

Ref 103 The Hawtons of Stoke Climsland (ex Jenny Mitchell)

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**HAWTONS OF STOKE CLIMSLAND, {and VENTERDON}**

Owing to the peculiar nature of the tenure by which the lands of the Duchy were held (i.e. to the tenant and his heirs for ever, but with compulsory renewal every seven years at a court called "Assession", of which a record was kept - many of which are still preserved) it is possible to discover a good deal as to the names and places and succession in the Manor.

In the year 1426 there was no tenant named Hawton.

About the year 1430 Stephen Hawton, freeman, held a messuage and 24 acres of land in Venterdon.

In 1441 Stephen still held Venterdon, and one John Hawton Junior, a bondsman, held Loyhill, (a messuage and 14 acres).

In 1469 the tenants are:-

Stephen Hawton, Venterdon

John Hawton Junior, Freeman, held and had held in about 1462 a messuage and 32 acres in old Clim.

Robert Hawton, Freeman, held and had held in about 1462 a messuage and 20 acres in Burraton, and 12 acres of waste in Oldelydegate.

In 1504:

Henry Hoyhton & John Hoyhton held, and had held in about 1497, a messuage and 8 acres in Whiteford.

Ralph Hawton held Burraton.

John & Henry Hawton, Freeman, held Venterdon; Henry alone had held it in about 1497.

Richard Hawton and Robert Hawton had Old Clims and had held it in about 1497.

In 1510:

Henry & John Houghton held Whiteford.

John & Henry Hawton held Venterdon.

John Hawton, son of Richard Haughton (his mother living), & Robert Hawton held Old Clims.

John Hawton, son of Richard Hawton, and Robert Hawton had Oldlyatte.

In 1515 and 1525:

Henry as John Haughton had Whiteford

John & Henry Hawton, freemen, had Venterdon.

John Haughton, his mother living, & Robert and William Newton had Old Clims

John Haughton, son of Richard Haughton, & Robert and William Newton held Oldelyatte.

In 1532 the tenants were practically the same.

In 1539:

John Haughton, son & heir of Henry Haughton, and John Haughton, son of the aforesaid John, had Whiteford.

The same two had Venterdon.

John, son of Richard Haughton, had part of Old Clims.

The same John had part of Oldlyatte.

John Hawghton {sic} had half of Poundfoldgreen.

In 1553:

John Hawton, Senior, and John Hawton, Junior, had a messuage and 13 acres in Clymeston and Cokymgton (=Climson), which John Hawton, Senior, in right of Joan Bowden, late the wife of Peter Bowden, and John Hawton, Senior (sic) took in the last Assession.

The same held part of a messuage and 24 acres in the same place (Joan, widow of Peter Bowden, is called [2]“wife of John Hawton, Senior,” and the “Senior (sic)” above is corrected to “Junior”.

John Hawton had Whiteford, John Haughton, son of John Haughton, had it at the last Assession.

John Hawton had Venterdon, the said John, son of John Haughton and Katherine, relict of the said John Haughton, held it in the last Assession, say in 1546.

John Haughton had part of Old Clims; John, son of Richard Haughton held it in the last Assession.

John Hawton held, and had held in about 1546, Poundfold Green.

In (about) 1560:

John Hawton, Senior, and John Hawton, Junior, had Climson.

John Hawton, son of John Hawton had Whiteford.

John Hawton had Venterdon.

John Hawton had Old Clims.

John Hawton had Poundfold Green.

In 1567:

John Hawton had Climson, Whiteford, Venterdon, Old Clims and Poundford Green.

In 1574:

John Hawton had Climson, Whiteford, part of Old Clims and Poundfold Green, and John Hawton, in his own right for  $\frac{1}{2}$  except  $\frac{1}{32}$ , the which  $\frac{1}{32}$  Sampson Hawton took by surrender of the same John, his father, and Dorothy, wife of Stephen Nicholas, alias Langmere, late the wife of John Hawton, Junior, by surrender of John Hawton, Senior, for the other half of Venterdon.

In 1581:

John Hawton, by surrender of John, his father had Climson. [3]

Nicholas Hawton, by surrender of John, his father, had Whiteford.

Nicholas Hawton, Samson Hawton and Dorothy, wife of Stephen Nicholas alias Nansmere, had Venterdon.

John Hawton had part of Old Clims.

John Hawton, on surrender of John, his father, had Poundfold Green.

In 1588:

John Hawton had surrendered all but 2 small pieces of Climson.

Nicholas Hawton had Whiteford.

