

Evidence on Two John Webbs Who Owned Property in Lunenburg County, Virginia

A John Webb who married a Winifred/Winnifred/Winnifort died in Lunenburg County, Virginia after 23 Dec 1795, the date he sold 200 acres, and before 13 Sep 1804, when his will was probated. He had three daughters and a son: Hannah Doggett, Lucy Garner, Elizabeth Brown, and William Webb.

Note: The name "Winifort" is seen everywhere in conjunction with John Webb's will, but an examination of the original will proves that it was "Winnifort."

To prove the line of John Webb who married Winnifred, it was first necessary to separate the line of John Webb, the brother of Isaac Webb who left his plantation to his brother John Webb in 1774:

Page 400, Lunenburg Co., VA Will Book 2, abstract:

Webb, Isaac 12-7-1773; 2-10-1774; W.B. 2/400

Mentions: Brother: John Webb

Jean Peachey (daughter of Samuel Peachey)

Executor: John Webb (brother)

Witnesses: Elisha Estes, Jr., Dan'l. Dejarnett, Thos. Hightower,
John Hazlewood.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, [compiled] by Beverley Fleet, 1961, Vol. 14, pp. 44-47 gives the correct father for John Webb who was the brother of Isaac Webb as another John Webb. This John Webb died in 1767, leaving an Essex County will in which wife Lilly Ann, sons John and Isaac, and daughter Catherine Peachey (wife of Samuel Peachey) are named, along with one of the Peachey's children, William Peachey.

Note: John Gore and Elizabeth were the parents of Lilly Ann, proven in Essex Co. Deed Book 23, p. 189: 13 Oct 1744, between Richard Johnson and Elizabeth his wife. This deed also shows that John Webb obtained his Gore in-laws' land. (Transcribed in Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, by Beverley Fleet, 1964, Vol. 27, p. 25)

The perpetuated error of "Lucy Anne Gore" appears to have come from The Webb and Allied Families..., by John Webb, 1882, p. 39

The will of Isaac Webb who died in 1774 (Lunenburg Co. Will Bk. 2, p. 400) names John Webb, brother, and a Jean Peachey. As shown in the 1767 will of

John Webb, Sr., Catherine Webb Peachey was the sister of John and Isaac, and she married Samuel Peachey. Jean [also known as “Jane”], mentioned in the will of Isaac Webb, is Jane who later married Maj. Thomas Armistead, as shown in the will of William Peachey, the grandson of John Webb who died in 1767, and the brother who was mentioned in that 1767 will.

William Peachey was mentioned in the 1767 will of his grandfather John Webb. [Essex County, Virginia, Will Book 12, page 268.]

The will of William Peachey was written 21 January 1803. Sister Jane Armistead (wife of Major Thomas Armistead), sister Winnefred Armistead, sister Elizabeth Pendleton, sister Catharine Ryland. Signed Wm Peachey. Witnesses: Jas Jones, Jno Smith, Richard Phillips, Thos Boughton. Proved 21 February 1803. [Essex County, Virginia, Will Book 16, pages 205–206.]

Also see R12157, Revolutionary War pension of Thomas Armistead of VA (Microfilm Series M805, Roll 25, Image 368), which includes his will:

“First I give my wife Jane no more than the laws of this Commonwealth will entitle her to as a widow, as she has been the author of & source of all my misfortunes since my intermarriage with her...”

That Isaac Webb is clearly the son of John Webb who died in 1767 is further proven by the fact that in his father’s will Isaac inherits several slaves, including a Nimcock, a John, a Sam, and an Ambrose. These same four names are used again to name slaves in Isaac’s estate seven years later, to be given to his brother John Webb.

The John Webb who inherited his brother Isaac Webb’s property is not the same John Webb as John Webb who died in Lunenburg County in 1795-1804, as it can be proven that the former John Webb died childless in 1795 in Essex County:

- **20 May 1786. Deed of Mortgage.** John Webb of Essex Co for 25,000 lbs of crop tobacco & 100 pd sold to Richard Gwathmey of sd co a 300 a. tr of land whereon the sd John Webb now liveth bounded by the lands of Bennett Browne, Sarah Campbell, the road which leads from Bowler's to Piscataway Ferry, land now held in fee simple by his mother Lily Ann Webb & the River Rappahannock, **it being part/of the tr of land on which the sd John Webb & his mother now reside which he holds by inheritance from his decd father...**provided that if the sd John Webb shall well & truly pay unto the sd Richard Gwathmey the 25,000 lbs of crop tobacco & 100 pd with interest on or before 17 Aug next ensuring then these presents shall cease & be void... . Wit: James Dix, H. Young Junr, Vincent Garland, Henry Hinton. Proved 19 Jun 1786 & recorded. Attest: Thomas Pollard dep clerk. (Pg 415) From Essex County, Virginia Land Records 1772-1786, page 158, DAR Library

