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THE LAWSON FAMILY

EPAPPHRODITUS LAWSON, witnessed deed of John Davis, Planter, of Kikekeiake, to Thomas Curtis, 20 July 1633.

ALICE LAWSON, headright of Capt. Wm. Peirce, one of the Councill of State, 22 June 1635 . . . in Lawnes Creek.

EPPA LAWSON renewed patent of Martha Tomlin wid., in his name, 14 July 1635 . . . 250 acres S. E. side of Nanzemund River.

EPPA LAWSON patented 200 acres at the head of the back river, on the east side of Scones dam, 25 Nov. 1635 . . . due by deed of sale from John Davis [Note: Robt. Davis (PAYNE), m. Elizabeth, dau. of Eppa Lawson, by 1666].

HUGH LAWSON, headright of — Safferton, Elizabeth Citty County, 17 Oct. 1636.

EPPA LAWSON pat. 200 acs. in Warwickquicke (Isle of Wight County), 23 Dec. 1636 . . . upon Nanzamund Riv. for transportation of four persons.

CHRISTOPHER LAWSON, 250 acs. in James Citty County, 23 May 1637, for transportation of five persons . . . beginning at a little Indian field over against land of John Dansey . . . also 400 acs. in James Citty County, 1 May 1638, at head of Rolphes Creeke for transportation of eight people.

EPPA LAWSON, 50 acs. in Isle of Wight County, 20 Nov. 1637, at the mouth of Warwickquike River, *alias* Newtown Haven, assigned by Ellis Dunridge . . . also 200 acs. same county, 1 Nov. 1637, E. N. W. upon Nansamund Riv., for transportation of four persons.

EPPA LAWSON, 250 acs. in Upper Norfolk County (Nansemond), 15 March 1638 . . . on North side of Chuckatuck River, due for transportation of five persons.

EPPA LAWSON, 250 acs. from Martha Tomlyn, 29 May 1638.

EPPA LAWSON assigns 150 acs. in Upper Norfolk County

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(Nansemond) to Mareene Delanmundayes, he having received it from Wm. Dawson, 16 Oct. 1638.

EPPA LAWSON, 1,400 acs. in Upper Norfolk County, 15 Sept. 1642 . . . upon Newtowne Haven River, running N. W. by a bay side called Mount Lawson, adjoining Moore Fantleroy . . . 450 acs. by assignment from Bartholomew Hoskins, Admnr. of John Bridges, of two pattents, 300 acs. by two former pattents, and 650 acs. for the transportation of 13 persons, viz: EPPA LAWSON ("his own transportation"?), WILLIAM LAWSON, LETTICE LAWSON, ROWLAND LAWSON, and others . . . EPPA LAWSON lived near Richard Bennett (Upper Norfolk County), 1643.

EPPA LAWSON received 450 acres 9 Jan. 1643, for trans. of 9 persons . . . he assigned 400 acs. to John Hill 2 April 1644.

APHA (EPPA) LAWSON assigned land in Upper Norfolk County, to John Hill, 1 April 1644 for transportation of four persons, his own personal adventure, Mr. William Hill, twice, and Robt. Tows . . . Eppa Lawson assigned 200 acs. in Elizabeth Citty County to Thomas Stephens through Sam'l Groose and John Davis, 6 Jan. 1647. This ends the data on EPPA LAWSON in Isle of Wight and Upper Norfolk Counties. Now we find him going to the Northern Neck or *Chickakoon Country* . . .

MR. EPAPPHRODITUS LAWSON, 700 acres in Rappahannock River, 3 Sept. 1649 . . . lying about 12 miles upon the N. side, beginning on the Edward side of the mouth of Slaughters Creek which parts this from the land of John Carter . . . for transportation of 14 persons into the colony . . . MR. EPPA LAWSON, 2,000 acres in Rappahannock River on the S. side beginning on the lowermost point of a great Island, running S. S. W. crossing Lawsons Creeke, 22 May 1650, for transportation of 40 persons . . . 1,000 acres lying about 10 miles up on the N. side of the Rappahannock River adjoining lands of John Slaughter, 22 May 1650, for trans. of 20 persons . . . 900 acs. in Rappa. Riv. on S. side beginning above land of Mr. John Cox, for trans. of 18 persons.

EPPA LAWSON assigned 900 acs. to his brother, Mr. Row-

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LAND LAWSON on the Eastward side of the mouth of Cherry Point Creek, and adjoining land of Richard Jones and ROWLAND LAWSON, 400 acs., for trans. of 8 persons, 20 June 1651.

