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Dear Tommy,

Enclosed are the following items:

1. A brief article on the origin of the Lawton name: Robert Peeples sent this to me, and I thought you would find it to be interesting, particularly since it traces the name even further back than you and I have ever discussed--to the eighth century, some three centuries before the Norman Conquest. Eventually I plan to have someone to conduct some extensive research on our name--next summer, perhaps, since this one is all but over.
2. A brief history of the Church at Lawton in England: Robert also sent this to me. I believe he picked this and the above article up while he was in England.
3. A copy of the Rippon family genealogy: As you know, this also came from Robert. I don't recognize the handwriting (Robert writes much smaller, I believe), but you can clearly see why I was completely "thrown" for a while by the name of Isaac Rippon's "Slapter" wife. It occurs three times in this genealogy, so I just knew it had to be correct.
4. Robert's last two letters to me: The first is an account of his trip to England, and I thought you would be interested in hearing about the condition of Lawton Hall. The second letter is in response to some material I sent to Robert--the information on Thomas Lawton who came to Carolina in 1724, etc. Robert had never heard of this Thomas, a fact which surprised me. Anyway, I think Robert is right--that Thomas definitely must be traced and either eliminated or "embraced" as Capt. William Lawton's father.
5. My "Chronology" on Capt. William Lawton: This eventually needs to be re-typed and revised (verb tenses, especially), but for now it will have to suffice, as I am weary of the thing. Please look over it for accuracy and let me know all the errors I made. In proofreading it, I found some twenty or so mistakes, all of which I corrected, but there are bound to be others. As soon as I finish figuring out this mess with Paul Grimbball's two sons by the same name, I will send you the last two pages of the chronology--two pages of footnotes.

As I mentioned to you week before last, I would appreciate your sending a copy of the chronology to Robert and Mrs. Brownlee, if it is not asking too much. Mrs. Brownlee's first name is Mildred, and her address is: 907 North Harper St./ Laurens, S. C. 29360. Robert's address is: 8 Moon Shell Road/ Hilton Head Island, S. C. 29928. I had wanted to send them the chronology two weeks ago, but I kept running into "Slapters," etc., and became delayed. Anyway, thanks for taking care of this for me.

This afternoon I plan to call Richard Price one last time, to find out what might be holding him up on our report. I have already left two messages with his secretary, requesting him to call me, collect, but there has been no response. When (I should say IF) our report arrives, we will discuss whether we want him to continue researching for us. At the moment, I am not overly impressed with Mr. Price, but we shall see what he has to say in his report, before making any final decisions.

I will wind this up now and get a note off to Robert. I know he is wondering why I am taking so long to answer his last two letters.

Stay in touch, and I will do the same.

Oh--please return to me a copy of all the enclosures, and again, thanks.

As ever,

Paul