

Copy, of letter found in an old diary of  
John Webb who was born in 1744 & d. 1807.

46 CHURCH STREET  
CHARLESTON I. S. C.

Letter is supposed to have been written by J. W's father William  
Webb of Northampton England who died  
Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1749. This copy, of copy made  
from original letter owned by Mrs George  
Edward Gibbon (Mary Winthrop Webb)  
and copied by Caroline Webb Marshall.

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The Town

12 Feby 1744

My Brother,

My last to you was of  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1743 wherein I informed  
you as being so unfortunate as  
to lose my dear babe at the age  
of a week. I have Recd yours of  
8<sup>th</sup> August 1743 with the  
unwelcome news of the Death  
of your Sister Webb. I

Am heartily glad to hear not only by  
you + Corinthe from far also from  
Dr. Woodbridge that all made so  
comfortable an Exit - and doubt not  
that it is both to you and my  
brother a great - Blessing to you and  
far & heartily cordial wish - you on  
the way when also sorry to hear of  
the loss of your dear Wife - may  
the Blessing of her Soul & yours may  
these instances of mortality remind  
us of the great God - we owe our  
day pay to induce us to be in  
the greater care and good that  
we may meet - death - when it takes  
us in the face. I read of a  
man who a letter from Mr. Calver  
of London who informs me he  
had agreed to my address of  
Mr. Woodbridge \$ 25 - 00 for you  
and I hope you to hear it from

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your own hands and for the future  
shall so manage it that you shall  
not be at such a loss as you have  
been before. I Bless God at present  
we are all well and enjoying a  
State of Tranquility. Trade at  
present is very bad but has it  
not pleased God to Bless us with  
a Sufficiency to live without it.  
I am Determined to leave all Business  
in Partnership & do only a little by  
myself and a Partnership on all  
sides is the Partnership next when  
shall apply ourselves Intirely to bring  
things to a settlement and when  
that is done & not before then I  
can think of coming to England.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> Jun + Jun barked for  
England on board Capt White  
Mr. Jun. Witherspoon + his wife he  
marrid my Wifes own Sister  
who I love and esteem as if my  
own Sister if they should chance  
to call at Northampton doubt not  
their meeting with a Hearty Welcome  
I write Brother John by this or next  
Conveyance so conclude with my  
duty - to your self Love to Patty  
Service to all friends  
I am your Ountiful Sonny  
W. W "

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Caroline Webb Marshall.