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The Descendants

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### Introduction

The following record of the descendants of Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, is a preliminary report or genealogy, which resulted from data accumulated over a period of more than ten years. A similar work on the descendants of George Lawton, also of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, is in progress, and a genealogy of the Almy family whose ancestor, William, settled in Rhode Island in the year 1641.

Nearly two thousand direct descendants of Thomas Lawton have been traced and are presented in the following pages. Doubtless there are many more, and additions to the record are welcome. Our files also include a large number of Lawtons, who evidently belong to the Rhode Island families, but have not been definitely placed.

When more complete accounts of these families are available, it may be desirable to publish the genealogies. For the present, it is hoped that three purposes will be achieved by this contribution. First, all the data which has been collected to date, will be made available to interested people, when copies are distributed to leading genealogical libraries. Second, it is desirable that errors be discovered and corrected before a published genealogy is attempted. Third, it is hoped that new material will be received from readers. Therefore, it is urgently requested

The Lawton Ancestry in England

that any one with data on either the Lawton family or the  
 Almy family communicate with the author. In 1938 to Rhode  
 Island in New England. Vital records, town and census records, deeds, wills,  
 family bibles, and grave stones all contributed helpful  
 data. More than three hundred probate records, mostly in  
 Rhode Island, were examined and abstracted, and many of  
 the cemeteries were visited. And of course, the Vital  
 Records of Rhode Island compiled by James H. Arnold were  
 the foundation of the study.

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Cheshire, England, was the home of the early ancestors of Thomas Lawton, immigrant in 1638 to Rhode Island in New England, according to John O. Austin, an authority on the first settlers. Although his immediate ancestors have never been identified, Thomas Lawton's descent from the ancient Lawton family of Cheshire is indicated by William A. Crozier and John Matthews in their works on armorial families. However, it was Cranfield Parish, Bedfordshire, England, that was the home of Thomas Lawton's parents according to Charles Edward Banks in his "Topographical Dictionary of English Emigrants" and according to the Cranfield Parish Register.

Cheshire borders the Irish Sea on the west coast of England between the River Mersey and the Dee and spreads inland for fifty miles. Its fertile lowlands, ever attractive, were held by the Celtic Brythons, or the British, whose religion was Druidism. Too valuable a people to annihilate they were made Roman subjects from about the year 84 A.D. until the 20th Legion was withdrawn from Cheshire about 380 A.D.

Before the end of the 11th Century almost all that the Romans, the Roman taught Britons, the Saxons and the Danes had accomplished was undone. Under the conquering Normans in the year 1066, Cheshire was laid waste and most of the inhabitants were driven from their homes.



Hugh Lupus became Earl of Chester, distributed the lands to his Norman followers and founded the Abbey of St. Werburgh for the Benedictines at Chester in the year 1093. The Abbey was wealthy having many lands and manors. One of these on the southeasterly border of Cheshire, was the township of Lanton with an area of about two and one-half square miles.

In the reign of King John 1199-1216, one half of the township of Lanton, Cheshire, England, was possessed under the feudal system by a family which, by the custom of the time, bore the name of the township, Lanton. The name implies "the farm on the heath", and it antedates the Norman Conquest, being described in the Domesday Book in 1086 as follows:

Church Lanton . "In Mildestvic Hundred .. Hugh holds of the Earl Lantune. Godric held it and was a free man. There is 1 hide rateable to the gelt. The land is 111 carucates. It is waste. There is a wood 1 league long and the same broad and 1 acre of meadow. In King Edward's time it was worth XVI shillings."

The hide and carucate were measures of land, generally ploughed or cultivated land, varying in quantity in different districts and depending in a great measure upon the character of the soil. Perhaps a hide may generally be taken to be from 100 to 150 acres and a carucate as much land as a team of oxen could plough in one year; value given as in time of reign of Edward the Confessor.

It was as a tenant of the Abbey of St. Werburgh that Adam de Lanton, Lord of Lanton mediety, first appears in the records in the reign of King John 1199-1216, but of his ancestors, nothing is known. The early Lantons' possession of an aqueduct and fishery is shown by their ancient arms - Or, a chevron between three dolphins, Gules. They held an interest in the local church; the town became Church Lanton in the 14th Century; and the family name became LANTON or LAUTON about the year 1500.

In the time of Edward III, 1327-1377, "Richard de Lanton gave Thomas, son of Jordan de Davenport, and Agnes, daughter of my son, Richard Lanton, all my manor house", there being no male heir. Thus Thomas de Davenport became Thomas de Lanton and the ancestor of the succeeding Lawtons of Lawton who have occupied the manor to very recent times. However, early divisions of the paternal estates had established a number of yeomanry families, and Lawtons moved from Cheshire to other counties and there continued their lineages.

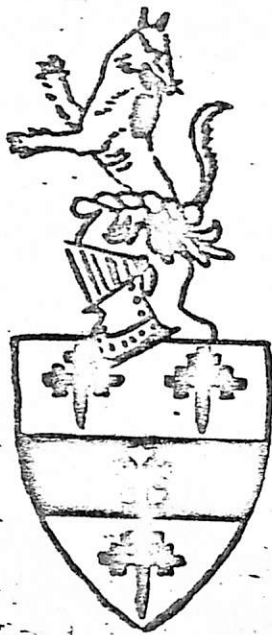
Appropriately, a modification of the Davenport arms was adopted by the Lawton family :-

Argent, on a fess between three cross-crosslets fitché Sable, a cinquefoil of the first, pierced of the second.

Crest, A demi-wolf salient regardant Argent, vulned in the back Gules, and licking the wound.

These arms were confirmed by letters patent dated 14 R. Elizabeth .. 1572.

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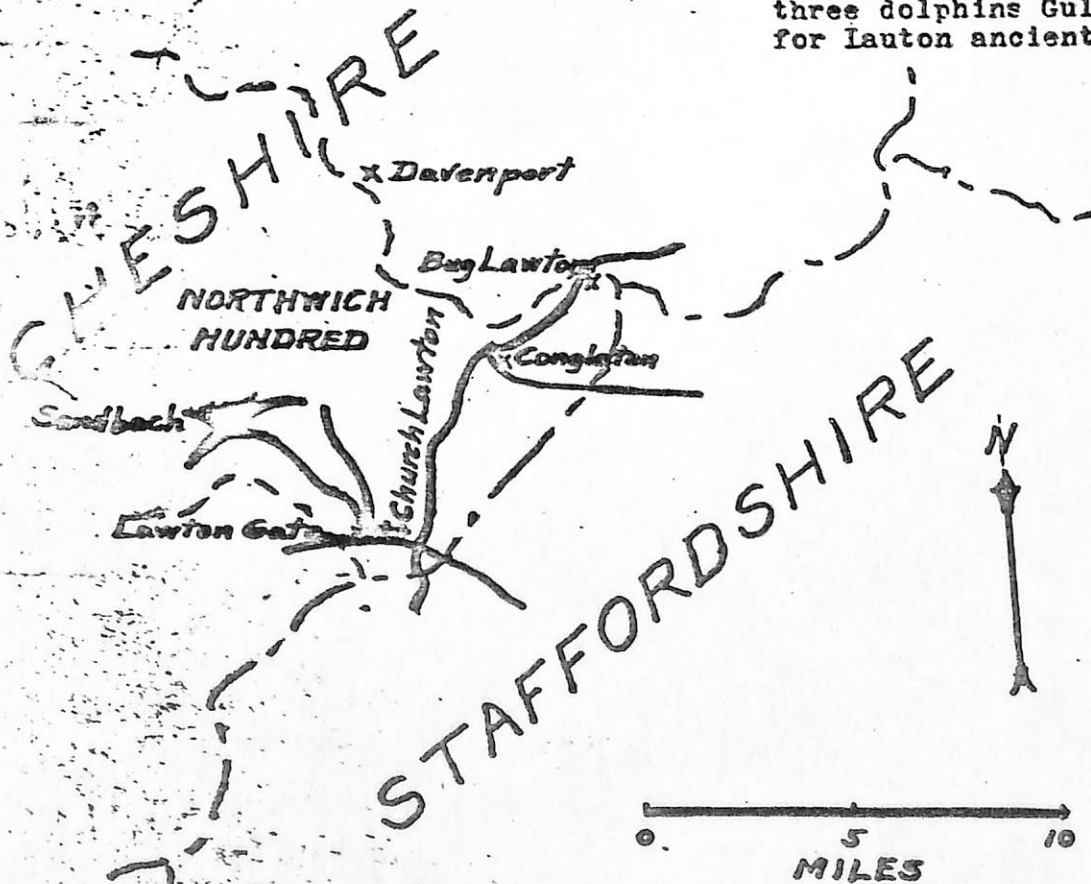
ARMS. Argent, a fesse Sable between three cross-crosslets of the second, on the fesse a cinquefoil Argent.

