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## *Webb Sea Captains*

*from Salem Massachusetts*

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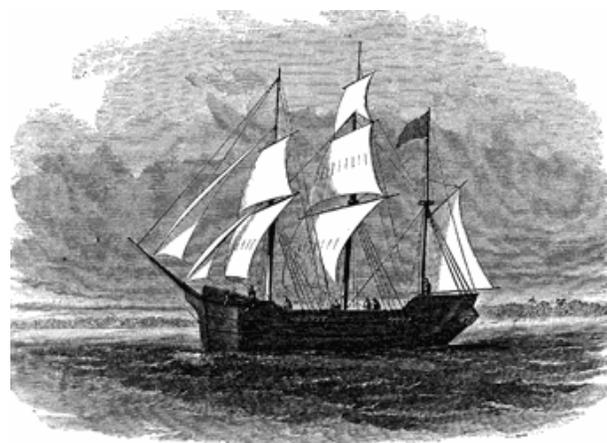
### Introduction

Webb sea captains spanned three centuries of life at sea and on the land in Salem, Massachusetts.

The first recorded voyages by Webbs of Salem were in fishing ketches with small crews in the late 1600's.

In the American Revolution, privateer brigantines commanded by Webb sea captains captured English ships and sold the cargo and ships as prizes. By the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Webb sea captains were negotiating contracts in Arabic for trade with Zanzibar and bringing home silks from Canton.

This article combines information about the careers of Webb sea captains and information about their lives at home, including their families, their descendants and ancestors. From the 1600's through the late 19<sup>th</sup> century there were about 25 sea captains named Webb in Salem. There were many, many other Webbs from Salem who were not sea captains, but were mariners, coopers, supercargoes, first lieutenants, or seamen. Too many of



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## From the Administrator

Dear Project Members,

I would like to introduce our new contributing writer, Kathy McHale! Kathy has done a phenomenal job researching and writing this issue's comprehensive and informative three-part article on Webb Sea Captains of Massachusetts. Part two and three will be featured in upcoming newsletters. Please join me in thanking Kathy for her contributions to the project! If you have any comments or questions, please send them to me and I will pass them along to Kathy.

- Eileen

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## Webb Sea Captains from Salem, Massachusetts [cont.]

these individuals died young, either in accidents or violence at sea or from disease, and never had the chance to advance to captain. Some tried life at sea and chose to work on land instead.

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Likewise, knowing that a cooper, or barrel maker, can have a career onboard ship helps explain the transition made by my ancestor John Webb from Salem barrel maker to shipping merchant.

Knowing about the decline of seafaring in Salem in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century as bigger ships demanded bigger harbors can prompt a genealogist to look elsewhere, such as Boston, for the descendants of one’s Salem ancestors.

For Y-DNA research, knowing about the lives of seafarers helps to explain some of the difficulty in finding Webb Y-DNA descendants living today. Many potential Y-DNA ancestors died at sea before they ever married and had children.

Daniel Vickers and Vincent Walsh have written the book [Young Men and the Sea: Yankee Seafaring in the Age of Sail](#). This is a wonderful resource for anyone wishing to learn more about the lives of seafarers and their families in Salem. Vincent Walsh generously shared notes and databases about Webb mariners used in writing this book. For Part 1 of this article, focusing on the colonial days, his information about voyages and personnel were invaluable.

Part 2 of this article will focus on Webb sea captains from the time of the American Revolution to the War of 1812. Part 3 will focus on Webb sea captains involved in the expansion of trade around the world in the mid to late 1800’s.

In deciding whom to consider as a “sea captain” in this article, fairly broad criteria were used. An individual was included as a “sea captain” under any one of the following circumstances:

The Vital Records of Salem listed an individual as Captain or Capt. in the listing of his marriage, death of himself, his wife or children, the birth or baptism of any of his children, or his own baptism.

Essex County Probate Records listed his occupation as Capt., Captain or master mariner.

Newspaper accounts referred to him as Captain or Capt. in connection with a ship or life event.

The records of the Young Men and the Sea database identified him as a master or captain on a voyage.

Genealogical books consulted mentioned in their text that the individual was a “sea captain” or “master mariner”.

**Part 1: Colonial Days****Captain Daniel Webb Sr.  
Mariner, Shipwright, Tavern Keeper & Teacher**

**Captain Daniel Webb** was born about 1651 or 1652 based on a deposition he gave in 1716 stating that his age was 64 at the time. His parents and place of birth are not known for certain, but he may have been the son of an early John Webb of Salem. There was a John Webb who purchased property in 1669 from John Mason. At least one descendant of Daniel Webb believes that this particular John Webb is his earliest ancestor.

Daniel Webb, Sr. married Mary Becket in Salem, Massachusetts on 20 July 1675. She was the daughter of John Becket, shipwright, and his wife Margaret. Though no record of death for either Daniel or his wife Mary has been found, they must have died by 1721 or 1722, since their property descended to their heirs in 1722, as recorded in Essex County Deeds from 1742.

Daniel served as master of the ketch Tryall of Salem in 1678 and again in 1679 on voyages from Ireland to Salem.

Here is how the 1678 and 1679 voyages of Daniel Webb appear in the Essex County Notarial Records:

[1716] "Depositions of Daniel Webb of Salem, mariner, aged 64 years,... Daniel Webb further testified that he was master of the afore ketch Tryall of Salem and brought over the said Elizabeth Comer whose maiden name was then Elizabeth Dynn about 1679 and that the year before he took the son of said John Dynn, William Dunn, as an apprentice and brought him to New England."

In 1684, Daniel Webb Sr. was the master of the ketch Blossom on a voyage from New England to Barbados. According to custom records, this ship entered Barbados on 15 Mar. 1684.

These are the only three known voyages that Daniel Webb made as master or captain, but Daniel Webb Sr. continued to identify himself as a mariner as late as the age of 64 when he gave the above mentioned deposition.

Beginning in the late 1680's, however, Daniel did pursue other occupations as well.

According to the Essex County Quarterly Court Records, in 1688 Daniel was fined 5 pounds for selling liquor without a license, but by 1689, the selectmen of Salem approved of Daniel Webb as a keeper of a house of entertainment.

Evidence that Daniel Webb Sr. also worked as a shipwright and a teacher is cited by Vincent Walsh in a database developed for the Young Men and the Sea project. According to the William Pickering account books, in 1707 Daniel Webb Sr. had been paid for work done on the construction of a Lillie vessel in Salem: "Since he had been one of the top paid employees, it indicates he was a shipwright." (Walsh). Further, in 1713 in William Pickering's account book, Daniel Sr. is credited a sum of money for teaching John Webber the art of navigation.

In his older years, Daniel Webb's son paid some of his father's debts, as was the custom of the time. Walsh's database contains the information that in 1712 Daniel Jr.'s account was debited for money Pickering had given to Daniel Sr., and in 1713, his son Daniel Jr. paid the remaining 6s. of his debts.

In 1682-3 Daniel Webb of Salem, mariner, for fifty pounds purchased a house and lot of Elizabeth Turner, widow of John Turner. In 1683 Daniel paid 3s. in Salem country taxes, and lived in the ward of Phillip English, constable.