- A 6 Sept 1787 deed of sale from Lilly Ann Webb to Meriwether Smith is described in Essex Co., VA Deed Book 33, pp. 211-213
- **It matches a 6 Sept 1787 certificate by John Webb indicating that he had bargained and sold on their mutual behalf “my land,” to Merewether Smith, meaning the property he had inherited from his father in 1767, property which gave a lifetime interest in half to Lilly Ann.** John Webb also mentions that he offered Smith the same price for the adjoining 187 acres Lilly Ann inherited from her parents, described as “her land adjoining containing one hundred and eighty-seven acres by plat” in John Webb’s certificate. The certificate is in Essex County, VA Deed Books, Vol. 34, 1793-1798, p. 301 (re-recorded, as John Webb is deceased by 1796, according to a margin note).
- A court case, Smith vs. Ross, &c.--O. S. 48; N. S. 16--Bill, 16th June, 1804. is cited in Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia, by Lyman Chalkley, Vol. 2, p. 86, as a source which refers to the deed relating the sale by some of the Merewether Smith heirs to Henry Quarles, for the same property:

“...one undivided third part of a tract of land situated and being in the Parish of South Farnham and County of Essex containing 400 acres more or less and bounded by the lands of Bennett Brown dec’d., John Dunn, Wharton Quarles, **the land formerly belonging to Lilly Ann Webb dec’d. and by her sold to Merewether Smith dec’d. who thereafter mortgaged the same to the said Lilly Ann Webb...**”

- An Essex County, Virginia Administrator’s Bond for 500 pounds indicates John Webb died before 20 Oct 1795. [Essex Co., VA Will Book 15, pp. 196-197.] Judging from the size of the bond, John likely owned little property if any.

John evidently had no heirs, as in 1767 he had inherited his father’s property under some conditions: “I give and bequeath to my son John the land and plantation whereon I now live to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten...and **if my sons John and Isaac should both die without issue, then I give my said land and plantation to be equally divided among my four children Catherine Peachey Ann Sally and Mary Webb to them and their heirs forever...**”

As a result, in March 1792 Lilly Ann Webb writes her will in a way to try to leave property to her two surviving daughters, Sally and Mary (“Polly”). (Essex Co. Will Bk. 14, p. 320, transcribed in Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, [compiled] by Beverly Fleet, 1961, Vol. 14, pp. 46-47). Isaac is long dead, and John clearly has no heirs. Acknowledgement of Webb’s

certificate by Merewether Smith and his bond occur in Essex County, VA Deed Books, Vol. 34, 1793-1798, pp. 301-303.

Margin notation for the bond, Essex Co., VA Deed Books, Vol. 34, p. 301, indicates that this bond was sent to “Mr. Jones, Administrator of Webb,” confirming that John Webb was dead in Aug 1796, and that while he had some assets, he left no will. There was no need to, as he had no wife or children.

There is also a theory that John Webb who married Winnifred/Winnifort married first a Hannah, either Hannah Smith or Hannah X (surname unknown). This theory comes from researchers who have seen the St. Stephen's Parish register of births transcribed in Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. III, abstracted by Beverly Fleet, 1961, p. 126, in which:

Two names below that of “Hannah, daug'r to John & Hannah Webb, born July 3, 1747” is Lucy Ann Webb, born to John and Winnifred on Sep'r 14, 1751. (Additionally, William Webb, son of John and Hannah Webb was born Feb'y 18, 1748; and John Webb, son to John and Winnifred Webb was born Jan'y 1, 1754. These four names are written next to each other.)

What we already know about Lucy (Webb) Garner who married the James Garner who lived most of his life on Bluestone Creek in Mecklenburg Co., VA next to his half-brother, Benjamin Doggett (who married Hannah Webb), is this:

Lucy, daughter of John Webb, was born in 1748, based on the 1830 census and Ritchie & Wood, Garner-Keene Families, pp. 52-53.

In the 1830 Mecklenburg Co., VA census James Garner, Sr. is listed at the bottom of the page, and with him is a female 20-30 as well as his wife, age 80-90. This tells us that Lucy Webb was born 1740-1750, and that she was roughly the same age as her husband. Her husband was born in 1748. (No birth dates are given in Garner-Keene Families for Lucy or her children, but this work helps to establish that Lucy was a different Lucy than Lucy Webb Eddins who was born in 1761 and who married a James Garner who died in Halifax Co., VA in 1815. Lucy Webb Eddins' age is established in this second James Garner's Revolutionary War pension record, W7495.)

