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*Robert -
How 'tis - whatever
'tis. I will be interested
in your opinion of this
report.
As ever -
Paul*

Dear Lawton Brothers,

Enclosed is your long-awaited report. I am very sorry for the delay. I realize that it has caused you much anxiety and disappointment not have have received it earlier. Although there is no valid excuse for it, our compoany has undergone some major structural changes in the past few months, taking much of my time. In case you decide to hire us again, I will do a \$500 project at no charge to you if it is not completed within three months.

Enclosed is the search requested for the will of Pierre ROBERT(S). You indicated that he died in 1715. There was not a will found in the indexes for Charleston County in 1715 for Pierre/Peter, but there was one found in 1731. Is this the correct individual? As the name is not common, and as it was not found in the various indexes consulted, I doubt that there is a will in existence for 1715.

The enclosed will was difficult to get a good copy of. If it is not legible to you, I can have an associate extract or translate it for you. I don't know if you know French or not. I do not and was unable to read it because of that. I ran across some church records for French Refugees, which include the family of Pierre ROBERT of Switzerland. Enclosed is a copy if you did not have it.

I hope you are pleased with the enclosed report on LAWTON. I am sorry that I got so excited about William LAUGHTON, Provost Marshall, but I did not know that you already knew of him. Please contact Andrea or myself if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely *Rich*
Richard W. Price

PEDIGREE CHART

This is chart No. _____

CONTINUATION
CHART
NUMBER

PROPOSED FAMILY
NEEDS FURTHER PROOF

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____
ON CHART NO. _____

1. William LAWTON
BORN 4 Jun 1688
PLACE Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs., Eng
MARRIED ~~1743-44~~ 1733-34
PLACE Colleton Co., SC
DIED ^{by} 9/15 Oct 1757
PLACE Edisto Island, Colleton SC

Mary CLARKE

NAME OF SPOUSE

2. William LAWTON
BORN 30 Jan 1653
PLACE Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs., Eng
MARRIED 8 May 1678
PLACE Newcastle-
DIED
PLACE

3. Mary DACE
BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

4. Thomas LAWTON
BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED wd 14 Nov 1690
PLACE Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs., Eng

5. Elizabeth
BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

6. BORN
PLACE
MARRIED
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

7. BORN
PLACE
DIED
PLACE

8. _____

9. _____

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12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

HUSBAND

William LAWTON

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Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. 30 Jan 1653 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 Mar. 8 May 1678 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Thomas LAWTON HUSBAND'S MOTHER Elizabeth
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Mary DACE

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth			WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	Given Names	Surname	chr	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
F	Mary	LAWTON	chr	11	Mar	1680	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
M	Samuel	LAWTON	chr	11	Jul	1682	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
F	Elizabeth	LAWTON	chr	20	Jan	1684	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
M	Joseph	LAWTON	chr	22	Oct	1685	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
M	Josiah	LAWTON	chr	27	Mar	1687	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
M	★ William	LAWTON	chr	4	Jun	1688	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
F	Ester	LAWTON	chr	10	Jul	1689	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
M	Joshua	LAWTON	chr	17	Mar	1690/91	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
F	Elizabeth	LAWTON	chr	7	May	1691	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
F	Rebeckah	LAWTON	chr	10	Aug	1692	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
F	Sarah	LAWTON	chr	6	Jun	1695	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- 1988 IGI Staffs., Eng
- Newcastle Chr. printouts

OTHER MARRIAGES

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

HUSRA William LAWTON

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. 30 Jan 1653 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 Marr. 8 May 1678 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 Died _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Thomas LAWTON HUSBAND'S MOTHER Elizabeth
 OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Mary DACE
 Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX	CHILDREN			WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	Given Names	Surname	chr	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1 F	Abigail	LAWTON	chr	19	May	1697	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
2 M		LAWTON	born	6	Mar	1699	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng					
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5														
6														
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11														

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HUSBAND Thomas LAWTON (cordwainer)

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Mar. _____ Place _____
 Died wd 14 Nov 1690 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 wp 9 Oct 1691 Place Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England

Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Elizabeth

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

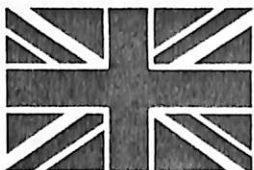
SEX M F	CHILDREN			WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
	Given Names	Surname	chr	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1 M	Thomas	LAWTON	chr	23	Feb	1640	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng				
2 F	Anna	LAWTON	chr	27	Nov	1642	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng				
3 M	Robert	LAWTON	chr	14	Mar	1644	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng				
4 F	Elizabeth	LAWTON	chr	12	Apr	1646	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng				
5 F	Martha	LAWTON	chr	14	May	1648	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng				
6 M	★ William	LAWTON	chr	30	Jun	1653	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Staffs	Eng	8 May 1678 Mary DACE			
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8													
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2. Newcastle chr printouts

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CAPT. WILLIAM LAWTON RESEARCH REPORT

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A great deal of time has again been invested in studying and researching the LAWTON family. The goal has been to determine if there were any other American sources to shed light on the LAWTONs of Edisto Island, and to continue research in British sources, hoping to identify William's parentage and extend his pedigree.

