Middle names were not commonplace among English speaking people in America until after the Revolution. Before that time middle names were mostly used by the wealthy and gentry. Instances can be found among our Webb ancestors in America, but they were infrequent. The use of middle names really started to take hold after the Revolution, and by the time of the Civil War, it became customary to give children middle names. There is evidence that German immigrants were the source of bringing this custom to America.

As genealogists, we are thankful that middle names became a custom and often find ourselves wishing that our ancestors had used them earlier. They help us delineate between “our” John Webb and another John Webb in the same county, and we are even thankful for just the initial of the middle name as that can mean the difference in identification. But, there are also instances when we scratch our heads and wonder where the middle names of our ancestors came from. Was it our ancestor’s mother’s maiden name? Was it their grandmother’s maiden name? Knowing all along that the answer to this question could help us get back one more generation, add a surname to our family tree or give us another important clue.

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With Highest Esteem [cont.]

Perhaps our American ancestors were inspired by the national euphoria of becoming a new country. Perhaps there was a collective social need to advertise the high esteem they felt for their leaders, and names were the best form of expression of that esteem. For whatever reason, it became fashionable for our American ancestors to name children after politicians, religious leaders and military heroes. The increasing popularity of middle names created an ideal situation for the use of both the first and last, and sometimes even middle name of the revered person in the naming of their children. George Washington was the most popular name used, and most of us have run across more than just a few Andrew Jackson Webbs, Lorenzo Dow Webbs and John Wesley Webbs.

If our ancestor is named after an honored religious figure, politician or military hero rather than named for a family member, we are left somewhat empty handed, with little hope of that name providing clues to help with determining parentage or where our ancestor came from. These names, in a sense, are generic. But the name can still give us useful information. The obvious is that it tells us whom the parents particularly admired, but it can also give us a “snapshot” of our ancestor’s political or social mindset, and can tell us with relative certainty, what religion they may have been when they were named for a religious leader. But more often than not, these names do not provide us with information about what family they belonged to like a family name can.

Fortunately, there are exceptions to this, and that is when we are lucky enough to have an ancestor who was named for a man [or woman] with limited notoriety such as local ministers, county politicians, and even friends. In these instances, the given name can hold clues and help us in our search for our ancestor’s family. We may believe that our ancestor carries a family name, but if we are not certain of this, it is important to consider that our ancestor’s name may not have been passed down, but could actually be a name given to them to honor a friend, minister or other important person known to the family. I would suggest that this happened more than most of us realize.

Many of these names may not be familiar names and can be easily overlooked or erroneously accepted as a family name or mistakenly determined to be the mother’s maiden name. But if we determine that an ancestor was named for someone other than family, for example: if they were named for a local minister, and our ancestor later moved to another state, their name could point to where the family had previously been. This is equally true if our ancestor was named for a friend of the family. Many of our ancestors frequently moved, making it difficult to trace where they had previously lived. Studying the names of the children can provide clues to where they had been if the children were given the names of people left behind.

Names of early religious leaders, military heroes and politicians are not as familiar to us today. In particular, the hundreds of early ministers and preachers may be largely unknown to us and yet, they were often the most utilized namesakes. Below are several websites that provide lists and biographies of many of these men and woman, and they are a good place to start if you suspect that your ancestor is named for a religious leader.

The Presbyterian Heritage Center: http://www.phcmontreat.org/index.htm
Baptist History Homepage: http://baptisthistoryhomepage.com/
Institute of the Study of American Evangelicals: http://isae.wheaton.edu
WEBB Records Repository:

Northern Webbs in the South in 1860
[including NY, NJ & MI]

