

George Weaven

(cir. 1821 – 1897)

Little definitive information has been found about George Weaven. In the only U.S. census where he has been found, (1850 in Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y.), he is listed as age 29 and born in England, which would put his birthdate around 1821. Other information in the census shows that he was a shoemaker, and was married to Eliza, also the same age and born in England.

The 1841 census in England shows a George Weaven who may be the same person. He is listed as a shoemaker, age 20, and living in Berkshire, which is a county west of London. Another record shows that a George Weaven married in 1849 in Wokingham, Berkshire, England (no wife's name listed). If this is him, he and Eliza must have emigrated to the U.S. soon afterwards.

Curiously, George appears to be mentioned in an obituary in the *Owego Daily Record* of October 1, 1888. In the biography of the deceased, Lee Newton Chamberlain, it mentions that Chamberlain moved to Owego from Massachusetts in 1851 and “purchased the boot and shoe manufacturing business of an Englishman, named Weaven...”

The next clue to the Weaven family is from the death certificate of their daughter Mae E. Weaven Grover, who died in 1916. She is listed with parents George and Eliza Taylor Weaven, born in England, and with her birthplace as Elmira, Chemung Co., N. Y. in 1854. From that point on, no trace has been found of the Weavens or any other children until 1897, the year of George's death.

But it is presumed that the Weavens remained in N.Y. State after immigration, since their daughter Mae shows up in records of Ingham University (a female school) in LeRoy, Genesee Co. N.Y. around 1870, and her home town is listed as Ithaca, Tompkins Co. N.Y. Mae herself never appears in the census until after her marriage to Ira S. Grover in 1876.

The *Ithaca Daily News*, July 6, 1897, issue contains the following personal notice:

“Mrs. Ira Grover went to Albany this morning to bring home her father, Geo. Weaven, who is sick.” In early December he was admitted to Willard State Hospital in the town of Romulus, Seneca Co., N.Y., where he died on December 10, 1897 of chronic nephritis (kidney inflammation). He was buried in the hospital cemetery.

Some more details on George's life are derived from his death certificate. It states that he had been in the U.S. for 48 years, which corresponds to the presumed immigration date of 1849 above. His parents were William and Charlotte Weaven of England. (So far, only one census record of a William and Charlotte Weaver in England has been located, from 1871.) He was widowed at the time of death, and his occupation was listed as photographer.

George Weaven in the census

1841, Berkshire, England

Name: George Weaven, Age: 20, Born in: 1821, Profession: Shoe Maker

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George Weaven, age 29, shoemaker, born England

Eliza Weaven, age 29, born England

Death Certificate

COUNTY OF Saratoga TOWN OF Romulus VILLAGE OF _____ CITY OF _____

STATE OF NEW YORK—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Certificate and Record of Death. Registered No. 48850 955

George Heavin

I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Dec. 3rd, 1897 to Dec. 10th, 1897 that I last saw him relative of the 9th day of December, 1897, that he died on the 10th day of December, 1897, about 12.00 o'clock, A. M. or PM and that to best of my knowledge and belief, the cause of his death was as hereunder written.

Chief Cause, Chronic Nephritis Duration of Disease 5 yrs.

Contributing Cause, Uremia et Cardiac Dilatation

Sanitary Observations, Good

Witness my hand this 13th day of December, 1897.

Place of Burial, Willard S. H. Cemetery (SIGNATURE) Thos. J. Currie, M. D.

Date of Burial, Dec. 11, 1897.

Undertaker, John Walsh RESIDENCE, Willard, N.Y.

Residence, Willard, N.Y.

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Date of Birth	<u>Dec. 10, 1897.</u>
Full Name	<u>George Heavin</u>
Age in years, months and days	<u>77 years</u>
Color	<u>White</u>
Single, Married or Widowed	<u>Widowed</u>
Occupation	<u>Photographer</u>
Birthplace	<u>England</u>
How long in U.S. if foreign born	<u>48 years.</u>
How long resident here	<u>7 days</u>
Father's Name	<u>William Heavin</u>
Father's Birthplace	<u>England</u>
Mother's Name	<u>Charlotte Urean</u>
Mother's Birthplace	<u>England</u>
Place of Death	<u>Willard State Hospital</u>
Last Place of Residence	<u>Saratoga, N.Y.</u>
Direct cause of Death	<u>Chronic Nephritis</u>
Indirect cause of Death	<u>Uremia et Cardiac Dilatation</u>
Date of Record	<u>Dec. 13, 1897.</u>

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