THE JAMES WEBB FAMILY

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INTRODUCTION

This Genealogy is written for family members. It is laid out so they can follow a line straight down or up without having to jump from page to page. This way I have avoided using any kind of number system. This will make it a bit difficult for research but the unknown lines are at the end except for Robert's first family.

I have a lot more on the living members of all these lines but I wanted to preserve their privacy and everything is public knowledge anyway.

My aim in writing this was so future family members would know something of what their ancestors went through and know them better.

I wish to thank all those that helped me with this and I have given their names as I went along.

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The oldest member of the Webb and Scott families I can find for sure is in Norway Township, Herkimer County, New York. A GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY of 1805, which I own, by Joseph Scott gives Norway as having 2164 persons in 1796 and dropped to 1910 in 1800. This was a first stop for people going west. This was a very hilly and rocky area and hard to farm. The two families moved after the young people were married; the Scott's to the Watertown area, where they stayed[1], and we don't know what James Webb, Sr. did.

William says in his writing in the COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF ROCK AND GREEN COUNTIES, WISCONSIN –1901 –pg. 813 – "My grandfather was James Webb, a native of New York of English descent who followed a sea-faring 1ife and at death left one son and one daughter." I am sure Mrs. Nicholes and Mrs. Weirich claim to William of the Frigate Trumbull was wrong. First they called James, William, and second they added a son James to William Webb's family, which was near the Scott's in the Watertown area.[2]

The Census for 1800 was made mainly to find out how many young men were available to fight their country's battles. It only gave the head of household and no other names. It was broken down by age groups for men and women age 0–10, 10–16, 16–26, 26–45, 45 and over.

James Webb 00010 100100
David Scott 21010 100100

This shows no young men, so James Jr. must have married and left home before the Census was finished May 4, 1801. James, Jr. may have missed the 1800 Census as it was taken before he moved to his new home. My only real evidence that they are the right families is that they are close in the Census and the names and ages fit.

Before I give the Webb family, I would like to add a letter, passed down through the generations of Webb's in Perry, Ohio. This is hand-written, but transcribed and typed for use here by Wilford J. Webb of Perry. He was a CPA and I feel sure he would make the dates in the Bible accurate. Henderson, New York is a

[1] The Scott family stayed in Lowville, Lewis county, for some time, but most moved to Jefferson county (Watertown area) by 1830 (Nov. 2006).
[2] Statements made by William Webb as to his maternal grandfather's name are incorrect. Enos Scott (1775–1875) was the eldest son of David Scott, who died 1806 Lowville, Lewis Co., New York.

very small town on the shores of Lake Ontario near Watertown and in 1805 it was not organized. Brownsville is also on Lake Ontario, north of Watertown.
Copy [*Transcription*] of a letter from William Scott to Isaac Webb –

Henderson, (N. Y.) *June 28, 1857*

Dear Nephew:

According to agreement I write to you a few lines. I arrived home on Thursday and had no misfortune to me and found all well. I have not written as soon as (I) meant to on account of going to Brownsville and getting the family record. My brothers' families are well as (illegible?).

I would give you the ages of my father and mother and brothers and sisters birth and death (dates) from the family bible which is (in) fathers handwriting.

		Born	*Died*
(Father)	*David Scott*[1]	*June 2, 1752*	*March 29, 1806*
(Mother)	*Mehitabel Scott*	*Oct. 11, 1756*	*Sept. 19, 1824*
	Enos Scott	*Feb. 12, 1775*	
	Hannah Scott	*Jan. 20, 1777*	*1851*
	Polly Scott	*Jan. 15, 1779*	*Oct. 1810*
	Anna Scott	*Mar. 12, 1781*	
	Pruela Scott	*Mar. 20, 1783*	
	Josiah Scott	*June 11, 1790*	*June 20, 1833*
	Jeremiah Scott	*Feb. 13, 1793*	
	Betsy Scott	*May 12, 1796*	*May 12, 1817*
	William Scott	*June 2, 1799*	

I would say something about the weather and the crops. I found our crops farther (ahead) than it is at your place. The weather has been very wet and cold – great crop of grass. Our pastures are better than the meadow was two years ago. Corn is very small. I have nothing else to write. I am glad that I visited you and family and mother. It will be long remembered. I should be glad (to see) you

[1] It is very likely that the birth "days" for David and Mehitabel Scott are transposed. There is information that indicates David Scott was born 11 Jun 1752 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, based on comments in genealogical texts stating David left Ridgefield before 1790 for "Black River country." Discovery of his will in Lowville, Lewis County, New York tends to support this statement. Son Enos is enumerated in Lowville for 1800 census. *Substantiation of origination of our Scott family is virtually assured, with location of land records from David Scott of Ridgefield, CT to his son, David, in Lenox records. In addition there are baptism records for several of the children (November 2006).*

all (again) but life is uncertain and death is sure. I shall expect a visit from some of your family some future day. Tell your mother (I saw) Enos Scott last week and found him well, mowing grass and smart as a man of sixty years of age[1]*. Please write to me soon as convenient. Please look over my blunders and call me the poor scholar.*

Isaac Webb, I remain your uncle and friend and brother in Christ.

