

Individual Narrative of Ira⁸ W. Leverich [415] Son of James⁷ Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield Husband of Jane Morgan

Ira W. Leverich was born 23 December 1806 in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York.^{1,2,3}

Circa 1808, Ira Leverich's grandfather Benjamin Leverich, Ira's father James, several of James' siblings, and their families moved westward and settled in the future Guernsey County, Ohio.⁴ Circa 1817, James Leverich, his father Benjamin, and his brother Nathaniel moved further northwest to what would become Galion, Ohio (then Sandusky Township, Richland County; now Polk Township, Crawford County). Ira Leverich would then have been about 11 years old and it is assumed that he joined this party in the move to Galion.^{5,6,7}

James Leverich is recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland Co, Ohio. The census tallies included 2 free white males under age 10 (sons Charles and James Jr.); 2 free white males ages 10 to 15 (sons **Ira** and John); 2 free white males age 16 to 25 (sons Joel and William); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (James Leverich Sr., actually age 47); 2 free white females under age 10 (daughters Susan and Julia); and 1 free white female over the age of 45 (wife Sarah, actually age 41). Also tallied were three persons engaged in agriculture (James Sr and sons Joel and William).⁸

In 1827 Ira Leverich's father James Leverich sold Ira 160 acres of land in Richland County, Ohio Southeast Quarter, Section 27, Township 20, Range 20. Also in 1827, Ira Leverich sold Asa Hasford 4-16/160 acres (sic Richland County deed index) of land in Richland County, Southwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 20, Range 20.⁹

Ira Leverich was recorded as a household of 1 in the 1830 U.S. Census of White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan Territory. Ira's brothers Nathan and Joel were also recorded in the same location. Ira was recorded adjacent to Nathan, so perhaps he was actually sharing living quarters.¹⁰

On 10 November 1830 Ira Leverich of Richland County, Ohio purchased 80 acres of land in St. Joseph County, Michigan Territory from the Monroe, Michigan Territory U.S. General Land Office. The property description was Michigan-Toledo Strip, Township 7-S, Range 12-W, Section 34.¹¹

In 1832 Ira Leverich enlisted as Second Sergeant in a local militia company, i.e. Rice's Company Indiana, during the Black Hawk War. The Black Hawk War was a conflict between the United States and Native Americans led by Black Hawk, a Sauk leader. The war erupted after Black Hawk and a group of Sauks, Meskwakis (Fox), and Kickapoos, known as the "British Band", crossed the Mississippi River, to the U.S. state of Illinois, from Iowa Indian Territory in April 1832.¹²

Ira Leverich married Jane Morgan 12 September 1832 in Marion County, Ohio.¹³ Jane Morgan was born 2 April 1812 in the State of Virginia. Jane was the daughter of John Morgan. Jane's mother has not been identified.^{14,15}

In the May Term 1833 the Lagrange County Indiana Circuit Court charged Ira Leverich, John Leverich (brother of Ira), and Henry Switzer (husband of Ira's sister Julia) with riot. A jury trial was commenced and the defendants were found not guilty.¹⁶ In the November Term 1833 of the Lagrange County, Indiana Circuit Court Ira Leverich filed suit against his brother Joel Leverich to collect a debt of \$300.00. Joel confirmed that he owed the money, and agreed to settle the debt.¹⁷ In the November Term 1833 the Lagrange County, Indiana Circuit Court charged Ira Leverich with Assault and Battery. Ira pleaded not guilty. A jury trial commenced and the jury found Ira guilty and fined him one dollar. Ira indicated that he would seek a new trial.¹⁸

On 3 March 1834 Ira Leverich sold 60 acres of land in Lagrange County, Indiana to William Adair.¹⁹ On 5 August 1834 Ira Leverich of Lagrange County, Indiana, assignee of John Adams, purchased 80 acres of land in Lagrange County from the Fort Wayne, Indiana U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 2nd PM, Township 38-N, Range 10-E, Section 21.²⁰