It may well be impossible to resolve whether the Lucy Ann of the 1751 St. Stephen's birth record is the same Lucy Webb who married James Garner. Anna Doggett Doggett, who wrote History of the Doggetts of Guilford County, North Carolina, died in 1989 if she is the one in the Social Security Index. (We do know that she was born in 1895):

DOGGETT, ANNA W 16 Feb 1895 09 Aug 1989 94273 01 (Mc Leansville, [Guilford, NC](#)) (none specified) District of Columbia 579-22-3240

Without that author to speak to, we cannot know whether she had personal knowledge of some of the relationships she tried to document, particularly whether Lucy Webb was a half-sister of Hannah Webb, or not. Researchers on the Web have consistently tried to squeeze the four names shown together in the St. Stephen's Parish records (Hannah, William, Lucy Ann, and John) into the family of one John Webb, but two different published transcriptions (by Beverly Fleet and by Gail M. Walczyk) give different years of birth. A look at the microfilm of St. Stephen's Parish records did nothing to clarify the issues, since the film is quite illegible. The Library of Virginia web site directs researchers to the 1961 edition of Virginia Colonial Abstracts. (For the names in question, that version repeats the information from earlier versions, while Walczyk's transcription disagrees.)

The same record potentially indicates that John Webb had all four births recorded on the same day, and that he married two women. Since the marriage records of St. Stephen's Parish have not survived, it is impossible to know whether John Webb who married Hannah is the same John Webb who married Winnifred. The Great Wicomico Parish vital records also did not survive.

The evolution of the Gregorian calendar during the same time period complicates the matter. The January, February, and March dates up to 1751/1752 were written with double dates, while the world decided whether the calendar should start in March or in January. See How to Trace Your Family Tree, by American Genealogical Research Institute staff, 1975, pp. 17-19.)

If John Webb DID marry both women, we still cannot prove that he, the clerks, and/or the transcribers recorded the dates accurately. Additionally, Married Well & Often, by Robert K. Headley, 2003, p. 369 lends confusion to the line of John and Hannah:

WEBB, John & SMITH, Hannah, bef. 7 May 1752; bride was a dau of Wm. (d. NC 1752) & Hannah (d. NC 1762) SMITH of GWP; she was dec'd by 10 Aug 1752; Jn. & Hannah (SMITH) WEBB had two chil., Hannah & William; (NC RB 2:127,373)

This translates to:

John Webb & Hannah Smith married before 7 May 1752 [the date her father wrote his will]; bride was a daughter of William Smith who died in Northumberland County, VA in 1752) and Hannah Smith (who died in Northumberland County, VA in 1762) of Great Wicomico Parish. Hannah (Smith) Webb was deceased by 10 Aug 1752; John & Hannah (Smith) Webb had two children, Hannah & William (Northumberland County, VA Record Book 2, pp. 127, 373).

There are more children listed for John and “Hannahbeth” or just “Jo’n” in the St. Stephen’s records. Some have guessed that Hannah and William were minors, and that that’s why the other children are not mentioned. Others have shown that Hannah (Smith) Webb in her 1762 will leaves money only to Hannah, making it possible that William has died or that he has left home.

The will of William Smith makes it appear that his daughter Hannah may have died before he wrote his will May 7, 1752, since he leaves “an equal part of my estate with one of my children” to his grandchildren Hannah and William:

William Smith's will was written May 7, 1752, and was probated June 13, 1752. Part of it reads as follows: “Wife Hannah Smith all my whole estate during her natural life. Son Thomas Smith negro boy Isaac and my land to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body, and for want of such heirs to return to his sisters and their children; my chest; all my wearing clothes; one of my best feather beds and furniture; my best gun; all my shoemaker and jilters tools. Granddaughter Milla Webb, forty shillings cash when she arrives to the age of eighteen years. I disannul my daughter Betty Webb and her husband Aaron Webb from any part of my estate. Daughter Virginia Kirk the bed with the Virginia Tick and all the furniture thereunto belonging. Daughter Juda Humphries one feather bed and furniture. **Daughter Hannah Webb's children Hanna and William; three pounds cash now in the hands of their father; said Hannah and William to have an equal part of my estate with one of my children** James Kirk and John Webb should take in possession the estate of George Kirk dec'd in behalf of the Kirk children. Wife Hannah Smith and Joseph Pope, Executors Witness; Edwin Fielding, Richard Nutt, and Sarah Nutt”

As it can be seen, not only can we snarl ourselves up with John Webbs, but also with William Smiths. These issues are quite possibly not resolvable, no matter how long we struggle with them.

