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### THE WEBB FAMILY.

In the records of the London Company mention is quite frequently made of William Webb, who took an active part in their proceedings. Then in July, 1621, three shares of land were given to Thomas Webb "in consideration of his adventure of his money and person into Virginia."

The Webb name was of early and frequent occurrence in Virginia. There was Capt. George Webb, who came in the Third Supply in 1609, with Captain Wood, Captain Moore, Captain King, Captain Davies, and "divers gentlemen of good means and great

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parentage." In 1610 he was appointed sergeant major of the fort at Jamestown by Lord Delaware, and in 1614 he had command of the fort at Point Comfort, and of Forts Charles and Henry at the mouth of Hampton Creek. Probably he belonged to the same family as Conrad Webb, of London, merchant, whose son, George, emigrated to Virginia about 1720 (Va. Mag. of Hist. & Biog. XXV, 99).

Then there was Thomas Webb, who came in the first ships in 1607 and with another man named Price tried to avoid the tyrannies of Sir Thomas Dale, but was overtaken and executed. This was known as "Webb and Price's design."

Among those who obtained early grants of land in Virginia were John Webb, who leased from the government 100 acres in Accomac; Stephen Webb, who obtained numerous patents for land in Surry County; Giles Webb, of whom further; William Webb, who obtained 400 acres on Attopin Creek in 1668 in Westmoreland County; George Webb, who in 1672 received 50 acres in Elizabeth City County, escheated from David Poole; John Webb, who patented in 1673, with Andrew Davis and John Langworth, 1,900 acres in New Kent County; Elias Webb, who patented in 1677 740 acres in Westmoreland County; Thomas Webb, who patented 260 acres in Princess Anne County in 1693, and Elizabeth Webb, who in 1705 patented 700 acres in Nansemond County, escheated land, late in possession of Mr. Thomas Hampton, deceased.

The general habitat of the Webb family in England was Gloucestershire and the neighboring counties. In the *Visitation of Gloucestershire*, 1623, p. 244, Alice, daughter of William Webb, of Taterig, married Thomas Damory, of Yatte, and had a son, Gyles Damory, of Cotherington. The Webb arms are given as: "Ermine a cross patée azure."

Stephen Webb, who is named among the early patentees of land in Surry County, Va., was baptized in the parish church of Bushley, County of Worcester, England, September 1, 1598, and in 1624 is named in the "muster of Capt. Roger Smyth's men over the water," i. e., in the country on the other side of the James River, opposite to Jamestown, as twenty-five years old. In March, 1642-3,

and October, 1644, he was a member of the House of Burgesses from James City County, then including Surry. (Hotten's *Emigrants to America*, p. 232, Va. Mag. of History and Biography III, p. 57.)

It further appears from the records in Surry County, Va., that he was a son of Stephen Webb and Anne, his wife, that his father was a freeholder of several lands within the manor of Bushley, which was one mile from Tewkesbury Borough, in Gloucestershire; that Stephen Webb, the son, left two children, Stephen and Robert, who died without issue before 1659, when William Webb, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, as brother and heir of Stephen Webb, their father, gave a power of attorney to his son, William, to enter into all lands in Virginia, &c., of which Stephen and Robert Webb died seized.

It is probable that William Webb, the son, came to Virginia, but subsequently returned to England, since in 1667 William Webb, of Tewkesbury, in the County of Gloucester, shoemaker, gave a power of attorney to Lot Ricketts, of Bristol, mariner, to dispose of all his estate in Virginia.

However, among the land-owners in Surry County in 1705 was a Robert Webb.

Among the land-owners of Isle of Wight County, adjoining, was a William Webb, who married Mary, daughter of Major Thomas Taberer, died in 1713, leaving issue: Matthew, Richard, Eliza, Thomas, William, Susanna and Joseph Webb. There was also a William Webb, Jr., who in his will, dated 19 Sept., 1699, names his cousin, Mary Ricketts; wife, Mary Webb, to whom he leaves his property.

Thomas Story, the Quaker lawyer, tells in his diary in 1705 of meeting at Chuckatuck, in Nansemond County, his "ancient friend," Elizabeth Webb, of Gloucestershire. This lady patented in 1705 700 acres in Nansemond, formerly the property of Rev. Thomas Hampton, and which had escheated.

→ Giles Webb, with whom and his descendants, this article is more closely concerned, was probably from Gloucestershire, for he lived at Chuckatuck, and there was later a Giles Webb, of Henrico County, who in his will in 1713 describes his brother, Thomas, to whom he left his property, as of the City of Gloucester.

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John Webb, who patented in New Kent County, had, according to the parish register; Elizabeth, baptized 8 April, 1688; James, born 25 June, 1690; Jane, baptized 11 June, 1697; John, baptized 20 April, 1694; William, baptized 17 Sept., 1694; Wentworth, born 5 May, 1702; Mary, baptized 19 March, 1703-04.

There was a numerous family of Webbs in Northumberland County. There is in the Northumberland records the will of Henry Watts, made in 1670, in which he mentions his sons-in-law, Thomas, John and Francis Webb. Son-in-law was the old term for stepson, and so it would seem that Henry Watts married a widow Webb.

"Upon petition of John Webb a pbate is granted of the last will and testament of his deceased mother, Eliza Watts, ye will being proved by the oath of Wm. Underwood, witness to ye sd. will, Thos. Larson, ye other witsesse to ye sd. will (being sicke), to be sworne by ye next justice March ye 22, 1886-87." (North'd Co. Records.)

Thomas Webb, in his will, proved in 1702, names his eldest son, Thomas; youngest son, John; my son, Thomas, deceased; grandfather, James Austen; brothers, John and Francis Webb (deceased); dau., Elizabeth Webb; wife, Anne Webb; friend, Richard Wright, and nephew, Thomas Hobson, overseers of my estate and children, until my son, Thomas, shall attain the age of eighteen years.

