

Carlisle

Reference

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Title

Papers: Lawson v. Lawson

Counsel's list of tenements in the Isel Estate, and whether their purchase dates are known; at foot, rental of four fields in Whitrigg, and of various tenements in Isel parish, n.d. (early 18thc.) Exceptions clauses (in a deed not otherwise copied here) stating details of purchasers and descent among the various Lawsons, n.d. (early 18th c.) "A Note What Writteings I have concerneing Tengatts Land, at New Leithes" - titles (no dates) of eight deeds relating to Tengate's land at Newleathes p. Carlisle St Mary, n.d. (early 18th c.) Copy list of sums lent by bonds and mortgages to the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson (died 1704) - Orfeur (£3000), "Harbet", Highmore, Osmotherley, Edward Gridale, "Nicklson", Fisher and others herein named, n.d. (early 18th c.) "Instructions for Case and Queries re Lawson", written by G Wilson, 13 Jan. 1743 Copies of correspondence between the Lawsons and their lawyers, 1743 - 1744 Sir Gilfrid Lawson, setting forth his claims, Brayton, 1743 Col. J Mordaunt, setting forth claims of "My Sister Lawson" on Isel and Plumbland, London, 1744 Sir Gilfrid Lawson, commenting on Lady Lawson's claim (long letter; "Being in the seventieth year of my Age and my Life very precarious ..") Brayton, 1744 Sir Gilfrid Lawson - "for God's Sake Sir ... don't mention it to the good Lady your Sister"; as to Mr Orfeur's mortgage and enfranchisement moneys; remarks on "the inclosed Paper" (no longer with the letter), and on "my Method of accounting", 1744 Sir Gilfrid Lawson - forwarding "proposals for an accommodation which I flatter my self will be acceptable to Lady Lawson her Daughters and your Self"; comments that if so, he (Sir Gilfrid) will "get a great deal less" than "old Sir Wilfrid" intended; discusses these intentions - "neither Sir Wilfrid my Cousin Germane nor any of his predecessors or mine ever Intended that a foot of Land which belonged to either Family shou'd go to Female Heirs or Heir so long as there was Heirs Male descended from Sir Wilfrid Lawson distinguished by the name of old Jolly"; Sir Gilfrid has "most religiously" observed this, but how your brother "came to change His way of thinking is not fit to be committed to writeing"; as to Little Hewthwaite ("mine", though not claimed) and Shepherdfield ("so much Coveted by my Cousin Germane but Settled upon my Father"); has no doubt that old Sir Wilfrid, being "an Exact Calculator", would have left enough money to purchase further lands to meet all claims on his estate, as I shall show when "in less than four Posts time I shall unriddle this Enigma to you"; meanwhile, instead of drawing £900 a year I must be content with scarce £300 a year and £2000 lump sum; P.S. Mr Wilson "has not yet answered your commands as to Windy Hall", Brayton, 1744 Affidavit of John Widdrington of Newcastle upon Tyne, gent. - that Sir Wilfrid Lawson late of Isel, Bt., deceased, died at the house of Mary Pratt, innkeeper, in Newcastle upon Tyne, in the night of 15th or morning of 16th July 1737; that he, John Widdrington, was present when Sir Wilfrid made his Will that same 15th July; and that on the 17th July he went to the said house of Mary Pratt and saw Sir Wilfrid's corpse there lying, 1744 Affidavit of Samuel Hallowell of Newcastle upon Tyne, apothecary - that Sir Wilfrid died in night or morning of 15-16 July 1737 at Newcastle upon Tyne; and that he, Samuel Hallowell, "attended the said

