



Walter Goodall George, A Timeline

1887

Walter Goodall George, the greatest amateur long-distance champion, and the undoubtedly best mile runner ever seen, was married on Tuesday at Worcester, to a sister of F. Grainger, once a well-known oarsman of the Worcester Rowing Club. George will remain in England, residing at East Molesey until next summer, when he returns to America, to settle down permanently in New York. He will not run Cummings this winter, but fully intends to meet his old opponent once more at a mile next spring. The riot at Lillie Bridge has something to do with this decision, as all chances of a good gate at any professional pedestrian match in London are over for the present. **Nottinghamshire Guardian, Saturday, 15 October 1887**

1894

At the adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Halesowen Division on Tuesday 25th September 1894 - an application was made for transfer of license to Mr. Walter Goodall George for the Sun Hotel, the application was granted. **County Advertiser & Herald for Staffordshire & Worcestershire, 29 September 1894**

1895

Walter Goodall George, who once occupied a high position in athletics as a record runner and who took part in athletic sports at Marlow and has been a resident from time to time since, has of late occupied the Sun Hotel, Hunnington, near Halesowen, Worcestershire. The business seems to have been a failure and he has been adjudged a bankrupt with debts £328 5s. 8d. and assets available for dividend £10. This is the equivalent of over £54000 in 2024. **South Bucks Standard, Friday, 15 November 1895**

1902

A testimonial was presented to Walter G. George by the Isledon Harriers, a running club based in London, to celebrate 25 years of service to athletics. A sum of £42. 10s 11d was handed to athlete who had become a member of the club a year previously and had impacted on the club in several ways within that year. The sum raised was from contributions from members of athletics clubs and also from friends of Walter. The sum raised for the presentation has a modern day equivalent of over £6000. The testimonial was reported on in the **Islington Daily Gazette and North London Tribune, Tuesday, 16 December 1902**