

Winborn

To Wm. F. Va Lee, from Jas Q Lee, Jr.

Please correct any errors in this gene draft.

THE LAWTONS OF JAMES ISLAND

Winborn Lawton, Sr. was the son of Captian William Lawton and his second wife, Mary Winborn, of St. John's Colleton, Edisto Island, South Carolina. He was born on Edisto Island in 1745 and died on James Island on 22 September, 1809.

His sister Mary Lawton married a Russell and left descendants, or at least a daughter, who married _____.

Winborn's half-sister Sarah Lawton married Joseph Seabrook of Edisto. They had a number of children, one of whom was William Seabrook, apparently named for his Lawton Grandfather, and whose beautiful home is now owned (1983) by the Dodge family.

His half-brother, Joseph Lawton, married Sarah Robert of St. James Santee, and they were the founders of the Black Swamp, Robertville, and Lawtonville Lawtons. Joseph was a Lieutenant in the Revolution, a Justice of the Peace, member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, and homesteaded a large plantation there, called Mulberry Grove, prior to his death.

Two of Winborn's half brothers, Josiah and Jeremiah lived to maturity but without widows or issue.

Winborn Lawton, Sr., married ^{born 1749} Mary Frampton Mathews, daughter of Jonathan Frampton, and widow of a Mr. Mathews. She had one son, (1) William Mathews by her first husband. She died on _____ 1839 and is buried at St. James Episcopal Church on James Island. Their marriage settlement of 28 February 1771, is recorded in Book 00, P. 523, Charleston Clerk of Court's Office.

Winborn Lawton, Sr. and Mary Frampton Mathews had three children:

1. Winborn Lawton, Jr. (1782-24 March 1861) see below
2. William Lawton, whose will was proved in Charleston on 16 December, 1834. He married Margaret _____ . Was probably a Presbyterian, because his will mentions this denomination, and may not have left issue.
3. Beulah Lawton, who married on Monday, February 21, 1801, John Hughes, and left issue. A descendant was Dr. Horatio Hughes of the College of Charleston in 1900's.
↳ Son: Wm. Lawton Hughes (grandfather of Horatio)

X WINBORN LAWTON, JR.

As noted above, he was born in 1782 and died on 24 March 1861. He is buried in St. James Episcopal Church on James Island. He was wealthy planter, represented St. Andrew's Parish in the South Carolina Senate, was a Justice of Quorum, a member of the S. C. House of Representatives, and had his silhouette done by the famous artist, Sandy Brown (This is owned by his descendant, William E. McLeod of James Island). According to Mr. McLeod he was one of the three richest men on James Island in the ante-bellum period, the other two being a Rivers and a Grimbball. Lawton's wealth is indicated to some extent by the numerous generous bequests in his will, which also named his children, or most of them. His executors were: His son, Winborn Wallace Lawton, His son-in-law, Asa Lawton and his friends Constant H. Rivers and Joseph T. Dill.

Winborn Lawton, Jr. was twice married first to Margaret McLeod Frampton, (1786-1830), daughter of _____ and _____. They were the parents of _____ children. She is buried _____.

Lawton was married second to Martha Waring Hughes, daughter of _____ and _____. She was

born in 1813 and died before her husband in 1856, and is buried at St. James Church. They were the parents of _____ children.

Children by the first wife:

1. William Mathews Lawton, Married Martha

Issue: 1. Regina Dill Lawton (23 Jan. 1830 - 9 May 1832) (ScAm 58-94)
b 19 Sept. 1831

2. Winborn Lawton Married _____ Maybank

(1) Mattie Lawton Married _____ Ball.

