

**Individual Narrative of Jesse⁸ Leverich [257]
Son of Sarah⁷ Leverich [130] and Samuel⁷ Leverich [187]
Husband of Mary Miller**

Jesse Leverich^{1,2} was born on 29 November 1837 at Southport, Chemung Co, New York. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah Leverich (second cousins), for many years residents of New York City. They relocated to Southport circa 1837.^{3,4,5}

Jesse Leverich grew to manhood upon the home farm and received his education in the district schools, attending them during the winter months and working upon the farm in the summer. Jesse was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Southport, Chemung Co, New York, age 12, living in the household of his parents Samuel and Sarah Leverich, farmers. The household also included his siblings Gabriel, Mary, and S. B. Leverich.^{6,7}

After finishing his school course, such as it was, Jesse Leverich took up the business of farming resolved to make a success of it. He was but twenty-four years of age when he began farming on the old home farm. Jesse was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Southport, Chemung Co, New York, age 19, living in the household of his parents Samuel and Sarah Leverich, farmers. The household also included his siblings Gabriel, Mary, and Simeon B. Leverich.^{8,9} He married Mary Miller on 11 Mar 1863 at Southport, Chemung Co, New York. *The History of Tompkins, Schuyler, Chemung, Tioga New York Counties* gives their marriage year as 1866. However, their first born child Samuel Leverich was born in 1863. The 1900 and 1910 U.S. Census gives their marriage year as 1863.^{10,11,12,13,14,15}

He married Mary Miller. Mary Miller Leverich was born 7 September 1842 at Tioga Centre, Tioga Co, New York. She was the daughter of Edmund Warren Miller and Parmelia DuBois.^{16,17,18}

On 7 September 1864 Jesse Leverich was the grantee from his mother Sarah and his siblings (Gabriel and Caroline Leverich, Mary G. and Robert J. Knox, and Simeon B. and Martha A. Leverich) as grantors of the family farm, 255 acres in Southport, in consideration of \$11,717.50.¹⁹

Jesse Leverich was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Jesse was identified as a farmer, age 32, with a personal estate valued at \$2,000 and real estate valued at \$20,000. Jesse's household included his wife Mary, age 27; son Samuel, age 6; son Edmond M., age 4; daughter Sarah, age 3; and son Jesse, infant.²⁰

On his farm, Jesse grew hay, grain, corn, oats, potatoes and wheat, and kept a herd of twenty-five head of cattle, which produced from seventy to one hundred and seventy-five quarts of milk per day. About four acres were devoted to tobacco raising, and Jesse was gratified at the success he was having in this line.²¹

On 7 April 1872 Mrs. Mary Leverich was baptized at the Southport Presbyterian Church in Chemung Co, New York. On 6 July 1872, four children of Jesse and Mary Leverich were baptized at the same church: Samuel, Edward Miller, Sarah Alice, and Jesse. Their daughter Anna Mary Leverich was baptized at the same church 23 July 1875.²²

Jesse Leverich, age 42, farmer was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Jesse's household included his wife Mary, age 37; and his children Samuel, age 16; Edmond, age 14; Sarah A., age 12; and Anna M., age 5. Son Jesse died in 1876 at the age of 6.²³

For two terms Jesse Leverich was excise commissioner of Ashland, and in politics was a firm democrat, taking an active part in local affairs. In religious affiliations he was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and has been an elder in that denomination for many years.²⁴

Jesse Leverich, age 54, farmer was recorded in the 1892 New York State Census of Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Jesse's household included his wife Mary, age 49; and children Samuel age 28, (Edward) Miller age 26; Sarah age 24, and Anna age 17. Also Agnes, age 28, wife of Samuel; and Ida, age 24, wife of Miller.²⁵

Jesse Leverich, age 62, farmer was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Jesse's household included his wife Mary, age 57, five children four living; and their daughter Anna Mary, age 23. The household also included Clark Peck, age 27, servant, who would later marry Anna Mary Leverich.²⁶