1. GILES<sup>1</sup> WEBB was a Burgess from Nansemond County in 1658, 1659 and 1660. He resided at Chuckatuck, on the boundary of Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties. On December 15, 1659, Giles Webb, "of Chuckatuck," appointed Mr. William Johnson, of Piscataway, Essex County, as his attorney in Rappahannock County. In 1667 he patented 681 acres on the north side of Rappahannock River, which had been assigned to him in 1653 by Toby Smith.

Unfortunately, the records of Nansemond County have been lost, and we have no record of the will of Giles Webb, but there is a deed of James Webb, of Isle of Wight County, dated November 5, 1706, and recorded in Richmond County (formerly part of Rappahannock County), conveying one-half part of 681 acres

of land granted to Mr. Giles Webb, gent, 16 February, 1667. Another deed, dated 27 Nov., 1715, between the same parties conveys the other half, and further describes Giles Webb the patentee "as grandfather of the said James Webb."

The records of Isle of Wight County names a Mr. James Webb, "lately deceased," whose appraisal, dated 17 Febr.. 1675, comprises a large estate, and who was probably father of James Webb mentioned in the deeds above.

Accordingly Giles Webb, of Nansemond, had probably four sons: 2, James, of Isle of Wight County; 3, *John*, of Richmond County, of whom more hereafter; 4, *Isaac*, of Richmond County, who died in 1694, and 5, *Giles*, of Richmond County, who died about 1692.

"The last will and testament of Mr. Isaac Webb being presented to this court for proof by Mr. John Webb, executor, the said will was proved by oaths of Mr. Samuel Peachey and Mr. John Suggett, and probate thereof granted to said executor."

"Will of Giles Webb was presented by Mrs. Margaret Webb, executrix, and proved by John Taverner and John Parker, witnesses, and probate granted to said executrix 3d Aug., 1692." (Richmond County Records.)

3. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WEBB (Giles<sup>1</sup>) married Mary Sanford and had issue (North Farnham Parish Register): 6, *James*, born August 9, 1673; 7, *Giles*, born April 15, 1677; 8, *Isaac*, born Dec. 18, 1681.

7. GILES<sup>3</sup> WEBB (John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>) married Elizabeth, and had issue (North Farnham Register): 9, *Giles*, born Aug. 4, 1714; 10, *John Span*, born Oct. 9, 1705; 11, *Betty*, born Feb. 1, 1711; 12, *Isaac*, born Sept. 25, 1709; 13, *Mary*, born Nov. 11, 1717; 14, *Cuthbert*, born March 3, 1718-19; 15, *Winifred* (named in his will).

Giles Webb made his will in Richmond County, which was proved 3 May, 1732, and names sons, John Span Webb, Giles Webb, Isaac Webb, and daughters, Betty, Mary and Winifred.

12. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> WEBB (Giles<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>) married Frances Barber, daughter of Capt. William Barber, and had issue (North Farnham Parish Register): 16, John, born Oct. 30, 1739; 17,

James, born Sept. 11, 1743; 18, Cuthbert, born June 1, 1745; 19, Winney, born Nov. 20, 1750; 20, Ann, born June 22, 1753; 21, Priscilla, born June 6, 1754; 22, Giles, born Jan. 25, 1756; 23, Frances, born Feb. 6, 1775; 24, Isaac, born Nov. 19, 1758.

According to his will, proved 7 July, 1760, Isaac Webb had children, John, James, and "seven youngest children": Cudberth, Elizabeth, Winney, Nancy, Priscilla, Charles and Isaac.

Of these, Isaac Webb, the youngest, has an account in Hayden, Va. *Genealogies*. He is there said to have been the youngest of twelve children, was born January 19, 1758, son of Isaac and Frances Barber Webb (dau. of Capt. William Barber), of Farnham Parish, Richmond County; his father was born in England (?) in 1710. He enlisted in the Revolutionary Army at seventeen, married Lucy Ware, daughter of James Ware, of Frederick County, Va., and moved to Fayette County, Ky. (For descendants see Hayden.)

8. ISAAC<sup>3</sup> WEBB (John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>) lived and died in Essex County in South Farnham Parish, and his will, dated 24, 1729, proved 17 Feb., 1729, names wife, Rebecca, and four daus., Winnifred, Ann, Sarah and Marcy, who were all four under age; kinsmen, John and James Webb, executors. Witnessed by Walter Lenard and William Webb. Probably this was the Isaac Webb who married in Middlesex County Winifred Hipkins, Rebecca being a second wife.

6. JAMES<sup>3</sup> WEBB (John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>) lived like his brother across the River Rappahannock in South Farnham Parish in Essex County, and died in 1716. According to his will on record in Essex County Court, he married Sarah ———, and had issue: 25, John; 26, James; 27, Catherine, and 28, Mercy.

#### WILL OF JAMES WEBB.

In the Name of God Amen. The thirtyeth day of November Seaventeen hundred & sixteen. I *James Webb* of Southfarnham Parish in the County of Essex being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory and understanding praise be given to God for the same & knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order do make this my last will & Testamt. in manner & form following, that is to say. First & principally I comend my soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that

I shall receive full pardon & free remission of my sins and be saved by the precious Death & merrits of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus & my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent & Christian manner as to my Exrs. hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient, and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will & meaning is the same shall be enjoyed & bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed.

