

WEBB SURNAME DNA PROJECT NEWSLETTER August, 2007

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STATUS

Total Number of Participants: 169

New kits ordered: 98575 67 markers ordered 08/06/2007 Jesse T Webb (1765 – c 1865, NC) Webb line
100124 37 markers ordered 08/23/2007 James Webb of Letcher Co, KY

Transfer into Project:

Upgrades Ordered:

Kits returned to FTDNA: 96960 08/15/2007 Dempsey Webb (1765/84, VA?NC? – 1833/40, NC)
94135 08/29/2007 37 markers

Pending shipment to lab: 31612 unpaid; 94135

Pending lab results (overdue in bold): **86697 (Conversion--DNAH) Batch 196 12/31/07 Awaiting C/D swabs**
18502 DYF399X Batch 216 Est 09/18/2007
24158 DeepSNP-G Batch 212 09/10/2007
96960 Batch 218 10/12/2007
N50262 Batch 215 09/12/2007

Lab results returned: 9975 FGS mtDNA 209 07/30807 H5a1 Jane Oliver [Day?]m (1) Washington (2) Maynor >
Mary Ann Maynor m Elias Webb 1809 Jefferson Co, GA >daughters married Roberts, Patterson, Cox, Holt, Nobles, Hast(e)y, Pike and Unknown in GA. Descendants lived in GA, AL, MS, TX

USING DNA and Paper trails

Y-DNA

Genealogists are trained to "start with yourself and work backwards." Making the most of DNA results, once you have found a group of genetic relatives, can benefit from reversing that approach. Take the oldest documented ancestor within your group, gather everything known about him, his children, his siblings, his related families and start building a tree downward from him. Trace as far down the lines of his sons as possible. Once this has been organized, take the next oldest documented ancestor in the line, and do the same thing. Then the next.

In this way, you can focus on the possible connection points among the group, and eliminate the impossible ones. What do I mean by possible and impossible? A possible connection point is a son or grandson of the oldest documented ancestor whose whereabouts aren't fully documented. An impossible connection point would be a son whose descendants are fully documented down to today and do not include anyone in the right place and time to connect to an oldest ancestor in the group whose connection to the older tree is unknown. Another impossible connection point would be a line traced down to a man whose name is right, but whose birthdate is after the documented oldest ancestor looking to connect.

mtDNA

If you intend to use mtDNA for genealogical purposes, one should have a clearly defined research objective. Two successful applications of mtDNA have been comparisons to determine whether two women were sisters, or to determine which of the only two possible WEBB wives in Jefferson Co, GA before 1809 could be the mother of a WEBB woman who married there in 1809. **This latter case actually supplied additional evidence as to the parentage of Elias Webb, since this woman appears to be his sister. Once the mother of the WEBB bride was identified, this identified the most likely "preponderance of the evidence" parentage of Elias Webb. DO NOT RULE OUT USING mtDNA to supply additional evidence for a male lineage!**

Suppose you are "stuck" with a William Webb born in NC c 1810. Now suppose you also know who one of his sisters was, and you can follow her lineage down through an all female line to a person living today who is willing to test mtDNA. Your next job will be to find people descended from KNOWN daughters of the WEBB men in NC at the time who are of an age to be the brother and sister's parents (example, a man shown in the NC 1810 Census as 20/30 with no sons or daughters and who is in the 1820 Census without a son or daughter – or either – of the right age, is unlikely to be the parents of your brother-sister pair, while a man who has no children in 1810 but has a son in the right age group AND a daughter in the right age group in 1820 is a possibility). Now suppose you can find someone descended from a known daughter of your "possible candidate" couples, through an all female lineage, and you get them to test mtDNA. And for purposes of simplicity, let us condition this testing upon it being known there was only one wife and all children born to that candidate couple were born to her. Now you test your sister's descendant and the candidate couple's daughter's mtDNA. If they do not match, you can rule out that couple. If they do match, it's not "proof" at this point, but it certainly is a strong suggestion that this couple is a possibility. Once you have tested more candidate couples, you should begin to narrow the field.

