

**Individual Narrative of Charles<sup>8</sup> Leverich [418]  
Son of James<sup>7</sup> Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield  
Husband of Lucy Heron  
Husband of Jane Eliza Adair  
Husband of Elizabeth Sawyer**

Charles Leverich was born 24 March 1813 in Guernsey County, Ohio.<sup>1,2</sup>

Charles Leverich's parents had been settled in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York. Circa 1808, Charles Leverich's grandfather Benjamin Leverich, Charles' father James, several of James' siblings, and their families moved westward and settled in the future Guernsey County, Ohio.<sup>3</sup> Circa 1817, James Leverich, his father Benjamin, and his brother Nathaniel moved further northwest to what would become Galion, Ohio (then Sandusky Township, Richland County; now Polk Township, Crawford County). Charles Leverich would then have been about 4 years old and it is assumed that he joined this party in the move to Galion.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

Charles Leverich was likely included in the 1820 U. S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland County, Ohio for his father James Leverich. Charles would have been one of the free white males age under 10.<sup>7</sup>

Charles Leverich married first Lucy Heron (Herron) 3 October 1835 in Lagrange County, Indiana. Lucy died within a year. Lucy's parents have not been identified.<sup>8</sup>

On 25 February 1837 the Kalamazoo, Michigan Gazette published the following article. "On the 3d inst. three men were arrested in this village on a charge of having passed counterfeit money and committed to the jail of this county. On their examination they were found to be in possession of between three and four hundred dollars of spurious Fives of the Franklin Bank of Columbus. They stated their names were **Charles Leverich** and Washington Adams both of Lagrange county and Adams Wright of Noble county Indiana -- *Niles Gazette*."<sup>9</sup>

On 20 March 1837 Charles Leverich of Lagrange County, Indiana purchased 80 acres of land in Lagrange County, Indiana from the Fort Wayne Indiana U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 2ndPM, Township 36N, Range 10E, Section 3.<sup>10</sup>

Charles Leverich married second Jane Eliza Adair 18 April 1839 in Cedar County, Iowa.<sup>11</sup> Jane Eliza Adair was born 31 March 1817 in Virginia. Sharon Tuggle ("Hope" at ancestry.com) states that Jane was born in Lexington, Augusta County. Findagrave.com states that Jane was born in Rockbridge County. Geneanet and Findagrave.com give Jane's birth year as 1816, but her gravestone says 1817. Jane was the daughter of William Adair and Mary Ralston (as per Geneanet and Sharon Tuggle).<sup>12,13,14</sup>

Charles Leverich was recorded in the 1840 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa. The census tallies included 3 free white males age 20 to 29; 1 free white male age 60 to 69; 1 free white female age 20-29. It is possible that 2 of the males age 20 to 29 were Charles' younger brothers James Jr (age 22) and Asbury (age 18) and that the male age 60 to 69 was Charles' father James Sr. (age 67).<sup>15</sup>

On 10 April 1849 Charles Leverich of Linn County, Iowa purchased 40 acres of land in Linn County, Iowa from the Iowa City U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 5thPM, Township 83N, Range 7W, Section 4.<sup>16</sup>

Charles Leverich, age 33 farmer, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa. Charles' household included his wife Eliza J., age 32; and children Willard, age 9; James P., age 7; Martha J., age 6; Samuel, age 3; and George, age 1.<sup>17</sup>

Jane Eliza (Adair) Leverich died 6 June 1855 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Jane was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Jane was the first burial in Riverside Cemetery. Jane left six children living (2 died as infants).<sup>18</sup>

Charles Leverich married third Elizabeth (Betsy) Sawyer, widow Dixon, on 3 February 1856 in Butler County, Iowa.<sup>19,20</sup> Elizabeth Sawyer was born circa 1835, probably in Jackson County, Indiana. Elizabeth was the daughter of Edmund and Mary Sawyer.<sup>21</sup>

Charles Leverich, age 46 farmer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Washington Township, Bremer County, Iowa. Charles' household included his wife Elizabeth, age 23; and children William, age 19; J. P., age 17; M. J., age 15; Samuel, age 13; G. H., age 11; Julia Ann., age 7; M. D., age 3; and Lucinda, age 1.<sup>22</sup>

