

Individual Narrative of Adeline⁸ Matilda Leveridge [389] Daughter of John⁷ Leveridge [204] and Adeline Matilda Creemer Wife of Edward Sands Brooks

Adeline Matilda Leveridge was born on 30 September 1823 at Manhattan, New York County, New York.¹

Adeline Matilda Leveridge married Edward Sands Brooks on 10 January 1844 in Manhattan, New York County, New York.^{2,3}

Edward Sands Brooks was born circa 1821 place unknown but possibly Manhattan, New York County, New York. Edward was the son of Henry Sands Brooks and Lavinia Lyon. Edward was a clothier in partnership with his older brothers hence the business name of "Brooks Brothers" clothiers.^{4,5}

On April 7, 1818, at the age of 45, Henry Sands Brooks opened H. & D.H. Brooks & Co. on the Northeast corner of Catherine and Cherry Streets in New York City, where the South Street Seaport now stands. He proclaimed that his guiding principle was, "To make and deal only in merchandise of the finest body, to sell it at a fair profit and to deal with people who seek and appreciate such merchandise." In 1850, Brooks' sons, Edward, Elisha, Daniel, and John, inherited the family business, and renamed the company "Brooks Brothers". In its early history, Brooks Brothers was most widely known for introducing America to the ready-to-wear suit. In the late 19th century, Brooks Brothers tailored many distinctive uniforms for elite regiments of the New York National Guard. The Golden Fleece symbol was adopted as the company's trademark in 1870. A sheep suspended in a ribbon had long been a symbol of British woolen merchants. Dating from the 15th century, it had been the emblem of the Knights of the Golden Fleece, founded by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy. In ancient Greek mythology, a magical flying ram, or Golden Fleece, was sought by Jason and the Argonauts.⁶



Submitted to Ancestry.com by John Bartlett (aka "historycraze") 4 June 2009

Adeline M. (Leveridge) Brooks, age 27, her husband Edward S. Brooks, age 28 clothier, and their daughter Mary L. Brooks, age 5, were recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 7 District 1, New York County, New York. They were living in the household of Edward's mother Lavinia Brooks.⁷

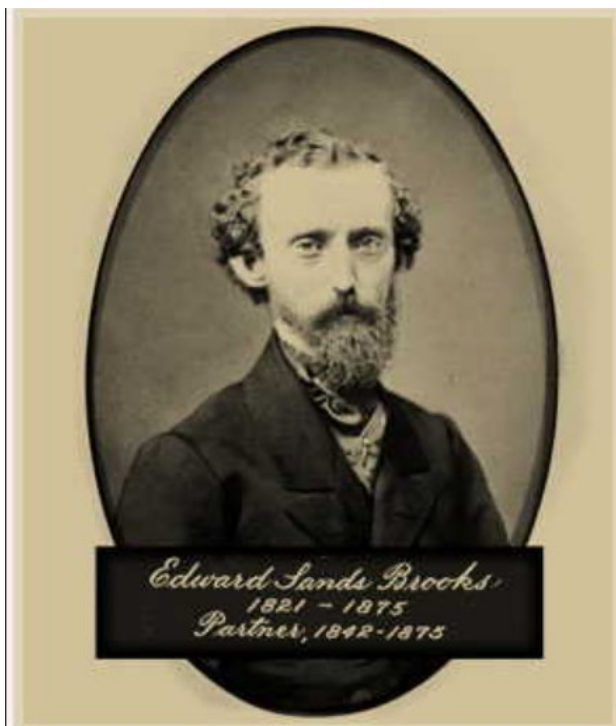
Adeline M. Brooks, age 25 (census taker error), was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 18 District 4, New York County, New York. Adeline's household included her husband Edward S. Brooks, age 35 (listed as head of household); her daughter Mary L. Brooks, age 12; and her mother-in-law Lavinia Brooks, age 80.⁸

Edward S. Brooks, clothier, was listed in the 1867 New York City Directory living at 18 East 23rd Street.⁹