Wm. Scott

Comments – words in parenthesis are added to complete the meaning, as I believe intended. Names and dates very legible, but some other parts hard to decipher. Dates of death probably added by writer of letter and not taken from Bible in fathers hand writing. David Scott died before any of the others.
W. J. Webb, May 24, 1952

JAMES WEBB, JR.

For many years the family has been confused by the date given for the death of James Jr. William in the Wisconsin history says he died in 1841 at age 61. The Perry Webb's didn't know as no grave has ever been found but family tradition says he died in Mayfield, Cuyahoga County, in Ohio. Through the war record of Charles, see Charles Webb, I was able to get the facts. James, in fact, died on February 6, 1835. If William was accurate on the number of years old at death, James was born in 1774 and was married about age 26.

William says he accompanied his father to Ohio at age 15. He accepted the Universalist faith and during the war of 1812 he was a teamster and during his residence in Oneida County served a long time as Supervisor[2] of his town and was a well-known and respected citizen.

I have tried to prove all these things and can find nothing, as records in New York in those days were not well kept. James brought his family to Ohio about 1834 according to his son William. James followed his son Isaac to Ohio and probably lived with him. There was some land sold by a James Webb on February 14, 1834 – 2 acres for $30. This land was close to Isaac's farm. This could be James, Sr. or his son James.

Land records in New York were kept well but many bought directly from land companies or big landowners and the sale was not registered with the state.

By the time William was born, I believe the family had a permanent home until they came to Ohio. I can't find them in the Census Record of Oneida County or Utica Town Records as William says.[3] I spent a week there two years ago. As to

[1] The comment "as a man of sixty years of age" appears to have been intended as a compliment to Enos' health, as he was in his early 80's in 1857. Enos died in 1875, at age 100.
[2] No record of a James Webb serving as supervisor of the town of Westmoreland exists (November 2006).
[3] Further review of census records for New York find a James Webb listed in Westmoreland, Oneida, New York for

James' service in the War of 1812, there is no record. So he must have worked under contract for the government, hauling supplies[1].

I believe him to be a very hard worker in very tough times and he was probably killed in an accident while helping clear land in Mayfield Township, as this was a long way from home in the winter unless you had a big job. The histories tell of groups of Perry men helping to clear land and building in Mayfield.

ANNA SCOTT WEBB

Anna was about 19 when she married James being 44 years of age when the last of the 13 children were born. She must have been a remarkable woman to raise all those children to adulthood under the conditions of those times. They had no plumbing, central heat or doctors. She was a Methodist all her life and helped start the church in Perry. Anna was illiterate as she signed the pension forms with her X. She saw to it that her children were educated and the boys all had a trade. Anna spent some of her youth in Pennsylvania[2] as her older brother, Enos, was born there. It must have hurt her to come to Ohio as some of the older girls had married and stayed in New York.

We should have a lot of respect for James and his family. They were true pioneers. His father was a sailor[3] and had taught him that trade but due to the English harassment, he couldn't find a job as a sailor so he moved west to try his hand at farming. This was all virgin land with lots of Indians so it was the law of the jungle. They lived off the land – hunting, fishing, farming and building log cabins each time they moved. They probably sold the land they had developed to someone from the East and then bought more virgin land and started the cycle all over, making a few dollars each time. Maybe the men went ahead in the winter and built the cabin so the family could move before the spring thaw and planting.

I am sure the children all worked very hard and had their chores or jobs to do. In those days a boy owed his father his time until he was either married or 21. Families were big so they had the hands to do all the work, when all the family grew up usually the old folks divided up the land with the sons and lived with one of them. Usually the father's land wasn't large enough for all the children so most of them moved west and started new farms.

1820 and 1830. A Harrison Chase is enumerated next to James in 1830 census. Westmoreland is about 15 miles west of Utica. A census record for 1810 shows a James Webb in Manlius, Onondaga County, New York. Manlius is about 10 miles from Cazenovia, where son David was born in 1811.

[1] A pay record for a James Webb was located at Sacket's Harbor, NY for War of 1812 (November 2006).

[2] The comment "Anna spent some of her youth in Pennsylvania" is likely incorrect. Although one census enumeration for Enos Scott, her oldest brother, indicates a PA nativity, most show a Massachusetts birthplace, as does his death certificate. This is a more plausible theory given the normal migration from Connecticut to New York.

[3] This has yet to be substantiated (November 2006).

Life was a struggle just to exist so money was not very important except to buy land and pay taxes. Many farmers in those days lost their land because they had no way to sell goods and get money to pay off land or taxes. After the Erie Canal was built, they could sell to the East and West. The War of 1812 held up development of their area. In 1817, work was started on the Canal, from Rome to Utica, completed in 1819. In 1825, the Canal was opened from Buffalo to the Hudson River. The Webb's may have helped to build it but the records are not indexed. I am sure they made a profit just by it being there. When they came to Ohio I feel they came to Buffalo by the Canal and then on to Perry by sailboat as Perry is on the shores of Lake Erie.

