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**THOMAS W. LAWSON "THE COPPER KING"  
DREAMWOLD**

Thomas W. Lawson was an eccentric financial wizard who cornered the copper market in the late 1800's. He established Dreamwold Farms, a quarter of a square mile estate, complete with mansion and several identical smaller homes and outbuildings. From his travels, he named his horse racing track, his railroad station, post office and general store "Egypt" as the area appears on maps today. He used his fortune to further his motto, "Beauty, Strength and Speed" in the Kentucky Derby and in America's Cup Yacht Racing. He considered the Town Water Tower located across from the estate an eyesore. In 1902, he presented to the Town, a one hundred and fifty foot, 15th century turret-style tower known today as "The Lawson Tower". Also in 1902, at Fore River, he had built "The T. W. Lawson", the world's only seven masted cargo schooner. His fortunes turned downward when the ship sank in 1907, spilling two and one half million gallons of oil off Scotland. His young wife died and facing financial ruin, Dreamwold was sold by his creditors. A portion of the foreclosure deed is seen below.

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