

"Bengall" situated on the waters of Peter's Creek conveyed to Thomas Lawrence, 1803, by John Lawrence et al

June 8, 1976
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mrs. McNary,

I received your letter a few days ago and will try to give as I can, to give you any information I can relating to my dear old home.

First of all you asked me if my grandfather was the first to live there. It has my understanding that that farm had been owned for years and years back. My grandfather Lawrence built the home which you bought, at that time he had been living in a log cabin on the farm. He lived to be about ninety years of age. His name was Alexander Patterson Lawrence. When a young man he met my little sixteen year old grandmother, fell in love with her and married her. She and her mother had come to this country from Belfast, Ireland, and my grandfather tried her mother to serve as his housekeeper. My grandmother's name was Elizabeth McColl. She died at the age of sixty, leaving two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Thomas Wilson, a family name from Ireland, was my father; a younger son, Charles Allen Lawrence, was a Presbyterian minister, who died of T.B. at the age of about twenty-seven. Two daughters, Mary Jane Lawrence Abram and Martha Agnes Lawrence who married Hicks,



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