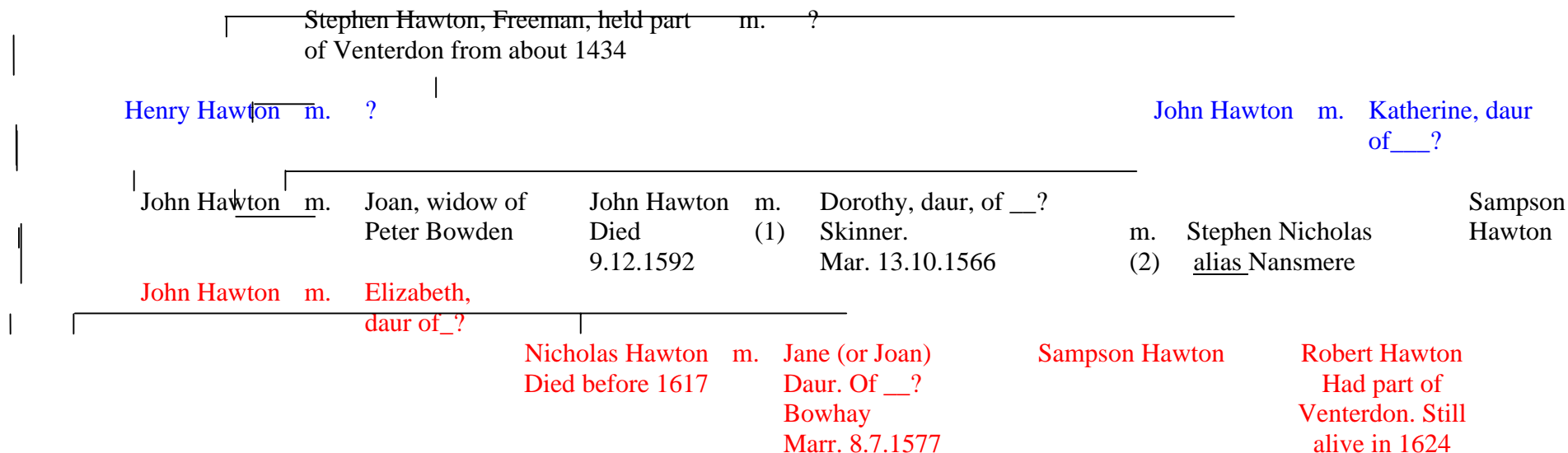
Nicholas Hawton and Dorothy Nicholas, alias Nansmere, had Venterdon.

John Hawton had Old Clims.

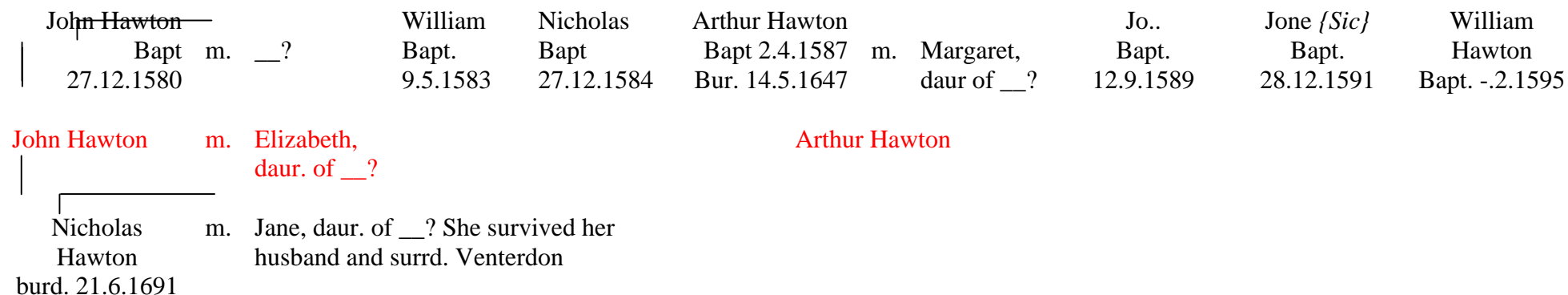
From the above and later Assession Rolls (see pp. 6 and 7), and from the Parish Registers it is possible to construct some sort of family tree, but it entails some guessing. [4]

*{There is a handwritten note signed by Mr. Clowes of the Duchy Office, London on the original of the tree below, which is transcribed here}:*

“Robert Hawton was the first to bound Holmstable, and Deakwalls in Calstock about the year 1610. (Information in Council Book of the Duchy of Cornwall in early 19<sup>th</sup> Century.)”



{The next family group is not joined to the above in the original document.}



Note A: Nicholas Hawton who married Jane \_\_\_? Had a daughter, bapt. 5.7.1657, a son Nicholas bapt. 12.2.1660, and a daughter Christian, bapt. 28.4.1666: but owing to the Parish Register being defective, one cannot tell if he had other children. (A Nicholas was buried 21.6.1691) (A Christian was buried 3.4.1696)

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In 1595:

Nicholas Hawton had Whiteford.

Nicholas Hawton had a half, Nicholas Hawton by surrender of Robert Hawton, by surrender of Dorothy, wife of Stephen Nicholas alias Nansmere, had a quarter, and Stephen Nicholas alias Nansmere in right of said Dorothy, had the other quarter of the Venterdon tenement.