CREST. On a wreath a demi-wolf rampant Argent, licking a wound in the right shoulder, Gules.

These Arms and Crest were granted by Robert Cook, Clarenceux by lettres patentes Dated 14 R. Elizabeth 1572..



ARMS. Or, a chevron between three dolphins Gules, for Lawton ancient.





In the manorial lineage, XVI William Lawton who succeeded 1655, was a staunch cavalier and in consequence he was assessed 680 pounds by Cromwell's Parliament.

Lawton Hall is a handsome and spacious building of brick, standing on a natural terrace and facing a lake about a third of a mile in length. There is a tradition that the Hall was the place of concealment of King Charles the Second for some time before the Restoration, and that he stood sponsor at the baptism of his host's eldest son born 1656, presenting a drinking cup that is still in existence. Subsequently the king appears to have presented his own portrait by Lely and also that of the duke of Monmouth. During World War II Lawton Hall was used as a hotel. A recent census gives the town of Church Lawton 852 inhabitants.

A search of the manorial lineage of Lawtons in Cheshire does not reveal any possible immigrant to New England :-

In the twelfth generation from Adam de Lauton of the reign of King John, we come to XIII John Lawton born 1521, died Mar. 8, 1598; by his wife, Margaret Dutton, his eldest son and heir was William born 1553. Three younger sons were Robert, Thomas and John Lawton whose birth dates are not given but were not likely to be after the year 1580. Such a date would not fit Thomas Lawton the immigrant who lived until the year 1681. Further, we know by the records of Portsmouth, R.I., that Thomas Lawton had a brother George who was also an immigrant,



but by the records of the Lawtons of the manor, John Lawton and Margaret had no son, George.

XIV William Lawton, the next lord of the manor, born 1553, died 1617, had two sons; John born 1606, and a younger son, William who may have been rector of Lawton and died unmarried.

XV John Lawton, born 1606, died 1655, had three sons. The eldest William, born 1630, died 1693, was sheriff of Cheshire in 1671. The younger son, John, died unmarried, and Ralph married Catherine Charlewood of county Kent.

Other searches for Thomas Lawton in England have produced the two indefinite accounts which follow :-

Vague reports have circulated that George and Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth, R.I. were the sons of George Lawton of Enigh, parish of Mottram, County Chester, England, who made his will May 25, 1636, the will being proved June 30, 1636. However, the abstract of this will which can be found in the Chamberlain Collection of the New England Historic Genealogical Society does not name sons George and Thomas. The abstract follows;

to dau., Isabell, wife of Ralph Hopwood.  
 wife, Jane Lawton.  
 son, Fughe Lawton, eldest son.  
 son, Samnell Lawton.  
 dau., Martha Lawton.

Inventory made by John Boothe, Thomas Dewsnapp, George Winterbotham, and Robert Lawton.

Notes in the Chamberlain Collection also state that "Thomas Lawton and Elizabeth Moss of Parish of Sandbach, Cheshire, were married at Sandbach June 24, 1629,

that Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth, R.I. had a wife, Elizabeth, and that Thomas and Elizabeth of Portsmouth may or may not be identical with the Thomas Lawton and Elizabeth Moss of Sandbach, Cheshire."

However, passing to the realm of the probable, the research of Charles Edward Banks concludes that the English home of Thomas Lawton and his brother George Lawton was Cranfield Parish, Bedfordshire. His report in "Topographical Dictionary of English Emigrants" is based on the Cranfield Parish Register, the index of which lists "Lawton ( Laughton, Laton, Lorton )".

Cranfield Parish, area about six square miles, is situated on a range of hills on the western border of Bedfordshire. In Domesday, 1086, the value of the land was nine pounds, and cultivating it were 18 villans, 2 bordars and 5 serfs. The village of Cranfield stands on high ground and extends along roads radiating from the church which is surrounded by a shady church yard where Roman coins have been discovered. It is the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, built with a tower about the year 1250. The roof is of the 15th Century. The whole manor of Cranfield belonged to the Abbot of Ramsey before the Conquest and afterwards until the dissolution, so that it seems most probable that the parish church was built by the religious. In 1603 most of the Bedfordshire parish priests were University graduates; the stipend was 33 pounds in Cranfield,

one of the richest parishes. The population recently is about 1,000.

The original records of Cranfield appear to identify the immigrants' parents as George Lawton and Isbell Smith, their eight children baptised 1607-1623 including George and Thomas, the marriage of son Thomas to Elizabeth Salsburie, and the baptism of the latter's daughter, Elizabeth.

Cranfield marriages

- 1606 Nov. 13 George Lawton & Isbell Smith
- 1635 May 29 Thomas Laton & Elizabeth Salsburie

Cranfield baptisms

- 1607 Sept. 23 George, son of George Laughton
- 1609 Oct. 1 Sarah, dau. " " "
- 1611 Oct. 28 Mary, " " " Lawton (Laughton)
- 1614 Apr. 17 Thomas, son " " "
- 1616 Nov. 3 Isaac, " " " "
- 1618 Feb. 27 Bennet, " " " (Latoun)
- 1621 Feb. 20 Nicholas, " " " "
- 1623 May 29 Elizabeth, dau. " " "
- 1637 Sept. 10 Elizabeth, " of Thomas Lawton

In agreement with the Cranfield Register, the records of Portsmouth, R.I. show that Elizabeth was the name of Thomas Lawton's wife and eldest daughter. The colonial records do not mention the wife's parents. George Lawton, however, married in America, Elizabeth Hazard, daughter of immigrant Thomas Hazard, and, presumably after George Lawton's mother, they named a daughter, Isabel, an uncommon name then in New England. Thomas Lawton's daughter Elizabeth married, July 25, 1657, at the reasonable age of 19 years, reckoning by the Cranfield date of her baptism. Thomas Lawton's special friend in Portsmouth, and an overseer of his will, was

William Wedell who came from Cranfield Parish, Bedfordshire.

Conditions in England were restrictive. King James in 1604 announced that he would make the Puritans conform or harrÿ them out of the land. The still more arbitrary policy of his son, Charles I, between 1625 and his beheading in 1649, gave new dimensions to that exodus and resulted in the speedy planting of a high-spirited and powerful New England. For eleven years, 1628-1639, no Parliament sat in England.

Puritan influence was strong in Bedfordshire.

The King by writ, without a parliament in 1635, assessed the county 3,000 pounds for ship-money, but in 1638 some 200 pounds were still due from 660 persons. In February 1639, the county was ordered to furnish 200 men for the campaign against Scotland. So dissatisfaction with conditions of church and state was probably a factor in Thomas Lawton's decision to leave England for the new world.

For Thomas Lawton, America was the land of opportunity. His choosing to settle in Rhode Island indicates that he believed in religious and political toleration, and that he was not a Puritan. He was a planter and a yeoman, cultivating his own land, according to Rhode Island records.



A fitting preface to a genealogy is inscribed on the walls of the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. :-

"What is past is prologue."

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## Thomas Lawton in Rhode Island

Aquidneck ( Rhode ) Island was acquired from the Indians and settled in 1638 by a group of liberals, called Antinomians, whom the authorities had ordered out of Boston. Among those banished were two deputies, John Coggeshall and William Aspinwall, who became associated in the settlement of Aquidneck with William Codrington, Nicholas Easton, Dr. John Clarke, the Hutchinsons and others. The Rev. Mr. Wheelwright was their spiritual leader, and Anne Hutchinson, wife of William, was the aggressive propagandist. She taught that true religion is more than outward form and that God speaks directly to the hearts of men.

Our ancestors in Rhode Island positively asserted their perpetual adhesion to freedom of belief as the sheet anchor on which their institutions depended. The rest of the New England colonies believed in the right to compel conformity in belief.

