

**Rev. Burr Miller and Susanne (Hayes) Weeden,
including Rev. William Hayes
Chapter 2 of Weeden Families**

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Introduction

When the Rev. Burr Miller Weeden married Susanne Bowman Hayes in 1903, he was the Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown San Francisco. His reputation as a brilliant preacher and administrator was flourishing. Who could have guessed that 3 years later the great earthquake and fire of 1906 would destroy St. Luke's magnificent new church building and the homes of many of the congregation, and that the stress of this cataclysmic event would lead to Rev. Weeden's own death the following year.

His wife Susanne faced the challenge of supporting herself and their 1 year-old daughter Lydia. Susanne was to spend 29 years as a widow. She responded with courage and initiative.

Susanne's daughter Lydia graduated from Stanford University and married artist Leonard Scheu. Their life is described in Chapter 6, "Leonard and Lydia (Weeden) Scheu".

Burr Miller Weeden's youth and education

Burr Miller Weeden was born January 20, 1870, in Harvard, Illinois, a suburb north of Chicago. He was the first child of Elnathan S. and Almira (Wakeman) Weeden.



Burr Miller Weeden circa 1890

In 1889, he graduated from the College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. He received the Adelpic and Kirk prizes for oratory. He then spent a year in Europe in travel and study. In 1890 he graduated from the Cumrock School of Oratory in Evanston, and in 1892 from the Evanston Divinity School. In 1894, he obtained a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the St. Andrews Divinity School in Syracuse, New York.

Burr was a member of the Omega Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. His fraternity brother Otis Howard recalled that:

His old classmates, the boys of Omega Chapter who knew him from preparatory days, always felt the magnetic charm of his personality, the warmth of his sympathies, the kindness of his attitude toward all, as well as his eloquence and the keen powerful mental equipment, which put him easily in the upper grades of scholarship and won him signal honors where others were compelled to struggle hard for a lower standing. He also had the gift of a magnificent voice . . .

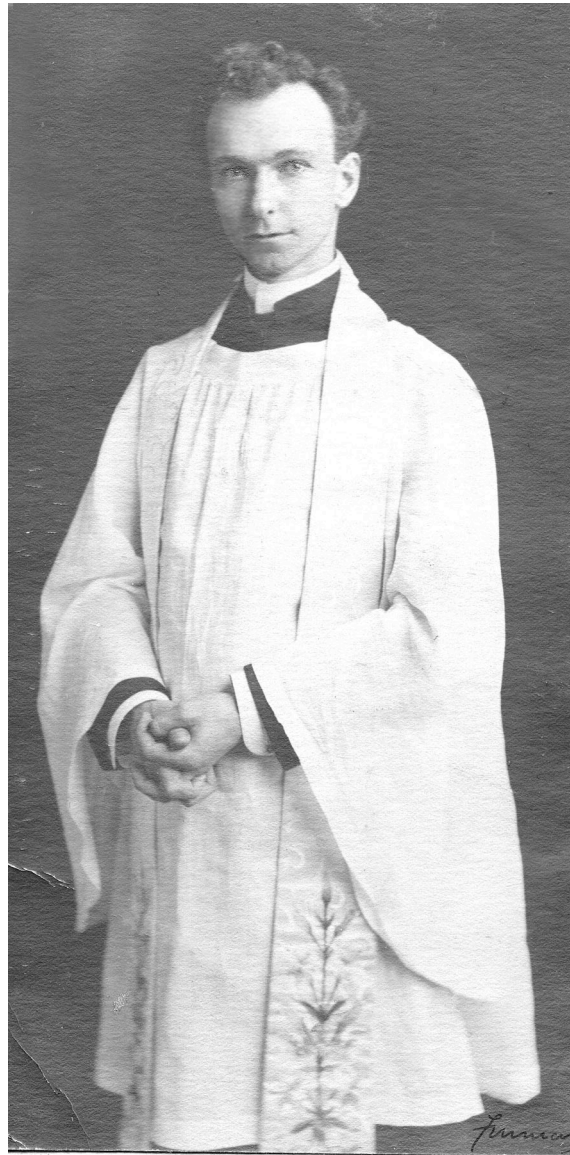
Burr Miller Weeden's first marriage

On September 27, 1894, at East Hartford, Connecticut, Burr Miller Weeden married Mary Alice Bidwell, the daughter of Charles Marcus and Emma (Brewer) Bidwell. Mary was born June 6, 1870.