I find in my notes of Wilford's search that he found a James Webb signed a deed in 1804 in Brookfield, Madison County, New York and in 1808 in Manheim, Montgomery, New York. There were several James Webb's in central New York at that time so we can't say if this is our James.

ISAAC WEBB

Isaac was born on November 3, 1802[1]. He was the first child of James and Anna Webb born in Montgomery County, New York. He was the first of the Webb's to move to Ohio. I am going to quote from Wilford J. Webb in his paper written in 1967 but never published. I feel he knew much more about his family than I ever can.

Isaac came to Perry to work in the foundry at the bottom of the road to Grand River on the Perry side which road was close to our farm. It was called the Railroad Furnace due to the tracks built down the bank to haul material and supplies up and down the bank. Isaac worked as a "puddler" or the maker of wrought iron. He has probably worked in other foundries in New York State before coming to Ohio. There were numerous such furnaces in New York where the family had lived.

At that time, the land in the central part of Perry and adjacent townships was a swamp in which iron ore, called bog iron, had formed over the centuries and this was dug out and smelted in furnaces at Perry and Madison and other places. Madison had the largest furnace at Arcole in North Madison, employing as many as 2,000 men and producing more iron than Pittsburgh. This iron from the swamps oxidized quickly when taken out of the water. When the railroad was built through these sections of the townships and the swamps were drained thereby the bog iron disappeared and now only is present in the red colored land.

Coke to use in the furnaces was burned from logs out in the nearby woods. I remember seeing some black ground on our farm caused by making coke many years

[1] The Bible Record of Isaac has been located and a transcription made. Dates are validated (November 2006).

before. Also the remains of the old furnace: bricks, slag, etc. was at the site when I was a boy at home. The foundry was abandoned in 1838 owing to the increase in costs and the drainage of the swamps.

The Perry Foundry was built in 1825, so I assume Isaac came to Ohio in that year or shortly thereafter. He married in February 1828 and my grandfather was born in February 1829 on the Perry farm that was deeded to Isaac in March 1830. He was probably in the process of buying the farm at the time of his marriage. The part of the farm south of the River Road composing 52.3 acres was deeded in 1830 and the north part in 1856, being 47.7 acres, making a total of 100 acres.

My father told me that Isaac was a tall man, being over six feet. He was a cooper as well as a foundry worker and farmer. The special tools for making barrels were still on the farm in my time. I believe he worked as a cooper during the fall and winter when there was a lull in farm work.

Isaac was a member of the School Board for District #7, Rover Road School, on the corner of our farm where I went to school and also taught two years. He was Clerk, Treasurer, or Chairman of this board for the most of the time from 1838 to 1856. I have the Clerk's book for this entire period and to 1883. My father's sisters and my aunts, Ida and Carrie, both taught at this school before their marriage but after their grandfather Isaac died.

I will add a few things on Isaac I am sure Wilford knew, as they are written up in the Cone and Champion genealogies. The Webb farm in Perry is on the old River just to the right of Webb Road. There is a lane lined with maple trees on both sides but no houses or barns as they all burned many years ago. Isaac was riding on top of a hay wagon that is very high and a branch from one of these trees he had set out as a young man poked out one of his eyes. Many years later he was chopping wood and a splinter knocked out the other eye. Isaac died April 5, 1875 due to the pain of his injuries. His loving wife, Emeline, died Sunday at 4 P.M. on September 12, 1875 due to her grief.

EMELINE CONE

Emeline, wife of Isaac, was born January 26, 1808. She was a daughter of Solomon Cone and Alice Crocker[1] of East Haddam, Conn., a descendant of Nathaniel Cone. See *The Cone Family in America,* pp. 174 etc. for the complete family. The children of Isaac and Emeline are Albert, born September 27, 1830, married on March 16, 1858 to Martha E. Loveland of Janesville, Bremer County, Iowa. They had Frank and Morell. Morell lived at Oelwein, Iowa in the same area as my grandfather Frank but they didn't know they were related.

[1] This is an incorrect statement. Emeline and Julia Ann Cone were daughters to Salmon and Anna (Anderson) Cone. lice Crocker was wife to James Cone, Salmon's father. Salmon brought his family to Painesville, Ohio about 1818 from Glastonbury, Connecticut.

WILFORD WEBB

Wilford was born February 28, 1829 at Perry and married Wilhelmina Champion of North Chatham, New York. Her father was Joel Champion and mother was Anna Louise Robinson of Schoharie, New York. See *Champion Genealogy*, pp. 104. Henry Champion was the emigrant from England 1617. The children of Wilford and Wilhelmina were Ida Roselle, Delbert Jay and Carrie Belle. This family lived in Perry all their lives. A plot book map of Perry shows Wilford bought part of his father's farm. The two houses were so close they used the same barnyard and entrance lane. That same book shows land owned by W. A. Blair, which was later owned by the Webs. This Wilford was the grandfather of the Wilford J. Webb who helped me write this.

