

**Individual Narrative of Ann Eliza⁷ Leveridge [207]
Daughter of John⁶ Leveridge [99] and Ann Chase
(Perhaps) Wife of Benjamin H. Jones
Second Wife of Elias Osborn Taylor**

Ann Eliza Leveridge was born on 18 June 1802 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, the daughter of John Leveridge and Ann Chase. The birth date is cited by the *Whitney Family of Connecticut*, but is unsourced. John Leveridge adopted the "idge" spelling, instead of the "ich" spelling, and the practice was carried on by his children and their descendants.^{1,2}

Elias O. Taylor was born 30 August 1800 in Danbury, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Ira Taylor and Sarah Osborn, according to the *Whitney Family of Connecticut*. Elias O. Taylor was married for the first time to Mary Ann Lawrence on 16 July 1819 by the Rev. Mr. Lyell in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Both Elias and Mary Ann were from the State of Connecticut. Elias O. Taylor is listed in the 1830 New York City Directory identified as a Tailor 1 Barclay, residing at 51 Walker. Mary Ann Lawrence Taylor died at the age of 30 after a lingering illness in Manhattan. The *Whitney Family of Connecticut* states that Elias and Mary Ann had two children, Francis Taylor and Louisa Taylor who married Samuel Smith. The information is unsourced and no other information is supplied. The 1915 obituary of Charles F. Taylor names a "sister" (actually a half-sister) Sarah Throop of Denver Colorado. Census records indicate that Sarah was born about 1828-1830, which would make Mary Ann Lawrence her mother. Census records further indicate that Sarah was married to a Henry Throop.^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}

An Ann Eliza Leveridge married Benjamin H. Jones on 4 April 1821 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Corroborating evidence has not been found confirming that this Ann Eliza was the same Ann Eliza who was the daughter of John Leveridge and Ann Chase, although it seems likely. A death date has not been found for Benjamin H. Jones, nor have any children of this marriage been identified. However, the New York City Directory for 1830 lists three Benjamin Jones.^{11,12}

Ann Eliza Leveridge married Elias Osborn Taylor, circa July 1830 according to The *Whitney Family of Connecticut*. This may have been Ann Eliza's second marriage, if in fact she is the same person who married Benjamin H. Jones in 1821. A specific date and place of marriage for Elias and Ann Eliza has not been identified, but probably was in Manhattan, New York County, New York.^{13,14}

Advertisements appear in the *New York Morning Courier* in December 1831 announcing that Elias O. Taylor, Merchant Tailor, was relocating his store from 1 Barclay Street to 219 Broadway, one door from Vesey Street.¹⁵

The 1840 U.S. Census records Elias O. Taylor living in Manhattan, Ward 7, New York County, New York. The census tallies include 2 free white males age 5 to 9 (son Elias W. and unidentified); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (unidentified, perhaps an apprentice); 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (Elias O. Taylor); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (wife Ann Eliza); two persons employed in Manufacture and Trade (Elias O. Taylor and an apprentice).¹⁶

Elias O. Taylor is listed in the 1840 New York City Directory identified as a tailor living at 643 Water Street.¹⁷

Elias O. Taylor and wife Ann Eliza are not found in the 1850 U.S. Census index at Ancestry.com. However, Elias is listed in the 1850 New York City Directory identified as a cutter living at 330 Madison Avenue.^{18,19}

The 1855 New York State Census records Elias O. Taylor, tailor, age 52, born in Connecticut, living in Manhattan, Ward 10, New York County, New York. The household includes wife Ann Eliiza, age 51; son Elias W. age 23; daughter Susan M. age 17; son Charles F. age 13; and son John L. age 7.²⁰

Elias O. Taylor is listed in the 1857 New York City Directory, identified as a tailor 9 Chambers Street, residing in Brooklyn. He is not found listed in the 1857 Brooklyn City Directory.^{21,22}

In June 1857 New York newspapers reported on a hearing regarding the probate of the Burdell estate. "Mrs. Ann Eliza Taylor testified that the Herkimer landlord, Eli Taylor (probably brother of Elias), was at their house three weeks after her daughter's death, which was October 3." This would have been Susan M. Taylor.^{23,24}