Some rather enticing records exist that make us want to assume the couple below is the couple we are following:

- In 1760 a John and a Winifred Webb lived on Thomas Cockrall’s land in Great Wicomoco Parish, Northumberland County, VA, having been given lifelong leases “for their two lives to him and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body”

Thus one possible reason for moving on, besides wanting more land, might have been that the inheritance in Northumberland Co. could only go to children born of Winnifred’s body, not Hannah’s, IF John was married twice.

- Guardian to John Webb, orphan of William Webb; estate delivered to **Cottrell** by deed dated Dec. 12, 1763, recorded Feb 14. 1764, inventory

dated March 12, 1771. [There were two Thomas Cockrell's and so they chose different spellings. Maybe this is NOT part of John and Winnifred's info, therefore.]

- Seen at <http://boards.ancestry.com/localities.northam.usa.states.virginia.counties.1ancaster/751/mb.ashx>:

[Northumberland Co., VA] Deed 14 Aug 1759. **Robert and Hannah Christopher** sell to **Thomas Webb**, planter (both of St. Stephen's Parish Nld. Co.) a tract of land 144 acs. For 130 lbs current Virginia money. The property being purchased is bounded by the land of **Wm. Rice, Peter Lambkin, George Oldham, Hezekiah Haynie, Conway Garner, Joseph Poor, and William Greenstreet**. The beginning point is a tree in the fork of Capt. John Foshee's mill swamp.

Combining the above with information about Robert and Hannah Christopher at <http://www.virginians.com/redirect.htm?topics&348> it would be easy to think that both the father and a brother of John Webb were named Thomas Webb, since there is a Mar 31, 1717 birth for a John Webb who is the brother of a Thomas Webb b. Oct. 2, 1712, both dates shown in the St. Stephen's Parish Records. The father is possibly the Thomas Webb born May 6, 1685, son of Samuel Webb. (Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 3, Northumberland Co. Record of Births, 1661-1810, abstracted by Beverly Fleet, 1961, pp. 121, 123)

As we know, Doggett researchers point to Northumberland County as the Virginia place of origin for the descendants of Rev. Benjamin Doggett. They also point to a John and Winnifred Webb and their children in the St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co. records as being the family of Hannah Webb who married Benjamin Doggett, Jr., and Lucy Webb who married James Garner. Other children listed for John and Winnifred in those parish records are: James, Jordan, and John. [It is also possible that there were several earlier children born to John and Hannah: Eliz'a, Sarah, Lucretia, John, Winny, Thomas, Isaac].

The St. Stephen's parish records in Northumberland Co., VA indicate that Jordan Webb, born 13 Oct 1761, was the last child born to John Webb and Winnifred. Researchers do not list more children for this couple in Amelia Co. Because Elizabeth (Webb) Brown is listed as the third and last daughter in the will, it is possible that she was born later, after the family left Northumberland County. Winnifred's birth date can be estimated at 1720-1730, based on what we know of her children: Four children were born to her from 1751-1761. Possibly Winnifred had a husband before John Webb, since she had only five children with John, and the norm was ten or twelve. Another possibility is that the family did not live in Northumberland Co. before 1751.

Jordan Webb dies in Lunenburg Co., VA in 1794. Additionally, the John and the James also attributed to John and Winnifred in the St. Stephen's records have also died before John Webb, Sr. dies, as they are not named in the will.

These are the only mentions of Winnifred Webbs in the Bulletin of the Northumberland Co. Hist. Soc.:

Vol. 12, p. 43 is the family record of a Winniford Webbe, wife of William Webb
Vol. 23, p. 47 mentions a William and a Winnifred Webb, of Richmond Co.

Vol. 25, pp. 73-74 deals with Winifred (Cottrell) Berry, with John S. Webb's childlessness, with John Webb of Wiccocomoco Parish's will (which shows this John Webb was married to Leannah Basye)

Vol. 36, p. 99 gives that a Winnifred Webb died during the Northumberland Co. pandemic of 1814-1816. Her will was written in 1814, and the probate date was Aug 1815. Northumberland Co., VA Wills 1793-1816 and Administrations 1790-1816, compiled by James F. Lewis and J. Motley Booker, 1964, p. 167 shows this Winnifred giving away all her belongings to her sisters and a nephew, William Eskridge. Quite possibly, she never married. She appears to be the sister of John Spann Webb and the daughter of Giles Webb.

Finally, note some deed records listed in the Northumberland County, VA Court Order Book, 1762-1766, pp. 241-280 (from <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/northumberland/court/17621766527gw1.txt>) that show some sales of land by a John and Winefred Webb in 1763-1764. While the John and Winnifred Webb we are following purchased land in Amelia Co. in November 1764, we still have nothing that indicates we have found our couple in Northumberland Co. But it is a possibility.

