

**Individual Narrative of James⁸ Leverich [420]
Son of James⁷ Leverich [208] and Sarah Hatfield
Husband of Hannah Brody
Husband of Margaret Clarinda Jenks**

James Leverich Jr. was born 6 September 1818 in Galion, Richland County (now Crawford County), Ohio.^{1,2}

James Leverich Jr's parents had been settled in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York. Circa 1808, James Leverich Jr's grandfather Benjamin Leverich, James' father James Leverich Sr, several of James Sr's siblings, and their families moved westward and settled in the future Guernsey County, Ohio.³ Circa 1817, James Leverich Sr, 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). As indicated above James Leverich Jr. was born in Galion the next year.^{4,5,6}

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

James Leverich Jr. was likely included in the 1830 U. S. Census of Sandusky Township, Richland County, Ohio for his father James Leverich Sr. James Jr. would have been one of the free white males age 10 to 14.⁸

Between 1832 and 1836 James Leverich Sr. was located in Lagrange County, Indiana where he was tried for trespass in the county circuit court, supported his daughter widow Susan Leverich Sweitzer in obtaining guardianship of her minor children, and bought and sold several parcels of land. It is likely that James Leverich Jr accompanied his father since James Jr. would only have been ages 14 to 18. It is also possible that James Jr. was living with one of his brothers, although there is no documentation supporting this.^{9,10,11}

James Leverich Jr. settled in Cedar County, Iowa Territory circa 1836. In 1838, James was selected for the petit jury in Cedar County.¹²

James Leverich Jr. and his brother Joel Leverich settled in Linn County, Iowa circa 1839.¹³ On 10 November 1841 James Leverich, Jr. purchased 160 acres of land in Cedar County, Iowa from the Dubuque Iowa Territory U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 5thPM, Township 80N, Range 2W, Section 27. William Miller as assignee of James took possession of the property.¹⁴

James Leverich Jr. married for the first time Hannah Brody 19 February 1842 in Marion, Linn County, Iowa.^{15,16} Hannah Brody was born 16 October 1811 in Richland County, Ohio. Hannah was the daughter of Stephen Brody Sr. and Mary Wilcox.¹⁷

On 1 January 1846 James Leverich, Jr. of Linn County, Iowa Territory purchased land in Linn County from the Marion Iowa Territory U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 5thPM, Township 84N, Range 7W, Sections 26 (40 acres) and 35 (40 acres).¹⁸ On 14 February 1848 James Leverich Sr. and his wife Sarah (her mark) sold 40 acres of land in Linn County, Iowa to their son James Leverich, Jr. in consideration of \$200 The property description was east half of northwest quarter of section 35, township 84 north of range 7 west of the 5th principal meridian.¹⁹

On 23 February 1848 James Leverich Jr. published the following advertisement in the Iowa City Capital Reporter: "The subscriber would respectfully inform the public generally that he has rented the Tavern Stand formerly occupied by L. D. Phillips, in the town of Marion, Linn county, and respectfully solicits a share of patronage from the travelling public and citizens of Linn County."²⁰

In 1848 James Leverich Jr. was a saloon keeper in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa. When James learned that his brother Joel's death was due to his dissipation, causing serious stomach trouble, James quit the saloon business.²¹

On 4 April 1849 James Leverich Jr. was voted on to the city council of Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.²²

On 27 June 1849 James Leverich Jr. and his wife Hannah and James Leverich Sr. and his wife Sarah (her mark) sold 140 acres of land in Linn County, Iowa to Vincent Beale in consideration of \$700. The property description was east half of northwest quarter of section 35, township 84 north of range 7 west of the 5th principal meridian.²³

The town of Fremont, now Vinton, Benton County, Iowa Territory was laid out in Lots 5, 6 and 7, of west half of Section 16, Township 85, Range 10, James Leverich, proprietor, Irwin D. Simison, surveyor, recorded the plat November 29, 1849. The first settler on the original plat was Chancy Leverich*, who came in 1845, and built a cabin near the river; he remained here a year or two and sold to Gideon B. White, or "G. Billy," as he was familiarly known, by whom the claim was sold to James Leverich.²⁴ On 10 December 1849 James Leverich Jr. and his wife Hannah of Linn County, Iowa sold a parcel of land in Fremont, Benton County, Iowa to William P. Harmon of Linn County. The property description was lot number 3 in block number 2.²⁵