3. William Lawton

4. Joseph C. Lawton

5. Jenkins M. Lawton

6. Phillip T. Lawton

2. James Monroe Lawton, Married Martha G. McLeod

Issue: 1. Rivers Lawton m. Ann Helen Clark, dau. of Sarah Lawton (OFCp. 374)
1 Aug. 1863- 3 Jan. 1829 - 14 Dec. 1906

2. James Lawton

3. Arabella Lawton

3. J. Frampton Lawton - (Not in father's will) Married _____

4. Josiah C. Lawton - (Not in father's will) Married _____

5. George W. Lawton Married _____ Howard

Issue:

1. Frampton Lawton m. ^(Hewlett cemetery) Hewlett; 1 ch. Anne m. Dr. Needham F. Kirkland.

^{Concord} (1841-1931) 2. Emily ^{Howard} Lawton m. Henry Clay Harper (1841-1894) 7 ch.
son: William H. Harper m. Lavinia Baggett; son: Frampton Lawton Harper b. 25 Sept. 1907

6. Susan Lawton married William Wallace McLeod of McLeod

Plantation on James Island.

Issue:

1. William Wallace McLeod, Jr. Married Hallie Ellis:

2. Josiah Powell Lawton married, Ellen Lawton, daughter of Winborn Benjamin Lawton (1 Aug. 1812-14 June 1884) and (m. Dec. 1835) Sarah L. Matthews (1815- They reared four sons and one daughter, M. Powell Lawton. A descendant, teaches at Bryn Mawr College and is an authority on gerontology.

Names of Children:

3. ^{b. 11 Aug. 1839} Maria Juliet Lawton married her cousin ^{2 Jan. 1861} Asa Lawton of ^{13 Apr. 1831 - 30 Sep. 1865} Lawtonville. He was the son of the Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton and ^{Lucinda Landrum (1803-2 Feb. 1876)} Lucinda Landrum. Their issue were:
- (1) ^{1 Jan. 1884} Eloise Lawton married ^{12 Dec. 1857-} Hansford Dade Oswald, ^{son of Anna Lawton} son of Anna Lawton
Issue:
(1) Julia Oswald married _____ Mikell.
(2) Herbert Douglas Oswald
(3) Eloise Oswald
- (2) Asa Waring Lawton married Madge Wood.

Lawtonville 12th October 1865

Dear Brother Winborn:

I suppose you have heard as rumor before this of the murder of brother Asa; yes, poor fellow he was brutally murdered by his own brother-in-law. Wallace tried to steal his brother Asa's titles to his land from him. Brother Asa told him to give them to him. He refused to do so, whereupon Brother Asa took hold of him and told him he would have them anyhow. I told Brother Asa not to get them "in that way", that he had witnesses to sue him for them. Brother Asa then let him go (this took place in Wallace Lawton's house) but before he let him loose Wallace told Brother Asa that he should die for this, but none of us believed that he intended carrying out his threat; Brother Asa and myself then walked out of the house and started to go to Brother Asa's house when we met Powell with Wallace's pistol. He asked Brother Asa what he should do with it. He told him to give it to Wallace which he did. Wallace took the pistol and ran toward Brother Asa with it. Powell called to Brother Asa that Wallace was going to shoot him; as he wheeled around the pistol was fired; Brother Asa then ran to him, threw him down, and beat him pretty badly. While he was hitting him, I saw the pistol in Wallace's hand and I thought he was trying to shoot again. I then ran up and took it from him and gave it to Powell and told him to keep it. Brother Asa soon got up off of him and remarked that he would die, that he was shot through; up to this time I thought he was not hit or I don't think I would have refrained from killing Wallace. He left his family to me to take care of. They are now staying here with us. His wife is charged with being the cause of the whole difficulty but a baser falsehood never was told on an innocent woman. She is no more to blame for it than you are. I was there from beginning to end and she knew nothing about it until it was all over.

Father begs that you will come over and see him. He says he wants to see you once more before he dies. He would go and see you but he cannot ride that far on horseback. He cannot cross the river in a buggy.