Even before they were ordered to leave Boston, some of the men, mostly followers of Anne Hutchinson, discussed the advisability of founding a separate colony. These men, 23 in number, many of them holding office, and practically all of them educated, met on the seventh of March, 1638, probably at the house of William Codrington, a man of wealth and position, and signed a compact incorporating themselves into " a Bodie Politick " to be guided and judged by the laws of our Lord Jesus Christ given in his holy word. Thus the form of govern-

ment was theocratic. Thomas Lawton was not of this group.

Dr. John Clarke and associates with the help of Roger Williams purchased of the Narragansett tribe of Indians the Island of Aquidneck, length about 15 miles. The deed was dated March 24, 1638 and the consideration was 40 fathom of white beads, 10 coats and 20 hoes.

Edward H. West, Portsmouth historian, concluded in 1939 from the early records that "the Springs", site of the first settlement on the northerly end of the island, was not Founder's Brook flowing into Town Pond and marked in 1936 by a bronze memorial tablet, but was a small spring on the narrow neck of land about a mile to the northeast flowing then into The Cove.

At the town meeting held on June 27, 1638, the price of two shillings an acre was put upon the land and this price was held until the final distribution of land in 1713.

William Coddington was chosen judge and for nine months got on in harmony with the dominating Anne Hutchinson. Then her minority party, reinforced by Samuel Gorton, on April 28, 1639, elected William Hutchinson to the judgeship, and on April 30, 1639, entered into the following compact :-

We whose names are under (written doe acknowledge) ourselves the legall subjects of (his Majestic) King Charles and in his name (doe hereby binde) ourselves into a civill body politieke unto his lawes according



to matters of justice.

In contrast to the Mosaic law of the first compact, the new government was based on English law. The under-written names are 31 in number and include both George and Thomas Lawton. George Lawton wrote his own signature and Thomas Layton signed by his mark T which he continued all his life, but early had the spelling Lawton. Sixteen of the 31 signatures were made by mark.

The town record of "Jeniwary the 25th 1648" brings out that George and Thomas Lawton were brothers :-

"It is granted that george lawton shall have 40 acres of lande nere his brother Thomas at the hunting swampe when he have built suffissient Kill at m<sup>r</sup> Bostons farms."

Edward H. West has given us accounts of the 43 founders of Portsmouth. He states that the brothers George and Thomas Lawton came to Portsmouth in 1638; that Thomas was Deputy one year and Commissioner for four years. He was granted land near the top of Quaker Hill and land south of Union Street. He acquired much of the land south of Union Street which he called "Hunting Swamp Farm".

By grant and purchase, Thomas Lawton acquired extensive lands both in Portsmouth and on the mainland. He had land near the top of Quaker Hill and a tract of perhaps 40 or 30 acres near the present Town Hall, extending from East Main Road to the shore. His Hunting Swamp Farm was on the west side of East Main Road about



midway between Union Street and the town line; and his Long Swamp Farm was east of East Main Road, and on the west side of Wapping Road between Sandy Point Road and Braman Lane, these aggregating about 160 acres.

His holdings outside of Portsmouth included 600 acres in Warwick, lands across the Sakonnet River on Puncateest Neck, a house and lot in Martha's Vineyard, land in Dartmouth, Mass. and in Shrewsbury Township, New Jersey. In 1660 he received a deed to lands in Narragansett from Cadganaguant, Chief Sachem, who had "formerly received several kindnesses" from him.

In his will Thomas Lawton gave his elder son, Daniel, both Hunting Swamp Farm and Long Swamp Farm; and Daniel added to them so that by deeds and by his will he disposed of a total of about 500 acres, including all the land adjoining the west side of East Main Road for nearly a mile, from Union Street to near the town line. Thomas Lawton's younger son, Isaac, also prospered so that he gave each of his four sons a house and farm.

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THOMAS LAWTON

Portsmouth, Rhode Island

- 1 Thomas<sup>1</sup> Lawton, born in England; died 1681, Portsmouth, R.I.; married Elizabeth - who died after Nov. 16, 1654 when she marked a deed at Portsmouth. He m. (2) before 1674, Grace Bailey who died after 1677. She was the widow of William Bailey and the daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Parsons.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (5)

- 2 I Elizabeth<sup>2</sup>, died after Mar. 16, 1719-20; m. July 25, 1657, Peleg Sherman, b. 1633 at Portsmouth; d. 1719 at Kingstown, R.I., son of Philip and Sarah (Oding) Sherman.
- 3 II Daniel, married Rebecca Mott.
- 4 III Ann, died 1705 in her 59th. yr.; m. 3rd. 26da. 1639 Giles Slocum, b. 25th. 1st. mo. 1647; d. Jan. 1, 1713 in his 64th. yr., son of Giles and Joan Slocum.
- 5 IV Sarah, died July 5, 1718; m. Aug. 1, 1667 George Sisson, b. 1644; d. Sept. 7, 1718, son of Richard and Mary Sisson.
- 6 V Isaac, b. Dec. 11, 1650 at Portsmouth, R.I.; m. (1) Mary Sisson; m. (2) Elizabeth Tallman; m. (3) Naomi Lawton.

References; Portsmouth, R.I. Town Records; Slocum Burial Ground; Austin's Genealogical Dictionary; Sisson Genealogy; Sherman Genealogy by F.D. Sherman (manuscript).

Thomas Lawton made his will June 5, 1674 and it was proved Sept. 29, 1681; he named wife, Grace; sons, Daniel and Isaac; daughter, Elizabeth Sherman, wife of Peleg Sherman; daughter, Anne Slocum; daughter, Sarah Sisson; son-in-law, George Sisson.



- 3 Daniel<sup>2</sup> Lawton, (Thomas<sup>1</sup>); died June 22, 1719 at Portsmouth; married Rebecca Mott, b. Sept. 1648; died before 1719, dau. of Adam Mott and Mary Lott.

Children born at Portsmouth, R.I. (12)

- 7 I Thomas<sup>3</sup>, b. Mar. 1, 1655; m. Sarah Barker.
- 8 II Daniel, b. Oct. 28, 1657; m. Ruth -
- 9 III Rebecca, o. Feb. 28, 1668-9.
- 10 IV Jeremiah, b. Dec. 20, 1670; m. Grissel Fish.
- 11 V Adam, b. Nov. 5, 1672; m. Mary -
- 12 VI Elizabeth, b. Mar. 12, 1674; d. May 19, 1741; m. Nathaniel Dunn, b. 1671; d. Feb. 28, 1735, son of Richard Dunn. They were both buried at Sew Shoreham, R.I.
- 13 VII Mary, b. Aug. 31, 1675; m. James Borden.
- 14 VIII Isaac, married Mary Peckham.
- 15 IX Sarah, b. 1679; d. before Nov. 15, 1733; m. Lawrence Clark.
- 16 X Jonathan, married Elizabeth Richardson.
- 17 XI Joseph, m. (1) Mary Furrington; m. (2) Content Irish.
- 18 XII Benjamin, married (1) Penelope Gardner; m. (2) Abigail Anthony.

References; Portsmouth Friends Records; Clark Genealogy; Probate records; Land evidence, Portsmouth Book 2, p. 41, Sept. 5, 1712; William Lawton of Portsmouth, weaver, grandson of Daniel Lawton, sold to Jacob Mott land which he received from his great grandmother, Mary Mott.

The will of Daniel Lawton made Feb. 26, 1718-9, proved July 15, 1719, named sons, Benjamin, Joseph, Daniel, Jeremiah, Adam and Jonathan; daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel Dunn; Mary, wife of James Borden; Sarah, wife of Lawrence Clark; grandson, Isaac Lawton, son to my son, Isaac Lawton, deceased; grandson, William Lawton, son to my son, Thomas Lawton, deceased.

6 Isaac<sup>2</sup> Lawton, (Thomas<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 11, 1650; d. 25th. 11mo. 1731; m. (1) Mary Sisson, dau. of Richard and Mary Sisson; m. (2) Mar. 3, 1673 Elizabeth Tallman, d. May 20, 1701, dau. of Peter & Ann (Hill) Tallman; m. (3) Oct. 11, 1701 Naomi Lawton, b. Sept. 18, 1655; d. Jan. 13, 1720-1, widow of George Lawton and dau. Bartholomew Hunt.

