

Individual Narrative of John⁸ L. Millis [372]
Son of Elizabeth⁷ Sackett Leverich [193] and John Nicholson Millis, Jr.
Husband of Elizabeth Smalley
Husband of Mary Elizabeth Trowbridge

John L. Millis was born in February 1823 at New York State.¹ Some records have John born in North Carolina, although there is no indication that his parents were ever in that State at the time John was born. John's father however was born in North Carolina. "Leverich" as a middle name for John appears in at least one record, i.e. the marriage record for John's second marriage.^{2,3,4,5}

John L. Millis married Elizabeth Smalley on 22 August 1848 at Oswego, Oswego County, New York.⁶

Elizabeth Smalley was born circa 1832-1833 in Rensselaer County, New York. Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry Smalley, with whom John and Elizabeth were living in 1865 New York State Census in Troy, Rensselaer County, accompanied by their children Henry, Charles and Mary. John and Elizabeth apparently divorced, since they both remarried. Elizabeth appears in 1875 New York State Census as a "Haskins" also in Troy (husband Frank H. Haskins is not present in the 1875 household). Living with Elizabeth in 1875 is her son Henry S. Millis. Elizabeth's date and place of death is unknown.^{7,8,9}

John L. Millis, age 27 shoemaker, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York. John's household consisted of his wife Elizabeth, age 19, and daughter Mary, age 1. This census has John born in North Carolina.¹⁰

John L. Millis, age 35 musician, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Oswego Ward 3, Oswego County, New York. John's household included his wife Elizabeth, age 27; and children Mary, age 11; Henry, age 9; and Charles M., age 6.¹¹

During the civil war John enlisted in Company Band, New York 60th Infantry Regiment on 30 October 1861. John was mustered out on 16 August 1862 at Washington, D.C.¹²

John L. Millis married Mary E. Trowbridge on 17 June 1879 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.¹³ Mary E. Trowbridge was born 2 April 1838 in Greenfield, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Mary was the daughter of William Salisbury Trowbridge and Abigail Carver Richardson.¹⁴

John L. Millis, age 56 musician and shoemaker, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. John's household included his wife Mary, age 42. No Children are included in the household. They were living on Imspraner Street. This census has John born in North Carolina.¹⁵

John L. Millis, age 77 retired, and his wife Mary, age 62, were recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Greenfield, Milwaukee Co, Wisconsin. This census has John born in North Carolina.¹⁶

Elizabeth Trowbridge Millis died 7 October 1901 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Elizabeth was buried at the Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee.¹⁷

John L. Millis was listed in the 1903 Los Angeles, California City Directory living at 1525 Millard Avenue.¹⁸

John L. Millis died on 1 March 1903 at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, at age 80.¹⁹ John was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles.²⁰

John L. Millis and Elizabeth Smalley had three children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Mary E. Millis was born circa 1850, probably in Oswego, Oswego County, New York. Mary married first Frederick S. Doan(e) circa 1866-1867. Their only child in the 1870 U.S. Census was born circa 1868. Mary married for a second time Robert K. Molther 14 May 1896 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Mary died after 1896, specific date and place of death unknown. Mary was recorded in the U.S. Census 1860, 1870 Oswego County, 1880 Waukesha County, Wisconsin. There was a Robert K. Molther in the 1900 Census in Detroit, but his wife's name is given as Martha. But she has a step-daughter Emma Jean Devere which could be a variation of Doan(e).^{21,22,23,24,25,26}
- ii. Henry S. Millis was born circa 1851 in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York. Henry married Harriet (unidentified) date and place unknown. Henry died 24 October 1917 in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. Henry's burial place is unknown. Henry was recorded in the 1875 New York State Census, and the U.S. Census 1880 and 1910, all in Rensselaer County.^{27,28,29,30,31}
- iii. Charles Millis was born circa 1851-1853 in Sodus, Wayne County, New York. His gravestone says 1851. His passport application says 6 July 1853. Different records give middle initials of McN, M, and V. The gravestone says "V". Charles married Mary E. Wood circa 1882, specific date and place unknown. Charles died 22 April 1927 probably in Elba, Genesee County, New York. Charles was buried at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Elba. Charles was recorded in the 1880, 1900, and 1920 U.S. Census, all in Elba. However, the 1880 Census has a Charles Millis the right age, but he is the son of a Martha Millis. There is also a grandchild in the household Carrie Murphy, age 11. "Martha" and "Carrie" are not consistent with other records.^{32,33,34,35,36}

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