

THE WEBB BULLETIN

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Message in a Bottle

An intriguing glimpse into a man's heart and mind expressed in a message tucked away for someone to find over 100 years later.



Fay Long and Helen Sneed had decided that the house that they had inherited from their father had seen its best days and needed to be torn

down. The house had seen a string of owners, having originally been built on 229 acres of land in Richmond County, North Carolina, less than a mile from Rockingham. It was built in 1859 and now 100 years later, in 1959, they enlisted Mr. Sikes to do the job of tearing it down.

The house was known as the old Dawkins House. Lewis Henry Webb had sold the property to John Wesley Dawkins in 1870, eleven years after Lewis Henry Webb and Colonel Walter Leake Steele had designed and built the house to be the focal point of their new business adventure: Sunnyside Nurseries and Pomological Garden. One hundred years later, that business had long been forgotten, and Mr. Sikes, in early April of 1959 began to demolish the old place. In the eastern end of the house, over the bay window, Mr. Sikes discovered a sealed bottle. In the bottle were two messages, one from Colonel Steele, and the other from then thirty-one year old Lewis Henry Webb, left for just such a discovery 100 years later.

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From the Administrator

Dear Project Members,

I have begun to make descendant charts as an alternative way to view the Webb Y-DNA groups. Each lineage/kit # is set against a simple timeline, and shading is used to represent a migration. Only birth year and birth state [or country] are used due to space and simplicity. The charts will be going up on the website as I complete them [and as time permits]. Links to them will be next to the group names on the "Lineages" page. Please let me know of any changes or corrections to your information on these charts or elsewhere. Thank you!

Eileen

“...it is the message left in the bottle by Lewis Henry Webb that gives us a touching glimpse of the heart of a young man, away from his family, hoping for love and speaking across the years to his descendants, whom he hoped would treasure his words if they were to ever receive them.”

Message in a Bottle [cont.]

The message written by Colonel W. L. Steele, later Congressman Steele, spoke mainly of the business adventure he and Lewis H. Webb had embarked on. He wrote that the building was “intended as a specimen of rural taste and architecture” and was to be “surrounded by shrubbery, tastefully laid out, and thus afford examples of the beautiful to be followed by our friends and a pleasant retreat for ourselves and families where we can enjoy ourselves among fruits and flowers, feeling profoundly grateful to a good Providence for all His blessings, and especially “casting our lines in such a pleasant place.” Colonel Steele also included the nursery’s inventory, and even by today’s standards, it was well stocked:

237 apple trees embracing 36 varieties
 403 peach trees, 19 varieties
 120 standard pear trees, 22 varieties
 294 dwarf pear trees, 7 varieties
 Ever-blooming rose bushes and “choicest evergreens”

They hoped to add apricot, cherry and plum trees to their list of offerings in the future.

Colonel Steele related that their business endeavor was “much ridiculed by many citizens of Rockingham. He offered this as a sort of mission statement:

“The foregoing Proprietors entered into a partnership for the purpose of raising fruit trees and ornamental shrubbery by which they believed the tastes and social advancement of their fellow-citizens would be improved and their moral feelings elevated. Of course as no man can live by patriotism alone, it was hoped that whilst we were improving the tastes, and adding to the enjoyments of others, they would in their turn, give us a substantial “quid pro Quo,” in the shape of a liberal and remunerative patronage. To enable us to consult the material interest hereinbefore set forth, by showing to others our earnestness and capacity in what we proposed and satisfying ourselves, too that we “could” and “would” do all as promised, this building was designed and constructed.”

We can surmise that their noble-minded ambitions and their horticultural business adventure were ended by the Civil War.

But, it is the message left in the bottle by Lewis Henry Webb that gives us a touching glimpse of the heart of a young man, away from his family, hoping for love and speaking across the years to his descendants, whom he hoped would treasure his words if they were to ever receive them.

Here is what he wrote:

“Nov 17, 1859

Today, the plasterers being about to enclose a considerable space over the bay window at the eastern end of this house, I have asked Colonel W. L. Steele to write a brief history of the “Sunnyside Nurseries and Pomological Gardens” to drop therein, thinking that if the house stands as long as wooden buildings generally do in this country, say forty or fifty years, that it might prove interesting to our successors, or to those who may

demolish this building to read of what may then be "the olden time." The Colonel having complied while I was lathing a niche over the fireplace in the East room [and which he will persist in calling a "fish basket," though I think it extremely classic and therefore quite suggestive, rather of a beautiful Statuette than anything Fishy.] I have determined to add a few private thoughts, if they should not be found until this house is torn down on account of old age or decay, I can hardly think they will fall into hands of and be read by any one who will feel any particular interest in them, by reason of relationship to the writer.

I desire then, that if when this paper is discovered, there are none of my "kith and kin" here to receive it, that, those who do get it, will forward this to them, wherever they may be.

I write this for these reasons:

First, I am not married, though now 31 years and 6 months old. And have not relatives in North Carolina at this time. I know how greatly I should be pleased NOW to find such a SCRAP as this, written by any one of my ancestors even 40 years ago. And I doubt not that there may be when this paper is discovered some who will feel such an interest in myself.

I may yet marry. Though whom I cannot tell, for I am unengaged, and not courting any lady, and perhaps I may be blessed with affectionate and fond children, who will love any reminder of their father even as they love him or revere his memory. But should I not marry, which is more than probable, for the reason that I have reached an age when the chances of marrying are growing rapidly more and more limited; and the further reason that I have been always thus far very unfortunate in my matrimonial pursuit. Some of my brothers, or my only sister [God bless her] may have children who will remember kindly their "Uncle Lew," and be glad to read and preserve these lines.

I would if my time permitted write a great deal, but as I have always intended if spared to a sufficient season to write all that I might do here, I will not now go to such length.

I have said above, that I have been unfortunate in my search for a wife. I have detailed at length elsewhere my courtships, and especially that of my love for, and engagement to Miss E. J. Ledbetter, as also the circumstances of the breaking off of that engagement. She is still unmarried, and need I say that she is still dear to me, though I have long since given up all hopes of ever marrying her.

This year [1859] in June I addressed a Miss Fanny LeGrand who rejected me. I love her, but I had been schooled on a bitter school, and have learned to bear such disappointments with fortitude.

I have been residing in this building since April of 1859, leading a lonely bachelor's life, sighing for a congenial spirit, in a wife.

I mean to try again soon, but who, I know not.

I am Clerk of the County Court of Richmond county, and my record book speaks for my official capacity. I am now in the third year of my second term. Whether or not I shall seek the office again, I do not know. I have been told by good friends that I can have it as long as I desire it.

