

WEAVER FAMILY TREE of Chester

*The Weaver family were settled in the Weaver valley, Cheshire, by the late thirteenth century.¹
This line, settled at Castle Farm, near Shocklach, had been resident 'in or near Chester for generations'.²*

THOMAS WEAVER, m. **Sarah Barker**, and had:

A1. **William Weaver**, b. Chester c. 1735; m. **Christian** (bapt. Farndon, 10 Sept 1736), dau. of **Thomas Youde** (?b. Farndon 14 May 1713) by Mary his wife, and had issue:

B1. Thomas Weaver, b. 1758.

B2. John Weaver, bapt. Shocklach, Cheshire, 1 May 1765.

B3. Mary Weaver, bapt. Shocklach, 1 Jun 1769.

B4. Richard Weaver, bapt. Shocklach, 16 Jan 1772; m. Margaret (b. 1773), and had 4 sons and 6 daus.

B5. **Samuel Weaver**, farmer, of Castletown, near Farndon, Shocklach; bapt. Shocklach, 6 Nov 1774; m. **Mary Morris** (b. Shocklach c. 1776), dau. of **Samuel Morris**³ by **Nancy Mansell**; and d. (will proved 10 Apr 1813), having had:

C1. William Weaver, Lt RN, of Farndon, Cheshire; bapt. Shocklach, 27 Oct 1795; m. 1822 Elizabeth; d.s.p. 28 Jul 1857 (will pr. Farndon, 10 Sept 1857).⁴ Portrait at Owlpen.

C2. **John Weaver**, who follows.

C3. Weaver Weaver, farmer; bapt Shocklach, 15 Dec 1798; m. 19 Feb 1829, St Mary's Chester, Elizabeth Gamon (b. 1798; d. Little Channey, Cheshire, 25 Sept 1875); and he d. Stoak, Cheshire, 31 Jan 1856 (bur. 5 Feb) (will pr. Stanney, 1 Mar 1856), leaving:
D1. Elizabeth Weaver, b. Stoak, 7 Nov 1833; m. Stoak, 28 Nov 1860, Arthur Carden Lockwood (b. Chester, 31 Jul 1833; d. 9 May 1910), and she d. 29 May 1891.

C4. Thomas Weaver, b. c. 1800.

C5. Eliza Weaver, b. 1802.

C6. Elmira Weaver, b. c. 1804; m. William Kerrison, farmer (d. Great Stanney, where will proved 1868), and she d. 25 Dec. 1857. Portrait miniature at Owlpen.

C7. Samuel Weaver, b. c. 1805.

C8. Mary Weaver, b. c. 1807.

C9. Leigh Weaver, of Castletown, Shocklach;⁵ widowed farmer on 280 acres, 4 servants, in 1881 census; b. Castletown, 8 May 1809; m. Mary Jane Yardley, and d. 11 Jan 1885 (will dated 5 Apr 1883, proved 23 Mar 1885), and had:

D1. Sophia M. Weaver, b. 1832.

¹ Of the earlier genealogy, one Weaver line has been traced tenuously to Cunedda the Great, a Roman officer, by birth half Welsh, who became King of the Welsh about AD 400 (genealogy was researched by H. Baillie Weaver, a barrister, c. 1900. [See: Lucius E. Weaver, *History and Genealogy of a Branch of the Weaver Family*, Rochester, New York: Du Bois Press, 1928.])

² Obituary of Frederick Poynton Weaver, BMJ, March 15 1913. Thomas Weaver is recorded in the city in 1378, whose wardship and marriage had been purchased by Sir William de Caryngton (SC 8/40/1959). A Thomas Weaver, merchant, occurs 1628 to 1660: Thomas and Anne Weaver, after whom Weaver Street is named, built a town house in the city dated 1637, still extant. John Weaver is recorded as the first Honorary Physician at Chester Royal Infirmary (1755), and John Weaver and John Davies Weaver followed him.

