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fore this date, only that it escaped listing.

The most likely English origin is from the place named COBB in Dorset which derived its name from the large semi-circular stone pier erected in the Lyme River during the reign of Edward I. 1272-1307. It is from the Old English word COBB, COBBE meaning a "roundish mass, lump." There is also an Old English personal name COBDA, but the meaning is unknown.

It is also possible that the name is a shortened form of the Hebrew name "JACOB" which means "following after," "supplanter"; the name of the younger son of Isaac who supplanted his elder brother Esau. The fact that the name is found as a given name COBBY and COBBIE and that some of the early surnames of COBB were not preceded by the French "le" (the) lends some credence to this possibility.

Richard and Robert COBBE lived in Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire in 1279. Thomas COBSON is on the 1379 Yorkshire Poll Tax Rolls.

In Scotland, there is mention of the land of Malcom COB in Brechin in 1508. In 1528 there is mention of some land called COBBISLAND, also in Brechin. John COB lived in Brechin in 1629. A family named COBB contributed to the bellhouse at Novar in 1723.

Some of the COBBS were members of the Lindsay clan.

Joseph COBB, who was living in Elizabeth "Cittie Countie," Virginia in 1623, came over from England on the ship Treasurer in 1610. Elizabeth COBB (his wife?), who was listed with him on the Muster Roll, came over in 1623 on the ship Bon-Bes. John COB came over in 1637. Ann COBBS and her two children, Rober and Margaret, were brought to Virginia in 1639 by her husband Ambrose COBBS of Henrico County. Joseph COBB of Isle of Wight County, Virginia brought over his children Joseph, Jr., Elizabeth, and Benjamin, in 1637.

Cobb

This name is found in England as early as 1279, but does not appear in Scotland's records before 1508. This does not mean that it was not in existence be-