In 1598:

From the Climson entries it appears that a portion had been surrendered by John and Elizabeth Hawton to the said John, who had surrendered to Elizabeth Hawton, who had surrendered to John Pope.

Nicholas Hawton had Whiteford.

Nicholas Hawton had three-quarters and Robert Hawton by surrender of Dorothy Nicholas alias Nansmere, had an eighth, and the said Dorothy had the residue of Venterdon.

In 1617:

Arthur Hawton (saving the right of Henry Knight), by surrender of Jane Hawton (Nee Bowhay) widow by the death of Nicholas Hawton, her husband, had Venterdon.

John Hawton by surrender of Nicholas Hawton, his father, had Venterdon.

John Hawton by surrender of Nicholas Hawton, his father, had a quarter, Jane Hawton, by the death of Nicholas, her husband, had a half, Robert Hawton in his own right had an eighth, and the same Robert, by the death of Dorothy Nansmere, his mother, had an eighth of Venterdon.

In 1624:

Arthur Hawton had Whiteford.

John Hawton had a part of Venterdon.

John Hawton had three-quarters and Robert Hawton the other quarter of another part of Venterdon. [6]

From the Old Clims entry it appears that a Samuel Hawton had married Alice Pellow (Samuel held at the last Assession by the surrender of John Hawton).

In 1645:

Arthur Hawton held, and had held at the last Assession, a part of Whiteford.

John Hawton had held in his own right at the last Assession a part of Venterdon: now John Hawton, the father, and John Hawton, the son, take portions.

In 1658:

Arthur Hawton, by surrender of Margaret Hawton<sup>x</sup> had a plot in Hurldown, and part of Whiteford.

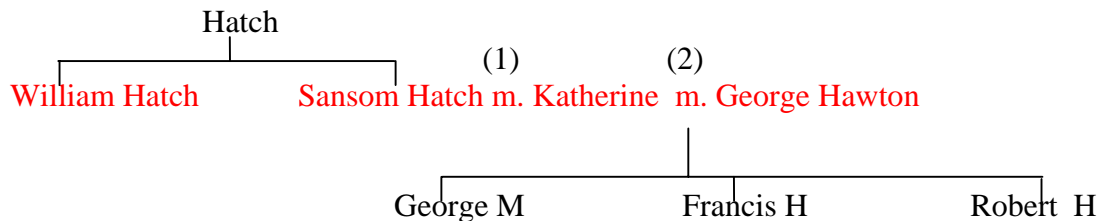
John Hawton in his own right had Venterdon.

George Hawton, by surrender of Katherine Hawton<sup>Ø</sup> had a part, and the same George Hawton in his own right had the remainder of Holwell.

John Hawton also had various small portions of tenements scattered bout the manor.

<sup>x</sup> Margaret probably had widow's estate (according to the custom of the manor) after the death of her husband, the Arthur of 1645; and she surrendered to their son, Arthur.

<sup>Ø</sup> Katherine, wife of George Hawton, by death of Sansom Hatch, her husband, by death of William Hatch, his brother, held part of Lidwell in about 1650 or 1651 (Assess. Roll).



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In (about) 1661:

George Hawton had a small part of Climson.

Katherine Hawton had part of Lidwell.

Arthur Hawton, by surrender of Margaret Hawton, had parts of Whiteford.

John Hawton and Nicholas Hawton, by surrender of John Hawton, had parts of Venterdon.

In 1668:

Katherine Hawton had part of Lidwell.

John & Nicholas Hawton had parts of Venterdon.

In 1673:

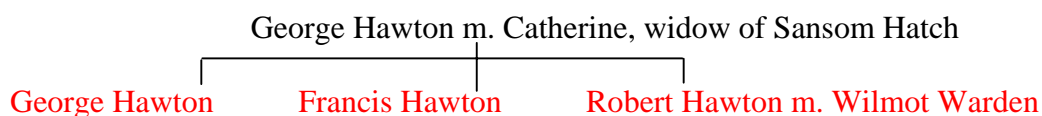
George Hawton, by surrender of Catherine, his wife, held part of Lidwell.

Nicholas Hawton held part of Venterdon.

In 1683:

Robert Hawton, on surrender of George Hawton, his father, on surrender of George Hawton, his brother, had part of Lidwell.

Nicholas Hawton had part of Venterdon.



In 1687:

Robert Hawton had part of Lidwell.

Nicholas Hawton had part of Venterdon.

In 1694:  
Robert had part of Lidwell and was acquiring more.

Jane Hawton, Widow after the death of Nicholas Hawton, late her husband, had surrendered Venterdon.

In 1701, 1708, 1717, 1724:  
Robert Hawton had parts of Lidwell.

In 1731:  
Robert Hawton, Junior, had parts of Lidwell.

In 1735:  
It appears that Robert Hawton held part of Trealbys but only upon trust for Stephen Bloye, and now claims it in trust for his sister, the widow of Stephen Bloye.