While it is true that mtDNA mutates more slowly than Y-DNA, when you have controlled for a specific place and time period and surname, and once you have FGS mtDNA results, you can reasonably make a "preponderance of the evidence" argument that you have located the probable parents of your WEBB male. Why? The mtDNA diversity of women in Colonial America is amazing and many candidate couples will fall off simply because the wife's mtDNA will not match the mitogroup of the sister of your male. I have been collecting (informally) mtDNA from Colonial Virginia – lineages which are documented back to a woman born 1820 or before. Of 10 samples I have collected, there are 8 different mitotypes at the HVR1/2 level, 6 different mitogroups (K1a4a1, K1b2, H5a, H1, H*, HV*). The two K1a4a1 have different coding region mutations and therefore are not matches (although ironically both trace back to women named ALLEN born c. 1740-60!). The same is true of the two H5a lineages – these don't even match at the HVR1/2 level! Granted my sample is "a drop in the bucket," but I have done nothing that would introduce any systematic bias (other than bias toward those who want to explore the use of mtDNA for genealogy!). As I continue to collect mtDNA from lineages dating back to VA 1820 or before, I would expect that the diversity would remain high, simply because of all the mtDNA that has been tested in the world, the diversity is high. Among the FGS sequences now available, that continues to be true, with the observed FGS, so far, rarely matching each other. By the time you also limit your comparison to women with the WEBB name at that time and place, you should find that the number of candidate WEBB parents is quite small.

This is why I actively welcome participants whose mtDNA lineage contains a WEBB woman. If there is a WEBB along your mother's mother's mother's mother's mother's...line (or you can find a relative with that lineage), please test for mtDNA! I have only one WEBB wife present in Jefferson Co, GA prior to 1820 whose mtDNA I do not have yet. Imagine how much progress we can make once filling in women's stories, and some men's stories, if we build a database of the mtDNA of WEBB women for each county in GA before 1850! And if your WEBB woman dates from 1820-1900, your mtDNA is just as useful, especially given the "black hole" of the burned 1890 Census. I would encourage anyone with a WEBB woman on their mtDNA lineage born 1880-1900 to test mtDNA for our project! By the way, I would encourage those with other surnames as well, but this article is aimed primarily at WEBBs and this project, which is why I said WEBB.

RESEARCH NOTES

Georgia

GOOGLE BOOKS: Men of Mark in Georgia: A Complete....By William J. Nothen 1908

P 201: Joseph Morgan Page

Dr. Page's Father, Allen A. Page, who married Elizabeth Webb, came from Virginia with his brothers and settled in Washington County Georgia. Later Allen A. Page moved to John son County, and it was there that our subject was born on November 26, 1860.

Missouri

GOOGLE BOOKS: A History of Missouri from the Earliest Explorations...Louis Houck

Pp 228-9 First Presbyterian Church west of the Mississippi Org 08/12/1816 in Bellevue Valley, 10 mi S of Potosi. Members included John T. Webb and wife and William Webb and wife [footnote 45]

North Carolina

Frances Webb, daughter of John Webb, who lived and died on the Tar River, near Oxford... mother of Frank Sheppard Royster GOOGLE BOOKS: **Biographical History of North Carolina from Present times to the present** by Samuel A'Court Ashe.

GOOGLE BOOKS: **The History of Land Titles in Western North Carolina** by George Henry Smathers p 45

Merry Webb 500

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John Webb 100

GOOGLE BOOKS: **A History of Rowan County, North Carolina: Containing Sketches of Prominent Families and...** Jethro Rumble 1929

P 121

Samuel Webb received a small legacy from his grandfather...

See Also TEXAS & Virginia below

Pennsylvania

George Webb, friend of Benjamin Franklin

From Life of Benjamin Franklin, Written by Himself By Benjamin Franklin, John Bigelow

Pp171-172

Describing the people he found when he went to work for Keimer in Philadelphia (1726?)

"..George Webb, an Oxford scholar, whose time for four years he had likewise bought, intending him for a compositor, of whom more presently....It was an odd thing to find an Oxford scholar in the situation of a bought servant. He was not more than eighteen years of age, and gave me this account of himself; that he was born in Gloucester, educated at a grammar-school there, had been distinguished among the scholars for some apparent superiority in performing his part, when they exhibited plays; belong'd to the Witty Club there, and had written some pieces in prose and verse, which were printed in the Gloucester newspapers; thence he was sent to Oxford; where he continued about a year, but not well satisfi'd, wishing of all things to see London, and become a player. At length, receiving his quarterly allowance of fifteen guineas, instead of discharging his debts he walk'd out of town, hid his gown in a furze bush, and footed it to London, where, having no friend to advise him, he fell into bad company, soon spent his guineas, found no means of being introduc'd among the players, grew necessitous, pawn'd his cloaths, and wanted bread. Walking the street very hungry, and not knowing what to do with himself, a crimp's bill was put into his hand, offering immediate entertainment and encouragement to such as would bind themselves to serve in America. He went directly, sign'd the indentures, was put into the ship, and came over, never writing a line to acquaint his friends what was become of him. He was lively, witty, good-natur'd, and a pleasant companion, but idle, thoughtless and imprudent to the last degree.

