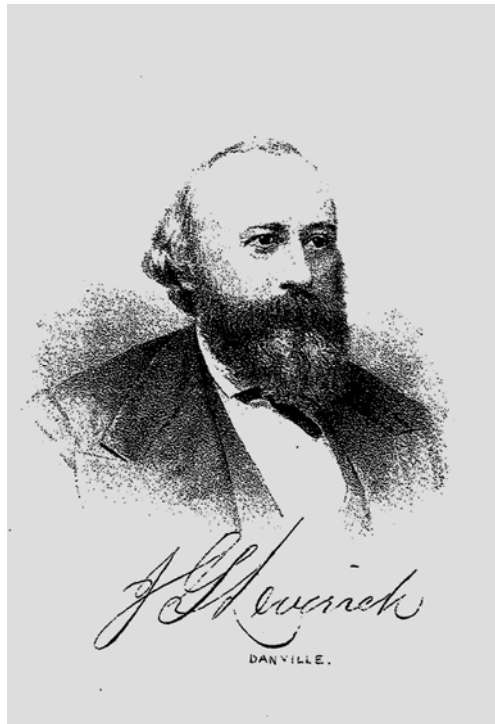


**Individual Narrative of John<sup>8</sup> Goldsmith Leverich [243]**  
**Son of John<sup>7</sup> Leverich [125] and Aletta Berrian**  
**Husband of Sarah Ann Titus**

John Goldsmith Leverich, named after the Presbyterian pastor, was born on 10 October 1819 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of John Leverich and Aletta Berrian. John G. Leverich was baptized 28 July 1822 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, in addition to his sister Jane Townsend Leverich and his brother Richard Titus Leverich.<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

John Goldsmith Leverich pursued his education in his early boyhood in a school on Long Island and later became a student in a private academy in New York city. At the age of 14, he accepted a clerkship in the wholesale drug store of McKessen & Robertson entering upon his business career, and remained with that house until 1841 when he came to Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois in company with O.L. Davis. He accepted a position in the store of L. T. Palmer as a salesman, while later he engaged in business on his own account in partnership with his brother Richard Titus Leverich. They conducted a general mercantile store for five years. In 1860, John was appointed Master in Chancery, a position he held with distinction until his retirement from active life in 1881. A Master in Chancery is an officer appointed by a court of equity to assist the court.<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>



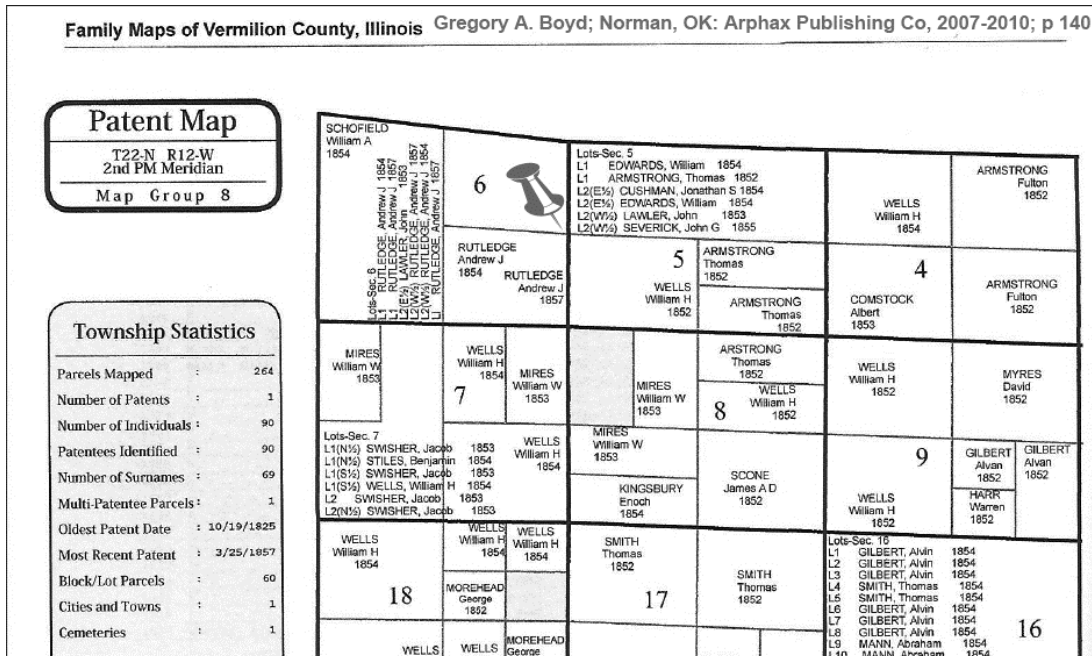
John G. Leverich married Sarah Ann Tilton on 13 November 1847 at Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. Sarah was born in Shipton, Quebec Province, Canada on 25 December 1822. Sarah was the daughter of Abial Foster Tilton and Cynthia Thompson.<sup>10,11</sup>

John G. Leverich, clerk age 30 was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. The household included his wife Sarah age 24 and his son Edward age 2.<sup>12</sup>

On 15 November 1850 John G. Leverich executed a deed purchasing land in Danville from Oliver L. Davis and wife Sarah M. In consideration of \$50, the property was described as lots 8 and 9 in Block 5, north range 3 east of the Public Square in Cunningham's Addition. The deed was recorded 9 December 1850.

