

Individual Narrative of Benjamin⁸ Chase Leveridge [388] Son of John⁷ Leveridge [204] and Adeline Matilda Creemer Husband of Lucretia Fenn Scovel

Benjamin Chase Leveridge was born on 14 December 1821 at Manhattan, New York County, New York.¹

William H. Owen recorded the following memory of his great uncle "Ben" (i.e. Benjamin C. Leveridge): "It was of an early spring evening after our six o'clock dinner that we were sitting in the "front parlor" of the old house on Madison Square. The French windows were open, but the only sound which came through them was the jingle of the bells on the necks of the horses which drew the streetcars, a familiar sound in old New York. "Uncle Ben" was with us and the old man took to reminiscing in an absent minded, far off kind of way. "I remember," said he, "of driving with my father (i.e., John Leveridge) in a stagecoach from New York to Albany, where my father had some legal business to attend to. In the coach we had a fellow passenger, a man whom I never forget for his courtesy of manner and his kindly words to me, a little boy, and the way he laid his hand on my head," Then Uncle Ben raised his eyes and looked at us and said: "That man was Aaron Burr."²

Benjamin Chase Leveridge married Lucretia Fenn Scovel on 22 May 1844 at Manhattan, New York County, New York.^{3,4}

Lucretia Fenn Scovel (Scovil, Scoville) was born 13 November 1823 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. She was the daughter of Harris Scovel and Elizabeth Burr.⁵

Benjamin Chase Leveridge, the subject of this narrative, had an uncle by the same name, i.e. Benjamin Chase Leveridge. This uncle Benjamin [7-206] was the brother of the nephew Benjamin's father John Leveridge. The nephew was an attorney, like his father. The uncle was a physician. They all lived in Manhattan, New York County, New York.

Benjamin C. Leveridge, age 28 lawyer, his wife Lucretia, age 24, and their children Adeline age 4 and Ann age 1 were recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 7 District 2, New York County, New York. The family was living in the household of his father John Leveridge. The household also includes Benjamin's step-mother Mary J. Leveridge and his half-siblings George P., Ellen S., and Albert D.⁶

Benjamin Leveridge is listed in the 1857 New York City Directory as a lawyer 67 Chatham, living 167 East Broadway. Also listed as lawyers at 67 Chatham are Benjamin's father John Leveridge and Benjamin's brother John W.C. Leveridge.⁷

Benjamin C. Leveridge, age 35 lawyer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 7 District 2, New York County, New York. Benjamin's household included his wife Lucretia and children Adeline, Anna, and John. The ages recorded by the census taker (24, 9, 6, 25) were incorrect. The household also included Benjamin's father-in-law Harris "Scoville", also a lawyer, and Benjamin's sister-in-law Cornelia "Scoville."⁸

Benjamin Chase Leveridge, age 46 lawyer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 7 District 8 (2nd enumeration), New York County, New York. The census gives the location as East Broadway between Rutgers and Jefferson. Benjamin's household included his wife Lucretia, age 44; and children Adeline, age 28; Anna, age 20; and John, age 16.⁹

Benjamin C. Leveridge was listed in the 1870 New York City Directory as a lawyer 229 Broadway, living at 167 East Broadway. Benjamin's father John was also recorded as a lawyer at 229 Broadway. Benjamin's brother John W. C. was listed as a lawyer at 22 Duane.¹⁰

Benjamin C. Leveridge, age 53 lawyer, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York, living at 167 East Broadway. Benjamin's household included his wife Lucretia, age 50; his son John, age 20; his daughter Adeline McKeachine, age 30; and his granddaughter Adda McKeachine, age 5. The census notes that Adeline was either widowed or divorced.¹¹

Lucretia Fenn (Scovel) Leveridge died 28 December 1893 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Funeral Services were held at her late residence 114 West 133rd Street. Lucretia was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{12,13}

Benjamin C. Leveridge, age 83, was recorded in the 1905 New York State Census of Manhattan, New York County. Benjamin's household included his daughters Adeline M. McKeachine, age 60, and Anna L. Barnes, age 55.¹⁴

Benjamin Chase Leveridge died 28 December 1907 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Benjamin's Brooklyn Daily Eagle obituary stated that his residence at the time he died was 40 Morningside Avenue. However, the New York Times gave an address of 265 West 125th Street. Benjamin was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{15,16,17,18}

Benjamin Chase Leveridge and Lucretia Fenn Scovel had five children, three of whom survived until adulthood.

- i. Adeline (Adaline, Aldine, Adelaid) M. Leveridge was born circa 1845-1846 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Adeline married David McKeachine (McKechnie) 24 December 1872 in Manhattan. Adeline died 6 March 1906 in Manhattan. Adeline was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Adeline was recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census of New York County, New York; 1905 New York State Census of New York County.^{19,20,21,22,23,24,25}
- ii. John Leveridge was born circa October 1848 and died as a child age 14 months 10 December 1849 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. John was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{26,27,28}
- iii. Annie Elizabeth Leveridge was born 24 January 1850 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Annie married first William H. Barnes 16 April 1879. William died in 1885. Annie apparently married second William R. McKee 11 April 1896 in Manhattan. What happened to this marriage is questionable. In subsequent census records beginning in 1905 (1910, 1915, 1920) Annie is identified as Annie E. Barnes and is living with family without a William McKee. Annie's death certificate also identifies her as Annie Elizabeth Barnes. Annie died 3 December 1924 in Manhattan. Annie was recorded in the 1870, 1880, 1910, and 1920 U.S. Census of New York County, New York; 1905 and 1915 New York State Census of New York County.^{29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39}
- iv. Mary Lavinia Leveridge was born circa 1851 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Mary Lavinia died 2 August 1857 age 6 years in Manhattan. Mary Lavinia was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{40,41,42}
- v. John Leveridge was born circa 1854 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. John was not married. John died 30 December 1894 in Manhattan. John was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. John was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of New York County; the 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census of New York County. The age recorded for John in the 1880 census was incorrect.^{43,44,45,46,47,48}

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