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Dr. George Mosse and his Descendants  
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In response to your request that I compile and send you for publication a brief history of Dr. George Mosse and his numerous descendants I beg to hand you the following, gathered from a number of authentic sources, and for much of which I am indebted greatly to W.H. Robert, one of his descendants, as we shall see farther on.

Dr. George Mosse, a highly educated young physician, a graduate of the University of Dublin, with a young wife came over to this country before the Revolutionary War and settled on St. Helena Island, South Carolina. A short time afterward his wife died, and he married Miss Dorothy Phebe Norton, a sister of William Norton. As a result of this union there were seven daughters born to them, whom they reared and educated highly and saw happily married. I will give you these in the order of their ages and with their descendants, as nearly as I have been able to obtain them from the most authentic sources.

(1) Esther Marie, the eldest married Capt. Patrick M'Kensie, a Scotch-Irish Captain of the Revolutionary War. They had one child, Phebe M.M. who was baptized by Dr. Henry Holcombe in this city when seven years old. She married Deacon James Jehu Robert of Black Swamp Baptist Church, at Robertville, S.C. They had eight sons and two daughters, W.H. Robert referred to above being one descendant of one of the sons.

(2) Elizabeth Mosse, the second daughter was baptized on St. Helena Island after her father and uncle and their families had become Baptists and established the church there, by Dr. Holcombe. Baptized when 12 yrs. old. Married at sixteen to Mr. James Stoney. They had 15 children, only two of whom they reared. Dr. George Mosse Stoney and Martha Sarah; Martha Sarah married Dr. Barkedale of Beaufort, S.C., who died shortly afterward. She then married my maternal uncle, Rev. Joseph A. Lawton of Allendale, S.C. There were two sons, Paul, and Samuel J. Lawton. Paul died some years before the Civil War. Samuel J. married Miss Anna Brooks, a daughter of Rev. Brooks, living near Augusta, Georgia. She died fifteen years later leaving no children. Samuel J. married again after a few years another Miss Brooks, a daughter of Walker Brooks, a prominent Baptist living in his own county. They have several children and live at the old "Lawton Homestead", Allendale, S.C.

(3) The third daughter, Phebe, my grandmother, married Rev. Joseph J. Lawton of Allendale, S.C. They had two sons, Rev. Joseph A. Lawton and Dr. Benjamin W. Lawton, and six daughters who married the following:  
Caroline married Mr. Singleton  
Louisa married Thomas Willingham, the father of that large family of whom Thos. B. Willingham, late of Atlanta, Ga., Benjamin L. Willingham of Macon, Winburn Joe Willingham of Chattanooga, Tenn., Edward Willingham of Atlanta and Mrs. Broadus Estes of Allendale, S.C. were members, these being the issue of the first marriage as there were no children by this last marriage.  
Lucretia married Milo Miller of Scarborough, Ga., and while they reared quite a number of children all have died except Dr. Joseph S. Lawrence of Charleston S.C.

Elizabeth, my mother, married Rev. E.L. Whatley of Beech Island, S.C. Having ten children, three have died, Abner, Helen (Mrs. W.E. Miller) and Mary who married Rev. John T. Morrison of Lawtonville, S.C. Those who now survive are Louise, who married Charles Singleton of Sylvania, Ga., Joseph Lawton Whatley of Spartanburg, S.C., Dr. Hamilton Lamar Whatley of Washington, D.C., Sanie (Mrs. Beat)

of Guyton Ga., George Broadman Whatley of Savannah, Ga., and Dr. Thomas Benjamin Whatley, Brunson, S.C., and Margaret (Mrs. Bunch) Rocky Ford, Ga.

(4) Jane, the fourth daughter, married Benjamin T. Lawton; their sons and daughters were quite numerous, among them being the late Dr. James Stoney Lawton of Atlanta, Ga., the late Robert Lawton, Screven Co. Ga., Mrs. Mary Peoples, Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Phoebe Willingham, the mother of a large family including those of the same name mentioned above. Mrs. Wallace W. Lawton, Charleston, S.C. is a daughter of Robert Lawton abovementioned. Also Mrs. Ross Douglas, Sylvania, Ga., and Mrs. Morgan, Washington, D.C.

(5) Mary, the fifth daughter, married Adam Brisbane. They reared two children, the Rev. Dr. W.H. Brisbane, who moved to Ohio and carried his slaves with him. He afterward became prominent, it is said, as an Abolitionist. He left several children, among them being the Rev. Benjamin Lawton Brisbane, a Baptist minister at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

(6) Marthe, sixth daughter, married Alexander R. Lawton, a deacon of Black Swamp Baptist Church, Robertville, S.C. They had several children, among them being the late Gen. A.H. Lawton of this city, also the late W.S. Lawton, the father of the late Mrs. William Garrard of this city.

(7) Sarah, the seventh and youngest, married Robert Godfrey Norton of Robertville, S.C. She was the mother of the late Dr. Alexander R. Norton, formerly of this city, who was the father of Dr. Robert Godfrey Norton, who is the father of Drs. William and George Mosse Norton, the father and son being practicing physicians in this city.