

**Webber Families originating in the
Middle Section of the Taw Valley
in the late 18th and 19th centuries,
(mainly Chulmleigh, Chawleigh and Burrington,
plus some neighbouring parishes
with close links to them).**

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Purpose and main sources

The focus of this document is on the existence and survival of the Webber surname. The geographical focus is on the middle section of the Taw valley in Mid-Devon, and in particular on those Webber families that lived in the three parishes of Chulmleigh, Chawleigh and Burrington at some point during the 100+ years from the middle of the 18th century to the 1880s. Wherever possible I have tried to identify where each family came from if they were not already established in the three parishes by the 1750s, and therefore how they might be related to one another. Once a family's links to the three parishes are clear, I draw where possible on later censuses to indicate briefly where their descendants lived after the 1880s.

Although the page count alone shows that this constitutes a large number of families, to put matters into context, the families traced in this document only represent 61 (or 6.7%) of the 911 Devon marriages recorded on the Devon Family History Society (DFHS) transcripts as having taken place between 1755 and early 1837 where the bridegroom was called Webber. The biggest clusters of Webber bridegrooms over that period are to be found (in declining order of frequency) in Plymouth, Exeter, Tiverton (particularly when taken in conjunction with the parishes to the east, including Halberton, Uplowman, Sampford Peverel and Holcombe Rogus), Staverton (particularly when taken in conjunction with the neighbouring parish of Broadhempston), Honiton, Morchard Bishop and Paignton.

I have consciously not extended the geographical scope of this document to include the nearby parishes of Morchard Bishop, Zeal Monachorum, Coldridge, Crediton, Chittlehampton, South Molton or Bishop's Nympton, all of which had long-established (and in the case of Morchard Bishop equally large) populations of Webbers.

Although well over half of the Webber bridegrooms traced here got married outside their parishes of main residence, what is surprising is how infrequent moves of residence from one parish to a neighbouring one were, at least between Chulmleigh, Chawleigh and Burrington (and Morchard Bishop). I am inclined to put this down to the hill-top locations of all three settlements, and the river valleys and steep climbs that separate them (the Taw running between Burrington and the other two, and the Little Dart between Chulmleigh and Chawleigh). By contrast, the boundaries between Chulmleigh, King's Nympton and Romansleigh are lines on the map rather than clear geographical features, making the walk between them less arduous, and links more fluid.

My main sources have been the transcriptions of parish registers published by the DFHS, the censuses (see below), and various genealogical websites (see below). I am also particularly grateful to Michael Mitchelmore, the on-line parish clerk for both Chulmleigh and Chawleigh, for the additional parish register information which he very kindly provided for those two parishes. In the case of Burrington I relied heavily for my early researches on the international genealogical index (IGI) (and in particular the wonderfully helpful website put together by Hugh Wallis¹, which facilitates the process of searching a large number of the individual parish registers, and clarifies which registers have and have not been transcribed). More recently I have used both ancestry.co.uk and findmypast.co.uk extensively. I have also made some use of wills available via the Devon Heritage Centre (DHC, formerly the Devon Records Office or DRO), and of records of apprenticeships which can be found by searching the National Archives website, primarily as a helpful indicator of which families had money (or land), and which did not.

I must also acknowledge the help which I have received over several years past from other Webber family researchers, and in particular from David Barnfield who very generously shared his findings when we were both researching our mutual Webber ancestors from Cadbury Barton, Chulmleigh, and Julie Stevens who, all the way from Australia, threw valuable additional light on the early years at Cadbury Barton. Much more recently I have been greatly assisted by Judy Turner in making some sense of the various Webber families that lived in King's Nympton parish and Mary Hunt, another researcher with an interest in the earliest Webbers of Chulmleigh. I have also made use of a very helpful document from the North Devon Record Office in Barnstaple, entitled 'Tracing the Webbers' by Olive Mooney which documents one particular family from Chulmleigh.

The censuses provide a further sense of where Webber families were in the area around my target parishes. The following table shows how many persons called Webber lived in each of in 29

¹ This website can be found by putting the terms 'Hugh Wallis IGI England' into an internet search engine.

parishes centred roughly on Chulmleigh, using the ancestry.co.uk website as the source of the counts. As will be seen by anyone who consults this document in any depth, many of the individuals in several of these nearby parishes had links to Chulmleigh, Chawleigh or Burrington.

Webbers in selected parishes, 1841 to 1911

Parishes	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	Total
Chulmleigh	62	94	91	81	74	69	54	39	564
Chawleigh	34	46	43	47	37	58	55	37	357
Burrington	35	40	32	30	37	50	21	30	275
Romansleigh	16	16	26	19	9	8	8	18	120
King's Nympton	15	13	15	8	3	2	0	8	64
Chittlehamholt	0	0	0	17	0	3	6	0	26
Satterleigh	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
Warkleigh	2	2	3	0	2	9	0	0	18
Chittlehampton	25	18	26	18	27	13	10	19	156
South Molton	26	29	18	25	20	31	41	25	215
George Nympton	12	14	20	10	6	1	0	0	63
Bishop's Nympton	5	18	17	15	23	13	20	14	125
Mariansleigh	6	4	0	2	0	3	4	4	23
Rose Ash	9	14	11	13	9	4	2	9	71
Meshaw	4	12	12	6	6	6	10	5	61
East Worlington	0	1	0	0	7	0	6	13	27
West Worlington	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Cheldon	0	0	0	0	5	4	11	5	25
Lapford	4	6	3	9	2	6	6	3	39
Nymet Rowland	0	0	1	0	0	8	2	15	26
Coldridge	9	11	8	0	10	2	12	15	67
Eggesford	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brushford	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wembworthy	18	5	2	3	0	0	1	0	29
Winkleigh	12	8	4	4	10	0	1	8	47
Ashreigney	2	1	2	5	7	3	20	10	50
Roborough	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	10
High Bickington	20	20	20	13	2	0	0	4	79
Atherington	2	3	1	2	5	6	3	4	26
Total	326	379	358	327	304	299	293	293	2,579

Source: Ancestry.co.uk website

Organisation of the rest of this document

The majority of this document (Chapters 2-6) is arranged around marriages in and around the three main parishes (Chulmleigh, Chawleigh and Burrington) in which the bridegroom was called Webber, and which resulted in the surname being carried forward for one or more generations. All of those marriages which are known to have produced children are presented in date order.

More specifically it covers families resulting from marriages which were contracted in or before 1887 (i.e. in the period covered by the DFHS lists and slightly before, plus the first 50 years of national marriage recording). It seeks to provide at least some information on their descendants, wherever they went.

In earlier iterations of this document I arranged the families in three 'parish chapters', and then presented them within each chapter by year of marriage. However, based on experience of other comparable documents that I have produced for other Devon surnames, I have now re-organised this one so that there is a single sequence, and the chapters each cover roughly one generation. The chapter breaks now simply act as convenient markers along the way.

Wherever cross-references to other marriages and families are required, this is done using the format '1811, Richard & Ann'. It should therefore be easy to find the marriage concerned whenever a cross-reference is provided.

I have used colours to show family groups. In all instances where one family survived for three generations or more, and in particular where several branches of the same family survived, I have allocated a colour to that family to make it easier to trace up and down the generations, and to find cousins.

The largest sub-group of families traced in this document have links to Chulmleigh, though several of these Chulmleigh families have their Webber roots in King's Nympton, Romansleigh, Meshaw or Rose Ash. As explained above, whilst I have not attempted to cover every Webber who passed through Chulmleigh, Chawleigh and Burrington during the first half of the 19th century, I have tried to include all those families that established meaningful links to the parish over that period. In particular I have focused on those marriages which resulted in male heirs who lived at some stage in one of the three parishes, and then went on to carry the Webber surname forward into the 20th and 21st centuries, either in the Taw valley or further afield.

In the specific context of Burrington, it is worth noting that there are periods when the parish registers are extremely hard to read, and some of the residents of Burrington were baptised and married in local non-conformist chapels, including the Bible Christian chapel at Ashreigney. The large number of thatchers in Burrington is probably explained by the low-lying land along the river Taw, where reeds and withies would probably have grown particularly well.

I would encourage anyone who wants to see how these three parishes were linked to each other, and to their neighbours, before modern road and rail links were built, to look at Benjamin Donn's 1765 map of Devon. This can easily be accessed via the wikipedia.org website.

Three Other Early Webber Families

Finally, before starting on the main document, I deal very briefly with three other Webber families living in King's Nympton, Romansleigh and (some of the time) Chulmleigh in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Two of these families had no substantive links to Chulmleigh, and the other was mainly tied to King's Nympton. Although these families are not traced in detail below, I mention them here in case any reader is researching them, and wonders why they are missing.

Down Farm, Highridge Farm and Lee Barton

William Webber of Down Farm, King's Nympton was born in c.1717, married Ann Buckingham in 1742 and had three sons and a daughter. He died in 1780 and is buried at King's Nympton. His eldest son (also William) subsequently farmed at Highridge Farm, King's Nympton, and he in turn had a son (also called William, who died in his early 20s) and two daughters: Elizabeth (married name Buckingham) and Ann (Kemp). These three were all born to his first wife, Elizabeth Adams,

who he married in 1768. After her death he was re-married in 1810 to a widow called Mary Govier. William was buried at King's Nympton on 13 June 1821 aged 78, and Mary lived until 1848².

William of Down's second son (Thomas) died young. His third son (John) married Mary Eastmond at Mariansleigh in 1778, and a few years later moved to Lee Barton, a large farm in High Bickington parish, on the other side of the Taw valley. John and Mary raised a substantial family in High Bickington which has been researched by others (including Judy Turner to whom I am obliged for much of the information given here on the Webbers of King's Nympton).

Bunson Farm and Collacott

At very much the same time as William of Down was alive, Thomas Webber and his wife Elizabeth (née Chaunt), first of Chulmleigh and later of King's Nympton, had five children, all baptised at Chulmleigh. Thomas may have been the rector of King's Nympton in the 1720s and 1730s. If he was not, then there were two Thomas Webbers living in the parish at the same time, one described as the rector, and the other as 'gent'.

Thomas and Elizabeth's three sons were called John, Thomas and William, and their daughters were Patience and Mary. John, the eldest son, later farmed at Bunson Farm, Chulmleigh, and married Mrs Petronell Davy at Rose Ash on 24 June 1745 (and it seems sensible to assume from that description that she was a widow when she married John). They do not appear to have had any children. His younger brother William farmed at Collacott, King's Nympton, and probably married Mary Pearse of Warkleigh in 1752 (the settlement details are in the DHC, though I have not seen them). William of Collacott died in 1802, apparently widowed, and with no surviving children. Shortly before William had written his will, a settlement had been made in his favour (in 1801) in which his debts, of £1,611, were paid by various friends and relatives in return for a consideration of "... 10 shillings and natural love and affection" (DHC Ref.B/589/3).

Romansleigh

The third of the three early families was from Romansleigh, and it included William Partridge Webber, who married Elizabeth Loosemore at Meshaw on 18 August 1818. Their marriage settlement shows that William Partidge's father, Richard (who was buried at Romansleigh on 8 October 1830 aged 77), settled a farm called Rowley on Elizabeth, together with another property called Cathays (which I cannot find, but was also reported to be in Romansleigh, and which was sometimes spelled as Catterhayes). A long sequence of Webbers had held land in Romansleigh since early in the 18th century if not before. When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out for Romansleigh parish, in 1838, Elizabeth (by then widowed) was confirmed as one of the co-owners of East Rowley (100 acres), and the owner and occupier of Beara (62 acres).

William and Elizabeth's four children (William Partridge Loosemore, Elizabeth, Richard and James Loosemore) were all baptised at Romansleigh, but so far as I know only Elizabeth, who married Richard Greenslade of Waddington Farm, King's Nympton in December 1844, had a family. I am related to this family via the Greenslades, and have some further details if required.

² Her will, accessible via the DHC, only named as beneficiaries her grandchildren, Mary Ann and John Tolley, the children of her daughter Mary (by her first marriage), who had married Hugh Tolley of Horridge Farm, Romansleigh in 1822. That younger Mary, who was born in 1798, presumably spent her teenage years at Down Farm.

Chapter 2: Marriages from 1748 to 1799

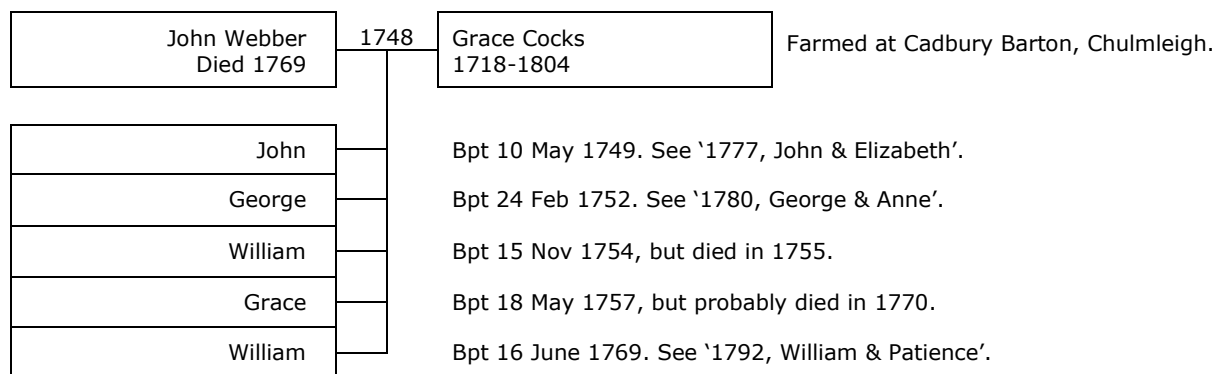
1748, John & Grace

The John Webber who farmed at Cadbury Barton all of his married life, and possibly for a few years before that, married a wife called Grace. I am confident that she was called Grace Cocks; that she was the daughter of Francis Cocks, baptised at Chulmleigh on 4 June 1718; and that they were married at Chulmleigh on 8 May 1748.

John's origins are far from clear, and are discussed below his family tree, because he gave rise to so many surviving family members, many of whom would no doubt like to know whether his origins can be traced further back with any confidence.

The first John was a churchwarden at Chulmleigh, and an Overseer of the Poor (in which role he was responsible for finding farms and other businesses prepared to take the children of poor families as apprentices, often starting at the age of nine, and generally ending when the apprentice reached the age of 21). He himself took on apprentices for Cadbury in 1751, 1758, 1764 and (with the farm wrongly spelled as Cadberry) in 1767, but in 1770 and 1771 three apprentices were assigned to Grace Webber, described in one set of documents as a widow.

If the tenancy of Cadbury Barton did indeed pass from John to Grace in 1769, then John must have died just after the birth of his youngest son, and been buried at Chulmleigh on 19 August 1769³. Grace left a will when she died in 1804, some details of which survive even though the will itself does not.



We know from the parish registers that there had been Webbers in Chulmleigh since at least the late 16th century; and we know from 'The Survey of Chulmleigh in 1711'⁴ by Martin Ebdon that there were several farms in the parish being rented by Webbers by the early 18th century. Several of the same names are then confirmed by the 1723 Oath Roll⁵. Between 1690 and 1720, however, when 'our' John Webber was almost certainly born, there were two main families whose children were being baptised at Chulmleigh: one family headed by John Webber of Sydham Farm, and the other by Thomas Webber. Beyond these two families, one other Webber child, called John, was born at Chulmleigh to a father called Robert Webber in 1703, but he died in infancy. The final Webber child baptised at around this time was called Robert, and was born out of wedlock in 1710. Therefore it seems safe to conclude that if the original John Webber of Cadbury Barton was born in Chulmleigh, he must have been born into one of the two main families identified above.

Sydham lies a short distance to the east of Chulmleigh, not far from the Little Dart river, and roughly north of Chawleigh. When several of that John Webber's children were baptised the farm was recorded in the baptismal register along with his name, presumably to distinguish him from another John who farmed at Bycott (but did not, apparently, have children). It seems probable that John Webber of Sydham had married Elizabeth Doone of Chulmleigh on 6 January 1689, and then had a son called John (baptised on 8 January 1694) and another called Philip (28 April 1697) and

³ There was a further burial of a John Webber at Chulmleigh on 24 April 1770. I believe that was John Webber of Bunson Farm (see Chapter 2).

⁴ This excellent resource, which covers a good proportion of the parish, but not all, can be found on the author's own website, martinebdon.me.uk.

⁵ Accessible from the foda.org.uk website.

another child who was baptised on 23 December 1699 without the name being recorded, and at least two daughters (Patience and Mary) as well. There were a further three Webber children born to a father (or fathers) called John before 1694, but without Sydham being named in the register. However, two of those three were called John and Philip, who if they did belong to John of Sydham's family must have died in infancy, while the third was called Roger (baptised on 15 July 1691). It appears that John (the father) died in 1704, followed by Elizabeth in 1707, and 'The Survey of Chulmleigh in 1711' confirms that by 1711 Sydham was being farmed by George Pasmore. If their son John (born in late 1693 or very early 1694) survived, he would be a possible candidate to be the original John Webber of Cadbury Barton, though he would have been much older than his wife (Grace), and unusually old when his youngest child was born.

The second family whose children were being baptised at Chulmleigh at around this time were Thomas Webber and his wife Elizabeth (née Chaunt). However, they were the family which has already been described above in connection with Bunson Farm, Chulmleigh and Collacott, King's Nympton. They had a son called John, born in 1714, but he can be linked unequivocally to Bunson Farm at the same time that 'our' John was farming next door at Cadbury Barton, and he had a wife called Petronel, ruling out the possibility that the same person was running both farms simultaneously. The proof of this can be found in documents held in the Devon Heritage Centre⁶.

If 'our' John Webber was not baptised in Chulmleigh, there are other candidates available.

There are land leases in the Devon Heritage Centre archives dated 1700 and 1707 involving property in Chulmleigh which were reportedly signed by William and Anthony Webber, both described as yeomen of Chulmleigh, and a Deed of Appointment of new trustees for Winkleigh and Chulmleigh parishes⁷ dated 14 March 1718 signed by John Webber (son of William), Thomas Webber (son of Thomas, deceased) and Richard Webber, all described as yeomen, but without specifying where they lived. 'The Survey of Chulmleigh in 1711' which is referred to above shows that William Webber was associated with Forde's Tenement and Brookland Farm, while Anthony Webber occupied Lower Dodyard, and Richard Webber occupied Wixon Farm and part of Measbury Moor. William's son John may well have been the John Webber who occupied Bycott, and if he was old enough to be involved in signing trustee deeds in 1718, he was probably too old to be marrying in 1748. Indeed there are good grounds for believing that he had married Joan Thorne at Chulmleigh on 20 October 1694, prompting the rector to add the descriptor 'of Sydham' to the other John Webber's children's baptismal records after that date (but not before).

We also have information drawn from land tax records, and which was provided to Julie Stevens in the late 1980s by the then owners of Cadbury Barton⁸. This shows that in November 1748 a person called William Webber was leasing or renting Cadbury Barton from Emma Lydon (or more likely Lyddon), the owner at that time. Later there was an indenture of mortgage for Cadbury Barton, dated May 1778, at the time when the Lyddon family sold the farm to the Rev. John Tossel Johnson of Ashreigney⁹, which apparently states that William's executor (and brother) John was from Bindon in the parish of Milverton, Somerset, a few miles to the west of Taunton.

Although many estates were leased for long periods by one person and rented for much shorter terms to others, this is a lead which has to be taken extremely seriously when hunting for the origins of 'our' John Webber.

A collection of Webber family wills and papers held at the Somerset Heritage Centre provides copious evidence which shows that the William Webber who had an interest in Cadbury Barton in 1748 was a lawyer (of the Inner Temple) who had been born in about 1727. This makes him significantly younger than 'our' John's wife Grace (and probably of John too). William Webber (the lawyer) married twice, and was resident at the time of his death (on 2 October 1777, aged 50) at a property called Wellisford in the parish of Langford Budville. His will¹⁰ shows that he had no

⁶ A 1746 property transaction, ref 3599 M/L 15 involved (among many others) "John Webber son of Thomas Webber of Bunson in Chulmleigh". There was then a paternity case in 1766 in which "John Webber of Bunson, yeoman" (not Cadbury) was named as the father of Elizabeth Manning's illegitimate child, followed by an apprenticeship record also from 1766 (ref 4678 A/PO 11/46) involving "John Webber and Petronel his wife, for Bunson".

⁷ Source: North Devon Records Office ref B703/3. I have not seen the original.

⁸ In 1992 Julie Stevens and Jo Ellen wrote 'The Hammer and the Anvil: A history of the Greenslade / Moore family from South Molton, Devon to Maldon, Victoria with a section on the Greenslade / Norton family of Lopen, Somerset'. A copy, formerly in the Westcountry Studies Library, ought to be accessible in the Devon Heritage Centre.

⁹ It could simply be a coincidence, but Mrs Emma Lyddon was buried at Rackenford on 8 April 1777.

¹⁰ Somerset Heritage Centre ref HV52/10.

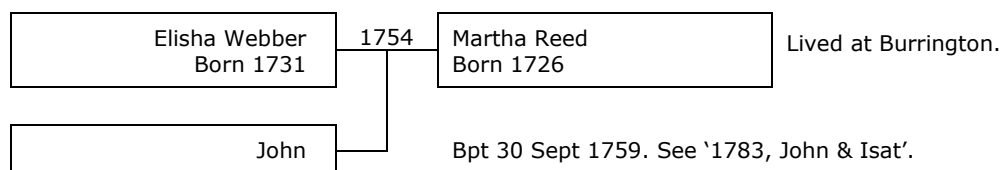
surviving children, but mentions a nephew called William Lyddon (quite likely related to Emma Lyddon the owner of Cadbury Barton) as well as his widow and some members of the family of his younger brother Alexander Webber, the rector of Bathealton. William appointed his other brother, John, as his executor and residuary legatee. That John was indeed mainly resident at Bindon (very close to Wellisford), which is fully consistent with the 1748 indenture of mortgage document cited above. John Webber of Bindon died not long his brother William, and none of his papers suggest that he had any personal link to Chulmleigh.

None of the wills or other documents that I found in the Somerset Heritage Centre appear to refer to Cadbury Barton, and if 'our' Webbers are related to the Webbers of Bathealton and Langford Budville they would have to have been relatively distant cousins, and I have not found even the hint of a link. On balance, I think we are looking at a simple coincidence, reflecting the ubiquity of the Webber surname.

I conclude that the first John Webber to occupy Cadbury Barton was either the son of John and Elizabeth Webber of Sydhams (and therefore born in 1693/94), or was an in-comer from elsewhere in Devon, or possibly beyond. The second of these options seems the more likely, though it may never be possible to settle the matter definitively.

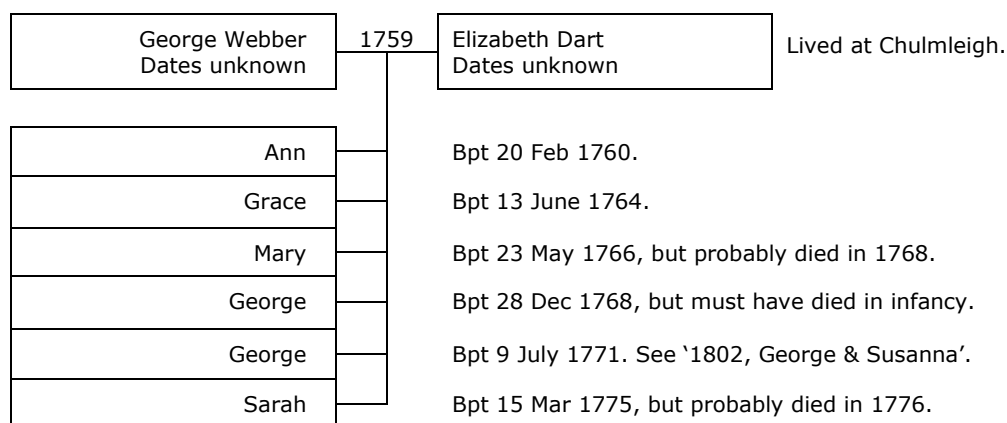
1754, Elisha & Martha

Elisha Webber married Martha Reed at Burrington on 16 September 1754. He may have been baptised at Winkleigh on 15 August 1731, the son of Simon Webber and his wife Mary (née Clark), and she was probably baptised at Burrington on 24 July 1726, the daughter of John Reed and his wife Martha (née Downe). Simon Webber (presumed to be Elisha's father or brother) was a witness to their marriage. Elisha and Martha appear only to have had one child baptised at Burrington, but there may have been others baptised in neighbouring parishes.



1759, George & Elizabeth

George Webber married Elizabeth Dart at Chulmleigh on 28 September 1759 and had the family listed below. Other than this, I have been unable to discover anything about him.



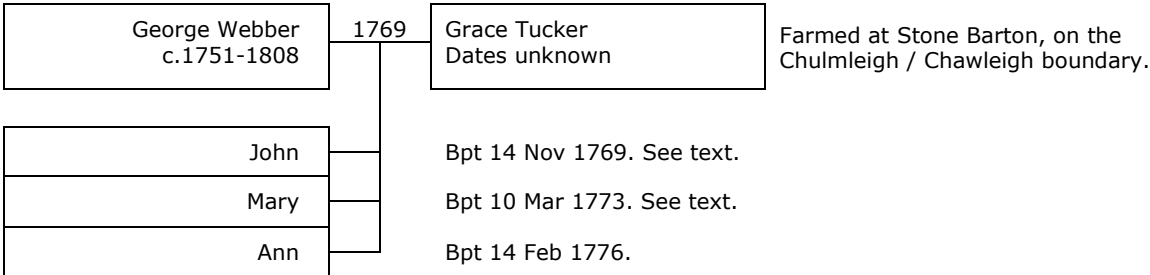
1769, George & Grace

George Webber married Grace Tucker at Chawleigh on 29 May 1769, when he was apparently only about 18 years old. They farmed at Stone Barton, which is generally linked to Chulmleigh, even though the land is split between the parishes of Chulmleigh and Chawleigh.

He appears to have been the son of another George Webber who also farmed Stone Barton. The evidence for this comes from the fact that from 1741 onwards George Webber, generally described as a yeoman, who I take to be 'our' George's father, was named as the counter-party on a long sequence of apprenticeships for Stone Barton.

That George may very well be the George Webber, described as a yeoman of Chulmleigh, who left a will which was proved on 27 June 1807 by his son (also George, also of Chulmleigh, and presumably the originator of this family). The will (which is not available in its original form; only the administrative details) does not appear to mention George's wife, though we know that an Ann Webber, described as the wife (not widow) of George Webber, was buried very soon after, at Chawleigh, on 22 July 1807, with her age given as 73. If she was indeed the wife of the older George of Stone Barton she must either have been about 17 or 18 when married, or she could have been his second wife. The 1807 will names two sons (George, the executor, and therefore quite likely the elder son, and John, who may possibly have married Mary Lawrence at Wembworthy in 1778¹¹) and four daughters (though there must have been at least one more, based on the surnames of the grandchildren who were also named in the will). The daughters were (in probable birth order): Ann (who married John Foss at Burrington in 1778, and who had died by 1807), Grace (who married John Manning at Chulmleigh in 1783 and then married Philip Hogg at Roborough in 1793), Mary (who married Peter Western at Chulmleigh in 1791, and after his death was re-married in 1803 to John Norman), Sarah (who married Andrew Cornall at Chulmleigh in 1798) and Elizabeth (who married John Cooke at Chawleigh in 1802). The will also confirms that George had owned land in Burrington parish, including a farm called Callard. This is consistent with a comment in the publication 'Magna Britannia, Vol.6' (published in 1822 and accessible on-line via the british-history.ac.uk website) which states that Callard was at that time owned by George Webber of Chulmleigh.

However, returning to the George Webber who was the originator of the family below, it has to be acknowledged that, very much out of keeping with the above, neither he nor Grace Tucker was able to sign the marriage register in 1769: they both 'made their marks'. We know that the three children listed below were then baptised at Chawleigh.



George was evidently buried (at Chawleigh) on 1 January 1809, only about 2 years after his own (probable) father had died. At the time of his burial he was described as a yeoman of 'Stone in Chulmleigh', and his age was given as 57, meaning that he had been born in about 1751.

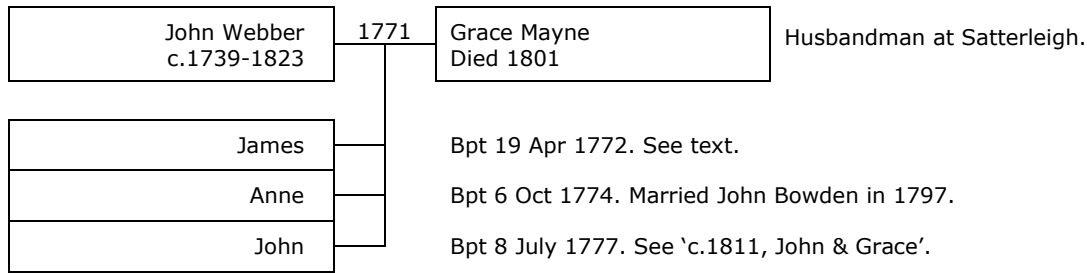
Stone Barton was put up for let in 1808, and although it was then taken by yet another George Webber (see Family '1802, George & Susanna'), I have now concluded that this was a simple coincidence, and not based on a family link.

John and Mary may well be the persons of those names who were buried at Chawleigh, John on 12 November 1820 with his age given as 52, and Mary on 3 February 1822 with her age given as 50.

1771, John & Grace

John Webber married Grace Mayne, a widow, at Satterleigh on 7 August 1771, and they had the three children shown below, all baptised at Satterleigh. John (the father) was buried at Satterleigh on 1 October 1823, with his age given in the register as 84.

¹¹ A document visible via the National Archives website shows that in 1830 a George Lawrence, born in Ashreigney, referred to an 'uncle' George Webber in Chulmleigh.

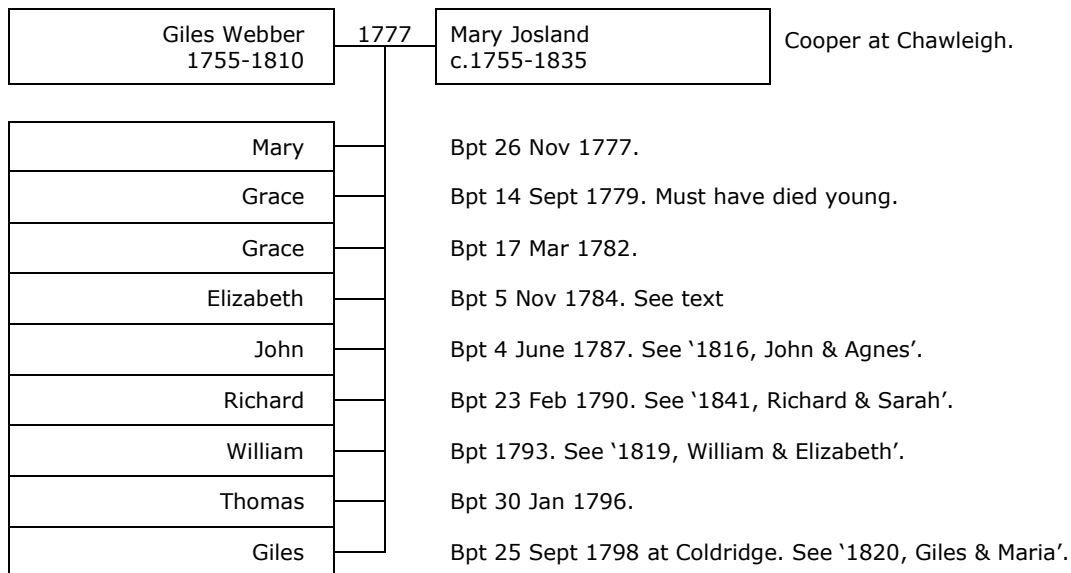


James does not appear to have married, and he is recorded by both the 1841 and 1851 censuses living in Satterleigh, with his profession recorded as maltster (and then retired maltster). He died in 1854.

1777, Giles & Mary

Giles Webber married Mary Josland at Chawleigh on 14 January 1777. He was probably the son of Giles and Hannah Webber, baptised at Chawleigh on 16 March 1755. Giles is buried at Chawleigh, having died on 16 February 1810 aged 55, next to Mary who died on 26 April 1835 aged 80.

With the exception of their youngest son Giles, all of the children named below were baptised at Chawleigh.



At the time of the 1841 census Elizabeth was still single, and living either with or next door to her brother John and his wife. I have not traced Thomas further.

1777, John & Elizabeth

John Webber married Elizabeth Mitchell at Chulmleigh on 14 May 1777. He was the eldest son of Family '1749, John & Grace', and is my direct ancestor. I have more information on him and his family than is included here.



As well as Cadbury Barton, John appears to have farmed the adjacent Cutland Farm, for which he took on apprentices in 1789 and 1798.

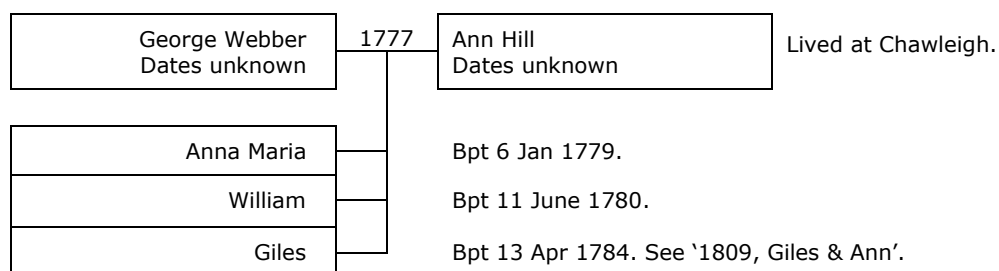
John was buried at Chulmleigh on 12 February 1807, and his will was proved on 11 April the same year. I have not seen the will itself, but the administration record shows that he left £500 to his two youngest children, William and Mary, provided that they reached the age of 24, £400 to his eldest son John, and £200 to George. Betty had probably received her legacy at the time of her marriage, and the Balman family was clearly quite prosperous. The residue, including (presumably) all property rights, went to Elizabeth.

Elizabeth was buried at Chulmleigh on 26 March 1833, with her address given as Upcott Farm, Monkokehampston, which was the home of her daughter Mary Snell. It is her will, written at Monkokehampston, that confirms the details of several of her Webber grandchildren, and identifies the married names of her two daughters.

Edward Balman, Betty's husband, was originally from Lapford, and farmed at East Radley in the parish of Bishop's Nympton. Their family had interests that went well beyond farming.

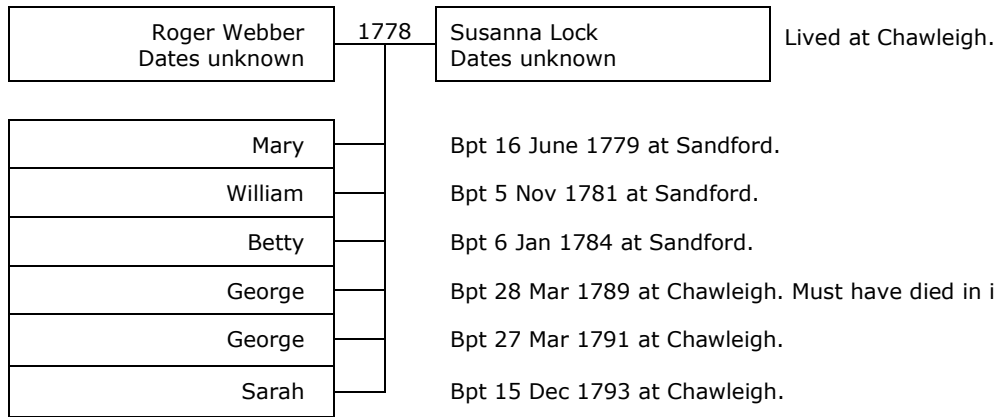
1777, George & Ann

George Webber married Ann Hill at Chawleigh on 10 June 1777. He may well have been the older brother of Giles (see above). He could also easily be the George Webber who was buried at Chawleigh on 2 February 1839 with his age recorded as 89, with Ann having been buried on 22 July 1829 aged 73, though this is pure speculation based on nothing more than the existence of events which would fit the dates of their marriage, and their non-appearance on the 1841 census returns.



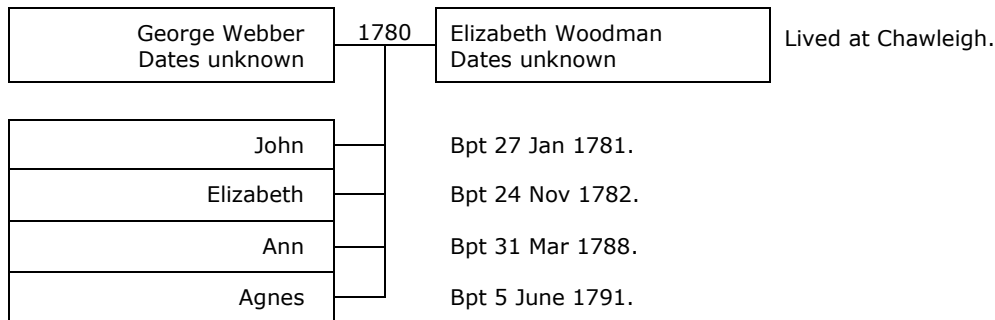
1778, Roger & Susanna

Roger Webber married Susanna Lock at Sandford on 5 April 1778. It is possible that Roger had been baptised at Cheldon on 24 June 1753, the son of William and Elizabeth Webber of Chawleigh. They probably moved elsewhere after Sarah's birth, because there are no burials at Chawleigh of persons with their combination of names and approximate dates.



1780, George & Elizabeth

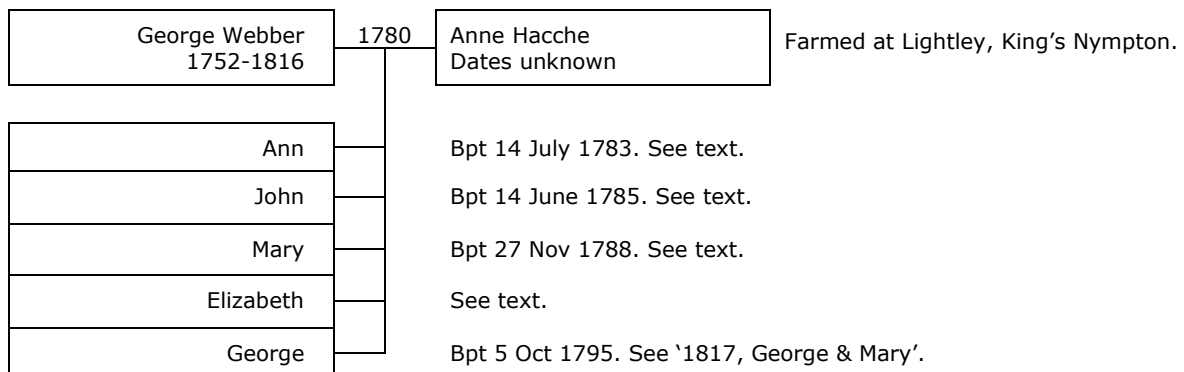
George Webber married Elizabeth Woodman at Chawleigh on 20 March 1780. With exactly the same caveats as apply to '1777, George & Ann' above, George could have been buried at Chawleigh on 4 June 1826 aged 70, with Elizabeth buried on 18 May 1831, also aged 70.



George may well be the person of that name who was reported (in, for example, the New London Magazine, which can be found on-line) to have been declared bankrupt in November 1785. That George was described as "... late of the parish of Chawleigh, but now of the parish of St Thomas the Apostle; stone cutter".

1780, George & Anne

George Webber married Anne Hacche at George Nympton on 3 April 1780. He was from Family '1849, John & Grace', and he farmed at Lightley, on the King's Nympton side of the Chulmleigh parish border. One of the apprenticeship records (for Lightley, in 1792) describes him as 'yeoman of Chittlehampton'. He died on 25 October 1816, and was buried at King's Nympton 6 days later.



George left a will which does not mention his wife Anne, who had presumably died by then. It does mention his daughters Mary (Maunder: see below) and Elizabeth (to whom he left £500 to end any claim she had on legacies from her grandmothers Grace Webber and Phoebe Hacche), but not Ann. Ann evidently had a daughter, Charlotte Kelland, by William Kelland of Coldridge, who settled £5,000 to invest on her behalf. Ann died in February 1831, aged 47, and was buried at King's Nympton, shown as a resident of Chulmleigh. Her daughter Charlotte died in 1840, aged 22, leaving a relatively long and complex will.

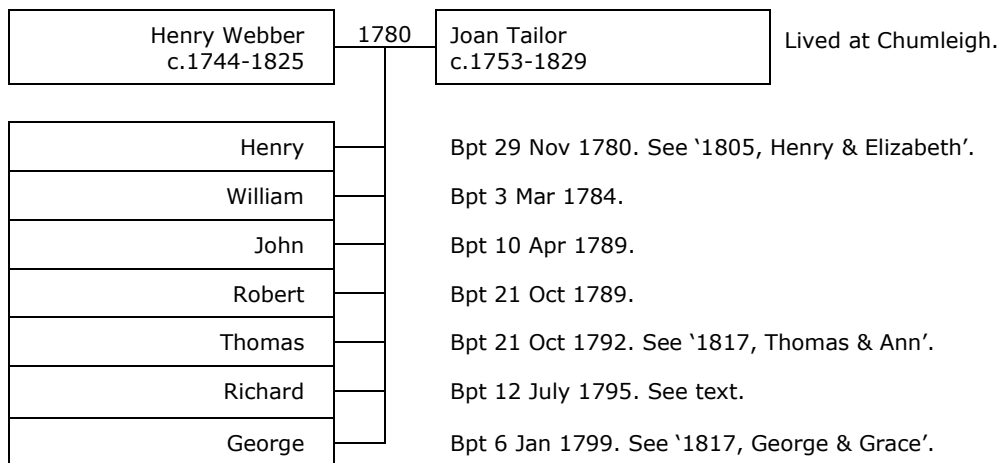
When Mary was married to James Maunder in 1811, she was described in the Exeter Flying Post of 13 June 1811 as the second daughter of George. James and Mary lived at North Molton.

George's will also mentions his sons John (by then married, though I cannot identify the marriage) and George (still aged under 21 when the will was written). I have found no further information on John.

It is possible that Elizabeth was the person of that name who was baptised at Barnstaple on 10 March 1793, though why her parents would have been in Barnstaple at that time is not known.

1780, Henry & Joan

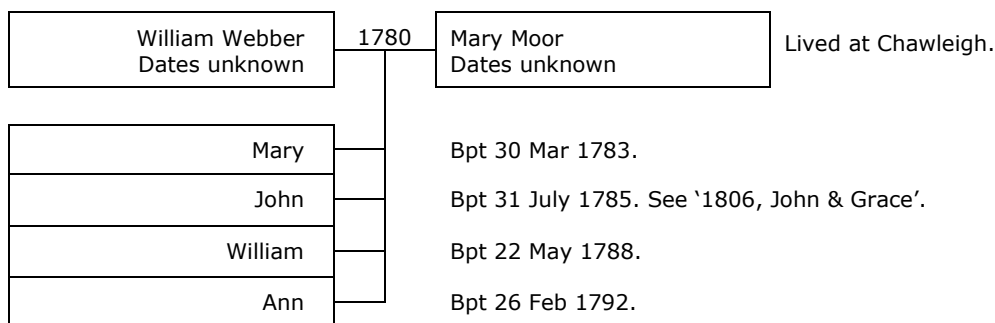
Henry Webber married Joan Tailor at Chawleigh on 26 April 1780, but they lived at Chulmleigh, which is where all of the children named below were baptised. Henry was buried at Chulmleigh on 30 October 1825, with his age recorded as 81 and his address given as Bibbins Cottage, followed by Joan on 2 April 1829, described as aged 76 and living in town.



It is possible, though I think unlikely, that Richard was the originator of Family '1826, Richard & Sarah'.

1780, William & Mary

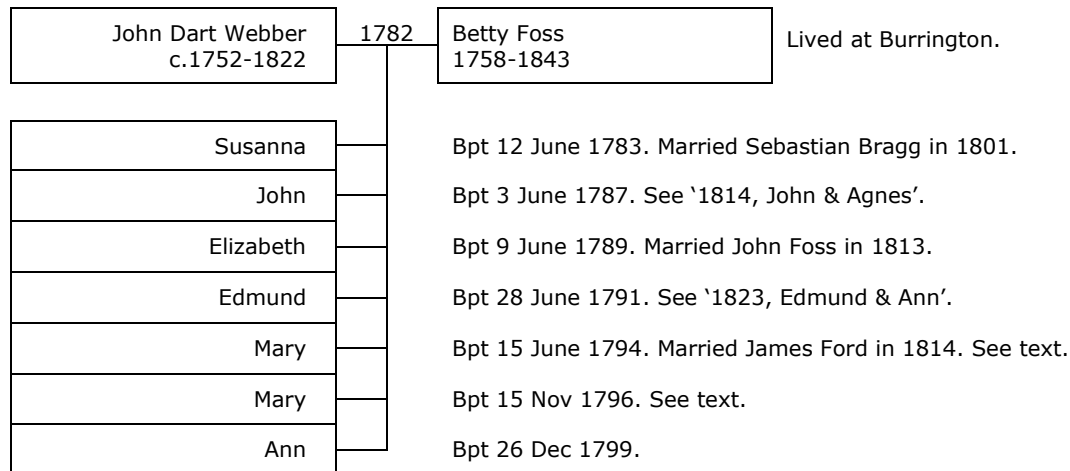
William Webber married Mary Moor at Chawleigh on 22 October 1780. Mary may have been buried at Chawleigh on 18 March 1813 with her age given as 54, but this is far from certain.



1782, John Dart & Betty

John Dart Webber married Betty Foss at Burrington on 29 October 1782. He appears to have moved to Burrington rather than being born there, and she was the daughter of Edmond and Susannah Foss, and had been baptised at Burrington on 8 August 1758. Although we know that their son John farmed (at Bouchland, Burrington) I do not know for certain whether John Dart was a farmer.

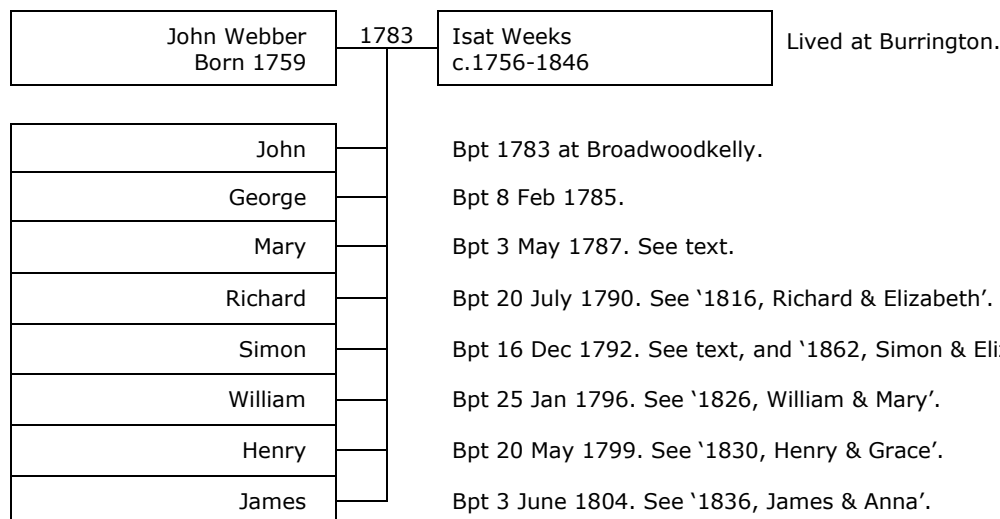
Their children were all baptised at Burrington, Mary (two baptisms) and Ann with their surname recorded (by the IGI) as 'Whebber'. John was shown as resident at Winswood (subsequently the home of his son Edmund) when he was buried, on 1 November 1822. Betty's headstone shows that she died on 18 January 1843, at Bouchland (then farmed by her son John).



There may have been two daughters called Mary, because the IGI has two baptisms, as shown above. However, there is some evidence to suggest that Mary may have been baptised twice. Whilst relatively uncommon this was not rare, in that sickly children were often baptised privately at home (in case they died), and then later re-baptised publicly in church. The evidence in favour of this hypothesis comes from her headstone, which gives her age as having been 75 and 9 months when she died on 19 February 1870. I owe this information, and most of the rest relating to Mary, to her descendant Kevin Avery of Florida, and the information that he has posted on the find-a-grave website. Mary married James Ford, a Burrington yeoman farmer, on 7 April 1814, and they had a family locally before emigrating to Ohio in 1833. Some of their children were baptised at the Bible Christian chapel at Ashreigney. James apparently died on the journey, but has a headstone at Lyme, Huron county, as does Mary. Several branches of her family survive in the US.

1783, John & Isat

John Webber married Isat Weeks at Burrington on 13 January 1783. He was from Family '1754, Elisha & Martha', and she was very probably from Winkleigh. Apart from John, all of their children were baptised at Burrington (two of them with their surname recorded as 'Whebber'). I do not know when John (the father) died, but Isat's death was recorded in 4Q1846.

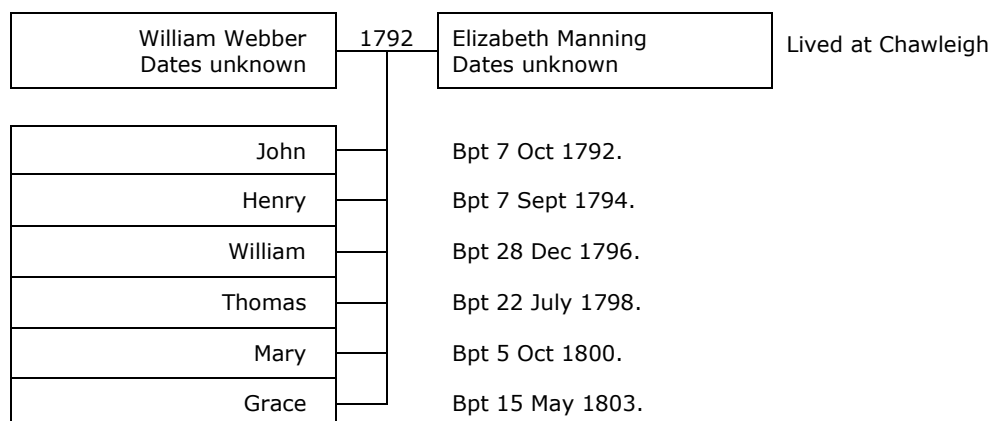


At the time of the 1841 census Isat, described as a pauper, was living with a Mary Webber, whose year of birth was given as c.1796, and who was described as a seamstress. Despite the discrepancy in supposed age, this was probably her daughter, and if it was, she (Mary) was still unmarried. In 1851 an unmarried (and retired) Mary Webber, with her year of birth given as c.1791, was living as head of household in Burrington.

Simon evidently married a wife called Mary from South Molton (though I have not been able to identify the marriage details), and they can be seen living at High Bickington at the time of the 1841 and 1851 censuses. There is no evidence to suggest that they had children. After Mary's death (probably in 1861, just before the census), Simon was re-married: see Family '1862, Simon & Elizabeth'.

1792, William & Elizabeth

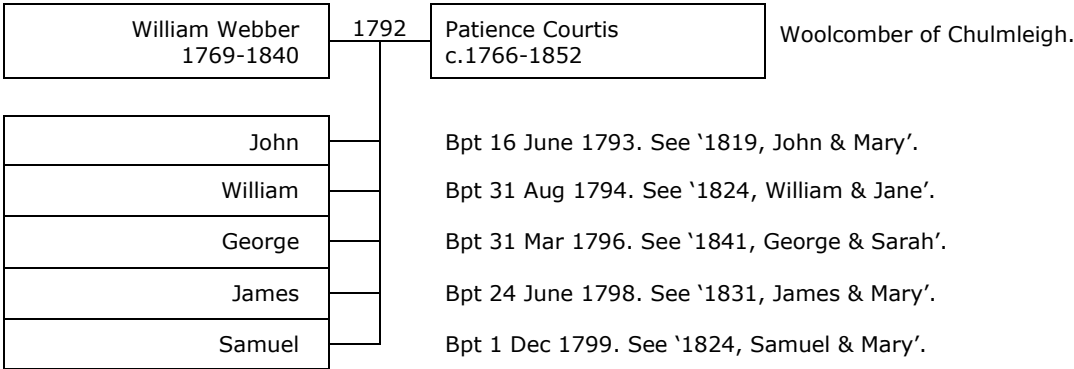
William Webber married Elizabeth Manning at Chawleigh on 19 June 1792, and they had a family which left no obvious trace after their baptisms. Based purely on William's probable age when married and the existence of a matching burial, he may have been buried at Chawleigh on 16 April 1834, aged 64.



1792, William & Patience

William Webber married Patience Courtis at Chulmleigh on 24 July 1792. He was very probably the youngest son of Family '1849, John & Grace. He was a woolcomber in Chulmleigh who took on an apprentice in 1792 for 'his estate' in Chulmleigh. He was also the residuary legatee under the 1804 will of his mother Grace. The record of that will also mentions John Courtis, a serge maker of Crediton, and quite likely either Patience's brother or father.

William died on 10 March 1840 leaving a will in which he mentions his widow Patience, and five sons. It is unclear from the context what their birth order was, and what is shown below is based in part on the (very approximate) evidence of the 1841 census. James' estimated year of birth is also confirmed by his headstone.

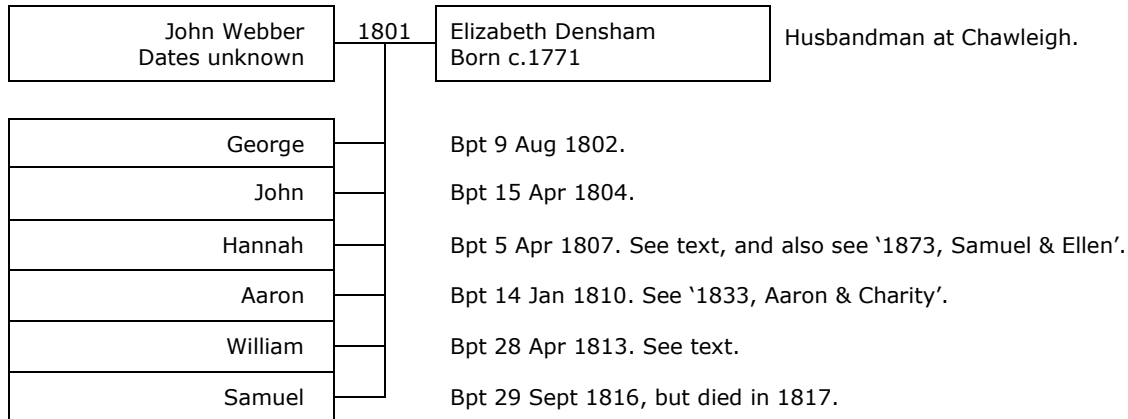


Patience can be seen on the 1841 census living in Chulmleigh with her son George (a carpenter) and a 10-year-old called Samuel Webber, who was probably William's son. A decade later she was staying with John, in Exeter, where she died the next year.

Chapter 3: Marriages from 1800 to 1824

1801, John & Elizabeth

John Webber married Elizabeth Densham at Lapford on 28 October 1801. Based on the evidence of the 1851 census (when she was living at Chawleigh with her son Aaron and his family, but described as an 'inmate'), John had probably died by then. Neither John nor Elizabeth appears to have been buried at Chawleigh.

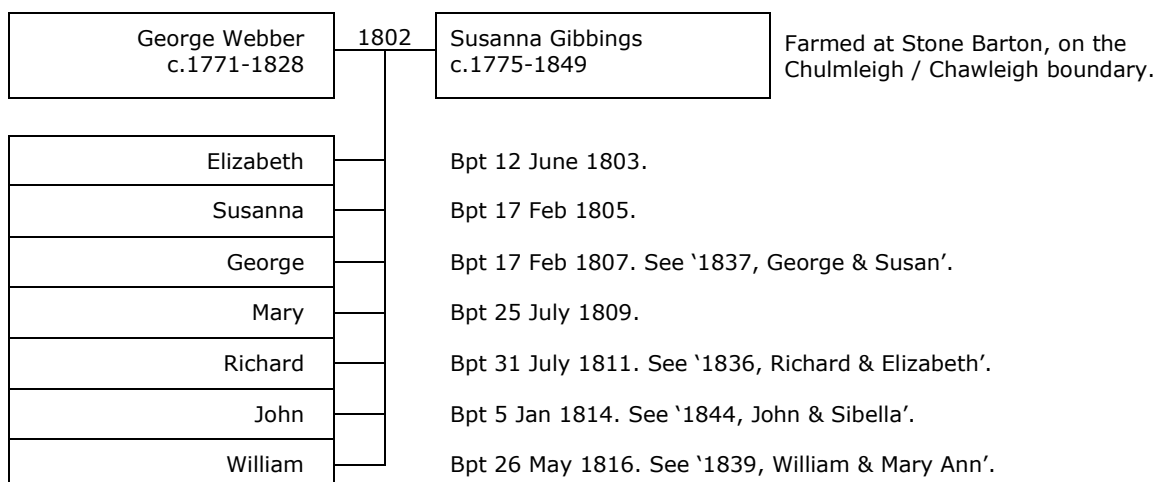


Samuel died aged 8 months, and it is probable that the William Webber who was buried at Chawleigh on 21 October 1825 with his age given as 13 was from this family.

Hannah apparently had an illegitimate son, Samuel, in c.1842. At the time of the 1851 census the two of them were in the Crediton Union workhouse. In 1861 Hannah was working as an agricultural labourer and lodging with the Snell family in Chawleigh, while Samuel was working as a servant for another branch of the Snell family at Thelbridge. At the time of the 1871 census the two of them were living together in Chawleigh, both working as agricultural labourers. Samuel's marriage is covered as '1873, Samuel & Ellen'.

1802, George & Susanna

George Webber married Susanna Gibbings at Morchard Bishop on 25 May 1802 and for most of their married life they ran Stone Barton, Chulmleigh. He was very probably from Family '1759, George & Elizabeth', rather than being descended from the Webbers who had (prior to 1808) farmed Stone Barton.



All of their children were baptised at Chulmleigh. George took on a series of apprentices for Stone Barton, the last of the sequence being in 1819. His will, naming Susanna as his executrix, was

proved in 1828, though I have not managed to track down a copy. Susanna was then named as the counter-party when two further apprentices were assigned to Stone Barton in 1829 and 1832.

At the time of the 1841 census, Susanna was still living at Stone Barton, with her son George and his family, and was buried at Chawleigh on 9 May 1849 with her age given as 75.

I am reasonably confident that William was the originator of Family '1839, William & Mary Ann', though I have not found definitive proof of this.

1803, John & Susanna

John Webber married Susanna Langman at Bow on 22 February 1803. He was from Family '1777, John & Elizabeth'. I understand from Peter Selley, who has researched many families from Bow, that Susanna was one of several illegitimate children of John Moon, a wealthy farmer from Bow, and Ann Langman of Coxmoor, a farm in the north part of Spreyton parish. When John Moon died in 1802 he left a farm called Trenna to Susanna (and left Coxmoor to her brother, William). John and Susanna had the following children, all of whom were baptised at Hittisleigh.

John Webber 1778-1852	1803	Susanna Langman c.1778-1817	Farmed at Hittisleigh.
Mary Ann			Bpt 2 Jan 1804. Married John Skinner in 1821. See text.
Elizabeth			Bpt 1 July 1805. Must have died young.
John			Bpt 25 Dec 1806. See '1824, John & Maria'.
William			Bpt 1 May 1809. See '1837, William & Fanny'.
Susanna			Bpt 21 July 1811. Married George Murch in 1853.
George			Bpt 2 Mar 1813. See '1856, George & Sally'.
Hannah			Bpt 18 Sept 1814. Married Samuel Kemble in 1846.
Ann			Bpt 10 Jan 1816. Married William Bolt in 1836.
Elizabeth			Bpt 20 Feb 1817, but died in 1818.

According to a record in the DHC, as well as the children above, John was named as the father of an illegitimate child born to Mary Heale in 1811. Susanna (John's wife) died in 1817, soon after her youngest child had been born, and was buried at Bow on 23 July that year (with Elizabeth being buried with her on 23 September 1818). On 4 May 1822 John was re-married to Joanna Haydon of Hittisleigh (but born at Cheriton Bishop): they had no further children. The Haydons were among the main farming families in Hittisleigh. Their marriage settlement (DHC Ref.117M-O/T/15) refers to a farm in Hittisleigh called Orchard.

Although I am not entirely certain, I believe that Mary Ann married John Skinner at Hittisleigh on 23 April 1821, but he appears to have died soon thereafter. If I am right, then she was re-married to William Willcocks of Colebrook in the later 1820s, and certainly she was named as Mary Ann Willcocks in her father's will (which was written in 1838, well before he died, see DHC Ref.117M-O/T/16). That will only gave her £1 because she was "... *already provided for*". Her brother John also only got £1, because he had apparently already inherited the farm called Trenna (see above) by then, from his mother.

William, Susanna, George, Hannah and Ann were all mentioned in their grandmother's will, written in 1833. The money that was left to them was left in trust with Rev Robert Tanner of King's Nympton. Whether this was because John was himself quite old by then, or whether it had anything to do with his second marriage, I am unclear.

In 1835 George was named as the father of the illegitimate son of Mary Gorwyn. She was from a well established local farming family, and their son was called Henry Lambert Gorwyn. His life is traced on a website devoted to the Lambert and Gorwyn families called sophialambert.com. He

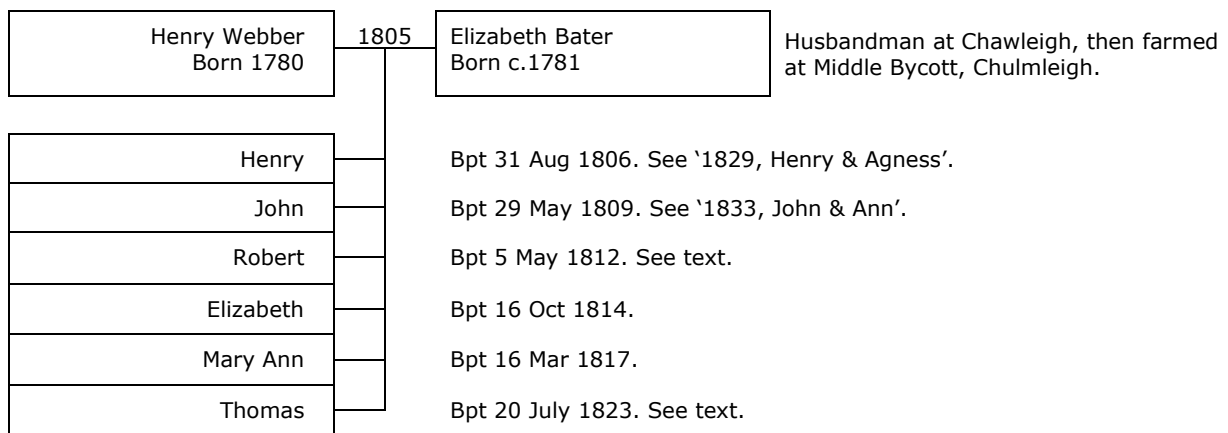
became a stationmaster, married and appears to have fully overcome the disadvantages of his birth.

In 1841, when the tithe apportionment process was carried out for Hittisleigh, two farms in Hittisleigh (Trenna (43 acres) and Orchard (26 acres)) were shown as being owned by John Webber, which I take to be references to John the son and John the father respectively. Despite the evidence cited above that Trenna had passed to John (the son), the 1841 census shows John and Joanna living there, with Susanna, George, Hannah and a granddaughter called Mary Bolt (daughter of John's daughter Ann), while his son William was at Orchard with his young family. John (the son) had moved away from Hittisleigh by then.

In 1848 George was again named as the father of an illegitimate child; this time the daughter of Mary Ann Wreford (alias Dawe). In 1851 the family was still at Trenna, including Susanna and George and various servants (including Samuel Webber from Family '1824, William & Jane'). John died on 12 January 1852, and as well as giving £1 each to Mary Ann and John, see above), his will also confirms that Joanna was well provided for via their 1822 marriage settlement. He left Orchard, a leasehold farm called Bridwell Downs in Colebrook and some land at Bow jointly to William, Susanna and George, as tenants in common. He also left £50 each to Hannah and Ann.

1805, Henry & Elizabeth

Henry Webber married Elizabeth Bater at Chawleigh on 1 October 1805. He was from Family '1780, Henry & Joan'. The 1861 census shows that he had been born at Chulmleigh, but his children were all baptised at Chawleigh.