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Philip Hempberg 42, Nassau  
Sarah Webb, 14 [KY]  
James Webb, 13 [KY]  
Jane Wilson, 40 [KY]  
Mary Webb, 1 [MA]  
G. W. Webb, 19 [MA]  
Maria Webb, 18 [MA]  
Rachel Bell, 21 [MA] |
| Kentucky   | Edwd Webb, Lawyer    | Mason Co. KY  | 44  | ME    | Abigale [KY] |                               |
| Kentucky   | Jos. C. Webb         | Boyle Co. KY  | 24  | MA    | Mary [MA]   |                               |
Sarah E. Webb, 16 [LA]  
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James Cherry, 21 [NC]  
George Webb Jr., 2, [NY]  
Charles Webb, 35 [NY] |
| Louisiana  | George Webb          | Caddo Co. LA | 30  | NY    | Mattie [NY] |                               |
| Mississippi| George N. Webb       | Carroll Co. MS | 24  | CT    | none        | piano tuner  
Charles Webb, 8 [MS]  
Fanny Webb, 5 [MS]  
Hattie Webb, 2 [MS]  
Mary Webb, 1 [MS]  
Susan McMath, 95 [MS]  
Ann McMath, 74 [MS] |
| Mississippi| Rev. Warren S. Webb  | Lowndes Co. MS | 35  | NY    | Mary [GA?]  |                               |
| Missouri   | E. Webb              | St. Louis Co. MO | 24  | MA    | none        | Miller’s Boarding House  
E. Warren, 27 [MA]  
bar keeper, Kings Hotel  
Ira Webb, 23 [PA]  
Ellen E. Webb, 12 [IN?]  
Edmond B. Webb, 8 [IN?]  
Joseph Webb, 2 [IA]  
Leander Reynolds, 14 [IN]  
Vanity? Reynolds, 12 [IN] |
| Missouri   | F. J. Webb           | St. Louis Co. MO | 25  | NY    | none        |                               |
| Missouri   | Jonathan Webb        | Harrison Co. MO | 47  | NJ    | Mary [b. MS?] |                               |
| South Carolina | Newell Webb         | Richland Co. SC | 44  | MA    | Margaret [SC] | Martha A. Webb, 10 [SC]  
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Mary Webb, 9 [SC]  
Amanda Webb, 7 [SC] |
| Tennessee  | George A. Webb       | White Co. TN  | 48  | ME    | Louisa A. [TN] | 1 boarder                        |
Connecticut

Webb’s from Woodstock in Captain Israel Putnam’s Co., Fort Edward, 1755

Samuel Webb enlisted Nov 24, 1755 discharged May 29, 1756
Gideon Webb enlisted Nov 24, 1755 discharged May 29, 1756

[Source: Historical Collections: Holmes, Ammidown, 1877]

Webbs of Connecticut Over the Age of 80 in the Year 1884

Luther Webb, Meriden, age 87
Edwin Webb, Norwalk, age 94
Miss Mary Ann Webb, Scotland, age 84
Naomi Webb, Stamford, age 84
Benjamin Webb, Stamford, age 82

[Source: Ye names & ages of all ye old folks in every hamlet, city and town in ye state of Connecticut now living, Frederick H. Nash, 1884]

The Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut
Sarah J. Prichard, 1896

Pg 356 “The last of the Bissells living on the hill was Eunice Webb. She lived in the old house on the top of the hill, and removed with her husband, Reuben Webb, to the “West.” That portion of the Moss or Morse road that crossed Bissell hill, became the Webb road.”
[He had 13 children: Daniel, John, Sheldon. Barzilla and Polly drowned, Barzilla, Polly, Harshall, Marshall, Frederick, 
Ruth, Margaret, Garry]."

1.  Eliza, b. in Birm., June 11, 1824
2.  Charles, b. in Birm., Mch. 8; d. Sept, 1826
3.  John, b. in Birm., Mch. 20, 1828
4.  Sarah, b. Dec. 16, 1831
5.  Henry, b. Oct 4, 1834; drowned Mch, 12, 1840."

