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Webb Sea Captains

from Salem, Massachusetts - Part 3

By Kathy McHale

Introduction

This is the third part of a three-part article on Webb Sea Captains from Salem, Massachusetts. These captains were truly global citizens, reflecting the growth of Salem as a world-class seaport in the 19th century. Webbs were well represented in Zanzibar in East Africa. In addition to John Felt Webb and Francis Ropes Webb (two sea captains included in this article), there were two other Webbs, William George Webb and another John F. Webb, who also served as US Consul in Zanzibar. For a long time I was puzzled by the Zanzibar-Salem connection, but I came to understand that it represented an ideal, though time-limited, match. Salem's smaller ships were ideal for Zanzibar's shallow ports, and enabled Salem to maintain a thriving commercial business for years after larger ports and larger ships had become the norm. The Webbs and other US representatives built



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From the Administrator

Dear Project Members,

I would like to thank Kathy McHale for her wonderful three-part series: **Webb Sea Captains of Salem, Massachusetts**. You will find the final installment in this month's issue. She has done such incredible work and I am so appreciative of her contribution to the project with this well-researched, comprehensive and interesting article. Thank you so much, Kathy!

Many of you have probably noticed that your personal page at FTDNA has a new format. There are some new features and improvements, so if you haven't already, be sure to take a look. I will be going over some of the changes in future issues, so stay tuned.

Congratulations to the William Webb [1777 VA] DNA group! They have moved one generation further back and are now the Julius Webb [Hanover Co. VA] DNA group.

Webb Sea Captains from Salem, Massachusetts [cont.]

strong relationships with the Sultans and with Taria Topan, a leader of the Muslims in Zanzibar. These bonds were reflected in the names of some of the ships that sailed to Zanzibar and Arabia: the Said Bin Sultan owned by John Bertram, Michael Webb Shepard and Andrew Ward and the Taria Topan, illustrated here.

Special thanks go to the Marine Society at Salem for allowing the use of portraits from their collection and to the Phillips Library of the Peabody Essex Museum for permission to use the picture of the ship Taria Topan.

This series of articles is dedicated to my maternal grandmother, Maude E. Webb Martin, daughter of John T. Webb, a sea captain from Gardiner, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts. Along the way I've learned (from [Young Men and the Sea](#)) that our sea-faring roots go way back: David Webb, Maude's great-great-great-grandfather was a mariner in the early 1700's in Salem.

Mrs. Nathaniel Kinsman wrote in her diary of 24 Aug. 1846: "my husband had received a letter from F. Webb, at Penang, announcing the death of his Father... how hard to die so far from home & friends. It must have been a great comfort to him to have had so good a son to attend him in his last moments."

Captain Joseph Webb Shipmaster



Captain Joseph Webb was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 20 Mar. 1801 or 1802 and baptized in the East Church there on 11 Apr. 1802. He was the fourth child and oldest surviving son of Joseph Webb and Mercy Devere(a)ux who had eight children altogether. His father was also a sea captain and was featured in the second article about Webb sea captains. Joseph's mother Mercy was "of the Marblehead family of that name [Devereux]" but had been brought up by a Mrs. Palfray, widow of Benjamin Gale, according to Edward Stanley Waters. Mercy's parents' names are not known at this time. Joseph Webb's earliest known Webb ancestor is his great-grandfather Deacon Jonathan Webb of Salem, born about 1690.

In Salem on 6 Aug. 1826, Capt. Joseph Webb married Mercy Ropes, daughter of William Ropes and Mary Brown. She was born in Salem on the same day as her husband. Mercy Ropes Webb died in Salem, MA on 15 Aug. 1885 at 83y, 4m, and 23d. Her probate record is in the Essex County Probate Records, Docket Number 63477.

Capt. Joseph Webb died at the age of 44 or 45 in Pulao, Penang, East Indies on 23 Jul. 1846. His son Francis, who was 13 years old at the time, was with him in Penang when he died. Mrs. Nathaniel Kinsman wrote in her diary of 24 Aug. 1846: "my husband had received a letter from F. Webb, at Penang, announcing the death of his Father... how hard to die so far from home & friends. It must have been a great comfort to him to have had so good a son to attend him in his last moments." Capt. Joseph Webb is buried in the Protestant Cemetery at Pulao. His probate record is in the Essex County Probate Records, Docket Number 56476.

The family of Capt. Joseph Webb lived in a house on Browne Street, Salem, formerly owned by Jeremiah Shepard.

Joseph Webb was a member of the Marine Society of Salem, having joined on 30 Jan. 1840. His silhouette portrait is found in the book Portraits of the Marine Society at Salem. His membership information is found in the History of the Marine Society at Salem. (p. 79). He is referred to as Captain in numerous places, including the records of his voyages listed below, as well as his death record in the Salem Vital Records to the end of 1849.

Several voyages of Capt. Joseph Webb are documented. As reported by George Granville Putnam in Salem Vessels and Their Voyages, Joseph Webb was the master of the ship Emerald on 11 Feb. 1828 when it “spoke” the ship George on its way back from Calcutta to Salem. The Emerald had left Salem, probably for Calcutta, 153 days earlier. The Emerald carried papers and letters from home for those on the George. Putnam noted that Capt. Webb was the grandfather of Capt. Arthur N. Webb of Salem. Arthur N. Webb was the son of Capt. Joseph’s son Joseph H. Webb.

Putnam also writes of an 1831 voyage from Calcutta with Capt. Joseph Webb as master. The ship Fenelon, Capt. Joseph Webb of Salem, master, sailed from Calcutta on 23 Dec. 1831, arrived at Sand Head, Tanzania on 27 Dec. and sailed from there for Boston, arriving in Boston on 24 Apr. 1832, a voyage of 118 days.

Joseph Webb, master, made another trip to Calcutta on 1 Oct. 1832, as reported in the Boston Courier of 24 Sept. 1832. This time he was master of the coppered ship United States, sailing from Boston. His death notice in the Boston Daily Atlas of 23 Oct. 1846 identifies him as a shipmaster and agent from Boston.

By the time of his death in 1846, Capt. Joseph Webb had established himself in Singapore, according to the diary of Mrs. Nathaniel Kinsman. She wrote “It is always safe to write by way of Singapore, as the Steamer stops there once a month on her way from India, and there is beside, frequent communication by ships, and now Joseph Webb is established there, and he will be most happy to forward any letters for me.” (P. 295) The record of his burial in “Christian Cemeteries of Penang and Perak” also states that he was “late of Singapore.”

Joseph and Mercy (Ropes) Webb had at least six children, as follows:

Joseph MacKay Webb, b. 26 May 1827, d. in Salem 28 Mar. 1828

Joseph Henry Webb, b. 16 Jul. 1831, d. in Salem 8 Jul. 1889 (MA VR 400:158)

Francis Ropes Webb, b. 27 Mar. 1833, d. 12 Jul. 1892 in Chula Vista, CA

Mercy Louisa Webb, b. 1 Dec. 1836, d. in Salem 23 Feb. 1889 (MA VR 400:353)

Mary Eliza Webb, b. 25 Jun. 1839, d. in Salem 14 Jan. 1920 at 80y, 6m, 20d.

Augustine Forrestier Webb, b. 16 Aug. 1841, d. 20 Aug. 1863, Folly Island, SC
in Civil War Service, 1st Lieut. 40 Reg. Mass. V.

Captain William Webb 3rd
Sea Captain, Cordwainer & Mystery Man

Captain William Webb 3rd was born about 1801, based on his age of 35 at the time of his death in 1836 and age of 23 at the time of his marriage in 1824. He was probably born in Salem, Massachusetts, but no record of his birth has been found to date.