And first I do revoke renounce frustrate and make void all wills by me formerly made and declare and appoint this to be my last will & testament. *Item* I lend unto my loving wife Sarah during her naturale life my negro man called Jack my negro woman Bess and my negro girl Sukey and after her decease to be equally divided amongst my surviving children & their heirs forever. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my son John the plantation whereon I now live and all the land belonging to me that lies on the lower side of the main road, to him & the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such issue to my son James and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my sd. son John my horse called Fire wth. my saddle holsters sword & pistols. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my son James the remaining part of my lands lying above the road to him & the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such issue then to my sd son John & the heirs of his body forever. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my sd son John three negroes called Poll, Dick and Ealse to him and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten & for want of such issue to be equally divided between the rest of my surviving children and their heirs forever. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my sd. son James three negroes called Minto, Sam & Sarah to him and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten & for want of such issue to be equally divided between the rest of my surviving children & their heirs forever, and also one iron grey horse three years old next spring comonly called Dragon. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Catherine* three negros called Charles, Billie & Winnie and the heirs on her body lawfully to be begotten & for want of such issue then the sd. three negros to be equally divided between the rest of my surviving children & their heirs forever. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Mercy* three negroes called Peter Harvy & Jemmy & ye heirs on her body lawfully to be begotten & for want of such issue then the sd. three negroes to be equally divided between the rest of my surviving children & their heirs forever. And farther it is my will & desire that if it shall so happen that any of my aforesaid negros shall dye before my sd. son James shall arrive to the age of eighteen years that then the increase of the aforesaid negros by me before given & bequeathed shall within the compass of the aforesaid time make good that loss to the party so loseing and also

it is my will & desire that the increase of my negroes shall be equally divided between my four children the losses by dying till my sd. son *James* shall arrive at the age of eighteen years as aforesd. first being made good to the party so loseing any of their aforesd negroes within that time. And for the remaining part of my estate not yet given & disposed of I do give & bequeath the same (goods chattels & all moveables) to be equally divided between my loving wife Sarah and my sd. four children and their heirs forever which sd. division amongst my children my will & desire is shall not be made untill my sd. son *John* shall arrive to the age of eighteen & for want of such issue as aforesd. then to the survivors of my children and their heirs forever. And I doe make and ordain *my sd.* sons of lawful age when they respectively arrive to their severall ages of *eighteen* to possess & enjoy all & w'tsoever I have in this my will given them and their heirs as afores'd. *But not* to barter bargain or sell untill they arrive to the age of one & twenty. And lastly I do publish, nominate, constitute declare & appoint my beloved brother *Isaac Webb* w't'h my sd. sonns *John* & *James* Joynt Exrs. of this my will & testam't hereby empowering my sd. brother to act & do w'tsoever he shall judge meet or convenient towards fulfilling this my will and to act & doe what farther he shall judge necessary towards the education & maintenance of my sd. children dureing their minoritys.

In witness whereof I have hereunto interchangably sett my hand & seal to this my sd. will conteyning three sides of paper the day & year first above written.

Sealed & Delivered

*James Webb* [seal].

in presence of

*Giles Webb*

his

Jno X C Callicot

mark

P. Godfrey

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1716.

The within last will & testament of *James Webb* was proved by the oath of *Isaac Webb* one of the Exrs. therein named (*the other Exrs. being infants*) and was also further proved by the oaths of *John Colycote* and *Peter Godfrey* two of the evidences thereto w'ch is ordered to be recorded.

Test Tho. Henman D. C. Cur.

Examined with ye original

by W. Beverley Cl. Cur.

A Copy Teste:

H. Southworth Clerk.

(To be continued.)



“THE WEBB FAMILY.

25 JOHN<sup>4</sup> WEBB (James,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Giles<sup>1</sup>) was under 18 years in 1716 when his father *James Webb* made his will. Being the older son he was probably born about 1700, and appears to have married *Jane Smith*, daughter of Lt. *John Smith* (See *Smith pedigree* in *William and Mary College Quarterly IX*, p. 46). They had issue 29 *Elizabeth*, born in 1737. *Rice Jones* calls her in his will “niece,” he being her half-uncle. She married *James Edmundson*, and was buried in her “grandfather *Jones*’ burial place” (See page 188). Her grandmother *Jane Cock*, married (1) *Rice Jones*, father of *Rice Jones*, and (2) Lt. *John Smith*. *John Webb* had also 30 *Catherine* married *Peachy*, who had son *William* 31

Anne 32 Sally 33 Mary. As he names in his will, dated 14 March, 1767, proved in Essex 15 June 1767, a wife, Lucy Anne, it is not entirely certain which wife these children were by.

26 JAMES<sup>4</sup> WEBB (James,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Giles<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1705 and married Mary Edmundson February 5, 1731, and had issue 34 William born Febr. 10, 1732, died March 24, 1733; 35 James, born July 2, 1734; 36 Mary, born October 4, 1726; died September, 1739; 37 John born April 7, 1739, died August 7, 1745; 38 William, born May 1, 1745; 39 John, born Jan. 18, 1747; 40 Thomas, born February 27, 1751; 41 Elizabeth, born June 30, 1754.

James Webb died about 1771, and was survived by his wife, Mary Edmundson Webb.

*Will of James Webb.*

In the name of God Amen. I James Webb of the Parish of Southfarnham in the County of Essex being of perfect sence & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following to wit: Imprimis I give my soul to Almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in such decent and Christian like manner as my executor hereafter named shall think proper.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Webb during her natural life the land and plantation whereon I now live she not debaring my sons William, John and Thomas Webb from settling on and makeing use of the parts which I shall hereafter give them and the following negroes viz: James, Will, Jack, Frank and Hannah and I also give unto my said beloved wife my chair and Harness & silver teaspoons and tongs forever. I give and bequeath unto my son James Webb the land on Piscataway Creek and that known by name of Faulkners and my right to the place where he has erected a mill known by the name of Bushs old mill also the Water Mill adjoining the land where he now lives, and a negro man named Gloster, all which are in his possession. And also after the death of my wife the negro man Will to him and his heirs forever, but he must pay unto my said wife during her natural life the sum of fifteen pounds pr. annum as consideration for the said lower mill and in lieu of any claim which she can sett up to the same. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Smith the negroes and their increase in possession of her husband Samuel Smith which I have already delivered him, also after my wifes death the negro Hannah to her & her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Webb that part of the land whereon I now live which I bought of John Dunn, beginning at the road on Richard Brons line and running along the said Browns line down to the

