

Individual Narrative of Elizabeth⁷ Leverich [210] Daughter of Benjamin⁶ Leverich [100] and Mary Briggs Wife of John Williamson

Elizabeth Leverich^{1,2,3} was born on 25 December 1779 at Westchester Co, New York, the daughter of Benjamin Leverich and Mary Briggs. The birth date is based upon a family record created by Chester O. Speelman. The birth location is based upon the 1790 U.S. Census for Benjamin Leverich, as well as his presence on Westchester Co tax lists 1799-1803. Elizabeth Williamson is named in Benjamin's will in 1824 in Richland Co, Ohio.^{4,5,6,7}

Elizabeth Leverich married John Williamson on 11 Dec 1801 most likely at Westchester Co, New York.⁸ John Williamson was born 24 April 1781, probably in Westchester Co, New York. John Williamson may have been the son of James Williamson, who is listed in the 1800 U.S. Census, Town of Bedford, Westchester County, New York. The census record includes a tally for 1 male age 16 to 25, which fits John Williamson who was age 19 in 1800. John Williamson named his first born son James. John Williamson Jr also named his only son James.^{9,10}

John and Elizabeth Williamson had three children in Westchester Co, New York. About 1808, Benjamin Leverich, Elizabeth's father, with extended family removed from Westchester Co and settled in Guernsey Co, Ohio. John Williamson's 1873 obituary states that John and his family went to Guernsey County in 1805.^{11,12}

On 13 May 1808 John Williamson purchased a land grant in Richland County, Ohio.¹³

By 1817, John Williamson and much of the extended Leverich family had removed to Galion, Ohio where they were among the first settlers. Galion was then in Sandusky Township, Richland Co, now Polk Township, Crawford Co. At this time, John Leveredge (Leverich) was killed by a falling log while helping to raise the cabin of his brother-in-law John Williamson. Subsequently, John Williamson selected the ground for, and held the deed for the Galion Cemetery (aka Union Green Cemetery). John and his wife Elizabeth were probably buried there, although a documentary record has not been found to support this.^{14,15}

John Williamson is recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland Co, Ohio. Father-in-law Benjamin Leverich, and brothers-in-law James and Nathaniel Leverich are living in the same vicinity. The census tallies for John Williamson include 1 free white male under 10 (son David age 3); 1 free white male age 10 to 15 (son John age 15); 1 free white male age 16 to 18 and 16 to 25 (son James age 17); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (head of household John Williamson); 2 free white females under age 10 (daughters Nancy and Mary ages 8 and 5); 1 free white female age 10 to 15 (daughter Phoebe age 10); and 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Elizabeth). Sons William born in 1807 (age 13 in 1820) and Samuel born in 1809 (age 11 in 1820) are not accounted for and likely died as children prior to 1820.¹⁶

By 1828, John Williamson is found in Tully Township, Marion Co, Ohio, a short distance southwest of Galion. In 1831, John was a candidate for County Assessor, but did not succeed in being elected.^{17,18}

John Williamson is recorded in the 1830 U.S. Census of Tully Township, Marion County, Ohio. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son David age 13); 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (head of household John Williamson); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Elizabeth age 9-10); 2 free white females age 15 to 19 (daughters Nancy and Mary ages 18 and 15); and 1 free white female age 50 to 59 (wife Elizabeth age 51). Son John Williamson Jr. is listed as a separate head of household, immediately adjacent to his father. Eldest son James Williamson is not found in Marion County. A total of 15 James Williamsons are found in Ohio in the 1830 Census, 8 of whom include a free white male age 20 to 29, which fits James who was age 27 in 1830.¹⁹

John Williamson Sr is recorded on the tax lists for Marion Co, Ohio for the years 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, and 1838. In 1838, John is taxed on five plots of land, all located in Range 17, Township 4; 43, 40, 80, 80, and 80 acres. It is possible that some of John's children and their families were living on some of these plots of land.²⁰

John Williamson Sr is recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census of Tully Township, Marion County, Ohio. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (perhaps grandson James Williamson born c 1830, son of John Williamson Jr); 1 free white male age 60 to 69 (head of household John Williamson Sr. age 59); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (perhaps granddaughter Celia born c 1833), daughter of James Williamson; 2 free white females age 10 to 14 (perhaps granddaughters Jane born c 1831 and Elizabeth born c 1829, daughters of James Williamson); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (daughter Elizabeth Williamson); 1 free white female age 60 to 69 (wife Elizabeth age 61). The possible

inclusion of the grandchildren in the household suggests that sons James and John Jr. had died prior to 1840, perhaps of the cholera epidemic that reached Marion County in the 1830's. Son David B. Williamson age 23 is listed as a separate household immediately adjacent to John Williamson Sr. David's father-in-law Robert Baker is also listed adjacent to John Williamson Sr.²¹

