

**Individual Narrative of Mary Ann⁸ (Marian) Leverich [227]
Daughter of Richard⁷ Berrian Leverich [122] and Mary Van Wickel
Wife of Norman L. Adams**

Mary Ann (Marian) Leverich was born on 22 October 1815 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. Marian was the daughter of Richard Berrian Leverich and Mary Van Wickel. Circa 1817, Richard and Mary and children, including Marian about two years old, left Newtown and settled in Otisco, Onondaga County, New York.^{1,2,3}

In a deed dated 9 May 1817 John Bassett and his wife Anna of Bushwick, Kings Co, New York sold land to Richard B. Leverich of Newtown, Queens Co, New York in consideration of \$236.25. The land was located in the Town of Otisco, formerly the town of Pompey, Onondaga Co, New York: Lot number 10 in the Subdivision of Great Lot No. 55; bounded on the west by Lot 9 in the possession of John Degolyer; bounded on the north by Lot 8 in the possession of Eleazer Slocum, running east so as to contain 97.5 acres. The deed was witnessed on 15 May 1817 by Richard Hatfield, Master in Chancery. The deed was recorded in Onondaga Co, New York on 11 August 1817 by Cutler Leonard, Deputy Clerk.⁴

Richard B. Leverich died at Otisco on 11 August 1828 when his daughter Marian Leverich was about 13 years old.⁵

Marian Leverich of Otisco attended the Cazenovia Seminary in Madison County, New York, located about 17 miles east of the City of Syracuse in Onondaga County, New York. Marian graduated in 1833. Cazenovia Seminary was an academic (not exclusively theological) seminary (like an early high school) of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was founded in early 1825, and is now a co-educational four year institution called Cazenovia College.^{6,7}

Marian Leverich was identified as a granddaughter of Jesse Leverich in documents associated with the probate of Jesse's estate. Jesse Leverich prepared a will dated 11 September 1828. The will was admitted to probate in the Queens County Surrogate Court on 23 October 1829, but not settled for a number of years. In a document entitled "Discharge by grandchildren" 4 March 1842 Marian is identified as Mary Ann, the wife of Norman L. Adams. A specific date or place of marriage has not been identified.^{8,9}

Marian and Norman were likely married circa 1833-1834, probably in Onondaga County, New York, and not long after Marian's graduation from the Cazenovia Seminary.¹⁰

Norman L. Adams is recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census, town of Salina, Onondaga Co, New York. The census tallies included 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son William H., born circa 1831-1835); 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (Norman as head of household born circa 1801-1810); two free white females under the age of 5 (daughters Emma and Mary, born circa 1836-1840); and 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (wife Marian born circa 1811 to 1820).¹¹

Norman L. Adams was born circa 1800-1810 based upon the 1840 U.S. Census. Norman was born in New York State based upon the 1880 and 1900 U.S. Census of his daughter Emma J. Adams, wife of Frank J. Ryan.^{12,13,14}

On 20 April 1841 Samuel Davis and Isabel his wife of Salina, Onondaga Co, New York in consideration of \$300 sold to Norman L. Adams of the same place a tract of land in the village of Syracuse, formerly Lodi, described as Lot 168 Block 23. The deed was recorded 5 June 1841. On 8 May 1843 Norman L. Adams and Mary Ann his wife of Salina sold the same tract of land in consideration of \$800 to Eleazer Slocum of the town and county of Onondaga. The deed was signed by both Norman and Mary Ann, and was recorded 6 June 1843.¹⁵

On 19 July 1841 Thomas B. Fitch and Ursula his wife of Syracuse in consideration of \$1,094.02 sold to Norman L. Adams of the same place a tract of land described as Block 91 in the village of Syracuse, bordering the north line of Water Street, Franklin Street, and land appropriated for the Erie Canal. The deed was recorded 18 February 1842. On 1 February 1844 Norman L. Adams and Mary Ann his wife of the village of Syracuse sold a triangular portion of this tract of land to John Townsend of the City of Albany New York in consideration of \$50.00, bordering Water Street, the land of Daniel Elliot, and land appropriated for the Erie Canal. The deed was signed by both Norman and Mary Ann, and was recorded 11 June 1844.¹⁶

On 1 February 1844 Moses D. Burnet of Syracuse in consideration of \$50 sold to Norman L. Adams a tract of land in the village of Syracuse in the town of Salina, Onondaga County described as a portion of Block 91 bordering Water Street, the land of Daniel Elliot, and the brick stable built by the Syracuse Company. The deed was recorded on either 11 June 1844.¹⁷

