

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

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.

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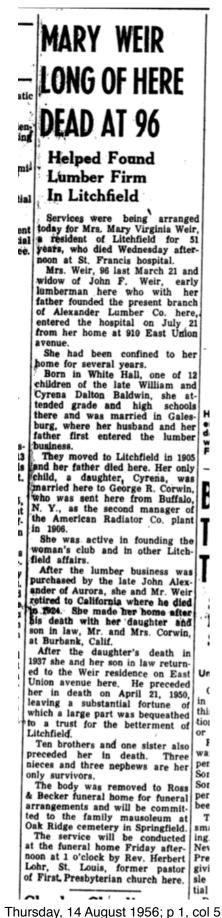
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John F. Weir, 74, 910 East Union avenue, retired lumber dealer, and a well known resident of Litchfield for the last thirty years, died Monday at his winter home in Sunset Canyon. Calif.

Last September he underwent а 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. from He came to Litchfield Des Moines, in 1901, and with his brotherin-law, F. M. Baldwin, operated lumber business for a number of years. About twenty-five years ago, Mr. Weir retired, selling his interests to 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 <sup>1</sup> residing at Rio, near Galesburg, also 12 survive.

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