Children of Isaac & Elizabeth born Portsmouth (11)

- 18 I Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 16, 1675; d. Dec. 17, 1711; m. Edward Smith, son of Philip and Mary Smith.
- 20 II Sarah, b. Oct. 28, 1676; d. Feb. 20, 1731; m. at Newport Nov. 4, 1698 John Rogers, b. Aug. 26, 1668; d. Aug. 11, 1727.
- 21 III Ann, b. Apr. 25, 1676; d. Feb. 12, 1739; m. Mar. 1694 Job Almy, b. Oct. 10, 1675; d. Dec. 2, 1743, son of Christopher Almy and Elizabeth Cornell.
- 22 IV Isaac, b. May 25, 1681; m. Mary Hill.
- 23 V Mary, b. Apr. 3, 1683; m. John Vaughan, b. Sept. 14, 1679, son of George Vaughan and Margaret Spink.
- 24 VI Isabel, b. Mar. 12, 1685; d. Jan. 21, 1722; m. Sept. 11, 1718 William Gory.
- 25 VII Thomas, b. Apr. 23, 1687; m. Margaret Allen.
- 26 VIII Susannah, b. Apr. 3, 1689; d. July 27, 1763; m. Richard Pearce, d. Oct. 25, 1744; she m. (2) Sept. 1746 John Burden.
- 27 IX Job, b. Apr. 28, 1691; m. Abigail Dexter.
- 28 X Ruth, b. Apr. 9, 1694; m. Mar. 24, 1714-5 Nathaniel Hall, b. June 29, 1689, son of Benjamin Hall and Frances Parker.
- 29 XI John, b. Sept. 2, 1696; m. Abigail Abbott.

References; Portsmouth, R.I. Town Records; Pearce Gen.; Hall Gen.; Austin's Genealogical Dictionary; Lotc Books of James M. Arnold in Elwood Library, Providence, R.I., which gives "On the farm of Mary E. Austin on West Main Road - 'Here lyeth the body of John Lawton who died Sept. 10, 1734 in 39th. yr. of his age' - 'Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth the wife of Isaac Lawton who died May 20, 1701 in her 46th. yr.' - 'Here lyeth the body of Isaac Lawton who died Jan. 25, 1731 A D in the 82nd. yr of his age' ". Also "Willow Cemetery, Newport, 'Isaac Lawton died Jan. 1731 age 81 yrs' 'Elizabeth Lawton wife of Isaac died May 20, 1701 age 46' ".

Isaac made his will Jan. 20, 1727, proved Feb. 14, 1731-2; he named sons, Isaac, Thomas, Job and John; daughters, Sarah Rogers, Anne Almy, Mary Vaughan, Susanna Pearce, Ruth Hall; five grand children, the daughters of Elizabeth Smith; two grandchildren, the children of Isabel Gory.



7 Thomas<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), born Mar. 1, 1688; d. before 1719; married Sarah Barker, daughter of James Barker and Barbara Dungan.

Children (3).

30 I William<sup>1</sup>, married Sarah Stoddart.

31 II Barbara, died before Jan. 21, 1719-20; married John Slocum, b. July 22, 1682, son of Giles and Ann (Lawton) Slocum.

References; Barker Genealogy; Friends Records; Town Council Records of Portsmouth, R.I., Vol. 2, p. 115 - Arbitration of the difference between William Lawton and John Slocum, (whose deceased wife Barbara was the daughter of Thomas Lawton, - Thomas Lawton was also the father of William Lawton) and Joseph Lawton, executor of the will of Daniel Lawton, in regard to the property of Thomas Lawton. Daniel Lawton had been executor for the estate of his son, Thomas Lawton.

8 Daniel<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 28, 1687; died after 1748; married Ruth - , who died Jan. 10, 1737-8 in Freetown. Fall River death record.

\* 32 I Ruth<sup>2</sup>, m. Nov. 25, 1725 Samuel Albro at Portsmouth, R.I.

33 II Daniel, married Abigail Martin.

34 III Mary, m. July 11, 1728 John Andrews at Portsmouth, R.I.

35 IV Elisabeth, m. Nov. 26, 1729 Thomas Butt, both being of Fiverton; married at Freetown.

36 V Phebe, m. June 3, 1731 Thomas Sherman at Freetown.

37 VI Rebecca, m. Apr. 27, 1738 Robert Terry at Freetown.

38 VII Josiah, married Hannah Reed.

References; Portsmouth and Freetown Land Evidence; Arnold's Vital Records of R.I.; Freetown marriages; Fall River Records.

Daniel Lawton and wife Ruth sold land in Portsmouth, R.I. Apr. 2, 1728; Nov. 13, 1728 he bought 240 acres in Freetown; Mar. 18, 1737-8 he deeded his son, Daniel one half of the above land; Apr. 1, 1746 he deeded his son Josiah the other half of the farm. He made no will and there is no proof that he had the five daughters given above. The fact that three of them were married in Freetown soon after they moved there would seem to indicate that they were of this family.

- 10 Jeremiah<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) born Dec. 20, 1670; will made Nov. 1, 1743; proved Aug. 12, 1745; m. Grissel Fish b. Apr. 12, 1673; d. June 15, 1745, dau. of Thomas Fish & Grissel Strange.

Children (4), order unknown.

- 39 I Daniel<sup>4</sup>, married Elizabeth Goodfellow.  
 40 II Abigail, married Dec. 19, 1733 Joseph Cundall, son of William Cundall of Leeds, England.  
 41 III Jeremiah married Hannah Turner.  
 42 IV Ann, married Benjamin Stanton; intimation of marriage given 25th. 2nd. mo. 1727.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records and Friends Records; the will of Jeremiah named sons, Daniel & Jeremiah; daughters, Abigail Cundall and Ann Stanton.

- 11 Adam<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 5, 1672; will proved June 8, 1736; married Mary - who d. 1759; she made her will Jan. 15, 1759 and it was proved Mar. 12, 1759.

Children (6), order unknown.

- 43 I Rebecca<sup>4</sup>, died before 1759; m. John Sisson, b. June 25, 1688; d. 1784; son of George Sisson and Sarah Lawton.  
 44 II Thomas, m. (1) Jane Barker; m. (2) Amy Poole.  
 45 III Mary, b. Sept. 23, 1703; d. Feb. 16, 1793; m. Stephen Richmond, b. Aug. 3, 1704; d. June 26, 1787, son of John & Elizabeth Richmond.  
 46 IV Adam, b. about 1705; m. Martha Sisson.  
 47 V William, probably married Sarah Southworth.

References; Richmond Genealogy; Friend's Records; Parker Genealogy.

The will of Mary Lawton, widow of Portsmouth, named sons, Thomas, William and Adam Lawton; two grandsons, John and Constant Sisson; granddaughter, Jude Fish; four granddaughters, Mary Almy, Elizabeth Wing, Abigail Almy, and Mercy Sisson; daughter-in-law, Martha Lawton; granddaughter, Sarah Lawton; daughter, Mary Richmond.

14 Isaac<sup>3</sup> Lawton, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)<sup>d</sup>, before the 4th. of the 3rd. mo. 1710 when the ear mark of his cattle was assigned to his brother, Benjamin Lawton; m. 1700 Mary Peckham.

48 I Isaac<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1703; m. Nov. 10, 1728 Hannah Arnold.

References; Portsmouth Town Records and Vital Statistics; will of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Lawton.

16 Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Lawton, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1684; d. May 13, 1720 in his 37th. yr., buried Newport Common Burial Ground; m. Elizabeth Richardson, d. Nov. 7, 1760 age about 75, buried Newport Common Ground, dau. of Thomas Richardson; she m. (2) Elias Wair who died 1728; m. (3) Dec. 28, 1729 John Cranston, b. about 1675; d. Nov. 1751, son of John Cranston and Mary Clarke.

Children (7) born at Newport, R.I.

49 I Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, married John Bryer, b. Sept. 17, 1703; d. 1749; son of Joseph Bryer and Mary Palmer. The birth and death dates for Elizabeth are not known, but she was probably buried at the Friends Cemetery on Golden Hill Street, Newport, where others of the family are buried.

50 II Rebecca b. Nov. 18, 1707; d. May 29, 1716.

51 III Mary, d. July 3, 1711, age 18 months.

52 IV son, d. 1713.

53 V Thomas b. Feb. 14, 1713; d. Aug. 18, 1716.

54 VI Jonathan, d. Nov. 14, 1718 age 13 months.

55 VII Charles, d. Sept. 26, 1720 age 1 year.

References; Gravestone records in Newport Common Burial Ground; Newport Probate Records.

