

**Individual Narrative of Susan⁸ Leverich [417]
Daughter of James⁷ Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield
Wife of Lewis Switzer
Wife of Hiram Davis**

Susan Leverich was born 22 November 1811 in Guernsey County, Ohio.^{1,2}

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

Susan Leverich was likely included in the 1820 U. S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland County, Ohio for her father James Leverich. Susan would have been one of the free white females age under 10.⁷

Susan Leverich married Lewis Switzer circa 1829 in Richland County, Ohio.⁸ Lewis Switzer was born circa 1809 in Pennsylvania. Lewis' parents have not been identified.⁹

Lewis Switzer was recorded in the 1830 U.S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland County, Ohio. The census tallies included 1 free white male under 5 (Charles); 1 free white male 20 to 29 (Lewis); and 1 free white female 20 to 29 (Susan).¹⁰ This is inconsistent with other data that would indicate the census tallies should have included 1 free white female under 5 (Mercy Ann born c 1830) rather than 1 free white male under 5 (Charles born c 1831).

Lewis Switzer died circa 1833 in Lagrange County, Indiana, leaving his wife Susan Leverich with three small children. Lewis' burial place has not been identified.¹¹ In the September Term 1834 Susan Switzer (Sweitzer in the court transcript) was granted guardianship of the three minor children Charles, Ann, and Lewis H. Susan was assisted at the court proceeding by her father James Leverich.¹²

In 1837 Susan Leverich Switzer and her family accompanied Susan's brother John Leverich and settled in Cedar County, Iowa Territory. Susan purchased a claim for herself as well as each of her children.¹³ Susan Switzer was recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa Territory. The census tallies included 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (Lewis H.); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (Charles); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (Mercy Ann); 1 free white female 20 to 29 (Susan).¹⁴ Once again the birth years for Charles and Mercy Ann are subject to question.

Susan Leverich Switzer married for a second time Hiram Davis 26 November 1842 in Cedar County, Iowa Territory.¹⁵ Hiram Davis was born 7 October 1812 in Ohio. Hiram's parents have not been identified.^{16,17}

Susan (Leverich Switzer) Davis, age 35, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Center Township, Cedar County, Iowa. Susan's household included her husband Hiram Davis, age 30 farmer, and children: Marcy A. Switzer, age 19; and John Davis, age 3.¹⁸

On 23 September 1851 Hiram Davis sold land in Cedar County, Iowa to Ira Leverich, his brother-in-law. The property description was NE4, Section 33, Township 80, Range 2.¹⁹

Susan Davis, age 47, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Center Township, Cedar County, Iowa. Susan's household included her husband Hiram Davis, age 46 farmer; and children Ann Switzer, age 28; John W. Davis, age 12; and Nathan A. Davis, age 8.²⁰

Susan Davis, age 57, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Center Township, Cedar County, Iowa. Susan's household included her husband Hiram (census taker wrote "Hill") Davis, age 57 farmer; and children John W. Davis, age 22, and his wife Sarah A., age 21; and Nathan A. Davis, age 18. The household also included an "Ann Davis" age 28 whose relationship has not been determined. No "Ann Davis" appears in the 1850, 1860, or 1880 U. S. Census. It could remotely be Mercy Ann Switzer, but then the surname and the age would be incorrect.^{21,22}

Susan Davis, age 69, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Center Township, Cedar County, Iowa. Her household included her husband Hiram Davis, age 68 farmer.²³ Susan Davis, age 72, was recorded in the 1885 Iowa State Census of Shell Rock, Butler County. The household also included her husband Hiram Davis, age 72 farmer.²⁴

Susan (Leverich Switzer) Davis died 10 January 1890 at Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Susan left a husband, four sons, and one daughter to mourn her. Susan was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.^{25,26}

Hiram Davis died after 1890. A specific date and place of death has not been discovered.²⁷

Susan Leverich and Lewis Switzer had three children, all of whom survived until adulthood.

- i. Mercy Ann Switzer was born circa 1830 in Richland County, Ohio. Mercy's birth year is inconsistent with the 1830 and 1840 U. S. census tallies as noted above. Mercy married Peter McGregor (his second marriage) circa 1876 probably in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Mercy died either 26 October 1897 (Iowa Death Records) or 1899 (gravestone) in Shell Rock. Mercy was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Mercy was recorded in the 1850 and 1860 (as "Ann Switzer") U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1880 (as "Ann McGregor") Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Mercy Ann was not found in the 1870 census.^{28,29,30,31,32,33}
- ii. Charles Switzer was born circa March 1831 (as per 1900 U.S. Census) in Richland County, Ohio. Charles' birth year is inconsistent with the 1830 and 1840 U. S. census tallies as noted above. Charles was an unmarried farmer who lived most of his life (1860-1910) in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Charles died after 1910. A specific date and place of death for Charles has not been discovered. Charles was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Linn County, Iowa; 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Butler County, Iowa.^{34,35,36,37,38,39}
- iii. Henry Lewis (not "Louis" as per death certificate) Sweitzer (as per grave stone and death certificate) was born 15 November 1832 in Lagrange County, Indiana. Henry married Cynthia E. Bussey 11 January 1860 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Henry died 5 August 1906 in Shell Rock. Henry was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Henry was recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Henry was not found in the 1900 Census.^{40,41,42,43,44,45,46}

Susan Leverich and Hiram Davis had four children, two of whom survived to adulthood.

- iv. John Wesley Davis was born 27 September 1847 in Cedar County, Iowa. John married Sarah Catharine Looney 3 February 1870 in Jefferson, Greene County, Iowa. John died 30 December 1919 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. John was buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Brighton, Washington County, Iowa. John was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1900 and 1910 Muscatine County, Iowa.^{47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55}
- v. Nathan A. Davis was born 28 January 1852 in Cedar County, Iowa. Nathan married Margaret A. Bowers 12 December 1877 in Red Oak, Cedar County, Iowa. Nathan died 2 October 1925 in Corsica, Douglas County, South Dakota. Nathan was buried at the Graceland Cemetery in Corsica, Douglas County. Nathan was recorded in the 1860 and 1870 U.S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa; 1880 and 1900 Crawford County, Iowa; 1910 and 1920 Douglas County, South Dakota.^{56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63}
- vi. Frances Davis died as an infant. This was revealed in a biography of her father Hiram Davis which was published in the History of Cedar County, Iowa. No birth or death dates have been found.⁶⁴

- vii. Sarah Jane Davis died as an infant. This was revealed in a biography of her father Hiram Davis which was published in the History of Cedar County, Iowa. No birth or death dates have been found.⁶⁵

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