IDA ROSELLE WEBB

Ida Roselle was born October 7, 1854. Married Walter Van Ness on June 27, 1883. They had Grace Rosamond, Loretta Lida, Irene Louise, and Hubert James. Walter Van Ness taught at several colleges and ended up at the same college as a professor as my father and his sisters went to, Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa. My father remembered him but didn't know his wife was related.

The Van Ness home is on the opposite side of Perry on Middle Road being built before 1843. It still looks good. Harland, a brother to Wilford, bought it from Grandfather James Van Ness for $4,000 for all 65 acres. Harland lived in it until his death in 1969.

DELBERT JAY WEBB

Delbert was born May 14, 1857 and married Emmogene Van Ness in 1883. Delbert attended Grand River Institute and other schools. He lived his entire life on the farm on River Road at Perry, Ohio. Just to confuse you, Emmogene and Walter C. Van Ness were brother and sister who married a sister and brother. Delbert married Hilda O. Salter on February 26, 1923 after the death of his first wife.

Delbert had Harland Albert, Wilford James and Clarence.

HARLAND ADELBERT WEBB

Harland was born June 8, 1886 in Perry, Ohio and married Anna Peterson June 26, 1907. He died October 14, 1969.

[Later family details omitted.]

Wilford James Webb born on February 4, 1888 in Perry married Osa H. Chapin on November 15, 1916. He was a big help to me on the Perry Webb's.

[Later family details omitted, continued from p. 9.]

Wilford made a trip to Wisconsin in 1953 and found some of the Webb's related to William, brother of Isaac. Some of them were very old and remember things about New York or had heard about them by their parents. Many of them I had met as a child but was not interested in Genealogy then. I have letters from many of them but not much family history. Clarence, Wilford's brother, I have very little on as he moved away as a young man and didn't correspond with the family. I understand he died the same year as his brothers, 1969.

DAVID WEBB

David[1], the second son of James and Anna, is in the Cone history by William W. Cone – 1903. David was born in Cazenovia, New York on July 10, 1811 and died in Rockford, Illinois on July 6, 1891. He married Julia Ann Cone, sister to Emeline wife of Isaac. Julia was born May 21, 1815 and died January 10, 1892 in Rockford. They married in Painesville on September 1, 1833. David and his family lived in the Akron area for 20 years.[2] All of their children were born there and two died there. David and Julia's children were:

Sarah, b. October 2, 1834; m. Lorenzo Shannon – Rockford, Illinois
Ann, b. May 26, 1837; d. December 28, 1848 – Akron, Ohio
Anderson, b. March 10, 1839; m. Laura M. Rhodes
Harriet, b. October 4, 1841; m. Henry Hinckley – Hastings, Michigan
Milo, b. February 14, 1844; m. Ella E. Bussey
Homer, b. January 3, 1849; d. May 1, 1852 – Akron, Ohio
Carrie, b. July 24, 1853; m. Richard S. Turner

ANDERSON WEBB

Anderson, son of David who married Laura M. Rhodes, daughter of Henry and Laura, married on February 2, 1865 at Paw Paw, Michigan. Their children were:

Dora, b. June 8, 1866
Frank, b. October 26, 1868
Fred, b. April 28, 1878
Cora, b. February 12, 1872

I have some letters from Mrs. Dorothy Webb Robinson.

Anderson was her grandfather. She has been a big help on this branch of the family. It is interesting that the family had been trying to find out who

[1] Two additional sources tie David to this family. First, Isaac Webb is named on the marriage application for David and Julia. Second, an obituary for David in the Albany (Wisconsin) Vindicator names him as brother to William Webb.
[2] David appears in Portage, near Akron, for 1840 and 1850 census. He moved his family to Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan in 1855. He appears in 1880 census for Sedan, Kansas, where son Milo resided, then moved to Rockford, Illinois about 1890, close to daughters Sarah and Carrie.

David's father was for years and never had as they lived in Akron for 20 years and no one knew where he came from.

MILO WEBB

Milo was born on February 14, 1844 and married Ella E. Bussey. Mrs. Robinson gave me a list of Milo's children, which he had written in her birthday book when he visited her in 1921. They are:

Norma Dobel Webb, b. January 21, 1894
Mabel Clair Webb, b. January 19, 1891
Lila Grace Webb, b. January 27, 1897
Anderson Cone Webb, b. March 16, 1883
Edwin J. Webb, b. October 22, 1885
Ruth Ella Webb Medler, b. October 29, 1887

Milo also wrote in her book that his wife, Ella, died January 27, 1920. Milo lived in Clinton, Gila County, Arizona.