Daniel Webb, Sr. and Mary Beckett had the following children, the births of their first five children being found in the Salem Vital Records to the end of 1849, citing court records, and the baptisms of the last two being found in the Records of the First Church of Salem.

**John Webb**, b. 17 April 1676

**Margaret Webb**, b. 20 February 1677, d. 1682.

**Perez Webb**, b. 1 April 1680

**Mary Webb**, b. 14 August 1682

**Daniel Webb Jr.**, b. 5 September 1688 – a sea captain

**Elizabeth Webb**, b. June 1692

**Margaret Webb**, b. before 24 May 1696

### The Captains John Webb

It appears that there were at least two captains named John Webb who lived in the time frame of 1650 to about 1770. In fact, there may have been three Captain John Webbs in that time frame, but it is certain that there must have been at least two. Sorting out which man identified as Captain John corresponds with the John who was ship master or captain on a particular voyage is difficult.

In the colonial period in Salem, the following voyages are known to have had a captain named John Webb: (Most of this information is from the voyage database used in writing *Young Men and the Sea*.)

John Webb was master of the ketch *Swallow* sailing from Salem on fishing voyages from 1684 to at least 1687. Jonathan Corwin was the owner of this ship. These voyages are found in the Jonathan Corwin papers at the Peabody Essex Museum.

John Webb was master of the Ketch *Speedwell* of Salem, a ship of 16 tons, on a voyage made in 1698. Phillip English and Daniel King owned this ship.

John Webb was master of the sloop *Mary* on a fishing voyage in 1699 from Salem to Cape Sable with a crew of 6, on a ship of 36 tons.

John Webb was master of an unnamed ship that made a fishing voyage from Salem to the North Atlantic in 1700. This may be the same voyage that is mentioned in the Essex County Notarial Records for 17 Aug. 1700, where there is a lengthy description of a voyage in which Capt. Jno. Webb, commander of an English fishing sloop from Salem, rescued two individuals whose ship capsized.

John Webb was the master on a trip from the Leeward Islands to Barbados in 1716 on the ship *John Bon Adventure*, a ship of 35 tons,

John Webb was the master on a voyage in 1718 from Antigua to Barbados on the ship *Samuel* of Barbados, carrying rum. This ship was owned by Joseph Young.

Those are the voyages on which a John Webb is known to have been the master.

The following are references found to a "Capt. John Webb", not specifically connected to a voyage:

ES Waters states that a decision was made on 30 Mar. 1741 that an action at Court between an (Episcopal) Church and Capt. John Webb was to be continued at Ipswich.

The Essex Journal of 4 Dec. 1773 reported the death of Mrs. Webb, widow of Capt. John Webb, aged 90 years. No record of the death of a John Webb prior to 1773 has been found, nor is there a probate record for him in Essex County.

Here are some thoughts about the identities of these John Webbs:

The John Webb who made the journey in 1684 above would have been a contemporary of Daniel Webb Sr. Both made voyages in 1684 as listed in the Young Men and the Sea database. It would seem likely, then, that John might have been born about the same time as Daniel, that is, about 1650 or so. Thus he could be the father of Jonathan Webb<sup>1</sup>, b. about 1690, as suggested in the Driver genealogy.

It seems likely that this Captain John Webb is the one who made the voyages listed above at least through 1700.

The Capt. John Webb whose widow died aged 90 in Dec. 1773 above was likely born about the same time as she was, that is, born about 1680 or so. He could be the John Webb who married Elizabeth Phippen on 18 Oct. 1705. This John Webb was probably the son of William Webb and Charity Littlefield who lived in Salem, Boston and Wells, Maine.

It may be that this second Capt. John Webb is the one who made the voyages listed above from 1716 onward and also was involved in the court action with the Episcopal Church.

The children of John Webb and Elizabeth Phippen mentioned above are:

**Elizabeth Webb**, b. 27 Dec. 1709

**John Webb**, b. 6. Aug. 1712

**William Webb**, b. 6 July 1717

**Abigail Webb**, bp. 17 Mar. 1723

Further research into Essex County Probate Records and Essex County Deeds may help to sort out the correct identities of the Captains John Webb of Salem.

### **Captain Daniel Webb Jr. Mariner & Shipwright**

**Captain Daniel Webb Jr.** was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 5 September 1688. He was the fifth child and third son of Captain Daniel Webb Sr. and Mary Becket.

Daniel Webb Jr. married Elizabeth Ropes in Salem on 5 June 1719. She was the daughter of John Ropes and Lydia Wells. Elizabeth probably died before 1727 when Daniel Jr. married again, but the Salem Vital Records make no mention of her death.

Daniel Webb Jr. married secondly Mary (Mascoll) Becket in Salem on 27 July 1727. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Mascoll and the widow of William Becket. William Becket was the son of William Becket whose sister Mary Becket was Daniel's mother.

The records of the Young Men and the Sea project database provide information about three voyages that Daniel Webb Jr. undertook, the first in 1713 as a seaman age 25 and the next two as master at ages 28 and 29 in 1716 and 1717.

As master in 1716, Daniel oversaw a crew of four men on the voyage of the Schooner Eagle Galley of Gloucester from Virginia to Salem. This ship weighed 28 tons. In January of 1717, Daniel Webb Jr. was master of the schooner

Flying Horse of Cape Ann for a trip from Salem to the West Indies. The Flying Horse weighed 30 tons and also had a crew of 4 men.

Even before Daniel Webb Jr. undertook his voyages as a master mariner, he evidently worked as a shipwright as well. In 1707 at the age of 19, he was paid for helping to construct a vessel in Salem, and "since he was one of the highest paid employees it indicates he was a shipwright". (Walsh)

As was the custom at the time, on at least two occasions money that Daniel Jr. earned was used to pay his father's debts. In 1712 when he was 24 and again in 1713, money was debited from his account with William Pickering to repay money that Pickering had given to Daniel Sr., according to Vincent Walsh's database.

Daniel Webb Jr. is likely the Daniel Webb who petitioned for an Episcopal Church in Salem in 1736 as there is no other Daniel Webb living in Salem at that time.

Essex County Deeds show that Daniel Webb bought out the shares of the estate of his parents from his siblings about 1742.

It appears that Daniel Webb Jr. and his first wife Elizabeth Ropes had no children, as no children are listed for them in the Salem Vital Records.

Daniel Webb Jr. and his second wife Mary Becket had at least one child:

**Elizabeth Webb**, bp. Sept. 6, 1730

It is possible that they may also have had a daughter **Abigail Webb**. In 1793, Abigail (Webb) Masury sold property she received from her father, Daniel Webb. Abigail Webb married William Masury Jr. in Salem, 17 Apr. 1757. Abigail Masury died 11 April 1794 at 65, a widow, leaving a daughter, infirm, according to the Diary of William Bentley.

### **Captain Jonathan Webb Coaster & Deacon of the East Church**

**Captain Jonathan Webb** was born about 1690 to parents whose identities are unknown at this time. There were Webbs living in Salem as early as 1659, based on Essex County Deeds of that time, and one of those early Webbs may be the father of Jonathan born about 1690. There was even an early Webb named Jonathan as recorded in a deed of 1675.