William Webb 3rd married Harriet Evelyn Brown in Salem on 25 Mar. 1824. She was the daughter of Captain Stephen Brown and Mrs. Elizabeth Potter of Ipswich, MA. Harriet was baptized in Ipswich on 27 May 1798 at the Old South Church. She died in Salem 8 Dec. 1862 at 64y, 5m, 4d (MA VR 156:271). Harriet is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem. Her funeral was held from her home at 9 English Street, Salem. Harriet Webb's will is found in the Essex County Probate Records, docket 56469 (Vol. 422:274)

The identity of Capt. William Webb 3rd's parents is not known for certain at this time. However, based on information in the Diary of William Bentley and Essex County Probate Records, it appears likely that his father was William Webb Jr., the oldest son of Martha Hilliard (Webb?) Joseph Rice.

On 24 Apr. 1818, as recorded in the Diary of William Bentley, Martha Rice reported to Bentley that her eldest son, William Webb Jr., ropemaker, had died. The death of William Webb, Jr. appears in the Salem Vital Records indicating that he died of consumption in Apr. 1818 at the age of 50. He was thus born about 1768.

The 1827 Essex County Probate Records for Martha Rice (Docket Number 23528) list William Webb 3rd as one of her seven grandchildren and the administrator of her estate. Martha Rice's house at 9 English Street in Salem was conveyed to William Webb 3rd in the course of the administration of her estate. That same house is where Capt. William Webb 3rd and his wife Harriet Brown raised their family. These facts suggest that Martha Rice's son William Webb Jr. was indeed Capt. William Webb 3rd's father.

Five of Martha Rice's grandchildren bore the surname Webb including William Webb 3rd, Martha Webb (later McNeal), Mary A. Webb (later Phillips), Thomas L. Webb and Joseph W. Webb. The five Webb grandchildren may have all been children of William Webb Jr., or he may have had a male sibling who was the father of some of the Webb grandchildren.

Capt. William Webb 3rd's mother may be the Elizabeth Lefavour who married a William Webb Jr. in Salem on 13 Jan. 1793. The following individuals are likely the children of William Webb Jr., and Elizabeth Lefavour. Martha Webb, perhaps named for William Jr.'s mother Martha Rice, was born about 27 Apr. 1798 and is the first child whose birth date is known. Then there was William 3rd born 1801 and Mary Ann born 1804. Birthdates have not been found for Thomas L. Webb and Joseph W. Webb. They could have been born between 1793 and 1798 or after 1804, but in any event, they could easily fit into the possible family of William Webb Jr. and Elizabeth Lefavour outlined above.

Thomas L. Webb, one of the seven grandchildren of Martha Rice mentioned in her estate records and probably the son of William Webb Jr. and Elizabeth Lefavour, named his first son Benjamin Lafavour Webb. Also, the death record from 1857 of Martha Webb McNeal, one of Martha Rice's seven grandchildren and heirs, lists her parents as William Webb and Eliza?. (MA VR 111:152) Thus it does seem likely that Elizabeth Lefavour was the wife of William Webb Jr., son of Martha Rice and father of William Webb 3rd.

When it comes to determining William Webb 3rd's earliest ancestors, however, the task becomes more difficult. Only two potential marriages are found in the Salem Vital Records for the woman who was born as Martha Hilliard: one is the marriage of Martha Hilliard to Emmanuel Joseph in Salem on 11 Sep. 1776; the other is a marriage of Martha Joseph in Salem to Edward Rice in October 1780. Since Martha Joseph's son David Joseph was born about 1779, it is possible that he was born after the marriage of Martha Hilliard and Emmanuel Joseph and before her marriage to Edward Rice.

Since William Webb Jr. was born about 1768, his birth predates the marriage of Martha Hilliard and Emmanuel Joseph. This could account for her referring to him as her “eldest son”. However, no record of a marriage between Martha Hilliard and William Webb has been found to date, and there is no record of a marriage between a Martha Webb and a man surnamed Joseph.

At any rate, thus far William Webb 3rd's earliest known ancestors are his grandmother Martha Rice's parents, David and Mary Hilliard of Salem.

Information about William 3rd's Webb line ends at William Webb, his grandfather, born probably about 1743 or so based on the birth of William Webb Jr. in 1768. One possible candidate to be William Webb 3rd's grandfather is William Webb, son of William Webb and Abigail Riggs, who was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts in 1744. If a Y-DNA descendant of William Webb Jr. or William 3rd could be found, this idea could be tested, as descendants of William Webb of Gloucester, born 1744, are represented in the Webb Surname DNA project.

Captain William Webb 3rd died in Salem on 30 Mar 1836 at the age of 35. He died of consumption as did so many of his relatives for four generations, according to both Massachusetts vital records and Polly Stone Buck, author of Adopted Son of Salem.

William Webb 3rd is referred to as Captain in his death notice in the Salem Gazette of 1 Apr. 1836 and as “sea captain” in the book Adopted Son of Salem. No information about his voyages as a Captain has been discovered to date, despite searches in the news items of Salem and Boston newspapers and in lists of seamen at the National Archives and Records Administration. Polly Stone Buck author of Adopted Son of Salem was married to Norman Sydney Buck, a descendant of William Webb 3rd. In that book, Ms. Buck states that William Webb 3rd was a master mariner, and this information from family history is the primary reason that William 3rd is included as a sea captain in this article. It is possible that he was, in fact, a military captain, but that is a subject for further research.

At the time of William Webb 3rd's death, he had retired from the sea, probably due to weakness from consumption, and was working as a cordwainer. His probate record is found in the Essex County Probate Records, Docket Number 29088. He is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, Massachusetts with many of his children and his wife.

William Webb 3rd and Harriet Brown had at least six children. None of their births are recorded in the Salem Vital Records, but several deaths are recorded there. “AS” below refers to the book Adopted Son of Salem.

Elizabeth Webb	b. about 1824 based on age at death d. 15 Dec. 1841 of consumption at 17 yrs. (SVR). Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA.
Harriet Evelyn Webb	b. about 1827 based on age at death d. Salem, MA – 21 Nov. 1847 of consumption at 20 ½. (SVR). Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA.
Mary Webb	b. about 1829 based on age at death m. Stephen Curtis d. 27 Mar. 1852 of consumption at 22y, 2m, 7d (MA VR 66:153)
Martha Webb	b. Salem, MA – 4 Apr. 1831 (AS, death record) m. Capt. Dominick Lake Marsins, Salem, MA – 10 July 1853 (AS; MA VR 69:184) d. Malden, MA – 30 July 1910 (MA VR 1910:.67 p. 161) Buried in Forestdale Cemetery, Malden.
William Webb IV	b. Salem, MA about 1833 based on age at death d. Salem, MA – 27 Oct. 1853 of consumption (MA VR 75:161). Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem.
Sarah Webb	b. Salem, MA about 1836 (AS) m. Charles Buxton d. Unknown – probably after 1915

Captain John Felt Webb
Sea Captain, Merchant & US Consul to Zanzibar

Captain John Felt Webb was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 9 Feb. 1811, the second son and the second of five children of Benjamin A. Webb and his wife Sarah Felt. John's earliest known ancestor is his great-great-grandfather, Deacon Jonathan Webb of Salem, born about 1690. His mother Sarah (Sally) Felt was a daughter of John Felt and Mary Porter.

John Felt Webb did not marry, according to his death record. (MA VR 147:289).

John F. Webb died in Southampton, England 21 Oct. 1861. He was passing through Southampton on his way home to Salem at the time of his death, but had resided principally at Zanzibar for many years. His probate records are found in the Essex County Probate Records, Docket Number 56474.