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swamp near the said Brown's house and thence up the said swamp to a fork call'd Dickinson's spring branch and so along the said spring branch til it comes to Dickinson's line and the land I obtained a patent for. (known by the name of Edward Hayes) together with the negroes I have delivered him viz: Ben, Milley & Davy to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Webb the land and plantation I purchased of Threesivelus Minor, and the negroes now in his possession to wit Harvy, Megg and Billy son of Meg and Dick to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Webb the land I purchased of Thomas Newble and remaining part of that I bought of John Dunn that is not already bequeathed to my son William Webb & four negroes, to wit Cyras, Cruse, Glass and Patt and my bay horse colt to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Webb the negroes following to wit: Peter, Sarah, Daniel & Winney and her side saddle and bridle to her and her heirs forever but in case my said daughter shall die before she arrives to the age of twenty one years or marrys then it is my desire the before mentioned negroes given her be equally divided among all my children. Item those negroes lent unto my beloved wife during her natural life not already devised my will is after her death, that they and their increase be equally divided among my sons William, John, Thomas and daughter Elizabeth, to them and their heirs forever, my desire is that the corn & wheat which I have at present in the house and the hoggs which are up for pork shall not be inventory'd but be for the use of my said beloved wife and family, as for my personal estate not disposed off, I will that my executor make sale of the same, and after discharging my just debts the balance to be equally divided among my beloved wife and my children to wit: William, John, Thomas and daughter Elizabeth. Lastly I constitute and appoint my son James Webb my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

James Webb (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Webb as and for his last will and testament in the presence of

John Williamson  
his  
Thomas x Williamson  
mark  
Luke Covington  
James Booker.

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa, on the 20th day of May 1771.

This will was presented in court by the executor therein named, who made oath thereto, according to law which being also proved by the oaths of John Williamson and Luke Covington two of the witnesses thereto is admitted to record.

Teste John Lee Cl.

35 JAMES<sup>5</sup> WEBB (James,<sup>4</sup> James<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Giles<sup>1</sup>) married Mary Smith, daughter of Col. Francis Smith, of Essex County and Lucy, his wife, daughter of Francis Meriwether (See *Genealogy of Smith Family, of Essex County*, William and Mary Quarterly, VI, pp. 43-51). He had issue named in his will, dated 20 August, 1773, and proved January 17, 1774; 42 Francis, of whom hereafter, 43 James, born 1762, married Dorothy Throckmorton, daughter of Capt. Gabriel Throckmorton and Judith Edmundson, his wife (See page 187). No issue. 44 (Dr.) William, married (1) Miss Rousie (2) Priscilla Brown, moved to Kentucky and then to Indiana; 45 Mary married Albion Throckmorton (See page 189). He appears to have become a Baptist preacher. He had several children, of whom the eldest daughter was Sophia. They moved to Kentucky. "One of their sons was in Texas a few years past, a young lawyer of fine talents." 46 George Webb removed to Kentucky, and left issue residing in Louisville. 47 Lucy, "the belle of Rappahannock," married and left for Kentucky. 48 Jane Meriwether married and moved to Kentucky.

James Webb, the father of these children, appointed his wife, Mary Webb, brother Thomas Webb and brother-in-law William Smith, executors of his will. He was a justice of the peace of Essex County, and a signer of the Northern Neck Association against the Stamp Act February 27, 1766. He appears to have had an interest in several grist mills on Piscataway Creek, near Tappahannock, Essex County. Previous to his death, he began to build a new residence on a beautiful mound and called it "Mount Prospect." This place was about "100 yards from the road leading from Tappahannock to Urbanna in Middlesex Co., five miles from the former place, about one fourth of a mile from Piscataway Creek, and three miles from Rappahannock river, with a beau-

tiful view of the winding of the Creek, to where it entered the river with a view of the river for five miles. Yet with all its beauty it was considered very sickly. My grandfather, grandmother, three brothers and two sisters are all deposited in the family graveyard about 108 yards from the first settlement my grandfather made on the place." (MSS. of John Webb, grandson of James Webb.)

*Will of James Webb.*

In the Name of God Amen. I James Webb of the Parish of Southfarnham in the County of Essex being of disposing mind and memory, thanks be to almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following to wit: First: I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in such decent and Christian Like manner as my executors shall think fit, And as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof in manner following Imprimis my will is that if my executors shall hereafter think it necessary either for the payment of my debts, the education of my children, or to raise money for any other purpose for the benefit of my estate, that they make sale of my moiety of the schooner Brothers together with her riging &c and such part of my personal estate as they shall think proper.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Webb during the minority of my children or their marrying my whole estate both real and personal, she continuing sole and maintaining and educating the children according to the profits of the estate subject to the childrens receiving the parts which I shall hereinafter give them upon their arriving to lawfull age or marrying but if she shall marry or chuse at any time to have any certain part of my estate to herself then my will is that she shall have one third part of the land and plantation whereon I now live and interest in Piscataway Mills and an equal part of the slaves and personal estate with the children (excepting those negroes which I shall hereafter give to my son Francis Webb) during her natural life allotted to her by gentlemen.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Francis Webb the land and plantation whereon I now live and my moiety of Piscataway Mills (reserving to his mother as aforesaid) and my moiety of three negroes to wit: Baker Robin, Scipio and Emanuel also an equal part with my other children of my personal estate (negroes excepted) to him and their heirs forever he paying unto his brothers William and George Webb two hundred pounds current money each when they shall respectively arrive to lawfull age and it is my will that he shall live

in the house with his mother and work any negroes that he may have in common with hers, provided there be ground sufficient for them both and not otherwise and receive and enjoy two parts in three of Piscataway Mills and receive his part of the personal estate upon arriving to lawful age. But in case my said son Francis shall refuse to pay to his brothers William and George the sum of two hundred pounds each as aforesaid then I give the said mills to my said sons William and George Webb in the same manner as devised to my son Francis Webb.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Webb my land and plantation called Faulkners and Water grist mill thereto adjoining to him and his heirs forever. Item I give unto my daughter Lucy Webb my negro girl Winney daughter of Lott to her and her heirs forever.