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Daniel Webb m. Sarah Benham, Feb. 20, 1785. He d. July 19, 1834
Jonathan Webb m. ____Brooks, Feb. 29, 1776.
1.  Harriet Ann, b. Aug. 1, 1826
2.  Hannah Eliza, b. Feb. 15, 1829

Reuben Webb, s. of Gideon of Saybrook, m. Eunice Bissell, d. of Ephraim, Jan. 28, 1776.
1.  Reuama, b. Feb. 1, 1777
2.  Thomas, b. June 11, 1779
3.  Reuben, b. July 28, 1781
4.  Ephraim, b. Sept. 14, 1783

Samuel Webb, s. of Gideon of Saybrook, m. Eunice Williams, d. of Daniel, Jan 31, 1760
Eunice d. Dec. 20, 1760, and Samuel m. Naomy Warner, d. of Timothy, Feb. 18, 1762. He d. May 24, 1790, in 
his 54th year.
2.  Daniel, b. Jan 8, 1763
3.  Aditha, b. Mch. 2, 1765
4.  Samuel, b. May 10, 1767
5.  Reuben, b. Jan. 8, 1770
6.  Jonah, b. May 16, 1772
7.  Nathan, b. Feb., 2, 1775
8.  Benoni, b. Dec. 2, 1777
9.  Lucy, b. Mch. 5, 1782
10. Asa, b. Jan. 18, 1785
11. A dau., b. and d. July 31, 1787

Pg 821 “Samuel D. Webb was a graduate of the Harvard Law school and came to Waterbury in 1869. He practiced 
law in this city about one year. After leaving here he practiced for a short time at Winthrop, Ga., and at Augusta, 
where he died in 1887. He was a judge of the city court of Augusta.”

Maryland

Misc. Colonial Maryland Records

Webs in the St. John’s and Prince Georges Parish, Maryland Census of 1776:

Thomas Webb Sr. & Elizabeth Webb 1 male between 16-50, 1 white male under 16, 1 defective & 1 white male above 16, 4 white females, 5 slaves above 16  [Next to a Shadrach Turner & Sarah Turner plus a John Hopper & Sarah]
Thomas Webb 3 male Webbs between 16-50, 5 male Webbs under 16, & Rebecca Webb 2 white females, no slaves
[Next to Simon and Mary Scott and Ezekiel & Elizabeth Burque]

Prince George's Co. Maryland Webb Marriages:

Sarah Webb m. Abraham Gardiner, April 5, 1783
William Millard m. Elizabeth Webb, June 22, 1780
Thomas Shelton m. Elizabeth Webb, Aug 6, 1777
Margaret Webb m. Mareen Carick, Jan 17, 1795
Martha Webb m. Samuel D. Beck, Aug 19, 1793

Webbs in Dorchester Co., Transquakin Hundred, Maryland Census of 1776:

Augustus Webb 1 male 21-30, 1 female 10 years or under, 1 female 21-30 years

John Webb 3 females, 10 years and under
1 male 10 to 16
1 male 30-40
1 female 30-40

Webb Baptisms, Prince George's Parish, Maryland:

Benjamin Young Webb of Thomas & Mary, Aug 30, 1794, July 28, 1794

Webbs in Queen Ann's Co., Upper Hundred, Kent Island Maryland Census 1776:

Harry Webb 1 male above 21
1 female above 21
1 male under 12
3 females under 12

Webb Baptisms, Prince George's Parish, Maryland:

John Webb m. Mary Hancock 1797

Webbs Who Signed the Prince Georges Co. Maryland Oath of Fidelity:

Thomas Webb
Thomas Webb Jr.

Webb Anne Arundel Maryland Marriage Licenses:

Levi Webb m. Casandra Wood, Dec 10, 1810

Webbs in Harford Co. Maryland March CT 1778:

Oath of Fidelity before Wm Webb, Esq. Decd.
Sml Webb
Samuel Webb Jr.

[Source: Maryland Records, Colonial, Revolutionary, County, Church Vol. 1 & 2, Brumbaugh, 1985]
New Jersey

The historical directory of Sussex County, N. J.
Edward A. Webb, 1872

Pg 19 Presbyterian Church of Andover
….After Mr. Smith left, the pulpit was filled by stated supplies until October, 1871, when Rev. Edward Webb accepted a call, and was installed on the 24th of November following.

