



Weir Farm by Sybil Russell circa 1940



James Willaim John Landrick Weir



Agnes Nancy Thompson Weir
Mother of James W. J. L. Weir



Myrtie Weir & Aunt Mae; Olivia, Sibyl, Isabel
@ Weir Farm Blacksmith Shop



Thomas Weir @ Weir Farm



John Weir

Thomas Weir



Olivia

Myrtie

Robert

Sibyl Weir

Lamprey's

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Penacook,

N. H.

WEIR FAMILY

After the death of John Weir on 6/28/1941 the last of the children of James W.J.L. Weir and wife Margaret, the Family Bible was uncovered. This Bible a large book, covered with Sheepskin was printed in London in 1769. The first entries are Wiers, the family of a Robert Wier born in 1741. (Note spelling of family name).

James W.J.L. in a real good handmade this his original entry in this Bible.

"I James Wm. John Landrick Weir, son of Mr. Thomas Weir and Nancy (Ex)(T.) Weir. Received this my Fathers "Bible" from my Cousin Mr. John Weir: October 14th 1896. Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland. I came to this country of United States from County Antrim Ireland and arrived in New York City about the 18th of December 1843. Mother and I came over in the good Sailing Ship Sheridan were 5 weeks on the passage: I visited my native Country again in AgnAugust 1893: and returned to my Home again in New Hampshire December 6th. Signed James Wm. John Landrick Weir Penacook N.H. USA. Recorded this March 5th 1897.

James W.J.L. was 10 years old when they came to the USA.

No mention of his 13 year old sister Olivia at this time. She is however buried in the Weir family plot in the Boscowen N.H. Cemetery which was located east of Route 3 in southern Boscowen. Plot at the right extreme rear of cemetery. She also purchased the farm with her brother later.

The only information about James between arrival in USA year 1843 and 1854 when Farm was purchased in Boscowen N.H. was from a Primary School book now in the hands of Isabel M. Anderson. On the Fly Leaf of a "Common Speller" is this entry in a good hand. "James Weir's book, Upper Falls, Newton Mass. This speller printed in 1846. This proves they lived in Newton, Mass at one time and between 1843 and 1854.

When John Weir of the SIXTH GENERATION was asked where they were (James and Mother) during this time he had no information to offer.

The next step of interest is the purchase of 31 acres and 80 square rods of land with buildings thereon in Boscowen N.H. on June 14th 1854 from Robert E. and Hannah Hoyt in consideration of Six Hundred Dollars. The deed made out to James W.J.L. Weir and Olivia Weir, his sister. (James age 20 at this time.)

On the same day and meeting, another document was made and signed by James and Olivia. The condition of the foregoing deed is such that if the said James W.J. Weir and Olivia Weir our heirs executors and administrators shall well and truly support and maintain in health or sickness the said Nancy Weir for and during her natural life free from the expense of said Nancy Weir.

Nancy T. Weir had given the Six Hundred Dollars in return for life security. She was 52 years old at this transaction and lived to age 84. At the age of 80 years Nancy filed a Quit Claim deed of Dec. 11, 1883, from Nancy to James releasing the property mortgage of June 14th 1854. She died four years later.

The small, house and large barn on property bought in 1854. Nancy James and Olivia lived here until 1858 when the large nine room house was built attached to the east side of small house. The original house sandwiched in between old house and barn was made a woodshed with room above. new

This entry in Bible - -

I hereby certify that Mr. James W.J.L. Weir and Miss Margaret McNally were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire at Manchester this 26th day of August AD 1862. Attest B.L. Bowles, Clergyman.

Six children born to this union, one "still" born.

James was 29 years and Margaret 28 years old when they were married in 1862.

Margaret, did not practice her Roman Catholic Faith after marriage. Her husband and children attended the Methodist Church in Penacook.

Margaret died at the age of 57. Was a bed patient for 18 years with what we recall to have been Rheumatoid Arthritis. One child born during this period.

Nancy Thompson Weir her mother-in-law lived with this family all of these years dying in 1887. She had served this family well in that she ran the house for 15 years due to incapacity of Margaret a bed ridden patient.

Robert her Grandson says that when the youngsters got out of hand she brandished her cane, used to assist her in walking, at that them with threats of harm. She was a strong minded person.

