

**Individual Narrative of William<sup>8</sup> Henry Leverich Jr [288]  
Son of James<sup>7</sup> Hervey Leverich [138] and Sarah Ann Webb  
Husband of Marie Antoinette Celestine Trudeau**

William Henry Leverich, called Jr. presumably after his uncle William Edward Leverich, was born about 1828, either in New York City or New Orleans. William is given as 22 years of age in the 1850 U.S. Census.<sup>1</sup>

William Leverich's parents James and Sarah sent young William to school in New York when he was about age 10, with his uncles Charles and Henry to look after him. In a letter to William dated 11 August 1838, James offered extensive advice on the importance of a good education and a good work ethic, stressing religion and morality over money and stating that "money makes fools of a great many men who do not know how to behave themselves if they happen to possess it."<sup>2,3</sup>

William H. Leverich, age 22, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 18, New York County, New York. His household included his widowed mother Sarah, age 47; also his siblings Jasper, age 15; James, age 6; Ann, age 12; Sarah, age 8; and Eliza, age 9. William's father had died in 1844, and his mother had relocated the family to New York City circa 1846.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

William H. Leverich married Marie Antoinette Celestine Trudeau on 25 May 1852 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.<sup>7</sup> Marie Antoinette Celestine Trudeau was the daughter of Rene Trudeau and Adele Sauve of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.<sup>8</sup>

Celeste Leverich was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. She is listed as female "Trudeau", age 26, and her daughter Adele is listed as "A. Trudeau", age 7. They are living with a male "A. Trudeau", age 39, possibly a brother; and a female "Trudeau", age 62, probably her mother. This suggests that by 1860 Celestine Trudeau and William H. Leverich were either separated or divorced.<sup>9</sup>

William Leverich is not found in the 1860, 1870, or 1880 U.S. Census. Also, he is not found in the New Orleans City Directory during the same period of time.

On 21 April 1869 Celestine, recorded as "Leverich" arrived at the Port of New York aboard the Ship Holsatia, which had departed from Hamburg, Germany and Le Havre, France. She had been accompanied by her daughter Adele Leverich.<sup>10</sup>

Celestine, age 35, was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Kennerville, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The household included an Alex Trudeau, a lawyer age 50, relationship unknown (perhaps a brother); and her daughter Adele, age 17. Celestine is identified as "Trudeau" whereas Adele is identified as "Leverich". The rationale for the difference is unknown.<sup>11</sup>

The death date and burial place of William H. Leverich have not been determined, but he would have died between 1870 and 1882. On 16 August 1870 William, a "resident of New Orleans", transfers and conveys his interest in his brother Jasper's estate to his mother and remaining living siblings. His mother's probate proceeding in 1884 indicated that her son William H. Leverich was deceased.<sup>12,13</sup>

Celestine died 18 February 1884 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Her place of burial has not been determined. The New Orleans Death Index identified her as Celestine Trudeau Leverich. The New Orleans Bee identified her as Mme. W. H. Leverich, nee Celestine Trudeau.<sup>14,15</sup>

William Henry Leverich and Marie Antoinette Celestine Trudeau had one child, a daughter Adele Rene Leverich. Adele was born circa 1854 in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Adele married Claude Albert Villars 25 September 1877 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Adele died 10 April 1894 in New Orleans. Her place of burial has not been determined. Adele was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of New Orleans.<sup>16,17,18,19,20</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>*New Orleans Daily Picayune*, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, 1837-1914. Hereinafter cited as *New Orleans Daily Picayune*, 18 June 1844, page 2.

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