In the March Term 1835 the Lagrange County Indiana Circuit Court charged Ira Leverich, Joel Leverich (brother of Ira), and Henry Switzer (husband of Ira's sister Julia) with riot. The prosecuting attorney declined to pursue the case and the defendants were allowed to go their way.²¹ Also in the March Term 1835 the Lagrange County, Indiana Circuit Court charged Ira Leverich with assault and battery. Ira pled not guilty. A jury trial commenced and the jury pronounced Ira Leverich not guilty.²²

On 16 February 1836 Ira Leverich sold 20 acres of land in Lagrange County, Indiana to Samuel Herbert.²³ On 20 March 1837 Ira Leverich of Lagrange County, Indiana purchased 80 acres of land in Lagrange County from the Fort Wayne, Indiana U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 2nd PM, Township 36-N, Range 10-E, Section 21.²⁴

By the spring of 1839 Ira Leverich had made his way to Linn County, Iowa where he made a secondary claim for land on which a primary claim had already been staked by the Lucore family. Mr. Lucore asserted his rights, and Ira yielded, taking up his residence with the Lucore family.²⁵

On 12 November 1839 Ira Leverich purchased land in Cedar County, Iowa from Henry Wise. The property description was W2, NE4, Section 6, Township 79, Range 2.²⁶

Ira Leverich was recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa Territory. The census tallies included 3 free white males under the age of 5 (James, Ruthven, Marion), 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (Ira), and 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (Jane).²⁷

On 10 November 1841 Ira Leverich of Cedar County, Iowa Territory purchased 80 acres of land in Cedar County from the Dubuque, Iowa Territory U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 5th PM, Township 80-N, Range 2-W, Section 30. On the same date Ira Leverich purchased 80 acres of land in Cedar County from the Dubuque, Iowa Territory U.S. General Land Office. The property description was the same as above except for the section, designated number 29 rather than 30.²⁸

Ira Leverich, age 43 farmer, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Rochester, Cedar County, Iowa. Ira's household included his wife Jane, age 37; and children: Morgan, age 14; Wilson, age 13; Maryon, age 10; Perry, age 8; Angeline, age 6; Chas, age 5; and Bruce, age 2.²⁹

Ira Leverich's obituary tells that Ira "united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1850. Ira served the church as a local preacher for forty-two years. His conversion was radical; his piety of the heroic stamp; righteousness never failed to find in him a friend nor sin and Satan a foe. Sincerity, simplicity, humility and earnestness were strong traits in this character ... as a preacher he was plain, pointed, pungent and powerful." Ira's gravestone was engraved "Rev. I. W. Leverich."^{30,31}

On 23 September 1851 Ira Leverich purchased land in Cedar County, Iowa from Hiram Davis. The property description was NE4, Section 33, Township 80, Range 2.³²

Ira Leverich, age 54 farmer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa. Ira's household included his wife Jane, age 47; and children: Perry, age 18; Angeline, age 16; Charles, age 13; Bruce, age 12; Marelda, age 7; and William, age 4.³³

Ira Leverich, age 63 farmer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri. Ira's household included his wife Jane, age 57; and children: Perry, age 27; Bruce, age 22; Marilda, age 27; and William, age 14.³⁴

Ira Leverich, age 73 farmer, and his wife Jane, age 61, were recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Camp Branch, Cass County, Missouri. By the time of the 1880 census, all of the children had left the homestead.³⁵

Jane (Morgan) Leverich died 24 January 1885 in Oxford, Johnson County, Iowa. Jane was buried at the Oxford Cemetery in Johnson County.^{36,37}

Ira Leverich died 5 April 1892 in Oxford, Johnson County, Iowa. Ira's tombstone was engraved Rev. I. W. Leverich. Ira was buried at the Oxford Cemetery in Johnson County.^{38,39}

Ira Leverich and Jane Morgan had nine children, all of whom survived until adulthood.