I have been wanting to go and see you ever since I have been down here but the dark cloud which prevented from going long ago is thickening every day, but I hope 'ere long I will be able to see my way clear and I will come. I am now gathering my crop. I will make about two hundred and thirty bushels of corn for my

share and about a hundred and fifty gallons of molasses. I have already put away three barrels and a half. I will make very few potatoes. I think with a reasonable amount of economy we will have enough to live on until I can make another crop.

You can cross the river at Hudson's ferry on horseback. Try and come.

I would write more but have not time; remember me affectionately to all of the family.

Mother sends her love to you all and begs you all to come and see us. Father and Anna and Sis Julie also send their love to all of the family.

I remain your affectionate brother
Judson

*Original letter in the Winborn Benjamin
Laudon collection in possession of Mrs. O. Laudon, Jr.,
Allendale, S.C. August 29, 1883.*

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JEANNE GRAMLING

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September 6, 1983

Mrs. M. P. Lawton
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Dear Mrs. Lawton:

I thoroughly enjoyed our brief telephone conversation last week when I was in Atlanta for a medical appointment, and I was grateful to you for the information you gave me about the other children of your husband's father. I had not realized that your husband had three sisters, all of whom lived to maturity, and I was interested in receiving their names and something about them.

I had forwarded to Billy McLeod a copy of your son's very cordial letter and I've just had a very kind letter from Billy thanking me for sending him a copy of your Powell's letter.

For you and in the copy of my letter to Billy, I am sending a typescript of the letter which Judson Lawton wrote from Lawtonville on October 12, 1865, to his brother Winborn Benjamin Lawton, in Savannah, telling of the shooting of Judson and Winborn's brother, Asa, by Wallace. At first reading it would appear that Wallace was entirely to blame, but when the letter is reread I feel that there certainly are implications that Asa may have been wrong in coming to his brother-in-law's house and threatening him. At any rate when one reads the history of the times of that period we find that men in that planter class were expected to "over react" to any threat about their honor and many unfortunate incidents did occur as a result of this unfortunate notion.

For you and for Billy I'm also enclosing a very brief chart which I've made that shows the degree of relationship between the three children of Winborn Lawton, II, by his second marriage to their Lawtonville relatives. This is rather confusing, but it does help clarify matters somewhat. In the collection of letters which were given to me several years ago, there is an interesting letter where Wallace Lawton asked his cousin Winborn Benjamin Lawton if he could pay court to Winborn Benjamin's daughter, Mary. Apparently Winborn Benjamin refused because there is a very well written letter from Wallace upon receiving the refusal of Winborn Benjamin. Thus, it is singular that Wallace's brother, Powell married Winborn Benjamin's daughter, Ellen. All of this, together with the fact that the Civil War was over, Winborn Lawton, I, had just died and his estate was being administered must have made for many sensitive feelings among members of the family.

Mrs. M. P. Lawton

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September 6, 1983

I have still been unable to find where Asa Lawton and his wife Maria Juliet are buried. They had two children, Eloise who married Hansford Dade Oswald; and Alexander Waring Lawton.

At sometime in the near future I do hope that we will be able to see each other, and when I have put together more of my information on the James Island Family, I'll be back in touch with you. As I remarked in our telephone conversation, I believe that your son, Powell, and your grandson are the only two descendants of the James Island Lawton bearing the Lawton surname.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Thomas O. Lawton, Jr.

TOL, Jr/1a
Enclosures
cc William E. McLeod ✓

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McLeod's address.

*Byg - Perhaps some of Eloise Lenth Oswald's
descendants might know where Asa & Maria
Juliet are buried.*

*Alexander Waring Lawton and his wife
are buried at Landville. A descendant - perhaps
that only one. Anne Ragan Morrison lives in
Atlanta*

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Dear Mr. Lawton,

What a total pleasure to receive your letter! Despite the fact that it has taken me forever to respond, it was very wonderful to have a new Lawton contact and to learn more about how we all fit together. We had heard from our daughter Jenny (who was a student at the Rhode Island School of Design at the time) about having been visited by someone named Lawton. Regrettably she was out at the time and apparently your son was on the point of leaving Providence. All of us had our interest piqued at the time, not knowing who this might have been.