In the Driver Genealogy, Cooke suggests that Captain Jonathan may have been a son of John Webb. There was a John Webb in Salem in 1669, fisherman, who bought land with Robert Bray and John Tapley and who would have been of an age to be Jonathan Webb's father, but it cannot be said with certainty that he was in fact Jonathan's father.

Jonathan Webb married Priscilla Bray in Salem on 23 Mar 1713/1714. Priscilla was the daughter of Robert Bray and Christian Collins, born 11 Mar. 1689/90, and died after 4 Feb. 1767. Jonathan died before 9 Sept. 1765 when the first document of his estate was recorded. (Essex County Probate records, docket number 29059)

For 1720, 1721 and 1722, Jonathan Webb is listed as the Master of the Sloop Eagle in the Account Books of Joseph Orne, as cited by Vickers and Walsh. These were all fishing voyages. It is difficult to be completely certain that this Jonathan Webb is the same person as Deacon Jonathan Webb, born about 1690, but it seems very likely that he is. There is no other Jonathan Webb of the right age in Salem at that time.

Jonathan is identified as a coaster by Cooke. Vickers and Walsh define “coasters” as follows: “professional seamen who had mastered the handling of smaller sailing vessels and now made their business freighting cargo up and down the coast where they lived.”

Jonathan Webb’s mansion house was at the corner of Derby and Hardy Streets in Salem. His son Jonathan, also a sea captain, purchased his father’s homestead, which abutted his own land, from the other heirs.

Jonathan and Priscilla had at least nine children, as follows:

**Priscilla Webb**, bp. 4 Mar. 1715/16

**Jonathan Webb**, b. 22 Dec. 1716

**John Webb**, bp. 19 Oct. 1718

**Stephen Webb**, b. 13 Feb. 1722

**Mary Webb**, b. about 1724

**Susanna Webb**, b. about 1726

**Hannah Webb**, bp. 24 Sept. 1727

**Samuel Webb**, b. 18 Feb. 1732

**John Webb**, b. 10 Aug. 1733

### **Captain Jonathan Webb Jr. Captain, Coaster & Innkeeper**

**Captain Jonathan Webb** was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 22 Dec. 1716, the eldest son of Jonathan Webb and Priscilla Bray. His earliest known ancestor is his father, Deacon Jonathan Webb born about 1690. Jonathan died in Salem 29 Feb. 1792. His probate record is found in the Essex County Probate Records, docket number 29061.

Jonathan Webb Jr. married Elizabeth Sa[u]nders in Salem on 22 June 1740. Elizabeth was the daughter of Philemon and Sarah (Skerry) Saunders. Her last name is spelled both Sanders and Saunders in the records. Born in 1717, she died 14 Nov. 1788.

Jonathan Webb is called captain in the vital records of his death in 1792, and is listed as the master of two ships in the Young Men and the Sea database. His probate record lists his occupation as captain. The genealogy of the Driver family lists his occupation as coaster.

In 1745 at the age of 29, Jonathan was the master of the schooner Endeavor, owned by the Orne family, on a voyage from Salem to the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean. The voyage took a little over three months.

In 1746, Jonathan was the “late master” on the sloop Lynn which was taken by a French privateer to Martinique and to St. Bartholomew. This ship, also owned by the Orne family, had been bound for St. Eustatius in the Caribbean.

Jonathan kept the Ship Tavern on Washington Street in Salem. His home was at the corner of Derby and Hardy Street, on property he bought from Samuel Collyer, Robert Stone, and from his siblings as heirs to their father’s estate.

Jonathan and Elizabeth had at least eight children, all listed in the Salem Vital Records, citing the private Bible record of Miss Sally Shepard:

**Priscilla Webb**, b. 21 Apr. 1741

**Jonathan Webb**, b. 8 Oct. 1744

**Elizabeth Webb**, b. 15 Sept. 1747

**Sarah Webb**, b. 9 Apr. 1750

**Benjamin Webb**, b. 2 Mar. 1754 – a sea captain

**Stephen Webb**, b. 21 Sept. 1756 – a sea captain

**Samuel Webb**, b. 19 July 1759

**Micha(e)l Webb**, b. 19 July 1762

### **Captain Stephen Webb Captain, Cordwainer, & Commander of The Guards at The Fort**

**Captain Stephen Webb** was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 13 Feb. 1722, a son of Jonathan Webb and Priscilla Bray. His earliest known ancestor is his father, Deacon Jonathan Webb born about 1690. Stephen died in Salem 24 Mar. 1796 at the age of 74.

Stephen married three times, all in Salem. He married first on 27 Nov. 1746 Elizabeth Best, who died within a year of their marriage. He married secondly on 7 Jun. 1750 the widow Mary (Tyler) Manning, daughter of Joshua Tyler and Margaret Lambert, and widow of Jacob Manning. Little is known about his third wife whom he married about 1775. She was a daughter of a Beans and widow of a Masury.

It is very likely that this Stephen Webb is the Captain referred to in a newspaper notice in the Salem Gazette, 13 Jun. 1782: "Notice is hereby given, that proper Guards are established at the Forts in this Town, and that Capt. Stephen Webb is appointed to the Command of them. All Masters of Vessels and others whom it may concern are to give proper Answers when hailed from either of the said Forts, as, on their Refusal, they must suffer the Consequences of being fired upon." This is the only place where this Stephen Webb is referred to as captain. In 1880, ES Waters wrote that Stephen Webb, son of Jonathan and Priscilla, lived near Neck Gate, and "I have heard that he lived at the Fort and used to signalize vessels, and keep their owner's colors."

No record of voyages made by this Captain Stephen Webb has been found to date.

In later life, in addition to guarding the Forts, Stephen worked as a cordwainer.

Stephen and his second wife, Mary, had at least 10 children. None of the births of their children appear in the Salem Vital Records to the end of 1849. All of the information on the children of Stephen and Mary is from ES Waters, Genealogical Notes of the Webb Family.

**Margaret Webb**, b. about 1751

**Mary Webb**, b. about 1753

**Joshua Webb**, b. about 1755

**Elizabeth Webb**, b. about 1756

**Priscilla Webb**, b. about 1758

**Hannah Webb**, b. about 1760

**Susannah Webb**, bp. About 1764

**Deborah Webb**, b. about 1766

**Stephen Webb**, b. about 1769, d. 29 Dec. 1812. He was killed on board the Constitution in action with the Java.

**Joseph Webb**, b. about 1771, who married Mercy Devereaux and was a sea captain

### **Captain Samuel Webb Captain, Coaster & Merchant**

**Captain Samuel Webb** was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 18 Feb. 1732. He was the eighth child of Deacon Jonathan Webb and Priscilla Bray. His father Jonathan, born about 1690, is his earliest known ancestor.

Samuel Webb married first Deborah Prince in Salem, Massachusetts on 14 Oct. 1755. He married secondly Hannah Ward in Salem on 9 Nov. 1758. She was a daughter of John and Hannah (Higginson) Ward and was born 31 Dec. 1735. Hannah died 4 Apr. 1808 or 11 April 1808 at the age of 72 of a fever, "much esteemed", according to the Rev. William Bentley's Diary.