Elizabeth Leverich Williamson, age 71 born in New York, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Tully Township, Marion County, Ohio. The household included her husband John Williamson, age 70 born New York, identified as a farmer; three granddaughters, the children of their son James Williamson, i.e. Elizabeth age 21, Jane age 19, and Celia age 17. Also grandson John Williamson age 10, the child of their son David Williamson. Nancy Williamson age 7 the daughter of David, was living in the household of her maternal grandfather Robert Baker, who was living in the same vicinity as John and Elizabeth Williamson. The fact that David's children are living with their respective grandparents suggests that David and his wife had died between 1840 and 1850. The extended family is living in close proximity to each other: household 56-56 John and Elizabeth Williamson; 57-57 their daughter Mary Likens and her daughter Euphana Likens; 58-58 their daughter Elizabeth Corman, her husband Philip Corman and their family; and 59-59 Robert Baker and his family.²²

Elizabeth Leverich Williamson died in 1855 either at Marion Co or Morrow Co, Ohio,, according to the 1873 obituary of John Williamson Sr. Elizabeth may have been buried in the Galion Cemetery (aka Union Green Cemetery), then Crawford Co, Ohio. Elizabeth and her husband John Williamson were probably both buried there, although a documentary record has not been found to support this.^{23,24}

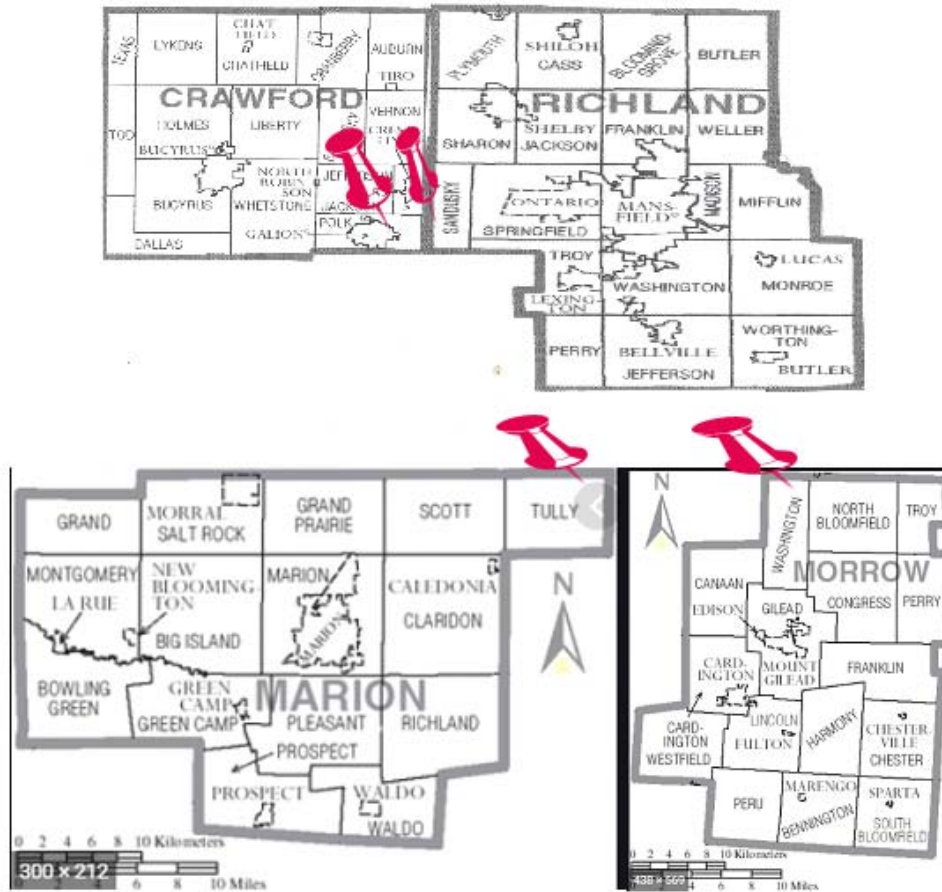
John Williamson Sr married for a second time Alice Garrett, the widow of Henry Lemon, 13 November 1856 in Morrow County, Ohio.^{25,26}

