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Louisville, Ky.
May 5, 1966

Dear Mrs. Gardner,

Through the kindness of Colonel Rosser, Siler City, N.C., I was fortunate enough, to obtain your name/address. Unfortunately, he did not include a house/box number, but from his handsome discription of you and your husband's prominence in North Carolina, I feel as though my message will be delivered without any effort.

For these past five years I have been working on my family history. Sometimes I have worked 8-10 hours a day. I haven't missed one day in these years, (past) reading, or doing research out in the field. I hope to write up-date our Webb history if/when I can positively identify my (great, great, great, great) grandfather, William Webb.

According to traditions and the memories of the elder members of my Webb family, William Webb was born in/near Burke or Buncombe County, North Carolina, between 1776, (from Kozee's "Estill Co. Ky. Statistics 1851-1862") and "N.C. Federal Census 1850", 1780-81. I have two dates from two very reliable sources. I would favor the Federal Census to 1850, to be practical. William Webb died in 1856, Estill County, Kentucky. I have just purchased a family history on the family of his wife, Dorothea Winborne. Her Father died in Northampton Co. North Carolina, in 1807. Her Mother's name was Sarah (no maiden name listed). Other than the bits and pieces and a few born facts, I know very little about my family.

Three of William Webb's children were born in N.C. Richard; 1805, Philip; 18—^(?), Elisha; 1811, (according to Census.) There were others (known) Joseph, ^(Mt. Dr.) (M.D.); William; Jesse; Mary; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Mary (another infant, died.) There may be others!!

William's wife, Dorothea (also, called Dorothy or Dolly Winborne), died in 1858. I do have information on her, but I don't know if there is any history on the Winbornes, or not, other than the "thumbnail" sketches I have in my Winborne book. Not being familiar with N.C. history, although I've been "trying" to buy history on N.C. and have had no luck. Our Main Library here in Louisville, has some, but I've read most of them.

A fine gentleman (from Tennessee) Walter E. Webb, has been trying to locate some of his line of Webb's, from Rowan County. I've tried to help him as much as I can and Mr. Wm. Pressley Davis has tried to help him, also. Mr. Davis is from Stovall, N.C.

Mr. Webb's missing link, is the parents of Daniel, Giles, Hedspeith Webb and identification of Caleb Webb.

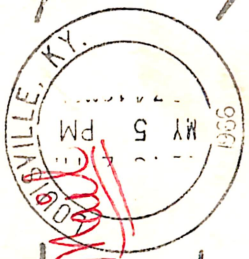
Thank you, so very much, for your time and courtesy! Any suggestions, contacts or references you could pass on, to further my knowledge of the Webb family, will be gratefully accepted.

With Warmest Regards,

Rheba Fitzner

P.S. The Winborne name was spelled various ways. Winborn; Winburn; Winbourne; Wilbarne, (etc!)

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