Samuel Webb died in 1780. It is very likely that his burial is the one recorded in the Salem Vital Records on 2 Apr. 1780, citing the records of St. Peter's (Episcopal) Parish as recorded by Gibson Clough. His probate record is found in the Essex County Probate Records, docket number 29074, where his occupation is listed as merchant.

Samuel Webb was called a captain in the baptismal records of his son Samuel in 1762, of his son Nathaniel in 1765, and of his son Jonathan in 1767, citing records of the North Church; in the death record of his wife Hannah, citing records of the East Church; in his own burial record; and by ES Waters in Genealogical Notes of the Webb Family.

One of Captain Samuel Webb's voyages is included in the tabular database of the Young Men and the Sea project: At the age of 31 in 1763, Samuel Webb served as the master on a schooner of 48 tons that made the voyage from St. Martin's to Salem. The notes database created by this project lists Samuel as a coaster, fisherman and merchant.

The Essex Antiquarian includes a vivid account of a storm in December 1770 during which the schooner of Capt. Samuel Webb was blown across the harbor.

Samuel Webb lived on the corner of Pleasant and East Sts. in Salem where his descendants still lived in 1880.

Samuel and his first wife, Deborah Prince, had no children. Samuel and his second wife, Hannah Ward, had at least six children. It appears from the information below that Samuel Webb has no Y-DNA descendants.

**Samuel Webb**, bp. 13 April 1760, d. young

**Samuel Webb**, b. 9 November 1762, bp. 28 November 1762, d. an elderly man, unmarried.

**Nathaniel Webb**, bp. 25 August 1765, d. before April 1794 unmarried

**Jonathan Webb**, bp. 26 July 1767 (2). He is likely the Jonathan "mate of Capt. Martin" who died at the age of 27 at Hispaniola of fever, news received 10 December 1795.

**Hannah Webb**, b. about 1769

**Priscilla Webb**, b. about 1776, d. 8 Mar. 1856, a singlewoman (Essex County Probate Record, Docket number 56483.)

### **Captain Stephen Webb Mystery Man**

If you like logic puzzles, you will enjoy the mystery of this Captain Stephen Webb!

The Salem Vital Records to the end of 1849 list the burial of Capt. Stephen Webb on 13 Jan. 1780, citing the records of St. Peter's (Episcopal) Parish in Salem as kept by Gibson Clough. That is all the information that is thus far available about this Captain Stephen Webb. It is possible to say quite a bit about who he is not, however.

He is not Captain Stephen Webb, son of Jonathan Webb and Priscilla Bray, who was born in 1722 and died in 1796.

He is not Captain Stephen Webb, son of Jonathan Webb and Elizabeth Saunders, born 21 Sept. 1756, died 11 Feb. 1831.

He is not mariner Stephen Webb, born in 1769, son of Stephen Webb and Mary (Tyler) Manning, who died of wounds received in the action between the Constitution and the Java on 29 Dec. 1812.

He is not mariner Stephen Webb, born about 1773, son of John Webb and Judith Phelps, who died 6 Aug. 1796 on a ship with his brother Benjamin on the passage home from Batavia to Salem.

And he is not the Capt. Stephen Webb about whom it was written in 1782 that Capt. Stephen Webb is appointed to the command of the Guards at the Forts in the town.

No other record of births, marriages or deaths for a Stephen Webb in the Salem Vital Records seems likely to be this Capt. Stephen Webb.

It is possible that he came from another town, died and was buried in Salem.

One possible clue to his identity is in the burial record of Capt. Samuel Webb in Salem on 2 Apr. 1780. In the Salem Vital Records, Samuel's burial is the only other Webb death record that cites PR 655 (the records of St. Peter's Church as kept by Gibson Clough). Since Samuel was the son of Jonathan Webb and Priscilla Bray, perhaps this Captain Stephen is related to Jonathan and Priscilla.

It is also possible that there is an error somewhere in either the vital records or in the sources consulted. At any rate, right now the identity of this Captain Stephen Webb will remain a mystery.

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### Delaware

#### Miscellaneous Webbs in Delaware Records

##### Benjamin and Magdalane Webb

Witnesses to the Will of Stephen Bennett, written August 23, 1751 and probated January 19, 1753.

[Will Book B2, 43.]

“The will of “Stephen Bennett of the County of Sussex in the province of Pennsylvania on Delaware being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory” gives to “Jemima Ponder my Dearly beloved Daughter the Sum of One Shilling...to Rhoday Warrin my Dearly beloved Daughter the Sum of One Shilling...to John Bennett my Dearly beloved Son my Dwelling House Barn and plantation and half of my Land that is Adjoining the Same and my Gun and One Cow... to Jehu Bennett my Dearly beloved Son the other half of my Land and all the remainder part of my Estate Equally to be Divided between my Dearly beloved Son Jehu Bennett and my Two youngest Daughters Mary Bennett and Sarah Bennett after my debts is paid Equally to be Divided among them Three... to Margaret my well beloved wife whom I likewise Constitute make and Ordain my Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament the Third of my House and plantation During her Life Time and the Third of my Estate by her freely to be possessed and Enjoyed...”. Witnesses: John Johnson, **Benj. Webb, Magdalane Webb.**”

##### Sylvester Webb m. widow Miriam Lofland Bennett

“Miriam [Lofland Bennett] remarried, her husband being **Sylvester Webb**, with whom she settled Purnal's estate 6 May 1789. In the subsequent years **Sylvester Webb** appears as guardian of Purnal's children Miriam and Joshua, and possibly others. **Miriam Webb** was still living on 14 November 1798 when **Sylvester** as her husband petitioned the Orphans Court for division of the lands of Miriam's mother Elizabeth Lofland who had died land intestate. Miriam apparently died before **Sylvester**, for in 1810 “Sarah Webb, Administrator of **Sylvester Webb**, dec'd” submitted a final accounting of **Sylvester's** guardianship of “Joshua Bennett minor of Purnal Bennett,” showing that Joshua had been overpaid by \$2.50.”

“Purnal Bennett [Purnal, John, John, John] was born probably about 1776, the second son of 9. Purnal Bennett and Miriam Lofland. He was only about ten years old when his father died and after his mother's remarriage, he came under the guardianship of his new step-father, **Sylvester Webb**. The relationship must have been a happy one, for Purnal named one of his own children Sylvester.”

[Source: The Bennett Family of Sussex Co., Delaware: 1680-1860, Bennett J. Hill, 1970]

#### Webbs in the 1860 Kent Co. Delaware Census

**Charles Webb**, farmer, age 56, white, b. DE

m. Nancy, age 63, white, b. DE

Neighbors: Eli R. Wadkins, age 47 b. DE; Ann Wyatt, age 30, spinster, b. DE

**Elias Webb**, Hod carrier?, age 45, black, b. DE

m. Rebecca, age 40, black, b. DE

Neighbors: Daniel Thompson, age 45, b. DE; Andrew Winsmore, age 45, b. DE

**Eliza Webb**, servant, age 20, black, b. DE, living in the household of William Whiteside, age 25, farmer, b. PA

**Eliza Webb**, age 48, b. DE

Also in household: John Calhoun, age 6, b. DE

Neighbors: Charles Horsey, age 50, black, b. DE; Eran Morgan, age 75, farmer, b. DE

**Emry Webb**, day laborer, age 31, white, b. DE

m. Mary A., age 24, b. DE

Also in household: **Caroline Webb**, age 6, b. DE; **John H. Webb**, age 4, b. DE; **Emma Webb**, age 1, b. DE

**Henry Webb**, farmhand, age 25 white, b. DE living in household of Robb B. Jump, farmer, age 50, b. DE

**James H. Webb**, farmer, age 25, white, b. DE

m. Anne, age 25, b. DE

Also in household: **James H. Webb**, age 1, b. DE

Neighbors: Charles Horsey, age 50, black, b. DE; George S. Grier, age 40, b. England.