Pg 78 Andover Township
Webb, Edw’d, Andover

Pg 95 Hardyston Township
Webb, William, Franklin
Webb, Abner, Stockholm

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Webb, Jas. E, Vernon
Webb, Wm H., Vernon
Webb, Austin, Vernon

Salem Co. NJ Wills


[Source: Salem Co. Wills, H. S. Craig, 1940]

John Fenwick, NJ


[Source: Biographical, genealogical and descriptive history of the 1st Congressional District, NJ, Wainwright, 1900]

Camden Co. NJ Marriages

James Barret m. Ann Webb Nov, 2, 1847
George W. Chamberlain m. Hannah A Webb July 26, 1863
John H. Webb m. Anna Patterson Dec 31, 1853
Charles H. Satchell m. Rebecca Webb July 18, 1872
John W. Webb m. Mary G. Wise Sept 11, 1873
Martin Webb m. Marietta Sharp April 3, 1870
Matthias Webb m. Ellen Stout Feb 4, 1867
Samuel Webb m. Ida Virginia Downing Aug 21, 1876 [both of Philadelphia]
G. W. Webb m. Susan Croak May 28, 1877

[Source: Camden Co. New Jersey marriages, Stanley H. Craig, 1900]
North Carolina

The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register
Edited by James Robert Bent Hathaway, 1900

Pg 244-254 Marriages

Pg 305 Misc. taken from Loose Papers among the records of Albemarle Co. at Edenton.
Jeremiah Goodridge proved his rights, viz: Jeremiah Goodridge, Walter Craddock, Jacob Littelwood, Jon Mosely, Obadiah Prenguello, Jon Billousley, Henry Clark, Thos. Webb. [1702?]

Pg 325-380 Abstract of Wills


Pg 392-413 Marriage Bonds of Chowan County
1801 - Hill, Aaron and Sarah Webb. April 16th, Reuben Hurdle
1806 - Parker, Jonathan and Kiddy Webb. Feb’y 18th, Lewis Goodwin.
1808 - Walker, Hampton and Anne Whiteman. March 9th, Moses Webb.
1812 - Johnson, Charles and Lavinia Woodward. June 15, Thomas Webb
1815 - Hobbs, Thomas and Ann Webb. Nov. 14th, Job Winslow
1815 - Parker, John and Mary Webb. Nov. 26th, Isaac Ward.
1820 - Bunch, Joseph and Sarah Webb. August 5th, Henry Wills, Jr.
Pg 418-422 North Carolina Continental Troops
Staff  Webb, John  Commissary  23 April, 1776

Seventh Regiment
Webb, Elisha  Ensign  28 Nov., 1776

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Webb, John, Northampton, Feb’y 11th, 1749. Feb’y Court 1749. Children Jolly, James, Jerry and Judith, wife Elizabeth and son Jolly Exrs. Test, Robert Hicks, Wm. Ragland.

Webb, Samuel, Bertie, May 24th, 1754; August 21st, 1754. Son Samuel, daughters Penelope, Anne and Elizabeth, wife Margaret Exx. Test. Moses Sumner, Tamer Williford, Easter Williford.

Pg 520-540 Abstract of Wills – Chowan Co. at Edenton, NC.


Elizabeth Ann Blount, born in 1790; married John Cheshire and left issue, Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, D. D., of Tarboro, and two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth D. McNair, of Tarboro, and Mrs. Sarah Webb, of Hillsboro, N. C.


