W Dawson 23
Mrs. Georgia Dawson
20
Alexander Dawson 17

26	624-704	John E Dawson	45	M	✓ French Bapt + 66	1200
27	44 3	Mary	33	F		
28		John W	23	M	✓ Farmer	
29		Mrs Georgia	20	F		

1850 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, Columbus, p. 333 B(stamped), dwelling 624/44, family 704/3, John E Dawson household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.



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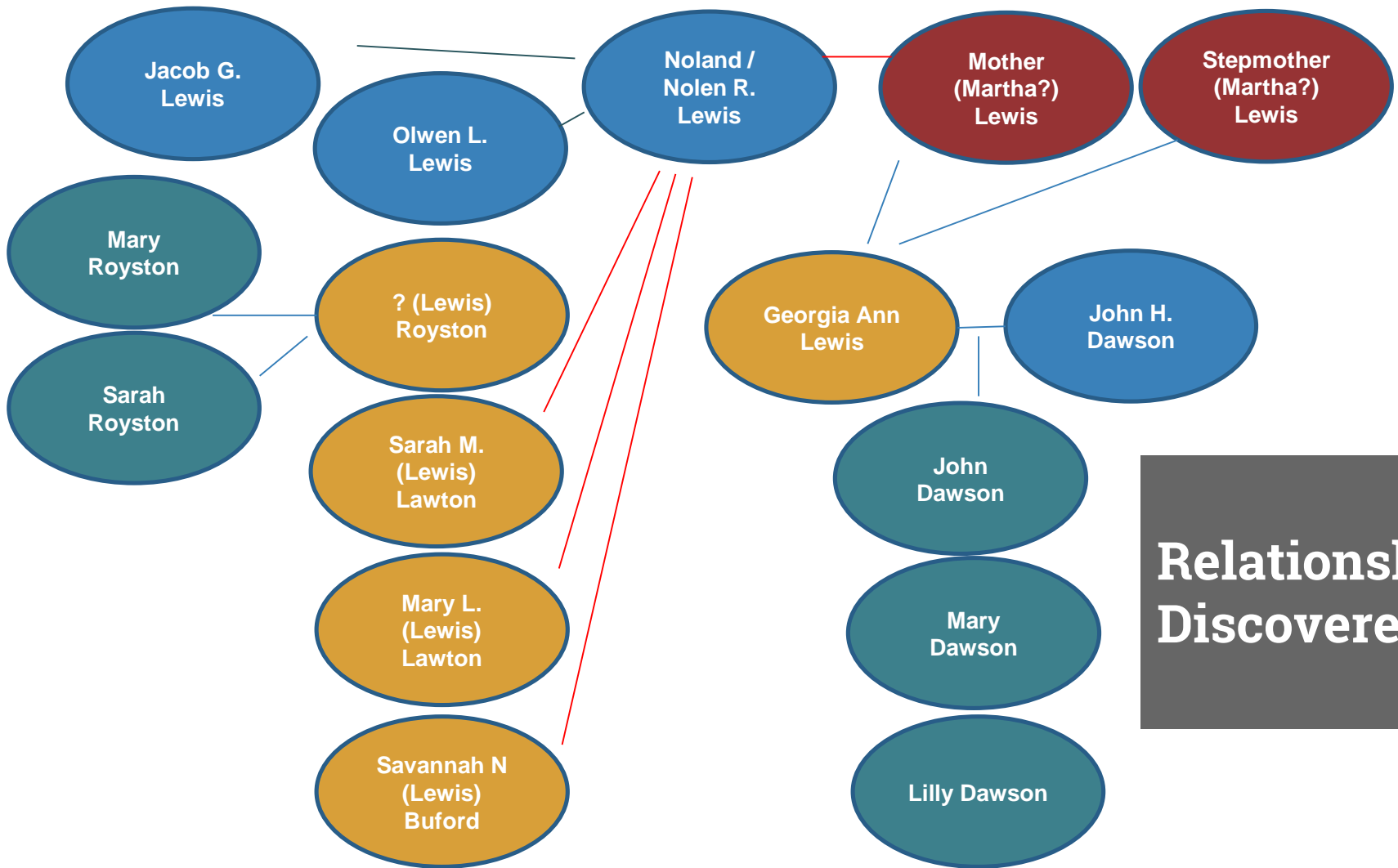