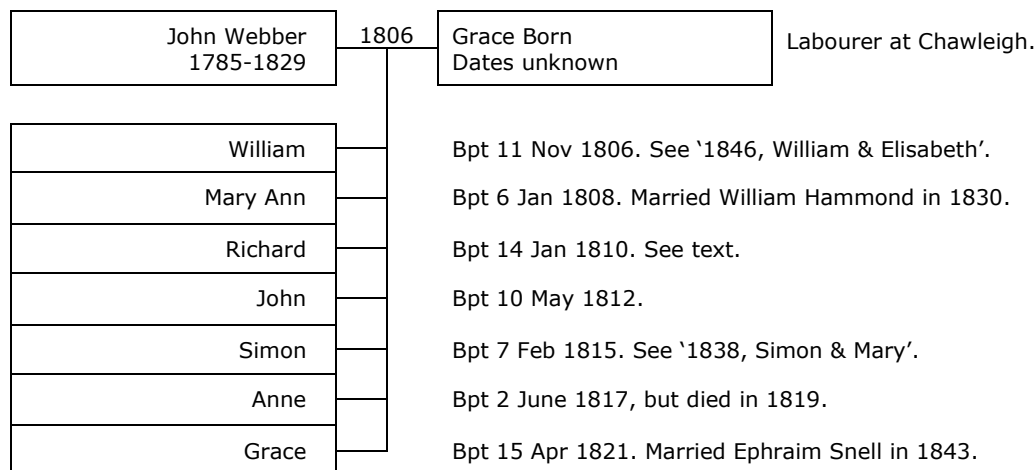


When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out for Chulmleigh in 1840, Henry was identified as the occupier of the 72-acre Middle Bycott farm. At the time of the 1841 census Thomas was living with his parents, and a decade later the three of them were still there. Elizabeth had died prior to the 1861 census, at which time Henry was staying with their son John. In 1861 Henry was described on the census return as an agricultural labourer rather than a farmer.

At the time of the 1861 census Thomas was very probably the farm servant of that name working for the Tucker family at Lapford. George Tucker, the farmer, was originally from Chulmleigh. I have been unable to trace Thomas thereafter, or to find any evidence of Robert after his baptism.

1806, John & Grace

John Webber married Grace Born at Eggesford on 24 March 1806. He was very probably from Family '1780, William & Mary'. Although John and Grace were always described in the baptismal register as 'of Chawleigh', all of their children as shown below were baptised at Eggesford. I believe that this is because they lived at Southcott, well to the west of Chawleigh village and much closer to Eggesford. John was buried at Chawleigh on 27 April 1829, aged 44.

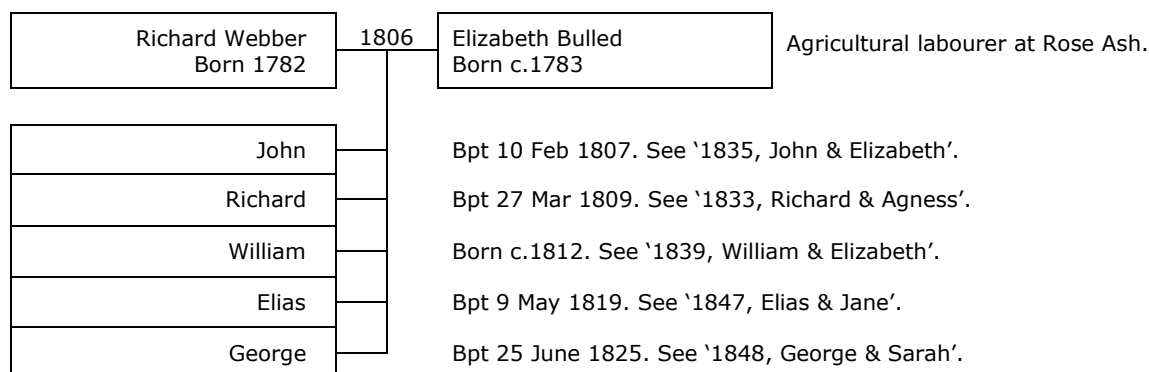


At the time of the 1841 census Grace, by then widowed, was living in Crediton with Mary Ann (who was also widowed). When Mary Ann had married William Hammond in 1830, her brother Richard was one of the witnesses. Whereas Mary Ann could sign her name, Richard could not. I have not managed to trace either him or his brother John further.

1806, Richard & Elizabeth

Richard Webber married Elizabeth Bulled at Rose Ash on 3 August 1806. Both of them were living at Rose Ash at the time when the banns were read, and although they continued to live there, their family subsequently established such strong links to Chulmleigh that I have included all of the key facts that I can find about them and their offspring.

Those children for whom baptismal dates are given below were baptised at Rose Ash. I understand from a very helpful document held at the North Devon Record Office entitled 'Tracing the Webbers', by Olive Mooney, that Richard had been born at Lapford, the illegitimate son of Elizabeth Webber, and that William (whose baptismal record I have not seen) was certainly his son.



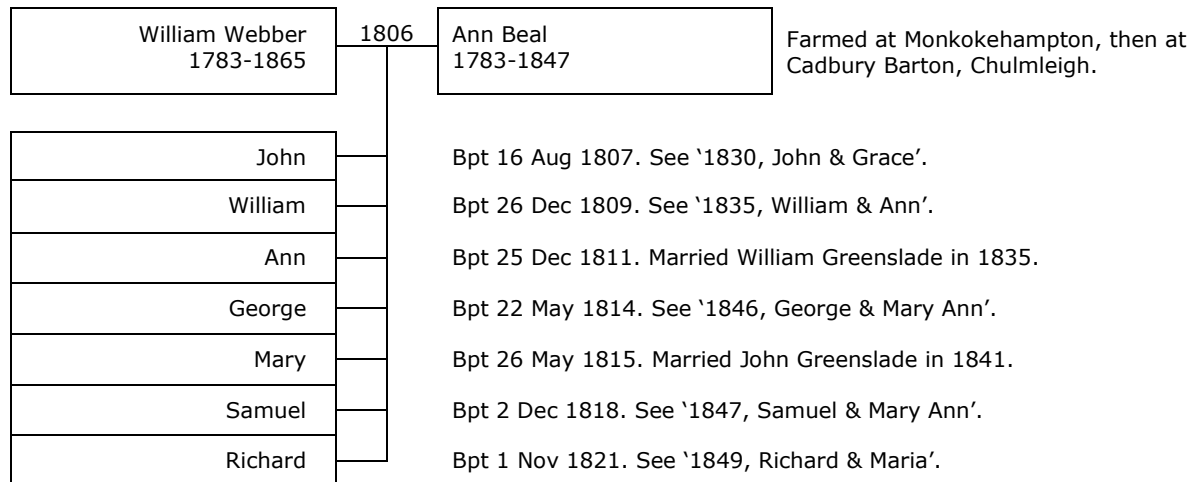
Richard and Elizabeth were at Rose Ash in 1851, and Elizabeth is probably the person shown living in Chulmleigh at the time of the 1861 census, with a visitor called Elizabeth Webber (born c.1849, and probably George's daughter).

1806, William & Ann

My direct ancestor William Webber married Ann Beal at Chulmleigh on 12 August 1806. He was from Family '1777, John & Elizabeth'. After farming for several years at a farm called Barntown, which is in Monkokehampston parish but very close to the church of Broadwoodkelly (which is where their first five children were baptised) they moved back to the family farm at Cadbury Barton, and their two youngest sons were baptised at Chulmleigh.

At the time of the 1841 census the three youngest sons were living at Cadbury Barton with William and Ann, and a granddaughter (Ann, from Family '1835, William & Ann') was staying. Ann died at

Cadbury Barton on 20 April 1847. By 1851 Richard had taken over the farm from his father, but William was visiting him and his family. A decade later William was living in retirement at Ilfracombe. He died on 24 February 1865 and, like Ann, is buried at Chulmleigh.

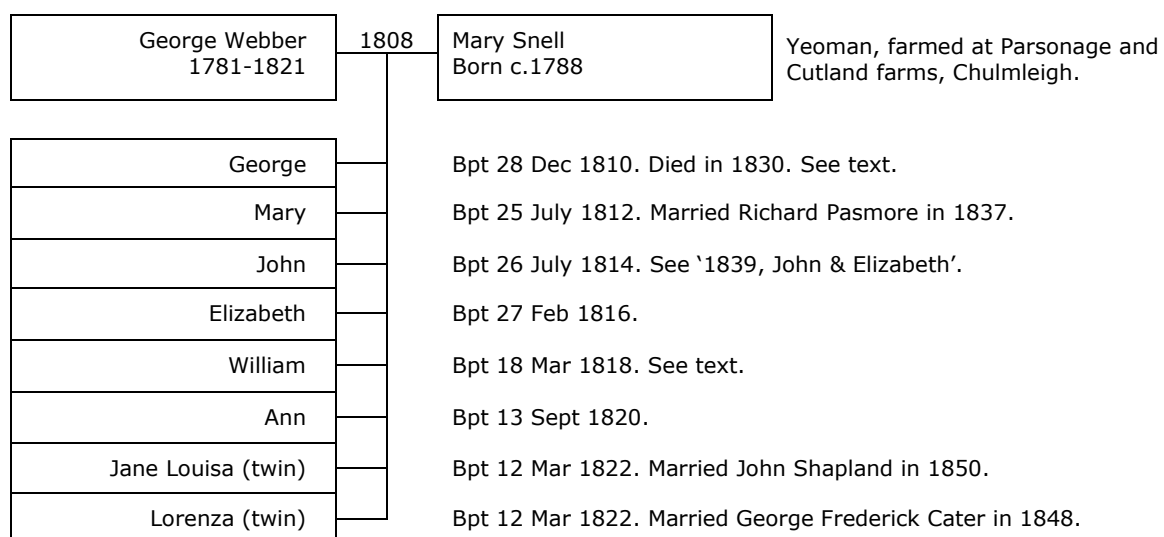


Three children from this family (William, Ann and Mary) married three Greenslade siblings from the neighbouring Waddington Farm (in King's Nympton parish), and I have reasonably full details of all three marriages and their many descendants.

1808, George & Mary

George Webber married Mary Snell at Chawleigh on 4 February 1808. He was very probably from Family '1777, John & Elizabeth', and he farmed at Parsonage and Cutland farms in Chulmleigh parish, for which he took on an apprentice in 1809. Mary may well have been the sister of John Snell, who subsequently married George's sister, also called Mary.

George died on 18 July 1821 (very shortly after his two youngest daughters must have been conceived) leaving a will which names Mary as his widow, and the three sons shown below. His headstone in Chulmleigh churchyard shows his age at death as 39, and his will confirms that he had a brother called William, who was (I believe) the originator of Family '1806, William & Ann'. Mary then took on an apprentice for Cutland in 1823, but I do not know when she died.



George (the oldest son) died at Cutland on 7 March 1830. In his will he mentioned his mother, and his brother William. His burial is not recorded on the parish register for Chulmleigh.

His sister Mary (identified as "... *the eldest daughter of Mrs Webber of Cutland*") married Richard Pasmore of Little Hele, King's Nympton at Chulmleigh on 11 April 1837, according to the Western Times of 22 April that year.

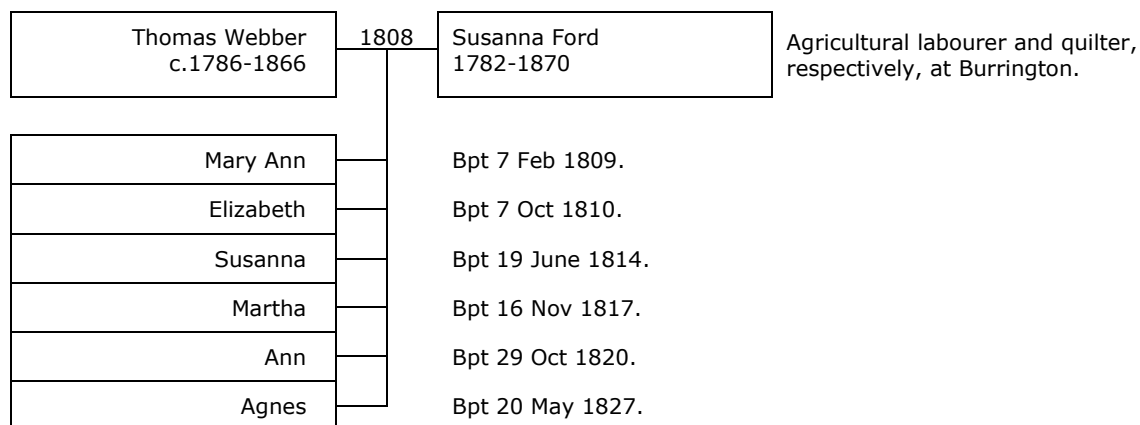
When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out in Chulmleigh parish (in 1840), Mary was shown as the owner and occupier of Cutland, which was recorded as 120 acres. She was still living at Chulmleigh at the time of the 1841 census, with Elizabeth, William, Ann and a youngest daughter whose name looks like Louisa (but could be Lorenza). Jane Louisa and Lorenza were both particularly named in the 1840 will of Charlotte Kelland Webber (see Family '1780, George & Anne').

John had married prior to the 1841 census, but he died on 15 June 1841. His will mentions his brother William, and his mother Mary. I have not found William thereafter.

At the time of the 1851 census Mary, by then blind, was staying with Jane Louisa and her new husband John Shapland. John and Jane Louisa lived at South Bray Farm, Chittlehampton, and had a family. Her twin sister Lorenza apparently married George Frederick Cater at Bristol in 1848, and subsequently emigrated to the US.

1808, Thomas & Susanna

Thomas Webber married Susanna Ford at Burrington on 7 February 1808. I do not know where he had been born, but it was probably not Burrington. Susanna had been baptised at Burrington on 18 August 1782, the daughter of George and Agness Ford. The dates of death given below for Thomas and Susanna are probable rather than proven.

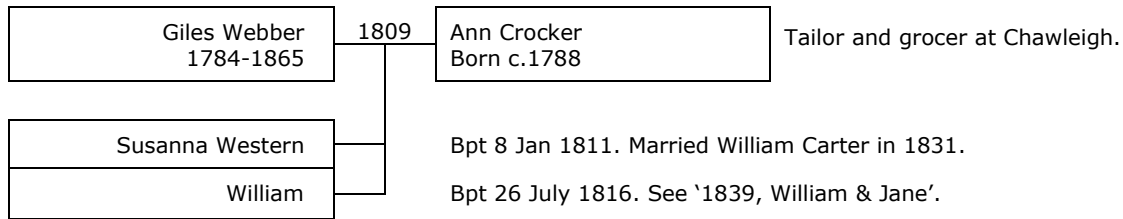


At the time of the 1841 census, Agnes was the only child still living at home with Thomas and Susanna. She was still living with them in 1851, working as a dress maker. Ann was very probably the person of that name working as a glover in Burrington in 1851. Thomas and Susanna were living on their own at Burrington in 1861.

I have not found likely 'candidate marriages' for any of Thomas and Susanna's daughters, and they had no sons via whom the Webber surname would have been carried forward.

1809, Giles & Ann

Giles Webber married Ann (Nance) Crocker at Bondleigh on 17 October 1809. He was from Family '1777, George & Ann', and was a tailor. Both of their children were baptised at Chawleigh, and he was probably the person of that name buried at Chawleigh having died on 26 December 1865.

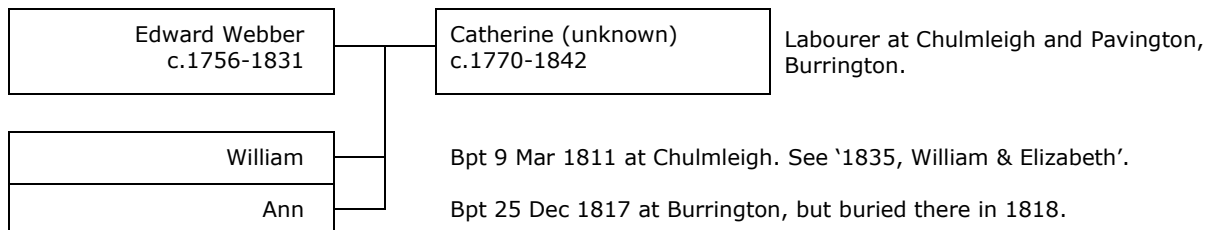


At the time of the 1841 census Giles and Ann were on their own in Chawleigh, living near to Susanna and her husband, who was also a cooper who had been born at Barnstaple. A decade later Giles was described as a grocer rather than cooper, and their grandson John (William's son) was staying with them.

By 1861 Giles was widowed, again described as a tailor, and was visiting Susanna (described as a dressmaker) and William Carter at 3 Joy Street, Barnstaple.

c.1810, Edward & Catherine

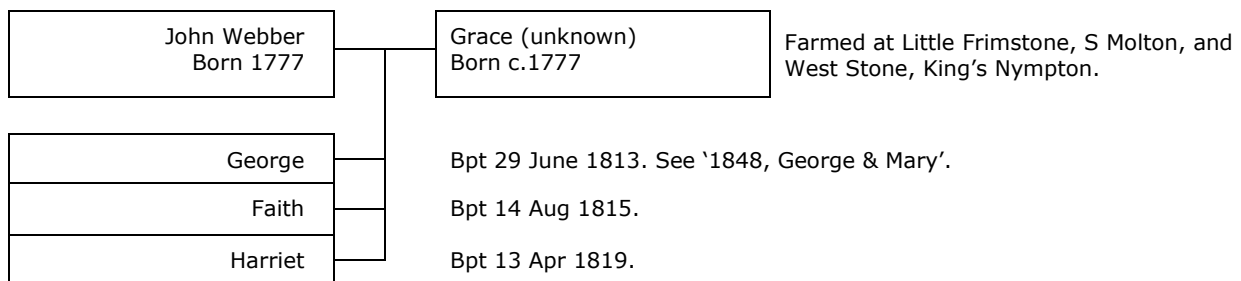
I have not managed to find the marriage between this Edward Webber and his wife Catherine (or Katherine, as she was recorded when their son William was baptised at Chulmleigh). They may well have had other children, and may have got married well before 1810.



Both Edward and Catherine were buried at Burrington, him on 11 October 1831 with his age recorded as 75 and his address as Little Pavington (to the west of the main village), and her on 8 June 1842 aged 72. At the time of the 1841 census she had been described as a pauper, living at Pavington.

c.1811, John & Grace

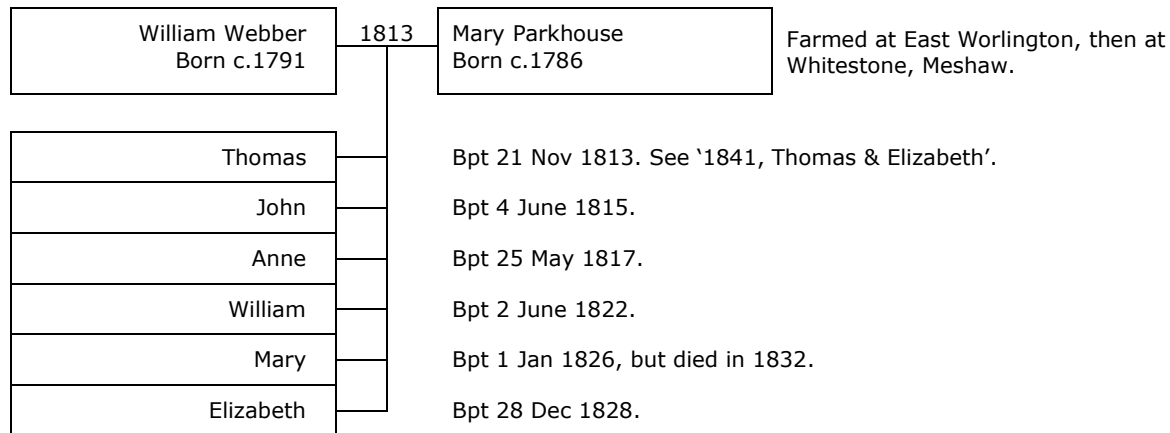
I have not managed to find the marriage between this John Webber and his wife Grace. He was from Satterleigh, and Family '1771, John & Grace', and according to the 1851 census she was originally from Chittlehampton. The three children shown below were baptised at South Molton when the family was living at Little Frimstone.



George and Harriet were living at West Stone farm, King's Nympton with John and Grace at the time of the 1841 census. This is confirmed by the Tithe Apportionment process, which was carried out in King's Nympton in 1842, which identifies him as the occupier of West Stone, a small (31 acre) farm. A decade later they were still at West Stone, but John was described as a farm labourer.

1813, William & Mary

William Webber married Mary Parkhouse at East Worlington on 28 March 1813. He may well have been the son of George Webber, a farmer, who was buried at West Worlington on 19 January 1814, aged 62. William and Mary farmed at East Worlington before settling in Meshaw. With the exception of Thomas, who was baptised at East Worlington, the other children were all baptised at West Worlington, and Mary (the daughter) was buried there, but with her parents' address given as East Worlington.



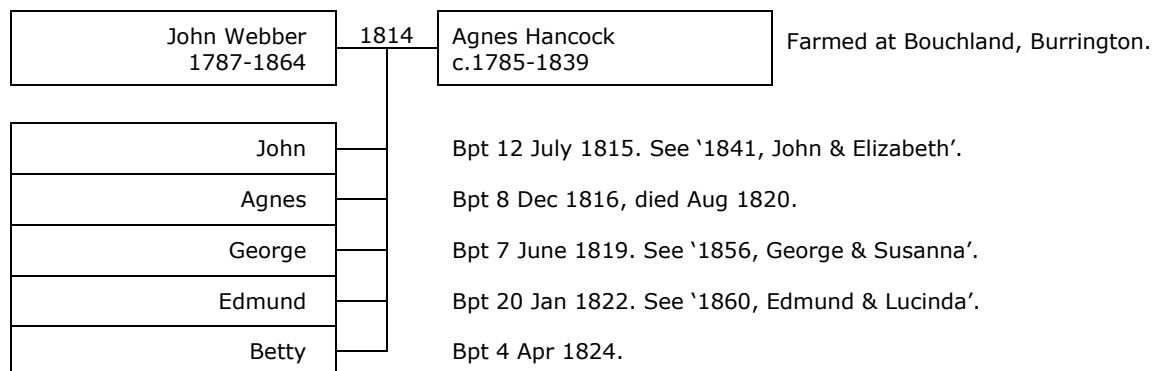
John and Elizabeth were living with their parents at Whitestone, Meshaw at the time of the 1841 census. Thomas was at that time working for a land agent in Chulmleigh, and was married later that year.

Although I have been unable to find anyone else from this family after 1841, Thomas did remain in the area, and lived in Chawleigh for a time.

1814, John & Agnes

John Webber married Agnes Hancock at Burrington on 29 December 1814. He was from Family '1782, John Dart & Betty'.

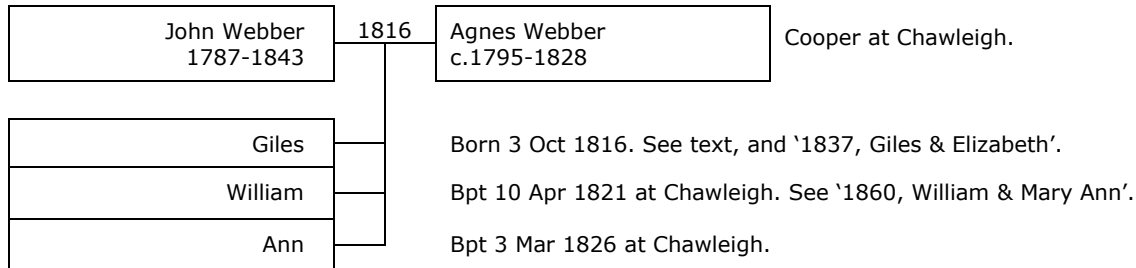
When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out for Burrington parish, in 1838, he was the occupant of three farms: Bouchland (48 acres), Hamlyn (51 acres) and Higher Braggamarsh (54 acres), all in the Taw valley in the far north of the parish. At the time of the 1851 census he was living at Bouchland and farming 140 acres, and the family had several servants in the household. Agnes had already died by then, and was buried on 30 August 1839. John's headstone in Burrington churchyard shows that he died on 28 October 1864. His headstone spells the farm as 'Bouchaland', but most records omit the first 'a'.



At the time of the 1841 census all four surviving children were living at home with John, and in 1851 George and Edmund were still there. George took over Bouchland prior to the 1861 census, and John (the father) lived with him and his family.

1816, John & Agnes

John Webber married Agnes Webber at Wembworthy on 26 April 1816. He was almost certainly from Family '1777, Giles & Mary'. Their oldest son was baptised at both Wembworthy (on 20 October 1816), and again at Chawleigh just over 2 weeks later.

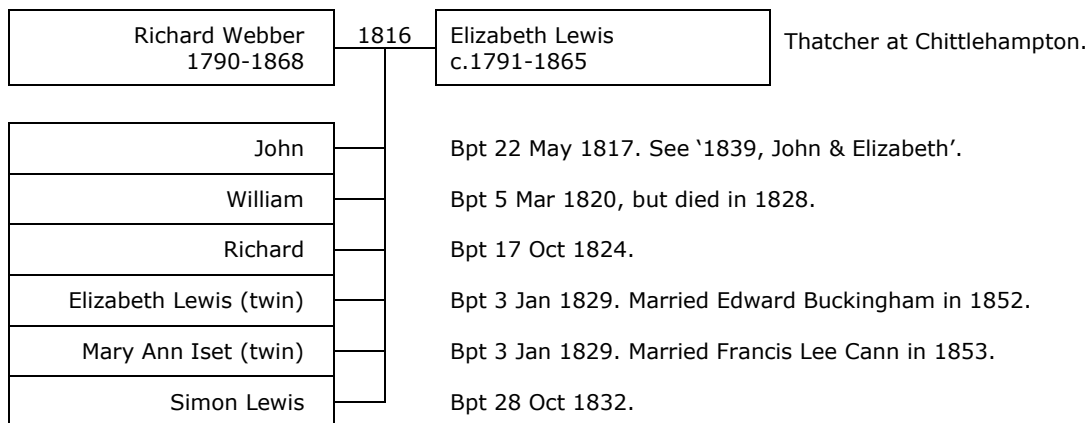


Agnes died on 14 April 1828 and is buried at Chawleigh. At the time of the 1841 census John was living in Chawleigh with William and Ann. He then died on 18 November 1843 and is buried beside Agnes.

Giles worked in London for a time with his uncle Richard Webber, who was also a cooper, before returning to Devon to marry (see below for details of his marriage and family). At the time of the 1851 census he was visiting his siblings at Chawleigh (William being shown as the head of household and, like Giles, a cooper; Ann was working as a glover). Also present was Giles' son John (his wife and two of their other children were in Bow on the day of the census).

1816, Richard & Elizabeth

Richard Webber married Elizabeth Lewis at Chittlehampton on 31 December 1816. He was from Family '1759, John & Isat' of Burrington. Their children were all baptised at Chittlehampton, and I am obliged to Denise Ball for many of their details.



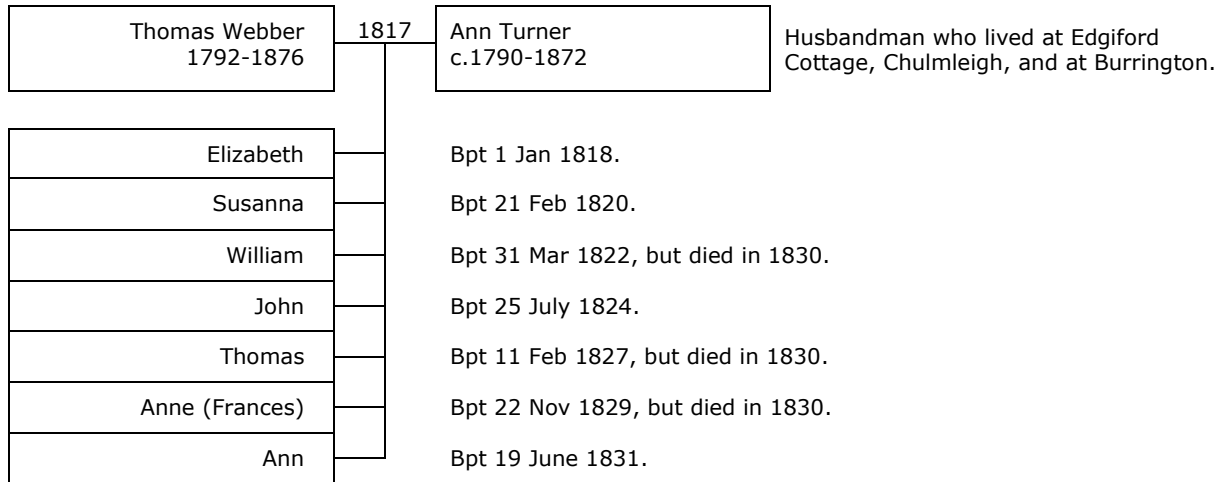
At the time of the 1841 census they were living at a place called Cholwill in Chittlehampton parish, with their three youngest children, but by 1851 Elizabeth Lewis had married and left home. Mary Ann Iset was described as a dressmaker, and Simon Lewis as an agricultural labourer. In 1861 Richard and Elizabeth were living on their own, and Richard died on 6 May 1868 following an accident in which he fell over a gate, 3 years after Elizabeth had died. They are both buried at St John the Baptist, Chittlehamholt.

Elizabeth Lewis married Edward Buckingham (also from Chittlehampton) in Exeter in 2Q1852, and they moved to Plumstead in Kent where they had a family, and where he worked as an 'engine smith'. Mary Ann Iset married Francis Lee Cann, a carpenter, in South Molton district in 2Q1853 and they moved to Barnstaple where they had a family.

I have been unable to trace either Richard or Simon with any certainty after 1851, and they may have emigrated (though a Simon Webber died in South Molton district in 4Q1859).

1817, Thomas & Ann

Thomas Webber married Ann Turner at Chulmleigh on 5 February 1817. He had been born at Chulmleigh to Family '1780, Henry & Joan', and she was originally from Burrington. Their children were all baptised at Chulmleigh.

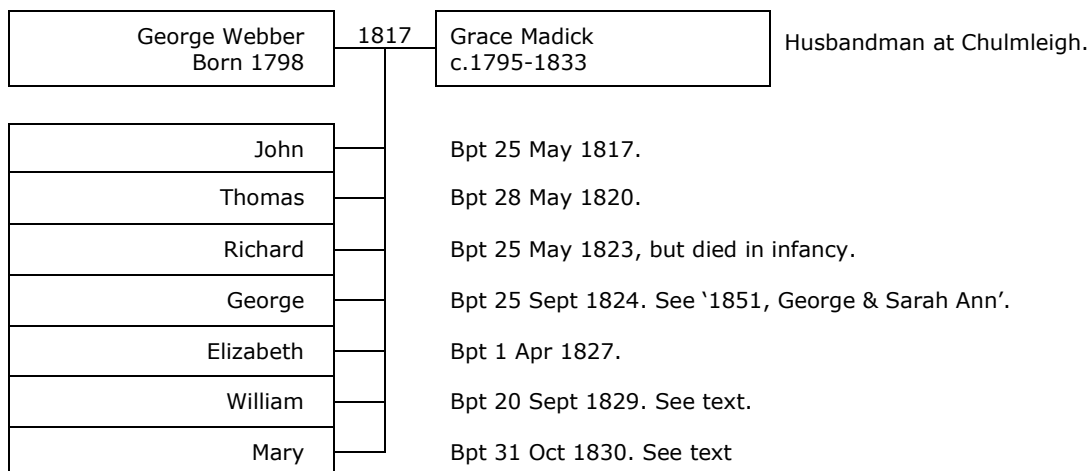


Thomas, Frances (whose name was given on the baptismal register as Anne, but on the burial register as Frances) and William were all buried at Chulmleigh, in that order, within less than 2 months of each other in the summer of 1830.

Elizabeth, Susanna, John and Ann were living with their parents at Edgiford in 1841. A decade later John and Ann were still at Edgiford with their parents. Prior to the 1861 census Thomas and Ann had moved to Burrington, where they were living on their own, but by 1871 they were back at Chulmleigh, again on their own. They appear to have died in 1872 (Ann) and 1876 (Thomas).

1817, George & Grace

George Webber married Grace Madick at Chulmleigh on 8 April 1817. He was from Family '1780, Henry & Joan' and had probably been born very late in 1798 (having been baptised on 6 January 1799). They lived in the town, and their children were baptised at Chulmleigh. Richard must have been baptised the day he was born, because when he was buried on 28 May 1823 his age was given as 3 days. Grace is very probably the person of that name buried at Chulmleigh on 14 February 1833 with her age shown as 37.



George's very probable second marriage and family is covered in Family '1835, George & Ann'.

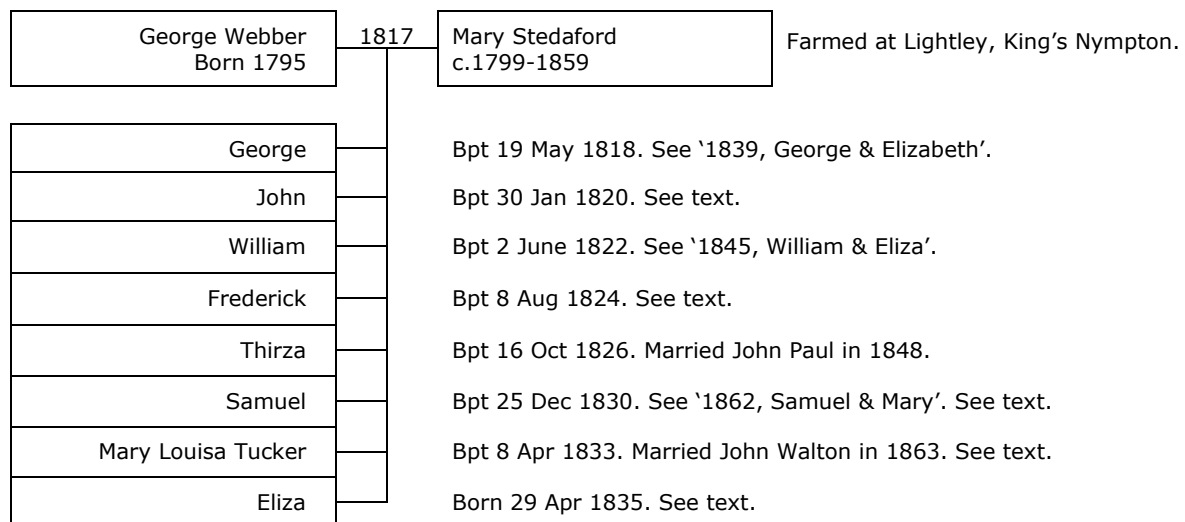
At the time of the 1841 census John and Thomas were probably the persons of those names working as servants in Chulmleigh. I have not found them thereafter, and unlike their brothers George and William they were not living with their father and his second wife at the time of the 1861 census (I cannot find George the father in 1851). By 1861 both George and William were joiners.

At the time of the 1861 census Mary was also living in Exeter, working as a servant. It may be pure coincidence, but she was living in the house next door to Family `1851, James & Prudence`.

1817, George & Mary

George Webber married Mary Stedaford at King's Nympton on 24 April 1817. He was from Family `1780, George & Anne`, and he took over the farm called Lightley from his father. The 1851 census gives his place of birth as Chittlehampton, and Mary's as Atherington.

Based on the evidence of the King's Nympton register of apprenticeships, either George or his father appears to have been the farmer of Eastwell in 1812, and this George appears to have been farming Reeds and Hammets in 1832, and Lightley in 1842. In 1833 he mortgaged Eastwell and Lightley, and repeated this process for the same properties in 1842. When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out in King's Nympton parish, in 1842, George was recorded as the owner and occupier of Lightley (shown as 239 acres), and the lessee of Eastwell (17 acres), which was occupied at that time by his son, also George. In 1846 he took out a further mortgage on some unspecified property, and then entered into a 7-year lease in 1847, letting some property to John Adams, a butcher of King's Nympton.



Consistent with the evidence from the Tithe Apportionment process, at the time of the 1841 census George and Mary were living at Lightley with John, Frederick, Thirza, Samuel and Eliza, while their eldest son George was at Eastwell. Unlike her siblings Eliza was not baptised at King's Nympton (where she was born, according to the 1851 census), but at the Bethel Chapel at Ashreigney.

During the 1840s things seem to have gone wrong for George. Having mortgaged much of his property (see above), by 1851 he was living on South Street, South Molton with Mary and Eliza, described as an agricultural labourer, with Eliza described as a dressmaker. When Mary died on 9 January 1859 at South Molton (as reported in the North Devon Journal of 13 January that year) she was described as the "*wife of George Webber, late of Lightley Barton*". The fact that the family had lost control of Lightley Barton is reflected in the fact that none of the children took it over, and all of them seem to have had to make their own ways as best they could, mostly well away from King's Nympton and South Molton. In 1861 George was on his own in South Molton, described as a retired farmer (with his place of birth again recorded as Chittlehampton).

John married a wife called Elizabeth from Bishop's Nympton. She was very probably Elizabeth Warren, in which case the marriage took place in 4Q1844. It would seem that after trying his hand at farming (he is very probably the farmer of 96 acres at Rowley, Romansleigh who can be seen on the 1851 census), John joined the railways. In 1861 he and Elizabeth were living in Lincoln and he

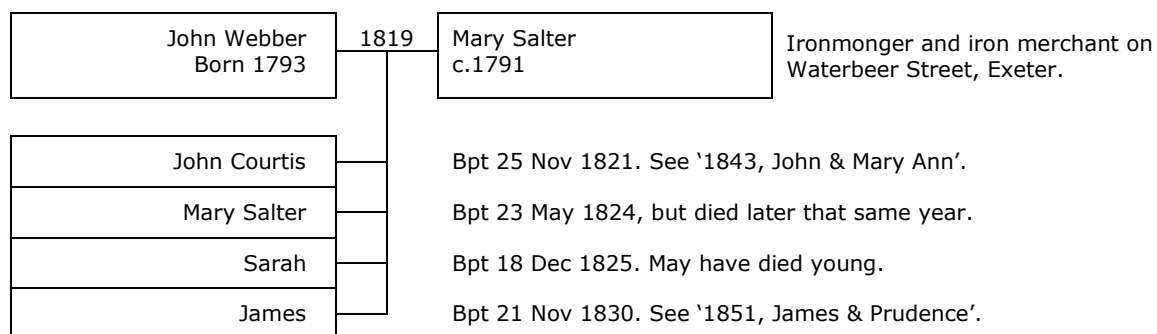
was a porter. By 1871 he was a signalman at Offwell, near Honiton, and they were being visited by Mary Alice, Samuel's daughter. After he retired, they lived at 45 East Street, Crediton (they were there at the time of the 1891 census). They appear to have had no children; certainly none that survived.

Frederick was a draper and hosier in Islington. On 3 July 1856 he married Rachel Becket Norton, daughter of a sculptor called Thomas Norton. The 1861 census shows them living at 256 Upper Street, Islington, and by 1871 they had moved to Camberwell. They appear not to have had any children. Thirza married John Paul and lived in South Molton.

Samuel was visiting his brother William at the time of the 1851 census, described as an assistant draper. After that he moved north, and at the time of the 1871 census he can be seen working as an under butler in the household of a baronet at Norton Priory in Cheshire. His 1862 marriage is traced later. Mary Louisa also moved north, in her case to York, where she can be seen described as a dressmaker in 1861, living on Little Blake Street. By 1871 she was married, with a family, still living in York. I have not yet traced Eliza beyond the 1851 census.

1819, John & Mary

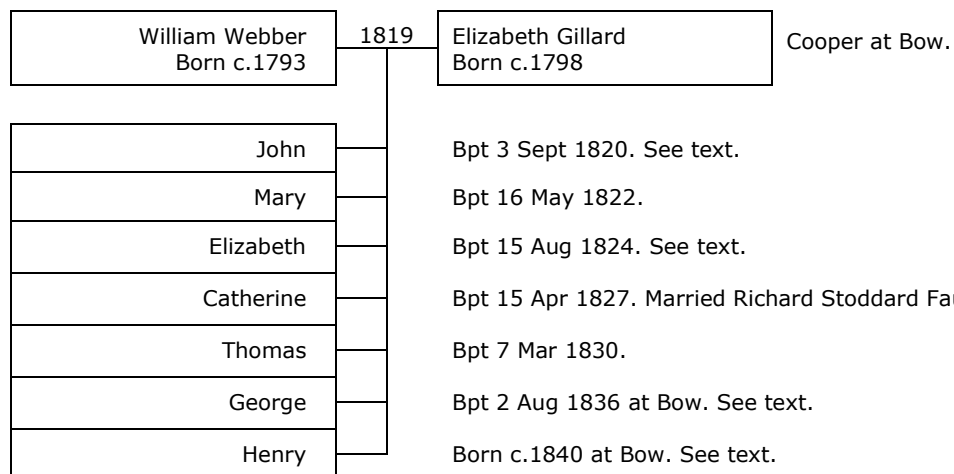
John Webber married Mary Salter in the Exeter parish of St Kerrian on 27 February 1819. He was from Family '1792, William & Patience', and based on the evidence of the censuses she had been born in Tiverton. He was an ironmonger and iron merchant in Exeter. Their first two children were baptised in the Exeter parish of St Pancras, and the next two were baptised in a non-conformist chapel. Mary Salter was also buried at the Independent Chapel on Castle Street, on 16 December 1824.



At the time of the 1841 census only James was living at home with his parents. John Courtis was at that time living in the household of a draper called Richard Josland, on Fore Street (as was Mary Josland, his future wife). By 1851 both John and James were married, and John's mother, Patience, was staying with him and Mary. Both John and Mary were quite long-lived, and can be found on Waterbeer Street in 1861 and 1871.

1819, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married Elizabeth Gillard at South Tawton on 6 July 1819. I believe they were probably the originators of the family shown below, all of whom were baptised at Bow where the baptismal date is known. The William who was the father of this family was from Family '1777, Giles & Mary', and Elizabeth was originally from Bow. William's estimated year of birth swung unpredictably from census to census.



At the time of the 1841 census all of the family members named above other than John and Mary were living at Bow. A decade later only the two youngest children were at home with their parents, and George was working as a cooper with his father. Catherine was working as a housemaid for the vicar of Bishopsteignton. A nephew and two nieces from London (the children of his brother Richard) were staying with them, and this is the evidence which ties William definitively to Family '1877, Giles & Mary'.

In 1861 William and Elizabeth were still in Bow. Although their years of birth were given as c.1801 and c.1806 with Elizabeth's place of birth shown as South Tawton, William's job as a cooper means that it is almost certainly the same family. Their daughter Elizabeth (with her year of birth given as c.1833) was with them, described as a dressmaker. Henry, who had also become a cooper, was visiting his sister Catherine and her family in Exeter, where her husband was a brass finisher. I have found no evidence to suggest that Henry married and had a family.

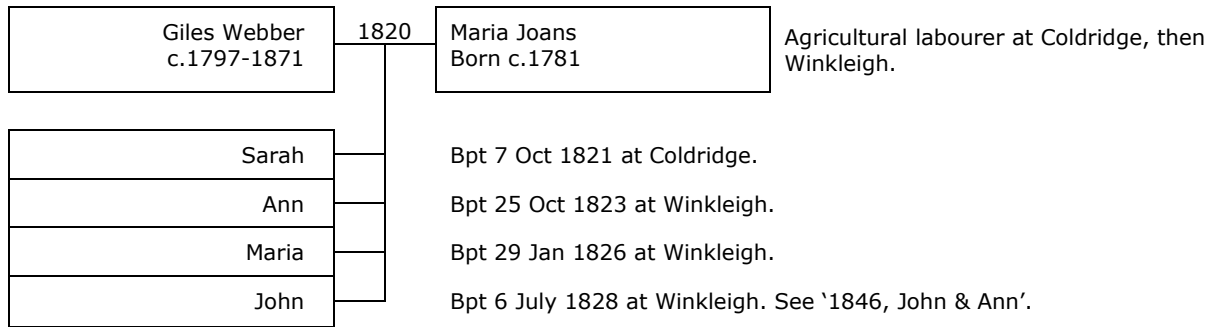
In 1871 William, by then widowed and with his year of birth given as c.1790, was still a cooper in Bow, living with Elizabeth, still an unmarried dressmaker.

Their eldest son, John, emigrated to Australia in about 1851 (probably before the census of that year), and I am indebted to his descendant Deb Brockwell for the following information about him. John settled near Melbourne, where in 1852 he married a Cornish-born wife called Julia Roberts, and established a cooperage which, by the 1880s, was reputedly the largest in the southern hemisphere. He and Julia had three sons, but only one (William Henry) who married and had children, and because his children were both daughters, the Webber surname died out in this particular branch of the family.

George also emigrated, in his case to Canada. He settled in Guelph, Ontario where he too established a substantial cooperage, and where, on 22 November 1860 he married locally-born Sarah Ann Reynolds. They appear to have had at least two sons, one of whom (Frank Reynolds) married Jennie Elizabeth Law in 1886 via whom the Webber surname survived for at least two further generations.

1820, Giles & Maria

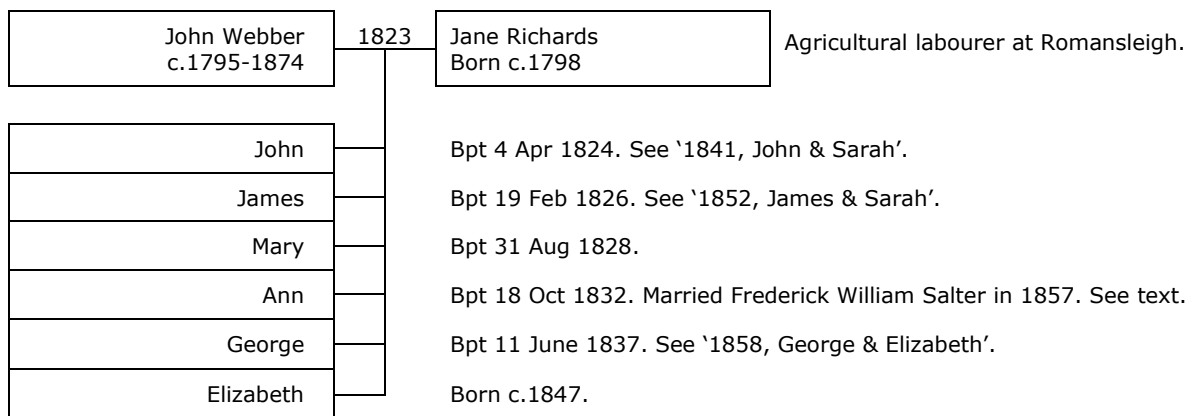
Giles Webber married Maria Joans at Coldridge on 24 October 1820. He was from Family '1777, Giles & Mary', and they were both originally from Coldridge. In 1822 they (and Sarah) were removed from there to Winkleigh, where Giles had previously been apprenticed to Henry Luxton, and thereby become the responsibility of Winkleigh parish as and when parish support was necessary. Giles appears to have died in 1Q1871, before the census of that year.



Giles, Maria, Sarah and John were at Winkleigh at the time of the 1841 census. A decade later Giles was recorded as an agricultural labourer and pauper, he and Maria were still living at Winkleigh, and the only person living with them was their grandson John Webber (born c.1847 at Winkleigh, to their son John). Sarah was working in Winkleigh as a house servant.

1823, John & Jane

John Webber married Jane Richards at Mariansleigh on 9 February 1823. According to the evidence of the census returns he was originally from King's Nympton, and she was from either George Nympton or Chittlehampton. All of their children were baptised at Romansleigh.



At the time of the 1841 census John (the father) was working at Romansleigh. His mother (Ann, born c.1771) was living (or staying) with him, Ann and George. Jane was working at Cadbury Barton in the (unrelated) household of Family '1835, William & Ann', with Mary. I do not know where John and James were at that time, though John may possibly have been the Royal Marine of that name in barracks at Plymouth. In any event, he married a wife from Plymouth, apparently later that year.

At the time of the 1851 census John and Jane were still in Romansleigh, at Odam Mills Cottage, with their youngest daughter Elizabeth (apparently born when her mother was in her very late 40s), and next door to their son John and his wife, Sarah. James was working as a farm servant in Romansleigh for Mary Drake, Ann was working as a servant at Romansleigh parsonage, and George was working as a servant for George Fullett of King's Nympton. In 1861 John and Jane were still at Romansleigh, this time with a grandson (Frederick William Salter, born c.1860 at Tiverton to their daughter Ann). Elizabeth was working as a servant in Romansleigh for the Ayre family.

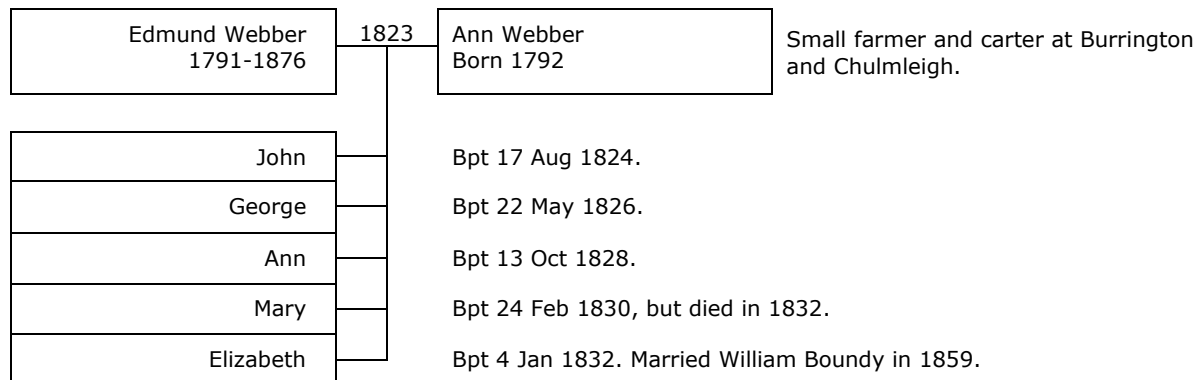
Ann married Frederick William Salter in the St Thomas district of Exeter in 1857, and their son was born in c.1860. Frederick William (the father) evidently died very soon thereafter, because at the time of the 1861 census Ann was on her own (other than a servant) on Goldshith Street, Exeter, described as an 'eating house keeper'. A decade later she was still there, with her son, and being visited by her niece Elizabeth (daughter of James and Sarah). In 1864 she had been re-married, to James Shopland, a boot maker. I believe her son subsequently married one of his Salter cousins, and he became a GPO telegraph operator in Exeter.

Jane died prior to the 1871 census, at which time John was living with James and Sarah. He appears to have died in 1874.

1823, Edmund & Ann

Edmund Webber married Ann Webber at High Bickington on 6 May 1823. He was from Family '1783, John Dart & Betty', and she was from High Bickington, the daughter of John and Mary Webber of Lee Barton.

When Edmund and Ann's children were baptised (all of them at Burrington), he was recorded as a yeoman farmer at Winswood, but by 1841 they had moved to Chulmleigh. Edmund died in 4Q1876.



By the time of the 1841 census Edmund and Ann had moved to Chulmleigh, with their first three children. I do not know where Elizabeth was at that time, but she was still alive, because at the time of the 1851 census Edmund was described as a small farmer, and was living in Chulmleigh parish with both Anns (mother and daughter) and Elizabeth. Both surviving daughters were working as dress makers.

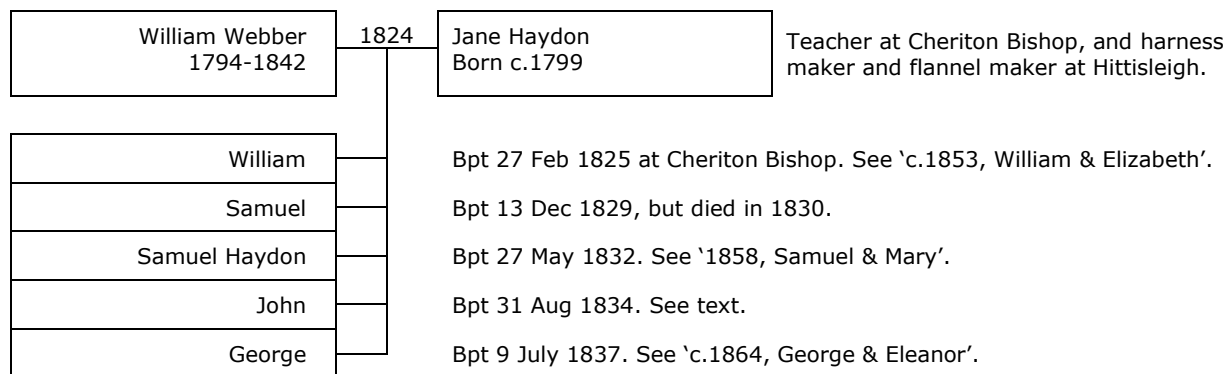
In 1861 Edmund (by then described as a carter) and Ann (a dressmaker) were living with Elizabeth and her husband, William Boundy. A decade later Edmund was described as a widowed retired farmer, and Elizabeth (Boundy) was again living with him.

1824, William & Jane

William Webber married Jane Haydon at Cheriton Bishop on 14 October 1824. He was probably from Family '1792, William & Patience', though this is not certain. However, the evidence points towards his having been born in Chulmleigh at about the right time. Jane was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Haydon of Higher Mountson Farm (and she may well have been related to Joanna, the second wife of John from Family '1803, John & Susanna' of Hittisleigh).

Three years earlier, in 1821, William Webber and Samuel Haydon had been jointly responsible for organising a census of Cheriton Bishop, the results of which can be found via the Cheriton Bishop page of the genuki.org.uk website. That shows that William was the only Webber in Cheriton Bishop at the time: he was recorded as aged 26, deputy overseer for the Parish, and 'inmate' (which I take to mean resident) of a local institution, probably connected to parish relief and his duties as deputy overseer. A year later when his eldest son was baptised he was described in the parish register as a teacher, of Underhill Cottage.

By the time their son Samuel was baptised William was described in the Hittisleigh parish register as a harness maker living at Lower Trena Cottage, which is down in the Yeo valley, near the boundary between the parishes of Hittisleigh and Cheriton Bishop.



In addition to the children shown above, William was shown in the Hittisleigh parish register as the father of Jane Millman's illegitimate daughter, Keziah (baptised on 15 April 1830 when her mother was living at Hittisleigh Mill, very near Lower Trena Cottage). Keziah survived, and went on to marry a husband called James Chudleigh. Despite this lapse from expected standards, William was recorded as the parish clerk of Hittisleigh when his sons Samuel Haydon and John were baptised (and a harness maker again when George was baptised).

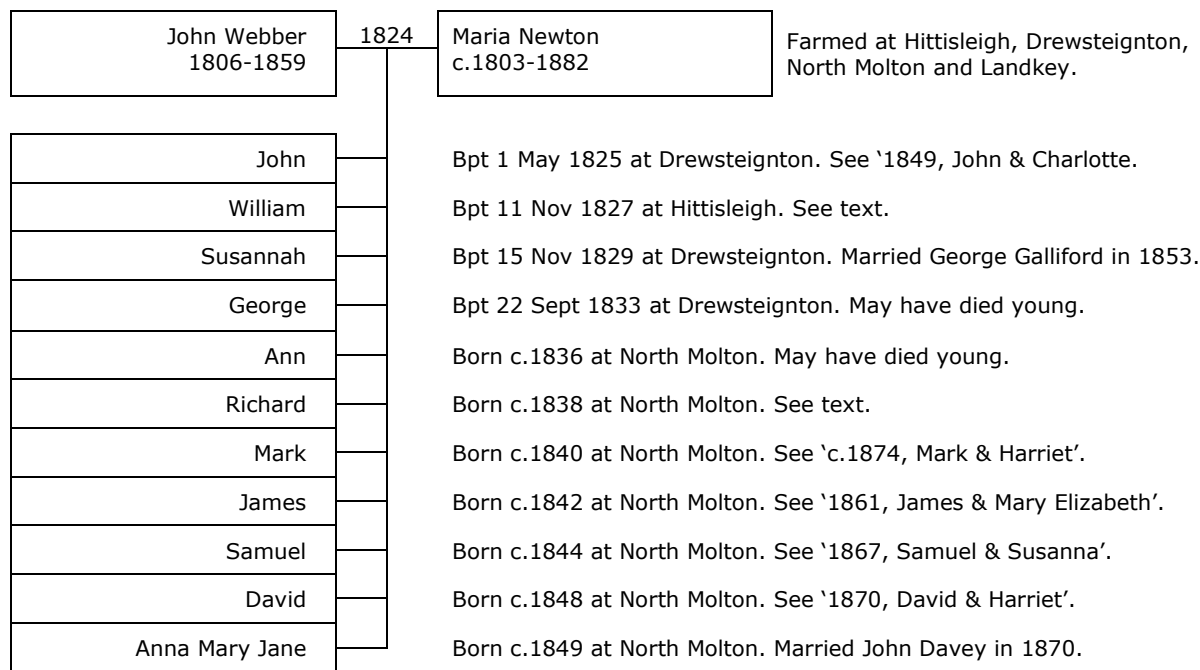
By the time of the 1841 census, William and Jane (with their ages both given as c.45, and William recorded as a flannel maker) were still living at Trena Cottage, and William's place of birth was clearly stated as Chulmleigh. Their son William had left home by then, but John and George were at home with their parents, and Samuel was very probably the child staying with his grandmother (Patience Webber) at Chulmleigh.

William died the following year: both the Western Times (of 2 April) and the Exeter & Plymouth Gazette (of 9 April) report that he had been found dead in a pool of water near Cheriton Cross, and suggest inebriation as the underlying cause of the accident. Jane also appears to have died prior to the 1851 census.

In 1851 William was a blacksmith on Alderney (in the Channel Islands); Samuel and John were servants on the farms of John and William Webber of Hittisleigh, respectively (two of his father's first cousins, from Family '1803, John & Susanna'); and George was working on another farm, at Cheriton Bishop, belonging to William Hole. John evidently remained single, and can be seen working as an agricultural labourer at Tedburn St Mary until the 1891 census.

1824, John & Maria

John Webber married Maria Newton at Drewsteignton on 8 November 1824. He was from Family '1803, John & Susanna' and she was almost certainly the daughter of Richard Newton who farmed a property called Vellett in Drewsteignton. When their first son John was baptised John was described as farming at Teighhold; when William was baptised he was a husbandman of Lower Trena; but by the time the next two were baptised the family was at Vellett.



At the time of the 1841 census John and Maria were farming in the parish of North Molton, and six of their seven oldest children were living with them (the exception being George, who may have died by then). By 1851 they had moved again, to Bableigh, a 150-acre farm in the south of the parish of Landkey. John (the son) was married by then, but William, Susanna and the six youngest children were all at home with their parents. John (the father) died prior to the 1861 census (he was buried at Landkey on 1 May 1859), and on 20 March 1860 Maria was re-married to another farmer, Charles Bryant, at Landkey, who died prior to the 1881 census.

At the time of the 1861 census Richard, Mark, Samuel, David and Jane were living with Maria and Charles Bryant, as was a grandson called William who had been born at Bishop's Tawton in c.1853 but whose origins I have been unable to clarify (though he could perfectly well have been from Family '1849, John & Charlotte'). He was still living with Maria in 1871, as was his uncle Mark.

Maria was buried at Landkey on 29 October 1882, with John.

The evidence regarding William is very patchy, and circumstantial. At the time of the 1861 census there was a William T Webber who had been born c.1826 in Devon living at Llangattock in Breconshire, in the Usk valley, with a wife called Ann and a daughter called Elizabeth (born in Llangattock in c.1859). He was an iron miner, and there had been a marriage in 4Q1855 in Crickhowell district between William Thomas Webber and Ann Morgan. The circumstantial facts that iron mining was also important in North Molton, and the fact that three of William's brothers moved to Wales, including Llangattock, suggests (but certainly does not prove) that this may have been 'our' William. He appears to have died in Merthyr Tydfil district in 4Q1865, and I have been unable to trace his family further, unless Elizabeth (born at Llangattock at about the right time) was the adopted daughter of Elizabeth Jones of Llanelli at the time of the 1881 census.

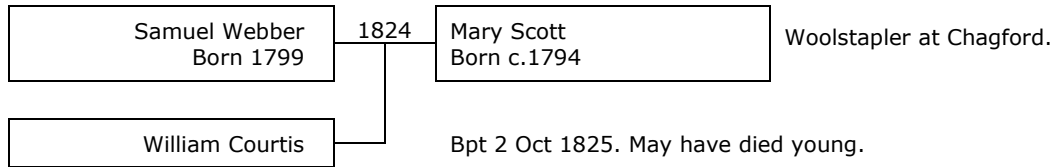
I have not managed to trace George after his baptism, nor Ann after 1841.

Richard married Annie Slee in the Islington district of London in 3Q1864. At the time of the 1871 census he was working as a warder at Pentonville prison, and the census return shows that she had been born in Westmorland (Coleburn). The 1881 census shows them living at Forrist House, Barnstaple with Richard described as 'late Governor of Barnstaple Gaol', and Annie as 'Matron of Barnstaple Prison'. Her mother was living with them. Barnstaple Gaol had recently been closed as a consequence of a Prisons Act, and the prisoners re-located to Exeter. By 1891 Richard was a farm bailiff at Portimore, Landkey, and one of his nephews was staying with them. They clearly did not have any children of their own.

Anna Mary Jane was more generally recorded as Jane, and in 1870 she married John Davey, a stone mason from Bishop's Tawton.

1824, Samuel & Mary

Samuel Webber married the somewhat older Mary Scott at Chagford on 16 November 1824. He was from Family '1792, William & Patience', and was a woolstapler. They only appear to have had one son, as shown below, and he may well have died in childhood.

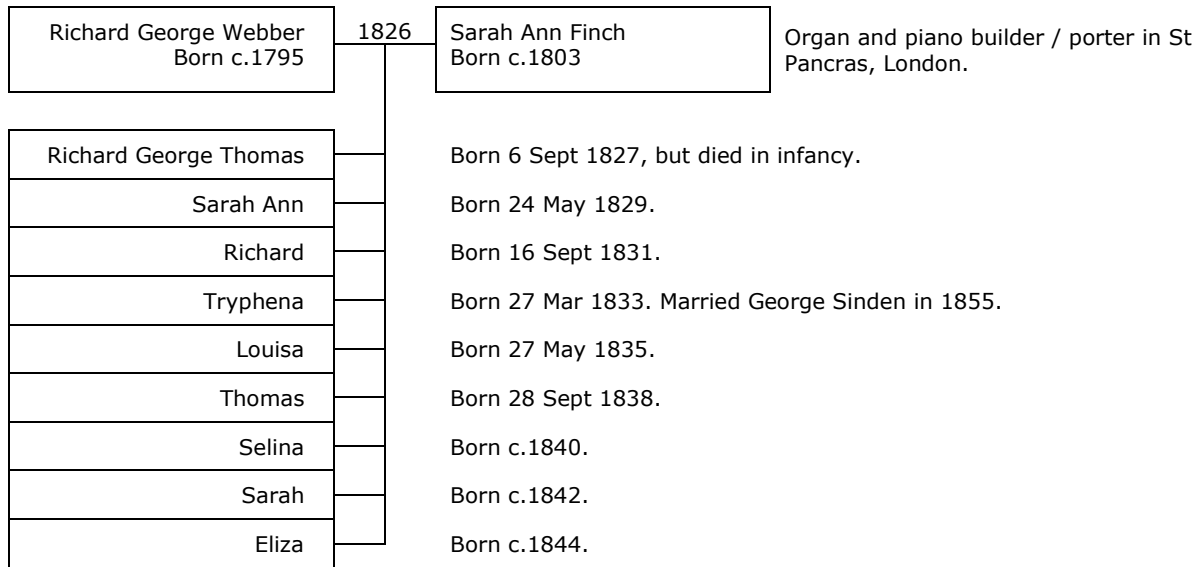


At the time of the 1841 census Samuel and Mary were living at Sutcombe Street, with no children present. A decade later they were at Bailiff's Hay, Chagford, again on their own. I believe they probably died over the following decade.

Chapter 4: Marriages from 1825 to 1849

1826, Richard & Sarah

Richard George Webber married Sarah Ann Finch at St George's, Bloomsbury on 29 January 1826. At the time of their marriage they were both resident in St George's parish, but the 1851 census shows that he had been born at Chawleigh. This, plus the second name (George) makes me think it unlikely that he was from Family '1780, Henry & Joan' and therefore born in Chulmleigh, though I am unaware of any Chawleigh family from which he might be descended. Sarah was originally from Coggeshall, Essex.

