Ira Simeon Grover & Mae E. Weaven 1852-1940 1854-1916





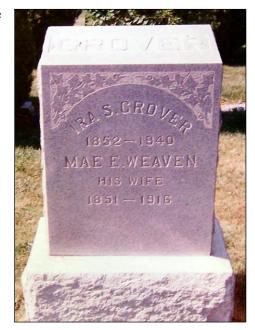
Ira S. Grover was born September 14, 1852 in Dryden, N.Y., the youngest child of Ira Grover and Elizabeth Elliston (or Eletson). He had one sister and two older brothers, one of whom died before his birth. Two years later, Ira's father died "at sea", according to the family Bible. Ira's mother remarried in 1868 to Norman Crittenden.

Mae Weaven was born in Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y. on October 31, 1854, the daughter of George Weaven and Eliza Taylor. Both were immigrants from England.* Mae attended the girls' school Ingham University in LeRoy, Genesee County, N.Y., for high school, and was listed as being from Ithaca at that time. (early 1870s)

In the 1875 census, Ira was living with his brother Pliny and his wife Alice Smith, and the two were listed with the occupation of "boatman". On March 20, 1876, Ira married Mae E. Weaven in Ithaca, N.Y.

Mae and Ira had four children: Pearl Esma, born August 23, 1878, Ira Chester, born August 12, 1879, George Weaven, born May 11, 1881, and Fay H., born July 9, 1886. According to the census, over the following years Ira worked as a farmer, a florist, and a gardener – part of that time at Cornell.

Mae died in 1916 of a cerebral hemorrhage, and Ira of the same in 1940. They are buried in Willow Glen Cemetery in Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y. Contrary to the tombstone, Mae's death certificate gives the year of her birth as 1854.



*(No further record of George and Eliza Weaven has been found other than the 1850 census, except for an indication that George was living in the Albany area in 1897. He died later that year in Willard State Hospital in Seneca County, N. Y. It is not known if Mae had any siblings.)

Circa 1910 - Ira and Mae's children and grandchildren



- 1. Pearl Bickal, daughter of 3, wife of 8, mother of 4, 9, 10
- 2. Martha Grover, wife of 6
- 3. Mae Grover, mother of 1, 5, 6, 12
- 4. Lola Bickal, daughter of 1 & 8, with unknown child possibly Regina Grover, daughter of 5 & 11
- 5. George Grover, son of 3, husband of 11
- 6. Fay Grover, son of 3, husband of 2 with Dorothy Grover(7), his daughter, & unknown baby possibly his son Robert Grover
- 7. Dorothy Grover, daughter of 6 & 2
- 8. Bill Bickal, father of 4, 9, 10
- 9. George Bickal, son of 1 & 8
- 10. Ira "Im" Bickal, son of 1 & 8
- 11. Leila Grover, wife of 5
- 12. Ira "Chester" Grover, son of 3

(Missing – Ira S. – may have been taking the picture?)

Ira and Mae in the Census

1860: Dryden, Elisabeth, Pliny, Mary, and Ira S., next to Peter Grover (grandfather)

1865: Dryden, Elizabeth, with children Pliny, Mary, and Ira

1870: Dryden (Etna), Norman Crittenden, Elisabeth, Pliny, and Ira S., next to Lemi & Sally Grover (aunt & uncle)

1875: Dryden: Ira S. living with Pliny and Alice Grover

1880: Dryden: Ira S. with May, "Purl" and baby son (Ira); a farmer

1892: Dryden: Ira S. with May and four children; a laborer

1900: Town of Ithaca: Ira S. with May and three youngest children, next to married daughter Pearl Bickal; a flowerist

1905: 151 Maple Ave., Ithaca, Ira S. with Mae and son George and seven boarders; a florist

1910: [not found – census in general very faint]

1915: 645 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, Ira S. with Mae; a florist

1920: Ludlowville Rd., town of Ithaca, with son Fay and family; gardener on farm **1925:** Dryden Rd., town of Ithaca, with son Fay and family; gardener at Cornell

1930: 253 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, Ira S. with son Fay and family; college gardener