In the years 1875 to 1903 James purchased seven adjoining pieces of land. The total estimated to be about 200 acres.

The Family were all "Teetotallers". However they always had a barrel or two of hard cider made from their own apples, in their cellar. John Weir said it was as necessary to have cider or Rum as a Scythe during Haying season for the Itinerant workers.

By 1920 two new barn and another smaller building had been built east of the house. The smaller building housed a complete Blacksmith Shop for repair of Farm Machinery. An icehouse completed the buildings on this property. It was a self sufficient farm.

Milk production was their cash product. Both wholesale and later retail. Here is an interesting paper I have from the farm.

Penacook, N.H. May 4th 1903. Received of Thomas N. Weir and John J. Weir Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars in full for three cows and retail milk business in Penacook N.H. W.E. Sweatt.

Isabel and Sibyl, Weir remember riding with one of their Uncles on the milk delivery route in Penacook when they were small girls.

They remember last seeing their Grandfather Weir at Isabels Fifth Birthday party in 1906. He had walked the full distance from the Farm to their home on X Queen St. at N. Main St in Boscowen. He died a week later of Pneumonia at age 73 years. James was a short man of slight build who wore a long mustache and a beard. Thin bony face and a prominent nose.

Robert the fourth child the only one to leave the farm. All of the surviving three did not marry and stayed for their full life on this farm.

The Farm was a haven for the old relatives. We have a letter to Aunt Jane Thompson (Nancy's) sister, by James, inviting her to come to live with them in hopes that she would improve her health by selling and getting out of the unhealthy New York City. She accepted this invitation and lived on the farm for the remainder of her days. She was probably in her seventies when she came.

Patrick McNally a brother of Margaret's was a Cloth Printer and working in the Harmony Print Works at 80 Greenwich St. in New York City and later at the same trade in Garnerville N.Y. He also spent his last years on the Farm. Mary O. Weir gave me a Spirit Level he used in his work. This Level made in Glasgow Scotland in year 1785.

As the years went by the Trees on the land grew to maturity and the Portable Saw Mills would come in supplying the family with extra cash with the sale of this lumber. There must have been much lumbering by the sawdust piles here and there on the property.

In 1921 John and Mary had a Model T Truck and Model T Ford Touring Car indication an early adoption of the method of transportation.

At the age of 72 in 1938 John almost blind and in delicate health and practically out of cash and inability to get farm help abandoned the farm and came to live with his sister-in-law, Myrtie Weir in Concord N.H. After about a year with her she found it impossible to continue to care for him.

Elwin Weir, Harry Russell and I went to visit with two of Boscowen Selectmen, who saw that John was admitted to the Norris Nursing Home on Main Street. He deeded his property to the Town of Boscowen for the final two years of care in this Nursing Home.

Elwin and Wesley Weir organized an Auction^{JUNE 1939} at which the Farm equipment and Household Furniture was sold. This a real big job. It was well attended and they had much to do. The proceeds were added to the small bank account. This allowed Myrtie to buy him some necessities during stay at Nursing Home. The small balance just paid for a stone over his grave.

The Weir Family Bible given to Elwin Weir.

Anyone in the Weir branch of the family wishing to tie their ancestry in with the Runnells group merely turn to Page 9 See SIXTH GENERATION Myrtie Luella Runnells(6) Ezra(5) etc.etc.

The information in this study has been compiled and typed by Elmer Carl Anderson. See Page 29.

THIRD GENERATION

Robert Wier (3) (2), (1)
 Robert Born in year 1741 Died 10/8/1793 at age of 52.
 Robert married 3/10/1770 to Olivia McCulloch. b. 1753
 d. 8/10/1826 at age of 73.

This is the original entry in the Weir Family Bible. Ink is a brown color as with all real old documents.

Note the spelling of the family name of Wier.

James W.J.L. changed it to Weir.

CHILDREN

<u>Elizabeth Wier</u>	was born	March the 9th 1771.
Ann Wier	" "	Jan. 2nd 1773.
Olivia Wier	" "	Feb. 15th 1775.
Margret Wier	" "	Dec. the 26th 1777.
Mary Wier	" "	Nov. the 5th 1779
William Wier	" "	Feb. the 5th 1782.
Isabelle Wier	" "	Aug, the 12th 1783.
<u>Thomas Wier</u>	" "	June the 10th 1785.
<u>Robert Wier</u>	" "	April the 30th 1787.
James Wier	" "	July the 17th 1789.
Rachel Wier	" "	June the 22nd 1790.
Robert Wier	" "	March the 15th 1792.