Agnes Almira Weeden, daughter of Burr and his first wife Mary Alice Bidwell

A daughter, Agnes Almira Weeden, was born April 11, 1895. Burr's wife Mary died January 17, 1897. Burr was unable to care for his young daughter alone. Agnes was sent to live with Burr's parents, Elnathan and Almira Weeden. They adopted and raised her. Agnes was living in Cook County, Illinois in late 1913 when, following her 18th birthday, she received an inheritance that had been held in trust for her by her adopted mother Almira Weeden. Agnes then vanishes from known records.



Burr Miller Weeden, circa 1900

Burr Miller Weeden's career begins.

The Rev. Weeden's career as a minister began in 1894 when he became rector of Christ Church at Sackets Harbor, New York, on the shore of Lake Ontario.

In 1898 he was called to serve as rector at Trinity Church, San Jose, California, beginning his duties in October. While at Trinity Church, he made a vacation trip to the Sandwich Islands, now called the Hawaiian Islands. After fifteen months of active service, on February 18th, 1901, to the deep regret of both vestry and people, Rev. Weeden resigned to accept the position of rector of St. Luke's church in downtown San Francisco.

During the 1880's, the size of St. Luke's congregation continued to increase dramatically. A magnificent new church was built seating almost 1000 people. It was consecrated in 1900. The arrival of Reverend Weeden was announced in the Parish leaflet of February 1901:

Mr. Weeden brings to St. Luke's a reputation for pulpit ability and pastoral administration, rapidly built up in a residence on the Pacific coast of slightly more than a year. He will find grand possibilities in this strong and flourishing parish for the exercise of his best gifts.

Their expectations were amply fulfilled. A 1903 newspaper story states that "He took charge of the present pastorate two years ago and it is due to his untiring efforts that the church is now on a sound financial basis and the handsome edifice paid for." A 1943 history of St. Luke's states that:

. . . As is always the case during an unsettled period, the parish fell back a bit until the Rev. Burr M. Weeden arrived . . . Mr. Weeden was a frail man with great gifts as a preacher and pastor, and with a spiritual depth which left a profound impression upon his people. The strength of the parish came back rapidly under his ministry.



Susanne Bowman Hayes, circa 1900

Susanne Bowman Hayes

Rev. Weeden's wife, Susanne Bowman Hayes, was born in Buffalo New York, July 3, 1871, at 183 Clinton St., the home of her parents Edward W. and Elizabeth A. (Sherman) Hayes. Edward was an executive of the Bank of Commerce in Buffalo. When Susanne was 12, her mother died. Five years later, in 1889, her father also died. Susanne and her siblings became orphans. The family consisted of William Edward Hayes 26, Charlie Day Hayes 24, Helen Francis Hayes 19, Susanne Hayes 18, and Robert Hayes 10. The oldest son, William, became the head of the family. The family was supported by their father's estate.

Susanne's brother William "Billy" Hayes was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1892 (see page 10). Susanne had been keeping house for her brother Billy, who never married. When Billy came to San Francisco in 1901, Susanne came too, and continued to keep house for brother Billy. At the time, Billy was Assistant Rector of St. Luke's Church under Rev Burr Miller Weeden. It was Billy who introduced Susanne to Rev. Weeden. Susanne and Rev. Weeden were soon engaged.



Susanne Hayes in her wedding dress

Marriage

The marriage of Rev. Miller to Susanne Hayes was celebrated on February 3, 1903 with an elaborate ceremony at St. Luke's. The sanctuary, seating close to 1000 people, was filled. According to a contemporary newspaper account:

The nuptials of Susanne Bowman Hayes and Rev. Burr Miller Weeden were solemnized at St. Luke's church, corner Van Ness avenue and Clay street, yesterday at noon, the Right Rev. Bishop Nichols of the Diocese of California performing the ceremony, assisted by Rev. W. E. Hayes, curate of the church [and brother of Susanne].

