

**Individual Narrative of Mary<sup>8</sup> Gertrude Leverich [256]  
Daughter of Sarah<sup>7</sup> Leverich [130] and Samuel<sup>7</sup> Leverich [187]  
Wife of Robert Johnson Knox**

Mary Gertrude Leverich was born on 29 December 1835 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Mary Gertrude's parents, Sarah and Samuel Leverich, were listed in the 1832-1834 New York City Directories, but not listed in the 1835-1836 New York City Directory. Therefore it is possible that Mary Gertrude may have been born in Newtown, Queens County, New York. Mary's obituary states that she was born in Newtown.<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7</sup>

Mary Leverich, age 14, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Southport, Chemung Co, New York. She was the daughter of Sarah and Samuel Leverich.<sup>8</sup> Mary Leverich, age 21, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Southport, Chemung County, New York.<sup>9</sup>

Mary Gertrude Leverich married Robert J. Knox on 10 October 1861 at Elmira or Southport, Chemung Co, New York.<sup>10,11</sup>

Robert Johnson Knox was born 29 September 1835 in Scipio, Cayuga County, New York. He was the son of Manasseh Knox and Margaret Foster Johnson. Robert J. Knox and Mary Gertrude Leverich lived in Scipio 1861-1869; Oswego, Oswego, Co, New York 1870-1875; and Utica, Oneida Co, New York 1876-1903. Robert made his living in the lumber business.<sup>12,13</sup>



Samuel Leverich, father of Mary Gertrude Leverich Knox, made a will dated 30 December 1861. He died in 1864 and his will was proven 2 August 1864. Among his heirs, he names Mary G. wife of Robert J. Knox who were living in Scipio, Cayuga Co, New York.<sup>14,15</sup>

Mary G. Knox, age 28, was recorded in the 1865 New York State Census. The household included her husband Robert J. Knox, age 29; daughter Jessie Knox, age 2; and son William B. Knox, infant.<sup>16</sup>

Jesse Margaret Knox and William Bonnett Knox, children of Mary Gertrude and Robert J. Knox, were baptized 13 October 1866 by the Rev. John V.N. Schenck at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at the Owasco outlet in the county of Cayuga, New York.<sup>17</sup>

Robert J. Knox was listed in the city directories for Oswego, New York in 1873 to 1875. His occupation is given as foreman and his residence is recorded as West Fourth Street between Schuyler and Van Buren.<sup>18,19,20</sup>

Mary G. Knox, age 39, was listed in the 1875 New York State Census in Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. The household included her husband Robert J. Knox, age 39 and children Jessie M. Knox age 12; William B. Knox, age 10; and Gertrude L. Knox, age 3.<sup>21</sup>

Mary Knox, age 44, was listed in the 1880 U.S. Census of Utica, Oneida Co, New York. The household included her husband Robert Knox, age 44, lumber merchant; and children Jessie, age 17; Willie, age 15; Gertrude, age 8; and Grace, age 4. Their residence is given as 85 State Street.<sup>22</sup>

Robert J. Knox was listed in the 1891 city directory for Utica, New York. His business was given as lumber, and his residence stated as 85 State Street. An advertisement for Robert's business was listed on page 358 of the directory.<sup>23</sup>

On 16 June 1897 the Utica, New York Daily Union reported that R. J. Knox's lumber yard in Broadway is in the hands of the sheriff because a large lumber company in Morristown, Jefferson County had a judgement against him. Several mortgages had been executed in relation to this debt, including a mortgage for \$6,500 in favor of Mary G. Knox.<sup>24</sup>

On 27 February 1899 the Lowville (Lewis Co) New York Journal Republican reported that Mary G. Knox, lumber merchant of Utica, has been adjudged a bankrupt, the schedules showing liabilities of \$23,491.41 and assets \$9,505.88. The Beaver River Lumber company of Croghan is one of the creditors.<sup>25</sup>

Mary G. Knox, age 64, was listed in the 1900 U.S. Census of Utica, Ward 11, Oneida Co, New York. The household included her husband Robert J. Knox, age 64, lumber salesman. Also included was son William B. Knox, age 35; daughter Grace M. Knox, age 22; daughter Jessie M. Thomas, age 37 and her children Robert H., James A., and Stuart K. Thomas. The family group resided at 93 State Street in Utica. The census record indicated that Mary had been married for 39 years, and had four children, all living.<sup>26</sup>



**93 State Street, Utica, Oneida County, New York**  
G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1883

Mary G. Leverich Knox died on 22 April 1903 at Utica, Oneida Co, New York, at age 67. The obituary for Mary Knox indicated that Mrs. Knox and her husband became active and useful workers in the First Methodist Episcopal church, as they had been in every church where they had resided. To the last she maintained her deep interest in the church, although obliged by failing health to give up the congenial work of teaching in the Sunday school. Stricken with paralysis she lingered a few days in suffering, and then was translated to the life for which she had been preparing herself by long years of devotion and practical Christian living. Mary was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.<sup>27,28</sup>

Robert J. Knox, lumber dealer, died 9 August 1903 in Utica, Oneida County, New York. He was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.<sup>29,30</sup>

Mary G. Leverich and Robert J. Knox had four children, all surviving to adulthood.<sup>31</sup>

- i. Jessie Margaret Knox was born 10 October 1862 in Cayuga County, New York. Jessie was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Utica, Oneida Co, New York. Jessie Margaret Knox married James A. Thomas 8 October 1885 in Utica. Jessie was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Utica, Ward 11 and the 1910 U.S. Census of Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. Jessie Margaret died 4 April 1917 in Oxford, Talbot Co, Maryland. She was buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, Cayuga Co, New York.<sup>32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39</sup>
- ii. William Bonnett Knox was born 25 July 1864 in Cayuga Co, New York. William was never married. William was recorded in the 1880, 1900, 1920, and 1930 U.S. Census of Utica, Oneida Co, New York. He was listed in the 1910 City Directory of Utica, violin maker 89 Washington, residence 317 Mary. William died 2 April 1940 in Utica. He was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.<sup>40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47</sup>
- iii. Gertrude Leverich Knox was born in 1873 in Oswego, Oswego Co, New York. Gertrude was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Utica, Oneida Co, New York. She was listed in the 1891 and 1898 city directories of Utica, residing at 85 State Street. Gertrude was a musician. In 1908 she performed in Hightstown, Mercer Co, New Jersey at the 100th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Peddie, the founder of the Peddie School. Gertrude married Walter N. Willis 28 September 1910 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, New York, and was recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census of Schenectady. She was recorded in the 1920 U.S. Census of Tappe, Talbot Co, Maryland. Gertrude died 29 May 1929 in Easton, Talbot Co, Maryland. She was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton.<sup>48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55</sup>
- iv. Grace M. Knox was born either in April 1876 or March 1877 in Utica, Oneida Co, New York. Grace was never married. In the 1880 U.S. Census she was recorded in Utica. In the 1900 U.S. Census, she was recorded in both Utica, Ward 11, Oneida Co and the Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Gertrude was recorded in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 U.S. Census of Schenectady, Schenectady Co, New York. Grace died 5 December 1944 in Schenectady. She was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.<sup>56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63</sup>

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