Wilmot Hawton, widow after the death of Robert Hawton, had part of Trealbys.

Robert Hawton had parts of Trealbys, Turners or Traws, Lidwell, etc.

Wilmot Hawton had part of Northdown.

Robert Hawton m. Wilmot, daur of William & Jane Warden,  
Bapt. 1656, mar, 9.5.1683, Buried 28.2.1744

Robert Hawton	Daughter m. Stephen Bloye
Born 16.5.(1699?)	(Catherine)
Gentleman, held	Bapt. 1.4.1684
Parts of Trealbus,	Mar. 15.5.1730
Traws, Lidwell,	
Climson, Mearfield,	
Stoke, Northdown,	
Old Clims, Downhouse,	
etc., etc.	

In 1750:  
Robert Hawton, after Wilmot Hawton, his mother, had parts of Trelane. [9]

Robert Hawton had parts of Trealbys, Cottersland, Lidwell, Climson, Mearfield, Cleve, Stoke, Alren, Bytheway, Southcombe, Whille (now Wiltown), Northdown, Old Clims, etc.

Hannah Hawton after Nicholas Hewett, her uncle, and Joan Hawton had parts of Alren.

In 1756:  
Robert Hawton held much as above.

Hannah, wife of William Rundell, formerly Hannah Hawton, and Joan Hawton, Spinster, had parts of Alren.

In 1770:

Hannah Rundell is dead, she was a daughter of Robert Hawton and seems to have inherited most of his lands.

Joan Hawton, Spinster, had surrendered her part of Alren.

In 1777:

John Hawton, after the death of Joan Wood, formerly Joan Hawton, his sister, had part of Venterdon. {A note on the bottom of the page says} "Robert Wood married Joan Hawton (both of Stoke Climsland) 25.12.1771"} }

In 1784:

John Hawton had parts of Southcombe and Venterdon.

In 1791:

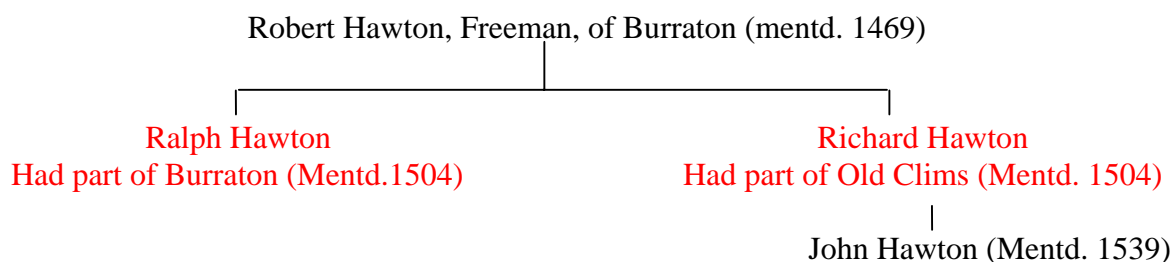
John had surrendered Southcombe.

William had surrendered Venterdon.

John Hawton, Senior, had parts of Tutwell. [10]

Another portion of a family tree can be constructed from the above particulars.

