

Individual Narrative of John⁸ Leverich [416] Son of James⁷ Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield Husband of Lucy Ann Smith

John Leverich was born on 14 October 1808 at Guernsey County, Ohio.^{1,2}

John Leverich's parents had been settled in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York. Circa 1808, John Leverich's grandfather Benjamin Leverich, John's father James, several of James' siblings, and their families moved westward and settled in the future Guernsey County, Ohio. John Leverich was born sometime after their arrival in Guernsey County.³ 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). John Leverich would then have been about 9 years old and it is assumed that he joined this party in the move to Galion.^{4,5,6}

John Leverich was likely included in the 1820 U. S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland County, Ohio for his father James Leverich. John would have been one of the free white males ages 10 to 15.⁷

Circa 1832 James Leverich and some of his children, including John, removed to Lagrange County, Indiana. James purchased 115.5 acres of land in Lagrange County.⁸ In the May Term 1833 the Lagrange County Indiana Circuit Court charged John Leverich, Ira Leverich (brother of John), and Henry Switzer (husband of John's sister Julia) with riot. A jury trial was commenced and the defendants were found not guilty.⁹ On 20 March 1837 John 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 37-N, Range 10-E, Section 34.¹⁰

By 1838 John Leverich had removed to Cedar County, Iowa Territory where he was selected for jury duty. He was selected again in 1840.¹¹ John Leverich was recorded in the 1840 U. S. Census of Cedar County of Iowa Territory, tallied as a family of 1 free white male age 30 to 39.¹² On 4 May 1840 John Leverich purchased land in Cedar County, Iowa Territory from his brother-in-law Henry E. Switzer. The property description was Section 4, Township 79, Range 2.¹³

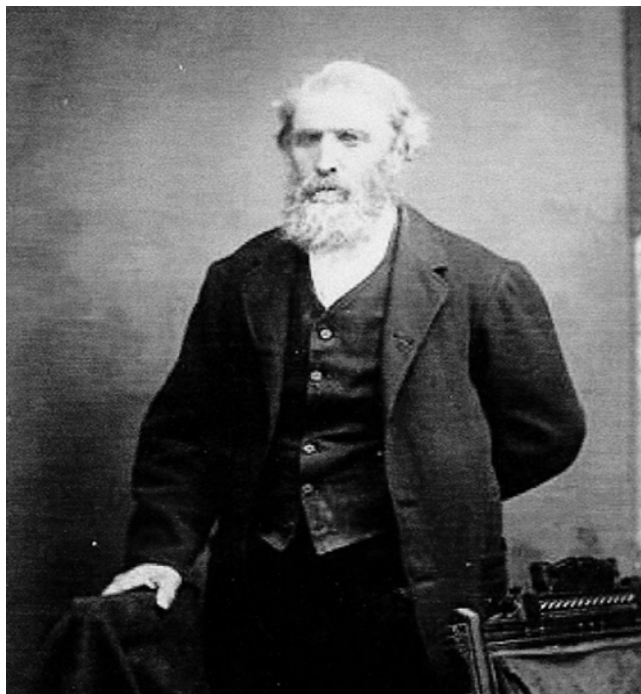
John Leverich married Lucy Ann Smith on 25 February 1841 at Linn County, Iowa Territory. They were married by Justice of the Peace C. W. Phelps.¹⁴ Lucy Ann Smith was born 31 July 1821 in Champaign County, Ohio. Lucy was the daughter of John Huffman Smith and Susanna Walters.^{15,16,17}

On 10 November 1841 John 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 33.¹⁸

John Leverich, age 41 farmer, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa. John's household included his wife Lucy, age 29, and children: Sarah, age 7; Elizabeth, age 6; William L., age 4; Loretta, age 2. The household also included nephew Charles Switzer, age 21. Charles was the son of Susan Leverich Switzer, a sister to John Leverich.¹⁹

John Leverich, age 52 farm laborer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. John's household included his wife Lucy, age 39, and children: Elizabeth, age 16; William L., age 14; Loretta, age 12; James A., age 9; Frances D., age 8; Rufus R., age 4; and Charles H., age 2. The household also included Charles Switzer, age 31.²⁰

John Leverich, age 62 farmer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. John's household included his wife Lucy, age 47; and children: James A., age 19; Dora, age 16; Rufus R., age 14; and Charles H., age 12.²¹



John Leverich



Lucy Ann Smith

(From Mary Ann Shaffer Via Melvin Rezac 2006)