I am assisting a poor carpenter by the name of Moody in building a house for John D. Shaw, Esq. a lawyer residing in Rockingham. I am only assisting him by hiring his hands for him. I hope he may make a start on this job as he is an honest and ingenious mechanic who deserves assistance from all good men. I do not ask for or expect any other reward than a consciousness of having sided a deserving man.

Last night I took tea with my friend Colonel Walter Steele. I found his son James unwell. His daughter Alice bids fair to become a lovely woman. If she makes as good a one as her excellent mother, she ought to be happy.

Today the hands on this place are engaged in ditching, setting out cuttings of Japonicas, planting peach seed, etc.

To you who may read this, I give this advice and close,

BE HONEST
BE INDUSTRIOUS
BE FRUGAL
SEEK WISDOM
LOVE GOD AND SERVE HIM
AND YOU WILL BE HAPPY!

- Lewis Henry Webb”

Another small sheet of paper read:

“To Whomsoever This May Come:

Should not I come forward and claim this, or some of my descendants, if any are in this vicinity, please forward to any of my relatives, wherever they may be. Inquiries made at Rocky Hill, Connecticut [if no where else] may prove successful. - L. H. Webb”

Lewis Henry Webb did eventually marry, but he would have to wait six years. He married Gattie Anna Lawrence in 1865, and they had three daughters: Frances, Celestia and Gattie. Just two years after he wrote the message and had placed the bottle in the wall, a much more somber and mature Captain Lewis H. Webb wrote eloquently in the pages of his diary, an important document of the Civil War, now housed in the Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is a poignant illustration of the twists and turns of life.

Lewis was the son of William Griswold and Celestia [Chappell] Webb. William had moved from Rocky Hill, Connecticut to Richmond Co., North Carolina in 1824. He was a merchant, and in 1837, started a cotton factory. He died in Florida in 1867, having gone there in hopes of improving his health. Lewis Henry Webb died in 1902 in Franklin, Virginia. His wife followed him in 1910.

Lewis Henry Webb is represented “in theory” by the David Webb [b. c1690 Boston, MA] DNA Group, though he has no male descendants.

William Griswold Webb b. Dec 23, 1802, Rocky Hill, CT
d. March 29th, 1867, Lake City, FL
m. Celestia Chappell on Oct 12, 1827

Issue:

Lewis Henry Webb b. July 20, 1828, d. 1901 VA, m. Gattie Anna Lawrence
William Harvey Webb b. Feb 18, 1830
Hiram Hailey Webb b. May 14, 1833
Sarah Olivia Webb b. Nov 7, 1841
Walter John Goodrich Webb Sept 6, 1844

On April 16, 1959, about a week after the bottle was discovered by Mr. Sikes, a newspaper article appeared in the Rockingham Post-Dispatch about the discovery and its contents as well as the transcriptions of the messages. You can view the article at the Webb Surname DNA Project website: [Repository>North Carolina>Richmond Co.]:

<http://www.webbdnproject.org/resources/Lewis%20Henry%20Webb.pdf>

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WEBB Records Repository:

Indiana

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

List of members admitted to the Indiana State Soldiers' Home during the year ending June 30, 1896:

Webb, Joseph P., Co. G. 148th Ind. Inf., Corp., 7 months, native of Ohio, age 68, catrrh, hemhds., admitted from Marion County, Carpenter, single, can read and write, admitted June 3, 1896.

[Source: Report of Gen. William W. Averell, US Army, assistant inspector-general N. H. D. V. S., to Gen. William B. Franklin, president, Board of Managers, Averell, 1897]

Albert C. Webb of Indianapolis

"**Webb, Albert C.**, business man; born Joplin, Mo., September 9, 1877; A. B. Missouri State University 1894; was master mechanic Joplin Zinc Mines four years; entered automobile business 1899; auto racer and engineer and

designer autos up to 1906; designed the first motor fire engine in the world; was president and manager Webb Motor Fire Engine Co., at St. Louis; with Studebaker 1914-1916; commissioned captain ordnance January, 1918, in charge of all ordnance production Indiana district until August, 1918, then chief of production of tanks and motors at Washington until close of war; defeated Barney Oldfield for world's championship at St. Louis World's Fair 1904, also Vanderbilt Cup races 1904; residence Indianapolis."

[Source: Centennial History and Handbook of Indiana, George S. Cottman, 1915]

Reuben T. Webb

"Reuben T. Webb, and active and enterprising citizen of Randolph Township, residing on section 19, was born in Brown County, Ohio, March 28, 1817, a son of Reuben H. Webb who was a native of Orange County, Virginia. Our subject was reared to the vocation of a farmer, which he followed many years, and in his boyhood received a limited education in the rude log cabin subscription schools of his day. At the age of thirteen years he began learning the cooper's trade, which he followed for twenty years. He came to Indiana in the fall of 1849, remaining in Montgomery County until the following spring when he came to Tippecanoe County. He returned to Montgomery county in 1852, and in 1856 removed to Fountain County, returning to this county in 1858 when he settled on the place where he has since made his home. He was married May 5, 1835, to Miss Anna Sidwell, daughter of Henry Sidwell, and of the seven children born to this union five yet survive – Mrs. Cassie A. McClelland, Horace, Mrs. Emily Brunton, Elizabeth C., and Ellis E. One son, James A., died of disease contracted while in the service of his country during the war of Rebellion. Mr. Webb enlisted in the Mexican war, but his services not being required he was sent back to his rifle company. He served fourteen months in the war of the Rebellion, in Company C, Fortieth Indian Infantry when he was discharged on account of the failure of his eyesight. He now draws a pension from the Government. While in the service he participated in a number of engagements including the battles of Shiloh, Mumfordsville and Corinth. In politics he affiliates with the Republican part. Both he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and are classed among the respected citizens of Randolph Township."