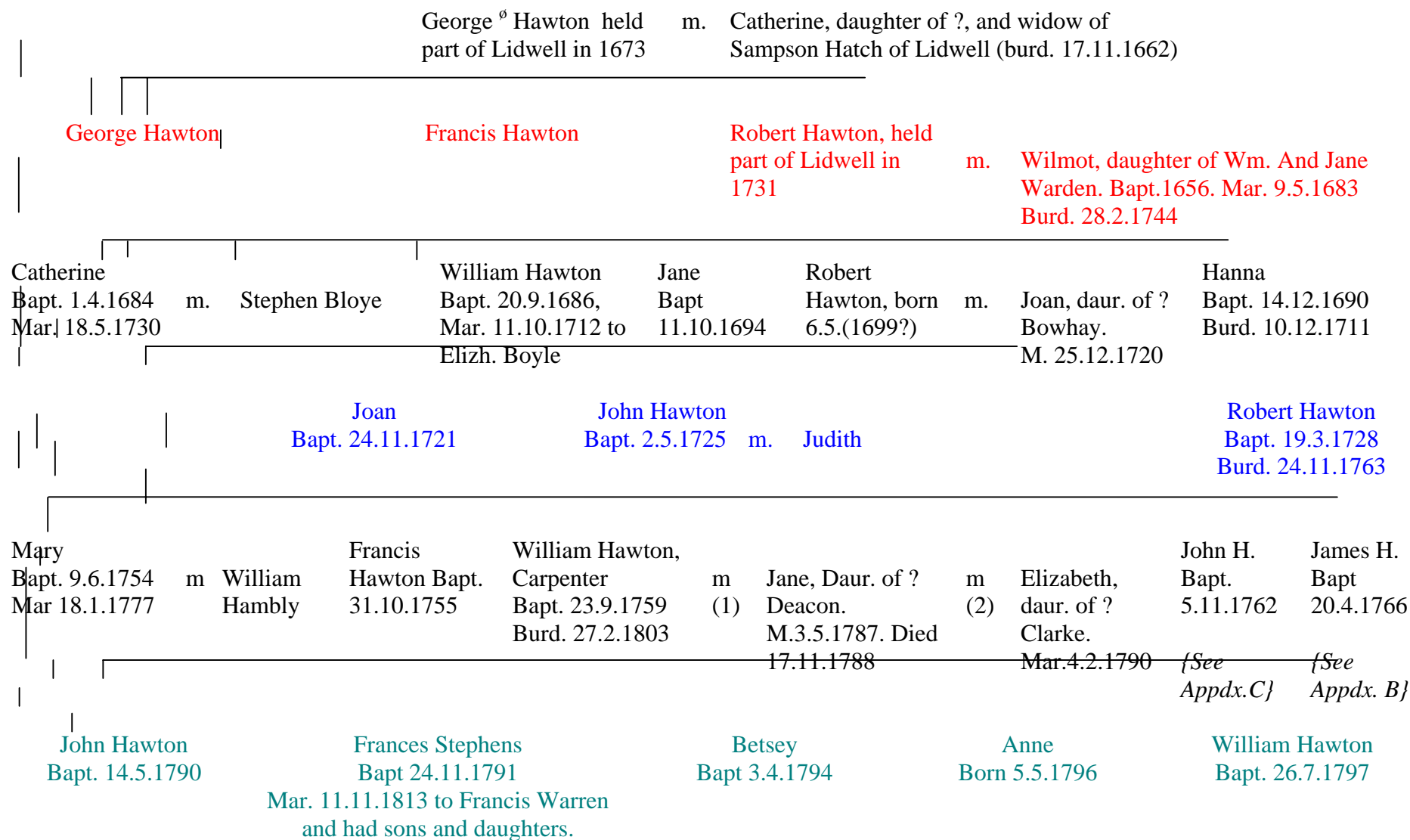
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These lands held by the family were generally speaking of very small extent; for instance there may have been at one time as many as ten people holding various parts of one tenement; and there were about 200 such tenements in the manor. [11]



Now for what can be learned from the parish Registers:



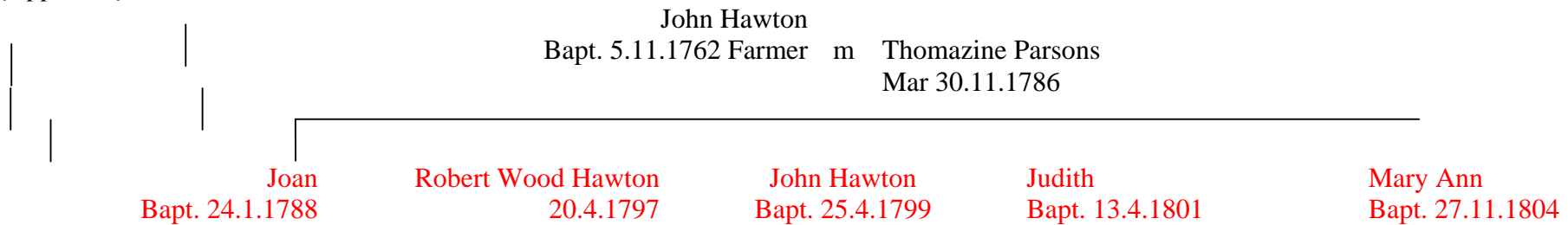
<sup>ø</sup> One George, son of \_\_\_\_? Hawton (Christian name obliterated) was baptized in 1623 (Par. Register) [12]