Item, all the rest and remainder of my estate not already disposed of I give to be equally divided among my sons James William and George and daughters Lucy, Mary and Jane Meriwether Webb and if my wife should be with child, the child she now goes with to them and their heirs forever. It is my will that as my children arrive to lawful age or marry they shall receive their parts of my estate according to the value of it as it then stands to be allotted to them by gentlemen and that the expenses of schooling (and board when it is necessary to pay for boarding them) shall be borne by the whole estate that is those children who are grown up and received their parts shall pay a proportionable part with the others out of their own Estates towards it for the education of the younger children. And it is my will also that if the profits of the estate shall not be sufficient for educating my children that the principal may be gone upon for that purpose, having regard to that which can be most conveniently spared. Lastly I do appoint my beloved wife Mary Webb Executrix my brother Thomas Webb and Mr. William Smith executors of this my last will and testament also guardians to my children.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

James Webb (Seal)

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said James Webb as and for his last will and testament in the presence of  
John Webb  
Wm. Edmondson Jr.  
Amy Webb

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1774.

This will was proved by the oaths of John Webb and William Edmondson Junr. two of the witnesses thereto, which is admitted to record; And at a Court held for the said county on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February following this will was again presented in Court by Thos. Webb one of the executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law, which is also ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

John Lee Cl.

42 FRANCIS<sup>6</sup> WEBB (James,<sup>5</sup> James,<sup>4</sup> James,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Giles<sup>1</sup>).  
"My father, Francis Webb, was the eldest son of James and Mary Webb. He was born in Essex County in 1759, on the place my grandfather first settled. My grandfather having died about 1772, my father took it in his head to become a sailor and actually had his chest put on board a vessel, but from the entreaties of his mother, he had it brought home. In a short time he again left her and went on board a private armed vessel (a privateer?). This was about the commencement of the Revolutionary War. He was only about 16. Every one on their little craft was either killed or wounded but their Captain John Travis and a negro boy. My father was shot in the ankle, which caused one of his legs to be shorter than the other. Although they were all so disabled, they managed to save their vessel. For his gallantry he received the appointment of midshipman in the Virginia Navy, and was stationed on board the Ship *Dragon*, where he served the principal part of the Revolutionary War. At the close of the war he returned home. But it was not long before he entered a new field, He took his waiting man and several fine horses and came to Georgia and purchased a large quantity of land at a very low price. He again returned home to Virginia. About this time grandmother died, and the children began to scatter." (MSS. of John Webb.)

In the American Revolution, Francis Webb was a midshipman on the *Dragon*, one of the State Navy. During Arnold's invasion, the Virginia's fleet, with the exception of the *Liberty*, commanded by James Barron, was caught at Osborne's on James River and destroyed. The *Dragon* was one of the vessels destroyed.

In 1795, Francis Webb applied to the Virginia Legislature for pay from 1779 to the close of the war.

*Petition of Francis Webb.*

To the honble the Speaker & Members of the House of Delegates. The petition of Francis Webb humbly sheweth: That your petitioner was a midshipman on board the Ship *Dragon*, and continued in her until she was destroyed by the British in the Month of April 1781, having been left in her for the purpose of taking care of her, and having been appointed to be turned over to the frigate *Thetis* as an officer, as soon as she should be completed;—that your petitioner was discharged, at the time the said ship was destroyed as aforementioned, by his Commander Capt. Travis, until such time as he should be required to return to his duty, which never happened; that your petitioner has never received any of the wages he was entitled to, since the first of April 1779 to which time he was paid off—nor has he received a warrant for the land he was entitled to as a midshipman; that the Causes why your petitioner never obtained those Rights, were the death of Capt. Travis, his last Commander, and the only Officer on board at the time, older in Command than himself, and also his inability to produce a certificate how long he continued in the Navy, until about twelve months ago, he found a Mr. Thomas Grant who had also been an officer in the Navy. Therefore, your petitioner prays that upon his producing such Vouchers of his Service as were required by the Act of Assembly providing for the settlement of Officers' Claims that the accts of your petitioner as midshipman of the Ship *Dragon* may be settled by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and that he may be allowed his wages as midshipman aforesaid from the first of April 1779 & the depreciation on his back wages from the 3rd of May 1788 (*sic*) to April 1779 when he was paid off last, and also the Land & Commutation to which he was entitled as well as the other officers who served on board the Navy. And your petitioner will ever pray &c

Francis Webb  
Octo: 20th 1791

Vouchers enclosed.

But this plea was rejected, for some reason not apparent in the record. But in 1835, the following order from the Governor, Littleton Waller Tazewell, and warrant from the register were issued to James and John Webb, heirs of Francis Webb:

Executive Department, July 31, 1834.

The heirs of Francis Webb are allowed land bounty for his services as Midshipman in the Virginia State Navy for three years. The Register will issue a warrant accordingly if not heretofore drawn.

Litt. W. Tazewell.

J. B. Richardson.

On 24 July 1835, a warrant No. 8173 for 2666-2/3 acres was issued to James and John Webb, Heirs of Francis Webb.  
(Records of Land Office)

Francis Webb married in 1786 Frances Walker, born 1764, died 1809, daughter of Freeman Walker and Frances Bellfield, his wife, daughter of Thomas Wright Bellfield and Mary Meriwether, sister of Lucy Meriwether, who married Col. Francis Smith. (For Walker family, see *William and Mary College Quarterly*, XIV, p. 138. For Meriwether, Bellfield &c., see *William and Mary Coll. Quarterly*, VIII, 96-100, and *Jones Family*, by Judge Lewis H. Jones.)

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THE WEBB FAMILY.

42 FRANCIS<sup>o</sup> WEBB, and Frances Walker his wife, had issue 46 Bathurst born 1787, died in infancy. 47 Thomas, born August 5, 1789, died unmarried aged 24. 48 James, born March 31, 1792. 49 John, born March 20, 1794. 50 Frances Bellfield, born 1796, died the same year. 51 Richard Walker, born 1798. 52 William Meriwether, born 1800. October 3 1804 William Meriwether died, and October 5, 1804 Richard Walker died, and both were interred in the same grave. 53 Francis Walker born 1808 and lived one year.