[Source: Biographical record and portrait album of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 1888]

Misc. Webbs in Posey Co., Indiana

Sophia and Elizabeth Webb, securities in murder trial:

"On the 29th of October, 1817, a young physician of much promise, by the name of Thomas Moore Parke, accompanied by his wife, located in the embryo village of Mt. Vernon, and immediately began the practice of his profession. Soon after his advent into that frontier village, a man by the name of Peter Hendricks, while riding a fractious horse, was thrown against a stump of a tree, near the corner of Walnut and Second streets, and killed. The young physician, for purposes of dissection, it is supposed, obtained possession of the body by some means and conveyed it to his stable loft, in the rear of the hotel now know as the European, and covered it with hay. Some one passing through the alley in the rear of the building referred to, accidentally discovered the feet of the corpse, and the presence of it in the stable of Dr. Parke caused a suspicion of body-snatching to be directed against him, which ended in outspoken indignation. It is said that Mrs. Rachel Givens, a woman of high connection, allowed her anger to lead her to take steps that would result in the physician's punishment. She employed a profligate and drunken fellow by the name of George Gibbons to avenge this wrong, and promised to reward him with a jug of whisky if he would personally chastise the doctor. Five months after his arrival, March 29, 1818, the young physician was crossing Second street, when Gibbons with an ashen club, stealthily came up to him from behind, and struck him several blows, killing him instantly. AS it was the first tragic even that had occurred in the County, it created considerable excitement. Gibbons was arrested m with some difficulty, and taken to the jail at Springfield.

He was indicted by the grand jury at the May term of the Circuit Court, 1818; was arraigned May 20, 1817, before David Hart, presiding judge, and was placed under bond of \$1,300 for his appearance at the September term of the Court following, with Charity Byrd, Bryant Byrd, Aaron Bacon, Mary Ann McFaddin, Catherine Richardson, Sargent Moss, [Sophia Webb](#), Benijah Moss, [Elizabeth Webb](#), John Bradley, [who afterwards had his neck broken by falling from a wagon], John Aldredge, Andrew McFaddin and Hyman Richardson, securities. At the same time Rachel Givens, the instigator of the crime, was indicted and held as an accessory, in the sum of \$2,500, with Thomas Givens, Seth Hargraves Nathan Smarth and David A. Mills, securities. Richard Daniel was the prosecutor who, on June 7, 1819, entered a nolle prosequi in both cases, and Gibbons and Mrs. Givens discharged.

It is said that, soon after their liberation, Gibbons and his wife were placed in a little boat, with provisions and poisoned whisky, and set afloat on the Ohio River. Gibbons partook freely of the whisky and he died from the effects of it in a short time afterward. Before the boat was beached on the rocks on the Ohio River, on the Indiana side above Uniontown, the wife gave birth to a child. Gibbons was buried on Hovey's Lake, in an old graveyard, near the roadside. Several years after this event, when an old woman, Mrs. Givens started for California, but while enroute over the plains she was attacked by cholera and died, and was buried in two barrels in a valley in Wyoming Territory. Mrs. Gibbons was afterward married to Joshua Kel Curtis, by whom she had five children, all of whom are highly respectable people."

Posey Co. Directory c1882:

[Allen Webb](#), farmer, Point twp, Mt. Vernon
[Alonzo Webb](#), farmer, Lynn twp Grafton
[Edward Webb](#), farmer, Point twp, Mt. Vernon
[James Webb](#), farmer, Black twp, Grafton
[James Webb](#), laborer, New Harmony
[Reuben Webb](#), farmer, Lynn twp, Grafton
[Wm E Webb](#), farmer, Robb twp, Stewartsville
[Wm H Webb](#), farmer, Lynn twp, Grafton

[Source: History and Directory of Posey County, W. P. Leonard, 1882]

History of Clay Co., Indiana

William Travis, 1909

Deserters from the Draft of July 18, 1864:

[Henry Webb](#)

History of Miami Co., Indiana

George W. Ewing and John J. Slocum, 1914

"During the years 1835 and 1836 lands in Perry township were entered by...[Noah Webb](#),... [John Webb](#)... some of these settled upon their lands and others bought for the purpose of speculation."

Waupecong – "...Otto P. Webb put in a large stock of goods soon after the town was laid out and carried on a successful business for several years..."

138th Infantry: Private [Oliver H. Webb](#)

Illinois

Lazarus Webb m. Creek

Lazarus Webb was born in Virginia, January 13, 1774 and had brothers, **Charles**, **William** and **Eli** and sisters **Nancy** and **Elizabeth**. **Lazarus** migrated with his brother **Eli** to the Duck River area in Tennessee, and then on to Kentucky. In Kentucky, **Lazarus** met a woman named Nancy Creek, born April 15, 1780 in Kentucky, and she and **Lazarus** were married in 1797.

The **Lazarus Webb** family, along with brother **Eli**, came to Illinois in 1812. They first settled in Saline County, but moved on to Northern Township at **Webb's** Prairie in Franklin County where they purchased land in 1816.

One of **Lazarus** and Nancy's children died young. Another, named **John**, a preacher, died when he was 22 years old. The other fourteen children of **Lazarus** and Nancy lived to adulthood and raised families.

The Hill and **Webb** families were "linked" in 1822 when Richard Hill [1799-1838] married **Mary Anna Webb** [1805-1828]. **Mary Anna Webb** was, according to this source, of "German descent" and "traced her ancestry to the "Green Isles." Richard and **Mary Ann Webb** Hill purchased land in 1822, six years after her parents, **Lazarus** and Nancy.

[Source: Hill: Hill, Webb, Spires, Daugherty, Verda Bush Hill, 1968]

Will Co., Illinois

Roll of Property Owners in 1842:

Webb, Thomas heirs of

Tax-payers in Joliet Township & City [1884]:

Mary Webb

George Webb

John Webb

Patrick Webb

Plainfield Township Pioneers:

R. D. Webb, 1851

"The first board of trustees were J. McAlister, George N. Chittenden, **Robert Webb**, Jonathan Hager, and John D. Shreffler."

Tax-payers of Plainfield Township [1884]:

K. Webb

Robert D. Webb

"**R. D. Webb**, born in England, August 2, 1829, came to the United States in 1850, and to Plainfield in 1851. In 1862 he and Jacob Hoffer bought the Dillman foundry and established their wagon shop, which was burned January 28, 1877. The people rebuilt the shops immediately, and **Mr. Webb** resumed his business. In 1854 he revisited England, and there married Miss Mary Ward of Yorkshire.

[Source: Souvenir of settlement and progress of Will County, Ill, 1884]

Winnebago County, Illinois

Military:

Miles C. Webb, enlisted Sept 1, 1861, discharged Sept 7, 1864.

John H. Webb, enlisted Aug 8, 1862, Corpl., died at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 25, 1864, wds. rec'd at Reseca.

Rockford City Directory [1877]:

James Webb, r 1201 S. Winnebago; s s.

Rev. Wm R Webb, D. D., r 604 N. Second; e s.

Rockton Township [1877]:

John Webb, baker; Rockton

[Source: The History of Winnebago County, Ill., 1877]

**List Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War, 1831-32 and the Mexican War, 1846-8
1882****Black Hawk War:**

Capt. Aaron Bannon's Co.

