Individual Narrative of Mary⁸ Hamilton Leverich [272] Daughter of Edward⁷ Leverich Jr [133] and Hannah Underhill Wife of Andrew Bragaw

Mary Hamilton Leverich was born on 26 February 1809 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{1,2,3}

Mary H. Leverich married Andrew Bragaw on 29 March 1832 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.⁴

Andrew Bragaw was born 23 February 1810 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. He was the son of John Bragaw and Jane Van Brunt.^{5,6,7}

On 25 January 1842 John Richard Bragaw, son of Andrew Bragaw and Mary Leverich, was baptized in the First Reformed Church of Newtown, Queens Co, New York.⁸

Mary H. Bragaw, age 41, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Her household included her husband Andrew, age 40, a Gardener, and children John, age 17; and Caroline, age 15.⁹

Mary H. Bragaw, age 51, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Her household included her husband Andrew, age 50, farmer, and two children: John R., age 27, and Caroline Moore, age 25, and her daughter Mary J. Moore, age 2. Why Caroline and her daughter were living with her parents at this time is unknown. Subsequent census records show them living with her husband George Moore.¹⁰

On 22 January 1861 the will of Edward Leverich was proven by the Queens Co, Surrogate. Among his heirs listed is Mary H. Bragaw, wife of Andrew Bragaw. The other heirs included his remaining children: Hannah A.R. Hyatt, wife of George M. Hyatt of Newtown; Daniel T. Leverich of Brooklyn; children of deceased daughter Sarah Jane Sprague, late wife of Richard W. Sprague, i.e. Sarah L. Sprague and Samuel Sprague.¹¹

Mary H. Bragaw, age 61, and her husband Andrew, age 60, a farmer, were recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Both children were now living separately outside the household.¹²

Andrew Bragaw died 10 October 1879 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. He was buried at the Reformed Church of Newtown Cemetery.^{13,14}

Mary H. Bragaw, age 71, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York living in the household of her son John, a farmer, his wife Mary B, and his children Marietta, Andrew, Elmira, and Augusta.¹⁵

Mary H. Leverich Bragaw died at Newtown on 12 June 1884 at age 75.^{16,17,18}

Letters of Administration on the estate of Mary H. Bragaw were granted to her son John R. Bragaw on 24 October 1884 in response to his petition of 23 July 1884. John's petition named himself as an heir as well as his sister Caroline, wife of George Moore, of New Lots, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.¹⁹

Mary Hamilton Leverich and Andrew Bragaw had two children, both of whom survived to adulthood.²⁰

John Richard Bragaw was born 3 June 1833 in Newtown, Queens Co, New York. John married Mary B. Ryerson 23 February 1864 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. John died 7 February 1897 at Newtown. He was buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens Co, New York. John was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses of Newtown.^{21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28}

Caroline A. Bragaw was born 15 April 1835 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. She married George B. Moore 24 December 1856, probably at Newtown. Caroline died 9 March 1903 at Flushing, Queens Co, New York. She was buried at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens Co, New York. Caroline was recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses of Newtown; 1870 and 1880 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York; 1900 at Hyde Park, Dutchess Co, New York.^{29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37}

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