

Watson

JOHN TAYLOR LAWSON, of Greenup, Kentucky; *b.* there 22d October, 1857; was educated at Ashland Academy, Ashland, Kentucky; *m.* 2d September, 1884, Ellen Humphreys BIGGS, *b.* 25th September, 1864, *d.* 23d December, 1904, dau. of Thomas Naylor BIGGS, *b.* 4th August, 1832, *d.* 4th January, 1912, *m.* 31st January, 1857, Ellen HUMPHREYS, *b.* 11th June, 1836, son of William BIGGS, *b.* 19th October, 1800, *d.* 24th July, 1897, *m.* 1831, Lucy Bragg DAVIS, *b.* 11th May, 1812, *d.* 13th June, 1889, dau. of George Naylor and Lucy (FREEMAN) DAVIS, kinsman of Jefferson DAVIS and Gen. Braxton BRAGG, C. S. A.



ISSUE

- I. Katharine, *b.* 5th October, 1886.
- II. Lucy Margaret, *b.* 27th May, 1888; *m.* 8th November, 1911, George Henry CURRY, *b.* 27th December, 1886, son of Henry CURRY.
- III. Mary Ellen, *b.* 1st November, 1889; *m.* 21st July, 1910, Frank Wallace MYERS, *b.* 21st June, 1889, son of William MYERS.
- IV. William Jacobs, *b.* 26th October, 1891; *d.* Tuesday, 24th June, 1913.
- V. James Biggs, *b.* 7th April, 1896.
- VI. Robert Johnson, *b.* 19th January, 1900.
- VII. Winifrede Paynter, *b.* 5th December, 1901.

Lineage

The LAWSONS are an old English family and were located in County Northumberland, England, as early as the sixteenth century. The ancestor of these LAWSONS who came from York County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Berkeley County, Virginia, was John LAWSON, who later emigrated to Kentucky, who is said to have been of same family as Sir John LAWSON, of Virginia.

John LAWSON, of Kentucky; *b.* 7th May, 1781; *d.* 1831; *m.* 3d December, 1808, Catherine TAYLOR, *b.* 25th September, 1788, *d.* 6th December, 1861, dau. of John TAYLOR, *b.* 27th February, 1760, *d.* 13th October, 1809, *m.* Elizabeth FOREMAN, *b.* 11th February, 1768, *d.* 4th January, 1854, son of Simon TAYLOR, of Frederick County, Virginia, *b.* 11th March, 1738, *m.* 1758 or 1759, Anna Maria HITE, *b.* 25th December, 1738, dau. of Col. John and Zara (ELTINGE) HITE (see HITE, "Colonial Families," Vol. IV, pp. 185-203).

ISSUE

- I. JOHN TAYLOR, *b.* 13th April, 1818.

JOHN TAYLOR LAWSON, of Greenup, Kentucky; *b.* 13th April, 1818; *d.* 8th 1866; was educated at Center College, Danville, Kentucky; *m.* 28th Nov. 1850, Sarah GAMMON, *b.* 5th April, 1825, *d.* 7th May, 1897, dau. of Saml GAMMON, *b.* 9th April, 1792, *d.* 5th June, 1845, *m.* 30th March, 1818, M FUGUA, *b.* 10th May, 1798, *d.* 27th October, 1852.

ISSUE

- i. Thomas, *b.* 14th October, 1851; *m.* Nancy ROGERS.
- ii. Martha Elizabeth, *b.* 17th November, 1854; *m.* November, 187; drew Watson SELLARDS, M.D., son of Andrew SELLARDS.

ISSUE

1. Katharine Lawson SELLARDS, *b.* 28th August, 1878.
2. Mary Watson SELLARDS, *b.* 3d September, 1879.
3. Clara SELLARDS, *b.* 1st October, 1881; *m.* 28th August, 1905, W Duncan NESBITT, *b.* 1st April, 1879.

ISSUE

- 1¹. Alison NESBITT, *b.* 11th June, 1906.
- 2¹. Mary Catherine NESBITT, *b.* 5th September, 1907.
- 3¹. William Duncan NESBITT, *b.* 21st October, 1909.
- 4¹. Watson Sellards NESBITT, *b.* 13th July, 1912.
4. Andrew Watson SELLARDS, *b.* 9th November, 1884.
- iii. Catherine, *b.* 25th November, 1859; *d.* unmarried 14th September,
- iv. JOHN TAYLOR, *b.* 22d October, 1857, the subject of this memoir.

Arms.—Argent, a chevron between three martlets sable.

Crest.—Two arms embowed, couped at the elbow, vested ermine, cuffs ar supporting in the hands ppr. the sun in splendor or.

Motto.—Rise and shine.

Residence.—Greenup, Kentucky.