CARRIE WEBB

Mrs. Robinson remembers Carrie well as they lived in Rockford, Illinois not too far away from Paw Paw, Michigan. Carrie visited in 1924 or 5 and then moved to Glendale, California and lived with a daughter. In 1926, Mrs. Robinson visited her and met her family and she says that Carrie was a lovely person.

WILLIAM WEBB[1]

The third son of James and Anna Webb is my line and I have so much on him that I am not sure where to start. William was born near Utica, Oneida County, N.Y. By this time the family had settled down and William had schooling and a stable life. His family followed the two older brothers to Ohio when William was 15 – about 1834. William says he lived with Isaac, as I can find no farm owned by the James Webb family. He then left home and went to Green Bay, Wisconsin and worked as a lumberjack for two years. Then to Walworth County, and then to Rock and Green County, with half of his farm being in each county. William says he came to Green County in 1848. Another history says he was an original settler in 1844. William is written up in two county histories: Commemorative Biographical Record of Rock and Green Counties, Wisconsin, 1901, pp. 813 and History of Green County, Wisconsin, 1884 on pp. 706. The first one gives mostly family information and the second mostly land information. William died at 95 years of age in September 14, 1914 at the home of his son, Albert, where he had lived his last

[1] The Bible record for William Webb has been located, which validates many of the birth, marriage and death dates for William's family.

years. I have talked to families who lived in the area at that time and they do not remember him at all. As a retired farmer he moved to Albany and built a small house on 12 acres, which I have been in. He sold his farm to two of his sons, William and Charles. I have a picture of him at the house in Albany. He has a long white beard and is sitting on the front porch with other members of the family. I also have one of his Wills but probably not the last one. It is in his hand writing and very well written. He was a JP[1] and held other offices of his town, being supervisor for many years.

William married Fannie Rice on April 26, 1842. She was the daughter of Roswell and Sarah Rice. Their children were Albert, Jane, Mary E., William R. and Charles E. and Emma. Albert born on November 9, 1843 in Green County, Wisconsin married Mary Janette Kibbe, daughter of Oran and Sara Kibbe. There is a Kibbe genealogy with them in it. Mary was born on June 8, 1846 and died August 3, 1912. I have an obituary for her. Albert died on September 30, 1932.

In 1873, Albert had 120 acres in Section 20 and 29 Rock County, Wisconsin. By 1891 he had sold all but 40 acres of that and bought 159 acres. Mae says he moved so the children wouldn't have so far to go to school. His new farm had the schoolhouse on it. The school even got its water from the farm.

When Frank was ready to move to Iowa, Albert gave him a fine team of mares. They gave him colts for many years and were fine trusted horses. Albert built an addition on his house so Frank and Rena would have a place to live. This is where Floyd, my father, and Lloyd were born.

[Later family detail omitted.]

Although I have no knowledge of it, I am sure Albert helped his other children get started equally as much as Frank, as Albert was a very kind, gentle man. He was neat and pleasant to have around. My father said they always enjoyed having him come and visit. He had sandy hair and blue eyes. His wife had dark hair and dark eyes. She was the driver in the family and died rather young in August 3, 1912. Albert remarried but had no children by his second wife. He survived her and died on September 30, 1932 while on a visit to see Frank in Iowa. Altha says she can remember her father, Arthur, going after the body. Albert is buried in Evansville Cemetery.

In Mae's letters, she tells about Indians coming around and her mother shooting wolves from the back porch. She says that once her mother didn't like a certain cat and tied a string to its tail and the other end to a tree and then shot the strong: the cat never came back. Mae says her mother was the local mid-wife. Mary's father died young, as the 1873 plot book shows Orrin owned land; by 1891, Sarah, his wife, owned it. This land is next to William's land in 1873.

[1] Justice of the Peace

Albert's land is on the other side of William's, next to Orrin Kibbe's, by 1891. Albert's land is one section north of William. Also in the 1891 plot book, William has sold C. E. Webb 168 acres of his farm in Rock Township and the 120 acres in Green Township to W. R. Webb. William still has 40 acres next to Sarah Kibbe.

Albert and Mary had the following children: Arthur born on April 29, 1865 in Rock County, Wisconsin, married Ada Patchen born 1865 in Whitewater and died on June 6, 1923. Her father and mother were Nathan C. and Mary Vely. See The Pathein Family by Jillson and Leggett - 1952 pp. 314.

Uncle Arthur, according to my father, Floyd, was as different from his father as two brothers could be. He was light haired and his eyes were blue. He was a much bigger and broader shouldered man. All the years I knew him he was rather thick in the waist, not really fat, just well fed. He never did do very hard physical work. He was a horse and cattle buyer for years. Most of his thought and energy was applied to horse buying.