When the opening strains of the processional hymn, composed by W. A. Sabin, F.R.C.O., organist of St. Luke's, especially for the occasion, pealed forth, every pew was occupied by the many friends of the happy couple.

Less than three months after their marriage, the Weedens made the front page of the *San Francisco Call* for April 21, 1903. Their home was burglarized during the one hour that they were absent for the evening services. The burglar jimmied a window of their home at 1416 Larkin St., ransacked the house, and made off with

money and Jewelry valued at \$1,000. This included Susanne's engagement ring and a gold bracelet that was a wedding gift.



Ruins of St. Luke's Church following the 1906 earthquake and fire

The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906

The future for both Rev. Weeden and St. Luke's church seemed very bright in 1906. This illusion was shattered by the great earthquake of April 18, 1906, and the resultant fire that raged for two more days. The church was totally destroyed, first by the quake itself, then by the dynamiting to create a firebreak at Van Ness to stop the firestorm that followed the quake. The homes of many of the congregation were also destroyed.

According to a contemporary newspaper clipping:

It was a time to try a man's soul, and Burr Weeden proved himself pure gold. For ten days, he was the only clergyman remaining in the district to console the sick, the wounded and the dying in the hospitals, to bind up the broken-hearted, and to help the starving and the roofless victims of the great calamity.

At the time of the earthquake, Burr and Susanne had a little house that was at the top of Green Street on a steep hill. The house was reached from the street by ascending something like fifty stair steps. Immediately after the quake, no one was allowed to cook in their homes because of the danger of fire should there be more earthquakes. Susanne, then pregnant, had to cook way down on the sidewalk. To prepare a meal, she had to carry everything down the long flight of stairs, and back up again.

On 17 May 1906, at the first vestry meeting after the great fire, when the future was very much in doubt, it was decided to let all the staff of St. Luke's go except the Rector, Rev. Weeden, who was to be paid \$200 a month.

A daughter, Susanne Lydia Weeden (known as Lydia) was born to the couple in San Francisco on September 25, 1906. They were then living at 2009 Jackson St.

The stress of the events proved too much for Rev. Weeden's already frail nature. At the vestry meeting of February 19, 1907, it was announced that the Rev. Weeden had resigned because of his health.

Susanne's sister Helen was married to Walter Sawyer, a prominent engineer and hydroelectric power developer. The Sawyers had a cottage in the Rangely Lakes area of the Maine woods. They allowed the Weedens to stay there. It was an ideal place for Rev. Weeden to rest and regain his health.

The last days of Rev. Weeden

After roughly a half year of rest, it was thought that Rev. Weeden had recovered sufficiently to resume work, although he was still not in the best of health. In October of 1907, he accepted a call to become Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His wife remained in Maine until a house could be found in Grand Rapids. While preaching his ninth sermon from the pulpit of St. Mark's in late November, he was taken suddenly ill, and shortly after Thanksgiving was removed, in a serious condition, to his parents' home in Evanston, Illinois. He died there of heart disease at 4 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, 1907, at the age of 37. It was but 4 years after his marriage to Susanne, and 1 year after the birth of their daughter Lydia.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at his parents' residence at 729 Emerson St., Evanston, Illinois. On his deathbed, Rev. Weeden had requested that his remains be interred in Grand Rapids, Michigan where, despite his brief tenure at St. Mark's, he had many strong friends and admirers. Consequently the body, accompanied by his widow and his parents, was taken via the Pere Marquette Railroad to Grand Rapids, Michigan, arriving shortly after 8 o'clock on December 23. It was carried at once to St. Mark's, where the requiem celebration was conducted by bishop John N. McCormick, assisted by curate C. E. Bradley. At 10 o'clock the public services were held. On the next day, a memorial service was held in San Francisco at St. Luke's Church. A marble plaque in his memory was placed on a wall of the sanctuary. Rev. Weeden's remains were taken to Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The ground was too hard in winter to permit a grave to be dug, so as was customary the remains were placed in a holding vault to wait for spring. But Rev. Weeden was not buried there, nor at any of the city cemeteries. The location of his grave remains a mystery.

