

Orange Weaver

The First North Creek Station Agent

- 1849 Orange Weaver is born on March 4th to George & Jane Weaver of Warrensburgh
- 1865 living at home in Warrensburgh
- 1873 marries Eugenia of Stony Creek in April
- 1874 daughter May Weaver is born
- 1875 The census shows him living in the Town of Johnsburgh and working as a station agent (assumed at North Creek); a Charles Hoag (1848-1913) is boarding with them and is listed as the freight agent (top photo is station c.1888)
- 1877 son Howard Lee Weaver (1877-1942) is born
- 1880 still the station agent in Johnsburgh (interior 2nd photo)
- 1883 Weaver serves as an election inspector for Johnsburgh.
- 1884 from the *Saratogian*, "Orange Weaver of North Creek has been in town [Schuylerville] lately visiting his little daughter who is attending school here."
- 1885 son Robert C. Weaver is born in Saratoga Springs and Orange is listed as a shoe dealer
- 1886 according to a *Glens Falls Daily Times* article on November 8th, "Orange Weaver, station agent at North Creek, is visiting his family at Saratoga Springs for a week." He must have had a residence there while still working at North Creek.
- 1886 Weaver resigns as agent in November; W. B. Burnham, the freight agent at Saratoga Springs, took his place.
- 1887 Weaver was elected to the Citizens Corps of Saratoga Springs in January. He is still listed as a shoe dealer.
- 1887 Weaver was removed from the Corps in November as he was moving to Tennessee. Another account from 1914 says that he had left Saratoga and moved to Estillville, Virginia which is on the border with Tennessee. He was working as station agent for the South Atlantic & Ohio Railroad which was started in 1877 and completed to Estillville in 1887. (2nd photo is the station there later called Gate City)
- 1890 Mrs. Orange Weaver, rooms E. Arcade, Saratoga Springs; in April, Orange transfers from Gate City to the new station at Big Stone Gap, VA
- 1892 State census lists Orange as a merchant in Johnsburgh



1893 from the April *Warrensburgh News*, “Orange Weaver has gone to North Creek to work for Billy Baker.” [Baker owned sawmills in the area and had a warehouse along the railroad just north of the station (4th & 5th photos).] He is also listed in the Saratoga Springs City directory as a railroader.



1893 according to a newspaper article after his death, Weaver moved to Lake Placid this year and became the station agent there for the new Saranac & Lake Placid Railroad.



1894 Weaver is listed as the general passenger, ticket & freight agent at Lake Placid. (top photo)

1903 The Saranac & Lake Placid railroad was combined by the D&H with the Chateaugay to become the C. & L.P. Railway.



1905 the census has him living in North Elba (2nd photo) and working as a day laborer; son Howard & family are with him

1907 One account after Weaver’s death states that he worked as the agent for 14 years at Lake Placid which brings us to 1907. His son Howard returned to Lake Placid from Schenectady this year so possibly took over as agent then.



c.1907 – c.1917 Weaver is the Lake Placid Village Clerk.

1914 Weaver’s wife Eugenia dies of pneumonia; their home is in Newman; it was said that they had lived in North Creek, Saratoga Springs, Estillville, VA, then Lake Placid

1920 Weaver is now living with his son Howard in Lake Placid who was then the D&H station agent there.

1920s Weaver was an ice skating enthusiast and was said to be the best around even in his later years.

1927 Weaver dies on May 5th at the home of his son Howard and is buried in the North Elba cemetery (photos 3 & 4).

One note from the 1927 article on his life is that he is said to have been the agent in North Creek for 28 years which is impossible since that would be 1865-1893. It is possible that he started working for the Adirondack Company after the census has him at home in 1865 at age 16. He may have gotten some experience then went to North Creek in 1873 when that station opened.