For this branch, see 'Note relating to Weaver entries in [Shocklach] registers' (Chester Archives P 308/4772/22 nd [20c]) and in the archives of the Davies-Colley family of Newbold, 'Catalogued pedigrees and genealogical note relating to Weaver family' (Chester Archives DCO 1/103), which include Weaver tree 'copied from Mr Wilfred Weaver's original'. For Davies-Colley family see fn. 4 under John Davies, father of Anne, below. Thomas Charles Davies-Colley m. Evelyn Bertha (b. 1843), dau. of Henry Beercroft Jackson, merchant, of Whalley Range, Manchester, by Jemima (b. 1813), dau. of Charles and Jemima Mander, of Wolverhampton. See: WF Irvine (ed) and TH Davies-Colley (compiler), *The Family of Colley of Churton Heath in the County of Chester, with Some Pedigrees of Related Families*, Ballantyne Press, 1931.

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³ Thomas was the son of Thomas Morris by Margaret (G.P. Mander notes).

⁴ See his service record dated 2 Oct 1811(? NA ADM 196/6). Copies of Wills are in Chester Archives. John and William Weaver with William Kerrison held land in Tilston.

⁵ Samuel Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary*, 1848, refers to his ownership.

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- D2. Frances Jane Weaver, b. Greenwich, Kent, 1835; unm., living at Castle Town Farm, 1881.
 - D3. Annie Sophia Weaver, b. Greenwich, Kent, 1838; unm., living at Castle Town Farm, 1881.
 - D4. Henry Leigh Weaver, b. 1839; m. Maria Fearnall (b. 1844), and had 11 children.
 - E1. Emily Weaver, b. 1869; m. Thomas Lewis (b. 1862), and had:
 - F1. Dorothy Lewis, b. 1890.
 - F2. Marjorie Lewis, b. 1892.
 - F3. Joyce Lewis, b. 1894.
 - F4. John Stanley Lewis, b. 1896 -
 - F5. Barbara Lewis, b. 1898.
 - E2. Henry Leigh Weaver, b. 1871; m. Catherine Allwood (b. 1867), and had:
 - F1. Geoffrey Weaver, b. 1895.
 - F2. Kathleen Marie Weaver, b. 1898.
 - F3. Sybil Mary Weaver, b. 1900.
 - E3. Ada Weaver, b. 1872 ; m. Charles Frederick Jackson (b. 1864), and had:
 - F1. Lettice Weaver Jackson 1899 -
 - E4. Wilfred Weaver, b. 1873 (photograph at Owlpen).
 - E5. Maria Weaver, b. 1874; m. Robert Feather (b. 1864), and had:
 - F1. Ben Feather, b. 1893.
 - F2. Harry Feather, b. 1895.
 - F3. Leigh Feather, b. 1895.
 - F4. Robert Feather, b. 1898.
 - E6. Elmira Weaver, b. 1877.
 - E7. Christiana Weaver, b. 1880.
 - E8. Ethel Weaver, b. 1881.
 - E9. Frank Weaver, b. 1883.
 - E10. Dora Weaver, b. 1886.
 - E11. Alun S. Weaver, b. 1889.
 - D5. Elmira Weaver, b. 1840.
 - D6. Samuel Weaver, b. 1841.
 - D7. Frederick William Weaver, b. 1843.
 - D8. John Joshua Weaver, b. 1845.
 - D9. Thomas Charles Weaver, b. 1848.
 - D10. Alfred Weaver, b. 1850.
 - D11. Harriet Emily Weaver, b. 1852.
 - D12. Christiana Mary Weaver, b. 1853.
 - D13. Richard Weaver, b. Shocklach, 1855; cattle dealer living Carden, Cheshire, 1881, with wife Mary (b. Farndon, 1854), and 4 servants.
 - D14. Eliza Anne, b. 1857; m. John Johnson, farmer, of Carden Bank, .
 - D15. Emma Matilda Weaver, b. Shocklach, 1858; unm., living at Castle Town Farm, 1881.
- B6. Elizabeth Weaver, bapt Shocklach, 7 Sept 1777.

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Dr John Weaver descent

- C2. The aforesaid **John Weaver**, MRCS, of Chester, a surgeon at Chester Royal Infirmary (where a John Weaver was the first Hon. Physician 1755) and hon. Surgeon there 1848; b. 14 Apr 1797; bapt. Shocklach, 30 Oct 1797; m. 27 Apr 1824 at St John's, Chester, **Ann[e] Davies** (b. Middlesex, 21 May, bapt St Mary's, Marylebone, 18 June 1802, and d. 4 Nov 1862, bur. Chester Cemetery), dau. of **John Davies**,⁶ surgeon of Chester (he m. 2nd 29 Oct 1807 Mary Anne, dau. of Robert Colley, of Churton Heath, Cheshire; his will proved 20 Sept 1837⁷), and **Mary Marratt**, dau. of **William Marratt**⁸ by **Anne**, dau. of **Walpole Poynton**, of London.