RICHARD LAWSON, 1,400 acres . . . in Rappahannock River . . . 1,000 acres granted to EPPA LAWSON and assigned to Richard Lawson and 400 acres assigned to him by Rowland Lawson to whom it was granted 6 Oct. 1654 (Nugent, p. 318).

ROWLAND LAWSON, 400 acs. upon S. side of Rappa. Riv., 6 Oct. 1654, for trans. of 8 persons (*Ibid.*, p. 297).

GEORGE LAWSON, headright of Gervase Dodson, Gent., 4 June 1655, Lancaster County (*Ibid* p. 308).

RICHARD LAWSON, 640 acs. on S. side of Occapsason Creek, 27 Feb. 1656, for trans. of 13 persons (*Ibid* p. 341).

THOMAS LAWSON, headright of Miles Dixon, to Northumberland County, 4 March 1656 (*Ibid* p. 344).

WILLIAM CLAPHAM, JR., 500 acs. Lancaster County, 31 March 1657 . . . on N. side of Rappa. Riv. neere the head of a creek which divides the land of Major Carter from the land formerly belonging to Mr. Eppa Lawson, now sd. Clapham's (Wm. Clapham, Jr., m. widow of Eppa Lawson). Vincent Stanford, 600 acs., 1 June 1657 . . . land that was dividnt, of Eppa Lawson, dec'd, now in the possession of Wm. Clapham, Jr. (this further proves the marriage of the widow of Eppa Lawson to Clapham).

ELIZABETH LAWSON, 1,400 acres in Gloucester County, 20 Feb. 1662, granted to RICHARD LAWSON, 6 Oct. 1656, and given to sd Elizabeth, his wife by will (*Ibid* p. 423).

ROBERT LAWSON, headright of John Hughlett, Northumberland County, 3 June 1663 (*Ibid* p. 461).

In the above records we find that Alice Lawson was a headright of Capt. Wm. Peirce, 1635, also that Christopher Lawson was granted 250 acres for the transportation of 5 persons into James Cittie County, 1637. *Hotten** shows that Christopher Lawson and *uxor eius* (his wife) Lawson were living in Virginia 16 Feb. 1623;

*Hotten, pps. 174 and 232.

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also that in the musters of the inhabitants in Virginia 1723/4, that at Capt. Roger Smith's Plantation, James Cittie County, "Over ye Water," are listed among others, Christopher Lawson and Alice his wife. It has long been the belief of genealogists that many of the immigrants to Virginia actually arrived many years before they were recorded in the records of the Land Office. This is one case in proof of this belief.

In the records searched, I have found nothing to connect Christopher and Alice Lawson with members of this family which follow.

[1] ROWLAND LAWSON, married *circa* 1640, Lettice Wale, daughter of George Wale (I. 1674). He died 1661 (*W. & M. Quarterly*, Oct. 1933).

Children (LAWSON):

- i Epapphroditus, d. 1652; m. Elizabeth (Medastard?), who m. (ii) Wm. Clapham, Jr., 1653.
Issue (LAWSON)—
 - i Elizabeth, — m. Robt. Davis, who had his name changed to PAYNE, 1666.
- + 2 ii Rowland, b. 1644; d. 1704/5; m. Ann —.
- iii Richard, d. 1658 in Rappahannock County, Va., and made a noncupative will, leaving his estate to his wife, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth, dau. of Eppa Lawson.
- iv Elizabeth.
- + 3 v John, m. Mary Kilby or Kirby; she m. (ii) Geo. Harwood, who d. 1704, Lancaster County.
 - vi Henry.
 - vii Letitia.
 - viii Joanna, m. Lancelot Sockwell, who d. 1668.

[2] ROWLAND² LAWSON (Rowland¹), was born 1644, and died 1704/5 in Lancaster County. He married Ann —. John Chaplin (w. 1682) of Lancaster County, left all of his estate to Rowland Lawson; John Lawson to have a heifer etc. John Lawson was a witness to the will.

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Children (LAWSON):

- + 4 I Henry, m. Mary Sallard, relict of John Kelley.
- + 5 II Rowland, m. Jane —.

[3] JOHN² LAWSON (Rowland¹), married Mary Kilby or Kirby, who married (II) George Harwood who died 1704, leaving her a widow, for the second time.

Children, from Geo. Harwood's will (LAWSON):

- + 6 I Eppa, "eldest son," died 1722; m. Eliz. Dymer.
 - II John,* had at least Elizabeth (named in Katherine Lawson's will, 1721).
 - III Katherine, d. u. m. 1721/2; names in her will her two brothers, and several of their children.

