

Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS & Georg WEIDENHOFFER

Name	Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS
Birth	Possibly 1844 (see below)
Parents	Henry JACOBS & Harriet Ann OVENS
Marriage	Georg (Alt. George) WEIDENHOFER on 28 Aug 1875
Death	6 Oct 1928 at Bishop's Place, Kensington.
Buried	Payneham Cemetery (with George)

There are two birth records for Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS.

JACOBS Lydia Elizabeth born 1844 at Adelaide, father JACOBS Henry, mother OVENS Harriet

JACOBS Lydia Elizabeth born 1859-06-12 at Auburn, father JACOBS Henry, mother OVENS Harriet

I support the thought that Lydia was born in 1844 for the following reasons:

- There is a detailed entry of Henry Jacobs and family in the *Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885*, which lists Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS born in 1844.
- When she married Georg WEIDENHOFER on 28 Aug 1875, the transcript gives her age as 30 years. This matches with the birth date of 1844.
- Lydia passed away on 6 Oct 1928, and her funeral notice has her age as 84 years. This also matches with a birth date of 1844.
- Lydia's first child, Georgina JACOBS, was born 21 Aug 1868 at Craigdarroch. This also lends support to the 1844 birth date as it is unlikely that she had a child when she was 9 years old.

As to the 1859 birth record, there are issues that I have not been able to resolve:

- I asked the Genealogy Society to check the two transcripts and they believed they were both accurate.
- Jemima OWEN, the married younger sister of Harriet OVENS, gave birth to twin girls in Feb 1859 at Auburn. One was named Lydia Eliza OWEN, but she died at 9 weeks of age so this should not be an issue except that Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS was called Lydia Eliza JACOBS on her marriage record.
- Interestingly, we have a marriage record for Louisa Catherine JACOBS marrying Frederick William PREISS (Fred) on 12 June 1884 at St George Church Mount Torrens. She was from Woodside. Louisa's birth year was given as 1859 and her father's name was given as Henry JACOBS. I have not found a birth record for this Louisa Catherine JACOBS. The theory proposed by another researcher is that the birth record for Louisa Catherine JACOBS was incorrectly recorded as Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS, which is a very neat solution to this issue.

Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS was around 24 years old when she had a child, Georgina, on 21 Aug 1868 at Craigdarroch (near Woodside). The father was listed as George ELLIOTT.

Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS (30yrs) married Georg WEIDENHOFER (31yrs) on 28 Aug 1875, at the residence of Henry JACOBS, Nairne.

Lydia WEIDENHOFER, widow of George WEIDENHOFER, in her 84th year, passed away on 6 Oct 1928 at Bishop's Place, Kensington This was the home of her daughter Minnie (and Minnie's husband Stanley FISHER).



Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS

Name	Georg (Alt. George) WEIDENHOFER
Birth	c.1844 Vegesack, near Bremen, Germany
Parents	Johann (John) WEIDENHOFER & Wilhelmine ZUHLKE
Marriage	Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS on 28 Aug 1875
Death	12 Dec 1915 at Harcourt Street, Rugby (now Payneham)
Buried	Payneham Cemetery (spelling Wiedenhofer)

George was about 12 years old when he arrived in South Australia with his parents Johann (John) WEIDENHOFER & Wilhelmine ZUHLKE 27 Sep 1846 on 'Pauline' from Bremen (dep. 17 Jun 1846).

Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS was around 24 years old when she had a child at Craigdarroch (near Woodside). The father was listed as George ELLIOTT.

Georgina JACOBS
b. 21 Aug 1868 at Craigdarroch

Lydia Elizabeth JACOBS & George WEIDENHOFER had 8 children, all born at Woodside or Mannum.

John Leonard WEIDENHOFER
b. 23 May 1876 at Woodside
d. 3 Dec 1953 at Strathalbyn (Strathalbyn Cemetery)
m. Anne WATERS (Annie) 30 May 1908 at her father's residence, Bow Hill
Annie b. 1844 d. 1972
children, Raymond (Mick), Ivern (Joe), Jean & Beryl

Wilhelmine WEIDENHOFER (known as Minnie or Min)
b. 5 Oct 1877 at Woodside
d. 12 Nov 1955 at Adelaide
m. Stanley Charles FISHER 29 Jun 1909
at res. of Mr. WEIDENHOFER, Geranium
Stan died 1955. Both are at Anglican Cemetery, Magill
4 children

George Henry WEIDENHOFER
b. 9 Feb 1879 at Woodside
d. 13 Jul 1950 at 56 Wattle Street, Fullarton
m. Augusta Hulda ROSENBERG 24 Mar 1913
at Residence of C. Rosenberg, Loxton
Centennial Park, Pasadena
5 children

Charles WEIDENHOFER
b. 2 May 1880 at Woodside
d. 9 Jul 1961 at Mannum (may have lived at Ponde?)
m. Elinor Dorothy TEAKLE 23 Jan 1922 at Clayton Congregational Manse, Norwood
2 children

Herbert WEIDENHOFER (later Herbert or Bert WILLCOURT)
b. 19 Sep 1881 at Woodside
d. 17 Jan 1953 at Adelaide
m. Sarah MARTIN 20 Jul 1921 at Alberton
Cheltenham Cemetery (res Hendon)
4 children

August WEIDENHOFER
b. 15 Jun 1883 at Woodside
d. 13 Feb 1972 at Kilburn
m. Violet Rose EVANS 15 Jun 1910 at Blumberg (now Birdwood)
Both at Centennial Park, Pasadena
4 children

Frederick William WEIDENHOFER
b. 12 Jun 1885 at Mannum
d. 6 May 1957 at Adelaide
m. Fern Vetelia WITHERS 21 Jan 1916 at St. Peters Church, Glenelg
Both at Centennial Park, Pasadena
Fred was a Police Officer
1 child

Harriet Elanor WEIDENHOFER

b. 7 Sep 1886 at Mannum

d. 29 Jan 1964 at Norwood

m. Alfred Samuel BRABHAM 7 Feb 1920 at Clayton Congregational Manse, Norwood
2 children

William Oswald Murray WEIDENHOFER (later William WILLCOURT)

b. 29 Jun 1888 at Woodside

d. 14 Dec 1965 at Adelaide

m1. Gladys Dorette ROBERTS 21 Jul 1917 in Adelaide (divorced in 1941)

m2. Kathleen Mary WOODS 8 Dec 1941 at Alice Springs

2 children with Gladys

Lydia's younger sister Mary Ann, married Georg's brother six years later on August on 9 Jul 1881.

The Weidenhofer family histories have presented a theory (in a book & also on a genealogy website) about another Lydia JACOBS. One born to Henry JACOBS and Harriet KAVANAGH in 1844 and this 1859 one who should actually have been named Louisa Catherine JACOBS. They explain that the first 4 children of Henry JACOBS were with a Harriet KAVANAGH (as was the 1844 Lydia). The 4 children were born in 1842, 1844 (Lydia), 1845 & 1847. Then Harriet KAVANAGH died and Henry married Harriet OVENS. They say this was drawn from baptism records at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Mount Barker. I have no confidence in this story, as I have found no records for a Harriet KAVANAGH anywhere and we have a marriage certificate that shows Henry married Harriet OVENS in 1840. I have also not found a record of a St. Patrick's Church at Mount Barker.



Mrs. Lydia Weidenhöfer taking tea at Evandale, Adelaide, South Australia

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