John Weaver d. 23 Feb 1879 (?bur. Tilston, Cheshire), having had:

- D1. Mary Ann Marratt Weaver, b. 8 Nov 1825; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester, 2 Dec 1825; m. 19 Oct 1848 at The Octagon, Chester, the Rev. George Shaw, of 14 College Square, East Belfast (b. 1817; d. 28 October 1899; probate granted at Belfast 3 Jan 1900 for £3,769 14s. 5d.), son of a linen manufacturer in Belfast; he was educ. Trinity College, Dublin (AB 1841); ordained 1848; Presbyterian minister in Belfast, at Alfred Street Church (where baptismal records of their children are entered) and from 1874 first minister of Fitzroy Avenue Church; and had ten children:⁹

- E1. William Shaw, stockbroker; b. 29 Sept 1849; m. Belfast 9 Aug 1877 Jane Lees Leatham, and had:

- F1. George Stanley Shaw, b. 12 Sept 1878.
- F2. William Western Shaw, b. 19 May 1880.
- F3. Catherine Olive Shaw, b. 25 July 1884.
- F4. Grace Lois Shaw, b. 8 May 1887.
- F5. Mary Dorothy Shaw, b. 10 July 1888.
- F6. Christine Marjory Melville Shaw, b. 10 Feb 1890.

- E2. Emily Shaw, b. 20 Nov 1850.

- E3. Marion Shaw, b. 15 Nov 1852.

- E4. Annie Marratt Shaw, b. 21 Dec 1853.

- E5. George Melville Shaw, merchant; played full back for Ireland 1877; b. 11 Oct 1855; m. ?Leatham; d. Comber Down, 17 Nov 1922, having had:

- F1. Kath[erine] Maud Shaw, m. 1902 Lindsey Bucknall Barker, of Glenard, Belfast, and had:

⁶ John Davies, son of Thomas Davies by Anne, dau. of William Dutton; Thomas was the son of Thomas Davies by Sarah Barnes, and a descendant of Thomas Davies, of Paradise Green, Church Minshull, Cheshire, yeoman, and freeman of the city of Chester in the C17; himself son of John, of Chester, yeoman. John Davies's son by his 2nd wife Mary Anne Colley, Thomas Davies (b. 15 Feb 1812), of Whitefriars, Chester, m. 1837 Sarah Ann Schofield, of Rochdale, and took the additional surname Colley by Royal licence 25 Aug 1865 under the terms of the will of his maternal uncle Hugh Colley. Hugh was descended from Thomas Colley of the Hall in Wigland, Maplas, Cheshire, temp. Edward VI (three of whose sons held positions in the Royal household). The family is documented in west Cheshire since the Middle Ages, where in 1356 John Collee was sheriff of Chester (Cheshire Archives.)

⁷ Will proved by his wife Mary and son Thomas, executors.

⁸ IGI gives William Marriott m. Campton, Beds., 7 Sept 1767 (? as her 2nd husband) Anne Poynton, b. Shefford, Beds. about 1746 (? she had m. 1st Campton, Beds., 1765 James Ibbot). A Walpool Poynton was bapt. Bassingbourn, Cambs., 26 Sept. 1715 (? m. Hester Verrey at Thame, Oxon, 1738) and Walpole Poynton (son of Daniel, b. Leighton Buzzard 1703, by Sarah Toppin) was bapt. Hemel Hempstead, 21 May 1749. Connection to the Poynton family settled by c. 1600 in Frodsham, Cheshire, not established.

⁹ See 'The Rev George Shaw' by the Rev Paul Gilmore (his great-great grandson), 21 Oct 2007: www.fitzroy.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=29079 (retrieved Feb. 2009).