Deal, Joshua, [Chowan], Dec. 21st, 1772. Grand-son Joshua Roberds, and his wife Mariam, daughter Allefear Roberds, son Joshua Deal, daughter Mary Roberts, daughter Ruth McClaland, wife Maryann, grand-son John Deal, grand-children John Roberds and Ann Deal, daughter Mary Roberts, daughter Ruth McClaland, wife Marcey Webb, Elizabeth Webb, Amos Griffin

Pg 550-552 Abstract of Wills
Ohio

Webb Land Purchases, Southeastern Ohio

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[Source: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840, Ellen T. & David A. Berry, 1985]

20th Century History of Delaware County, Ohio and Representative Citizens
James R. Lytle, 1908

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Joseph L. Webb was another of the early store-keepers of Delaware. He came in the year 1819, induced to do so through the representations of Colonel Byxbe, who happened to meet him on one [of] his trips east. Webb came of a wealthy family in New York, lured away from the comforts of his eastern home by the apparent possibilities of great wealth in the western frontier. The year after his arrival he set up in business in the same building in which Moses Byxbe, Jr., had conducted his unsuccessful venture, but he seems to have had no great success than had the building's former occupants. After continuing his business for a time he closed up with a loss of $10,000 and returned to the East.

Pg 113 Joseph L. Webb rented a room on the north east corner of William and Sandusky Streets, opened his goods and commenced business there. In the year 1821 Mr. Webb put up a two-story frame building that combined storeroom and residence, where S. P. Shur's store now is, and opened his stock of goods in this store-room, and his family occupied the residence. The ground between the building of Mr. Webb's and Mr. William Little's one story brick store on the corner above, was vacant and used by Mr. Webb as a garden, and was enclosed by a high board fence extending from the corner of Mr. Little's store down to Mr. Webb's house....
These gentlemen continued to operate the road until March 20, 1902, when it was sold to John G. Webb, who purchased it for the C., D. & M. Railway, of which he was president. The consideration was $50,000. The first cars were run over the tracks of the Delaware Electric Street Railway in November, 1892.

On April 21, 1827, the first Sunday school in Delaware County was organized in St. Peter’s parish by Isaiah Whiting, of Worthington, with Caleb Howard and Mrs. Webb as superintendents.

Sunbury, located in the east central part of the township, on the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railroad, was laid out by William and Lawrence Meyers on land formerly owned by a Mr. Alden, the plat bearing the date of November 9, 1816. It was well chosen as a townsite, being located on the Columbus and Mt. Vernon Road and contiguous to a large area of country without a trading point at hand. The first merchant was a Mr. Whitmore, who had established a store a year before the town was started but after a short time he was succeeded by Benjamin Webb.

20th Century History of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Ohio, and representative citizens
Thos. W. Sanderson, 1907

In June, 1862, he reached Youngstown and entered the employ of John M. Webb, then publishing the Mahoning Sentinel, a Democratic weekly paper that was opposed to President Lincoln’s war policy.

The Webb family came to the township in 1814.

During the next ten or twelve years settlers from Connecticut, with a few from Pennsylvania, came in rapidly, so that in 1810 the population was about 850. In a list of property holders contained in the township records for the year 1806 appear the following names: Abner Webb, William Drake, Joseph Merchant, Linus Brainard, Eli Baldwin, Haynes Fitch, George Stillson, John Davidson, Oswald Detchon, Elijah Boardman, Eleazer Fairchild, with his sons, John Amos, and Daniel Francis Dowler, Richard J. Elliott, Samuel Swan, Peter Stillson, Warren Bissel, and David Noble.

Andrew Webb, the first blacksmith in the township, came about 1804. He manufactured scythes, which he sold for $2 each, eastern scythes being then worth $2.50.

Section 5 was bought by James Webb and John Beard.

New Albany was laid out by Wilson Teester and Edwin Webb, the first postoffice being established prior to 1853. The first postmaster was Henry Thulen, who was succeeded by Joshua Webb.
Virginia

Webbs in the Virginia Records from the Chancery Court at Williamsburg


[Source: Virginia County Records, Vol. III - Williamsburg wills, being transcriptions from the original files a the Chancery Court at Williamsburg, Edited by William Armstrong Crozier]

Edward Webb, Lancaster Co. VA


Edward Webb of the County of Lanc., sells to John Colclough 110 acres, which was part of land sd Webb has of Tho Bourne. Dat. 2 Mar. 1660
Wit: John Bell, John Ffisher, signed: Edward Webb, Sara Webb, Recorded 20 Sep. 1660