He owned a farm a few miles east of Albany, Wisconsin, which his son Roy and his wife Ada and daughter Altha worked because Arthur was in Iowa or Minnesota on horse buying trips much of the time. He became an excellent judge of horses and a shrewd buyer. Arthur worked with a man named Guttensteen in Milwaukee who had a sales barn where horses were fitted and sold. These two men worked together for, I guess, forty years, Arthur buying horses and Guttensteen selling. Many times Arthur would get orders for a special type or color of horse from his friend. Dad said it was always interesting to ask him what types he wanted this time and hear him describe the different types such as milk wagon, dray, brewery and lumber wagon horses. Each had its own characteristics. Once in a great while he might be looking for a very fine driving team, which was completely different from the above named types. Some times he would have a stallion he led behind his buggy as he traveled. He would eat and stay at whatever farm he was doing business with or a friend he had made on another trip. Arthur became through the years one of the best judges of draft horses in the Midwest. For many years, he was a judge at the international stock show in Chicago.

Arthur lived to be an elderly man. In his best years he was rich but it got away from him. His education was limited, third grade. The family often said that had Arthur had a good education he would have become a really wealthy man. I remember him as an old man. He had a big diamond ring. The first time I remember him he had some horses in the barn and we kids went to look at them. My father raved about them.

Arthur and Ada had two children, Roy and Altha. Roy was born June 1, 1891 in Green County and died in 1959. He married Genevieve Jacobson on January 1920 in Albany.

Roy, Sr. had a second wife, Ethel Pierce. Altha has been a big help in this work. She helped Wilford find the Wisconsin Webb's. She has all the family pictures and knew most of the people in them. She knows where all the graves are and the old farms. Altha was born on February 25, 1902 at Albany. She married Archie Francis.

[Later family details omitted.]

Frank, the second child of Albert, was my grandfather. He was born December 29, 1870 in Rock County. He died on November 18, 1950 of old age. He married Rena Bemis of Albany. She was born on November 26, 1872 and they were married on November 26, 1892. She was living with her grandparents as her mother had died and her father didn't have a regular job and was moving a lot. I understand he sold insurance. He was a Mason in a Lodge in Minnesota and spent his last years in a Masonic Home in California where he died.

As a young man he helped his father on the farm, learning good work habits and acquiring a green thumb. He could graft trees and make anything grow. He went to business school after grade school for at least one winter, where he learned to keep books and manage a farm. While working in the fields he found many Indian arrowheads which I have now, given to me by my father.

[Family detail omitted.]

four children; Floyd, Lloyd, Neva and Leah. Floyd and Lloyd were born in Wisconsin. Mae says when Rena moved to Iowa to be with her husband who had gone first to do spring planting, the twins had bad colds and Lloyd died in March. She told me the family tried to talk her into waiting until the twins were stronger but she insisted on going. Frank took everything he owned, the horses and even himself in a boxcar. He had bought the farm in Fremont Township, Fayette County, Iowa before going that Fall. They stayed in a hotel during the summer until the house was ready. That is where Lloyd died.

By 1910 they had the farm all paid for and built a new house with electric and running water. Dad tells about living in tents and the barn that summer. Later they raised the barn and built other out buildings. They went to the World Fair in Chicago and San Francisco as well as many stock shows in Chicago.

Frank was a very kind man to everyone and was very active in the church for many years. He was kind but firm with his children and taught them to be thrifty and hard workers.

His hobbies were growing things. He had a large apple orchard, the only one in the area. He grafted branches and tried new things. It was one of the finest orchards in the county for many years. He planted a row of black walnut trees across the front yard and they are still there and very large. He raised

raspberries in his vegetable garden beside the house and in his free time puttered in it.

Floyd tells about Frank being dragged by a team of horses. It was a young team and he was putting on a long fur coat with one hand while holding the lines with the other hand. Something scared the horses and they ran with Frank hanging into the lines with one hand and his fur coat with the other. They ran so fast that they soon dragged him off his feet and he went headfirst into a woven wire fence and then let go of the lines. The hoses and buggy were soon on the open road and just plain ran until Willie, who raced after them on a horse he got from the barn, caught them. Frank had a cut and scratched face and was lame for a few days. There was no thought of going to a doctor and it was a closed subject after a few days.

Frank and Rena were very successful farmers for many years and lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Frank died on November 18, 1950 and Rena died on December 13th of 1951.

Their children are:

William Henry Webb born on April 25, 1892 married Winnie Stohr on February 2, 1915. Her parents were Corwin Stohr and Matilda Sylvester. Winnie was born on March 5, 1895. They were from Westgate, Iowa.

William died on October 14, 1921 in Sterling, Colorado.

[Later family and personal details omitted.]

Lloyd, twin to Floyd, was born September 14, 1900 and died in 1901. Floyd didn't like farming so he went to several colleges and got a teaching certificate and taught in several small towns in Wisconsin. He [*Floyd*] then moved to Saginaw, Michigan and taught at Saginaw High School and then worked for the AAA as a teacher of safety for the rest of his working years. He married Evelyn Denison on July 2, 1927.

[Later family details omitted.]

Floyd Albert Webb died May 27, 1973. Neva, the third child of Frank and Rena was born September 5, 1903 and married Otto Rakowicz of Kalispell, Montana. Otto was born June 23, 1895 and died November 28, 1966. He was in WWI and suffered from the effects of that all his life.