Leaving all that aside, we are left to work with verifiable evidence in the form of wills, deeds, land tax records, and tax lists:

Who was the real John Webb who died after 23 Dec 1795 and before 13 Sep 1804 in Lunenburg County?

- He married a Winifred/Winnifred/Winniford
- From his will we know that his children were: Hannah Doggett, Lucy Garner, Elizabeth Brown, and William Webb
- The following deeds show that Conway Garner (a cousin of James Garner who settled on Bluestone Creek, Mecklenburg Co., VA) was also involved earlier in the settling of the area to which John and Winnifred Webb moved; and that John Webb bought property from James Lamkin in Amelia Co., VA in 1764.

[James Lamkin, b. 1722, was a brother of Peter Lamkin, b. ca. 1730, shown in Descendants of Thomas Lamkin of the Northern Neck of Virginia, compiled by Harold E. Wilkins, 2001. Both names figure prominently in the deeds signed or witnessed by the John Webb who ultimately died in Lunenburg Co. sometime in 1795-1804.]

Amelia Co. DBk 7

(p. 578) Deed. **John Ellis, Jr. & Mary [x], his wife, of Hallifax Co, Province of North Carolina to Connaway Garner of Northumberland Co. VA** D. Feb. 1, 1762. Consid: 60 pounds. 334 acres in Amelia Co., n/s **Little Nottoway River** adj. lines of **Pressley, Nathaniel Robertson, Henry Robertson** & the river as it meanders, with all woods.
Wit: **James Lampkin, Abraham Motley, James Lamkin & Richard Lamkin** [don't know if one James Lamkin is a Jr. but this is how written]

Amelia Co. DBk 8

(p. 549) Deed. **James Lamkin & Winifred Lamkin**, his wife, of Nottoway Parish, Amelia. Co. to **John Webb** of same. D. Nov. 6, 1764. Consid: 50 pounds. 105 acres in Nottoway Parish on s/s Whetstone Creek in fork of Nottoway River, being part of land whereon said Lamkin now lives.
Wits: **James Beuford, Thomas Beuford, Warren Beuford & Rebeckah Garner**

Amelia Co. DBk 8

(p. 542) Deed. **James Lamkin** of Amelia Co. to **Peter Lamkin of Northumberland Co., VA** Deed also signed by **Winefret Lamkin**. D. Feb 2, 1765. Consid: 110 pounds. 200 acres in Amelia Co. s/s **Whetstone Creek**, adj. the road, **James Lamkin**, a line of trees between **Lamkin** and **Beuford** agreeable to a deed from **William Dendy & Isaac Farguson**, and said creek as it meanders.
Wits: **John Webb, John Pace & Richard Crute**

- There is also one instance of the name of John Webb, **Jr.** in Amelia Co. He was one of the sons in the St. Stephens' records. ***[His is the name after Lucy Ann's in the St. Stephen's records, also born to John and Winnifred.]***

Amelia Co. VA, Deed Bk 9, p. 284 Nov 27, 1767:

I **John Doggett** of Mecklenburg County have sold and delivered to **Rebeckah Garner** 3 negroes. Signed **John Doggett**. Wit: **Peter Larkin [Lampkin] John Webb Jr., Daniel Hutt**. [An Anne and a Rebecca Garner are daughters of John Garner of Northumberland Co., VA, whose inventory was handled by a John Webb in 1751-1752.]

Continuing on with John and Winnifred Webb:

- In 1768 James Lamkin of Mecklenburg Co. gave a deed to Peter Lamkin for 84 acres, with John Webb as witness; and in 1770 the same James Lamkin put up a bond for the transfer of the same 84 acres. This was also witnessed in Amelia Co. by John Webb.

Amelia Co. DBk 12 (p. 227) Deed **Thomas (X) Ball** of Nottoway Parish, Amelia Co. to **William Blaikley, Sr., Planter, of Chesterfield Co., [VA]** D. Dec. 3, 1773. Consid: 500 pounds. 189 acres in Nottoway Parish, being same land that said **Ball** lived on. Land is adj. lines of **Thomas Beuford** and **Bolling**, with all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, woods, etc.
Wit: Peter Lamkin, John Webb, Thomas Gunn, Jr. & William M. Cralle.
Pro[cessioning?]: Peter Lamkin and John Webb on Feb. 24, 1774, & **Thomas Gunn** on Apr. 20, 1774
Rec: Apr. 20, 1774