John F. Webb is referred as Captain in numerous records, including the Ship Registers of Salem and Beverly; a news report about the brig Cherokee, 1840; in the books Adopted Son of Salem and A Cruise on the Constitution; in Salem Vessels and Their Voyages and in the 1850 and 1860 US Censuses for Salem, Massachusetts.



In the Salem Register newspaper of October 27, 1841, Capt. John F. Webb reported that on a passage from Mocha to Genoa in December, 1840, the brig Cherokee of which he was the master, was boarded by British troops who claimed to be searching for slaves. According to Capt. Webb, the British troops tore open the hatches, rifled through papers, were insolent to the crew – and found no evidence whatsoever of any slaves on board. This incident was reported to the British Consul who apologized to Capt. Webb.

In “Ship Registers of the Districts of Salem and Beverly” John F. Webb is listed as the master of the brig Ratler, 133 tons, built in Duxbury in 1838. The owners were Michael Shepard, John Bertram, Nathaniel Weston and Andrew Ward. This ship was registered in 1841. To date, no record of actual voyages of the Ratler has been found.

By February 1844, John F. Webb had sufficient experience with voyages in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf that he was called upon to provide advice about trading in that area to Benjamin Fabens, an agent in Zanzibar for the firm of Bertram and Shepherd.

John F. Webb was the captain and part owner of the barque La Plata. The La Plata had been built in Boston about 1841 and had a capacity of 263 tons of cargo space. Records of Salem, Massachusetts crew lists available through the Mystic Seaport Digital Library show John F. Webb as master of the La Plata on five different voyages to Zanzibar. Information on some of these voyages appears below.

John F. Webb was captain of the La Plata on a voyage that arrived in Zanzibar in late August 1845, based on a letter of William H. Jelly to Richard P. Waters, US Consul at Zanzibar, October 24, 1845.

Then, on 9 Jul. 1847, the La Plata, again under the command of Capt. John F. Webb, set sail from Salem for Zanzibar, landing in Zanzibar on October 22, 1847. His log of this journey can be found in the Phillips Memorial Library of the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA. On the journey to Zanzibar, the cargo onboard the La Plata consisted of 625,000 yards of brown sheeting, brass wire, one thousand muskets, varnish and a bag of gold.

After stops at Aden, Mocha, Aden, Muscat, and four stops in the Indian Ocean, the La Plata left Zanzibar for the return trip to Salem on 25 Jun 1848, with John F. Webb continuing as captain. The cargo onboard the La Plata on the trip back to Salem included 120,000 pounds of coffee, gum Arabic, gum myrrh, 39,000 goatskins and sheepskins, ivory, copal, cloves, peppers and 6 packages of turtle shells!

In July the ship was struck by lightning, but still made it back to Salem on 5 Oct. 1848. One member of the crew on this ship was Domenick Lake Marsins, husband of Martha Webb, a daughter of Capt. William Webb who is also featured in this third article about Webb sea captains. More detailed information about this voyage can be found in the book Adopted Son of Salem by Polly Stone Buck, wife of Norman Sydney Buck who was a descendant of Capt. William Webb.

Capt. John F. Webb spent much of his career living in Zanzibar at the height of the sailing activity between Salem and Zanzibar. He was a commercial agent for the firm of John Bertram and Michael Webb Shepard. By 1851, he accepted, albeit somewhat reluctantly, an appointment as US Consul in Zanzibar. On December 20, 1851 he wrote to Michael Shepard "I accepted the office only to bring about a settlement of all the frivolous questions which had arisen between the US Government and that of His Highness, & in this have fully succeeded."

The records of the East India Marine Society contain a biography of John F. Webb, stating that he was educated at the old Latin School and had served as a supercargo starting at the age of 20. He was also a member of the Marine Society at Salem, having joined on 31 Jul. 1845. His portrait is in the book Portraits of the Marine Society at Salem.

Praise for Capt. John F. Webb's actions as a commercial agent is found in A Cruise on the Constitution: around the world on Old Ironsides, 1844-1847 by Benjamin F. Stevens: "At Zanzibar we found several Americans, agents for the Salem merchants, who carry on a lucrative trade in ivory and gum copal. Our vice-consul, Mr. William C. Waters and Captain John F. Webb did everything in their power to render our stay as pleasant as possible. It would indeed be a gratifying circumstance could we find in every port we stop at so many friends as at Zanzibar."

Captain Francis Ropes Webb **Sea Captain, Commercial Agent & US Consul to Zanzibar & New Zealand**



Captain Francis Ropes Webb was born in Salem, Massachusetts on 27 Mar. 1833, the third child and third son of Capt. Joseph Webb and Mercy Ropes. Francis' father Captain Joseph Webb is also featured in this third article on Webb Sea Captains of Salem. Francis' mother Mercy Ropes was the daughter of William Ropes and Mary Brown of Salem. Francis' earliest known Webb ancestor is his great-great-grandfather, Deacon Jonathan Webb of Salem, born about 1690.

Francis attended Salem English High School until 2 May 1845 when, at the age of 12, he went to sea with his father. Less than 15 months later, young Francis was present when his father Joseph died at Pulao, Penang, East Indies on 23 Jul. 1846.

In Salem on 21 Mar. 1861, Francis married Louisa Lewis Shatswell (MA VR 144:219). She was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah E. Shatswell, according to her marriage record. It is likely that her mother was the Sarah E. Pulsifer who married Joseph Shatswell in Salem on 28 Jan. 1829. No record of Louisa's birth has been found to date, but based on her age in the 1860 and 1880 US Census', Louisa was born about 1833, probably in Salem. No record of Louisa Webb's death has been found as yet, but she is listed in the 1900 US Census for National City, San Diego County, California at the age of 67, a widow. Perhaps she died between 1900 and 1910 as she does not appear in the 1910 US Census.

Francis Ropes Webb died 11 Jul. 1892 in Chula Vista, California after being stricken with paralysis nine days earlier. He was 59 years old, and had recently retired from serving as US Consul to New Zealand. According to his obituary in the Auckland (NZ) Star, Francis had established an orange farm in Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego, and had hoped to establish a direct shipping line of vessels from California to New Zealand. His probate record is in San Diego County Wills, Vol. 4, p.160, Box 946. Information about his probate record is also in Early California Wills published by the California DAR 1 952, Vol. 3, p. 153. Francis is buried in LaVista Cemetery, National City, California and is recognized there as a Civil War veteran.

Francis Ropes Webb is referred to as Captain in numerous places, including his obituaries in the New York Times and the Auckland Star, and the book Salem Vessels and their Voyages by George Granville Putnam. In the 1860 US Census for Salem, Massachusetts, he is listed as a master mariner. He joined the Marine Society at Salem on 26 Sep. 1872, and his portrait is in the book Portraits of the Marine Society at Salem. He served as Deputy Master of the society from 1877 to 1878.

Capt. F.R. Webb's first documented service as a captain, however, is found in the records of his Naval service during the Civil War. Francis Ropes Webb was the commander of the gunboat Fah Kee from 22 Jan. 1864 to 4 Oct. 1865 according to the book Massachusetts Officers in the United States Navy. He had previously been appointed acting Ensign on the Minnesota on 14 Oct. 1862. His obituary in the Auckland Star states that during the Civil War, he was ordered to the Mississippi under Admiral Porter and Admiral Lee, and then, on the Fah Kee, was ordered to Cuba in search of Jefferson Davis.

Capt. Francis R. Webb was active in the China Trade as both a first mate and a captain before he became active in trade to Zanzibar, East Africa. In Salem Vessels and Their Voyages, Putnam mentions that Capt. Webb made several other voyages to Zanzibar and Arabia in the bark Imaum, in the employ of Benjamin West, owner of the Imaum.