William H. Owen, a grandson of Adeline Leveridge Brooks, had the following recollection. "Madison Square, New York City, was laid out in 1847. In 1851, my maternal grandfather, Edward Sands Brooks, then thirty years of age, built his house - a great house it was for those days, into which strangers often sought admission, just to have a look on the inside - at 18 East 23d Street, Madison Square South. At that time there was a picket fence around the Square, or the "Park" as we used to call it, and Corporal Thompson's cottage still stood at the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street. From a little illustrated folder which I found in her tin box after the decease of the widow of Grandfather Brooks, and which is now in the Museum of the City of New York, I gather that the cottage dated well back into the eighteenth century and that it was demolished in 1853. On its site was built a hippodrome, of which more anon. I remember hearing my grandmother say that, when she was engaged to Edward Sands Brooks, one winter night when the sleighing was fine they took a drive in a cutter, and when they got to Corporal Thompson's cottage "we thought we had gone far enough into the country," and so they turned back southward to Cherry Street, in the Seventh Ward, where their families lived. When my maternal grandparents, Edward Sands Brooks and Adeline Matilda Leveridge, moved into 18 East 23d Street in 1851, there was only one other "brownstone front" house completed on Madison Square, though several others were under construction. To the north there was to be seen little more than a vast extent of vacant lots, broken only by the Reservoir at Fifth Avenue and Forty-second street, which looked like a distant fortress, and the railroad depot at Madison Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, afterwards known as Madison Square Garden, the first by that name - there have been two others since - a building passing dear to the heart of many youngsters as the place where P. T. Barnum exhibited his immortal circus - "three rings and an elevated stage" - and where he first displayed to spellbound multitudes the mighty elephant, Jumbo, "Giant Lord of Living Beasts."¹⁰



Adeline M. Leveridge - Submitted to Ancestry.com
by dori1620 16 August 2015



Edward S. Brooks – Submitted to Ancestry.com
by CC_Sleuthing 20 June 2018

Adeline M. Brooks, age 40, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 18 District 3, New York County, New York. Adeline's household included her husband Edward Brooks, age 45 clothing merchant, and her daughter Mary L. Brooks, age 20 (census taker error).¹¹

Edward Sands Brooks died 25 April 1875 in Manhattan, New York County, New York, in the 54th year of his age. Edward was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{12,13}

In April 1876 Adeline M. Brooks became a member of the South Dutch Church in Manhattan, New York County, New York.¹⁴

Adeline M. Brooks was listed in the 1879 New York City Directory living at 18 East 23rd Street.¹⁵

Adeline M. Brooks was not found in the 1880 U. S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York.¹⁶

Adeline M. Brooks, widow Edward S. Brooks, was listed in the 1886 New York City Directory living at 18 East 23rd Street.¹⁷

Adeline M. Brooks, age 76, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York living at 20 West 45th Street. Adeline was living with her daughter Mary L. Owen, age 55, Mary's husband William H. Owen, age 59, and Mary's son William H. Owen, Jr., age 25. Also included in the household was Lavinia Leveridge, age 40, identified as a "cousin" - likely a niece of Adeline's, the daughter of her brother Charles Edward Leveridge, but a cousin by marriage to William H. Owen, Sr., the head of the household.¹⁸

Adeline Matilda (Leveridge) Brooks died 8 June 1902 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Adeline's funeral was held from her late residence at 54 West 54th Street. Adeline was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{19,20,21}

Adeline Matilda Leveridge and Edward Sands Brooks had two children, one of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Mary Lavinia Brooks was born 9 December 1844 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Mary married William H. Owen, Sr. 17 January 1865 in Manhattan. Mary died 11 July 1901 in Woodstock, Windsor County, Vermont. Mary was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Mary was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U.S. Census of New York County, New York.^{22,23,24,25,26,27,28}
- ii. John Henry Brooks was born 22 August 1848 and died 7 May 1850 age 1 year, 8 months, 15 days in Manhattan, New York County, New York. John was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.²⁹

Some public family trees at Ancestry.com propose a Margaret Brooks as a daughter of Adeline M. Leveridge and Edward S. Brooks. The 1855 New York State Census of Manhattan Ward 18 records a Margaret Brooks age 10 as their daughter. This is likely an enumeration error by the census taker. "Margaret" was likely Mary Lavinia who was born in December 1844 and would have been 10 years old when the 1855 census was conducted.^{30,31}

Printed on: 21 Dec 2024

Prepared by:

Tom Leverich

28 Saratoga Drive

West Windsor, New Jersey 08550

tomaug12@aol.com

609-275-1239

www.leverichgenealogy.org

Bibliography

1850 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. NARA, M432. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

1855 New York State Census, New York Co. New York State Archives. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 35 North West Temple St, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

1860 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. NARA, M653. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

1870 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. NARA, M593. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

1880 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. NARA, T9. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

1900 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. NARA, T623. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records 1701-1995. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

Find A Grave. Online www.findagrave.com.