Corporal Alexander W. Webb, Greene Co., enrolled June 19, 1832, horse lost.

Capt. Henry L. Webb's Co.

Capt. Henry L. Webb, Alexander Co., enrolled May 19, 1832

Capt. Milton M. Maugh's Co.

Private Thomas J. Webb, enrolled May 19, 1832, transferred June 6 with leave.

Capt. Abner Eads' Co.

Corporal Thomas Webb, enrolled April 23, 1832

Mexican War:

First Regiment:

Private John B. Webb, Alton, Ill., enrolled June 18, 1846. [mustered at Camargo, Mexico]

Company L:

Private James Webb, Alton, Ill., enrolled June 22, 1846. [Discharged at Camargo, Mexico]

Company I:

Private John Webb, enrolled June 6, 1846.

Capt. Josiah Littell's Company:

Private William W. Webb, Alton, Ill, enrolled August 1847

Iowa

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

List of members admitted to the Iowa State Soldiers Home during the year ending June 30, 1896:

Webb, Francisco D., I, 23d N. Y. Inf., Pvt., 36 months, native of Ohio, age 53, piles, lungs, admitted from Iowa, Gardener, widower, can read and write. Admitted on July 18, 1895.

Webb, Nathan L., E, 2d N. Y. Mounted Inf., Pvt., 10 months, native of New York, age 58, gen. deb., admitted from Iowa, Ship joiner, married, can read and write, admitted on Jan 2, 1896.

[Source: Report of Gen. William W. Averell, US Army, assistant inspector-general N. H. D. V. S., to Gen. William B. Franklin, president, Board of Managers, Averell, 1897]

Mark Webb of Le Grand, Marshall Co., Iowa

“This township is the point where the first settlement was made in the county. It then had no name, but was known as Township 83, Range 17. Mr. Joseph Davidson came in 1847, and settled upon one of the hills east of the Iowa River, in a beautiful grove, which afterward bore his name. Here he lived in a little cabin with the Indians, without a white neighbor for fifty miles. His brother, William Davidson, came a little later, and settled on the farm now owned by Anderson and Hammond, and the farm that Joseph first occupied is owned by Benedict and Hammond. The Davidsons did not wait to reap the harvest of their pioneer ventures, but when settlers became plenty, and civilization and abundance were a foregone conclusion, they moved to Oregon to find elbow room. **Mark Webb** came to Le Grand on the 27th day of May, 1851, from Columbiana Co. Ohio, and pre-empted the 160 acres of land on which he now lives, entering it the following year. He broke five or six acres in June of that year, using a 16-inch “Moline Breaker” and three yoke of oxen. In the same Spring, with **Mr. Webb**, came William Allman and three sons, settling on the farm now owned by D. Benjamin. These settlers were obliged to go to Iowa City for provisions, and there nearest neighbor was a man named Griffeth, at Rock Valley Mills, who owned the first mill- or “corn cracker” as it was called – in that region. It contained a small pair of buhrs, 2 1.2 feet across, and could crack from eight to ten bushels per hour. Some preferred, after the corn was cracked, to sift it, thus making what they considered very good flour. Mr. S. N. Knode came in February, 1852, and lived in a hut that had been used by a passing hunter, and was without door or chimney or even a floor. Lindley Jones and Eli Inman came this same year with their families, Jones settling where Faulkner now lives, and Inman north of them. **Webb** and Knode built a cabin in 1851 on the present Benedict place.

Mr. M. Webb and James Allman were the first to lay out Le Grand village, in 1852. Mr. Sanders, of Iowa City, had been called to survey out La Fayette, and on his homeward journey, he did the same service for Le Grand. **Webb**, Allman and Inman were the owners of the site, and they gave the new village its name after Le Grand Byington, a lawyer of Iowa City, who had rendered them some assistance on their way out.”

1878:

“**M. A. Webb**, far; P. O. Le Grand; owns 127 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre; born Feb 19, 1822, in Columbiana Co., Ohio; read law with H. Ambler, and attorney of Salem, for three years, and was admitted to the bar; came to Iowa in the Spring of 1851, and set-on his present farm; part of the town of Le Grand was laid off on it in 1852; there were no settlers within sixteen miles south from Le Grand; there nearest market was Iowa City. Married C. M. Voorhies Sept. 27, 1854; she was born Aug 19, 1833, in New York City; have six children living – Elizabeth E., Susan, William W., Ann, Carrie, Harry M.; lost two – Mary and Nettie. Republican.”

[Source: History of Marshall Co., Iowa, 1878]

Michigan

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

Names of members present at Michigan Soldiers Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, on the 30th day of June, 1896:

“**Webb, William, E.** 14th N. Y. Art., Pvt, 18 months, native of New York, age 87, old age, gen. deb., admitted from Michigan, Feb. 9, 1894, farmer, single, can read and write.”

[Source: Report of Gen. William W. Averell, US Army, assistant inspector-general N. H. D. V. S., to Gen. William B. Franklin, president, Board of Managers, Averell, 1897]

Nathan Webb of Pittsfield, Michigan

“**Nathan Webb** – Was born in Middlesex, N. Y., Jan 25, 1808. He received a good education, mostly from private teachers, and in 1836 received his diploma as a physician, and practiced at Rushville, N. Y. In 1846 removed to Pittsfield, Mich., and purchased a farm, where he resided until his death, Dec 3, 1884. For many years he was a supervisor, also justice. In 1861-2 he was Senator. He was first an Anti-Mason, then a Democrat, and from 1854 a Republican. He sent three sons to the war, and served as a surgeon for several months. His wide information, literary tastes, firm principles and ready wit, made him a man of mark and influence.”

[Source: Early History of Michigan, S. D. Bingham, 1888]

Francis Marion Webb of Gratiot Co., Michigan

“**Francis Marion Webb**, a farmer on section 5, Arcada, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in the year 1849, son of **Philip and Sarah [Duck] Webb**, both of whom were born in Tuscarawas County. Their other children were **William, George, Charlie, Henry and Ella**. **Henry** died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1904. **Ella** died in Alma in 1901, leaving a family of seven children. She was the wife of Joseph Ellison.

Francis M. Webb was married to Miss Matilda Reed, December 9, 1875. She was the daughter of Noah and Elizabeth [Miner] Reed, the former born in Wood County, Ohio, the latter born in Harrison County, Ohio. **Mrs. Matilda Webb** was born in Wood County, Ohio in 1853. Her brothers and sisters were Minnie, Mary, Samuel and Welcome, born in Wood County, Ohio; Ella and Lucretia born in Lucas County, Ohio. Ella, Mary and Welcome died in Lucas County.

