

The progenitor of the Cobb or Cobbs family in America was Alexander Cobb and his wife, Thomasyn, whose LWT dtd 4/2/1541, pvd 4/26/1541, Canterbury Cons. 17.99, England, mentioning nine children. However, known are Richard, b. 4/2/1541; Michael; Henry and Thomasyn. Also, John Cobbs of Cobbs Court, Manor of Richard de Organer in Romney Marsh, Co. Kent, during 17th year reign of King Edward II. In 1324, the Manor was known as "Cobbs Court".

John Cobbs was b. ca 1300, and he had a son named Richard Cobbs, Esq., b. Co. Kent, England, at Cobbs Court. Richard had a son, Edward Cobbs, born at Cobbs Court. And Edward had son, Edward, b. ca 1340, who had issue: John Cobb m. Dionica Bonnington and Thomas Cobb of Chislet, Reculver Parish, County Kent, England. The LWT of John Cobb, recorded Archeologia Cantiana, Vol. 13, naming his wife, Dionica and sons, John William and Thomas. Thomas Cobbs of Reculver, b. ca 1360, had a son, John Cobb, b. Chisle, County Kent, England who m. Alice. Harleian Ms. Pedigree of 1548, V. 94 and 95, found in British Museum, "Thomas Cobbs of Reculver 2nd son of Edward did sell and release to John Cobbs, his brother, all his interest in a field called Cobbs Close in the 14th year of the reign of Henry 6th."

John Cobbs who m. Alice had William Cobb who m. Alice Catts, b. 1443, who had Edward Cobb, b. Co. Kent, England. John Cobb, the son of Thomas Cobb of Reculver, Co. Kent, England, born in Chislet, m., Alice, had two children: John made his LWT 15/23/1500, naming Thomas Cobb of Chislet and Holborough Parish of Reculver, Co. Kent, England and Alice Cobb. Thomas Cobb of Chislet had Alexander Cobb of Reculver and John Cobb, b. ca 1482 in Chislet. This John is known as John Cobb of Faversham, Co. Kent; b. ca 1482 in Chislet, later removing to Faversham; he bequeathed Eastleigh Court to his son, Thomas, and Thomas later bequeathed it to his son, Ambrose Cobb. Thomas Cobb of Eastleigh Court and Faversham was b. ca 1525 in Faversham, d. 1599 at Eastleigh Court in Parish of Lyminge, m. twice. His three children by his first wife. He m. 2d Agnes Musared 7/1579 in St. Nicholas, Co. Kent, England, wid. of William Musared. The LWT of Thomas Cobb of Faversham, names issue.

Edmund Cobbs, oldest son of Thomas Cobb of Faversham and his first wife was b. ca 1560 Eastleigh Court, d. 1602. Another son, Ambrose, b. ca 1563 at Eastleigh, Lynminge, Kent, m. 1584 Angelica Hunt, sister of Stephen Hunt of Chislet. In his LWT, Ambrose Cobb, Sr. requested that "my brother-in-law, Stephen Hunt, be the sole executor...." Angelica Hunt Cobb d. at Petham, near Faversham, in 1603, buried 9/18/1603. Ambrose, Sr. was buried at Petham 1/2/1606. They had seven children: Susannah; Thomas; Edmund; Ambrose; Elizabeth; Jane; Rachel. The LWT of Ambrose Cobb dtd 12/31/1605. Susanna, b. ca 1586; Rachel, b. ca 1590; Thomas, b. ca 1590; Edmund, b. ca 1592; Elizabeth, b. ca 1594 m. Thomas Smith of Willesborough, yeoman, age 30, Elizabeth age 24, St. Andrews Church in Canterbury, 6/4/1619. Ambrose bapt. 8/25/1595, bur. 8/27/1603 at Lyminge; Jane, b. ca 1597; Ambrose, b. ca 1603 m. Ann White, sister to Susan White who m. Thomas Cobb. Ambrose and Ann W. Cobb resided first at Willesborough where three or four children were born, and in 1630 sold their lands in England. The Cobbs of Tennessee by Cully Alton Cobb

Ambrose Cobbs, b. 1603 County Kent, England m. Ann White, b. 1608 England, removed to York Co., Va. where he d. before 1/1656. He had son, Robert Cobbs, b. 7/1/1623 Co. Kent, England, d. 12/29/1682 Bruton Parish, York Co., Va., wife, Elizabeth, b. 1634, d. 10/7/1684, who had: Ambrose Cobbs, who d. 6/1718 York Co., Va., m. Frances Pinkett, dau. of Thomas Pinkett. Ambrose Cobbs had Thomas Cobbs, who d. 1750 York Co., Va., m. Mary Elizabeth Shields, dau. of James Shields, the latter's LWT dtd 7/17/1727 York Co., Va. Thomas Cobbs and wife, Mary Elizabeth Shields had Thomas Cobbs, b. 1723 York Co., Va., d. 1833 Columbia Co., Ga.