[Later family details omitted.]

Leah, the fourth child of Frank and Rena was born January 21, 1910. She married Wendell P. Keller on August 24, 1939.

[Later family details omitted.]

Nellie J. Webb born March 4, 1873 was the third child of Albert. She married Harvey Graves on January 20, 1892 in Evansville, Wisconsin. Nellie died on June 7, 1968.

[Later family details omitted.]

Mae, born April 29, 1879, was the fourth child of Albert. She married Rowland Morrison. Mae lived to be very old, in her nineties, and helped me a lot on this history. She told me about her mother, Mary and the early days on the farm. Mae and Rowland lived in Madison for many years. He was an engineer. He was born in Morrisonville, Wisconsin. They both died in a Rest Home in Milwaukee in the early 1970's. Floyd tells about Mae's wedding. "Yes, I was at Aunt Mae and Uncle Rowland's wedding about 1907. I would have been 7 and Neva was 4. Whatever little boys do at weddings, I did, and Neva was the flower girl."

Jane A. was the second child of William Webb born on March 6, 1846 and married Hiram Brown, Jr. on April 4, 1864 in Rock County, Wisconsin. Hiram died on July 30, 1878. Jane died on March 8, 1926. She married for the second time to O.C. Healy. All the children were by Hiram Brown. They lived in Green County, Wisconsin and Orleans, Nebraska in later life. All the children were born in Albany. Clara, born April 13, 1866 and married George Hilton in 1892, died March 25, 1950; Myrtle, born July 17, 1867, married Bert Shaff on January 14, 1895 and died on January 29, 1922. Emma Fanny Sarah born June 26, 1876 died on May 5, 1877. Twin, Charles Albert, born June 26, 1876 died on July 22, 1876. Helen Eliza, born February 10, 1878, married Charles Nicholes, died November 9, 1966. Wilford had talked to her and got a lot that I have included. She joined the DAR on the William Webb line of Perch River, New York that I believe to be no relation to us. I have spent 5 years checking this out. Wilford didn't feel that William was our line either.

Mary E., born August 20, 1849, is the third child of William. She married Samuel Harn and died on January 7, 1875.

[Later family details omitted.]

William R., born 1852 and died 1933, married Dell Bump (Adelipha). They lived on part of William's old farm (Albany section 25) which they called the Spring Creek Stock and Dairy Farm. They were breeders of farm and road horses, full-blood shorthorn cattle, Shropshire sheep and thoroughbred Poland China hogs. Later they moved to Spencer, Iowa to retire.

[Later family details omitted.]

Charles E., who married Eva Harte, and resides in Evansville, had one son, Mark. My father, Floyd, said Mark was spoiled by his mother and wouldn't work. He had a beautiful voice and was very handsome. Mark A. Webb was born 1890 and died in 1954. His brother, Fred A., born in 1878, died 1897; Charles E. was born 1854 and died in 1940, and his wife, Eva Harte, 1857-1938.

Emma, last child of William and Mary, was married to Benjamin Sutherland. Emma died young leaving one daughter, Jessie. George Sutherland born January born January 16, 1835 and died August 13, 1903, is Benjamin's father. I have some letters written by Jessie and I believe she joined the DAR on the William Webb, Perch River, line. This concludes the Wisconsin Webb family.

CHARLES WEBB

Charles, the fourth son of James and Anna, was the only one who fought in a war. He was in the Mexican War of 1846. In the Description and Historical record, pp. 269, is his enlistment: age 21, eyes hazel, hair brown, complexion fair, height 5'6", born Oneida, New York, occupation Waiter,[1] enlisted May 7, 1845, New York, died October 22, 1846 at camp near Monterey, Mexico, a Corporal. The Perry family has a letter from Charles dated June 22, 1846, telling about his experiences with General Taylor. Wilford says it checks with the encyclopedia history of the war. Charles never married so his mother, Anna, tried to get his bounty land for serving in the war.

I am enclosing[2] the proof of relationship by Anna signed by her "X" and one by Isaac Webb and Sally Dolliver, brother and sister to Charles. Anna got 140 acres, Warrant 67318, January 8, 1860; November 5, 1849 No. 76629 Painesville, Ohio. I tried to find this land. These numbers must be some place in Washington as nothing is shown in Painesville. I feel one of the relatives bought the land from her as her husband was dead and she couldn't farm it.[3]

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[1] The occupation of "Waiter" generally referred to a Customs officer or Tidewaiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in.

[2] *[Legacy web address omitted.]*

[3] The land that Anna was awarded was first assigned for value to Isaac Webb, then sold to Salmon Vesey, son of Jonathan Vesey, who is enumerated next to Isaac in the 1850 Perry, Ohio census. Jonathan married Sophia Cone,

ROBERT WEBB

Robert was the youngest child of James and Anna Webb. He was born in New York in 1825. His first wife, Lydia, was born in New York in 1829. They had three children all born in Wisconsin. Robert had moved to Wisconsin after William was settled in Rock County, as they owned some land together. Robert was on his own by 9-1/2 years, apprenticed out by his mother after his father died. Wilford feels he went to Cleveland and learned a trade and had some schooling. William probably invited him to come to Wisconsin.