Sir Wilfrid in his last Sickness as his Apothecary and after his Death assisted in wrapping the Corps in Searcloth", 1744 Affidavit of Sarah Jennison of Newcastle upon Tyne, widow - that Sir Wilfrid died at Newcastle aforesaid on 15th or 16th July 1737, and that "she laid out the Corps of the said Sir Wilfrid Lawson and assisted in wrapping his Body in Searcloth", 1744 Letter to Sir Gilfrid Lawson from his lawyer, setting forth extracts from Sir Gilfrid's rejoinder to Col. Mordaunt's Answer dated 5 May 1744, and the Colonel's further rejoinders to Sir Gilfrid; and "my Lady"'s standpoint; "Pray Acquaint Mr Wilson with the state of this Case"; letter breaks off; several deletions, n.d. (lateish 1744) List of rents of certain Isel tenements: "Sir John Lowther's formerly Mr Curwen's Fish Rent, 2s.0d."; John Simpson ... for Millstone Moor; Westray's, Cape's (Sunderland); Edward Lawson's (formerly William Scot's), do.'s (formerly Thomas Furness's), Sir Wilfrid Lawsons (formerly Wilson's), do.'s (formerly John Borrinscil's), Edward Lawson gent.'s (formerly Stothert's), do.'s (formerly John Harrison's) (all Isel Old Park); Sir John Lowther (formerly Mr Curwen), Charles Orfeur Esq., Leonard Dykes Esq. (freeholders); states rent of each, n.d. Agent's memorandum of recent wood sales and fellings: Priorfield wood (sold for about £219); wood cut at Howgill at several times, mostly for repairing the farm houses in Old Park, never valued but perhaps worth £50; wood now cut and lying at Howgill, valued at £70.10s.0d., n.d. Counsel's notes on Sandford's mortgage ("the Defeazance of 29 June 1709") and Sir Wilfrid Lawson's enfranchisement of Mr Orfeur's tenants (for which Sir Wilfrid received £970); with queries for present investigation for Lawson v. Lawson (the ladies' claims); notes that "old Lady Lawson" died in March 1733/4, n.d. [c. 1745] "Severall Accounts To Sir Wilfrid Lawson Bart. who died Nov. 12th 1704 with what is now due to Sir Gilfrid Lawson Bart. By the Will of the said Sir Wilfrid Lawson" - mortgages (including Orfeur's), bonds ("4 Country Men", 1704), purchases (Orfeur's estate 1709; Whitrigg, from Mr Skelton; Stark's Tenement, Isel Gate; Plumbland and Bolton advowsons); mortgages cover 1692-98; other mortgagors were Porter of Weary Hall (1692), Nicholson of Linstock Castle (1692), Pape's Tenement at Leesrigg, Mr Highmore, Hudleston of Millom Castle (for his Yorkshire lands); other entries include Lawson sales; Whitrigg enfranchisements "by old Lady Lawson", n.d. (c. 1745) States that Orfeur's sureties in his bond of 16 May 1698 were Ewan Christian of Unerigg and William Robertson of Cleator and that Sir Wilfrid Lawson sold "the Customary Tenements of Plumbland and Arkleby" 1690s. Inserted is a sheet of depositions of further details of John Pape of Leesrigg's mortgage, 1700 or 1702 ("in the year before or in the year after Sir Francis Salkeld [of Whitehall] Dy'd who was Bury'd 19th Feb. 1701"), and that John Pape was buried on 25 Sept. 1709/[10], that its rent is now £514. 10s. 0d. a year (11s. 0d. fineable rent), with details of Pape's career; and of Joseph Fisher's estate in Whitrigg (mortgaged and later sold to John Pattenson of Loweswater), previously Laythes's; and of the mortgages outstanding to the late Sir Wilfrid's father as mortgagee at time of his death, and of Lady Lawson's declared intentions; states that Mr Highmore's mortgage was of tenement in the Manor of "Boaldeth" (Bewaldeth p Torpenhow), n.d. (c. 1745) List of rents of five tenants [in Isel] - no further details of farms or locations, n.d. [Mr Wilson's] note of next steps to take if Sir Gilfrid Lawson obtains his private Act - as to the purchases of Lady Lawson from Mr Skelton (East and West Curthwaite), and as to Whitrigg, n.d. (c. 1745) Counsel's list of lawsuit's writs and dates of each, ending "Sir W dyed 4th July"; the year of the writs is not stated, n.d. Sir Mordaunt Lawson Bt. an infant through John Mordaunt Esq. his Uncle and Next Friend v. Lady Lawson and daughters - draft Answer of the defendants, [written out by Mr Wilson] and sent to Mr Brown for perusal; Mr Brown's Opinion is endorsed, initialled "T.B", n.d. Note Sir Mordaunt Lawson died in 1743. Sir Mordaunt Lawson [etc, as before] v. John Pearse Esq. and others - draft Answer of John Pearse, n.d. Counsel's detailed calendar of the deeds relating to the