Thomas Cobbs of Columbia Co., Ga. made his LWT 4/9/1831, pvd 6/3/1833, stating "the lawful heirs of my children...I have outlived them all!" He names grandchildren, Rowena Payne, Thomas Benning, Thomas Cobbs, Joseph Cobbs, Sally C. Lamar and husband, Peter Lamar; great-grandchildren, Sarah Luke, dau. of William and Patsy Luke; children of Thomas W. Cobb, decd. McCall's Roster of the Revolution, P. 191, V. I.: "From Augusta Chronicle 'Capt. Thomas Cobb, aged 110 years, a native of Buckingham Co., Va., came to Georgia 1784, Revolutionary War Soldier.'

Columbia Co., Ga. deed 6/27/1799, Thomas Cobbs, Jr. to Thomas Cobbs, Sr. to recover from Michael Gilbert of Hancock Co. pt of est. of Jacob Moon, decd, of Buckingham Co., Va. to which I am entitled by law as one of the heirs. Heirs of Thomas Cobbs: Thomas, Sarah, John.

Thomas Cobbs son, John Cobbs, d. 5/1797 Columbia Co., Ga., m. Elizabeth Beckham, dau. of Capt. William Beckham, b. 1739, d. 9/9/1812 Columbia Co., Ga. and his wife, Catherine. Columbia Co. deed 8/30/1810, William Beckham, "for love and affection to my granddaughter, Polly Dixon, one negro girl. The same shall not be enjoyed by Solomon Ellis, Jr. with whom she now lives, nor by any other person with whom she may hereafter be connected, whether by marriage or otherwise. Trustees, Lewis Cobbs, John Minor, Thomas Cobbs." 12/20/1813, Release, Columbia Co., Thomas W. Cobbs and heirs of William Cobbs, i.e., Thomas, Lewis, and William Beckham Cobbs, decd, by Will did devise 300 acres to wife, Catherine and at her death to go to Thomas Cobbs grandsons, Thomas and Lewis, and great grandson, William Beckham Cobbs. 2/1/1812 Columbia Co., Ga. John Scott and his wife, Catherine, formerly Catherine Cobbs of State of La. appt Joseph Ellis, attorney, to receive any property due me from est. of John Cobbs. The LWT of Thomas W. Cobbs dtd 1/31/1830, pvd 3/1830 Greene Co., V. F, P. 147, names children: Thomas Moore Cobbs, Joseph Beckham Cobbs; friend, Thomas F. Foster, Yelverton P. King, Joseph J. Moore of Oglethorpe Co.; and James Mariwether of Clarke Co. Ga. From Christian Index, "Mrs. Mary W. Cobb, wife of Hon. Thomas W. Cobbs, d. 10/4/1826." Also, "Thomas W. Cobbs d. 2/1/1830 Greensboro, Judge of Superior Court of Ga...."

Further on John Cobbs, d. 5/1797 Columbia Co. m. Elizabeth Beckman, the LWT of William Beckham dtd 11/5/1812 names his wife, Catherine, and grandchildren: Thomas and Lewis Cobbs, sons of John Cobbs, decd. Also, Alfred, Simpson and G. E. Beckham Ellis, children of Charles Ellis; granddaughter, Catherine Cobbs; gr-grandchildren: William Beckham, Adeline Cobbs, dau. of grandson, Thomas Cobbs, Polly W. Cobbs, wife of Thomas Cobbs. Exrs, wife and grandson, Thomas Cobbs. John Cobbs had dau, Milly Polly Cobbs who m. 11/5/1793 Columbia Co. Ga., John Lyddall Dixon who d. 1811 Laurens Co., Ga., from whom the author, Jeannette Austin, is descended, maternal lineage.

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Thomas Cobbs, born ca 1734, probably in New Kent County,
Virginia, was married to Susannah Moon on 1/27/1756.