“Aug 27th 1660, Be it remembered that I John Colclough ack. to x x have sold unto John Needles land within written” Wit: Willm Evenden, Edward Webb, signed: John Colclough, Mary Colclough, Recorded 20th Sept. 1660
Power of Atty. Sarah Webb, wife unto Edward Webb, planter, of the County of Lancaster, of the parish of Pieankitank, "do ordain and appoint my Honord husband my true and lawful attorney x x to acknowledge sale of land by him to John Colclough." Wit: Willm Edenden, Anne Nash, Recorded 12th Sept. 1660.

[Sources: Lancaster County, Record Book 2, 1654-1666, Beverley Fleet, 1961, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Beverley Fleet]

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Great Britain

Abstracts of Inquisitions post mortem relating to the city of London, returned into the Court of Chancery, 1908

Pg ix City of London Chancery Inquisitions       date       page
Webb [Webbe], Jn., citizen and saddler       1568       82
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Pg b82 John Webbe, citizen and sadler

John Webbe was seised of the messuage or inn called the Whitehorse, late in the tenure of the said John, with all the cellars, houses, warehouses, barns, stables, gardens, &c. thereto belonging, lying in the parish of St. Katherine Christ's Church within Algate, London; a garden now in the tenure of Richard Casy “Graye Tawier” between the garden there now in the tenure of Richard Taylour on the west, and the garden now in the tenure of __ Moore on the east, lying in Hownsdiche in the parish of St. Botolph without Algate; and the reversion and yearly profits of the said premises: which said premises the said John Webbe purchased to him and his heirs for ever of the gift of Robert Harris, esq., and William Barker, gent.

So seised, the said John Webbe made his will 7 August, 1568, and thereby bequeathed as follows [here given in English]: I give my messuage called the White Horse and the said garden to Alice my wife for her natural life. If it shall fortune the said Alice to “Lief in the worlde” until Margaret my daughter shall be married, then my said wife to pay to my said daughter 40s. yearly. After the death of the said Alice the said premises shall wholly remain to the said Margaret and her heirs, on condition that she shall not alienate the same. If she died without heirs, then I will that the wardens and commonalty of the “mistorie or Art” of Sadlers of the City of London shall enjoy the said messuage for ever, on condition that on Easter day in every year they shall pay to the next of my blood and his or her heirs for ever 40s., and to the “most poore” men of the said company other 40s.

The said premises are held of the Queen in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann., clear, L5.

John Webbe died 12 August last past in the said parish of St. Katherine Christchurch; the said Margaret is his daughter and next heir, and was then aged 5 years, 4 months and 5 days.

The said Alice late the wife of the said John still survives.

Whereas by a certain Inquisition taken at the Guildhall, 26 Oct., 8 Eliz. [sic, ? 10 Eliz.] [1566], before Roger Martyn, knt., then Mayor and escheator, after the death of a certain John Webbe, citizen and sadler, father of the said Margaret, it is found that the said John was siesed in his demesne as of fee of I messuage or inn called the White Horse then late in the tenure of the said John, with shops cellars, solars, &c, situate in the parish of St. Katherine Christchurch within Algate, London; 1 garden then in the tenure of Richard Taylor on the west and a garden there then in the tenure of [blank] Moore on the east, situate in Houndesdich in the parish of St. Botolph without Algate, London; also of the reversion of the same: which said premises the said John Webbe purchased to him and his heirs for ever, of the gift of Robert Harrys, esq., and William Barker, gent., as by a deed dated 7 March, 4 Eliz. [1562] appears.

So seised, the said John Webbe made his will, 7 August, 1568, and thereby bequeathed as follows [here given in English]: I give my messuage called the White Horse and the said garden to Alyce my wife for her natural life. If it shall fortune the said Alyce to live until Margaret my daughter shall be married, then my said wife shall pay to my said daughter 40s. yearly. After the death of the said Alyce the said premises shall wholly remain to the said Margaret and her heirs, on condition that she shall not alienate the same. If she die without heirs, then I will that the wardens and commonalty of the “misterye or Arte” of the Sadlers of the City of London shall enjoy the same messuage for ever, on condition that on Easter Day in every year they shall pay to the next of my blood and his her heirs for ever 40s., an to the poor men of the said company other 40s.

