

**Individual Narrative of John⁷ Barkelow Leverich [192]
 Son of William⁶ Leverich [68] and Alletta (unidentified)
 Husband of Ann Maria (unidentified)
 Husband of Louisa, widow Woodruff**

John Barkelow Leverich was born circa 1802 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. The year 1802 is an estimate based upon the fact that John Barkelow Leverich, son of William Leverich, was baptized 16 January 1803 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Census records 1855, 1860, 1865, and 1880 record John's age to correspond with an 1803 birth year. Census records 1850 and 1870 record John's age to correspond with an 1804 birth year. John's gravestone records his birth year as 1802.^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}



**7-John Barkelow Leverich [192]
 1803-1889**

He married for the first time Ann Maria [Unidentified] circa 1821 at New York. The marriage year is an estimate based upon the approximate birth year of their first born child Frances Leverich. Ann Maria's maiden name has not been identified. In an 1856 deposition, Ann Maria uses the surname "Wyckoff", which could have been her maiden name, or could have been her married name by a second marriage. In the same 1856 deposition, Ann Maria identifies herself as the mother of Frances Leverich (born 1823), wife of Alfred Carson, and of John B. Leverich Jr. (born 1828) Since John B. Leverich Sr. did not marry a second time until 1842, it is most likely that Cornelia Green Leverich (born 1832) and Maria Ann Leverich (born 1833) were the children of

John B. Leverich Sr and his first wife Ann Maria. Accordingly, it would be reasonable to project that John B. Leverich Sr and his first wife Ann Maria were divorced or separated circa 1834-1840, probably in New York City.^{9,10,11,12,13}

The 1828 New York City Directory lists John B. Leverich, a shoemaker, at 121 Orchard St. The New York City Directory, 1829-1837, lists John B. Leverich, a shoemaker, 70 Chrystie Street. This address was located southeast of the corner of Hester Street in Ward 10. There are no New York City Directory listings for John B. Leverich 1838-1840.^{14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26}



**John B. Leverich, shoemaker, 70 Chrystie St, 1829-1837
 <Mathew Drips Map of New York City 1867>**

The 1830 U.S. Census records John B. Leverich living in Manhattan, Ward 10, New York Co, New York. Although the Ward designation is consistent with the New York City Directory listings, the census tallies are not consistent with known family members. Nicholson Millis, brother-in-law (husband of Elizabeth Leverich), appears to be listed in the 1830 U.S. Census adjacent to John B. Leverich. The 1830 New York City Directory lists Nicholson Millis, shoemaker, 262 North Street. The 1831 New York City Directory lists Nicholson Millis, shoemaker, 140 First Street. Both addresses were in Ward 10.^{27,28,29}

John B. Leverich Sr and his sister Elizabeth Millis' family relocated from New York City to Oswego, Oswego Co, New York about 1837-1840. The Patriot War was a conflict along the Canada-United States border where bands of raiders attacked the British Colony of Upper Canada more than a dozen times between December 1837 and December 1838. Participants in the conflict were members of a secret association known as the "Hunter's Lodge" formed in the United States in sympathy with the 1837 Rebellions in Upper and Lower Canada. Its headquarters in Oswego were at the shoe store of Millis & Leverich. Tremendous secrets were hatched in Oswego in 1838. The conspirators used to tell their families at the tea table that "Business" would keep them out late, and dropped into the shoe store singly, so as not to attract attention. Here at midnight the Patriots ran bullets and concocted plans for the overthrow of the British government in Canada.^{30,31}

On 17 January 1840, Zina D. and Althea M. Stevens granted land in the village of west Oswego, in consideration of \$800, subject to a \$175 mortgage executed by Zina D. Stevens, to John B. Leverich and Nicholson Millis. The property was described as land in the Village of West Oswego to be taken off the west end of lot number 84, block 43, being 55 feet on Virgo or Mohawk Street and 66 feet on Third Street. The deed was recorded 17 January 1840.³²



West Mohawk and West 3rd Street, Village of West Oswego, 1840

Nicholson Millis was recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census in West Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. The total family size was 14. It is likely that the household also included the family of John B. Leverich, with a family size of 4, Nicholson's household having a family size of 10. The census tallies are consistent with the known family members and ages of John and Nicholson at the time. There is no separate listing for John in the 1840 Census. The shoe store operated by John and Nicholson may also have been situated at the census record location.³³

The first meeting for the organization of the old Oswego Guards, now (i.e. 1895) the 48th Separate Company, was held on 19 July 1838. On 16 November 1841, the company disbanded and immediately reorganized, so as to allow twenty new members just elected to have a voice in the election of officers. Among the new members then elected were the following ... John B. Leverich, first lieutenant.³⁴

John B. Leverich married for a second time Louisa [widow Woodruff] on 16 Mar 1842 at Oswego, Oswego, New York. Louisa's maiden name has not been identified. Her first marriage was to a Col. Martin Woodruff of the town of Salina in Oswego County. He was an earnest supporter of the Patriot War, and with a small band of Patriots made a raid into Canada where he was captured and hanged in Kingston, Ontario 19 December 1838 for his connection with the raids.^{35,36,37}



Louisa Woodruff Leverich

In 1842, John B. Leverich was appointed a Trustee in Oswego.