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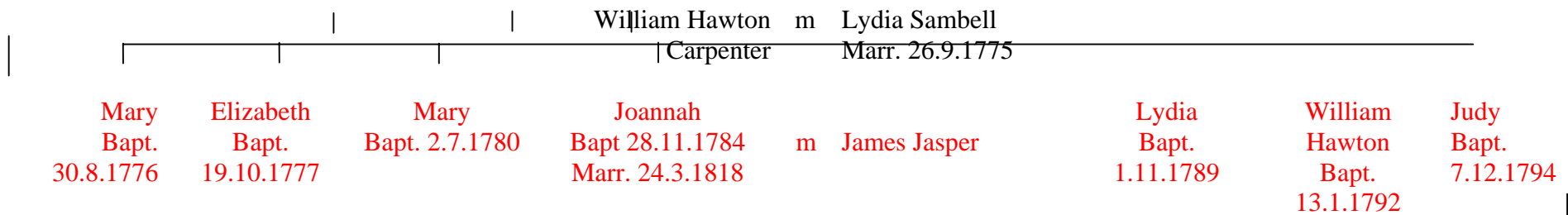
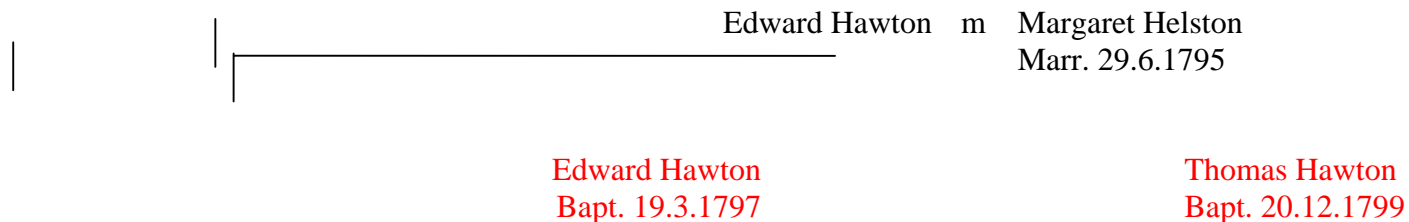
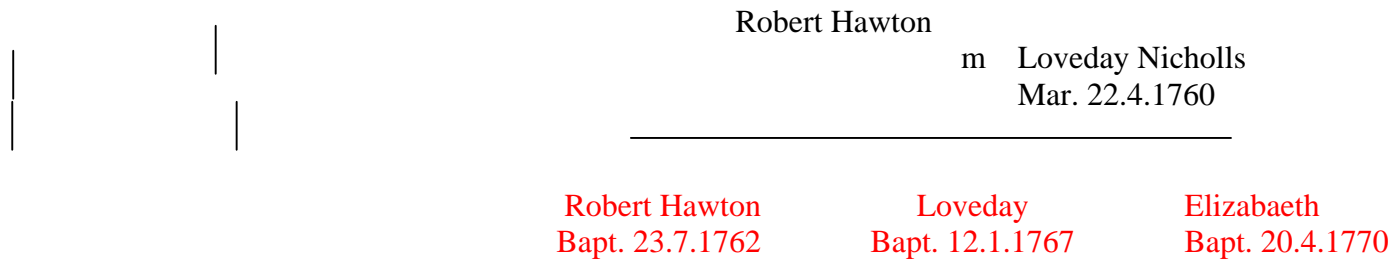
<div>James Hawton m Mary Parsons Bapt. 20.4.1766 Mar. 3.6.1791</div>										
James Hawton Bapt. 31.7.1791 Married(1) Mary Anne? {Married (2) Agnes ?}	John Hawton Burd. 26.7.49 Age 55 Married Rebecca Weekes 3.10.1824	Mary Parsons Bapt. 23.8.1795	William Hambly Hawton Bapt. 12.1.1797 Married Elizabeth Johns 23.5.1820	Francis Hawton Bapt. 17.1.1799 Married Jane Dingle 12.7.1820	Robert Hawton Bapt. 17.3.1801	Dionysia Bapt. 23.12.1802 Married Robert Serpell 22.11.1827	Samuel Hawton Bapt. ?4.1804 Died 1831	Mary Bapt 2.3.1807	Isaac Hawton Bapt 11.8.1809 Mrried Elizabeth Pellow 3.4.1834 {Died 1882}	Elizabeth Bapt. 6.6.1811
Hannah Bapt. 12.6.1832	Nathaniel Lee Hawton Bapt. 2.2.1834				Thirza Bapt. 1.2.1833	Mahala Bapt. 12.3.1837	Isaac Hawton Bapt, 4.9.1840	William Hambly Ba[t. 30.7.1843		
Jane Weekes Bapt 13.3.1825	Eliza Rundle Bapt. 19.12.1827	Rebecca Weekes Bapt. 14.3.1830	Mary Bapt 21.1.1832 Mar. 24.7.1851 To James Mitchell Son of Thomas & Margaret Mitchell of Venterdon				John Hawton Bapt. 14.6.1835			
Emma Jane Born 28.4.1852	James Mitchell Born 18.8.1853	William Henry Born 5.2.1855	Faulkner Mitchell Born 19.12.1859	Archibald Hawton Born 3.4.1859		Helena Augusta Mary Born 7.12.1861 Marr. _? Stumbles and has issue – sons & daughters		Clara Louisa Born 27.3.1865		