Capt. Webb then became resident commercial agent for the firm of John Bertram in Aden and Zanzibar. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed US Consul to Zanzibar. He lived in Zanzibar, with his wife and two children, Charles and Mary. During that time, he facilitated trade between Salem and Zanzibar as an agent and consul would normally do, but also participated in two interesting experiences.

Henry Morgan in the book How I Found Livingstone in Central Africa writes of the help provided to him in January 1871 by Capt. Francis R. Webb. As US Consul, Capt. Webb's services went far beyond routine facilitating. As Morgan puts it, Capt. Webb rather made "an opportune proposal to make his commodious and comfortable house my own: to enjoy myself, with the request that I would call for whatever I might require." (p. 9)

For his anticipated two-year journey to find Livingstone, Morgan purchased a wide variety of cloth, beads and wire to use for trading purposes, including 22 sacks of beads, 350 pounds of brasswire, and multiple bales of cloth. He stored "the comely bales and packings, lying piled up, row above row, in Capt. Webb's capacious store-room." (p. 24)

After Morgan acquired additional provisions, he enlisted the help of Capt. Webb to procure a large boat capable of carrying twenty people and the necessary supplies. When all was finally ready, four dhows were needed to carry all the supplies. The dhows were anchored at the American consulate. Morgan describes their departure: "A little before noon we set sail. The American flag, a present to the Expedition by that kind-hearted lady, Mrs. Webb, was raised to the mast-head; the Consul, his lady, and exuberant little children, Mary and Charley, were on the housetop waving the starry banner, hats and handkerchiefs, a token of farewell to me and mine." (p. 38)

The other significant event of FR Webb's service as US consul to Zanzibar occurred in 1873. He was instrumental in securing the signature of the Sultan of Zanzibar to the treaty for the suppression of the Africa slave trade. According to Norman R. Bennett, in "Americans in Zanzibar: 1865-1915" (EIHC, Vol. 98) Francis Ropes Webb had "gained a position of much influence with the Sultan during his years in Zanzibar and was willing to aid the British as much as possible." Webb advised the Sultan to accede to the British demands for an end of the Africa slave trade. Ultimately the Sultan accepted the terms. This resulted in the "United States, so recently at war over slavery" not being "discredited before the world for opposing a move against the slave trade in East Africa."

Capt. Francis R. Webb had returned to the United States by the time of the 1880 US Census. His occupation there is listed as "lighting by electricity", an interesting departure from life at sea and in Zanzibar!

However, about 1881 Webb departed for Auckland, New Zealand where he served as a commercial representative for the firm of Arnold, Cheney and Co., and also as US Consul. Captain Webb was well regarded in New Zealand. His obituary from the Auckland Star states that "Captain Webb's character was that of a thorough gentlemen of the old school, kindly and courteous in manner, and firm and upright in business transactions...His life was characterized by good deeds and fidelity to duty."

Francis and Louisa Webb had two children:

Charles Francis Webb, b. Salem, MA 31 Jul. 1863 (MA VR 159:234), d. 2 Aug. 1892 in San Diego County, California after a fall from his buggy.

Mary Louisa Webb, b. about 1865 (1880 US Census, Salem, MA). Her birth record has not been found to date. She was living in Washington, DC at the time of the 1930 US Census.

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California

The Western Shore Gazetteer and Commercial Directory of the State of California

C. P. Sprague, 1870

Yolo Co.

Andrew S. Webb married Margaret C. Moore, December 31st, 1862

Sacramento

John Webb, Ohio; laborer, Washington Precinct and Township; Post-office, Sacramento.

Monterey

W. H. Webb, District Attorney

Arthur Marion Webb

"**Arthur Marion Webb**, the proprietor of Webb's Cackle Farm, at 227 Park Way, Santa Cruz, was born on a farm near Corinth, Mississippi, August 28, 1879. His father died when he was a babe. Having been taken to Nebraska when he was a child, he was sent to the public schools in that state and from his thirteenth year he began to take care of himself.

For four years he worked in a soap factory and then came to California, locating in San Francisco, where for ten years he was employed as a trunk and box maker. **Mr. Webb** found conditions in the city unsatisfactory and was persuaded to locate in Santa Cruz in 1910. With a borrowed capital of one hundred dollars and with one hen and a few eggs, he embarked in the chicken business. He put heart and brain into the new undertaking and in time purchased fifty chicks, so that at the end of the first year he had one hundred and fifty, from which he realized two dollars a piece profit on each hen. He is now feeding eight thousand hens, more than anyone else in Santa Cruz county, which county now ranks third in the poultry business in the state. **Mr. Webb** has a large hatchery, where he brings out one hundred and fifty thousand chicks a year and these he ships to various parts of the state. In a recent henlaying contest one of his hens came out second. He is not only regarded as the pioneer in his line in this section, but he is one of the most successful poultry men in this section. He is also a booster for Santa Cruz county for the poultry business. In politics, he is a democrat, believing in the grand old principles of the historic party of Jefferson and Cleveland.

In 1923 **Mr. Webb** was married to Mrs. Anna E. Abbot Traintor, of Orville. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and is fond of hunting and fishing."

[Source: Excerpt from: History of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, California, Rolin G. Watkins, 1925]

Holton Webb

“Sojourns of considerable duration in other parts of the state have enabled **Mr. Webb** to intelligently compare Riverside with localities elsewhere and it is his decision that this city possesses advantages neither small nor unimportant. During the decade in which he has made his home here he has formed a wide circle of acquaintances and has occupied an important place in the community life through his intelligent service in an educational capacity and through his capable labors as a justice of the peace, as well as through his general practice of law, the profession for which he was educated and in which he received excellent training under prominent law firms. Those well qualified to judge concerning his work as justice state that that he is impartial in his decisions and uses his broad knowledge of the law with telling results in his court. A conservative policy directs his work, it being one of his aims to urge the avoidance of expensive litigation and to promote an amicable settlement of difficulties.

The boyhood years of **Holton Webb** were uneventfully passed in Wisconsin, where he was born at Waukesha April 13, 1853, being a son of **Eldridge G. and Anna S. Webb** and a member of a family identified with the early history of that state. From the time he entered school until 1868 he was a student at Manitowoc, Wis. Later he removed to Oshkosh, same state, in 1871 and matriculated in the Wisconsin State Normal School, where he continued until the completion of the normal course and his graduation in 1876 with honors. Immediately after leaving school he came to California and settled in San Jose, where for four years he was employed as a clerk with the law firm of Houghton & Reynolds. Next he removed to San Francisco and secured a clerkship with one of the leading law firms of that metropolis. In addition to serving the firm in a clerical capacity he carried on a general study of the law and at the expiration of eighteen months he was admitted to the bar of California by the supreme court of the state.

Educational work and law practice have occupied the attention of **Mr. Webb** for more than one-quarter of a century. About the year 1885 he left San Francisco and settled in Santa Barbara county, where he remained until 1901, meanwhile laboring effectively in the schoolroom and as an attorney. The year 1901 found him in Riverside and here he has since resided, meanwhile teaching school until 1904 and then acting as deputy county clerk until August 1909, at which time he took the oath of office as justice of the peace. While residing in Santa Barbara county he formed the acquaintance of Miss Idella Rudolph and they were united in marriage during the year 1890. Their family comprises three children, namely: **Miriam Holton, John Rudolph** and **Elvin Elbridge**. As communicants of the Episcopal Church **Mr. and Mrs. Webb** maintain a warm interest in the religious life of the community and contribute to charities and to missionary movements. The Republican part has received his ballot in both general and local elections and he is found to be intelligently posted concerning the issues of the age. Interested in fraternal work, he finds congenial associations in the local organizations of the Masons, the Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On January 4, 1912, **Judge Webb** was assaulted by John Chinnici, an Italian, who fired four shots at close range, one of which took effect in the left shoulder, penetrating the left lung. Chinnici was arrested, tried and convicted for an assault to murder. The jury was out but fifteen minutes when it returned with verdict of guilty. The assassin was sentenced by Judge Densmore to fourteen years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin.”