**John B. Webb**, miller, age 22, white, b. NJ

m. Sarah G., age 18, b. DE

Neighbors: James R. Holding, age 54, b. DE; Wm Meredith, age 30, b. MD.

**John W. Webb**, farmer, age 49, white, b. DE

m. Sarah A., age 43, b. DE

Also in household: **John M. Webb**, age 19, b. DE; **Rachel C. Webb**, age 15, b. DE; **Charles A. Webb**, age 12, b. DE; **Mary M. Webb**, age 7, b. DE; **Amanda Webb**, age 4, b. DE; **Frances A. Webb**, age 7 mo., b. DE; Natha Wooten, age 19, b. DE; Jehue Davis, age 83, b. DE

Neighbors: James H. Davis, age 39, b. DE; James Thomson, age 50, b. DE.

**John W. Webb**, farm laborer, age 18, white, b. DE living in household of John W. Hammon, age 28, b. DE

**Joseph Webb**, age 48, black, b. DE

m. Sarah, age 45, b. DE

Also in household: **James Webb**, age 19, b. DE; **Hester Webb**, age 16, b. DE; **Emma Webb**, age 14, b. DE; **Sam'l Webb**, age 10, b. DE; **Frank Webb**, age 9, b. DE; **Charles Webb**, age 6, b. DE; **Ida Webb**, age 2, b. DE.

Neighbors: Joshua A. Wharn, age 34, b. DE; William Sowber, age 28, b. DE.

**Malinda Webb**, age 11, white, b. DE, living in household of James W. Loregroro, Hotel Proprietor, age 40, b. DE.

**Mary Webb**, age 18, black, b. DE, living in household of Henry N. Marvil, farmer, age 53, b. DE.

**Nancy Webb**, housekeeper, age 65, b. DE, living in household of Philip Marvil, farmer, age 67, b. DE.

Also in household: James H. Marvil, age 23, b. DE.

**Obediah Webb**, laborer, age 60, white, b. DE, living in household of Jordan Argo, age 30, b. DE.

**Susan Webb**, widow, age 60, white, b. MD, living in the household of Willamina Hamilton, widow, age 31, b. DE.

Also in household are Hamilton children.

**Sylvester Webb**, farmer, age 45, white, b. DE

m. Mary, age 40, b. DE

Also in household: **Sarah A. Webb**, age 18, b. DE; **John W. Webb**, age 17, b. DE; **Margaretta Webb**, age 12, b. DE; **Rachael C. Webb**, age 6, b. DE; **Wilmina Webb**, age 4, b. DE.

Neighbors: Mary D. Martin, housekeeper, age 47, b. DE; Daniel Milten, master carpenter, age 42, b. DE.

**Thomas A. Webb**, farmer, age 26, white, b. DE

Also in household: **George P. Webb**, farmer, age 24, b. DE; **Amelia Webb**, age 20, b. DE; **Mary E. Webb**, age 19, b. DE; **Jacob R. Webb**, age 11 mo., b. DE; **Jessey Webb**, age 65, b. DE; James Evans, farm labor, age 18, b. DE; Georganna Collins, age 2, b. DE.

Neighbors: unoccupied home; William A. Polk, farmer, age 44, b. DE.

**William Webb**, age 41, white, b. DE

m. Sarah, age 36, b. DE

Also in household: **Harriet Webb**, age 9, b. DE; **Margaret Webb**, age 7, b. DE; **Sallie Webb**, age 5, b. DE; **James W. Webb**, age 4, b. DE; **Mary E. Webb**, age 2, b. DE; **John H. Webb**, 5 mo., b. DE; **Mary Webb**, age 57, b. DE; Robert Fesher, laborer, age 19, b. DE; James Johnson, laborer, age 16, b. DE; Eben Pennevill, laborer, age 14, b. DE.

Neighbors: Henry Bratton, age 35, b. DE; William Garten, age 44, b. NJ.

**William H. Webb**, farm laborer, age 21, white, b. DE, living in household of James R. Duniphen, farmer, age 37, b. DE.

**Wm R. Webb**, farmer, age 25, white, b. DE

Also in household: Wm H. Richards, farm hand, age 24, b. DE; Hannah White, housekeeper, age 50, b. DE, Henry Stewart, age 9, b. DE.

Neighbors: Samuel Elsbury, laborer, age 25, b. DE; Jacob Snow, laborer, age 48, b. DE.

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## Florida

### **Ponce de Leon land and Florida war record**

George M. Brown, 1902

2d Regiment of Dragoons:

**James Webb**, Farrier Co. "A," died at St. Augustine May 29, 1838; disease unknown.

### **Volunteer Webb Soldiers during the Florida War serving from Alabama**

**David Webb** – Price Co., Cawfield Battalion, private

**Henry Webb** – Lamar Co., Alabama Militia, private

**Henry Webb** – Dent Co., Chisolm Battalion, private

**John Webb** – Campbell, Chisolm Battalion, private

**John Webb** – Lamar Co., Alabama Militia, private

**John Webb** – Stringer Co., Arrington Battalion, private

**Thomas Webb** – Stringer Co., Arrington Battalion, private

[Source: Index for Compiled Service Records, Alabama Units, Florida War, Benjamin Achee, 1971]

## Kentucky

### Misc. Webbs in Early Kentucky Wills

Bourbon Co., Book A

[Adam Webb](#), inventory, June 4, 1791. Appraisers were John Strode and James Strode.

[James Webb](#) was “killed on last expedition against the Maume Indians” November 20, 1790 December C. C. 1790. “Will was written at the house of Stephen Boyle where he resided. To Thomas Allen, an orphan child, a horse and bridle, to brother [Benjamin](#), his clothes, to Stephen Ogden his crop. Wit: Master Ogden, Stephen Boyle, Robert Ellison.

Muhlenberg County, Book A 1799-1814

Robert Anderson, April 28, 1812. May 1821. Son: Thomas. Daughters: Ann Dobyne, Martha Morris, Franky. Grandson: Robert Littlepage. Executor: Son Thomas, Amos Jenkins. Wit: Robert Elder Sr., Robert Elder, [Jon Web](#).