lawsuit, from 1632 (Chancery Decree in Irton Esq. v. Lawson Esq.) onwards, n.d. [Mr Wilson's] first draft of Lady Lawson's Case, reciting from 1692, with queries for opinion of counsel, 1743[/4] Copy of Bishop Nicolson's Award as Arbitrator in the family disputes over the Will of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson (died 1704), copy c. 1744/5 of 1706 original. Sir Gilfrid Lawson Bt. v. Dame Elizabeth Lucy Lawson and her daughters (In Chancery) - draft [Bill of complaint for Sir Gilfrid]. n.d. (c. 1745) Queries for counsel's opinion re the Plumbland and Oughterside estates and Lady Lawson's claims, n.d. (c. 1745) "Papers to be carry'd by Sir Wilfrid Lawson to London" - lists the relevant deeds, with comments, n.d. (earlier 18th cent.) First part of letter from [Sir Gilfrid Lawson] to his lawyer - having heard the advice and considered it, he despairs of success through litigation and fears the lawsuit will outlive him, and that "my Nephew not being brought up to Business would be made very uneasy and lyable to be imposed on in the Conduct of Suits of such Intricacy"; Sir Gilfrid has therefore bowed to his friends' advice and proposed "Terms of Accommodation" (copy herewith) to which "My Lady" has signified acceptance; as to Orfeur's estate, and adjustments to settling the Isel estate; more about'all my Claims" (letter breaks off), 1744[/5] Copy of the said "Terms", 1744[/5] Additional Case with Opinion of R Clayton 1745 Concerns the outcome of the Will of "old Sir Wilfrid" (died 1704). Letter from John Clennell to "Madam" (Lady Lawson) - forwarding the present rental of the Isel Estate, with comments on lettings, also as to the sheep at Moota and Mirkholme ("they are Not to belong to Sir Gilfrid for they Were Brought in as Personal Affects of Sir Wilfrid"); has added two more tenements to Mr Wilson's list, as Sir Gilfrid claims these also (Howgill Tenement, and "one of the Wilson Tenements"), 1745[/6] Counsel's notes on the effect of the death of Sir Wilfrid Lawson [in 1737] on the family recovery, then proceeding through the court, and subsequent claims by the various Lawsons; top half of sheet only survives; endorsed "No. (12). Sir Gilfrid [Lawson] against Lady Lawson", n.d. "Rental of the Tenements given up to Sir Gilfrid Lawson" - Isel Estate, including Mirkholme, Whitefield, and Windy Hall, n.d. Sir Mordaunt Lawson infant by [Col.] John Mordaunt v. Dame Elizabeth Lawson widow and her daughters and James Pearse Esq. - Plaintiff's draft Charge, i.e. list, of the trees in Isel now fully grown or decaying, that should be felled forthwith (lists the eight locations, and the total such trees in each), and further charge of young trees fit to be felled for thinning (names the locations) in the Isel Estate, 1742" [Mr Wilson's] note of "Col. Mordaunt's instructions about the Agreement with Sir Gilfrid Lawson" - as to Whitrigg and Plumbland, n.d. Copy of the Answer of James Pearse Esq., co-defendant [with the ladies] against Sir Mordaunt Lawson; signed "Thos: Browne" (Lady Lawson's counsel, see the Draft Answer sent for his perusal, with his opinion initialled on dorse, above), n.d. Copy of the draft Answer of Lady Lawson and James Pearse Esq. in the same lawsuit, n.d. Schedule of the Deeds and Papers re the freehold estates in Cumberland to which Sir Gilfrid Lawson Bt. succeeded on the death of Sir Mordaunt Lawson by virtue of the limitation in the Will of Sir Wilfrid Lawson deceased (Sir Mordaunt's grandfather) - proceeds tenement by tenement, the deeds of each listed together under that tenement's name; covers 1651-1699; receipt at foot (unsigned) as received from Dame Elizabeth Lucy Lawson the above-scheduled documents, 1746 Refers to the Isel Estate, with Mirkholme and Whitfield. Copy of surrender (1689) of Edward Lawson, gent. - the following houses and tenements in Isel Old Park:- Tenement: Nut Tenement Rent: £1.0s.1½d Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: 8d. Tenement: Crosshill Tenement Rent: 3.10d. Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: - Tenement: Howgill Tenement Rent: £1.0s.0d. Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: 8d. Tenement: Harrison Tenement Rent: £1.0s.0d. Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: 8d. Tenement: Long Close Tenement Rent: £1.0s.0d. Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: - Tenement: Bainbridge Tenement Rent: 8s.0d. Greenhew: 8d. Cow-farm: 5d. Copy of two receipts (1691-2) by