The said messuage and garden are held of the Queen in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann., clear, L5.

John Webbe died 12 August last past, the said Alice his wife entered into the said premises and took the profits thereof, with remainder to the said Margaret.

Now the jurors say that the said Alice married George Gynne whereby the said George and Alice were seised of the said premises, with remainders as before.

The said Margaret died 2 August, 16 Eliz. [1574], without heirs of her body, being within the age of 14 years.

The said George Gynne in right of Alice his wife, who still survives, takes the profits of the said premises. Chan. Inq., p. m., 18 Eliz., part 2, No. 10.

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Christopher Webbe on the day of his death was not seised of any messuages, lands or tenements in the City of London in demesne reversion or service, but long before his death he was seised of the 3rd par of 1 capital messuage with le wharfe thereto belonging, in 3 parts to be divided called le Ashling wharfe and formerly called Puckman’s wharfe and afterwards called Crechurchwharfe and lately called Gybson’s Key alias Draper’s Keye, formerly in the tenure of Christopher Draper, knight, in the parish of St. Dunstan in the East, London; and the 3rd part, in three parts to be divided, of all those messuages to the said capital messuage annexed, now or late in the several tenures of William Wyggin, John Bryckett and Robert Nunne.

So seised, the said Christopher Webbe, the license of the Queen bing first obtained, by charter dated 8 January, 34 Eliz. [1592], acknowledges, according to the custom of the City of London, before William Fleetewode, recorder, and Wolstan Dixie, knight, alderman, and afterwards enrolled in the Hustings, in consideration of a competent sum of money to him paid by William Webbe his father, then Mayor of the said City, now Knight, granted all the said premises to the said William Webbe and his heirs for ever.

The said sum of money mentioned in the said charter was L200 and the said premises were not worth more than that.

Before the making of the said charter, viz., on the 6th day of January, 34 Eliz. [1592], the said Christopher made his will and made his said father executor.
Afterwards the said William administered the goods and chattels of the said Christopher and paid to his wife and children their due portions, and also his debts.

The said charter and bargain were made by the said Christopher to the said William in good faith and not to the intent to defraud the Queen of her prerogatives, primer, seisin or relief.

The said premises are held of the Queen in chief by the 3rd of the 20th part of a knight’s fee, and are worth per ann., clear, L6 13s. 3 ¾ d.

Christopher Webbe died 11 January. 34 Eliz.; William Webb, junior, is his son and next heir, and is now ages 2 years, 5 months and 5 days. Chan. Inq. p. m., vol. 236, No. 63.

Pg 3_298-300 Thomas Webb, Citizen and Haberdasher


Thomas Webb was seised in his demesne as of fee of the moiety of all that manor or farm called Aryndell alias Arundell in co. Kent and of the moiety of 68 acres of land in the parish of Minster in the Island of Thanet, in co. Kent, parcel of the said manor; and the moiety of all other the lands, tenements, medows, woods, marshes, rents, &c., lying in the vills, parishes and fields of Mynster and Monketon in the said Island of Thanet or elsewhere to the said manor belonging.

The said Thomas was also seised as of fee and right, to him and his heirs of the reversion expectant after the death of Thomas Webb, senior, who still survives, brother of the said Thomas Webb, deceased, of the other moiety of the said manor or farm called Aryndell and of the said 68 acres of land and of all other the said messuages, lands, &c, in Minster and Monketon.