The will of Jonathan Lawton made May 2, 1720, proved 1720, named wife, Elizabeth Lawton, daughter Elizabeth Lawton and son, Charles Lawton.

The will of Elizabeth Cranston named a grandson, Elias Bryer and daughter, Elizabeth Bryer.

The will of Mary Almy, widow of Christopher Almy, her second husband, named among others grandsons, Elias Bryer, John Bryer and Jonathan Bryer. Her will was made in 1755 and she died in 1759.



- 17 Joseph<sup>3</sup> Lawton, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), d. 1723; m. (1) May 1704, Mary Burrington who died 4th. 9th. mo. 1711, dau. of William and Jane Burrington; m. (2) Jan. 4, 1714-5 Content Irish, b. Sept. 1691; d. 1751, dau. of John and Elizabeth Irish; Content m. (2) Sept. 16, 1728 William Wilbur, b. Oct. 6, 1703, son of Benjamin Wilbur and Mary Kinnicut.

Children of Joseph & Mary (3), born at Portsmouth, R.I.

- 56 I Joseph<sup>4</sup>, b. 27th. 12th. mo. 1704-5; m. Sarah Richmond.  
57 II Sarah, b. 28th. 4th. mo. 1707; m. Feb. 4, 1732 Samuel Wilbur, b. Feb. 7, 1708, son of Benjamin Wilbur and Mary Kinnicut.  
58 III Mary, b. 10th. 4th. mo. 1710.

Children of Joseph & Content (5), born at Portsmouth.

- 59 IV Rebeckah, b. 19th. 10th. mo. 1715; m. (1) May 28, 1732 Ebenezer Sherman, b. Oct. 10, 1701, son of Samuel Sherman and Martha Tripp; they were divorced and Rebeckah m. (2) - Hale; Ebenezer Sherman m. (2) Mar. 16, 1741-2 Elizabeth Havens.  
60 V David, b. 21st. 3rd. mo. 1718; d. 1741.  
61 VI Priscilla, b. 10th. 4th. mo. 1721; probably died before 1751.  
62 VII Elizabeth, b. 4th. 8th. mo. 1723; d. before 1753; m. July 16, 1746 David Taylor, b. Mar. 31, 1722, son of John Taylor and Joanna Wilbur.  
63 VIII John, b. Mar. 28, 1725-6; m. Sarah Taylor.

References; Arnold's Vital Records of Portsmouth and Little Compton; Friend's Records; Portsmouth Probate Records.  
The will of Joseph Lawton, made July 3, 1724, named son, Joseph; daughters, Sarah and Mary; sons, David and John; daughters, Rebeckah, Priscilla and Elizabeth; wife, Content Lawton.

The will of Content Wilbur made May 20, 1751, proved June 10, 1751, named son, John Lawton; daughter, Elizabeth Taylor; granddaughter, Priscilla Sherman; son, Benjamin Wilbur; daughter, Content Wilbur; daughter, Rebecca Hale.

18 Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), died 1769;  
 m. (1) Sept. 8, 1709 Penelope Gardner;  
 m. (2) Nov. 7, 1751 Abigail Anthony.

Children of Benjamin and Penelope (12), born Portsmouth.

- 64 I Penelope<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1710-11; m. Frances Bassell.
- 65 II Abigail, b. Sept. 23, 1713; m. Feb. 1, 1733 Stephen Mott.
- 66 III Benjamin, b. Apr. 15, 1715; m. Mary Arnold.
- 67 IV Thomas, b. Jan. 30, 1713-7; m. Elizabeth Coggeshall.
- 68 V Sarah, b. Apr. 19, 1719; m. - Gardner.
- 69 VI George, b. Feb. 8, 1720-1; m. Mary -
- 70 VII Caleb, b. Jan. 24, 1722-3.
- 71 VIII Joshua, b. Jan. 24, 1722-3; d. before 1765;  
 m. at Newport, Apr. 27, 1746, Martha Manchester.
- 72 IX Lydia, b. June 7, 1725; m. - Needan.
- 73 X Joseph b. Apr. 6, 1727.
- 74 XI Mary, b. 1730; d. 8-14-1817 at Newport (Peckham Genealogy);  
 m. Feb. 13, 1749 Benoni Peckham, b. 1729; d. Nov. 8,  
 1798, son of Thomas Peckham and Sarah Browne.
- 75 XII Rebecca, m. Sept. 10, 1749, Samuel Rhodes at Newport.

References; Arnold's Vital Records of Portsmouth and Newport; Peckham Genealogy; Portsmouth Probate Records.

The will of Benjamin made 1765, proved 1769, named sons, George and Benjamin; Daughters, Abigail Mott, Sarah Gardner, Lydia Needan, Rebecca Rhodes, Mary Peckham; Grandson, Benjamin Bassell; daughter-in-law, Martha, widow of "my son, Joshua Lawton"; granddaughter, Sarah Munro, daughter of my son Thomas Lawton; granddaughter, Ann, daughter of Frances and Penelope Bassell.

22 Isaac<sup>3</sup> Lawton, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. May 25, 1581; d. 1728; m. Dec. 26, 1705 Mary Hill, daughter of Jonathan Hill; Mary m. (2) July 3, 1734 Lawrence Langworthy of Newport. She died before Feb. 13, 1758 when her estate was settled by her son, John Lawton.

Children (5), born at Portsmouth, R.I.

- 76 I Elisabeth<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1706; m. Samuel Rogers.
- 77 II John, b. Nov. 10, 1708; m. (1) Hauri Lawton; m. (2) Mary Earl.
- 78 III Rebecca, b. Apr. 24, 1711; m. Dec. 13, 1734 William Brown.
- 79 IV Patience, b. Jan. 30, 1714; d. June 25, 1758.
- 80 V Mary, b. Jan. 5, 1727; d. Dec. 12, 1746.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; marriages of Trinity Church, Newport; Rhode Island Historical Magazine, Vol. III; Probate Record of estate of Isaac Lawton of Portsmouth.

23 Thomas<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 25, 1687; d. Apr. 24, 1752; m. Margaret Allen who d. Jan. 29, 1744-5, daughter of William Allen and Martha Sweet of Prudence Isle.

Children (11), born at Bristol, R.I., except Ruth.

- 81 I Ruth<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1708 at Prudence Isle, Bristol Record.
- 82 II Isaac, b. Oct. 6, 1709; m. Sarah Howland.
- 83 III Martha, b. Sept. 12, 1712; m. Oct. 23, 1729 Joshua Ingraham.
- 84 IV Thomas, b. Oct. 14, 1714; m. Susannah Martin.
- 85 V Margaret, b. Mar. 23, 1719; m. Jan. 29, 1737 Thomas Little.
- 86 VI Ruth, b. Mar. 28, 1721; d. July 25, 1738.
- 87 VII Job, b. Apr. 12, 1725; m. (1) Phoebe Saabury; m. (2) Comfort Macdon.
- 88 VIII Elisabeth, b. Jan. 16, 1727; m. May 9, 1743 George Thurhill.
- 89 IX William, baptised Apr. 11, 1728; d. Apr. 13, 1728.



90 I Mary, b. June 28, 1730; m. Feb. 8, 1753 Obadiah Bosworth,  
b. Sept. 26, 1731, son of Nathaniel Bosworth and  
Elizabeth Lindsey.

91 XI Sarah, baptised Mar. 15, 1732-3; d. Mar. 23, 1733.

References; Arnold's Bristol Records; records of St.  
Michael's Church, Bristol; Bosworth Genealogy; Bristol Probate  
Records.

The will of Thomas Lawton named the children of son,  
Isaac Lawton, deceased; son, Job Lawton; daughters, Martha  
Ingraham, Margaret Little, Elizabeth Thurrill, and Mary Lawton;  
children of son, Thomas Lawton, deceased.

27 Job<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 28, 1691; d. 1744  
m. (1) Sept. 10, 1713 Abigail Dexter, dau. of  
John Dexter and Mehitable Hallett; she died  
Aug. 8, 1725; Job m. (2) Mar. 16, 1725-6,  
Mary (Cory) Hall, widow of George Hall.

Children of Job & Abigail (5), born at Portsmouth.