FOURTH GENERATION

Thomas Wier (4) Robert (3) (2) (1)
 Thomas, b.6/10/1785 probably in County Antrim area in Ireland. Died 4/29/1835. Age 50 years.
 Married Agnes Nancy Thomson on 1/5/1831. She was born 7/10/1802 probably in some place near her husband. She died Boscowen, N.H. USA 2/24/1887. Age 84 years

Thomas was 45 years of age and his wife 28 years at the time of their marriage.

Thomas died after about four years of marriage leaving Nancy with two small children.

Eight years later, Mother and Son were sailing to the United States on the "Good Ship Sheridan". See page 20.

Daughter Olivia has not been mentioned except in deed at time of purchase of the Weir Farm in 1854.

CHILDREN

Olivia b. 12/23/1831. Died at 37 years of age. Buried in the Weir family plot in Boscowen N.H. Cemetery.

James WM. John Landrick Weir b.12/22/1833. Died 3/27/1906.

Both of above children born in Ireland.

At the time of marriage of above Thomas and Nancy, Thomas lived in Clonkeen and Nancy came from Moneyrod Ireland. A. Jamison, Minister presiding at marriage.

FIFTH GENERATION

James William John Landrick Weir(5) Thomas(4) Robert(3) (2) (1)
 James W.J.L. born Ireland 12/22/1833. Died Boscowen N.H.
 on 3/27/1906 (Pneumonia) Aged 72 Y 3Mo. 5 Days
 He married Margaret McNally in Manchester N.H. 8/26/1862.
 (See Bible entry under Weir Family.
 Margaret , born 7/17/1834. Died 10/22/1891 in
 Boscowen N.H. Age 57Y. 3M. 5D.

CHILDREN

Thomas Nathaniel Weir(x)b. 7/14/1863 d.2/18/1919 (Robt Diary)
 HAVE IT ELSEWHERE ~~Ex 24 & 24 k k~~ (1/27/1919)
 John James Weir (x) b. 1/9/1866 d. 6/29/1941
 Emery Weir (x) b. 1/7/1868 d.10/20/1885 } born in
 Robert William b. 10/1/1869 d. 4/29/1930 } Boscowen
 Mary Olivia (x) b/ 6/27/1873 d.10/22/1932 }

(x) - Unmarried.

The Mother of above (Margaret) was an invalid for years before death. In the brief Genealogy I wrote in 1940 of the Weir family the notation as to cause of this invalidism differs with that under Weir Family in this report. The 1940 report says this. " Margaret Weir died Sept. 22nd 1891 aged 57 Years 3 Months 5 Days. She was an invalid for the last 15 years of her life. Died from a shock and is buried in the family plot in Boscowen cemetery. Invalidism caused by shock after birth of still born child".

In the 1870's ~~thaxa~~ the Farmers Almanac, was used as a Diary for the farm. The margin notations as to birth of each cow (all had names) . Special Events, A record of the wild berries picked each day and then the tiresome job of going to Penacook to peddle them door to door made long days for the children

Each had daily chores all contributing to their living. They lived well. Were members of the Grange. Mixed with the boys and girls of the community but only Robert left the farm and married.

Thomas N. A jolly fellow whom Isabel and Sibyl well remembered. John and he ran the farm while Mary ran the house and often helped with the farm work. Thomas was a wheel chair invalid for the last five years of his life. The family not sure of the cause but Arthritis has been assumed. He died of pneumonia.

He did wood carvings during his years in the wheel chair. Elwin Weir had several of them at one time.

John Weir Ran the farm for the most of twenty or more years with his bister to help after Toms invalidism and death. An acquaintance in Penacook says he was known by his neighbors and friends as Honest John Weir. The farm without phone or electricity. In the last two years of Marys life they installed a telephone. This meant John in his old age cut trees and placed them in holes for a distance of at least 1/2 mile south to neighboring farm (Hollands)

FIFTH GENERATION - Continued

Emery Weir died at the age of ~~17~~ 17 years from Typhoid Fever.