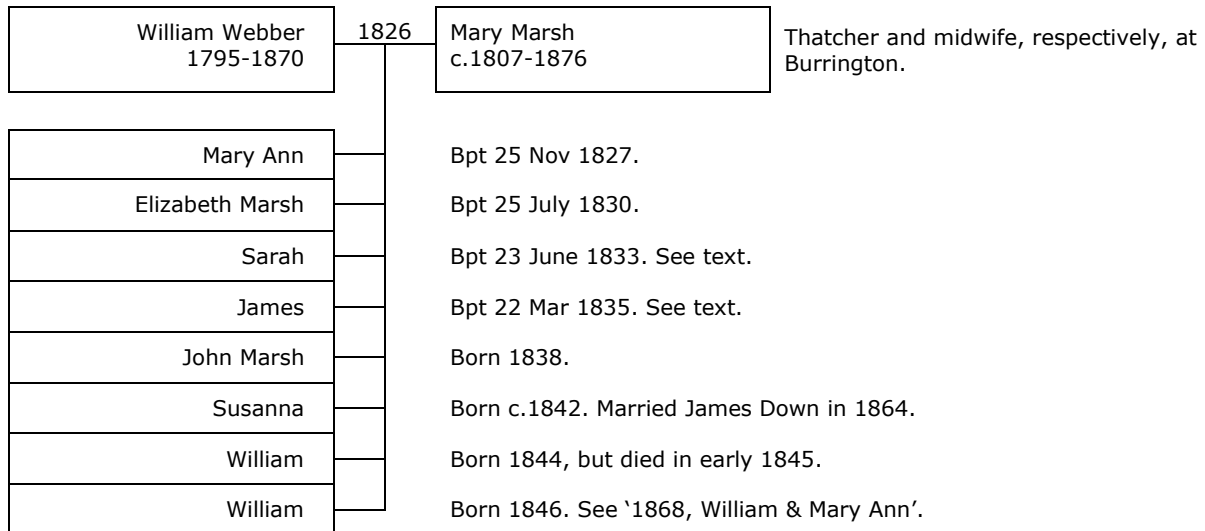


The dates of birth of the first six children come from the baptismal register of the parish church of St Pancras, which also records dates of birth. In the case of Thomas it is not clear whether he was born in February or September 1838. Over the 11 years covered by the first six births the family moved from Clarendon Place to Brook Street and then 39 Drummond Street. Richard was consistently recorded as an organ builder. They were still at Drummond Street at the time of the 1841 census, but of the children, only Tryphena, Louisa, Thomas and Selina were living with them at that time, and Richard was described as a piano porter. However, a George Webber (born c.1801, and also a piano porter) was living with them, as was a Thomas Webber (born c.1821, a tailor).

By 1851 the family was living at 49 Burton Street, St Pancras, and only Tryphena, Selina, Sarah and Eliza were at home with their parents. A decade later Sarah Ann (the mother) had died, and Richard was at 101 Mary Street, St Pancras with Selina (acting as his housekeeper) and Eliza (a cloak maker). There was a second Selina (born c.1860) living with them, but I have not yet worked out who she was. Louisa was visiting another family in St Pancras at that time.

1826, William & Mary

William Webber married Mary Marsh at Burrington on 3 September 1826. He was from Family '1783, John & Isat'. All of their children were born at Burrington. By the time James was born they were living at Millmoor, Burrington. The dates of death shown below for William and Mary are probable rather than proven.



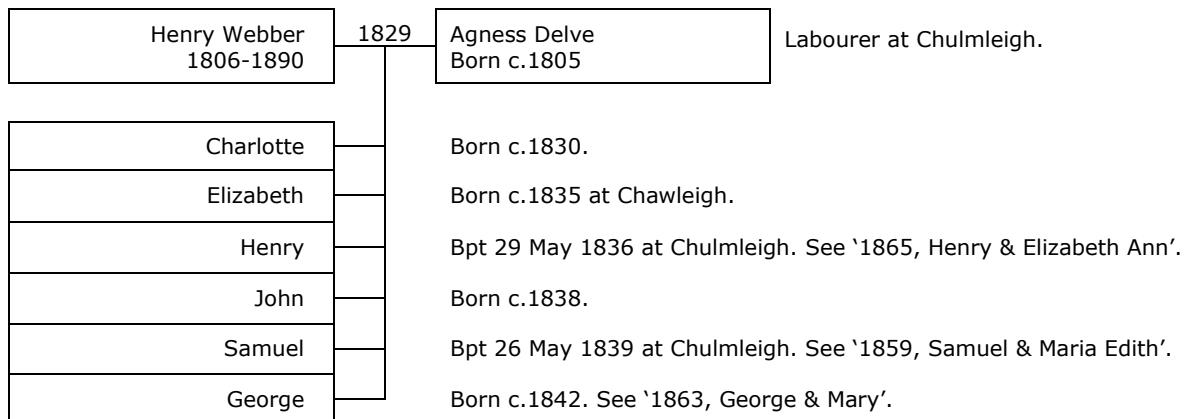
William was also sometimes identified as a pauper.

At the time of the 1841 census Elizabeth Marsh was apparently working as a servant in the large household headed by the widowed Betty Webber (see Family '1782, John Dart & Betty'). In 1851 she was back with her parents and all of her siblings except James, who was working as a farm servant for Robert Philips, in Chawleigh parish. By 1861 only Sarah was living with her parents. Susanna and William were both working as servants in Burrington, Susanna for the Prouse family and William for the Cooke family. I understand from Denise Ball, who has researched this family, that Susanna married James Down from Chittlehampton in 1864, and that they lived in Burrington where they had a large family.

The 1871 census shows Mary as a widow and midwife (with her place of birth shown as Kenton rather than Burrington), living with Sarah, who was described as being of 'weak intellect'. Sarah did not get married, and was probably the pauper of that name shown as staying with the Ford family of Burrington in 1881, and with the Martin family of Burrington a decade later. I understand from Denise Ball, that she died in the South Molton Workhouse Infirmary on 16 January 1901.

1829, Henry & Agness

Henry Webber married Agness Delve at Morchard Bishop on 7 May 1829. He was probably from Family '1805, Henry & Elizabeth', and she was originally from Morchard Bishop. As well as working as an agricultural labourer, he had a small parcel of land (6 acres) which he farmed at one time. While living in Chulmleigh they lived at Waterloo Cottage (in 1836), then Ibsons Cottages (in 1839), and then Garland Cottage on South Molton Street, and had connections to the Congregational church. Henry died in 1890.

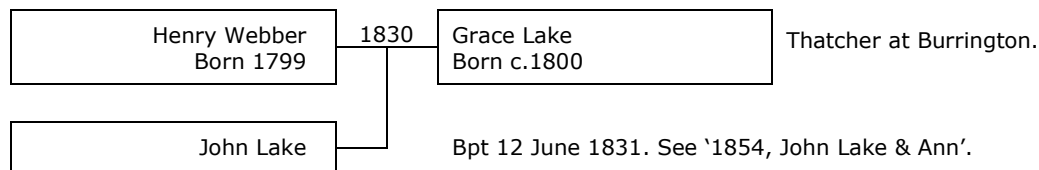


At the time of the 1841 census the five eldest children were living with Henry and Agness at Chulmleigh. A decade later they were living at Garland Cottage, Elizabeth and John were both working in Chulmleigh parish, for the Elworthy family, and only Samuel and George were at home with their parents.

At the time of the 1861 census only George was at home with Henry and Agness, at Leigh Cottage, while Samuel was by then married. Henry and Agness were on their own in 1871 (at Leigh Cottage), and in 1881 a grandson (Samuel's son Frederick, an agricultural labourer) was staying with them on South Molton Street, Chulmleigh, and Henry was described as a retired farmer.

1830, Henry & Grace

Henry Webber married Grace Lake at Chittlehampton on 31 March 1830. He was from Family '1783, John & Isat', and she was from Chittlehampton. Prior to their marriage Grace had a son called William, baptised on 10 December 1826 at Colaton Raleigh (I owe this information to Denise Ball). I do not know whether or not Henry was his father.

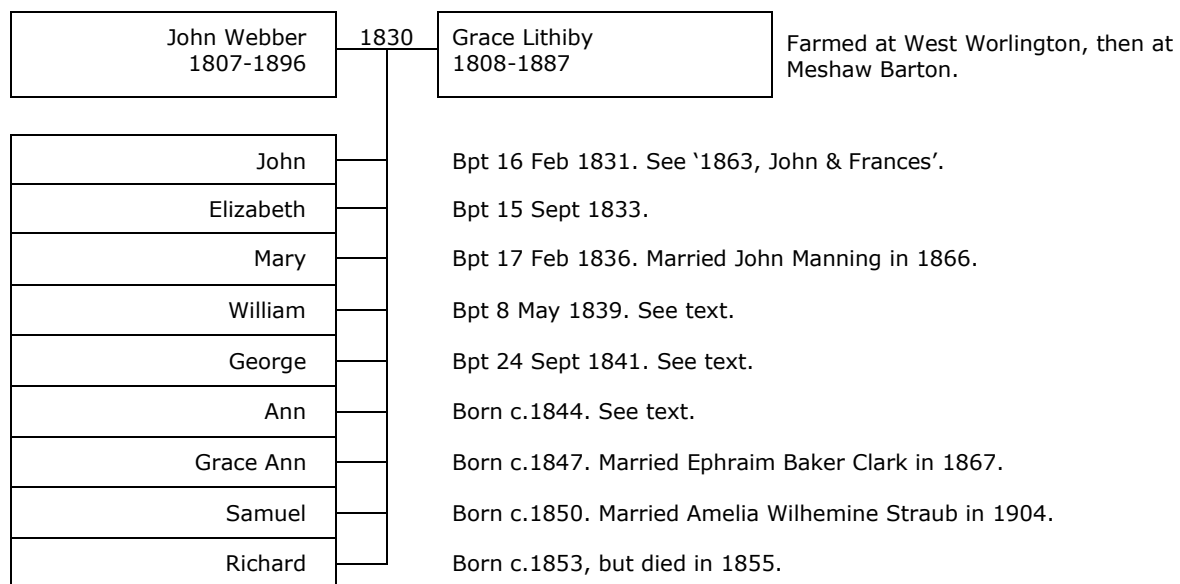


Their son John Lake was baptised at Burrington, and at the time of the 1841 census Grace's son William was living with them with his surname shown as Webber rather than Lake. He was described as a smith in 1841, and he may well be the William Lake who was working in Warkleigh as a 22-year-old blacksmith's apprentice at the time of the 1851 census. I have not managed to trace him thereafter under either surname.

Grace died between 1851 and 1861, and at the time of the 1861 census Henry was staying with John Lake and his family.

1830, John & Grace

John Webber married his first cousin Grace Lithiby at Chulmleigh on 5 April 1830. He was from Family '1806, William & Ann', and she was the daughter of Thomas Lithiby and his wife Elizabeth (née Beal) of Sheepsbyre, Chulmleigh. Their first five children were all baptised at West Worlington, and their last four were born at Meshaw.



When the Tithe Apportionment process was undertaken in West Worlington parish, in 1841, John was recorded as the occupier of East Lutworthy a 192-acre farm. Relatively soon after that the family moved to Meshaw Barton.

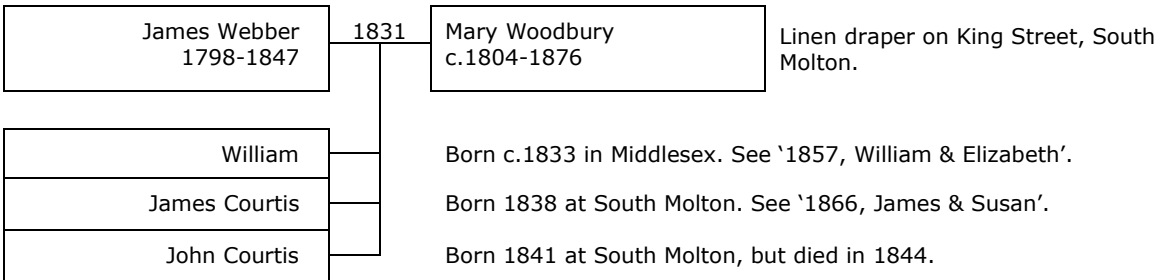
At the time of the 1851 census John (the eldest son) was staying with his Lithiby grandparents in Chulmleigh, recorded as an unmarried butcher, and William was boarding at the school on East Street, Chulmleigh. A decade later John was still in Chulmleigh, and his grandmother (Elizabeth Lithiby) was living with him. The six youngest children were all living at Meshaw with John and Grace.

In both 1871 and 1881 William, George, Ann and Samuel were all still living with their parents. By 1891 Grace had died, but the other five were still there. By 1901 John had also died, and the four siblings were still living together. In 1904 Samuel married Amelia Wilhemine Straub, but (not surprisingly) they had no children, and all four siblings plus Amelia Wilhemine are buried at Meshaw.

1831, James & Mary

James Webber married Mary Woodbury at St Mary’s, Islington by licence on 20 October 1831. He was from Family ‘1792, William & Patience’, and at that time he was living in Islington. The parish register shows that Mary was from Hackney, but the evidence of the censuses suggests that she had been born in Exeter. Their eldest son William was born in Middlesex.

James then became a linen draper in South Molton, but he died young, on 10 October 1847 (according to his headstone in South Molton). He had written his will on 1 June 1843 before the death of his youngest son, and in it he left three fields in Chulmleigh parish in trust with his brother, John, and William Webber of Romansleigh, the son of his late first cousin John Webber of Cadbury Barton, to be managed for the benefit of his widow and children. Mary survived William for almost 30 years. Her death on 28 May 1876, at King Street, South Molton, was reported in Trewman’s Flying Post of 31 May that year.

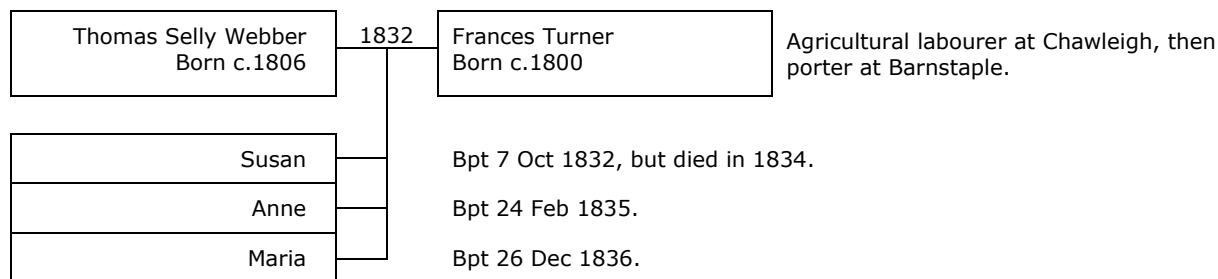


At the time of the 1841 census the family was at King Street. A decade later Mary was running the drapery business, and William was living with her and working as her assistant. James Courtis was at a boarding school at Bishop’s Hull, Taunton.

At the time of the 1861 census, Mary was acting as housekeeper to her second son, James Courtis, at Manningtree in Essex, where he too was a linen draper. In 1871 she was living on her own at 44 Queen Street, South Molton.

1832, Thomas & Frances

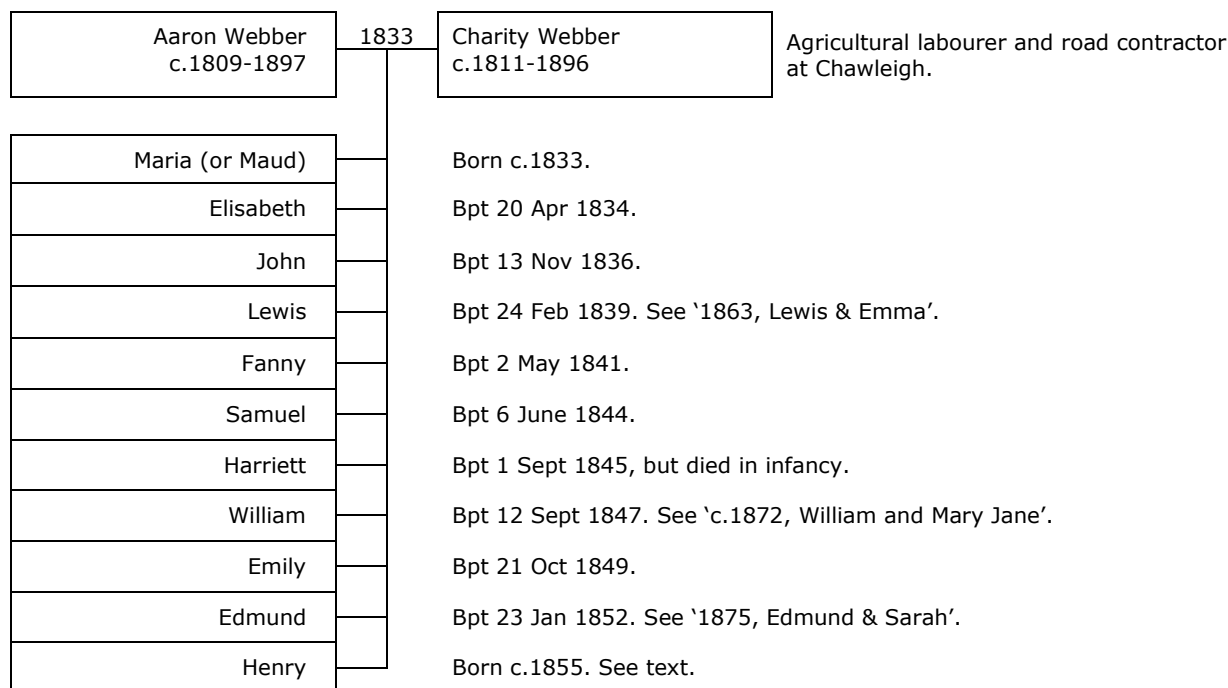
Thomas Selly Webber married Frances Turner at Chulmleigh on 10 April 1832. The census returns show that he had been born at Bow, and when the banns for their marriage were read he was living at Chawleigh, which is where their children were then baptised. Frances was originally from Burrington.



At the time of the 1841 census they were living on Bridport Street, Barnstaple with the two younger daughters. By 1851 they had moved to Joy Street, Barnstaple (and were living next door to the Carter family: see '1809, Giles & Ann'). Anne was by then a dressmaker.

1833, Aaron & Charity

Aaron Webber married Charity Webber of Coldridge at Coldridge on 18 March 1833 (the banns having been read at Chawleigh during April of the previous year). He was from Family '1801, John & Elizabeth'. All of their children other than Maria (or Maud) were baptised at Chawleigh. Charity died in 4Q1896, followed by Aaron in 2Q1897.



By the time of the 1841 census they were living in Chawleigh with their first five children. By 1851 they were at Moortown, and the three eldest children were not at home (and the two youngest had not been born). Maria was working as a servant at Kenn, near Exeter and John was working at Chawleigh Week as a servant for the Saunders family. Two other apparently undelated Webbers (Elizabeth born c.1821 at Lapford, and Harriet, born c.1850, and probably her daughter) were lodging with them.

At the time of the 1861 census Emily, Edmund and Henry were living with Aaron and Charity, and Fanny and William were both working in Chawleigh, Fanny as a dairymaid, and William as a servant with the Reed family. Lewis was a carter working for George Webber of Stone Barton, on the Chulmleigh / Chawleigh border at that time.

By 1871 Aaron and Charity were living on their own at Beer Hill, Chawleigh, though they were next door to Lewis and his wife Emma. Aaron was still an agricultural labourer, Edmund was apprenticed as a boot and shoe maker to an unrelated Webber (John of Morchard Bishop), and Henry was

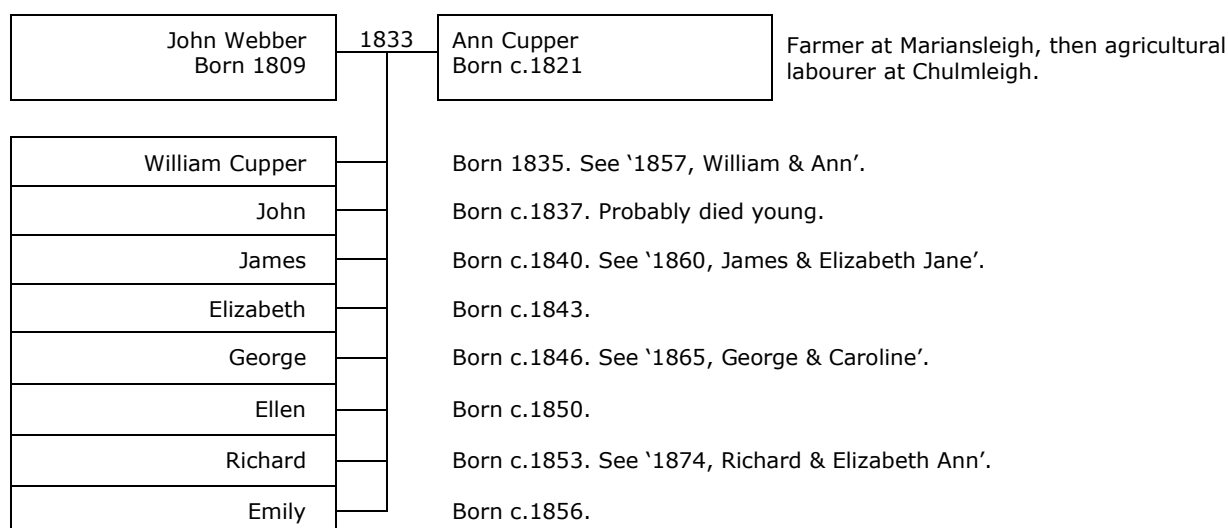
working as a servant in Chawleigh, for the Reed family. In both 1881 and 1891 Henry was back living with them, and in 1881 Aaron was described as a 'road contractor'.

Henry may well be the person of that name who, at the time of the 1901 census was a police officer in Manchester, boarding at 46 Cheetham Street. I have been unable to find him on the 1911 census.

1833, John & Ann

John Webber married Ann Cupper (or Cooper) at Chulmleigh on 11 April 1833. He was from family '1805, Henry & Elizabeth', and had been born at Chawleigh, and she was originally from Chulmleigh. In 1841 they were living at Pitt Farm, Mariansleigh, next door to Ann's parents, Scipio and Elizabeth Cooper (both of whom had been born at Burrington). The tithe apportionment process, which in the case of Mariansleigh was carried out in 1839, shows that John was the occupier of Pitt (which was 62 acres) at that time, not an employee. However, by 1851 they were living at Chulmleigh and John was described as an agricultural labourer. Scipio and Elizabeth were living with them, described as paupers and ex-labourers.

Their first four children are shown on census returns as having been born at Mariansleigh; the last four at Chulmleigh. However I have seen an on-line tree that says that William Cupper was baptised at Bishop's Nympton on 7 September 1835.



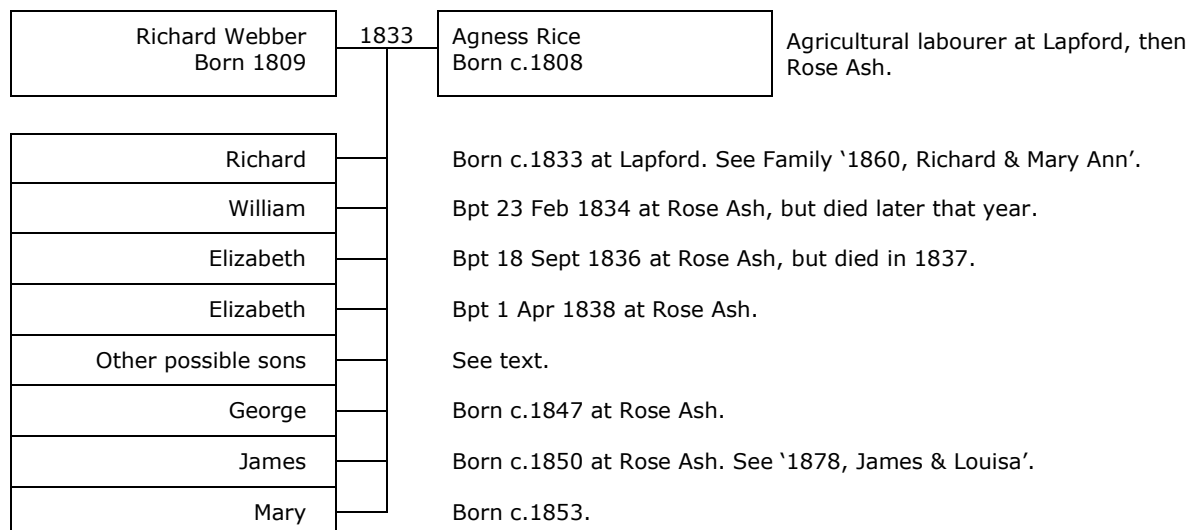
At the time of the 1851 census the family was at Ford Cottage, Chulmleigh. Elizabeth was already working as a lace maker. James was working in Mariansleigh, and his two older brothers appear to have died.

A decade later Henry, John's father, was living with them, Elizabeth was still a lace maker, and both George and Ellen appear to have been working as servants in Coldridge parish.

By 1871 only Emily was living with John and Ann, and James and George were both married. Richard was married soon thereafter.

1833, Richard & Agness

Richard Webber married Agness Rice at Lapford on 1 May 1833. He was from Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth' in Rose Ash; she was from Lapford. Their son Richard was born at very much the same time that they were married, based on the census evidence.



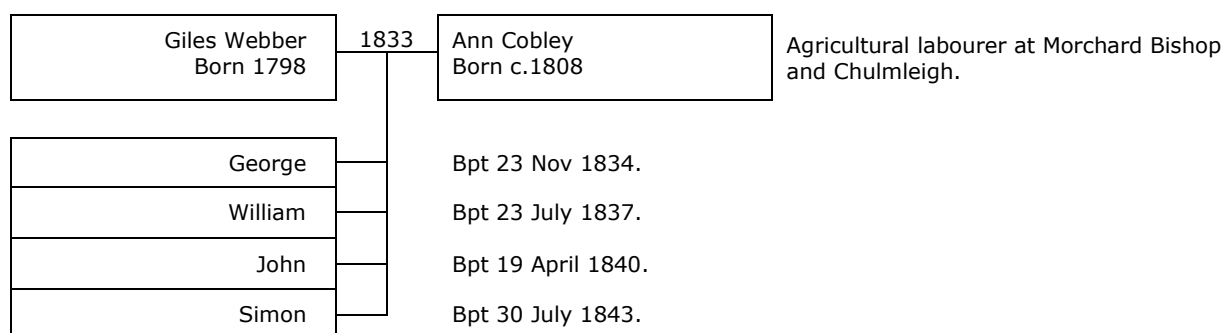
In 1838, when the second Elizabeth was baptised, the family was living at a place called Kimmins in Rose Ash. In 1851 Richard, Elizabeth, George and James were all at home with their parents. By 1861 only James and Mary were there, though George was working in the village as a servant for the Ayre family. In 1871 Mary was still living with her parents, and although his age was given as 21 rather than 24, George was probably the person of that name working as a servant in Romansleigh.

Both Richard and Agness appear to have died prior to the 1881 census, possibly in 1875 and 1876 respectively (though the evidence for this is far from conclusive).

There may have been two more sons in this family. Two boys called William and Elias Webber were buried at Rose Ash in November 1850, with their ages given as 8 and 6 respectively (i.e. born in c.1842 and c.1844). Alternatively, William could have been from Family '1835, John & Elizabeth' (and the reason why Elias probably was not is that they had another child born c.1844).

1833, Giles & Ann

Giles Webber married Ann Cobley at Morchard Bishop on 30 May 1833. He had been born at Wembworthy, and she was from Morchard Bishop. He must have had links to Chulmleigh, because in 1845 they and their four sons (all baptised at Morchard Bishop) were removed there by the parish authorities, suggesting that they had fallen on hard times.



In 1851 Giles was living with Simon in Chulmleigh (but shown as married, and with his place of birth recorded as Wembworthy), and Ann was working as a servant, also in Chulmleigh, for the Mayne family. I have not found the three older boys then. In 1861 Giles and Ann were together in Chulmleigh, and Simon was working (also in Chulmleigh) for the Farley family.

Giles may well have died over the following decade, and by the time of the 1871 census Ann was a boarder in Chulmleigh. She was still in Chulmleigh on her own in both 1881 and 1891.

1835, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married Elizabeth Norman at Burrington on 10 February 1835, almost a year after the birth of their first child. William was originally from Chulmleigh, and from Family 'c.1810, Edward & Catherine'. His mother, described as a pauper, was lodging next door to them at the time of the 1841 census at Pavington, Burrington. The dates of death shown below for William and Elizabeth are probable rather than proven.

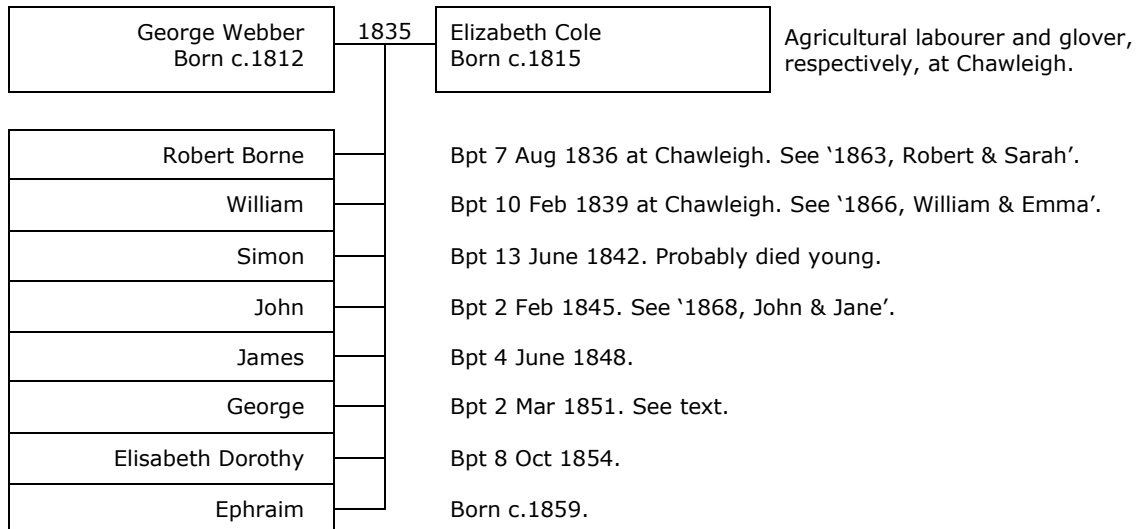
William Webber 1811-1891	1835	Elizabeth Norman c.1815-1869	Agricultural labourer and glover respectively, at Burrington.
James			Bpt 18 May 1834. See text.
Elizabeth (Betsey)			Bpt 27 Dec 1835.
Phoebe			Born c.1838.
William			Born c.1840. See text.
Henry			Born c.1843. See '1876, Henry & Ann'.
John			Born c.1845.
Albert			Born c.1847. See '1877, Albert & Norah'.
Mary Ann			Born c.1850.
Maria			Born c.1852. Married Richard Joslin in 1879.
Thomas William			Born c.1855. See '1878, Thomas & Agnes'.
Arthur			Born c.1859.

It is possible, though far from sure, that their son William was the person of that name baptised at Chawleigh on 14 November 1841 (that William does not fit into other known Webber families more closely associated with Chawleigh). At the time of the 1851 census, with the exception of James and William (both of whom were working in Burrington, as farm servants for John Rippin), all of the other older children were still at home with their parents, and Elizabeth and Phoebe were both working as glovers. By 1861 only the four youngest were living at home with their parents, while Henry and Albert were both working in Burrington, Henry for the Pincombe family and Albert for the Rippin family.

By 1871 William was widowed, and living in Burrington with Albert, both of them working as agricultural labourers, and Maria, working as a glover. Thomas was working as a servant in Burrington, for George and Susanna Webber of Bouchland, and Arthur was working as a servant in High Bickington, for the Harris family. A decade later William was living at 1 Kingsland Cottages, Burrington with Maria (by then married to Richard Joslin) and Thomas, an unemployed joiner (even though Thomas was married with a child by then). In 1891 he was living with Albert and his family, and appears to have died very shortly thereafter.

1835, George & Elizabeth

George Webber married Elizabeth Cole at Ashreigney by banns on 17 March 1835. He was described as 'formerly of Chawleigh', and she was from Ashreigney.



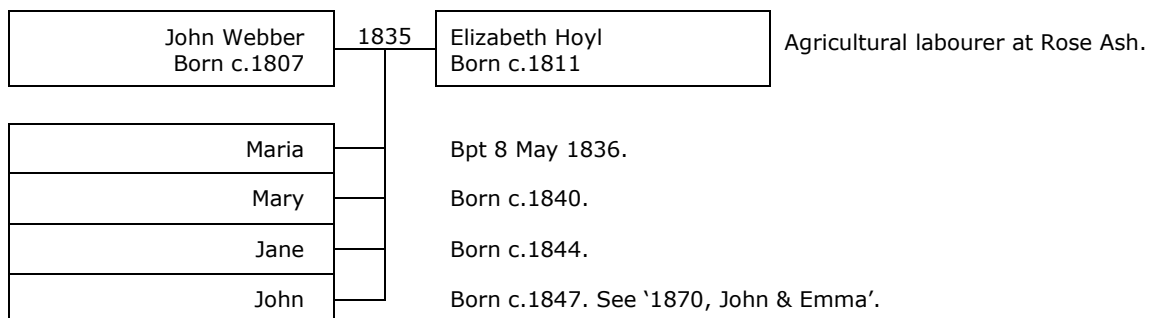
At the time of the 1841 census they, together with their two eldest sons and Elizabeth's mother (Dorothy, described as a pauper), were living at 'Carpenters' in Chawleigh.

Whereas all of the six oldest children were living with their parents, at 'Blackwalls', Chawleigh at the time of the 1851 census, a decade later the five oldest had moved out, and Simon may well have died. It appears that John and James were both working in Chawleigh, for the Saunders and Drake families, respectively.

At the time of the 1871 census James and George were both living with their parents, and both were agricultural labourers. Robert Borne was by then a Private in the Royal Marines. Elisabeth Dorothy appears to have been working as a servant in Chawleigh in 1871, for the Challice family, though her age is significantly over-estimated on the census return (c.20 rather than c.17), and Ephraim was working as a servant in Romansleigh parish. Elisabeth (the mother) died prior to the 1881 census, at which time the two Georges (father and son) were living together, still in Chawleigh parish, and both of them agricultural labourers. Nobody from this family was left in Chawleigh by 1891.

1835, John & Elizabeth

John Webber married Elizabeth (Betty) Hoyl at Rose Ash on 26 March 1835. He was from Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth' and she was also from Rose Ash, where all of their children were also born.

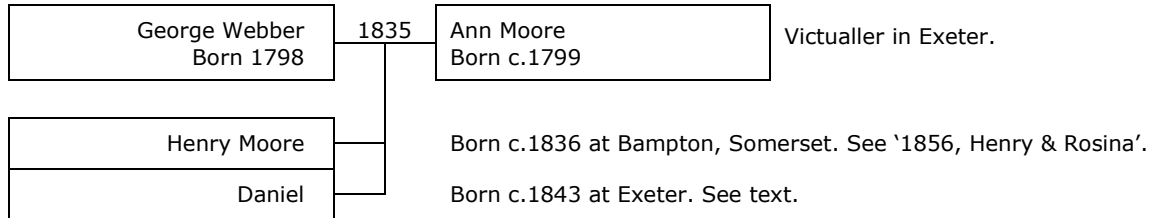


Maria and Mary were living with their parents at Rose Ash at the time of the 1841 census, but Maria was not at home in 1851 (whereas the other three children were). By 1861 only John was living with his parents, and although he was again with his parents in 1871, he was by then married. In both 1881 and 1891 John (the father) was still living with his son and family, at Rose Ash, and he died over the winter of 1896/97.

It is possible that John and Elizabeth had one more son, called William, who died in childhood (see Family '1833, Richard & Agness' for further information).

1835, George & Ann

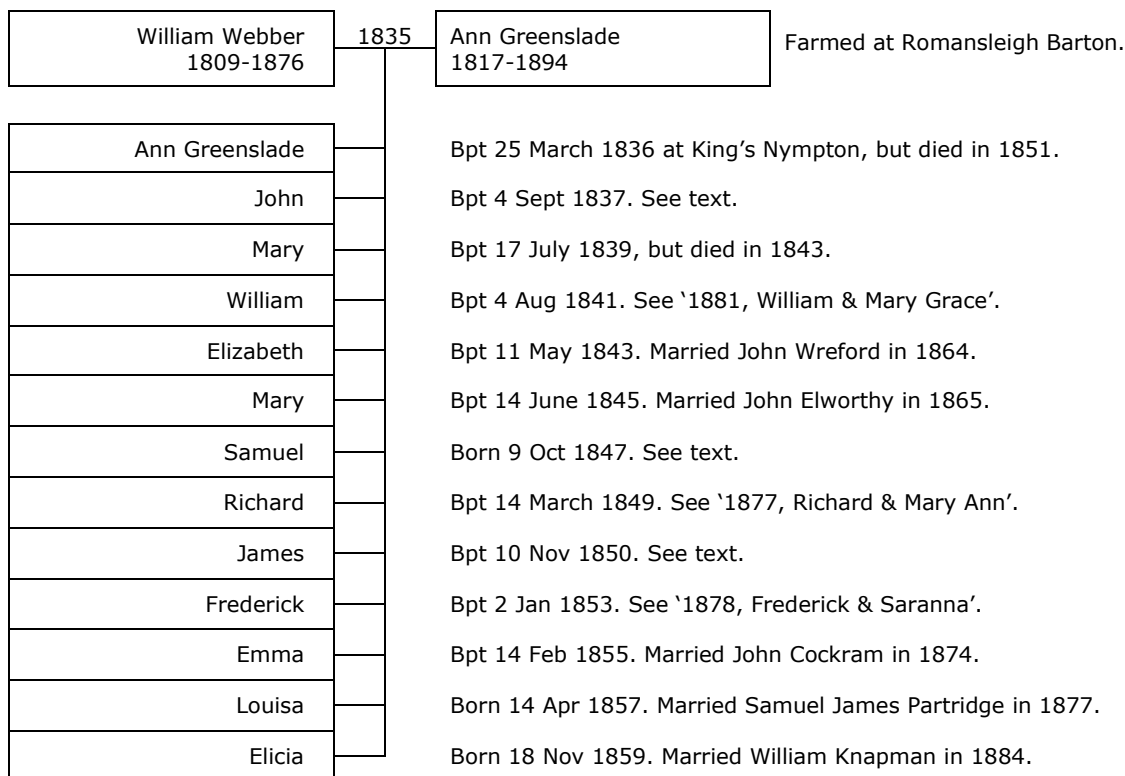
George Webber married Ann Moore at Tiverton on 12 May 1835. This was George's second marriage (the first being '1817, George & Grace'), and he was originally from Family '1780, Henry & Joan'. Ann was apparently originally from Winkleigh. By 1851 they were living at Port Royal Lime Kilns in Exeter, and George was a 'victualler' (which I take to mean a food supplier rather than a licensed victualler). Two of his sons from his first marriage were living with him and Ann: George and William were both described on the census return as joiners born at Chulmleigh.



I have been unable to find George, Ann or Daniel after 1851, and it is possible that they died or emigrated (I have seen circumstantial evidence to suggest that Daniel went to Australia, where he may have lived at Coburg, Victoria). Although Henry Moore can be found in 1861, he and his family definitely did emigrate to Australia.

1835, William & Ann

William Webber married Ann Greenslade at King's Nympton on 11 November 1835. He was from Family '1806, William & Ann'. All of their children other than Ann Greenslade were baptised at Romansleigh. I have much more information on this family than is given here.



Ann Greenslade was staying with her Webber grandparents at Cadbury Barton at the time of the 1841 census. In 1841 there were also servants called Jane Webber (born c.1801) and Mary Webber (c.1831) in the household, both from Family '1823, John & Jane'.

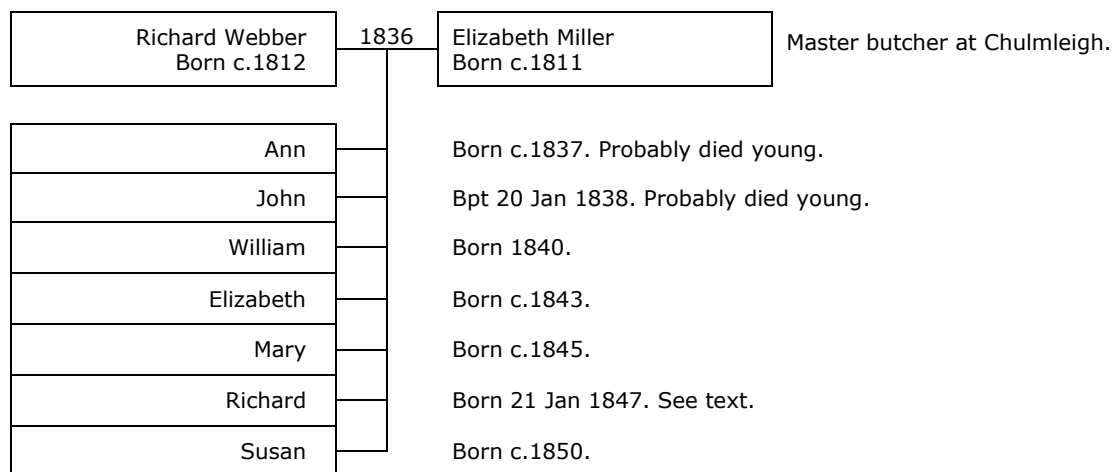
John farmed Cadbury Barton after his father's death, and was married relatively late in life, in 1887, to Elizabeth Ann Knapman, already his sister-in-law, and a neighbour from Mariansleigh. They did not have any children.

Samuel emigrated to the US. After several years in Iowa he moved to South Dakota. He was married twice, both times to cousins from his mother's side of the family. He had two sons, but the Webber surname does not survive into the 21st century via his branch of the family.

James became a draper in London. He was married relatively late in life, in 1895, to Ellen Tee (née Greenslade), a widowed cousin from his mother's side of the family. He had a step-son, but no children of his own.

1836, Richard & Elizabeth

Richard Webber married Elizabeth Miller at Chulmleigh on 16 February 1836. He was from Family '1802, George & Susanna', and she was originally from Chawleigh.



At the time of the 1841 census Richard and Elizabeth were living in Chulmleigh with Ann and William. By 1851 Ann and John had either left home or died, but the other five were all at home. A decade later only the four youngest were at home.

Although Richard was apparently an excellent judge of cattle¹², the on-line London Gazette shows that in January 1863 he was declared bankrupt, and the whole family apparently left Chulmleigh thereafter. The 1871 census shows that by then Richard and Elizabeth had moved to 3 Brighton Street, Russel Town, Clifton (near Bristol), where Richard was again described as a butcher. None of the children were living with them. Richard may have died in South Molton district in 2Q1875, but this is by no means certain.

An on-line source¹³ shows that Richard (the son) moved to Exeter as a 15-year-old before moving on (in 1863) to London. In 1868 he emigrated to Canada but moved on to Chicago and then New York City, where in 1870 he took a job as a journeyman butcher. In 1873 he set up on his own account, and in 1877 established his business at 210 East 120th Street. By the time he died he was apparently the largest retail butcher in the world, and a sterling millionaire. In about 1877 he married Lucy Ford, and they had two sons and a daughter. He died on 7 October 1908 on board ship, on his way back from Europe. I have not as a general rule sought to trace non-UK marriages and families in this document, but have some information on Richard's family¹⁴.

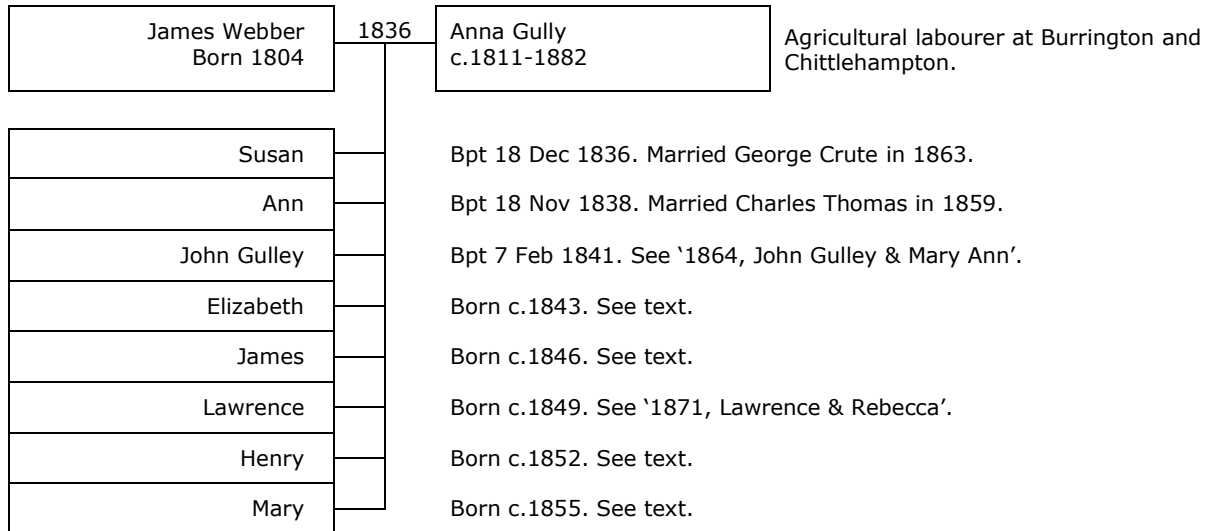
¹² The source detailed in the next footnote states that "... it is on record that [Richard senior] was considered the best judge of cattle in his day in the west of England, when beef was bought on the hoof by the head instead of by the pound as nowadays."

¹³ A book entitled 'Early to Bed and Early to Rise: 20 years in hell with the beef trust' by Roger R Shiel (Indianapolis, 1909) can be found on-line by entering the title into any search engine and selecting the link to the archivestream.org website, where it can be read in full.

¹⁴ Richard and Lucy's children were Richard Jr (born c.1878), William (1880) and Harriet (c.1884). Richard Jr followed his father into the meat business, married Julie Edwards Carroll in 1904, lived in Westchester county (just outside New York) and had a family there.

1836, James & Anna

James Webber married Anna (or Hannah) Gully at Chittlehampton on 3 July 1836. He was from Family '1783, John & Isat', and she was from Chittlehampton. All of their children were born at either Burrington or Chittlehampton (records are inconsistent).



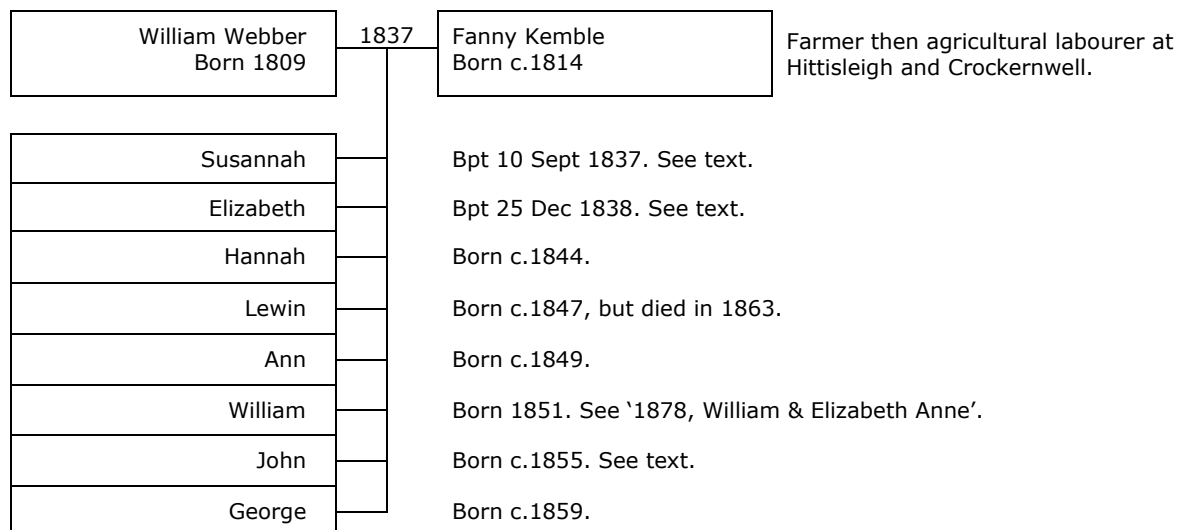
The six oldest children were all living with their parents at Burrington in 1851. In 1861 James was working as a labourer at Chittlehampton, and Elizabeth (recorded as an 'idiot') was living with his, as were Henry and Mary. Anna (recorded as Hannah) was visiting Woodland, near Ashburton, where Susan was working as a house servant for the Reed family of Lovaton (she was married to a local man 2 years later). John Gulley was visiting his recently married sister Ann in Barnstaple, where her husband was working for a shipwright, and James and Lawrence were both working as servants in Warkleigh, for the Carter family.

On the day of the 1871 census, Anna was visiting a family in Chittlehampton, and only Elizabeth and Mary (a glover) were living with James at Burrington. Henry was visiting Charles and Ann Thomas in Barnstaple.

By 1881 both James and Anna were living at Court House, Chittlehampton, in a household headed by their son Henry, a mason's labourer. Elizabeth and Mary were also living with them, and Lawrence's daughter Ellen (born c.1878 at Northlew) was staying with them. A decade later Henry was working as a road contractor, and living at 'Stretchdown', Thelbridge. Mary was living with him and acting as his housekeeper.

1837, William & Fanny

William Webber married Fanny (or Stephena) Kemble at Cheriton Bishop on 16 February 1837. He was from Family '1803, John & Susanna', and she was from Cheriton Bishop. Their children were all born at Hittisleigh.



At the time of the 1841 census William was living at Orchard, a small farm belonging to his father, and Susannah and Elizabeth had been born by then. He was described on the baptismal register as 'husbandman', but the 1841 census describes him as an agricultural labourer. Their family grew rapidly, and by 1851 William was described as farming Orchard, and Fanny's name was recorded as Trepheana. At the time of the 1861 census William was again there, but on the day of the census Fanny was not. Elizabeth was living at Spreyton, working as a cook in the large household of a local surgeon (she was still there in 1871). Their son Lewin died in 1863.

By 1871 William and Fanny had moved a few miles south to Crockernwell (in Drewsteignton parish). William was again described as an agricultural labourer, and only John and George were at home with their parents. A decade later only John was living with them. By 1891 Fanny had died, and William was described as a pauper, and still at Crockernwell.

Although the dates of birth do not tally perfectly, it appears that Susannah (the daughter) worked as a servant for many years (at Netherton, Drewsteignton in 1881 and 1891, for the Pitts family, and at Crockernwell as the caretaker of a property in 1901).

Their son John married Rhoda Ann Hubbard in Windsor district in 1Q1895. She was originally from Southminster (Essex). By the time of the 1901 census they were living at St Ann's Heath, Virginia Water (in Surrey) with two children, and John was working as an asylum attendant at the Holloway Sanatorium. Information about this institution can easily be found via internet searches, but in essence it was for 'persons of the reduced middle class', who needed treatment but were expected to recover, and whose families could pay a moderate sum towards their support. Typical conditions were anxiety, melancholia, mania and dementia. Unlike the county asylums, which were more like prisons than hospitals, Holloway was beautifully decorated and furnished. The 1911 census shows that John and Rhoda had had three children, of whom only one son was still alive (and living with them at Virginia Water).

George joined the Royal Marines, and in 1891 he can be seen at the East Stonehouse barracks in Devonport. After he left the services he married the rather younger Annie Maria Payne (in 3Q1898 in Newton Abbot district: she was originally from Bovey Tracy). They lived at 13 Hotham Place, Stoke Damerel, where they had a family, including a son called Lewin (which tends to tie him to this family). In 1901 George was a brewer's labourer; by 1911 he had progressed to being a maltster.

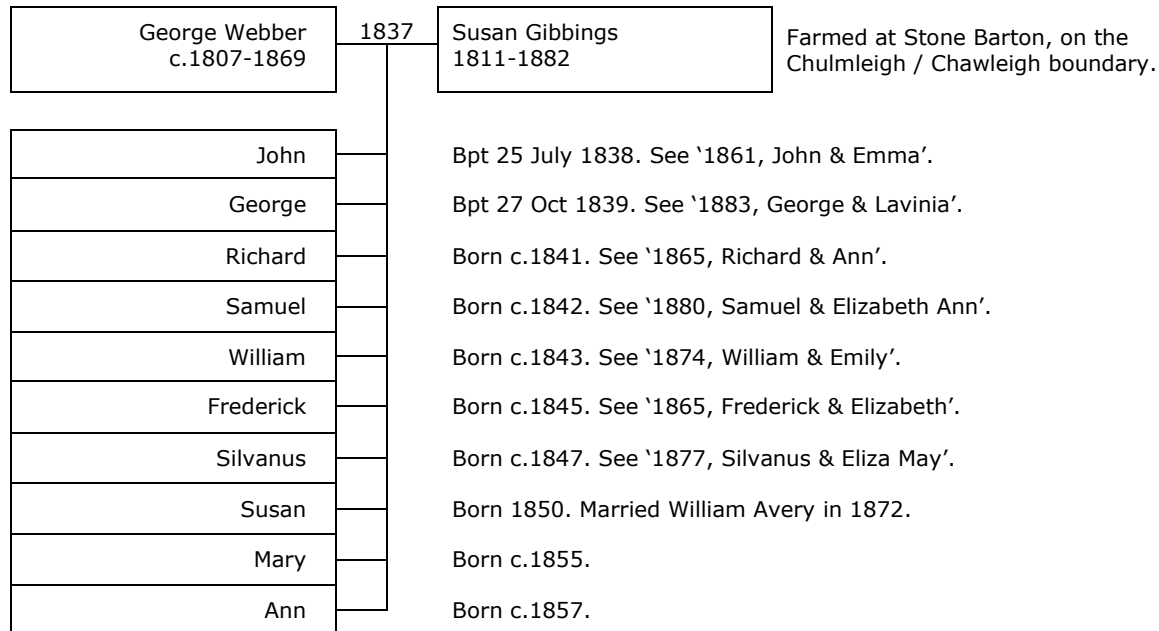
1837, George & Susan

George Webber married Susan Gibbings in Crediton district (probably at Coldridge) in 3Q1837. He was from Family '1802, George & Susanna', and she had been baptised at Coldridge on 21 December 1811 to a mother called Dorothy, who may well have been related to his own mother. I do not know whether Dorothy was unmarried or widowed at the time.

George took over responsibility for Stone Barton from his father. When the Tithe Apportionment process was carried out for Chulmleigh parish in 1840, Stone Barton was recorded as 379 acres;

when the same process was carried out for Chawleigh in 1848, that part of Stone Barton and Woodhouse which was in Chawleigh parish (occupied by George) was recorded as 104 acres.

George died on 22 May 1869 and is buried in Chulmleigh churchyard, alongside Susan who died on 16 April 1882. With her death the family's connection to Stone Barton was effectively ended.



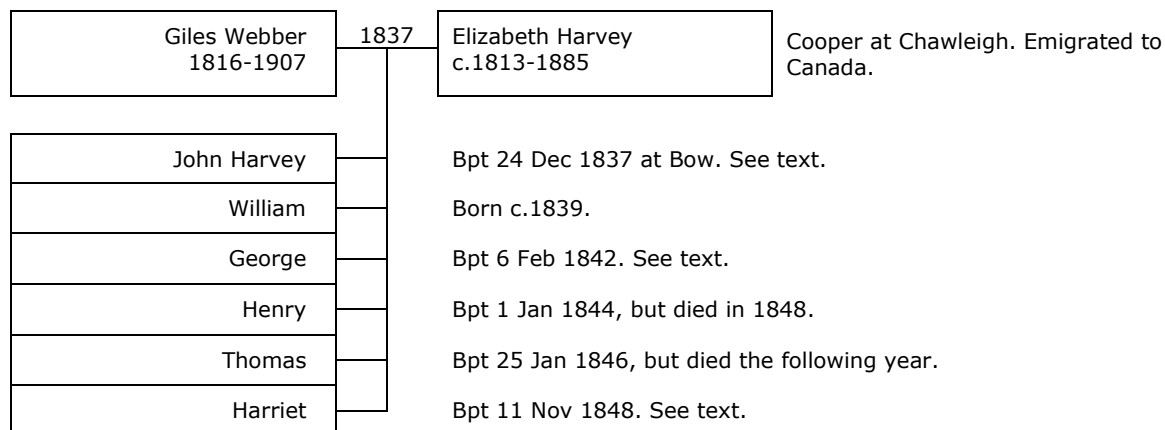
At the time of the 1841 census their first three sons were with them (Richard being 5 months old). In 1851 they had been joined by four more sons and a daughter (Susan being 10 months old). By 1861 Richard and Samuel had left home.

By 1871 George (the father) had died, and his widow Susan was farming Stone Barton with George, William, Mary and Ann living at home with her. Samuel and Sylvanus were working as drapers / grocers in Chulmleigh, and their sister Susan was acting as their housekeeper. John, Richard and Frederick were all married by then. I understand from her descendant Christine Bebarfald that in 1872 Susan married William Avery, as mason from Chulmleigh, and had three sons and three daughters, some of whom, including Christine's grandmother Sarah, emigrated to New Zealand. The 1891 census shows Susan (the daughter) as blind.

At the time of the 1881 census Susan (the mother) was still farming Stone Barton, with George and Ann (described as a dairymaid). Frederick's son William was also living with them at that time, described as a cow boy.

1837, Giles & Elizabeth

Giles Webber married Elizabeth Harvey in Crediton district (probably Chawleigh) in 3Q1837. When the banns were read at Chawleigh in August that year his address was given as Poplar (East London), and hers was Chawleigh, though she was originally from Bow. He was from Family '1816, John & Agnes'. At the time of the 1841 census they were living at Chawleigh, together with their two eldest sons, neither of whom had been baptised at Chawleigh, unlike their younger siblings.



In 1851 Giles and his son John Harvey were staying with Giles' brother William at Bow, while Elizabeth was staying (or living) at the King's Arms, Bow with her mother (Grace Harvey), William and Harriet. George was visiting his uncle and aunt William Willcocks and Ann (née Harvey) at Spreyton.

They were evidently preparing to leave for Canada, because the 1851 Canadian census (which was not actually taken in Ontario until early 1852) shows them living in Peterborough county, Ontario.

Giles' 1907 obituary, sent to me by David Howat, his direct descendant, confirms that he died at the family home, 324 Charlotte Street, Peterborough, and was then buried with Elizabeth, who had died on 18 November 1885. It also provides many other facts about him and his life.

It states that he had a good education, evidenced his by neat, legible handwriting. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and also understood cooperage. Before he was married he had worked with his uncle Richard Webber, a cooper, in London. In May 1851, just after the English census of that year, the family emigrated to Canada as part of a group of 16 (including relatives called Kingdon). On arrival in Quebec they took a steamer to Port Hope, then travelled overland to Rice Lake, and then took another steamer as far as the Locks. They arrived on a Sunday morning and walked into the town in their Sunday best, arriving just as the residents were leaving church.

When they moved to the town of Peterborough itself in 1854 Giles initially had some difficulty in finding employment. After working as a cooper he sawed timber by hand for the builders of the town, and built his own house on Bethune Street. He was later employed in the mills. He next worked in a factory which made pumps and mills, where he became the foreman. Despite only earning a small income, by industry and hard work he prospered. He was described as a Conservative and an active Methodist.

After his first house was adversely affected by the Midland Railway, and bought by the railway company, he built another house on the corner of Brock and Park streets. Later Giles and Elizabeth lived on a farm with their son, George, then establishing himself as a stock grower, dealer and farmer. On 22 January 1868 George had married Elizabeth McKee at Peterborough. [??? Family ???]

In 1881 Giles purchased the Charlotte Street property where he lived the remainder of his life, and he retired soon thereafter. Elizabeth died in 1885. By the time he died, Giles was only survived by George, by then at North Monaghan, and Harriet (by then married to William McClennan), "... for several years the head of his household and in the closing months of his life his faithful nurse". He also left several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John Harvey had pre-deceased his father, in a tragic incident which was reported at some length in the 'Mail and Empire' newspaper in its edition of 1 May 1899 (also sent to me by David Howat). It reported how a few days earlier John, by then aged 62, had shot and killed his wife and then himself.

The report stated that John was a carpenter by trade, but for the previous 15 years had been an engineer at the water-house pumping station. He was described as "... a man of more than ordinary intelligence, ... honest and industrious and generally respected". He was also described as having

an inventive turn of mind, but had evidently spent much time and money on "... fads in which no one would become interested".

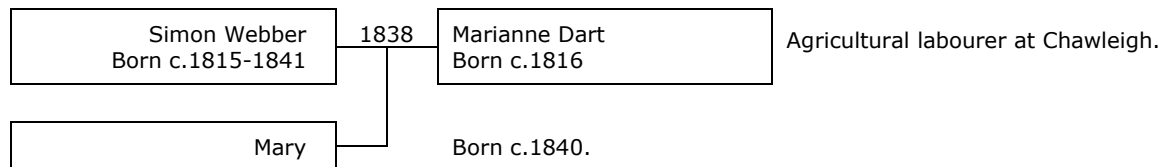
Some years previously he had suffered a serious illness, and since then had been prone to what sounds to a modern sensibility like serious depression exacerbated by his strong religious views. His recent state of mind had caused some misgivings, though nothing serious was feared, even though he had sometimes talked of ending everything. He had apparently claimed that the Christian Scientists were to blame for his troubles, and that his wife (Dora, née Funk, who he had married many years previously in Wisconsin) was acting in league with them. It was said that at one time he believed that he had been healed by the Christian Scientists, though later he lost his confidence in them.

John had finished his night shift at the pumping station on a Saturday morning. The family had recently moved into a house at 814 Water Street, and Dora was in the process of unpacking the household furniture while John rested on a couch. Three of their ten children still lived at home, but all three were out of the house. Their youngest son, Lloyd, said that he had only been away about 10 minutes, and was on his way home when he heard the shots. He ran back to the house, and saw his mother lying apparently dead in an open shed that was attached to the house. He did not see his father, but he immediately raised the alarm. The neighbours also reported hearing Dora's screams followed by three or four shots. When the neighbours entered the house, with some trepidation, they found that John had also shot himself dead

The coroner was soon on the scene, and his examination revealed that Dora had died almost instantaneously. There were no signs of a struggle, and it was concluded that an inquest was unnecessary. Reflecting the intense interest to which the case gave rise, the funeral cortege comprised over 100 carriages following the two hearses which carried their remains to the Little Lake cemetery in Peterborough, where they were buried together.

1838, Simon & Mary

Simon Webber married a wife called Mary (probably Marianne Dart, in Crediton district in 3Q1838). He was from Family '1806, John & Grace'.

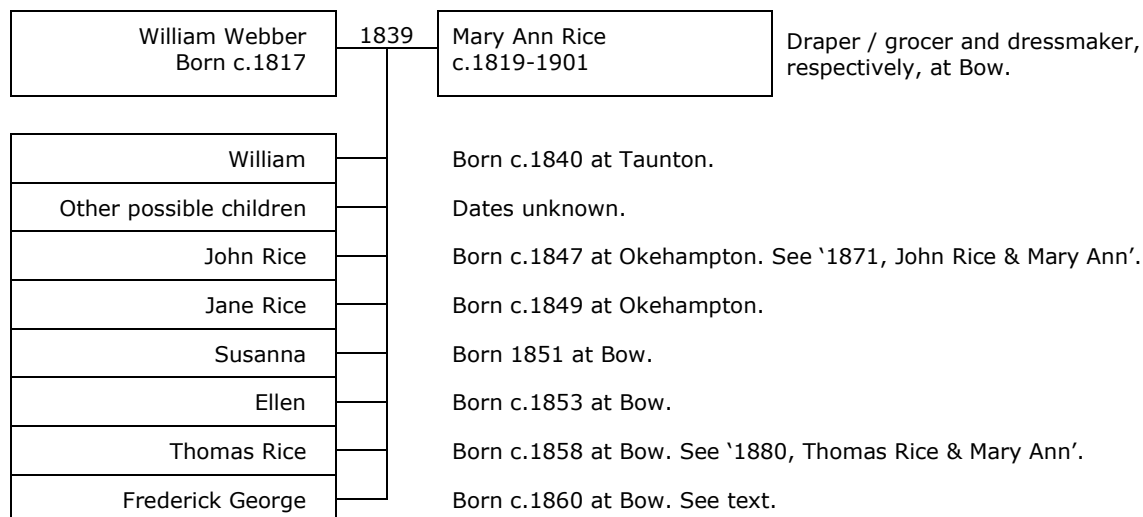


At the time of the 1841 census Simon was an agricultural labourer at Hilltown, Chawleigh, but he evidently died later that year, and was buried at Chawleigh on 19 December 1841 with his age recorded as 28.

1839, William & Mary Ann

William Webber married Mary Ann Rice in Exeter in 1Q1839. He was from Chulmleigh, and was almost certainly from Family '1802, George & Susanna'¹⁵. Census returns show that Mary Ann was also originally from Chulmleigh.