Of Rev. Weeden's career it was said "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."



Susanne Weeden with daughter Lydia

Susanne's life as a widow

After her husband's death, Susanne went back to San Francisco to keep house for her brother, the Reverend William "Billy" Hayes. At the time, he was assistant rector of All Saints church in San Francisco. In 1911 he returned to the east to serve as assistant rector at St. Paul's in Vergennes, Vermont. Susanne went with him, first staying for 3 to 4 months near Auburn Maine with her sister Helen, and then keeping house for her brother in Vermont. In 1914, Billy moved to Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, where he was to have a long career as director of music. Susanne remained in Maine for a while with her sister Betty, but then returned to San Francisco. During the train trip, World War I was declared.

While Rev. Burr Miller Weeden was preaching in San Francisco, Susanne had made friends with many people, some affluent or influential. Through one of these friends, she obtained a job as cook at Hamlin School, an exclusive private school for girls. Susanne and her daughter lived there in a single room.

In 1915, the Pan Pacific Exposition was held in San Francisco. This was a world's fair. Taking over three years to construct, the fair had great economic implications for the city that had been almost destroyed by the great earthquake and fire of 1906. The exposition was a tremendous success, and did much to boost the morale of the entire Bay Area and to help get San Francisco back on its feet. During the summer vacation at Hamlin School, Susanne and Lydia went to the exposition every day. They stayed nearby at the home of a friend (who was then at her second home in Los Gatos) and traveled to the exposition via the Fillmore Street

cable car. The second summer, they stayed with sister Betty in Sausalito, located in Marin County just across the Golden Gate from San Francisco.

Susanne's daughter Lydia was white and delicate looking. Miss Hamlin, the head of Hamlin School, decided that she needed plenty of fresh air, regarded as a cure for many ailments in those days. Susanne and Lydia moved to a friend's house in Mill Valley, a rustic community in the foothills of Mt. Tamalpais north of San Francisco in Marin County, reached from San Francisco by crossing the Golden Gate by ferryboat. Her brother Billy often visited her there. They went on picnics, and took long walks during which Billy taught Susanne Esperanto.

Susanne was receiving a widow's pension of \$50 per month, but this was not sufficient to support her. She relied on income from the estate of her father. While living at Mill Valley, she learned that the trustee of the estate had made unwise investments and lost all the money.

Susanne was broke. Her friend Bishop Nichols suggested that she come to the Divinity School in San Francisco and be cook and housekeeper there. She accepted. There were ten to fifteen students there at the time learning to be Episcopal clergymen. She would often take students on picnics in Mill Valley. She also played tennis at the Divinity School court, and hiked the trails of Mt. Tamalpais.

She lived there for about four years until the Divinity School closed. Susanne pondered what she would do next. She decided that the only thing she knew anything about was cooking. As her daughter Lydia recalled:

So she decided she'd try to run a boarding house. So, without any preparation or knowledge of things like that, she [did so]. She had a lot of guts. She sure did. She rented two houses side by side and she went down to an auction house and bought all the beds and the furniture for two houses and about fifteen or twenty people. You had to have about that many to make a living but mother never made a decent living doing that because she fed them too well. She was too nice to her boarders. She was much too nice, so we stayed there on Golf Street for two years and then they sold that house and we moved to another. She had to do that three different times—change the whole shebang and change the house and furnish it again. . .

While in the first house on Golf Street, I was accepted at Stanford [University in Palo Alto, California]. I went there in 1923. I had before gone to Girls High School in San Francisco, which was a public High School and it was a good one, a really good one.