[Source: History of Riverside County, California, E W Holmes, 1912]

Octavius H. Webb – Tulare Co. CA

A native of the Old Dominion, Virginia, **O. H. Webb**, whose present postoffice address is Dinuba, Tulare county, Cal., was born in historic Fluvanna county, January 27, 1857. His father, **George H. Webb**, a carpenter by trade, served under General Lee in the Civil war, from 1861 to the end of the struggle, and during the closing years of his service was detailed to the commissary department. He married Martha Noel, who like himself was a native of Virginia, and they had three children.

In 1887 **O. H. Webb** came to California and since then has given all of his active years to ranching. He has bought town lot in Dinuba and built a residence near the high school. For one acre he paid \$100 and for his other Dinuba

lots \$100 each. He leases forty acres of the Humphrey land and has five acres in orchard, the remainder in vineyard, yielding an average crop of one ton per acre. Five acres he devotes to peaches, which yielded in 1911 one ton of dried fruit per acre at an average price of eight cents a pound.

In his youth **Mr. Webb** learned the carpenter's trade with his father, who was a contractor and builder, but he has not followed his trade since coming to California. Politically he has always affiliated with the Republicans. In Virginia he married Sallie Mahaynes, and they have a son, **Horace L. Webb**, who is married and has two children. Mrs. Webb died in May, 1887, deeply regretted by all who had known her. As a citizen **Mr. Webb** is public spirited to a noteworthy degree, taking a deep and abiding interest in all economic questions affecting the welfare of his community and state.

[Source: History of Tulare and Kings Counties, California, E. L. Menefee, 1913]

Georgia

Liberty Co.

Marriage:

May 14, 1803, **John Webb** m. Mrs. Elizabeth Agnew

Wills:

Catherine Hastings, April 20, 1812-Jan 6, 1814. Two slaves to be set free and land provided for them; Mr. Wm C. Lawson trustee. To Mrs. Frederica Alexander and her children, Adam and Louisa. To Mr. Jedediah Field and his wife Elizabeth the plantation I now live on, also negroes. To Mr. William C. Lawson, negroes and a horse. To Miss Sarah H. Duncan and Miss Mary Isabel Agnew my apparel. To Mr. John Lines, land and cattle. Remainder I trust for Baptist Church at Sunbury, and its poor. Executors: Wm. C. Lawson, Jedediah Field. Wit: **John Webb**, John Somersall, J. H. Cuthbert.

John Webb, Jan 18, 1817-Apr. 7, 1817. Son: **John Francis Webb**. Sister: **Rebecca Webb**. Executors: Samuel S. Law and James Holmes. Wit: William Ward, R. G. Gordon, Andrew Rhodes.

Liberty Co. Connections in North and South Carolina:

Charles Hudson, Nov 9, 1785, [From Court house in Williamston, Martin Co., NC] wife Mary. Two sons: Abner and Josiah. Executors: William Earl and Francis Ward. Wit.: John Mizel, **Harmon Webb**, Benjamin Fuller.

Effingham Co.

Will of **Wentworth Webb**, Sept 25, 1793, Executor: Robert Kelly. Jesse Mixon enters caveat against Robert Kelly, who is also made administrator of the estates of **Henry Webb**, Rachel Shorter and Co. Caveators reason that Robert Kelly was co-equal heir of **Wentworth Webb**. Signed by William and Benjamin Cook and Rachel Philips. Wit.: Christian Treutlen, J. P., and Abraham Ravot, J. P. "Mr. Robert Kelly not being pleased with the Openian, prays for an appeal." Appraised by Robert Scott McKeen and William Cone.

Will of **James Webb**, May 8, 1797. To half brother **Jesse Webb**, and half sisters **Lydia, Elizabeth, Sarah, Martha, Jane**. Witnesses: Asa Loper, Abel Loper, Joshua Loper.

[Source: Annals of Georgia, C. P. Wilson, 1969]

Kansas

Crawford Co.

H. G. Webb

At the general election in November, 1870, the **Hon. Henry G. Webb** was elected judge of the eleventh judicial district for the full term of four years. In 1873 he resigned his office. He was considered one of the ablest lawyers in the state of Kansas, and was a very successful practitioner. He was a fine orator and a man far above the average ability.

W. C. Webb

On the 2d of March, 1870, the legislature created the eleventh judicial district, consisting of the counties of Crawford, Cherokee, Labette, Montgomery and Howard, and the **Hon. William C. Webb** was its first judge. At that time he was about forty-six years old and was then recognized as a very able lawyer. **Judge Webb** held one term of court in each county of his district and then was appointed official reporter of the supreme court.

Judge Webb died in Topeka in 1878 at the age of seventy-four years.

[Source: A Twentieth century history and biographical record of Crawford County, Kansas, 1905]

Kansas Military Land Warrants

May 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Brown Co. KS

Mary Webb, widow of **Abram Webb**, private, Capt. Woodson's Co., VA Mil., War 1812

Assigned by **Mary Webb** to Charles A. Colhoun and by him to Michael Jermann.

May 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Brown Co. KS

Franklin Weaver, private, Capt. Cownover's Co., Utah Militia, Utah Indian Disturbances

Assignee: **William G. Webb**

June 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Franklin Co. KS

John Webb, Sr., Sergeant, Capt. Standifer's Co., Tennessee Militia, Creek War

Assignee: James W. Shepherd

June 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS

James Gleeson, Teamster, US Quarter Masters Dept. War with Mexico

Assignee: **Daniel Webb**

June 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS

Uzziel Putnam, Teamster, Ohio Militia, War 1812

Assignee: **John Webb**

June 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS

Silas D. Brown, private, Capt. Clarke's Co., Rhode Island Militia, War 1812

Assignee: **Thomas Webb**

June 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS

James Jenkins, Teamster, US Quarter Master, Dept. War with Mexico

Assignee: **William Webb**

July 2, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo - 160 acres, Nemaha Co. KS
Hanan Coffern, Teamster, US Quarter Masters Dept. War 1812
Assignee: [Reuben G. Webb](#)

June 15, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton –120 acres, Anderson Co. KS
Eleazer Lewis, private Capt. Beach's Co., Connecticut Militia, War 1812
Assigned by Eleazer Lewis to [Winslow W. Webb](#) and by him to Lester S. Dart.

July 16, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Atchison Co. KS
[Elizabeth Webb](#), widow of [Jas S. Webb](#), private, Capt. Flood's Co., VA Mil, War 1812
Assigned by James M. Going, administrator of said [Elizabeth Webb](#), deceased to William C. Clayton, assignee.