¹⁵ The other 'candidate' William of the right age, from Family '1808, George & Mary', was recorded in Chulmleigh with his mother and siblings on the day of the 1841 census. Although this does not definitively rule him out from have been visiting his mother but without his wife and oldest son, it makes it much less likely that he was actually the draper of Bow, and I have gone with the Stone Barton family.



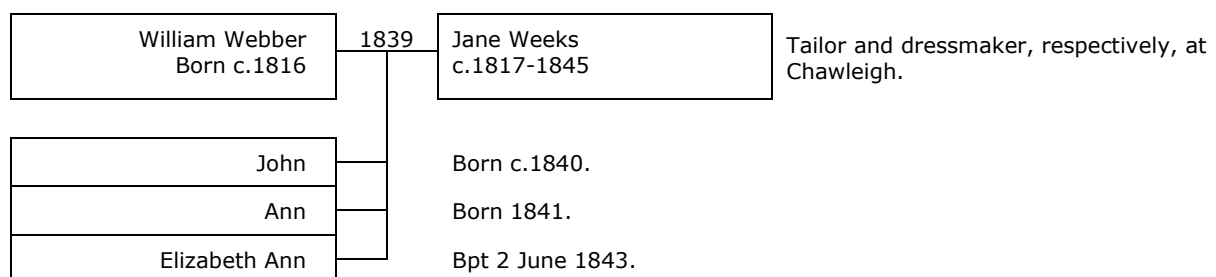
By the time of the 1851 census William and Mary Ann had settled at Bow, on the road between Crediton and Okehampton, where they had a draper's shop. The four eldest children named above were living with them. A decade later William (their son) was working on Whitechapel High Street in the East End of London as an assistant linen draper, but the other children were all at Bow with their parents, and John Rice had started to work in the shop. I have not traced William beyond 1861, and he may well have died relatively young in London.

By 1871 William and Mary Ann were living at Manchester House, Bow, with Susanna, Ellen and Frederick George. Thomas Rice was at boarding school in Chulmleigh. By 1881 all of the children had left home.

Frederick George married Jane Down from Nymet Rowland in 4Q1881 and they moved to Shoreditch in London where he was a grocer-draper. They do not appear to have had any children (certainly by the time of the 1891 census), and Jane died soon thereafter. On 3 October 1893 Frederick George was re-married to the rather younger Clara Louise Bowtle (born c.1868 in East London). His address at the time of the marriage was given as 28 Broadway, London Fields. By the 1911 census they had four children, born in Dublin, Willesden and Walthamstow, and he was a commercial traveller working in the publishing industry living at 9 Chewton Road, Walthamstow.

1839, William & Jane

William Webber married Jane Weeks at East Worlington on 10 May 1839. He was from Family '1809, Giles & Ann'. All three of their children were born at Chawleigh, but only Elizabeth Ann was baptised there.

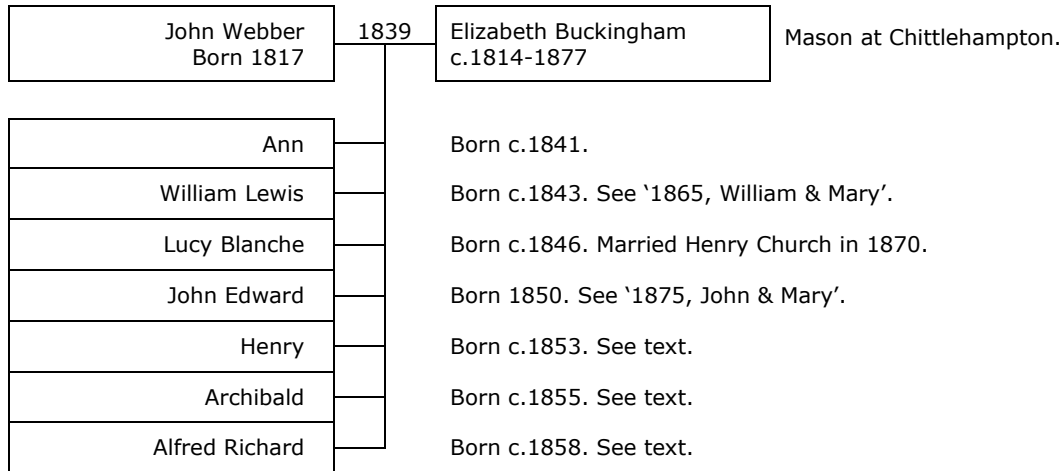


At the time of the 1841 census they were in Chawleigh with the two eldest children (Ann being just 1 month old). Unfortunately Jane died in 1845 (and was buried at Chawleigh on 24 February that year), and William was re-married (see Family '1849, William & Elizabeth' below).

At the time of the 1851 census John was staying with his Webber grandparents, and Elizabeth Ann was living with William, his new wife and their first child. In 1861 she was working as a servant for her aunt Susanna Carter (see Family '1809, Giles & Ann' for details) in Barnstaple.

1839, John & Elizabeth

John Webber married a wife called Elizabeth prior to 1840, and I think he very probably married Elizabeth Buckingham in South Molton district in 2Q1839. He was from Family '1816, Richard & Elizabeth' and she was originally from Burrington. They lived at Chittlehamholt in the parish of Chittlehampton.



At the time of the 1851 census the four eldest children can all be seen on the census return. By 1861 Ann had left home (or died) and William Lewis was described as a mason. By the time of the 1871 census only the four youngest sons were living with their parents, but all four were described as masons.

After Elizabeth's death (in 4Q1877) John was re-married to Pamela Andrews Towell (née Leverett) in South Molton district in 3Q1878. She had been born in Norfolk, but moved to London where she married Samuel Towell, a policeman from Chittlehampton. They moved back to Devon, and after Samuel's death she was re-married to John. They then moved to 46 Artillery Place, Woolwich where they had a tobacconist's shop at the time of the 1881 census. John died between 1891 and 1901, at which time Pamela still ran a shop (locksmith and newsagent) in Woolwich.

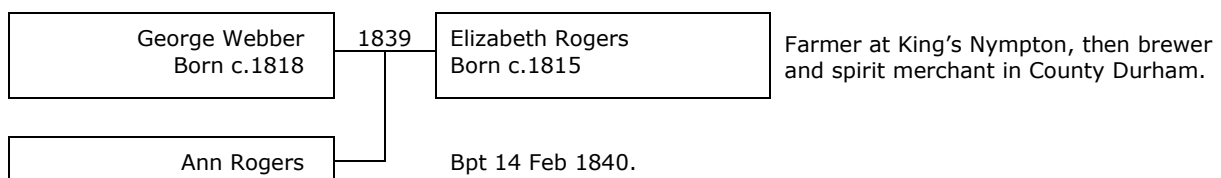
Lucy Blanche moved to London where she married Henry Church in 1870. They had a family in Lambeth.

Henry was living on his own at 9 Gilwell Street in the Charles district of Plymouth at the time of the 1881 census, described as a mason. Archibald was also living in the Charles district as a lodger, and also described as a mason. Alfred Richard was also a mason, working in Truro (St Clement's) where he was lodging with the family of a works foreman.

I have not found evidence for Henry or Archibald after 1881, but Alfred Richard married Mary Margaret Blight in Totnes district in 2Q1899, and at the time of the 1901 census was working as a bricklayer at 2 Archer Terrace, Plymouth with Margaret and their infant daughter Hilda. I have not found them in 1911.

1839, George & Elizabeth

George Webber married Elizabeth Rogers in South Molton district in 3Q1839. He was from Family '1817, George & Mary'. The 1861 census gives her place of birth as Blackwater, Surrey.



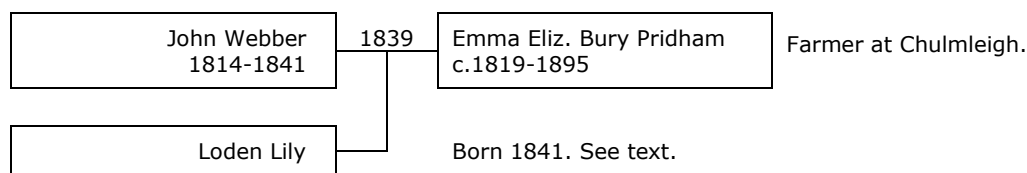
In 1840 George took on an apprentice for Eastwell, King's Nympton, which had been one of his father's farms, and at the time of the 1841 census he and Elizabeth were living in King's Nympton. Their daughter Ann Rogers was staying in a household headed by Jonathan Fry (who may have been related to Elizabeth).

By 1851 George, Mary and Ann Rogers were living at Bishop Auckland, between Darlington and Durham, with George described as a 'traveller in wine and spirits', born at Chulmleigh. A notice which can be seen via the on-line London Gazette shows that in August 1860 a partnership between George and Francis Hall Bainbridge, which had been trading as 'Bainbridge & Webber, brewers and spirit merchants', was dissolved. Ann Rogers died in 3Q1856, and at the time of the 1861 census George and Elizabeth were still at Bishop's Auckland, living at High Bondgate. Then in 1862 George's father made an assignment to him (though whether this was of assets or debt I am unsure). However, that assignment provides absolute proof of the link between the two Georges.

I have not found George and Elizabeth on the 1871 census, and things were evidently not going well for them by then, because in July 1872 the London Gazette shows that George, described as 'late of Bishop Auckland, wine and spirit merchant' was declared bankrupt. I wonder whether they emigrated after that, because I have not found any further trace of them.

1839, John & Emma Elizabeth

John Webber married Emma Elizabeth Bury Pridham in South Molton district in 3Q1839. He was from family '1808, George & Mary', and she was also from Chulmleigh. At the time of the 1841 census they were living on Fore Street, Chulmleigh with Charity Pridham, Emma Elizabeth's mother, a draper. John was a farmer, and their daughter was 1 month old. Unfortunately John died on 15 June 1841, and in a very simple will he left whatever he had to Emma Elizabeth.



Emma Elizabeth was subsequently re-married (at Bristol in 1844) to William Bryant, an Excise Officer from South Molton. At the time of the 1851 census they were living at South Molton with Loden Lily (with her surname recorded as Bryant) and other children of their own. Charity Pridham was also living with them.

William Bryant probably died in 1870 or 1871, and at the time of the 1871 census Emma Elizabeth was living in Deptford. It was also in Deptford that Loden Lily had a daughter (also Loden Lily, baptised at All Saints, Deptford on 27 December 1871¹⁶), 3 years before she married Frederick Bassé (4Q1874, in Islington district). Unfortunately both mother and daughter died in Greenwich district in 2Q1877, both with the surname Bassé. Emma Elizabeth subsequently lived with her daughter Clara Pearse (née Bryant) and died in the Kingston district of Surrey in 2Q1895 with her age given as c.76.

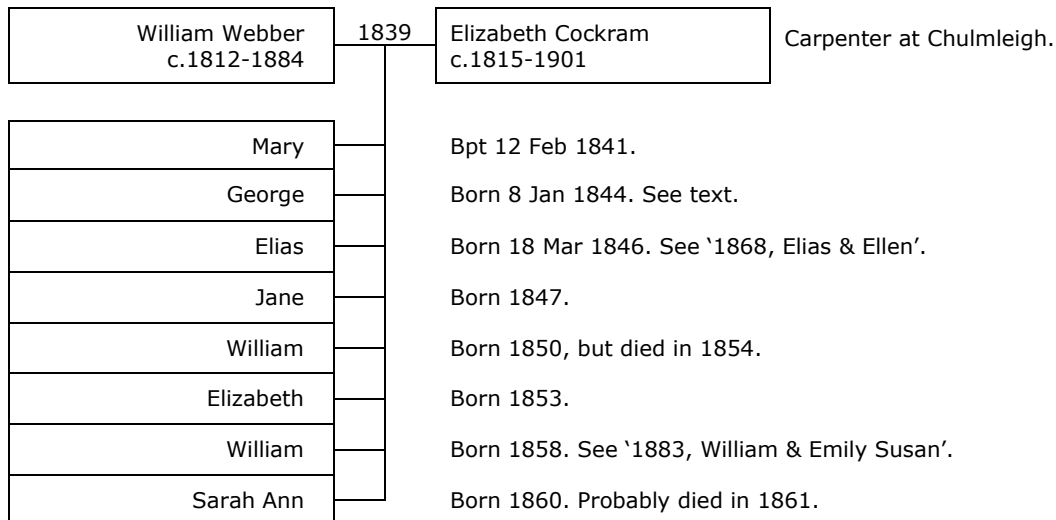
(For the avoidance of doubt, I am confident that despite the coincidence of a very unusual name, this family has no close connection to the Loden Lily Webber who married Richard Bemridge Toller at St Marylebone on 27 March 1882. That Loden Lily Webber was described as 'of Hockley Heath' (which is to the south of Birmingham) in the marriage register, and subsequent census returns show that she had been born in c.1864, though possibly in London).

1839, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married Elizabeth Cockram at the Independent Chapel in Chulmleigh in 1839. He was from Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth', and she was the daughter of John Cockram, a carpenter of 'High Bullen' (then in Chulmleigh, now in Chittlehampton). Several of the details here are taken from 'Tracing the Webbers' (see Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth' for details).

¹⁶ This information comes from the IGI. Although the IGI gives the date of birth as 5 July 1861, this is almost certainly a mis-transcription. The birth was registered in 3Q1871.

William died on 27 October 1884, and he shares a headstone with his young son, also William, who died on 1 March 1854. Elizabeth almost certainly died in Islington, London in 1Q1901. Evidence that she had left Chulmleigh comes from the fact that she can be seen living with her son Elias in Deptford at the time of the 1891 census, and by 1901 he had moved to North London, as had his brother George.



At the time of the 1841 census William and Elizabeth were living at Chulmleigh with her widowed father, and Mary (at that time 4 months old). By 1851 the family was at Great Shute Street, Chulmleigh, Mary was working as a glover, and the next four children had been born (William was 4 months old). Elias' name was wrongly recorded as Edwin on the 1851 census return.

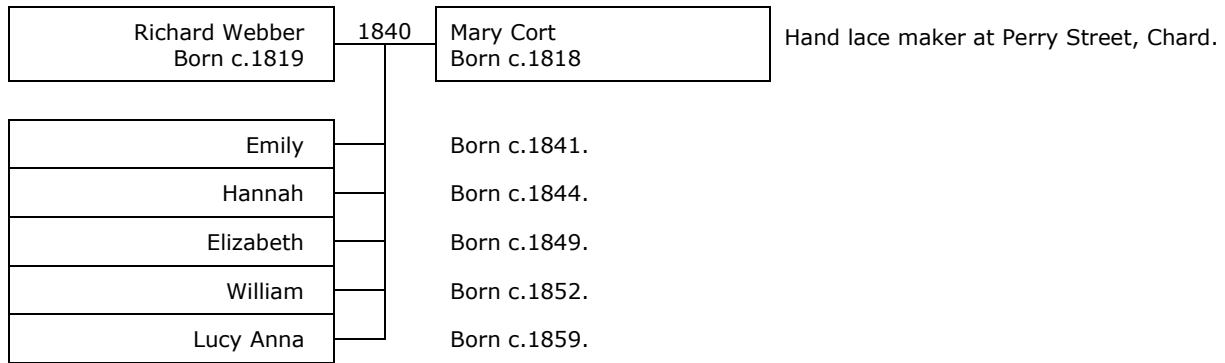
By 1858 the family had moved to Benley (still in Chulmleigh parish), and at the time of the 1861 census Mary had died or left home, George was working as a carpenter (for Thomas Ash Ford of Chulmleigh), Elias was a servant with the Raymont family in Chulmleigh, and Jane, Elizabeth, the younger William and the 5-month-old Sarah Ann were at home with their parents. I believe she probably died later that year, and almost certainly prior to the 1871 census.

By 1871 William and Elizabeth appear to have moved to Alverdiscott, where William was working as a wood ranger. Only William was living with them. By the time of the 1881 census William and Elizabeth were back in Chulmleigh, living on their own on East Street.

George married Johanna Pearce (or Pearse) in Newton Abbot district in 2Q1866. I believe her father was a master carpenter at Chudleigh, and her place of birth is variously given on the census returns as Chulmleigh and Chudleigh. They moved to London where George was a carpenter / joiner at 50 All Saints Road, Kensington (in 1871 when Johanna was a Honiton lace maker, and her mother and sister were living with them), then at 60 Wrotham Road, St Pancras (in 1881, when Johanna's mother was still with them, as was George's younger brother William), then at 51 Bismarck Road, Highgate (in both 1891 and 1901, by when they were looking after Constance and Annie, the orphaned daughters of his brother William, with the help of his brother Elias' daughter Clara). Bismarck Road was re-named Waterlow Road during World War I.

1840, Richard & Mary

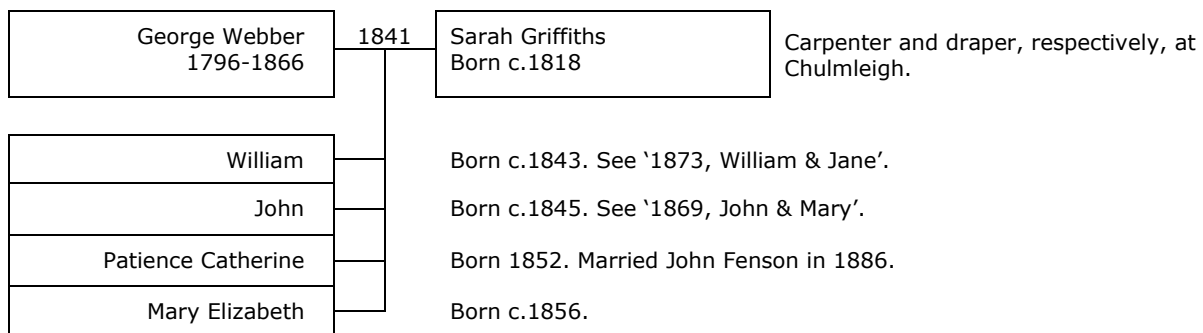
Richard Webber married Mary Cort in the Chard district of Somerset in 3Q1840. He had apparently been born at Chawleigh, probably the illegitimate son of a mother called Ann Webber, baptised at Chawleigh on 31 January 1819, but it is not possible to tell which family she came from. Mary Cort was originally from Uffcombe. All of their children were born at Perry Street, near Chard, so their family only had very slight connections to Chawleigh.



At the time of the 1851 census they were at Perry Street with their three oldest children. By 1861 Emily and Hannah had either died or left home, and both Elizabeth and William were working in a factory. By 1871 Mary had died, and Richard and William were both boarding in Chard, still working as hand lace makers.

1841, George & Sarah

George Webber married Sarah Griffiths in South Molton district in 4Q1841. He was very probably from Family '1792, William & Patience', and she was from St Giles-in-the-Wood. George probably died in 3Q1866.



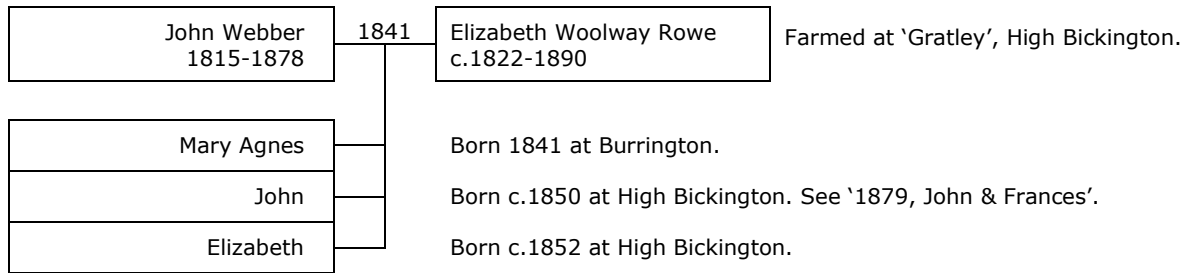
At the time of the 1851 census they were living in Chulmleigh with their two oldest children. A decade later George was staying at the 'Royal Oak' in Romansleigh, and Sarah was in Chulmleigh, described as a draper. Her two daughters were at home with her, but not the boys. Although I am far from sure about this, I believe that it is possible that they were both working as carters on farms, William at Ashreigney and John at Chawleigh.

In both 1871 and 1881 Sarah was described as a widow (and shopkeeper), and only Mary Elizabeth was living with her (though in 1871 an infant grandson, Alfred George Webber, born in Bayswater, was there too; he was John's son). In 1891 Sarah was living on her own, but her place of birth was given as Kelmscott rather than St Giles-in-the-Wood.

Patience Catherine was living at 8 Manchester Square in the Bloomsbury district of London when, on 9 May 1886, she was married to a widowed bookbinder called John Fenson.

1841, John & Elizabeth

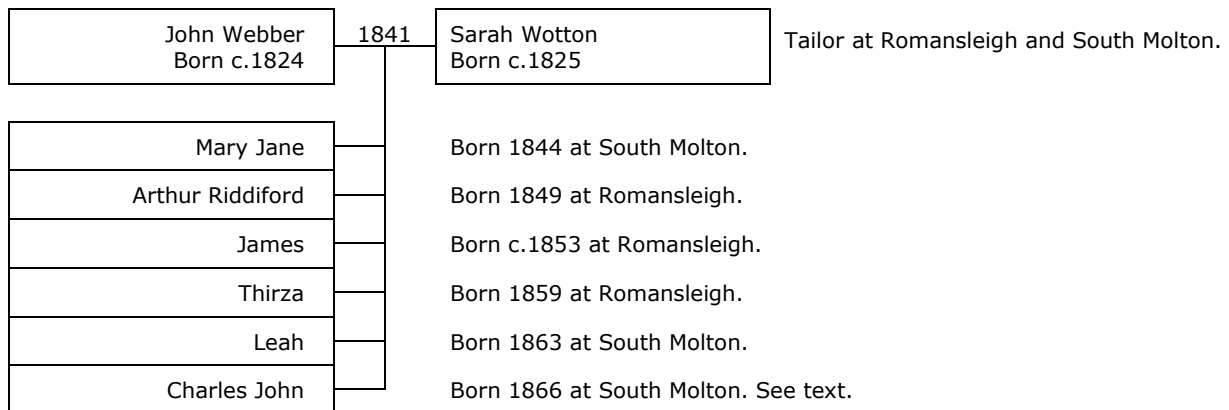
John Webber married Elizabeth Woolway Rowe in South Molton district in 2Q1841. He was from Family '1814, John & Agnes', and she was originally from Burrington. They farmed for many years at 'Gratley', High Bickington. John died on 9 January 1878 and is buried at Burrington, with his age given on his headstone as 62, and his residence as Gratley.



I have seen some evidence to suggest that Mary Agnes married, and that she died in Barcelona, but cannot confirm this.

1841, John & Sarah

John Webber married Sarah Wotton in the Stoke Damerel district of Plymouth in 2Q1841 while still very young. He was probably from Family '1823, John & Jane' and she had been born in Plymouth in c.1825. John became a tailor.



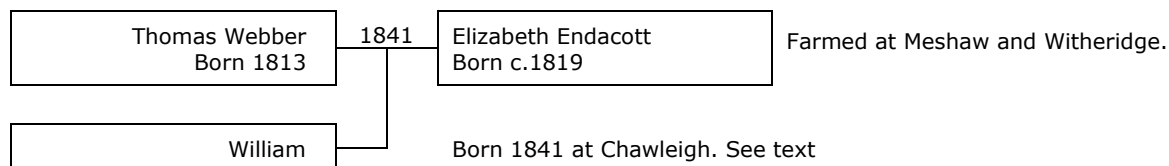
The family was living at Romansleigh in 1851, and was still there in 1861 (at Odams Mill cottages, next door to John's parents). At that time John was described as a labourer rather than a tailor, and only James and Thirza were living at home with their parents. Arthur Riddiford was working in the parish as a servant to the Drake family, and Mary Jane had either died, moved away or married. I have not traced either of them, or James, beyond this point.

By 1871 John and Sarah had moved to Brooks Cottage, South Molton, and John was again described as a tailor. Only the two youngest children were living at home with their parents.

By 1881 Thirza was working as a servant at North Molton, as was Leah (in a different household). Charles John was working as a farm servant for the Vicary family at Romansleigh in 1881. A decade later he was again an agricultural labourer, at Mariansleigh, but by the time of the 1901 census he had married (Eliza Setherton, in 1892), become the landlord of the New Inn at Bishops Nympton, and started a family which eventually comprised at least five sons and six daughters.

1841, Thomas & Elizabeth

Thomas Webber married Elizabeth Endacott in the Crediton district in 2Q1841. He was from Family '1813, William & Mary, and she was from Chawleigh, where their banns were read in June 1841 (or possibly, originally, Eggesford). At the time of the 1841 census, just before their marriage, they had both been working at 'Lodge', Chulmleigh (to the east of the town) for Henry Crispin, a land agent and surveyor.

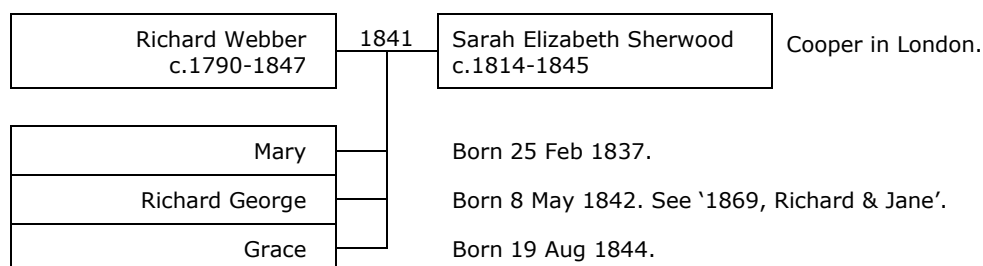


They must have spent some time in Chawleigh, because their only child was born (but not baptised) there, but by 1851 they had moved to Webber's Whitestone, a farm at Meshaw. They were still there a decade later, but later that year moved to Witheridge. Then on 4 September 1862 their son William died. An item in the Bible Christian magazine (which can be found on-line) gives most of the above details, and confirms that William was their only child. He died a month after being taken ill, evidently in great pain. He was buried at Rackenford chapel.

At the time of the 1871 census Thomas and Elizabeth were at Witheridge. By 1881 they had retired to St Marychurch (Torbay).

1841, Richard & Sarah

Richard Webber married Sarah Elizabeth Sherwood at St Leonard's, Shoreditch on 15 November 1841. He was from Family '1777, Giles & Mary', and was described in the marriage register as a widower (though I have not found any evidence of his first marriage). He was also described as a cooper, of 195 Shoreditch. Her address was given as 60 Shoreditch, and she was the daughter of William Sherwood, an 'excavator'.

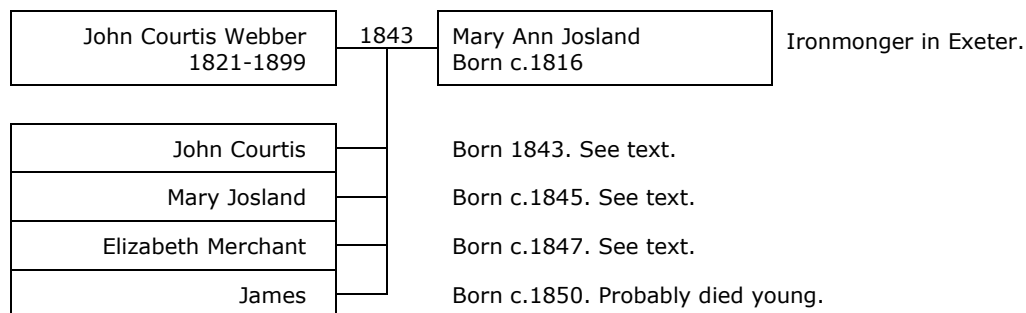


All three of the children shown above were baptised on the same day, 8 January 1845, at St Dunstan's Stepney, recorded as the children of Richard and Sarah, even though Mary had been born 4 years before their marriage. It is of course perfectly possible that she was Richard's daughter by Sarah (though see below). Sarah Elizabeth Webber's death was then recorded in Poplar district in 1Q1845, followed by that of Richard Webber (and very probably this Richard) in Poplar in 1847.

In 1851 Richard (the son) and Grace were staying at Bow (in Devon) with their uncle William (see Family '1819, William & Elizabeth'), as was a niece called Mary Sarah Sherwood, who was very probably their older sister using her mother's surname.

1843, John Courtis & Mary Ann

John Courtis Webber married Mary Ann Josland in Exeter in 1Q1843. He was from Family '1819, John & Mary', and she was originally from Chulmleigh (according to the 1851 census return), but living in Exeter by 1841. He, like his father, was an ironmonger in Exeter. He was also a strong supporter of the Congregational Chapel in Exeter, and in 1883 gave some land in Ide on which a Mission Hall was built (according to the Western Times of 25 July that year).



At the time of the 1851 census all four children were living with their parents on Waterbeer Street. The 1861 census shows that their daughter Mary Josland was blind, and a later census return shows that this was as a result of childhood measles.

By 1861 Mary Ann had died, and both John Courtises (father and son) were living at 8 Silver Terrace in the St Davids district of the city with Mary Josland. Elizabeth was boarding at a school in Clyst Honiton, and James may well have died. Later that year John Courtis was re-married to the headmistress of Elizabeth's school, Sarah Baker.

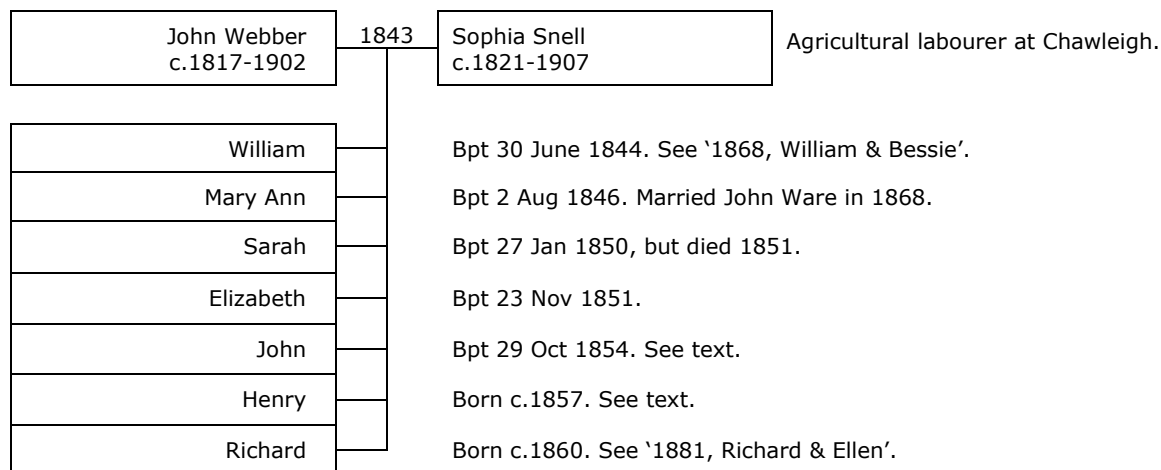
At the time of the 1871 census John Courtis and Sarah (who had been born at Rewe) were living at 7 Richmond Terrace with the two girls, but John Courtis (the son) had already died, in 1869. John Courtis and Sarah appear to have had a son of their own (the Exeter & Plymouth Gazette of 9 August 1867 reported the birth as having taken place on 30 July, at 7 Richmond Terrace, but the child does not appear to have survived. He may well have been called Cleeve, because there was both a birth and a death registered for a child of this name in Exeter in 3Q1867. Given the uncertainty about this, and the absence of other children, I have not created a separate family for John Courtis and Sarah).

Elizabeth Merchant married Henry Augustus Smith Pitt in Exeter district in 2Q1874. He was a Congregationalist minister, and they moved north (to Cumbria in 1881, and to Durham by the time Elizabeth died in 1884).

At the time of the 1881 census John Courtis and Sarah were living on St David's Hill, Exeter with Mary Josland, as they were in 1891. John Courtis died on 15 January 1899 at 'Rosewood', St David's Hill (according to the Exeter Flying Post of 21 January that year), and Sarah almost 2 years later, on 20 December 1900 (according to the Western Times of 21 December). I have not found Mary Josland after 1891.

1843, John & Sophia

John Webber married Sophia Snell in Crediton district (probably at Chawleigh, where their banns were read in June 1843) in 3Q1843. His place of birth is variously recorded as Chawleigh and Plymouth (Stonehouse). They are both buried at Chawleigh, with their infant daughter Sarah (who died on 20 October 1851). John died on 11 September 1902 with his age given as 86; Sophia died on 3 January 1907 with her age given as 85.



In 1851 they were living on Tiverton Road, Chawleigh with Mary Ann and Sarah. Their (probable) son William was living at Chawleigh with his widowed grandmother, Agnes Snell (born c.1781, a pauper and widow of an agricultural labourer). A decade later he was still in Chawleigh, working for the Stone family. At the time of the 1861 census Mary Ann and Elizabeth were both working as lace makers.

At the time of the 1871 census only Elizabeth (still a lace maker), John (a mason) and Richard were living with their parents, and a granddaughter (Sarah Webber Ware, born c.1868 at Chawleigh) was living with them, as she was a decade later. Henry was working as a servant in Chawleigh, for the Ford family in 1871.

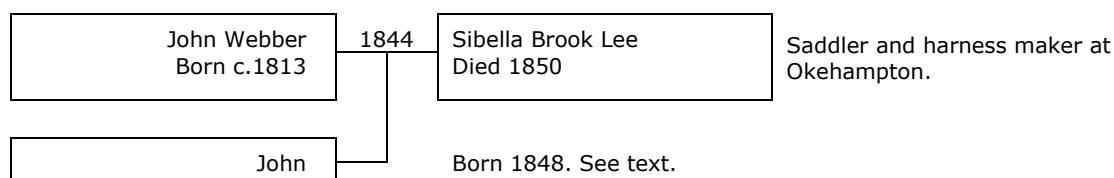
Elizabeth, John and Henry were still living with John and Sophia in 1881, but they were on their own in 1891.

John married Phoebe Rice of Coldridge in Crediton district in 2Q1888. He worked as a labourer, and they had a substantial family, all born at Chawleigh. At the time of the 1901 census the family was living at East Leigh cottages and John was working as a carter on a farm. One of their daughters (Florence) was staying with cousins in Manchester (see Family '1868, William & Bessie'), as she was in 1911. In 1911 their daughter Beatrice was described as the head of a household in Morchard Bishop with some of her younger siblings an uncle called Henry Webber, who I have not managed to identify, an unmarried police pensioner. This strongly suggests that John and Phoebe had both died by then.

By 1901 Henry was working for a road contractor in Chawleigh, and had married a rather older wife called Ann (probably Ann Webber, in Crediton district in 3Q1898, and although she had been born in Chawleigh in c.1849 I am uncertain of her origins). So far as I know they had no children.

1844, John & Sibella

John Webber married Sibella Brook Lee at Okehampton in 2Q1844. He was from Family '1802, George & Susanna', and he worked as a saddler and harness maker on Fore Street, Okehampton for many years.

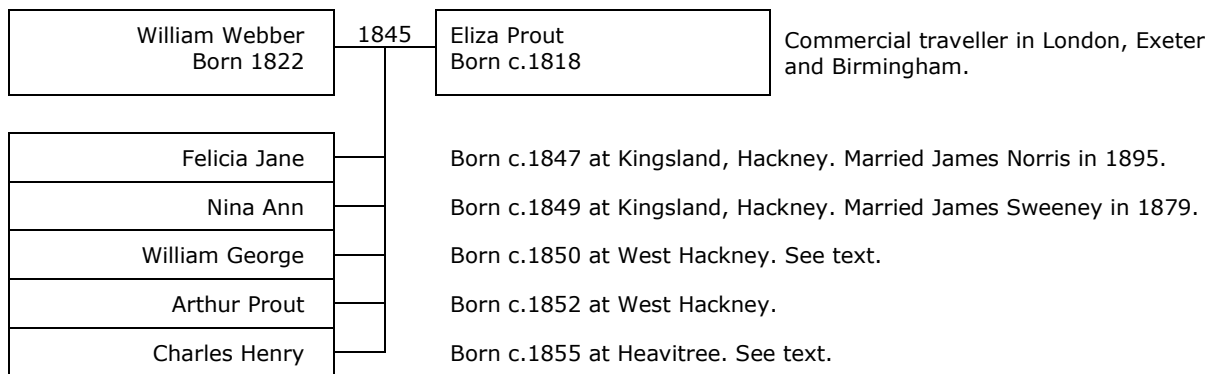


Sibella died in 3Q1850, and the two Johns (father and son) can be seen on Fore Street, Okehampton at the time of the census a year later. At the time of the 1861 census John (the son) was staying with his uncle William Lee (a watchmaker) and aunt Mary, who had recently moved from Okehampton to Bideford. He returned to Okehampton, but died in late 1870, aged c.22.

On 7 May 1857 John (the father) was re-married at Idlesleigh to Charlotte Chaming, a farmer's daughter. She appears to have been from Beaford originally. By the time of the 1861 census John's nephew Richard was acting as his apprentice in the saddlery business). John and Charlotte were still there in 1871.

1845, William & Eliza

William Webber married Eliza Prout at St Mary's Lambeth on 16 November 1845. He was from Family '1817, George & Mary', and working as a draper at the time of the marriage. She was the daughter of William Prout, a grocer. Census returns show that she had been born at Sidmouth.



At the time of the 1851 census they were living in Hackney, and William's brother Samuel was staying with them. William was described as a 'wholesale assistant hosier'. By 1861 he was a commercial traveller, and the family had moved to 6 Victoria Terrace in the St Sidwell district of Exeter. A decade later they were living in Edgbaston, Birmingham, with Felicia Jane, William George and Charles Henry. Arthur may well have died (or emigrated) by then: I have found no further evidence for him beyond 1861.

By 1881 Eliza, by then widowed, was living with Nina Ann and her husband James Sweeney, and their young family, at King's Norton.

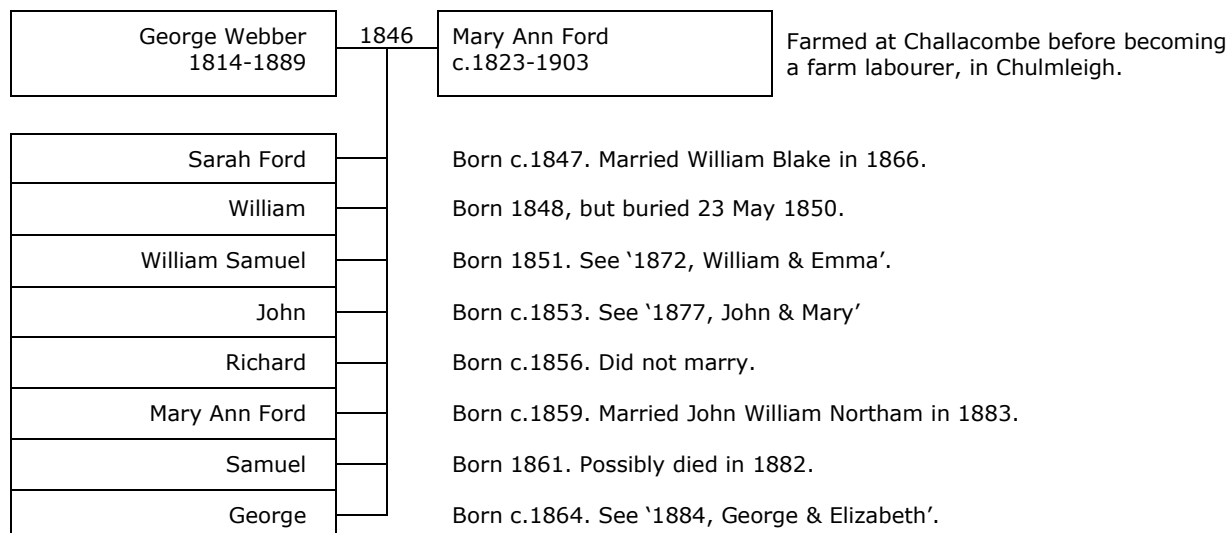
I believe that William George probably married Sarah Brearley in King's Norton district in 4Q1883, but I have been unable to find any trace of them thereafter, and they may have emigrated.

Charles Henry married Fanny Beauchamp at Wandsworth on 8 April 1894. He was by then described as a 'car man', living at 88 Northcot Road, and she was originally from Wiltshire. The 1901 census shows him working for the railways (still in London), and the 1911 census describes him as a 'globe cleaner', again working for the railways. They had one son (William) in c.1896.

1846, George & Mary Ann

George Webber married Mary Ann Ford in South Molton district in 2Q1846. He was from Family '1806, William & Ann', and she was originally from Chawleigh.

According to 'Tracing the Webbers' George had been one of the benefactors of the independent chapel in Chulmleigh in 1838. He may have taken part of his inheritance early in order to make that gift, because he subsequently inherited less than his brothers, and was appreciably less well off than them.



At the time of the 1851 census the family was at Challacombe, a 70-acre farm in Chulmleigh, with the two oldest surviving children. George was described on the census return as 'farmer of 70 acres / lab'(ouner). He was evidently not finding it easy to keep the farm on an even keel: the North Devon Journal of 13 December 1860 reported that he had been fined at Chulmleigh Petty Sessions for the non-payment of wages incurred during that year's harvest. The 1861 census shows him described as an agricultural labourer rather than a farmer, living at East Molland, Chulmleigh, with Mary Ann and their six oldest children (Samuel being just 2 months old at that time).

I strongly suspect that George was the person of that name, described as a labourer of Chulmleigh, who was declared bankrupt in about February 1862, but who obtained an order of discharge from bankruptcy a month later (both events recorded by the on-line London Gazette). It was rare for labourers to be declared bankrupt, and in my opinion this George is the strongest candidate to have been that unlucky person.

By 1871 Sarah Ford was married, and only John, Mary Ann Ford, Samuel and George were staying with their parents, who by then were living on South Molton Street, Chulmleigh. However, all four children still at home were described as 'scholars', showing that the family had not fallen on such hard times that they had to send the children out to work. William was very probably the person of that name working as a groom in Ilfracombe for Jabez Cooke, a landowner. Richard was working for his uncle Richard at Cadbury Barton.

By 1881 George and Mary Ann were living at West Ramally, which I believe is on the outskirts of Chulmleigh, near South Molton Street, and only Mary Ann Ford, by then a dress maker, was living with them. William was married by then, and John (also apparently married, but not at that time living with his wife) was probably the person of that name working as a farm servant at Woodbury for William Alford (himself originally from Chulmleigh). Richard was working for his brother-in-law William Blake, at Loxbeare. They (William and Sarah Ford Blake) had no children living at home with them. Samuel was an agricultural labourer (but shown as being in charge of the farm) at New Barn Farm Chulmleigh, and I have been unable to find George in 1881.

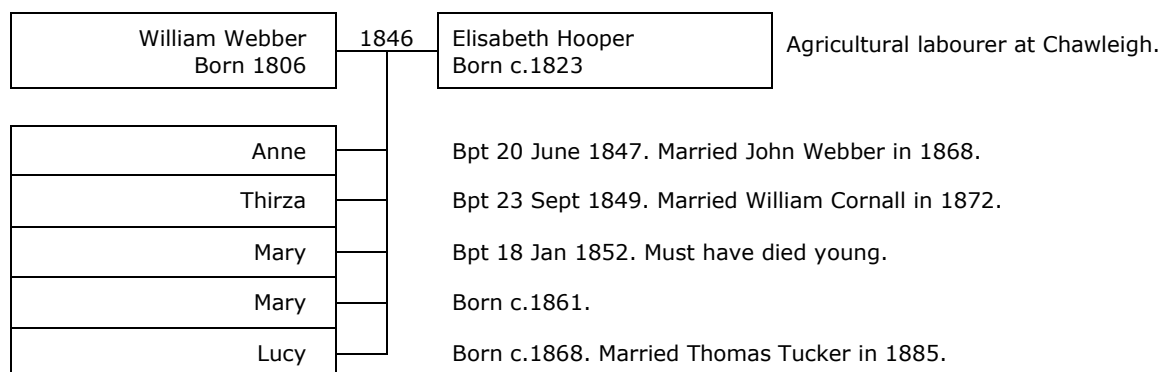
George (the father) very probably died in 1Q1889, and at the time of the 1891 census Mary Ann was living at Myrtle Cottage, Chulmleigh with Richard (an agricultural labourer) and a grandson called George Northam, whose parents (John William and Mary Ann Ford Northam) I have been unable to trace beyond the 1881 census.

In 1901 Mary Ann was living on Leigh Road Chulmleigh (which may well be the same address as Myrtle Cottage) with Sarah Ford (working as a charwoman) and Richard (still an agricultural labourer) and George Northam. Mary Ann died in 1903, and in 1911 Sarah Ford and Richard were living together at Myrtle Cottage.

1846, William & Elisabeth

William Webber married the somewhat younger Elisabeth Hooper in Crediton district in 4Q1846. Both of them were originally from Chawleigh, and William was almost certainly from Family '1806,

John & Grace'. This may have been Elisabeth's second marriage, since she already had a son, Richard (born c.1842 at Crediton Union).



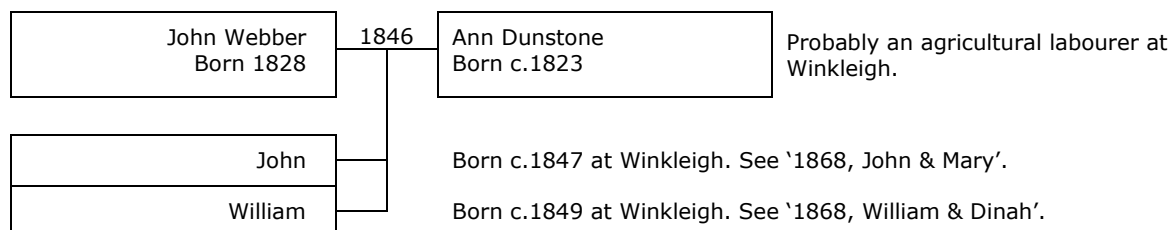
At the time of the 1851 census they were living at Smithington, Chawleigh with their first two children and Elisabeth's son, Richard. At the time of the 1861 census Ann and the first Mary were living with their parents, both described as lace makers. By 1871 the second Mary (by then a lace maker) and Lucy were living with them in Chawleigh village, together with a granddaughter (Ellen, born c.1870 at Chawleigh), who was presumably the daughter of Ann, whose married name was also Webber (see Family '1868, John & Ann'). Thirza was a lace maker in 1871, and was visiting a family of agricultural labourers in Romansleigh on the day of the census.

Thirza's husband was a plate layer for the railways, and they settled in Crediton where they had a substantial family. Lucy's husband was a shopkeeper in Chawleigh, who was originally from Coldridge. They too had a family.

William died prior to the 1881 census, at which time Elisabeth was visiting Thirza and her family. A decade later Elisabeth was staying with Lucy and her family.

1846, John & Ann

Although I am far from certain, I think there is a fair chance that it was John Webber from Family '1820, Giles & Maria' who married Ann Dunstone in Okehampton district in 4Q1846 and had the children shown below.

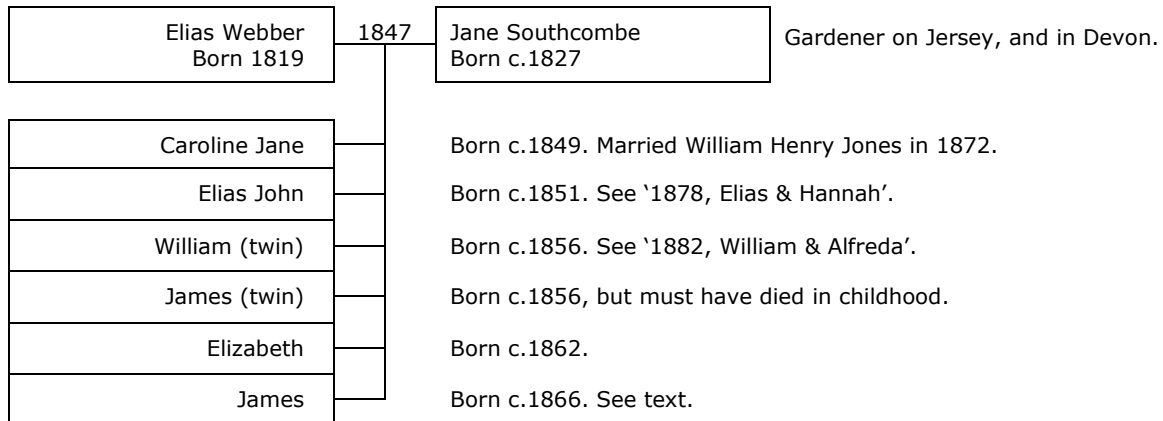


John evidently died a few years after the marriage, probably in 1850, following which Ann was re-married to a Chawleigh shoemaker called John Bullied. They later moved to Exeter (in 1871 they can be seen living at Anchor Lane in the St Edmund district, with a boarder called Henry Webber who was shown as having been born at Winkleigh in c.1854, who was probably not related, unless he was the illegitimate son of one of John's sisters).

John (the son) was staying with his Webber grandparents at the time of the 1851 census, whereas William was with his mother and her second husband (and their son, James). In 1861 John was working as a servant for the Reed family at Eggesford.

1847, Elias & Jane

Elias Webber married Jane Southcombe in South Molton district in 1Q1847. He was from Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth', and she was from South Molton.



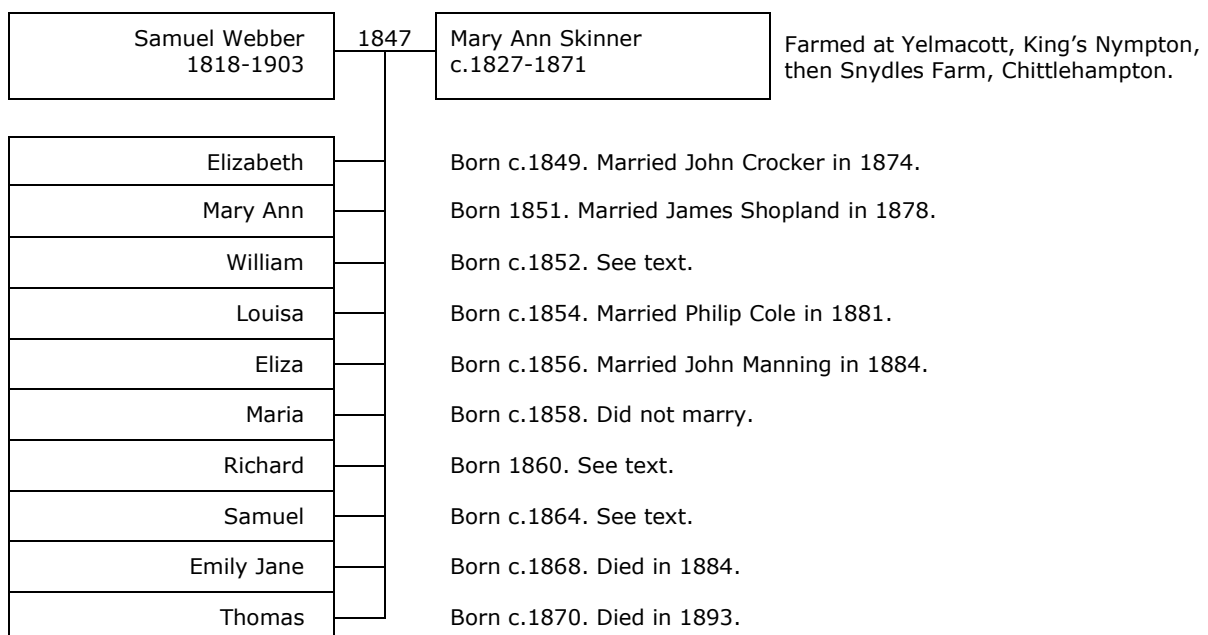
At the time of the 1851 census Elias was an agricultural labourer at Chulmleigh, but before long the family had moved to Jersey, where he was a gardener and where their four youngest children were all born. By 1871 they had moved back to Devon, and Elias was a gardener at Ellacombe, near Torquay. William, Elizabeth and James were living at home with them. By 1881 Elias and Jane were living at Barnstaple (with Elias John's wife Hannah). By 1891 they were at 13 Western Terrace, Pilton, and had been joined by Elizabeth, who was still single.

At the time of the 1881 census both William and James were staying with Caroline Jane, her husband William Henry Jones, a saddler from Barnstaple, and their children, at 30 Kilton Street, Battersea. Both William and James were described as plumbers, born on Jersey.

Unlike William, James returned to North Devon, and married Annie Lake in the Barnstaple district in 3Q1888. They had a substantial family and lived at East Pilton and then Barnstaple, and he was a French polisher by trade.

1847, Samuel & Mary Ann

Samuel Webber married Mary Ann Skinner at King's Nympton on 20 May 1847. He was from Family '1806, William & Ann', and she was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Skinner of King's Nympton.



At the time of the 1851 census Samuel and Mary Ann were at Yelmacott with their newly-born daughter (also Mary Ann), while Elizabeth was staying with her Skinner grandparents. Samuel and

Mary Ann's 1851 household included an unrelated Francis Webber¹⁷. In 1861 they were there with their seven oldest children.

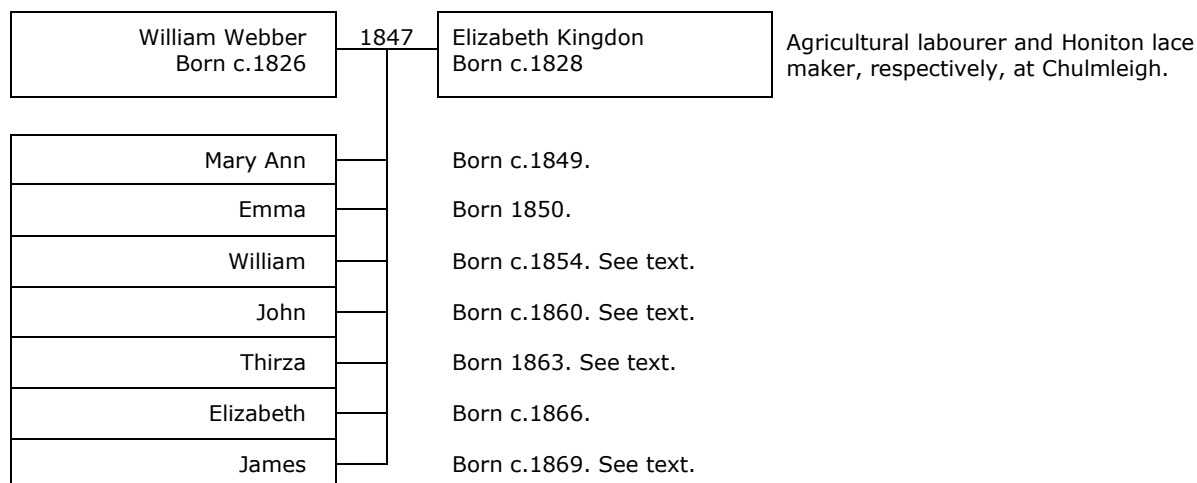
Mary Ann died shortly before the 1871 census, and is buried in King's Nympton churchyard. At the time of the census all of the rest of the family was living at Snydles Farm, Chittlehampton, and all of them except the three eldest daughters were still there in 1881, with a granddaughter (Emily Shopland, Mary Ann's daughter). William appears to have died in 1892, though this is by no means certain. Maria remained single.

Richard married Annie Dennis John in Barnstaple district in 4Q1888 and had five sons. She was originally from Landkey, and Richard farmed for several years at Kingsland Farm, South Molton, but probably lived for a while near Taunton, where their first son was born.

Samuel married Maria Crocker in South Molton district in 1Q1891. She was the daughter of John Crocker of West Hele Farm, King's Nympton, and quite possibly his cousin. Samuel farmed at Woodhouse Week, Spreyton, where his father-in-law lived with them, but died in his early 30s without having any children. Maria was subsequently re-married, to Robert Cock of South Molton.

1847, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married a wife called Elizabeth, and probably Elizabeth Kingdon, in South Molton district in 2Q1847. He was originally from Chulmleigh, and she was from Exeter. Although the census returns suggest that William had been born in c.1826, he may have been a bit older than that, and the illegitimate child of that name born to a mother called Elizabeth Webber, and baptised at Chulmleigh on 7 September 1823.



At the time of the 1851 census they were living at Chulmleigh with their two oldest children (Emma was 7 months old). A decade later Elizabeth was described as a Honiton lace maker, as was Mary Ann. She and her next three siblings were living with their parents.

By the time of the 1871 census Mary Ann had died or left home, and William and John were probably farm servants (in Ashreigney with the Medlake family, and in Chulmleigh with the Pearce family, respectively). Emma, living at home with her parents and younger siblings, was a lace maker. A decade later only Elizabeth and James were at home with their parents. By 1891 Elizabeth appears to have died, and William was working in Chulmleigh for the Loosemore family.

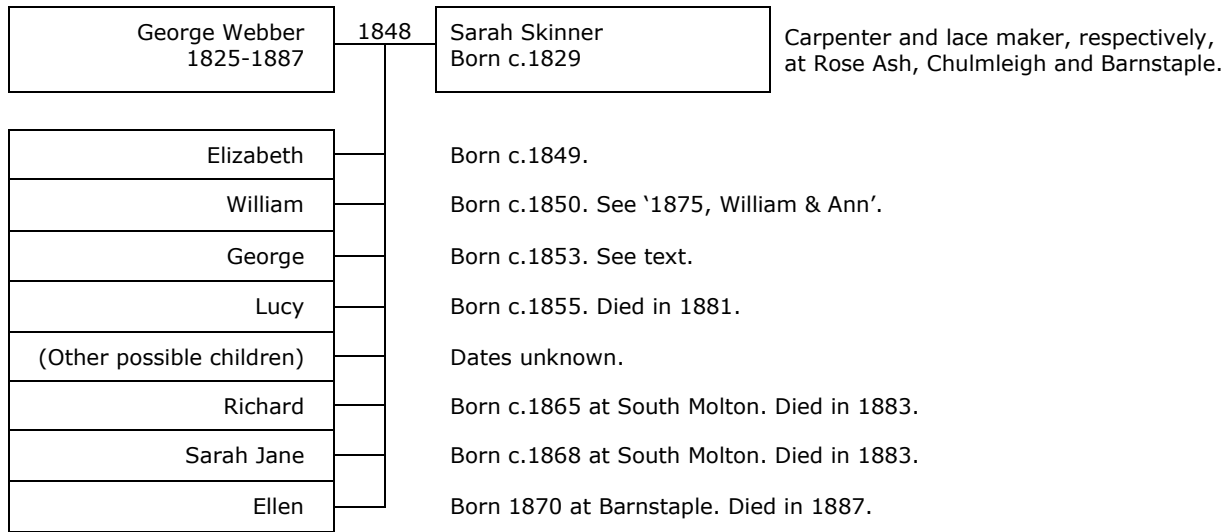
I have been unable to find William, John or Thirza in 1881, and they may have emigrated.

James married Emily Jane Norman, the daughter of a Burrington shop keeper, in South Molton district in 2Q1890. He became a boot dealer and outfitter on Fore Street, Chulmleigh, and they only had one daughter.

¹⁷ The census shows that he had been born at George Nympton, and the George Nympton parish register has a baptism there on 6 January 1838, the third of seven children baptised to parents called John (a labourer) and Elizabeth. His younger brother James was also working in King's Nympton in 1851, for John Hancock.

1848, George & Sarah

George Webber married Sarah Skinner in South Molton district in 1Q1848. He was from Family '1806, Richard & Elizabeth' and she was originally from Chulmleigh.



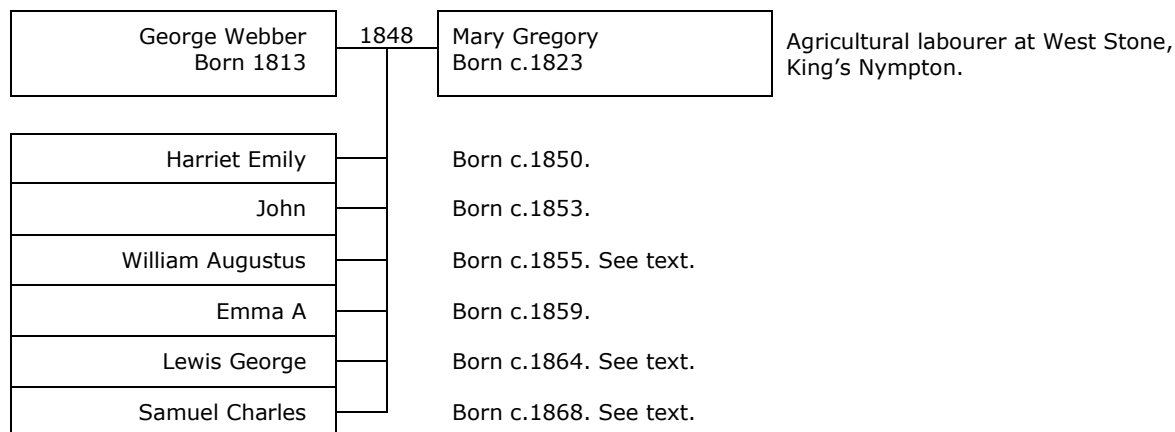
By the time of the 1851 census George and Sarah had moved to Chulmleigh with Elizabeth and William. In 1861 they were still there, with George and Lucy, and Elizabeth was visiting her Webber grandmother in Chulmleigh. I have found no trace of William in 1861. There may well have been other children born in the decade after Lucy, during which the family evidently moved from Chulmleigh to South Molton.

By 1871 they had moved again, to Barnstaple, and the four youngest children shown above were living at home with their parents. At the time of the 1881 census they were still in Barnstaple, living next door to George's brother Elias and his family. The same four children were still living with their parents. George and all four of those children appear to have died over the following decade, and I have not found Sarah thereafter.

George (the son) may well be the 'stone Sawyer' of that name shown as born at Chulmleigh who was living at Roath, then on the outskirts of Cardiff, at the time of the 1881 census (and later) with a wife called Priscilla (née Bennett), who was c.39 in 1881, and had been born in Herefordshire. They had evidently been married in Cardiff in 3Q1875, and I can see no evidence to suggest that they had any children. They were living at 48 Diamond Street, Cardiff in 1901, and a decade later George was there on his own, shown as a widower, and working as the secretary of a club. His older brother William had also apparently moved to Roath.

1848, George & Mary

George Webber married Mary Gregory in South Molton district in 1Q1848. He was almost certainly from Family 'c.1811, John & Grace', and she had been born at Bishop's Nympton.



At the time of the 1851 census they were at West Stone with Harriet Emily, living next door to his parents, with George described as an agricultural labourer. They were still in King's Nympton in 1861 with all four children born by then.

At the time of the 1871 census Emma, Lewis and Samuel were living with their parents, still at King's Nympton. Harriet Emily was working in Exeter as a servant, John was lodging in Exeter, but described as an agricultural labourer, and William (resorted simply as Augustus) was working at Lower Collacott, King's Nympton as a farm servant. I have not traced John after 1871, and it is possible that he emigrated.

By 1881 George had died, and Mary was living at Mount Radford Square, Exeter with her three youngest children, and with her occupation described as 'mangling'. Emma was a dressmaker, Lewis was a furniture porter and Samuel was a page in domestic service. There was also a 25-year-old Sarah Webber from Yorkshire staying with them, described as a clerk's wife. I suspect that her name was probably mis-recorded, and that she was actually Sarah Scott (see below).

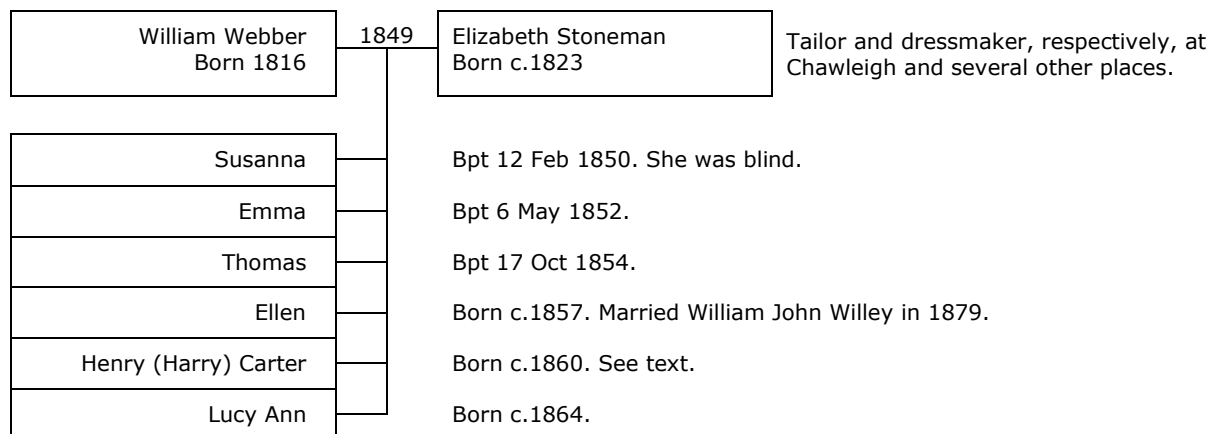
In 1891 Mary was living with Lewis, by then the head of household and a furniture dealer in the All Hallows area of Exeter. Lewis George married Mary Maud Barter at St Thomas', Exeter in 3Q1891, and they had just one child (Leonard George). Lewis was a furniture dealer at various locations in Exeter (138 Fore Street in 1901 and 44 Haldon Road, St David's in 1911).

