

## **MERRY WEBB**

**b. 1745 Henrico,Va.- d.(w)1816 Marion,Tn.**  
OF WHITE-WARREN-MARION Co., TN.

**1805** Our first date for a Webb to be documented in the Warren Co. area is 1805 with **Chesley Webb**. The land belonged technically to White County, before that it was Smith, Jackson and Overton Counties; also Sumner and Davidson and in 1777 all of Tennessee was Washington County.(Sullivan)

Therefore, in following our forefathers a date or a change in County boundary line could make a great difference. Many times deeds were registered in the closest court-house by wagon trail, and not by the county itself. Sometimes a river or flooded area even the season of the year could influence a decision of where to register the land.

Sometimes the name was spelled wrong (phonically) on the deed or the deed holder altered his name spelling rather than travel all the way back to try to correct it.

Many **Webb** ancestors were surveyors, or the little brothers and cousins were chain bearers for the surveyors, all were paid in land rather than money, therefore, knowing the land they had surveyed, gave choices of which to choose from. Some lived on the land, some resold without ever occupying it personally. Surveyors were the first to “open” the land, therefore, they traveled in many directions, to different new lands, wherever they were needed. No one had gone before them to make a bridge or cut a path, save the wild deer and the Indians.

This, in some way, accounted for the scattering [or disappearance] of sons from the same families. Why some came to Tennessee by way of Kentucky, or a brother down through N.C., & S.C. crossing the Indian Lands of Georgia & up to TN.

The Tennessee River was too treacherous to navigate and was controlled by defiant Indians

As new lands were opened whole settlements moved together as a group, other times families were separated, never to see or hear from each other again, or to know the fate of their dear ones.

In the old deeds the oldest son (sons) inherited the land, or perhaps the youngest, if all the others had for some reason left, or if there were too many children and not enough land for all, the younger ones set out to seek their own land and fortune.

War, disease, gold rushes, new land opening, new opportunities and ways to earn a living, so many reasons to stay or leave. Many families named their children with the same names, closely related marriages, and birth dates make tracing your correct family a lifetime challenge.

Had it not been for discovering this hand written will of **Merry Webb**, we would not have known he came to the area of White-Warren & Marion Co.,TN. This **Merry Webb** would likely have been listed as “died young” or “no record”.

To date, this writer has discovered twelve (12) **MERRY WEBB’S**. With two still unidentified.

**Webb** researcher/Nonie Hlobil Webb

**The WEBB Connection**  
**To MERRY WEBB will of 1816**  
**White,Warren, & Marion Co., TN.**  
**Virginia and North Carolina**

The **Webb** Families from White, Warren, (DeKalb) & Marion are mainly from the Old Webbs of Rutherford ( & Buncombe) Co., North Carolina.

However, it was newly discovered that:  
**WilliamWebb** b. 1694;  
**Samuel Webb** b.2-6-1735;  
**Martin Webb** b. 12-29-1737  
**Rev. John Webb** ca. b. 1740:  
**Merry Webb** ca.b. 1745;  
**Mary** b.1745;  
were siblings, and the children of :  
**William Webb** b. 1694 and **Jane Martin** of Henrico Co.,Virginia.

This **William Webb** b. 1694 is a son of #2 **John Webb** b. 1664-1726 who md. **Sarah Cocke** in Henrico/NewKent Va. St. Peters Parish

Nor was it known that this **Merry Webb** existed until a descendant in Marion County gave us a copy of the hand written will of 1816.

This was some 10 Years ago, but we could never verify where the Will was written, although family descendants said **Merry** was buried at Stateline Cem. in Cole City, (Stateline is at the TN-GA-ALA. line)

We found some of **Merry & Elizabeths'** 10 children with land deeds here in Marion in 1822 but none for **MERRY**, the father, his son **John** or son **William**. The will said they had been in the area since 1812. This was still Indian Lands until Marion became a County in 1817, with parts still Indian Land until 1819.