Francis M. Webb came to Gratiot with his family, including his mother, four brothers and one sister, in 1879. His own family consisted of his wife and four children. They settled on section 5, Arcada, the farm which has ever since been their home. The four children referred to were all born in Defiance County, Ohio. Eight more were born in Gratiot County. Three boys were born in the shanty first built on the farm. **Mary** died in her youth, and **Sadie** died in infancy. **Ida** died at the age of 14 years, in 1901. **Will** died in 1899 at the age of 21. **Zetta** was married in 1899 to Arthur Childs, and lived near St. Louis, this county. **Joseph** is a resident of Alma, and **Edwin** lives in Howell, Mich. The rest of the children reside with their parents.

Mr. Webb and family, though by no means the earliest pioneers, came early enough to see Gratiot County in a much wilder and more primitive condition than at present. Large and unbroken tracts of dense woods still existed, and it has required persevering industry to transform the forest into the fine farm that now constitutes their home. They are reckoned among the respected and substantial residents of Arcada.

[Source: Gratiot County, Michigan, Willard D. Tucker, 1913]

New Jersey

New Jersey

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

List of members admitted to the New Jersey Home for Disabled

Erasmus K. Webb, B, 3d N. J. Inf., Pvt., native of the US, age 64, gen deb., admitted from NJ, Jan 23, 1896, Bricklayer, married, can read and write.

[Source: Report of Gen. William W. Averell, US Army, assistant inspector-general N. H. D. V. S., to Gen. William B. Franklin, president, Board of Managers, Averell, 1897]

Webbs in Warren Co. NJ Directory, 1929

Percy Webb, 41 Willow Street – grocery clerk
May Webb, 41 Willow Street – housewife

[Source: History and directory of Warren County, New Jersey, Shampanore, 1929]

Vogt. Brothers Complete Morris County, New Jersey Directory for 1897-98

Dover:

Webb, John H., painter, h Blackwell

Madison:

Webb, James A., alcohol in N. Y., h. High

Webb, Fay H., laborer, h. Greenwood av

Hanover:

Webb, Harry R., carpenter

Mt. Freedom:

Webb, Charles, laborer

Captain Thomas Webb and the Rise of Methodism in New Jersey

“But Methodism, in its ecclesiastical form, owes its origin in New Jersey, under God, to the labors of a local preacher, an officer in the British army, **Captain Thomas Webb**. The first Methodist society in the city of New York was formed in the latter part of the year 1766, by Philip Embury, a local preacher who had emigrated from Ireland about six years previously. The infant society was soon joined by the zealous captain, who was a brave a soldier of the cross as he was of his king. He soon proceeded to Philadelphia, and lifted the standard of Methodism in that city and formed the first class there in 1767 or 1768.

Accordingly we find **Captain Webb** preaching justification by faith in the town of Burlington, New Jersey, as early as the year 1770. It is probable, indeed, that he preached in the province at a little earlier period than this, but in that year he was stationed in Burlington on duty, and preached in the market house and in the court house. On the 14th of December 1770, he formed a small class, and appointed Joseph Toy...As **Captain Webb** laid the foundation of Methodism in New Jersey, it is fitting that in tracing its progress to its subsequent commanding position and influence, the memorialist should pause to pay a respectful and grateful tribute to his character.

He was a lieutenant under Gen. Wolfe at the capture of Quebec in 1759, where he received a wound in the arm, and lost his right eye. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. John Wesley, after enduring severe mental struggles in which he was led to almost despair of the divine mercy. This happy even occurred at Bath, England, about the year 1765. He joined the Methodist society, and soon commenced to exercise his gifts as a public speaker. "The congregation with which he was waiting being disappointed of their preacher, he was called upon to address them, which he did with such acceptance as soon to induct him into the office of a local preacher. Soon after this event he was appointed Barrack-Master in Albany, in the province of New York, whither he immediately removed with his family...

...It I not know with certainty how long, at this time, he remained in this country, but in 1772, Mr. Wesley, in a letter, speaks of him as being in Dublin, Ireland, and says, "He is a man of fire, and the power of God constantly accompanies his word." ...

...In the year 1774, he was again, as we shall see, in New Jersey, and also in Philadelphia. During the session of the Continental Congress of this year, the elder Adams hear him preach, and bears a high tribute to his ability as a public speaker. The testimony of this eminent statesman ought, we think, to go far towards deciding the question concerning the rank his mental qualifications entitled him to hold, as a preacher of the gospel. That testimony is as follows: "In the evening I went to the Methodist meeting and heard **Mr. Webb**, the old soldier, who first came to America in the character of a Quarter Master, under General Braddock. He is one of the most fluent, eloquent men I ever heard; he reaches the imagination and touches the passions very well, and expresses himself with great propriety."

Captain Webb possessed a clear and happy experience of Divine things; yet it is said "that he always took care to guard weak believers against casting away their confidence, because they could not always realize the same bright testimony of their justification by faith in Christ with which he had been so highly favored." ...

...The death of the old veteran is said to have occurred suddenly. "Having a presentiment of his approaching dissolution, a few days before his death he expressed his wish to a friend respecting the place and manner of his interment, adding, "I should prefer a triumphant death; but I may die suddenly. However, I know I am happy in the Lord and shall be with him, and that is sufficient." A little after 10 o'clock on the 20th of December, 1796, after taking his supper and praying with his family; he went to his bed in apparent good health; but shortly after his breathing became difficult; he arose and sat at the foot of the bed; but, while **Mrs. Webb** was standing by him, he fell back on the bed, and before any other person could be called, he sunk into the arms of death without any apparent pain, aged 72 years."

Thus ended the labors and the life of the hero of the first battle of Methodism in New Jersey, and the founder of one of the most commanding and powerful ecclesiastical structures in the State. His name and virtues deserve a chief place in the registry of the cause upon its historical records, and are worthy of being enshrined forever in the hearts of New Jersey Methodists."

[Source: Memorials of Methodism in New Jersey, John Atkinson, 1860]

New York

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

Names of members admitted to the New York Soldier's and Sailors' Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors July 1, 1895, to June 30, 1896:

Webb, Thomas, E., 5th N. Y. Inf., Pvt., 25 months, native of the US, age 58, rheum, deaf., admitted from Albany, N. Y., June 16, 1896, occupation: Butcher, widower, can read and write.