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- G1. Ada Victoria Stanley Barker, who m. Rev. Joseph Irvine Peacocke, BD, Bishop of Derry.
- E6. Alice Poynton Shaw, b. Wellington Park, Belfast, 21 Apr 1857; d. 30 Mar 1873, bur. Belfast cemetery.
- E7. Wilfred Weaver Shaw, MA, DD; b. 16 Feb 1859; educ. Queen's University, Belfast; ordained 1883; Presbyterian missionary in China 1883–91; minister of Govanstown Presbyterian Church, Maryland, USA; established the first University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, USA, 1909; minister Mount Washington Church, Baltimore, 1912–22; retired to Catonsville, Maryland; m. 15 Oct 1883 Annie Montgomery Kirk, and had:
F1. John Poynton Shaw.
- E8. Edith Matilda Shaw, b. 2 Dec 1860; d. 14 Nov 1875.
- E9. Cecil Edward Shaw, MD, MCh., ophthalmologist and ophthalmic surgeon to the Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, who studied in London, Vienna and Paris; lecturer at Queen's University, Belfast; author of *Diseases of the Eye* (1885); b. 19 Jan 1864; d. 1913.
- E10. Helen Sophia Shaw, b. 4 Jun 1866.
- D2. **Sophia Weaver**, b. Chester 17 Jan 1827; m. Chester Cathedral 14 April 1850 **Charles Benjamin Mander**, JP Staffs, of The Mount, Tettenhall Wood, varnish manufacturer (b. Chapel Ash 9 July 1819; d. 18 Aug 1878 [bur. at St Peter's, Wolverhampton]). Sophia d. 29 Oct 1869, aged 42 (bur. at St Peter's, Wolverhampton), having had issue three sons and five daughters (see *sub* Mander). Charles B. Mander married 2nd Harriet Spooner (no further issue).
- D3. John Davies Weaver, physician (listed as a surgeon at Chester Royal Infirmary in White's *Directory*, 1858 and as house surgeon at Great Broughton Union Workhouse in the same year), of Foregate Street, Chester;¹⁰ b. 22 Aug 1828; bapt 17 Oct 1828; m. 1 Donnybrook 18 Sept 1854, Dorothea Potterton (d. 3 Jan 1858), dau. of Rev. John Potterton (b. 1801; d. 1858), of Clarkstown, Gallow, co. Meath, Ireland, by Elizabeth Cosgrave,¹¹ and had:
E1. Annie Dora Weaver, b. 88 Foregate St., Chester, 21 Jul 1855; bapt. St John's, Chester; m. 30 Dec 1879 Charles Leeper, of Kildare Place, Dublin; Registrar of the Court of Probate, Dublin (1912) (b. 1850; d. 1932) (son of Canon Alexander Leeper, DD, by Catherine Porter and elder brother of Reginald Leeper, who m. Annie Dora's first cousin, Laura Louisa Mander, dau. of Charles Benjamin Mander of Wolverhampton by Sophia Weaver, who follows); their marriage settlement is dated 29 Dec 1879 (of which her uncle Frederick Poynton Weaver [see below] was trustee); and had:
F1. Bertram Charles Alexander Leeper, doctor and surgeon; b. 27 Hatch Street, Dublin, 21 Jun 1881; emigrated to New Zealand 1912; returned to England 1940s; m. Islington, 1912, Nelly Emily Kate Baker; and d. Huddersfield, 29 Nov 1955, having had:
G1. Richard Bertram Leeper, b. Masterton, NZ, 15 Oct 1918; m. 1942 Diana Margery Duncan (d. 1974) and d. Palmerston North, NZ, 1981, having had issue.

¹⁰ Davies-Colley archives: lease of 21 Apr 1855 (DCO 9/11)

¹¹ Homan Potterton, *Potterton People & Places: Three Centuries of an Irish Family*, 2006