92 I Thomas<sup>4</sup>, b. June 16, 1715.

93 II Job, b. Oct. 31, 1717.

94 III Isaac, b. Jan. 20, 1719-20; m. Rebecca Mott.

95 IV John, b. Mar. 11, 1721-2; d. Aug. 22, 1740.

96 V George, b. June 9, 1724.

Children of Job & Mary (6), born at Portsmouth.

97 VI William, b. Oct. 1, 1726.

98 VII Christopher, b. Apr. 7, 1728; d. Apr. 14, 1752;  
m. Aug. 8, 1751 Elizabeth Tripp, who m. (2)  
June 26, 1755 William Browning, Jr. of South  
Kingstown, R.I.

99 VIII Caleb, b. May 11, 1730; m. (1) Sarah Bullock;  
m. (2) Almy Bullock.

100 IX Abigail, b. Jan. 23, 1731-2; m. May 11, 1749 Thomas  
Cory, b. Nov. 2, 1725, son of Thomas Cory  
and Anna Durfee.

101 X Elisha, b. July 22, 1734; m. Jean Luscumb.

102 II Amie, b. Aug. 23, 1736.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; Friend's Records. The will of Job named wife, Mary; sons, Isaac, Christopher, Caleb and Elisha; daughters, Abigail and Amie.

29 John<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 2, 1696; d. Sept. 27, 1734; m. Mar. 10, 1719-20 Abigail Abbott, dau. of Josiah Abbott and Bethia Mott; Abigail m. (2) Apr. 6, 1737 William Earl, son of Thomas Earl and Mary Taber; his first wife was Mehitable Brayton.

Children (7) born at Portsmouth, R.I.

103 I Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1720-1.

104 II Lydia, b. Sept. 15, 1722; d. May 1 1816 at Newport; m. Jan. 4, 1745 John Dennis, son of John and Anne Dennis of Newport.

105 III Sarah, b. July 5, 1724; d. Jan. 24, 1798; m. (1) Oct. 17, 1745 George Lawton b. Apr. 20, 1710; d. 1757 at Newport, son of Captain George Lawton and Mary Gould; m. (2) May 28, 1761 Philip Wanton, b. May 31, 1719; will proved July 2, 1781; he was the son of Philip Wanton and Hannah Rodman.

106 IV Isaac, b. Aug. 5, 1726; m. Mary Fish.

107 V Abigail, b. Apr. 1, 1729; m. Oct. 23, 1748 David Earle b. July 11, 1722, son of William Earle and Mehitable Brayton.

108 VI Anna, b. Nov. 30, 1731; d. Mar. 7, 1825.

109 VII Mary, b. Aug. 2, 1733; m. Jan. 30, 1766 Giles Lawton (138), son of Adam<sup>3</sup> Lawton (Adam<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) and Martha Slooan.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; Friend's Records; Earle Genealogy.

30 William<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. May 27, 1713 Sarah Stoddart, dau. of William Stoddart.

Children (11) born at Portsmouth, R.I.

110 I Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 29, 1714; m. Nov. 4, 1739 Caleb Sherman, b. July 1708, son of Peleg Sherman and Alice Fish.

111 II Thomas, b. May 8, 1715; m. Mary Lake.

- 112 III Sarah, b. Feb. 26, 1716-7.
- 113 IV Anne, b. Apr. 22, 1720; d. 1809; m. Oct. 11, 1739  
Preserved Sherman, b. Mar. 1714, son of Peleg  
Sherman and Alice Fish.
- 114 V William, b. Feb. 17, 1722-3.
- 115 VI Mary, b. Jan. 8, 1725-6; m. Jan. 11, 1770 William  
Buffington of Swansey, b. Oct. 9, 1703, son of  
Benjamin Buffington & Hannah Buffum; she was  
his second wife.
- 116 VII Matthew, b. Feb. 15, 1727-8; m. Jemina Jessup.
- 117 VIII Joseph, b. Mar. 22, 1728-30; m. Elizabeth Peirce.
- 118 IX Jonathan, b. Feb. 3, 1731-2; d. at Newport Dec. 9,  
1795, age given as 70 or 76, newspaper record.
- 119 X Gideon, b. July 26, 1735; m. Lucy Howland.
- 120 XI Comfort, b. Sept. 9, 1739; d. Oct. 28, 1739.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; Newspaper  
Records; Land Evidence in Newport gives the father of Sarah  
Stoddart; Sherman records of Frank Dempster Sherman.

- 33 Daniel<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. Jan. 6,  
1726-7 at Portsmouth Abigail Martin, dau.  
of Joseph and Mary Martin of Newport.

Child (1) born at Portsmouth.

- 121 I Ruth<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1727; m. Jan. 9, 1745 John Reed Jr.,  
both of Freetown; he was b. Nov. 17, 1720, son  
of John Reed.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; Freetown  
marriages; Fall River Land Evidence; since John and Ruth Reed  
disposed of the land which Daniel<sup>3</sup> Lawton gave to Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Ruth  
was undoubtedly the only child.

- 38 Josiah<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) d. 1789 or 1790;  
m. Nov. 13, 1745-6 Hannah Reed, dau. of Thomas  
and Deborah Reed, both of Freetown, marriage  
recorded Swansey Friend's Records.

Children (5) probably all born at Freetown.

- 122 I George<sup>5</sup>, m. Anna Sherman.



- 123 II Thomas, m. Hannah Barnaby.  
 124 III Daniel, m. Fanny Stillwell.  
 125 IV Elizabeth, m. May 8, 1788 Oliver Slade.  
 126 V Hannah

References; Swaney Friend's Records; Freetown marriages; will of Josiah made 4-5-1789, proved 1-5-1790 named George Lawton, eldest son; Thomas Lawton, son; and Daniel Lawton, youngest son; daughters, Elizabeth Slade and Hannah Lawton; widow, Hannah Lawton.

- 39 Daniel<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Jeremiah<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) d. 1780;  
 m. Oct. 17, 1734 Elizabeth Goodfellow who  
 d. 1782, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Good-  
 fellow.

Children (5) born at Portsmouth, N.H.

- 127 I Jeremiah<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1735.  
 128 II Christopher, b. Apr. 18, 1737; d. before 2-10-1817, date  
 of inventory of his estate.  
 129 III Abigail, b. May 30, 1739; d. young.  
 130 IV Abigail, b. May 12, 1748; m. (1) Apr. 14, 1765 James  
 Headley; m. (2) Mar. 15, 1781 Reuben Taylor,  
 b. 1738 son of John Taylor and Joanna Wilbur.  
 131 V Nathaniel b. Apr. 3, 1749; d. before 5-13-1805 when his  
 estate was settled.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth Records; will of  
 Daniel Lawton made 1762, proved Apr. 10, 1780 named wife, Elizabeth;  
 daughter, Abigail; sons, Jeremiah, Christopher and Nathaniel.

In 1783 Thomas Potter and Gyles Lawton were appointed  
 guardians to the personal estate of Jeremiah, Christopher and  
 Nathaniel Lawton. In 1805 Reuben Taylor for wife Abigail and  
 Abraham Anthony, guardian to Christopher Lawton were the heirs  
 to the real estate of Nathaniel Lawton.

41 Jeremia<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Jeremia<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
died Feb. 24, 1748; m. Hannah Turner who  
died before Feb. 20, 1748 when Jeremia<sup>4</sup>  
made his will.

Children (5) probably born at Portsmouth, R.I.

132 I Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, m. Freelove Peckham.

133 II Hannah, m. Oct. 5, 1749 Gideon Coggeshall, b. 1726;  
d. Apr. 20, 1780.

134 III Ann, m. Dec. 29, 1757 Joseph Durfee of Middletown,  
Rhode Island, b. Jan. 29, 1734 at Portsmouth;  
d. 1801 at Shelburne, New Brunswick; son of  
Thomas Durfee and Sarah Briggs.

135 IV Sarah, m. Dec. 14, 1758 William Greene.

136 V Jeremiah, m. Mary Hill.

References; Arnold's marriages of Portsmouth,  
Middletown and Newport; Swansea marriages; Coggeshall genealogy;  
Durfee genealogy; land evidence of Portsmouth in 1728 gives  
the sale of land by Jeremiah Jr. and Hannah Lawton.

The will of Jeremiah made Feb. 20, 1748, proved  
Mar. 13, 1748-9 named son, Jonathan, son Jeremiah under 21;  
brother-in-law William Turner to be guardian; daughters,  
Hannah, Ann and Sarah; reserved land for Burial Ground where  
he had buried his wife.