[Source: Report of Gen. William W. Averell, US Army, assistant inspector-general N. H. D. V. S., to Gen. William B. Franklin, president, Board of Managers, Averell, 1897]

Ralph Webb of Addison, Steuben Co., NY

"**Ralph Webb**, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Addison, was born April 7, 1891, at Elham, Kent County, England. He was educated in a grammar school in England, the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., and the Boston School of Religious Education, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Religious Education. He also attended the Boston School of Theology, receiving the degree of B. S. T.... It was in 1913 that **Mr. Webb** came to America, first settling at Buffalo. He became an American citizen at the time of the World War, during which he served as a member of Co. K, 346th Infantry, 87th Division, and was overseas a year. He returned home to the States in 1919 and soon after this entered Lima Seminary... He was ordained at Boston. His first pastorate was at Middleton, Mass., Congregational Church where he remained 3 years. In 1931, he was called to the September conference at Bradford, Pa., and was appointed by Bishop Leonard to the Clinton Street M. E. Church of Lockport. He remained there 2 years, coming to Addison in the autumn of 1933. He married, Nov. 4, 1931, Gertrude Ellis Farrell, at Magnolia, Mass., her home being at North Andover, Mass. **Rev. and Mrs. Webb** have a son, **Ralph, Jr. ...**"

[Source: Who's Who in Steuben, William M. Stuart, 1935]

A Webb Buried in the Old Dutch Burying Ground of Sleepy Hollow, NY

"In Memory of

John Webb

Who departed this life

Feb 19, 1853

Aged 30 y'rs 10 mo. & 19 d's

One we loved has left our number

For the dark and silent tomb

Closed his eyes in death to slumber

Faded in his manly bloom

Yet again we hope to meet thee

When the day of life is fled

When in heaven with joy to greet thee

Where no farewell tear to shed

Erected by **Sarah Webb**"

[Source: The Old Dutch Burying Ground of Sleepy Hollow, in North Tarrytown, New York, William Graves Perry, 1953]

Thomas Webley inherits land, 1691

"I Lewis Morris, commonly called Col. Morris of New York." "Whereas I fully intended to have made my nephew Lewis Morris, son of my deceased brother Richard Morris, sole executor of this my will. His many great miscarriages and disobedience toward me and my wife, and his causless absenting himself from my house, and adhering to, and advising with those of bad life." He make his wife Mary sole executrix. Leaves to **Thomas Webley**, 200 acres of land in New Jersey. To Lewis Morris of Shrewsbury L20. "To my loved friend Wm Penn my negro man Yoff, provided he comes to live in America." Legacies to Wm Bickley, Wm Richardwon, Samuel Palmer, and to John Adams of Flushing L. I. To "nephew Lewis Morris all lands at Matinecock on L. I." To meeting of Friends at Shrewsbury L5 a year. To meeting of Friends in New York L6 a year, "to be paid out of my plantation over against Harlem." I leave to my nephew Lewis Morris, son of my brother Richard, when 21, all the rest of my estate in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, that is my plantation and Iron works at Tinton and all lands...to dearly beloved wife Mary...my house and land in New York city situated over against the Bridge." ...Dated Feb 2, 1690. Proved May 15, 1691."

"Colonel Lewis Morris was the son of William Morris of Monmouthshire, England, and had brothers William and Richard. He obtained title to the tract called Bronx land, which was patented to him by Governor Andross in 1676. His nephew and heir, Lewis Morris, though wild and reckless in his youth, became one of the first men of the Province of New York, and was a member of the Assembly, where he exerted great influence. In 1697 he obtained from Governor Fletcher a new patent for his estate, which was established as the Manor of Morrisania.

The "plantation over against Harlem" is the Manor of Morrisania."

[Source: Early Wills of Westchester Co. NY, Pelletreau, 1898]

Ohio

Genealogy of a branch of the Webb Family which came to Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio in 1814 or 1815

Claude Charles Hamel, 1948

"**Reuben N. Webb** b. Jan 8, 1770, d. April 30, 1838 in Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio.

Private burial plot in South Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, and near the old site of the **Webb** Tavern. The plot was surrounded by "spoil bans" from the sandstone quarries nearby, are the remains of the following tombstones with inscriptions:

To the Memory of **Reuben Webb & Mary**, his wife

Reuben Webb

b. Jan 8, 1770

d. Apr. 30, 1838

age 68 yrs. 3 mo. 22 days

Adaline

Lauretta M.

Reuben A.

Children of **A. & D. Webb**

Adoniram, son of
R. & M. Webb &
Deidamia, his wife.

The first person buried in the plot was a child of **Reuben Webb** who died shortly after arriving in Ohio. In 1814-15, **Reuben Webb** and his family lived near Shupe grist mill on Beaver Creek [Park Foster Road, north of Amherst, Ohio] They built a tavern at **Webb's** Corners. This tavern later transferred ownership to Stephen Cable and then later burned down.”

Misc. Ohio Webb Marriages

Dec 4, 1804 – **Elisha Webb** to Nancy Tomlin by Wm Davis, Esq., Ross Co.
 Jan 29, 1813 – **Robert Webb** to Nancy Fitzgerald, Pickaway Co. [license date]
 Oct 14, 1814 – **Nellie Webb** to Benjamin Freeman by Rev. Geo. Alkire, Pickaway Co.
 April 4, 1820 – **Martha W. Webb** to Benjamin Graves Jr. by A. Buttles, JP, Franklin Co.
 Nov 14, 1820 – **Susan Webb** to John Adams by Sanford Converse, JP, Licking Co.

[Source: Ohio Marriages, Marjorie Corrine Smith, 1975]

Jacob Webb of Harrison Co., Ohio

“**Jacob Webb**, a native of Maryland, b. 1773; removed to Brownsville, Penn., before 1800, where he m. Hannah Kirk, b. 1775; d. 1858; daughter of Adam Kirk, a native of Pennsylvania; settled in Athens township, Harrison county, Ohio, 1809, where he d. 1833; had issue: 1. **Sarah**; 2. **Esther**, m. Joseph Huff, and settled in Athens township; 3. **Edith**, m. John Major, and settled in Athens township; 4. **Hannah**, m. Cyrus Holt; 5. **John**, b. Feb. 5, 1806; settled in Athens township; m. Nov. 11, 1830, Martha Holmes, b. in Short Creek township, Jan 8, 1811, daughter of Col. Joseph Holmes [had issue: i. **Joseph**, b. 1833; ii. **Jacob**, b. Nov 8, 1833; m. 1860, Sarah Dickerson, daughter of John Dickerson of Athens township; settled in Athens township]; 6. **Mary**, m. Robert Eano, and settled near Columbus, Ohio; 7. **Jacob**, d. in western Illinois; 8. **Ann**, m. John Perrego, and settled in Athens township; 9. **Ezekiel**, m. Mary Corbin [had issue: i. **John**, settled in Athens township; ii. **Rebecca**, m. Joseph Figley, and settled in Indiana]; 10. **Joseph**; 11. **Robert**, settled in Illinois; 12. **Phoebe**, d. aged seven years.”