Robert W. Weir See SIXTH GENERATION

Mary Olivia Weir Died of Heart Trouble at age of 57 Years. When her brother Thomas died her Brother John was given Tom share in the Property. His sister Mary received his bank balance in the New Hampshire Savings Bank which totalled \$ 2157.93 .

SIXTH GENERATION

WEIR -* RUNNELLS

(6) James(5) Thomas(4) Robert(3) ?(2) (1)
Robert William Weir b. Boscowen N.H. 10/1/1869 died in Concord N.H. 4/29/1930

HE married Myrtie Luella Runnells of Penacook N.H. 1/27/1894.

Myrtie daughter of Ezra B. Runnells was born in Pierment N.H. 3/10/1874. Died 12/25/ 1959 in Penacook N.H. See FIFTH GENERATION (Runnells)

Robert, Myrtie Ezra B. Runnells, his two wives are buried in Ezra's Cemetery Plot in the Penacook township in southern part of Penacook alongside Route 3 .

Robert 25 years old and Myrtie 20 years at the time of marriage,

Robert served his apprenticeship in the manufacture of Electric Meters at the Hoyt Mfg. Co. of Penacook N.H. Worked there until they were sold to the Roller Smith Electric Co. of Bethlehem, Pa. on 12/15/1908.

Robert with then a family of four moved to Bethlehem along with several others from this sold company. They lived for three years in a house on New Street in Bethlehem.

In 1911 moved the family to Manchester as he had obtained work at his trade with the Norton Electric Co.

Following the end of World War 1 business slowed with the Norton Co., Robert moved to South Coventry about 18 miles from ~~Manchester~~ Manchester where he bought a small farm. He worked occasionally at Nortons when orders came in which finally pepered out altogether. His eyesight was also failing for such close work in Meter making.

In 1921 he bought a farm in East Concord N.H. and moved the family there. When there he also worked for the Paige Belting CO located only a few miles away.

This home in East Concord burned on 5/13/1928. Burned completely.

Then Robert purchased the house, 187 South Main St. in Concord N.H.

In early 1930 Robert was seized with Angina Heart pains ..He was hospitalized. Returned home later. Again returned to the hospital where a Thyroid operation was performed from which he did not rally. 4/29/1930. Age 60 years.

Died-

SIXTH GENERATION Continued

Robert was the only one of his family to leave the Father's farm in Boscowen and to also marry. He was not ostracized merely disinherited. He and wife Myrtie when living in Manchester having an automobile traveled as often as possible to Concord and Penacook. Robert loved the farm brothers and sister. Myrtie thru the generosity of her Father and her Stepmother Mary was able to renew with family & with them and was always welcome. One half of the family would go to the Weir Farm, the boys and Father generally.

When Robert died there were three dependant children at home 13- 15-17 years of age. By her own efforts Myrtie saw them all thru High School. Still residing at 107 S. Main St.

Myrtie sold her 187 So. Main Street, Concord N.H. home in 1948 having been invited to make her home with her daughter Sibyl and husband Harry E. Russell in Manchester, Conn. She accepted the invitation.

In 1955 Myrtie returned to New Hampshire to live with her daughter Natalie (Mrs. Bernard Chase) in Penacook. Harry E. Russell had died Nov. 1954 and Sibyl was selling her large home here.

A year later she suffered a "shock" (cerebral Stroke) which left her helpless. She was a patient in two Nursing Homes during the next three years. She died at the Harris Hill Nursing Home in Penacook N.H. Age 85 years.

CHILDREN

<u>Olivia Ella</u>	b. 11/4/1896	Boscowen N.H.	d. 12/1/1914	Manchester
<u>Sibyl Margaret</u>	b. 8/5/1898	"	"	"
<u>Isabel Madeline</u>	b. 3/21/1901	"	"	"
<u>Elwin Runnells</u>	b. 11/30/1907	"	"	"
<u>Wesley James</u>	b. 7/4/1913	Manchester,	Conn.	
<u>Natalie Olive</u>	b. 5/6/1916	"	"	"
<u>Neva Elizabeth</u>	b. 6/3/1918	"	"	"