1860 Census Macon County, Alabama

745	744	John W Dawson	28	M	"
		Mr George	27	F	"
		John	21	M	"
		Mary	2	F	"

- John W Dawson 28
- Georgia Dawson 27
- John Dawson 4
- Mary Dawson 2

1860 U.S. Census, Macon County, Alabama, population schedule, Southern Division, p. 801 (stamped), dwelling 624/44, dwelling 745, family 744, John W Dawson household; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M653.



**Relationships
Discovered**



Cemetery Record Search

Phyllis East, *Sacred to the Memory of the Ancestors of Russell County, Alabama*, (Opelika, Alabama : Genealogical Society of East Alabama, 1999); FHL 976.1485. V3e.

MariLee Beatty Hageness, *Church and Family Cemeteries, Russell County, Alabama : volume AL64-1*, (Anniston, Alabama : M.B. Hageness, 1995). FHL 9761485 V3h.

Search for Georgia A Dawson death, 1860-1861, database online, *Find a Grave.com*, (<http://www.findagrave.com>, viewed 7 March 2018).

No results; searched for
Lewis and Dawson

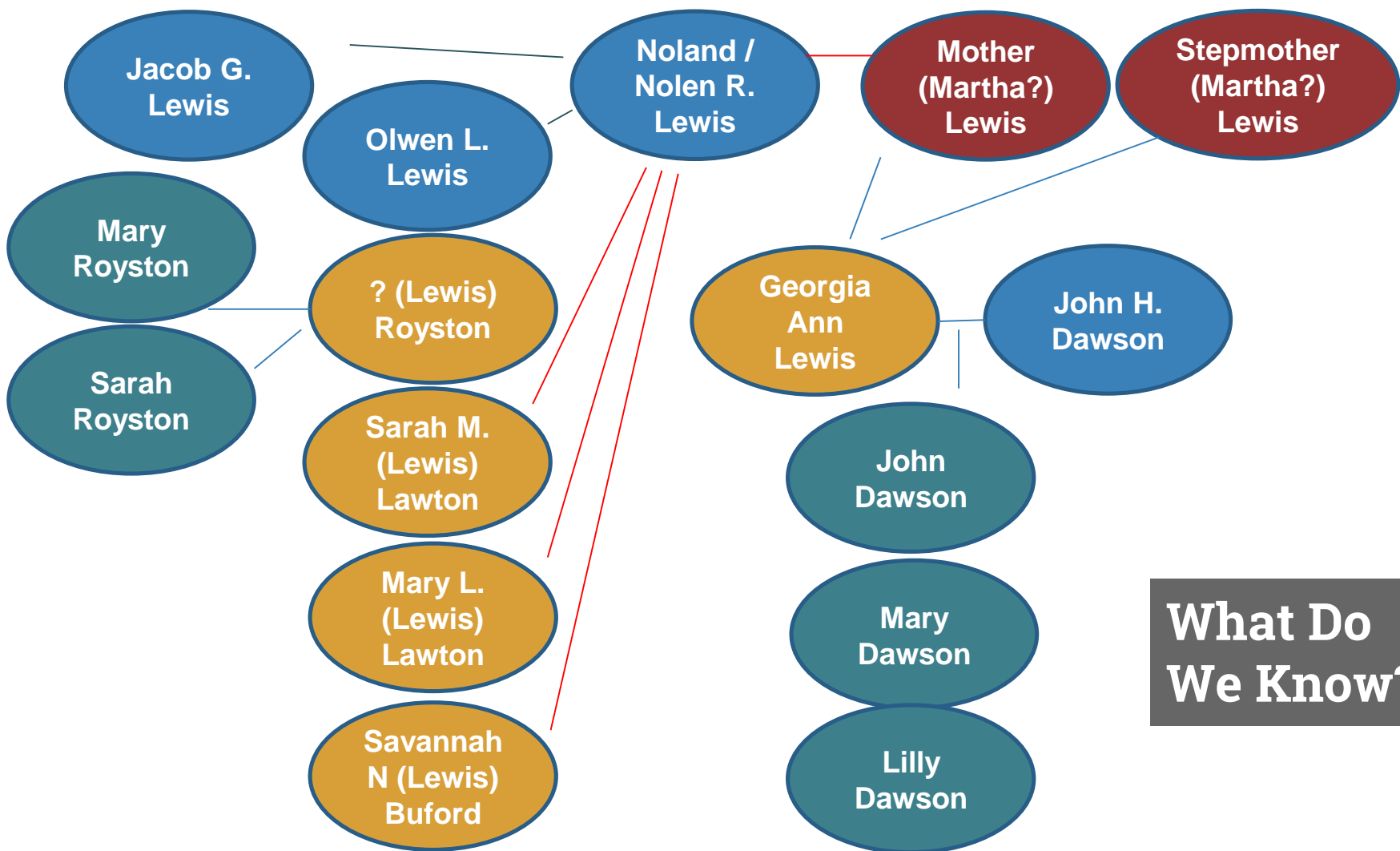


Probate for other Lewis Individuals

*I do hereby nominate and appoint
my father Pearce A Lewis, my uncle Nolen
R Lewis and my
and Olwen L Lewis
my request that
for my children
them.*

- **Will of Pearce L Lewis: father Pearce A Lewis; uncle Nolen R Lewis, cousins Jacob G Lewis and Olwen L Lewis executors and guardians of children; Witnesses William Plane, Battle A Sorsby, Seaborn Jones**

"Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," Russell Will Records, Vol 2, 1850-1873, p.39,41; will for Pearce A Lewis, 1852, image 183; Ancestry (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 25 May 2018).



What Do We Know?



Obituary for Mrs. James S. Lawton

Mildred Ann Lewis

**Parents Richard Nolan Lewis and
Sarah Gibson Lewis**

**Married Dr. George Duffield
Royston of Maryland**

**Left a widow with two girls – Mrs.
H.H. Cabaniss and Mrs. J.T. White**

**Married secondly to Dr. James
Lawton**

“Mrs. James S. Lawton. The Funeral Services of a Most Estimate Lady,” *Augusta Chronicle*, 20 August 1901, p. 5; *Genealogy Bank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 21 February 2020).

MRS. JAMES S. LAWTON.