The family of **MERRY WEBB**  
**Merry Webb, wife Elizabeth (will of 1816)**

1. **David Webb** (oldest son)
2. **Mary Webb Pyburn (Jacob)**
3. **Henry Webb**
4. **John Webb**
5. **William Webb**
6. **Elizabeth Webb Williams**
7. **Thomas Webb**
8. **Martha Webb Dover**

9. **Winnie Sophia Webb Peoples**
10. **Merry Webb Jr.**

Birthdates and names of wives are unknown at this writing. (See complete Will on separate page)

After the Will was found, some reseachers in Warren Co.TNthought the “**Old Mary Webb**” deed of 1806 in White County might be of **Merry Webb**, but no proof was found.

About 2 years ago **Kelly Webb**, a **Webb**, researcher of the Virginia **Webb** lines sent information to another **Webb** researcher who lives in Hamilton Co., TN. This **William “Bill”Webb** has **Webb** descendants in Sumner Co., TN. and comes to our **Webb** Reunions. This was when we discovered a **Merry Webb** in his line at Henrico Co.,VA. **Kelly Webb** has helped greatly in our research of this **Merry Webb**.

From his information Nonie Webb was able to make these charts of the **Webb** Families.

Family of #2 **John Webb b. 1664-(w) 1726 md. Sarah Cocke Webb**  
md.1680 St Peters Parish Book #1682.  
9 Children.  
1.Elizabeth, James  
2. John III,  
3. William,  
4. Jane,  
5. Wentworth,  
6. Abraham,  
7. Mary  
8.Henry Webb.

#4<sup>th</sup> Child: is our Webb line of Middle Tennessee  
**William Webb** b. Bapt. 9-7-1694  
md. **Jane Martin** St. Peters, Henrico  
6 children:

- 1.**Samuel Webb** b2-6-1735 md **Rebecca Martin** Sumner Co.,Tn. in 1820.
- 2.**Martin Webb** b. 12-29-1737 n/r
3. **Mary Webb** b. ca. 1739 n/r
- 4.**William Webb** b.ca. 1741 md. **Rachel Smith**.  
Died Albemarle(Amhurst) his descendants found Franklin Co.,VA., Robertson & Sumner Co.,TN.
5. **MERRY WEBB** b. ca. 1745 will of 1816.  
Wife **Elizabeth** this is OUR **Merry**.
6. **JOHN WEBB** b. ca. 1740/2  
Passed through Buckingham, Amhurst, Franklin Va. to Surry Co., N.C. to Granville (wife **Sarah Byars** born there)

Orange, Tryon, Tyrell & Rutherford Co. N.C. They died in Rutherford. Some of their children went to Warren Co. TN.

**BREAKTHROUGH in WEBB CONNECTION**  
North Carolina, White/Warren/Marion Co.,Tennessee

**August 1999**

Reminding folks of our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual **Webb** Reunion in Marion Co.,TN we found **MERRY WEBB** Land deeds in White (Warren) Co., TN. in 1806.

In a telephone conversation with **Wanda Gant** of Warren County she said, “**Merry Webb** had land in Warren County before he came to Marion County”. I said, “Prove it” and bless her heart She did!

[see deeds of White/Warren Co. separate page]  
[see 1816 Will of **MERRY WEBB**, separate page]

Now that we know this, we realize some of the **Webb’s** of White, Warren & Marion County, TN thought to be children of **Rev. John Webb** may in fact have been of the **Merry Webb** line, or perhaps one of his other brothers.

The father of **Jesse Webb** and **Chesley Webb** are still not proven as children of **Rev. John & Sarah Byars Webb**. Several researchers for many years have agonized over the parents of these **Webb** families as well as **Asahel** and **Alfred Webb** who had land in both Marion and Warren Counties.

There are several **Webb’s** of these areas who’s parentage is still a mystery. **William, Ellis, Pleasant, Isaac, Byars, Martin & Jonas Webb**.

**Breakthrough on LEVY (Levi) WEBB**  
Warren/Marion/DeKalb

**Levy Webb** b. 1809 md **Vina Green**, listed on the 1850 Census of Marion Co., TN. was found in Wilson County, TN. in 1840 but on the side of the paper (microfilm) it was listed “Warren Co.,TN.

**Levy Webb** was listed in Warren (1840 Dist 14) Marion (1850) Warren (1860 again Dist. 14) DeKalb Co. (1870) and back in Marion 1870.

