

THE WEBB FAMILY OF PUTNAM AND JACKSON COUNTIES, TN

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Pgs. 202 & 203 – The first Webb's came to this area from Hamilton County and ventured into Jackson and Jackson, Overton and Putnam Counties constantly kept moving their county line, so no one knew exactly where they were.

John Webb was born in Virginia, and his wife, Sara Black, was born in Tennessee. John and Sara Black Webb are the parents of Robert Burton Webb born April 1, 1923 and died February 1, 1868 in Jackson County, Tennessee.

Robert Burton Webb married Martha Janette Ray on January 1, 1848. At this time they lived in Jackson County. To this union were born four children: John Harrison Webb, Sarah Webb, Stephen Decalb Decatur Decandago Webb, and Chelsey A. Webb. After Martha Janette's death Robert married for the second time to Nancy Nelson, and they had two children, Julia, Miranda Webb and Mary "Folly" Webb.

Stephen Decalb Decatur Decandago Webb was born November 30, 1851 in Jackson County and died May 22, 1922 in Putnam County. He married Samantha Loftis on December 23, 1869 in Tennessee. Samantha was the daughter of Archibald Loftis and Nancy Phillips. She was born July 14, 1851 and died May 2, 1923.

Stephen and Samantha had fifteen children, Martha Eliza Jane Webb who married James Washington Webb, Thomas Franklin Webb, Amanda Celestine Webb married Arkley Baney Dailey, Sarah Evangeline Webb married Rufus Wiley Allen. Pearly Bell Webb married Haywood Hicks, Dora Betsy Webb, Mary Ellen Webb, Robert Archibald Webb married Pearl Helen Maybe and Mary Lou Vine Gentry, Benjamin Franklin Webb, James Martin Dillard Webb married Ocie Jane Peek, Emma Irene Webb married Marion Monroe Loftis, Noah Webb married Marion Monroe Loftis, Noah Fowler Webb married Value Lorena Barlow, Henry Harrison Webb married Ogle Mary Dillon, John Vandorn Webb married Alta Jane Greene, and Amos Chealey Webb married Hassel Elizabeth Gragg. Thomas Franklin, Mary Ellen and Benjamin Franklin died as infants and Dora Betsy never married. Dora helped to raise her brother Roberts children after the death of his wife Pearl Helen.

In addition to their rather large family Stephen and Samantha also raised their granddaughter, Alba Eliza Lee Dailey, after the death of their daughter, Amanda Celestine. Stephen was a farmer and mill operator for most of his life. He lived in the area of Waterloo and Spring Creek. It is an interesting bit of family history that after the death of James Peek Sr. he owned Peek's mill and one of his sons married one of Mr. Peek's granddaughters.

James Martin Dillard Webb was born June 3, 1886 in Jackson County and died September 23, 1982 in Putnam County Tennessee. He was married to Ocie Jane Peek on February 14, 1910 in Putnam County. Ocie Jane was born March 28, 1887 and died March 6, 1962 in Putnam County.

James "Jim" and Ocie had three children John Howard Webb, Thomas Dawson Webb and Italy Elizabeth Webb. Jim, Ocie and all three of their children lived most of their lives in Putnam County and all died in Putnam County.

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Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie R. Loftis and Bobbie H. Bryant, pgs. 70-73.

(1) – **John L. Loftis** b 7 Oct. 1791, SC d Apr. 1842/44 Jackson Co., TN. He is the 1st son of **Laban Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe**. He is said to have been killed by a millstone. He mar. ca. 1818 enroute to Tennessee in a wagon train to **Ermilla “Millie” Dill** b. 1800/1805, VA or SC d. after 1880 Jackson Co., TN. She was the daughter of Archibald Dill who according to records served in the Revolutionary War. Her brother Roland C. Dill owned considerable land together with William Loftis, brother of John L. Loftis, on Blackburn’s Fork in Jackson County Tennessee. Issue. The Dill and Loftis families are known to have been living near each other in the Tyger River area of Greenville Co., SC before coming to TN.

(1.4) - **Archable “Archibel” Squire Loftis** b. 19 Oct. 1825 Jackson Co., TN d. 1899 Jackson Co., TN md ca. 1849 Jackson Co., TN to **Elizabeth Jane Phillips** b. ca. 1827 Jackson Co., TN. He served as a Private, I co., 25th Infantry, CSA during Civil War. Issue. According to research by Early Langford, Archable Loftis is buried in a family cemetery at the back of the house formerly owned by Perlina Loftis West and her husband Almon West. Perlina was the da. of Laborn Loftis, Jr. She was apparently born in an old log house near to the house now standing on Spring Creek, 9th Dist. Jackson Co., TN which was built about the turn of the century and recently sold by Dewey West. Also it is believed that John L. Loftis may be buried her or across the creek upon a hill in back of the old Harrison Loftis home in another old cemetery. Early Langford also believes that Archable Loftis lived down Spring Creek about 1 & ½ miles at a place once owned by Carlin C. Loftis and Michael Van Dorn Loftis and possibly once owned by John L. Loftis. It’s location is at what is known as the mouth of Hardscrabble Branch on Spring Creek, 9th Dist., Jackson Co., TN.

(1.4.3) – **Samantha Loftis** b. 14 July 1851 Jackson Co., TN, d May 2, 1923 Jackson Co., TN mar. 23 Dec 1869 to Steven Decalb Webb b. 30 Nov. 1851 d May 1922. Both are buried in the West Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Steven’s full name is said to have been **Steven Decalb Decatur Decandigo Webb** according to Webb descendants, and he was the son of **Robert Burton** and **Martha Ray Webb**. Issue 15. He was a school teacher and Justice of the Peace.

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The Webbs

Front Row: L to R: Henry, John, Amos, Alba Dailey (granddaughter), Stephen D. and Samanthan Loftis Webb.

Back Row: Noah, James, Robert, Dora and Emma.

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