July 16, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 121 acres, Doniphan Co. KS
Vance, Sarah and Nelly Gist, minor children of John Gist, dec., private Capt. Coles Co., Tennessee Militia War 1812
Assigned by Vance Gist, William Copeland, Sarah Copeland, Sarah Gist, [Alfred Webb](#), appointed guardian of Nelly Gist, and authorized to assign the same to George G. Dibrell and by him assigned to Charles W. Fisk

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 80 acres, Linn Co. KS
[Claiborne C. Webb](#), private in Captain Walker's Co., Missouri Militia, Florida War
Assignee: Henry L. Barber

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 123.7 acres, Franklin Co. KS
[Andrew Webb](#), Corporal, Capt. Scotts Company, New York Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Levings N. Davis

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS
Lydia Snow, widow of Thomas Snow, private, Capt. Horton and Prentiss Co.'s, Massachusetts Militia, War 1812
Lydia Snow assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Franklin Co. KS
Caroline M. Williams, minor child of John J. Williams, decd., private, Capt. Gilman's Co., New Hamp. Militia, War 1812
Assigned by John E. Williams, guardian of the said minor child, to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS
Ebenezer Whitehouse, private, Capt. Thompson's Co., Maine Militia, War 1812
Ebenezer Whitehouse to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Franklin Co. KS
Francis Mellen, Seaman, Ship "Princeton", US Navy, War with Mexico
Assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS
John Gilley, Lieut. Capt. Prentiss and Horton's Co.'s, Massachusetts Militia, War 1812
Assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS
Mary Ridley, widow of Daniel Ridley, private, Capt. Haskell's Co., Massachusetts Militia, War 1812
Mary Ridley assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS
Owen Taylor, Seaman, Frigate Constitution, US Navy, War 1812
Assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to [Thomas H. Webb](#).

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS
Abraham Marston, private, Capt. Dearborn's Co., New Hampshire Militia, War 1812
Assigned to Martin F. Conway and by him to **Thomas H. Webb**.

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Osage Co., KS
Frances Webb, widow of **Augustin Webb**, private Revolutionary War.
Clifton H. Bogard, administrator of the estate of said **Francis Webb**, dec., assigned to Elizabeth McMaster.

Aug 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS
Eve Webb, widow of **Samuel Webb**, private, Capt. Heidley's Co., PA Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Samuel M. Strong

Aug 3, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 43.66 acres – Nemaha Co. KS
William Webb, drummer and private, Capt. Thomas and Brown's Co.'s, New York, War 1812
Assignee: Daniel B. Linn

Sept 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Ogden – 160 acres, Chase Co. KS
Benham Webb, private, Capt. Santley's Co., New York Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Oscar T. Lewis

Sept 10, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 80 acres, Riley Co, KS
Woodson Webb, private Capt. McCully's Co., Tennessee Militia, War 1812
Woodson Webb assigned to W. A. Black and by him to William A. Simpson.

Sept 10. 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Anderson Co. KS
Frusanah Sutton, widow of Zachariah Sutton, private, Capt. Hall's Co., Georgia Militia, War 1812
Assigned by John C. Sutton, Andrew Sutton, Jasper N. Sutton, William Slade, Jeremiah Slade, Jackson P. Bennet,
David Culpepper and James F. Buckelew, heirs at law of Frusanah Sutton, deceased to **John Webb**, assignee.

Sept 15, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Doniphan Co. KS
Lewis Webb, private, Capt. McGuire's Co., Indiana Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Jacob Heastan

Sept 15, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 154.45 acres, Nemaha Co. KS
Martin Webb, private, Capt. Rich' Co., Tennessee Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Susan Rice

Sept 15, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Nemaha Co. KS
Paul S. Richard's, private, Capt. Post's Co., Vermont Militia, War 1812
Assignee: **Archibald Webb**

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 120 acres, Jackson Co. KS
Robert Webb, private, Capt. Bradshaw's Co. Ohio Militia, War 1812
Robert Webb assigned to Thomas E. Rees and by him to Omer Tousey.

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 160 acres, Linn Co. KS
James T. Wilson, Teamster, US Quarter Master Dept. War with Mexico
James T. Wilson assigned to William H. Hiner and by him to **Elisha Webb**

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Pottawatomie Co. KS
Nancy Vinyard, widow of Daniel Vinyard, private, Capt. Troussel's Co., IL Militia 1812
Assignee: **Ephraim Webb**

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Pottawatomie Co. KS
Eliza Crawford, former widow of Archibald Libolt, private, Capt. Gale and Sampson's Co.'s, New York Militia, War 1812
Assignee: [Ephraim Webb](#)

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Pottawatomie Co. KS
Sybil Sprague, widow of Samuel B. Sprague, private, Capt. Covill's Co., New York Militia, War 1812
Assignee: [Ephraim Webb](#)

Oct 1, 1860 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 160 acres, Marshall Co. KS
[James Webb](#), private, Capt. Wright's Co., New York, Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Samuel Wilkinson

April 1, 1861 – Military Warrant – Fort Scott – 160 acres, Bourbon Co. KS
[John Webb](#), private Capt. Mifflin's Co., Pennsylvania Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Andrew J. Butler

Jan 20, 1862 – Military Warrant – Kickapoo – 120 acres, Nemaha Co. KS
[James Webb](#), private, Capt. Malbees Co., Ohio Militia, War 1812
Assigned by [John Webb](#) and [Austin Webb](#), executors of the last will and testament of [James Webb](#) deceased to Henry C. Gallion.

April 10, 1863 – Military Warrant – Humboldt – 160 acres, Woodson Co. KS
John Anderson, Seaman Ship "McLane" U.S. Navy War with Mexico
Assignees: [Daniel and Davis Webb](#)

April 10, 1863 – Military Warrant – Mapleton – 160 acres, Allen Co. KS
Isaac Ewer, private, Capt. Abadee's Co., MA Militia, War 1812
Assignee: [Solomon M. Webb](#)

Sept 15, 1864 – Military Warrant – Lecompton – 124.7 acres, Douglas, Jefferson Co. KS
[Thomas Webb](#), private, Capt. Gordon's Co., Ohio Militia, War 1812
Assignee: Heirs of Isaac Shirley, dec.

Feb 9, 1867 – Military Warrant – Humboldt – 40 acres, Bourbon Co. KS
Sophia Townsend, widow of John Townsend, Lieut., Capt. Hall's Co., Illinois Militia, Black Hawk War
Assigned by Sophia Townsend to [Solomon M. Webb](#) and by him to William Shorten.

March 25, 1868 – Military Warrant – Junction City – 170 acres, Saline Co. KS
Mary Rogers, formerly widow of James Wilson, private, Capt. Knowles, Co. Pennsylvania Militia, War 1812
Assignee: [Willis S. Webb](#)

July 18, 1871 – Military Warrant – Junction City – 160 acres, Dickinson Co. KS
[Elizabeth Webb](#), former widow of Matthias Black, private, Capt. Leonard's Co., Ohio Militia, War 1812
[Elizabeth Webb](#) assigned to William E. Preston, and by him to Hiram H. Little.

March 1, 1877 – Military Warrant – Kirwin – 120 acres Osborne Co. KS
[Abraham Webb](#), Captain New Jersey Militia, War 1812.
Assignee: William Bodge

Sept 30, 1890 – Military Warrant – Garden City – 160.6 acres, Finney Co. KS
Susan E. Howell, widow of John B. Howell, private, Capt. Magruder's Co., Maryland Militia, War 1812
Assignee: [John C. Webb](#)