Then last year Willie McLeod gave Jenny a copy of the paper you did for the Huguenot Society, which we enjoyed greatly and which I sent to my mother. We didn't connect you to the Brown visitor, however. Now ^{my} Jenny is living in Germany. But of all our three children she is the one most interested in the family's history, so I have no doubt that at some point she'll be back and will visit South Carolina again.

My mother is the modest amateur archivist (she was an Alston) and I'm certain that she will probably be able to answer definitively about my grandmother Ellen (Lawton) Lawton's parentage. I had not known that all three ~~six~~ of Winborn's children married Lawtonville Lawtons.

Just for the recent record, I was Mortimer Powell's only child. I married Fay Gardner of Cumberland R.I. and we have a son Thomas Powell born in 1955, Jenny Gardner born in 1956, and Pamela Alston, born 1959. No grandchildren yet -- there is still hope!

It is very wonderful to know that your daughter ran across my name in her reading. I am hoping that perhaps she might go on to work in the sociology of aging. I also recently had a letter from a Lawton in California who had read something of mine. She told me something of her background, which was through the New York state branch that in turn had come from Rhode Island. There is also a well-known gerontologist named Alfred Lawton, who was New York state to Iowa, where he was raised.

I do hope that we shall be able to get to Charleston soon. We see Willie very infrequently but feel very close to him for many reasons. At some point I'd appreciate knowing your relationship to Willie or others whom we might be able to place. In the meantime, thanks again, and very best wishes.

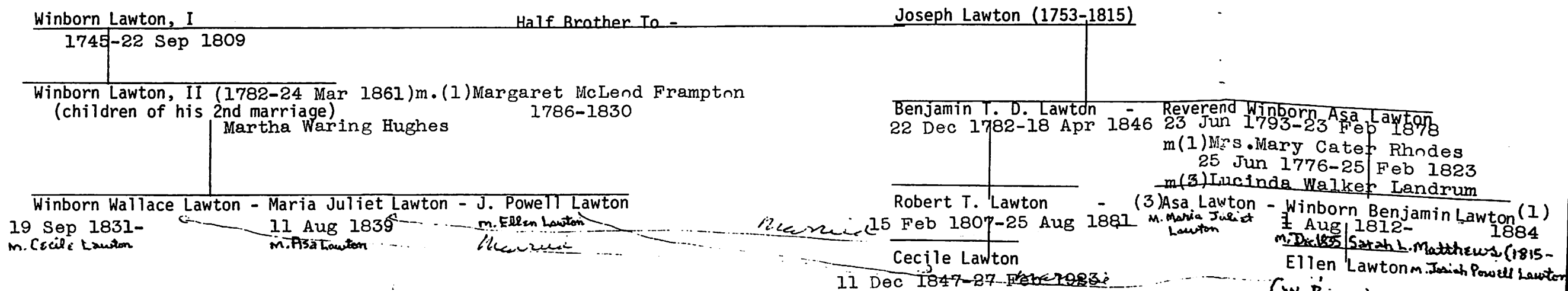
Sincerely,

Willie Lawton

Captain William Lawton died 1757

Married

- (1) Mary Clarke
- c.1743 (2) Mary Winborn
- 1751 (3) Mary Stone, widow of Paul Grimball (1703-1750)



Note: Only the descendants of Winborn Lawton I and of his half-brother Joseph Lawton
in marriage between the years 1800 and 1850 are shown.

Wm. A. Lawton, Jr.

Callahan, S.C.

August 29, 1883

- W. B. Lawton, Jr.
18 Dec. 1853 - 3 Aug. 1920
m. 30 Nov. 1904
Mary Eliza Stoney (Leila)
30 May 1877 - 24 Sep 1926
- Mary Lawton
30 June 1843 -
m. 1866
Dr. Charles P. McCall
26 July 1843 -