Only one land deed we have ever found bore **Levi’s** name, and that was as witness to a **John Webb** land deed on Dry Creek of Collins River Aug. 4, 1834 to **Joseph Green** of Warren Co.,TN. Bk M. page 73/4. Location of land 14<sup>th</sup> District, Warren County. 50 acres land. [Land locations suggest **John** is son of **Merry** ] [ **Levy (Levi) Webb’s** 1<sup>st</sup> wife was **Vina Green.** ] This deed of **John Webb** to **Joseph Green** covered 4 tracts of land and one of those tracts we now find matches the deed of **John Webb** of July 2, 1811 #1445 on Dry Creek of Collins River.

Two other Land Grants are named in this deed with numbers #1199 and #1668. (no dates given).Information still in the mail.

If this **John Webb** is the son of **Merry & Elizabeth Webb**; **Levi** would be grandson of **Merry Webb**. Perhaps one of the other Land Grants will be the “Homelands” in now DeKalb Co.,Tn. where **Levi’s** son **Joseph Webb** b. 1838 (died Civil War) md. to **Elizabeth Jones** was found; and who’s **Webb** descendants (**Cantrell**) still live there at Smithville

After **Vina Green** died **Levi** married **Mary Smith** in 1858 of Marion Co.TN. We next found **Levi & Mary** with two youngest sons **Samuel & Levi W. Webb** in the DeKalb Co.,TN. census of 1860. We have found record of a land deed from **Mary’s** father for **Levi & Mary (Smith) Webb** for Marion Co. TN.[No children from this marriage.] **Levi** last recorded 1880 in Marion.

**Overton Co.,TN**

There is also a line of **WEBB’S** in Overton Co,TN. Also same lines from Henrico **Webbs**.

One **John Webb** of Orange Co. N.C. who was in Orange Co. N.C. the same time as **Rev. John Webb** of Rutherford Co, N. C. plus a **James Crittenden Webb** (the son of **William Warren Webb**) was in Bertie Co., N. C. with **MERRY, Benjamin** , and **James Webb Jr.** in 1782 as “*Loyalists*” All close kin to TN **Webbs**. **Robert Webb** (White Co.,TN **Webbs**)of Rutherford Co.,N.C. and **Elisha** also in Bertie. Note:

[“**MERRY HILL COMMUNITY**, named for the **WEBB** Plantation, in Bertie Co., N. C.]

*[We must remember, most of the early county records were destroyed, and only the painstaking*

*work of many researchers over many years have brought us this far.]*

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**1805 Elisha, Robert & Jeremiah Webb** of White Co., these are sons of **Robert G. Webb [1760-1843] & Millie (Clinton) Webb** of Rutherford Co., N. C.

**[This Elisha & Robert migrated to Dallas Co., Ala.]**

**Elisha Webb b. 1767**, father-in-law of one of **Rev. Johns Webb's** grand-daughters **Didama**, (wife of **James Webb** and daughter of **John Byars Webb**.) Is likely a half brother to **Robert G. Webb** b.1760 Of Rutherford. (see Orange Co., N.C. records and "Merry Hill Community" in Bertie Co., N. C.)

#### **Still not Proven**

Need more tracing and proving to confirm some of this.

**[Merry, Martin** and brother **John Webb** were in Buncombe Co.,N.C.(of Rutherford) in 1789.These were always considered sons of **Merry Webb** (d.(will) 1774)& **Elizabeth (Martin)** of Henry Co., Virginia. There are several **Martin & John Webbs**.

Marion County (1817)was carved from Indian Lands and was technically an extension of Warren & White Counties even though the land was still declared Indian Lands until 1817 & part 1819.

Several history books on Marion County have evolved (4 more in the making) resulting from our researching over the past 25 years, trying to find This **Webb** Connection. So perhaps it has not been in vain. We share with you here some of the maps and "Keepsake History" from this research.

You can find us on these addresses.

<http://www.tngenweb.usit.com/marion>

<http://www.tngenweb.usit.com/warren>

Creek the conditional line between **Mary Webb** and **George Williams; Carter Harrison** and **Mary Webb**'s conditional line. Acknowledged in open court Nov. 1811. Reg. 25 Nov. 1811.  
[**Mary Webb=Merry Webb**-will of 1816]

**WEBB LAND DEEDS OF**

White & Warren Co., TN.

