

**Individual Narrative of Aletta<sup>8</sup> Polhemus Leverich [338]  
Daughter of Richard<sup>7</sup> Berrian Leverich [179] and Alletta Vandervoort  
Wife of Charles Smith**

Aletta Polhemus Leverich was born on 17 September 1804 at Newtown, Queens County, New York.<sup>1</sup> Aletta was baptized 30 December 1804 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>2</sup>

A prenuptial agreement dated 17 January 1833 deeding property owned by Aletta P. Leverich included two inventories of property. Aletta was engaged to be married to Charles Smith. Richard Berrian Leverich and Peter Vandervoort Leverich, brothers of Aletta, were named trustees of Aletta's extensive property. Aletta retained full control of the property. Charles Smith renounced any control of Aletta's property.<sup>3</sup>

Aletta Polhemus Leverich married Charles Smith on 23 January 1833 at Hurlgate, Queens County, New York.<sup>4</sup> They were married by the Rev. Eli Baldwin, town and church unknown.<sup>5</sup>

Charles Smith was born 1 January 1808 in Westchester County, New York probably at New Rochelle. He was the son of Dr. Matson Smith of New Rochelle.<sup>6</sup>

Aletta P. Leverich, age 49 born Queens County, was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Manhattan Ward 21 District 3, New York County, New York. Her household included her husband Charles Smith, age 48 born Westchester County, New York. Also her children included were Aletta Smith, age 20; Emma Smith, age 18; Albert Smith, a twin age 17; Charles Smith, a twin age 17; Gertrude Smith, age 15; all born in New York County; and Sarah Smith, age 13 born in Cayuga County.<sup>7</sup>



Albumen print mounted as a carte-de-visite. Image is of Aletta Polhemus Leverich, approx. 30-35 years of age wearing a dark ruffled gown and standing beside a pedestal and urn.

Charles Smith died 14 August 1864 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Charles was buried at Beechwood Cemetery in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York.<sup>8,9</sup>

Aletta P. (Leverich) Smith, widow of Charles Smith, was listed in the 1868 New York City Directory 149 West 141st Street.<sup>10</sup>

Aletta Polhemus Leverich died on 16 August 1872 at Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, at age 67.<sup>11,12</sup> Aletta was buried at the Beechwood Cemetery in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York.<sup>13</sup>

Aletta Polhemus Leverich and Charles Smith had six children, four of whom survived to adulthood, two other probably survived to young adulthood.<sup>14</sup>

- i. Aletta Leverich Smith was born 21 October 1833 in New York County, New York. Aletta was never married. Aletta died 23 February 1907 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. She was buried at Beechwoods Cemetery in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York. Aletta was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census and the 1900 U.S. Census of Brooklyn.<sup>15,16,17,18</sup>
- ii. Emma Berrian Smith was born 17 December 1835 in New York County, New York. Emma may have married Charles H. Brown 25 March 1860 in Candia, Rockingham County, New Hampshire. The marriage record identifies the bride as Emma Smith, her father as Charles Smith, and her mother as Lois Smith. The mother does not match up. Emma's death and burial records identify her as Emma Berrian Smith. It is not clear if "Emma Smith" who married Charles H. Brown is the same person as "Emma Berrian Smith". Emma died 6 August 1908 in Twin Mountain, Coos County, New Hampshire. She was buried at Beechwoods Cemetery in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York.<sup>19,20,21,22</sup>
- iii. Albert Mather Smith, a twin, was born 5 October 1837 in New York County, New York. Albert married first Anna Provost Elwes 16 March 1863 in Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey. Albert married second Jane Harkness Bull circa 1879 place unknown. Albert died 27 February 1910 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. He was buried at Beechwoods Cemetery in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York. Albert was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census and the 1900 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York.<sup>23,24,25,26</sup>
- iv. Charles Smith, a twin, was born 5 October 1837 in New York County, New York. Charles appears only in the 1855 New York State Census. His date and place of death is unknown. Charles likely died unmarried as a young adult.<sup>27</sup>
- v. Gertrude Vandervoort Smith was born 12 January 1840 in New York County, New York. Gertrude married Theodore Bergen Lott 20 October 1864 place unknown. Gertrude died 4 March 1889 in Flatbush, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Gertrude was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census and the 1880 U.S. Census of Brooklyn.<sup>28,29,30,31,32,33</sup>
- vi. Sarah Smith was born circa 1843 in New York County, New York. Sarah appears only in the 1855 New York State Census. Her date and place of death is unknown. Sarah likely died unmarried as a young adult.<sup>34</sup>

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