Norman L. Adams is not found in the U.S. Census in 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, or 1900; nor the 1855, 1865, or 1875 New York State Census of Onondaga County. Neither a date nor place of death or burial has been determined for Norman L. Adams. The 1840 deed records cited above are the most recent documents found pertaining to Norman L. Addams. The Ancestry.com public family tree entitled "Hope" submitted by Sharon K. Tuggle states without citing sources that Norman L. Adams died in 1895 at the age of 80.^{18,19,20}

A different Norman Adams and his wife Charlotte are found in the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga Co, New York indexed in the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census, as well as the 1865 and 1875 New York State Census. This Norman Adams was a farmer born in 1804 in New York and died in 1884 in Onondaga. Norman and Charlotte had children Frederick, Mary, Alexander, and Oscar. The relationship of this Norman Adams to Norman L. Adams the husband of Marian Leverich has not been determined.²¹

"Mary Adams", age 40 born in New York, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census living in Chicago, Ward 6, Cook County, Illinois. She is living in the household of her daughter Emma Ryan, age 24 born in New York and her husband H.G. (aka Frank J.) Ryan. The household also includes Emma's unmarried sister M.E. (aka Mary E.) Adams, age 20 born in New York.²²

"Marian Adams", age 50 born in New York, is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census living in Evansville Ward 2, Vanderburgh County, Indiana. She is living in the household of her daughter Emma Ryan, age 34 born in New York and her husband F.J. (aka Frank J.) Ryan.²³

Marian Leverich Adams is not found in the 1880 U.S. Census.²⁴

On 25 August 1890 the *Syracuse (NY) Journal* published a legal notice announcing a Sherriff's sale of several properties in Syracuse. The property description included the following parcel: Ward 6, Lot 1, Block 99, at the southwest corner of Water Street and Franklin Street, being the rear part of said lot number 1 in Block 99, on which stands a small framed dwelling house built and formerly occupied by one Norman L. Adams.²⁵



**Syracuse New York Ward 5 - 1871 G.M. Hopkins
Block 99, Lot 1 Southwest Corner of Water St and Franklin St
Parallel to Erie Canal**

Marian Leverich Adams died on 9 March 1893 at Stockton, San Joaquin Co, California, at age 77. A death notice in the *Stockton Evening Mail* noted that Marian Adams was a native of New York. Her death certificate indicated that she was married and was living at 29 Center Street in Stockton. Neither the name nor residence of her husband is given. Her cause of death was identified as chronic gastritis. Her burial place has not been identified, and is not named on her death certificate. Marian's daughter Emma J. (Adams) Ryan died in Long Beach, California in 1915 and was buried at the Stockton Rural Cemetery.^{26,27,28,29}

James S. Leverich, a younger brother of Marian Leverich Adams, died at Port Hope, Ontario, Canada on 10 October 1892. On 14 April 1894, Delia Leverich widow of James, initiated litigation in the New York Supreme Court, Onondaga County, against the heirs of James S. Leverich, pertaining to the status of property in Onondaga County. The heirs listed included sister Marian Adams, died Stockton CA 9 March 1893, as well as nephews and nieces (children of sister Marian Adams) William H. Adams, Emma J. Ryan (wife of Frank J. Ryan), and Mary E. Fennell; also Mary McGillen granddaughter of deceased sister Marian Adams.³⁰

Marian (Mary Ann) Leverich and her husband Norman L. Adams had three children surviving to adulthood.³¹

- i. William H. Adams was likely born circa 1834 in Salina, Onondaga County, New York. The 1840 U.S. Census for this location for Norman L. Adams tallies one free white male age 5 to 9. The 1894 litigation Delia A. Leverich vs the heirs of James S. Leverich identifies a William H. Adams as the son of Marian Adams, a deceased sister of James. This is the only documented record found of William H. Adams, son of Norman L. Adams. The index to the 1900 U.S. Census lists four William H. Adams born New York circa 1835 +/- 5 years. The index includes an additional nine William Adams without the middle initial. Further research discloses that none of these thirteen individuals were a son of Norman L. Adams. A records search at familysearch.org discloses twenty individuals identified as William H. Adams. Again, none of these individuals could be confirmed to be a son of Norman L. Adams. It is not known if William H. Adams were married. Neither a date nor place of death or burial has been determined for William.^{32,33,34}
- ii. Emma J. Adams was born 23 April 1836 in Onondaga County, New York. Emma married Frank J. Ryan circa 1854, place unknown, but possibly Onondaga Co. Emma died 7 March 1915 in an auto accident in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co, California. Emma was buried in the Stockton Rural Cemetery in San Joaquin Co, California.^{35,36,37}
- iii. Mary A. Adams was born 28 November 1839 in Onondaga County, New York. Mary married Abel S. Fennell 12 June 1864 in Gratiot, Lafayette Co, Wisconsin. Mary died 18 April 1903 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co, Iowa. Mary was buried at the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs.^{38,39,40,41,42}

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