By 1860, the Taylor household had removed to the State of Wisconsin. The 1860 U.S. Census records Elias O. Taylor, age 59, born Connecticut, a farmer living at Rhine, Sheboygan Co, Wisconsin. The household included wife Ann, age 48; son Charles age 18; and son John age 12.²⁵

The household subsequently returned to New York City where Elias O. Taylor died on 24 April 1867 in Manhattan. The 1867 New York City Directory lists each of Elias' and Ann's three sons all living in Manhattan. There is no listing for Elias or Ann. However, Elias' death notice in the *New York Herald* reported that his funeral would take place from his late residence, 183 Hudson Street (in Manhattan). Elias was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, then in southern Westchester Co, New York, now in Bronx Co, New York.^{26,27,28,29}

Widow Ann Eliza Taylor is not found in the 1870 U.S. Census. She likely was living with one of her children. Sons Elias W. Taylor and Charles F. Taylor are found in the 1870 Census, but Ann is not living with them. Therefore, she was likely living with her son John L. Taylor (she is found in the 1880 U.S. Census household of John). John L. Taylor is also not found in the 1870 Census, but the 1870 New York City Directory lists John L. Taylor, suspensories (i.e. a supporting bandage, muscle, ligament, etc.), 395 Eighth Avenue.^{30,31,32}

"Eliza N. Taylor" (i.e. Ann Eliza Leveridge Taylor) age 78 is recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census living in the household of her son John L. Taylor, 133 Penn Street, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Also included in the household is John's wife Ella N, age 29; and his son Alfred E. age 12.³³ John L. Taylor is listed in the 1880 New York City Directory, rags 60 Duane St Manhattan, residence 193 Penn, Brooklyn.³⁴

Ann Eliza (Leveridge) Taylor died on 26 September 1884 at Brooklyn, Kings, New York, at age 82. The *New York Herald* reported that the funeral would take place from the residence of her son John L. Taylor at 154 Bedford Street in Brooklyn. Ann Eliza was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, then in southern Westchester Co, New York, now located in Bronx County, New York.^{35,36}

Ann Eliza Leveridge and Elias Osborn Taylor had four children all of whom survived to adulthood.³⁷

- i. Elias William Taylor was born in Manhattan, New York County, New York on 19 October 1831. The birth date is cited unsourced by the *Whitney Family of Connecticut*, which identifies his mother as Ann Eliza Leveridge, second wife of Elias O. Taylor. Elias W. Taylor married Lucy Amelia Kimball circa 1856 probably in Manhattan. A specific date and place of marriage has not been identified. Lucy's maiden name is suggested by the 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 7, District 3, New York County, New York. In this census, Gordon and Mary Kimball, ages 54 and 50, and a daughter Mary Kimball, are living in the same household as Elias W. and Lucy Taylor. Elias W. Taylor died 29 December 1896 in Manhattan.^{38,39,40,41,42}
- ii. Susan M. Taylor was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York 18 October 1837. The census record indicates that Susan was born in North Carolina, which would appear to be a recording error, since no connection to North Carolina is found for this family, and all of Susan's siblings were born in Manhattan. Susan married Joseph G. Taylor circa 1855-1856, probably in Manhattan. Susan died 3 October 1856 in Manhattan, age 18 years, 11 months, and 16 days. Susan was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Susan's relationship, if any, to Joseph G. Taylor is unknown. Joseph, liquor dealer, is found in the 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 13, District 4, age 30, living in the household of Sarah Leveridge Lamson, sister to Ann Eliza Leveridge Taylor.^{43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50}
- iii. Charles Francis Taylor was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York 4 April 1842. Charles married first Anne Hael circa 1865. The specific date and place is unknown. Charles married second Kate Woglom 16 September 1873 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Charles married third Bessie J. Davis 8 July 1895 in Detroit, Michigan. Charles died 15 July 1915 in Hartford, Hartford Co, Connecticut. He was buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.^{51,52,53,54}

- iv. John Leveridge Taylor was born in Manhattan, New York County, New York 18 September 1847. John married Ella Augusta Hadley 3 May 1865 Sheboygan, Sheboygan Co, Wisconsin. John died 2 June 1922 in Bronxville, Westchester Co, New York.^{55,56,57}

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