[Source: Abstract of Early Kentucky Wills and Inventories: Copied from Original and Recorded Wills and Inventories, Junie Estelle Stewart King, 2005]

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## Maine

### ...Baptisms and Admission from the records of First Church in Falmouth, now Portland Maine

Marquis F. King, 1898

#### Adults Baptized

[Edward and Sarah Webb](#) c. Aug, 11, 1792

[Joanna Webb](#), c. Dec 4, 1796

#### Marriages

[John Webb](#) & Elizabeth Larraby, 1753

#### Baptisms

[Webb, Ami](#), of \_\_\_\_\_, June 3, 1758

[Webb](#), of [Edward](#), [Betsey](#), Aug. 19, 1792. [Abigail and Sarah](#), twins, June 23, 1793.

[Webb, Henry](#), of [Henry](#), Dec. 25, 1796.

Richmonds Island Settlement – Trelawny Patent, 1637

[Robert Webb](#)

Training soldiers in Falmouth, 1757 – Capt James Milk’s Co., Falmouth Neck

[John Webb](#)

[Jonathan Webb](#)

Capt. Samuel Skillings' Stroudwater Company, 1757

William Webb, private

Tax List, Falmouth, 1766

Jonathan Webb

### The Probate records of Lincoln County, Maine; 1760 to 1800

William Davis Patterson, 1895

Nathaniel Webb, late of Woolwich, Jane Webb, of Woolwich, widow, Adm's, 2 Sep., 1772. [I, 237.] Joseph Wade and Joshua Bailey, sureties. Inventory by Joseph Wade, Samuel Harnden and David Gilmore, Jr., all of Woo'wich, 13 Oct., 1772. [II, 29-30.] Account files 15 Jan., 1777. [II, 72.] Israel Smith, guardian of Sarah and Lydia, minor daughters, and Luther, minor son. [II, 72 to 74.] Widow's dower set off 18 June, 1781, by Joseph Wade, Jonathan Fuller and Thomas Snell, all of Woolrich. [III, 231.]

In the Name of God. Amen, --

I Samuel Webb, of Woolwich in the County of Lincoln, Tailer, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect Mind & Memory, calling to mind mortality of my body, knowing it is appointed for man once to die, do make this my last Will & Testament; reockng all former Wills & Testaments whenever or howsomever made by me.

I give & commit my Soul into the hands of God, who gave it.

And for my Body, I recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a deasent & a Christian-like manner. And as for my Worldly Estate, I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner.

Imprimis. It is my will & I do order that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid & Satisfied, in the first place.

Itim. I give & bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved Wife, my whole Estate, real & personal, to be intirely at her dispose, wheresovever, & in whose hands-somever it may be found.

Itim. I also appoint & constitute Sarah my dearly beloved Wife my only & Sole Executrix, of this my last Will & Testament, which I declare to be my last, revocking all former Wills &c:

And as for my well beloved Children, I pray God to be their portion; I think it proper & prudent not to give them any of my Estate, because I have so little, their Mother being old, Stands in need of the Whole I leave in Witness Whereof, I hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twenty third day of August one thousand seven hundred & seventy three.

Sam'l Webb [seal]

Signed and Sealed, by the

Above named Samuel Webb,

In the presence of us the

Subscribers,

Joseph Lankaster

Elihu Lanceester

John Carlton

[Unrecorded]

Sarah Webb, widow, Adm'x, 27 Nov., 1778 [II, 116.] John Carlton and Joel Reed, both of Woolwich, sureties. Inventory by Joseph Wade, Samuel Harnden and John Carlton, all of Woolwich, 4 Jan., 1774. [II, 87.] Account filed 31 May, 1779. [II, 88.] Nathaniel Thwing and Joseph Wade, both of Woolwich, commissioners to examine claims. Dividend from estate 31 May, 1779. [II, 89.] Widow's dower set off by Samuel Ford, John Carlton and David Gilmore, Jr., all of Woolwich, 1779. [III, 232.]

Seth Webb, late of a place called Holt's Island. Solomon Kimball, of Bigwaduce, trader, Adm'r, 10 Jan., 1787. [II, 214.] Nathan Jones, of Frenchman's Bay, and Oliver Mann, of Bigwaduce, sureties. Inventory by Richard Hunnewell, Jr., Jonathan Loweder and Thomas Phillips, all of a place called MajaBigwaduce, 28 Mar., 1787, L73 : 9 : 0. [III, 239-40.] Thomas Phillips and Richard Hunnewell, commissioners to examine claims.[II, 261.]

**Ebenezer Webb**, late of Woolwich. Joel Reed, of Woolwich, Adm'r, 14 Ap., 1790. Heirs: **Sarah, John, Benjamin, Nathan**, Bersheba Gahan, Anne Reed, Sarah Bayley. [IV, 113.] Jonathan Reed and Samuel Reed, both of Woolwich, sureties. Inventory and account filed by Adm'r, 30 May, 1793. [VI, 120]

In the Name of God, Amen. I Katharine Gragg of Thomaston in the County of Lincoln and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Spinster being Sick and Weak in Body, but of perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the Discretion of my Executors; nothing douting, but at the general Resurrection, I shall received the same again by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form:

Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son William, commonly called and known by the Name of William Farnsworth, a Bible which with what I have already done for him, & he has already had is his full Part or Share out of my Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Sarah, commonly called and known by the Name of Sarah Farnsworth, my dark coloured callico Gown, black callimanco Skirt and Stone Sleeve Buttons to be delivered to her when she arrives at the Age of Eighteen years or in one Year after my decease, which with what She has already had is in full of her part or Share out of my Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mehitabel commonly called and known by the Name of Mehitabel Dodge, my Silver Shoe-Buckles.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son and Daughter, to wit, **Barnabas**, commonly called and known by the Name of **Barnabas Webb**, Mary commonly called and known by the Name of **Mary Webb**, and the above named Mehitabel Dodge the whole remainder of my Estate of what Name or Nature soever [Except what is herein otherwise particularly disposed of] to be equally divided to and amongst them, and each of them, or their or either of their legal Representatives in equal Shares, and Proportion.

Item. I give unto my trusty Friend Ezekiel Goddard Dodge of Thomaston aforesaid Physician [in consideration of his Trouble and Care of me, and Expenses laid out for me in my Present Sickness] The one half part of a certain Note of Hand for the Sum of twenty Seven Pounds with Interest due to me from him the said Ezekiel G. Dodge. Which is now lodged in the Hands of Moses Copeland. And I do also constitute make and ordain him the said Ezekiel Goddard Dodge the Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Wills, Testaments, Legacies, Bequests, and Executors whatsoever in any ways before by me named, willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said Katherine Gragg do hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this twenty first Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety.

Signed, Sealed, published pronounced and Declared  
by the said Katherine Gragg as her last Will and  
Testament in presence of us, who in her presence,  
and in the Presence of each other have hereunto subscribed  
our Names, [The Words "and the above-named Mehitabel Dodge"  
were interlined before signing and Sealing]

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Isaac Bernard

David Fales

her  
Katherine X Gragg [seal]  
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Stephen Sewall, late of Bath, merchant. Moses Sewall, of Hallowell, merchant, Adm'r, 23 Ap., 1796. [VI, 139.] Thomas Fillebrown and David Sewall, both of Hallowell, sureties. Inventory by [William Webb](#), Joshua Shaw and Edward H. Page, all of Bath, 24 June, 1796, \$4,337.94. [VII, 182 to 184.] David Sewall, of Hallowell, Adm'r de bonis non, 18 July, 1798. [IX, 24.] Christopher Cushing, of Bath, guardian unto Dorcas, William, Meriam and Stephen, minor children, 11 Feb., 1799. [IX, 181.]