Francis Webb went to Georgia in 1810 and settled in Han-

cock County, where he died in 1811. (MSS. Statement of John Webb.)

48 JAMES<sup>7</sup> WEBB (*Francis<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>*) rose to much distinction in public life. He had a strong attachment for books as a scholar and when seventeen years of age taught school in Georgia in 1809. He returned to Virginia in 1810, and served in the clerk's office of Essex County under John P. Leland, read law, returned to Georgia 1812, when, war breaking out with Great Britain, he entered the army and was appointed clerk of the Regiment. After the war he practised law at Linton, Georgia, ten years, and in 1823 he removed to Jackson County, Florida. In 1828 he was appointed by President J. Q. Adams Judge of the Southern District of Florida, and also judge for the adjustment of claims on the coast. He removed to Key West, and was reappointed Judge by President Jackson, and was retained by President Van Buren.

During the administration of Van Buren he removed to Corpus Christi, Texas, and accepted the office of Secretary of State of Texas from Mirabeau B. Lamar, then President of that struggling republic. After a few years he was elected Attorney General, and next sent minister to Mexico. He served again as Secretary of State, and was finally elected judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in which he lived.

On his death November 1, 1856, the Bar of his District passed resolutions of highly eulogistic character.

He married June 24, 1813, Rachel Elizabeth Lamar, daughter of Col. Thomas Lamar, of Hancock County, Georgia, and had issue: 54 Thomas Francis, who married Jane Montgomery of Texas, and left issue. 55 James William never married, died August 11, 1853 at the home of Lewis Webb, of Richmond, Va. 56 Charles John, entered the U. S. Army, was quartermaster, died 25 December, 1852, in his 22d year. 57 Mary Elizabeth married (1) Dr. Walter Hubbert (2) Col. Henry L. Kinney, of Corpus Christi. Issue by first marriage two sons and four daughters.

49 JOHN<sup>7</sup> WEBB (*Francis<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Giles<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 20, 1794, at "Mt. Prospect", five miles from Tappahannock, Essex County, Va., the then residence

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of his father, Francis Webb. He was educated in the country schools, and removed to Georgia with his father in his sixteenth year. Served in the War of 1812, and fought against the Seminole Indians. His after life, as told by himself, was that of a poor man struggling into competence and even affluence. It presents a picture very different from what is generally considered of Southerners by Northern writers. It shows that the young men of the South, though of best connections, as John Webb was, were not above using their hands, if necessary, for any kind of work. He hewed logs, cultivated the fields, toiled late and early, and met with success. When the war for Southern Independence came on, he had large interests in divers cotton mills in Georgia.

In politics he was a Whig and opposed to secession, but after the ordinance of Secession was adopted he aided the Southern cause with all his money, furnishing the troops with clothing and horses, and taking Confederate bonds for debts. He suffered severely from Sherman's army, who robbed him of nearly all he had left.

Undismayed, though an old man of seventy-two years, he began life anew after the termination of the war. He made arrangements with his son-in-law, James H. Robinson, to run a store on a capital of \$4000. Under date of July 26, 1870, he concludes his manuscript as follows: "Our business has been quite prosperous. Our resources are ample for our business. I have purchased a farm a little over four hundred acres with \$2000 on which I owe \$500. My resources are ample to meet that when due, without interfering with the store. I am now in my 77th year, my wife in her 72d year, and both able to travel around, visit our children and attend to our domestic business."

Issue of John Webb and Anne Thomason 58 Mary Smith, born March 19, 1817, married William S. Lee Feb. 2, 1837. 59 Frances Bellfield twin to Mary Smith, died young. 60 Lucy, b. May 20, 1818, died young. 61 Julia Ann, born February 5, 1820; married Elbert H. Gay April 15, 1838. 62 Augustus James, who proved to be a very successful farmer. He married Tabitha, daughter of Mr. Robert Wright May 15, 1845. 63 Sarah John, born in 1823, and married to Rev. W. M. Biggers 14 October, 1841. 64 Martha Ann Elizabeth born Sept. 9, 1825; married James

Hardwick Robinson January 9, 1843. 65 Narcissa Jane, born January 11, 1828, married John B. Lee August 22, 1844. 66 Mariah Louisa, born April 2, 1865, married Franklin H. Gay May 3, 1848. 67 Caroline Matilda Bathurst, born November 16, 1832; married William F. Davis March 17, 1852. 68 Adeline Josephine born August 6, 1835; married Dr. Benjamin F. Chapman May 22, 1856.

The names of all his grandchildren and the times of their births, beginning with the children of his oldest child Mary S. Lee are given by Mr. John Webb as follows:

Margarett Ann Lee	Born—Nov. 17, 1837.
Mary Frances Belfield	" Jul. 9, 1839.
John Webb	" Apr. 23, 1841.
Augustus James	" Sep. 3, 1843.
Julie Jane Josephine	" Oct. 1, 1845.
William Bell,	" Nov. 21, 1847.
Walter Elbert,	" Jan. 7, 1852.
Sarah Louisa,	" Jul. 10, 1854.
Eugene Orsom,	" Apr. 11, 1859.
Fannie,	" , 1861.

Julia A. Gay is in her 41st year and has five children, namely:

John Webb Sherod,	Born—Mar. 19, 1839.
Augustus Oison Milton.	" Apr. 14, 1840.
Sarah Ann Webb.	" Feb. 11, 1847.
William Franklin Hilliard,	" Oct. 10, 1841.
Mary Louisa Elvina,	" Oct. 21, 1848.

Sarah John Biggers is in her thirty-eighth year, has eight children, namely:

John Robert Ward	Born—Jul. 5, 1842.
James Predaux Webb,	" Mar. 1, 1844.
Ann Elvira Caroline,	" Nov. 2, 1845.
Mary Julia Elizabeth	" Jan. 30, 1848.
Leroy Theodore,	" May 30, 1851.
Charles Elbert Stephen	" Oct. 3, 1853.
Fletcher Davis	" Born—Sep. 11, 1855.
William Morris,	" June 22, 1860.