Leverich, Susan M. Papers; Manuscript Collection Family Artifacts. Letters, Journals, Documents, Photographs, Stephen P. Shaw, Custodian, Chester, Connecticut. This collection was donated to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in two installments: 20 October 2017 and 14 April 2018. See announcement "American Ancestors," Volume 19, No. 2, Summer 2018, pages 56-57.

Maher, James P. *Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1835-1855 Volume 1*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co, 1987.

New York City, Compiled Marriage Index 1600's-1800's. Index Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

New York NY City Directory 1867. New York, New York: Wilson's, 1867.

New York NY City Directory 1879. New York, New York: Trows, 1879.

New York NY City Directory 1886. New York, New York: Trows, 1886.

New York NY Extracted Death Index 1862-1948. Index Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.

New York Times, Manhattan, New York Co, New York, 1851-Date, NY Times Article Archive.

New-York Evening Post, New York, New York, 1832-1920, GenealogyBank.

Owen, William H. *I Remember*. New Haven, Connecticut: Privately Printed, Yale University Press, 1939.

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Online <http://en.wikipedia.org>.

Endnotes

-
- ¹Leverich, Susan M. Papers; Manuscript Collection Family Artifacts. Journals, Documents, Photographs, Letters. Stephen P. Shaw, Custodian, Chester, Connecticut. This collection was donated to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in two installments: 20 October 2017 and 14 April 2018. See announcement "American Ancestors," Volume 19, No. 2, Summer 2018, pages 56-57. "Leveridge Family", 1 of 3 pages, probably from Isabella A. Miller, sister-in-law of Cornelius Leveridge (half-brother of Adeline M. Leveridge), to Susan M. Leverich.
- ²*New York City, Compiled Marriage Index, 1600's-1800's*. Index Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Marriage ID 2220309130.
- ³James P. Maher, *Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1835-1855 Volume 1*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co, 1987, page 206.
- ⁴*New York Times*, Manhattan, New York Co, New York, 1851-Date. 28 April 1875. Hereinafter cited as *New York Times*.
- ⁵Find A Grave, online <www.findagrave.com>, Memorial Number 49859254. Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.
- ⁶Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, online <<http://en.wikipedia.org>>, "Brooks Brothers".
- ⁷1850 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Manhattan Ward 7 District 1, page 183 A.
- ⁸1860 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M653, Manhattan Ward 18 District 4, page 517.
- ⁹*New York NY City Directory 1867*. New York, New York: Wilson's, 1867.
- ¹⁰William H. Owen, *I Remember*. New Haven, Connecticut: Privately Printed, Yale University Press, 1939, page 35.
- ¹¹1870 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M593, Manhattan Ward 18 District 3, page 116 A.
- ¹²*New York Times*, 28 April 1875.
- ¹³Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 49859254.
- ¹⁴Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records 1701-1995. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- ¹⁵*New York NY City Directory 1879*. New York, New York: Trows, 1879.
- ¹⁶1880 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, T9, Manhattan.
- ¹⁷*New York NY City Directory 1886*. New York, New York: Trows, 1886.
- ¹⁸1900 U.S. Census New York, New York Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, T623, Manhattan, ED 740, page 9.
- ¹⁹*New York NY Extracted Death Index 1862-1948*. Index Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Certificate Number 17526.
- ²⁰*New York Times*, 11 June 1902.
- ²¹Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 49859151.
- ²²*Ibid.*, Memorial Number 67261675.
- ²³*New-York Evening Post*, New York, New York, 1832-1920. 18 January 1865. Hereinafter cited as *New-York Evening Post*.
- ²⁴*New York Times*, 18 January 1865, 13 July 1901.
- ²⁵1860 U.S. Census New York, New York Co, Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Manhattan Ward 18 District 4, page 517.
- ²⁶1870 U.S. Census New York, New York Co, Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Manhattan Ward 18 District 3, page 116 A.
- ²⁷1880 U.S. Census New York, New York Co, Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Manhattan, ED 073, page 85 C.
- ²⁸1900 U.S. Census New York, New York Co, Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Manhattan, ED 740, page 9.
- ²⁹*New-York Evening Post*, 8 May 1850.
- ³⁰1855 New York State Census, New York Co. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Provo, Utah. New York State Archives, Manhattan Ward 18, E.D 3, line 33.
- ³¹Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 67261675.