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George Webb, who had found a female friend that lent him wherewith to purchase his time of Keimer, now came to offer himself as a journeyman to us. We could not then employ him; but I foolishly let him know as a secret that I soon intended to begin a newspaper, and might then have work for him...I requested Webb not to mention it; but he told it to Keimer, who immediately, to be beforehand with me, published proposals for printing one himself, on which Webb was to be employ'd.

Tennessee

GOOGLE BOOKS: **History of Middle Tennessee: Or, Life and Times of Gen James Robertson.** By Albigeance Waldo Putnam

P 101 Moses Webb living on Cumberland River

P 315 C 1780? "hugh Webb was killed."

Texas

A GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES OF THE TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY MS 31 Truman G. Blocker, Jr. History of Medicine Collections, Moody Medical Library,

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77555-1035, phone (409) 772-2397

Membership Files show Charles E Webb and Watts R. Webb as members

GOOGLE BOOKS: **A History of Texas and Texans** by Francis White Johnson, Ernest William Winkler

P 1412 Dr Comer in Trinity Co in 1891 married Miss Maggie Webb, a Daughter of Dr. C. O. Webb of Crockett, TX. Mrs.

Comer was born Sept 14 1868 and Died Oct 23 1904 Her children were....

Henry Sealy Hull..In 1817 he married Eleanor Webb, a daughter of Billie And Hester Webb, who lived near Clarksville at Scotland Neck....

P 1269 Biography of Judge G. P. Webb of Sherman, Grayson Co, TX.

P 1291 Bio of Evan Duval (02/25/1885, Smith Co, TX – 01/1865) His father Van Buren Duval m. Mary C. Webb in Maryland, where she was born. She died in 1901 at the age of 54 and is buried in Haskell County.

P1468 Bio of Efford O Thompson "Mack Thompson was born in Tennessee in 1846, and...married Emily Oliver, a native of Henderson County, Tennessee, and the children of their union are....Ida, the wife of H. B? R?. Webb of Deport.

P1562 Mr Saner was born in Hempstead Co, AR 05/01/1874, and is a son of John Franklin and Susan Crawford (webb) Saner.

P 1582 Grigsby married Miss Rosa Webb, a daughter of S. M. D. Webb and Carrie (Jackson) Webb of ?n, Louisiana (May be Lyn or something similar)

Virginia

WEBB Tombstones in the family Burying Ground at Hampstead, New Kent Co, VA

Contributed by W. Mac Jones

William & Mary Quarterly: 2nd Ser, Vol 8, No 2, p 117

[Abstracted here by Anne Webb Nelson]

Mrs. Mary Ann Webb, w/o Henry married 06/16/1813 died 16th Sept 1852

Conrade Webb Esq 05/03/1778. Married Lucy Osborne 1803 and Georgina Braxton 1823 Died 07/26/1842

Mrs. Georgina Webb died 07/28/1831 age 35

Lucius Osborne Webb of Hampstead died 10/24/1825 Aged 13 ½ months.

Osborne Webb son of Conrade and Mrs. Lucy Webb died 05/04/1820 age 16

Mrs. Lucy Webb, consort of Conrade Webb died 01/25/1816 age 29

GOOGLE BOOKS: Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, Under the Editorial Supervision of Lyon Gardiner Tyler

P 5 "Emma Webb Sowers, born January 8 1836 in Clarke Co, VA died July 29, 1864 at Lynchburg, VA

P 97 John Purcell.... Married Martha Webb, d/o Thomas Tarlton and Harriet (Davis) Webb in 1842 at Norfolk, VA Contain bio of George Webb & Lucy Foster George Webb and Hannah Fleming & son George Webb and Judith Fleming [NOTE it claims George Webb was "the first of the name in America!"]

P 223 Bio of William Alexander Webb, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, s//o Rev Richard Stanford and Jennie (Clegg) Webb

Pp 301/2 Everett Webb Gee bio -- Edward Crimes Gee...married in 1859, Frances, daughter of Garner Webb a farmer of Lunenburg Co who died about 1865, aged 75 years. He married Harriet Webb and there were 10 children, two of whom are yet living: Mrs. Frances Gee and John A. Webb, a merchant of Kinbridge, Lunenburg Co.

P 435 Col#2 "married 07/12/1913, Helen Stuart Webb, and has a son Clifford Smith Jr born 05/13/1914"

P 442 Dr. Griffith married ((first) in 1886, Annie Webb of Calvert co, MD, daughter of William M. and Sarah Webb. During his lifetime Mr Webb was a successful farmer in Maryland."

P542 Susanna (Webb) Gardner (b c. 1825?) m Alexander Gardner of Hillsville, VA.