Martha Ann Elizabeth (Robinson), is in her 36th year, has eight (9) children, namely:

Mary Ann,	Born—Apr. 12, 1844.
John Webb,	" Nov. 2, 1845.
Marcelles Augustus,	" Aug. 19, 1847.
Emma Jane,	" Jan. 14, 1850.
Carrie Julia	" Feb. 19, 1852.
Salina Josephine	" Feb. 15, 1854.
James Boykin	" 1856.
William Milton	" Jul. 3, 1859.
Charles C	"

Narcissa Jane Lee, is in her 33rd year, has eight children, namely:

Ann Foster,	Born—June 17, 1845.
William Augustus,	" Feb. 2, 1847.
James Washington,	" Mar. 31, 1849.
John Webb,	" June 1, 1851.
Elbert Henry,	" Dec. 1, 1853.
Clarence Dawson	" Mar. 16, 1856.
Edgar	" Jul. 14, 1858.
Ben,	" Jan. 11, 1861.

Mariah Louisa Gay, is in her 31st year, has five children, namely:

	Born
Charles Ann Ugenia,	" July 22, 1849.
Sarah Jane Eveline,	" Jul. 7, 1851.
Mary Julia Caroline,	" Nov. 1854.
John Webb,	" May 18, 1857.
Martha Louisa Josephine	" Jan. 25, 1860.

Augustus James Webb, is in his foreheth year, his wife has six children, namely:

James Franklin	Born—Sept. 5, 1848.
John Robert	" Oct. 3, 1846.
Julia Antoinett	" Oct. 18, 1851.
Columbus Henry	" Mar. 11, 1854.
Margaret Ann	" Feb. 29, 1856.
Mary Melvina	" Nov. 17, 1859.

Caroline Matilda Bathurst Davis, is in her 29th year, has four children, namely:

Thomas Charles	Born—May 21, 1853.
Lucy Webb	" July 21, 1855.
Nannie Webb	" Apr. 6, 1857.
John Burkett	" Nov. 15, 1859.

Adeline Josephine Chapman is in her 26th year, she has two children, namely:

Ann Hart	Born—Feb. 16, 1856.
Lizzie Rosina	" Jan. 28, 1858.

Carrie Julia Robinson, daughter of James A. Robinson and Martha Webb, his wife, married January 30, 1873, Joseph Alexander Stewart, and had issue among others J. Adger Stewart, manufacturer, Louisville, Kentucky, (*Stewart, Descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth*, p. 14.) He married Anna Briggs Carter on April 26, 1899.

Referring back to the children of 6 James<sup>3</sup> Webb, Vol. VII, p. 196, it is found that the copyist made some errors in transcribing. The following is a correct statement:

25 JOHN<sup>4</sup> WEBB (p. 269) had issue (1) John (2) Isaac (3) Elizabeth married James Edmondson (4) Catherine married Samuel? Peachey who had son William (5) Ann (6) Sally (7) Mary.

26 JAMES<sup>4</sup> WEBB, VII, p. 270 had issue: (1) William, b. Feb. 10, 1732, died March 24, 1733 (2) James<sup>5</sup>, born July 2, 1734, m. Mary Smith, daughter of Capt. Francis Smith and Lucy Meriwether of Essex County, Virginia (His line has been given) (3) Mary, born October 4, 1736, died Sept. 8, 1739 (4) John, b. April 3d, 1739, died Sept. 20, 1740 (5) Mary<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1740 of whom hereafter, (6) John, b. April 2, 1743, d. August, 1745 (7) William<sup>5</sup>, born May 11, 1745, of whom hereafter 8. John<sup>5</sup>, born January 18, 1747 9. Thomas<sup>5</sup>, born February 27, 1751, of whom hereafter. Elizabeth, born June 20, 1754, of whom hereafter.

Of these MARY<sup>5</sup> WEBB (omitted in the original list), married in May, 1761, Samuel Smith, son of Samuel Smith, Essex County,

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Va., and Anne Amis and grandson of Lt. John Smith, whose daughter Jane married John Webb, uncle of Mary Webb Smith, Samuel Smith moved with his wife to Granville County, North Carolina and died there Oct. 6, 1800. His wife died Nov. 20, 1827. They had issue (1) Anne, born in Sussex Co. May 9, 1762 (2) Mary born Sept. 18, 1763, married William Williamson in Febr. 1800; died March 21, 1814 (3) Samuel born Sept. 25, 1763 in Virginia, married May 15, 1792, Elizabeth Harrison, born 28 Feb., 1772. He died June 4, 1816 in Caswell Co., N. C. She died December 17, 1838. (4) Elizabeth Smith, born April 7, 1767 in N. C., married James Downey; died in Granville County, N. C. Sept. 17, 1804 (5) Jane Smith, born October 7, 1768, married Alexander Murphy; died in June, 1813 (6) James Webb Smith, born May 18, 1770 in Granville Co., N. C. Died October 2, 1828 married to I. Polly Downey II, Polly Webb. (7) William Smith was born June 2, 1774 in North Carolina; married Lethy Eaton, who married 2dly. Major Pugh, and died in May, 1831. 8 Maurice Smith, born May 6, 1776, married I Frances Goodwin II Amy Webb. dau. John and Amy Booker Webb. He died May 21, 1835 (9) Thomas Smith, born February 9, 1779 in Granville Co., N. C.; died Sept. 27, 1794 (10) Alexander Smith born in Granville Co., N. C., February 11, 1781, died December 25, 1827. Married Anne Beasley. (See Bible entries in Vol. II., 196-200, and "The Webb Family," By Robert Dickens Webb, MSS.)

38. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> WEBB, son of James and Mary Edmondson Webb, was born May 1, 1745. He married Frances Young in Essex County, and moved to North Carolina and settled at Tallyho, Granville County, in 1776, where he died April 11, 1809. His wife, Frances, died in 1810. In 1777 there was recorded in Essex County, Virginia, a deed from William Webb and Frances, his wife, of the County of Granville and State of North Carolina, to William Howerton of the County of Essex and State of Virginia of the other part.