John Leverich, age 72 farmer, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. John's household included his wife Lucy, age 58; and children Asbury, age 28; R. R., age 24; Henry, age 22; and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, age 36; also granddaughter Oralie Fitzpatrick, age 7.²²

John Leverich died 9 September 1889 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. John was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.²³

Lucy Leverich, age 78 widow, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Lucy was living with her son Charles Leverich, age 42, his wife Leone, age 35, and his daughter Grace, age 8.²⁴

Lucy (Smith) Leverich died 4 October 1903 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Lucy was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.^{25,26,27,28}

John Leverich and Lucy Smith had eight children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Sarah Leverich was born 17 April 1842 in Linn County, Iowa. Sarah married James Davis 9 September 1858 in Butler County, Iowa. Sarah died 2 November 1873 in Butler County, Iowa. Sarah was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Sarah was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 Butler County, Iowa. Sarah was not found in the 1870 U. S. Census.^{29,30,31,32,33}
- ii. Elizabeth Leverich was born 19 December 1843 in Linn County, Iowa. Elizabeth married first Thomas Fitzpatrick 26 November 1871 in Butler County, Iowa. Elizabeth married second Stephen D. Leavens 14 October 1885 in Ainsworth, Brown County, Nebraska. Elizabeth died 16 March 1922 in Bassett, Rock County, Nebraska. Elizabeth was buried at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Springview, Keya Paha County, Nebraska. Elizabeth was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 and 1880 Butler County, Iowa; 1910 Los Angeles County, California; 1900 and 1920 Kaya Paha County, Nebraska.^{34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44}

- iii. William Louis Leverich (some records and his gravestone use "Louis") was born 23 January 1846 in Linn County, Iowa. William was not married. William served on the union side during the Civil war, Company A, 2nd Iowa Cavalry, January to December 1865. William died 21 September 1872 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Part of the civil war pension application filed by William's mother was an affidavit (16 January 1883) by a neighbor William Adair who testified that the doctor treating William in his final illness stated that William died from disease contracted in the army during the Civil War. William was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. William was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 Butler County Iowa. William was not found in the 1870 U. S. Census.^{45,46,47,48,49,50,51}
- iv. Loretta Leverich was born 31 March 1848 in Linn County, Iowa. Loretta married James Muratt 17 December 1869 in Butler County, Iowa. Loretta died 22 May 1916 in Los Angeles, California. Loretta's Interment was at the Los Angeles Crematory. Loretta was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860 and 1880 Butler County, Iowa; 1885 Kansas State Census Russell County, Kansas; 1900 and 1910 Los Angeles, California.^{52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61}
- v. James Asbury Leverich was born 14 December 1850 in Linn County, Iowa. James married Anna Walker 30 July 1896 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James died 21 January 1922 in Encina, Santa Clara County, California. James was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock, Iowa. James was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U.S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1910 Jo Daviess County, Illinois; 1920 Santa Clara County, California.^{62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72}
- vi. Frances Dora Leverich was born 9 July 1853 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Frances married first Hosea I. Aldrich, a cousin (son of Ira P. Aldrich and Martha Maria Leverich, daughter of Joel Leverich a brother of John Leverich), circa 1873, place unknown, but possibly Shell Rock. Frances married second Philip Augustine 3 September 1919 in Leavenworth County, Kansas. Frances died 3 July 1938 in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas. Frances was buried at the Fredonia City Cemetery. Frances was recorded in the 1860 and 1870 U. S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1880 Jackson County, Wisconsin; 1900 Jackson County, Missouri; 1920 and 1930 Leavenworth County, Kansas; also the 1885 Nebraska State Census Cedar County.^{73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82}
- vii. Rufus Richard Leverich was born 28 October 1855 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Rufus married Libbie S. Sawyer 15 February 1883 in Bremer County, Iowa. Rufus died 7 October 1886 in Shell Rock. Rufus committed suicide, presumably because he was depressed about an untreatable illness of the neck and throat. Rufus was probably buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Rufus was recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; also the 1885 Iowa State Census of Butler County.^{83,84,85,86,87,88,89}
- viii. Charles Henry Leverich was born 15 October 1857 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Charles married Leona Probert 1 December 1883 in Bremer County, Iowa. Charles died 16 February 1929 in Winslow, Iowa (? Blackhawk County ?). Charles was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Charles was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1910 and 1920 Black Hawk County, Iowa.^{90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100}

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