

Individual Narrative of Louisa⁸ C. Millis [378]
Daughter of Elizabeth⁷ Sackett Leverich [193] and John Nicholson Millis, Jr.
Wife of Spellman H. Fonda

Louisa C. Millis was born circa 1838 in Oswego, Oswego County, New York as per the U.S. Census of Oswego, 1850 (age 12) and 1860 (age21) when Louisa was single and living in her parents' household.^{1,2}

Louisa C. Millis married Spellman H. Fonda circa 1865-1866 probably in Oswego, Oswego County, New York. The estimated marriage data was calculated based upon the birth year (1867) of their first born child. However, the 1870 U.S. Census of Oswego does not list any children.³

Spellman H. Fonda was born circa 1832-1836 in New York State as per the 1870 U.S. Census and the 1875 New York State Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York. Spellman's parents have not been identified.^{4,5}

The 1870 U.S. Census of Oswego Ward 1, Oswego County, New York records Spellman Fonda, age 38 flour and feed store, and Louisa Fonda, age 26 occupation "boarding". However the couple is living with Louisa's parents Nicholson and Elizabeth Millis. Therefore it may be concluded that they were married in or before 1870.⁶

Spellman H. Fonda was listed in the 1873, 1875, and 1877 Oswego New York City Directories living at 134 West First Street.^{7,8,9}

Spellman Fonda, age 49 butcher, died in October 1879 or March 1880 in Oswego, Oswego County, New York from bleeding of the lungs. The 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule has two entries for Spellman Fonda, each with a different death date. However, Findagrave.com gives a death date of 7 January 1880, as per Spellman's obituary in the Oswego Daily Times.^{10,11,12}

Louisa Fonda, age 31 widow, is recorded as a head of household in the 1880 U.S. Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York living at 10 West 2nd Street. Louisa's household included her children Charles H. Fonda, age 13, and Robert Fonda, age 8; also Louisa's parents Nicholson and Elizabeth Millis.¹³

The 1880 Oswego New York City Directory lists Louisa Fonda, widow of Spellman H. Fonda, living at 16 West Albany Street. The 1882 Oswego City Directory lists Louisa Fonda, boarding house (it is not clear if she was running one, or living in one), 173 West 8th Street.^{14,15}

Louisa Fonda, age 48, was admitted to the Onondaga County (New York) Poorhouse on 12 June 1889. The cause of the placement was listed as "sickness". Louisa's father had passed away in 1882, and apparently by 1889 her mother was too old (84), her children too young to take care of her. Another record shows her being admitted again (for a second time?) on 5 February 1891. This second record indicates that Louisa had previously been a patient at the poor house for a period of 3 months. The reason for the second admission was again given as "sickness" and her residence was given as Oswego.¹⁶

Louisa Millis Fonda died 3 October 1891 in Onondaga County, New York, probably at the poor house.¹⁷

Louisa C. Millis and Spellman H. Fonda had two children, at least one of whom survived until adulthood.

Charles Spellman Fonda was born circa 1867 in Oswego, Oswego County, New York. Charles married Annetta Keller 17 September 1890 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. Charles and Annetta re-enacted their marriage 29 October 1895 in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Charles died 11 October 1938 in Syracuse. Charles was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fulton, Oswego County, New York. Charles was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Oswego County, New York; 1900 and 1910 Oneida County, New York.^{18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25}

Robert R. Fonda is recorded as age 5 years and 3 months in the 1875 New York State Census of Oswego, Oswego County, New York. Robert is recorded as age 8 in the 1880 U.S. Census of Oswego. No further records of Robert have been found. Robert may have died young.^{26,27}

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