- i. James Morgan Leverich was born circa 1836 in Lagrange County, Indiana. James served on the Union side during the civil war, Company D 11th Iowa Infantry. James married Minerva Woodland 2 December 1866 in Calvey, Franklin County, Missouri. James died 8 August 1892 in Calvey. James' burial place has not been determined. James was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1870 and 1880 Franklin County, Missouri.^{40,41,42,43,44,45}
- ii. Ruthven Wilson Leverich was born 1 May 1838 in Muscatine County, Iowa. Ruthven married Olive C. Garlock 20 December 1859 in Muscatine County. Ruthven died 31 January 1913 in Muscatine, Muscatine County. Ruthven was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Muscatine County. Ruthven was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Muscatine County, Iowa.^{46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54}
- iii. Marion Francis Leverich was born 21 April 1840 in Cedar County, Iowa. Marion's death certificate incorrectly gives his birthdate as 21 April 1849. However, using Marion's age at time of death from the death certificate, i.e. 88 years, 0 months, 7 days, it calculates to 21 April 1840. Marion served on the Union side during the civil war, Company D 11th Iowa Infantry. Marion married Ella Moore 14 March 1880 in St. Louis, Missouri. Marion died 28 April 1928 in St. Ferdinand, St. Louis County, Missouri. Marion was buried at the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. Marion was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1900, 1910, 1920 St. Louis, Missouri. In 1881 Marion was in Bozeman, Gallatin County, Montana where his daughter was born.^{55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63}
- iv. Perry Leverich was born circa 1842 in Cedar County, Iowa. Perry married Mary Elizabeth Moore 7 April 1872 in St. Louis, Missouri. Perry died 20 July 1896 in Austin, Lonoke County, Arkansas. Perry was buried at Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Perry was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1860 Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870 Cass County, Missouri; 1880 Johnson County, Iowa.^{64,65,66,67,68,69,70}
- v. Angeline Leverich was born 31 March 1844 in Cedar County, Iowa. Angeline married Bringham Reed 2 December 1865 in Muscatine County, Iowa. Angeline died 25 September 1918 in Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, South Carolina. Angeline was buried in Sunnyside Cemetery in Orangeburg. Angeline was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1860 Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870 Gallatin County, Montana Territory; 1880 Gallatin County, Montana; 1900 and 1910 Barnwell County, South Carolina.^{71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79}
- vi. Charles Leverich was born 4 August 1846 in Cedar County, Iowa. Charles married Kate Shuey (aka Shooey, Shney; Shuey is on gravestone) 26 April 1877 in Cass County, Missouri. Charles died 14 July 1921 in Creston, Flathead County, Montana. Charles was buried at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana. Charles was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1860 Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870, 1880, 1900 Gallatin County, Montana; 1910 and 1920 Flathead County, Montana.^{80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89}
- vii. Bruce Leverich was born 4 March 1848 in Cedar County, Iowa. Bruce married Caroline Hynote 31 January 1877 in Cass County, Missouri. Bruce died 21 July 1902 in Carbonado, Carbon County, Montana. Bruce was buried at the Carbonado Cemetery in Joliet, Carbon County, Montana. Bruce was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1860 Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870 and 1880 Cass County, Missouri; 1900 Carbon County, Montana.^{90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98}
- viii. Esmarelda Leverich was born 23 April 1853 in Cedar County, Iowa. Esmarelda married John G. Sutherland 8 March 1877 in Cass County, Missouri. Esmarelda died 26 December 1927 in Raymond, Montgomery County, Illinois. Esmarelda was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Illiopolis, Sangamon County, Illinois. Esmarelda was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870 Cass County, Missouri; 1880 and 1920 Sangamon County, Illinois; 1900 Otero County, Colorado; 1910 Buchanan County, Missouri.^{99,100,101,102,103,104,105,106,107}

- ix. William Leverich was born circa August 1855 either in Cedar County, Iowa or Muscatine County, Iowa. William was not married. William died 9 May 1911 at the Los Angeles County (California) Hospital which specialized in indigent care. William was buried at the Hospital cemetery. William was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census in Muscatine County, Iowa; 1870 Cass County, Missouri. In the 1900 U.S. Census of Lemoore, Kings County, California William is recorded as single and a farm laborer. William was not found in the 1880 U. S. Census.^{108,109,110,111}

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