

**Individual Narrative of Edward<sup>8</sup> Leverich [302]  
Son of Henry<sup>7</sup> Stanton Leverich [140] and Margaret D. Gustine  
Husband of Anne Fredericka Schuchardt**

Edward Leverich was born circa 1839-1840 at Newtown, Queens County, New York.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Edward Leverich was baptized in May 1840 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>5</sup>

Edward Leverich, age 21, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. His household included his parents Henry S. and Margaret Leverich, ages 56 and 41 respectively; his sister and her husband Mary and Frederick Schuchardt, ages 23 and 24 respectively; and their son Frederick, age three months.<sup>6</sup>

Edward Leverich, age 30, was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. His household included his parents Henry S. and Margaret Leverich, ages 65 and 51 respectively; his sister Mary A. Schuchardt, age 32; and her children Frederick, age 10, and Cathrin R., age 6.<sup>7</sup>

Edward Leverich married Anna Fredericka Schuchardt on 13 February 1873 at Manhattan, New York County, New York.<sup>8,9</sup>

Anna F. Schuchardt Leverich was born 10 May 1851 at Manhattan, New York County, New York. She was the daughter of Frederick Gebhard Schuchardt and Catherine Ann Remsen.<sup>10,11,12</sup>

#### LEVERICH AND COMPANY

By the late 1860's, Edward Leverich (son of Henry S. Leverich) and his cousin, Charles D. Leverich (son of Charles P. Leverich) were Henry S. Leverich's partners in Leverich & Co. Henry S. Leverich seems over the next ten years to have become less and less active in the day-to-day affairs of the company. During this decade, the firm concentrated primarily on the cotton business, with William E. Leverich overseeing the firm's affairs in New Orleans. Leverich & Co.'s cotton trading in the late 1860's and 1870's appears to have been robust, and the firm seems to have enjoyed considerable prestige in the cotton industry. In 1879, however, the firm went into liquidation, and Edward Leverich, at least, appears to have been heavily in debt; whether the debt was the cause or the effect of the dissolution of Leverich & Co. is unclear.<sup>13</sup>

#### OAK LAWN PLANTATION

One Of Leverich & Company's southern clients was Dr. James Porter of Oak Lawn, a plantation in Bayou Teche, Louisiana. After Porter's death in 1849, his widow, Mary Walton Porter continued as a client. Mrs. Porter was a Unionist during the civil war, and she and her daughters, Annie and Mary, lived at their summer home in Newport, Rhode Island during the war. Mrs. Porter died in the 1870's.

In 1873, Leverich & Co. purchased Oak Lawn, along with a smaller plantation called Dogberry near Oak Lawn, also owned by the Porter family. Leverich & Co. forgave the debt owed by the Porter's in exchange for title of the plantations. The daughters, Annie and Mary were permitted to continue to live at Oak Lawn until the property was sold. In 1878, Leverich & Co. went into liquidation, and Annie and Mary were still living at Oak Lawn and they seemed to regain control of the property.

In early 1881, after the liquidation of Leverich & Co, Edward Leverich began taking steps to purchase the plantation in the name of his wife, Annie Schuchardt Leverich. Edward may have gone to Louisiana to negotiate the purchase personally, and he appears to have purchased it from the Porter family, rather from Leverich & Co. or its creditors. While his wife remained in New York, Edward took possession of Oak Lawn in December, 1881.

Edward faced a daunting task to rehabilitate the plantation which had fallen into a state of disrepair over the years. In addition to repairs to the residence itself, Edward had to upgrade the plant of Oak Lawn. This included the purchasing of farm implements, livestock, machinery etc. The initial outlay of funds were financed by credit, provided mostly by Edward's cousin Abram Leverich, a New Orleans prominent merchant and banker.

Many financial hardships occurred during the Edward's ownership of Oak Lawn. On more than one occasion, Edward found himself borrowing money from his father, Henry Stanton Leverich, while at the same time concealing from Henry the desperation of the financial situation. Edward also borrowed from his father-in-law, Frederick Schuchardt, a very wealthy New York City merchant of the day.

In addition to the financial hardships, Edward had to deal with a variety of problems concerning the land of the plantation. Twice, in 1882 and again in 1883, Oak Lawn's levee broke flooding much of the arable land. The machinery of the sugar house often broke down and bad weather damaged or killed crops.

By the planting season of 1885 began, things began to look promising. At around this time Edward made an agreement with the Burden Central Sugar Refining Company to build a refinery in Bayou Teche, near Oak Lawn. In return Burden would have exclusive rights to refine the sugar crops from Oak Lawn from 1886 to 1888.

However, fortunes would turn again with the death of Edward Leverich on 28 November 1886. Upon his death, his widow, Annie Leverich assumed control of the plantation's operations. Annie seemed to have reneged on the agreement set out by her husband to Burden Central and instead had the crop refined by another company in 1887 and 1888. This led to a lawsuit from Burden Central, with a counter-suit introduced by Annie on the grounds that the crop of 1886 had been incompletely handled.

