



from a penny postcard of a lumber company building, probably in Litchfield, sometime prior to Cyrena's 1908 marriage: John F Weir, M B Hooper, Jos T Ogle, Cyrena Weir, and Francis Marion Baldwin

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Columbus Junction, Louisa Co, IA. EHB was working at the Mt Pleasant branch when he met his future wife, Anna Maud Miller, who was attending school there. They married at the bride's home in nearby Davis Co, IA, 8 Sept 1897 (see **BFB** I,3,5-6).

The Centennial History of Litchfield, Illinois (1853-1953) says the Weir family came to Litchfield from Galesburg in 1902. According to his obit, the FMB family stayed in Farmington until May, 1903, when they, too, moved to

Litchfield; the EHB family probably moved there at that time as well. It was in Litchfield that the Baldwin-Weir Lumber Company was established and remained until bought out by the Alexander Lumber Company of Aurora. And it was at that lumbermill that EHB's son, my father, lost the little finger on his right hand at age six when it came in contact with a whirling buzz saw. In 1916 EHB left southern Illinois and bought a lumber company in Berwyn, Cook Co, IL.

MARY WEIR LONG OF HERE DEAD AT 96

Helped Found Lumber Firm In Litchfield

Services were being arranged today for Mrs. Mary Virginia Weir, a resident of Litchfield for 51 years, who died Wednesday afternoon at St. Francis hospital.

Mrs. Weir, 96 last March 21 and widow of John F. Weir, early lumberman here who with her father founded the present branch of Alexander Lumber Co. here, entered the hospital on July 21 from her home at 910 East Union avenue.

She had been confined to her home for several years.

Born in White Hall, one of 12 children of the late William and Cyrena Dalton Baldwin, she attended grade and high schools there and was married in Galesburg, where her husband and her father first entered the lumber business.

They moved to Litchfield in 1905 and her father died here. Her only child, a daughter, Cyrena, was married here to George R. Corwin, who was sent here from Buffalo, N. Y., as the second manager of the American Radiator Co. plant in 1906.

She was active in founding the woman's club and in other Litchfield affairs.

After the lumber business was purchased by the late John Alexander of Aurora, she and Mr. Weir retired to California where he died in 1924. She made her home after his death with her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Corwin, at Burbank, Calif.

After the daughter's death in 1937 she and her son in law returned to the Weir residence on East Union avenue here. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1950, leaving a substantial fortune of which a large part was bequeathed to a trust for the betterment of Litchfield.

Ten brothers and one sister also preceded her in death. Three nieces and three nephews are her only survivors.

The body was removed to Ross & Becker funeral home for funeral arrangements and will be committed to the family mausoleum at Oak Ridge cemetery in Springfield.

The service will be conducted at the funeral home Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Rev. Herbert Lohr, St. Louis, former pastor of First Presbyterian church here.

JOHN F. WEIR DIES MONDAY IN CALIFORNIA

John F. Weir, 74, 910 East Union avenue, retired lumber dealer, and a well known resident of Litchfield for the last thirty years, died Monday at his winter home in Sunset Canyon, Calif.

Last September he underwent a minor operation at St. Francis hospital, but had recovered from the illness, when with his wife, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Corwin, he left for California, the first week in October.

Three weeks ago he suffered an attack in Texas while touring through that state en route to California.

No details of the funeral arrangements have as yet been received in Litchfield. Born in Illinois, Mr. Weir later lived in North Dakota and Iowa. He came to Litchfield from Des Moines, in 1901, and with his brother-in-law, F. M. Baldwin, operated a lumber business for a number of years.

About twenty-five years ago, Mr. Weir retired, selling his interests to a Thomas Taylor, who continued to operate the business at Madison street and West Union avenue, the site, where the Alexander Lumber yards are now located.

Surviving relatives are his wife, and the one daughter, Mrs. Cyrena Corwin. One sister, Mrs. Milton Deatherage, and a brother, Charles Weir, both residing at Rio, near Galesburg, also survive.