- The 1775 deeds below show that John Webb went south to buy land in Lunenburg Co. in January, that in February John and Winnifred sold their Amelia Co. land to neighbor Peter Lamkin, and that the January Lunenburg Co. deed was recorded in March of that same year. From Winnifred's relinquishment of her dower right in the Whetstone Creek property in Amelia County, it now becomes evident that John Webb of the 1764 deed is the husband of Winnifred:

(p. 435) [Lunenburg Co., VA Deed Bk. 12] Jan 12, 1775 from **John Winn Jr.** of L[unenburg Co.], to **John Webb** of Amelia County, for 100 pounds, a certain tract of land of about 381 acres in L[unenburg Co.] on the south side of Fucking Cr[eeek] [now Modest Creek], bounded by the head of a false Cr[eeek], **William Stone, John Stone, Hall, Hubbard, Hall & Williams corner**, the north forks of **Falls Cr[eeek]**. **Signed – John Winn Jr, Mary Winn.**
Wit: Sam Burkes, James Burns, Peter Lamkin, Elisha Betts, Henry Blagrave, Wm Hackett.
Recorded Mar 9, 1775.

(p. 135) [Amelia Co., VA Deed Bks. 12, 13, 14 p. 51] **John Webb** and **Winnifred**, his wife, of Nottoway Parish, Amelia Co. to **Peter Lamkin** of same. d[ated] Feb 23, 1775. Consid: 75 pounds sterling. 105 acres in Amelia County on south side of Whetstone Creek, adjacent lines of said **Webb** and **Lamkin** with all houses, orchards, fences, etc., being same land which **Webb** purchased from **James Lamkin** that is part of a greater quantity. Witnessed by **John Booker, Jr., Henry Beuford, and Thomas Payne**. Recorded Feb. 23, 1775. **Winnifred**, wife of **John Webb**, relinquished her dower right on Feb. 23, 1775.

John and Winnifred's neighbor John Winn sells his land to a Peter Winn in 1779. (A Peter Winn shows up later in a 1795 deed.):

Lunenburg Co., VA Deed Bk 13, p. 182. Jan. 14, 1779 from **John Winn** of Lunenburg Co., VA to **Peter Winn** of Lunenburg Co., VA, for 100 pounds, about 381 acres in Lunenburg Co., bounded by **John Webb, Richard Stone**, the said **John Winn, John Elmore, John Winn, Jr., Robert Elliott**. Signed – **John Winn**.
Wit: None Recorded Jan. 14, 1779.

Of interest because three Webb names are seen as witnesses together in this deed:

Lunenburg Co., VA Deed Bk 13, p. 390: [very faded] Jun 14, 1781 from **Nicholas Brown** of Lunenburg Co., VA to **John Harris** of Lunenburg Co., VA for 250 pounds, about 400 acres.. **William Brown..Betts**..Signed – **Nicholas Brown**.
Wit: **John Webb, Jordon Webb, William Webb**. Recorded Jun 14, 1781.

Researchers show an Elisha Betts, b. 21 Aug 1720 in Northumberland Co., VA who fathered a William Betts, b. 29 Mar 1757 in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland Co, VA. This is significant because Elisha Betts shows up in the deed below, and because a William Betts is one of the Executors in John Webb's will. It may or may not also suggest a strong tie to Northumberland Co. for John Webb.

Lunenburg Co., VA Deed Bk 13, p. 420: Jun 13, 1782 from **Elisha Betts** of Lunenburg Co., VA to **Spencer Betts** of Lunenburg Co., VA, for 50 pounds, one certain tract of land in Lunenburg Co. on both sides of Fucking Creek [now Modest Creek], about 150 acres bounded by **Winston**, the piney branch, **John Winn, John Webb, Nicholas Brown**. Signed – **Elisha Betts**.
Wit: None Recorded Jun 13, 1782

Note also that John Winn, John Webb, and Elisha Betts show up in Virginia Publick Claims, p. 650 in close proximity on the page, indicating we have found the correct John Webb who furnished supplies to the Continental Army. John Webb therefore qualifies as a Revolutionary War patriot, even though he did not actively fight. On 15 Mar 1782, when the public claims were filed, Elisha Betts still owned his Lunenburg Co. property. Two months later, in the deed above, he sold it to Spencer Betts. The "List of Taxable Property and Tithes Taken by J. Patteson, 1783," at <http://files.usgwarchives.org/va/lunenburg/census/sun014.txt>, shows that a year later, the two John Winns (Sr. and Jr.), Spencer Betts, and John Webb lived near or next to each other.

The 1783 Lunenburg Co. tax list also shows that Jordan and William Webb were taxed with John Webb. Orsamus Winn, a witness to John Webb's will, lived nearby. Many other neighbors who feature in Webb-related deeds abound in this list.