### **The Maine Historical Magazine, Vol. VII**

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Intentions of Marriage in Pownalborough, 1780-1802

John Carnes and [Barshebe Webb](#), Jan. 8, 1787

Taxpayers in Winslow, Me, 1780-81

[David Webb](#)

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## Mississippi

### **Some Mississippi Webbs of Note**

#### **W. S. Webb**

"[Webb, W. S.](#), was born in LeRoy, New York, November 14, 1855 [date appears to be incorrect], son of [Benoni and Betsy \[Phillips\] Webb](#), of Welsh and German descent, and natives of Massachusetts. He graduated at Colgate University, in 1840; taught school near Murfreesboro, Tennessee for a brief period, and was then chosen president of a female school in Grenada, Miss., in 1851. In this school he was very successful. The attendance more than doubled, and the large brick building now occupied by the Grenada Female College was built under his direction. He was pastor of the Baptist church at West Point. In 1864, he took a prominent part in establishing the Confederate Orphan's Home, and was corresponding secretary for the board of trustees. In 1872 he accepted a call from Clinton to be pastor of the Baptist church and deliver lectures to the theological students; was chosen president of Mississippi college, 1873. Under his chart the institution grew and flourished, and he continued his arduous duties until 1891, when he resigned and accepted appointment as emeritus professor of psychology and ethics. There are said to be but four such professorships in the world, and this was the first time such an honor had ever been bestowed by a Baptist institution of learning. The title of D. D. was conferred upon him in 1882 by the University of Oxford.

Mississippi College had no endowment when [Dr. Webb](#) became president. Besides, the country was impoverished and at times scourged by pestilence. In meeting these conditions and overcoming them was shown a courage and ability of a high order. His able and efficient management not only made the school a success, but gave it a national reputation and secured an endowment of about \$60,000. [Dr. Webb](#) has been married three times, and is the father of a number of children, some of whom are prominent in this and other States. He is spending his declining years at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. R. A. Venable, pastor of the First Baptist church at Meridian."

#### **William H. Webb**

[Webb, William H.](#), the efficient and popular county clerk of Amite county, residing in Liberty, is also a member of the bar of the state, though not engaged in active practice, and he is an honored veteran of the Confederate service in the Civil war. He was born in Liberty, this county, Feb. 25, 1843, and is the son of [George F. and Louisa M. T. \[Harrell\] Webb](#), the former of whom was also born in Amite county and the latter of whom was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The

paternal great-grandfather of **Mr. Webb**, James Rhodes, was a soldier in the Continental line in the War of the Revolution and he settled in Amite county, Miss., in the early territorial days. His wife was a cousin of Pres. Andrew Jackson. **George F. Webb** was a prominent and influential citizen of Amite county, having been a lawyer by profession and having wielded much influence in political affairs. He entered the Confederate service at the time of the Civil war, enlisting in the Thirty-third Mississippi infantry and later being promoted brigade commissary, with the rank of major. Both he and his wife continued to reside in Amite county until their death. **William H. Webb** duly availed himself of the advantages of the schools of his native town and he was a youth of eighteen years at the inception of the war between the States. He forthwith tendered his aid in support of the Confederate cause, enlisting as a private in Company C, Seventh Mississippi infantry, and later becoming a member of Company E, Twenty-second Mississippi infantry. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Franklin and Murfreesboro, and thereafter continued with his command in active service until the close of the war, participating in many of the important engagements which marked the progress of the great internecine conflict. He was wounded at Shiloh, but was not long incapacitated for duty. He retains a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by his membership in the United Confederate Veterans. After the war **Mr. Webb** was admitted to the bar, but impaired health soon rendered it necessary for him to retire from the active work of his profession. He turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he continued until 1891, when he was elected county assessor, serving one term. In 1899 he was elected county clerk, being chosen as his own successor in 1902 and still remaining incumbent of the office, in which his services have been most effective and satisfactory. He pays allegiance to the Democratic party, is identified with the Masonic fraternity and is a member of the Baptist church. On Dec. 12, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of **Mr. Webb** to Miss Mattie L. Griffin, daughter of John C. Griffin, of Amite county, and she was summoned to the life eternal July 8, 1902, being survived by two sons and three daughters; they are: **Minnie L.**, now the wife of Hamilton H. Havis, of Vicksburg, Miss.; **W. McClung**, who resides in Amite county; **Mary A.**, now the wife of Dr. R. M. Butler, of Liberty, Miss.; **Cornelia R.**, now the wife of George H. McMillan, of Liberty, Miss., and **Q. Lamar**, a lumberman of Vicksburg, Miss.

[Source: Mississippi, Dunbar Rowland, 1907]

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## South Carolina

### **The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Volume X-XI**

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Records Kept by Colonel Isaac Hayne

[the Republican Martyr who was executed in Charlestown, SC on August 4, 1781]

#### Births

**William**, son of **William and Sarah Webb**, April 13, 1753

**Deborah**, daughter of **William and Sarah Webb**, Jan 18, 1755

**Benjamin**, son of **William and Sarah Webb**, May 2, 1756

**Edward**, son of **William and Sarah Webb**, 1758

**Joseph Miles**, son of **William and Sarah Webb**, April 16, 1759

**Sarah Webb**, daughter of **William and Deborah Webb**, Feb 14, 1764

**Benjamin**, son of **Benjamin and Rebecca Webb**, August 5, 1766

**Susan Miles**, daughter of **William and Sarah Webb**, Oct 3, 1767

#### Ages

**John Webb**, October 3, 1744

**William Webb**, December, 1745

## Deaths

April 17, 1773, **William Webb**, planter

December, 4, 1774, **Rebecca [Ben] Webb**

## Marriages

David Ferguson, planter to **Mary Webb**, Spinster, St. Bart, May 26, 1752

**John Webb**, Charleston to Mary Doughty, Charleston, Jan 1769

**Benjamin Webb**, St. Bart to Ann Doyley, Charlston, March 14, 1775

Capt. Joseph Glover Jr., St. Bart to **Ann Webb**, widow of late **Benjamin Webb**, Esq. St. Bart, May 1, 1777

## Edmundsbury

"In November, 1744, two lots, No. 3 and 13, in Edmundsbury, were conveyed by Elizabeth Bellinger, widow and executrix of Landrave Edmund Bellinger, to William Buchanan of St. Helena Parish Merchant, one of these lots, No. 13, had been previously sold to **Richard Webb**, who transferred his interest to William Buchanan. From the description of the lots in this deed it appears that one street, fronting on the river, was known as the "Bay."

**Misc. South Carolina Webb Records**

Death Notices, City Gazette, Charleston

Died, on board the brig John, **captain Webb**, on his passage from New York [Sat, January 30, 1796.]