William Webb had nine children viz: (1) Rachel born April 25, 1772, married Mark Howard, and had 14 children, (2) Dr. James, born Feb. 20, 1774, died in May, 1853. He was a physician of note at Hillsboro, N. C. for fifty years. He married

Annie Alvis Huske. They had eight children. (3) William S. Webb, born Feb. 2, 1776, graduated as A. B. at the University of North Carolina, and M. D. of University of Penn. He settled in Williamson County, Tenn., and practised till his death August 3, 1866. Married Mildred Turner and had 13 children. (4) John Webb, born in North Carolina January 26, 1778. He married Margaret Howard, sister of Mark Howard, April 22, 1802. Died April 14, 1858. Issue eleven children. (5) Thomas Webb, born Oct. 22, 1779, married Martha Dickens in North Carolina, and moved to Alabama. He died September 28, 1840 (6) Judge Henry Young Webb, born in North Carolina August 14, 1784, married December 29, 1812 to Elizabeth Forney, made by President Monroe Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Territory of Alabama in 1818. When Alabama became a State, he was selected by the Legislature as one of its Circuit Judges. He died near Greensborough Spt. 20, 1823. Issue five children. (7) Mary E., born in North Carolina January 18, 1782, married Baxter Davis, lived in Kentucky, had six sons and three daughters (8) Frances Webb, born December 5, 1786, married Dr. Portius Moore, of North Carolina. No issue. 9 Samuel Smith Webb born at "Tally-ho", Granville County, N. C., May 1, 1791. He married Anne Moore Dickens, and granddaughter of Gen. Stephen Moore, of Mt. Tirzah, N. C. Died in Sumter Co., Ala., May 5, 1864. Issue twelve children, among whom was Dr. Robert Dickens Webb, the author of the manuscript from which the facts relating to the descendants of William Webb and Frances, his wife are chiefly taken. He was born in North Carolina November 4, 1824, graduated Medicine at the University of Virginia in 1850 and practiced his profession in Alabama. He married April 27, 1853, Julia E. Fulton, daughter of William Frierson Fulton. Their only child Elizabeth D. Webb married Hon. John Sharp Williams, a distinguished member of the United States Senate, from the State of Mississippi.

39 JOHN<sup>5</sup> WEBB, son of James Webb and Mary Edmondson his wife, born January 18, 1747. He married in 1772 Amy Booker, daughter of James Booker of Essex County. She was born

August 27, 1752 (N. S.) and died March 25, 1835. They moved in early life to Person County, N. C.

The will of James Booker, dated May 3, 1790, and proved in Essex County, June 18, 1793, named his daughter Mary Shephard, daughter Joanna Woodson deced, son Lewis, granddaus. Betsy and Nancy Wild, daus. of Anne Wild, daughter Elizabeth Jeffries, son Lewis Booker, and his sons-in-law John Webb and Richard Jeffries.

John Webb and Amy Booker, his wife, had issue six sons and five daughters, viz. (1) Thomas, born Dec. 26, 1776, married Martha Smith, sister of the wife of his brother James, and left issue (2) John, born April 1, 1786 married Betsy Moomaw of Va. and moved to Breckenridge County, Kentucky. He left issue William Hayden, John and Mary (3) James, born November 17, 1779 married Anne Hunt Smith, daughter of James Smith (4) William, born Oct. 17, 1778, married I Elizabeth Pulliam II Fannie Love. Issue; 5 Isaac born Dec. 29, 1790 married Harriet F. Dickens, daughter of Jesse Dickens, Person Co., N. C. (6) Lewis Webb, born July 18, 1789, married Anne Nutall, of Lewisburg, N. C., and lived in Richmond, Va., where he made a large fortune in the wholesale grocery trade. He died in 1877 (7) Mary born June 22, 1782 married Col. James Webb Smith, of Jackson, Miss. (8) Amy born August 31, 1794, married Col. Maurice Smith of Granville Co., N. C. (9) Anne, born June 24, 1794, married John F. Patillo (10) Susan born Oct 4, 1796, never married 11 Elizabeth, born March 4, 1773, married Judge Thomas Owen, of North Carolina.

40 THOMAS<sup>5</sup> WEBB, youngest son of James Webb and Mary Edmondson, was born February 27, 1751. In 1776 he went to the West Indies and engaged in merchandizing and amassed a large fortune. He died a bachelor in St. Thomas, 1783, and was buried at Dover, England. His will dated 30 April, 1778, and witnessed by John Edmondson, Jr., and Meriwether Smith, was proved in Essex Co., Va., 19 October, 1784; He named sister Elizabeth Webb, nephew William Webb, friend Mr. Overton Cosby, brothers William Webb and John Webb, my sisters Mary Smith and Elizabeth Webb, and the children of my deceased

brother James Webb, Brother John Webb and Mr. Overton Cosby executors.

41 ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> WEBB, youngest child of James Webb and Mary Edmondson, was born June 30, 1754, married Mr. Thomas Shepard, of Granville County, North Carolina. Left issue.

WILL OF MARY WEBB (née MARY EDMUNSON)

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Webb being of perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for it, do make, constitute, and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say my will and devise is that the money due me from the Estate of my son James Webb, deceased, and all other money due me on any amount whatever (except the money due me from my four surviving children Viz. William Webb, John Webb, Mary Smith, and Elizabeth Vass) should be equally divided amongst my above said surviving children, Viz. William Webb, John Webb, Mary Smith, and Elizabeth Vass, and further it is my devise is that all money due me from each of the aforesaid children, they should keep, retain, and enjoy for their own use and benefit forever. I also appoint, constitute and ordain my beloved sons William Webb and John Webb executors to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the seventh day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

Mary Webb Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of

Thomas Owen, Jurat  
Elizabeth Webb

Granville County

February Term A. D. 1795

The foregoing Will of Mary Webb was duly proven by oath of Thomas Owen Esquire a subscribing witness thereto, and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Test

A. Henderson, Clk