

**Individual Narrative of William⁸ Henry Cameron Leverich [259]
Son of James⁷ Leverich [131] and Mary Moore Cameron
Husband of Kate A. Ombony**

William Henry Cameron Leverich was born on 20 August 1825 in Queens County, New York. The birth date is calculated based upon his age (52 years, 11 months, 20 days) at the time of his death according to the records of Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York
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William Leverich, age not legible, no occupation, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household he is living in had his mother Mary Leverich, age 51, as head. The household also included his brothers Oliver, age 16 and A.(ugustus), age 14; and also maternal uncles T.A. and Wm H. Cameron, ages 69 and 66 respectively.⁶

William H. Leverich, age 28, druggist, is recorded in the 1855 New York State Census in Manhattan, Ward 8, New York County, New York. The head of household is his maternal uncle William H. Cameron, age 71. The household also included William H. Leverich's mother Mary, age 60, and his brother James O. W. Leverich, age 25.⁷

William married Kate A. Ombony in December 1855 probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Kate Ombony's parents, and well as her dates and places of her birth and death, are unknown.⁸

William H. Leverich is listed in the 1860 New York City Directory living at 96 West 27th Street in Manhattan. Also living at the same address is his mother Mary, widow of James Leverich, and his brother James Leverich.⁹

Mary M. Leverich died in 1866 and her will was proven 16 July 1866 by the New York County, New York Surrogate's Office. The will was dated 20 January 1856 and listed as her heirs William H. Leverich, James O.W. Leverich (who had died in 1860), and Augustus A. Leverich. William and Augustus were named as executors of her will.¹⁰

William H. C. Leverich died of Brights Disease on 9 August 1878 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{11,12,13,14}

William H. Leverich made a will several days before his death. The will was successfully challenged by his brother Augustus A. Leverich and he was granted a Letter of Administration on 26 November 1880. On 19 November 1880 the New York Times published the following article regarding the dispute over William's will.

A WILL NOT SUSTAINED.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM H. LEVERICH SET ASIDE.

Surrogate Calvin filed a decision yesterday against admitting the will of William H. Leverich to probate. The decedent was an old bachelor, who retired from business with a fortune of \$250,000, and boarded during the later years of his life with a Mrs. Ann M. Dominick, an aged widow, of No. 65 Perry-street. The residence occupied by Mrs. Dominick was owned by Leverich, who charged her no rent in consideration of the widow's kindness toward him. He died about two years ago, leaving a will by which Mrs. Dominick was to become the possessor of the house and one-half of the rest of his estate, the other half being bequeathed to the decedent's brother, Augustus A. Leverich. The latter objected to the probate of the will, alleging that his brother's mind had been weakened by an inordinate indulgence in alcoholic stimulants, and that he had been unduly influenced by the widow in the making of the will. The Surrogate, in his review of the evidence of the trial, which lasted several months, says that the following facts were established: There had been no dispute as to the constant use of liquor by the decedent. He had led a retired life at the Perry-street house, greatly fearing the disapprobation and censure of the widow, who exercised considerable influence over him. He had endeavored to avoid meeting her, and when he intimated a desire to live with his brother she had told him that Mr. Augustus A. Leverich would not have a drunken loafer in his house. Other testimony which had not been disproved was to the effect that Mrs. Dominick at one time asserted that "so soon as she got things fixed in her favor she would give Leverich a dose and put him out of the way," and that instead of going into mourning for him she would wear scarlet. After reviewing other portions of the testimony in the case, the Surrogate holds that the objections to the will are sustained by the evidence.

Mrs. Dominick appealed this decision, and on 7 December 1882 as reported by the Times, the Supreme Court General Term reversed the decision and ordered a trial by jury. The trial was started 6 December 1882 but no account of its outcome has been found.^{15,16,17}

William H. C. Leverich had no known children. His will does not mention any children and he leaves half of his estate to his sole surviving brother Augustus A. Leverich.¹⁸

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