John Williamson age 79 is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Washington Township, Morrow County, Ohio. Morrow County was formed in 1848 from several neighboring counties, including Marion. It is possible that John was living in the same place as in the 1850 Census of Marion County. Washington Township in Morrow Co is immediately adjacent to the east of Tully Township in Marion County. The household included second wife Alice age 67; and grandchildren (the children of son David) John Williamson age 19 and Nancy Williamson age 17.²⁷



Sandusky Twp, Richland Co
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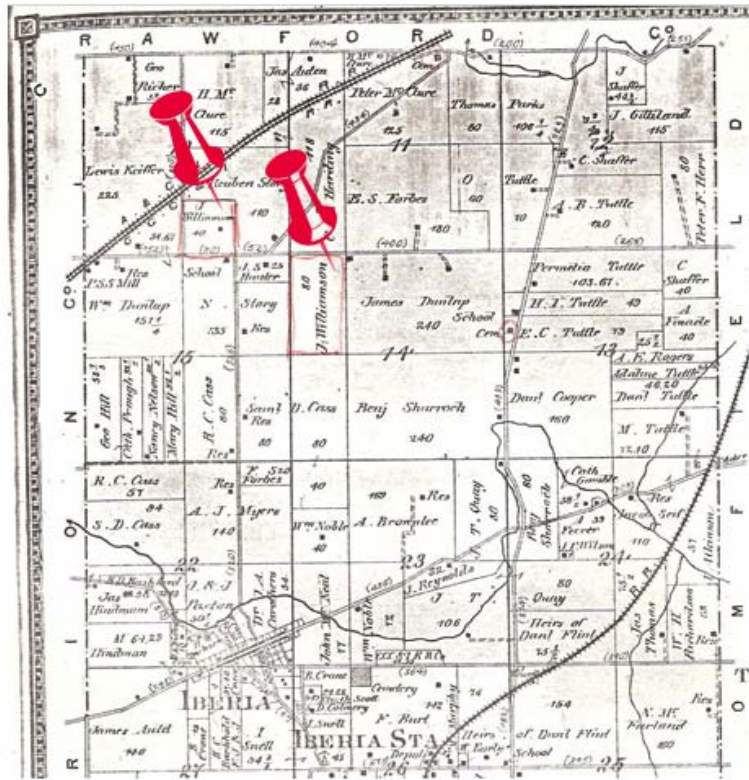
John and Elizabeth Leverich Williamson



Four Contiguous Townships in Four Counties
Sandusky Twp, Richland County: formed 1813
Polk Twp, Crawford County: formed 1826
Tully Twp, Marion County: formed 1824
Washington Twp, Morrow County: formed 1848

John Williamson is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Washington Township, Morrow Co, Ohio. The household includes John's second wife Alice age 76; housekeeper Kate Lenora age 28; and domestic Anna Alice Lenora, age 8.²⁸

John Williamson made a will dated 7 December 1872, and proved in Morrow Co, Ohio Probate Office on 25 January 1873. In his will John Williamson identifies his wife Alice; daughter Mary, wife of Edward Harding; daughter Elizabeth, wife of Philip Corman; grandson James Williamson; Phebe Ann Trott (granddaughter, but not so identified, Phebe Ann Carl). An additional bequest of \$200 was made to Casander Lemon, relationship not identified, but possibly the daughter of Alice Lemon Williamson by her first marriage, or another relation of Alice associated with her first marriage. Joseph Meer and Philip Corman (son -in-law) were appointed executors. The will was witnessed by L.T. Story and Joseph Meer.²⁹



John Williamson Sr Property Washington Twp, Morrow Co, Ohio

<Atlas of Morrow Co, Ohio; C.O Titus, 1871>

John Williamson died 8 January 1873 in Washington Township, Morrow County, Ohio at the age of 91 years, 8 months, and 16 days. John's obituary relates that he was a member of the Methodist Church for nearly 60 years, and that he raised nine children, two of whom survived him, as well as six grandchildren left to his care from infancy.³⁰

As already indicated above, John Williamson was likely buried at the Galion Cemetery in Crawford County, a short distance northeast from his residence in Morrow County. Galion Cemetery was also known as the Union Green Cemetery. Beginning with the opening of Fairview Cemetery in Crawford Co in 1882, burials at Union Green were removed over an extended period of time to Fairview Cemetery. No burial records have been found, but John and his wife Elizabeth Leverich Williamson are both likely now buried at Fairview Cemetery in unmarked graves.³¹

