

May the eighth, 1911-

My dear young relative;

It pleases well, I think, for a person to feel an interest in her ancestry, because she is apt to develop a proper pride in her own character and actions, in order to live up to relations was smoothed in loves of her looks -

I am anxious to learn when the first Lawton came over to America also.

I have ^a very full and authentic chart of the Robert family back to 1682, before Robert left Wade, Saitz where he was ordained in the Episcopal Church.

I also have very complete chart of Sandgrave Smith family, and several books that have been published by descendants of his - I am descended from him through my mother whose grand-father, John Robert married

Elizabeth Dixon, a grand-daughter of the
2nd Landgrave Thomas Smith.

Now, the wife of (my 9-grand father) John
Robert, married Joseph Lawton. (His name
was Israh Robert) - He was my 9-grand-
mother on my father's side.

This marriage of Israh Robert to Joseph Lawton,
caused some of his descendants to get the idea
that Landgrave Smith was their ancestor.

I have spent many years, and probably
about five hundred dollars, in collecting
records and in getting them verified -
for family records are worthless unless proven
by law records, church or townstone, or family
bible records. Traditions often lead to investi-
gations, and help in that way, but can not
be depended upon.

I am now old and
in feeble health, so have done nothing in
this line for several years.

Give my love to your mother, whom I re-
call as a sweet and lovely girl - I hope that

her daughters resemble her.

I forgot to say that we have no proof that Joseph Lawton served in the Revolutionary War, but my father, Gen. Alex^r. R. Lawton, and others of his grand-children, often said that he was a non-commissioned officer - (~~Sergeant~~) (sergeant) - Perhaps his services may yet be proven, when these old records in Columbia are finally indexed - by which time, I may have passed away, but hope that some younger descendant will copy and retain it - If Joseph Lawton's Rev. War services can be proven, all of his descendants can join the Daughters of American Revolution.

We (my sister and niece) joined this society (D. A. R.) under our descent from Dr. George Mace, who was an officer in Am. Rev.

Three of the Lawton brothers (Benj. J. D., Joseph, and Alex^r. J.) married three Mace sisters - your grand-father, Winborn A. Lawton, was a brother of theirs, but I do not know the names of his first two wives - only that you are not Mace.

If you know of any old Lawton bibles, I would like to have the names and addresses of the owners of them -

On my mother's side, we are also from the Luigellouand & St. John families, but you would not be interested in these lines -

As to Robert Coat-of-Arms, I also have copies, but place no credence whatever in their authenticity - This is a French name, and is never spelled with an "s" - The Roberts are another family - It is pronounced as if spelled Robere - excuse this collection - Perhaps you understand French pronunciations better than I do - who am a poor French scholar - but I know of this family name. Yours sincerely,
Cecilia Lawton,
43 South Battery, Charleston, S. C. Mrs. W. W. "