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Information held at the time this research period began included the conclusions that William was the immigrant from England, born 1690-1717, more likely in the earlier time-frame. He was a planter on Edisto Island, always seemed to be prominent in religious and political affairs, and he was extremely wealthy when he died. This has been attributed to inheriting it from his third wife, but there is little question that he was a man of education, well-able to develop a successful financial base for himself and his family. It is the opinion of this researcher that this was learned from his upbringing and that his parents were likely of more than common means in England.

The first item to be discussed is the Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series (enclosed document H). This record created great excitement when first identified. These are legal papers relative to Britain's colonization in America and the West Indies, including the following:

-30 July 1734 London, John LAWTON was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court in Jamaica for the Crown for the term of his natural life. He could be connected with the LAWTONs of Edisto, but this has not been determined. Investigation of Jamaican records should shed light on this, but is not recommended

presently.

-3 Dec. 1716 Captain Thomas LAWTON, "who in his intended voyage to the Windward passage was taken by pirates, and robbed of what they thought fitt and turned loose".

This was reported by the Commander in Chief of Jamaica. He is probably the same Thomas LAWTON found previously in Carolina records and is likely connected with the above John LAWTON. Again, this can be pursued in Jamaican and London records, but is set aside presently.

-Oct. 1723 William LOUGHTON was Provost Marshall at Charlestown. This was perfect timing to be your ancestor and was an exciting find. He was obviously related to Edward LOUGHTON of Charlestown and others with connections in London and Charlestown. You had already disproved this as being ancestral. We found the will of this William in the meantime, coming to the same conclusion and discontinued further investigation (document U).

-We agree with your conclusion that there is no connection between Captain William LAWTON and Edward LOUGHTON, who was involved in silver mining in Carolina (document J).

Research next resorted to LAWTON families in England. The item that gave us the greatest interest was the fact that there were countless Josiah LAWTONs in Saddleworth, Yorkshire. It seemed to be the natural place of origin for your family. It is located on the southwest corner of Yorkshire, bordering Lancashire and Cheshire (document W4). It is about 35 miles north of Church Lawton, Cheshire. The problem with this Saddleworth family is that although it was a very prolific family in Saddleworth, there was not one William LAWTON born there until 1786. Because William was the second most common name in England at the time, this casts great doubt on the possibility of this family being ancestral (document V). The will of Josiah LAWTON of

Dobb Cross, Saddleworth, dated 24 May 1727 was found, at your request. It verifies our conclusions above, that no William was found in the family (document F).

A new research tool that was released in May of this year is the International Genealogical Index (IGI) on computer disc. This enables one to search for a name in all of Great Britain and Ireland by simply typing in a name. It is very useful in assisting with links to immigrant families. About 70% of all English births are included in this record 1538-1812. One of the weakest areas of this IGI is Cheshire, where it includes but 15% of the records for that county. The adjacent counties of Lancashire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire, however, are well-represented. In consulting this index, there were virtually no Josiah LAWTONs (checking all surname variant spellings). The only ones found outside of Saddleworth are these (document D):

married 11 Nov 1682 Josiah LAWTON and Margaret REDMAN London
bapt. 27 Mar 1687 Josiah, son of Willm LAWTON Newcastle,
Staffs.

The first item above appeared perfect to be the marriage of the parents of Captain William. However, in consulting the IGI, no children were born to this couple. The records for the city of London are very complete in the IGI, but for the rest of Middlesex, they are virtually non-existent. The family of this Josiah and Margaret can be pursued in the future if it becomes necessary. There are definitely connections between the LOUGHTONS of Carolina and the LAWTONs of Jamaica with London, so

this Josiah may be an important find. It is not being pursued presently because other avenues appear more promising.

In consulting the IGI for all births of William LAWTONs in England 1690-1717, sixteen possibilities were uncovered. None of them had fathers named Josiah and only one had a brother Josiah. This is the family of Newcastle-under-Lyme, which you have previously found. Newcastle is nine miles from Church Lawton. This family appears to be a very good possibility.

