

March 9, 1962

Dear cousin Robert,

Thank you so much for your informative letter. I didn't know I had royal blood running through my veins. You must have spent a great deal of time on research. How I would like to live close enough to go through those files. This is all new to me but I am really enjoying it. I'm afraid after all you have that I would not have anything you do not have. I'm sending you information of the children of Alexander Benjamin & Narcissa Melissa Lawton that was not in "Our Family Circle". Yes, my great grandfather was right there and had 10 children to prove it in a big way. I have only recently been able to find out about 4 of A.B.L.'s children. I have some very old letters they wrote to my grandfather, Winborn Theodore. I made a trip to Bloomburg, Texas and got the facts from Mary Aulin Grogan, the daughter of great aunt Mona, for whom my mother was named.

I do have a copy of Narcissa's diary written during the Civil War. It is most interesting. I would be so happy for you to see it and make a copy if you are interested, also a copy of a letter from Annie Lawton Long with family news. Just say the word if you want them. The diary is being used by a University of Florida professor in writing the History of Thomas County, Georgia. The letter of Annie Lawton Long's explains some of the remarks in the diary.

I have a copy of "Our Family Circle" and prize it very highly. There is also a copy in the Shreveport Library. It was donated recently but I do not know the connection of the woman who gave it. As to what I want you to send me, I am interested in information about the grandmothers who married the Lawton grandfathers. The Cater material was most helpful. I would like the material on the Mosses and Nortons and their ancestors, also the Roberts. I have sent my papers to the Huguenot Society. Mr. Tonge signed my application. Do you have anything on Joseph Lawton's wife's mother? I understand her will is available somewhere. I went in the DAR on the Joseph Lawton line with a supplement from the Mosse line. My mother was a member of UDC but I have never joined. I have been elected Vice Regent of my DAR chapter for next year. Sams

I was born 8-18-1904, in sight of our present home. The property has been in the Miller family for a great many years. There are 5 generations of John Millers in our family and 4 generations of Lonas. My husband is Henry Belton Thomas, retired engineer for the Ark-La. Gas Co. We came back home and built 4 years ago. My father lived to be 92, almost 93. He was very active and alert, carried on his business until the end. He was a planter, merchant and politician. He was of the old school and thought that our country was going to pot with all these little upstarts running it. Ha! At the time of his death, he was the oldest native citizen living in Caddo Parish. His bank in Shreveport honored him a number of years ago as being the depositor in number of years still with them. It is the oldest bank in the state. They opened a savings account for his grandson, in a new branch, so that he would be the oldest depositor in it.

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What is the date of the Lawton reunion? We had planned a trip to Florida to visit my sister. I would certainly enjoy going to Allendale. Ralph Lawton, my 1st. cousin, went last year and enjoyed it so much.

As you can see, I am not much of a typist. I was a school teacher, my sister is the secretary in this family. She is with the Navy Dept. in Jacksonville. She has a son that will be in D.C. in June. He is a Commander in the Navy, 38 years old and very brilliant. He graduated from Ga. Tech and will receive his Masters in June from some sort of Navy school in Monterey, Calif. My bro. passed away at 59.

Again let me say how much I thank you for your wonderful letter. When you have the time, send me anything you think would interest me, I love it all. Let me know if you want the diary. By-the-way I followed tradition, I am a Baptist. Most of the relatives back here are teachers, Doctors, Lawyers, Planters and just have jobs.

With every good wish to you and your wife,

Ruth Thomas

P.S. We have no children but 4 nieces & nephews, 9 great nieces and nephews that we claim for grand children.

6000A "Summer Oaks" Plantation, Thomasville, Ga.

23 Sept. 1809 - 23 May 1861

DESCENDANTS OF: ALEXANDER BENJAMIN LAWTON & NARCISSE MELISSA LAWTON

bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Oviedo, Fla.

I. Alexander Cater Lawton b: 1841-d: 17-26-1921 m: Sarah^A Godfrey of Monticello, Va. [29 Nov. 1866]

I child: Annie^{Maria} Lawton Long b: 22 July 1877

m(1) Dr. C. E. Walker + 1910 Sycamore, Ga.; m(2) 1873 John W. Long

* 2. Winborn Theodore: b: 2-6-1843-Thomasville, Ga. d: II-14-1892 Mira La.

m: 6-27-1867

m: Mary Ann Whaley, Troy Ala. b: I-5-1852 d: I2-22-1907

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- a: Dr. Winborn B. Lawton: 1868 -1931 m: Lettie Slaughter, Mira, La.
- * b: Lona Pearson Lawton: 1871 -1921 m: John Marion Miller m. 1899
- c: Mollie Melissa: 1873 -1926 m: Robert Hemperly
- d: Robert Franklin: 1875 -1928 m: Lillie Nixon, Galveston, Tex
- e: Charles John: m: 3 times
- f: Josephine Mattie 1879 -1951 m: J.O.C. Adams
- g: Ida: 1882 -1957 m: Peyton Colquitt
- h: Bertie m: Will Grogan
- i: Clara m: Hugh McKinney
- J: Ralph Waldo 1891 -1958 m: Allie McLeish

28 May 1845 3. Clara Lawton: m: B.F. Wheeler - lived in Oviedo, Florida
2 sons: Frank M; George Lee - Robert Lee m: Mattie Aulin 1st coz.

16 June 1847 4. Rev. Robert Lawton m: Mary Gywnn - Lived in Oviedo, Florida
5 children: Joseph, T.W., Robert, Cater, Helen (deceased)

5. Thomas Lawton m: Josiphine - Oviedo, Florida
4 children: Annie, Winnie (girl), Tom, Sam

6. Emma Leonora (Lona) M; Andrew Aulin from Sweden lived in Oviedo.
4 children: Theodore, Mattie, Mary, Andrew
Mattie married her 1st. cousin, Robert Lee Wheeler. Mary m:
Will Grogan, 2nd. wife. 1st wife was my aunt, Bertie Lawton.
Theodore m: Nettie Jacobs - Andrew m: Alice Powell

Narcissa lived with Lona Aulin - was buried in Oviedo. Andrew Aulin founded the town of Oviedo, named it after a town in Spain. He was quite wealthy at one time. I visit with Mary Aulin Grogan at times. She lives in Bloomburg, Texas. She has some of the original A.B.L. silver also a book of poems written by Narcissa.

All of my mother's family have passed away, only 2 in-laws left. They were all born in or near Mira, Louisiana. We are not sure about where Dr. Lawton was born, but think at Mira. These uncles and aunts had 35 children. Their children, most of them, are married and have children. The bad part, so many are girls. I'm afraid the Lawton name is in danger.

Lona Pearson Lawton (1871-1921) m. 1899 John Marion Miller (+ almost 93 yrs old)
Their only son: John Winborn Miller of Shreveport, La.

dau. Jo Ann Miller m. James L. Nichols, Jr.

Their 2daus: Ruth Miller married Henry Belton ("Mike") Thomas
b. 18 Aug. 1904