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Dear Cousin Robert,

It was so nice to hear from you again and to hear about your nice trip. We plan to take a trip down there this summer and hope to see some of the things you mentioned.

Enclosed is the letter from Annie Lawton Long. I will send the diary under separate cover. A distant cousin in Shreveport, has it now but is returning it tomorrow. I will mail it on to you. I would be so happy to have it published. I'm afraid there is no reference to S.C. in it, tho. You may keep the letter and take your time about copying the diary as that is my mailing copy.

I have seen the copy of the S.C. Historical Magazine concerning Captain Wm. Lawton and made a copy of it, I also have a copy of his Will I obtained from the Dept. of Archives in Columbia, S.C. It is most interesting. I am going to order the ones on the Cater family you mentioned in your previous letter.

Thank you so much for the material on the Mosse and Norton families. The more you know the more you want to find out. I would be beside myself with gratitude if you make me a chart of my pedigree as far back as you have time to take it. I'm sure I'm eligible for Colonial Dames but don't know how to work it up. Do you happen to have that? I don't want to become a nuisance to you.

I would like to be on the mailing list for the Lawton reunions. It is doubtful that we can make it this year as my nephew and family are planning to come out here in June on their way from California to his new assignment in Washington D.C. He is a naval officer. I don't know of anything I would enjoy more than to go. The Robert Gilliam Lawton's of Shreveport are going. She was out Tuesday when I entertained my DAR chapter. She is a charming person so be sure and meet her. We have visited on the telephone for two years but never met until last Tuesday. She has done a great deal of research but nothing to compare with what you have done.

I give up! Ha'. I have several very good friends who are Episcopalians. I wish you could see St. Marks in Shreveport. It is a ~~friend~~ beautiful church. The sister of a close friend of mine donated the stained glass windows over the entrance. By the time they were installed it was over \$100,000. She also furnished the Prayer Room. Laurence Plumley is the Rector. I attended a wedding there last summer. My 1st. cousin's son, Dr. Jerry Beauregard, also your relative, was married there. Now it remains to be seen if she makes an Episcopalian out of that staunch Baptist. Don't think me a narrow Baptist, for I certainly am not. I just never knew any other church. Thanks for the information on it.

Getting back to the diary and letter of Annie Lawton Long- After the war my grandfather went to Alabama, to seek employment, I'm sure, there met and married my grandmother, Mary Ann Whaley. He came to La. and taught school until his death. The Supt. of schools told some people, and they told me, that he was the most brilliant man he had ever known. He confirmed the fact that he spoke 7 languages. At his death, during a school term, my mother,

Lona, completed his school term. She taught until she met and married my father. She finished college at what is now Northwestern College, Natchitoches, La. I started teaching in the same town in which she started her teaching career, many years later my niece started in the same town.

I'm sending you some information I copied from Gene Lawton's material. I imagine you already have it.

Thanks again for the material. It is a pleasure to read your letters. If you want to use the diary in any way at the reunion, feel free to do so.

Best wishes to you both,

Sincerely,

*Ruth Thomas*