Charles Leverich, age 57 farmer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Washington Township, Bremer County, Iowa. Charles' household included his wife Elizabeth, age 35; and children George, age 21; Julia Ann, age 17; Lafayette, age 12; Lucinda, age 11; Alice, age 9; Ida, age 6; Frank, age 4; and Minnie, age 2.<sup>23</sup>

Charles Leverich, age 67 farmer, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Washington Township, Bremer County, Iowa. Charles' household included his wife Elizabeth, age 45; and children Lafayette, age 22; Lucinda, age 21; Alice, age 19; Ida, age 16; Frank, age 14; and Minnie, age 12.<sup>24</sup>



Charles Leverich died 29 May 1894 in Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. Charles was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa.<sup>25,26</sup>

Elizabeth Leverich, age 65 widow, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. Elizabeth was living with her daughter Ida C. Winchell, age 36, and Ida's husband Charles J. Winchell. Elizabeth's daughter Minnie Shimer, age 31, was also living in the household which was located at 5 Cherry Street.<sup>27</sup>

Elizabeth Leverich, age 75 widow, was recorded in the 1910 U. S. Census of Elliot, San Joaquin County, California. Elizabeth was living with her daughter Ida C. Winchell, age 46, Ida's husband Charles J. Winchell, and their adopted daughter Gladys M. Winchell, age 7.<sup>28</sup>

Elizabeth Leverich died 20 February 1913 in Sacramento, California. Elizabeth was survived by Mrs. E. J. McMullen of Sacramento; Mrs. G. J. Winchell of Acampo, California; Mrs. Minnie Shimer of Pomona, California; and Frank Leverich of Marysville, California. Two other children were alive, but not living in California, and not mentioned in Elizabeth's obituary.<sup>29</sup>

Charles Leverich and Jane Eliza Adair had eight children, six of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Willard (aka William) Leverich was born 13 April 1841 in Linn County, Iowa. Willard was not married. Willard enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. Willard served in Company G of the 9th Iowa Infantry. Willard was killed in action at the Battle of Pea Ridge (Arkansas) 7 March 1862. Willard was buried at the Pea Ridge Cemetery. He was identified as "Willard" in his Civil War records and the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa. He was identified as "William" in the 1860 U. S. Census and the 1856 Iowa State Census of Bremer County, Iowa; also his sister Julia Ann's Family Bible. This has caused confusion differentiating Willard from his first cousin William (son of William who was the brother of Charles) who was enlisted in Co D of the 11th Iowa Infantry and was killed in action at the Battle of Shiloh 6 April 1862.<sup>30,31,32,33,34,35,36</sup>
- ii. James Perry Leverich was born 16 December 1842 in Linn County, Iowa. James enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. James served in Company E of the 32nd Iowa Infantry. James was wounded and captured at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana on 9 April 1864 and was held as a prisoner of war at the Andersonville Prison Camp in Georgia. James was released in a prisoner exchange 6 December 1864. James married Robey A. Preston on 28 March 1868 in Butler County, Iowa. James died 20 March 1880 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. James was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 Bremer County, Iowa; 1870 Butler County, Iowa.<sup>37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44</sup>
- iii. Martha June Leverich was born 4 March 1845 in Linn County, Iowa. Martha married James T. Wetzel 11 May 1865 in Butler County, Iowa. Martha died 21 July 1914 in Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. Martha was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Martha was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860, 1900, 1910 Bremer County, Iowa; 1870 and 1880 Butler County, Iowa.<sup>45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56</sup>
- iv. Samuel Leverich was born 3 February 1847 in Linn County, Iowa. Samuel was not married. A specific date and place of death for Samuel has not been determined. Multiple family trees at Ancestry.com give a death year of either 1867 or 1883, but none provide a source. Samuel was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 Bremer County, Iowa.<sup>57,58,59</sup>
- v. George Henry Leverich was born 19 April 1849 in Linn County, Iowa. George married Frances Preston 3 July 1875 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. George died after 1900, place unknown. A specific date and place of death for George has not been determined. George was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 and 1870 Bremer County, Iowa; 1880 Butler County, Iowa; 1900 Buchanan County, Iowa. George was not found in the 1910 U. S. Census.<sup>60,61,62,63,64,65,66</sup>
- vi. Lucy Ilona Leverich was born 1 February 1851 in Linn County, Iowa as per her sister Julia Ann's family bible. However, Lucy's tombstone says that she was age 3 months 20 days at the time she died on 20 September 1851, which calculates to a birth date of 31 May 1851. Lucy was buried at the Shiloh Cemetery in Hiawatha, Linn County, Iowa.<sup>67,68</sup>
- vii. Julia Ann Leverich was born 7 April 1853 in Linn County, Iowa. Julia married James McDermott 13 December 1875 in Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. Julia died 23 June 1937 in Roseau, Roseau County, Minnesota. Julia was buried at the Hope Cemetery in Roseau. Julia was recorded in the 1860 and 1870 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1880 Butler County, Iowa; 1900 Kossuth County, Iowa; 1910, 1920, and 1930 Roseau County, Minnesota.<sup>69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79</sup>
- viii. Charles Wesley Leverich was born 31 May 1855 in Shell Rock, Butler County, New York. Charles died as an infant.<sup>80</sup>