After graduation, Lydia got a job as librarian at the UC Medical Library in San Francisco, and was able to save \$1200. Lydia and her mother decided to buy a home with this money. Lydia recalled that:

After then we started to look around for a home and we finally decided that the most perfect place as far as I was concerned was Palo Alto because I'd gone to Stanford and I loved Palo Alto. So with twelve hundred dollars we started in and bought a house, which only cost three thousand in the end.

They managed to pay off the mortgage, despite the fact that it was the depression, and that they lost their savings when their bank failed. Their home was a small cottage at 547 Amherst in Palo Alto. The location was fabulous—only a few blocks from Stanford University.

Lydia was married October 13, 1934 to artist Leonard Scheu. The ceremony was conducted by Susanne’s brother Rev. William Hayes at her home in Palo Alto. The story of their life is told in Chapter 6. “Leonard and Lydia (Weeden) Scheu.”

Susanne Weeden died January 26, 1936. She was buried in Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto. Brother Billy, who had once again been living with his sister, returned to an apartment in San Francisco. He died there less than two years later, on August 11, 1938. Today, the street number of Susanne's cottage has changed to 2150 Amherst, and the cottage has been replaced with a two-story home.



Grave of Susanne Weeden

Rev. William Edward Hayes, Susanne’s brother

William Edward “Billy” Hayes was born Dec. 5th, 1862 in Newark, NJ. He died at age 75 on Aug 29, 1946. He was interred in Iona Churchyard, Cypress Lawn Cemetery, in Colma, just outside of San Francisco.

He had been a Canon of Grace Cathedral since 1915, where he was Director of Music.

Canon Hayes graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, NY, as valedictorian of the class of 1887. His theological training was received at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., where he was given the bachelor's degree in divinity. Before coming to Grace Cathedral, he served as Rector in Newark, New Hampshire, Wellesley and Boston, Massachusetts, and All Saints and St. Mary the Virgin parishes in San Francisco.

Acknowledgements

The foundation for this biography was laid by my daughter Beth, who in 1988 taped and transcribed a very detailed oral history of her grandmother Lydia Scheu, the daughter of Susanne Weeden. This preserved many details that would otherwise have been lost. How I wish that someone had done this for my other relatives!

Beth also obtained important information from the archives of Northwestern University, Garret Theological Seminary, and Trinity and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches. I found a detailed memorial article on Burr Weeden in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, Volume XXVII, 1907-1908.

I also used the family history collection of Susanne Weeden, and her sister Helen Sawyer, which were inherited by my wife.

Margaret Posehn of Sacramento obtained copies for me of San Francisco newspaper articles on Rev. Weeden. Nancy Waterhouse of Salt Lake City obtained copies of documents from the Family History Library in Salt Lake, and Miss C. Martin of Palos Hills, IL, located sources from Grand Rapids, MI.

David Brewer Cox shared his knowledge of Brewer genealogy in connection with Rev. Weeden's first marriage

These people made this biography possible.

Sources

Introduction: Burr Miller Weeden was well-enough known that the major events in his life were documented in newspaper articles, and institutional archives. Details of the life of his widow were obtained from two interviews of her daughter Lydia:

1973 Interview by Nancy Kenyon: This is a two-page typescript prepared by Nancy Kenyon from an interview with her Mother, Lydia (Weeden) Scheu. Copy in my collection.

1988 Family History Report: Beth Kenyon tape recorded an oral history interview with her grandmother Lydia Scheu from Jan 11 to Jan 18, 1988, and transcribed the interview verbatim. It appeared, along with other information, in her family history report of Feb 29, 1988. Copy in my collection.

The office of the Historian of the Northwestern University Alumni Association collected and updated biographical information on Burr Weeden up to the date of his death. This includes a questionnaire filled out by his father Elnathan Weeden in 1902. Beth Kenyon obtained a copy of their files in 1989. It is cited below as "Northwestern University Archives." Beth also obtained biographical information from Trinity and St. Luke's Episcopal Church archives.

The family history collection of Susanne's sister Helen (Hayes) Sawyer was inherited by

Nancy Kenyon and is now in the writer's collection.

