

**Individual Narrative of Maria⁸ Ann Leverich [369]
Daughter of John⁷ Barkelow Leverich [192] and Ann Maria (unidentified)
Wife of David Burnham**

Maria Ann Leverich was born on 16 August 1833 at Manhattan, New York County, New York. Maria's gravestone says she was born in 1834.^{1,2,3}

Maria, age 17, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York living with her family. The household included her father John B. Leverich, age 46, and his second wife Louisa, age 42; and Maria's sisters Cornelia, age 20, and Louisa, age 5.⁴

Maria married David Burnham on 4 October 1854 at Oswego, Oswego County, New York.⁵

David Burnham was born in 1828 according to his gravestone. David and his wife moved from Oswego, Oswego County, New York to Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan circa 1867-1873 where he was a prominent merchant in the dry goods trade. David's parents are unknown.^{6,7,8}

Maria, age 22, and David, age 25, Burnham were recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York. They were living in the household of Maria's father John B. Leverich, age 52. David's occupation is listed as merchant. He started his dry goods business in Oswego, before moving to Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.⁹

Maria and David Burnham are not found in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census' (Ancestry.com indexes) of either Oswego, Oswego County, New York or Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

The 1888-1889 Lansing (Ingham County, Michigan) City Directory lists Burnham & Co (David Burnham) importers, jobbers, and retail dealers in dry goods, carpets, etc, 108 and 110 Washington Avenue South.¹⁰

As early as the 1900 U.S. Census, Maria (Leverich) Burnham, age 66, was found committed as a patient at the Michigan Asylum for the Insane in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. David Burnham (no age given) is living alone as a boarder in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. He remained a merchant in dry goods.^{11,12}

The 1910 U.S. Census finds Maria Burnham, age 76, still a patient at the insane asylum. David Burnham, age 84, remained living alone in a rented house in Lansing.^{13,14}

David Burnham died 22 January 1913 in Los Angeles, California. David was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Oswego, Oswego County, New York.^{15,16}

Maria Ann (Leverich) Burnham died at the asylum hospital (Van Dusen Hospital) on 9 June 1917 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, at age 83. Maria died of Bronchial Pneumonia, contributory mental insufficiency, according to her death certificate. Maria was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Oswego, Oswego County, New York.^{17,18,19,20}

Maria Ann Leverich and David Burnham had no children.

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