William Augustus was living in Skipton, at 5 Railway Street, at the time of the 1891 census, and Harriet Emily was staying with him. He was described as a widowed railway stoker, having married Hannah Bailey at Skipton in 3Q1878, and been widowed in 1880. He was then re-married to Sarah Scott in Keighley district in 3Q1882, but she died in 1887. So far as I know he did not have any children by either Hannah or Sarah. By 1891 he had moved to Eskdale, Cumbria where he was working as a railway engine driver, and lodging with another railway employee. He was then married for a third time in 2Q1895, in Carlisle district, to the somewhat older Mary Howson. The 1911 census shows the two of them living at Clifford Street, Appleby.

Samuel Charles became a clerk on the railways. He married Elizabeth Harriet Mudge (who had been born at Exeter) at Reading in 3Q1889, and they lived at Exeter and then Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, and had at least three children.

1849, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married Elizabeth Stoneman in Okehampton district in 2Q1849. This was his second marriage (see Family '1839, William & Jane' above for his first). She was originally from Bondleigh.



At the time of the 1851 census they were living at Chawleigh with Susanna, and with Elizabeth Ann, William's youngest daughter from his first marriage. The on-line London Gazette shows that in November 1858 William was declared bankrupt, and held in gaol at Exeter, described as a tailor, draper and grocer of Fore Street, Chawleigh. Despite this set-back, in 1861 William was recorded as a master tailor, again living in Chawleigh with Elizabeth and their five eldest children. Elizabeth was variously described on the census returns as a dressmaker and milliner.

At the time of the 1871 census William and Elizabeth were visiting Chagford, where they were staying with William Bolt, a particularly well-named ironmonger. Susanna was visiting a family in Bow. The five younger children were living together on Hatherleigh Street, North Tawton (which was very probably their parents' home). Emma (a sewing machine operator) was recorded as the head of household, Thomas was an apprentice tailor, and the other three were at school. They had an older lodger (Robert Martin, a 29-year-old organist from Norfolk).

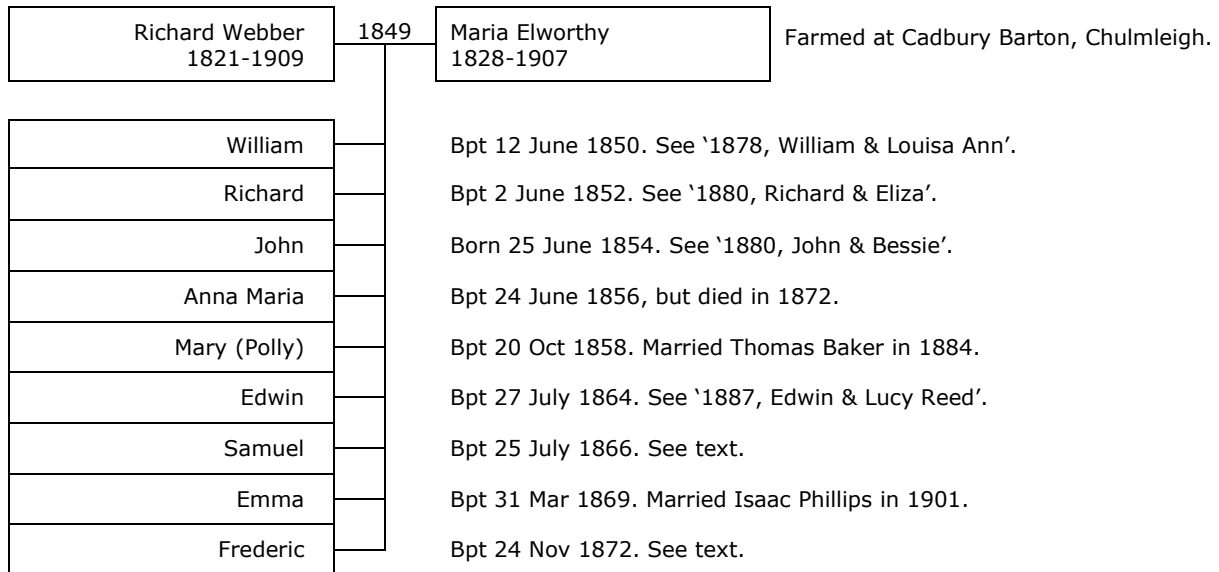
In November 1875 William himself filed for bankruptcy, this time described (in the London Gazette) as a grocer and draper of Burrington. By the time of the 1881 census Elizabeth had died, and William was living on Hatherleigh Street, North Tawton with Susanna (described as both blind and a former dressmaker) and Lucy (an actual dressmaker) and Susan Stoneman, Elizabeth's 81-year-old mother from Bondleigh.

At the time of the 1891 census William and Susanna were still on Hatherleigh Street, and Henry was visiting them with his wife Clara. Their 7-year-old grandson William Willey was visiting them. By 1901 William was in the County lunatic asylum at Exminster.

Henry was a commercial traveller in the drapery business, and was married twice. He married Clara Finch at Taunton in 1Q1888, and then in 4Q1910 he married Ada Elizabeth Lomer at Northampton. At the time of the 1911 census they were living at Keynsham. I am not aware that he had children by either marriage.

1849, Richard & Maria

Richard Webber married Maria Elworthy in 2Q1849. He was from Family '1806, William & Ann', and she was the daughter of Thomas and Anne Elworthy of Spittle Farm, on the border of Chulmleigh and King's Nympton parishes. Richard took over the running of Cadbury Barton from his father. Richard and Maria are both buried at Chulmleigh.



At the time of the 1851 census Richard's father, William, was visiting them, and their eldest son had been born the year before. A decade later their five eldest children were all at home. In 1871 William, John, Mary, Edwin, Samuel and Emma were living with their parents, and Richard was working as a draper's assistant and living at 24 High Street, Barnstaple. By 1881 only Mary, Edwin, Emma and Frederic were at home with their parents, and a decade later just Emma and Frederic were there.

Samuel married Florence Maria (Bessie) Hellier at Newton St Cyres on 4 January 1893. She was the daughter of the late John Hellier, and they had three children, of whom one died in infancy. By the time of the 1901 census Samuel was the proprietor of the Lord Palmerston Hotel in Tiverton.

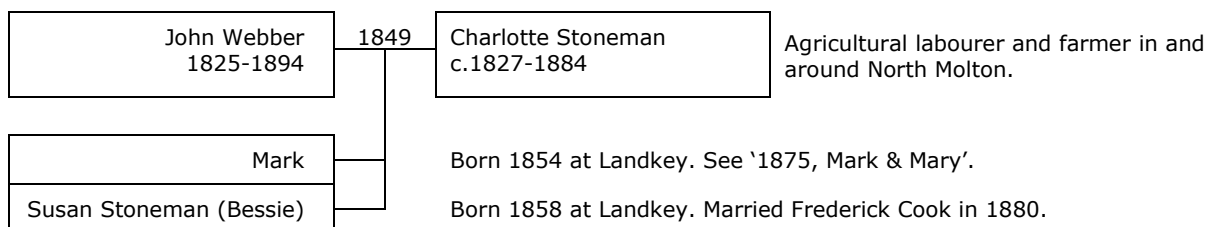
Frederic married Annie Louisa Lee in 1904 and farmed at Whelmstone Barton, Colebrook, but they had no children. He died in the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918.

1849, John & Charlotte

John Webber married Charlotte Stoneman in Barnstaple district in 2Q1849. He was from Family '1824, John & Maria' and she was originally from Bishop's Nympton.

At the time of the 1851 census they were living at Higher Hunstone in the parish of North Molton, and John was described as a farmer of 4 acres. A decade later their two children had been born (both at Landkey), but they were in High Bray parish and John was an agricultural labourer. By 1871 they had moved back to North Molton, and John was a dairyman at North Heasley. A decade later (in 1881) he was shown as a farmer of 87 acres, still at North Heasley, being assisted by his son-in-law Frederick Cook.

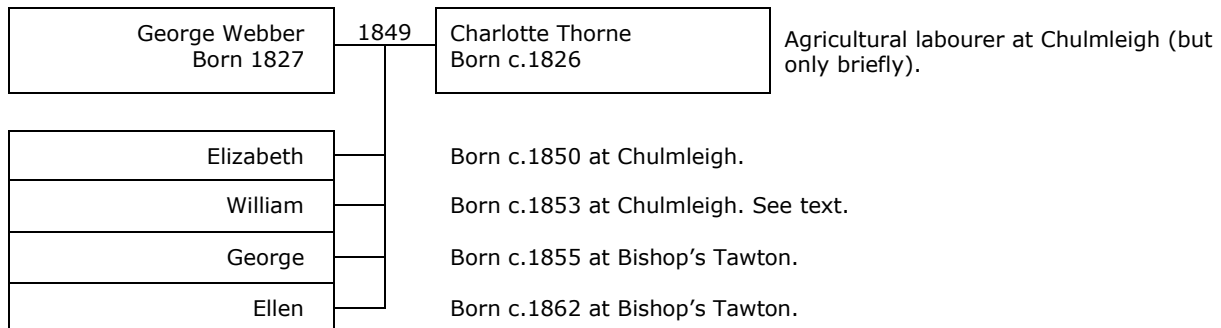
It is possible that they had a further son called William, at Bishop's Tawton in c.1853, who was living with John's mother Maria in both 1861 and 1871, but this is far from certain.



Charlotte died in 1884, and at the time of the 1891 census John was again living with Frederick and Bessie at North Molton. He died in 1894.

1849, George & Charlotte

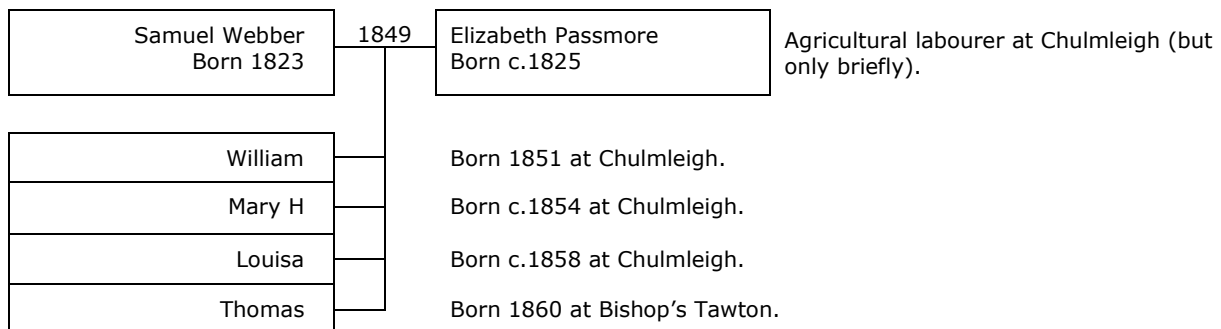
George Webber married Charlotte Thorne in South Molton district in 2Q1849. He was originally from Bishop's Tawton, having been baptised there on 9 September 1827 to a father called George (his mother's name is recorded by the IGI as 'James'), and she was from Chulmleigh.



At the time of the 1851 census Charlotte's brother William was staying with the family. By 1861 the family had left Chulmleigh, and it was only Elizabeth and William who have any real connection with the parish. William became a mason (as did his brother George), and settled at Bishop's Tawton where he had a family.

1849, Samuel & Elizabeth

Samuel Webber married Elizabeth Passmore in South Molton district in 3Q1849. He was originally from Bishop's Tawton, having been baptised there on 13 July 1823 to parents called William and Mary, and she was from Chittlehampton.



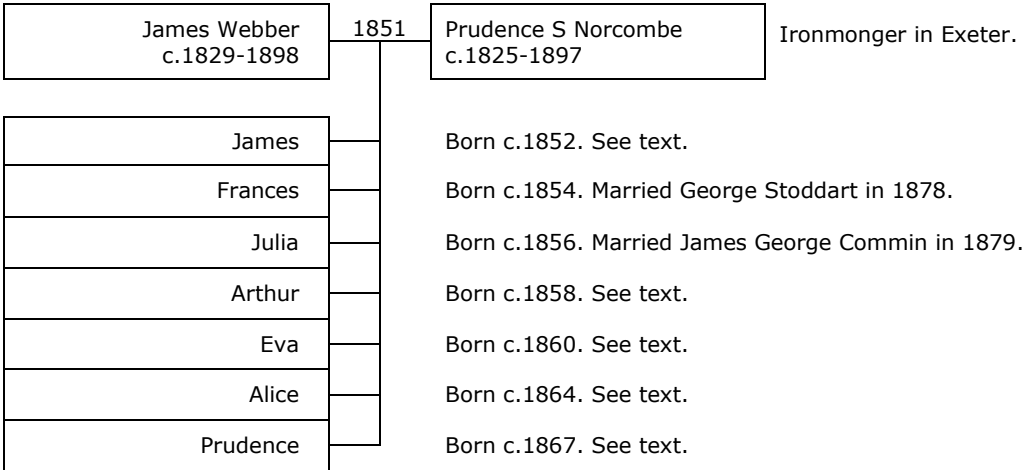
William was 3 months old at the time of the 1851 census. The family had left Chulmleigh (for Bishop's Tawton) by the time of the 1861 census, and it is only the first three children who have any real connection with the parish. I have not traced William beyond 1861: he could conceivably be the originator of Family '1872, William & Emma', but on balance I do not think he was.

In both 1861 and 1871 this family was living next door to the one above (George & Charlotte), at Bishop's Tawton.

Chapter 5: Marriages from 1850 to 1874

1851, James & Prudence

James Webber married Prudence Squire Norcombe at Exeter in 1Q1851. He was from Family '1819, John & Mary'. She had been born at Exeter. James followed his father into the ironmongering business.

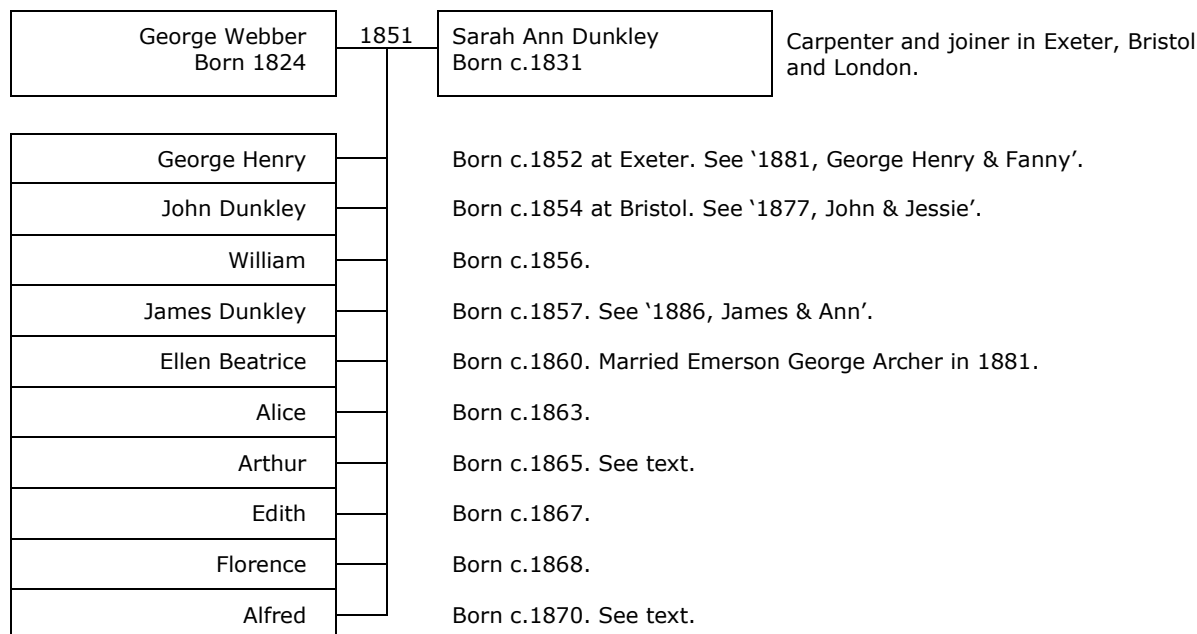


At the time of the 1851 census James and Prudence were living at 40 Hamden Place, in the St Thomas district of Exeter. A decade later they were living in Heavitree, on the east side of the city. By 1871 James (the son) was staying in Liverpool with Prudence’s brother Edmund Squire Norcombe, a merchant, and Arthur was at school in Dawlish. The other children were at home with their parents at Hills Court in the St David’s area of the city. I have been unable to trace either James or Arthur after 1871.

By 1881 James (the father) was recorded as a retired ironmonger, still at Hills Court, with both Prudences (mother and daughter) and Eva. Alice was staying in Liverpool with other relatives (Thomas and Julia Adams). In 1891 only Prudence (the daughter) was living with her parents, at 36 Longbrook Street, Exeter. In 1901, after her parents’ death, Prudence was living (on her own means) in Ilfracombe. In 1911 Eva was still single, living on her own means at 18 Dix Field, Exeter.

1851, George & Sarah Ann

George Webber married Sarah Ann Dunkley at Exeter in 2Q1851. He was from Family '1817, George & Grace', and had moved to Exeter with his father and stepmother, where he became a joiner. She had been born at Plymouth. All of their children apart from the two eldest were born in London, in Islington.



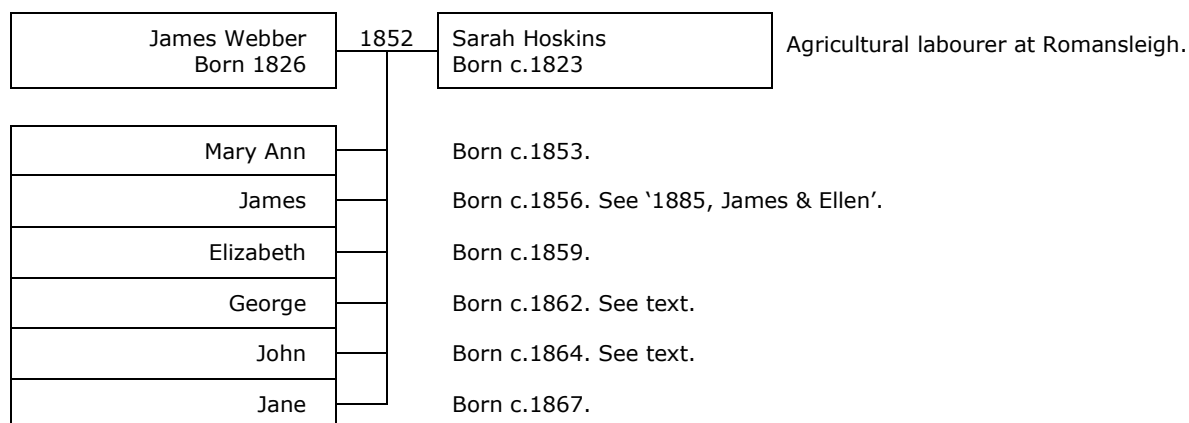
At the time of the 1861 census George and Sarah Ann were living at 14 Prospect Row, Islington with their first five children. By 1871 they had moved to 8 Weston Terrace Green Lane, Stoke Newington; George Henry was a 'rubber warehouseman' and John Dunkley was carpenter, like his father.

At the time of the 1881 census the family was living at 1 Leconfield Road, Islington. William was at home with his parents, as were the five youngest children. Ellen was staying with the Archer family at Stoke Newington: later that year (on 6 September 1881, at All Saints, Stoke Newington) she married Emerson Archer, an engineer. James was serving in the army in 1881, as a bombardier in the Royal Artillery at Golden Hill Fort on the Isle of Wight.

By 1891 only Alfred (an office assistant) was living with his parents, at 78 High Street, Kingsland. Arthur had become a carpenter, like his father, and was lodging in Hornsey. George and Sarah Ann were at the same address in 1901, on their own. By 1911 they had moved to 50 Alvington Crescent, Dalston. The census return shows that half of their 10 children had died by then (certainly including John, James and Ellen).

1852, James & Sarah

James Webber married Sarah Hoskins in South Molton district in 4Q1852. He was from Family '1823, John & Jane'. She had been born at Bishop's Nympton.



The family was living at Romansleigh in both 1861 and 1871. In 1871 James' father, John, was staying with him, Sarah, George, John and Jane. James (their son) was also in Romansleigh, working as a servant.

By 1881 Sarah was on her own in Romansleigh, and James (the father) may well have died. Her son George was also in the village, working as a servant. Sarah was still there, with no other family members, in 1891.

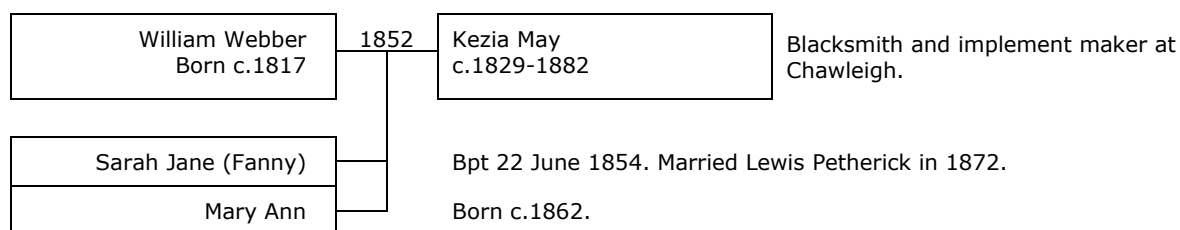
George married Sarah Difford in the Barton Regis district of Gloucestershire in 4Q1890. She was originally from Meare, Somerset, and I think she was probably the widow of George Difford, a turf merchant. At the time of the 1891 census they were living at 4 Victoria Terrace, Shirehampton; George was working as a labourer at the docks, a daughter from Sarah's previous marriage was living with them and the first of their three sons. In 1901 they were still at the same address, and by 1911 they had moved to 43 Bradley Crescent, Shirehampton, and George and both sons were working at the docks.

It is possible that John died 3Q1880 in South Molton district, but this is by no means certain.

1852, William & Kezia

William Webber married the somewhat younger Kezia May in Crediton district in 4Q1852. She was originally from either Colebrook or Coppleshone. Census evidence suggests that William was from Morchard Bishop, and information kindly provided to me by Pam Abikhair suggests that William was probably the son of William Webber¹⁸ and his wife Ann¹⁹ (also née Webber, possibly his cousin, married at Morchard Bishop on 28 February 1804).

At the time of both the 1841 and 1851 censuses an older Frances Webber was staying with William at Chawleigh: she was very probably his mother's older sister. At the time of the 1861 census (after his marriage to Kezia) a Henry Webber born c.1840 at Chawleigh, also a blacksmith, was living with them. Henry had not been living with William in either 1841 or 1851, and although he could be a son from an earlier marriage, he could equally well have been a nephew or cousin.



On 25 August 1869 there was a catastrophic fire which destroyed 21 houses and damaged many others in Chawleigh. William and Kezia's house was one of those identified as having been 'water damaged'. However, by 1871 they were re-established at the Smith's Shop on the Village Square at Chawleigh, with their two daughters living with them.

William and Kezia were still in Chawleigh at the time of the 1881 census, with Mary Ann. By 1891 both William and Kezia had evidently died (Kezia in 4Q1882), and Mary Ann was living with her married sister, in Chawleigh. Lewis Petherick was described as a farmer and blacksmith, and had apparently taken over the Smith's Shop on the Square. By 1901 Sarah Jane had evidently died, but Mary Ann was still living with Lewis and his family.

c.1853, William & Elizabeth

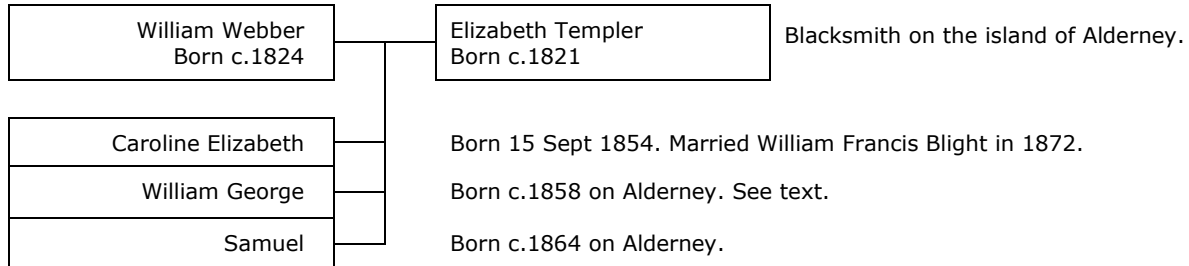
William Webber married an English-born wife called Elizabeth in c.1853 while he was living and working on Alderney in the Channel Islands. He was from Family '1824, William & Jane', and at the time of the 1851 census he was a blacksmith living in Braye village, near the harbour, where a massive breakwater was in the process of being built (work started in 1847 and was finished in

¹⁸ This William was probably born in 1774, the son of John Webber and Susanna (née Laddy, married at Morchard Bishop in 1770).

¹⁹ Ann was probably born in 1780, the daughter of James Webber and Betty (née Wreford, married at Morchard Bishop in 1768).

1864, but the breakwater was seriously damaged by a storm in 1865, and later caused the whole harbour area to silt up).

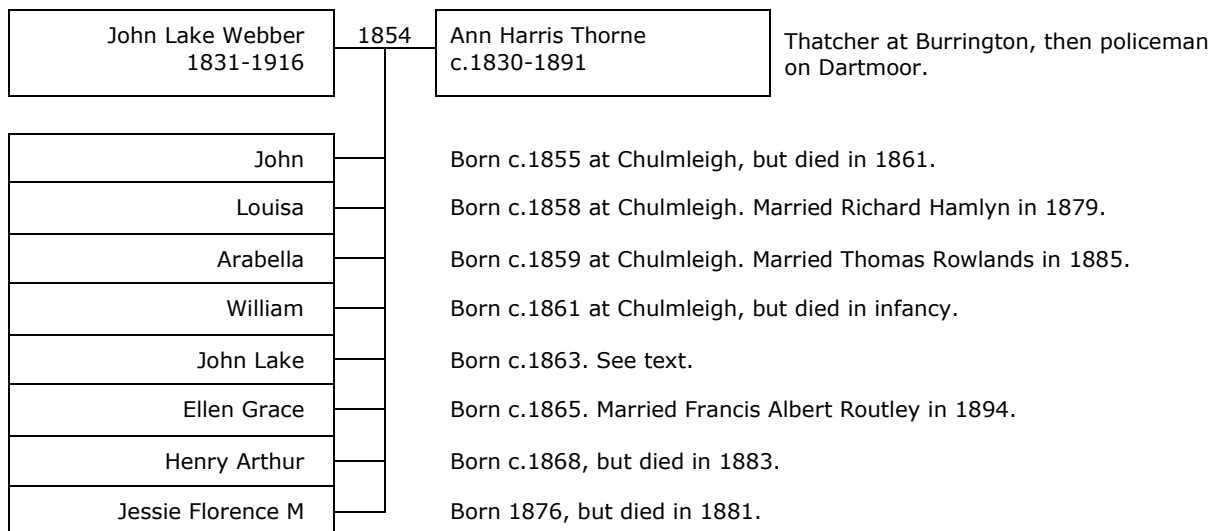
There is a reasonable chance that his wife was Elizabeth Templer, who was the only unmarried English-born person called Elizabeth of the right age who was living on Alderney at the time of the 1851 census. She was at that time working as a servant in the main town of St Anne.



By the time of the 1861 census William and Elizabeth had two children, as shown above, and William's brother George was staying with them. By 1871 they were living in St Peter Port, Guernsey; Caroline was a dressmaker and William George (though only c.13) was working for a cabinet maker. I have not found the family after 1871, and they may well have died or emigrated. I have certainly seen evidence that Caroline was married (in Guernsey) as shown above, and then emigrated to Chatham in Kent County, Ontario. I have also seen hints that William George also went to Ontario, but nothing very definite.

1854, John Lake & Ann

John Lake Webber married Ann Harris Thorne in South Molton district in 1Q1854. He was from Family '1830, Henry & Grace', and she was also from Burrington, the daughter of a widowed shopkeeper in the village. At the time of the 1861 census his widowed father was living (or staying) with them and their four oldest children in Burrington. All four of those children had been born at Chulmleigh.



In or about 1863 John Lake joined the police force, and for 25 years he was the policeman for the village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor. He evidently also wrote poetry, and a book of his verse ('Dartmoor's Policeman Poet') was published relatively recently by a local historian, Simon Dell.

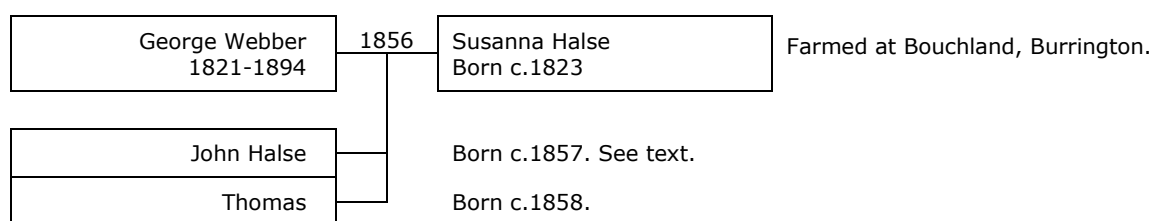
At the time of the 1871 census all of the surviving children born by then were at home with their parents. In 1881 the family was living at Bittleford Cottage, Widecombe-in-the-Moor with John Lake, Henry Arthur and Jessie Florence M (born when Ann was in her mid-to-late 40s). Jessie died of an abcess on the brain, and convulsions, on 30 May 1881 (after the census), and Henry Arthur died in 1883. By 1891 only Ellen was at home with her parents.

Ann died later that year, and in 1892 John Lake was re-married to Elizabeth Ann Withycombe. John Lake (the son) apparently married Eliza Smith in 1Q1889, and died just over 6 months later, aged 27. At the time of the 1901 census, John Lake, by then a police pensioner, was staying at 20 Bedford Street, Devonport with his recently widowed daughter Ellen Routley, who had three children, one just 3 weeks old. John Lake and Elizabeth Ann subsequently moved back to Burrington, where they were living at the time of the 1911 census.

Louisa married Richard Hamlyn from Lydford, and by the time of the 1881 census he was a draper, and they were living with a young daughter in the Paddington district of London. Louisa's sister Arabella was visiting them, described as a dressmaker. She later married Thomas Rowlands, a publican, and lived in Plymouth.

1856, George & Susanna

George Webber married Susanna Halse in South Molton district in 2Q1856. He was from Family '1814, John & Agnes' and she was originally from Cheldon. By the time of the 1861 census Bouchland was described as 150 acres, and in 1871 it was 202 acres.



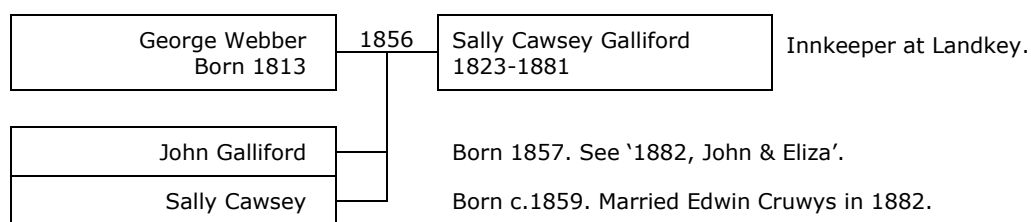
John Halse was not at home with his parents at the time of the 1861 census but was there in 1871 (unlike Thomas, who had very probably died: I have been unable to trace him after 1861. The Thomas Webber who was living with them in 1871 was a servant, and from Family '1835, William & Elizabeth').

In 1881 George, Susanna and John Halse were still living together at Bouchland. By 1891 John Halse was the head of household, but his parents were living with him. A report in the Exeter & Plymouth Gazette of 14 April 1891 shows that John Halse had been summonsed for shooting a woodcock without a game certificate. His defence (of ignorance of the law) was pretty convincing: he assured the magistrate that had he known he was committing an offence, he certainly would not have done so in the presence of both a gamekeeper and a policeman. He was fined the nominal amount of 1 shilling, plus costs.

John Halse's mother was still living with him in 1901, as was his aunt, Elizabeth Halse. By 1908 the family had left Bouchland (the Western Times of 27 May 1908 confirms that a Mr Rippin was living there by then). At the time of the 1911 census John Halse was shown as retired, and living at Marwood Cottage, Kingsford, High Bickington. He died on 14 February 1927 and is buried at Burrington, with his age given as 70 on his headstone. I am confident that he did not marry.

1856, George & Sally

George Webber married Sally Cawsey Galliford in Barnstaple district in 3Q1856. He was from Family '1803, John & Susanna', and she was from Landkey, which is where they lived, and where their children were born. Only 3 years before their marriage George's niece Susannah (daughter of his elder brother John) had married another member of the Landkey Gallifords.

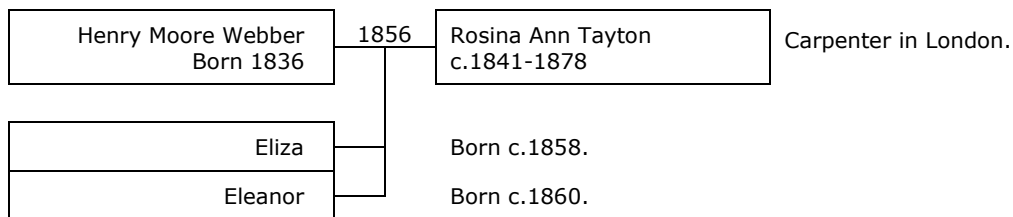


Both of their children had been born prior to the 1861 census, at which time they were running the Castle Inn, Landkey. Neither George nor his son John was present on the day of the 1871 census, but Sally was still described as a wife rather than a widow. I think George may well have died in 1878, and Sally certainly died in 1Q1881. In 1889 John and Sally (the children, by then adults) both inherited property via the will of their grandfather, Richard Galliford of Landkey.

John was apprenticed to Gaydons, a Barnstaple firm of clock makers. He then spent 7 years in the Life Guards, and was, apparently, a model for one of the Life Guards sculpted at the base of the Wellington Monument at Hyde Park Corner.

1856, Henry & Rosina

Henry Moore Webber married Rosina Ann Tayton at Canonbury, Islington on 21 December 1856. He was from Family `1835, George & Ann`, and at the time of his marriage was living at Stanley Road and working as a carpenter. She was the daughter of Richard Tayton of Bentley Crescent, a `coachman`, and had been born in Camberwell.

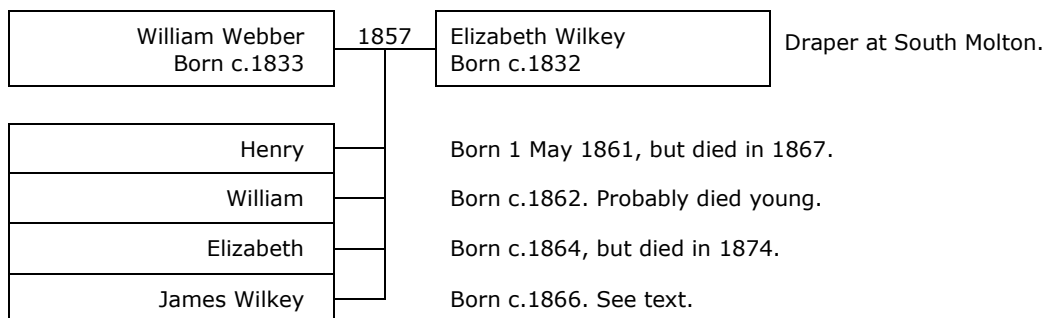


At the time of the 1861 census they were living at 5 Tottenham Square, West Hackney. I have not found them in England thereafter, but I understand that they emigrated to Richmond, Victoria, Australia, where Rosina died in 1878, quite possibly after having further children. Henry Moore was then re-married in 1879 to Harriet Bastin (who had also been born in England) and had a further family, including a son called Gordon Charles (1885 to 1960) who rose through the trades union movement to become a member of the State Parliament of Victoria. I owe this information to his grandson, Greg Webber, via whose son the Webber surname survives in Australia.

1857, William & Elizabeth

William Webber married Elizabeth Wilkey at St Marylebone on 8 April 1857. He was from Family `1831, James & Mary`, and she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Wilkey of Marylebone (according to Trewman's Flying Post of 23 April that year).

They took over the family drapery business in King Street, South Molton, and at the time of the 1861 census they were living there, and Elizabeth's widowed mother (who had apparently been born at North Tawton) was staying with them.



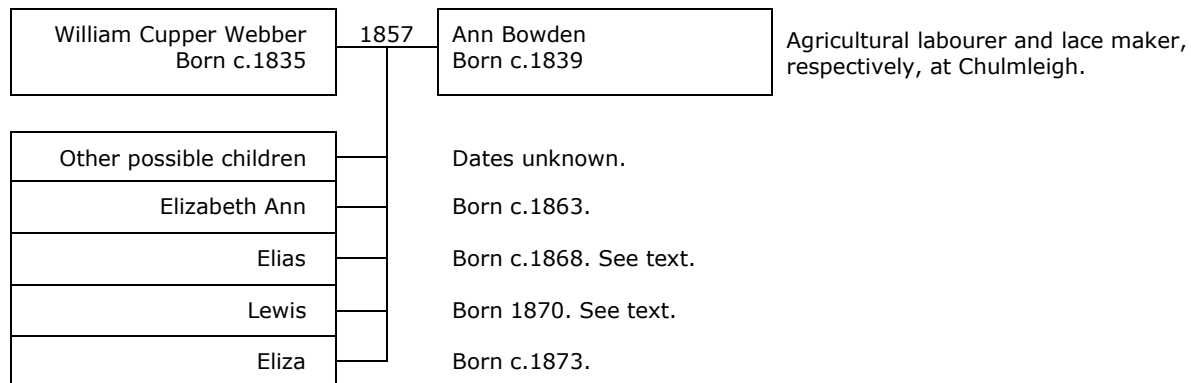
Trewman's Flying Post of 8 May 1861 announced the birth of a son to Mrs William Webber of South Molton, and a Henry Webber died aged 5 in 1Q1867. I believe it very likely that he was from this family. William can be seen on the 1871 census when the family was at Waterloo House, King Street, but I cannot find him thereafter. Elizabeth also died in childhood. By 1881 James was apparently the only one of their children still alive, and he was away at school at Staplegrove, near

Taunton. William and Elizabeth were at 9 King Street, and their niece Elizabeth Wilkey was visiting them from London.

James married Elizabeth Rains in the Strand district of London in 4Q1899. She was the youngest daughter of John Rains (by then dead), a florist and fruiterer from 9 King Street, Covent Garden. James was a pharmaceutical chemist at 202 Chiswick High Street by the time of the 1901 census. He and Elizabeth were still there in 1911, but had no children.

1857, William & Ann

William Cupper Webber married a wife called Ann, and she may well have been Ann Bowden (or Bawden), with the marriage taking place in South Molton district in 4Q1857. He was from Family '1833, John & Ann', and she was originally from Cheldon. If she was indeed Ann Bowden, her father was an agricultural labourer at Cheldon at the time of the 1841 census.



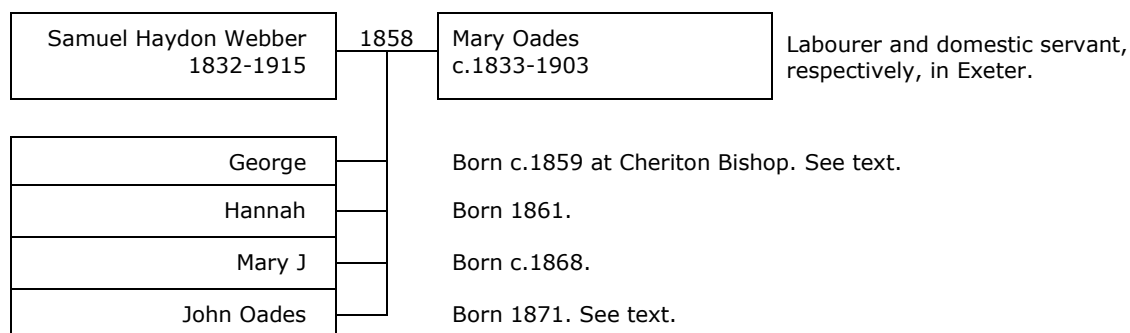
At the time of the 1861 census they were living in Chulmleigh, and Ann was described as a lace maker. A decade later they had three children (including Lewis, 8 months old). In 1881 only Lewis and Eliza were living with their parents. Elizabeth Ann was working in Chulmleigh for the Brooks family, and Elias was working in King's Nympton for the Raymont family. By 1891 the family had left Chulmleigh, and I have found no further trace of Elias.

Lewis became a policeman in London. He married Leah Jane Prout (who was originally from North Molton) in the Strand district in 2Q1893, and they lived in the Peabody Buildings in Stamford Street, Lambeth where they had four daughters.

It is possible that William (the father) may have died in the St Pancras area of London in 2Q1893. I have not found Lewis at the time of the 1891 census, but he was very probably in London by then, and William could have been visiting him.

1858, Samuel & Mary

Samuel Haydon Webber married Mary Oades (or Oudes) in Crediton district in 1Q1858. He was from Family '1824, William & Jane', and she was originally from Cheriton Bishop. Other than George, their children were born at Exeter, where they had settled in about 1860.



At the time of the 1861 census they were living on Paul's Terrace in the St Thomas the Apostle area of Exeter, and Hannah was 1 month old. Samuel was a labourer and carter. A decade later they were living in the St Thomas area with the four children named above.

In 1881 Samuel was described on the census return as a 'carman', and Mary was working as a domestic servant. Neither George nor Hannah was at home, but I believe George had probably joined the Coldstream Guards by then, being based at Wellington Barracks, Knightsbridge on the day of the census.

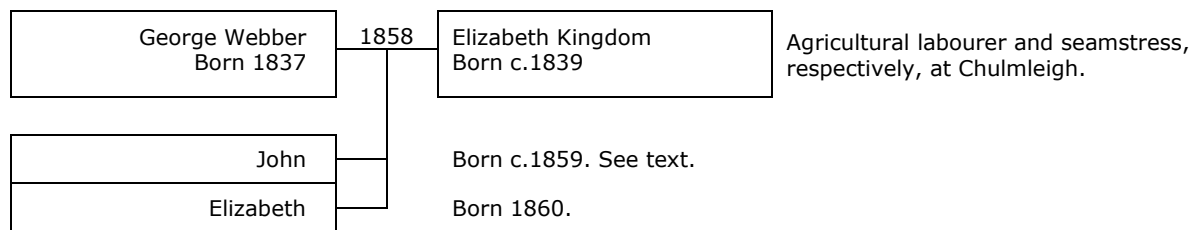
By 1901 only John was at home with Samuel and Mary, and they were living on Paris Street in the St Sidwell district of the city. John was by then working as a grocer's assistant.

Although I am not entirely convinced (because his place of birth was given as Exeter rather than Cheriton Bishop), I think George worked as a cleaner for Exeter Cathedral after he left the army, and married Mercy Sarah Chown of Colaton Raleigh in Exeter in 4Q1891. They had no children.

John, who by 1911 was a commercial traveller in the drapery business, had married Jessie Woolmer in the Ware district of Hertfordshire in 2Q1904. She was from Hoddesdon, and she had a daughter who can be seen living with them at 5 Brunswick Street, Exeter St Thomas at the time of the 1911 census. They did not (by then) have any children of their own, and since Jessie was by then c.35, they probably did not have any.

1858, George & Elizabeth

George Webber married Elizabeth Kingdom in South Molton district in 3Q1858. He was from Family '1823, John & Jane' and she had been born at Chulmleigh, the daughter of Thomas and Dinah Kingdom (Thomas being an agricultural labourer originally from South Molton, and Dinah being originally from King's Nympton).



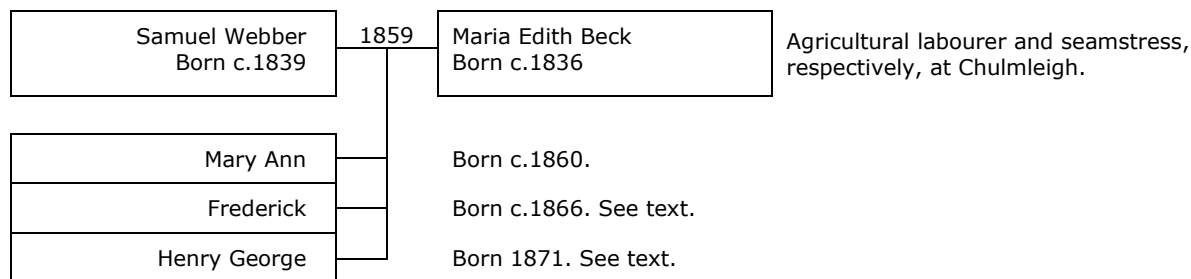
They were living in Chulmleigh with Elizabeth (by then 10 months old) at the time of the 1861 census, and Elizabeth's parents were either living or staying with them as well. George was an agricultural labourer, and Elizabeth was a seamstress. Elizabeth evidently died relatively soon thereafter, because George moved away from Chulmleigh, and was re-married.

His second marriage is covered below as '1865, George & Catherine'.

John and Elizabeth moved to Exeter with George, and were living with him and his second wife at the time of the 1871 census. John may be the person of that name living as a lodger in the St Pancras area of London and working as a tailor in 1881. I have not traced him thereafter, unless he died at Newton Abbot (which is where his father had by then moved) in 2Q1888.

1859, Samuel & Maria Edith

Samuel Webber married Maria Edith Beck in Crediton district in 3Q1859. He was from Family '1829, Henry & Agness' and she had been born at Sandford.

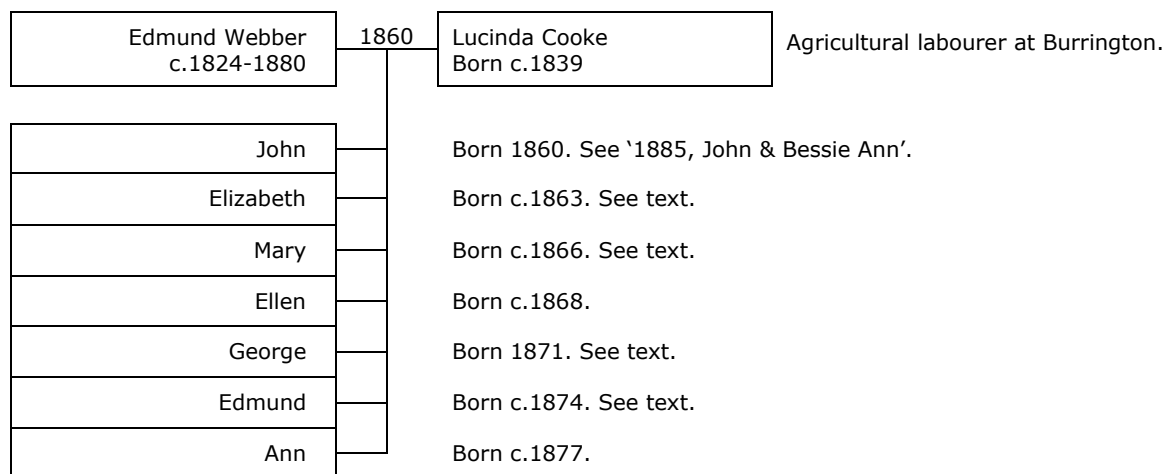


At the time of the 1861 census they were living in Chulmleigh with Mary Ann. A decade later they were living at Little Chubb Street, Chulmleigh, but Samuel was not at home (Maria Edith was nevertheless shown as married).

Samuel must have died, because Maria Edith was re-married in South Molton district in 3Q1877, to Edward Jeffery, another farm labourer. In 1881 they were living on Rock Hill Terrace in Chulmleigh, but none of Maria Edith's children were staying with them. Frederick was staying with his Webber grandparents, and Henry may well be the person of that name resident in the 'idiot asylum' at Kenton. I have not found Frederick in 1891, but by 1901 he appears to have been a boarder at Bulmer (Essex), working as a groom at Goldingham Hall. I have not found him in 1911.

1860, Edmund & Lucinda

Edmund Webber married Lucinda Cooke in South Molton district in 1Q1860. He was from Family '1814, John & Agnes', and she was originally from Romansleigh. Both the 1861 and 1871 censuses describes him as an agricultural labourer, but I suspect that he was probably working on the family farm. They lived at Braggamarsh Cottage, very close to Bouchland, where his brother lived.



I believe that Edmund (the father) died in 1880. Certainly by the time of the 1881 census Lucinda was widowed, and living at 2 Kingford Mills, Burrington supporting herself as a shopkeeper. Her four youngest children were living with her.

At the time of the 1881 census John was working as a 'draper's shopman' in Bath; Elizabeth was working as a servant at Winkleigh for the Snell family; and Mary was working as a servant at Chulmleigh for the Manning family.

Lucinda was re-married to John Snell, who had been born c.1851 at High Bickington, and was a plate layer on the railway. They were living at Burrington in 1891, 1901 and 1911.

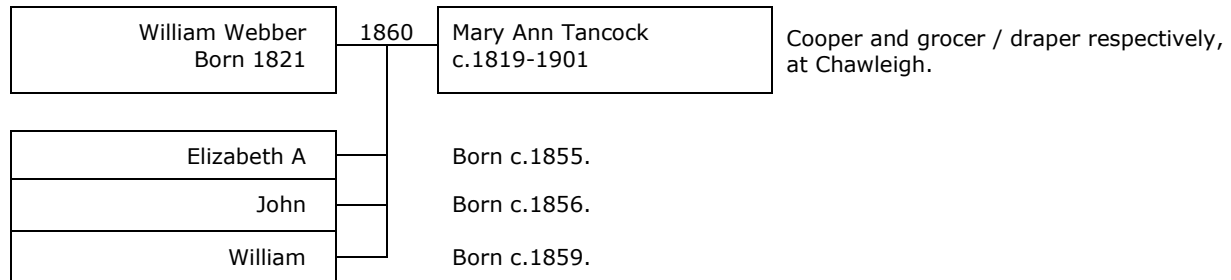
George married Emma Lewis in 1898, and at the time of the 1901 census they were living at 12 Gilbert Green, Ilfracombe with a daughter, and George was working as a grocer's assistant.

Edmund married Annie Parkhouse from St Giles-in-the-Wood in 1897, and worked as a hotel waiter. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at 20 Sticklepath Terrace, Barnstaple and by 1911 they had a substantial family.

Ann was working as a household servant in Herefordshire at the time of the 1901 census.

1860, William & Mary Ann

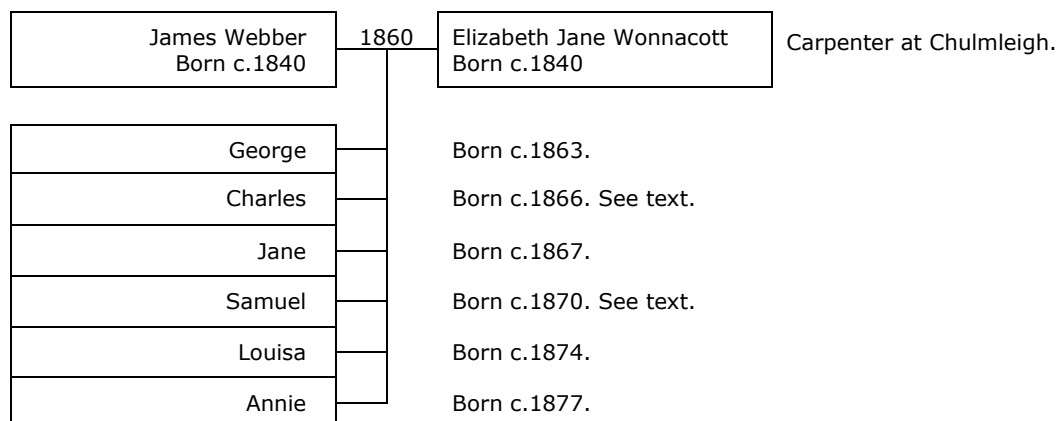
William Webber married Mary Ann Tancock in Crediton district in 2Q1860. He was from Family '1816, John & Agnes'. It was her second marriage, and she had two daughters (Emily and Harriet, born c.1849 and c.1851 respectively, in Chawleigh) from her first marriage who were living with her and William at the time of the 1861 census. They also appear to have lived as man and wife for several years before getting married, given that their children were all born before 1860.



At the time of the 1861 census William was described as a master cooper, while Mary Ann was a grocer and linen draper. In 1871 Harriet (Tancock) was still living with them and their three children. Mary Ann was described as a bonnet maker, Elizabeth A was a milliner and John was a cooper. By 1881 William and Mary Ann were living on their own, still at Chawleigh, and a decade later they had been joined by Maria Reed (born c.1816, possibly a relative). Mary Ann died on 4 February 1901 aged 82, described on her headstone as 'Mary Ann Webber, widow of Richard Tancock'.

1860, James & Elizabeth Jane

James Webber married Elizabeth Jane Wonnacott in South Molton district in 4Q1860. He was from Family '1833, John & Ann', and she was originally from Chulmleigh.



By the time of the 1881 census James had been widowed, and was living at Chulmleigh with Charles (also a carpenter), Louisa and Annie. Jane was working as a servant at Chulmleigh Parsonage, and Samuel was working for the Shapland family, also in Chulmleigh parish. I have not found any convincing sighting of George in 1881, though he could possibly be the person of that name working as a wheelwright at Moretonhampstead.

Charles moved to London where he worked as a carpenter. At the time of the 1891 census he was living at 206 Loveridge Road, Hampstead, and in 2Q1893 he married Mary Ann Lake at Hendon. She was originally from King's Nympton. In 1901 they were at 1 West Wnd Avenue, Leyton (Essex) with two children, though later they moved back to Hampstead. The 1911 census shows that they had five children in all, of whom two died in infancy.

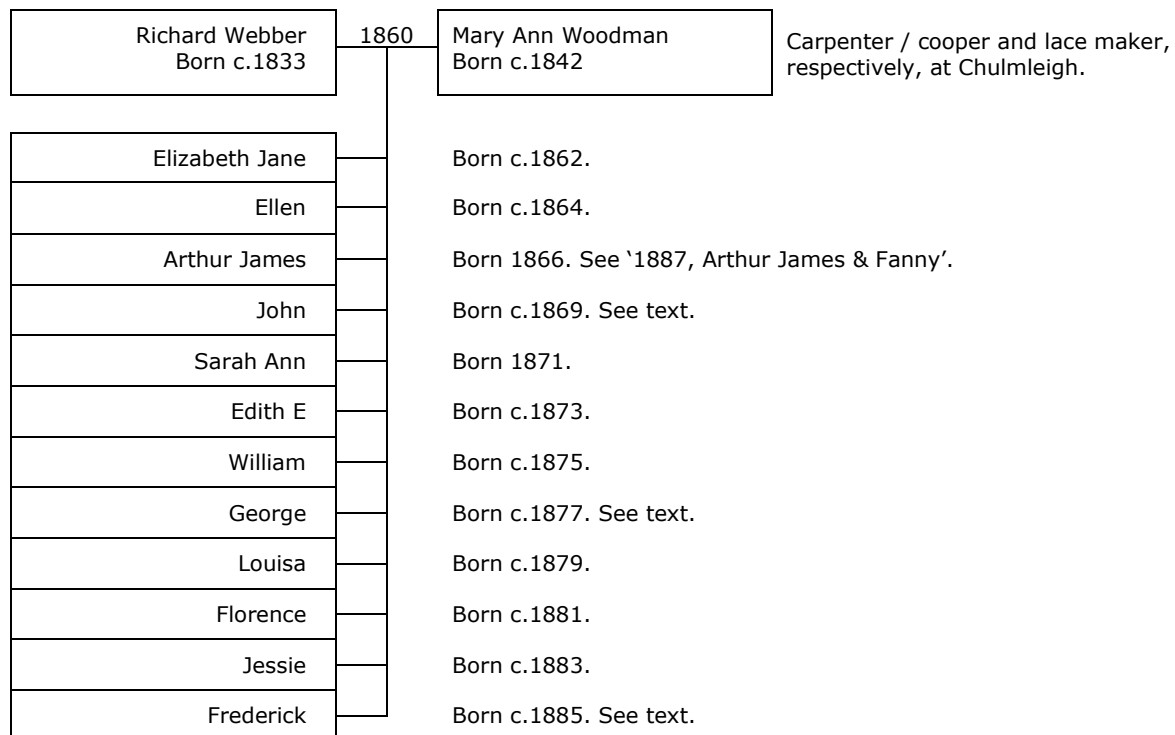
Samuel was working as a servant at Chawleigh in 1891 (for William and Emily Webber of Southcott). After that he joined the police force, and can be seen at the time of the 1901 census living at 17 Church Street, Samcombe with his wife (Augusta Brownsom Passmore from Chulmleigh, who he had married in South Molton district in 1Q1893) and their children, who had been born at various places on the south coast (Brixham, Dawlish and Salcombe). In 1911 the family was still at Salcombe.

Annie was working as a servant at Meshaw (for the Reed family) in 1891, and at Cheldon (for the Morgan family) in 1901.

James' second marriage is shown below as '1877, James & Mary'. Louisa was living with them in 1891.

1860, Richard & Mary Ann

Richard Webber married Mary Ann Woodman in South Molton district in 4Q1860. He was probably from Family '1833, Richard & Agness', and had been born at Lapford. Mary Ann went deaf. The 1911 census states that she had by then been deaf for 40 years (and married for 50). It also confirms that all 12 of their children were still alive at that time, though not necessarily in England.



At the time of the 1861 census Richard and Mary Ann were living on their own at Chulmleigh, and Mary Ann was a Honiton lace maker. By 1871 they had five children (and Sarah Ann was just 2 months old).

By 1881 Richard was a cooper and their family had expanded significantly. Only the six youngest children (up to Florence) were at home with them at that time. Ellen was working in Chulmleigh for the Wreford family, Arthur James was working at Cadbury Barton for Richard Webber, and John was working for the Tucker family, also in Chulmleigh.

By 1891 two further children had been born, and the five youngest were living with their parents. Edith and William were both working in Chulmleigh: Edith for the Wreford family, and William for the Welland family. Frederick was the only one of their children to live with Richard and Mary Ann into adulthood. He was a mason's apprentice in 1901, and a 'wall mason' in 1911. On both occasions they were living on East Street, Chulmleigh.

John married Thirza Beer in Exeter district in 3Q1891; she was originally from Witheridge. They had two children, of whom only a daughter survived, and John was a carpenter in 1901 and a bill poster in 1911. On both occasions they were living on South Molton Street, Chulmleigh.

George may be the person of that name who can be seen working as a butler at Goldingham Hall, Bulmer (Essex) (the same place at which Frederick Webber from Family `1859, Samuel & Maria Edith' was working, as a groom). I have not found him again in 1911.

1861, James & Mary Elizabeth

James Webber married Mary Elizabeth Richards in the St Luke (Finsbury) district of London on 12 August 1861. He was from Family `1824, John & Maria' and she was from Countisbury, near Lynton. At that time he was a police constable, but by the time of the 1871 census he was working as a gamekeeper at Buckland Brewer and all but one of their six oldest children (Mary) were living at home with them. Mary was staying with her Richards grandparents at Countisbury. Soon after that the family moved to Breconshire, where for several years James worked at Llangattock in the Usk valley, near Crickhowell, again as a gamekeeper, for Sir J R Bailey.

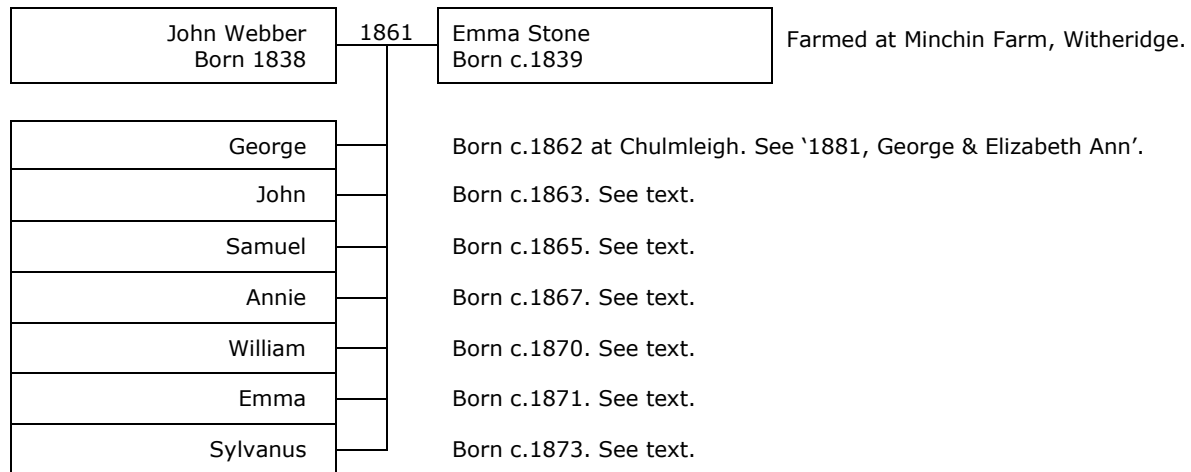
Almost all of the dates and places of birth (and death) shown below are taken from a public tree on a website called thelordfamily.org. This shows that both Mary Elizabeth and James died at Lynmouth, her on 7 May 1895, followed by him on 6 March 1912.

James Webber 1841-1912	1861	Mary Elizabeth Richards c.1842-1895	Policeman in London, then gamekeeper in Devon and Breconshire.
Rosa Sealey			Born 25 Oct 1861 at St Luke's, London.
John			Born 17 Apr 1863 at Goodleigh. Died in 1893 at Nice, France.
Mary Howe			Born 18 Jan 1865 at Lynton.
James			Born 7 Aug 1866 at Lynmouth. Died in 1891.
Ada Ethel			Born 26 Apr 1868 at Lynton.
Wallace Richard			Born 6 Dec 1869 at Stockleigh Pomeroy.
Hilda Minnie			Born 23 May 1871 at Buckland Brewer.
Maria Jane			Born 18 May 1872 at Groyneyfechan. Died at Xapury, Brazil in 1909.
Samuel George			Born 13 Jan 1875 at Ty Commik.
Lilly Emily			Born 16 Apr 1876 at Llangattock.
William James			Born 27 Sept 1877 at Llangattock.
Jessie			Born June 1879 at Llangattock.
Florence			Born 21 May 1880 at Llangattock, but died later that year.
Victor Hugo			Born 26 June 1882 at Llangattock. See text.
Nellie			Born 3 Aug 1883 at Llangattock.

At the time of the 1881 census James and Mary Elizabeth were living at Vro Cottage, Llangattock, with all of the children from Wallace to Jessie. They were still there in 1891, with Lilly, Victor Hugo and Nellie, and Mary Elizabeth's widowed brother, John Howe Richards. At some point thereafter they moved back to Lynton. I have seen internet postings that show that Victor Hugo (known more simply as Hugo) married Mabel Annie Reynolds in 1Q1910, and had a family in Cardiff, and then Newport. Hugo was killed in World War I. One of his sons (Victor) later emigrated to New Zealand.

1861, John & Emma

John Webber married Emma Stone in Crediton district in 3Q1861. He was the eldest son from Family '1837, George & Susan', and she had been born at either Colebrook of Cheriton Bishop. All of their children except George were born at Witheridge.



At the time of the 1871 census John and Emma were farming Minchin Farm, Witheridge, shown on the census return as 197 acres. John's uncle Samuel Gibbings was staying with them. A decade later John had died, Emma was running the farm with the help of Samuel and Annie, and the farm was 165 acres.

Both George and John had moved away by 1881. George was working for his uncle William (Webber) at Higher Sheepbyre, Chulmleigh and John was an assistant draper, working for his uncle Samuel (Webber) at London House, Chulmleigh.

In 1891 Emma (the mother) was staying with George, at 23 Highgate Hill in London. Samuel was running Minchin Farm, and Emma (his sister) was living with him.

John was still an assistant draper in 1891, but by then he had moved to London, and was living at 30 Kilburn High Road. By 1901 he had become a butcher at 9 Junction Road, Islington, and his mother Emma was living with him, as were two Webber cousins from Chulmleigh (William and Susan from Family '1874, William Emily', a butcher's assistant and bookkeeper respectively). A decade later John and his mother were still in Islington, and all the indications are that he did not marry.

