

Webber Detective Work

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Charles Benjamin Burton married Priscilla Webber by banns on 20 Jan 1853.

Witnesses H Webber, Augusta Mitchell, Harriet Shaw, R.C.Hart, Cornelius Hart.

1853	Charles Benjamin	Burton	Age	Bachelor	Clerk	Black Town &
January 20	Priscilla	Webber	Age	Spinster		Indiarpett

Clerk	Black Town	John Stephens	By	H Webber	Richard Pethick
	Indiarpett	Henry Webber	Witness	Augusta Mitchell	Chaplain of
				Harriet Shaw	Black Town.
				R. C. Hart	
				Cornelius Hart.	

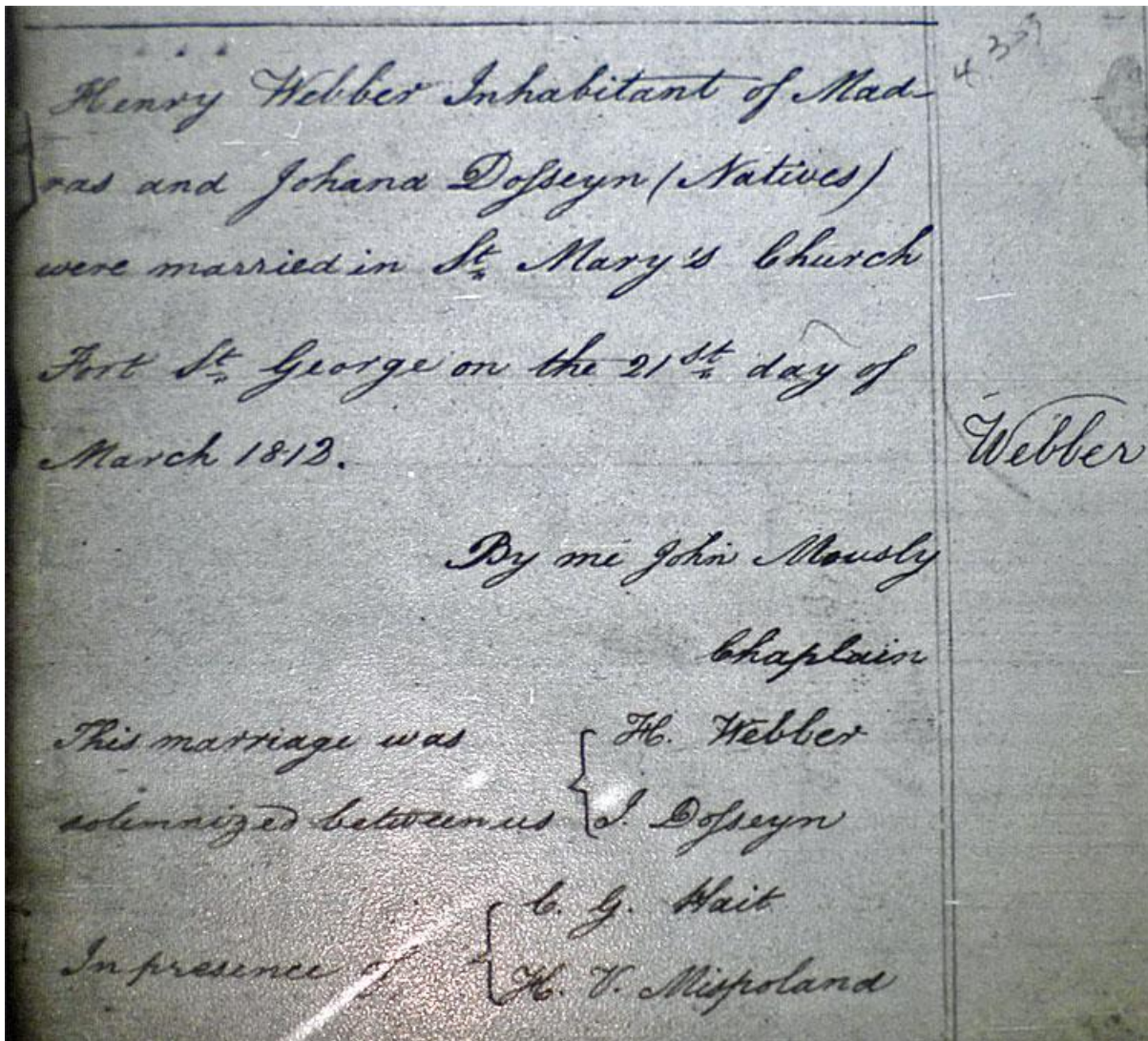
We rate this as 100% certainly “ours”. This note relates to the Webbers - the Burton line has been traced back separately.

Priscilla Webber’s father was Henry, and her mother was Jane.

Black Town Chaple
 Madras 11th May 1828
 Priscilla Daughter of Henry Webber
 and Jane his wife born 21st Octob^r
 1826 was this day baptized by me
 signed / J. Malheur
 Chaplain

Henry and Jane Webber are also recorded as parents of Charles Henry Webber (b 14 Jan 1813, m Amelia Elizabeth Mendez 23 Jan 1839, d 3 Nov 1861 aged 48) and Henry Webber (b 26 Feb 1829, d 4 Feb 1884) and they are included in our data base because the Christian names of both Henry and Jane are stated and even though the time span between 1813 & 1828 is a bit high for statistical comfort!

No Henry Webber - Jane something wedding has appeared but we have found a Johana - Johana Dossey (Natives) who married a Henry Webber at Fort St George (Madras) on 21 Mar 1812 – LDS 506956



and (to fit our theory) then started calling herself Jane rather than Johana.

Not entirely convincing with two question marks – name modification and time before some children. She was also only 14ish, but that was not that unusual in them days !