Jesse Leverich, age 73, farmer was recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census of Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Jesse's household included his wife Mary, age 67; daughter Anna Peck, age 35; son-in-law Clark E. Peck, age 35, farm laborer working out; and grandson Tracy L. Peck, age 3.²⁷

Jesse died on 23 July 1910 at Wellsburg (Ashland), Chemung, New York, at age 72. Jesse appeared to be in his usual good health when he left his farm with a wagon load of cans of milk,, which he intended to deliver at the creamery at the village. Two of his small grandchildren, James and Grace Davis, of West Hill, were riding in the wagon with him. When nearly in front of the residence of Dr. A. M. Loop, Mr. Leverich suddenly pitched forward in his wagon. The children gave the alarm and the man was carried into Dr. Loop's house. The physician decided that the man had died when he pitched forward out of the wagon. Death had resulted from heart trouble. Jesse was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.^{28,29}

Jesse Leverich of the town of Ashland made a will dated 5 February 1899, which was proved in Chemung Co, New York Surrogate Court 1 December 1910. Jesse left his entire estate, personal and real, to his wife Mary. Jesse requested that no inventory of his estate be made. Probate papers named his four living children Samuel Leverich of Ashland; E. Miller Leverich of Southport; Sarah Leverich Davis of Elmira; and Anna M. Leverich Peck of Ashland. The will was witnessed by George McCann and Henry Simpson, both of Elmira.³⁰

On 13 April 1917 the Elmira Star Gazette reported that the of Leverich homestead on lower Maple avenue, two miles west of Wellsburg, one of the most substantial and oldest farm houses in that section, was destroyed by fire with practically the entire contents shortly after 6:00 AM in the morning. The barn was also burned. the occupants of the house, Mrs. Jesse Leverich, widow of the late Jesse Leverich; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Peck and their ten year old son Tracy; escaped without injury. The fire originated when little Tracy lit some matches in a closet on the first floor while trying to find a kitten. The Leverich home was considered one of the finest in the vicinity.³¹

Mary Leverich, widow age 77, was recorded in the 1920 U.S. Census of River Road, Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. The household also included her daughter Anna Peck, her son-in-law Clark Peck, and her grandson Tracy Peck.³²

Mary Miller Leverich, widow of Jesse Leverich, died 5 December 1920 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Clark Peck on lower Maple Avenue in Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Mary was a lifelong member of the Southport corners Presbyterian Church. Mary was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira.³³

Jesse Leverich Sr. and Mary Miller had five children, four of whom survived to adulthood.³⁴

- i. Samuel Leverich was born in January 1864 in Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Samuel married Mary Miller 14 November 1888 in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York. Samuel was recorded in the 1910 and 1920 U.S. Census of Ashland. Samuel died 23 June 1929 in Ashland.^{35,36,37} Samuel's burial place has not been identified, but it may have been Woodlawn.
- ii. Edward Miller Leverich Sr was born 3 October 1866 in Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Edward married Ida M. O'Hanlon 19 January 1890 in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York. Edward was recorded in the U.S. Census of 1900 and 1910 in Southport, Chemung Co, New York. Edward died 10 April 1915 in Ashland. He was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.^{38,39,40,41,42}
- iii. Sarah Ann Leverich was born 1 August 1867 in Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Sarah Ann married William N. Davis circa 1894 in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York. Sarah Ann was recorded in the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940 U.S.Census of Elmira, Ward 9. Sarah Ann died 14 February 1947 in Chemung Co, New York. She was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.^{43,44,45,46,47,48}
- iv. Jesse Leverich Jr. was born 29 May or June 1869 in Chemung Co, New York. Jesse was recorded in the U.S. Census of 1870 in Ashland age 3. The head of household was Jesse Leverich Sr. Jesse died 9 April 1876 as a child in an accident age 8. He was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York.^{49,50}

- v. Anna Mary Leverich was born circa 1874 in Ashland, Chemung Co, New York. Anna Mary married Clark E. Peck 27 August 1902 in Wellsburg, Chemung Co, New York. Anna was recorded in the 1910 and 1920 U.S. Census in Ashland. Anna Mary died 7 February 1926 in Elmira, Chemung Co, New York. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira.^{51,52,53,54,55}

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