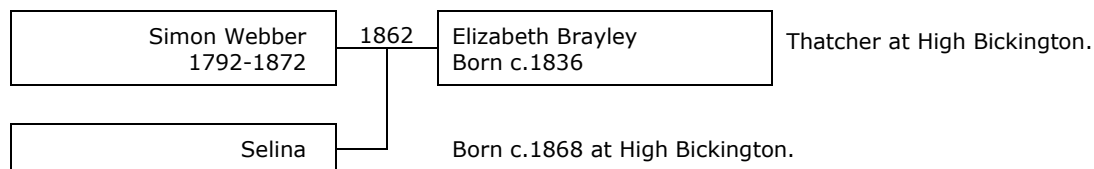
Samuel married a wife called Harriet from Cruwys Morchard (probably Harriet Hill, and they were probably married in 2Q1894), and they moved to Hill Farm, Tiverton. They do not appear to have had any children, and were still at Hill Farm in 1911.

I have not found William in either 1891 or 1901, but in 1911 he too was London butcher, at 23 Highgate Hill, and his sister Annie was acting as his housekeeper.

Sylvanus was yet another London butcher. In 1891 he was working at 114 Great College Street, Camden Town, for a butcher called John Stone, and by 1901 he was a manager of the business. He married his cousin Susan Webber (from Family '1874, William & Emily') in Tiverton district in 3Q1903, and they had four children, of whom two (both daughters) were still alive in 1911. He died in Yeovil district in 1940.

1862, Simon & Elizabeth

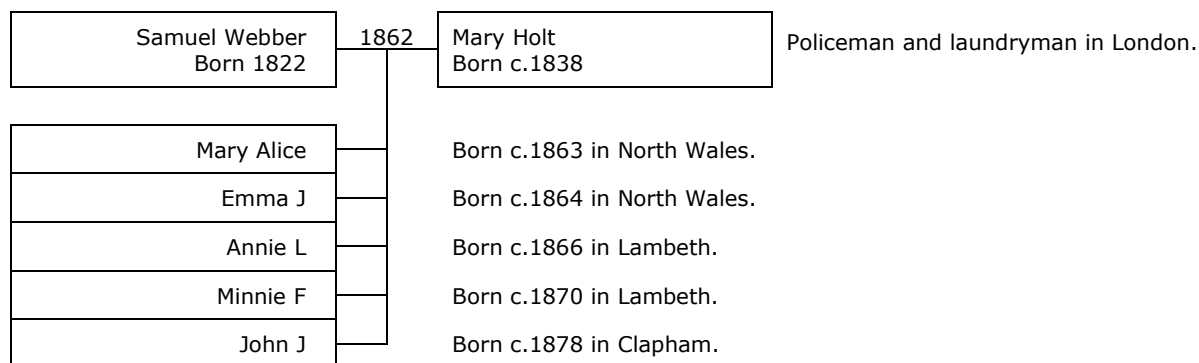
Simon Webber married Elizabeth Brayley in Torrington district in 1Q1862. He was from Family '1783, John & Isat' and had been married before (though with no children), and she was originally from Bideford and much younger than him. Simon was well into his 70s when his daughter was born. At the time of the 1871 census they were living at 'Shoplads', High Bickington.



After Simon's death in 1872 Elizabeth and Selina moved to Littleham (Exmouth) where Elizabeth's sister Mary Brayley had a lodging house at 7 Clinton Terrace. By the time of the 1891 census Selina was a dressmaker, and they had been joined by Elizabeth's brother, William, a boot and shoe maker. By 1901 Mary had died, and Elizabeth, Selina and William were living at 35 Marton Road, Littleham, and Selina was still a dressmaker.

1862, Samuel & Mary

Samuel Webber married Mary Holt in the Great Boughton district of Cheshire in 1Q1862. He was from Family '1817, George & Mary', and had been working as an under butler the year before. She was from Ruabon in Denbighshire (though I have been unable to find any earlier evidence for her, suggesting that she may have been a widow when she was married to Samuel).

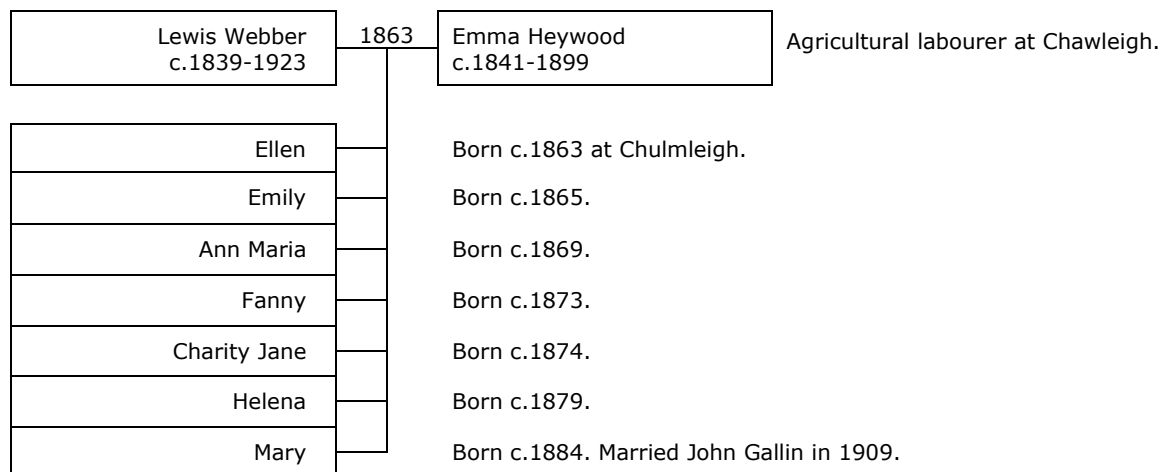


With Samuel's very varied work experience, it is no particular surprise to find him on the 1871 census working as a railway police constable, and living with his family at 5 Southville, Vauxhall. Mary Alice was visiting her uncle John (Webber) at Offwell, near Honiton.

By 1881 Samuel was described as a laundryman, living at 475 Wandsworth Road, Clapham with Mary and all five children. Mary was a launderess, Mary Alice was a dressmaker, and Emma and Annie were both 'ironers'. By 1891 Samuel was a laundry proprietor, the family was living at 34 Alderbrook Road, Streatham, and Mary Alice, Minnie and John were still living at home.

1863, Lewis & Emma

Lewis Webber married Emma Heywood in Crediton district in 1Q1863. He was from Family '1833, Aaron & Charity', and she was originally from Bow. Apart from Ellen, their children were all born at Chawleigh. Lewis died on 30 December 1923 aged 84 and is buried at Chawleigh, with Emma who died on 6 January 1899 aged 58.

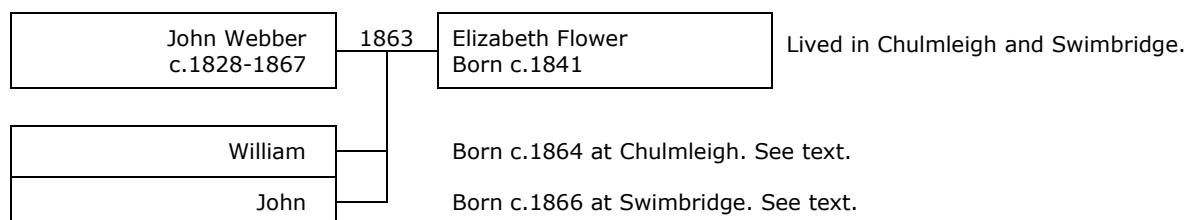


In 1871 they were living at Beer Hill, Chawleigh (next door to Lewis' parents) with their first three children. By the time of the 1881 census neither Ellen nor Emily was at home, and may well have died young. Four of the five youngest daughters were at home in 1891, but Charity Jane was working as a servant at Chulmleigh for the Williams family.

At the time of the 1901 census the only child still living at home with Lewis was Mary, described as a general domestic servant. A decade later Mary's husband John Gallin, a carter on a farm who had been born at Cheriton Bishop, was visiting Lewis.

1863, John & Elizabeth

John Webber married Elizabeth Flower in South Molton district in 1Q1863. He appears to have been born in about 1828, but I have not discovered where²⁰. His family is recorded in this chapter because his son, John, formed clear links to Chawleigh. Elizabeth was originally from Chulmleigh, and at the time of the 1861 census she had been working as a servant for John Saunders of Lakehead Farm, Chulmleigh. Her parents were John Flower, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Jane. Elizabeth may well have had a daughter, Bessie, in 1859, though she (Bessie) was recorded as John and Jane's daughter on the 1861 census return (by which time Jane was over 40).



After John's early death, very probably in 1Q1867, Elizabeth was re-married (in Crediton district in 2Q1868) to Edwin Hayman, a butcher's assistant originally from Exeter. At the time of the 1871 census they were living at Chawleigh with Bessie (recorded as Flower, and Edwin's step daughter), William and John (step sons), and their own two sons, Edwin and George.

William may be the same person as the William Henry Webber who married Mary Jane Tonkins in Crediton district in 1Q1886. The 1911 census gives his place of birth as Chawleigh rather than Chulmleigh, and shows that they (William Henry and Mary Jane) had no children. At that time he was working as a labourer on the Manor Estate in Chawleigh. She had been born in Morchard Bishop, and her father (Emanuel, who was living with them in 1911) had been born in Kennerleigh.

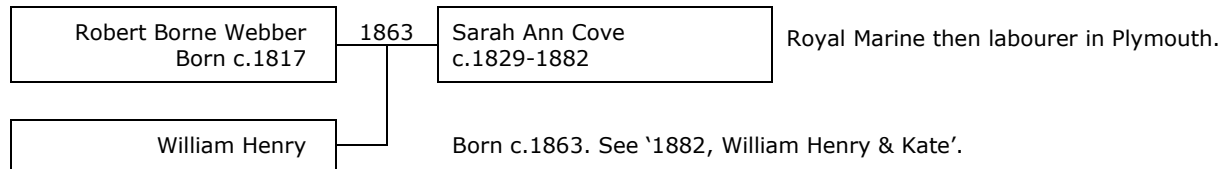
John married Emily Rice of Coldridge in Crediton district in 1Q1897, and they had a substantial family. In 1901 they were living at Upcott, Chawleigh with John recorded as a teamster on a farm.

²⁰ However, I can confirm that he was not the John Webber who was born at George Nympton in 1828 to parents called John and Mary who were farming at that time at Arnold, according to the baptismal register, because that John Webber died aged 22, still at Arnold.

A decade later they were still in Chawleigh. On some of the census returns John's place of birth was shown as Landkey rather than Swimbridge.

1863, Robert & Sarah

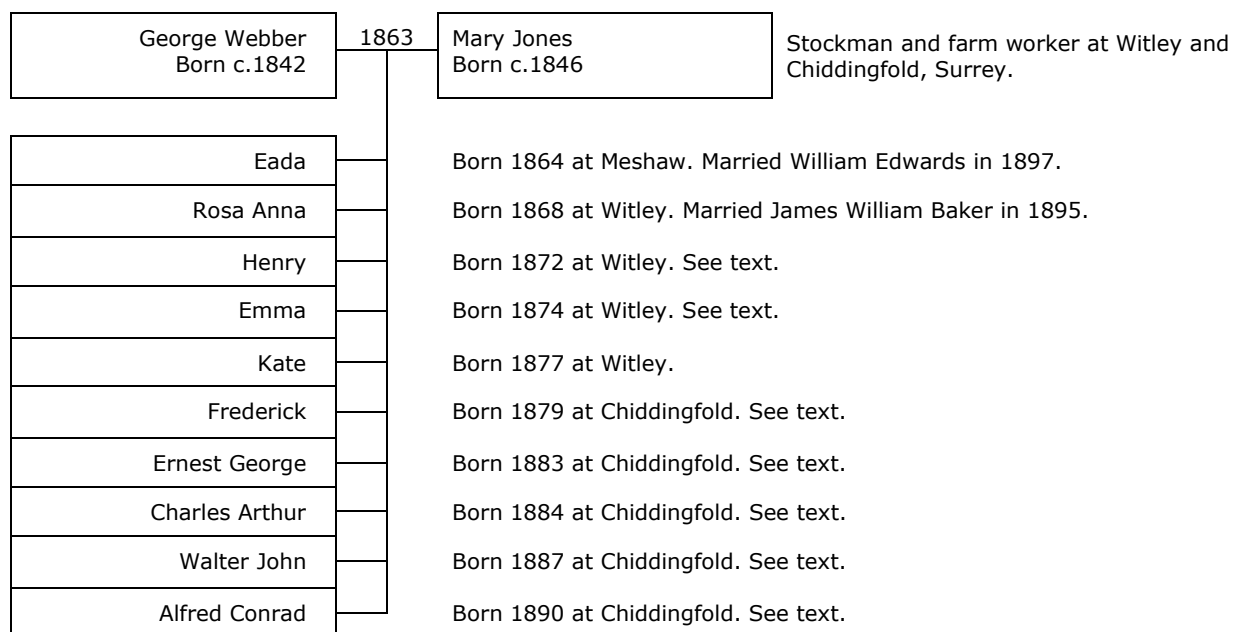
Robert Borne Webber married Sarah Ann Cove at Plymouth in 2Q1863. He was from Family '1835, George & Elizabeth' and had previously served in the Royal Marines. Sarah was from Plymouth.



At the time of the 1871 census they were living at 77 High Street, East Stonehouse, and Sarah was working as a charwoman. A decade later they were still living on the High Street, Robert was a general labourer, and William Henry was a carpenter.

1863, George & Mary

George Webber married Mary Jones in South Molton district in 2Q1863. He was from Family '1829, Henry & Agness', and she was from Meshaw. Within a few years of their marriage they moved to Witley and then Chiddingfold, a few miles apart in Surrey. George worked on a farm, mainly as a stockman, and for many years they lived at Coombe Lodge, Chiddingfold.



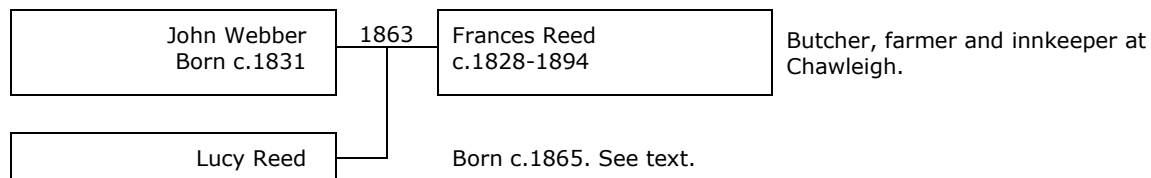
At the time of the 1871 census they were at Witley with the two eldest daughters. By 1881 they had moved to Coombe Lodge, Eada had left home but four more children had been born. At the time of the 1891 census Henry (by then a tailor) and the six youngest children were at home with their parents. By 1901 only the four youngest were at home, and in 1911 it was only Alfred. The 1911 census shows that they had had two other children not shown above who had died.

Three of the children married siblings from the Baker family. Fourteen years after Rosa Anna married James William Baker (who became a plate layer for the railways), Frederick and Ernest George married his sisters Mary Jane and Edith Emma respectively. Both of them can be seen on the 1911 census (near Haslemere and Bishopstoke respectively) also working for the railways, which is probably how they met their wives.

At the time of the 1911 census Henry was a pedlar and lodging in Redruth; Emma was a cook in Chelsea; Charles was a gardener at Sendhurst Dairy, Send; and Walter was in the 21st Battalion of the Queen's Regiment on an overseas posting.

1863, John & Frances

John Webber married Frances Reed in Crediton district in 3Q1863. He was from Family '1830, John & Grace', had been born at West Worlington, but had been living in Chulmleigh for well over a decade by the time he was married. Frances was originally from Chawleigh. Frances died in 2Q1894, in Crediton district.

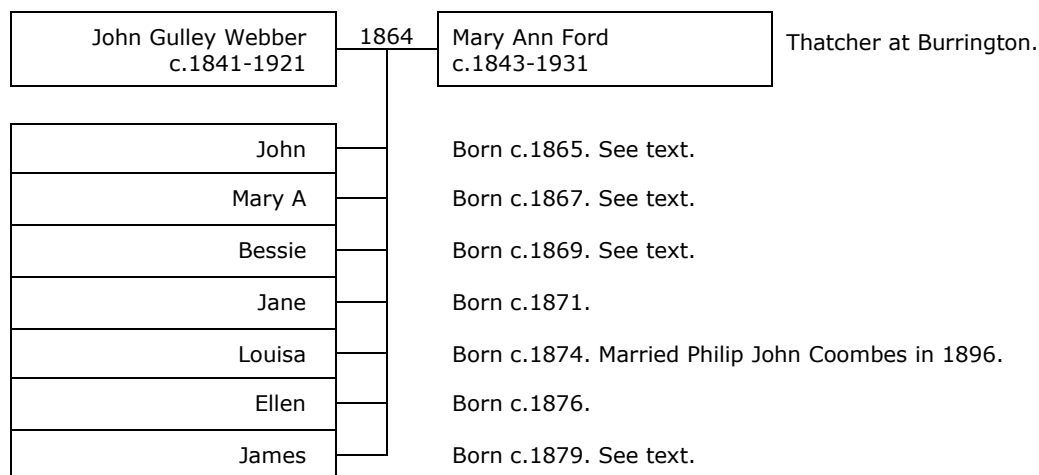


Chawleigh suffered a catastrophic fire on 25 August 1869, and John and Frances' home was one of 21 that was completely destroyed. The report (which can be found on the Chawleigh parish page of the genuki.org website) says that as well as being a butcher, John was the landlord of the London Inn. The business must have recovered, because at the time of the 1871 census John was described as a butcher and innkeeper, and by 1881 he was recorded as the landlord of the Portsmouth Arms, and a farmer. So far as I am aware, they only had one child, as shown above.

Lucy Reed married her father's first cousin, Edwin Webber, from Family '1849, Richard & Maria'. Their family is '1887, Edwin and Lucy Reed' below.

1864, John Gulley & Mary Ann

John Gulley Webber married Mary Ann Ford in South Molton district in 2Q1864. He was from Family '1836, James & Anna', and she was originally from Burrington.



In 1871 Mary Ann's mother Ann (a widow, born at Landkey) was staying with them, John, Mary A, Bessie and Jane. A decade later John and Mary Ann were living with John, also a thatcher, Jane, Louisa, Ellen and James. Mary A and Bessie were working as servants, also in Burrington, for the Babbage and Miller families, respectively.

In 1891 John and Mary Ann were living with Ellen and James. A decade later they were living on their own at Townbridge, Burrington (as they were in 1911 as well). John and Mary Ann are both buried in the churchyard at Burrington. He died on 1 June 1921, and she followed on 14 May 1931.

Their eldest son John married Lydia Ford in Torrington district in 1Q1888. She was also from Burrington (though she had been living a few metres beyond the parish boundary at 'Winswood',

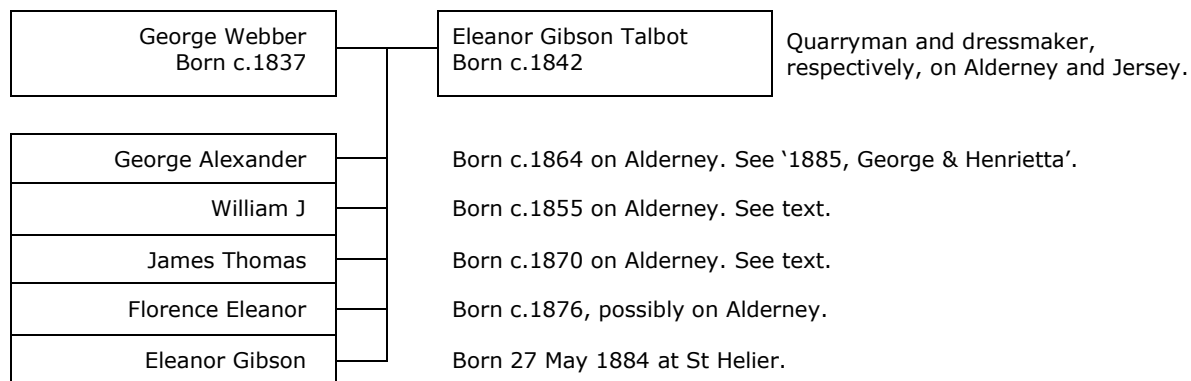
Ashreigney with her grandparents John and Ann Ford at the time of the 1881 census). They had a large family born in Burrington and Ashreigney, and John farmed at 'Winswood' for many years.

There has to be some doubt about the year of birth of John Gulley and Mary Ann's youngest son James. The 1881 census suggests that he was born in c.1877, but the 1891 census suggests c.1882, yet the 1911 census states that John Gulley and Mary Ann had had seven children in all, of whom six were still living. I have therefore 'split the difference' as far as James' estimated year of birth is concerned.

At the time of the 1901 census James, by then a bricklayer, was staying in Heavitree with his sister Louisa Coombes and her husband Phillip, who worked for the railways as a painter. By 1911 James (with his year of birth now estimated as c.1884) was married to Bessie Skinner from Barnstaple (they were married in South Molton district in 2Q1898), and he was working as an agricultural labourer at Winswood on the Burrington / Ashreigney parish boundary. They had three children by then, and a fourth had evidently died in infancy.

c.1864, George & Eleanor

George Webber married Eleanor Gibson Talbot, almost certainly on Alderney, in c.1864. He was from Family '1824, William & Jane' and she had been born on Guernsey (in the parish of St Sampson, the daughter of a Scottish-born blacksmith called Alexander Talbot, who was working on Alderney at the time of the 1861 census, and who would almost certainly have known George's older brother William, another blacksmith).



By 1871 George was described as a quarryman, Eleanor was a dressmaker, and the first three of their children shown above had been born. Between 1871 and 1881 they moved to St Helier, Jersey, where their daughter Eleanor was definitely born, and where Florence may have been. On the day of the 1881 census George was not at home (Eleanor was described as both married, and head of household, on the census return; George was a teacher and William was apprenticed to a saddler). I have not found them in 1891, but in 1901 George was an overseer of the sea wall and living on Kensington Place, St Helier with Eleanor and their two daughters, both recorded as dressmakers. All three boys were married by then.

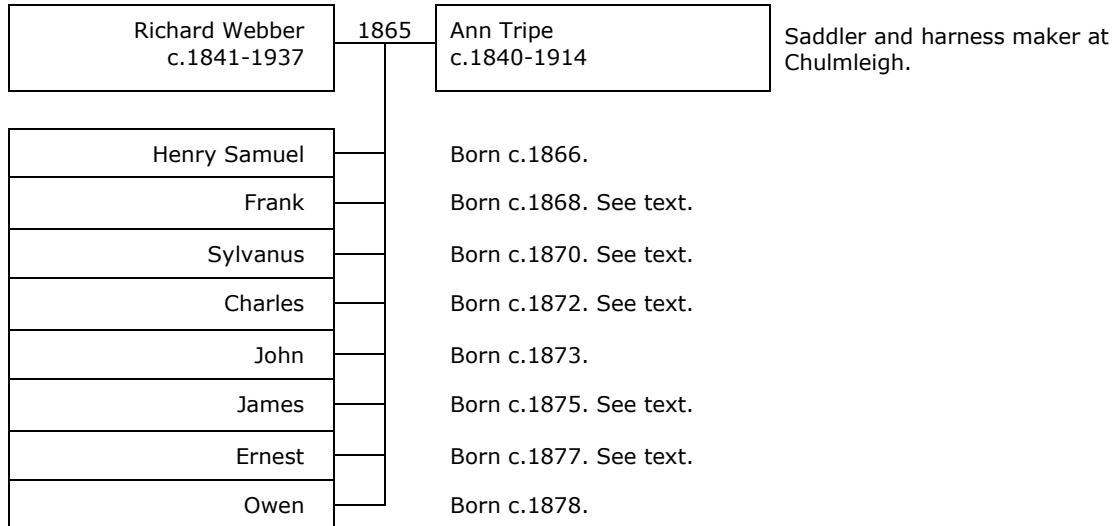
It is the 1911 census which provides categorical proof that George was originally from Hittisleigh (and therefore from Family '1824, William & Jane' as stated above). Only Florence was living at home with him and Eleanor by then.

William married a wife called Johanna from St Peter Port in c.1890, and she was quite probably Johanna Connor. By the 1891 census they were staying in Great Yarmouth, on the east coast of England. William was working as a diver, and their daughter Grace had been born (in 1891, in Great Yarmouth). I have not traced them thereafter, and believe they may well have emigrated.

James married Elizabeth Le Sueur on Jersey in c.1895, and they had one child (Jessie Elizabeth, born 12 May 1896 and baptised 3 weeks later in St Helier). In both 1901 and 1911 the family was living at 10 Kensington Place, and in 1911 Elizabeth's mother was staying with them.

1865, Richard & Ann

Richard Webber married Ann Tripe in South Molton district in 1Q1865. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan', and she was originally from Sidbury, in East Devon. At the time of the 1871 census they were living at Chulmleigh, where they remained for many years. They are both buried in Chulmleigh churchyard, Ann having died on 29 January 1914, and Richard on 11 March 1937, aged 96.



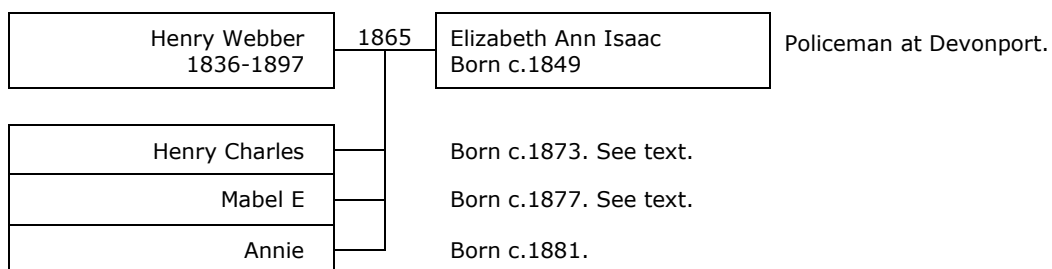
Henry Samuel was the only one of their children who was not at home with his parents in 1881, and he may be the person of that name working for a draper at East Teignmouth. In 1891 Frank, James, Ernest and Owen were living with their parents, but by 1901 Ernest (by then a saddler and harness maker, like his father) was the only one of Richard and Ann's children living with them, on Fore Street, Chulmleigh. He was still with them in 1911. The 1911 census confirms that all eight of their children were still alive, though not necessarily living in England.

Frank did remain in Chulmleigh, where he was employed by the Post Office (the on-line London Gazette recorded his appointment in 1892). He married Mary Vickery in Crediton district in 2Q1893. She had been born in Barnstaple in c.1863, but her father had moved to Chawleigh as the clerk of works at a sawmill, and at the time of the 1881 census she had been living with her parents and working as a dressmaker. They had no children.

Sylvanus, Charles and James all emigrated to the US in c.1892. On 16 April 1896 Sylvanus married Ethel Bagge in Manhattan, and the 1900 census shows the two of them plus Charles and James living at Mount Vernon in Westchester County. Sylvanus and Ethel had at least one son, and Sylvanus worked in New York with his uncle Richard (from Family '1837, George & Susan') in his very successful meat business.

1865, Henry & Elizabeth Ann

Henry Webber married Elizabeth Ann Isaac in Stoke Damerel district in 1Q1865. He was from Family '1829, Henry & Agness', and she had been born at Tavistock. They lived for many years at 29 St Aubyn Street, Devonport.



At the time of the 1871 census Henry was a police constable; in 1881 he was a sergeant; and in 1891 he was an inspector.

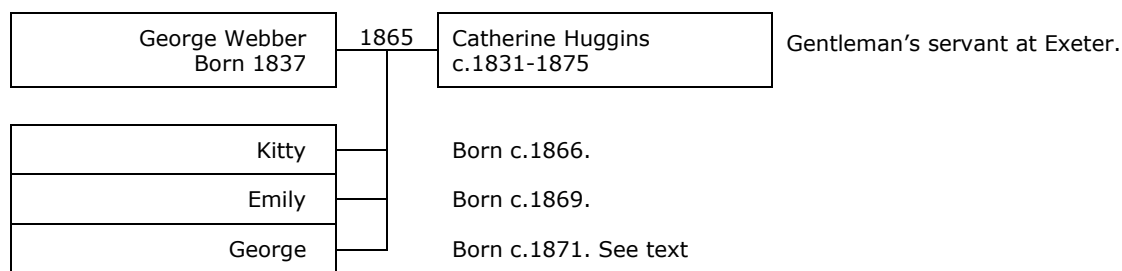
Elizabeth Ann died prior to the 1891 census. Shortly before the census, in 2Q1891, Henry was re-married, to Charlotte Louisa Scrivings, but he only lived another 6 years.

Henry Charles worked in the dockyard. In 1Q1895 he married Mary Elizabeth Driscoll, and in 1911 they were living at 19 Molesworth Terrace, Millbrook (Cornwall). They had two daughters.

Mabel was the head of household with her sister Annie in 1901, and they had taken in several boarders. She then became a hotel manageress in London, and can be seen on the 1911 census at Lancaster Gate.

1865, George & Catherine

This was George's second marriage (his first being '1858, George & Elizabeth), and he married Catherine Huggins at Exeter in 2Q1865. She was originally from Martham, Norfolk.



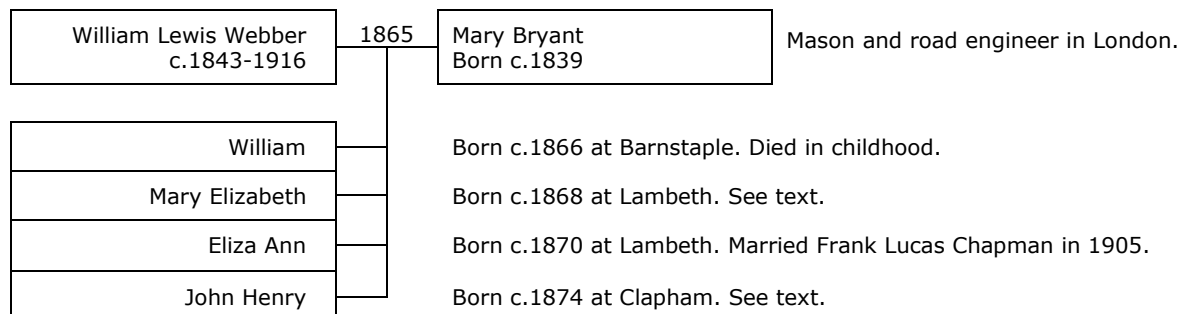
At the time of the 1871 census they were living on South Street, Exeter, with Kitty and Emily and George's two children from his first marriage. Unfortunately Catherine died in 4Q1875, and George was married for a third time.

His third marriage is covered below as Family '1876, George & Sarah'.

In 1881 Emily and George were living with their father and his third wife. George may well be the person of that name working as an ostler at the Commercial Inn, Bridgwater for the Greenslade family. I have not found him thereafter.

1865, William & Mary

William Lewis Webber married Mary Bryant in Barstaple district in 2Q1865. He was from Family '1839, John & Elizabeth', and she had been born in Barnstaple. By the time of the 1871 census they had moved to Lambeth in south London. Their son William appears to have died between 1871 and 1881.



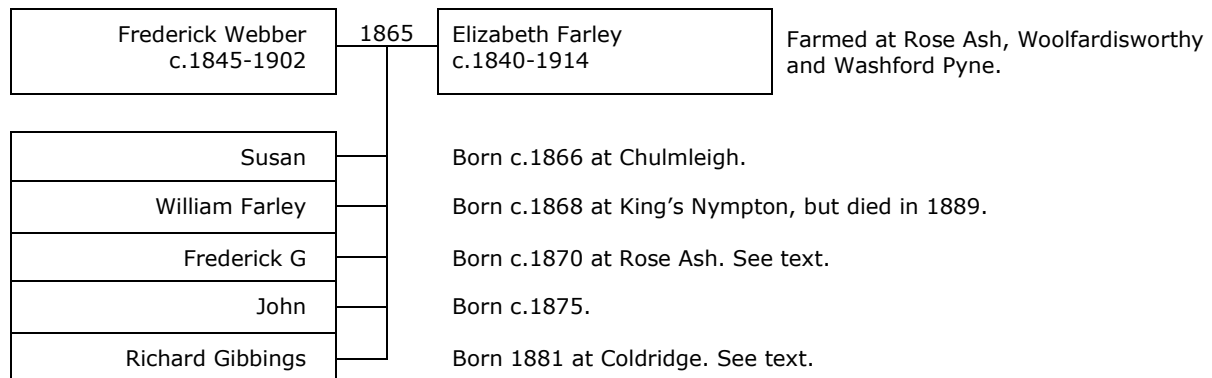
By 1881 William, described as a stone mason, was living at 25 Alford Street, Clapham with Mary, Mary Elizabeth, Eliza Ann and John Henry. I have been unable to find the family in 1891, but on 6 October 1898 Eliza Ann married Frank Lucas Chapman, a clerk, at St Paul's, Clapham, and at the time of the 1901 census the rest of the family was living at 38 Iveley Road, Clapham. William was working for Wandsworth council as a road inspector, and John Henry was a clerk in the civil

service. By 1911 Mary had died, and William was still at Iveley Road with Mary Elizabeth. William died on 20 April 1916, and Eliza Ann (Chapman) was granted probate.

John Henry married Grace Melita Hickey in West Ham district in 4Q1905, and by 1911 they were living at 44 Grove Road, Balham, and had started a family.

1865, Frederick & Elizabeth

Frederick Webber married Elizabeth Farley in South Molton district in 3Q1865. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan', and she was originally from Chulmleigh. In the first few years of their marriage they evidently moved around quite a bit.



At the time of the 1871 census they were living at East Farm, Rose Ash, with Susan, William and Frederick. At the time of the 1881 census they were evidently 'between farms'. Frederick (the father) was described as a lodger and agricultural labourer at Coldridge, Elizabeth was staying with her parents (William and Mary Farley, who farmed at Iddesleigh) with John and the 2-month-old Richard. Susan was staying with her uncle Silvanus (Webber) at Great Torrington, William Farley was staying at Stone Barton with his grandmother, and Frederick was staying with his uncle Samuel (Webber) at Chulmleigh.

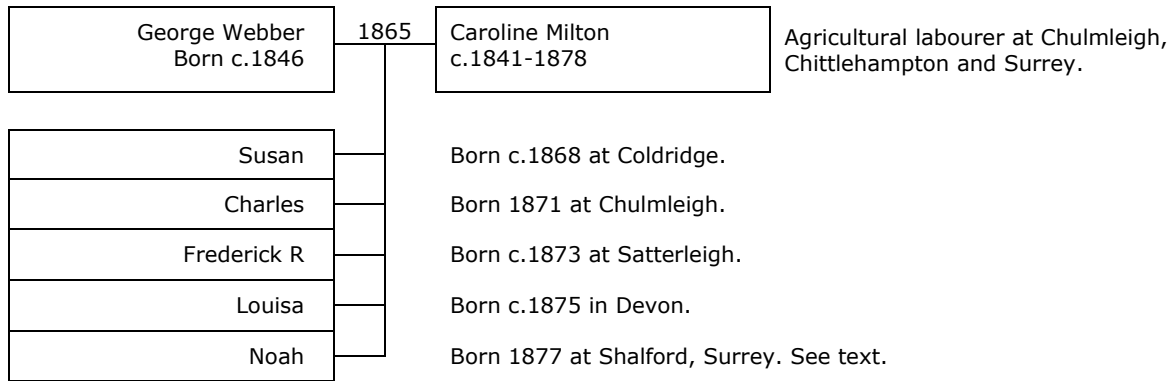
In 1891 Frederick and Elizabeth were farming at Higher Minchindown, Woolfardisworhty (north of Crediton). Only Richard was living at home with them at that time. He was still at home with his parents in 1901, though by then they had moved to Pyne Farm, Washford Pyne. His brother Frederick was a draper, living at Penge in London in 1901.

Frederick's death was reported in the Western Times of 21 March 1902 as having taken place on 17 March. I have not found Elizabeth at the time of the 1911 census.

Richard subsequently married Alice Maria Olding from Woolfardisworthy in Crediton district in 3Q1909, and farmed at Lower Gatehouse, Washford Pyne.

1865, George & Caroline

George Webber married Caroline Milton in Crediton district in 4Q1865. He was from Family '1833, John & Ann' and she had been born at Ashreigney. She already had two children by the time they were married, both born at Ashreigney: Louisa (born c.1861) and William (c.1863).



At the time of the 1871 census George and Caroline (with her name apparently recorded on the census transcript as Catherine) were living at Chittlehampton, with her two older children (Louisa and William), and Susan and Charles (then shown as 3 months old).

A decade later Caroline had evidently died (in 2Q1878, after the family's move to Surrey), and George was working as an agricultural labourer at West Clandon. Louisa's name was transcribed as 'Lewa'. Caroline's younger sister Ann Milton was staying with them and acting as housekeeper.

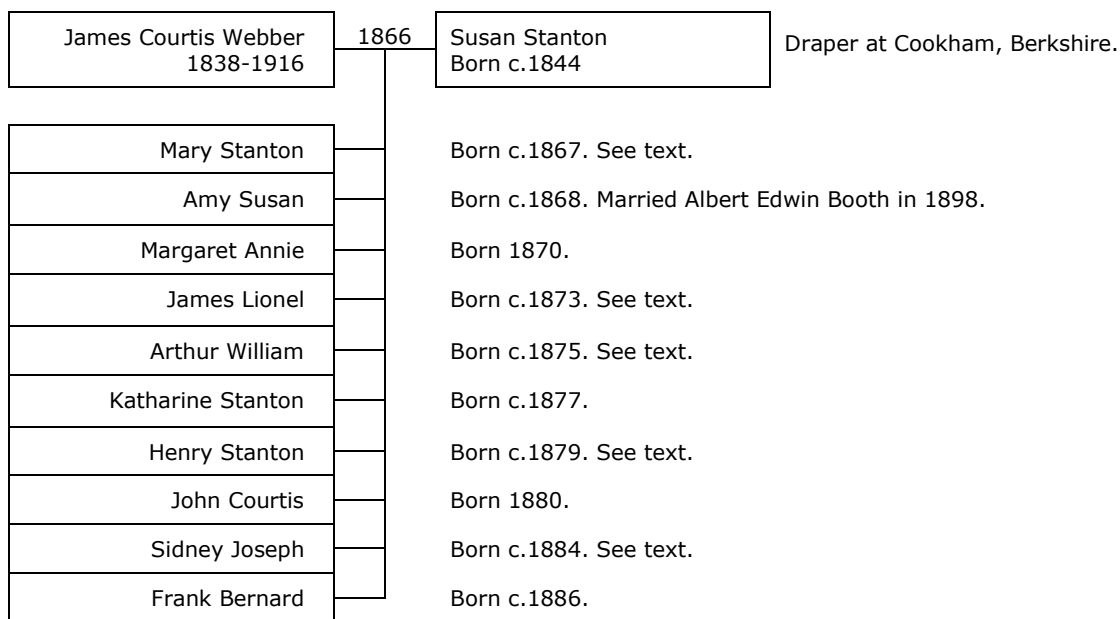
George was re-married soon thereafter (see Family '1882, George & Esther').

At the time of the 1891 census Frederick was working as a 'hall boy' in a large household at Clandon House, and Noah was with George and his new wife. Noah married Eliza Wright at Oakham (Rutland) in 2Q1907.

1866, James & Susan

James Courtis Webber married Susan Stanton at St Mary's, Willesden on 16 January 1866. He was from Family '1831, James & Mary', and she was the daughter of Joseph Henry Ridley Stanton (described on the marriage register as 'gent'). According to the census returns, Susan had been born at North Tawton.

One of the witnesses was Fanny Wilkey, presumably a relative of his sister-in-law. Before he was married James had spent some time working in Manningtree, Essex (at the time of the 1861 census), and had settled at Cookham, near Maidenhead, where he had a drapery business on Cookham High Street.



At the time of the 1871 census the three oldest daughters were at home with James Courtis and Susan. A decade later they were all away at school (in Reading and Essex), and the next five children were at home. By 1891 the family home had moved to 8 Cranford Rise, Cookham, and Mary Stanton and Amy Susan were back living with their parents. Margaret Annie was visiting Reading, James was a boarder at Ryde on the Isle of Wight and working as a drapery warehouseman, Katherine Stanton was at school in Reading and the four youngest were at home. I do not know where Arthur was at that time. Mary Stanton died in 1892, and James Lionel died in 1907.

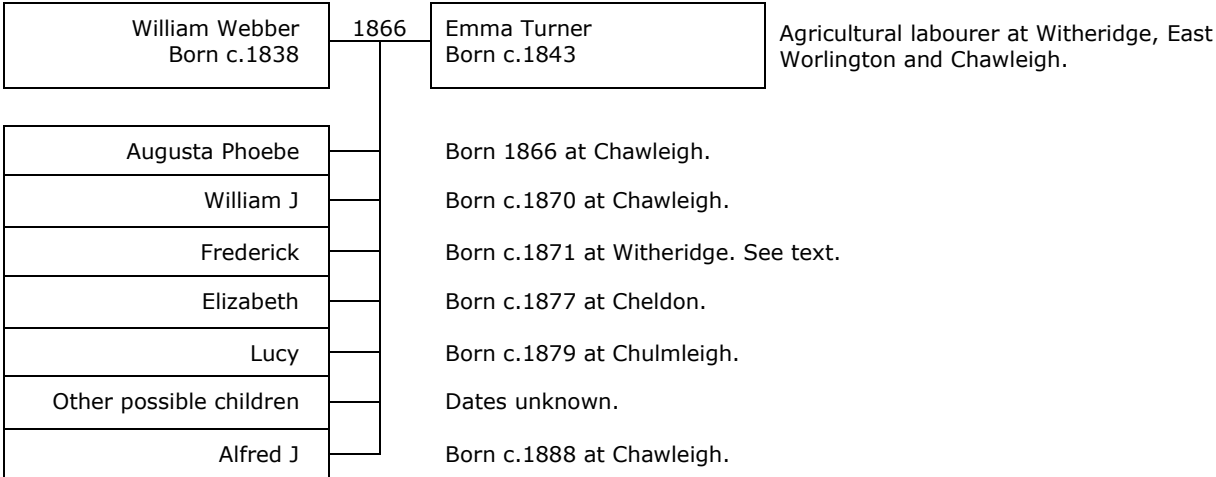
By the time of the 1911 census Susan had died, and James Courtis was living at 14 Cranford Rise with Margaret Annie, Katharine Stanton, John Courtis (a draper / shopkeeper) and Frank Bernard (an architect).

Arthur William married Augusta Amelia A Lyons in the Strand district of London in 3Q1901, and at the time of the 1911 census they were living at Carlton Villa, 114 Grenfell Road, Maidenhead with their only daughter, and Arthur William was a draper.

Henry was an architect and surveyor living on his own at 47 Queen Street, Maidenhead in 1911, and his brother Sidney was a boarder in the Clifton district of Bristol, and also an architect.

1866, William & Emma

William Webber married Emma Turner in Crediton district in 2Q1866. He was very probably from Family '1835, George & Elizabeth', and she was originally from Chulmleigh. They evidently moved a round a lot in the early years of their marriage, and their years of birth as reported on the census returns vary greatly from decade to decade.



At the time of the 1871 census they were living at 'Godwell', Witheridge with their first two children (with their daughter recorded as Augusta). By 1881 they had settled in East Worlington with their five eldest children. On that occasion their eldest daughter was recorded as Phoebe (her birth had been registered with both names), and she was working as a general servant.

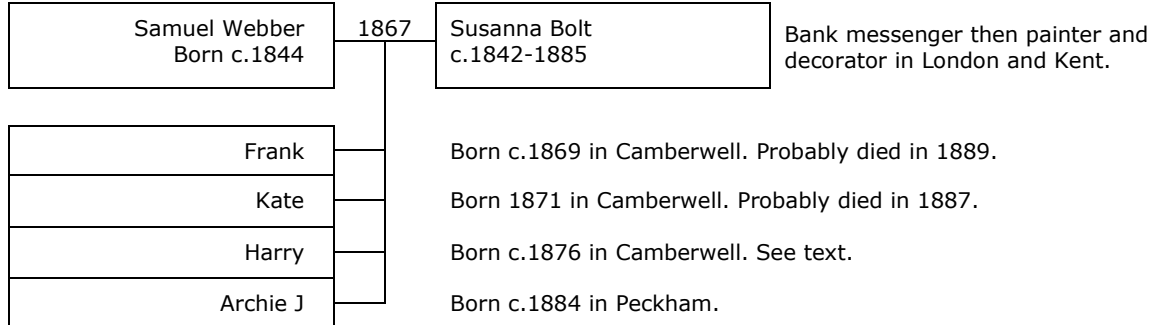
By 1891 they were living back in Chawleigh, with the five youngest children named above. Both William and Frederick were working as agricultural labourers, like their father. Augusta Phoebe may well have died in 1885.

In 1901 they were living in Chawleigh village. Emma (the mother) was recorded as Emily, and the census return shows that Lucy (recorded as Laura or Louisa, the writing is very unclear) was described as an imbecile. Alfred J was also still living with them.

Frederick married Mary Ann Reddaway in Okehampton district in 2Q1892, a year after their first son, Frederick, had been born (in 4Q1891, with his surname recorded as Reddaway). She was originally from Bradninch. After having children in Chawleigh and Lapford the family moved to Gorseinon (near Swansea) in about 1899. At the time of the 1911 census Frederick was working as a 'barman' in a steel works near Swansea, and he and Mary Ann had a substantial family. Their daughter Elizabeth Ann married into Family '1881, Richard & Ellen'.

1867, Samuel & Susanna

Samuel Webber married his cousin Susanna Bolt in Lewisham district in 3Q1867. He was from Family '1824, John & Maria', and she was from Cheriton Bishop, the daughter of a carpenter called William Bolt and his wife Ann (née Webber, from Family '1803, John & Susanna'. She was sometimes recorded as Susan.



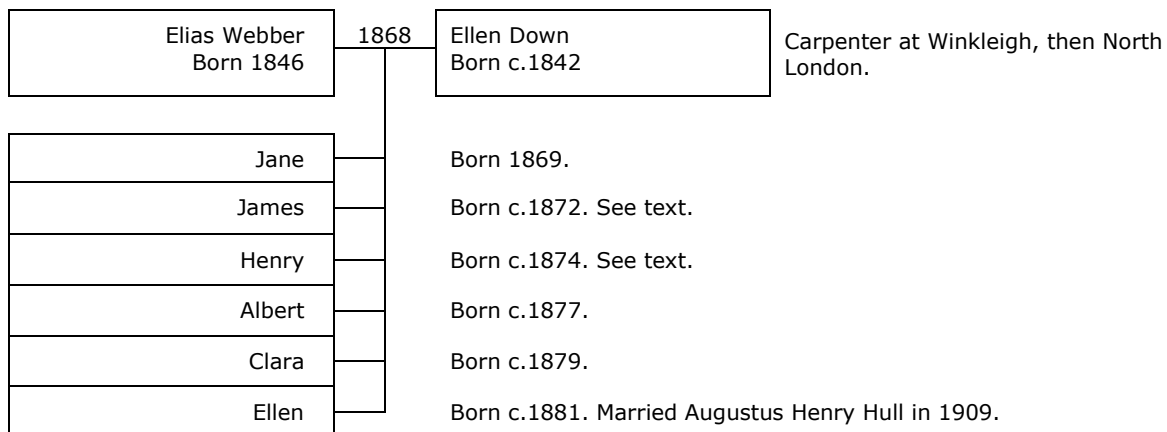
At the time of the 1871 census they were living at 14 King's Road, Camberwell, and a decade later on the same road, but No.27. Susanna died 1Q1885, and in 4Q1889 Samuel was re-married at Camberwell to Sarah Gilham.

At the time of the 1891 census Samuel, Sarah and Archie were at 27 King's Road, and Harry appears to have been working as a servant in Hampstead. He (Harry may well have married a wife called Annie prior to the 1901 census, and started a family, but the evidence is incomplete).

Prior to the 1901 census Samuel and Sarah moved to Herne Bay in Kent, where Samuel was a painter and decorator. By 1911 Archie was a fireman on the Mile End Road.

1868, Elias & Ellen

Elias Webber married Ellen Down in Newton Abbot district in 1Q1868. He was from Family '1839, William & Elizabeth', and she had been born at Winkleigh.



At the time of the 1871 census Elias and Ellen were living in Winkleigh with Jane. They were still there a decade later, with a much larger family.

By 1891 they had moved to London, and the family was living at 6 Chipley Street, Deptford. Elias' mother Elizabeth was living with them. Of their children, only Jane was not living with her parents. James was described as a paper hanger, Henry as a carpenter, and Albert as a commercial clerk.

A decade later Elias and Ellen were at 39 Bismarck Road, Highgate (the same street where his brother George was living, at No.51). The only family member living with them at that time was William, the eldest son of their son Henry. In 1911 Elias and Ellen were still at 39 Bismarck Road,

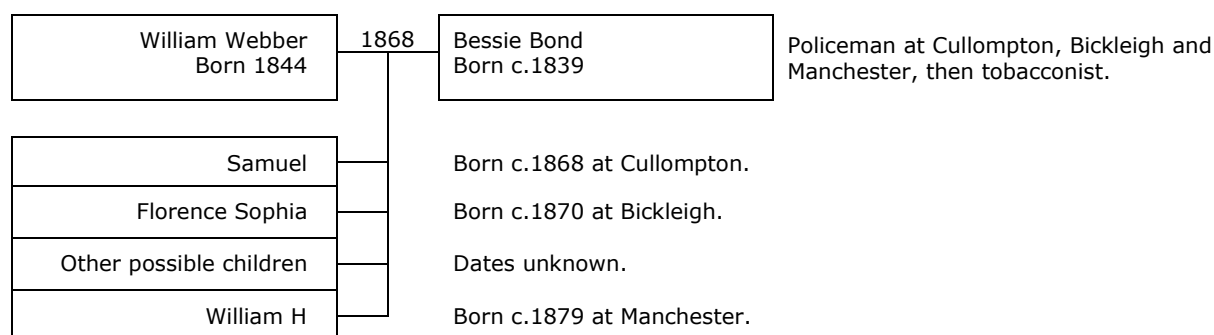
and Clara was living with them, as was a Webber niece called Annie (almost certainly the daughter of Elias' brother William). The census return shows that only two others of their children were still alive by then (and they were Henry and Ellen). They had also had a seventh child not shown above, who presumably died in infancy. Ellen (Hull) and her husband lived nearby, as 25 Bismark Road, with their family.

James became a carpenter, like his father. In 1892 he married Ada Ellen Rose at Islington. She was originally from Woolwich, and at the time of the 1901 census they were at Highgate with their two children. I have been unable to find Ada in 1911, and I know that James had died by then (see above for the evidence). Their son (Arthur) had apparently joined the 2nd Northants Regiment, and was serving in Malta.

Henry was also a carpenter. He married Mary Agnes Williams from Holyhead, Angesey on 8 October 1894 at St John's, Holloway. Henry's brother Albert was one of the witnesses. They had a large family, mainly in Battersea but then in Lewisham, where they can be seen at the time of the 1911 census living on Ennerdale Road.

1868, William & Bessie

William Webber married Bessie Bond in Tiverton district in 2Q1868. He was from Family '1843, John & Sophia' and she was originally from Cullompton.



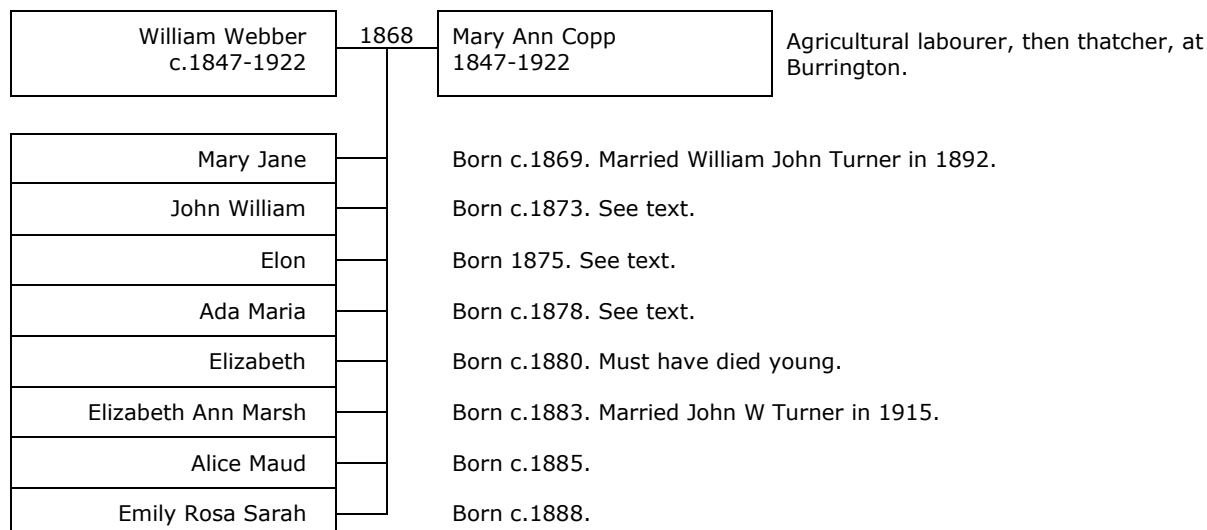
At the time of the 1871 census William was bording with a family at Langport in Somerset, described as a married railway policeman. Bessie was staying with her father at Cullompton, with their two eldest children. A decade later the family was at 105 Ashton Old Road, Manchester. Bessie was a dressmaker. In 1891 they were still at the same address, Samuel was a grocer's assistant, and Florence was a tailoress.

By 1901 William appears to have been widowed, and to have left the police, because he was living at 4 Ashton Old Road described as a tobacconist. Florence and William were both living with him, Henry being a hairdresser by then. His niece Florence Emily Webber from Chawleigh (see Family '1888, John & Phoebe') was staying with them. By 1911 William too had apparently died, and Florence had taken over the tobacconist's shop. Her cousin Florence Emily was still staying with her.

1868, William & Mary Ann

William Webber married Mary Ann Willcocks at Burrington on 7 July 1868, and I owe this information to Denise Ball, who has researched this family, from which she is descended. He was from Family '1826, William & Mary' and Mary Ann was one of three children born at Burrington to Jane Willcocks (her brothers being called Elon and Ephraim). No father's name is given on their birth certificates, but subsequently they sometimes used the surname Copp.

At the time of the 1871 census Mary Ann's brother Ephraim (Copp), an unemployed miller, was staying with her and William. Ephraim subsequently established himself as a miller in Burrington.



At the time of the 1881 census William was described as a thatcher, and he and Mary Ann were living with John William, Elon, Ada Maria and the first Elizabeth. Mary Jane was at that time working as a servant in Chittlehampton parish, in a household headed by her uncle Elon (Copp). In 1891 Mary Jane was staying with Emma Drew in Burrington, Ada Maria was working as a servant for the Mills family of Burrington, and the other surviving children were living with William and Mary Ann.

By the time of the 1901 census William and Mary Ann were living separately (as they were in 1911), and I understand from Denise Ball that this was prompted by William's heavy drinking. William, described as a thatcher and agricultural labourer, was a boarder at Lower Hackney, Braggmarsh. Mary Ann, described as a night nurse, was staying in Barnstaple, on Grosvenor Street, with her daughter Mary Jane and son-in-law William Turner (an agricultural labourer born in Burrington) and their son John. Also staying there were Alice Maud and Emily Rosa Sarah.

John William married Julia Elizabeth Nethercott in South Molton district in 2Q1898, and was a thatcher in Burrington. They had eight children, of whom two died in infancy. Julia Elizabeth died quite young, and in 1Q1910 John William was re-married in South Molton district to Lucy Copp, who may well have been his cousin.

By 1901 Elon was a self-employed dairyman at East Hill, Ottery St Mary. Ada Maria was working as a servant for the Joslin family of Instow. Elizabeth Ann Marsh was probably the 19-year-old named as 'Lizzy' who was visiting a Burrington-born farmer's wife and her family at Morwenstow, North Cornwall.

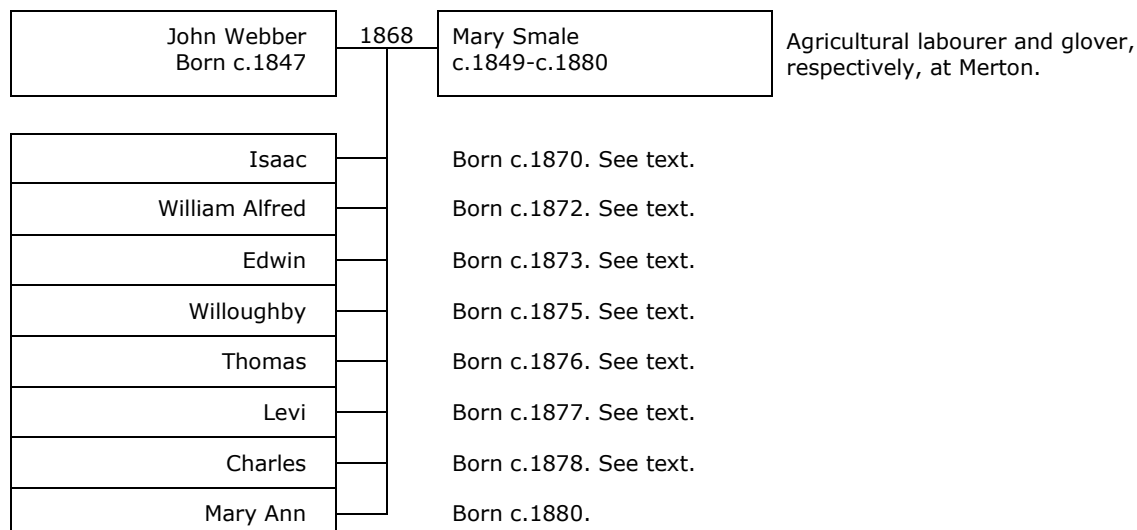
At the time of the 1911 census William was probably the person of that name with his year of birth shown as c.1846 and his marital status as married, who was working as a cowman at West Worlington. Mary Ann, meanwhile, was living with Elon at Farwell Farm, Ottery St Mary, as was Ada Maria, both shown as helping with his business. He (Elon) had married Charlotte Vinnicombe in Honiton district in 2Q1901, but she was not present, and I believe she died at very much the same time as the census was taken. The census return shows that he and Charlotte had two sons still alive in 1911.

Elizabeth Ann Marsh was working as a servant in Barnstaple in 1911, as was Emily Rosa Sarah. Alice Maud was working as a housemaid in Exeter.

William (the father) died in the South Molton Workhouse in 1922, the same year that Mary Ann died at Pilton, Barnstaple at the home of her daughter Elizabeth Ann Marsh Turner (she had married John W Turner in Barnstaple district in 3Q1915).

1868, John & Mary

John Webber married Mary Smale in Torrington district in 3Q1868. He was from Family '1846, John & Ann' and she was originally from Merton, which is where their children were born.



At the time of the 1871 census they were living in Merton with Isaac, and Mary's sister Ann, also a glover, was staying with them. By 1881 Mary had died, and John was living at Smythcott, Merton with all of the children other than Isaac, and his mother-in-law Mary Smale (born at Petters Marland) was living with them.

At the time of the 1891 census John was still at Smythcott with the two youngest children, and his mother-in-law. Isaac and his new wife Charlotte (see below) were staying with them.

By 1901 John had become a bus driver, and in both 1901 and 1911 he was staying with Willoughby and his family (see below). In 1901 they were living at 3 Took's Court, Barnstaple, and in 1911 at Tuly Street.

Isaac married Charlotte Elizabeth Kingwell of Cornwood in Plympton St Mary district in 4Q1890. They went on to have a family at Barnstaple.

William Alfred joined the army, and by 1911 was a sergeant in the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment serving in the West Indies. He was described as married, but I have not traced his marriage or any family that he may have had.

Edwin married Jane Martin of Dolton in Torrington district in 4Q1894. At the time of the 1901 census he was a builder's carter, and they had started a family.

Willoughby married Matilda Marles in Torrington district in 2Q1896, and they had two daughters who survived.

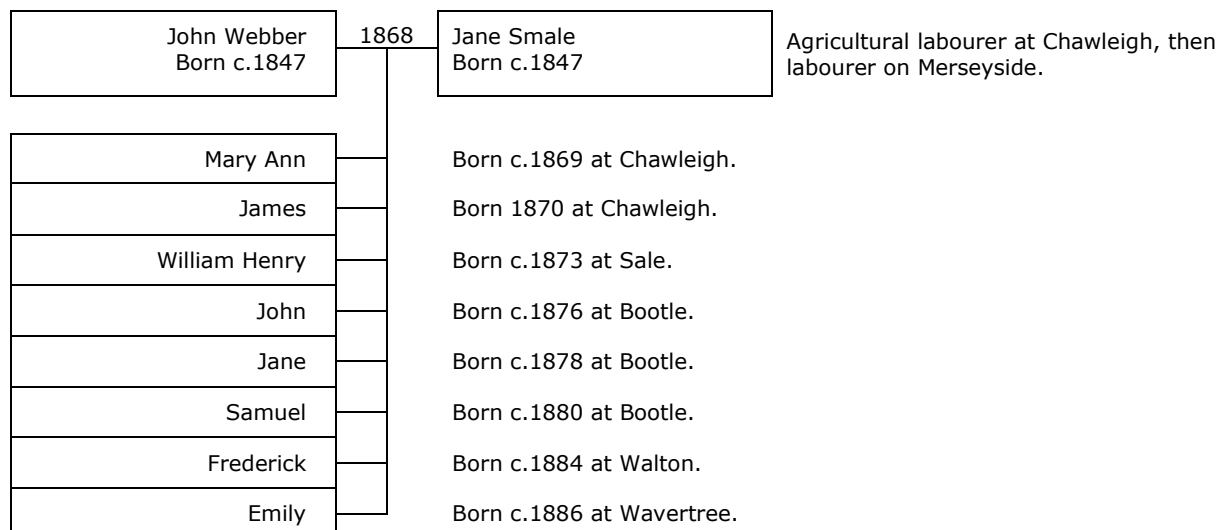
Thomas married Elizabeth Ann Couch of Little Torrington in Torrington district in 1Q1899. By 1911 they were living at Huntshaw with a family, and Thomas was a cattleman on a farm.

Levi married Kate Elizabeth Acland in Dartford district (Kent) in 3Q1900, and they were living at Hanwell, Middlesex in 1901.

Charles married Elizabeth Ann Wooldridge in Exeter district in 1Q1905, and by 1911 they were at Heavitree with two children, and Charles was working as a labourer.

1868, John & Jane

John Webber married Jane Smale in Crediton district in 4Q1868. He was from Family '1835, George & Elizabeth', and she was also from Chawleigh. They had left Chawleigh by 1881.



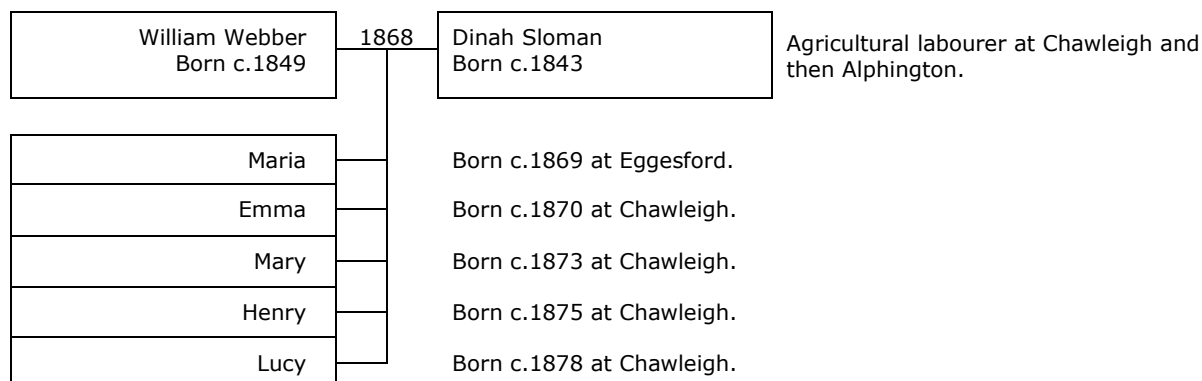
At the time of the 1871 census they were living at Pyke's Leigh, Chawleigh, but soon thereafter they moved to the north west of England. In 1881 John was a general labourer living at 13 Summer Road, Bootle-cum-Linacre on Merseyside, with Jane and the six eldest children shown above.

By 1891 they had moved to New Ferry, Lower Bebington on the Wirral, but James and Jane had either died or left home. At the time of the 1901 census Jane was at 5 Woodhead Street, New Ferry with William Henry, John, Samuel and Frederick, all general labourers. She was described as a wife rather than widow, and though I have not found John, I think he was still alive.

The 1911 census shows that Jane had been married for 42 years, which would be consistent with John still being alive, but again he was not present when the census was taken. John (a ship yard labourer), Samuel (working in a soap factory) and Frederick (also working in a ship yard) were still living with her at 13 Sea Bank Cottages, Birkenhead. William Henry was a boarder in Widnes in 1911, still single and described as a general labourer in a sewage works.