Lunenburg Co., VA Deed Bk. 14, p. 6: Feb 19, 1784 from **Joel Ferguson and Catherine, his wife**, of Lunenburg Co. to **James Trotter** of Amelia County...a certain tract of land in Lunenburg Co. on the south side of Nottoway River containing 250 acres bounded by **John Webb, Hatchett, Daniel Gunn, James Trotter's** own lines

- John and Winnifred sell half their property in Lunenburg Co. on 10 Aug 1785, retaining 191-200 acres:

From Lunenburg County Deed Book 14, page 237 [page 31 of the abstract by June Banks Evans]: 10 Aug 1785 -- **John Webb to Wm. Hatchett**, both of Lunenburg Co. 100 pounds, 190 ac; Lunenburg Co., part of tract where **Webb** lives, adj. falls Crk at **Peter Winn**. new line to **Wm. Brown, Trotter, sd. Hatchett, Elliot**.

Wit: **James Trotter, Jordan Webb, Daniel Gunn**

Rec: 11 Aug 1785

Winnifred, wife of Webb, relinquished dower right.

Of interest because William and Jordan Webb's names are both seen in this deed:

From Lunenburg Co. Deed Bk 16, p. 7: Sep 16, 1789 from **Jno Harriss** of Lunenburg County, VA to **Jordan Webb** of Lunenburg Co., for 80 pounds, about 100 acres in Lunenburg County on the south side of Nottoway River & Fucking Creek [now Modest Creek], bounded by **John Harris & Jordan Webb**. Signed: **John Harriss, Frances (X her mark) Harriss**.

Wit: **Jno Walker, William Webb, Elizabeth (X her mark) Walker**

Recorded Apr. 8, 1790.

- John Webb writes his will on 23 Aug 1794, perhaps influenced by Jordan Webb's death the same year
- John Webb continues to pay taxes on the 191 acres through 1794. Lunenburg Co., VA land tax records do not exist for the time period 1795-1807, unfortunately. (Lunenburg County, VA Land Taxes, abstracted by June Banks Evans, Vols. 4 and 5.) Because of the following deed, it is likely that John Webb also pays taxes on his acreage in 1795:

- From Lunenburg County Deed Book 17, page 231 [page 35 of the abstract by June Banks Evans]: 23 Dec 1795 -- **John Webb & wife Winifred to Hamlin Freeman Stokes**, all of Lunenburg Co., 85 pounds, 200 ac; Lunenburg Co., adj **Wm Hatchett, Peter Winn, Richd Stone, Spencer Betts, Thos Brown**
Wit: **Philip W. Jackson, William Stokes, Edmd P. Bacon, Henry Stokes**, Rec: 14 Apr 1796
Sig: **John (+) Webb**
Winifred (+) Webb
- John Webb dies sometime after 23 Dec 1795 and before 13 Sep 1804. His will dictates that after Winnifort's death, "I give the same [the rest of his estate not mentioned], both real & personal to my son William Webb, to him & his heirs forever." John Webb's three daughters are each to receive 30 shillings cash, and his grandson at 21 is to receive a cow and a calf. Winnifred/Winnifort is still alive on 23 Dec 1795.

This is the evidence that can be verified. I wish to acknowledge the many hours of late-night assistance from Eileen Sturner of Corvallis, OR in supplying Webb deeds and wills, as well as in providing encouragement and research help to continue at such a daunting task as separating the Webb families of Virginia. Eileen is the primary Webb researcher in the country, as well as the Webb Surname Project DNA Coordinator.

1) Will of John Webb, husband of Winnifort (original)

2) Will of Isaac Webb, son of John Webb who died 1767 (original)

3) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, [compiled] by Beverley Fleet, 1961, Vol. 14, pp. 44-47

4) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, by Beverly Fleet, 1964, Vol. 27, p. 25 shows wife was Lilly Ann Gore

5) The Webb and Allied Families..., by John Webb, 1882, p. 39 shows perpetuated error of "Lucy Ann" Gore