The said Thomas Webb [named in the writ] was seised in his demesne as of fee of I messuage, tenement, or inn, called le Crossekeyes, lying in White Cross Street in the parish of St. Giles without Cripelgate in London, now or late in the tenure of John Garrett and at one time being a messuages; also of 3 other messuages being in the said White Cross Street, now or late in the several tenures of Michael Blackborne, Peter Mere and John Kelstarne, at one time being 4 tenements; also of 2 messuages or cottages with a garden and orchard thereto belonging lying in the parish of St. Mary Bredden alias breddyn in the City of Cantebury, and now or late in the tenure of John Humble and Tussen True; also 2 messuages or cottages and 2 gardens thereto belonging being in the parish of St. Mary within the said City of Canterbury, now or late in the occupations of – Carre, widow, and – Tussen.

So seised, the said Thomas Webb made his will, 12 March, 43 Eliz. [1601], and thereby bequeathed to Thomas Webb his elder son all that manor of Arundell and all the messuages, lands, rents, &c., thereto belonging lying in Minster and Monketon aforesaid: to hold to him and the heirs male of his body; for default, to Berington Webb his son and the heirs male of his body; for default, the remainder thereof to John Webb his 3rd son and the heirs male of his body; and for default, the remainder thereof to Francis Webb his 7th son [sic] and the heirs male of his body; for default, to the heirs male of the body of the said Thomas Webb [named in the writ] for ever; and for default, to the right heirs of the said Thomas Webb for ever.

The said Thomas Webb likewise bequeathed 2 parts [in 3 parts to be divided] of all his messuages and lands in White Crosse Street to Nicholas Webb and Berington Webb his sons and the heirs male of their bodies; for default, the remainder thereof to the said Thomas Webb, the son. And the heirs male of his body; for default, they successively in tail male of the body of the said Thomas Webb, and his right heirs for ever.

The said Thomas Webb by his said will gave to John Webb his son all his messuages, lands, &c, in Canterbury: to hold to him and his heirs male; for default, then successively in tail male to the said Thomas, Nicholas, William, Berington, Francis Webb his sons, the heirs male of his body, and his right heirs for ever.
The said manor or farm called Aryndell and the messuages, &c., thereto belonging, except the said 68 acres of land in Minster are held of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury, commonly called Christ Church, as of their manor of Mouton in the said Island of Thanet in free socage by the yearly rent of 10s. and 1 hen, and suit at court, and the said manor with the said 68 acres of land is worth per ann., clear, L5. The said 68 acres of land in Minster are held of the Queen as of her manor of Minster in free socage by the yearly rent of – fealty and suit at court. The said premises in White Cross Street are held of the Queen in chief by the service of the 100th part of a knight’s fee, and are worth per ann., clear, L4. The messuages, cottages and gardens lying in the parishes of St. Mary Bredden and St. Margaret in Canterbury are held of the Queen in free burgage of the said city, and are worth per ann., clear, 20s.

Thomas Webb died 7 May, 43 Eliz. [1601]; Thomas Webb is his son and next heir, and was then ages 29 years.

An account of the ministers, lecturers, masters, and fellows of colleges and schoolmasters, who were ejected or silenced after the Restoration in 1660. by, or before, the Act of uniformity

Edmund Calamy, 1713

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Upton-gray, or Droxford: Mr. Noah Webb, M. A. He was also cast out of Chevely in Berkshire, four Miles from Newbury: But that I think was a Sequestration. He was a Man of great Devoteneds to GOD, and Zeal for the good of Souls. An excellent, plain, practical, useful Preacher. The last Place he preach’d in publickly, was Upton-gray in this County. After he left that Place, he settled about Frimly; and afterwards remove’d to Saunders. He want about doing Good, preaching almost continually, in several Places: Neglecting no Opportunity of Service, tho’ there was the greatest Danger. He rode Forty Miles for his own House, for Three Quarters of a Year together, to preach at Auburn in Wilts; returning Home every Webb. He dy’d in 1676: Aged about 43. A Man of an excellent Conversation. A Pattern of Holiness. He quite wore himself away with Studying and Preaching; and dy’d of a Consumption. His Funeral Sermon was preach’d by Mr. Daniel Burgefs: And being Printed, the Reader is refer’d to it.

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