Notwithstanding our doubt as to whether this is “the right wedding”, we are happy that the other information here – Henry’s birth, Priscilla’s birth and later wedding, Henry and Jane’s deaths – is right.

Henry's pedigree looks pretty straight forward – born 1784 to an “unknown mother” (it's normally the father who is unknown – maybe undisclosed would have been a more accurate word here), and not baptized till 1814 when he was aged 29 and married (maybe!):

Black Town Chapel 13th February 1814
 Henry Webber. Natural son of Henry
 Webber H. C. Military Service. 13 Webber
 and — Mother unknown born
 18th July 1784. baptised by the Rev-
 erend M. Davis Chaplain

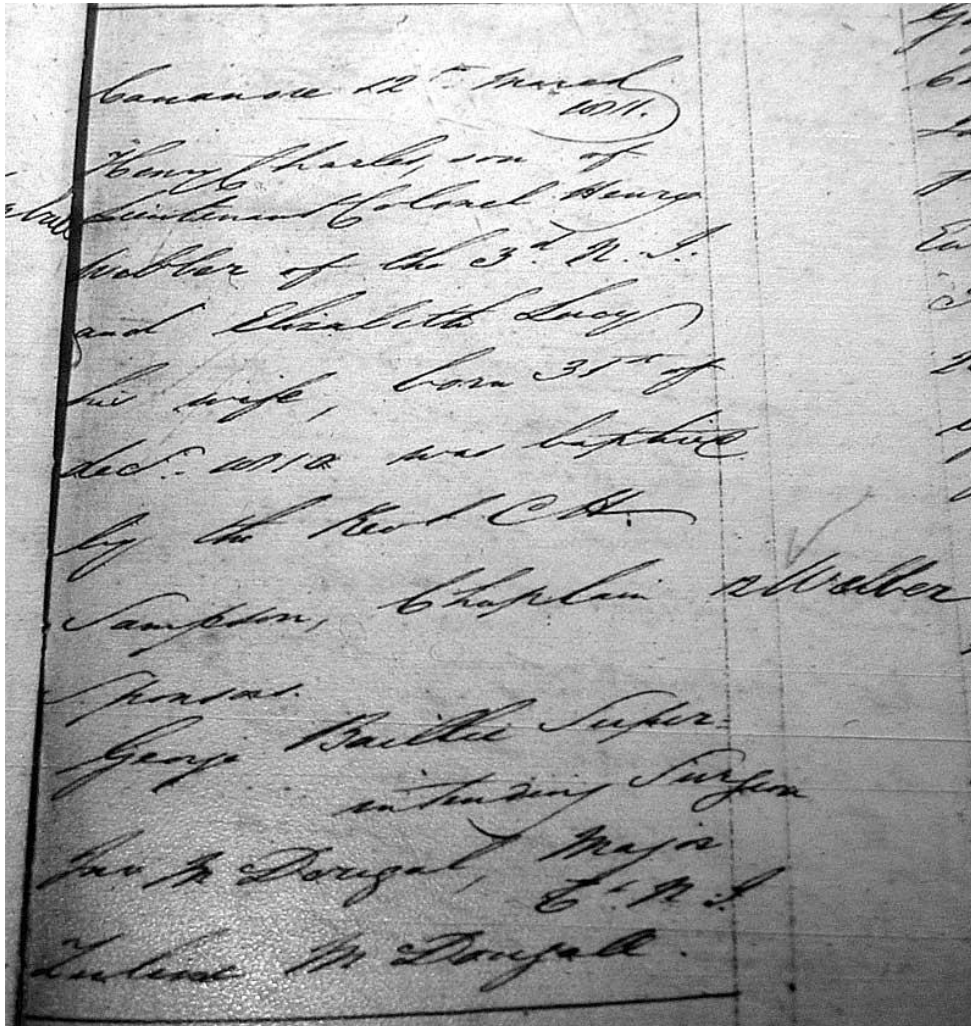
Aged 42 when Priscilla was born in May 1828.

Buried January 22 1854 aged 69, so he could have been the Henry Webber who signed the church register at the wedding of daughter Priscilla and Charles Benjamin Burton a year before – then again it could have been Priscilla's brother!

BURIALS at St. Mary's Church Madras.					
When Buried	Christian	Surname	How died and cause of death	Quality, Trade or Profession, &c. &c.	Where Buried
1854 January 22 nd	Henry	Webber	1854 January 22 nd of Dysentery	184 years Clerk	St. Mary's Madras

Jane Webber, widow of Henry Webber, died 9 July 1878 in Washermanpettah, Madras aged 80 (ie b 1798).

We have removed Lt Col Henry Webber and his wife the exotic sounding Elizabeth Lucia (Lucy) l'Ecolier who were married on 10 February 1810 in Trickingopoly, Madras (lds 506596). Their son Henry Charles Webber was b 31 Dec 1810 (same lds) which is far too late to have been the father of Charles Henry and probably Priscilla. For posterity here's the christening record, complete with a lot of doctors' chops.



Handwritten christening record on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and includes the following details: the date 'Madras 12th March 1811.', the name of the child 'Henry Charles', the parents 'Lieutenant Colonel Henry Webber of the 3rd N.I. and Elizabeth Lucia his wife, born 31st of Dec: 1810', the officiant 'by the Rev: C. H. Sampson, Chaplain', and several witnesses including 'George Baillie Super: Intending Surgeon' and 'Majors M. Douglas & M. Douglas'.

Lt Col Henry Webber is in D&M and the ERegister 1806 Lt Col Madras 22 Reg NI. He was Lt Col 3rd NI in 1810 at Son's Christening.

A bit confusing, those Webbers and Henrys and Charleses and from different social stratas – a Lieutenant Colonel and a clerk and ? !