44 Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Adam<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) d. after 1771  
and before 1784; m. (1) Jane Barker, who  
died July 16, 1763, dau. of James Barker  
and Sarah Jefferay; m. (2) May 20, 1736  
Amy Poole at Westerly, R.I.

According to the Barker genealogy Thomas and Jane had  
three children, but only one is known.

137 I Josiah<sup>5</sup>, m. Elizabeth Kirby.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth and Westerly  
marriages; Barker genealogy; Portsmouth land records; Thomas  
and Amy sold land in Portsmouth in 1771; Portsmouth Town  
records - the ear mark for the cattle of Thomas Lawton was  
assigned to Mary Anthony in 1784.

Thomas and Jane may have had two daughters named,  
Mary and Jane. A Mary Lawton married 11-24-1736 at Westerly,  
Rhode Island Sanford Eoyes; Jane Lawton married 6-11-1755  
David Lewis at Westerly. Josiah did live in Westerly for a  
time. Compare the names of grandchildren of Josiah with the  
names of the husbands of the unknown Mary and Jane.

- 46 Adam<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Adam<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. about 1705;  
d. Oct. 11, 1767 age 62yrs.; m. Oct. 24,  
1727 Martha Slocum, b. 20th. 2th. mo.  
1709; d. Oct. 11, 1778, dau. Giles Slocum  
and Mary Paine.

Children (5) born at Portsmouth, R.I.

- 138 I Giles<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1729; m. (1) Hannah Peckham;  
m. (2) Mary Lawton (109).
- 139 II Ruth, b. Oct. 16, 1731; d. 1787; m. Nov. 8, 1752  
Peter Barker, b. Feb. 2, 1728-9; d. Dec. 6,  
1784, son of Peter Barker and Sarah Slocum.
- 140 III Peleg, b. Nov. 11, 1735; m. (1) Anne Cooke;  
m. (2) Ruth -
- 141 IV Hannah, b. Mar. 3, 1739-40.
- 142 V Sarah, b. Feb. 24, 1748; d. 8-18-1825; m. June 1,  
1769 Benjamin Barker, son of Peter  
Barker and Sarah Slocum.

References; Arnold's Rhode Island records;  
Friend's records; Slocum genealogy; Turner papers in the  
Newport Historical Society Library.

The will of Adam mentions son, Giles; son Peleg;  
widow, Martha; daughter, Ruth Barker; dau., Sarah Lawton;  
brother, Thomas Lawton.

- 47 William<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Adam<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) d. 1785 at  
Middletown, R.I.; he probably married  
Feb. 20, 1746 Sarah Southworth of Little  
Compton, R.I., b. Sept. 7, 1721, dau. of  
Joseph Southworth and Mary Blake.

Children (4) probably born at Middletown, R.I.

- 143 I Abigail, m. Feb. 7, 1765 John Bliven by Rev.  
Gardner Thurston of Newport.
- 144 II Elizabeth, m. July 14, 1771 William Hoar by  
Rev. Gardner Thurston.
- 145 III Sally
- 146 IV Samuel, d. 1785.

References; land evidence of Middletown shows that  
William was the son of Adam. The will of William made Aug. 24,  
1774, proved 1785 named son, Samuel, daughters, Abigail Blivins,  
Elizabeth Hoar and Sally Lawton; the will of Samuel, a soldier  
in the Revolution, made July 5, 1760, proved Mar. 13, 1793,  
named father, William Lawton and sisters as in father's will.



46 Isaac<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 21, 1703; d. after 1757, Jan. 1; m. Nov. 10, 1726 Hannah Arnold, b. July 30, 1703, dau. of William Arnold and Hannah Nichols.

Children (2), perhaps others, probably born at Newport, R.I.

147 I Isaac<sup>5</sup>, m. Hannah Dickens.

148 II William, m. Rebecca Gibbs.

References; Arnold's Portsmouth and Newport marriages; will of Josiah Arnold made Jan. 1, 1757 named among others Isaac Lawton of Newport who married my brother William Arnold's daughter, Hannah; William Lawton, son of said Isaac Lawton. No proof has been found that William married Rebecca Gibbs.

56 Joseph<sup>5</sup> Lawton (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 27th. of 12th. mo. 1704-5; d. at Hopkinton, R.I.; m. July 20, 1725 Sarah Richmond, d. 1788, dau. of John Richmond of Westerly, R.I.

Children (5), Esther and Joseph born at Portsmouth.

149 I Esther<sup>5</sup>, b. May 14, 1726; m. - Lewis.

150 II Joseph, b. May 10, 1730; m. Abigail Foster.

151 III Anna, m. Nov. 22, 1753 Jonathan Foster.

152 IV Mary, m. Feb. 17, 1757 Francis West.

153 V Priscilla, m. David Coon.

References; Friend's Records; Hopkinton and Westerly marriages; Portsmouth birth records. The will of Joseph Lawton proved at Hopkinton 1768, named wife Sarah; son, Joseph; daughters, Esther Lewis, Anna Foster, Mary West and Priscilla Lawton; grandsons, John Lawton and Joseph Lawton.

The will of Sarah Lawton proved at Hopkinton Apr. 7, 1788 named son, Joseph; daughters, Mary West, and Priscilla Coon; grandson Jonathan Foster; son-in-law, David Coon to be executor.

63 John<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 22th. 12th. mo. 1725-8; d. 4-3-1793 age 67yrs.; m. Jan. 27, 1748 at Little Compton Sarah Taylor, b. Feb. 14, 1729; dau. of John Taylor and Joanna Wilbur.

Children (7) born at Portsmouth, R.I.

- 154 I David<sup>5</sup>, b. Mar. 11, 1749; m. (1) Rhoda Devol; m. (2) Louisa Hart.
- 155 II Johannah, b. June 25, 1751; m. Nov. 8, 1778 Richard Mitchell, son of James and Anne.
- 156 III Phoebe, b. Apr. 23, 1754; d. Sept. 15, 1783.
- 157 IV Elizabeth, b. Oct. 18, 1757.
- 158 V John, b. Oct. 11, 1760; m. Hannah Manchester.
- 159 VI Joseph b. Apr. 17, 1763; m. Mary Almy.
- 160 VII Hannah, b. Jan. 20, 1768; um. 1799.

References; Portsmouth records; Friend's records; Little Compton marriages; probate records of Portsmouth. The will of John made Feb. 2, 1783, proved May 5, 1793, named wife, Sarah; two daughters, Joanna the wife of Richard Mitchell, and Hannah Lawton; three sons, David, John and Joseph Lawton. The will of Sarah made Dec. 28, 1799, proved Dec. 13, 1802, named sons, David, John and Joseph Lawton; daughters Hannah Lawton and Joanna Mitchell.

66 Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 15, 1715; m. (1) Jan. 18, 1738-9 Mary Arnold, b. Mar. 19, 1719, dau. of William Arnold and Anna Coggeshall; m. (2) May 3, 1752 Anna Phillips at Exeter.

Children (6); I-IV born at Portsmouth; V, VI born at Exeter, R.I.

- 161 I Oliver<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1738; m. Ann Rathbun.
- 162 II David, b. Aug. 25, 1741.
- 163 III Timothy, b. Sept. 21, 1743; m. Deborah Reynolds.
- 164 IV Mary, b. Sept. 15, 1745; m. Apr. 29, 1766 Ezekiel Tripp, a Quaker Minister; they moved to New York State.
- 165 V Benjamin, m. Mary Clark.
- 166 VI Ruth, died Apr. 15, 1827.

References; Arnold's records of Portsmouth and Exeter, R.I.; Bible records; Arnold genealogy.

- 67 Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. Jan. 30, 1716-7; d. 1753 in the West Indies; m. Jan. 5, 1738-9 Elizabeth Coggeshall, b. Nov. 6, 1715, dau. of William Coggeshall and Elizabeth Lewby; she m. (2) Mar. 31, 1756 Benjamin Salisbury at Bristol, R.I.

Children (3)

- 167 I Gardner<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1739 at Portsmouth; d. Feb. 13, 1780, age 21yrs. at Bristol, Rhode Island.
- 168 II Joseph, b. Nov. 24, 1742 at North Kingstown, R.I.; d. before 1784.
- 169 III Sarah, m. Nov. 11, 1763 Nathaniel Munro, Jr. at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R.I.