After Robert married he moved to Albany, Green County. Robert and Lydia had Sarah, born 1850, Elizabeth A. born 1853 and Charles S. born 1855.

Of the first two we know nothing. Charles was a very strong young boy and was kicked by a horse in the leg and got infected and as a result he became deaf and therefore couldn't speak. He had a limp. He worked as a farm hand for many years on different family farms mostly Arthur's and Frank's. He never married but was a very hard worked even though teased by the kids. He was very kind and never bothered them. He was known as Shep for his middle name of Shepherd. He was born on August 26, 1855 and died at 75 years of age in Albany. He had pneumonia.

Lydia A. Webb, Robert's wife, died young so Robert married again. Lydia died in 1864 and in 1866 Robert married Elizabeth R. McKay born in Pennsylvania on July 17, 1834, daughter of Robert McKay. They moved to Richland County, Wisconsin, Akan Township, west of Richland Center. They had William E., born cemetery says in 1864 and the Census says 1867; Cora A. born on October 29, 1878. A gun killed William E. when he was a teenager in 1885. Cora says he was 14 and she was 10. Cora married Charles S. Barto of Richland Center, born on June 27, 1872, a son of William Barto. They moved to Madison and had four children.

Robert Webb died in 1896[1] and is buried in Felton Cemetery along with William E. and Elizabeth E. who died in 1909, his second wife.

[Later family details omitted.]

Wilford called on Cora and she said that they had lost track of the first family. She remembered her father, a JP, holding court in the living room and had his books. Wilford says it was quite unusual since she was of the same generation

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sister of Emeline and Julia, who married Webb brothers Isaac and David, respectively. Salmon Vesey claimed the land in 1851 in Benton County, Iowa.

[1] An obituary for Robert Webb, published in the Albany (Wisconsin) Vindicator dated 1 April 1896 would indicate

as my grandfather, Wilford. This happened since Robert was 23 years younger than Isaac and Mrs. Barto was his last child born when he was 53 years old.

The following children of James and Anna Webb I have very little on as they married and moved. Probably moved west but they were lost from family tradition and as the name is so common we can't find them for sure. I will list them in the order that I feel that they were born. William said that he had seven brothers and five sisters. When he wrote the history in 1901 only two were alive.

Anna who married a gentleman of Vernon, N.Y. near Rome.

Lois who married Harrison Chase.

These two ladies stayed in New York and married there so they are probably between Isaac and David in age, although they would be very old by 1901.[1]

James Webb, Jr. married Jemima Mosher on April 7, 1830 by Robbins, JP. He may have been the James Webb who bought the 2 acres next to Isaac but we don't know where.

Sarah Webb married Menzo Dolliver on August 11, 1836 by Ed Flint, JP. They are one of the couples that signed the proof of Anna's right to Charles' Bounty land so they must have lived close by but we have no record for them.[2]

Jane Wadsworth who married Samuel A. Wadsworth may have been a Webb but we find no record.[3]

Reuben, remembered by Mrs. Weirich was a Wisconsin soldier born 1817 and died 1893. Buried in Adams, Jefferson County, N.Y., probably in Civil War so Wilford thinks.[4]

Polly is remembered by Mrs. Nicholes of Hebron, Illinois.[5]

Josiah and **Betsy** are also remembered by Mrs. Nicholes.

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a likely death date in March.

[1] Based on information in genealogical texts, it would appear that Anna Webb married Harrison Chase. According to this text, Harrison's father, John Chase, was of Fenner, Madison County, New York, near Cazenovia.

[2] Sarah Dolliver is buried in the Webb family plot in Perry, Ohio. She was born 20 September 1816, and died 6 October 1901. Sarah and her family spent some time in Paw Paw, Michigan, based on 1860 census.

[3] Ohio records show that Samuel Wadsworth married Jane Sperry. In addition, a history written by Wilford J. Webb in 1961 does not mention a Jane as daughter of James and Anna Webb. This assumption by Donald Webb may have been based on the fact that they appear as affiants in Anna's bounty land claim.

[4] Reuben Webb appears on census enumeration with William Webb in 1850 Albany, Wisconsin. He may have married an Esther Webb, who was daughter of William Webb of Perch River, New York. Reuben and Esther settled in Adams, near Scott family cousin William Scott, son of Anna Scott's brother William.

[5] Polly Webb married Merit Barber of Colebrook, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND ADDENDA

Where necessary, corrections have been made to spelling and grammar to improve readability, and pagination has been modified. No direct quotations have been changed. Obvious problems with dates have been corrected. In addition, several footnotes are made throughout the text to offer additional information about the family. This has only been done to clarify and enhance the information offered in this text, rather than offer significant additional information.

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