Mississippi

Webbs in Mississippi 1860 Census

Heads of HH or in non-Webb HHs	age	birthplace	county	spouse
A. G. Webb	48	KY	Yalobusha	Martha
A. H. Webb	31	TN	Carroll	Mary
A. H. Webb	37	NC	Tishomingo	Mary E.
Albert Webb	17	MS	Marion	none
A. R. Webb	61	KY	Monroe	widower
A. W. Webb	48	SC	Winston	A.
Allen Webb	26	AL	Neshoba	Levicy
Andrew J. Webb	18	TN	Tippah	none
Dr. Augustus Webb	31	NC	Marshall	Mary
Calvin Webb	34	TN	Tishomingo	Susan
Charles R. Webb	59	MS	Amite	June
Daniel Webb	60	MS	Jackson	Mary A.
David Webb	30	AL	Coahoma	Mary
David Webb	35	TN	Coahoma	June
E. P. Webb	29	MS	Winston	R.
Ele Webb	43	NC	Hinds	life in prison
Elenor Webb	16	LA	Harrison	none
Ele__za	20	MS	Attala	none
Elisabeth Webb	16	MS	Tippah	none
Elisha Webb	34	AL	Lafayette	Mary
Eliza Webb	30	GA	Warren	widow
Elizabeth Webb	24	AL	Lowndes	widow
Elizabeth Webb	45	MS	Marion	widow
Elizabeth Webb	60	SC	Yalobusha	widow
Ellen Webb	80	NC	Tishomingo	widow
Frances Webb	58	MS	Copiah	none
Francis A. Webb	10	MS	Attala	none
Francis M. Webb	11	MS	Tippah	none
G. Webb	27	TN	Desoto	E.
G. Webb	58	NC	Smith	Nica
G. E. Webb	37	VA	Noxubee	P.
George N. Webb	24	CT	Carroll	none
George Webb	60	TN	Carroll	Adaline
George F. Webb	42	MS	Amite	Louisa
George W. Webb	42	TN	Itawamba	Sarah
Green Webb	15	MS	Attala	none
G. W. Webb	36	VA	Warren	Martha
H. M. Webb	24	AL	Neshoba	Martha E.
Henry Webb	22	MS	Jackson	none
J. H. Webb	35	NC	Tishomingo	Mary A.
J. J. Webb	25	GA	Scott	Martha
J. P. Webb	22	MS	Winston	S. J.
J. W. Webb	30	AL	Winston	S. L.
Jack Webb	22	TN	Tishomingo	widower

Jacob Webb	67	VA	Monroe	Elizabeth
James Webb	13	MS	Tippah	Mary
James Webb	26	NC	Tippah	none
James Webb	69	NC	Winston	Mary
James A. Webb	30	LA	Harrison	none
James M. Webb	20	GA	Rankin	Angeline
James T. Webb	37	NC	Kemper	Ema H.
Jasper Webb	25	AL	Monroe	Tembler
Jeptha B. Webb	59	NC	Neshoba	Levicy
Jeremiah Webb	23	MS	Marshall	Mary J.
Jesse Webb	65	NC	Neshoba	Eurricy
John Webb	46	England	Adams	Elizabeth
John Webb	21	TN	Rankin	none
John Webb	35	AL	Rankin	S. E.
John B. Webb	30	SC	Attala	Sarah
John S. Webb	7	MS	Itawamba	none
Dr. John W. F. Webb	27	GA	Amite	Mary
K. R. Webb	44	MS	Franklin	Margaret
K. Rufus Webb	35	MS	Amite	Felicia
Lawrence Webb	22	NC	Tishomingo	Martha Ann
M. E. Webb	40	TN	Monroe	E. L.
M. J. Webb	19	NC	Tippah	none
Margaret Webb	30	MS	Copiah	widow
Mary Webb	52	PA	Warren	widow
Martha Webb	16	MS	Monroe	none
Martha J. Webb	34	TN	Pontotoc	widow
Mary Webb	83	NC	Monroe	none
Mary Webb	16	MS	Neshoba	none
Melmuth Webb	30	AL	Neshoba	Corrilla
Nancy Webb	12	MS	Attala	none
Nancy J. Webb	11	MS	Itawamba	none
Nathan Webb	28	AL	Lafayette	Sarah
O. P. Webb	20	MS	Desoto	none
O. P. Webb	31	AL	Monroe	S. E.
O. P. Webb	13	MS	Monroe	none
P. C. Webb	24	AL	Neshoba	Nancy
Pleasant Webb	31	GA	Amite	Josann
Polly Webb	45	MS	Monroe	widow
Robert B. Webb	38	SC	Attala	Matilda A.
Robert Webb	36	NC	Lafayette	Elizabeth
Roxana Webb	22	MS	Warren	widow
Ruffin Webb	38	SC	Lowndes	Martha
S. L. Webb	33	TN	Desoto	N. J.
Samuel Webb	34	NC	Lafayette	none
Samuel Webb	21	MS	Marshall	Lucinda
Samuel B. Webb	57	GA	Amite	Lucinda
Soloman Webb	64	NC	Calhoun	Easther
T. B. Webb	26	VA	Marshall	none
Thomas B. Webb	46	VA	Warren	Caroline
Tily Webb	8	MS	Attala	none
W. Webb	40	MS	Warren	William

W. H. Webb	44	AL	Winston	Sarah
W. J. Webb	32	TN	Monroe	Margaret M.
W. K. Webb	23	MS	Copiah	Sallie
Walter B. Webb	26	MS	Marion	Ruhanna
Warren S. Webb	35	NY	Lowndes	Mary
Will Webb	36	TN	Kemper	Mary
William Webb	22	AL	Attala	none
William Webb	11	MS	Tippah	none
William Webb	73	NC	Lafayette	Elizabeth
William B. Webb	39	NC	Tishomingo	Malinda E.
William J. Webb	3	MS	Itawamba	none
W. W. Webb	2	TN	Tippah	none

South Dakota

F. M. Webb, 1859-____; Hitchcock; born at Dartford, Wis.; agent and operator on C. and N. W. Ry., thirteen years; came to Dakota and was employed by the same company until 1890, when he entered the mercantile business in Hitchcock, Beadle Co.; mayor of Hitchcock several terms; legislator, 1905.

[Source: Doane Robinson's Encyclopedia of South Dakota, 1925]

Texas

Joseph H. Webb of Bell Co.

Joseph H. Webb, a farmer of Bell county, was born in Henry county, Virginia, January 24, 1821, a son of **Thomas Webb**, also a native of Virginia. The latter is a son of **Morris Webb**, who served through the Revolutionary war, and afterward moved to Tennessee, where he subsequently died. **Thomas Webb** married Miss Elizabeth East, a daughter of Jack East, a native of Virginia. They were the parents of sixteen children, our subject being the eighth child, and the only one now living.

The latter came to Texas with his father's family in 1837, settling in Washington county, where he remained until after the late war. During that struggle he was detailed to look after beef cattle, and served in that capacity until the last year of the war, when he was sent to Galveston and served as a soldier. In 1863 he came to this county, but later returned to his command at Galveston, where he served until the close of the war. He then sold his Washington county farm and came to this locality, where he has ever since remained. He bought a tract of 510 acres, and he now has 150 acres of his land under a fine state of cultivation. **Mr. Webb** was much opposed to annexation, and he still feels that his first vote was cast in the right direction. He is a staunch Democrat in his political views, but has never aspired to public office.

Mr. Webb was first married to Miss Elizabeth Studeville, a daughter of James Studeville, a native of Indiana. The latter came to this State in 1836, where he served through the Texas Revolution, and now resides in Coryell county. **Mrs. Webb** died in 1883, and in 18[9?] our subject married Miss Melissa Boney, a daughter of Henry Y. and Caroline [Trumble] Boney, natives of Tennessee. The father was killed in 1864, in the late war, and his widow now resides in Eastland county, Texas. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom still survive. **Mr. and Mrs. Webb** have had no children of their own, but have reared three others, --Thomas J. Brown, who lived with the family sixteen years, and is now engaged in farming and stock-raising; Fannie O. Adkins, who has been in the family ten years; and C. L. Brown, who has been with **Mr. and Mrs. Webb** from a small boy, and is now working for himself. Our subject and wife have an abundance of this world's goods, have a good comfortable home, and both are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

[Source: A Memorial and Biographical History of McLennan, Falls, Bell and Coryell Counties, Texas, D'Alarone, De La Harpe & Sam Houston, 1893]

Andrew J. Dennis m. Sarah Webb of Dallas Co., Texas

"...Mr. Dennis was married to **Miss Sarah Webb**. Her father, **I. B. Webb**, a native of Tennessee, came to Texas in 1844, settled in Dallas county and took a headright of 640 acres of land. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Dennis, was before her marriage Miss Mary Hughes. Her death occurred in 1887. Her father, William Hughes, was a native of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have been blessed with nine children, viz: Margaret L., wife of W. H. Demere, lives in Dallas county; James L., at home; L. W., married and settle in life; and Z. H., George N., Charles W., Anna F., J. Sutton and Mary Hughes, at home..."