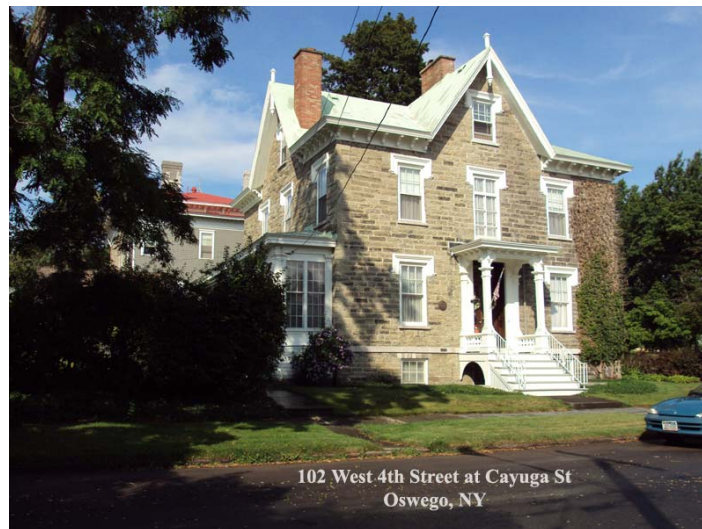
In 1845, John B. Leverich was appointed a Fire Warden in Oswego.³⁸

On 6 October 1846, John B. Leverich advertised in the Oswego Palladium "a new boot and shoe store" ... "Intending to keep none but the best of workmen, and using the best of Eastern stock, he flatters himself that he will receive, as he hopes to merit, a liberal share of patronage."³⁹

John B. Leverich, age 46, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census in Oswego, Ward 1, Oswego County, New York. The household includes his wife Louisa, age 42, and children Cornelia, age 20; Maria, age 17; and Louisa, age 5.⁴⁰

On 27 May 1851, Leverich & Doyle advertised in the Oswego Palladium. "Boots and Shoes. The subscribers are now receiving at their store, No. 8 Phoenix Block, West Oswego, a large and fashionable assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemens', misses, Boys and childrens Boots Shoes and Gaiters. Having made great improvements in their store during the past winter, by which their manufacturing Facilities are greatly enlarged, they are now prepared to open the Spring Campaign by offering to the public a large and Splendid Assortment of Boots and Shoes of their own manufacture, of the best of French and Philadelphia stock. Their purchases have been selected with great care at the most extensive and Fashionable Establishments in New York and Boston; all of which will be sold at wholesale and retail, at prices which cannot fail to give satisfaction."⁴¹

The Leverich-Kessler House (an historic landmark, 102 West 4th Street, Oswego) has been owned in its 138 year history by five families. John B. Leverich purchased the land from Richard and Sarah DeZeng, February 1847, for \$1500. The tax assessments for the period show a value of \$1200 in 1847, \$3,000 in 1848, \$5,000 in 1849, \$6,500 in 1850, and \$8,000 in 1851. The assessments show construction probably started in 1847-1848 and continued over a 2-3 year period.^{42,43}



The first owner, John B. Leverich, is listed in the 1852 City Directory as a boot and shoe dealer located at 124 West First Street. John sold the house on West 4th Street to John K. Post on 16 March 1868 for \$10,000.^{44,45,46,47,48}

The Oswego City Directory, 1853 to 1867, lists John B. Leverich, living at 51 West Cayuga Street (corner West 4th Street), and operating a boot and shoe retail outlet at 124 West First Street.^{49,50}

The 1855 New York State Census records John B. Leverich, age 52, shoe merchant, living in Ward 1 of Oswego. The household also includes his wife Louisa, age 45; daughter Maria Burnham, age 22, wife of David Burnham, age 25, merchant; and daughter Louisa, age 10.⁵¹

In 1857, John B. Leverich was appointed a Supervisor in the first ward of Oswego.⁵²

The 1860 U.S. Census of Oswego records John B. Leverich in Ward 1, age 57, retired shoemaker. The household also includes his wife Louisa, age 54; and daughter Louisa, age 15. All were born in New York State.⁵³

On 17 December 1864 the following advertisement was published in the Oswego Palladium. "Boots and Shoes", for Fall and Winter Trade, J. B. Leverich. Would respectfully inform his old friends and the public generally that he has an entire new stock of Boots and Shoes, - Ladies, Gents and children ... at 119 West First Street at the old stand of James Doyle. Which comprise every style and quality from the shoes in the most fashionable, in endless variety. Every description of work made to order. J. B. Leverich". The 119 West First Street is consistent with the Oswego City Directory of 1861, but inconsistent with the Oswego City Directory 1862-1867, 124 West 1st Street.^{54,55,56,57}

John B. Leverich, age 62, shoemaker, is recorded in the 1865 New York State Census, Ward 1 of Oswego. The household also includes wife Louisa, age 57; and daughter Louisa, age 20.⁵⁸

The 1868 and 1869 Oswego City Directories list John B. Leverich, "Gentleman", East Third Street near Oneida.^{59,60}