1868, William & Dinah

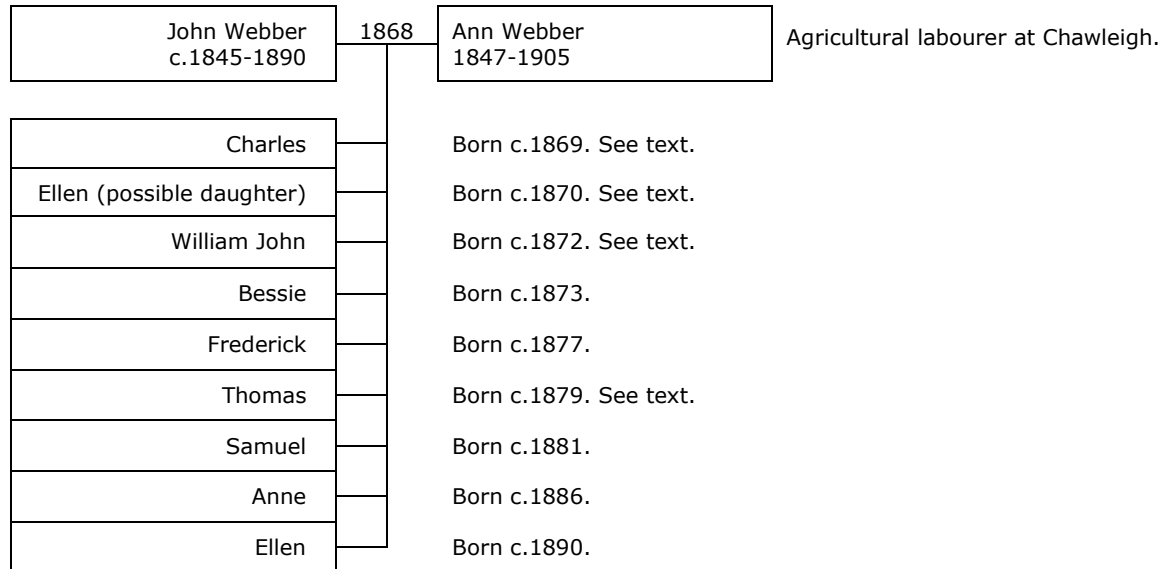
William Webber married Dinah Sloman in Crediton district in 4Q1868. He was from Family '1846, John & Ann' and she was originally from Eggesford, which is where William had been working at the time of the 1861 census. At the time of the 1871 census their surname was recorded as Bulled rather than Webber, suggesting that he had retained strong links with his mother and stepfather.



At the time of the 1871 census they were at Chenson in Chawleigh parish, but by 1881 they had moved to Wills Cottage, Alphington. They were still at Alphington in 1891, with Emma (by then a general domestic servant) and Henry (like his father, an agricultural labourer).

1868, John & Ann

John Webber married Ann Webber in Crediton district in 4Q1868. He had been born at Morchard Bishop, but they lived at Chawleigh, where all of their children were born. She may well have been from Family '1846, William & Elizabeth'. John died on 4 December 1890 and is buried at Chawleigh. Ann was buried in 1905 next to John (the date of death on her headstone is illegible).



At the time of the 1871 census they were living at Sowdon's Leigh, Chawleigh with their eldest son. If I am right about Ann's origins, then their daughter Ellen was staying with her maternal grandparents. After John's death (in 1890), the 1891 census shows that Ann was supporting all of the children (except Thomas, who was working as a servant in Chawleigh for the Baker family, and Ellen) as a launderess.

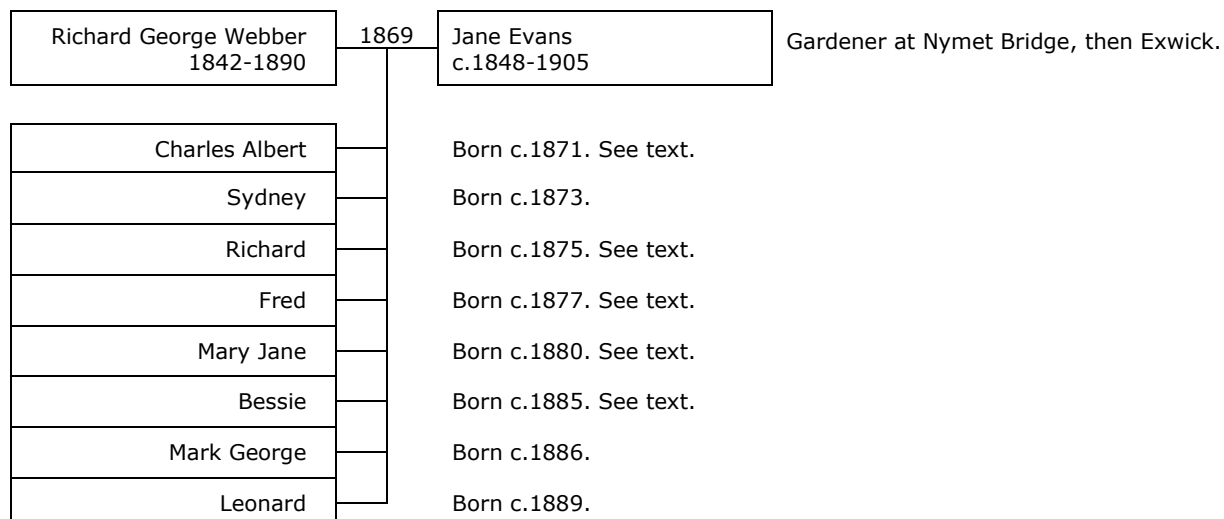
Charles married Fanny Webber in Crediton district in 1Q1897 and had a large family. She was also from Chawleigh, and they remained in the village. At the time of the 1910 census they were living at Upcott, and in 1911 they were at New Inn cottage. They are both buried together at Chawleigh (Charles died aged 64 on 7 December 1933, Fanny aged 66 on 11 October 1939, and their son William John who died aged 41 on 17 January 1938 is buried with them. Another son, Herbert Lewis, and his wife Gwendolyn Ellen, are buried close by).

William married Annie Stone in Crediton district in 4Q1899, and became a farm bailiff. She was from Cruwys Morchard, and they lived there (at Tything House at the time of the 1911 census, by which time they had started a family).

Thomas married Elizabeth Ann Luxton in Crediton district in 1Q1911. She was originally from Colebrook, and at the time of the 1911 census they were living at Moortown, Chawleigh, and Thomas was an agricultural labourer. He is buried at Chawleigh, having died on 1 May 1920 aged 42. Elizabeth Ann survived him by 40 years, dying on 14 September 1960.

1869, Richard & Jane

Richard George Webber married Jane Evans in Torrington district in 1Q1869. He was from Family '1841, Richard & Sarah', and she was originally from Nymet Rowland, which is where their children were all born.



At the time of the 1881 census they were living at Nymet Bridge with the five eldest children shown above. A decade later Charles was a gardener, like his father, and Fred was an errand boy. Those two, plus Mary Jane, Bessie, Mark and Leonard were living with their parents.

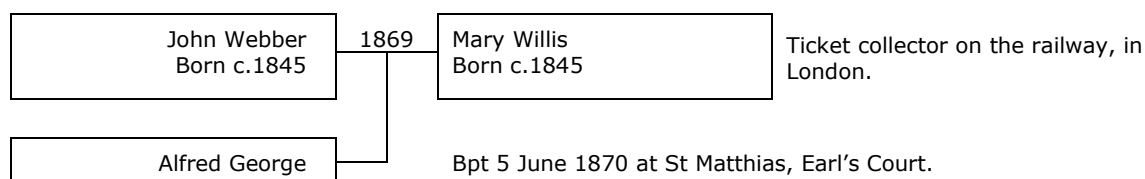
By 1901 they had moved to Crossmead Lodge, Exwick, and Mary Jane (a housemaid), Mark and Leonard were living with them. In 1901 Bessie was working as a servant in North Tawton, and in 1911 she was a housemaid in Topsham.

Charles married Eliza Hopkins of North Tawton in Exeter district in 1Q1895, and they had three children while he worked as a domestic gardener at Bishopsteignton. At the time of the 1901 census his brother Richard was staying with them, also working as a domestic gardener.

Fred married Mary Grace Ley in Exeter district in 4Q1900, and at the time of the 1911 census he too was a domestic gardener, living at 35 Victoria Street in the St James area of Exeter with Mary and their first child.

1869, John & Mary

John Webber married Mary Willis in the Kensington district of London in 4Q1869. He was from Family '1841, George & Sarah' and she was originally from Filkins in Oxfordshire, the daughter of a plasterer.



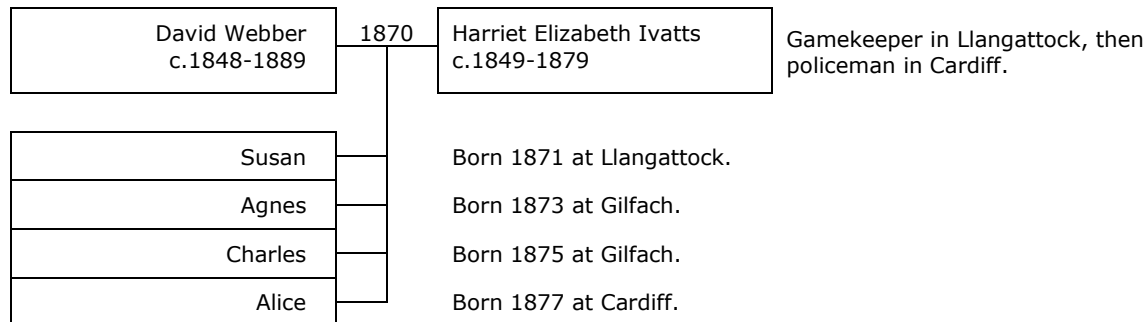
When Alfred George was baptised John and Mary were living at 6 Providence Terrace. At the time of the 1871 census they were living near Paddington, Mary's sister Ann was staying with them, and Alfred George was visiting his Webber grandparents in Devon. I have not found this family after 1871, and it is possible that they emigrated.

1870, David & Harriet

David Webber married Harriet Ivatts in the Camberwell district of London in 3Q1870. He was from Family '1824, John & Maria' and she was originally from Heckfield in Hampshire, the daughter of a tailor called George Ivatts.

At the time of the 1871 census he was a gamekeeper at Llangatock in Brecon. Soon after the census the family evidently moved to Gilfach, half way to Cardiff, and then to Cardiff itself. It is possible that the move away from Llangatock was linked to his taking a job as a policeman. It is

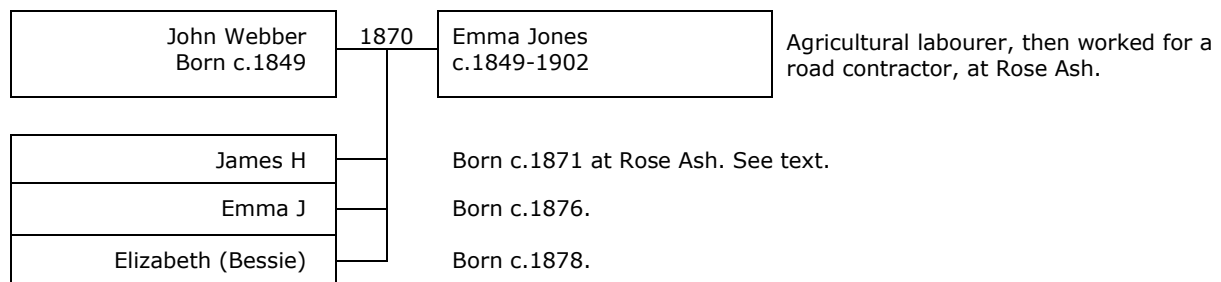
also possible that David's brother James took over his old job at Llangattock, since he arrived there in about 1872.



Harriet died in 4Q1879 in Cardiff. David was then re-married the following year to her younger sister, Frances Ann Ivatts, in Cardiff in 2Q1880. Their marriage is dealt with below as Family '1880, David & Frances'.

1870, John & Emma

John Webber married Emma Jones in South Molton district in 4Q1870. He was from Family '1835, John & Elizabeth' and she was originally from Meshaw. They lived at Ash Moor.



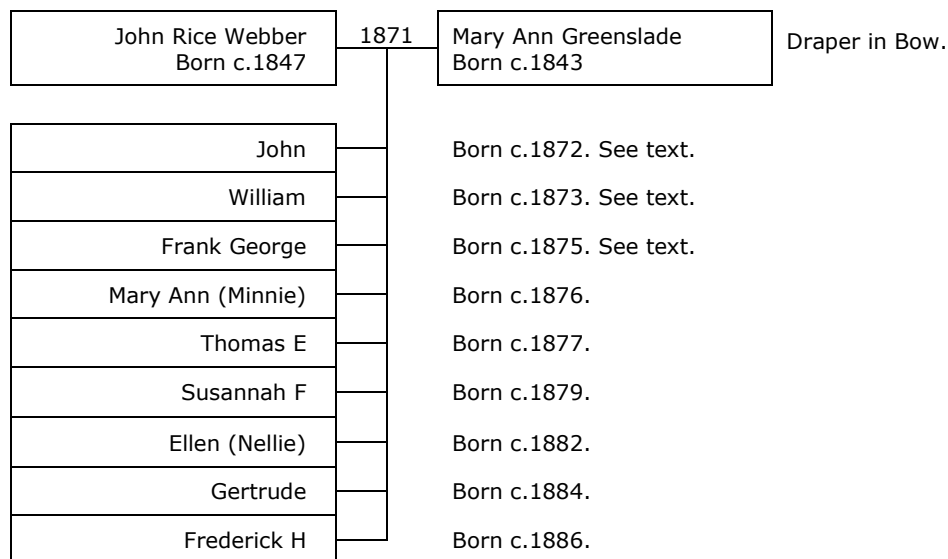
In 1871 they were living in the same household as John's parents, and James was 5 months old. In 1881 John's father (also John) was still living with them and their three children. In 1891 John's father was still there, but of their children only James was living with them. They were on their own in 1901.

Emma died in 1902, and the following year (2Q1903 in South Molton district) John was re-married, to Elizabeth Kingdon from Rose Ash. They can be seen, still at Ash Moor at the time of the 1911 census.

James married Mary Green from Meshaw in South Molton district in 2Q1898, and in 1901 they can be seen living at Meshaw with their first son. James, like his father, was working for a road contractor. They had a substantial family and in 1911 were living at Vinhay, Meshaw.

1871, John Rice & Mary Ann

John Rice Webber married Mary Ann Greenslade in the St Thomas district of Exeter in 1Q1871. He was from Family '1839, William & Mary Ann' and she was originally from Crediton. They settled in John Rice's home village of Bow. John Rice may well have died in 3Q1891 (after the census of that year), but this is not confirmed.



By the time of the 1881 census John Rice and Mary Ann were living at 53 Main Street, Bow with the first six children shown above. By 1891 they had moved to Manchester House, Bow (John's parents' former home), with all of their children except Frank (who was an apprentice draper in Plymouth) and Mary Ann (who was staying with her uncle Richard Gower (or similar), a retired maltster in Crediton).

By 1901 Mary Ann had moved to Exeter (41 Oxford Road, in the St James area) and the six youngest children were at home with her. Minnie, Nellie and Gertude were all described as school teachers, and Thomas (an outfitter / clothier), Susannah and Frederick (shop assistants) had all gone into the drapery / shopkeeping business. By 1911 only Mary Ann and Gertrude (both assistant teachers) were at home with their mother, at 17 Belmont Road, Exeter.

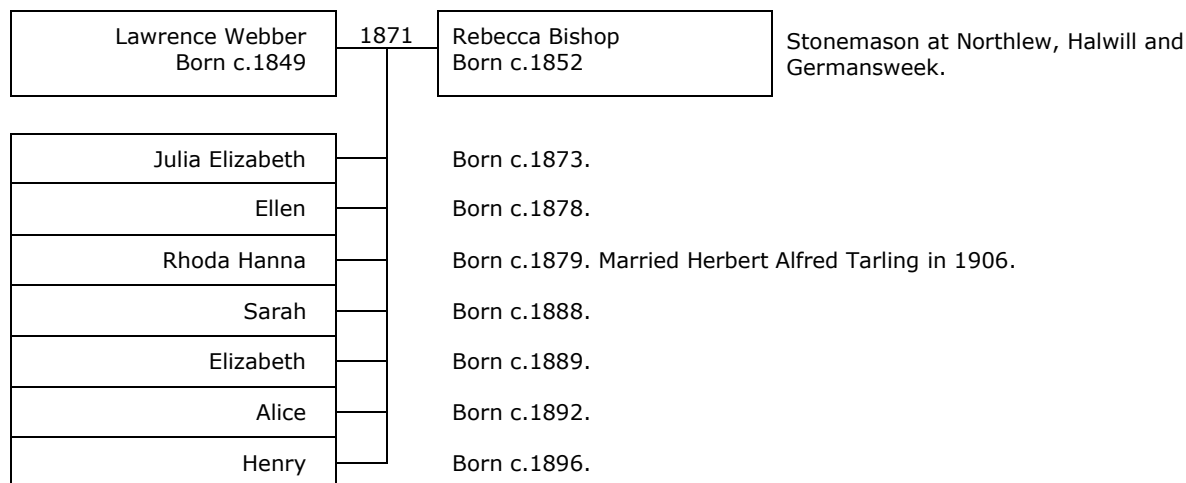
John married Elizabeth Kelland in Crediton district in 2Q1893. In 1901 he was a travelling draper living at 2 Union Street, Exeter, but by 1911 he was a grazier and dairy keeper at Higher Medlecott, Morchard Bishop. He and Elizabeth had one son.

William married Emma Louisa Golding (originally from Orpington) at Hackney in 4Q1900. In 1901 he was a shopbuyer's assistant at 45 Parholme Road, Hackney, and by 1911 he was a shop assistant in a silver and electroplating business, living at 10A Allendale Road, Denmark Hill. Their two children had been born in Dalston (Hackney) and Salisbury (Wiltshire).

Frank was a warehouseman in the City of London in 1901. He married Kate Edwards at Wandsworth in 1Q1903, and by 1911 he was the manager of a cotton and woollen manufacturing business, and he and Kate were living on Victoria Road, Clapham Common with a widowed aunt called Mary Edwards. They had no children by then.

1871, Lawrence & Rebecca

Lawrence Webber married Rebecca Bishop in St Thomas (Exeter) in 3Q1871. He was from Family '1836, James & Anna', and she was originally from Exeter. Their children were apparently all born at Northlew.



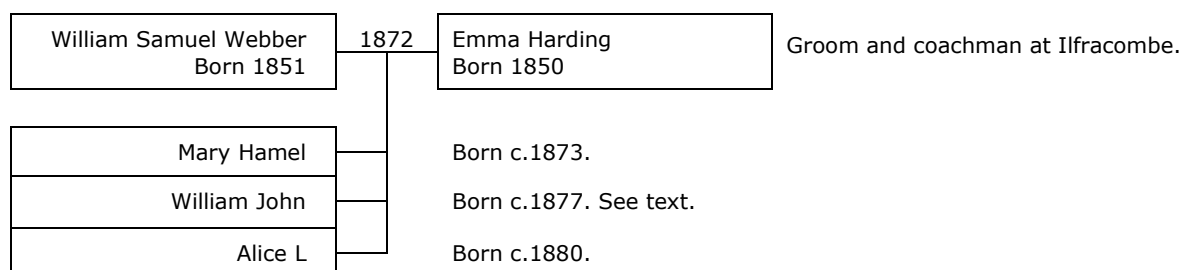
At the time of the 1881 census Lawrence was working away from home, at Staverton; Ellen was staying with her Webber grandparents; and Julia and Rhoda Hanna were at Bolland Cottage, Northlew with Rebecca. The family was still at Northlew in 1891, but by 1901 they had moved to Halwell (and Julia Elizabeth was living at Burrington, Rhoda Hanna was a servant in Chelsea, and Sarah was a servant in Milton Damerel).

By the time of the 1911 census Lawrence was working on roads and in quarries, and he and Rebecca were living at Germansweek with Elizabeth (a dressmaker), Alice (a general domestic servant) and Henry (already working in a quarry). Their grandson Alfred Tarling (born c.1907 in London) was staying with them. His parents, Herbert Alfred (a dry cleaning assistant born in Westminster) and Rhoda Hanna, were living at 27 Castle Street, Battersea, and Alfred was their only child at that stage. They had got married in 1906.

The 1911 census return confirms that no other children were born to Lawrence and Rebecca in the gap between Rhoda and Sarah, and also confirms that two of their seven children had died by then.

1872, William & Emma

William Samuel Webber married Emma Harding in Barnstaple district in 1Q1872. He was from Family '1846, George & Mary Ann' and she was originally from Georgeham. They were both working in Ilfracombe at the time of their marriage, and continued to live there.

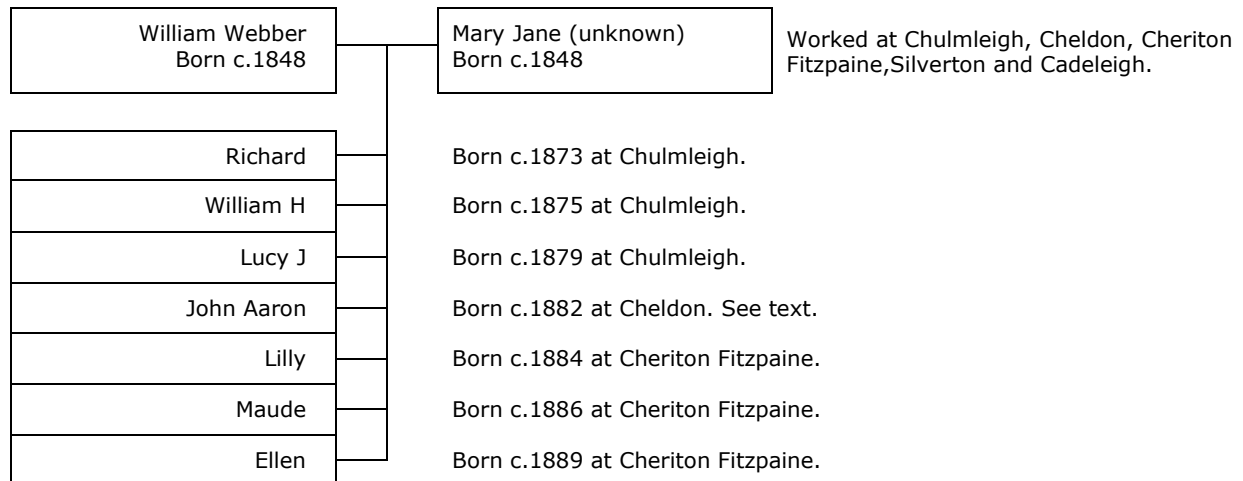


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 1 Albion Place, Ilfracombe with their three children. A decade later they were at 25 Portland Street, Mary was a dressmaker and William was a saddler's apprentice. William and Emma were at the same address in 1901, but on their own, and in 1911 William was not at home, but Emma was recorded as a married lodginghouse keeper, and her 12-year-old granddaughter, Lily Webber from Newport, Monmouthshire (see below) was staying.

William John married Rosa Anstee at Newport in South Wales in 4Q1898. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at 31 Capel Crescent, Newport with their daughter Lilian, but in 1907 Rosa died. In 1911 Lilian was staying with her grandmother in Ilfracombe (see above), and William was a railway goods guard lodging at Rogerstone, near Newport.

c.1872, William & Mary Jane

William Webber married a wife called Mary Jane in about 1872, but I have not managed to find the details. He was almost certainly from Family '1833, Aaron & Charity' (see the naming of their third son for evidence), and she was originally from Chulmleigh.



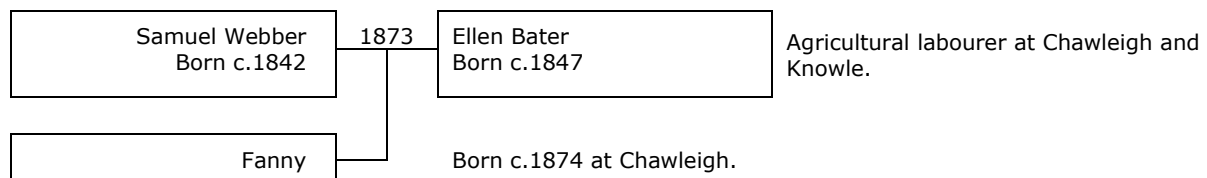
At the time of the 1881 census William was an agricultural labourer and he and Mary Jane were living at Church Cottage, Cheldon with their three youngest children. A decade later he was still an agricultural labourer, but they were at Chilton Cottage, Cheriton Fitzpaine with the five youngest children. William was working as a servant in Chulmleigh for the Welland family at that time, but I have been unable to find Richard in 1891.

By 1901 William and Mary Jane had moved to Burn Dairy, Silverton, where William was working as a carter. Only Ellen was still at home with her parents. By 1911 Mary Jane had died, and William was an agricultural labourer at Lee Cross, Cadeleigh with Maude acting as his housekeeper. A grandson (Kenneth Webber, c.2) was also living with them.

John married Jane Beer in Tiverton district in 4Q1899. She was originally from Launcells in Cornwall. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at Thorverton, and by 1911 census they were at Lee Cross, Cadeleigh (close to his father), where John was working as a rabbit trapper. They had a substantial family.

1873, Samuel & Ellen

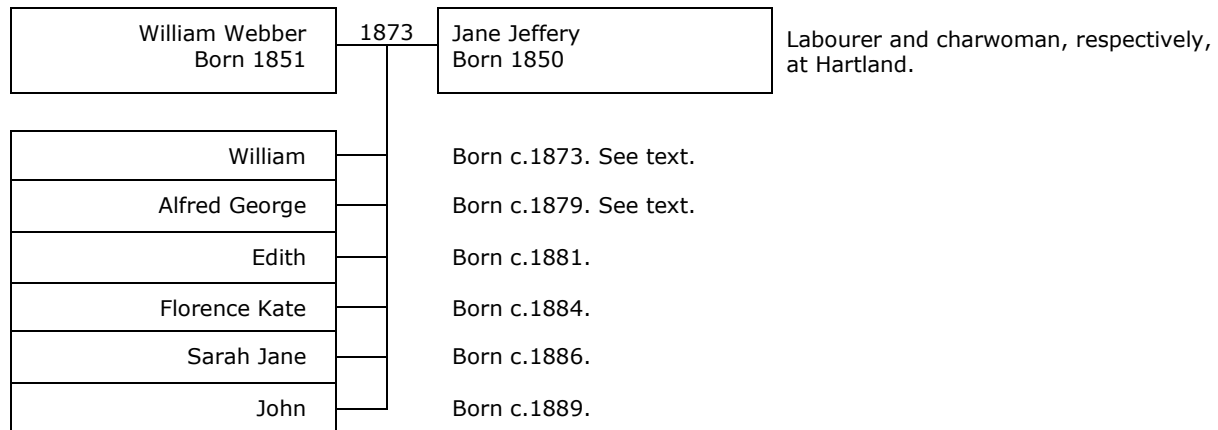
Samuel Webber married Ellen Bater in Crediton district in 4Q1873. He was from Family '1801, John & Elizabeth' and she was also from Chawleigh.



At the time of the 1881 census they were living at Knowle, near Crediton. By 1891 Samuel had died; Ellen was working at Bow as a housekeeper, and Fanny was a servant in the St Sidwell district of Exeter.

1873, William & Jane

William Webber married Jane Jeffery in Bideford district (probably at Hartland) in 4Q1873. He was from Family '1841, George & Sarah' and she was already the mother of a daughter (Elizabeth, born c.1869 at Clovelly, possibly out of wedlock).



At the time of the 1881 census William and Jane were at South Lane Cottages, Horton (in the parish of Hartland) with William, Alfred and Jane's daughter Elizabeth. William was a general labourer and Jane was a charwoman.

By 1891 William and Alfred were working as farm servants in Hartland, William for John Jeffery and Alfred for John Ellis.

In 1901 only John was living at home with William and Jane (still described as a labourer and charwoman, respectively). Edith and Sarah were working as servants in Hartland for the Pyne and Hooper families. By the time of the 1911 census William was in the Bideford workhouse, and Jane was living at Bideford with Florence and Sarah, both still single. The 1911 census return shows that they had had one more child than is shown above, though I suspect that this total may include Jane's daughter Elizabeth, who from 1891 onwards was recorded with the Webber surname on census returns (and may indeed have been William's daughter).

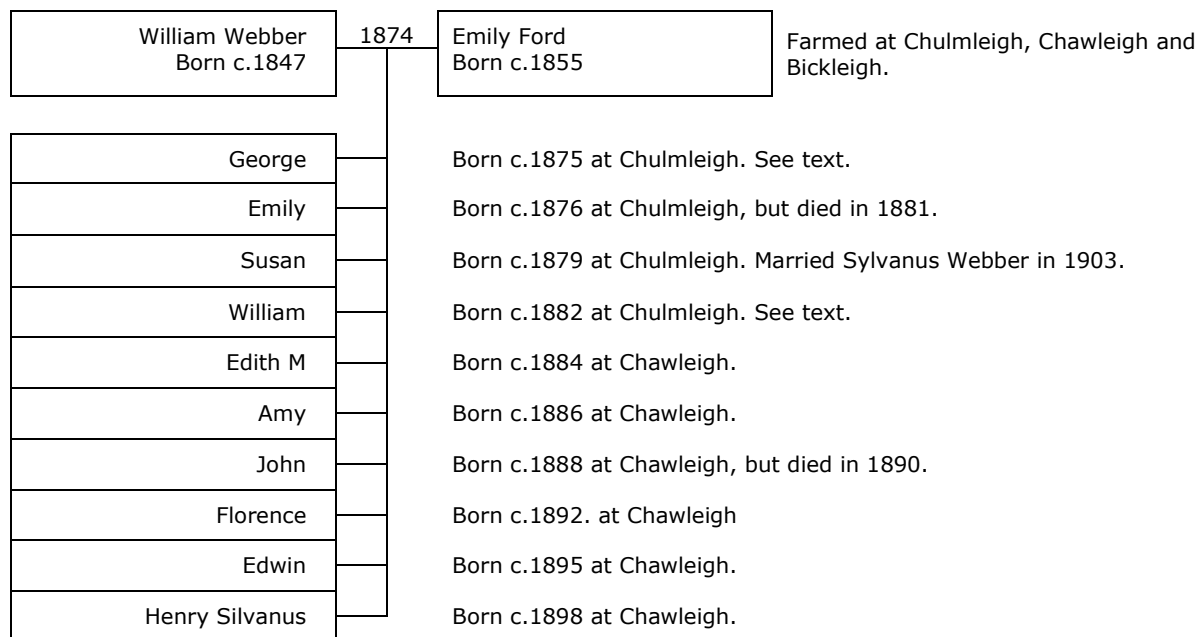
In 1895 William married Mary Jeffery (quite possibly a relative of his mother's), and by 1901 he was a general labourer at Towns End, Hartland with Mary and their son Herbert. They had no other children.

Alfred married Alice Ellen White in the Aston district of Birmingham in 1Q1902. At the time of the 1911 census they were living at 251 St Benedict Road, Aston with a family, and Alfred was working as a tramway motorman.

In 1911 Edith was a servant at Oxted (Surrey), and John was an agricultural labourer visiting Oxted, but in a different household from Edith.

1874, William & Emily

William Webber married Emily Ford in South Molton district in 3Q1874. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan', and she was originally from Chulmleigh.



At the time of the 1881 census William was described as the farmer of Higher Sheepsbyre, with Emily and their first three children. His nephew George (son of his eldest brother John) was living and working for them. He (George) left for London soon thereafter, and married another member of the Ford family later that year.

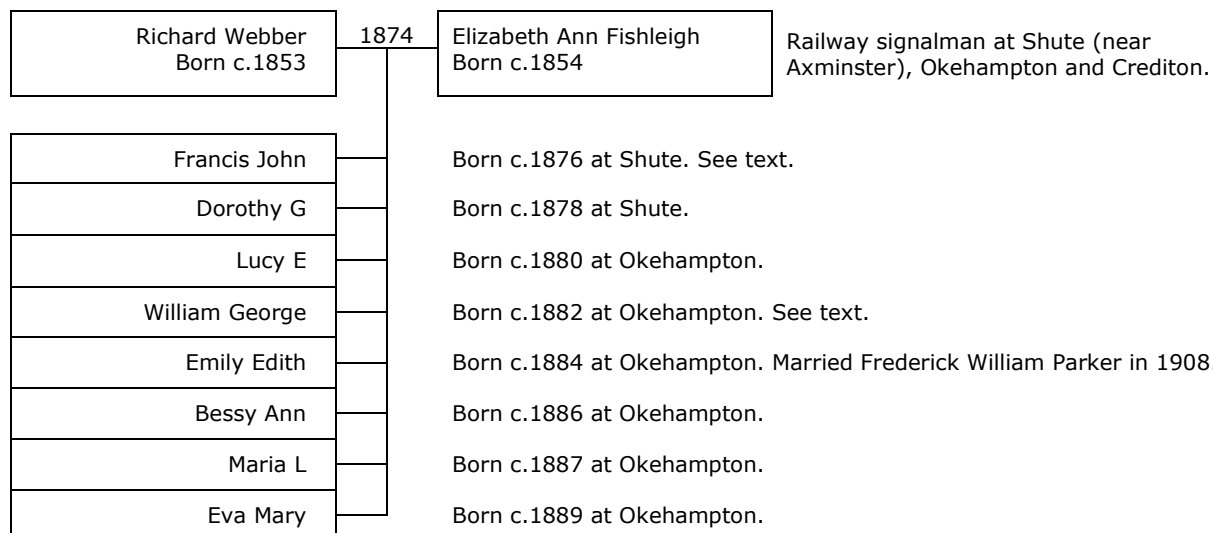
By 1891 the family (minus Emily, the daughter, who died in 1881, and whose headstone can be seen in Chulmleigh churchyard, and John, who is buried at Chawleigh) was farming at Southcott, near Chawleigh.

In 1901 the family was at Lower Burne, Bickleigh (near Silverton), and the children living at home with William and Emily were George, Edith, Amy, Florence, Edwin and Henry Silvanus. Susan and William were both in London, staying with their cousins from Family '1861, John & Emma'.

By 1911 only Florence, Edwin and Henry were at home with their parents, but the wrongly completed census form shows that the other five surviving children were all married. George can be seen with a wife and family at Trey Mill Farm, Silverton. Susan had married her first cousin, Sylvanus (from Family '1861, John & Emma'), and was living in London.

1874, Richard & Elizabeth Ann

Richard Webber married Elizabeth Ann Fishleigh in Bideford district in 4Q1874. He was a railway signalman from Family '1833, John & Ann', and she was the daughter of a small farmer from Milton Damerel. At the time of the 1871 census she had been living with her parents and working as a glover.



At the time of the 1881 census the family was living at 3 Park Cottages, Okehampton, but not long before the 1891 census they moved to Crediton. At that time Francis was working as a farm servant. In 1901 they were living on Park Street, Crediton, and only the three youngest children were still living at home with their parents. Emily and Bessy Ann were working as domestic servants at that time, in Exeter and Crediton respectively. A decade later only Eva Mary was still living with her parents. The 1911 census confirms that there were no other children not shown above, and further confirms that they were all alive at that time. Bessy Ann was still working as a servant in Crediton in 1911.

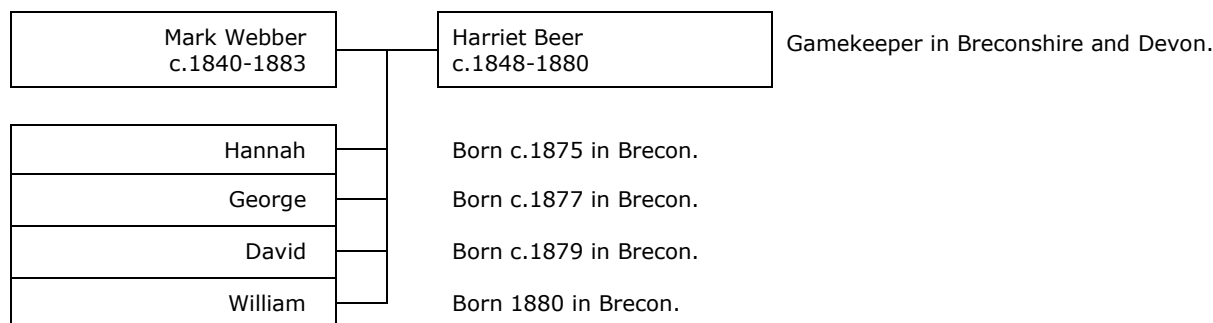
Francis married Sarah Elston in Crediton district in 4Q1898. He became a policeman in London, and at the time of the 1901 census they were living at 35 Albert Terrace, Lambeth with their first son. They subsequently moved to Wood Green, North London, and had other children.

William was working for a blacksmith in Crediton at the time of the 1901 census, and became a farrier. In 1911 he was still single, and was visiting Woodford Green in Essex.

c.1874, Mark & Harriet

I am unsure when Mark Webber from Family '1824, John & Maria' was married, but it appears to have been around 1874, and his wife was very probably Harriet Beer, from Bishop's Tawton. Like his brothers David and James he was a gamekeeper in Breconshire, which is where all of his children were born. Whether he also lived in Llangattock (as James and David did) I am unsure.

Unfortunately by the time of the 1881 census he had been widowed, Harriet having died in 2Q1880, possibly in connection with the birth of William. At the time of the 1881 census Mark and the children were all staying back in Landkey with his widowed mother and three of his nieces (daughters of Susanna and Jane).



Mark himself died at Landkey on 25 March 1883 (according to the North Devon Journal of 29 March that year), and the children stayed in Devon, at least initially.

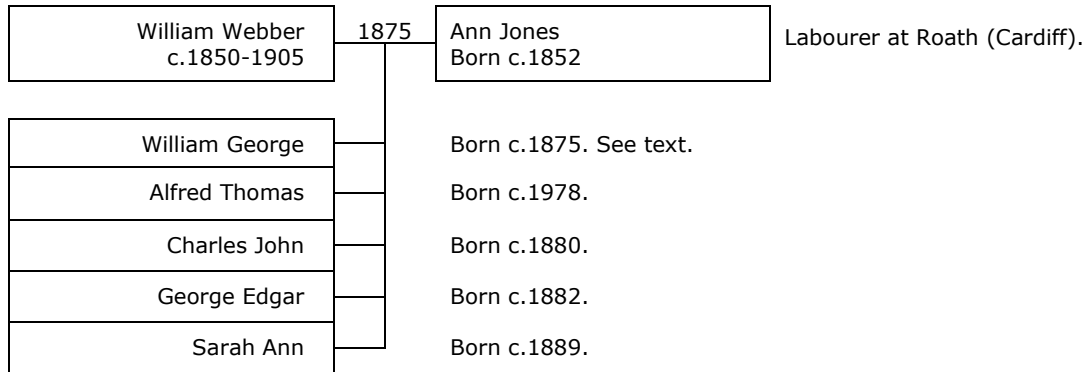
At the time of the 1991 census Hannah was staying with her uncle William Beer and his wife Jane (née Odam) at Bishop's Tawton. It is this piece of evidence which ties Mark's wife to either the Beer or Odam families, and earlier census returns show that William had a sister called Harriet of the right age to be the Harriet Webber who was buried in Crickhowell district in 2Q1880, whereas Jane did not have sisters.

Both George and David were working locally as servants in 1891, and both appear to have joined the railway subsequently, George in Bradford (by 1911) and David in Hendon (north west London). William was staying with his father's brother Richard at Landkey in 1891, and I have found no convincing sighting of him thereafter.

Chapter 6: Marriages from 1874 to 1887

1875, William & Ann

William Webber married Ann Jones in Cardiff in 1Q1875. He was very probably from Family '1848, George & Susan', though his age as recorded by the various censuses was so variable that it is hard to be too confident about that. Ann was originally from Laugharne, on the coast between Carmarthen and Tenby. Their children were all born at Cardiff.

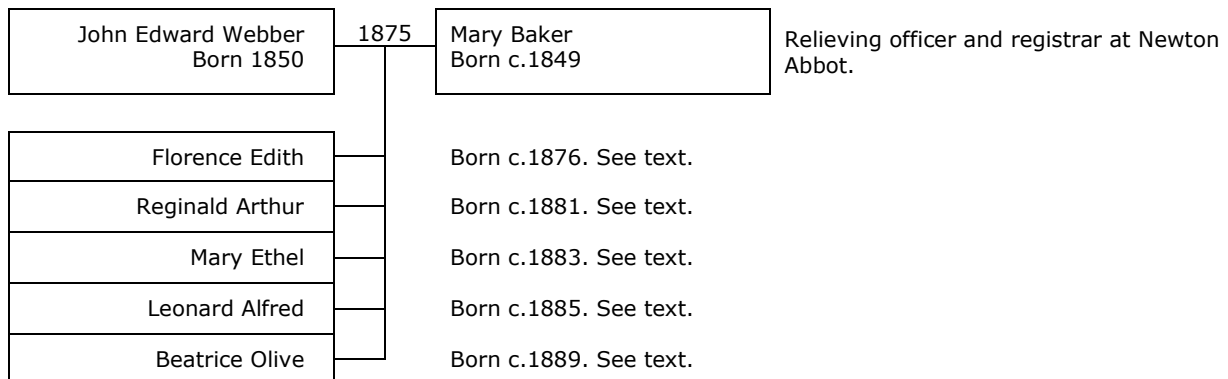


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 43 Topaz Street, and a decade later at what looks like Mend Street, Roath. By 1901 William George was married, but the three youngest children were still at home with William and Ann. William was working in an oil works at that time, while Charles was working for the railways and George was what looks like a journeyman baker. By 1911 William had died, but Alfred had returned to the family home. He and George were both labourers, and Charles was a signalman on the railways.

William George married Catherine Ann Horrigan at Cardiff in 2Q1899. By 1901 they were living at Newport, and in 1911 they were at North Wingfield near Chesterfield (Derbyshire) where William George was a wagon painter. They had four children by then, and may well have had more later.

1875, John & Mary

John Edward Webber married Mary Baker in Newton Abbot district in 1Q1875. He was from Family '1839, John & Elizabeth', and she was originally from Lewtrenchard. By the time of the 1881 census they were living at Farfield Terrace, Wolborough (on the edge of Newton Abbot), John had ceased working as a mason, and was a 'relieving officer' for the local council.



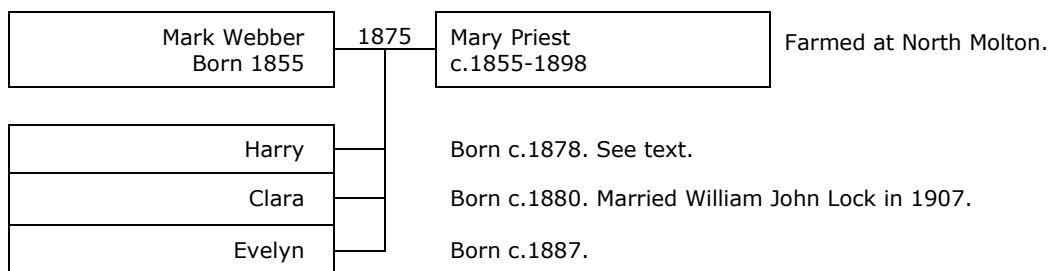
By the time of the 1891 census they had the five children shown above, though we know from the 1911 census return that they had had two others who had not survived infancy. Florence was a pupil-teacher by then, and she went on to teach in a private school (at the time of the 1901 census). John had also added the role of registrar of births, deaths and marriages to his relieving officer duties.

By 1911 John had retired, and he and Mary had moved to 146 Sefton Park Road, Ashley Down, Bristol with their three daughters, all still single. Florence had by that time become an assistant relieving officer at Bristol, and Beatrice was a milliner.

Reginald had left home by 1901, and the 1911 census shows that he had by then moved to Plumstead in Kent, where he was lodging at 79 Dallin Road described as a government clerk, and single. Leonard also became a relieving officer. By 1911 he was living at 5 Paradise Lawn, South Molton with his wife Edith Margaret (née Wood, who he had married in Newton Abbot district in 1Q1909) and their daughter Marjorie Lois (born c.1909).

1875, Mark & Mary

Mark Webber married Mary Priest in South Molton district (and almost certainly in North Molton parish) in 3Q1875. He was from Family '1849, John & Charlotte' and she was the daughter of John and Ann Priest of North Molton. John Priest worked as a labourer on farms and (in 1881, when his grandson Harry was staying with him) in an iron mill (North Molton being an active metal mining area at that time).

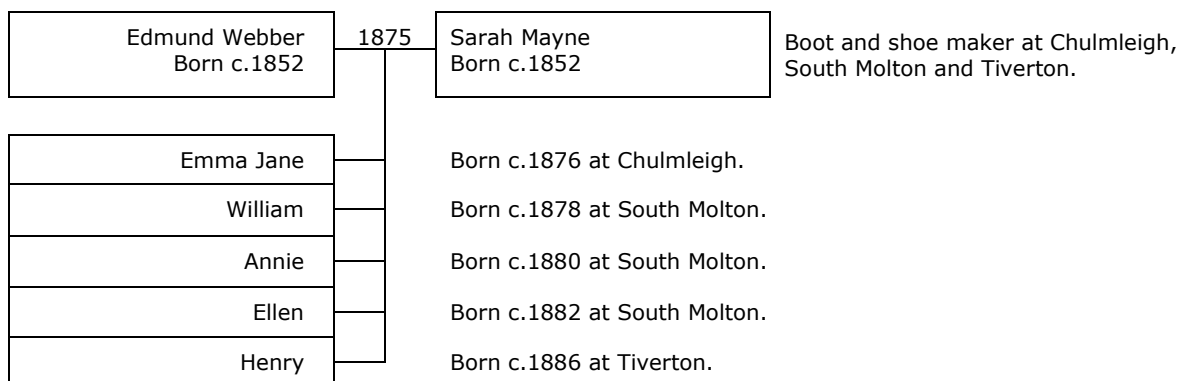


At the time of the 1881 census Mark was working as an agricultural labourer at North Heasley, probably for his father. He subsequently took over the farm at North Heasley. Mary died in 1898, and at the time of the 1901 census all three children were living with Mark. In late 1901 he was re-married to Annie Sanders, and at the time of the 1911 census they were at North Heasley with Evelyn and Ann Priest, Mark's widowed mother-in-law from his first marriage.

By then Harry had joined the Pay Corps as a clerk, and was living at Isleworth in Middlesex, and Clara had married William John Lock, a widowed farmer originally from North Molton, but by then farming at West Buckland in Somerset.

1875, Edmund & Sarah

Edmund Webber married Sarah Mayne in South Molton district in 3Q1875. He was from Family '1833, Aaron & Charity', and she was originally from Chulmleigh.

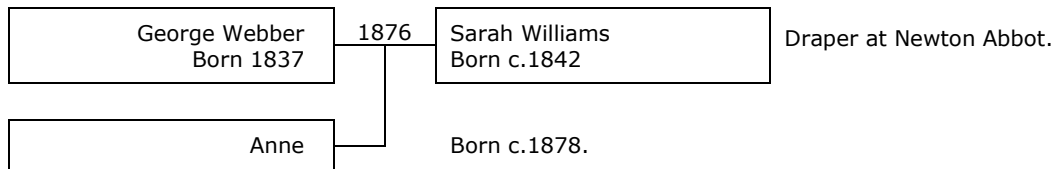


By the time of the 1881 census they had moved from Chulmleigh to South Molton, but in 1891 Edmund (by then widowed) was living at 8 Cosway's Buildings, Broad Lane, Tiverton with the children. Emma Jane was acting as the family's housekeeper, though only c.15, and William was a silk lace maker.

Edmund's was subsequently re-married (in Tiverton in 3Q1892) to Mary Ann Ellis. They had further children, but according to the 1911 census (when they were living at 8 Orchard View, Tiverton), only one (Sarah Jane, born c.1894, and by then a lauderess) survived.

1876, George & Sarah

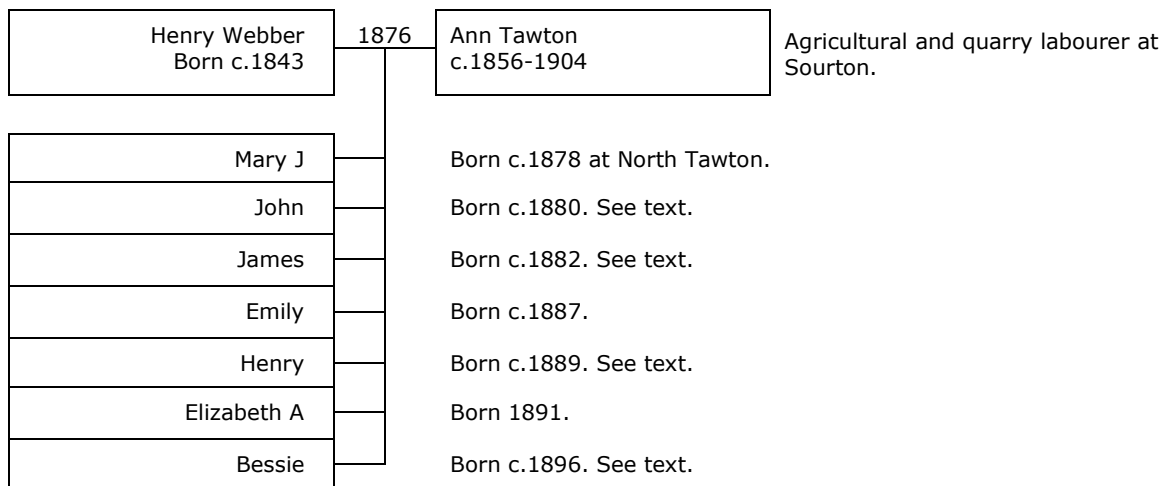
This was George's third marriage (his second being '1865, George & Catherine), and he married Sarah Williams at Exeter in 3Q1876. Like Catherine, his second wife, she was originally from Martham, Norfolk, and I believe she was actually Catherine's sister, who had herself been married and widowed by 1876.



Their daughter Anne was born at Exeter, but by the time of the 1881 census they were living at 121 Queen Street, Wolborough (Newton Abbot), and George was working as a draper's assistant. Emily and George (from George's second marriage) and Annie were living with them. In 1891 George was still a draper's assistant at Wolborough, and Annie was the only child living with them. By 1901 George was described as a draper, and Anne was a mother's help. By 1911 George had died, and Sarah and Anne were living at 10 Buckland View, Newton Abbot.

1876, Henry & Ann

Henry Webber married Ann Tawton in Okehampton district (probably at Sourton) in 3Q1876. He was very probably from Family '1835, William & Elizabeth', and she was originally from Sourton. At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 'Waterloo', Sourton, and that is where most of their children were born. By 1901 Henry was working in the nearby limestone quarries. Henry's age was recorded inconsistently on the census returns, but by 1901 it was given as c.60.



By the time of the 1891 census Mary J was not living at home with her parents, but was still in Sourton. By 1901 only James, Henry, Elizabeth A and Bessie were at home with their parents, and Emily was working as a domestic servant in the village.

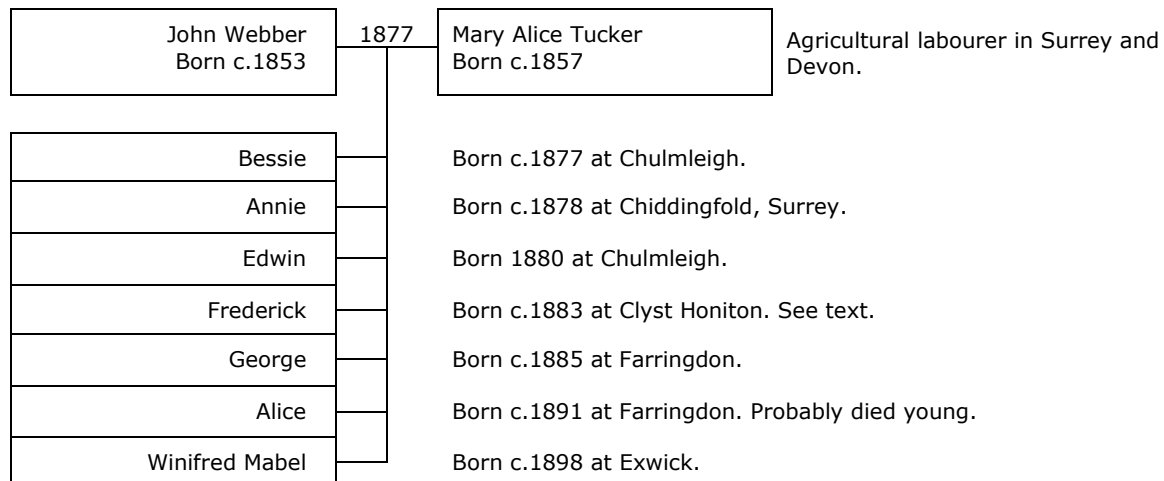
The 1911 census shows that John had gone into the Navy, and that although he was away at sea at that time, his wife Emily Jane (née Piper, born at Folly Gate, Inwardleigh in c.1881, married in Plymouth district in 2Q1905) was staying in a boarding house at 74 King Gardens, Plymouth with their three children.

In 1911 I have been unable to find Henry (Ann having died by then), but I believe that James was a quarryman at Meldon, just outside Okehampton (one of the biggest quarries in England); Henry

was working as a horse driver in Okehampton and staying with an uncle called George Chewings; and Bessie was working as a servant in Throwleigh.

1877, John & Mary

John Webber married Mary Alice Tucker in South Molton district in 1Q1877. He was from Family '1846, George & Mary Ann' and she was originally from Whitestone. They moved around a considerable amount, as can be seen from the places of birth of their children.



At the time of the 1881 census John and Mary were not living together. He was working on a farm at Woodbury while she was living in Lower Town, Colebrook with Bessie and Edwin. Annie was staying on New Street, Chulmleigh with her Tucker grandparents (Samuel and Elizabeth).

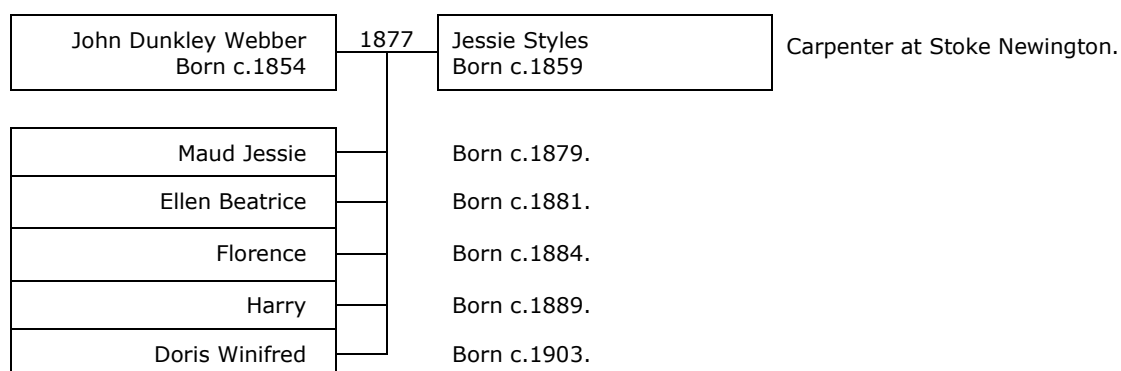
In 1891 John and Mary were living at Farringdon with the first six of the children shown above. By 1901 John was working as a carter on a farm, and living at 1 Roberts Cottages, Exwick with Mary, Frederick (by then a grocer's assistant), George (a gardener's assistant) and Winifred.

By 1911 John was working in a nursery, and only George (a carman) and Winifred Mabel were at home. The census return shows that as well as the seven children shown above they had had two more. Of those nine only four were still alive in 1911, one of whom was Frederick (see below).

Frederick married Ellen Maud Hawken from Trewethan, Cornwall at Exeter in 2Q1908. At the time of the 1911 census he was a hotel porter in Sidmouth, and they had no children by then.

1877, John & Jessie

John Dunkley Webber married Jessie Styles in Islington in 1Q1877. He was from Family '1851, George & Sarah Ann'.

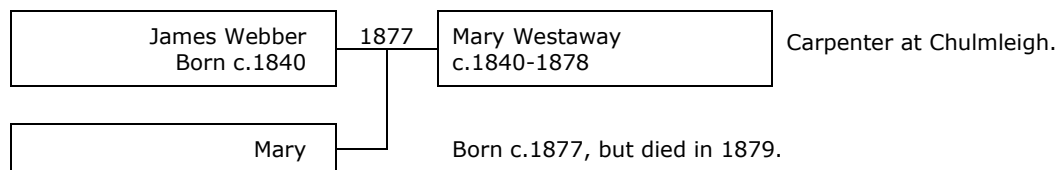


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 58 Broke Road, Shoreditch with the two eldest children, but by 1891 they had moved to 43 Defoe Road, Stoke Newington, where they lived for several years (including the 1901 census).

By 1901 Maud was a commercial clerk and Florence was a stenographer. By the time of the 1911 census John had died, and Jessie was living with all of the children except Florence at 44 Kyderdale Road, Stoke Newington, including the much younger Doris (born when Jessie was well over 40). Maud and Harry were both working as clerks, and Ellen was an assistant schoolmistress.

1877, James & Mary

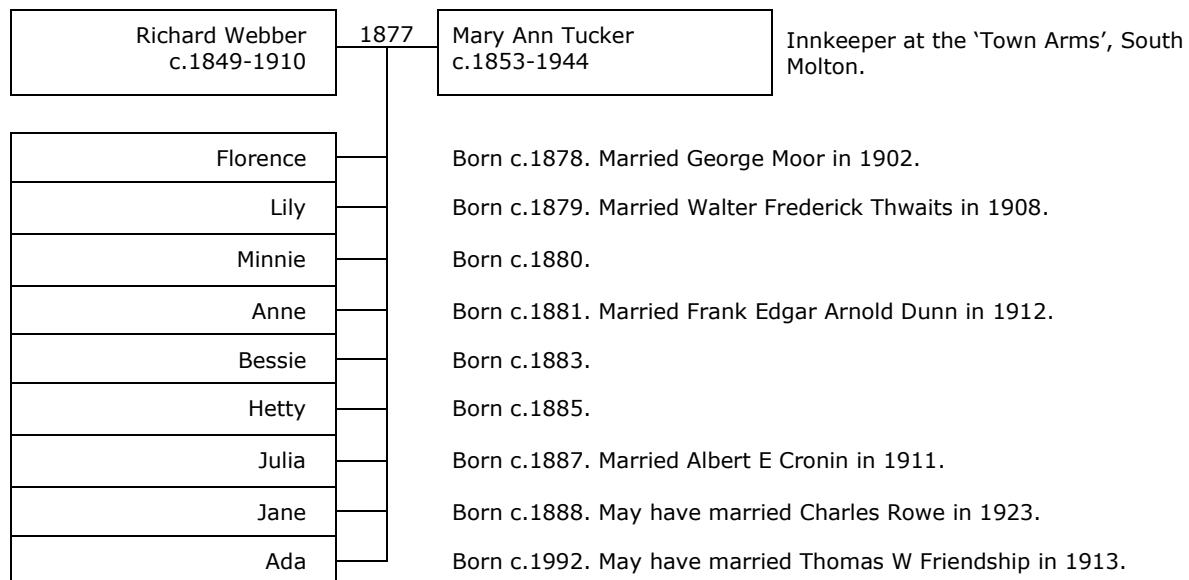
James Webber married Mary Westaway in South Molton district in 2Q1877. This was his second marriage (his first being '1860, James & Elizabeth Jane'). Mary died at Chulmleigh on 30 April 1878 and is buried in Chulmleigh churchyard with their daughter Mary, who died on 22 August 1879.



He was subsequently married for a third time (see '1881, James & Susan Ann' below).

1877, Richard & Mary Ann

Richard Webber married Mary Ann Tucker in South Molton district in 3Q1877. He was from Family '1835, William & Ann', and she was probably the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Tucker, who ran one or more inns at Mariansleigh. As well as running the Town Arms, Richard had a small farm, and was for a time a town councillor on South Molton. Both he and Mary Ann are buried in the cemetery at South Molton.

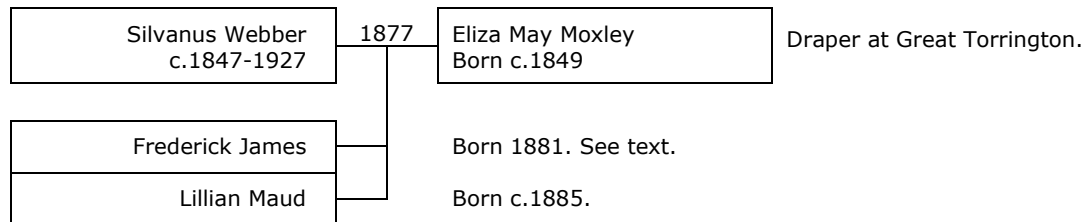


The family can be seen at the Town Arms in 1881, 1891 and 1901, and by 1901 only Lily, Minnie and Anne had moved away from home, Lily and Minnie to London, and Anne to Newton Abbott. I am not certain of all the marriages shown above, but the earlier ones are almost certainly right.

1877, Silvanus & Eliza May

Silvanus Webber married Eliza May Moxley in West Ham in 4Q1877. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan' and she was originally from Newport on the Isle of Wight. Silvanus was a local JP, and was active in the Bible Christian movement. In 1895 he represented the Shebbear district at

the national Bible Christian conference. He was also Chairman of the Great Torrington Temperance Tavern Co Ltd (as can be seen from the on-line London Gazette, which reports its winding-up in 1902).

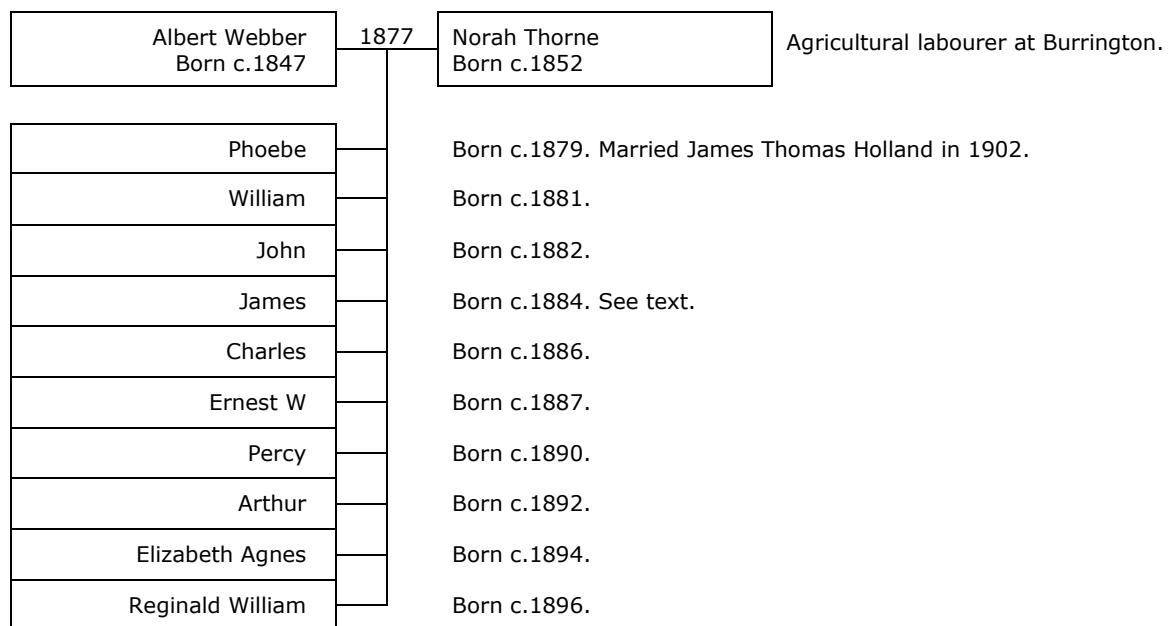


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 87 High Street, Great Torrington. Frederick was 2 months old, Eliza May's mother (Elizabeth, born at Mevagissey in Cornwall) was visiting them, and Silvanus' 15-year-old niece Susan was working for them as an apprentice. The North Devon Journal of 20 December 1888 reported that Frederick had fractured his thigh while playing in a loft.

The family lived in different houses over the years, but consistently on High Street. Both Frederick (by then also a draper) and Lillian were still living at home in 1911.

1877, Albert & Norah

Albert Webber married Norah Thorne in South Molton district in 4Q1877. He was from Family '1835, William & Elizabeth', and she was the daughter of James and Elisabeth Thorne.



At the time of the 1881 census they were living with Phoebe and William. A decade later Albert's father, William, was with them, and their three youngest children. At that time Phoebe, John and James were staying with their Thorne grandparents, also in Burrington.