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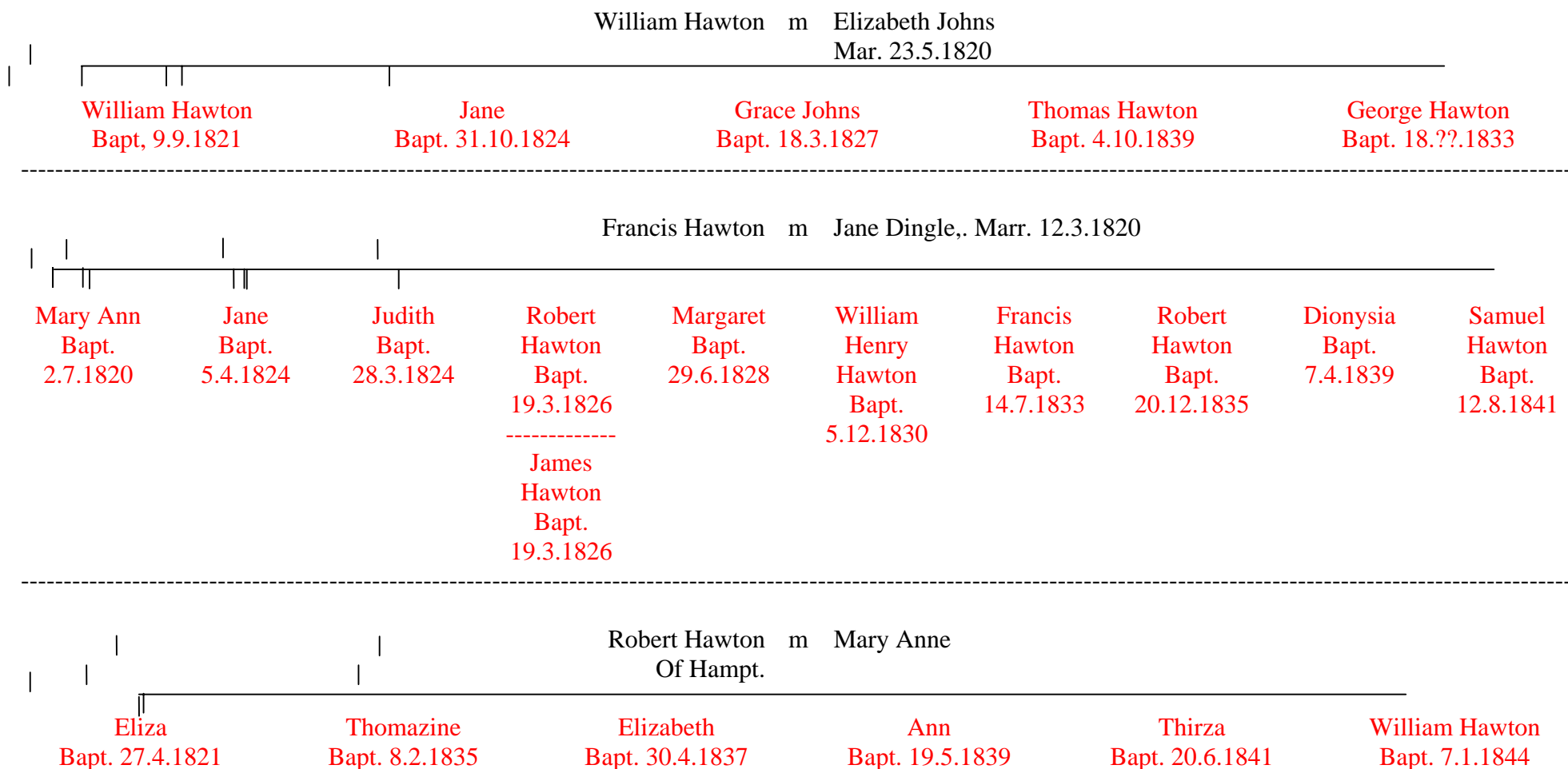


*{The following trees are on the same page but do not seem to be connected to anything that has been listed previously, and give no indication of where they should fit into the overall picture}*



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*{There are no headings or references for the following, which appear together on one page, but they appear to be further trees for more of the children of James Hawton & Mary Parsons. Some of the dates appear to have been added at a later date.}*



*{From the 1841 & 1851 censuses it seems that Robert & Mary Anne actually had more children than are listed here – I have copies if required}*

MANOR OF STOKE CLIMSLAND.

COURT ROLLS.

Lidwell, parts of :

See Note <sup>o</sup> on p. 7{6}	<u>1663, June 18</u>	Katherine, wife of George Hawton, surrendered a tenement and part of another tenement to the said George.
	<u>1674, Apr 16</u>	George Haughton <i>{sic}</i> surrendered a part to Francis Haughton, his son.
	<u>1676, Dec 31</u>	George Hawton, Junior, surrendered a part to George Hawton, Senior.
	<u>1676 – 7, Mar. 1</u>	George Hawton surrendered to Robert Hawton the same part of a tenement.
	<u>1682, Mar. 30.</u>	George Hawton surrendered a part to Richard Parsons.
	<u>1698-9, Mar. 20.</u>	George Hawton surrendered a part to Robert Hawton.
	<u>1699, July 24.</u>	Robert Cutly surrendered parts to Robert Hawton.
	<u>1700-1, Jan. 21.</u>	Richard Parsons surrendered parts to Robert Hawton.
	<u>1702, Nov. 5.</u>	Robert Hawton with consent of John Master surrendered parts to John Short.
	<u>1714, May 21.</u>	John Larke <i>{sic}</i> surrendered parts to Robert Hawton (with consent of Robert Clarke).
	<u>1715, June 24.</u>	Robert Hawton surrendered parts to John Lark.
	<u>1723, Oct. 7.</u>	Robert Hawton surrendered parts to Nicholas Lampen.
	<u>1728-9, Jan. 28.</u>	Robert Hawton surrendered parts to Robert Hawton, Junior.
	<u>1729, June 24.</u>	Robert Hawton surrendered parts to Nicholas Lampen.
	<u>1739, May 1.</u>	Wilmot Hawton surrendered a part to John Horb.[16]
	<u>1781, January 7.</u>	Ann Harris, by attorney, and with consent of Robert Hawton, kinsman, Mary Piercy, widow and Philippa Hawton, surrendered a part to Richard Blight in trust for William Rendell.