Charles Leverich and Elizabeth Sawyer had six children, all of whom survived until adulthood.

- ix. Marcus De Lafayette Leverich was born 24 August 1857, probably in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Lafayette married first Ida May Foster 17 January 1897 in Washington Township, Bremer County, Iowa. Lafayette married second Lida (aka Lydia) Harris 17 June 1909 in Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa. Lafayette died 23 November

1922 in Butler County, Iowa. Lafayette was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Lafayette was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1910 and 1920 Butler County, Iowa.<sup>81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89</sup>

- x. Lucinda Leverich was born 2 February 1859 in Bremer County, Iowa. Lucinda married Edwin J. McMullen 1 March 1883 in Bremer County. Lucinda died 24 February 1922 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. Lucinda was buried at East Lawn Memorial Park in Sacramento. Lucinda was recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1900 Humboldt County, Iowa; 1910 San Joaquin County, California; 1920 Sacramento County, California.<sup>90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99</sup>
- xi. Alice Leverich was born 19 May 1861 in Bremer County, Iowa. Alice married William N. Hurley 3 July 1884 in Bremer County. Alice died in 1937 in Custer County, Nebraska. Alice's burial place has not been determined. Alice was recorded in the 1870 and 1880 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 Custer County, Nebraska.<sup>100,101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108</sup>
- xii. Ida Casselda Leverich was born 31 March 1864 in Bremer County, Iowa. Ida married Charles J. Winchell 22 December 1883 in Bremer County. Ida died 12 October 1925 in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County, California. Ida was buried at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Los Angeles County. Ida was recorded in the 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1910 San Joaquin County, California; 1920 Los Angeles County, California.<sup>109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118</sup>
- xiii. Frank E. Leverich was born 21 February 1866 in Bremer County, Iowa. Frank married Hattie Pimley 6 April 1892 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Frank and Hattie were divorced on 7 July 1902 in Denver, Colorado. Frank died 16 December 1927 in Sacramento, California. Frank was buried at the Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. Frank was recorded in the 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1900 Alameda County, California; 1910 Contra Costa County, California; 1920 Sacramento County, California.<sup>119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127,128</sup>
- xiv. Minnie Angeline Leverich was born 29 May 1868 in Bremer County, Iowa. Minnie married first Aurelius D. Shimer 23 February 1888 in Bremer County. Minnie married second Joseph G. Snyder 4 May 1921 in Los Angeles, California. Minnie died 9 January 1948 in Pomona, Los Angeles County. Minnie was buried at Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Hollywood, Los Angeles County. Minnie was recorded in the 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Bremer County, Iowa; 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940 Los Angeles County, California.<sup>129,130,131,132,133,134,135,136,137,138,139,140,141</sup>

Charles W. Norton, age 45, was recorded as the head of household in the 1910 U. S. Census of Pomona Ward 4, Los Angeles County, California. Charles' household included Minnie Shimer, age 41 widowed, identified as a sister-in-law. Charles and Ella's marriage record identifies Ella's parents as Allen Shiener and Sarah A. Dotson. The baptismal record of Roscoe Nelson identifies his mother as Ella M. Shimer. Minnie Leverich was married to Aurelius Shimer. Minnie and Aurelius' marriage record identifies Aurelius' parents as Allen Shimer and Sarah Dotson. So Minnie Angeline Leverich Shimer was the daughter-in-law by marriage to Charles W. Nelson. The same circumstances existed in the 1920 U. S. Census. Charles W. Nelson was the informant for Minnie Angeline Leverich (Shimer) Snyder's death certificate in 1948.<sup>142,143,144,145</sup>

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