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Dear Mrs. Bidez,

I am the daughter-in-law of Captain William "Bill" Lawton.

As I am doing the lineage of the Lawton family he asked me to answer your letter of two years ago. Mr. Lawton is 73 years old & had a stroke & still has not gotten over it completely. I will try to answer your questions you wrote him & hope you will excuse him for not writing back. I wish I could have known about this sooner as I would have tried to see that you got an answer. As I had ② Crain Tumor Surgery May of 1985 & still recovering, I still would have tried.

I am sure you know by this time there were 3 brothers that came from Edenboro Scotland.

John, George, Thomas. They all settled in Rhode Island.

There was a son of Peter Lawton
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who was named William Benjamin who came down from the north & fought for the South. He was dis-owned by his family.

This is Mr. Lewton's great grandfather his ^{grand} father was Benjamin Nicholas and his father William Preston Lewton I I have most of the Lewton's back to 1638, but still have a lot of filling in to do, but all stems from the Original 3 Brothers.

The name Lewton in Scotland means "Lord of the Hills". They were very outstanding & wealthy people in that country.

The Lewton's of D.C. are off of one of these (3) Brothers. The Lewtons are all from Providence Rhode Island, and off spring moved south.

Of the 3 Brothers - John lived in Newport Rhode Island, Thomas lived in Portsmouth Rhode Island.

Thomas died in 1681 had 10th children John 7 children no names for all.
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We know George had a daughter named Mary. He had to purchase a bell for \$10.00 from Freelove Arnold, daughter of Gov. Benedict Arnold for ringing at trials & Council meetings. He also had a son named Robert. They were under rule of William & Mary at this time. He was buried in his orchard in Portsmouth. Mary Lawton daughter of Thomas married John Babcock.

This could not have been as Thomas did not have a daughter Mary, so she is thought to be George's. His wife was named ~~Nancy~~ Mary. He had 4 children. His son George had a son named George who was born Sept 1, 1685.

John eldest son Isaac left farm & land in Portsmouth R.I.

John had 2 children.

Would you please send me information on the "Lawton and Allied families"? I write to 2 Mrs Lawtons in Washington D.C.

④ One who is the Author of a book on the Lawton's. Please let me hear from you, and again I am sorry your letter was not answered, Mr Lawton put right in for me to write you. He felt so bad about it.

His father William P. Lawton I was born in 1888.

Please write me —

Confidentially,
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P.S.
Please excuse my
writing, I am still
in therapy from
tumor.