- 1805** 1<sup>st</sup> Webb listing for **Chesley Webb** on 1805 Tax list. & again in 1812 Tax list. 1<sup>st</sup> Land recording for **Chesley** is 1826 #1777 Book. 2, page #317 100 acres.
- 1806** 1<sup>st</sup> Land Deeds for Warren Co., TN. is "**Mary**" **Webb** (1806 (White County) Deed book A.: 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Sect. 96, at Hickory Creek & Eastern Boundary Line. 200 acres.  
[see **Merry Webb** deed in 1823]
- 1807** August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Deed to **Jeremiah Bolin**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Section 96. Deed East Corner & Hickory Creek adjacent to **Mary Webb**'s land.
- 1810** Warren Co. deed book A, pg 133/4. State of TN. #838. By virtue of Warrant #1119 dated 10 July 1784 issued to **John Nelson** by **John Armstrong**, entry officer of claims for the N. C. Western Lands and entered on 3 Aug 1807 by No. 46 as an occupant claim under the Act of 1806, there is granted by the State of Tennessee to **Jeremiah Bolen**, 200 acres in 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Section 96, Warren County on waters of Hickory Creek adjoining the eastern boundary line of said district, East corner of **Bolen**'s occupant claim (assignee of **Mary Webb** & **Carter Harrison**'s conditional line.. Signed at Knoxville 9 Feb. 1809 by **John Sevier**, Governor. Req. 7 Aug. 1810. [**Mary Webb =Merry Webb**]
- 1811** Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. **Jeremiah Bolin** to **William Howard**, both of Warren County, for \$500.00. Two hundred acres land. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 6<sup>th</sup> section on the waters of Hickory

- 1823** Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Warren County Deed Book D. 1824-1826. Land deed from **Joseph Dial** to **John Powell** for 50 acres on Hickory Creek between **Merry Webb** and **George Williams** Line with **Carter Harrison** & **Merry Webb**. Witness: **Jess Munsey** and **Joseph Dial**. Acknowledged Jan 14, 1824. Reg. Jan. 19, 1824.  
\*\*\* [This time the signature is **MERRY WEBB**]

Note:

[The old **Merry Webb** would have died About 1816 so his land is now in the care of his youngest son **Merry Webb Jr.** and possibly the husband of his daughter **Elizabeth Webb** who married a "**Williams**". ] This is the first proof we have that **Merry Webb** had land in **White**/Warren

See map of Warren County.

Some Notes on **CHESLEY WEBB**.

- 1816** Warren County, TN. Rev. **Chesley b. 1772 & Henrietta (Blackwell) Webb**. **Chesley** was the Founder of Caney Fork Baptist Church Other **Webb** members were: **Joshua Webb**, **John B. Webb** and **Mary Webb**.

At that time Warren County bordered the Indian Lands of the area to become Marion Co. (in 1817) on the upper Western side. (Adjoining Bledsoe County.) and still did until 1844 when Grundy Co. was formed between (from) Warren & Marion

Some of **Chesley Webb**'s children lived in Grundy County, TN.

This "will dated 1816" of **Merry Webb** and the land deeds in Warren Co. of **Mary Webb** (Merry) brings new light to our research. in **White**/Warren/Marion Counties of Tennessee and the children of **Chesley Webb**.

It is possible **Chesley's** parentage comes from one of the brothers of **Rev. John & Merry Webb.** in Jackson, Overton, or Sumner Co., TN. **Martin Webb** or even **Elisha Webb.** All the records are not yet in.