In 1850 James Leverich Jr and his wife Hannah, James' brother Asbury, and James' first cousin Lowry Sweitzer all went to California as part of the "gold rush" phenomenon. According to a letter from William Leverich of Donalsonville, Georgia, they went overland from Linn County, Iowa and it was a hard trip. They are all recorded in the same household of the 1850 U. S. Census of Rough and Ready, Yuba County, California. They made a strike and decided to come back by boat, crossing the Isthmus on foot. The Isthmus was part of Columbia then. They caught a boat up the Mississippi to Muscatine, Iowa. They were robbed on the way back, but returned OK.^{25A,26,27}

James Leverich Jr. was recorded in the 1854 Iowa State Census of Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.²⁸ James Leverich Jr and his wife Hannah were recorded in the 1856 Iowa State Census of Taylor, Benton County, Iowa.²⁹

James Leverich Jr. was appointed Postmaster of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa on 28 January 1858. James held five commissions as postmaster and held the office during the war and up to 1872. James was Postmaster at Covington, Linn County, Iowa for one year, from September 1883 to September 1884. He was Postmaster at Lutes, Nebraska from 1 October 1886 to 15 August 1887. James was again appointed Postmaster at Shell Rock in August 1893.^{30,31}

James Leverich Jr was the second sheriff elected in 1859 of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa and served for one term.³²

James Leverich Jr., age 41 sheriff of Butler County, and his wife Hannah, age 45, were recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. There were no children.³³

James Leverich Jr. experienced a Christian conversion on 20 July 1862. Prior to that date James had not believed in the existence of a God. He was reading an article in the newspaper about the conversion of a man on a train in Colorado, and all at once he felt an overwhelming conviction of a God. James joined the local Methodist Episcopal Church and was thereafter steadfast in his faith.³⁴

James Leverich, Jr. wrote 3 February 1863 to his younger brother Asbury who had enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. It is not known if James ever received a reply. Asbury died of disease contracted while in the army on 6 April 1863 at New Madrid, Missouri, only 2 months after James wrote his letter.^{35,36}

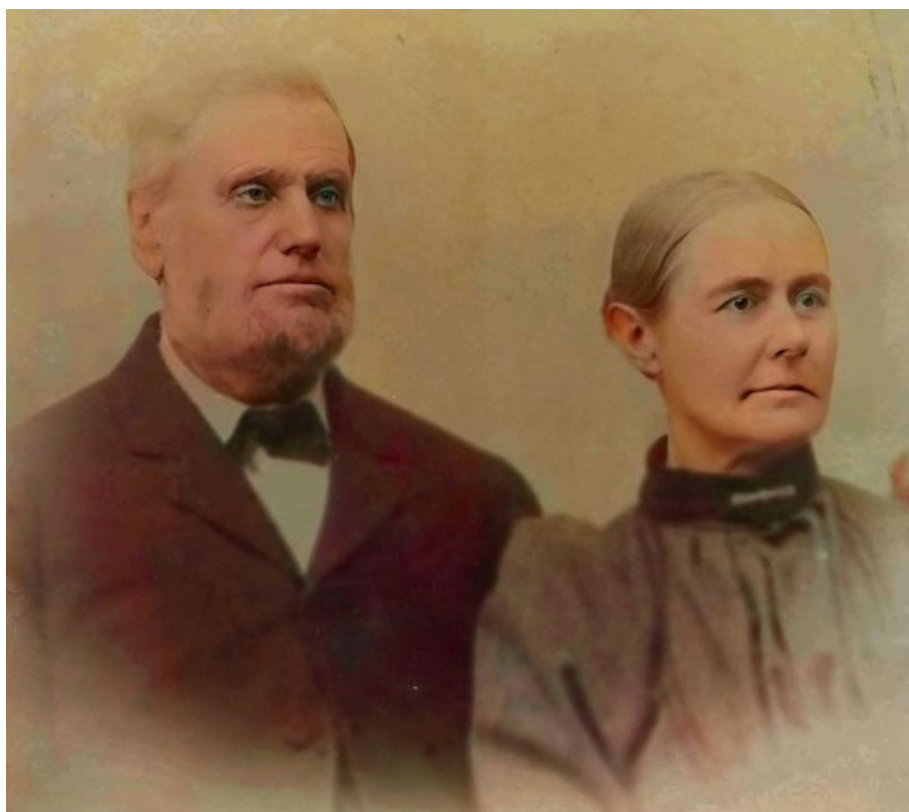
Hannah Brody Leverich died 29 April 1865 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Hannah was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.³⁷

James Leverich Jr. married for a second time Margaret Clarinda Jenks on 25 December 1865 at Benton County, Iowa.^{38,39} Margaret Clarinda Jenks was born 2 June 1843 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Margaret was the daughter of Arke Jenks Jr. and Susannah Spaulding.⁴⁰

James Leverich Jr, age 51 Postmaster, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James' household included his wife Clarinda, age 27; and children Arke, age 3, and James, age 1.⁴¹