**NORTHDOWN, part of :**

<u>1667, Apr. 11.</u>	Alice Hawton widow (of Samuel Hawton) surrendered to John Haughton.
<u>1701, Mar. 25.</u>	John Hawton surrendered to Arthur Hawton.

1704, May 9. Arthur Hawton surrendered to William Gliddon.

1718, Sept. 17. Robert Hawton with consent of George Hawton surrendered to Mary Bunt.

1719-20 Feb. 24. Rosa Hawton surrendered to Peter Hanaton. *{Sic}*

1740, Dec. 31. Wilmot Hawton, widow, surrendered to William Warne, and at the same Court William Warne surrendered to Robert Hawton.

1742, May 18. Robert Hawton surrendered to Richard Giddy.

1746-7, Feb. 3. Robert Hawton, with consent of Thomas Deacon, surrendered to Ann deacon, his sister.

**KINGSTON, part of :**

1745, June 27. Edmund Marten surrendered to Robert Hawton.

1747, Mar. 31. Joseph Marten surrendered to Robert Hawton.

1753, Sept. 25. Robert Hawton surrendered to James Marshall. [17]

1757, July 15. John Rundle surrendered to Robert Hawton.

1794, Mar. 4. Edward Rowse surrendered to William Hawton.

1794, Mar. 18. William Hawton surrendered to Edward Rowse. [18]

## RESUME

George Hawton m Catherine, daughter of \_\_?, and  
Held part of Lidwell in 1673 widow of Sampson Hatch of  
Lidwell (buried 17.11.1662)

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Robert Hawton m Wilmot, dau. of William & Jane  
Held part of Lidwell in 1731 Warden. Bapt. 1656.  
Marr. 9.5.1683, buried 28.2.1744

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\*Robert Hawton m Joan, dau. of \_\_? Bowhay  
born 6.5.(1699?) Marr. 25.12.1720

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John Hawton m Judith, dau of \_\_?  
Bapt. 2.5.1725

James Hawton Bapt. 20.4.1766	m	Mary, dau. of __? Parsons. Marr. 3.6.1791	William Hawton, Carpenter Bapt. 23.9.1759 Burd. 27.2.1803	m (1)	Jane, dau. of __? Deacon. Marr. 3.5.1787 Died 17.11.1788	m (2)	Elizabeth, dau. of __? Clarke. Marr. 4.2.1790
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John Hawton m Rebecca Weekes  
Born (about 1794) Marr. 3.10.1824  
Burd. 26.7.1849  
aged 55 {!}

Mary (4 <sup>th</sup> Daughter) Bapt. 22.1.1832 Marr. 24.7.1851	m	James Mitchell, son of Thomas and Margaret Mitchell of Venterdon Born 25.5.1829
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Emma Jane born 28.4.1852	James Mitchell Born 18.8.1853	William Henry Mitchell Born 5.2.1855	Faulkener Mitchell Born 19.12.1857	Archibald Hawton Mitchell Born 3.4.1859	Helena Augusta Mary Born 7.12.1861	m Charles Lewis Stumbles	Clara Louisa Born 27.3.1863
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*{On the copy I have received of the original someone has later handwritten a branch down from Helena & Charles of 3 more generations, the last being born in 1957. I have left these off here.}*

\* He is described as a “Gentleman”, was foreman of the Jury at an [19] Assession Court, and in addition to part of Lidwell, held parts of Trealbis, Turners (=Traws), Climson, Mearfiled, Stoke, Northdown, OldClims, Downhouse, Holywell, Oxenbury Down, Trecombe, and the mill in Kerrybullock Park (the whole did not amount to any great acreage).

*{!} John was actually the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 11 children born to John & Mary*

One would like to be able to carry back the family tree to the original Stephen Hawto of Venterdon of 1434, but as you will see from what is stated on p.7”A” there is a break which it seems impossible to join up.

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12<sup>th</sup> April, 1927. [20]

*{I have no doubt that people will have more information on the descendants of some of the lines listed in this document. I personally have more information on John Hawton & Rebecca Weekes – their daughter Rebecca Weekes Hawton being my GG Grandmother. I have tried to replicate this document as closely as possible to the original, and other than a few notes, have therefore not added any information that was not on the original. I will leave it to other users to add their own interests.}*