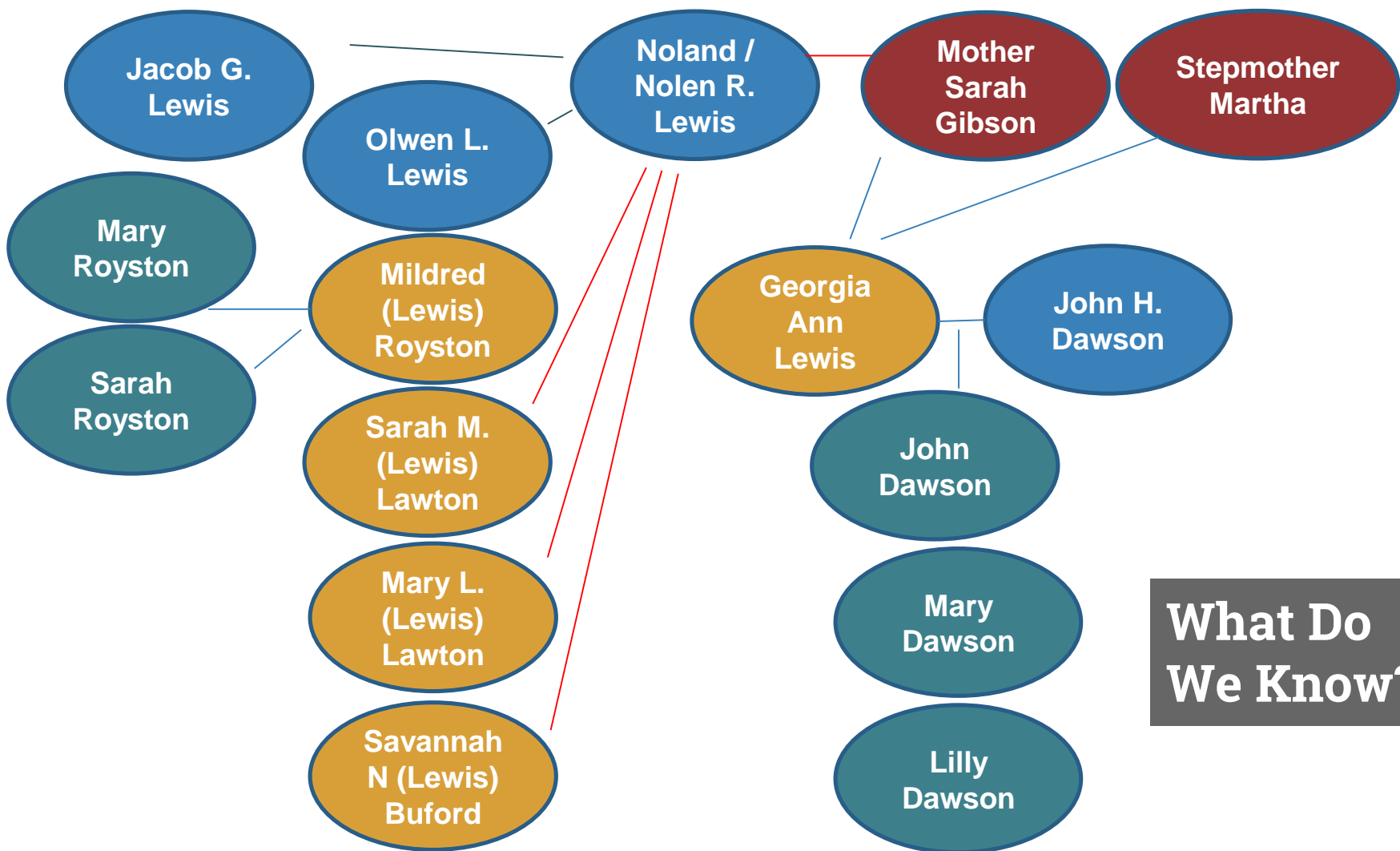
The Funeral Services of a Most Estimable Lady.

(Special to The Chronicle.)

Atlanta, Aug. 19.—The funeral services of Mrs. James S. Lawton were conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne at the home of her son-in-law, Hon. Henry H. Cabaniss.