Burr Miller Weeden's youth

Birth: All sources give the same date, including the death certificate, obituaries, the Memorial plaque at St. Luke's in San Francisco, and the Northwestern University Archives.

Parents: Northwestern University Archives. 1850 census, Northeast, Adams Co., IL, p. 178, family of Elnathan Weeden.

Education of Burr Weeden: The three major sources for his education are:

- Northwestern University Archives, Alumni record
- A memorial article in the *Journal of the fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of California*, San Francisco 1908.
- An article in the *San Francisco Call*, Feb. 17, 1901, published when he took charge at St. Luke's.

None of these sources is complete or totally clear, but taken together it is believed that the information is reliable.

Burr Miller Weeden's Career Begins

- **Christ Church, Sackets Harbor:** Dates from **Northwestern University Archives**. Information in newspaper articles is consistent. The Protestant Episcopal

Church Clerical Directory of 1898 gives his residence as Sackets Harbor.

- **Trinity Church, San Jose:** 1) *Seventy-five Years in the Life of the Trinity Episcopal church, San Jose, California, 1861-1936*, published by the church, 1936. 2) *Trinity Church, San Jose, California, Advent 1860 to Easter 1903*, Trinity Church Parish Guild, San Jose, California, 1903. 4) Northwestern University Archives. 3) Obituary of Burr Weeden quoted in Beth Kenyon report. 5) Newspaper articles are consistent with the preceding sources.
- **Trip to Sandwich Islands:** Clipping from unidentified newspaper from the collection of Helen (Hayes) Sawyer, now in writer's collection.
- **Called by St. Luke's, San Francisco:** Accepts call: *San Francisco Call*, Jan 29, 1901 and Feb 17, 1901.
- **Parish Leaflet and 1943 Parish History quotes:** From St. Luke's historian Anne Bloomfield, 1988, collection of Beth Kenyon.
- **St. Luke's Vestry Minutes quotes:** From St. Luke's historian Anne Bloomfield, 1988, collection of Beth Kenyon. The 1906 Earthquake destroyed the vestry minutes prior to the earthquake.

First marriage

Marriage to Mary Bidwell: Name of first wife, date of marriage, and year of her death from Northwestern University Archives. The marriage and the name of the daughter are given in the obituary of Burr Weeden quoted in the 1988 Beth Kenyon report. According to an e-mail from David Brewer Cox:

Mary Agnes Bidwell was the daughter of Emma Brewer and both are buried at the Hockanum Cemetery in East Hartford CT at the corner of Main St. and Brewer St. Emma Brewer was the sister of my grandfather's grandfather. Mary A. died at the age of 27.

He gives the following data for Burr Miller's first wife Mary: Mary Agnes Bidwell; born 6 Jun 6, 1870; died 17 Jan 17, 1897; father: Charles Marcus Bidwell; mother: Emma Brewer born 19 Jan 19, 1835. I have not verified this data but I have no reason to believe that it is wrong.

Daughter Agnes Weeden: Name of daughter from Northwestern University Archives. Same name from David Brewer Cox, who did not think that Agnes married or had children. Agnes is found living in the home of Rev. Weeden's parents Elnathan and Almira

Weeden in the 1900 census (Evanston, IL, p. 50B). The data given is: Agnes Weeden, daughter, age 14, born Jul 1885 in NY, parents born in IL, at school. She is found again living with her foster parents in the 1910 census 1910 (Evanston, Cook Co., IL, p2B). In the obituary of Elnathan (*Oroville Daily Register*, Oroville, CA, May 7, 1912, p. 4), Agnes Weeden is mentioned as a survivor. Agnes was living in Cook Co., IL, Dec 27, 1913 when she received an inheritance that had been held in trust for her by Almira Weeden.

Susanne Bowman Hayes

Birth of Susanne: Hayes family Bible published 1864 by E. H. Butler, originally in the collection of his daughter Helen Sawyer, and now in the writer's collection.