[4] HENRY³ LAWSON (Rowland², Rowland¹), died in Lancaster County, *circa* 1725. He married by 1709, Mary Kelly, the relict of John Kelly, and daughter of Simon Sallard and his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, "Ancient Planter." In the Lancaster records, the children of Elizabeth Sallard (after her marriage with Thomas Baker) are "called Baker."

Children (LAWSON):

- I Rowland.
- II Sarah, m. by 1732, Wm. Hathaway, who was b. 1695; d. 1772.
- + 7 III Henry, m. Winifred —, and d. 1752.
 - IV Ann, d. 1761, unmarried.
 - V Mary.
 - VI Elizabeth, m. 31 May 1727, Robert Biscoe of Lancaster County, and had at least (BISCOE)—
 - 1 John.
 - 2 Sarah.
 - VII Judith, m. 9 March 1730, Francis Timberlake, and had at least Sarah Lawson Timberlake, b. 21 April

*A John Lawson and wife Mary, had a daughter Joanna who married 30 July 1741, Adcock Hobson. (Carter Family, p. 135).

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1739; m. 26 Dec. 1754, Capt. John Hathaway* (1732-1786), and had at least Judith Hathaway (1756-1846), who m. 1772, Rev. James Kemper, who moved to the now site of Cincinnati, and built the first "block house" there; also Lawson Hathaway who m. Miss Sullivan, and Elizabeth Hathaway, b. 25 Jan. 1762; d. 3 Jan. 1835; m. 3 Dec. 1788, Richard Nutt of Northumberland County.

[5] ROWLAND³ LAWSON (Rowland², Rowland¹), died in Lancaster County, Va., 1716. He m. Jane —, whose will was probated 1738, in which she mentions son, Thomas Lawson and daughter, Joanna Steptoe; the other children were probably dead when her will was written. Their ages from their father's will.

Children (LAWSON):

- I Rowland, under 18 years of age.
- II Thomas, under 18 years of age; m. Margaret — and d. 1747, leaving a son Thomas.
- III John, under 18 years of age.
- IV Anthony, under 18 years of age; he and John are "two youngest sons."
- V Sarah, under 21 years of age.
- VI Joanna, under 16 years of age; m. 10 June 1727, John Steptoe, Jr., with consent of Jane Lawson, and John Steptoe; had at least a son John Steptoe.
- VII Elizabeth.

[6] EPAPPHRODITUS³ LAWSON (John², Rowland¹), died in Lancaster County, 1722. He married Elizabeth Dyer, daughter of Nicholas (w. 1697) and his wife Elizabeth. His children not named in his will; those below given to him are from his sister

*William Hathaway, (1636-1692), of near Stratford, England, came to Va. circa 1660, and bought "Error" from Wm. Downing, 1666. He had a son William (1666-1725), who had a son William (1695-1772), who m. Sarah⁴ Lawson (Henry³, Rowland², Rowland¹). Capt. John Hathaway was a son of this last William, and moved to Faquier Co. 1760. He was captain of Faquier Co. militia during the Revolution and associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. (Wm. A. Brent's notes).

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Catherine's will. He gives to his sister Catherine Lawson, 800 pounds of tobaccoe per year for looking after his children . . . loving brother John Lawson "my best suit of Wearing clothes" . . . to his kinsman Fortunatus Sydnor "my riding horse and saddle," and he is the Exor of the estate, and should he die before my children receive their estates (my sons at nineteen years of age and my daughter at sixteen), his loving friends Mr. Hugh Brent and Mr. William Martin are to be the trustees of his estate.

Children, probably others (LAWSON):

- + 8 I Eppa.
- II Judith.
- III — — (youngest son)*.

[7] HENRY⁴ LAWSON (Henry³, Rowland², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., *circa* 1710, and died there by 19 June 1752. He married Winifred —, who survived him. She was to have all of his estate during her widowhood or natural life, and after her death or marriage, it was to be equally divided between his children, none of whom are named.

Children (LAWSON):

- + 9 I Henry, m. 21 Oct. 1768, Esther Chinn.
- + 10 II William, m. Betty (Sydnor?).
- III Ann.
- IV Elizabeth, d. u. m. 1778.
- V Mary, m. 17 Dec. 1771, John Riveer, and had at least (RIVEER)—
- I Ann.

