

WEBBER, MADGE, JOHNS CONNECTIONS

The following was received from Myrtle (Madge) Johns and was written by her uncle Walter Webber Madge (1851-1937)

Written August 13, 1894

Father left Devonshire, England, in a miserable, unseaworthy sailing vessel in the summer of 1849 with mother, sisters Frances, Lydia Mary, Ann Elizabeth and brothers Silas Walter and Philip Thomas Webber and our cousin Mary Murley. It took three months to cross the Atlantic. Brother Samuel was born off the N.S. Coast on September 9th 1849. Father walked from Quebec City to what is now Exeter, Ontario. He bought 100 acres in Usborne Township, Huron County where a log cabin had been built in a ten acre clearing in the hard wood forest.

The house had a large room which was used for parlor, dining room and kitchen and two bed-rooms on the ground floor. The ladder led upstairs where there were two other rooms. The ladder was fastened between the joists during the day. Year by year the clearing extended and cultivation increased. Every spring maple sugar and syrup were made and some I think sold.

Here in 1851, October 3rd, I Walter Madge was born. I afterwards added the name Webber to my name so that father would not get my love-letters. Two years after me Paul was born and three years thereafter Mary Catherine and again two years our baby sister Jennie (Harriet Jane) was born.

Written from a letter sent me by sister Jennie dated December 11, 1888.

Mother's grandfather Webber was called John. He had a cork leg. He dealt in cattle. He was quite wealthy, being able to buy a manor of land. He gave each of his four daughters a farm. Their names were Grace, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Ann. Grandfather Webber was the only son. His name was Thomas. He had two sons and three daughters, John, Ann, Mary, Elizabeth and Thomas. John Webber married Jane Madge and Ann Webber was married to Richard Raymond. Mary Webber was married to our father Walter Madge on December 31, 1838. Elizabeth Webber was married to Henry Whitlock, a Baptist minister and Thomas Webber married Harriet Allen. Grandmother Webber's maiden name was Ann Brawn. She was of a wealthy family and her mother's son was an English clergyman. Others of the family were merchants. Mother's great-grandmother's maiden name was Mary Parden. On both sides of our house our ancestors were Devonshire and mother does not know that their ancestors for generations had been anything else. Mary Madge my mother died February 1, 1892. End of history.

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Henry Whitlock who married Elizabeth Webber is part of the WHITLOCK01 family. (See his Will and the Will of his son Henry Thomas Wyckliffe Whitlock in this issue).

There are several Whitlock connections with the Webbers, Madges & Johns families. Myrtle (Madge) Johns (1884-1977) who compiled this information in the 1960's was married to Alfred Edward Johns whose grandmother was Eliza Whitlock whose sister Ann Whitlock was married to Thomas Whitlock the brother of the above Henry Whitlock.

Myrtle and Alfred's son Martin Welsey Johns was married to Margaret Hilborn whose grandmother was Anne Brook Whitlock whose family was also from Langtree, Devon. Thus the Webber, Madge and Johns families were totally inter-related with the Whitlocks of Devon.