St. Helena's Parish Register

**Daniel Webb**, a Soldier, buried Sept 23, 1731

**Jacob Webb**, a Carpenter, buried Aug 18, 1754, aged 58, drowned

**Esther Webb**, daughter of **Thomas and Jane Webb**, born Oct, 13, 1772, baptized

[Source: The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XXIII, 1922-1923]

**Cumberland Settlements, Washington Co. NC [Davidson Co. NC] and now TN**

**Moses Webb**, signer of the Cumberland Compact, 1780

**Hugh Webb** was killed by Indians in 1789 on the Kentucky Trace near Barren River as he and a group of others were carrying salt back to the Cumberland Settlements from Kentucky.

[Source: 1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements, Fulcher]

## Great Britain

**Erasmus Webb, brother-in-law of William Wilson of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle**

"William Wilson, Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 23 August 1613, proved 27 May, 1615. To be buried in the chapel near the place where the body of my dear father lies. If I die at Rochester or Cliff, in the County of Kent, then to be buried in the cathedral church of Rochester, near the bodies of wives Isabel and Anne. To my cousin Collins, prebendary at Rochester. To the Fellows and Scholars of Martin College, Oxford. My three sons Edmond, John and Thomas Wilson, daughter Isabel Guibs and daughter Margaret Rawson. My goddaughter Margaret Somers which my son Somers had by my daughter Elizabeth, his late wife. To my god-son William

Sheafe, at the age of twenty one years. Son Edmond, a fellow of King's College, Cambridge, eldest son of me, the said William. To son John the lease of the Rectory and Parsonage of Caxton in the county of Cambridge, which I have taken in his name. To Thomas Wilson, my third son. Son Edmond to be executor and **Mr. Erasmus Webb**, my brother-in-law, being one of the Canons of St. George's Chapel, and my brother, Mr. Thomas Woodward, being steward of the town of New Windsor, to be overseers.

The witnesses were Thomas Woodwarde, Joh. Woodward, Robert Lowe & Thomas Holl.

In a codicil, dated 9 May, 1615, wherein he is styled William Wilson Doctor of Divinity, he directs his son Edmond to give to his son John forty pounds and to his wife forty marks, he give to Lincoln College Oxford ten pounds towards a Library, and mentions son-in-law Mr. Doctor Sheafe and daughter Gibbes. To this Thomas Sheafe was a witness, amongst others...

...[William Wilson's] second son, Rev. John Wilson, of Christ's College, Cambridge, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Mansfield and sister of the wife of Mr. Robert Keayne, the first commander of the **Artillery Company of Massachusetts**, and in 1630 accompanied **Winthrop's company to New England**, and became the first minister of the First Church in Boston, dying in office in 1667..."

#### **Giles Webb of Virginia, brother of Margery Cox of Kent.**

"Margery Cox of Debtford in County of Kent, widow, 30 May 1656 proved 11 June 1656. To my well beloved brother **Giles Webb** living **now in Virginia**, twenty pounds. To my brother William Lews of Titbury in the County of Gloucester ten pounds. To my sister Elizabeth Waight wife of Giles Waight, of Titbury aforesaid, twenty pounds. To William Stone and John Rooper, both of Debtford, five pounds apiece, they being overseers. To the poor of the parish of Debtford twenty shillings. Mary and Elizabeth Waight, daughters of the abovesaid Giles Waight, to be executrixes.

The witnesses were William Huggun, Joane Phillips [by mark] & George Martin. Berkley, 224"

#### **Margaret Webb, wife of William Webb of London**

"William Taylor citizen & Haberdasher of London 29 March 1650 proved 19 July 1651...to my two daughters **Margaret Webb**, wife of **William Webb**, grocer, & Hanna Claxton, wife of Robert Claxton, mercer, forty shillings each for rings."

#### **Brice Webb, Kinsman of Thomas Callowhill of Bristol**

"Thomas Callowhill of the city of Bristol, linen draper, 29 November 1711, proved 24 December 1712. My now dwelling house in St. James within the suburbs of the city. I stand possessed of a remainder of a certain term of one thousand years granted to me by Edward Baugh, white tawer, since deceased, interested also in the remainder of another term of one thousand years lately granted to me by Edward Baugh junr, and in the residue of another term of a thousand years lately granted to me by my daughter Hann,\_\_\_ the last described as three several messuages &c. on the South side of a certain messuage called the **Quaker Meeting House**, in or near a certain place called the Fryers, and now or late in the several tenures &c. of Simon Barnes Daniel Kindall and William Timbrell. Do gave the same parcels of ground, messuages &c. to my kinsman **Brice Webb** of the said city linen draper and Charles Harford of the city aforesaid merchant upon trust, to permit the same premisses to be held and enjoyed and the rents, issues and profits thereof to be had, received and taken by my wife Hanna als Anna, for and during so much of my said several terms respectively to come as she shall live, and, after her decease, by my granddaughter Margaret Penn, daughter of Hannah Penn my daughter by **William Penn, Esqr**, her husband, as long as she shall live, next by my grandson John Penn for all the rest of the several terms to come. By deed indented bearing date the seven and twentieth day of this instant month have conveyed to **Brice Webb** and Charles Harford, linen drapers, and Richard Champion, merchant, divers messuages, lands &c. within the said city, the Co. of Somerset and other places in England and in **Pennsylvania** to divers uses, limitations and appointments therein mentioned and contained, with power of revocation. I hereby ratify, confirm and allow the same deed. Provision for granting to grand daughter Margaret Penn certain premisses in Broade Meade, in the parish of St. James, parish of St. James, part of my wife jointure, with remainder to grandson John Penn. I have an interest in the **Province of Pennsylvania** as a security for

one thousand pounds sterling due to me from the said William Penn, interested also in a messuage & in Caldecott, Monmouth, as a security for one hundred sixty pounds due from Mary Herbert, spinster, sole heir of Francis Herbert Esqr. Deceased. Other investments also described. And I am also interested in one sixteenth part of certain Packett Boats now sailing or trading for Port of Bristol to **New York** and **other places in America**, in partnership with **Brice Webb**, Richard Champion and others. All these interests I give to **Brice Webb** and James Peters upon trust, to pay to the said William Penn and Hanna his wife, and the survivor of them, the yearly sum of twenty and six pounds, clear of all taxes and charges, during their natural lives [and for other purposes described]. Provision for Thomas Penn, another son of Hanna Penn. My brother Walter Duffield is bound to me by two several obligations, one of 12 January, 1694, for payment of fourteen pounds ten shillings. He to be freed from the payment of all but twenty five pounds. My sister Elizabeth Javeling to be conditionally discharged of certain bonds. I give and bequeath unto my nieces Elizabeth Javelin, Duffield Javelin, Sara Gurnay and Mary Gurnay one piece of gold apiece of the value of twenty three shillings six pence. My wife Hanna als Anna to be sole executris and the said **Brice Webb** and Charles Harford overseers.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1738 issued forth a Comn to John Penn Esqr the natural and lawful son and admr with the Will annexed of the goods of Hannah Penn widow decd. [whilst living] the natural and lawful daughter and only child and admr with the will annexed of Thomas Callowhill late of the City of Bristol widower decd. To administer the goods &c. Barnes, 231.”

[Source: Genealogical Gleanings in England, Henry F. Waters, 1901]

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