On 13 July 1851 the same parties transferred land in Danville to John G. Leverich, in consideration of \$60, lots 7 and 10, same property description. The deed was recorded 31 July 1857.<sup>13</sup>

John G. Leverich's father, John Leverich of Newtown, Queens Co, New York, served in the War of 1812 as a sergeant, in the 64 and 93 consolidated regiment of New York militia commanded by his uncle Col. Edward Leverich. John Leverich was awarded a warrant for Bounty Land based upon his service, which he transferred to his son John G. Leverich. Based upon this bounty land warrant, John G. Leverich was assigned 43 acres of land in Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois, described as the west half of lot 2 of northeast quarter section 5, in Township 22 north of range 12 west. The land patent was dated 15 March 1856.<sup>14,15</sup>



On 26 April 1858 Richard T. Leverich wrote from New York to his brother John in Danville. "As we have concluded not to leave here until the last of the coming week and will stay over at Cannandagua until Monday morning next one week. So you need not expect us until about Tuesday a week from next Tuesday. Mary Eliza has a fine boy and was getting along very well until last night when she was quite unwell. All the rest of the family and friends are well. Yours truly. R.T. Leverich."<sup>16,17</sup>

John G. Leverich, age 40 merchant, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. John's household included his wife Sarah, age 35; and daughters Alletta, age 5; Catherine age 2; and Sarah age 2.<sup>18</sup>

On 26 June 1861 John G. Leverich executed a deed purchasing land from Amos S. Williams and wife Sarah J. In consideration of \$100, the property was described as lot 1 in block 5, north range 3 east of public square in the second addition of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. The deed was recorded 27 June 1861.

On the same date 26 June 1861 William W. R. Woodbury and wife transferred land to John G. Leverich in consideration of \$50, lot 1 block 5, same property description. The deed was recorded 1 July 1861.<sup>19</sup>

John G. Leverich, age 50 master in chancery, was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. John's household included his wife Sarah age 48, and daughters Alletta age 16; Catherine age 12; and Sarah age 12.<sup>20</sup>

John G. Leverich, age 60 retired master in chancery, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. John's household included his wife Sarah age 56 and his daughters Kate age 20, and Sarah age 20.<sup>21</sup>

John G. Leverich died on 18 March 1889 at Danville, Vermilion, Illinois, at age 69 years, 5 months, and 9 days. John was a retired merchant who died at the corner of Jackson and Harrison Streets. John suffered from diabetes. John was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Danville.<sup>22,23</sup>

John G. Leverich prepared a will dated 2 August 1880 at Danville. The will identifies his heirs as his daughters Alletta, Kate and Sarah Leverich, Kate and Sarah being named executors. John's will also identifies his wife Sarah. The will was witnessed by William J. Calhoun and Charles J. Palmer and was proved at Danville 8 April 1889.<sup>24</sup>

Widow Sarah A. Leverich, age 77, was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois living at 14 North Gilbert Street, Ward 2. Living with Sarah were her daughters Catherine (aka Kate) and Dollie (aka Sarah), recorded incorrectly as ages 52 and 35. Kate and Sarah were actually twins age 44.<sup>25</sup>

Sarah A. Leverich died at Danville 30 October 1902 and was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>26,27</sup>

Sarah A. Leverich, widow of John, prepared a will dated 10 November 1893 at Danville. The will identifies her heirs as Alletta B. Hall, Kate Leverich and Sarah Leverich. Kate Leverich is named executrix. A codicil dated 22 April 1902 identifies grandchildren Edward Hall and Janet Hall. The will was witnessed by Charles J. and Mary D. Palmer. The will was proved 14 November 1903.<sup>28</sup>

John Goldsmith Leverich and Sarah Ann Tilton had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>29</sup>

- i. Edward Wiggins Leverich was born 10 May 1845 in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Edward died as a child age 7, 24 August 1856 in Danville, and was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>30,31</sup>
- ii. Mary Bonette Leverich was born circa 1852 in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Mary died 14 September 1853 age 18 months in Danville and was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>32,33</sup>
- iii. Cynthia Alletta Berrian Leverich was born 21 October 1854 in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Alletta married Harry Augustus (Gus) Hall 24 September 1878 in Danville. Alletta died 29 June 1900 at Danville. Alletta was accidentally shot by a target rifle while on a picnic on the Richard T. Leverich farm in Danville. Alletta was buried at the Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>34,35,36</sup>
- iv. Sarah "Pink" Leverich was born 3 May 1858, a twin to her sister Catherine "Kate" Leverich, in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Sarah married Oliver D. Pollock 14 July 1894. Sarah divorced Oliver 4 December 1903 in St. Clair County, Michigan, the grounds being "cruelty". Sarah died 19 October 1935 in Danville and was buried at the Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>37,38,39</sup>
- v. Catherine "Kate" Leverich was born 3 May 1858 a twin to her sister Sarah, in Danville, Vermilion Co, Illinois. Kate never married. Kate died 3 January 1919 in Danville, and was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.<sup>40,41,42</sup>

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