References; Arnold's records of Portsmouth, North Kingstown and Bristol; St. Michael's Church records; Bristol probate records; Coggeshall genealogy.

- 69 George<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 8, 1720-1; d. Aug. 23, 1798, Newport Mercury record; m. Mary - will made 1806 and proved 1810.
- 170 I Mary<sup>5</sup>, d. Feb. 17, 1797 in her 28th. yr., stone in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth, R.I.; m. James Vinson who died in Georgetown, South Carolina about 1800.

References; Will of George made June 10, 1798, proved Sept. 12, 1798, named wife, Mary; daughter, Mary Lawton Vinson.

- 77 John<sup>4</sup> Lawton (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 10, 1707; d. between 1777 and 1781; m. (1) Oct. 30, 1729 Naomi Lawton, who died Sept. 15, 1744, daughter of Robert<sup>3</sup> Lawton (George<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) and Priscilla Barker; m. (2) Jan. 23, 1745-8 Mary Earl who d. Apr. 3, 1798 age 73yrs.

Children of John & Naomi (5) born at Portsmouth, R.I.

- 171 I Isaac<sup>5</sup>, b. 3rd. day 12th. mo. 1730; m. Mary Granston.
- 172 II Robert, b. Nov. 20, 1732; m. Mary Easton.
- 173 III Priscilla, b. 14th. 11th. mo. 1735; d. 1790; m. William Giles.



1355 Samuel Howard<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Thomas H.<sup>8</sup>, Thomas H.<sup>7</sup>, Arnold<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 1861 Newport; d. Oct. 5, 1944 Providence;  
m. 11-27-1888 Alice Bradford Eddy b. 1865,  
da. Michael Eddy & Laura Aselia Crosby;  
he was a conductor on the trolley cars  
in Providence for 43 years.

1702 I Edith Bradford<sup>10</sup>, b. 10-19-1889 Providence; m. 10-14-1914 at Providence, Luther Milton Hoyle.

References; Newport records; Providence records.

1356 Elon Joseph<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Dyer Stanton<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 9-9-1835; m. 8-9-1870 Clara Mason Benedict.

1703 I Mason Benedict<sup>10</sup>, b. 10-23-1875; lived at Potsdam, N.Y. in 1907.

1704 II Clarabelle, b. 5-23-1882.

References: Rathbone genealogy.

1367 Charles D.<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Giles Franklin<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 1-1-1850; d. 4-19-1936; m. 2-1-1873  
Mary Ann Wood b. 9-6-1852; d. 8-29-1933.

1705 I Bertha<sup>10</sup>, b. 7-22-1877; m. 9-11-1900 Kerton Burdick; lived at Milton, Wis.

1706 II Jessie, b. 10-16-1885;  
m. 11-20-1906 Clayton D. Freeborn.

1707 III Anna Florence, b. 5-15-1892; m. 2-1-1913 George M. Palmer; living at Milton Junction, Wis. in 1948.

References; family records.

1368 Frank B.<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Giles Franklin<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 10-18-1857; d. 10-30-1933; m. 10-24-1883  
Dora J. Potter b. 2-25-1852 at Albion, Wis.;  
d. 1-13-1929.

1708 I Giles F.<sup>10</sup>, b. 1-17-1888; m. 9-24-1908 Alice Stillman who died 1-13-1942.

1709 II Helen Berdina, b. 10-15-1890; m. 9-24-1912 Lloyd Simpson who died 5-17-1938; lived Michigan.



- 1381 Lyndon Charles<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Charles Stanton<sup>8</sup>, Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 3-31-1854; m. Mary Alice Swan 1-14-1879  
at Chicago.
- 1722 I James<sup>10</sup>, b. 1-14-1880 at Chicago.
- 1723 II Lucella Roby, b. 10-22-1883 at Chicago.
- 1724 III Marguerite, b. 9-18-1887 at Chicago.
- References; Rathbone genealogy.
- 1391 David W.<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Zebulon G.<sup>8</sup>, Acors W.<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 12-23-1858; d. at Winchester, Conn.;  
m. Winsted, Conn. 4-2-1883 Hattie Eugene  
Burr b. 4-7-1855 at Bristol, Conn.;  
d. 1927 Winchester, Conn.
- 1725 I Mabel A.<sup>10</sup>, b. 8-26-1888.
- References; Connecticut records; family records.
- 1394 Dr. Shailer Emory<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Benjamin<sup>8</sup>, Acors W.<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 10-3-1853; married.
- 1726 I Shailer U.<sup>10</sup>
- References; Rathbone genealogy.
- 1400 Frank Darwin<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Giles P.<sup>8</sup>, Giles P.<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 11-23-1853 Oak Creek, Wis.; d. 4-27-1938;  
m. Mar. 1881 Ida Amelia Holmes b. Nov. 1858;  
d. 5-22-1929, dau. of Wheeler Holmes and  
Esther Smith of North Stonington, Conn.
- 1727 I Sydney<sup>10</sup>, b. 1882; d. 1882.
- 1728 II Leighton Holmes, b. 8-7-1884; m. Elsie Lyde Eaton.
- 1729 III Elsie Katherine, b. 8-24-1886; m. 9-16-1930 Franklin  
Whitehead Barker;  
living Unionville, Conn. in 1943.
- 1730 IV Esther Gladys, b. 12-13-1891; m. 7-10-1917 Leroy B.  
Miner; living at Collinsville, Conn.  
in 1943.
- References; family records.

1740 III Kenneth Erwood, b. 3-18-1928.

1741 IV Donald Eugene, b. 10-10-1931.

1742 V Ruth Elaine, b. 6-1-1938.

References; family records.

1443 Charles Elmer<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Elmer Grant<sup>8</sup>, Stephen C.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 10-28-1907; m. 11-23-1939 Lillian Edith Frederick, b. 5-23-1912.

1743 I Deborah Kay<sup>10</sup>, b. 10-23-1940.

1744 II James Michale, b. 1-20-1944.

1745 III Devan, b. 11-22-1948.

References; family records.

1445 Robert Ward<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Ira Eugene<sup>8</sup>, Joseph K.<sup>7</sup>, Pardon<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 8-5-1893 at West Middletown, Pa.; m. 6-5-1924 Alberta Tripp, b. 1-22-1899, dau. of James S. Tripp and Lucinda Archer; they lived in Washington, Pa., until 1947 and then moved to a farm near Byesville, Ohio.

Children (2) born Washington, Pa.

1746 I Robert Joseph<sup>10</sup> b. 12-10-1928.

1747 II Richard Eugene b. 3-10-1934.

References; family records.

1451 Louis Ealen<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Ernest C.<sup>8</sup>, Joseph K.<sup>7</sup>, Pardon<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. at West Middletown, Pa.; m. 1944 Loretta Bratten of Moline, Ill.

1748 I Richard Lewis<sup>10</sup>, b. 11-17-1948.

1749 II daughter

References; family records.



1464 Maurice W.<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Chester<sup>8</sup>, Job<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 3-13-1889 at Scriba, N.Y.; d. 1924;  
 m. (1) 11-25-1888 Carrie Matteson who  
 died 9-1-1889; m. (2) 2-8-1891 Dollie  
 Crouche.

Children of Maurice and Carrie.

1757 I Harry<sup>10</sup>, b. 8-25-1889; lives in Washington, D.C.

1758 II Carrie, b. 8-25-1889; " " " "

Child of Maurice and Dollie.

1759 III Dollie, b. 3-23-1897.

References; family records.

1467 Frank Harvy<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Harvy<sup>8</sup>, Job<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 2-21-1864 at Scriba, N.Y.; m. 3-21-  
 1894 Catherine Maude Tully, b. 8-30-  
 1875 at Oswego, N.Y.

1760 I Emma Jane<sup>10</sup>, b. 3-22-1895.

1761 II Alta Eliza, b. 11-12-1899.

1762 III Rena Maude, b. 8-11-1902; d. 10-3-1902.

1763 IV Edwin John, b. 5-8-1904.

References; family records.

1472 Clarence J.<sup>9</sup> Lawton (Edwin J.<sup>8</sup>, Job<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 1-16-1857; m. 11-20-1879 Emma A.  
 Decatur.

1764 I daughter, b. 11-25-1880; d. 11-25-1880.

1765 II Maude M., b. 9-12-1882; m. 6-28-1901 William T. Davies.

References; family records.