1940: 132 Fayette St., Ithaca, Ira S. with daughter-in-law Leila and children

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Ira Simeon GROVER	
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Born: 14 Sep 1852 in Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY Died: 26 Aug 1940 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: 29 Aug 1940 in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY

Father: Ira GROVER (1815 - 1854)

Mother: Elizabeth J. ELETSON (1828 - 1897)

Wife: Mae E. WEAVEN

Married: 20 Mar 1876 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Born: 31 Oct 1854 in Elmira, Chemung Co. NY
Died: 8 Jul 1916 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: 11 Jul 1916 in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY

Father: George WEAVEN (1821 - 1897) Mother: Eliza TAYLOR (1821 -)

F Child 1: Pearl Esma GROVER

Born: 23 Aug 1878 in Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY Died: 7 Feb 1959 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: 9 Feb 1959 in East Lawn Cem., Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Husband: William LeRoy BICKAL b. Jun 1870 d. 1918

Married: 5 Oct 1893 in Tompkins Co. NY

Husband: Edward H. CALEY b. 1869 d. 1934 Married: 8 Jun 1921 in Philadelphia, NY

M Child 2: Ira Chester GROVER

Born: 12 Aug 1879 in West Dryden, Tompkins, NY Died: 9 Jul 1955 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: 12 Jul 1955 in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY

Wife: Mildred Martha MINIER b. 20 Jun 1887 d. 20 Dec 1944

Married: 18 Jun 1900 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Wife: Minnie Edna JAQUAY b. 23 Apr 1888 d. 20 Aug 1970

Married: 20 Aug 1913 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

M Child 3: George Weaven GROVER

Born: 11 May 1881 in Tompkins Co. NY

Died: 27 Jun 1935 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY

Wife: Leila MALLORY b. 1881 d. 1950

M Child 4: Fay H. GROVER

Born: 9 Jul 1886 in Varna, Tompkins Co. NY Died: 19 Dec 1944 in Ithaca, Tompkins Co. NY

Buried: in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY

Wife: Martha C. TERWILLIGER b. 12 Feb 1886 d. Dec 1975

Married: 29 Mar 1904 in NY

Newspaper Clippings

Ithaca Daily News, July 6, 1897

Mrs. Ira Grover went to Albany this morning to bring home her father, George Weaven, who is sick.

Ithaca Journal, Ithaca, N.Y., Monday, July 10, 1916

Obituary

Mrs. Mae E. Grover, aged 61 years, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the City Hospital. She is survived by her husband--Ira S.; one daughter--Mrs. W. L. Bickal of Varna; three sons--Ira C., George and Fay, all of this city.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the late residence, 645 Dryden road, Rev. C. G. McConnell officiating. Interment will be in Willow Glen Cemetery.

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The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, from the house, 645 Dryden Road. The Rev. C. G. McConnell of Forest Home will officiate. Interment will be in Willow Glen Cemetery.

Ithaca Journal, Ithaca, N. Y., Tuesday, August 27, 1940

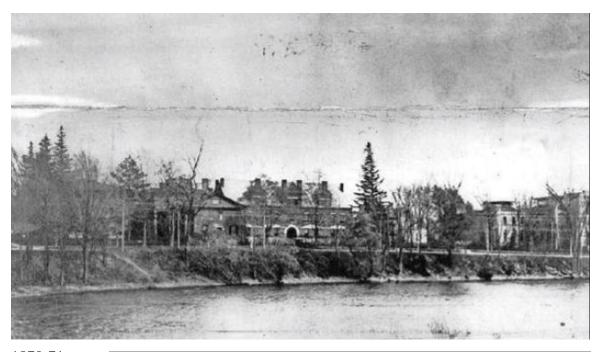
Obituary

Ira S. Grover, 87, died at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 1940 at his home, 132 Fayette Street.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Gilbert's Undertaking Parlors, 125 E. Buffalo Street, the Rev. Raymond H. Cox, pastor of the State Street Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Willow Glen Cemetery, Dryden.

Besides two sons, Ira Grover Jr. of Ithaca and Fay Grover of Slaterville Rd., Mr. Grover is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Caley of the Town of Ithaca; 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ingham University in Leroy, N. Y.



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Death Certificate for Ira Simeon Grover, 1940

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