James Leverich Jr, age 61 saloonkeeper, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James' household included his wife Margaret, age 37; and children: Arke, age 14; James, age 12; George, age 3; and William, age 1.⁴²

James Leverich Jr., age 65, was recorded in the 1885 Iowa State Census of Shell Rock, Butler County. James' household included his wife Margaret C., age 41; and children: Arke, age 18; James J., age 16; George C., age 8; and William, age 5.⁴³



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James Leverich Jr, age 76, was recorded in the 1895 Iowa State Census of Butler County. In the original record, the age is crossed out, and a "D" entered. Presumably that indicated that James had died within the year. The rest of the household included the widow Margaret C. Leverich, age 51; son George C., age 18; and son William, age 15.⁴⁴

James Leverich Jr. died 29 January 1895 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James' gravestone is engraved with a death year of 1894. However, James' obituary published on 31 January 1895 gives 1895 as the death year. James was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.^{45,46}

Margaret Jenks Leverich, widow of James Leverich Jr., married for the second time Winslow Holmes 17 May 1900 at Lohrville, Calhoun County, Iowa.⁴⁷ Margaret C. Holmes, age 56, and her husband Winslow Holmes, age 65, were recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Union, Calhoun County, Iowa.⁴⁸

Margaret C. Holmes, age 66 dress maker, was recorded in the 1910 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Margaret's husband Winslow Holmes was not listed in the household.⁴⁹

Margaret Jenks Leverich, widow of James Leverich Jr., married for the third time Lemuel J. Tryon 12 June 1915 at Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa.⁵⁰ Margaret C. Tryon, age 76, was recorded in the 1920 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Margaret's household includes her husband L. J. Tryon, age 86, and Margaret's son Arke Leverich, age 53.⁵¹

Margaret C. Tryon, age 86, a widowed lodger, was recorded in the 1930 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa.⁵²

Margaret Clarinda (Jenks, Leverich, Holmes) Tryon died at the age of 90, 24 December 1933 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Margaret was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.^{53,54}

James Leverich Jr. and Margaret Clarinda Jenks had four children, all of whom survived until adulthood.

- i. Arke K. Leverich was born 12 December 1866 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Arke married for the first time Frances Kirk 8 April 1890 in Butler County, Iowa. They subsequently divorced. Frances and Arke had three children whose surname Frances changed from Leverich to Kirk after the divorce. The children were raised by their maternal grandparents. Arke married for the second time Minnie M. Hill(s) (Minnie was married to Chester W. Hill[s]) 23 March 1921 in Freeborn County, Minnesota. Minnie was the daughter of Sarah Leverich and James W. Davis. Minnie was a first cousin to Arke. Minnie was the daughter of John Leverich (brother of James Leverich Jr.) and Lucy Smith. Arke died 1 February 1946 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. Arke was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Arke Leverich was a troubled man. He was frequently arrested for overindulging in alcoholic consumption in public. He was arrested at least once for breaking and entering. Arke enlisted in the U.S. Army only to desert several months later. He was punished with a dishonorable discharge and loss of pay. Arke was recorded in the 1870, 1880, 1900, 1920, and 1940 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa.^{55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67}
- ii. James Joel Leverich was born 27 September 1868 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. James married Lizzie May Allen 1 June 1892 in Black Hawk County, Iowa. James died 20 March 1952 in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida. James was buried at the Royal Palm South Cemetery in St. Petersburg. James was recorded in the 1870 and 1880 U. S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1900, 1910, and 1920 O'Brien County, Iowa; 1930, 1940, and 1950 Pinellas County, Florida.^{68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79}
- iii. George Combs Leverich was born 23 October 1876 at Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. George married Daisy French Kirkland circa 1925 place unknown. George died 1 February 1935 in Hopewell City, Virginia. George was buried at the City Point National Cemetery in Hopewell City. George made a career of the U.S. Army, playing first trombone in the regimental band. George was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1900 Columbus Barracks, Cuba; 1910 Ludlow Barracks Mindanao, Philippines; 1920 Camp Lee, Prince George Co, Virginia; 1930 Hopewell City, Virginia.^{80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88}
- iv. William Dennon Leverich was born 13 June 1879 in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa. William married Anna Rose Kellerhals 11 October 1921 in Hamilton County, Tennessee (they were the parents of William Leverich of Donalsonville, Georgia; see end note 25A). William died 28 June 1962 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. William was buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Willima enlisted in the U. S. Army during the Spanish Civil War, Co B 49th Iowa Volunteers. William was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Butler County, Iowa; 1900 O'Brien County, Iowa; 1920, 1930, 1940, and 1950 Hamilton County, Tennessee.^{89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98}

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