## Individual Narrative of Elvira<sup>8</sup> [Elmira, Eliza] Leverich [252] Daughter of Jesse<sup>7</sup> Leverich, Jr. [128] and Mary (unidentified surname, second wife) Never Married

Elvira [Elmira, Eliza] Leverich was born circa 1838 probably at Manhattan, New York County, New York, the daughter of Jesse Leverich Jr. and his second wife Mary (maiden name unidentified). Elvira's approximate birth year is based on census records. The probable location of Elvira's birth place is based on her family group's location in the 1850 U.S. Census.<sup>1,2</sup>

"Eliza" Leverick, age 13, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 16 District 3, New York County, New York. Her family group included her parents Jesse (age 58) and Mary (age 36) Leverich, and siblings Amanda (age 7) and Jesse (aka William Jesse)(age 6) Leverich, all born in New York. Eliza and Amanda were both attending school. Eliza's father was a coach maker.<sup>3</sup>

"Elmira" Leverick, age 17, was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Manhattan, Ward 20 E.D. 6, New York County, New York. Her family group included her parents Jesse (age 58) and Mary (age 43) Leverich, and siblings Amanda (age 12) and Jesse (aka William Jesse) (age 7) Leverich, all born in New York. Eliza's father was a builder.

Jesse Leverich is listed in the New York City Directories 1855 to 1858, as follows:

- i. 1855, carriages, 197 West 35th St;
- ii. 1856, cabinet maker, rear 197 West 35th St;
- iii. 1857, wheelwright, home East 30th Street near 2nd Avenue;
- iv. 1858, no occupation list, home 124 East 35th Street.
- v. Jesse Leverich is not listed in the New York City Directory in 1859 and 1860. During this period, Jesse and his family relocated to Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. 5,6,7,8,9,10

"Eleanor Leverick", age 20, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Ward 17 District 2, Kings County, New York. Her family group included her parents Jesse (age 61) and Mary (age 40) Leverich, and siblings Amanda (age 17) and William (age 12) Leverich, all born in New York. Eliza and Amanda were both identified as vest makers. Eliza's father was a carriage maker.<sup>11</sup>

"Elvira" Leverich, age 27, was recorded in the 1865 New York State Census of Brooklyn Ward 15, Kings County, New York. Her family group included her mother Mary (age 52, 3 children, married twice, now widowed) Leverich, and her brother William (age 17) Leverich, all born in New York. Eliza's father Jesse had died in 1861. Her sister Amanda was not listed in the family group. 12,13

"Elmira" "Beckwith", age 32, teaching school was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Ward 21, Kings County, New York. Her family group included her mother Mary (age 57, keeping house) Leverich, and siblings Amanda (age 27, seamstress) and William (age 22, clerk in store) Leverich, all born in New York. No other "Beckwith" individual was found in the household. The 1870 U.S. Census does not record if an individual was married. 14

"Elvira" Leverich, age 38 (incorrectly recorded as age 30) vest maker, was recorded in the 1875 New York State Census of Brooklyn Ward 21 District 1, Kings County, New York. Her family group included her mother Mary Leverich, age 60 vest maker (incorrectly recorded as "Susan E. Leverich").<sup>15</sup>

1875 is the final year for which a record has been found for Elvira Leverich. Is is most likely that Elvira was unmarried. The "Beckwith" surname associated with Elvira in the 1870 U.S. Census is unexplained. Elvira's surname is associated with "Leverich" in all other census records, i.e. 1855, 1860, 1865, and 1875. 16,17

An "Elvira Beckwith" is identified as a civil war widow of Clark B. Beckwith, having filed an application for a widow's pension 8 February 1865. However, their 1851 Chemung Co, New York marriage certificate identifies Elvira as "Elvira Campbell". Clark Beckwith died 11 September 1864 at the Andersonville, Georgia prisoner of war camp where he was

buried. Clark had been enrolled as a union soldier, a private in Company D, 14th New York Artillery. Elvira remarried a "Cone" and filed an application for a pension for a remarried widow 14 October 1916. 18,19

Neither a specific date of death nor a place of burial has been identified for Elvira Leverich, other than it would have been after 1875. <sup>20</sup>

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