[Source: Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas, H. W. Grady, S. L. Russell, 1892]

John Webb of Burnett Co., Texas

191 acres – **John Webb**, on Love Creek, twenty and a half miles S. 5 degrees E. from the town of Hamilton.

[Source: A Texas Immigrant and Traveller's Guide Book Jacob De Cordova, 1856]

East Texas Postmasters, 1847

Ed. Webb, Franklin Post Office, Robertson Co.

[Source: East Texas: its history and its makers, T. C. Richardson, 1940]

Captain James Gillaspie's Company, 5th Regiment, Texas Infantry Volunteers

James Webb

Thomas H. Webb

[Source: East Texas: its history and its makers, T. C. Richardson, 1940]

Falls County Texas

“In June, 1837, several members of Fort Milam – Ezra Webb, Michael Castleman, James Coryell, a Mr. Berry, Samuel Burton, and one other whose name is not remembered – were surprised and attacked by a group of savages during the rangers’ “quiet and enjoy raid on a bee-tree.” Coryell was killed, but the others escaped. There has been much discussion among interested persons about the place of Coryell’s grave, but the exact spot has never been definitely located.”

[Source: Excerpt from “Western Falls County, Texas,” St. Romain, Lillian Schiller, 1951]

Hon. Henry E. Webb

“Hon. Henry E. Webb, familiarly known as “Uncle Henry,” was born in Hempstead County, Arkansas, August 6, 1868. His father, John J. Webb, was a native of Tennessee, but his childhood was spent in Georgia. When the Civil war came he served in the Confederate army with Company C of the First Georgia Infantry. Severe wounds received in the second battle of Manassas, August 30, 1862, kept him from further service. Before the war was ended he had migrated to the southwestern part of Arkansas, where he married Narcissus Chandler, daughter of Emery Chandler, a pioneer stock raiser of that section. She died, leaving three small children: Henry E., the subject of this sketch, James C. and David J. In later life James C. Webb...passed away in 1927. The youngest brother, David J. Webb, is a citizen of Odessa.

In 1880 John J. Webb married Mrs. Melinda Ferguson, but to this union no children were born...In 1902, having previously retired, he moved from Arkansas to Texas. He died at Paris, Lamar County, and his body was buried later at the County Line Baptist Church of Howard County, which was formerly a part of Hempstead County, Arkansas.

...Henry E. Webb’s childhood was spent on the farm where he was born...Later he studied and read law... In 1901 he located in Lamar County, Texas...He remained located in Paris, Texas until 1906...then was farming on an extensive scale in Baylor County, near Seymour, until 1910. In that year he moved to Upton County....went to Odessa, building his home there and continuing to live there to the present time...

...In 1890, on October 30, Henry E. Webb married Mary McInturff, daughter of C. N. and Martha [Austin] McInturff, both natives of Mississippi, who had pioneered into Southwest Arkansas...

...Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Webb. The oldest is John, who served in the greet war with the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Supply Train, Ninetieth Division, A. E. F., and who married Miss Irma Jones. The next is Reeder C., now sheriff of Ector County...He married Miss Rose Robb, and resides in Odessa...The third son is Lawrence S., who married Bertha Smith...He is now a merchant of Odessa. The fourth is George H., in the transportation business in Odessa, who married Miss Jewell Ratliff. The next is Jim J., who is in the insurance business, and who married Miss Eva Gann. The sixth and youngest is Sam R., and Odessa merchant, who wife was Miss Olva Glenn...”

[Source: Excerpted from “Texas Under Many Flags,” C. Wharton, 1930]

US Military

Webbs in the US Military – 1900 Census

Philippines

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
Albert H.	1866	W	Engl	Larned, KS	Engl	Engl
Arthur	1878	W	PA	Binghamton, NY	NY	PA
Benjamin	26 yrs	W	KY			
Benson D.	22 yrs	W	WV	West Virginia	VA	WV
Byron S.	----	--	----	-----	----	----
Charles H.	1880	W	OH	Peru, Indiana	OH	OH
Edgar S.	1880	W	IN	Indianapolis, Indiana		
Elijah	1872	W	TN	Orange, Texas	unk	unk
Frank	24 yrs	W	IL			
George	1881	B	IN	Louisville, Kentucky	IN	IN
George A.	1872	W	IA	Alva, Oklahoma	OH	OH
Harry F.	1876	W	AR	Cato, Arkansas	KY	MS
Hardie B.	1878	W	MS	Aberdeen, Mississippi	MS	MS
James A.	1879	W	IL	Riley, Indiana	IL	TN
James B.	1868	W	NY	Buffalo, NY	NY	NY
James H.	1877	W	IL	Newcomb, IL	PA	IL
James H.	1877	W	NC	Johnson City, TN	NC	WV
James W.	1873	W	TN	Knoxville, TN	TN	KY
John A.	1876	W	AL	Piedmont, AL	AL	TN
John D.	1875	W	TX	Roswell, NM	TN	TN
John H.	1878	W	TN	Crosby, TN		
John J.	1876	W	NY	New York City	Engl	Ire
Joseph	1876	W	PA	Philadelphia, PA	unk	unk
Joseph W.	1874	W	VA	Snake Creek, VA	VA	VA
Luke P.	1880	W	AL	Decatur, AL	AL	AL
McDonald	1879	W	GA	Edison, GA	SC	SC
Merrell E.	1862	W	MI	Monroe, Michigan	NY	NY
Oscar	1879	W	TN	Sevierville, TN	TN	TN
Robert C.	1878	W	NC	TN	NC	WV
Robert L.	1878	W	KY	Dundee, Kentucky	unk	KY
Sauter	1879	B	NC	Harrisburg, PA	NC	NC
Thomas J.	1872	W	NC	Charlotte, NC	Engl	Engl
Warren W.	1874	W	IN	Muncie, Indiana	unk	unk
William	1877	W	SC	Williston, SC	SC	SC
William B.	1876	W	IL	Sidney, IL	IL	IL
William H.	1877	W	OH	Orfiston, Ohio	OH	OH
William H.	30 yrs			Philadelphia, PA		

Navy

U.S.S. New York:

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
Charles P.	1868	W	Engl	Buffalo, NY	Engl	Engl

U.S.S. Buffalo

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
Edward	1878	W	VA	Culpeper, VA	VA	PA

U.S.S. Isle of Cuba

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
George E.	1873	B	NY	Barrytown, NY	unk	NY

U.S.S. Albany

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
Percy D.	1875	W	NJ	New York City	NY	NY

U.S.S. Prairie

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
William A.	1862	W	ME	Charleston, SC	Engl	Engl

Cuba

Name	Born	Race	Birth	Residence	F	M
Clive R.	19 yrs	W	IA	Corning, NY	NJ	IA
Harry	1878	W	OH	Cincinnati, Ohio	OH	NJ
George F.	24 yrs	W	IL	Morrisonville, IL		TN
Joseph E.	1878	W	MA	Springfield, MA	Engl	Engl
William H. C.	1867	W	OH	Ohio	NJ?	OH

[Source: US Census]

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