

**Individual Narrative of Julia⁸ Ann Leverich [419]
Daughter of James⁷ Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield
Wife of Henry E. Sw(e)itzer**

Julia Ann Leverich was born circa 1814 in Guernsey County, Ohio.^{1,2}

Julia Ann's parents had been settled in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York. Circa 1808, Julia Ann Leverich's grandfather Benjamin Leverich, Julia Ann'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). Julia Ann Leverich would then have been about 3 years old and it is assumed that she joined this party in the move to Galion.^{4,5,6}

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

In the May Term 1833 the Lagrange County Indiana Circuit Court leveled charges of riot against Ira Leverich, John Leverich, and Henry Sw(e)itzer. The jury found all three men not guilty.⁸

Julia Ann Leverich married Henry E. Sw(e)itzer 14 March 1834 in Lagrange County, Indiana. The "E" middle initial may represent "Estep" but this does not appear in any of the records, only public family trees at Ancestry.com. However, one of Henry and Julia's children, Caroline Sw(e)itzer Little, named a son Henry Estep Little.⁹ Henry E. Sw(e)itzer was born circa 1809-1810 in Pennsylvania. Henry's parents have not been identified.^{10,11}

In the March Term 1835 the Lagrange County Indiana Circuit Court indicted Ira Leverich, Joel Leverich, and Henry Sw(e)itzer for riot. On the day of the trial, the prosecuting attorney said that he would prosecute no further the said indictment and that the same might be set aside and held for nought. The court accordingly released the defendants.¹²

Henry E. Sw(e)itzer was recorded in the 1840 U. S. Census of Cedar County, Iowa. The census tallies do not reconcile, but the correct tallies were four males under the age of 5, Henry and his wife Julia Ann.¹³ On 4 May 1840 H. E. Sw(e)itzer sold land in Cedar County to John Leverich. The property description was Section 4, Township 79, Range 2. The deed was recorded 9 May 1840.¹⁴

"The History of Linn County, Iowa" published in 1878 gives an account of Henry Sw(e)itzer. Henry and some associates had been charged with robbery and the case came to trial at the October 1841 term of the Cedar County Iowa District Court, to which the case was taken by change of venue. Ultimately, the jury was unable to agree on a verdict; but fearing the worst, Henry escaped on the second day of jury deliberations and before he knew the verdict. Although a warrant was issued for Henry's re-arrest, the warrant was never served, and Henry took his family west arriving eventually in California about 1849.¹⁵ On the way to California, the Swa(e)itzer family had children born in Missouri and Illinois. On an individual child basis, the place of birth is inconsistent between the 1852 California State Census and the 1860 U. S. Census of California.^{16,17}

Upon arrival in California, Henry E. Sw(e)itzer was successful in mining in Grass Valley, Nevada County, and made \$12,000 from nuggets and gold dust there. He settled in Suisun Valley, Solano County, where he bought some land, then moved to Berryessa Valley, Napa County, where he purchased four hundred acres on which he resided until his death, after which his widow moved back to the old family home in Suisun Valley.¹⁸

Julia Ann, (the census enumerator identified her as "Jane"), age 36 born Ohio, Sw(e)itzer was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County. Julia's household included her husband Henry Sw(e)itzer, age 42 born Pennsylvania, and children: Nicodemus age 17 born Indiana; Corneilus age 15 born Michigan; Lewis H. age 13 born Iowa; David H. (actually James Harrison) age 12 born Iowa; Lowry age 10 born Illinois; Isaac age 9 born Missouri; Caroline age 7 born Missouri; George age 5 born Missouri; Lafayette age 3 born Missouri; Sarah Jane age 1 born California.¹⁹

Julia A. Sw(e)itzer, age 59 born Ohio, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Suisun, Solano County, California. Julia's household included her husband Henry Sw(e)itzer, age 51 born Pennsylvania, and children: Nicholas age 23 born Indiana; Philip age 22 born Indiana; L. H. age 21 born Missouri; J. H. age 20 born Missouri; Lowry age 18 born Missouri; Isaac age 17 born Illinois; Caroline age 16 born Illinois; G. M. age 15 born Missouri; Lafayette age 14 born Missouri; Sarah age 22 born California; F. age 7 born California; Mary H. age 6 born California.²⁰