Parents and siblings: 1) Hayes family Bible. 2) Three obituaries of Edward W. Hayes, and two of his wife Elizabeth Hayes, clipped from unidentified Buffalo, NY, newspapers, from the collection of their daughter Helen Sawyer, now in the writer's collection. This family is covered in more detail in Chapter 4, "Edward W. and Elizabeth (Sherman) Hayes."

William "Billy" Hayes: 1) Obituary of William E. Hayes, *San Francisco Examiner*, Aug 12, 1938, p. 11. 2) Obituary of William E. Hayes clipped from an unidentified Wellsley, MA, newspaper, collection of Helen Sawyer, now in the writer's collection. Billy is frequently mentioned in the Lydia Scheu oral history interview by Beth Kenyon.

Keeping house for Billy: 1) Oral history interview of Lydia Scheu by Beth Kenyon, 1988, copy in my collection. 2) Typescript of interview of Lydia Scheu c. 1987 by Nancy Kenyon, copy in my collection.

Burr's Marriage to Susanne Hayes

1) Engraved wedding announcement, sent out by Rev. William E. Hayes. 2) Two newspaper clippings from unidentified newspapers, one dated Feb 4, 1903, collection of Susanne Weeden, now in my collection. 3) *San Francisco Chronicle*, Feb 4 1903, p. 7. 4) *San Francisco Chronicle*, Apr 25, 1903, p. 8.

The San Francisco Earthquake

Destruction of the church: From the St. Luke's web site circa 1988.

"It was a time to try men's souls" Quotation from an obituary of Burr Weeden, now lost but quoted in the Beth Kenyon report of Feb 28, 1988.

House on Green St.: From the interview of Lydia Scheu by Beth Kenyon, 1988.

First vestry meeting after the fire: Letter to Beth Kenyon from Anne Bloomfield, volunteer historian for St. Luke's, Sept. 18 1988, copy in my collection.

Lydia Weeden born: 1) Oral history interview of Lydia Scheu by Beth Kenyon, Jan 11, 1988. 2) Birth certificate, City and County of San Francisco, CA.

Resignation: Letter to Beth Kenyon from Anne Bloomfield, St. Luke's, Sep 18 1988. *San Francisco Call*, March 3, 1907, p. 23.

Health impaired by earthquake: *San Francisco Call*, Dec 23, 1907, p. 7.

Cottage in Maine: Interview of Lydia Scheu c. 1987 by Nancy Kenyon. This account has better detail for this period than the 1988 oral history, or Burr's obituaries. Details for Helen Sawyer are from her newspaper clippings, now in my collection.

Last days of Rev. Weeden

Death certificate: Cook Co., IL, #51511

Obituaries: 1) *Grand Rapids [MI] Press*, Dec 22, 1907, and Dec 23, 1907. 2) *Chicago Tribune*, December 22, 1907, Sect. I-7. 3) *San Francisco Examiner*, Dec 23, 1907, p. 6. 4) Quotes from an unidentified newspaper, Beth Kenyon family history report. 5) Clipping in Western Michigan Genealogical Society scrapbook collection, MKG92, WScr. 16, Vol. 1, p. 91, 6) *San Francisco Call*, Dec 23, 1907, p. 7.

Burial: From the Grand Rapids obituary.

Marble memorial plaque, St. Luke's, San Francisco: The inscription is "In memoriam, the Rev. Burr Miller Weeden, Priest, January 20, 1870 – December 21, 1907, Rector of this church, 1901 – 1907, Requiescat in Pace."

Susanne's life as a widow

Biographical detail: This section is based on the interviews of Susannes' daughter Lydia by Nancy Kenyon in 1987, and the extensive interview by Beth Kenyon in 1988. The quote is from this interview.

Living with brother Billy in 1910: Susanne Hayes resides in the home of William E. Hayes in the 1910 census, San Francisco, CA, Assy. Dist. 37, part of precinct 24, page number illegible, enumerated Apr 23, 1910.

Death of Susanne: California death certificate. Obituary in *San Francisco Examiner*, Jan 27, 1936, p. 9. Her grave was visited on Aug 28, 1998 and the marker photographed. The inscription is "Susanne Hayes Weeden, 1871 -1936."