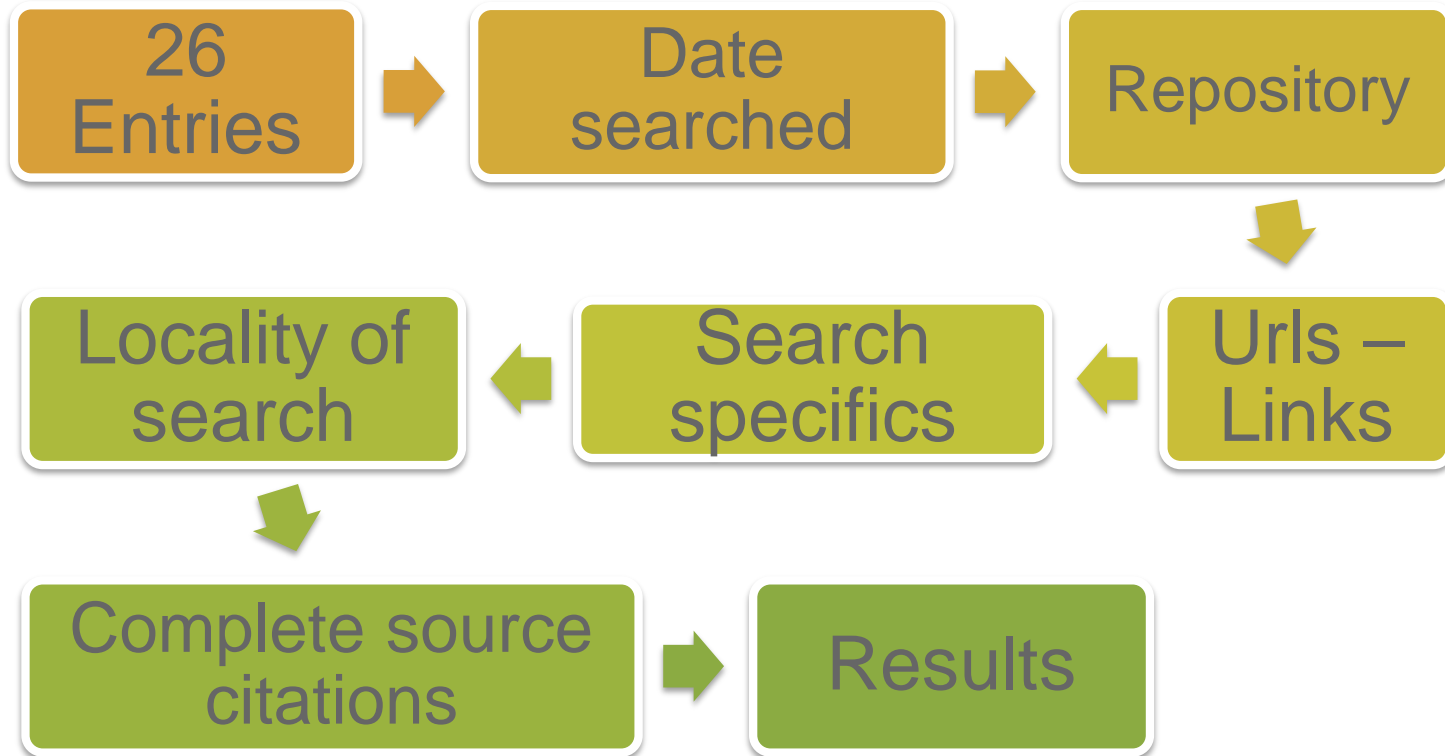
She was 52 years old. Her maiden name was Mildred Ann Lewis, granddaughter of Jacob Lewis, an officer in the Revolutionary army and one of the secretaries of President Washington.

She was born at Crawfordville, then in Wilkes county; her parents, Richard Nolan Lewis and Sarah Gibson Lewis, having a short while before removed to that county from Virginia. Her childhood and girlhood were passed in Columbus, Ga., where her family had permanently located. There she married Dr. George Duffield Royston, of Maryland. Left a widow, with two little girls, afterwards Mrs. H. H. Cabaniss and Mrs. J. T. White, she was married the second time to Dr. James Stoney Lawton, of Lawtonville and Allendale, S. C.



What Do We Know?

