

**Individual Narrative of William⁸ Edward Leverich Jr [284]
Son of William⁷ Edward Leverich [137] and Fanny Hampton Inskeep
Husband of Rosina Thomas Phillips**

William E. Leverich Jr was born on 22 February 1850 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.^{1,2}

William Leverich, age 1 month, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Representative District Number 3, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. His household included his parents William E. and Taney Leverich, ages 53 and 37 respectively; and siblings Charles E., age 16; Abraham I., age 14; Fanny Leverich, age 4; and Henry, age 2.³

William Leverich, age 11, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of New Orleans, Ward 3, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. His household included his parents Wm E and Fanny Leverich, ages 52 and 47 respectively; and siblings Charles E, age 22; Abraham, age 22; Fanny, age 13; Henry, age 12; and Eliza, age 7.⁴

William Leverich age 17, was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of New Orleans, Ward 3, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. His household included his parents William E. Leverich Sr, age 52, and Fanny Leverich age 47; also his sisters Elizabeth, age 16 and Fanny, age 23.⁵

William was raised in New Orleans, attending the public schools when the city fell into the hands of the Federal troops in 1862. Being too young to fight, he went into refuge with the remainder of the family. Upon their return he was sent to Chatawa, Mississippi to complete his education, and then he entered the house of Letchford & Co. In 1882 he left there and accepted the secretaryship of the New Orleans City and Lake Railroad.⁶

William Leverich was listed in the 1875 New Orleans City Directory, clerk, living at 148 Carondelet.⁷

William Leverich was listed in the 1880 New Orleans City Directory, a clerk for W. H. Letchford & Co, residing at 148 Carondelet.⁸

William Edward Leverich, Jr. married Rosina Thomas Phillips (1328) on 21 December 1882 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.^{9,10}

Rosina Thomas Phillips was born 11 October 1854 in Louisiana. She was the daughter of Isaac Neville Phillips and Sarah Jane McCay.^{11,12,13,14}



William Leverich was listed in the 1885 New Orleans City Directory, Secretary New Orleans C & L Railroad, residing 148 Carondelet.¹⁵

William Leverich was listed in the 1890 New Orleans City Directory, Secretary New Orleans C & L Railroad, 102 Canal, residing at 199 Eighth Street.¹⁶

William Edward Leverich, Jr. died on 4 January 1891 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, at age 40. He was buried at Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans.^{17,18,19,20}

Rosina T. Leverich, after the death of her husband, gathered her children together and left for England, where they took up residence. Rosina, age 46. was recorded in the 1901 Census of the United Kingdom, residing at Beckenham, Bromley, Kent in England. The household included the children William E. Leverich, age 19; I. Phillips Leverich, age 16; and Rosina Leverich, age 14.²¹



Back: Rosina Thomas Phillips; William E. Leverich III, Florence Lydia Harris; Isaac Phillips Leverich
Front: Rosina Phillips Leverich, unknown <looks like relation of Lydia Harris>

Beckenham is a town in Greater London, England, within the London Borough of Bromley. Until 1965 it was part of the historic county of Kent. It is located 8.4 miles (13.5 km) south-east of Charing Cross, situated north of Elmers End and Eden Park, east of Penge, south of Lower Sydenham and Bellingham, and west of Bromley and Shortlands.²²



Rosina Leverich, age 56, was recorded in the 1911 Census of the United Kingdom, residing at 163 Mackenzie Road, Beckenham, Kent, England. Her household included her daughter Rosina P. Leverich, age 24.²³

Rosina T. Leverich and her daughter Rosina P. Leverich returned to the United States to visit family and friends in New York and New Orleans, arriving at the Port of New York via the Ship St. Paul on 21 September 1914. In New Orleans, they stayed with her sister-in-law Mrs. B. F. Eshleman (Fanny Hampton Leverich).^{24,25}

On 19 April 1915 Rosina T. Leverich applied for a passport for her and her daughter to return to England. Her application stated that they would be staying at Perrge, London southeast, where their son William E. Leverich III was then living.^{26,27}

Rosina T. Leverich and her daughter boarded the Ship Lusitania for the trip back to England. On 7 May 1915, the Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-boat and sunk in just under 15 minutes. Both women perished. The daughter's body was never recovered, but her mother's remains washed ashore on the coast of Ireland. Her son William was able to identify the body by a piece of jewelry hidden inside her whalebone corset meant as a safety charm. Her remains were buried at the Killury burial ground on the causeway, County Kerry, Ireland.^{28,29}



William Edward Leverich Jr. and Rosina Thomas Phillips had three children, all of whom survived to adulthood.³⁰

- i. William Edward Leverich III was born 18 October 1883 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. William married Florence Lydia Harris 4 September 1909 in Christ Church, Beckenham, Kent, England. William died 21 December 1955 in Holly Cottage Brook, Albury, Surry, England.^{31,32,33,34,35,36}
- ii. Isaac Phillips Leverich was born 17 February 1885 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Isaac was never married. He left England for New Zealand 25 July 1908. Isaac died 8 November 1925 in Palmerston North, Wellington, New Zealand. He was buried in Shannon Cemetery.

Shannon is a very small town in the Horowhenua District of New Zealand's North Island. <<https://www.bing.com/search?q=map+of+shannon+nz&FORM=QSRE1>>.^{37,38,39,40,41}

- iii. Rosina Phillips Leverich was born 25 March 1887 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Rosina was never married. Rosina died 7 May 1915 in the sinking of the Lusitania. Her body was never recovered.^{42,43,44,45}

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