Weir Family Tree

Robert Wier

b. 1741 Ireland
d. Oct. 8, 1793 Ireland
m. Mar. 10, 1770 Ireland

Olivia McCulloch

b. 1753 Ireland
d. Aug. 10, 1826 Ireland

Children: all born in Ireland

Elizabeth	b. Mar. 9, 1771
Ann	b. Jan. 2, 1773
Olivia	b. Feb. 15, 1775
Margaret	b. Dec. 26, 1777
Mary	b. Nov. 5, 1779
William	b. Feb. 5, 1782
Isabelle	b. Aug. 12, 1783
Thomas	b. June 10, 1785
Robert	b. Apr. 30, 1787
James	b. July 17, 1789
Rachel	b. June 22, 1790
Robert	b. Mar. 15, 1792

Thomas Wier

b. June 10, 1785 Clonkeen, Ireland
d. April 29, 1835 Ireland
m. Jan. 5, 1831 Ireland

Agnes Nancy Thompson

b. July 10, 1802 Moneyrod, Ireland
d. Feb. 24, 1887 Boscawen, NH

Children:

Olivia	b. Dec. 23, 1832 Ireland d. 1868 Boscawen, NH
James W. J. L.	b. Dec. 22, 1833 Ireland d. Mar. 27, 1906 Boscawen, NH

James William John Landrick Weir*	b. Dec. 22, 1833 d. Mar. 27, 1906 m. Aug. 26, 1862	Ireland Boscawen, NH Manchester, NH
Margaret McNally	b. July 17, 1834 d. Oct. 22, 1891	Ireland Boscawen, NH
Children:		
Thomas Nathaniel	b. July 14, 1863 d. Feb. 18, 1919	unknown Boscawen, NH
John James	b. Jan. 9, 1866 d. June 29, 1941	Boscawen, NH Boscawen, NH
Emery	b. Jan. 7, 1868 d. Oct. 20, 1885	Boscawen, NH Boscawen, NH
Robert William	b. Oct. 1, 1869 d. Apr. 29, 1930	Boscawen, NH Concord, NH
Mary Olivia	b. June 27, 1873 d. Oct. 22, 1932	Boscawen, NH Boscawen, NH
Robert William Weir	b. Oct. 1, 1869 d. Apr. 29, 1930 m. Jan. 27, 1894	Boscawen, NH Concord, NH Penacook, NH
Myrtie Luella Runnells	b. Mar. 10, 1874 d. Dec. 25, 1959	Piermont, NH Penacook, NH
Children:		
Olivia Ella	b. Nov. 4, 1896	Boscawen, NH
Sibyl Margaret	b. Aug. 5, 1898	Boscawen, NH
Isabel Madeline	b. Mar. 21, 1901	Boscawen, NH
Elwin Runnells	b. Nov. 30, 1907	Boscawen, NH
Wesley James	b. July 4, 1913	Manchester, NH
Natalie Olive	b. May 6, 1916	Manchester, NH
Neva Elizabeth	b. June 3, 1918	Manchester, NH

*changed spelling from Wier to Weir

The Weir Family history, compiled by Elmer Carl R. Anderson in 1969, tells us that Nancy, James, and probably Olivia, traveled to the United States from Liverpool to New York City aboard the “Good Ship Sheridan”.

The Sheridan was a packet ship from the series “Dramatic Liners” built in 1836 by the Brown and Bell Shipyard in Boston Harbor. A conflicting report states that it was built by Isaac Webb and Co. of New York. This series of flat bottomed shipping vessels were built for speed and could traverse the Atlantic in as little as twenty nine days, fully loaded, if conditions were favorable. It weighed 895 tons and required 40 men in her crew, each being paid \$25.00 per month. The Sheridan was eventually regarded as too large and heavy to be fast enough for a Liverpool packet, and after a few voyages was placed in the China trade under the management of E. K. Collins.

These vessels were often raced with others from competing shipbuilding companies. One article tells of a race between the Sheridan, with Captain Russell in command, and the Columbus, a “Black Ball” Liner commanded by Captain DePeyster, and tells the story of the two ships leaving New York Harbor on Thursday, February 2, 1837. Columbus won by completing the voyage in 16 days, followed by the Sheridan two days later. This was the first recorded Atlantic Ocean match.

This is not a highly scientific research project, as there are many stories, not all exactly alike, but it makes for fun reading. This information and much more may be found in the following books, which were found on the Internet:

mises.org/journals/scholar/sechrest2.pdf

Immigrantships.net/nycarrivals1_6.html

www.gjenvick.com

The Weir Family History

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