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- G2. Norah Margaret Leeper, b. Otorohanga, NZ, 1913; m. 1941 John Bayntun Thomas Burns (d. 1984) and she d. Auckland, 1984, having had issue.
- F2. Rev Arthur Lindsay Leeper, ? vicar of All Saints, Hutton Rudby, N. Yorkshire; vicar of Huddersfield 1935; b. 19 May 1883; m.
John Davies Weaver m. 2nd Dec. 1859 Jane Davies, of Llanwen, Ruthin, and d. 23 May 1869 (bur. Chester Cemetery), having by her had:
- E2. Arthur John Weaver, b. 8 Nov. 1860; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester.
E3. Harry Meilor Weaver, b. 7 Dec 1866; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester.
E4. Jane M. Weaver, b. 1868; d. 1868; bur. Chester Cemetery.
- D4. Annie Matilda Weaver, bapt St John the Baptist, Chester, 12 Mar 1830; [widowed] 'annuitant' living at 9 King St., Chester St Oswald, at 1881 census.¹²
- D5. William Henry Weaver, b. 11 Apr 1831; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester, 20 July 1831.
- D6. Richard Thomas Weaver, emigrated to Canada; b. 21 July 1832; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester, 12 Sep 1832; m. St Mary's, Bowden, 31 Jan 1861 Elizabeth Dutton Smith, and had:
- E1. George Weaver, ?bapt. Chester 13 Mar 1859; who m. and had:
F1. John Arthur Weaver, who m. and had:
G1. John Arthur Weaver II, who m., leaving issue.¹³
- E2. Annie Elizabeth Weaver, b. 28 Jan 1862; bapt St Luke's, Cheetham Hill.
E3. Charles Riley Weaver, b. 6 Sept 1863.
E4. Emily Poynton Weaver, Canadian short story writer and author of historical fiction, b. 1865; emigrated to Canada c. 1880; d 1943.
E5. Herbert Dutton Weaver.
E6. Richard Leigh Weaver.
E7. Walter John Weaver.
- D7. Frederic[k] Poynton Weaver, M.D. (Lond.), M.R.C.P., J.P., of East Bank, Frodsham, Cheshire, and later of Cedar Lawn, Hampstead; physician and Evangelical philanthropist; b. 4 Jan 1834; bapt St John the Baptist, Chester, 23 Jan 1834; educ. Queen's College, Belfast, and Guy's Hospital; m. Frodsham 1866 Mary Berry Wright (d. 1909), dau. of Edward Abbott Wright, a Quaker cotton manufacturer from Oldham, of Castle Park, Frodsham (which he purchased and renamed in 1861), by Mary Berry (d. 1869), and he died 1913 (obituary in *BMJ*, 15 Mar 1913), leaving 8 children:
- E1. Edward Henry Wright Weaver, b. 9 Feb 1869; bapt. 12 March 1869, Frodsham, Cheshire; m. and had:
F1. Rosamond, m. Sebastian Richard Eustace Snow, commissioned Royal 1st Devon Regt WWI (her portrait photograph by Bassano in NPG, London).
E2. Mary Wright Weaver, b. Frodsham, 1 Jun 186[7].
E3. Annie Gertrude Weaver, b. 29 Jul 1870; bapt Frodsham, 27 Aug 1870.
E4. Frederick Kearsley Weaver, b. 18 Mar 1872; bapt. 19 Apr 1872, Frodsham, Cheshire.
E5. Alfred Berry Weaver, b. 24 Jun 1874.

¹² See Gleaves family at: <http://tribalpages.com/tribe/ancestors?lname=WEAVER&pg=25&action=0>.

¹³ Personal communication, Madeleine Weaver Joynson (Feb. 2009): 'My father was John Arthur Weaver as was his father. His grandfather was George and his great grandfather was Richard. There is also a Moses mentioned.'

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- E6. Harriet Shaw Weaver, b. Frodsham, 1 Sept 1876; feminist, political activist and journal editor (of *The Egoist*); patron, publisher and executor of James Joyce; dedicatee of T.S. Eliot's *Selected Essays*; d. unm. Castle End, Saffron Walden, Essex, 14 October 1961. (Obituary in *DNB*. by R. Cottam, 2004.)
- E7. Harold Poynton Weaver, b. Main Street, Frodsham, 22 Jun 1878.
- E8. (Emily) Maud Weaver, b. 16 Jun 1881.
- D8. Thomas Davies Weaver, b. 19 Apr 1835; d. 27 Mar 1837 (bur. St John the Baptist, Chester).
- D9. Francis Riley Weaver, b. 23 Dec 1836; d. 27 Mar 1837 (bur. St John the Baptist, Chester).
- D10. Arthur Davies Weaver, b. 25 Jun 1838; d. 22 May 1852 (bur. St John the Baptist, Chester).
- D11. Wilfred Marratt Weaver, solicitor of Chester, in partnership with Watson Robert Jones and later as Bridgman, Weaver & Jones; bapt. St John the Baptist, Chester, 17 Jul 1840.
- D12. Emily Frances Saunders Weaver, b. Chester 1 Dec 1841; bapt. St Bridget's, Chester; 'annuitant' in 1881 census, living with Annie M. Weaver at 9 King St., Chester St Oswald; d. unm. [Photographs survive.]