- 6) Link to http://homepage.mac.com/thomas_moore/genealogy/ps07/ps07_389.html for will of William Peachey
- 7) Essex County, Virginia Land Records 1772-1786, page 158 contains 20 May 1786 deed of mortgage from John Webb to Richard Gwathmey
- 8) Essex Co., VA Deed Book 33, pp. 211-213 contains a 6 Sept 1787 deed of sale from Lilly Ann Webb to Meriwether Smith
- 9) Essex County, VA Deed Books, Vol. 34, 1793-1798, p. 301 contains a certificate written 6 Sep 1787 by John Webb describing his land and Lilly Ann's, both sold to Meriwether Smith; also, a margin notation showing John Webb is dead by 1796
- 10) Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia, by Lyman Chalkley, Vol. 2, p. 86 shows a court case, Smith vs. Ross, &c.--O. S. 48; N. S. 16--Bill, 16th June, 1804, in which Meriwether Smith's heirs sold the property in question to Henry Quarles
- 11) Essex Co., VA Will Book 15, pp. 196-197 is Administrator's bond for John Webb, showing he died before 20 Oct 1795
- 12) See will of John Webb, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, [compiled] by Beverley Fleet, 1961, Vol. 14, pp. 44
- 13) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, King and Queen County Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, 7th Collection, [compiled] by Beverly Fleet, 1961, Vol. 14, pp. 46-47 gives Lilly Ann Webb's will
- 14) See Essex County, VA Deed Books, Vol. 34, 1793-1798, pp. 301-303 for acknowledgment of John Webb's certificate by Meriwether Smith
- 15) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 3, Northumberland Co. Record of Births, 1661-1810, abstracted by Beverly Fleet, 1961, p. 126
- 16) 1830 census shows James Garner, Sr. and wife were approximately the same age
- 17) Garner-Keene Families of Northern Neck Virginia, by Ruth Ritchie and Sudie Rucker Wood, 1952, pp. 52-53
- 18) History of the Doggetts of Guilford County, North Carolina (link to http://www.world-net.net/home/sakirk/documents/Doggett_Family_1669_to_1769.pdf)

- 19) Northumberland County Virginia Church Record of Birth and Deaths 1650-1810, transcribed and compiled by Gail M. Walczyk, p. 100
- 20) How to Trace Your Family Tree, by American Genealogical Research Institute staff, 1975, pp. 17-19, about the Gregorian calendar
- 21) Married Well & Often, by Robert K. Headley, 2003, p. 369 shows marriage of John Webb and Hannah Smith
- 22) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 3, Northumberland Co. Record of Births, 1661-1810, abstracted by Beverly Fleet, 1961, pp. 125-127
- 23) Will of Hannah (Smith) Webb, 1762
- 24) Will of William Smith, 1752
- 25) Link to Thomas Cockrall record
http://gedcom.surnames.com/burgess_jim/np282.htm
- 26) <http://tntcarden.com/tree/Cockrill/CockrellDoc.html> guardian to John Webb
- 27) <http://boards.ancestry.com/localities.northam.usa.states.virginia.counties.lancaster/751/mb.ashx> deed, Robert and Hannah Christopher to Thomas Webb, 1759
- 28) <http://www.virginians.com/redirect.htm?topics&348> Robert and Hannah Christopher
- 29) Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 3, Northumberland Co. Record of Births, 1661-1810, abstracted by Beverly Fleet, 1961, pp. 121, 123 shows one possible connection of Webb families in St. Stephen's Parish
- 30) http://www.world-net.net/home/sakirk/documents/Doggett_Reverend_Benjamin_of_Virginia.pdf , p. 15 shows Hannah Webb married Benjamin Doggett
- 31) Jordan's death date, 1794, comes from land tax records
- 32) Bulletin of the Northumberland Co. Hist. Soc.:
- Vol. 12, p. 43 is the family record of a Winniford Webbe, wife of William Webb
- Vol. 23, p. 47 mentions a William and a Winnifred Webb, of Richmond Co.
- Vol. 25, pp. 73-74 deals with Winifred (Cottrell) Berry, with John S. Webb's

childlessness, with John Webb of Wiccocomoco Parish's will (which shows this John Webb was married to Leannah Basye)

Vol. 36, p. 99 gives that a Winnifred Webb died during the Northumberland Co. pandemic of 1814-1816. Her will was written in 1814, and the probate date was Aug 1815.

Northumberland Co., VA Wills 1793-1816 and Administrations 1790-1816, compiled by James F. Lewis and J. Motley Booker, 1964, p. 167 shows this last Winnifred giving away all her belongings to her sisters and a nephew, William Eskridge. Quite possibly, she never married. She appears to be the sister of John Spann Webb and the daughter of Giles Webb.

33) Northumberland County, VA Court Order Book, 1762-1766, pp. 241-280 (from <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/northumberland/court/17621766527gw1.txt>) shows some sales of land by a John and Winefred Webb in 1763-1764.

34) List of Taxable Property and Tithes, taken by J. Patteson, 1783, Lunenburg Co., VA at <http://files.usgwarchives.org/va/lunenburg/census/sun014.txt> shows John Webb, Jordan Webb, William Webb, and the neighbors.

35) Virginia Publick Claims, Vol. II, 1992, pp. 646, 650 show that John Webb filed a public claim on 15 Mar 1782; i.e., that he had previously furnished supplies to the Continental Army.