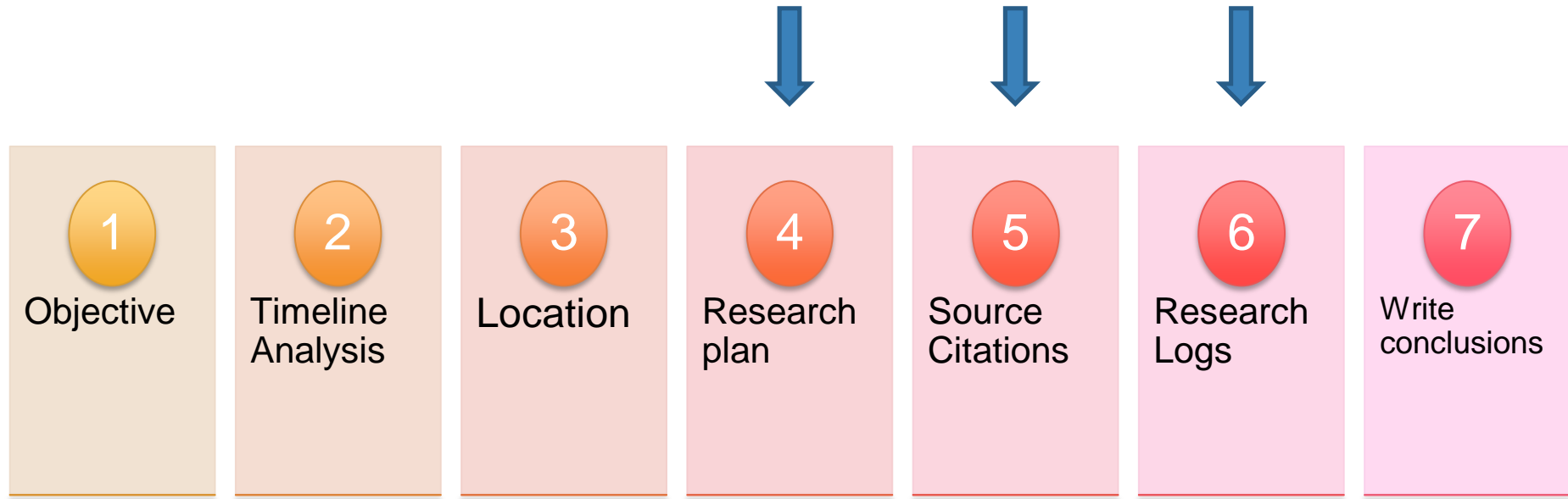
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Research Objective:		Objective: The objective of this research project is to identify Georgia Ann (Lewis) Dawson, died 1856 Russell County, Alabama. Georgia married John W. Dawson 6 February 1850 in Russell County.					
Localities: Russell County, Alabama, Muscogee County, Georgia							
Date	Repository	URL, Call #, Film #	Searching For	Date	Locality	Source	Results/Comments
25 May 2018	Ancestry	https://ancestry.me/2LyC1EW	1840 Census-Nolen Lewis	1840	Russell County, Alabama	1840 U.S. Census, Russell County, Nowlen Lewis household	Home in 1840 (City, County, State): Russell, Alabama Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19: 1 Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29: 3 Free White Persons - Males - 50 thru 59: 1 Free White Persons - Females - Under 5: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14: 2 Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29: 1 Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49: 1
26 May 2018	FamilySearch	http://bit.ly/2lRPQwy	Marriage record for Dawson	1849	Russell County, Alabama	County Probate Courts, Alabama, Russell County, Marriage record book (white) 1847-1855, p. 77; "Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950," database with images, image 251 of 846, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org : accessed 26 May 2018).	19 April 1849 Russell County, Marriage G.D. Royster - Mildred Lewis;
6 Mar 2016	Ancestry	http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8054	Georgia A Dawson in the 1850 census	1850	Russell County, Alabama	1850 U.S. Census, Russell County, Alabama, population schedule, digital images, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.	NIL for Georgia, Dawson, D*son
6 Mar 2016	Ancestry	http://bit.ly/2mf42af	Georgia A Dawson in the 1850 census	1850	Muscogee County, Georgia	1850 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, Columbus, p. 333 B(stamped), dwelling 624/44, family 704/3, John E Dawson household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 79.	John E Dawson 45 Mary Dawson 33 John W Dawson 23 Georgia Dawson 20 Alexander Dawson 17



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