Alice Williamson died 11 March 1879 in Morrow Co, Ohio. Alice was buried at the Iberia Cemetery in Morrow County. Alice had been born 10 April 1793 in England.^{32,33}

Elizabeth Leverich Williamson and her husband John Williamson had nine children. Two died as infants or children. Four died as young adults, leaving six grandchildren which were raised by Elizabeth and John. Three survived Elizabeth who died in 1855. Two survived John who died in 1873.^{34,35}

- i. James Williamson was born 23 May 1803 in Westchester Co, New York. James married an unidentified spouse circa 1828 most likely in Marion County, Ohio. James' first child was born circa 1829 as per the 1850 U.S. Census of his father John Williamson in Tully Township, Marion Co, Ohio. James died between 1833 and 1840 probably in Marion Co. James' youngest child was born circa 1833. James is not found in the 1840 U.S. Census, but the census tallies for his father John in the 1840 U.S. Census of Tully Township, Marion Co, Ohio account for three children, likely James' children. A burial place has not been determined for James Williamson, but possibly was the Galion, Ohio Cemetery (aka Union Green Cemetery). James Williamson may have died from the cholera epidemic that reached Ohio circa 1832. Three of James' siblings, like James, died as young adults.^{36,37,38,39,40}

- ii. John Williamson Jr was born 15 May 1805 in Westchester Co, New York. John married Salina Smith 10 July 1828 in Marion Co, Ohio. John died c 1837-1838 probably in Marion Co. John's only child surviving childhood, son James, was born c 1830, per his 1860 U.S. Census record in Tully, Marion Co, Ohio. James' obituary states that both his parents died before James was age 7. John's burial place is unknown. It might have been Galion Cemetery in Crawford Co, also known as the Union Green Cemetery.^{41,42,43,44,45,46}
- iii. William Williamson was born 30 January 1807, probably in Westchester Co, New York, but possibly in Guernsey Co, Ohio. William most likely died as an infant or child prior to 1820. William is not accounted for in the tallies for his father's 1820 U.S. Census record for Sandusky Township, Richland Co, Ohio. No records for William as an adult have been found. A burial place for William has not been determined.^{47,48}
- iv. Samuel Williamson was born 6 April 1809 in Guernsey Co, Ohio. Samuel most likely died as an infant or child prior to 1820. Samuel is not accounted for in the tallies for his father's 1820 U.S. Census record for Sandusky Township, Richland Co, Ohio. No records for Samuel as an adult have been found. A burial place for Samuel has not been determined.^{49,50}
- v. Phoebe Williamson was born 25 May 1810 in Guernsey Co, Ohio. Phoebe married John Carl 18 November 1827 in Marion Co, Ohio. Phoebe died circa 1831 probably in Marion Co, Ohio, possibly in child birth. Phoebe's second and youngest child John L. Carl was born 18 July 1831. Phoebe's husband John Carl married for the second time 4 March 1832 Cyrena L. Coleman in Marion Co, Ohio. A burial place for Phoebe has not been determined.^{51,52,53,54}
- vi. Mary Williamson was born 12 April 1815 in Guernsey County, Ohio. Mary married for the first time 26 January 1838 Samuel Likens in Marion Co, Ohio. Mary married for the second time 5 July 1856 Edward H. Harding in Marion Co, Ohio. Mary died 22 June 1892 in Galion, Crawford Co, Ohio, and was buried at the Union Green Cemetery in Galion.^{55,56,57}
- vii. David Williamson was born 29 August 1817 in Richland Co, Ohio. David married 13 November 1839 Mary Baker in Marion Co, Ohio. David died between 1843 and 1850, probably in Marion County. David is not found in the 1850 U.S. Census. His youngest child Nancy was born circa 1843. In the 1850 U.S. Census of Tully Township, Marion Co, Ohio David's son John is living with his paternal grandfather John Williamson; and his daughter Nancy is living with her maternal grandfather Robert Baker.^{58,59,60}
- viii. Nancy Williamson was born 15 July 1812 in Guernsey Co, Ohio. Nancy married 19 September 1830 Nathaniel K. Story in Marion Co, Ohio. Nancy died 31 August 1871 in Morrow Co, Ohio, and was buried at the Autin Cemetery in Morrow Co.^{61,62,63}
- ix. Elizabeth Williamson was born 1 January 1821 in Richland Co, Ohio. Elizabeth married 1 April 1841 Philip Corman in Marion Co, Ohio. Elizabeth died 17 June 1902 in Morrow Co, Ohio, and was buried in the Blooming Grove Cemetery in Morrow Co.^{64,65,66}

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