**1820 CENSUS**  
**WEBB'S**  
**for MIDDLE TENNESSEE**  
Kentucky line down to Ala/GA/TN line.

**AARON WEBB** 201201\*-22110 Rutherford Co.  
**ABEL WEBB** 101101\*-20010 Rutherford  
**ABEL WEBB** 011101\*-20010 Rutherford  
**CARY WEBB** 000010-00000 Davidson  
**CHESLEY WEBB** 110101\*-12101 Warren  
**DANIEL WEBB** 220010-00110 Sumner  
**DANIEL WEBB** 000001\*-00000 Robertson  
**ELISHA WEBB** 000010-00010 White  
**ELLIS WEBB** 130010-41010-Warren Co.  
**ELIZABETH Webb** 100000-40010 Robertson  
**GEORGE WEBB** 001201\*-13110 Wilson  
**IGIM WEBB (Isom?)**210010-20010 Wilson  
**JAMES WEBB** 000001\*-10001 Overton  
**JAMES WEBB** 210010-20010 Warren Co.  
**JESSE WEBB** 111101\*-02001 Warren Co  
**JESSE WEBB** 110010-20010 Franklin  
**JOHN WEBB** 3000100-20100 Sumner  
**JOHN WEBB** 101110-11010 Maury  
**JOHN WEBB** 100010-20010 Rutherford  
**JOHN WEB (Weeb?)**200010-21010 Wilson  
**JOHN WEBB** 200100-10100 Warren Co  
**JOHN WEBB** 200010-21010 Warren Co.  
**JOHN WEBB** 200010-32010 Overton  
**JOHN WEBB** 210010-02100 Williamson  
**JOHN B. WEBB** 030001\*-10111 Warren Co  
**JORDAN WEBB** 100100-00100 Sumner  
**JOSHUA WEBB** 101101\*-32201 Warren Co  
**JOSEPH WEB** 000100-00100 Maury  
**JOSIAH WEBB** 230111\*-12121 Rutherford  
**JULIUS WEBB** 100010-20100 Warren Co.  
**KENDEL WEBB** 011100-00100 Davidson  
**LARKIN WEBB** 210101\*-51010 Giles  
**LITTLEBERRY WEBB** 120010-51010 Giles  
**MARY WEBB (Merry)** 000011\*-00001 White  
**MEREDITH WEBB** 510101\*-02010 Maury  
**MORRIS WEBB** 000201\*-00101 Giles

**MOSES WEBB** 300001\*-32210 Jackson  
**ROBERT WEBB** 100010-20100 White  
**ROBERT WEBB** 101100-10020 Giles  
**SAMUEL WEBB** 000100-00100 Robertson  
**SMITH WEBB** 210001\*-10110 Robertson  
**THOMAS WEBB** 011101\*-00101 Giles  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 111311\*-00102 White  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 100010-00020 Maury  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 100100-10100 Rutherford  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 120020-21110 Warren  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 000100-00100 Giles  
**WILLIAM WEBB** 100010-11020 Giles  
**WILLIAM S. WEBB** 220210-31010 Williamson  
\*male age 45 or older.

**Marion Co. Early Records Destroyed by Fire.**

**(Littleberry, Kendal, Meredith, Melcheradee, Littleton, Lewis, Jessee (2), Ellis, Henry, John, Samuel, Thomas & William Webb** names gleaned from Census, Tax lists, Court Records, old newspapers are also Webbs found in Marion Co., TN. Some of these may be Webbs from early and later deeds, of the other Counties. There Was mass migration to Texas, Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas in different time periods long before the Civil War migration. Many of the Webb and associated families traveled together.

**We Decend from William "Micajah" Webb**

We (**WEBB'S**) of the Great Southern Branch, (States) all descend from our English ancestor one **William "Micajah" Webb** b. 1582 Eng. who settled at the Isle of Wight, Va. [son of Alexander Webb, Jr] **Webb's** of the Northern Branch descend from brother **Christopher Webb** who settled in Boston, Mass.

Our **Webb** line goes back to Warwickshire, England to **Henry Webb** b.1350. Unfortunately the Isle of Wight Co., VA. records were also destroyed, and we do not know the wife (wives?) of **William "Micajah" Webb** or the names of all of his children. Other parts of his family were well documented.

**OUR SEARCH GOES ON !**

**Note:**

The book "**Story of Warren County, TN.**" By Eugene Wiseman contains a great deal on the Families of Warren County. Some of these findings now bring doubt to Rev. John Webb, Chesley, Asahel

WEBB-Time Line-Marion Co.,TN.

Submitted by Nonie Webb

& Alfred documentation. But there are some wonderful maps and stories that are priceless to the researcher on Warren County & (Rutherford Co.N.C.)

The Author, Eugene Wiseman is deceased. His hardback book is now available (limited) for \$25.00 through Mary E.Barnes 116 Seitz St. McMinnville, Tennessee. 37110

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