Jonathan Cape for the two instalments by which Sir Wilfrid Lawson (through Mrs Jane Lawson) paid for the purchase of "my Tenement at Sunderland" (p. Isel), 1746 Letter from J. Mordaunt to Sir Gilfrid Lawson at Brayton - as to who owed what sum to "Old Sir Wilfrid Lawson" (lists some, comments on others); comments on the effect on the family finances and relationships, e.g. "my Lady"'s fears for her jointure, n.d. Summary of the proceedings and verbatim text of the judgements in the lawsuit Duke of Somerset v. France and others of his customary tenants of the Honour of Cockermouth, for refusing to pay the general fine he levied upon the death of his wife (lady of those manors); heard in Chancery before Lord Chancellor King and others, 11 June 1725, Copy n.d. The evidence and issues included re fines, dower, jointure, settlements. The Duke won. List of the lands to be delivered up by Lady Lawson to Sir Gilfrid subject to the payment of £250 p.a. - in Isel Estate; also Mirkholme and Whitrigg (bought from Mr Dalston), Whitrigg (bought from Mr Skelton), and Windy Hall p. Aikton in the Barony of Burgh; with, overleaf, lawyer's observations and supply of family background and claims, to assist the "Consultation at Mr Fazakerley's", n.d. Draft of agreement between the Hon. Col. Mordaunt ("Brother to Lady Lawson" widow of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson), and Sir Gilfrid Lawson, Bt. - reciting the background to the dispute, and the various claims; includes re Orfeur's estate, sheep, and particulars of the rents and fines of Isel, Plumbland, and Whitrigg, 1744 Fragment of copy Probate [of Sir Wilfrid Lawson] 1704, being copy of the probate itself, 18th cent. Fairer copy of draft Proposals of Sir Gilfrid Lawson to Col. Mordaunt - re Whitrigg and other claims, n.d. [c. 1744] Copy of agreement (29 June 1709) as to Orfeur's mortgage (Dame Elizabeth Lawson of Isel, widow of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and his Trustees, to Charles Orfeur of High Close, Esq.) - reciting Orfeur's mortgage that day of his estate to her for £4000, payable 13 Nov. 1710 (copy breaks off near end of the deed), 1709 original Copy of letter (unsigned) to "Sir" - [from Sir Gilfrid Lawson to Col. Mordaunt], hoping "we shall bring the Ship safe into Harbour without splitting upon the Rocks of Sylla or Cariddis (Charybdis) and prevent the anxious Thought of Sir Wilfrid Lawson my Cousin German .. that when ever the Manor of Isell come into Dispute between the two Families it would be as a Candle lighted at both Ends .."; fears "you may Succeed and ruin my Family which is the elder Branch, but it will injure yours"; latest comments on the dispute ("young Gentlemen .. delight .. in hipping and running down old Councils .."); comments on their lawyers; Orfeur's and Skelton's former estates; and Lady Lawson; how glad I am this goes to settlement "by Mediation", n.d. "Sir Gilfrid Lawson's Draft of Parcels to be inserted in the Annuity Deed" - clauses re Isel tenements, n.d. (c. 1745) Two drafts of clause [for the "Annuity Deed"] re annuity payable by Sir Gilfrid Lawson to Dame Elizabeth Lucy Lawson until the private Act is passed, nd

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