Henry E. Sw(e)itzer died 12 November 1872 in Napa County, California. Henry was buried at Monticello Cemetery in Spanish Flat, Napa County, California.^{21,22} Henry E. Sw(e)itzer had an estate proven in Napa County, California 1 June 1874. Henry left heirs surviving him including his wife Julia Ann, and children: Nicodemus, Cornelius, Louis Henry, James Harrison, Lowry, Isaac, Caroline Little (wife of John D. Little), George Monroe, Lafayette, Sarah Roberts (wife of D. Roberts), Franklin Pierce, and Mercy Ann.²³

Julia A. Sw(e)itzer, age 66, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Suisun, Solano County, California. Julia's household included her son Isaac, age 36, and her daughter Mary A., age 22.²⁴

Julia A. Sw(e)itzer died 26 September 1892 (probate papers say 27 September 1892) in Suisun, Solano County, California. Julia was buried at the Rockville Cemetery in Suisun City.^{25,26,27} Julia A. Sw(e)itzer had an estate proved 12 October 1892 in Solano County, California. Surviving heirs included Nicholas, Lewis H., James H., Lowrey, Isaac, Caroline Little, George M., Lafayette, Sarah J. Roberts, Franklin P., and Mercy A. Brier; and grandchildren (children of Cornelius deceased): Pernicia A. Sw(e)itzer, James L. Sw(e)itzer, Nora Farley, Alice Sw(e)itzer, Cornelia Sw(e)itzer, Leland S. Sw(e)itzer, and William Sw(e)itzer.²⁸

Julia Ann Leverich and Henry E. Sw(e)itzer had twelve children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Nicodemus Sw(e)itzer was born 25 February 1835 in Lagrange County, Indiana. Nicodemus married first Lucy Jane Walker 7 June 1866 in Solano, Solano County, California. Nicodemus and Lucy were divorced. Nicodemus married second Mary Jane Capell 21 November 1878 in Napa County, California. Nicodemus died 29 September 1908 in Capay Valley, Yolo County, California. Nicodemus was buried at the Capay Cemetery in Esparto, Yolo County, California. Nicodemus was recorded in the 1852 California State Census Solano County, California; U.S. Census 1870 Solano County; 1880 and 1900 Yolo County.^{29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36}
- ii. Cornelius "Phil" Sw(e)itzer was born 8 December 1837 in Lagrange County, Indiana. Cornelius married Louisa (Louise) N. Hooper 31 December 1863 in Sonoma County, California. Cornelius died 2 June 1891 in Napa County, California. Cornelius was buried at Monticello Cemetery in Spanish Flat, Napa County. Cornelius was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; U.S. Census 1870 and 1880 Napa County.^{37,38,39,40,41}
- iii. Lewis Henry Sw(e)itzer was born 3 September 1839 in Iowa. Lewis married Emma W. Stanton 19 April 1863 in California. Lewis died 22 June 1899 in Saint Helena, Napa County, California. Lewis accidentally shot himself in the act of taking a gun from a wagon when it was discharged striking him in the stomach. He was able to walk to his house but died a couple of hours later. Lewis was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; U.S. Census 1870 and 1880 Napa County, California.^{42,43,44,45,46,47}
- iv. James Harrison Sw(e)itzer was born circa 1840 in Missouri. Records pertaining to James are sparse. We do not know if he married and had children. We do not know the date and place of his death. James was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County. The census taker identified James as David H. Sw(e)itzer. We know that it was James because the children in the census record are recorded in birth date order and David H. fills the spot that would have been James. James H. Sw(e)itzer was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Monticello, Napa County, California. James was age 40, born in Missouri, a laborer who was not married. James does not appear in any other census records. James Harrison Sw(e)itzer was living in Yolo County California in an 1882 General Land Office record. James Harrison Sw(e)itzer was listed in the Great Register of Voters 1890 Solano, California. James Harrison Sw(e)itzer was listed in the 1896 California Voter Register for Suisun, Solano County. In 1900 James Harrison Sw(e)itzer was listed in the Voter Register for Monticello, Napa County, California.^{48,49,50,51,52,53}
- v. Lowry (Chafe) Sw(e)itzer was born circa November 1842 in Illinois. Lowry married Mary Hooper 5 April 1874 in Napa County, California. Lowry died 26 August 1901 at Berryessa Valley in Napa County, California. Lowry's burial place is unknown. Lowry was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County, California; the 1880 U. S. Census of Napa County, California; 1900 Yolo County, California.^{54,55,56,57,58}