[Source: Ohio Valley Genealogies, Charles A. Hanna, 1900]

Misc. Clark Co. Ohio Webb Marriages

Andrew J. Webb m. Barbara Jane Nigh, Jan 21, 1862
Jesse Webb m. Virginia Jane Truesdale, June 27, 1861
William Webb m. Margaret Taylor, April 18, 1833

[Source: Clark County, Ohio Marriage Records, 1818-1865, 1936]

Charles Henry Webb

Charles Henry Webb - "The subject of this sketch, though starting life under every disadvantage of orphanage and poverty, has managed by hard work and economy to establish himself in the world and read positions both of trust and profit. Originally a blacksmith, and accustomed to make his living by the hardest kind of manual labor, he rose steadily and has been repeatedly honored by his fellow citizens by election to offices of responsibility, including those of trustee and justice of the peace. His father, **Francis Webb**, was an Englishman, married Mary Davis, of the same country, and by her had five children, of whom those surviving are: **Emma**, wife of a Mr. Thomas; **John**; **Charles H.**; and **Ellen**, wife of a Mr. Thurman.

Charles Henry Webb, third in age of these survivors, was born at Bristol, England, in 1846, and by the death of his father in 1848 and his mother a year later, was left an orphan at three years of age. When ten years old he was sent to an aunt in Nova Scotia, who took care of him for two years, after which he found refuge for six years with friends in Canada. While in that country he learned the blacksmith's trade, which afforded him a livelihood during his subsequent residence at Cleveland, Ohio. Securing a position in the nut and bolt factory in that city, he worked there for five years, and then south a new location at Youngstown. Shortly after his arrival he secured employment in another nut and bolt factory, located at Youngstown, and continued to work there for the five following years. This ended his active career as a mechanic, as at the end of the period mentioned he was called by the people to a different kind of employment. The office of trustee of Youngstown township having become vacant, **Mr. Webb** was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of eight months, which he did so acceptably as to lead to his election for the full term of four years. At the expiration of that time he was re-elected for a second term, which was followed by election to the office of justice of the peace. He served three years in that position, and in April, 1901, got another endorsement of his official conduct by being re-elected for the term which he is now filling.

Mr. Webb was united in marriage, at Kingston, Canada, with Mary Davis, of that city, and they have had four children, of whom the only survivor is **Isabella**, now the wife of Fred Donaldson, of Youngstown. **Mr. Webb** is a member of the Episcopal church, of the Knights of Pythias, and his political connections are with the Republican party."

[Source: Genealogical and family history of eastern Ohio, 1903]

Utah

Some Webbs of Richmond, Utah

Joseph Webb m. Hendricks

Cora Jane Hendricks, d/o of Samuel Allen & Eliza Abigail [Hendricks] Hendricks born March 25, 1874 in Richmond, Utah. She married **Joseph Webb** on February 13, 1895 in Logan Temple. **Joseph Webb** was born June 7, 1869 in Richmond, Utah, son of **Simon & Elizabeth [Roswell] Webb**.

Cora died December 4, 1951 and was buried in Richmond, Utah. **Joseph Webb** died August 14, 1956 in Logan, Utah. **Joseph Webb** was buried in Richmond.

Joseph and Cora Webb had six children, all who were born in Richmond, Utah:

Renaul Webb, b. 12 Nov., 1895; d. 21 Jan. 1899

Alta Eliza Webb, b. 21 June 1899; m. Frank Lee Crockett

Samuel Milton Webb, b. 1 Nov. 1902, m. Albertina Corbett.

Verda Elizabeth Webb, b. 21 Mar. 1905; m. William Kenneth Bickmore

Delmar Hendricks Webb, b. 16 Jan. 1908; m. 1st Hazel Hirst; 2nd Maisie Burt; 3rd Vadna Brooks.

Gilda Norene Webb, b. 8 June 1911, m. Jule Albretsen”

Joseph Lawrence Webb m. Lewis

Eva Bodella Lewis, d/o Joseph Henry and Mary Bodella [Jensen] Lewis, was born December 27, 1894 in Lewiston, Utah. Eva married Joseph Lawrence Webb October 1, 1919. Joseph was born in Richmond, Utah on October 12, 1899. He was the s/o John Robert & Mary Arabel [Laurance] Webb.

Eva and Lawrence Webb had two children, both of whom were born in Richmond, Utah:

Lewis Dell Webb, b. 9 dec. 1920; m. Bonnie Nell Robinson in Malad, Idaho

Arlo Jay Webb, b. 12 Dec., 1925 m. Jeannie Marie Sawyer in Portland, Oregon

Dayle Jesse Webb m. Barthlome

Wilma Barthlome, d/o Lucile Hendricks Pond & Oliver David Barthlome, was born November 16, 1913 in Thatcher, Idaho. Wilma married Dayle Jesse Webb in the Logan Temple on December 23, 1936. Dayle was born November 12, 1913 in Richmond, Utah, son of Jesse and Ione [Thompson] Webb.

Wilma and Dayle Webb had three children.

[Source: A record of the ancestry and descendants of Henry & Sarah [Thompson] Hendricks of Monmouth Co., New Jersey, Allen, 1963]

Virginia

Annals of Tazewell County, Virginia

John Newton Harman, 1922

Marriages:

This certifies that the Marage Contract has been Legaly Solemnised between George Webb and Betsey Perdew March 10th 1817 – Isaac Quinn

I hereby certify that I celebrated the rites of matrimony between William Srader and Susann Webb July 18th 1830 – Jonathan Quicksall

Milton Hankins and **Elizabeth Webb** Nov, 22, 1840. Elder Wm Henkel

I do hereby certify that on the 5th day of May 1846 I joined James Mitchel and **Anna Webb** in holy wedlock. Given under my hand this day. – John Sizemore.

James G. Whitt and **Nancy Webb** married September the 4th 1850. – William McGuire

Robert Webb and Nannie J. Rains, April 26, 1865

Alexander Beavers and **Rebecca Webb**, November 27, 1865

Records:

A power of Attorney, from **George Webb** to William Stalman of N. C., dated Feb 10th, 1800; p 3.

