

NOVEMBER 1, 1998--"SPECUFACTUAL" TIME LINE ON CAPT. WILLIAM LAWTON

- SPEC: ??/??/1709--Capt. William Lawton is born, place unknown.
- SPEC: ??/??/1733--Capt. William Lawton marries Mary Clark, his first wife.
- SPEC: ??/??/1735--Josiah Lawton, the first known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Clark, is born
- SPEC: ??/??/1737--William Lawton, Jr., the second known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Clark, is born.
- FACT: ??/??/1739--According to the year of birth on her tombstone, Sarah Lawton the third known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Clark, is born.
- SPEC: ??/??/1744--Jeremiah Lawton, the fourth (and last) known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Clark, is born.
- SPEC: ??/??/1744--Mary Clark Lawton, Capt. William Lawton's first wife, dies, possibly as a result of complications from the birth of their last child, Jeremiah Lawton.
- SPEC: ??/??/1744--Capt. William Lawton marries his second wife, Mary Winborn. *d/o Thomas of Wadmalaw Island*
- FACT: ??/??/1745--According to his 09/23/1809 obituary, Winborn Lawton, the first known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Winborn, was born.
- SPEC: ??/??/1751--Mary Lawton, the second known child of Capt. William Lawton and Mary Winborn, is born.
- SPEC: ??/??/1751--Mary Winborn Lawton, Capt. William Lawton's second wife, dies possibly as a result of complications from the birth of their last child, Mary Lawton.
- FACT: 01/16/1750--Paul Grimball, a planter on Edisto Island, SC, dies, leaving a wife, Mary (née Stone) Grimball, and five children, one of them "in utero."
- FACT: 08/12/1751--Mary Stone Grimball, the widow of Paul Grimball above, still goes by the name Mary Grimball, when she signs a deed transferring property to one of her children. The child, Thomas Grimball, had been born 02/21/1750, five weeks after the death of his father, and was only 1½ years old when his mother had this property transferred to him. This transfer of property to an infant seems peculiar to me, but a number of things his mother did seem peculiar to me, so anyway...there is no known marriage date for Capt. William Lawton and his third and last known wife, Mary Stone Grimball, but it probably was sometime soon after 08/12/1751.

NOTE: Whenever Capt. William Lawton and Mary Stone Grimball married, their household must have been a "chaos of children;" consisting of some eleven or so offspring: Josiah, William, Jr., Sarah, and Jeremiah by Capt. William Lawton's first wife, Mary Clark; Winborn and Mary by his second wife, Mary Winborn; and Paul, Providence, John, Anne, and Thomas by Mary's marriage to Paul Grimball. All I can think of to say here is "Damn!"--and move on.

- FACT: 10/18/1753--Joseph Lawton, the only known child of Capt. William Lawton and his third and last wife, Mary Stone Grimball, is born.
- FACT: 09/21/1757--Thomas Grimball, Paul Grimball's posthumous son by Mary (now the wife of Capt. William Lawton), dies, 7½ years old.
- FACT: 10/09/1757--Capt. William Lawton makes out his will.
- FACT: 10/15/1757--Josiah Lawton, Capt. William Lawton's first child (so far as is known), makes out his will, and refers to "lands left to me by my father," thus indicating that Capt. William Lawton died between 10/09 and 10/15/1757.
- FACT: 12/09/1757--The wills of Capt. William Lawton and Josiah Lawton are probated, proving that they both died between 10/09 and 12/09/1757
- FACT: 12/??/1758--William Lawton, Jr. dies, intestate.
- FACT: ante 20 may 1762 - Jeremiah Lawton dies unmarried