- vi. Isaac Sw(e)itzer was born circa July 1843 in Missouri. Isaac married Leah Smith 28 June 1883 in Napa City, Napa County, California. Isaac died 22 March 1907 in Vallejo, Solano County, California. Isaac was buried at the Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo. Isaac was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; 1870 U. S. Census of Yolo County, California; 1880 and 1900 Solano County, California.^{59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66}
- vii. Caroline Sw(e)itzer was born circa July 1845 in Missouri. Caroline married John Dixon Little 8 March 1868 in Monticello, Napa County, California. Caroline died 27 October 1914 in Suisun, Solano County, California. Caroline was buried at Monticello Cemetery in Spanish Flat, Napa County, California. Caroline was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; the 1870 U. S. Census Solano County, California; 1880, 1900, and 1910 Napa County, California.^{67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74}
- viii. George M. Sw(e)itzer was born circa March 1847 in Missouri. Public family trees at Ancestry.com give George a middle name of Monroe (no sources cited), but the records reviewed only use the middle initial "M". George married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Foster 17 November 1887 in Napa County, California. George died 14 January 1914 at the home of his daughter in Vallejo, Solano County, California. George was buried at the Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo, Solano County, California. George was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; the U. S. Census 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 for Napa County, California.^{75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82}
- ix. Lafayette Sw(e)itzer was born 13 February 1849 in Missouri. The 1852 California State Census records Lafayette born in Missouri. Lafayette's marriage record and the 1900 census have him born in Iowa. Missouri is most likely since the family left Iowa circa 1841 and was living in Missouri until they departed for California. Lafayette married Elizabeth Caroline Babcock 22 March 1875 in Merced County, California. Lafayette died 14 March 1902 in Newman, Stanislaus County, California. Lafayette was buried at the Hills Ferry Cemetery in Newman. Lafayette was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; 1900 U. S. Census Stanislaus County, California.^{83,84,85,86,87}
- x. Sarah Jane Sw(e)itzer was born circa April 1851 in Solano County California. Sarah married David Kendall Roberts 9 July 1871 in Solano County. Sarah died 26 May 1908 in Solano County. Sarah burned to death when her clothes caught on fire when she was building a bonfire in the house yard. Sarah was buried at the Rockville Cemetery in Fairfield, Solano County. Sarah was recorded in the 1852 California State Census of Solano County; 1880 U. S. Census Klickitat County, Washington; 1900 Solano County, California.^{88,89,90,91,92,93,94}
- xi. Franklin P. Sw(e)itzer was born 1852 in Solano County, California. Public family trees at Ancestry.com give Franklin a middle name of Pierce (no sources cited), but the records reviewed only use the middle initial "P". Franklin was not married. Franklin died 28 December 1909 in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California. Franklin was buried at the Rockville Cemetery in Fairfield, Solano County, California. Franklin was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Klickitat County, Washington; 1900 San Bernardino County, California.^{95,96,97,98}
- xii. Mercy (aka Mersey) A. Sw(e)itzer was born 28 May 1854 in Solano County, California. Mercy married Rev. John W. Brier 14 February 1882 in Solano County. Mercy died 28 February 1918 in Lodi, San Joaquin County, California. Mercy was buried at the Lodi Cemetery in Lodi. Mercy was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Solano County, California; 1900 and 1910 San Joaquin County, California.^{99,100,101,102,103}

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