Annie was unable to maintain Oak Lawn and by December 1887, she determined to sell the plantation, and with the on-going lawsuits, found a buyer, Col. R. E. Rivers, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans and he purchased the plantation in March of 1888.<sup>14,15</sup>

Edward Leverich was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household at 278 Fifth Avenue included the head of household Frederick Schuchardt, age 75, Edward's father-in-law; also Edward's wife Annie F, age 28 and his daughters Catherine, age 6, and Margaret, age 4.<sup>16</sup>

Edward Leverich died on 28 November 1886 at Oak Lawn Plantation, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.<sup>17,18,19</sup>

The following is a memoriam left at the grave site, drawn from the "Leverich Family Papers" at the New York Historical Society.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Died at Oak Lawn plantation in the Parish of St. Mary on Sunday November 28th, 1886, at 3:30 p. m., Edward Leverich, formerly a resident of New York City.

Seldom have the people of this Parish been called to mourn the loss of so esteemed a citizen and one so universally beloved and respected by friends and neighbors

Mr. Leverich since 1859, was no unfrequent visitor to this Parish, and by the few who knew him then and were favored with his friendship and acquaintance, was held in high respect and esteem, and since his permanent residence here, he has won the hearts of all who held converse with him, and respect and esteem has grown and ripened into sincere love and friendship.

Of a cheerful and happy disposition, his heart and home were ever open to all who sought him, and all were welcomed to his hospitality with smiles and friendly greetings and he was never so happy as when surrounded by his family his friends and his neighbors. In his business relations with his fellow-men, he was ever candid, honorable, and reliable, of the most liberal and conservative but decided views upon all topics, his opinion and advice were earnestly solicited, listened to with respect and acted upon with the utmost confidence. In all the relations of life he so held himself as to show to the world that upon his brow he bore the impress of a gentleman.

But it was as the loving, affectionate and indulgent husband and father, that his character shone most resplendent and sparkled with the greatest brilliancy, and marked him as one of nature's noblemen.

In his death, St. Mary mourns the loss of an upright and public spirited citizen, the poor and humble a faithful and generous friend, and his neighbors, one that was closer than a brother, and by these his memory will long be revered and cherished, while the great void created by his death will remain unfilled.

The writer, who was happy in the enjoyment of his friendship and confidence for many years, and learned to love him for his many shining virtues and generous qualities, ventures to place this humble tribute to his memory upon his grave.

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Parish of St. Mary La., Dec. 4 1886.

It was originally believed that Edward Leverich had been buried at Park Lawn Plantation, Parish St. Mary, Louisiana. Edward was re-interred 24 February 1891 at Greenwood Cemetery, Kings County, New York.<sup>20,21</sup>

Edward Leverich made a will dated 13 March 1885, which was proven 16 August 1888 at the Queens County, New York Surrogate. The will names his wife Anna and three children, Catherine, Margaret, and Henry S.<sup>22</sup>

On 11 February 1891 Anna F. Leverich made application for a U.S. Passport on behalf of herself and her three children: Catherine, Margaret, and Henry. Birth dates and places are recorded for all four persons.<sup>23</sup>

Anna F. Leverich, age 59, was recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census of the Bronx, Bronx County, New York. She was living on Lost Schuyler Road. Her household included her three children: Catherine, age 36; Margaret D., age 34; and Henry S., age 29.<sup>24</sup>

Anna F. Leverich, age 63, was recorded in the 1915 New York State Census of the Bronx, Bronx County, New York. The household included herself and her three children: Catherine, age 41; Margaret, age 39; and Henry, age 34.<sup>25</sup>

Anna F. Schuchardt Leverich died on 20 Dec 1918 at Bronx, Bronx, New York.<sup>26,27</sup> She was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.<sup>28,29</sup>

Edward Leverich and Anna Fredericka Schuchardt had four children, three of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>30,31</sup>

- i. Edward Leverich Jr. was born 7 November 1873 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. He was likely a twin to his sister Catherine S. Leverich with whom he shared a birthday. Edward probably died as an infant or a child prior to 1880. He does not appear in the 1880 U.S. Census. His exact date of death nor his burial place have been determined.<sup>32,33</sup>
- ii. Catherine Schuchardt Leverich was born 7 November 1873 at Manhattan, New York County, New York. Catherine was never married. Catherine died 28 October 1936 at Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York. She was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Catherine was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census in Manhattan; 1910 in the Bronx, Bronx County, New York; the New York State Census 1915 in the Bronx; 1925 in Lewisboro; U.S. Census 1930 in Lewisboro.<sup>34,35,36,37,38,39,40</sup>
- iii. Margaret Duncan Leverich was born 29 January 1876 at Manhattan, New York County, New York. Margaret was never married. Margaret died 17 February 1963 at Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York. She was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Catherine was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census in Manhattan; 1910 in the Bronx, Bronx County, New York; the New York State Census 1915 in the Bronx; 1925 in Lewisboro; U.S. Census 1930, 1940, 1950 in Lewisboro.<sup>41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49</sup>
- iv. Henry Stanton Leverich was born 28 December 1880 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Henry married Jessie Cicely Reid, the widow of Rev. Ralph Birdsall, at Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York 23 February 1924. Mrs. Leverich had two children by her first marriage, but no children by Henry Leverich. Henry died 22 January 1936 at Manhattan. He was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Henry was recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census of the Bronx, Bronx County, New York and the 1930 U.S. Census of Manhattan. He was also found in the 1915 New York State Census of the Bronx.<sup>50,51,52,53,54,55,56</sup>

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