Civil War:

John Webb, missing White Sulphur, 1863

Greenville Webb, missing, White Sulphur, 1863

War with Germany:

Hobart William Webb, Raven, VA, age 21, white, 8-20-18

John Rufus Webb, Boissevain, VA, age 21, African American, 9-30-18

Annie P. Webb of Lynchburg, VA, daughter of Albert Webb.

“...William James Dickerson b. March 3, 1838. He died July 19, 1920. He married **Annie P. Webb** on Dec 18, 1867 and she lives in Lynchburg, Virginia. He enlisted in Co. H. 18th Va. Infantry, Hunter’s Brigade, Pickett’s Division, Longstreet’s Corps. He was in the battles of Manassas, Gettysburg, and Hatcher’s Run. At Hatcher’s Run with all his brigade he was taken prison and imprisoned at Point Lookout.

Annie P. Webb was a daughter of **Albert Webb** who was a Confederate soldier and who died in 1864 from fever contracted in the army. He was the son of **Nathan Webb** and Mary [Polly] Strange, his wife. The mother of **Annie P. Webb** was **Mary Elizabeth [Jennings] Webb**. She was born 1826, died Dec. 22, 1900 and was the daughter of James Jennings who died 1868, and who in 1822, married Phoebe Ford of Cumberland County, Virginia. James Jennings was the son of Allen Jennings who married a Miss Gilliam. Allen Jennings was the son of Robin Jennings who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war...”

[Source: Family tree book: genealogical and biographical: listing the relatives of General William Alexander Smith and W. Thomas Smith, W. A. Smith, 1922]

Misc. Webbs of Appomattox Co. VA

Albert Webb m. Jennings

Henry Webb [1849-1899], m. Susan Lewis, [1850-1929]

Issue:

Van Webb b. 1886, m. Peggy Wooldridge

Stella Webb b. 1888, m. S. W. Caterson

Nannie Webb b. 1890

John R. Webb b. 1896, m. Miss Glenn of Prince Edward

John Thomas Webb, m. Wilkerson

Issue:

One daughter m. Pugh

Two sons, both unmarried

John William Webb [1861-1943], m. 1st Fetner Webb, m. 2nd Lelia Walker Ferguson

Issue:

John Walker Webb b. 1902

Richard Meade Webb, b. 1904

Carrie Webb b. 1910

Thelma Webb

Henry Delaware Webb b. 1912

William Archer Webb b. 1915

Martin Luther Webb b. 1917

Robert Everett Webb b. 1919

Monroe Webb m. Ruby Otway Jenkins

Nathan Webb m. Polly Strange

Samuel Webb b. 1846, m. Sallie Ann Coleman, b. 1846

Issue:

Ella Webb m. W. T. Coleman

Anna B. Webb b. 1871, m. Patrick Stacks, m. 2nd William Caterson

James Webb b. 1877

Charles Webb b. 1879

Sydnor Webb [1833-1897] m. Cassie Dickerson

Issue:

George E. Webb, b. 1867 m. Mamie Elam of Prince Edward

James A. Webb b. 1869, d. 1939, m. Mamie Beasley

John Henry Webb b. 1869, d. 1890

Mary Alice Webb b. 1871, d. 1873

Mildred Webb b. 1873, d. 1943 m. P. W. Coleman

Lizzie H. Webb, b. 1875, m. Russell Thomas of Prince Edward

Cassie Webb b. 1876, m. Joel W. Coleman

[Source: The History of Appomattox, Virginia, Nathaniel Ragland Featherston, 1948]

Misc. Webb Notes: Halifax Co. VA

List of Vestryman of Antrim Parish, 1752

[Merry Webb](#)

Sworn Justices of Court held March 1753:

[Merry Webb](#)

1754:

On hearing the petitions of sundry inhabitants of this county in and about the Wharf Mountains, Praying that a road may be run from Hickey's road at or near the plantation of [Merry Webb](#), the nearest and best way to intersect Hickey's old road at the Horse Pen Pasture's Creek. Ordered; That Charles Lowder, John & William Blevins do now lay off and mark a way according to the prayers of the said petition, and report thereon at the next court.

Petitions:

[Merry Webb](#) vs. Joseph Mays, for "assault and battery."

June 25, 1791, Col. William Carrington of Charlotte Co. to brother-in-law, William Cabell Jr. in Amherst Co.:

"...Here we have proof that immortal "Father of our Country" did spend a night in the Old Town Halifax, whether with George Carrington in the old rectory recently pulled down, or in a tavern near the Court House, is not revealed. He came at dark, he left at daylight, but the romance of the tradition saved the old rectory from destruction until within the last few months, when [Mr. David Webb](#) had it pulled down and built a modern structure on the old site for his daughter, Mrs. Wallace Moore..."

Recollections of Mrs. Emma Green Phillips:

"...I have not seen the Terry coat-of-arms, but the grandson of my aunt, Elizabeth Terry, [Mr. David Webb](#), of Halifax county, has it..."

[Thomas Webb](#) m. Lucy Slate

Issue:

[Dorothy Webb](#)

[Lucy Webb](#)

[Ella Webb](#)

[Thomas Webb](#),

[William Webb](#)

Terry Family:

"Nathaniel Terry was one of the justices of the first court held for Halifax Co., 1752..."

...Nathaniel Terry, Gent., has left in Halifax County numberless worthy descendants, and his children's children are scattered throughout many states...

...His daughter, Nancy, married Colonel Berryman Green, and, according to the statement of [Mr. David Webb](#), a direct descendant, they are all buried in the old "Thompson graveyard. [no stones to verify it.]"

Marriages:

[Susannah Webb](#) to Thomas Whitlock, Nov 28, 1788

[S. J. Webb](#) to James Drummond, Dec 30, 1846

[Sally Webb](#) to Enoch Farmer, Feb 22, 1833

Ann B. Webb to Leroy G. Hopkins, May 29, 1833
E. Webb to Gabriel Jones, May 18, 1837
Maria R. Webb to William Wilson, May 28, 1833
Elijah Webb to Susan Hudson, Feb 11, 1824
Willington Edward Webb to S. C. Terry, Dec 19, 1844
Richard H. Webb to Louisa W. Blackwell, Dec 21, 1843
Wilson Webb to Mildred Carley, Sept 28, 1836
J. H. Webb to M. M. Martin, Dec 27, 1838

Ministers:

Rev. John Webb

[Source: A History of Halifax County, Virginia, Wirt Johnson Carrington, 1924]

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