[8] EPPA⁴ LAWSON (Eppa³, John², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., *circa* 1705, and died there about 1 April 1745. His wife survived him but is not named in his will. His children were all minors.

*Nicholas Lawson, will written 2-6-1749/50; probated 4-13-1750, Lanc. Co., names wife Winifred, eldest dau. Catherine, daus. Betty, Judith & Sarah. (L.W. B. 10, p. 277).

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Children (LAWSON):

- + 11 I Eppa, m. before 1765, Mary Brent of Northumberland County, Va.
- II Elizabeth, m. 1 Aug. 1748, Ezekiel Gilbert.
- III John, "after his schooling at sixteen, to learn a trade for four years"; he m. (I) before 1774, Ann —; (II) 20 Jan. 1794, Mary Tunstall Digges (L. M. B.). His will is among the loose papers of Lancaster County, but not probated. It is recorded in Fauquier County under date of 22 Jan. 1798. It was written 19 April 1794. He left no issue.
- IV Ann Steptoe, d. u. m. Nov. 1774, in Fauquier County, Va.

[9] HENRY² LAWSON (Henry⁴, Henry³, Rowland², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., and died there *circa* 1802. He married 21 Oct. 1768, Esther Chinn, daughter of Thomas Chinn and his wife Sarah Mitchell. Thomas Chinn was the son of Rawleigh Chinn and Esther Ball, daughter of Joseph Ball, and half-sister of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. There was a Henry Lawson, captain in the Rev. War.

Children (LAWSON):

- I Winifred, m. 30 Aug. 1804, John McNamara.
- II Sally, m. Theodoric Bland.
- III Susan, m. John McNamara, widower.
- IV Fanny, m. 15 July 1807, Timothy McNamara, "mariner."
- + 12 V Henry Chinn, m. 18 Jan. 1796, Margaret Steptoe Lee.
- VI William, m. — Glasscock, and had at least (GLASSCOCK)—
 - I Melissa, m. 15 April 1841, James H. Digges.
- VII Thomas, went south and nothing known of him.

[10] WILLIAM⁵ LAWSON (Henry⁴, Henry³, Rowland², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., and died there before 19 April 1790. He married Betty (Sydnor?) *circa* 1775. All of his children were minors 1789.

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Children (LAWSON):

- I Elizabeth Sydnor Lawson.
- II Ann.
- III Anthony, m. 19 July 1802, Ann Shelton (L. M. B.).
- IV (unborn child).

[11] EPPA⁵ LAWSON (Eppa⁴, Eppa³, John², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., and died there Jan.-June 1778. He married before 1765, Mary Brent, daughter of William Brent and Elizabeth Pinckard, relict of Charles Lee. Mary (Brent) Lawson died 1787. The first two children listed below are named in the father's will; the others from the will of Ann Steptoe Lawson. He was a soldier in the Rev. War from Lancaster County, or possibly it was his son.

Children (LAWSON):

- I Epapphroditus.
- II Elizabeth, m. (I) 22 Dec. 1774, John Hunt; (II) 25 May 1780, James Brent; (III) 7 Sept. 1795, Thomas James; she left issue by all three husbands.
- III Ann Steptoe Lawson.
- IV Mary Lawson.

[12] HENRY⁶ CHINN LAWSON (Henry⁵, Henry⁴, Henry³, Rowland², Rowland¹), was born in Lancaster County, Va., and probably died there. He married 18 Jan. 1796, Margaret Steptoe Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee (w. 1809) of Lancaster County.

Children (LAWSON):

- I Elizabeth C. (Betsy), m. 25 Oct. 1815, Peter Beane, Jr., of Lancaster County.
- II Thomas L., m. 28 Nov. 1821, Judith N. Brent, dau. of Capt. Hugh Brent and his wife, Alice Martin. He died by 21 June 1841, leaving minors—
 - 1 Elizabeth C. Lawson.
 - 2 Marian L. Lawson.

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- iii Margaret L., m. 9 July 1822, William Gibson.
- iv Henry B., m. 23 Jan. 1826, Sally McNamara.
- v Pauline, m. 13 Nov. 1826, Spencer George.
- vi Rowland, d. young.
- vii Osborne, d. at sea.
- viii Octavius, m. 2 March 1840, Judith Brown of North-
umberland County.
- ix Mordecai, m. 1 March 1841, Hannah Basye of North-
umberland County.
- x Charles N., m. (i) 26 Dec. 1843, Sarah E. Brent(340),
and left issue; m. (ii) 1855, Catherine A. Brent (345:
see Brent line), and left issue by this marriage.