At the time of the 1901 census the seven youngest children (with the exception of Ernest) were living with their parents. James was a postman and Charles was a mason's labourer. Phoebe was living elsewhere in Burrington, working as a glover.

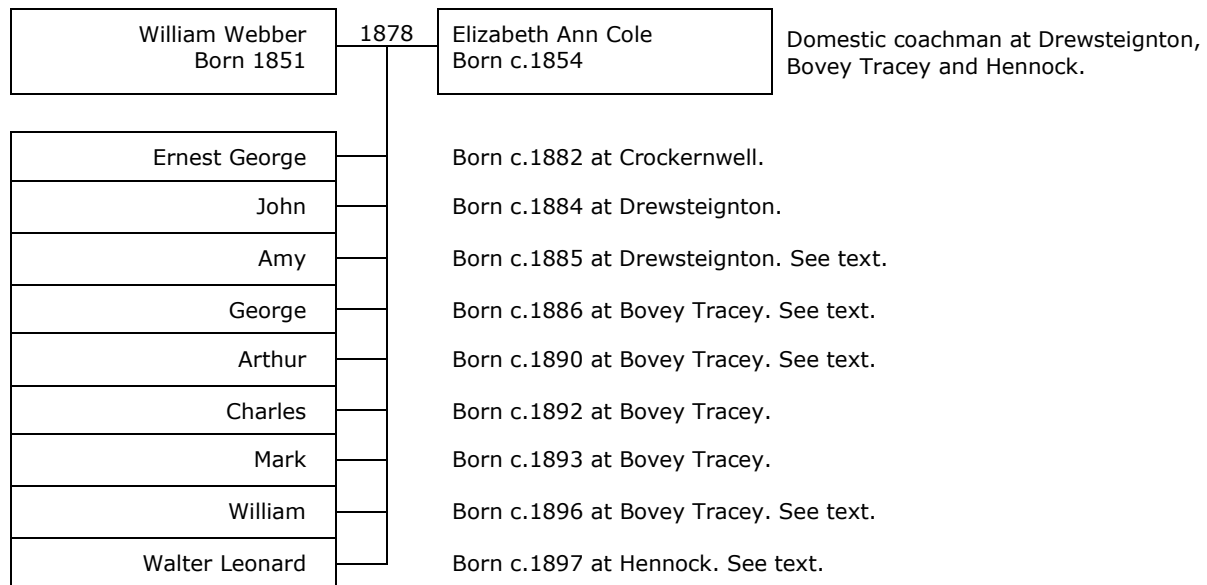
By the time of the 1911 census only Charles (a mason), Ernest and Percy (both agricultural labourers) were living with their parents. Arthur was working in Burrington for the Joslin family of Ley Farm, as a waggoner; Elizabeth Agnes was working in Exeter as a servant; and Reginald William was working as a servant at Bedport, Burrington. The census return shows that Albert and

Norah had had one more child than is shown above, and that by then three of their children had died (presumably including William and John).

James married Bessie Ellen Prouse in South Molton district in 4Q1905. She was originally from Barnstaple. By the time of the 1911 census, when they were living at Burrington, they had three children, and a fourth had died.

1878, William & Elizabeth Anne

William Webber married a wife called Elizabeth Anne, and very probably married Elizabeth Anne Cole at Exeter in 1Q1878. He was from Family '1837, William & Fanny', and she was originally from Stanley in Yorkshire, but had apparently come down to Torbay looking for domestic work.

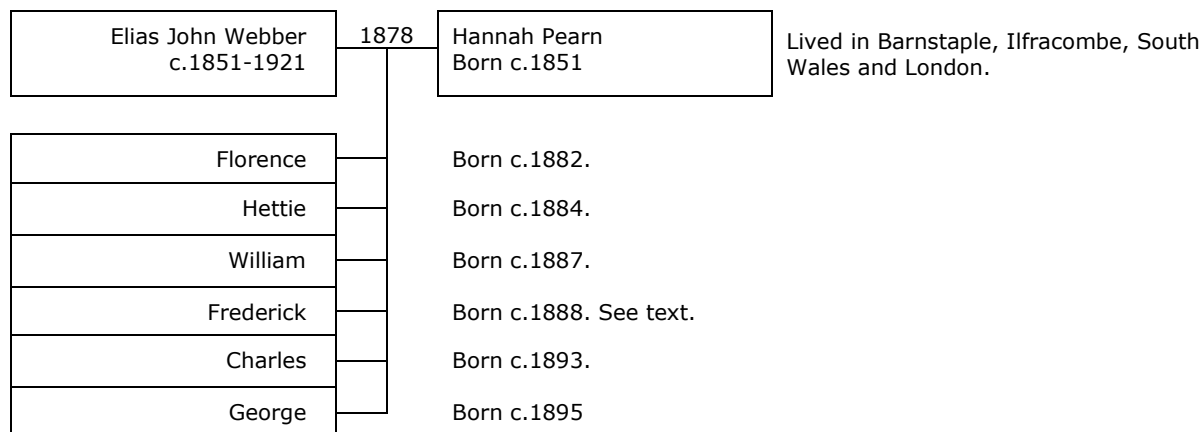


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at 4 Stafford Place, Littleham (Exmouth), and William was working as a coachman. Based on where their children were born they moved back to Drewsteignton before moving to Dunley Farm, Bovey Tracey, where they can be found at the time of the 1891 census. William was still a coachman and the first five children shown above were living with them.

William had died prior to the 1901 census, at which time Elizabeth Ann was living at Woodleys Cottage, Hennock with her five youngest children, working as a charwoman. I have not found Ernest or John at the time of the 1901 census, but Amy was working as a servant in Torquay. By 1911 Elizabeth Ann was the postmistress at Hennock, and the census shows that she had had a total of 13 children, of whom only eight were still alive. The ones living with her at that time were George (a baker), Arthur (a general labourer), William (a labourer in an ore mine) and Walter (an errand boy).

1878, Elias & Hannah

Elias John Webber married Hannah Pearn in South Molton district in 1Q1878. He was from Family '1847, Elias & Jane', and she was originally from Polperro in Cornwall. All of their children were born at Barnstaple.

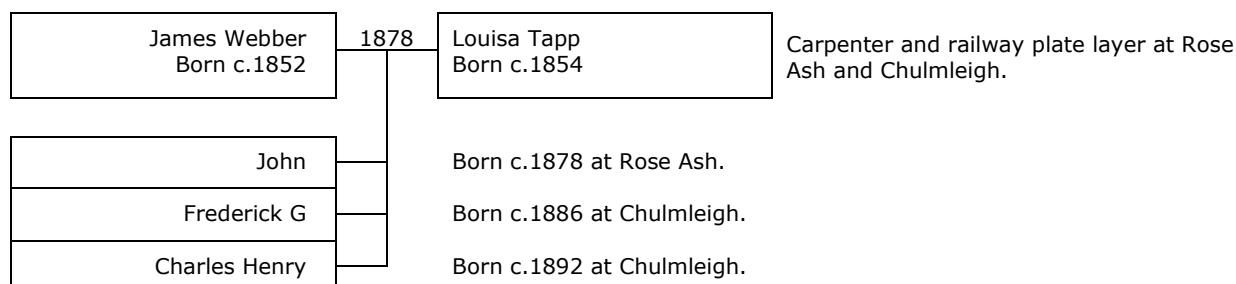


I have not found Elias at the time of the 1881 census, but Hannah was staying with her Webber in-laws at Barnstaple. By 1891 they had settled at Ilfracombe, and Elias was managing a wine merchant's shop. They were living at 1 Willow House with their four first children shown above. A decade later Hettie was working elsewhere in the town, and the other five children were at home with Hannah in East Pilton. Elias was not at home, but was certainly still alive.

By 1911 Elias was a hotel waiter (and a widower) in South Wales, and Frederick was working as a porter at the same hotel. I have been unable to find any other family members at that time. Elias died in Wandsworth district in 1921.

1878, James & Louisa

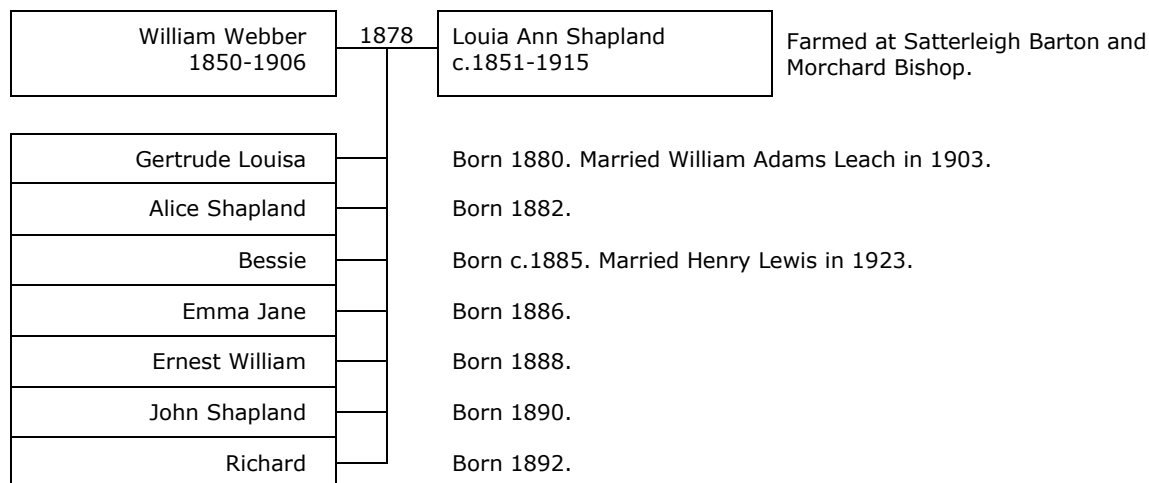
James Webber married Louisa Tapp in South Molton district in 1Q1878. He was probably from Family '1833, Richard & Agnes', and she was originally from Rose Ash.



At the time of the 1881 census James was a carpenter, and they were living at Ash Moor, Rose Ash with John. By 1891 they had moved to Chulmleigh (where Frederick had been born). In 1901 they were living at Colleton Mills, beside the Exeter to Barnstaple railway line, and James was working as a plate layer. Frederick was by then learning harness making. A decader later they were still at Colleton Mills, and Charles was the only one of their children at home. He was an agricultural labourer. The census return shows that a fourth child who did not survive had been born to this family.

1878, William & Louisa Ann

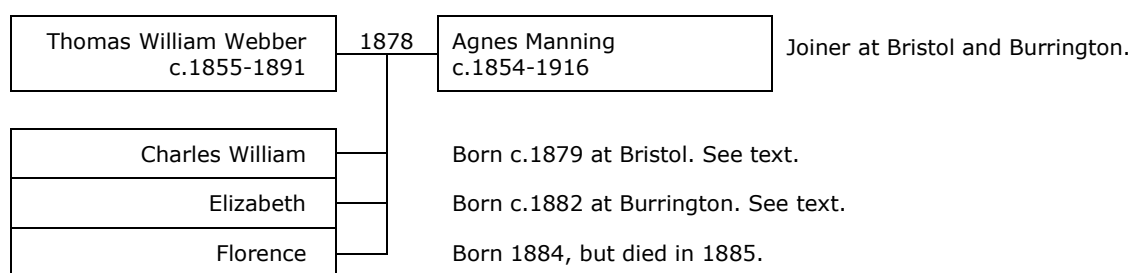
William Webber married Louisa Ann Shapland in South Molton district in 1Q1878. He was from Family '1849, Richard & Maria', and she was originally from South Bray. All of their children were born at Satterleigh Barton.



The family moved from Satterleigh Barton to Morchard Bishop prior to the 1901 census. By 1911 the only children to have moved away from home were Richard (who was working for a butcher at Whimble), and Bessie (a milliner in Newton Abbot).

1878, Thomas & Agnes

Thomas William Webber married Agnes Manning in Bristol in 1Q1878. He was almost certainly from Family '1835, William & Elizabeth', and she was from Burrington.

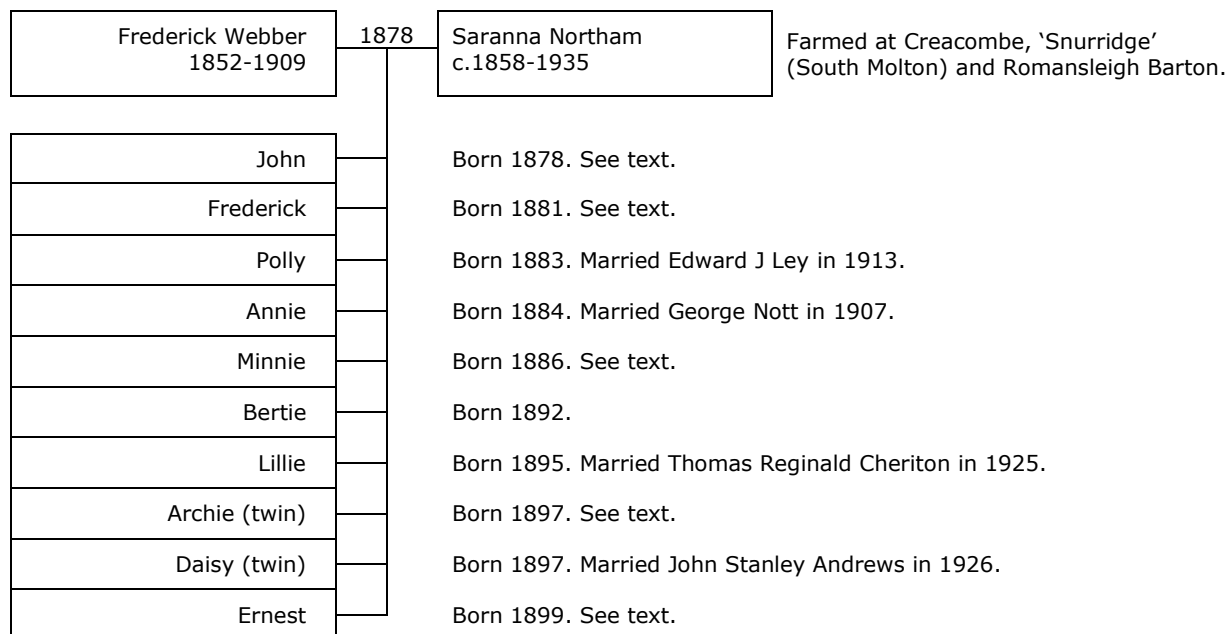


At the time of the 1881 census Thomas and Agnes were staying separately in Burrington: Thomas with his father, and Agnes (and Charles William) with her parents. Their daughter Elizabeth was born the next year, and their third child, Florence, was born in mid-1884 but died on 17 February 1885. She is buried in Burrington churchyard, alongside Thomas, who died on 6 February 1891. When the census was taken later that year, Agnes was living in Burrington and working as a seamstress, with Elizabeth and an aunt, Elizabeth Shobrook. Charles William was living with his uncle, Charles Manning, also in Burrington. He (Charles William) married Frances Elizabeth Kingdon in South Molton district in 2Q1900. They settled in Burrington, where he worked as a horseman on a farm, and they had one daughter. They are both buried in Burrington churchyard (Charles William died on 24 April 1955, and Frances on 22 October 1969).

By 1901 Agnes had moved to Clapham in London where she was working as a servant. Elizabeth was probably the person of that name working as a servant in Exeter. In 1911 Agnes was visiting her widowed sister Susannah Sleeman at Morwenstow, Cornwall. Agnes died on 29 May 1916, and is buried at Burrington, where she shares a headstone with Thomas and Florence.

1878, Frederick & Saranna

Frederick Webber married Sarah Anna (Saranna) Northam in South Molton district in 3Q1878. He was from Family '1835, William & Ann', and she had been born at Culmstock, the only daughter of John and Sarah A Northam of Uffculme. By 1871 they had moved to Lenton Farm, King's Nympton.



At the time of the 1881 census they were at Crowdhole Farm, in Creacombe parish, with John and Frederick. They appear to have left Creacombe shortly thereafter, and certainly by the time of the 1891 census they were established at Snurridge Farm in South Molton parish. A description written by Frederick's nephew Loren Webber (son of his brother Samuel, who was visiting them from the US in 1900) characterised Snurridge as "... a very large brick house. It has three storeys and is square, but it is very old (and) it was once a gentleman's house. As you go to the front door there are two huge balls of stone, one on each side, and as you enter the rooms they are all carved with fancy wood. Along the sides at the top are carved figures of men's heads and lion heads." On the farm they had "... turpentine trees. As you look down on them from the hill, about 150 yards distant, they make a fair picture. Just below these trees is an old silver mine, but we could not see down in because of being covered up, but we could see where the shaft had been by a large hole. There is a large pile of stone looking like ashes, and then another pile of stones about the size of hard coal. The mines run for yards and yards. They say that Uncle Fred's house is undermined. They lost one of their colts - the ground over one of these mines sank away under it, and it broke its neck trying to get out."

Frederick had either just taken on the farm at Romansleigh Barton, or was in the process of doing so when he died on 12 September 1909. In any event, he is recorded in the parish burials register as having been resident at Romansleigh Barton at the time of his death, and Saranna took on the farm. At the time of the 1911 census she is recorded living at Romansleigh Barton with Frederick, Polly, Bertie, Lillie, Archie, Daisy and Ernest.

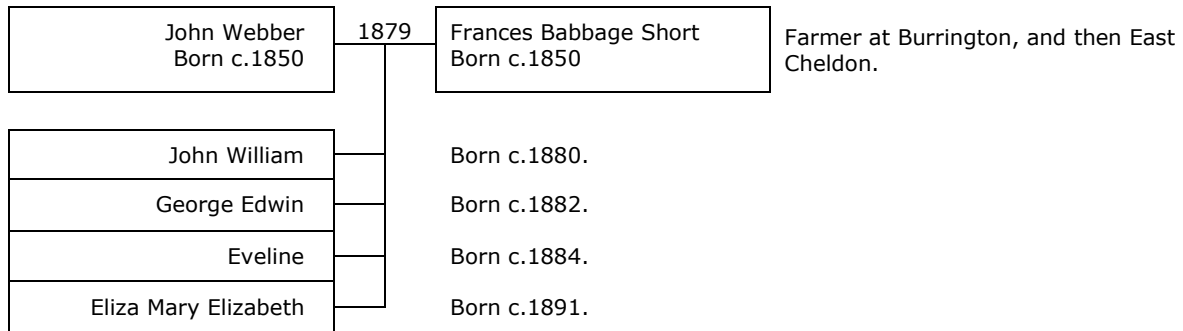
I am indebted to Frederick and Saranna's grandson Brian Webber, of Romansleigh Barton, for information on their children.

John married Caroline Carter at South Molton on 3 April 1907 and emigrated to Canada. Both Frederick and Archie married and farmed, but I am uncertain as to the details.

Ernest married Marjorie Thorne and when Saranna died in 1935 he took over the farming of Romansleigh Barton, where his descendants still live.

1879, John & Frances

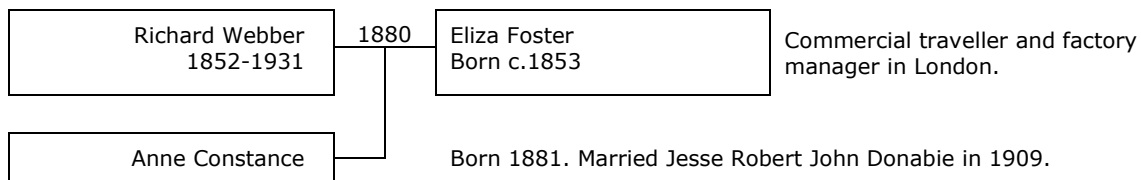
John Webber married Frances Babbage Short in South Molton district in 2Q1879. He was from Family '1841, John & Elizabeth', and she was from either Cheldon or Ashreigney. At the time of the 1881 census John's widowed mother (Elizabeth Woolway) was staying with them at 'Hackney Cottage', Burrington, and John was farming 60 acres. Later they moved to Cheldon.



The three eldest children were at home with John and Frances in 1891 and 1901. At the time of the 1911 census Frances was not at home but John was still described as married, and John William, George Edwin and Eliza Mary Elizabeth were all living with him and helping on the farm. George Edwin was described on the census return as 'feeble minded, 20 years'.

1880, Richard & Eliza

Richard Webber married Eliza Foster at St Stephen's, Islington on 5 February 1880. He was from Family '1849, Richard & Maria', and having trained as a draper in Barnstaple, he was by then working as a commercial traveller and living in Brixton. She was the daughter of Thomas Foster, a licensed victualler.

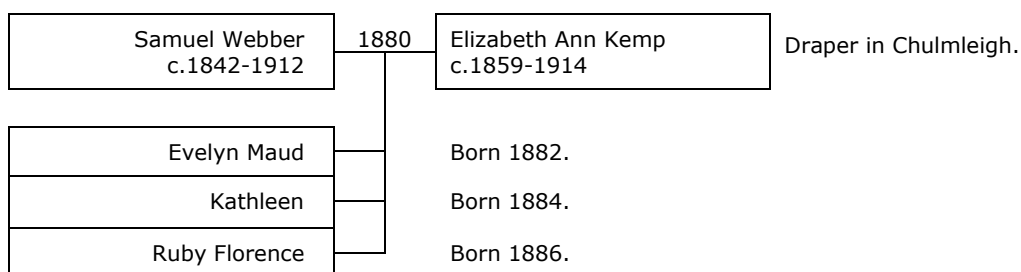


In 1881 they were living at 3 Honor Oak Terrace, Camberwell and Richard was a 'traveller in fancy lace'. A decade later they were living in Tottenham. By 1901 he was the foreman of a soap factory and they were living at Leyton in East London.

Anne Constance and her husband had five children, and the family later emigrated to Canada.

1880, Samuel & Elizabeth Ann

Samuel Webber married Elizabeth Ann (Bessie) Kemp in Okehampton district (probably at Iddesleigh) in 2Q1880. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan' and she was originally from either Burrington or Chulmleigh (the census record is inconsistent). They are buried together in Chulmleigh churchyard, he having died on 17 January 1912, and Bessie on 9 July 1914.

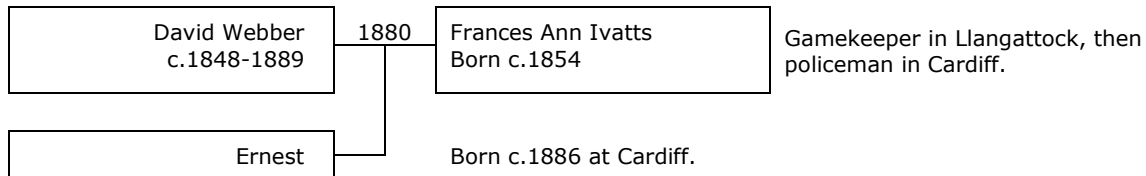


At the time of the 1881 census they were living at London House, Chulmleigh, and their nephews John (John's son, from Witheridge) and Frederick (Frederick's son, from Meshaw) were working for them. Bessie's mother Mary Tolley (born at Burrington, and re-married to Charles Tolley in 1875) was also staying with them.

By 1901 Ruby Florence had left home, but her two sisters were still living with their parents. Evelyn Maud was still there, helping with the drapery business, in 1911.

1880, David & Frances

David Webber married Frances Ivatts in Cardiff in 2Q1880. This was his second marriage, the first one being '1870, David & Harriet'. He was from Family '1824, John & Maria' and she was originally from Heckfield in Hampshire, the daughter of a tailor called George Ivatts, and the sister of David's first wife.

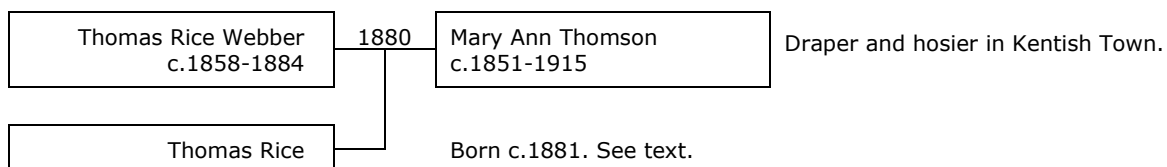


At the time of the 1881 census David was a policeman in Cardiff, and he and Frances were living at 30 Havelock Street with David's four children from his first marriage. Their own son Ernest was born in c.1886, but then David died in 1889. The Western Mail of 5 June 1889 reported that he had died on 31 May in Crickhowell, at the house of his sister-in-law (I am unsure which one), having gone there for the sake of his health 2 weeks before. Although a post mortem showed that the cause of his death was consumption, it was considered possible that it had been aggravated by an injury that he had sustained 6 months earlier when he had been kicked on the knee while quelling a disturbance in Cardiff. He had evidently spent much of the period since then confined to bed.

At the time of the 1891 census Frances was a widowed lodginghouse keeper in Cardiff, living with Charles (by then an office boy), Alice and Ernest. By 1901 Frances was re-married to a stone cutter called John Hartree, and Ernest was living with them, and was apprenticed to a lithographic printer.

1880, Thomas Rice & Mary Ann

Thomas Rice Webber married Mary Ann Thomson at Canonbury in London on 16 June 1880. He was from Family '1839, William & Mary Ann', and she was from London, where Thomas Rice was at that time working as a draper.



At the time of the 1881 census Thomas Rice and Mary Ann were living at 201 Great College Street North, Kentish Town, and John Rice's brother Frederick George (also a draper) was visiting them. Thomas Rice (the father) died in the St Pancras district in 4Q1884, and at the time of both the 1891 and 1901 censuses Mary Ann can be seen still living at 201 Great College Street with their only son. Thomas Rice (the son) subsequently married a widow called Rachel Elizabeth Steele at Kentish Town in 1908. They had a family and he became a butcher in London.

1880, John & Bessie

John Webber married Bessie Kemp Baker at Wellington on 3 August 1880. He was from Family '1849, Richard & Maria', and she was originally from King's Nympton. I owe some of the information below to their great granddaughter, Nancy Paul, and some to Mary Hunt.

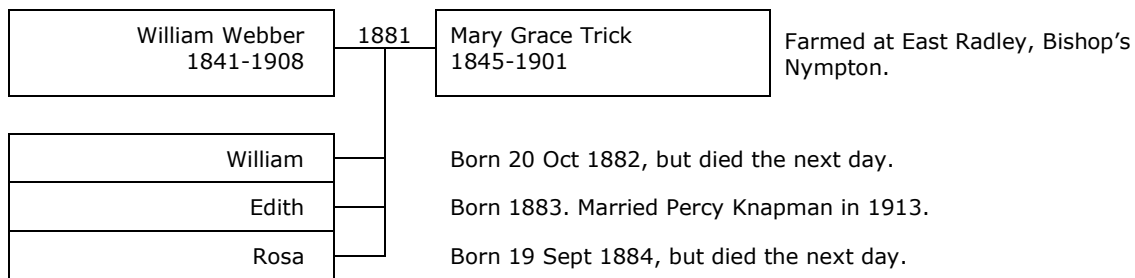


After farming at Coombe House Farm, on the boundary between King's Nympton and Chulmleigh, by 1891 they had moved to Cheldon Barton, and by 1901 to Stoke Woods Farm, Pennsylvania, near Exeter (in the parish of Stoke Canon). Bessie died on 19 April 1919, by when they were living at 'Golf Links', Stoke Canon, which is where she was buried. John was buried at Chawleigh following his death on 16 September 1934. His headstone describes him as 'of Cheldon Barton'.

John Baker was a Military Policeman in South Africa from 1902 to 1912 (following the Boer War). He married Mary Catherine Tucker on 30 October 1912 at St Mary's, Cheldon. She was originally from Burrington and had been living with her brother at Cheldon Barton. They farmed at Hayne Farm, Whitestone and then at Bowhay Farm, Shillingford Abbot, near Exeter, and had a large family (comprising 8 children) via which the Webber surname evidently survives.

1881, William & Mary Grace

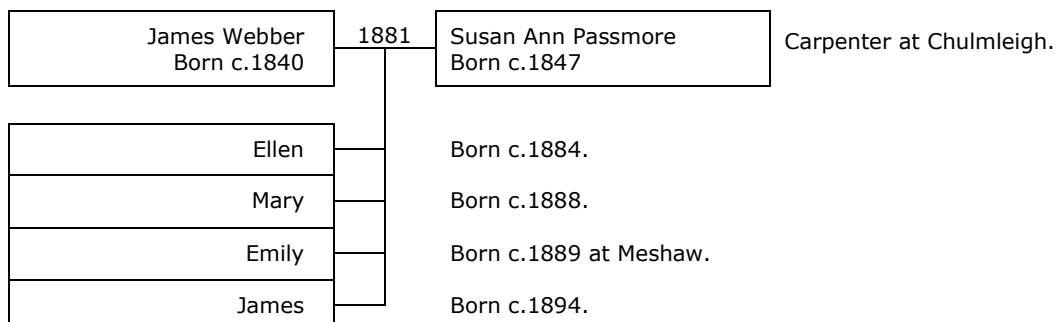
William Webber married Mary Grace Trick at Winkleigh on 27 January 1881. He was from Family '1835, William & Ann', and she was the daughter of Robert Trick and his wife Dorothy (née Stanbury) of Great Pitford farm at Hollocombe, on the boundary between Winkleigh and Dolton. They farmed at East Radley, which overlooks the Mole valley, between Bishop's Nympton and South Molton. I have more information on this family (their daughter Edith was my grandmother).



As can be seen, two of their three children died within a day of birth, and Edith (my grandmother) was orphaned before her 25th birthday.

1881, James & Susan Ann

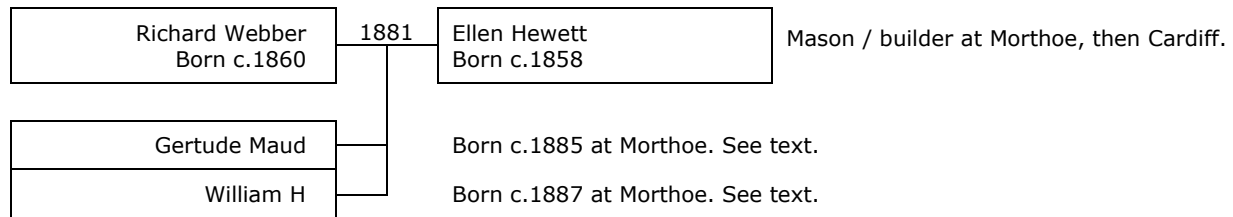
James Webber married Susan Ann Passmore in South Molton district in 3Q1881. He was originally from Mariansleigh, and had been married twice before (see '1877, James & Mary' for his previous marriage). Susan Ann was from either Plymouth or Preston / Oreston (the census evidence is inconsistent).



At the time of the 1891 census Louisa, from James' first marriage (1860, James & Elizabeth'), was living with them. In 1901 they were living at McCloud Cottages, Chulmleigh and James was described as an estate carpenter, and Emily and James were living with them. Emily was still there in 1911. The 1911 census return suggests that they had had 11 children, of whom eight were still alive and three dead, but I suspect that this count may cover all three of James' marriages.

1881, Richard & Ellen

Richard Webber married Ellen Hewett at Cardiff in 3Q1881. He was from Family '1843, John & Sophia' and she was originally from Morthoe, near Barnstaple, but it seems most likely that they met in Cardiff.

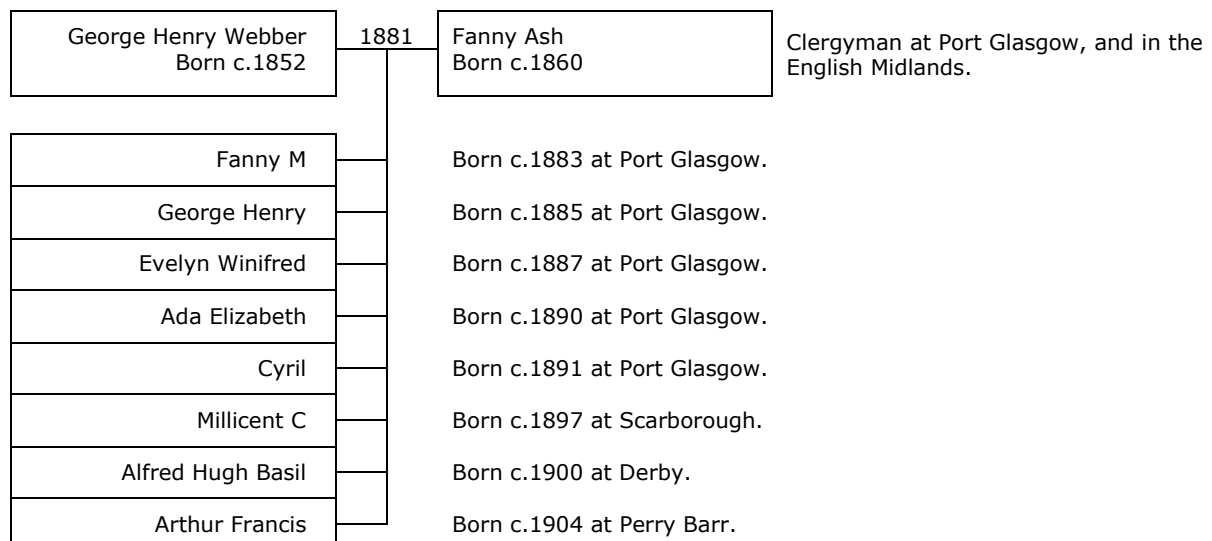


At the time of the 1891 census the family was living at 4 Hotel Terrace, Morthoe, but by 1901 they had moved to the St Andrews area of Cardiff. At the time of the 1911 census Richard was staying with Gertude and her family, but was still shown as married rather than widowed. Gertrude had married George Cleverley in Cardiff in 2Q1903. He was originally from Cowbridge, Glamorgan, and they had three sons by 1911.

William became an engine driver, and in Cardiff district in 3Q1907 he married Elizabeth Ann Webber, from Family '1866, William & Elizabeth'. At the time of the 1911 census they were living at 214 Cathays Terrace, Cardiff with two sons.

1881, George Henry & Fanny

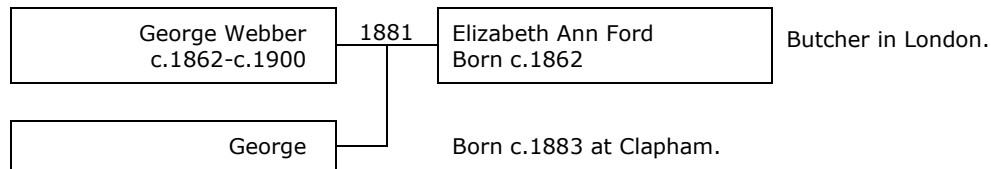
George Henry Webber married Fanny Ash at Sculcoates, East Yorkshire in 4Q1881. He was from Family '1851, George and Sarah Ann', and became a Church of England clergyman, and she was originally from Hull.



They evidently lived at Port Glasgow for several years. At the time of the 1901 census they were at Derby with all of the children shown above, other than Cyril and Arthur. By 1911 they had moved again, to 5 Dean Place, Kingsway, Coventry, with Evelyn (by then a teacher of domestic economy), Ada, Cyril, Alfred and Arthur. The 1911 census return shows that in total they had had ten children, of whom nine were then alive.

1881, George & Elizabeth Ann

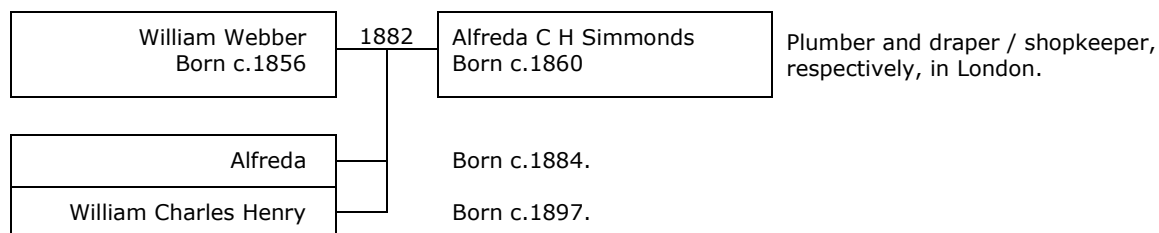
George Webber married Elizabeth Ann Ford at St Pancras on 27 December 1881. He was from Family '1861, John & Emma', and she was originally from Hittisleigh. At the time of their marriage both gave their address as 233 Great College Street, and George was working as a butcher.



At the time of the 1891 census they were living at 23 Highgate Hill, and George's mother Emma was staying with them, as was a Luxton cousin. I have not found them in 1901, but by 1911 Elizabeth Ann was widowed and living at Heavitree with her brother John Ford, his children, and her mother, Sarah. The census return shows that she had been widowed after 18 years of marriage, and that she and George had only had one child (who was still alive, though I have not found him on the census of 1911).

1882, William & Alfreda

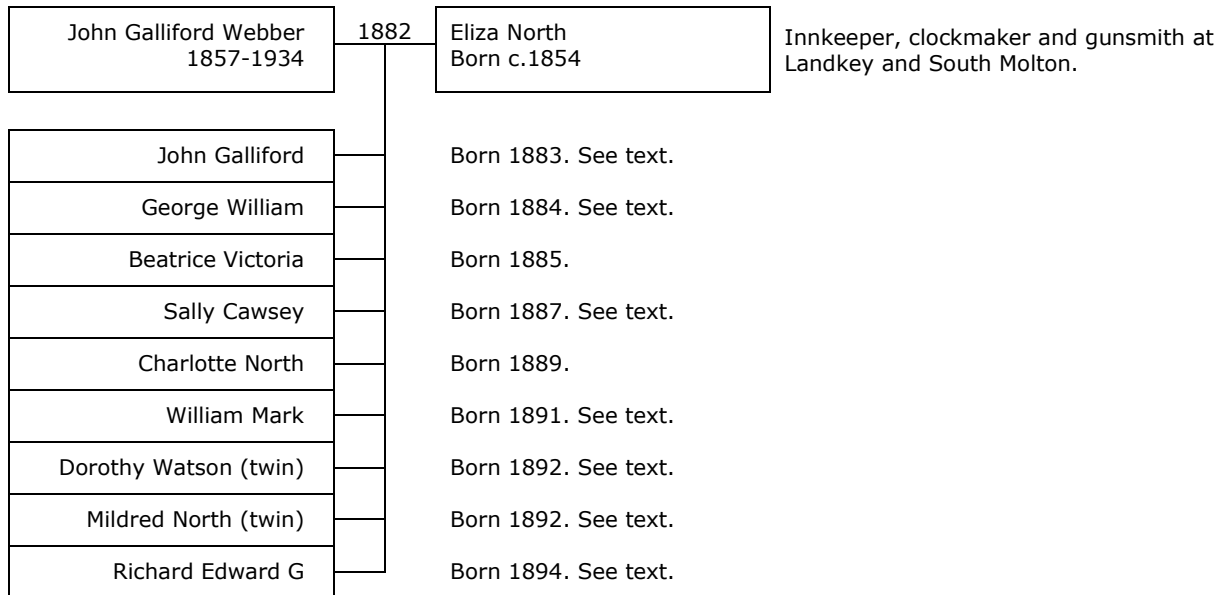
William Southcombe Webber married Alfreda Charlotte Honor Simmonds in Wandsworth in 2Q1882. He was from Family '1847, Elias & Jane', and she was originally from East London.



At the time of the 1891 census they were living at 28 Octavia Street, Battersea, and the census return gives their daughter Alfreda's place of birth as Cape of Good Hope. A decade later they were at 112 Larkhill Lane, Clapham, and Alfreda's widowed mother, Sarah Jane Simmonds, was living with them. In 1911 they were at 274 King's Road, Chelsea, and Alfreda (the daughter) had left home.

1882, John & Eliza

John Galliford Webber married Eliza North at St John's, Deptford on 6 July 1882. He was from Family '1856, George & Sally', and she was originally from White Waltham, near Maidenhead. At the time of their wedding she was living at 65 Ravenscroft Street, and her father, William North, was identified as a deceased butcher. The first six of their children were born at Landkey; the others at South Molton.

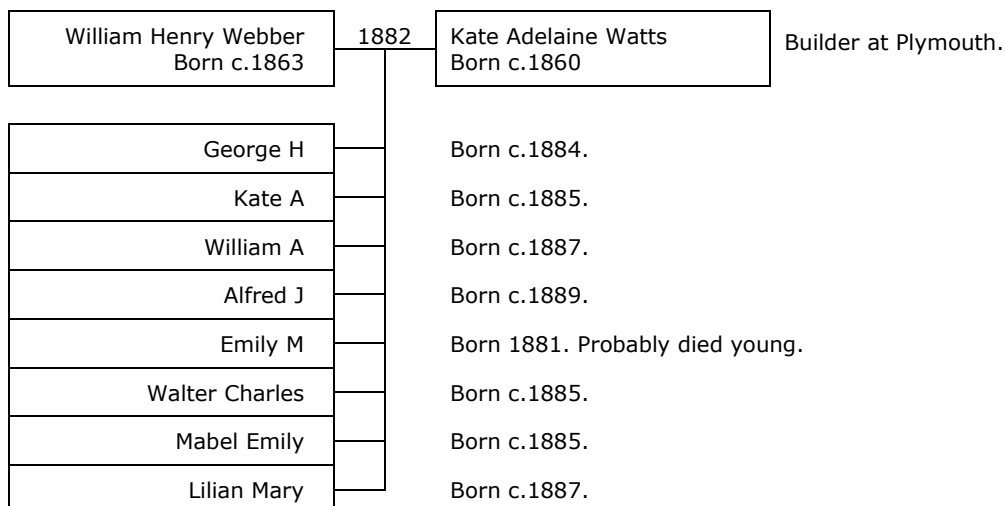


Although the family lived for several years at Landkey (and John may well have taken on the Castle Inn from his parents), by the time of the 1891 census John was both the licensee of the Hare & Hounds in South Molton and had a clock maker's shop and gunsmith business on East Street. The census shows him and Eliza with their six oldest children (at 33 East Street), while the 1901 census shows all of the others (at 25 East Street). By 1911 they had moved to 24 East Street, and the census return confirms that all of their children were still alive. The ones at home with them on that day were John (a university student), George (a postman), Sally (a school teacher), Dorothy (a milliner's assistant), Mildred (a dressmaker's assistant) and Richard (a law clerk).

William became the town bailiff, and a founder of the South Molton museum, which contains several items donated by him.

1882, William Henry & Kate

William Henry Webber married Kate Adelaine Watts in Plymouth in 3Q1882. He was from Family '1863, Robert & Sarah' and she was from the Charles area of Plymouth.

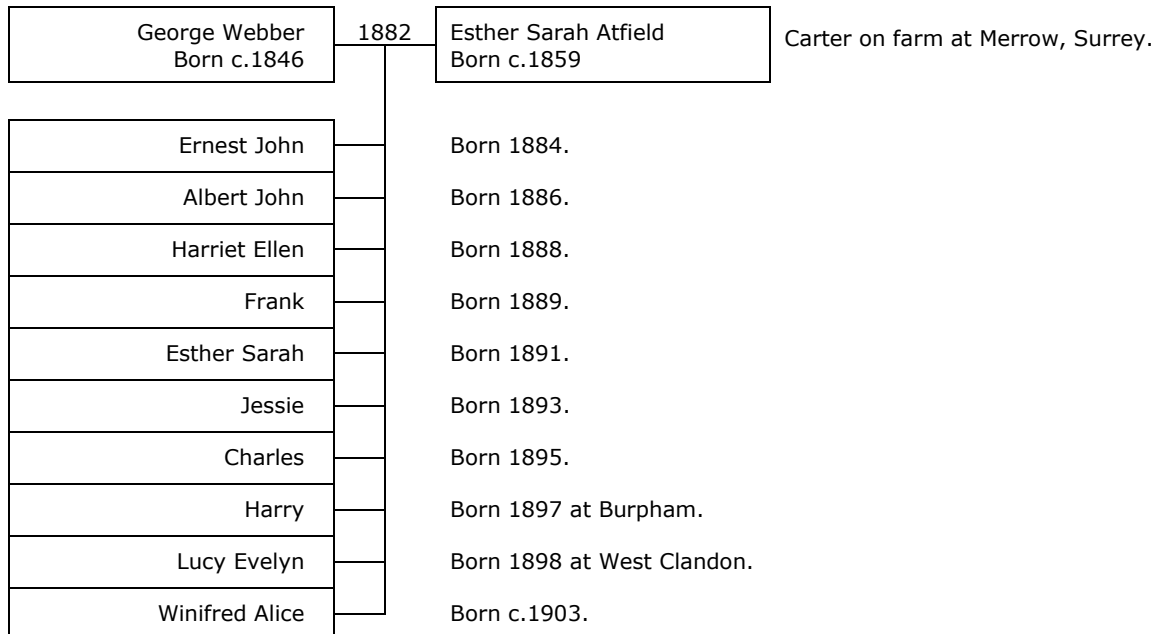


Whereas William Henry had been described as a carpenter on the 1881 census return, in 1891 he was described as a mason and in 1901 and 1911 as a plasterer. The five oldest children shown above were living with them at Buckland Monachorum, just outside Plymouth, in 1891. A decade later they were living at 19 Brandon Road in the Charles district of Plymouth, and in 1911 they were at 38 Tullox Place in the Laira area, and only the three youngest children were still living at

home with their parents. Walter was by then an apprentice plasterer. The 1911 census return shows that they had had a total of 10 children, of whom seven were still living.

1882, George & Esther

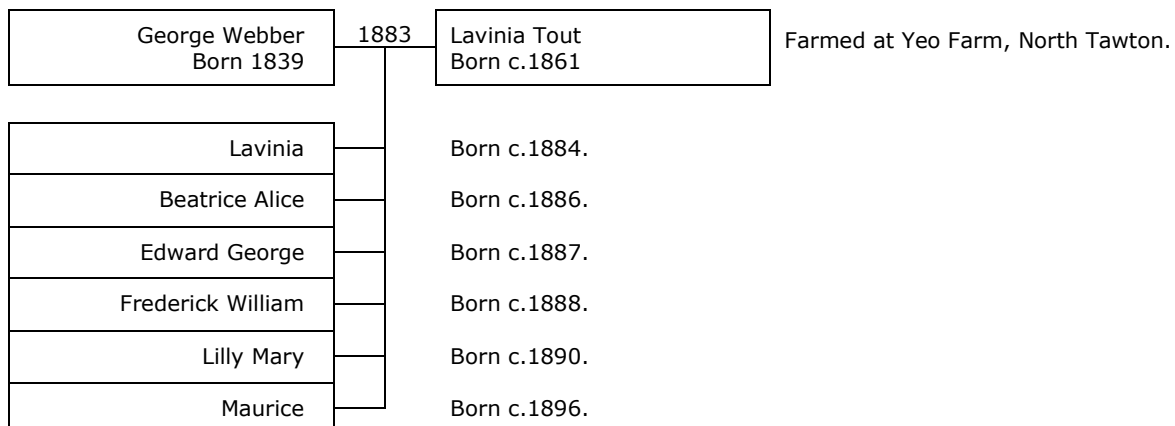
George Webber married Esther Sarah Atfield in the Guildford district in 4Q1882. This was George's second marriage, the first being '1865, George & Caroline', and she was from West Clandon. All of their children were born at Merrow unless specified differently below.



The first five children had been born by the time of the 1891 census. Noah was the only child from George's first marriage still living with him by then. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at Park Lane, Merrow. In 1911 George and Esther were at Townend Cottage, Merrow, and he was still working as a carter on a farm. Frank, Charles, Harry, Evelyn and Winifred Alice were still living with them. Another child (not shown above) had apparently not survived infancy.

1883, George & Lavinia

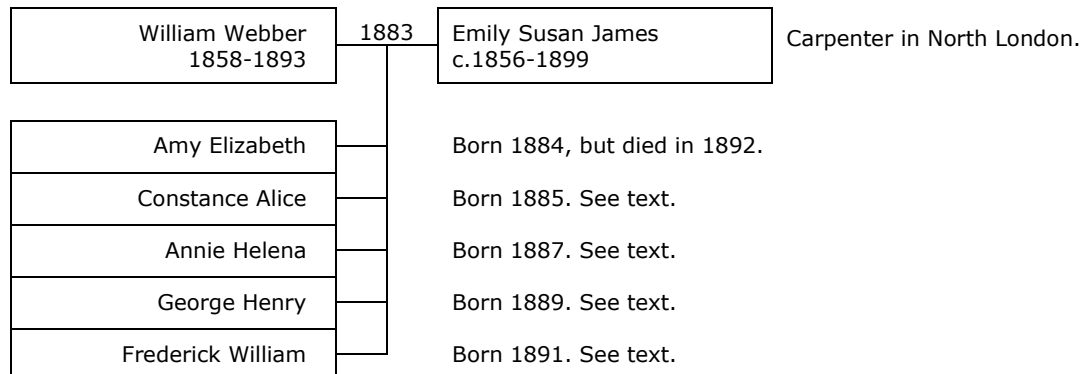
George Webber married the considerably younger Lavinia Tout in the St Thomas district of Exeter in 1Q1883. He was from Family '1837, George & Susan' and she was from Broadclyst. They settled at Yeo Farm, North Tawton, which is where all of their children were born, other than Lavinia, who was born at Chulmleigh.



At the time of the 1891 census the five oldest children were at home with their parents. A decade later all six were there. By 1911 Beatrice Alice had left home, Maurice was at Wallingbrook School, Chulmleigh, and the other four were all helping on the farm (the girls doing dairy work).

1883, William & Emily Susan

William Webber married Emily Susan James in Islington on 9 August 1883. He was from Family '1839, William & Elizabeth', and at the time of the marriage was living with his brother George, and she was the daughter of a North London tobacconist. This is the family from which Olive Mooney, who wrote the account of 'Tracing the Webbers' is descended (via George Henry), and much more detail about the family is available in that publication.

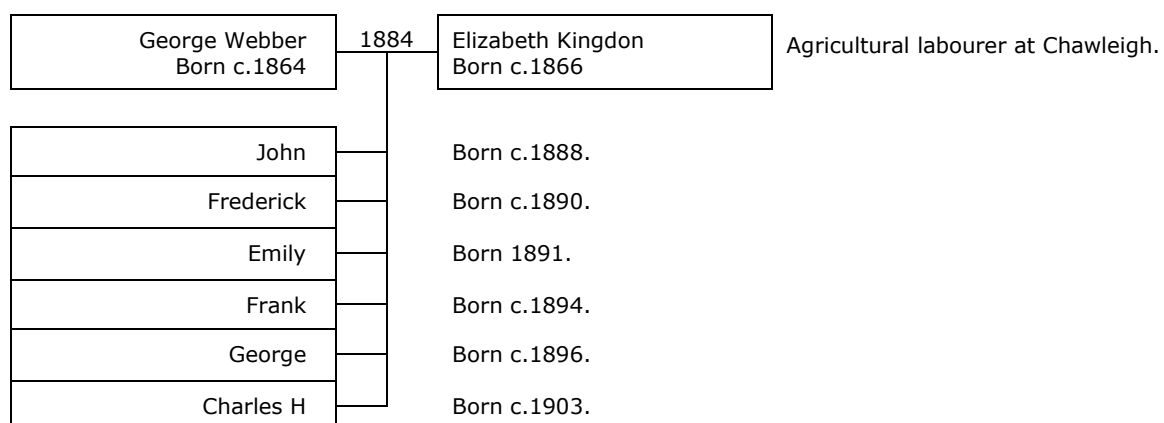


The family lived initially at 370 York Road, then at 17 Fulbrook Road, and then at 93 Morley Avenue, Wood Green (where they were at the time of the 1891 census).

William died aged just 34, followed 6 years later by Emily Susan. Constance and Annie went to live with their uncle George (Webber) and his wife Johanna, and their cousin Clara (daughter of their uncle Elias), while the two boys were educated by the Alexandra Orphanage of Hornsey Rise. Constance died in 1906. Annie did not marry, but both boys did, and settled in Widnes and Birmingham respectively. The Webber surname survived for at least two further generations via the Widnes branch.

1884, George & Elizabeth

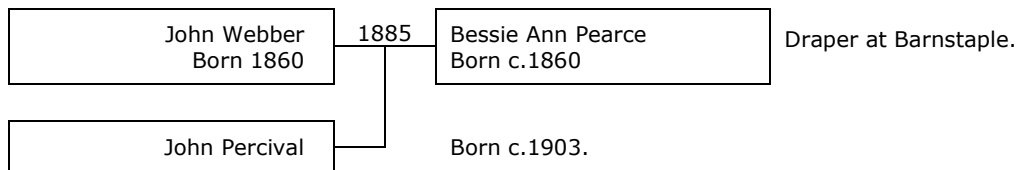
George Webber married Elizabeth Kingdon in South Molton district in 2Q1884. He was very probably from Family '1846, George & Mary Ann' and she was originally from George Nympton. They lived for several years at Chenson in Chawleigh parish.



The family was living at Chenson in 1891 and 1901 (in 1891 Elizabeth's widowed father John was staying with them). By 1911 George and Elizabeth had moved to Longdown Cottage, Chawleigh, and only Frank (an agricultural labourer) and Charles were living with them. The census return shows that they had had a further child not shown above, who did not survive.

1885, John & Bessie Ann

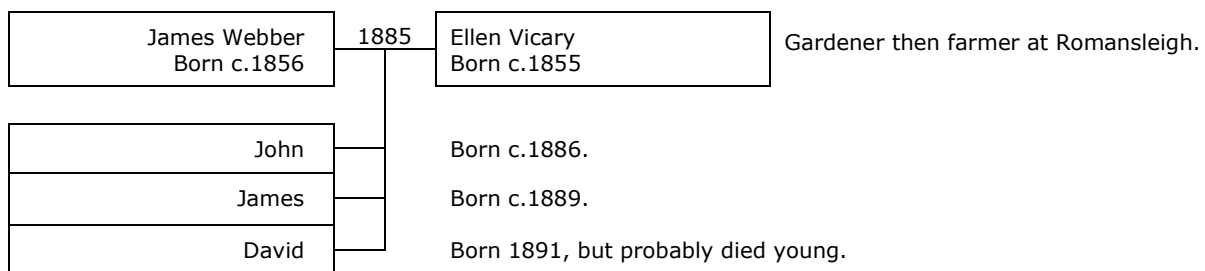
John Webber married Bessie Ann Pearce in Redruth district in 4Q1885. He was from Family '1860, Edmund & Lucinda', and she was originally from Camborne in Cornwall.



At the time of the 1891 census they were living at 37 High Street, Barnstaple, and Bessie Ann's mother and two of her sisters were living with them (her sisters being assistant drapers). They were still in Barnstaple in 1901. A decade after that John was recorded as a retired draper, at Nelson House, 105 Newport Road, and their only son was with them.

1885, James & Ellen

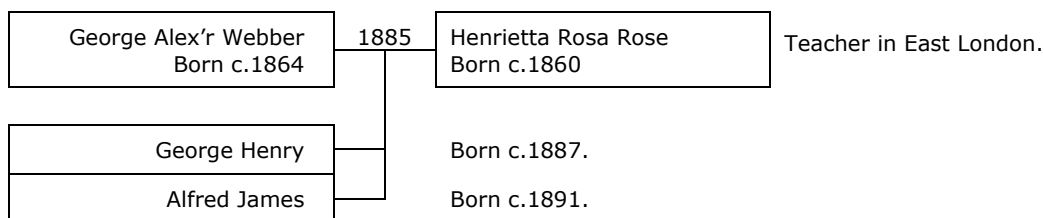
James Richards Webber married Ellen Vicary (or Vickery) in South Molton district in 2Q1885. He was from Family '1852, James & Sarah', and she was a widowed mother of two, originally from Cruwys Morchard.



At the time of the 1891 census James was a gardener, and they were living at Romansleigh with their three children, and Ellen's son Samuel (Vicary) and her daughter Orpha (Vicary), both of whom had been born at Cruwys Morchard. By 1901 David had probably died, but the other two children were living with their parents, still at Romansleigh. By 1911 James was recorded as the farmer of Glebe Farm, Romansleigh, and John was still living with his parents.

1885, George & Henrietta

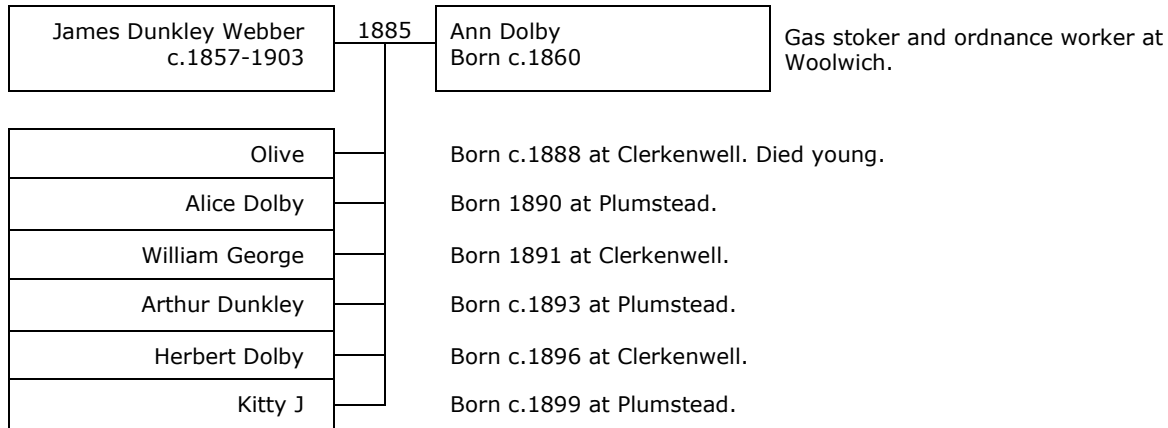
George Alexander Webber married Henrietta Rose in the Poplar district of East London in 4Q1885. He was from Family 'c.1864, George & Eleanor', and she had been born in Salisbury, Wiltshire. Prior to their marriage she too had been a teacher in East London.



At the time of the 1891 census George was a teacher in Bow, and in 1901 at West Ham. In 1911 the family was living at 99 Osborne Road, Forest Gate; George Henry was by then a civil service clerk, and Alfred James was a clerk with the Port of London Authority.

1886, James & Ann

James Dunkley Webber married Ann Dolby at Peterborough in 4Q1886. He was from Family '1851, James & Sarah Ann', and he may have been in Peterborough as a consequence of his service in the army.



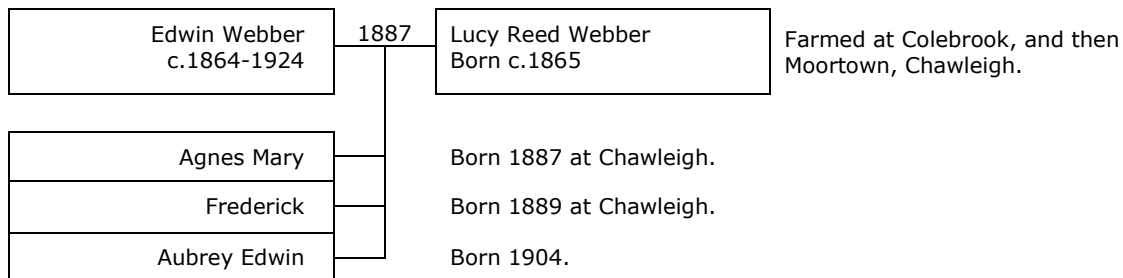
At the time of the 1891 census they were living in Plumstead and James was described as a gas stoker. In 1901 he was described as a store keeper in a cartridge factory at Woolwich (the Royal Arsenal), and they were living at 6 Goldsmith Street, Plumstead.

By 1911 James had died, and Ann was still at Plumstead with Alice, William, Herbert and Kitty (both boys being described as apprentice hairdressers). Arthur had joined the Ordnance Corps, and was living at the Mandora Barracks in Aldershot. The 1911 census return shows that there had been another child not shown above, who (like Olive, who died between 1901 and 1911) had died by then.

1887, Edwin & Lucy Reed

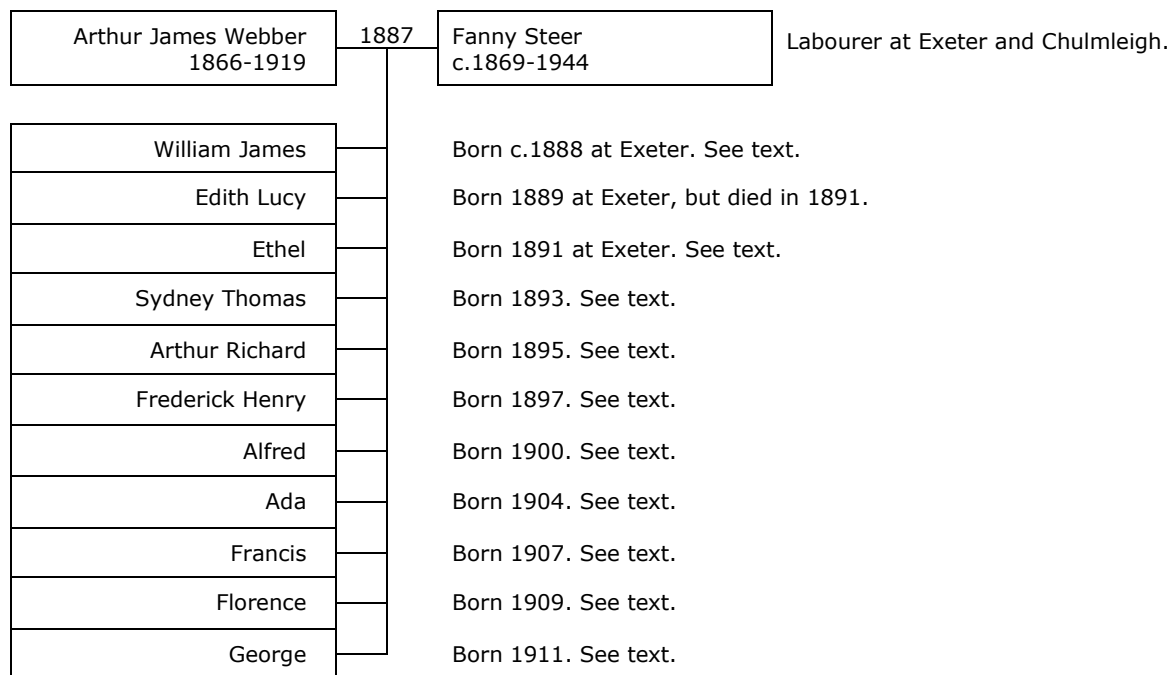
Edwin Webber married Lucy Reed Webber at Chawleigh in 2Q1887. He was from Family '1849, Richard & Maria' and she was from '1863, John & Frances', and they were first cousins once removed.

They were farming at Colebrook at the time of the 1891 census, but later moved to Moortown, Chawleigh.



1887, Arthur James & Fanny

Arthur James Webber married Fanny Steer at Exeter in 4Q1887, which is where their first three children were born, before they moved back to Chulmleigh. He was from Family '1860, Richard & Mary Ann', and she was originally from Chawleigh (though the 1891 census says Chudleigh). I owe much of the information below to Norman Goodman, a descendant of their daughter Florence.



At the time of the 1891 census they were living at Woods Court in the St Sidwell's district of Exeter with their first two children, but Edith Lucy died 4Q1891 in Exeter. In 1901 the family was living at Great Shute, Chulmleigh (with Arthur James recorded as James), and William James was working for the Snell family at Lodge Farm, Chulmleigh as a 'yard boy'.

In 1911 (Arthur) James and Fanny were still at Great Shute, with Alfred, Ada, Francis and Florence. George was born later that year.

William James married Emma Jane Knight of King's Nympton in 2Q1907 in South Molton district and they had two children prior to the 1911 census, when they were running a grover's shop at 'Mount Pleasant', King's Nympton. He was killed in the Middle East in 1916.

I have not found Ethel at the time of the 1911 census, but she married Robert Walters in South Molton district in 4Q1913.

Sydney Thomas was on board a naval destroyer, the 'Vanguard' at Weymouth at the time of the 1911 census, and he served in the Navy for over 20 years. Later he lived in Bideford.

Arthur Richard had joined the army by the time of the 1911 census, and was at Exeter barracks with the 3rd Devon Regiment at that time. In 1912 he was killed in a freak accident when a cliff along which he was walking in Jersey collapsed, throwing him onto the rocks below. This event was the subject of an article in the Devon Family Historian in November 2013.

Frederick Henry was working for the Harris at Dartridge Farm, Chulmleigh at the time of the 1911 census. He subsequently served in World War I, as did his younger brother Alfred, and both survived. Alfred fought in the same campaign as his eldest brother (the Ottoman campaign in Mesopotamia). He married, lived in Ilfracombe and had a family.

Ada married Walter Pope and lived in Exeter. Francis served over 20 years in the Navy, including World War II, and did not marry. Florence married Samuel W A Goodman in Chulmleigh in 1930 and had a family; and George served in World War II, married, lived in Bristol and had a daughter.