John B. Leverich, age 66, is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Oswego, Ward 6, Oswego Co, New York, living in the household of his daughter Cornelia Doolittle and her husband Charles.⁶¹

Louisa Leverich, age 60, wife of John B. Leverich, is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Warsaw, Benton County, Missouri, living in the household of her daughter Louisa C. Failing and her husband Edward P. Failing.⁶²

By 1874, Louisa Leverich has returned to Oswego with the Failing Family, where she is boarding at 74 West 4th Street. She and John B. appear to be separated or divorced at this time. Louisa's 1874 Oswego city Directory listing describes her as "widow of John". However, the 1873 and 1874 Oswego City Directory records John B. Leverich, boarding 119 East Third Street.^{63,64}

The 1875 New York State Census records John Leverich, age 67, living in the household of his son-in-law Charles Doolittle and his second wife, in Oswego. Cornelia Doolittle, daughter of John, had died in 1870. The 1875 New York State Census records Louisa Leverich, age 68, living in the household of her daughter Louisa Failing in Oswego.^{65,66}

The 1877 Oswego City Directory lists John B. Leverich, operating a saloon and also living at 119 West First Street. The 1877 directory also lists Louisa Leverich "widow John" living at 74 West 4th Street.⁶⁷

On 25 March 1879 the Oswego Morning Herald reported on the case of John B. Leverich, of the notorious "Globe", indicted for selling liquor without a license. John was tried and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. The recorder imposed a fine of \$50, which was paid.⁶⁸

The 1879 and 1880 Oswego City Directory lists John B. Leverich operating a saloon at, and also living at, 119 West 1st Street.^{69,70}

The 1880 U.S. Census of Oswego records John B. Leverich, age 77, saloon keeper at 119 Water Street. Louisa Leverich, age 71, is living in her daughter Louisa Failing's household at 74 West 4th Street.⁷¹

The 1882 Oswego City Directory lists John B. Leverich as the proprietor and a resident of the Globe Hotel, 119 West 1st Street.⁷² On 5 April 1882 the Oswego Palladium reported that the police made a raid on several disorderly houses this morning, arresting the proprietors and inmates. Among those persons arraigned in police court were John B. Leverich for keeping a house of prostitution. He was convicted and fined \$25 or three months in the Oswego Prison.⁷³

John B. Leverich died on 4 Sep 1889 at Oswego, Oswego, New York.^{74,75} He was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Oswego, New York in Section X, Lot 21.⁷⁶



Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York

Louisa Leverich died at Oswego, New York on 14 January 1891. The Oswego Palladium published the following obituary. Mrs. Louise Leverich, second wife of the late John B. Leverich, and for many years a resident of this city, died in City Hospital Tuesday at the advanced age of 81 years. Before marriage the second time, Mrs. Leverich was a Mrs. Woodruff and lived in the village of Salina, near the city of Syracuse. Mrs. Leverich had many friends among the citizens of Oswego, and is still remembered among some of the older ones as a lady of fine personal appearance. A short time ago she received a fall at her residence in West Fourth Street and sustained a fracture of the hip. The shock was too much for her enfeebled system and resulted in her death.⁷⁷

Louisa Leverich was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Oswego, New York in Section O, Lot 298. Although buried in the same cemetery, Louisa and her husband John B. Leverich were buried in different lots. Louisa was buried in the Failing Family Plot (Edwin P. Failing, son-in-law, husband of daughter Louisa Failing) and John was buried in the Burnham Family Plot (David Burnham, son-in-law, husband of daughter Maria Ann Burnham).⁷⁸



Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York

John B. Leverich had four children by his first wife Ann Maria (Frances G, John B. Jr, Cornelia G, Maria Ann); and one child by his second wife Louisa (Louisa).⁷⁹

- i. Frances G. Leverich was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York circa 1823. She married circa 1839 Alfred Carson probably at Manhattan. Frances died 23 May 1898 at Jersey City, Hudson Co, New Jersey.^{80,81,82}
- ii. John B. Leverich Jr. was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York circa 1828. He married for the first time circa 1850 Mary Byrne probably at Manhattan. John entered into a second relationship circa 1870 Mary (unidentified) probably at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. John died 6 April 1894 at Oswego, Oswego Co, New York.^{83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90}
- iii. Cornelia Green Leverich was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York 17 February 1832. She married 28 August 1851 Charles Doolittle at Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. Cornelia died 19 October 1870 at Oswego.^{91,92,93}
- iv. Maria Ann Leverich was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York 16 August 1833. She was married 4 October 1854 David Burnham in Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. Maria died 9 June 1917 at Kalamazoo State Hospital, Kalamazoo Co, Michigan.^{94,95,96,97,98,99,100}
- v. Louisa C. Leverich was born in Oswego, Oswego Co, New York 25 October 1845. She married for the first time 6 September 1865 Edwin P. Failing at Oswego. She married for the second time 2 December 1889 Alfred A. Morse at Chicago, Cook Co, Illinois. Louisa died 3 July 1927 at Chicago.^{101,102,103,104,105,106}

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