Enclosed is the family group sheet for William LAWTON and Mary DACE(sp?). This fits well into the possibilities of Captain William's parentage. William and Mary had thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy. Their son Josiah was born 1687 and son William born 1688. This would make the two brothers close in age and likely close friends. If this were your William, it would make him born two years earlier than had been calculated; certainly a possibility.

This important item relative to this family is that the father became prosperous in his later years, as evidenced in the parish registers. It appears that William Sr. was the son of Thomas LAWTON, a cordwainer (shoemaker) of Newcastle. When William Jr. (Capt.) was born in 1688, his father was listed as an Alderman of the city. An Alderman at this time was a person of high rank in the city or guild of the city, often the man next in rank to the mayor. When one of the children was christened, this William was listed as Mayor, and at the baptism of four of his children, he was listed as "Mr." "Mr." also notes a person of

prominence and wealth in the city.

If this Alderman was the father of Captain William, his sons should have inherited some of his leadership skills and wealth. Because he had a large family, none of his sons would likely have been wealthy, unless he left his estate almost solely to the eldest. This sometimes occurred. William was the fourth son of this Alderman. This would put him in a likely position to have money to travel to the colonies, but not enough of an estate to encourage him to remain in England. The will of Thomas LAWTON, proposed grandfather to Captain William was found in our previous research period. It is now evident that this Thomas who died in 1691 is the father of William the Alderman.

There will likely be historical information available on this alderman, especially if he became mayor of Newcastle, a fairly large city in the seventeenth century. We consulted the Dictionary of National Biography but found nothing pertinent (document R). There are many histories available here for Newcastle which can be investigated further.

At the conclusion of this research period, it is felt that the correct direction on your ancestral home is Newcastle. Further research will be necessary to determine what happened to the children of William, alderman. His marriage and the christening of William have been photocopied for your use (document X). There are many records of Newcastle, both original and printed, available here. Items to be consulted first have the following call numbers: 942.46/N1, A3a; 421,578 (BT's);

1,040,773 (PR's); 942.46, B4pr, vol. 16, 17, 77; 942.46/N1, V26g.

One problem with the family group of William and Mary LAWTON is that there was a son Joshua baptized 17 March 1690/91 and a daughter Elizabeth baptized 7 May 1691. This first causes us to think that there may be two families of William LAWTONs in Newcastle. However, fathers to both children were listed as "Mr.". It is possible that the children were a few months old when they were baptized. By consulting the original records we will be able to learn more about this, for the records sometimes include birthdate. There are two published copies of the Newcastle registers here, plus the original parish registers and the bishops transcripts, so we will get a good picture on the family with further research.

Other records consulted can be touched on now. The Family Group Records Collection was consulted for Josiah LAWTON and many were found (document A). All were from Saddleworth except the one married in London, mentioned above.

Isaac RIPPON was found married 1770 in Bakewell, Derbyshire. This Isaac may be a relative to the one in Carolina. Derbyshire is adjacent to Staffordshire, giving more support to this possibility.

The IGI was consulted for Mary CLARK, daughter of Jeremiah. Three were found in the correct time-period to be the Mary who married Captain William; two in London and one in Essex (document G). No connection was obvious, but this can be looked into in the future.

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Document I includes many of the possible births of Captain William. These can be used for future studies if the Newcastle family proves to be non-ancestral. Isaac LAWTON was sought in the IGI for interest, nothing being found of import (document K).

Probate records need to be consulted in the various areas being studied. We have consulted the indexes previously, as have you. Some of the wills to be used are in document N.

Boyd's "Citizens of London" index was consulted. No Josiahs were found, but several Williams appear interesting. The actual pedigrees have not yet been checked because it was determined that Edward and William LOUGHTON of London/Carolina were not related (document O).

An invaluable source for determining places of origin for immigrants 1700-1750 is the Bernau Index to [English] Chancery Proceedings. This is the perfect time for your family. Time did not permit us to even finish extracting from the index, but note that two Josiah LAWTONs were found (document P). Further work will show what William LAWTONs were included and the original records can then be consulted. These court records are in Salt Lake City for this time-period. They deal with any major court cases in Britain, not necessarily for those "beyond the sea".

Document Q, shows that the families of Edward LOUGHTON of Carolina were definitely residents of London. It is not likely

that there is any connection to your LAWTONs.

It is recommended that future research focus first on determining if the family of Newcastle is ancestral. If it is disproven, other steps named above and in the previous report need to taken. We will appreciate your reaction to these conclusions. Probably one of the best sources will be the Bernau Index mentioned above.

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Accredited Genealogist